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And that's all she wrote ...

Today's issue of The Battalion is the last of the Fall 1990 semester. The newspaper will print one interim issue Jan. 9 before returning to its daily status starting Jan. 14. The staff and management of The Battalion wish you and your families a pleasant holiday season.

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Soviets urge Bush to avoid war in Middle East

HOUSTON (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze urged the Bush administration Tuesday to make a last-ditch diplomatic effort to avert war in the Persian Gulf.

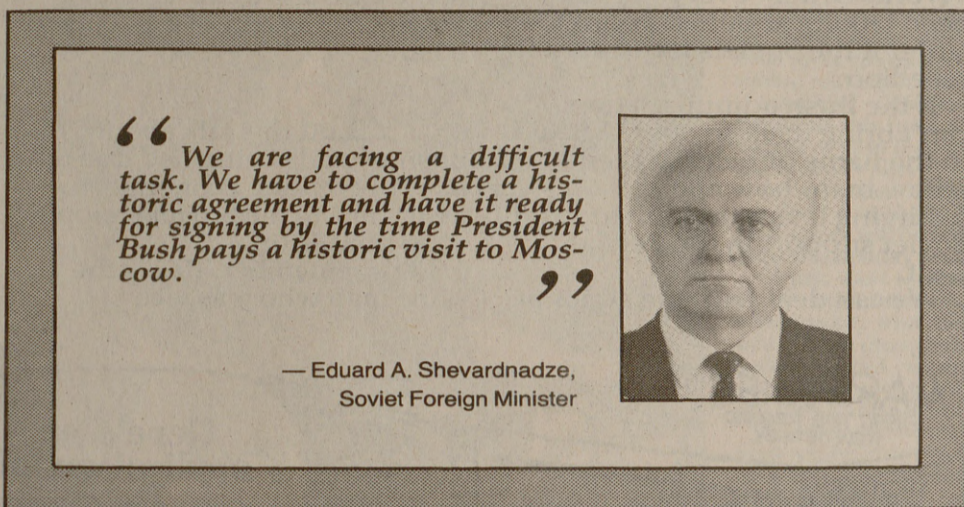
"It is also my strong hope that U.S. troops will not see action," Shevardnadze said at a news conference near the end of a two-day meeting here with Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Referring to the high-level talks President Bush has proposed with Iraq, the Soviet foreign minister said, "We pin much hope on the coming contacts."

But Baker said Baghdad still had not agreed on a date for him to go to Iraq to see President Saddam Hussein. He offered any time between Dec. 20 and Jan. 3, but again rejected any Iraqi attempt to delay the visit until just before the Jan. 15 deadline set by the U.N. Security Council for Iraq to pull out or face the prospect of military measures.

While Baker gave a positive account of the U.S.-Soviet meetings held in his home town, no agreements were announced except that Shevardnadze said the two sides had decided to suspend weapons shipments to warring factions in Afghanistan.

Even on that point, however, the foreign



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minister said the date for the cutoff had not been set. And Baker said he did not expect an agreement on such issues as assistance to rehabilitate the war-torn country "in the near term."

Shevardnadze bluntly appealed for U.S. food aid before a meeting Monday with Baker. Officials in Washington said the White House could unveil an economic assistance package for the Soviet Union as

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early as Wednesday when Bush meets with Shevardnadze.

Extensive discussion of the Persian Gulf crisis apparently slowed consideration by Baker and Shevardnadze of remaining roadblocks to a treaty to reduce U.S. and Soviet long-range weapons stockpiles.

However, they planned to meet Tuesday night to consider the results of bargaining between their arms experts.

Shevardnadze said no date had been set for Bush to go to Moscow to sign the treaty at a summit meeting with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"We are facing a difficult task. ... We have to complete a historic agreement and have it ready for signing by the time President Bush pays a historic visit to Moscow," Shevardnadze said.

Among the unsettled issues are how to police the treaty to make sure provisions to reduce U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers, missiles and submarines by about 30 percent are not undercut.

The crisis in the gulf that began with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait Aug. 2 dominated

the talks held at a Houston hotel.

"I still hope it will be possible to find a way out of that difficult situation," Shevardnadze said. "I still hope a peaceful solution is possible."

He and Baker meanwhile denied a report that Baker had proposed the Soviets contribute a token military force to the gulf and that Shevardnadze had turned him down.

"This option is not under consideration, this option is non-existent," Shevardnadze said.

Baker said, "We did not talk about the possibility that Shevardnadze would send forces there. The subject was discussed in previous meetings."

