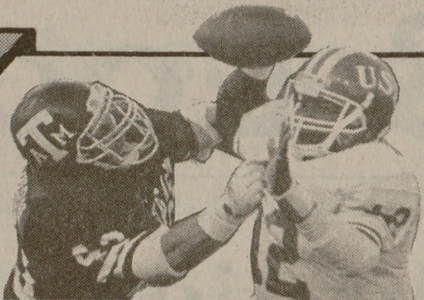


OPINION

"Until we build a completely perfect nation and world, we need to think of other solutions like safe sex ... and more independent education."

-columnist Tanya Williams on self education on HIV, AIDS

SPORTS



Davie's Defense:

A&M's Wrecking Crew looks to continue its demolition of Southwest Conference offenses Saturday against Arkansas.

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FORECAST



Unseasonably warm and chance of rain through Saturday. Highs near 80.

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## Proposal expands AIDS definition

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of U.S. AIDS cases could nearly double under a federal proposal Thursday that would expand the definition of the disease to include 160,000 people infected but not yet seriously ill.

The case count stands at 195,718, but 1 million more Americans are believed to be infected with HIV, the virus that causes the disease. Health officials estimate 160,000 of those, many of whom don't know they're infected, would fall under the new definition.

AIDS activists said the expanded definition would make more people qualify for disability payments, but warned that more officially recognized AIDS patients could mean a bigger battle for treatment resources.

The current definition, adopt

### U.S. Center for Disease Control wants count to include persons with severe HIV

ed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in 1987, is based on conditions that prey on HIV-infected people, such as a rare pneumonia and a rare skin cancer.

The proposal goes out Friday for comment from health experts. The CDC hopes to release its final version in January, with state and local health officials using it to report AIDS cases by April.

The new definition would add patients who aren't necessarily sick, but whose immune systems are already under severe attack by the virus.

"We recognized that the current definition was missing people who had severe HIV disease,"

said Dr. John Ward, reporting and analysis chief at the CDC's Division of HIV and AIDS.

"To get a more accurate representation of the total population of severely infected people, we're adding this immunologic criteria to the case definition."

The new definition will mean thousands more AIDS patients will qualify for disability, either from their jobs or with Medicaid, said Peter Uitenbosch, treasurer of the National Association of People With AIDS. That could mean even more of a battle for treatment dollars.

"What the government is trying to create in this case is people

who have the disease fighting among each other, all fighting to the last dollar," Uitenbosch said. "People declared with full-blown AIDS ... can go on disability, which is automatic for Medicaid. And there are no more dollars available."

Ward said the new definition is driven in part by the cases of people already under treatment for HIV but not included among AIDS patients.

Doctors can now treat infected people with drugs such as AZT to try to delay illness.

"They (the newly recognized patients) are out there already," he said. "Part of the job of a surveillance system is to identify how great a burden is on the health care system; we were under-representing that with the current definition."

## Inquiries for HIV information decline

By Jayme Blaschke  
The Battalion

HIV awareness, heightened by Magic Johnson's announcement last week that he had contracted the virus, is subsiding in the Bryan-College Station area, say officials with local health centers.

Andrea Beshara with the health education division of A.P. Beutel Health Center at Texas A&M, said Thursday that although many students called after Johnson made his announcement, the phone has

