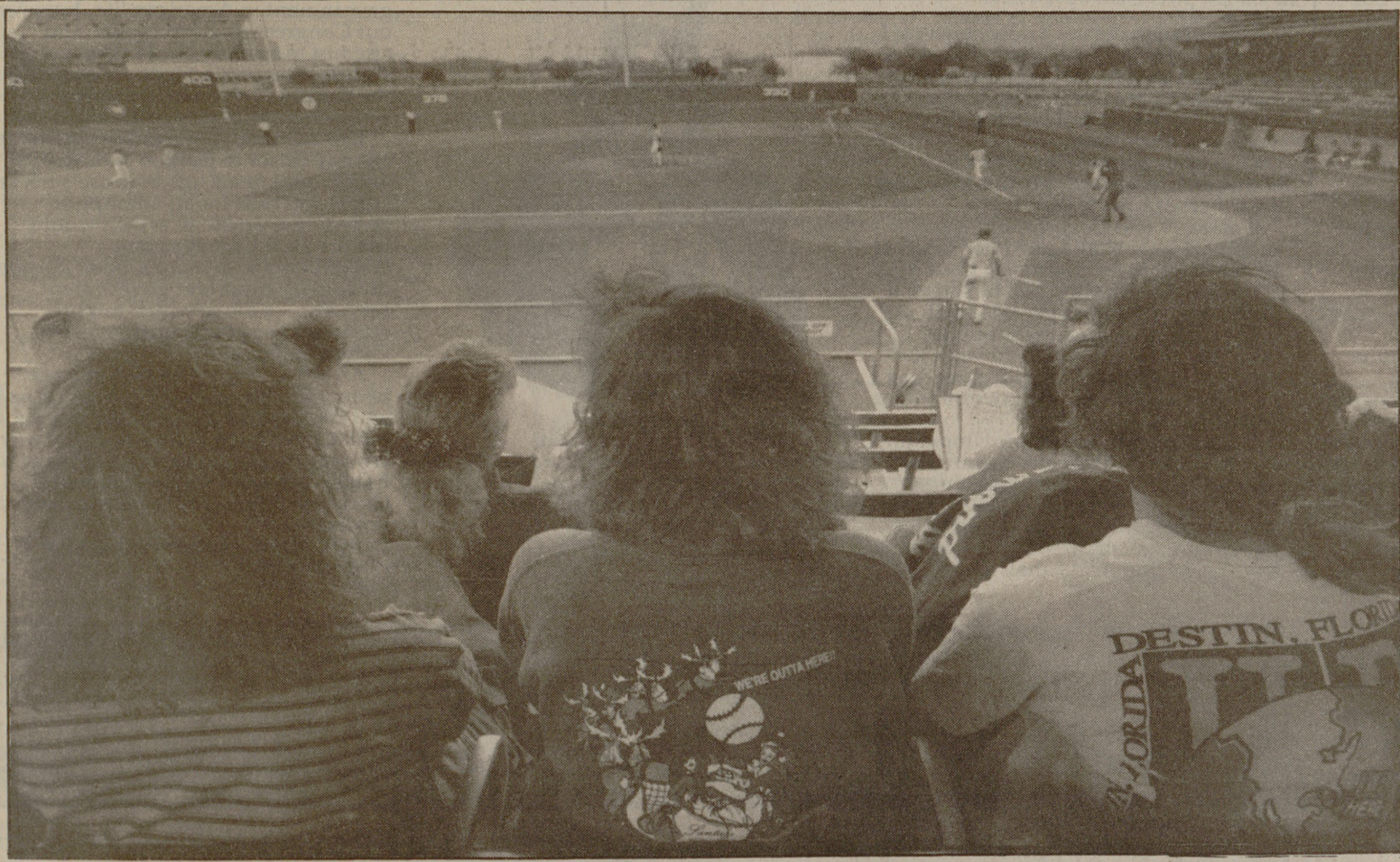


**Diamonds: a girl's best friend**



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Members of the Diamond Darlings spend their afternoon in the stands of Olsen Field to watch the Aggie baseball team workout. The Aggies will open their season Feb. 8 as they travel to UT-Pan American. Look for the Battalion's Baseball Preview Feb. 11.

**Bush assures victory in war**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush confidently assured Americans Tuesday night that the war against Iraq will be won and the recession at home will end in short order. "We stand at a defining hour," the president said in his State of the Union address.

"For two centuries, we've done the hard work of freedom," Bush said. "And tonight, we lead the world in facing down a threat to decency and humanity."

