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'Aggie Breathalyzer' under scrutiny

By GINA HOWARD

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A Texas A&M University System spokesperson responded to allegations that a system investigation into sexual harassment charges concerning the use of an "Aggie Breathalyzer" was not conducted thoroughly. Grimes County Sheriff's Deputy Rebecca Hendrick charged that she was sexually harassed while attending a class on law enforcement in recruit school at the Law Enforcement Training Division in 1991. The division is part of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a member of the A&M University System.

James Kuboviak, the Brazos County attorney and accused instructor, presented Hendrick with an apparatus that she described to the Houston Chronicle as being a

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*-Rebecca Hendrick
Deputy Sheriff*

"black box with lights and a plastic penis attached to it" during the '91 training class.

It was placed about two feet in front of her, then, Kuboviak told Hendrick to blow into the "Aggie Breathalyzer," Hendrick said.

Hendrick said she realized the

joke was used to break the monotony of class, but she felt it was done at her expense.

Hendrick told the Chronicle that "A&M downplayed the incident," and the investigators failed to interview her or to notify her of the results of investigation.

Brenda Sims, coordinator for marketing and communication at TEEX, said she did not understand why Hendrick accused TEEX of downplaying the incident.

"We weren't trying to sweep it under the rug," Sims said. "We took our time and sampled as many people as it took to be accurate."

"It (the sexual harassment charges) was taken very seriously," she said. "We were very objective."

Sims said she did not understand why Hendrick told the Chronicle she was not interviewed by the investigators.

"Of course we interviewed her, and it is documented in the report of the probe's findings," she said. Hendrick was unavailable to comment on Sims' statements.

The TEEX investigation found that "the unusual device did exist at one time and is not appropriate for classroom use whether it offended anyone or not; it is no longer being used."

The report cited that Hendrick was the only female recruit who expressed the training aid was used in an offensive manner, and

Kuboviak was named in the report as being an outstanding professor.

The "Aggie Breathalyzer" was used in training no later than mid-1991, and the director of the division at that time may have known about it, Sims said.

"What we have is a very effective instructor going by guidelines of a former administration," she said. "We have high standards, and of course we don't condone sexual harassment."

Sims said she is not clear as to why Hendrick waited 19 months to bring out the charges.

Hendrick and several other students who were enrolled in the class told the Chronicle no one came forward because such a

complaint could seriously hurt the students' future careers.

Sims said Hendrick had a chance to speak up anonymously at the end of the class session.

"It is policy that every class is critiqued anonymously by the students and that would have been her chance to say something without hurting her career, but she did not," Sims said. "We have never received a complaint and found it very strange to receive one 19 months later."

Hendrick claimed the incident was downplayed because TEEX never contacted her with the results of the investigation. But Sims said Hendrick was not notified because until recently they "were tied up in legal findings."

Arab support essential to U.N., director says

By JENNIFER SMITH

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Until the United Nations eliminates its no fly zone, Iraq can expect more attacks similar to Sunday's, said Dr. Ronald Hatchett, associate director for programs at the Mosher Institute for Defense Studies at Texas A&M.

"As long as we have a no fly zone, as long as we have these restrictions, we must take action if Iraq does not comply," said Hatchett, who works at the Mosher Institute for International Policy Studies.

Sunday's attack signals that President Bush is insisting Iraq comply with the United Nations requirements, he said.

But until the United Nations receives support from the Arab League, Hatchett said any attack against Iraq will be condemned by the 21 Arab countries it represents.

Since the end of the Gulf War, Hatchett said support for a continuation of policies against Iraq has fallen off among Arab nations.

"There is a difference between removing Saddam Hussein from Kuwait and with interfering with him," Hatchett said.

Hatchett believes Sunday's attack only strengthens Hussein's power in the Arab world. "Egypt, the most powerful Arab nation, has already condemned the strike as unacceptable," Hatchett said. "It is important for the people in this region to support the United Nations' policies."

"We need more than France and England to support United Nations resolutions," he said. "We need the support of Arab states, especially Egypt."

Hatchett said some Arab nations feel the United Nations is wrong to enforce these resolutions and ignore other resolutions which have been around for years.

"They feel it is a double standard," Hatchett said.

"Arab nations have begun to characterize this as a western effort instead of an effort by the United Nations."

Hatchett said the election of Bill Clinton as President may change the policies against Iraq.

"I think Bill Clinton needs to build a new consensus of coalition partners for Iraq," he said. "Clinton believes Iraq would be better off with a new government,

but he believes he cannot choose that government."

Hatchett said problems will continue with Iraq if the policies of the Bush administration continue.

"It is embarrassing that a great power like ours can be focused on one little tin-horned dictator," he said. "If you're going to get rid of Saddam, you won't make a difference unless you get rid of that whole political structure."

U.S. missiles hit Iraq

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WASHINGTON — The United States on Sunday fired a shower of Tomahawk cruise missiles on a nuclear fabricating plant eight miles from downtown Baghdad to make "the political and diplomatic point" that Iraq must comply with United Nations resolutions.

In a crescendo for President Bush's final weekend in office, U.S. forces shot down a MiG-23 warplane and struck an Iraqi air defense installation before warships launched more than 30 Tomahawks into the night skies near Iraq's capital.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein "is determined to create a confrontation in the closing days of the Bush administration," and emphasized that Bush would not flinch.

