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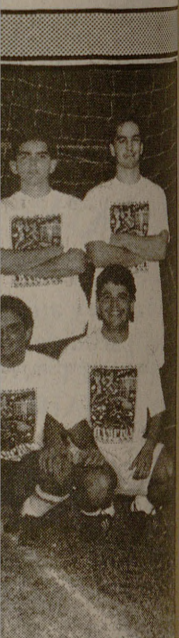


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Beatles live through McCartney's new album

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Students waded through dense fog on campus Monday morning. The high today will be in the upper 80s with partly cloudy skies.

Professor of Mideast politics predicts Arab border changes

By BILL HETHCOCK
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Cooperation among Arabs is on the rise and may lead to more border changes in countries such as Lebanon and Kuwait, a professor of Arab politics from the University of Texas said Monday.

Speaking to 50 students, Kurt Mendenhall of the University of Texas Center for Middle Eastern Studies said eliminating weak, divided Arab states would help unify the Arab world and allow for increased concentration of power.

"Kuwait and Lebanon are part and parcel of the same type of major global changes and Pan-Arab ideology," Mendenhall said. "The transformation we see in the Gulf is significant in the area of Pan-Arab nationalism."

Leaders in the Arab world are using Pan-Arabism to gain control of Arab states and change boundaries, he said.

"They say we need to have fewer Arab states, not more," Mendenhall said. "We have too many lines on the map and too many countries—one being Kuwait and another being Lebanon."

Mendenhall, who spoke on the topic of turmoil in the Middle East, said the focus on Arabism is changing Lebanon's identity. Conflict between Christians, Muslims and the Palestinian Liberation Organization is causing this change.

He said the political balance is swinging toward the

Muslims, Syria, Lebanon's neighbor to the east, has used its forces to diminish Christian political power in Lebanon, he said.

"The Maronites (Christians) are losing identity," Mendenhall said. "The Maronites have been the traditionally dominant power, but I would argue that they are no longer the dominant power."

Maronite Christians are losing power because of internal and external struggles, Mendenhall said. "There is as much conflict and tension between the clans of Maronites as between the Maronites and other factions," he said.

Lebanon also has been affected by PLO raids on Israel from bases in southern Lebanon. Israelis retaliated by attacking PLO forces in Lebanon and seeking to drive them out of the country.

The Israeli retaliation struck out at Shiite Muslims who allied with the PLO.

"The PLO in 1970 began a series of raids which begat Israeli reactions," Mendenhall said. "But the major recipients of these reactions was not the PLO, but the Shiites."

Mendenhall said he expects more fighting to break out near PLO camps in Lebanon. He also predicted inter-Palestinian fighting.

He criticized the United States for not having a consistent foreign policy for dealing with conflict in Lebanon or the Middle East.

"We haven't had a cohesive policy for that area in at least ten years," he said. "U.S. foreign policy has been a series of ad hoc decisions, not a legitimate policy."

Commissioners hear voter woes

The Brazos County Commissioners Court wanted precinct judges to tell them what went wrong election day, and they got an earful Monday night.

"We're here to make the election a little simpler and a little easier, not to find out what was legal and what wasn't," County Judge R.J. "Dick" Holmgren. "We are not here to make a decision."

Student Body President Ty Cleverger complained that students told him they did not receive their cards until the day before the election or after.

After hearing a complaint from an A&M student who said some candidates were electioneering too close to the polling site, Holmgren said there were few places on the crowded A&M campus that could accommodate a polling site with 100 feet of neutral space.

Candidates are prohibited by law from passing out literature within 100 feet of the polling booths.

Precinct judges said they had problems calling the Registrar's Office Nov. 6 because the lines were constantly busy, and the polling sites were inadequate to meet the needs of voters and satisfy the law.

Leaders toast to end of Cold War

PARIS (AP) — Leaders of 34 nations on Tuesday toasted the end of Cold War rivalries in a celebration tarnished by advancing tensions in the Middle East. President Bush said the treaties and testimonials of Europe cannot endure "if the rule of law is shamelessly disregarded elsewhere."

Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev renewed appeals for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, but Gorbachev counseled for patience as he and Bush sat down to a dinner conversation on the volatile Gulf crisis.

Behind the scenes, Bush sought support for a U.N. resolution authorizing military force to drive Iraq from Kuwait. Gorbachev was emphasizing his hopes for a peaceful solution.

"I think we all need patience but that does not mean that we are going to weaken or retreat" from earlier U.N. resolutions calling for an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal, Gorbachev said at a picture-taking session before the private dinner with Bush.

Bush sought to deflect questions over differences with Gorbachev, saying, "I'm very pleased with the way the Soviet Union and the United States can work together in the United Nations. There continues to be very open-minded communications and I have no reason to be anything other than very satisfied."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said an after-dinner news conference by Bush and Gorbachev had been cancelled. He insisted the

cancellation did not reflect a new snag, but said that it was late in the day and both leaders decided against it.

In the ornate French presidential residence, the Elysee Palace, leaders of 16 NATO members and the remaining six Warsaw Pact nations put their signatures on two treaties — one making sweeping cuts in non-nuclear arms throughout Europe and the other pledging non-aggression toward one another.

Then, the 22 representatives of the two military alliances joined leaders of neutral and unaligned countries to begin an unprecedented 34-nation summit on the future of Europe.

"What a long way the world has come," Gorbachev declared.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State James A. Baker reportedly was considering a trip later this week to Yemen and possibly another nation. Yemen is the only Arab nation on the U.N. Security Council and has in the past shown sympathy for Iraq. It will assume the council's rotating presidency in December.

