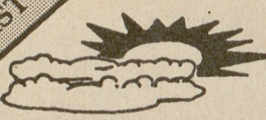


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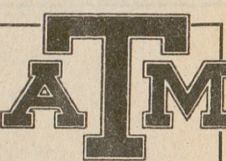
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Bush pledges \$24 billion to finance international aid fund

President Bush refuted allegations that the timing of \$24 billion in U.S. aid to the former Soviet Union was spurred by election year politics.



WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged Wednesday the United States will help finance a \$24 billion international aid fund for the former Soviet Union.

"This isn't any Johnny-come-lately thing and this isn't driven by election year pressures," Bush said at a White House news conference. "It's what's right for the United States."

Democrat Bill Clinton accused the president of moving too slowly on economic and humanitarian aid to the former

Soviet republics. At a speech in New York, Clinton called Bush's foreign policy "reactive, rudderless, and erratic." Earlier this month, former President Richard Nixon had said U.S. support for Russia was "pathetic."

Bush, at the White House, said, "Some people will attack you for doing too much and some for not doing enough. I think this is right."

The \$24 billion aid fund would be extended by financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund with

principal backing from the Group of Seven — Germany, Japan, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and the United States.

Bush said the United States would provide \$600 million in new credit guarantees for grain purchases by Russia and a total of \$500 million for Ukraine, Armenia and other former republics of the now defunct Soviet Union.

The money would be in addition to the \$3.75 billion in agricultural credits approved by Bush since January 1991.



Boris Yeltsin, president of the Commonwealth of Independent States, plans to reduce its armed forces to 1.2 million troops/ Page 12

Yell leader, senator create furor over comments

Letter takes swipes at Ansbach, Battalion

By Jayme Blaschke
The Battalion

Student leaders are questioning the conduct of a member of the Texas A&M Student Government and a yell leader the night before student body elections.

Copies of a letter signed by Ty Clevenger, a student senator and also A&M's student body president for 1990-91, and Treni Kelley, a senior yell leader this year, were distributed to residence halls and placed on car windshields across campus Tuesday night.

In the fliers, Clevenger accused student body president candidate John Ansbach of attempting to discredit fellow student body president candidate David Brooks' by filing charges of mail tampering against Brooks.

Kelley joined Clevenger in attacking The Battalion's coverage of the entire student election, claiming the student newspaper participated in character assassination and manipulated the student body.

Election Commissioner James Phipps said the distribution of the letter did not break any campaign rules, but it is an embarrassment to Student Government.

"I think this is a case of Ty shooting his mouth off," Phipps said. "The statements Ty made in the letter show he is very uninformed about what is going on."

"Ansbach's removal from the Student Senate and the charges of



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He's doing WHAT?

Rehan Walgama, a history major from Henderson, impersonates a sperm cell at the MSC fountain Wednesday for A&M's Funniest People, sponsored by AggieVision. Participants received a free AggieVision video yearbook.

Prizes and gifts, donated by local merchants, also were given away in drawings. The video yearbooks for 1991-92 can be ordered at the AggieVision office in the basement of Reed McDonald.

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Sexual assaults increase, alarm local officials

By Alysia Woods
The Battalion

An alarming increase in the number of sexual assaults this year has troubled local police officials and left volunteers at a rape crisis center with their hands full.

Lt. Mason Newton with the College Station Police Department said a sexual assault that occurred last Saturday behind Kinko's in Northgate marks the eighth rape this year.

Around 6 a.m., a woman was attacked and driven to an unknown location where she was sexually assaulted. The woman was then left in the trunk of her car and was found on a road off Hwy. 60 east of College Station two hours later.

Last year a total of nine sexual assaults were reported in Bryan-College Station.

"This is scary," Newton said. "We don't want to make light of this whole thing because we are already up to eight reported assaults this year."

Newton said of the eight rapes that have been reported, four have been acquaintance rapes and four have been rapes in which the victim did not know the assailant.

