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## U.N. forces pull out of Iraqi watch

### Security council weapons experts retreat from position fearing for safety

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — U.N. weapons experts retreated from a 17-day watch outside an Iraqi

government building on Wednesday after Iraqi police stood by while an assailant tried to stab an inspector, a U.N. official said.

The pull-back from the Agriculture Ministry was sure to raise tensions between Iraq and the U.N. Security Council. It also increased the prospects for a limited allied air strike in the latest impasse over U.N. monitoring of Iraq since the Gulf War.

President Bush's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, accused Iraq of not abiding by U.N. resolutions ending the war.

"It is stonewalling U.N. inspectors who are trying to identify and destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction," Fitzwater said.

"We are not ruling out any option, including the use of military force," he said.

President Saddam Hussein's government has denied military documents are inside the ministry. It says that the building is a civilian agency not covered by the U.N. resolutions and that the attempt to search it was an insult to Iraq's sovereignty.

Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. inspection program, said the U.N. experts believe the building contains documents and possibly equipment related to prohibited ballistic, chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

At a news conference in New York, Ekeus said the team ended its round-the-clock vigil outside the alleged Ministry of Agriculture because of "the threat of violence and totally inadequate Iraqi government security."

Ekeus said an Iraqi tried to kill a U.N. inspector with a skewer outside the ministry about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

He said Iraqi police allowed the

man to approach the inspector's vehicle and did nothing while the attack occurred.

Police intervened only after the inspector defended himself successfully and Iraqi officers then let the attacker "walk freely away," he said.

Chanting Iraqis had pelted the inspectors' cars with eggs and vegetables and slashed their tires in escalating demonstrations since July 5, when the Iraqis refused to allow U.N. access to the ministry.

More demonstrations took place in Baghdad and other cities Wednesday, the Iraqi News Agency said. Protesters shouted slogans describing the inspectors as "stray dogs and scoundrels," it said.

Some diplomats deemed the situation far more serious than the standoff last September when U.N. inspectors were surrounded in a Baghdad parking lot for four days before being allowed to take away documents on Iraq's attempt to produce nuclear warheads.

The diplomats said they were alarmed by recent attacks on U.N. guards in northern Iraq, Iraq's refusal to accept a U.N. plan for selling its oil to obtain food and medicine, and Baghdad's rejection of a U.N. commission's demarcation of the Iraq-Kuwait border.

Western and Arab diplomats speculated that Saddam might be willing to risk limited attacks because Iraq has made no progress in ending a trade embargo imposed after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Wednesday that the stalemate over searching the Agriculture Ministry was engineered by the United States and other members of the Security Council as a pretext to "intervene illegally and achieve their aggressive political objectives."

The United States has about 200 warplanes in the Persian Gulf region, some at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and others aboard the aircraft carrier Independence in the gulf.



Fitzwater

## Flying High



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Ten-year-old Lauren Ricca, who attends Crockett Elementary in Bryan, swings in the playground at Hensel Park on Wednesday. Ricca was there with her fellow summer camp classmates.

## Future looks promising for collider

### Senate earmarks funds for project

WASHINGTON (AP) — A month ago, supporters of the superconducting super collider were reeling from the House's

stunning decision to halt federal spending on the giant atom smasher. This week, they have a few reasons to smile.

A Senate appropriations subcommittee Tuesday resuscitated the project, earmarking \$550 million of its \$22 billion allocation for the super collider, which is being built south of Dallas.

And Wednesday, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen revealed he has been able to convince Sen. Robert Byrd, the powerful chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to support the \$8.25 billion super collider.

"He's had some concerns about the super collider and the other night I got him to agree that he would not oppose it — and would vote for it," said Bentsen, D-Texas.

Earlier this year, the West Virginia senator had termed the super collider and the planned space station "exotic luxuries." He ques-

tioned whether the big-ticket science projects were affordable at a time when federal spending needs to be reined in.

Opposition by Byrd to the super collider "would really give us extremely serious problems," said Bentsen, who as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee wields considerable power of his own.

Asked what could have prompted Byrd's support, Bentsen replied: "I would hope a long friendship helped along the way."

Byrd's is not the only vote Bentsen has lined up in weeks of buttonholing fellow senators and urging support for the collider.

Instead of using the traditional arguments — that the super collider is the world's most important research project and failure to build it would set the United States back scientifically — Bentsen took a different tack with retiring California Sen. Alan Cranston.

"I told Cranston: 'I want a going-away present from you,'" Bentsen said Wednesday.

"You voted against the super collider. I want you to vote for it this time."

Bentsen said Cranston "seemed a bit surprised at the request."



Bentsen

## Professor becomes convention delegate

Julie Chelkowski  
The Battalion

Texas A&M professor Richard Stadelmann has been chosen as a delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention in August and will be the only representative from Brazos and Washington counties and the University.

Stadelmann, an associate professor of philosophy and humanities and adviser to A&M's College Republicans, was nominated at the State Republican Convention in Dallas last June after a lengthy caucus session that lasted four hours.

One of Stadelmann's strategies to gain votes (or, at least, to add variety to the refreshments served) at the convention was a hospitality center where he greeted people with Blue Bell Ice Cream from the creamery in his hometown of Brenham.

The ice cream social served to alter the image of convention delegates as heavy drinkers, he said.

"It was a vigorous campaign," he said. Stadelmann, along with two other delegates and three representatives, will represent the newly redistricted Congressional District Eight. The eighth district includes Washington County and sections of Austin, Brazos, Harris, Montgomery and Waller counties.

Keith Kouba, campaign manager for Stadelmann and state chairman for College Republicans of Texas, said Stadelmann was more than qualified for his position as a delegate.

