

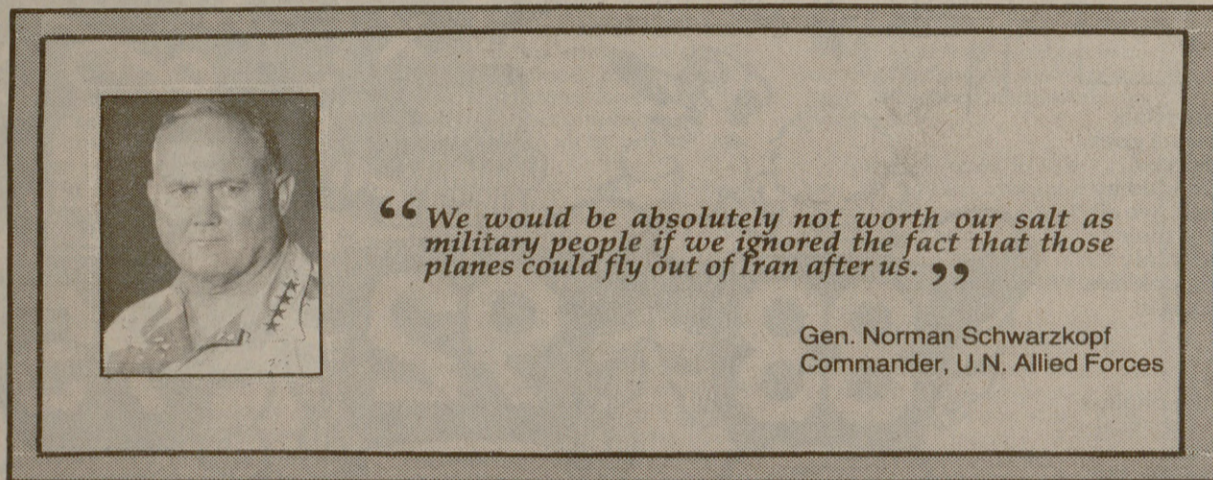
# Attack apparently halts oil dumping

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The U.S. military said today an attack by American warplanes apparently has halted Iraq's dumping of oil into the Persian Gulf. Iraq maintained that the spill was caused by an allied attack.

Army Brig. Gen. Pat Stevens IV told reporters the extent of the giant oil spill — estimated by the Saudi government at 460 million gallons — remains unclear. But, he said, "It appears we have stopped the flow of oil."

At a separate briefing, a Saudi military spokesman, Col. Ahmed al Robayan, said the oil spill fire was "getting smaller and smaller." He said that may mean the U.S. air raid knocked out the pumps feeding the oil spill.

Sixty-nine Iraqi aircraft have flown to Iran, including 39 fighters and bombers, Stevens said. He added: "I'm not disap-



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Commander, U.N. Allied Forces

pointed to see them flee into Iran because once there they are no longer a threat to us." A British government source

said later in the day in London that about 100 Iraqi warplanes have gone to Iran. There were no Iraqi Scud at-

tacks Sunday night or early today, but at night Patriot missile firings and warning sirens signaled yet another missile attack

on Riyadh. Witnesses said the Patriots intercepted one Scud missile.

Since the war began, Iraq has hurled 52 Scud missiles — 27 at Saudi Arabia and 25 at Israel.

Iraq has an estimated 700 combat aircraft, and Saddam Hussein has largely kept them out of the air since the allied assault began. The allies say Iraq has lost 49 aircraft during the war, including 22 that have been shot down.

Although Iran has said it would confiscate the planes for the duration of the war, U.S. officials have said they have to consider the possibility the planes were going to Iran to shield them from attack.

"We would be absolutely not worth our salt as military people if we ignored the fact that those planes could fly back out of Iran after us," Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf said on Sunday.

The Baghdad government claimed today a U.S.-led attack on Kuwait on Sunday started a fire and spilled oil into the gulf. The United States said its warplanes attacked a Kuwaiti oil facility Saturday in an attempt to halt the flow of crude that was creating the world's worst oil slick.

Stevens said nothing about a second U.S. attack on the oil facilities.

The Baghdad radio broadcast did not mention the giant oil slick, which U.S. officials maintain was begun by Iraqi forces in Kuwait.