He won a long standing ovation when he praised U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf as "truly America's finest" and again when he predicted "we will prevail" over Saddam Hussein.

It was the first wartime State of the Union address since the dark days of Vietnam, and the most potent moments came with reference to America's troops abroad. As a bow to the boisterous threats of terrorism by Iraq, extraordinary security precautions enshrouded the Capitol.

Shortly before the president spoke, a joint U.S.-Soviet statement hinted a cease fire would be possible if Iraq made "an unequivocal commitment" to withdraw all its troops from Kuwait and took "concrete steps" in that direction. The White House said later the statement represented no change in policy, and only a "massive withdrawal" could end the hostilities.

The two superpowers also called for a "meaningful peace process" to deal with the Arab-Israeli dispute once the war was over. With those diplomatic developments reverberating in the background, the president delivered his nationally broadcast address to Congress.

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the world away from the dark chaos of dictators, toward the brighter promise of a better day."

The president delivered a terse assessment of the war to date: "I'm pleased to report that we are on course. Iraq's capacity to sustain war is being destroyed."

"Time will not be Saddam's salvation."

In Congress, Democrats and Republicans rallied behind the president. "Now that war has begun, we'll work to see that it's swift and decisive, with the least possible loss of life," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

**Iraq claims POW killed by allied bombs; ground clashes intensify**

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — One of Iraq's "human shields" — captured allied pilots — was killed in a Baghdad air raid, the Iraqis said Tuesday. Other Desert Storm fliers struck anew across Iraq and reported stopping an Iraqi armored convoy dead in its desert tracks.

But U.S. and Soviet officials held out hopes of peace. A joint statement from Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander A. Bessmertnykh indicated a cease-fire could be called if Iraq took "concrete steps" to withdraw from Kuwait.

The statement said it "will be especially important" to try to resolve the Arab-Israeli

conflict after the gulf war is over. Saddam Hussein has sought to link the Palestinian issue with his invasion of Kuwait.

Meanwhile, on land and sea, the tempo of the Persian Gulf war quickened.

Both sides reported clashes and claimed small victories along the remote northern frontier. On the Kuwaiti coast, allied helicopters attacked and chased a flotilla of Iraqi machine-gun boats.

Refugees fleeing to Jordan told of non-stop bombardment, "fire everywhere" and civilian casualties in Iraq. "It is really hell," one woman said.

The U.S. command still seemed puzzled by the estimated 90 getaway flights of Iraqi

warplanes to Iran. But an American general warned the Iraqis that if they tried to return to their home bases, "we'll get them."

Congressional sources in Washington said Tuesday an Iraqi transport plane had returned to Iraq. The sources, who spoke after receiving a military briefing on the war, had no other details about the cargo or who was on board.

The Iraqis, who claim to hold more than 20 downed pilots, said Jan. 21 they were dispersing the prisoners to potential target sites in an effort to ward off allied air attacks.

On Monday, Iraqi broadcasts said an un-

specified number of POWs had been wounded in air raids. On Tuesday, the official Iraqi News Agency said one was dead.

"One of the raids hit one of the departments of the Ministry of Industry, killing one of the captured foreign pilots, who had been evacuated to that department," the agency report said.

Iran's news agency quoted Baghdad Radio as saying the victim was an American. But no Iraqi broadcasts monitored by The Associated Press mentioned the nationalities or identities of any of the reported victims, and the reports were otherwise unconfirmed.

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**Student Programs to pick new MSC council officers**

By JAYME BLASCHKE  
Of The Battalion Staff

MSC Student Programs begins its five-week search for new council officers Monday with the selection of a new MSC president.

Chris Britton, MSC executive vice president for marketing and personnel, says the selection process is rigorous.

"The new MSC president and council officers are about to be selected, and it's a process that will take about five weekends to complete," he says.

Selection for all officer positions is based on three criteria.

"The first is a performance appraisal, which is an appraisal done by students, staff, or anyone the can-

didate has worked with," Britton says. "The second is an interview, and the third is the application the candidate turns in."

Deryle Richmond, an MSC student program adviser, stresses that all three criteria are weighted equally.

"I think the important thing is that no one criterion will eliminate a candidate," she says. "A person that doesn't come across well in an interview still has a chance."

Luke Altendorf, MSC associate director, says the selection committee will choose officers in a hierarchical manner.

"We start from the top office, and work our way down," Altendorf says. "If students go for a higher po-

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**Clements gives papers to archives**

By ISSELLE MCALLISTER  
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The longest-sitting governor in the state's history is giving Texas A&M his official papers from his two terms in the Capitol.

