

**FORECAST**



Mostly cloudy with rain and a high upper 50s.

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"In the future, should a female cadet feel she has been mistreated, what price will she pay for speaking up?"

- Toni Garrard on becoming callous toward sexual harrasment.

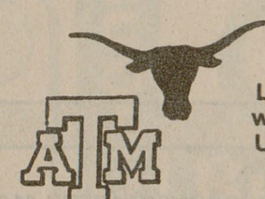
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Lady Aggies welcome The University of Texas.

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## Kuwaiti assistance reduces estimated time to put out oil fires

**By Jayme Blaschke**  
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The final oil field fire in Kuwait could be extinguished within a week, despite earlier estimates that fire fighters could spend up to five years bringing the blazes under control.

Norm Stevens, president of Inferno Snuffers of Bryan, said the impressive organization shown by the Kuwait government is mostly responsible for bringing the fires under control. Without Kuwait's coordination of the fire fighting teams, the operation would have taken much longer.

"This was a classic learning curve, because once the government figured out what was needed, everything was taken care of," Stevens said. "I went over there

four weeks ago, and there were 175 wells burning. When I came back to Texas a few days ago, there were 10 left.

"The Kuwaiti Oil Company was supervising the whole affair, and they were very well organized," he said. "They pulled off quite a feat."

James Tuppen, of Boots and Coots, agreed the fires would soon be out, with Nov. 4 as his company's target date. He also said there were several other factors that allowed the fires to be put out rapidly.

"The total number of blown wells was way out of proportion," Tuppen said. "With all of the smoke and confusion, it was difficult to get an accurate count."

Many of the wells set on fire were not severely damaged by the retreating Iraqi forces, and were

barely burning, he said. Because of this, many wells were much easier to put out.

"One third of the wells were pretty easy to deal with, and Kuwait contracted many smaller companies to fight those," Tuppen said. "The biggest problem with the easy wells is looking for them in the smoke and harsh conditions."

The Red Adair company, one of the most famous oil field fire-fighters, was especially concerned with the organization within Kuwait.

"Mr. Adair's biggest concern was the difficulty there would be in getting equipment and water to the fires," a spokesperson said.

Because of that concern, Adair went to Washington D.C., and

## International fire-fighting effort instigates innovative methods to extinguish blazes

**By Jayme Blaschke**  
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One of the unique aspects of the Kuwait oil field fires is the international effort it has taken to put them out, said Norm Stevens, president of Inferno Snuffers, Inc. of Bryan.

Stevens, who went to Kuwait to demonstrate a new chemical gel to be used in fire-fighting, saw firsthand many of the innovative processes other countries were coming up with to fight the fires.

"There are 22 fire fighting teams over there, from a dozen different countries," he said. "There's Chinese, British, Russian and Rumanian teams in the desert right now."

The most unusual new method for fighting fires belongs to the Hungarians, one of the first groups to arrive in Kuwait, Stevens said.

"The Hungarians have a big jet engine - a Mig engine - mounted on a mobile frame," he said. "They just back up to the fire and blow it out with the engine thrust."

"They still have to use water to cool everything off, but it's pretty wild," he said.