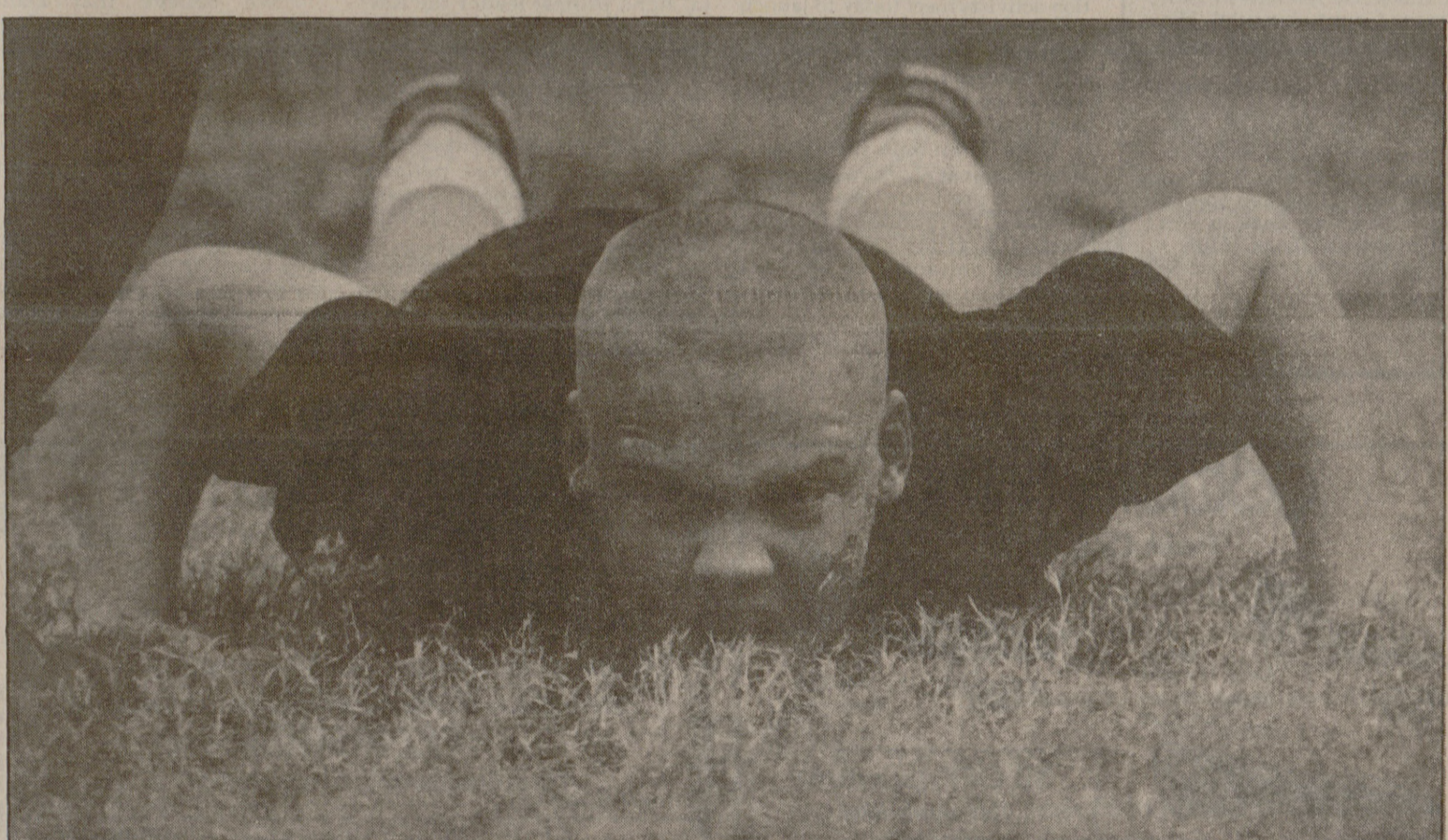
been ringing less and less over the past several days.

"There have been calls, but it isn't a flood - it's more like a trickle," she said. "The calls we have gotten have been mostly the same questions: What is it (HIV), how is it transmitted and what can be done about it?"

Beth Horner, infection control nurse at Humana Hospital, said her office has also noticed a decline in the number of calls.

"We had an increase of

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JAY JANNER/The Battalion

### EAT DIRT!

Chad Bradley, a freshman electrical engineering major from Odessa, struggles to do one more push-up Wednesday during a

two minute drill at Spence Park. The drill was part of a training test all Army ROTC members must take twice each semester.

