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## Ireland allows girl to leave for abortion

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The Irish Supreme Court cleared the way Wednesday for a 14-year-old girl to leave Ireland for an abortion, leaving divisive legal and political issues for another day.

The ruling overturned the first attempt to prevent an Irish woman from seeking a legal abortion in another country. The case attracted international attention and reopened the debate over abortion, which is banned in Ireland by a constitutional amendment that won overwhelming support in a 1983 referendum.

"From a humanitarian point of view I welcome the decision. It has been a sad and distressful case and I am glad that everything is over," Prime Minister Albert Reynolds told reporters.

The Supreme Court's five justices overturned a High Court order that had prevented the girl, who says she was raped and has threatened to kill herself, from having an abortion or leaving the country.

Opposition leaders, pro-choice groups and even the Roman Catholic Church welcomed the decision. Supporters of the right to an abortion stressed the court's written decision would indicate whether they would seek a new constitutional referendum or legislation.

Chief Justice Thomas Finlay said the written judgment would be issued in a few days.

"No girl or woman who is the

victim of rape should ever again find herself and her family put on trial in such circumstances and suffer such barbaric treatment at the hands of the state," said Alan Shatter, justice spokesman for the main opposition party, Fine Gael.

Shatter said the government should not assume that the decision "relieves it of its political responsibilities."

Reynolds, who was in London for a meeting with British Prime Minister John Major, said he wanted to see the written decision before commenting on implications for future cases.

Reynolds previously said he hoped to avoid another bitter fight over a referendum on abortion.

It was not known whether the

## Supreme Court supports students' right to sue school

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sexually harassed students may sue to collect monetary damages from their schools and school officials, the United States Supreme Court ruled unanimously Wednesday.

The court, rejecting the Bush administration's view, said Congress intended to let students try for such compensation when it passed a law known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The decision is a victory for a former Gwinnett County, Ga., high school student who sued over her alleged sexual encounters with a teacher who, she said, pursued her ardently.

Marcia Greenberger, president of the National Women's Law Center, hailed the ruling as "a major victory for women" that would "heighten the sensitivity of school officials to what's going on."

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## MODEL U.N. A&M students gather in mock political forum

By Jayme Blaschke  
The Battalion

More than 100 Texas A&M University students turned out Wednesday night to try their hand at shaping international politics at the second annual Model United Nations.

The Model U.N. program, sponsored by Student Government and MSC Jordan Institute, provides students the opportunity to become representatives of various U.N. member nations.

Mark Hyde, a sophomore history major from Houston and chairman of the program, said the chance to represent the interest of a foreign country and work alongside others with similar purposes can expand a student's view of international affairs.

"The delegates divide into groups to debate resolutions dealing with everything from Antarctica and AIDS research to arms control and regional security," Hyde said. "This is their opportunity to cast their vote on international problems."

The Model U.N. also gives A&M's foreign students a forum to express their different world views, Hyde said. By working together in the program, American and foreign students both gain a better understanding of each other's cultural priorities.

"For a lot of our international students, this is their first opportunity to work with American students, and vice versa," he said. "One student talked with another from Cameroon for half an hour, and in that time learned more about Africa than he could have by spending a week in the library."

"He got a chance to understand how they think and feel, what their mind sets are," Hyde said. "One thing he discovered is how they're grieved by what they feel is their overlooked position in the world."

Brian McDaniel, a sophomore from Seabrook and president of the Model U.N. security council, said there were several surprises planned for the delegates that would make the proceedings unpredictable, and more realistic.

"We have a crisis situation prepared, which no one knows about," McDaniel said. "We're going to announce a problem developing in Western Sahara and Morocco, concerning the illegal detention of a U.N. delegate."

"This problem will involve all the delegates in working toward a resolution, with updates on the situation coming throughout the conference," he said. "Delegates won't devote all of their efforts on this, but it will hang

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## If the shoe fits . . .

Chad Mauldin, a junior speech communications major, cleans the hooves of Ross, his project horse for

ANSC 311. Students learn basic horse care in the course, held at the Horse Center across from Olsen Field.

## Bush vows to reinforce drug war

### President responds to critics by reaffirming commitment

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — President Bush joined Latin leaders here Wednesday for a second drug summit on the hemisphere's drug crisis, promising to "redouble our efforts" to choke off both narcotics supplies and the big U.S. demand for drugs.



