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A&M questions Schwarzkopf's chancellorship credentials

By Mike Luman
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Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf lacks the academic credentials required for the Texas A&M University System chancellorship, A&M Faculty Senators continue to assert.
Dr. Bill Stout, Faculty Senate speaker, said last week that "as great as Schwarzkopf was as the commander of Operation Desert Storm, he would be an unknown quantity" as A&M's chancellor.

Dr. Peter Hugill, deputy speaker of the Faculty Senate, said Monday that A&M chancellors traditionally are scholars as well as leaders.
"We're not opposed to Schwarzkopf, but we don't believe he meets the most important criteria," Hugill said. "That's why we reacted negatively."
The Faculty Senate Executive Committee submitted a list of



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"chancellorship criteria" to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents before rumors about Schwarzkopf began, he said.
Conflicting and unconfirmed reports claim A&M regents have offered the chancellorship to Schwarzkopf.
Faculty Senate criteria call for a chancellor with a "distinguished record of teaching and scholarship commensurate with a tenured professor," an earned doctoral degree and experience in a university's planning.
Hugill said the Senate also called for a chancellor who would be a candidate

for the National Academy of Sciences or the National Academy of Engineering.
Former Chancellor Perry Adkisson fit this criteria, but Schwarzkopf does not, he said.
Ross Margraves, chairman of the Board of Regents, continues to call reports about Schwarzkopf and the chancellorship "speculation."
"We hold Schwarzkopf in the highest esteem and would certainly consider him as a candidate for this position, as would almost any institution seeking a top-flight individual for a key

leadership position," Margraves said in a University statement.
He said no offer has been made to Schwarzkopf regarding the chancellorship.
"I have not talked to Gen. Schwarzkopf, and I can safely say that I would be involved in any such discussions," Margraves said.
Stout complained last week in the Houston Chronicle that the Faculty Senate expects to be left out of the chancellor hiring process by the Board

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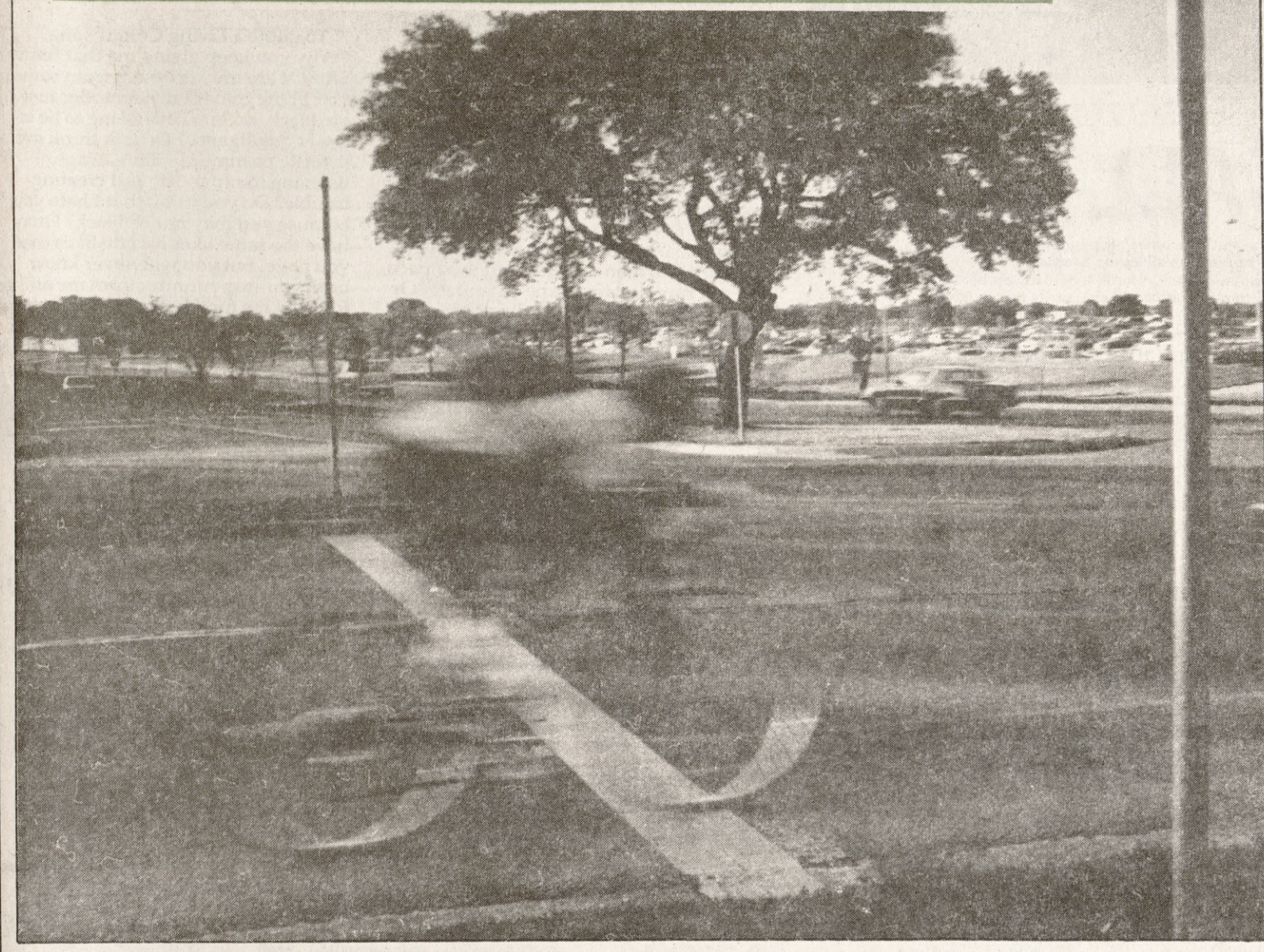
Police are cracking down on bicyclists who disobey traffic laws