In Washington, meanwhile, congressional sources said Tuesday that Senate approval of a new treaty limiting conventional weapons in Europe will be delayed by at least two months because U.S. intelligence has discovered large discrepancies in accounts of Soviet weapons.

The figures provided by the Soviet Union understate the weapons they would have to destroy, with the most significant problem in the area of tanks, said the sources, who commented only on condition of anonymity.

Senate vote favors \$2M library aid

By MIKE LUMAN
Of The Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M Faculty Senate accepted a package of 41 proposals Monday to upgrade University libraries, including a \$2 million library budget increase.

After proposing several changes to the package submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Libraries, the Senate voted to send the draft of proposals to A&M President William Mobley.

Dr. Harrison T. Meserole, library committee chairman, said the proposals constructively criticize A&M's library situation.

"We hope our report makes clear no quick fix is possible to remedy the problems we have identified, not even the sudden infusion of a considerable sum of money," Meserole said.

The proposals, mostly for Sterling C. Evans Library, deal with holdings, facilities, staffs and budgets.

Dr. Larry Hickman, library committee vice chairman, said the Medical Sciences Library is included in the package. He said improvements to Evans library probably will carry over to other campus libraries.

The \$2 million budget increase, however, is the minimum amount of money needed to upgrade the library, Hickman said.

"If the library is crawling now, it might be advisable to have it walk before it runs," he said.

A&M libraries presently rank 63rd among the top 100 research libraries in North America, the report reads.

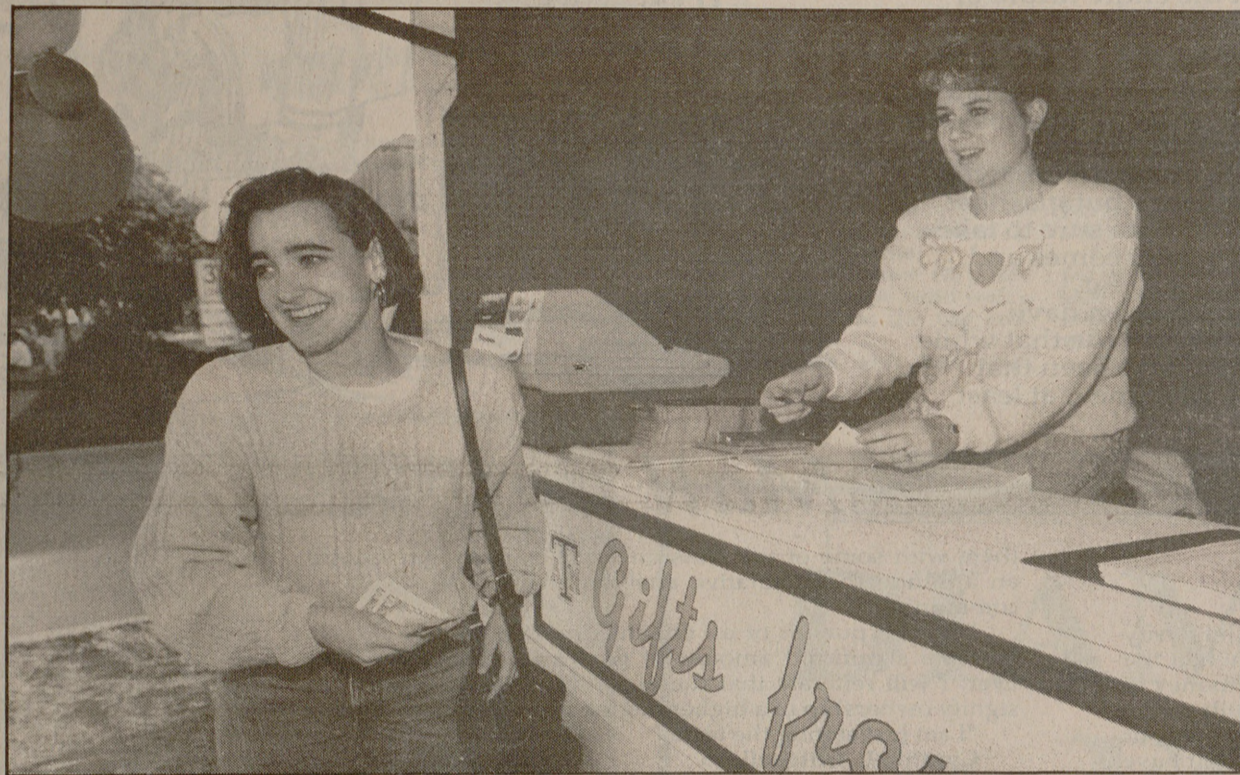
Hickman said the committee's proposals are aimed at moving A&M to the 25th position.

