

American universities in Japan unite

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Plans for Texas A&M University at Koriyama to join with other American universities in Japan in forming an inter-university association are proceeding rapidly and could be completed as soon as January, said Dr. Jerry Gaston, executive associate provost of the Texas A&M University System Thursday.

Gaston said A&M met with several other universities in Dallas last week, and made def-

inite progress in setting up the organization. "We are meeting again Jan. 12, and are going to adopt the bylaws, which will essentially bring the Association of American Colleges and Universities of Japan into being," he said.

The association will not be an accrediting body, Gaston said. The association will serve mainly as a way for the schools in Japan to share information with each other, and coordinate activities. Membership, however, is not open to everyone.

"We have a criterion for membership based on principles set up by the Council on

Post-secondary Education Accreditation," he said. "There have been two or three schools denied membership already because they do not measure up to the principles."

For years, American schools in Japan have suffered image problems because of lax standards, Gaston said. A&M, though, has not suffered from any of the negative publicity.

"We have never been accused of being a shoddy institution," he said. "The general opinion is that we have an excellent program in Koriyama."

Koreas want nuclear-free peninsula

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unification." His country's growing international isolation and economic bankruptcy were seen as the key factors leading to the accord.

North Korea's secret nuclear arms development has been widely criticized, and even ally China has called for inspections.

Intelligence reports say North Korea will have the capability to produce atomic bombs as early as 1993, and the United States has led growing efforts to pressure the north to halt such research.

Both sides proposed a nuclear-free peninsula on Wednesday, and the South also made a surprise offer to accept North Korean-demanded inspections of military and civilian facilities, including U.S. bases in its territory.

This was widely interpreted as indicating that U.S. nuclear weapons deployed in South Korea have been removed, as North Korea also demanded.

Designed as a broad framework for peaceful coexistence, Thursday's reconciliation agreement could lead to talks on economic cooperation, humanitarian and eventually unification of the divided Korea.

Observers attributed the speed of the agreement to the north's eagerness for an accord to end its growing international isolation and its need for economic aid to help its bankrupt economy. It has said it desires better relations with Japan and the United States.

International conference to plan Soviet relief Bush organizes aid for U.S.S.R

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will convene an international conference early next month to coordinate the flow of food, medicine, fuel and shelter to the people of the collapsing Soviet Union as winter closes in, the White House said Thursday.

The industrial Western countries, oil-rich Arab kingdoms and the newly emerging democracies in Eastern and Central Europe all will be invited along with worldwide financial institutions, Secretary of State James A. Baker III said in elaborating on the move in a speech at Princeton University.

Bush signed legislation on Thursday to provide \$400 million in Pentagon funds to help the Soviets dismantle their nuclear and other weapons, and \$100 million for transportation of humanitarian assistance to the Soviets.

As the Soviet Union splinters, Baker pledged the United States would work with republics that are committed to democratic principles but would not

help those on an opposite course. "Internal arms races between former Soviet republics represent a potentially grave danger to European security," Baker said. "Those who pursue these

misguided and anachronistic policies should know they will receive neither acceptance nor support from the West."

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger was named to oversee American relief efforts. Baker said the administration would quickly draw on \$100 million authorized by Congress for transportation and that food stocks left over from the war against Iraq would be delivered beginning next week to St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Soviet Union fuel shortages cause airports to halt flights

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The fuel shortage forced more than half of all Soviet airports to close Thursday and led to the cancellation of most domestic flights of the state Aeroflot airline, Tass reported.

U.S. officials on Thursday announced a new aid effort. The White House said President Bush would hold an international conference early next month to coordinate humanitarian assistance for the Soviet Union.

Yeltsin said he had the support of the Soviet military leadership, and he was working to garner the backing of more republics.

Moldavian President Mircha Snegur said after meeting with the

Russian president that his republic had a "positive attitude" toward the new formation. The leaders of Kazakhstan and the predominantly Muslim republics of Kirgizia, Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan met in Ashkhabad, the Turkmen capital, to discuss the commonwealth, and they were to announce their decision on joining it.

In an address to the Russian legislature before it gave its approval, Yeltsin sought to portray his Commonwealth of Independent States as not just a Slavic organization but open to all Soviet republics. "We have equal respect for people of different nationalities," he said.

What's Up

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INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS: Christmas and Graduation party. 7:30 p.m. at the Tanglewood South Party Room. Call Edgar at 696-3881 for more information.

CLASS OF '94 COUNCIL: Hey Class of '94! T-shirts are on sale in the MSC lobby this week only for \$10 each. Come and find out why our class is the best!

HILLEL STUDENT ORGANIZATION: Shabbat services. 8 p.m. at the Hillel Student Center.

STAGECENTER COMMUNITY THEATER: "Some Enchanted Evening - A Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical Revue." Times are Dec. 12, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. Theater is located at 3715 E. 29th in the Town & Country Shopping Center in Bryan. Call StageCenter at 846-0287 for more information.

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Day:	Time of final:	Classes meeting:
Dec. 13, Friday	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	MWF 8 a.m.
Dec. 13, Friday	12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	TR 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Dec. 13, Friday	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	TR 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Dec. 16, Monday	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	MWF 9 a.m.
Dec. 16, Monday	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	MWF Noon
Dec. 16, Monday	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	TR 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Dec. 16, Monday	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	MW 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 17, Tuesday	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	MWF 10 a.m.
Dec. 17, Tuesday	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	MWF 2 p.m.
Dec. 17, Tuesday	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	TR 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.
Dec. 17, Tuesday	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	MWF 1 p.m.
Dec. 18, Wednesday	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	TR 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 18, Wednesday	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	MWF 11 a.m.
Dec. 18, Wednesday	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	TR 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

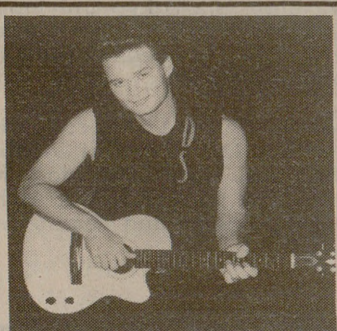
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