By Julie Hedderman
The Battalion

Many Texas A&M bicyclists do not obey traffic laws but should realize they could face hefty fines, said College Station Police Chief Michael Strobe.
College Station police recently conducted a traffic study in the Northgate and University Drive area. It found that bicyclists do not consistently obey traffic code requirements.
During the week of April 8 through 12, police officers reported bicyclists did not stop at stop signs and red lights, and did not use turn signals.
When stopped by police, bicyclists often said

they were unaware that bicycles must obey city traffic laws because campus rules were different.
Bob Wiatt, University Police Department director, said ignorance of the law is a weak excuse.
He said bicyclists are governed by the same laws as motor vehicles, even on campus. Students given citations face fines up to \$200 plus court costs, he said.
Strobe said there have been 32 accidents involving bicycles in College Station during 1989 and 1990. Seven occurred in the Northgate and University Drive area.
He said most of the accidents resulted from

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Baker bids for support of proposal

Secretary of state asks Soviets to cosponsor Mideast peace conference, reopen ties with Israel

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III headed for Damascus on Monday in hopes of enlisting Syria's participation in a Mideast peace conference. Earlier, he bid for Soviet cosponsorship of the initiative and gained the sideline endorsement of Saudi Arabia.
Baker's scheduled sessions with President Hafez Assad and Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa loomed as his most difficult challenge on the Arab side, as he attempts to fashion a format and agenda for the prospective peace talks. He was expected to return to Israel on Tuesday in hopes of resolving its concerns about the



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scope of the proposal.
On the way from Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, to Damascus, the secretary of state took a brief detour to Kuwait to reaffirm U.S. support of the emirate.
Before leaving Jiddah, Baker had a 35-minute telephone conversation with Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander A. Bessmertnykh. Baker wants Moscow to cosponsor the peace talks, provided the Soviets resume full diplomatic relations with Israel after a 24-year lapse.
Bessmertnykh is expected to make a trip to Israel soon. Baker's detailed briefing of the Soviet official and the fact that he was keeping his schedule open raised a possibility that Baker might fly to Moscow to firm up a jointly sponsored conference, provided he can resolve the Arab-Israeli differences over the agenda and the extent of third-party participation.

Assistant registrar dispels phone registration myths

By Tonji A. Wheatfall
Special to The Battalion

During registration at Texas A&M, myths often circulate about the process involved in getting the perfect courses at the perfect times.
Willis Ritchey, A&M's assistant registrar, discussed many of the myths and history of phone registration to better increase students' knowledge of the process.
MYTH — On-campus, service or athletic phones get your call through to the system faster.

FACT — No phone accesses the system faster than any other phone.
"At one time, certain lines were already within the system," Ritchey said. "So, those calls got the first available lines and consequently, it was faster. But that is no longer the case."
MYTH — Calling continuously beginning at 5:30 a.m. will ensure your call will be among the first accepted when the lines open at 6 a.m.
FACT — Calls are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Researchers issue poll results

Numbers affirm conservative slant of A&M students' opinions

By Julie Myers
The Battalion

Texas A&M students are as conservative as the University's reputation, according to the results of a poll released last week.
The poll, conducted by Research Associates, surveyed Sociology 205 students during a five-day period ending March 1, 1990. The poll is not associated with the Department of Sociology or A&M.

According to the report:
 66.1 percent consider themselves Republicans and 16.9 percent consider themselves Democrats.
 49.7 percent support prayer in schools.
 81.5 percent believe Texas courts are too lenient.
 60.8 percent believe crime is on the increase.
 89.9 percent believe homosexual relationships are not viable.
 75.2 percent support an amendment making English the official language of the United States.
 47.6 percent consider themselves conservative, 33.7 percent moderates and 18.6 liberal.
 75.6 said drug laws should be stricter, but 16.3 percent said drugs should be legalized.
 36.4 percent have smoked marijuana.
 78.1 percent believe in the death penalty for murder, and

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Guest lecturer says literary views undergo revolution, re-evaluation

By Jayme Blaschke
The Battalion

The study of American literature is at an evolutionary stage from which a new school of critical thought will emerge, said Yale University professor Richard Broadhead Monday night.
Broadhead, speaking before members of the Interdisciplinary Group for Historical Literary Study, and the English department, said such change offers scholars unique opportunities to observe the development of critical thought

first-hand.
"We stand between the formation of American literature perspectives," Broadhead said. "We are at the point that one version of this field's truth has been found to be not the truth but the emulation of an older disciplinary consciousness."
Present literary theory searches out and includes literature that has been neglected over the years because it did not conform to the standards of "quality literature" of its time, he

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