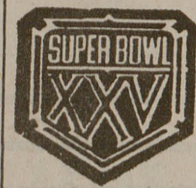


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Car and driver



Whitney Young, a former student from Austin, Texas A&M Sports Car Club's first autocross of the semester.

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Allied ground troops prepare for offensive

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — American ground forces will be ready to attack the Iraqi army within a month, and an air strike seems to have thwarted Iraq's effort to flood the Persian Gulf with more oil, U.S. officials said Sunday.

Massive allied bombing raids continued over Iraq, and in one dogfight two American warplanes downed four Iraqi fighters, they said.

On the ground, U.S. Marines learned how to negotiate deadly minefields and penetrate elaborate fortifications. Afterward, they crowded around radios and televisions for Super Bowl XXV.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announced U.S. soldiers will be prepared "before the end of February" to launch the ground offensive.

Cheney said that although relentless allied air attacks against Iraq have been successful, they alone will not drive Iraq from Kuwait.

If all servicemen and women in the region were used, such a confrontation would pit 675,000 allied troops, including 480,000 Americans, against 540,000 Iraqi soldiers in and near occupied Kuwait.

Cheney also announced U.S. forces had taken military action to stop a colossal oil spill in the northern Persian Gulf that he blamed on Iraq.

The spill, part of which was reported burning, threatened water supplies in Saudi Arabia, where most of the U.S. forces are based, and could hinder an amphibious assault on Kuwait, if the allies choose to launch one.

Allied officials contend the slick would not hamper military operations in the northern gulf, where a U.S. Marine landing is considered a possibility to drive the Iraqis out of Kuwait. But other officials have said the thick sludge could gum up the engines of amphibious assault ships.

Cheney left it to Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of Operation Desert Storm, to describe the U.S. raid on the Iraqi-held facilities in Kuwait that have been leaking millions of gallons of crude oil since last week.

Schwarzkopf told reporters in Riyadh that U.S. warplanes using "smart bombs" blew up the facilities late Saturday.

He showed videotape of the F-111 fighter-bombers attacking a coastal

complex of pipes linking oil fields with an offshore loading buoy for tankers.

Oil and environmental officials suggested such an attack to halt the flow of crude, which has left a slick 35 miles long and 10 miles wide.

U.S. military officials have said Iraqis turned on pumps at a Kuwaiti offshore oil loading facility and fed the spill with five idle tankers holding a total of 125 million gallons of crude oil.

A Saudi environmental official said as much as 84 million gallons of oil a day might have been pouring into the gulf, a disaster a dozen times larger than the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.

Schwarzkopf said the videotape indicated much less oil was flowing from the loading buoy.

Schwarzkopf said the air assault which had encountered no Iraqi resistance, set off fires that would burn for at least another day.

Environmental experts say there is no way to stop the slick. Oil, shipping and environmental experts said the oil cannot not be contained because of the rough gulf waters, the size of the spill and the war.

Regents seek funds to make Corpus Christi 4-year college

By MIKE LUMAN
Of The Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents agreed Friday to seek funding through the Texas Legislature to finance the transition of Corpus Christi State University to a comprehensive four-year institution.

The vote came after a speech by State Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi. He told the Board that South Texas universities do not receive their share of state funds.

"The southern region of the state has been historically neglected," Truan said. "If you don't join us, you might regret it."

Board Chairman William A. McKenzie, however, told Truan he was "preaching to the choir."

McKenzie said the Board supports increased funding for South Texas universities, and will do everything it can to work with several

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South Texas institutions that have requested increased funding.

Truan told the Board that South Texas has only one doctoral program, compared to hundreds in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The League of United Latin American Citizens sued the A&M and University of Texas systems in 1987, claiming they discriminate against areas of the state with large Hispanic populations.

Reacting in part to the suit, the presidents of Texas A&I University and Laredo State University also asked the Board for its support.

Corpus Christi State, Texas A&I and Laredo State joined the A&M System in 1989.

In other business, the Board unanimously authorized the establishment of the A&M Health Science Center, a research and service facility with the College of Medicine.

Richard A. DeVaul, dean of the College of Medicine, will assume the additional title of executive director of the health science center.

