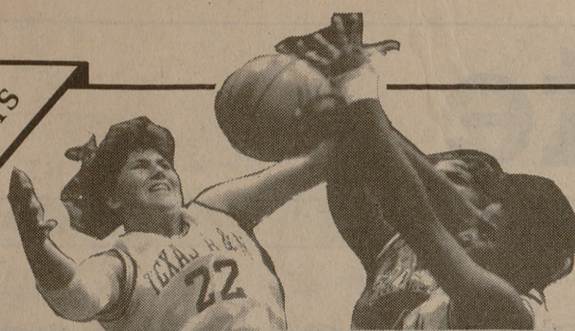


Mostly cloudy, high in the 50s.



hope to extend their five-game winning streak tonight against UT.

"Never before . . . has there been a better time to live in this country than right now."

-Brian Boney, opinion editor

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Buonaguro

Injured basketball players, staff await dismissal from hospital

By Scott Wudel
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Four members of the A&M basketball team and support staff are expected to be released today from a Dallas hospital after receiving treatment for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Senior forward Anthony Ware, A&M assistant coaches Mitch Buonaguro and John Pigatti, and Colin Killian of the A&M sports information office, along with other members of the

A&M basketball team, were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes Saturday night at Baylor University's Ferrell Center shortly before the Aggies' game against Baylor.

The entire A&M team was sent to two Waco hospitals for treatment.

Ware, Buonaguro, Pigatti and Killian were transported to Dallas' Humana Hospital early Sunday morning for further treatment. Buonaguro, Pigatti and Killian were given a full two-

hour session in a hyperbaric chamber. Ware had sinus trouble and could not stand the increased pressure and continued to receive oxygen through a mask.

Freshman Tony McGinnis and trainer Mike Ricke were held overnight in a Waco hospital and released Sunday afternoon.

The rest of the A&M team and staff returned to College Station on Sunday.

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Police arrest, charge A&M athlete in theft

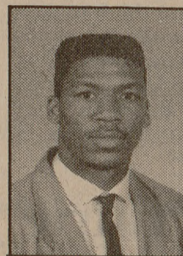
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Texas A&M football player Brian Mitchell was arrested and charged Sunday with theft and failure to appear in court for a traffic warrant, College Station Police said.

Mitchell, a sophomore, was arrested at 4:10 p.m. outside the AppleTree grocery store at 1725 Texas Ave.

He posted \$335 bail and was released by College Station Police Sunday evening.

Mitchell, a redshirt freshman



Mitchell

wide receiver from Dallas, was A&M's second-leading receiver during the 1991 football season.

He played in all 11 games and caught 19 passes for 519 yards and six touchdowns.

A&M head football coach R. C. Slocum was not available for comment.

AppleTree management also declined comment on the incident.

Groups to honor MLK

Planners hope to rekindle flame

By Karen Praslicka
The Battalion

The birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be celebrated today and during the week by organizations which want the former civil rights leader and his dream of equality among all people to be remembered.

The Committee on Multicultural Awareness will sponsor a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 3 p.m. in the Commons Lobby.

Joellen Newman, coordinator of residence life for the Committee on Multicultural Awareness, said she hopes the program will increase awareness of Dr. King.

"I hope it will make people a little more aware of him and what he stood for," she said.

The program will feature student body president Steven Ruth, the Voices of Praise gospel choir and the Fade to Black dance ensemble.

Ruth will speak on civil rights for blacks, and how these rights have developed through the years.

The Department of Multicultural Services will sponsor a video tribute to Dr. King entitled, "In Remembrance of Martin." The video will be shown today, Jan. 20, at noon in Room 145 of the Memorial Student Center.

The video features former president Jimmy Carter, comedian Bill Cosby, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and others speaking about Dr. King's life. Much of the video is narrated by Dr. King's wife, Coretta Scott King.

Lorinda Beekmann, student development specialist, said many people know who Dr. King was, but not what he stood for. She

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Head first

Florida State quarterback Casey Weldon dives for the only touchdown scored in the 56th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic on New Year's Day

in Dallas. Weldon's score sealed a sloppy 10-2 victory over A&M in a tug-of-war that featured a Cotton Bowl record 13 turnovers.

Israeli prime minister loses critical support

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir lost his parliamentary majority at a heated Cabinet meeting Sunday, setting the stage for early elections expected to be focus on the U.S.-backed Middle East peace talks.