The Saudi News Agency reported Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told the Saudi Cabinet today that Iraq has pumped 460 million gallons of oil into the gulf. He also was quoted as saying the flow apparently has been halted.

## Police continue search



Investigators search Monday for Dr. Peter John H. Sharpe in the Brazos River under the Highway 21 bridge. The Texas A&M bi-

engineering professor has been missing since Thursday. His van was found Thursday night near the bridge.

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## List of illegal voters under investigation by district attorney

By MIKE LUMAN  
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The Brazos County Voter Registrar's Office has turned over a list of 200 to 300 potentially illegal voters in November's elections to the district attorney's office for investigation.

District Attorney Bill Turner said a large portion of the people are Texas A&M students who were not registered to vote in Brazos County, but mistakenly signed voting affidavits.

By signing an affidavit, a person swears he or she is a resident of and registered to vote in Brazos County.

More than 1,800 A&M students mistakenly registered to vote in other counties last semester by putting their parents' addresses in the "permanent mailing address" portions of voter registration cards.

Turner said students who thought they were registered in this county and voted in Brazos County because of last semester's voter registration mix-up should not worry about legal action.

"We're not going to prosecute people who acted from a state of confusion," Turner said. "My intent is to detect deliberate fraud that took place in the election."

Last semester's mix-up started Nov. 1 when Brazos County Republican Chairman Rodger Lewis accused Voter Registrar Gerald "Buddy" Winn of fraud.

Lewis claimed that Winn, a Democrat, tried to reduce the local Republican vote by mailing student voter applications with permanent addresses to the locations listed.

Winn made no attempt to determine if students really meant to register in Brazos County, Lewis said.

Turner said he also received allegations of "impropriety" committed by some voter registration deputies.

He said the deputies, who gave instructions on how to register and how to fill out registration cards, are being investigated by the Brazos County Attorney's Office.

No allegations center on Winn, Turner said. He added that Winn's office supplied the list of deputies and potentially illegal voters to the district attorney's office.

Turner said he would begin his investigation by speaking to voters on the list.

"There are two sides to every story," he said. "It would be premature at this point to say anyone violated the law. We'll ask students, listen to their response and decide what to do."

Turner said this sort of investigation occurs after every election, and other possible violations on the list deal with people who registered late or registered and changed residences.

"Our job is to listen to their explanation," Turner said. He added that the district attorney's office was working with the Texas Secretary of State's Office and A&M's Student Government to "clean up this problem, so we won't have this confusion again."

## Conference attendance tops last year's numbers

By KATHERINE COFFEY  
Of The Battalion Staff

Attendance at last weekend's Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference was almost double last year's figures, which bodes well for the future of the event, the SBSLC chairwoman said.

Vivian Warmly, a Texas A&M senior marketing and management major from Houston, said 700 students attended the conference, about 300 more than last year. She said she expects the number to increase to more than 800 next year.

Warmly, involved with the conference since 1988, said the variety of

conference speakers — ranging from politicians to historians and entrepreneurs — added to the annual A&M event.

Lorinda Beekmann of the Department of Multicultural Services said Tony Brown was among the most interesting speakers because his message was for all races.

"He (Brown) had emphasis about America, and not just the black community," Beekmann said. "I've been to all three conferences and he was the best in addressing the whole audience."

Warmly said students came from  
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## Club uses 'ham' radio to try contacting families

By JULIE MYERS  
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Texas A&M's Amateur Radio Club can attempt to contact people in the Middle East, but transmission from the area has been sparse since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, a club member says.

Brian Maves, a meteorology graduate student, says the all-volunteer organization received messages for about two days after Iraq invaded

Kuwait Aug. 2, but radio operators have not heard anything since then.

Maves says the club would be glad to try to contact families, but there are only a few "ham" radio contacts in the area, with the exception of Israel.

"It's a matter of chance," Maves says. "Someone would have to be using their radio at the same time of day in the same region we are trying

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## Sociologist: Allies must make surrender safe

By MACK HARRISON  
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Air attacks against ground forces in Iraq and Kuwait might induce Iraqi troops to surrender, but only if they believe they will be safe doing so, a Texas A&M sociologist says.

Dr. James Burk, an associate professor of sociology, says the allies must meet two conditions to convince Iraqi troops to surrender.