Baker already was scheduled to go next weekend to Colombia with another council member, to confer with President Cesar Gaviria.

The 34-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe was formally opened by French President Francois Mitterrand. "Our meeting today marks the end of an epoch and thereby a beginning," he declared.

Arabs abandon quest to oust Israel from UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Arab nations on Monday abandoned their eight-year drive to oust Israel from the United Nations, but they said they do not recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem or the occupied territories.

The decision followed a change of tactics by the Palestine Liberation Organization, which wants to attach special conditions on a vote expected later this month on Israel's credentials.

Arab U.N. members began the drive to kick out Israel in 1982 but have suffered increasingly wide defeats in annual votes.

Arab nations have repeatedly challenged Israel's right to sit in the General Assembly among other "peace-loving states" when the credentials committee presented its report.

The chairman of the Arab group for the month, Lebanese Ambassador Khalil Makkawi, said the Arabs would move that Israel's credentials be accepted so long as the Jewish state does not represent "Arab-occupied territories."

Those areas, according to the proposed amendment, are "Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank and Golan Heights."

Most countries reject Israel's annexation of Jerusalem, preferring to push for a 1948 General Assembly plan that would have made Israel an international city, and created two countries — Israel and Palestine.

Israel recognizes the West Bank and Gaza Strip as occupied, and has expressed willingness to negotiate over some of that land in bilateral talks with its neighbors.

Normally, acceptance of credentials is an automatic, technical affair; if a country's foreign minister signs a diplomat's credentials, the delegate is accepted.

Israel's U.N. Mission said it rejected any approach to Israel's credentials that singles out the Jewish state with any special conditions.

The United States, Britain and other European nations oppose the Arab approach to the Israel situation.

Architect students build projects for civic center

By LIBBY KURTZ
Of The Battalion Staff

Upshur County residents received an early Christmas gift Monday from 16 Texas A&M architecture students.

The architecture students presented eight different designs for a multi-purpose civic center to the Upshur County Civic Improvement Foundation Board.

Earlier this semester, Steve Williams, the foundation's vice president and a former A&M student, contacted A&M's architecture department and told them about the county's dilemma.

Upshur County is in dire need of a civic center capable of accommodating many large-scale events.

A&M professor George Mann volunteered a group of his architecture students to help with the project.

"They should all be congratulated," he says. "They've worked really hard on their final designs. The students have shown a lot of maturity and responsibility."

Jim Kinder, a senior from Palestine, says he liked the fact the project was for a real community rather than a fictional group.

"The reality of the project was an added incentive," he says. "We were working with an actual client. We had to work with the

board and adjust our plans accordingly."

The students traveled to Gilmer — where the civic center will be built — two times before making their final trip Monday.

"We tried to stay in contact with them as much as possible," Kinder says. "It helps being able to work one-on-one."

Four Gilmer board representatives visited A&M last month. The students presented to the group their preliminary plans and promised to have the final plans completed before Thanksgiving break.

Senior Greg Hirsch of Victoria says the competition among students working on the project also was an incentive to make them work harder.

"Everyone wants their project to be the best," he says. "We all put a lot of time into the final designs."

The students' designs will be on public display in Gilmer this week.

The board later will decide which design best suits Upshur County's needs.

However, Mann says, the board might decide to incorporate a couple of the designs together to find a well-liked plan.

Before the civic center can be built, residents must raise approximately \$2 million to cover estimated costs.



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Senior architecture students Shane Christian and Scott LaTulipe discuss a final design for the Upshur County Civic Center.

Lip-syncing band stripped of Grammy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The band Milli Vanilli was stripped of its Grammy Award on Monday because other singers substituted for the pop duo on the best-selling "Girl, You Know It's True" album.

It's the first time in the 34-year history of Grammys that an award had been taken away.

Trustees of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences voted overwhelmingly to rescind the award given to Milli Vanilli members Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan, said academy President Michael Greene.

"The academy hopes its action sends a clear signal to producers, music packagers and record companies that they need to take very seriously their task of giving us and the public credible information on that packaging," he said.

"I do think it's an isolated incident. We are as upset about it as the public has the right to be."

The attorney representing Pilatus and Morvan said the pair already had planned to surrender the Grammy.

"My guess is when the academy read that, they decided to beat us to the game," attorney Alan Mintz said.

"Needless to say, this is an emotionally trying time. But (Pilatus and Morvan) are determined to prove to the world that they will come back strongly and demonstrate that they are indeed artists."

Pilatus, 25, from Germany, and

Morvan, also 25 and a native of the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, scheduled a Tuesday news conference in Los Angeles to discuss the scandal. They were unavailable for comment on Monday.

A decision on the disposition of the 1989 new artist award will be made by an academy subcommittee Dec. 5 in New York.

Pilatus and Morvan, the dancing, dreadlocked frontmen for the group, suggested the award go to the three singers who actually performed the vocals for Milli Vanilli. Greene said that was "not a possibility."

In announcing its unprecedented move, the academy said it recognizes that "packaging" groups is part of the music industry, especially in the kind of "Euro-dance" music performed by Milli Vanilli.

But misleading record labels are unacceptable, Greene said.

"The integrity of that album label copy obviously was flawed. It said 'Vocals: Rob and Fab.' That was just absolutely false," he said.

Shortly before the academy announced its decision, Milli Vanilli's producer, Frank Farian, and record company, Arista Records, called on the duo to surrender the Grammy.

"Initially, I felt that this honor gave recognition to the entire Milli Vanilli team. This has not, however, been the case," Farian said in a statement from Frankfurt.