Shamir's support in the 120-seat parliament was cut to 59 legislators when the far-right Tehiya and Moledet parties fulfilled pledges to pull their five seats from the government in protest of the Arab-Israeli talks.

The opposition Labor Party said it would try to topple the government in a parliamentary no-confidence vote. The newspa-



Shamir

per Maariv said the Knesset, or parliament, was expected to dissolve itself this week and schedule national elections for June 9.

Tehiya and Moledet oppose the limited self-rule that the government has offered to the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, saying autonomy would lead to

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A&M expansion

University Center nears completion

Alysia Woods
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Almost two years and \$30 million later, Texas A&M's new University Center located near the Memorial Student Center has eliminated the chain-link fences and opened its doors for the spring semester.

Included in the center are student organization offices, a recre-

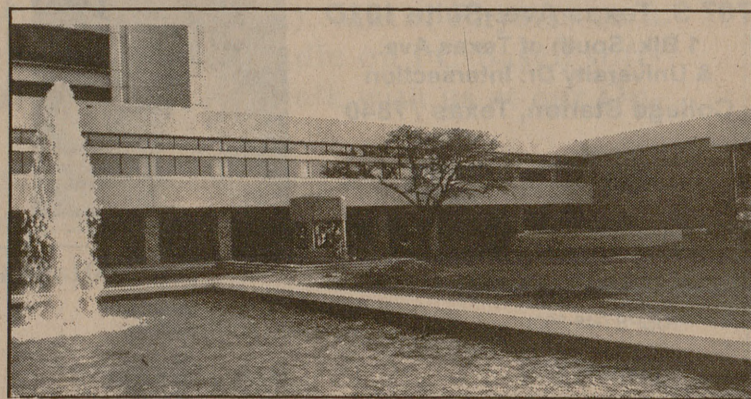
ation area, art galleries and a browsing library.

Dennis Busch, assistant manager of the University Center, said although the center has opened its lobbies to the public, its staff has not completely moved into the offices.

"Furniture is being moved in now," Busch said. "The offices will probably be occupied by the middle of February."

The parking garage located across the center on Joe Routh Boulevard was the first stage of

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DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

The University Center, which is now open to the public after two years of construction, comprises the MSC, Rudder Tower and the new parking garage complex on Joe Routh Boulevard.

Citizens protest prices

Former Soviet republics struggle to curb economic, political chaos

MOSCOW (AP) — Demonstrators angered by soaring prices staged more rallies in Russia and Uzbekistan on Sunday, and news media said two other former Soviet republics reined in economic reforms to head off unrest.

Thousands of university students marched peacefully through Tashkent, the Uzbek capital, to protest the police shooting of fellow students during a rampage Thursday against soaring prices, news reports said.

In St. Petersburg, supporters of Communist groups protested the lifting of price controls in Russia, which has sent the cost of consumer goods spiraling under President Boris Yeltsin's efforts to create a market-driven economy.

Tensions are rising less than three weeks after Yeltsin lunged away from the centrally planned economy of communism by lifting price controls for many goods and raising state-set costs of necessities.

Other republics in the new Commonwealth of Independent States also raised prices to avoid having Russians flood into their territories to buy cheaper goods.

The government of Belarus plans to raise some state-regulated food prices Monday, the independent news agency Interfax said Sunday. Bread and dairy prices will triple and vegetable and fruit will be five times more costly.

However, news reports said Sunday that Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan had decided to hold down or roll back prices in an effort to prevent unrest over economic changes.

Turkmenistan's president, Saparmurad Niyazov, issued a decree Sunday barring price rises above wage increases for some goods, the Russian Information Agency said. The decree affects basic consumer goods, including dairy products, bread, fish, non-alcoholic beverages and children's goods.

In Azerbaijan, President Ayaz Mutalibov ordered a 30 percent reduction in the price of bread Saturday, the agency reported. It said lost revenue would be compensated by higher prices for vodka and other commodities in high demand.

Yeltsin has ordered similar cuts for necessities in some Russian cities and charged that black marketeers, bureaucrats and ex-Communists are using his reforms to gouge consumers.

The unrest in Tashkent continued for a fourth day with about 3,000 students from the city's Agriculture College marching to the city center before being turned back by police, Interfax said. The unarmed students returned to their campus for a protest rally, and no clashes or injuries were reported, it said.