Coalition forces must disrupt the Iraqi military's ability to provide for

troops' survival needs and also make the surrender process both physically and culturally safe for Iraqi soldiers, he says.

"If these two factors are met, I think it is possible they will surrender," Burk says.

If the allies can disrupt the Iraqi military's ability to meet survival needs at the platoon or squad level, then the U.N. forces will have established a precondition for surrender, he says.

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## Service offers free 'Desert Fax'

By KAREN PRASLICKA  
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While sending a letter to the Middle East might take weeks, "Desert Fax", a free fax service available until Wednesday, can get messages of support to U.S. troops within two days.

Post Oak Mall, a local radio station and a local long-distance phone company have joined together to provide the service to show support for U.S. personnel participating in Operation Desert Storm.

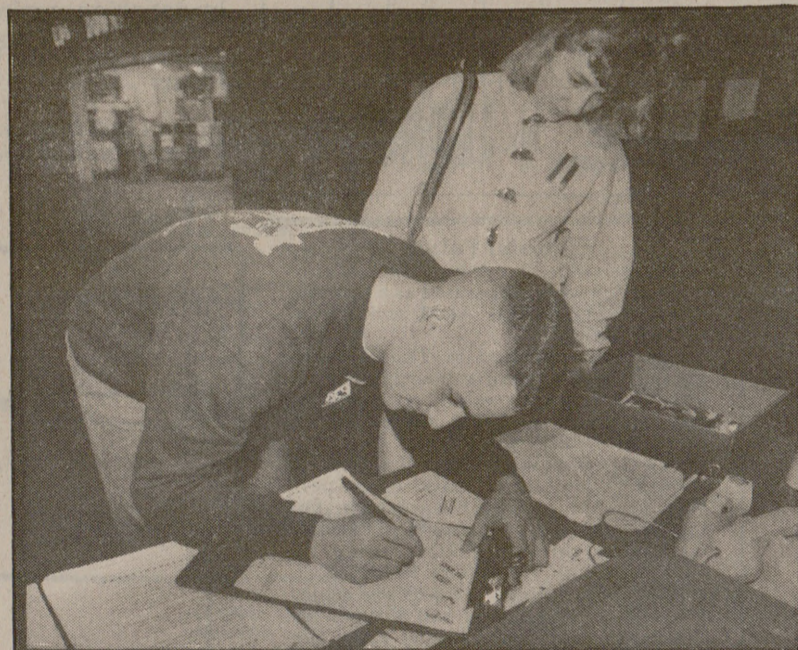
Dan O'Neil, program director for KAGG-FM, says he decided to start "Desert Fax" after hearing about a similar AT&T program.

Since October, AT&T has been sending free faxes from more than 400 AT&T phone centers across the United States to U.S. forces in the Middle East. The closest AT&T phone center to Bryan-College Station is in Houston.

"There's a lot starting to hit close to home," he says.

O'Neil says he knows from personal experience how frustrating it is to sit day after day and not hear from family and friends. O'Neil served in the Vietnam and Korean wars.

Bill Stephenson, president of Star Tel Long Distance Co., says he believes U.S. military person-



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Junior A&M student Jennifer Coffelt watches Brent Sanders write a note to his former commanding officer, who is stationed in the Middle East. The free fax service was provided by Star Tel, Aggie 96 and Post Oak Mall and will be provided through Wednesday.

nel need to know they have support at home.

"We would love for everybody to know we're here doing this," he says.

Susan Douglass, a Star Tel employee working on the project, says more than 500 people already have used the service.

Faxes are sent to Houston, where they then are sent into a network. The network sends transmissions to the main army command post in the Persian Gulf area. Command posts pass out the messages to soldiers.

Douglass says fax transmissions take between 24 and 48 hours to reach the Middle East.

John Hornar, a Texas A&M student, sent a fax to a soldier even though he does not have family or friends stationed in Saudi Arabia.

"I support the troops and everything they're doing over there," Hornar says. "It got to the point where I thought I ought to get involved somehow."

Post Oak Mall donated space for project "Desert Fax," and Star Tel has a table set up in the mall. People are encouraged to go and send a fax.

A list of 50 to 75 names of U.S. personnel is available for people with no relatives or friends in the gulf. "Desert Fax" will continue through 9 p.m. Wednesday.