The Board also approved the creation of the A&M Race and Ethnic Studies Institute and the Center for Presidential Studies, both within the College of Liberal Arts.

To honor Aggies in the Middle East, the Board approved a resolution commending A&M graduates involved in Operation Desert Storm.

The resolution credits Lt. Col. George Walton, Class of '71, with being the lead pilot in the first strike against Iraq Jan. 16.

A&M President William Mobley told the Board that as of Friday, 57 students have withdrawn from the University after being called to active military duty.

Mobley said tuition will be refunded for any reservists called to duty in the Middle East.

Sheriff's office investigates professor's disappearance

By JULIE MYERS
Of The Battalion Staff

An investigation into the disappearance of a Texas A&M bioengineering professor by the Brazos County Sheriff's office has not yielded any information.

Dr. Peter John H. Sharpe's van was found abandoned Thursday night one-tenth of a mile from a Brazos River bridge on Highway 21 West by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Sharpe was last seen on the A&M campus

Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

His family already had reported Sharpe's disappearance to the University Police Department Friday when DPS officers again found the van and called the Sheriff's department to investigate the matter, Sheriff Ronnie Miller said.

Sharpe's wife told Miller her husband had been having professional problems related to his A&M job.

"I hope he's with a friend," Miller said.

The sheriff's department took fingerprints from the van, looked for tracks and started

dragging the Brazos River Saturday, Miller said.

The sheriff's department will continue to drag the river one-half mile from the bridge for Sharpe's body today. UPD is assisting in the search.

Miller said there was no sign of foul play and the van seemed to be in good running condition.

Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, industrial engineering department head, said a replacement had been found to teach Sharpe's graduate bioengineering seminar class.

Bennett said he had not seen Sharpe since the beginning of the holiday break. He said he had no indication from Sharpe that anything was bothering him.

Sharpe has been at A&M since 1972 and also works for the Texas Engineering Extension Service as a Senior Fellow.

Miller said anyone having information about the case or anyone who has seen Sharpe since Thursday afternoon is encouraged to call the sheriff's department at 361-4100.

Black leadership conference

NAACP official: Don't judge people by their race

By ISSELLE MCALLISTER
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The executive director of the NAACP implored Texas A&M students to be serious about their academic studies and not to judge people by their race.

Dr. Benjamin Hooks delivered a powerful address Friday inspired by the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as part of the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference this weekend.

Hooks said black men and women "are a great people" and

can accomplish whatever they set their minds to.

His message, however, was aimed at more than Blacks. Hooks said men and women of all races should strive to improve themselves and not permit racism to destroy their lives or society.

People should emulate individuals like Nelson Mandela and not fall into the trap of hatred, he said.

Mandela, jailed for more than 20 years for speaking out against the South African government, did not succumb to his situation with drugs and alcohol, Hooks said.

Instead, the South African civil rights leader "stretched his mind" and triumphed over oppression, Hooks said.

"Don't judge a man by the color of his skin but by the content of his mind," he said.

Young men and women should develop their intellects and learn all they can, Hooks said. Young people are the future of the world, he said, and should seek to expand their intellectual horizons.

"Don't be satisfied," he told the audience. "Always strive to be the best."

Hooks emphasized his point by using the words of Dr. King: "If you can't be a mountain, be a hill, but be the best hill you can be. If you can't be a tree, be a bush, but be the best bush you can be."

Hooks said he regretted that today's students never will have a chance to listen to the great civil rights advocate.

"Martin Luther King was truly a great man," he said. "Non-violence is not a tactic; it is a way of life."

The audience gave Hooks a standing ovation, after which they joined hands and sang "We Shall Overcome."

Writer urges Blacks to use talents, opportunities

By KATHERINE COFFEY
Of The Battalion Staff

Blacks in the American work force are too good to have to rely on affirmative action or quotas, an award-winning journalist said Saturday at Texas A&M.

Tony Brown, a producer, writer, educator and film director, spoke during this weekend's third annual Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference.

Brown, host of a syndicated show on PBS, is known for his plan for the economic revitalization of the black economy.