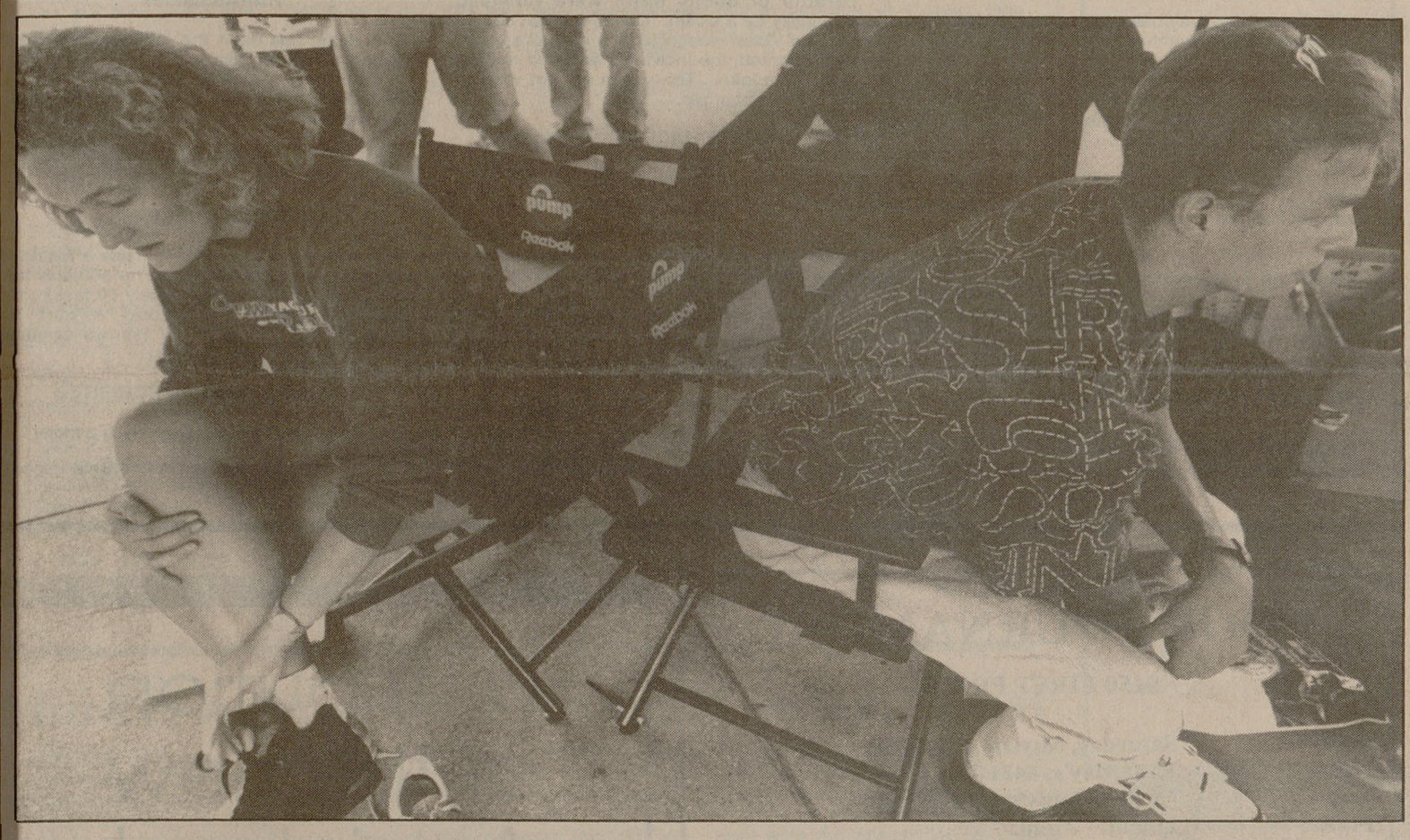
Two of the companies Stevens worked with were Horwell from France and Safety Bosh Ltd. from Canada.

Most of the work they did while in Kuwait was focused in the Sabriyah and Raudhathiem regions in northern Kuwait.

"Although the well fires are coming under control, there's still a lot of ground fires and built-up coke to deal with," he said. "Some of the coke deposits, which form around burning wells, are 30 feet high, and some of the ground fires go on for miles."

"The rebuilding of Kuwait is going to go on for a long time," Stevens said.

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**Pump It Up**  
Senior Mary Walters (left) and freshman Stan Ware sample the newest Reebok footwear at the Campus Fest held in front of

G. Rollie White Monday and Tuesday. Texas A&M Bookstore sponsored the event which included IBM, Reebok and others.

HUY NGUYEN/The Battalion

## Threats, bombing mar talks

### Radical groups remain determined to oppose Arab recognition of Israel

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Arabs and Israelis alike voiced hopes Tuesday for forging a lasting accord, but new bloodshed stained the eve of historic Middle East talks.

A bombing by the fundamentalist group Hezbollah killed three Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon, and Israel responded hours later by bombing what it said was a Hezbollah base in Nabatiyah, eight miles north of the Israeli border.

In Beirut, a rocket hit the wall of the U.S. Embassy compound. There were no immediate reports of injuries or serious damage.

Radical Shiite Muslim and Palestinian groups have promised to attack the United States and

others involved in the Madrid peace conference opening Wednesday, which they oppose because it could lead to Arab recognition for Israel.

The latest such threat came from Hezbollah leader Abbas Musawi, who held a news conference in south Beirut to proclaim Wednesday "a day of Islamic wrath and mourning to protest against American attempts to impose hegemony on the Muslims."