George Bush

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the administration planned no money beyond what is already in the president's budget.

Bush faced criticism at home that his multibillion-dollar drug-fighting strategy has been ineffective, with U.S. cities still flooded with ample, cheap supplies of drugs.

To critics in Congress who label the drug war a failure, the president offered a sharp reply. "They don't know what they're talking about . . . The record's good," he said.

"We're going to get maximum cooperation," Bush said as he met with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori.

But even as the leaders gathered, Bush is facing criticism at home that his multi-billion-dollar drug-fighting strategy has been

ineffective, with U.S. cities still flooded with ample, cheap supplies.

"We're going to build on . . . the Cartagena meeting," said Bush. "We're going to get maximum cooperation. We're going to redouble our efforts on the demand side and on the supply side."

Fujimori said the problem cannot be fought by merely cutting off supplies. Asked if Peru needed more U.S. aid, Fujimori said, "Oh, sure."

Bush pitched in, "Everybody does — including us."

The meeting expands on the summit two years ago in Cartagena, Colombia, where Bush met with the leaders of the Andean nations of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, the principal drug production countries.

Joining in the two-day Texas summit are the presidents of Mexico and Ecuador and the foreign minister of Venezuela — leaders from countries that have seen increasing involvement in illegal drug trafficking as the Andean nations crack down.

Bush was welcoming the Latin leaders to his home state after a day of politicking in California.

His itinerary Wednesday afternoon included separate meetings with Peru's President Alberto Fujimori, Colombia's Cesar Gaviria, Bolivia's Jaime Paz Zamora and Ecuador's Rodrigo Borja.

## In Advance

### Parents' Weekend planning begins

It's time to start planning for Texas A&M's 1992 Parents' Weekend, April 24-26. The Parents' Weekend Committee encourages all student organizations to coordinate activities aimed at showing off pride in Aggieland, and to give parents a feel of what life at A&M is all about.

Any group planning an activity for that weekend is asked to fill out a schedule form. These forms may be picked up in the student government office (Room 127 of the new Student Services Building — in the parking garage across from Rudder Tower) or in the Student Programs Office in the MSC. The schedule forms must be returned to the Student Government office by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

If there are any questions, please call and leave a message for Cathy Gist at the Student Government office at 845-3051.

PLEASE NOTE: Even though an activity may be reserved with University scheduling, if an organization does not complete a schedule form, the activity will not be included in the 1992 Parents' Weekend schedule.

## Department plans basic tax course

By Reagon Clamon  
The Battalion

Students discovering the 1040 tax return for the first time may get some badly needed help if a new basic tax course is approved for the 1992 fall semester.

The new course, which will not have any prerequisites, will be geared to the average student who has never seen a tax return before.

Dr. Larry Crumbley, an accounting professor, said he believes the new class will help students understand the tax laws they face now, as well as the complicated tax laws they may face in the future.

"Many of the problems in business have to do with taxes and

### Class offers help to students preparing to file IRS forms

taxation," Crumbley said. "You really can't make a lot of decisions without knowing the tax law."

Crumbley said much of the course content would be immediately applicable to day-to-day tax problems of students.

"We're trying to make an interesting course," Crumbley said. "I've used short stories in some of my classes as well as video to make it interesting."

Crumbley was chosen by Dr. James J. Benjamin, head of the accounting department, to develop the class as a service course for all

students. Crumbley will eventually teach the course once he has decided what it will cover.

"One aspect of the class would cover individual tax laws," said Crumbley. "This would include the different kinds of deductions, what income is taxable, what scholarship income is taxable and so forth."

Crumbley also said he would stress keeping accurate records — something many students have a problem with.

"Record keeping is very important," Crumbley said. "The

problems students have (with records) are no different than anyone else. Nobody likes to keep records."

Crumbley said the class would be geared toward students but will include a lot of "real world" information.

"Students are going to work for businesses, or start their own businesses," he said. "They need to have information as an employee or employer to know which is the best way to operate."

Crumbley said the class would be more than just a boring tax course.

"There's a real lack of knowledge of taxation and it has a major impact on our lives," he said. "We're trying to set up a service course to help people out."