"It is not a matter of affirmative action and quotas," he said. "It is not a matter of somebody giving you anything, but it's a matter that it's your time in history to take advantage of your opportunities. If you rely on others, then you have conned yourself out of the competition."

Brown told the crowd that the opportunities

are there if they are great and prepared.

"Don't think this is another welfare program, and all you have to do is be black," he said. "That's not going to work. Your place is where your talents will take you."

Blacks should not attempt to be minorities, but should train to be governors, presidents, doctors, senators and heads of major corporations, Brown said.

"We are not poor, and we are not a minority," Brown said. "We are a cultural economic market that has been trained to behave as a poor minority."

Brown said the United States is a culturally diverse society in which people live side by side in respect and equality.

However, Blacks have to get their own identity together first, he said.

"Racism can only take you hostage if you give up your soul," he said.

Black student problems are not tuition, getting through college, getting into college or being

middle class because they're already there, Brown said.

He said the problem today is helping black communities.

"The bottom line is our communities must come first or you have restricted your opportunities," he said.

"You are the best educated Afro-Americans in the world," Brown said. "You are America's bridge to her future or she's not going to have a future. If America does not turn to Blacks and help train them into the work force of technological capacity, then corporate America will not be able to compete with the rest of the world."

"If it wasn't for Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and the great black men and women before them, then this meeting would not have taken place today," he said. "They created your opportunities and you're supposed to create opportunities for the next generation. That's what it is all about."

Entrepreneur stresses importance of economics

By ELIZABETH TISCH
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The founder and director of one of the nation's largest black-owned businesses said at a Texas A&M conference Saturday that "being a minority entrepreneur is like being at the tip end of a Roto-Rooter."

"You don't know where you're going, but you're probably not going to like it," Joshua Smith, chief executive officer of the Maxima Computer Corp., said.

Smith spoke to students from more than 100 universities and high schools during the Southwestern Black Student Lead-

ership Conference.

A&M was host to the annual three-day conference Thursday through Saturday.

Smith, who also serves as chairman of the National Committee for Minority Business Development, said many people do not think Blacks can be successful in today's business world.

He said, however, minorities possess this same negative attitude about their capabilities.

"Don't blame it on the white man," Smith said. "We don't even support ourselves. We don't even buy from ourselves."

The entrepreneur said 100 years ago, Blacks progressed greatly despite oppression but are

inactive in today's business.

"How can this happen under oppression, but now under freedom, we are eroding," Smith said. "We generate three-tenths of 1 percent in businesses."

He stressed that if a Black wants to survive in a capitalistic world, the "them vs. us attitude" must go.

"You get emotional and that doesn't do anything," he said. "You must create a plan."

Smith said the problem of low minority participation in business cannot be solved through social problems alone. It must be balanced through economics.

"If we put 80 percent of our energy into economic commit-

ment, we would solve all our problems," he said.

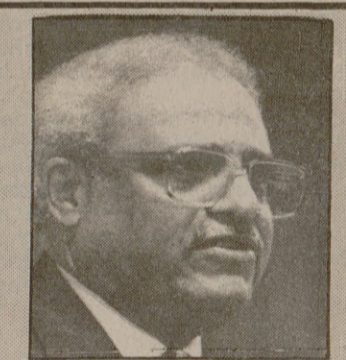
He said the nation's gross national product of \$250 billion should prove this is no poor country.

"We are not a poor people," he said. "We must stop thinking like poor people."

He told the crowd of more than 700 students and faculty members that "you must either find a job, create a job or die."

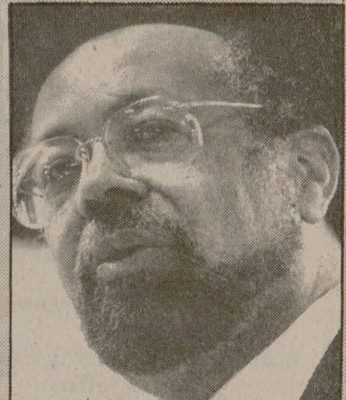
He said there are 50 million unemployed Americans today, and that before people can help each other, they must help themselves.

"We must transform our dreams into reality," he said.



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