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A&M experts predict Texas will elude military cuts temporarily

By Greg Mt.Joy
The Battalion

Texans working for military contractors may win their first battle to remain employed, but could eventually lose the war, Texas A&M military and economic experts warn.

Dr. Jared Hazleton, director of the Center for Business and Economic Analysis, said initial cuts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area have resulted in 20,000 layoffs, and the situation will probably get worse.

"Overall pressures to cut defense spending are irresistible," Hazleton said. "It has gotten very difficult to make a case for military spending."

The brunt of the cuts, however, may not hit

Texas for about 10 years.

"The kind of cuts predicted will not be made overnight," he said. "There is a lot of political resistance to any cuts, because they mean the loss of jobs. Inevitably, though, it will happen."

Dr. Art Blair, a deputy director at A&M's Mosher Institute for Defense Studies, said the severity of the cuts is difficult to gauge because they create a ripple effect.

"Not only the firms that would have produced the Navy's new attack jet the A-12 will suffer from the cuts in that program," Blair said. "Unemployment will begin in the factory that would have built the planes, but eventually any suppliers that had been sub-contracted will be hit as well."

A&M and College Station will be spared,

however, Blair said.

"Procurement of military equipment is cut when the budget is reduced, not research and development," he said. "The process of modernizing still goes on. Progress goes on, so if A&M has any research and development contracts with the military they will not be in jeopardy."

Other areas, especially larger cities, may not fare so well, Hazleton said. "There will be a dislocation in the economy in five to 10 years. The effects will not be painless, but they may not be earthshattering either. San Antonio is especially vulnerable on the long haul, and they will have to feel the impact of the cuts sooner or later."

House bill saves F-16, V-22 programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday passed a \$270 billion military spending package that includes money for several hard-fought Texas programs, including the F-16 fighter jet and V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

The appropriations bill is a plus for the Fort Worth-assembled F-16 and V-22 programs, built by General Dynamics Corp. and Bell Helicopter Textron respectively.

But it could hurt LTV Corp., which assembles one-third of the

embattled stealth B-2 bomber. Lawmakers voted to halt production of the radar-evading plane, which costs an estimated \$865 million apiece.

The House turned aside the administration's \$3.2 billion request for four new B-2s and instead agreed to \$1.8 billion to keep the production line open.

"I don't think it has any immediate effect," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, in whose district

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We're off to see the Wizards

Students file in the back door of A+ Tutoring in the Jewel Osco plaza Wednesday afternoon. The students were mostly

freshman and were seeking help in chemistry 101. A+ Tutoring also provides assistance in physics, math and economic classes.

Education conference

Group examines North American trade agreement

By Troy D. Hall
The Battalion

The proposed North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico received a comprehensive examination during Texas A&M University's third annual Texas-Mexican Higher Education Conference.

This year's topic "North American Free Trade: Public and Private Ownership" opened the eyes of Canadian, Mexican and U.S. officials, business people and professors to the opportunities of a trilateral trade agreement.

Dr. Gabriel Carranza, director of Mexican and Latin American Programs at A&M and coordinator of the conference, said the conference was important for the three countries because it was an opportunity for them to come together.

He said the three countries must work together to be able to compete with the rest of the world.

If the trilateral agreement is accepted by the three countries, he said the North American economic block would be larger than the proposed European Community.

Carranza said the "economy in the United

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Organization sponsors anti-violence demonstration

By Jayme Blaschke
The Battalion

Low temperatures and a biting wind did little to chill the enthusiasm of some two dozen supporters that turned out for the Medicine Tribe's Stop the Violence rally Wednesday.

Gathering in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue on the Academic Plaza, several people voiced concerns over what they perceive as an increase of violence in society.

Brian Skipworth, a former student and a member of Aggie Against Bonfire, said he saw what amounted to violence worship on the Texas A&M campus.

"A&M worships war and worships violence," Skipworth said. "Bonfire is a rally of destruction. The MSC was built in honor of Aggies who died killing other people. There are war memorials glorifying destruction all over campus."

"A few years ago we tried to put up a memorial in the MSC in



DARRIN HILL/Special to the Battalion

Brian Skipworth, of Bryan, was among several speakers at the Medicine Tribe's Stop the Violence rally Wednesday.

Mobley emphasizes global awareness

By Alysia Woods
The Battalion

University President William Mobley reminded faculty, students and community leaders Wednesday morning that Texas A&M students have an obligation to learn more about other cultures and develop a truly global perspective in education.

In a public discussion entitled, "Diversity in Higher Education: Can We Meet the Challenge?", Mobley stressed the awareness of a changing global environment.

"The global village is not coming; it is already here," Mobley said. "The minorities in this state have become the majority."

Mobley continued to outline the challenges that A&M faces each day.

"One of our challenges in an

institution of higher education is learning how to capitalize on diversity," he said.

Mobley admitted that A&M has had some problems in achieving equality for everyone, and he specifically mentioned the recent Corps of Cadets allegations which he said, in time, "will be resolved."

"We are not without problems,

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