The numbers, however, only reflect the rapes that are actually reported to police. Most rapes are not reported, he said.

Only one out of 10 rapes are ever reported, said Paula McCune, volunteer coordinator for the Brazos County Rape Crisis Center.

"We can see how all this has alarmed our community, but we get calls everyday from women who never report it," she said.

Due to the recent sexual assaults that have occurred, McCune

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TWC gives Atochem 30 days to finalize clean up strategies

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Water Commission Wednesday gave Atochem North America Inc. 30 days to resolve negotiations on cleaning up its Bryan facility before a hearing that could lead to the state's largest environmental penalty.

Atochem and the commission staff are discussing 22 technical recommendations to clean up the company's Bryan pesticide manufacturing plant, where the commission says arsenic-contaminated

ground water ran off the property.

The commission staff has suggested the board levy a record \$10 million penalty for the infractions.

The largest assessment by the TWC is \$1 million against Dal-Tile Corp. Commission spokesman Bill Colbert said the \$10 million fine would be the nation's largest according to his research.

Attorneys representing Atochem at Wednesday's commis-

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Representative talks about homosexuality

Expresses difficulties of hiding feelings

By Robin Roach
The Battalion

A Texas state representative expressed the difficulty he experienced as a result of hiding his own homosexuality Wednesday night as part of Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week.

Texas State Rep. Glen Maxey, a former student of A&M, discussed politics regarding the gay and lesbian community and the emotional and social aspects of being homosexual in today's society at the lecture "The Courage to Make a Difference."

"I feared that if people knew I was gay, I would not be able to run for public office," Maxey said.

At almost 40 years of age, Maxey has been open about his homosexuality for six years. He dis-



Glen Maxey

played this by wearing a pink triangle on his bolo tie.

The pink triangle is the gay symbol, historically based on the symbol worn by gay men in Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

One of the first issues Maxey dealt with as a political lobbyist was the quarantine proposal for AIDS sufferers, which he successfully fought to withdraw.

"Up until 1985, the quarantine law in this state meant that public health authorities could pick you up — and under the law, lock you away until you were no longer contagious," he said.

When the position for state representative became available in 1991, Maxey contemplated running. Maxey said he was discouraged by Gov. Ann Richards because he would be viewed as a single-agenda candidate for gays and lesbians.

Maxey campaigned for candidacy regardless of Richards' precautions and succeeded in becom-

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOTE

Student body elections end today. Polling places will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Blocker Building
- Kleberg Center
- Sterling C. Evans Library
- MSC foyer (between the Sweet Shop and Rudder Tower).

Runoff elections will be held Tuesday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the same locations.

WILEY LECTURE SERIES



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

(From left to right) Dr. Antoni Kaminski, Dr. Vitaly Shlykov, Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., Dr. Jean-René Gehan, Mr. Tamás Katona and Catherine Crier discuss the complexities of a post-Cold War world.

European security remains complex issue

By Sharon Gilmore
The Battalion

Although the Cold War has ended, a panel of experts from around the world said security in Europe and America's presence in the area remains a complex issue with unclear answers.

Catherine Crier, anchor of CNN, acted as moderator for the discussion sponsored by the MSC Wiley Lecture Series entitled "New World. New Europe. New Defense?"

Before becoming a CNN anchor, Crier was the youngest district judge in Texas and the first woman initially elected to a civil district bench in Dallas County.

Security should be defined in the broadest sense, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should play a big role in it, said Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"NATO offers the best prospects for keeping America deeply engaged in the region,"

Crowe said. "Together it will offer the most promise to all the countries in Europe and North America," he said.

In Crowe's 43 year career he has served as commander of the United States/Middle East Force in the Persian Gulf, NATO Commander in Southern Europe and commanded all United States forces in the Pacific.

Crowe said the most important steps in developing security in Europe are creating a democracy and

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