Former Gov. Bill Clements' donation includes all materials accumulated by the governor's office during his two separate terms from 1979 to 1983 and from 1987 to this year.

The gift is the first of its kind A&M has received. Dr. Charles Schultz, University archivist, says he only can speculate about the contents of the 500 boxes filled with papers.

In addition to the documents, Clements pledged to establish a \$1 million endowment for the study of leadership at A&M. The gift will be designated the "William P. Clements Jr. Endowment for Public Leadership."

A&M President William Mobley says he is delighted with the gifts.

"The fact that a two-term governor, in a time of significant change for Texas, provided his papers here will be a valuable resource for many, many years to come," Mobley says.

Schultz says he believes documents already received by the University include legislative files of all bills introduced, passed and vetoed during Clements' tenure.

They also include the governor's press files, copies of speeches, state development files, documents from the General Counsel's Office and all records from his re-election campaign, Schultz says.

All records received so far have been from Clements' second term, but documents from his

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**Airport stiffens safety in response to gulf war**

*Easterwood implements new guidelines*

By TROY D. HALL  
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Passengers need to allow extra time when flying out of Easterwood Airport because of increased security mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The war in the Persian Gulf has prompted the FAA to put airports on a state of alert and ordered them to follow prescribed security guidelines.

Harry Raisor, director of aviation for Easterwood Airport, says security should not be taken lightly.

"I think the threat is very real across this entire country," Raisor says.

Security has been tightened over all the McKenzie Terminal area, he says.

Among security precautions are 24-hour police security and highly restricted curbside parking in front of the terminal.

No unattended vehicles are allowed to park within 100 feet of the airport terminal, says Tom Williams, director of A&M Parking, Transit and Traffic Services.

Because of the inconvenience, the grace period for visitors has been increased from 10 to 15 minutes for passenger unloading.

Unattended baggage will be confiscated by authorities and might not be given back, Raisor says.

He discourages against carrying electronic items, such as radios, tape recorders, computers or anything that must be disassembled for in-



JAY JANNER/The Battalion

A&M Parking Services officer Jim Mullins patrols the Easterwood Airport McKenzie Terminal for unattended vehicles and baggage Tuesday as part of the airport's enhanced security measures.

spection, in baggage.

The University Police Department is providing uniformed officers at the airport until the crisis ends.

Bob Wiatt, director of A&M security and UPD, says officers will check all areas of the terminal where security could be breached, but he adds there have been no problems so far.

Raisor says because of the large number of international students at A&M, they should be aware of flight conditions when flying from country to country.

For advisories regarding international air travel, Raisor encourages people to call the U.S. State Depart-

ment Citizen Emergency Hotline at (202) 647-5225.

The situation at Easterwood Airport, as well as airports across the nation, should be taken seriously, Raisor says.

"Don't joke about hijacking and bombs, because there are no jokes now," he says.

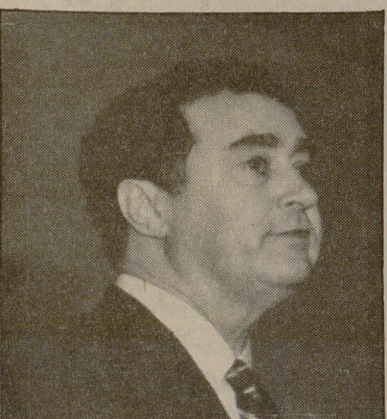
Although some people believe the likelihood of a terrorist attack in the area is remote, Raisor says to take a look at the situation.

Raisor, Williams and Wiatt all stress that delays will occur and that passengers should allow more time because of the increased security.

**Executive stresses savvy**

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The chief executive officer of Pier 1 Imports said at the 12th annual Career Fair Banquet Tuesday that students seeking a successful career



Marvin Girourd

in business must have "savvy."

Marvin Girourd said, however, this type of savvy means much more than just common sense.

Girourd, Class of '61, was the keynote speaker for the banquet sponsored by the Texas A&M Student Business Council.

Several hundred students attended the event at the College Station Hilton where Girourd explained his "savvy theory."

"Savvy stands for study, access, visualize, validate and yield," he said. "You must study the past, access your barriers, visualize your dreams, validate your goals and yield to faith."

He said students can achieve their goals if they perform these. Most importantly, they must visualize their future.

"You must visualize yourself doing daily tasks that will help you climb the ladder of success," he said. "But it won't happen overnight."

He told the students that after his

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