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Bush plans to wage war despite captured pilots

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush, upset by bleak pictures of allied prisoners of war, denounced Iraq's "brutal treatment" Monday and pledged their capture would not deter the war against Saddam Hussein. "America is angry," Bush declared.

Asked if the Iraqi leader would be held accountable for any mistreatment of prisoners, a grim-faced president said, "You can count on it."

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney called the treatment of the prisoners "a war crime." Iraq's senior diplomat in Washington, Khalid Shewayish, was called to the State Department and given a message strongly protesting Baghdad's actions.

Five days into the fighting, the administration cautioned that Iraq still had a potent military machine despite the pounding of about 8,100 air missions by the allies.

Cheney said Iraq still had an arsenal of hundreds of Scud mis-

siles, which Saddam has used to attack Israel and Saudi Arabia. The Pentagon said Iraq also was using decoys to foil allied attacks on its mobile missile launchers.

But military leaders said they remained satisfied with the course of the war. "Our casualties have been significantly lower than I think most people anticipated based on historical experience," Cheney said.

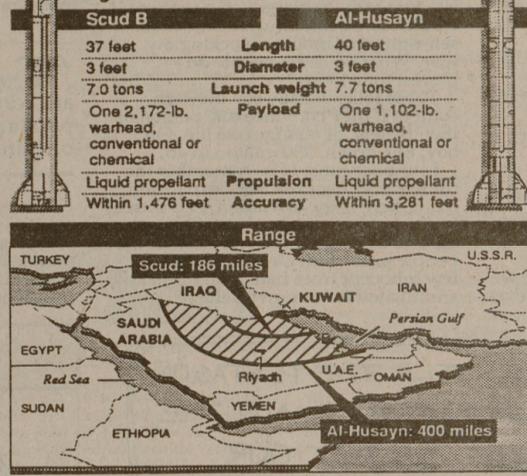
The American Red Cross said it had scaled back its weekly blood shipments to gulf hospitals from 1,000 pints to 400 pints. "They've collected almost too much because there haven't been as many casualties as they had expected," said Red Cross spokeswoman Elizabeth Hall.

"You've got to remember that we're in a war," Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly told a Pentagon briefing.

The Pentagon refused to give specific damage estimates in the war, citing intelligence secrets or weather problems in the Persian Gulf.

Iraq Surface-To-Surface Missiles

Here's a look at the short-range ballistic missiles Iraq may have amassed in Kuwait. The truck-launched weapons would be within range of targets in Saudi Arabia.



Source: Jane's Soviet Intelligence Review

AP/T. Dean Capie

Iraqis use allied POWs as 'shields' in target areas

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)—The Baghdad government, bombed into bunkers by the high-tech hammer of U.S. airpower, turned people into weapons Monday, sending American and other POWs out to target areas as "human shields."

Allied leaders condemned Iraq's treatment of captured pilots as a "war crime" violating the Geneva Convention. Asked whether Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would later be held accountable, President Bush replied: "You can count on it."

The International Red Cross expressed concern both about Iraq's handling of prisoners and about U.S. bombardment of nuclear installations in Iraq.

On the fifth day of Operation Desert Storm, the U.S.-led military campaign to oust Iraq from occupied Kuwait, allied pilots kept up day-and-night assaults, and a U.S. commander said the air war would last at least another two weeks. Iraq reported 14 raids

late Sunday and early Monday. "It was awesome and it was frightening," British television reporter Brent Sadler said after emerging from Iraq and reaching Amman, Jordan.

Without water and electricity, life in Baghdad was becoming primitive.

Baghdadis who have not fled their ancient riverside city are underground in air raid shelters, Sadler said. People emerge during the day to haul water from the Tigris River, said Peter Arnett of CNN, apparently the last Western correspondent in Baghdad.

An anti-Saddam Kurdish resistance group with an established network in Iraq said the military suffered almost 4,000 casualties in the war's first three days. He did not distinguish between dead and wounded. An anti-Saddam Iraqi religious leader even spoke of 70,000 military and 30,000 civilian casualties. Neither offered evidence.

A&M remembers MLK's dream

By ELIZABETH TISCH
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Students and faculty kept the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. alive through performances and lectures Monday afternoon during a birthday celebration called "Keep the Dream Alive."

A group of more than 200 gathered in the south area Commons Monday to join in the commemoration of King's birthday.

King, assassinated April 4, 1968, in Memphis, actually was born Jan. 15, but the nation celebrates his birthday on the third Monday in January.

The Department of Student Affairs Committee on Cultural Awareness sponsored the activities and reception.

The celebration was not only to celebrate King's birthday, but to inspire students to carry King's message around campus, said Ron Sasse, director of Department of Student Affairs.

"This kind of program helps the understanding of racial discrimination," Sasse said. "Let this inspire you to make a difference on A&M's campus."

Guest speaker Dr. Norma Guerra, assistant vice president for student development at the University of Texas at San Antonio, said she was privileged to participate in honoring King.

"In remembering him, we are remembering a man who emerged unafraid, proclaiming non-violence and the black rights movement," Guerra said.

Guerra said despite the short life of King, he presents a model of how to live.

"He always pressed us to be close to our adversaries," she said. "King said, 'They are not bad people, they just don't understand.'"

Two A&M seniors proclaimed a similar message, but in a different way.

In a skit called "Visions of Blackness," Clinton Sam and Thomas Miles acted out feelings of African-Americans throughout their struggles in the civil rights movement.

