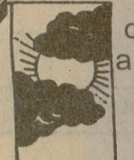


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Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high of 90.

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President Bush said Operation Desert Storm was not about oil but unhindered aggression. He should prove this by taking preventive steps against the same type of aggression which could occur in the Pacific.

—David Nash on the end of the U.S. lease on a Naval Station in the Philippines.

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Texas A&M moves up five spots in this week's AP poll

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## A&M faculty, departments try to cope with budget woes

By Troy D. Hall  
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University faculty say they are coping with continued budget cuts on a daily basis, but voice concern about how further cuts would affect classes in the coming months.

Some colleges are being hit harder by the budget cuts than others, but faculty seem to be coping, said Dr. Patricia Alexander, speaker of the A&M Faculty Senate.

"Faculty are much more careful on

what they are spending," she said. "But we were all prepared for it (budget cuts) and we are trying to cope."

Dr. Mel Friedman, dean of College of Geosciences, said the biggest problem is the lack of teaching resources.

"We have really gotten behind on repairing and replacing equipment and the problems are beginning to pile up," he said.

Without an adequate budget, the problem will continue to get worse, Friedman said.

"Our operating budget is down about five to ten percent compared to our peers

around the country," he said. "We are having to rely more on dedication of the faculty to do their job rather than resources."

Most departments are cutting back on photo copies, telephone calls and travel expenses.

But Dr. Charles Harris, associate department head of philosophy and humanities, said the budget situation in the near future will grow to affect students and faculty.

The department is scheduled for a four percent cut in this year's budget and then again next year, he said.

"Next year's budget will be worse because it will include the loss of money from this year," Harris said.

The philosophy and humanities department is considering eliminating all summer school classes for next year.

Other University departments also have felt the brunt of the budget shortfall.

"The budget woes have cut down some of the luxuries of teaching, but not the quality," said Barbara Gastel, associate professor and assistant journalism department head. "We were hoping to establish a master's program in science and technology, but things are not moving as

fast as many of us would like."

Dr. Charles Self, journalism department head, said the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board announced a freeze on accrediting any new master's programs, putting a hold on the proposed masters program.

"The department took a bad hit at a bad time," he said. "It removed all flexibility."

Self said the department has slashed its operating budget, laid off part-time help and graduate assistants. He said he

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### Branching Out

Tawny Britton, a political science major from Plano, prepares for her next class under the shade of an oak tree located on the left side of the Academic Building.

## A&M gives 'back pay' to 19 profs

### EEOC investigation reveals female faculty underpaid

By Chris Vaughn  
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Texas A&M has been quietly settling with 19 female faculty members for years of salary wrongs as part of an agreement between the University and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The 19 women have received thousands of dollars each in "back pay" and had their salaries "adjusted" during recent months following an EEOC investigation that began last fall. The University has already spent more than \$100,000 in awarding back pay.

The EEOC became interested in A&M's salaries last fall when a complaint was filed with the agency about salary discrepancies between male and female professors. The EEOC, led by principal investigator John Wynkoop, then came to A&M and searched through the files of every department with a female and male professor of the same rank.

Following a two-week investigation that involved 900 files and 160 female faculty members, the EEOC and University found 19 cases of salary-based discrimination.

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## Aquino engenders public support for renewal of lease for U.S. Navy base

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corason Aquino vowed Monday to call a public referendum and use "people power" to overturn a Senate vote against renewing the lease for a big U.S. Navy base.

Her action could delay a U.S. withdrawal from the Subic Bay base for months or even years. The base is a major supply and repair station for U.S. 7th Fleet ships in the western Pacific and the Indian Ocean.

The current lease on the base expired Monday.

The U.S. government had said the Navy would begin leaving quickly if the Senate rejected the

treaty to extend the lease for 10 years. But U.S. officials said Monday the departure would be delayed to await the referendum.

The White House praised Aquino.

"We do appreciate her efforts," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. "She's trying to engender public support for the treaty."

Aquino's former allies in the "people power revolution" that put her in office pleaded with her to accept the Senate's 12-11 vote to close the base and end the U.S. military presence in the Philippines after 93 years.

## Noriega called 'crooked cop'

MIAMI (AP) — Manuel Noriega, the most powerful man in Panama, was "just another crooked cop" who sold his nation to Colombian cocaine kingpins, a prosecutor said Monday to open the ousted dictator's drug trial.