Underscoring fears that the conference could be derailed, Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat warned that "extremist" Arab groups could threaten the gathering's chances

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## Sorority Row sponsors trick-or-treat bonanza

**By Alysia Woods**  
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Local trick-or-treaters are in for a spooky surprise Wednesday night if they venture into the grave confines of Sorority Row.

Texas A&M's 11 social sororities, the Panhellenic Council and the College Station police department will block off the streets between sorority houses in College Station and provide a Halloween carnival for children in the Bryan-College Station area.

Ginger Pugh, a senior journalism major and social chairman for Zeta Tau Alpha, says the event is part of an effort to promote a safe Halloween for children.

"We've always had trick-or-treaters come to the sorority houses on Halloween," says Pugh. "We thought this would be a fun way to help kids and their parents out."

The event will begin at 6 p.m. and end around 9 p.m. Sorority Row is actually two streets of sorority houses located in College Station.

Olympia Way and Athens Drive will be blocked off, and

parking will be available along Munson and University Oaks drives.

Each sorority house will hand out candy and small toys. In addition, each of the 11 houses will be the site of a particular activity, such as fortune telling, bobbing for apples and ghost-story telling. A CSPD officer will be on location to provide the trick-or-treaters with safety tips for Halloween night.

Lt. Bernie Kapella of the CSPD, however, said he doesn't anticipate any problems on Halloween.

"Most kids are going to school carnivals, haunted houses and things like that," he says. "And we encourage that every year."

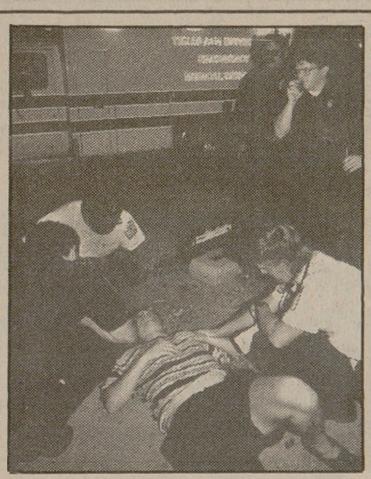
To get the word out, Pugh has contacted local media, as well as several local organizations, such as the Boys' Club and the Girls' Club.

"Our aim is to reach kids under 13, and our goal is to inform them about safety," she says.

This is the first year for the event and Pugh hopes it will continue in the years to come.

Police warn that children are

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**A Night With EMS**

Campus volunteers handle the task of dealing with medical emergencies at Texas A&M. While most students spent Friday night at Midnight Yell, these stayed busy helping the injured and sick.

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## College requires audit pick up

**By Susan Maguire**  
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Seniors in the College of Liberal Arts have until Thursday to pick up their 90-hour degree audits from their departments before they will be blocked from registering.

The audits can be picked up from the departments until Thursday. Otherwise, seniors must pick up their audits at 112 Harrington to have the blocks removed.

Dr. Woodrow Jones, associate dean of undergraduate studies for the College of Liberal Arts, said there were several seniors last semester who could have avoided graduation problems if they had their audits.

"We want them (students) to get into the habit of picking up their audits," Jones said.

He said before telephone registration system was installed, students would see advisers much more frequently.

"Now we hope that at least one time in their career, they touch base with their adviser," he said.

Jean Raniseski, assistant coordinator of undergraduate advising for Liberal Arts, said there were problems of students not being aware of degree requirements.

"There were a lot of problems and disappointments when graduation rolled around," she said. She said that the college will make sure that

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## Former Louisiana governor rebukes Duke

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Former Louisiana Gov. Dave Treen delivered a stinging rebuke Tuesday to David Duke's candidacy for governor, calling Duke a documented draft dodger who cannot be believed when he says he's given up his Nazi-style anti-Semitism.

Treen told reporters in New Orleans he would vote for his longtime political enemy, Edwin Ed-

wards, in the Nov. 16 runoff election.

Duke, meanwhile, was in Baton Rouge defending his recent remarks disparaging Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' marriage to a white woman.

Earlier, Edwards picked up endorsements from two of the candidates he and Duke defeated in Louisiana's unique "open primary" on Oct. 19. And he met pri-

vately at the governor's mansion with defeated incumbent Buddy Roemer, who placed third in the primary, missing a runoff spot.

Treen, a Republican, and Edwards, a Democrat, have been enemies for years. Edwards defeated Treen in a 1983 governor's race following a campaign that was often heated and sometimes marked by bitter, personal remarks.