## Authorities blame Libyans

### U.S., British indict two in '88 bombing of Pan Am 103, threaten use of force

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Libyan intelligence agents were charged Thursday by U.S. and British authorities with planting the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988, killing 270 people.

Bush administration officials said high-ranking Libyan officials were deeply involved in the plot and left open the possibility of action against the Moammar Gadhafi government.

"We find it very hard to believe this could have been carried out without the active involvement of higher ups within the government," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

The indictment of the two agents returned here by a federal grand jury and the British charges

sapped what FBI Director William S. Sessions called "the largest international terrorist investigation ever conducted."

The charges against the agents of Jamahiriya Security Organization, the Libyan intelligence service, were announced simultaneously in Washington by Acting Attorney General William P. Barr and in Edinburgh by Scotland's Lord Advocate, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie.

The Dec. 21, 1988 bomb blast killed all 259 people aboard the New York-bound Boeing 747 plus 11 people on the ground when debris from the explosion fell on Lockerbie, Scotland, and the surrounding countryside.

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## A&M conference examines free trade in North America

By John Lose  
The Battalion

Texas A&M will host an international conference on free trade Monday and Tuesday, which will examine the implications of a pending free trade agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The academic conference, titled "North American Free Trade: Public and Private Partnership,"

will feature speakers from the business, government and academic sectors from each of the three countries involved.

"This is a very timely conference," said Dr. Julian Gaspar, director of research for A&M's Center for International Business. "The free trade agreement may be one of the most important developments in free trade this decade with significant impact for Texas."

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## Remedy for recession

### Experts say solution lies within work force

By Greg Mt.Joy  
The Battalion

The cure for U.S. economic woes could be found within the nation's work force, Texas A&M management experts say.

Dr. Michael Hitt, a professor of management, and Dr. Jay Barney, an associate professor of management, agree human resource management may not help with current symptoms like the recession, but could eventually save the faltering U.S. economy.

Hitt said in the long run the outlook for American

firms is positive.

"I am optimistic about the potential of many American firms," Hitt said. "One major resource of firms is its people. The human element is one of the prime competitive weapons firms can use, but it really hasn't been utilized."

He said the road to recovery, however, will be a time-consuming one.

"It took us a long time to get into this mess," he said. "There is no short-term answer."

Barney, who spoke on a panel with Hitt at a man-

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## Colonel visits A&M as consultant for Corps

By Karen Praslicka  
The Battalion

A colonel from the U.S. Military Academy who recently visited Texas A&M was invited to the University as a consultant on discrimination and harassment against women in the Corps of Cadets, not as an investigator, said Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling.

Lt. Col. Robert McDannell, chief leader of the development branch of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, spent two days at the University at the end of October to learn about A&M and the Corps.

"I tried to get a sense of what A&M and the Corps is all about," he said.

McDannell said he is not sure what he might recommend to A&M, because he still does not know enough about A&M and the University's oldest organization.

"I only spent a couple of days there," he said. "I'm not sure at this stage if I need to make any recommendations. I don't know enough to make any recommendations."

McDannell said he spent most of his time in the Quadrangle talking to cadets while he was at A&M.

He also met with Corps officials and was introduced to several University administrators.

McDannell said he hopes to return to

A&M, and that West Point and the University will continue communication.

"I'd like to come back," he said. "I enjoyed the hospitality and was impressed by the cadets."

"I hope this is the beginning of a long-term relationship."

Darling said McDannell's visit to A&M was helpful.

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### Band to honor ex-director Saturday

Texas A&M's Aggie Band will dedicate its drill field on Saturday in honor of the former director who wrote many of their signature marches for 16 years.



Col. Haney

A bronze marker will be presented at the Joe T. Haney Drill Field by Class of '92 band members at 3:30 p.m.

The Class of '92 was the last class Col. Haney directed before his retirement in 1989.

The drill field is behind Dorm 11, Underwood and Appelt Halls.

# PICK UP A BATTALION GAMEDAY TOMORROW