"We are trying to give different experiences the black man felt," Sam said.

Miles said the skit portrayed African-Americans in the past, present and future.

"The skit was like a time machine," Miles said. "Where blacks have been, where they are and where they will be."

The Rev. Delvin Atchison, pastor of the Progressive Baptist Church in Cameron, ended the ceremony by reciting King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Several students said the United States should remember the life of King more than once a year, including management major Henry Campbell.

"Without him, I wouldn't be able to be here at A&M," Campbell said.

Though the positions are filled in the spring, peer educators will receive training only until presentations begin in the fall. Each peer educator is responsible for six programs, but only if there is enough demand for them, she says.

"The interesting thing is we really have students interested in helping other students," Cohen says.

Many colleges and universities have peer educator programs, but A&M will get into the act for the first time this semester.

Beshara says students are more effective in teaching other students since they have more in common.

She says peer educators will be trained in two areas of nutrition and sexuality, but also will present programs in all areas of health.

Peer educators will not be counselors or doctors, but will give out information on where to go for help, she says.

"We are hoping students from different areas can get something out of this program," Beshara says.



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Voices of Praise singers Michelle Kneeland and Gloria Allen perform during a celebration honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. in the Commons on Monday.

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Students visit Soviet Union to acquire new program ideas

By KATHERINE COFFEY
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Texas A&M students might have the opportunity to study at Kazan State University in the Soviet Union for the same price it costs in the United States.

Kazan State is A&M's sister university in the Soviet Union.

Three students, including Student Body President Ty Clevenger, visited the Kazan campus during Christmas break to obtain more information about the proposed study program.

Clevenger and sophomores Lisa Cash and Mike Pinkus are working to start the program through Student Government by Fall 1992.

Cash, a political science major, says the non-currency exchange program would allow A&M and Kazan students to pay the tuitions equal to their own universities.

"Essentially, they trade places for a semester and the only other expenses incurred would be traveling

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costs," Cash says. "But there is often other costs, such as entertainment."

But Clevenger says the Soviet students cannot come over here yet because they do not have hard currency which will equal the amount they pay for Kazan tuition.

"They (Soviet students) pay for a full course load but don't necessarily choose their classes until they are at A&M," Clevenger says. "I think it's a great idea because we have students from 117 other countries but we haven't had any of them (Soviets) represented on our campus."

"They seemed interested in the program and doing research here at A&M" because facilities at their university are not as good.

Tiffany Blaschke, a Student Government public information officer, says students would not have to deal directly with international universities to participate.

"I think it's such a neat opportunity," Blaschke says. "Usually, when one goes to another country it seems like such a hassle to organize. But this seems like a better opportunity."

Cash says another American university has a similar program with Moscow State University, but American students have to stay in dormitories.

A&M students, however, would stay with families in Kazan arranged by the university.

Cash says getting the program started is a matter of finding A&M and Kazan courses equivalent to one other.

"I loved it there because the people are so wonderful, giving and loving," Cash says.

She says the idea was formed in May by a group of A&M students. Cash, Clevenger and Pinkus have taken the lead in getting the program implemented.

"The main reason why we went to Kazan is to establish this relationship with our sister university," Cash says.

A&M students win recognition, \$4,250

By MACK HARRISON
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Student members of Texas A&M's 12th Man Foundation won \$4,250 and national recognition in a National Collegiate Athletic Association promotional contest.

Steve McBride, student membership president, says the NCAA notified the foundation last week it won first place. A&M beat 62 Division I schools, including Michigan, UCLA and Syracuse.

The annual contest awards prize money to the school that distributes NCAA welcome packs — which include snacks, toiletries and coupons — in the most creative manner.

Packs were given to students Aug. 26 at Kyle Field during "Fish Fiesta" the night before fall classes started.

More than 3,500 freshmen, along with Texas Aggie Band members and yell leaders, spelled "NCAA" on the field.

"The yell practice was a huge success," McBride says. "Winning the whole thing was kind of a bonus."

A videotape of the event will be shown at the NCAA convention, giving A&M national attention, he says.

Leanne Parma, foundation vice president; Lee Wolff, foundation treasurer; and Dave South, assistant athletic director for sports promotions, also played a large role in organizing the event.

The 12th Man Foundation sponsored the event to increase awareness, give freshmen a positive attitude toward the athletic department and push MSC Open House.

The foundation supports other sports besides football, including track, basketball, swimming and tennis.

Student membership in the 12th Man Foundation has increased to 766, making the organization the second largest in the country — second only to Clemson.

A more-aware campus Health Center program allows peer educators to teach nutrition, sexuality to student groups

By TWILA WADDY
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Texas A&M students will be better informed about their health with the development of student peer educators, a new A.P. Beutel Health Center program.

Student volunteers in the program will present health education speeches on nutrition and sexual health to residence halls and student organizations.

Applications for volunteers, due Feb. 1, are available at the health center.

"We emphasize nutrition and sexuality," says Dr. Jane Cohen, health education coordinator. "We hope to have a lot of students come and fill out applications in the next few weeks."

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee from the health center. Following reviews, students will be interviewed for about 30 to 40 positions.

Full-time and part-time students

from all majors will be accepted. The health center's only requirement is that students not be on academic probation.

Assistant Health Education Coordinator Andrea Beshara says peer educators are required to attend an

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orientation meeting and training weekend.

During the weekend, health center staff and faculty members will instruct students in nutrition and sexuality, as well as public speaking, Beshara says.