Pointing to Noriega and calling him a "small man in a general's uniform," lead prosecutor Michael Sullivan said the government would prove Noriega abused his authority to help a flood of cocaine pour into the United States.

Noriega came to the Medellin

cartel's attention in the late 1970s when he arrested smugglers and intercepted drug shipments, Sullivan said.

"The cartel chiefs sat down and said they were either going to eliminate him, or they were going to buy him," the prosecutor said. "They decided to buy him."

The defense elected to hold its opening statement until the prosecution rests, which could take months.

Sullivan never referred to defense arguments that Noriega's ac-

tivities were tolerated or even authorized by U.S. intelligence agencies, in part to help the Contra rebels in Nicaragua in the mid-1980s.

Among the first prosecution witnesses was convicted U.S. drug trafficker Max Mermelstein, who was among others expected to outline operations of the Medellin cartel.

Mermelstein is in the federal witness protection program and says there's a \$3 million price on his head. He took the stand under tight security.

## Space shuttle dodges Soviet rocket debris

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Discovery early Monday dodged a chunk of a Soviet rocket, the first such near miss of the shuttle program, before the crew assembled a giant "Erector Set" as practice for the proposed space station.

The five astronauts should not have to worry about any more such encounters during the mission, NASA said.

The shuttle and the debris — about the size of a van — passed within about 10 miles of each other minutes after midnight.

It was the first time in the 10-year-old shuttle program that astronauts had to move their ship to avoid orbiting debris.

"I think we scored a space first," Mission Control's Jan Davis told the crew before they went to sleep for the day. "Good work on everybody's part."

The astronauts have been working at night and sleeping during the day since they reached orbit Thursday, arranging their schedule around the midnight release of an atmospheric observation satellite.

Before going to sleep, the astronauts assembled a Tinkertoy-like structure for an experiment gauging the effectiveness of components for the space station. The structure was shaken electronically to see how it withstands vibration in microgravity.

"While it might look like an Erector Set ... it's not a trivial experiment," astronaut James Buchli said in a preflight interview. "I expect there are two or three folks whose Ph.D.s are riding on it."

After awaking Monday evening, Buchli and astronaut Mark Brown planned to return to test 17,500 mph.

The astronauts tried to spot the object, but it passed too quickly.

## Attorney accuses McKenzie of leaking information DA, Wiatt support A&M regent

By Greg Mt.Joy  
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A defense attorney's theory alleging Texas A&M Regent William McKenzie tipped off local officials to a gambling investigation of Lloyd Alexander "L.A." Ford to aid one of his clients in a business deal is not likely to be supported by evidence, a Bryan District Attorney said.

District Attorney Bill Turner said local media had played up defense attorney Travis Bryan III's testimony at a pretrial hearing on Sept. 6.

"In criminal cases, defendants and their attorneys often have theories that the evidence in the case does not pertain to," Turner said. "It is not unfair to put forth such theories, but it has



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been my experience that the theories pursued by the defendants are not always borne out by evidence."

The pretrial hearing was not completed on Sept. 6, Turner said. The hearing will resume sometime in December. At the first hearing, Bryan said McKenzie told A&M Director of Security and University Police Bob Wiatt about alleged gambling activity involving Ford, Brazos County Sheriff Ronnie Miller and four other men.

Bryan testified that McKenzie tipped-off Wiatt to help a client, Bryan resident Greg Court. McKenzie was representing Court in negotiations to sell Court's half interest in Brazos Bingo to "L.A." Ford's wife, Sandra K. Ford, who owned the other half. Wiatt, however, said the business dealings had no bearing on McKenzie's decision to inform him of the gambling activity.

McKenzie's involvement has been made into some kind of a conspiracy," Wiatt said. "The way he provided information to us is something that goes on every day. People

are always giving information to law enforcement officials. That's how things are done."

Wiatt said McKenzie might have been concerned about Sheriff Miller's involvement, since both men are Republicans.

"The defense attorney's testimony makes the whole thing seem like the evil intentions of a powerful regent," he said. "This is totally a defense strategy. It's what you would expect from the defense, but it is certainly not the case."

Wiatt said McKenzie's call was not the only one he received information concerning the gambling operation.

"Within 10 days of McKenzie's call, a second source called, and told me about a bookmaking operation on campus involving University employees," he said.

Wiatt said he believed the bookmaking might be connected to McKenzie's call, and began an investigation which he later turned over to Department of Public Safety officers in Houston.

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