Dr. John Quarles, however, disagreed with some of the proposals, including the \$2 million budget increase.

"Why are we asking for \$2 million to get into the 25th percentile?" he

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Bookworms



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Shannon O'Brien (above) apparently is pleased with the amount of money she received for selling her books back at a University Bookstore trailer. The trailer, one of four the bookstore had on campus, was located on Ireland St. Tuesday and will be by Blocker Building today. Charles Gentry (left), an assistant manager of the bookstore, retrieves some of the books the store purchased Tuesday.



Jury announces verdict in rape case Teen convicted of attempted murder of Central Park jogger

NEW YORK (AP) — A 16-year-old on Tuesday became the first defendant convicted of attempted murder in the gang rape of the Central Park jogger. A second youth was acquitted of the same charge and convicted of lesser charges.

Spectators erupted in anger and shock when the verdicts were returned against Kevin Richardson and Kharey Wise after 12 days of jury deliberation.

Richardson's mother, Grace Cuffey, fainted and the courtroom was cleared while she was treated with oxygen at her seat.

"You're going to pay for this," Wise told prosecutor Elizabeth Lederer as he was led from the courtroom in handcuffs. "Jesus is going to get you. You made this ... up."

Richardson, 16, was convicted of attempted murder, rape, sodomy, robbery, assault and riot. Wise, 18, loudly cursed Lederer after he was acquitted of 10 of 13 counts against him, including attempted murder, rape and sodomy. He was convicted of first-degree assault, sexual abuse and riot.

Three other teen-agers were convicted in August of rape and assault in the case.

Richardson and Wise were jailed without bail pending a Jan. 9 sentencing.

Richardson, charged as a minor, faces a maximum prison term of five to 10 years. Wise, charged as an adult, could receive nearly nine to 26 years in prison if the judge orders him to serve the terms concurrently.

Wise admitted in a videotaped statement that the April 19, 1989, attack on a woman investment broker "was my first rape, and it will be my last."

Wise's lawyer, Colin Moore, argued that police coerced the statement from his client. Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said he was pleased the jury had rejected that allegation.

"A jury has rejected spurious claims that the police manufactured evidence and used coercive tactics to obtain confessions," Morgenthau said.

The woman was not widely identified because she was a sexual assault victim.

Her case generated enormous public interest and debate.

Critics of the national media attention attributed it to her status as a white investment banker in a city where minority crime victims get less attention. Others cited her dramatic fight for life, her recovery and return to work, and her quiet bravery.

The verdicts came in the second trial stemming from the attack on the woman, now 30, along a jogging path in Central Park. She still suffers vision, balance and olfactory problems.

Wise and Richardson wept and hugged each other when the verdicts were read.

"I am obviously shattered, very, very disappointed," said Richardson's attorney, Howard Diller. "I'm really dismayed the jury found him guilty on every single count. It's shocking."

Moore said "a fair and just verdict would have been an acquittal on all counts."

Both attorneys said they would appeal.

Foreigners leave gulf; tension stays

Associated Press

Hundreds of foreigners, including about a dozen Americans, left Iraq today as the exodus of hostages drew to a close. But tensions remained high in the Persian Gulf as Iraq and the United States both bolstered their forces.

Earlier today, two Iraqi Airways Boeing 707s chartered by Britain brought 240 foreigners, mostly Britons, from Kuwait to the Iraqi capital.

A third American charter returned to the Iraqi capital with only one Irishman and two Canadians aboard. There were no Americans on any of the flights from Kuwait.

"We must have gotten them all," one American consular official said, referring to earlier evacuation flights from the emirate and speaking on condition of anonymity.

About 160 Japanese, including 14 diplomats from the Japanese Embassy in Kuwait, left Baghdad today on a flight for Bangkok, Thailand.

Diplomats said just 14 Americans were

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Graduation dates, speakers announced

Texas State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, Penn State President Emeritus Dr. Bryce Jordan and U.S. Ambassador Sally Shelton-Colby will speak at Texas A&M's December commencement exercises.

Ceremonies are scheduled at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, and at 9 a.m. Saturday, all in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Also scheduled as part of the ceremony Saturday is commissioning for 45 cadets entering the military.

Corps of Cadets Commandant Major Gen. Thomas Darling will administer the oath to the new officers.

Rep. Delco will speak at 2 p.m. Friday for students in the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Liberal Arts, and undergraduates in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Jordan will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday for those receiving diplomas from the Colleges of Architecture, Business Administration and Graduate School of Business, Geosciences and Science.

Ambassador Shelton-Colby will speak at 9 a.m. Saturday to students from the Colleges of Education, Engineering and Texas

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