"He's a life-long Republican," Kouba said. "He has always been involved at the state level. He branched out to different sectors of the party — making a special effort to reach out to minorities and young people."

Stadelmann, who served as an alternate to the 1988 national convention, was not elected

on material reasons or from offering false promises, but "he did it on merit," Kouba said. His election was made easier with the help of Kouba, who offered a different perspective in his campaigning, Stadelmann said.

One time, Stadelmann said, after a long day of campaigning at the convention, he arrived at the hospitality center to greet people, but Kouba advised him that it would be in his best interest to change into new clothes and "freshen up."

"This is something Perot could learn — that you need someone who is going to be objective," Stadelmann said.

Stadelmann's selection as a delegate and demonstrations by students at past conventions will provide a link between Aggie Republicans and the state, Kouba said.

"His selection shows that A&M is a viable political force," Kouba said. "He is A&M's link to the state party."

## UPD director ends rumors about incident in Blocker

Juli Phillips  
The Battalion

Confusion among Texas A&M officials and students persists about an incident in the Blocker Building in May where a graduate student severely cut his hand, leaving blood in numerous parts of Blocker.

Students and faculty members said rumors followed that a female A&M student had been murdered in Blocker — the killer then dragged her body through the building, put her into the trunk of a car, and later abandoned the body and car outside of Houston after setting the car on fire. Rumors also surfaced that the police were involved in a cover-up.

Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, said Tuesday he thought the rumors had been put to rest a long time ago.

"We can't hide a dead body," Wiatt said. "A murder is not something anyone could hide, and we wouldn't want to anyway."

Drew Wagner, an A&M graduate student, was intoxicated May 2 and went to his Blocker office between 2 and 3 a.m. Sunday. He wanted some grapefruit juice and knew he had a grapefruit and a juicer in his office. While operating the juicer, he cut his hand. He could not stop the bleeding so he went home to attend to it.

Wagner did not wake up until Sunday night and by Monday, when he returned to his office, the blood had been cleaned up.

"I didn't realize that it was any big deal," Wagner said. "I came back in on Monday, and it was all cleaned up . . . I guess I didn't



File Photo

Bob Wiatt

realize how much I had bled." The University Police Department wrapped up the investigation within two days after Wagner's accident.

"We had to rattle the sabers to get any information on this thing," Wiatt said. The department's search led to a trash can and a bloody grapefruit.

To further complicate matters, some graduate students, who wish to remain anonymous, said they received messages from the police threatening them to stay quiet or face undisclosed consequences.

"I talked to some of the department heads and administrators and said, 'Calm down the damn rumors — you have a panic situation

going on down there,'" Wiatt said.

Dr. Harvey Tucker, the interim director of graduate studies, said he could understand how that could turn into something that sounded like a threat through the grapevine, but he encouraged graduates to speak up if they ever felt they were being threatened.

"Students cannot be dropped for exercising their First Amendment rights," Tucker said. "Deans . . . administrators . . . everybody takes due process seriously and that is the only way students are ever removed from A&M."

One graduate student, who also requested anonymity, said an administrator knew he had seen the blood at the time of the incident but never told him to stay quiet.

The police released the final report to Dr. Dan Robertson, associate dean of the College of Business Administration, and told him to "spread the word."

"I called Dan's personal secretary weeks after the incident was wrapped up, and she didn't know anything about the incident," Wiatt said. "I guess if she didn't know, it shouldn't come as any surprise that others wouldn't know (either)."

Many other students and professors had missed the outcome of the police investigation and still remained shaken because of the incident.

Dr. Ramona Paetzold, an associate professor who had seen the blood that Sunday, said, "This is bizarre. I can't believe this is what we had been worried about."

"I just wish they would have done a better job getting the information passed down to us," she said.

## COMMUNITY UNITY DAY

### Group sponsors workshops, seminars on drug prevention in Bryan-College Station

By Robin Roach  
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The Brazos County Community Prevention Coalition (BCCPC) is bringing the war on drugs to the front doors of Bryan-College Station.

The BCCPC will sponsor Community Unity Day on Saturday, August 1, in an effort to upgrade the level of drug awareness in the Bryan-College Station community.

Several workshops and seminars will be open to the public, free of charge. Adult workshops, a children's program and a panel discussion will focus on topics that are unique to the community.

"Community Unity Day is a united effort to fight drugs and increase awareness of drugs."

- Nikki Phillips, student assistant

"It's a real community-focused project," Mary Cunningham, coordinator for Community Unity Day with BCCPC, said. "We're looking for anybody and everybody to give their input on drugs in our community."

Several departments from A&M will be working with the BCCPC including Aggie Athletes Involved (AAI), which encourages high school students and athletes to stay drug-free.

"Community Unity Day is a united effort to fight drugs and increase awareness of drugs," Nikki Phillips, student assistant in the student affairs department, said.

The week before Community Unity Day, July 26-31, has been approved by the Bryan-College Station city councils to be recognized as Community Drug Prevention Awareness Week.

Cunningham encourages A&M students to attend the workshops on Community Unity Day and become involved in the coalition to serve as role models for younger children faced with the pressures of drugs.

BCCPC is a conglomeration of individuals, agencies, government entities, businesses and organizations in Brazos County who have unified to address the drug problem in our community.

"There are 80 recognized members, but one membership could consist of 100 people," Cunningham said.

In addition to workshops, a light breakfast, complimentary luncheon and refreshments will be served. Coach R.C. Slocum will be the keynote speaker at the event. Free transportation and child care will also be available.

Community Unity Day will be held at the Brazos Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the event will close at 5 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. However, those interested in attending or who need more information should call the BCCPC at 776-8274.