Cheney referred to Saddam as a "pathetic figure" for testing the U.S. presidential transition and the United Nations coalition that defeated Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War.

President Bush was at Camp David for the weekend and made no statement.

The attack put Saddam on notice that the United States was willing to hit him close to home. Like last Wednesday's hostilities, it was a limited action unlikely to expose U.S. forces to much risk.

Baghdad was lit by bright blasts of anti-aircraft fire from Iraqi gunners. It was not immediately known whether the attack was successful. "We don't have a damage assessment at this point," Fitzwater said.

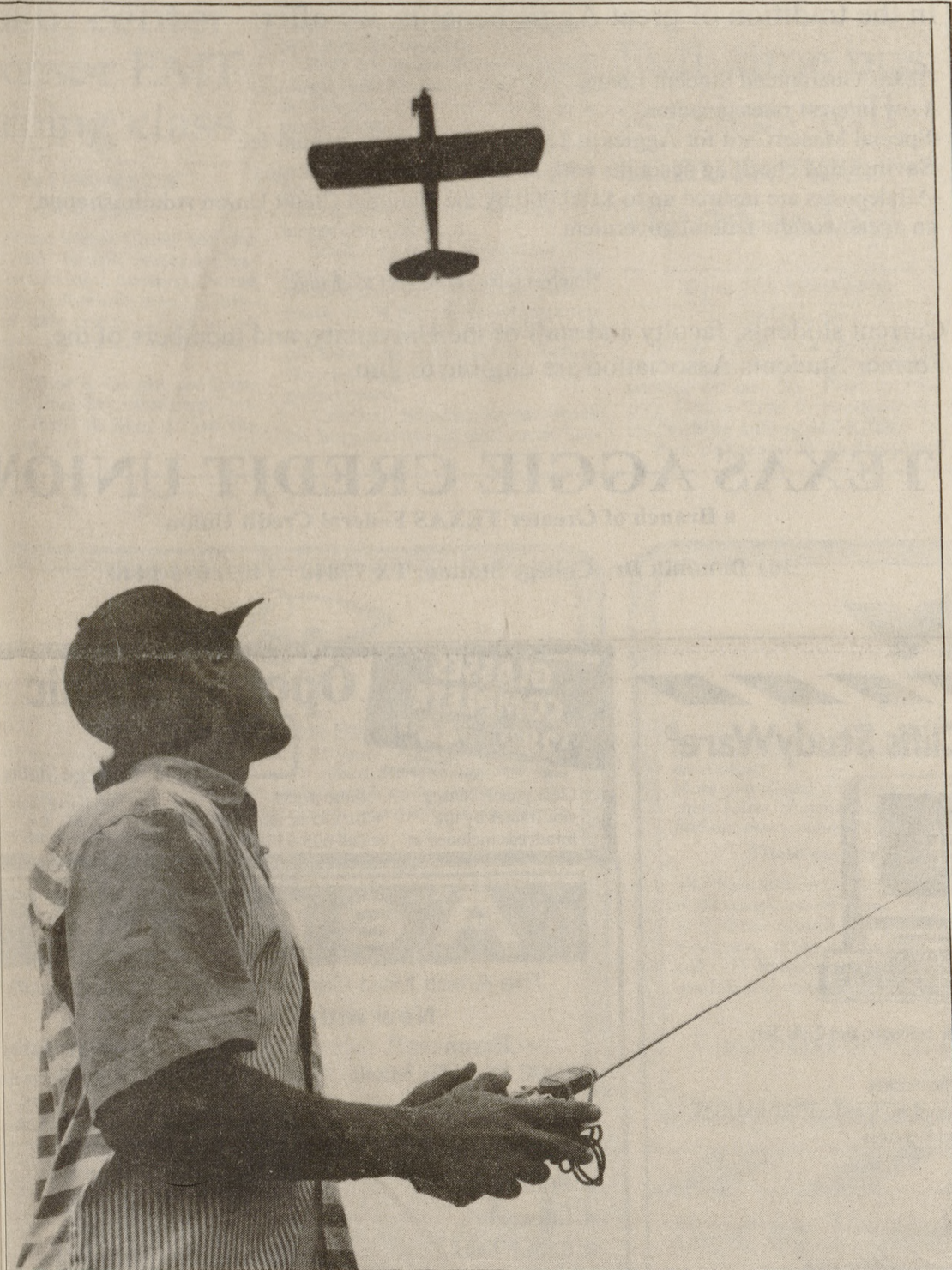
However, an explosion wrecked the lobby of the downtown Al-Rasheed hotel, and reports said two people died and up to 30 were injured in several parts of the city.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the casualties were caused by falling anti-aircraft shells or American missiles.

The official Iraqi News Agency said a number of "civilian, tourist and cultural targets" were hit.



Cheney



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Jason Rodriguez, a 10th-grader from A&M Consolidated High School, uses a remote control unit to fly a model airplane above the

Polo Fields on Sunday. Rodriguez has been flying for 2 years and owns eight other radio control planes costing about \$300 each.

Rare 'Bear' lives in Evans library

By KEVIN LINDSTROM

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An autographed copy of former A&M football coach Paul Bryant's autobiography, *Bear: The Hard Life and Good Times of Alabama's Coach Bryant*, has been found in the stacks of the

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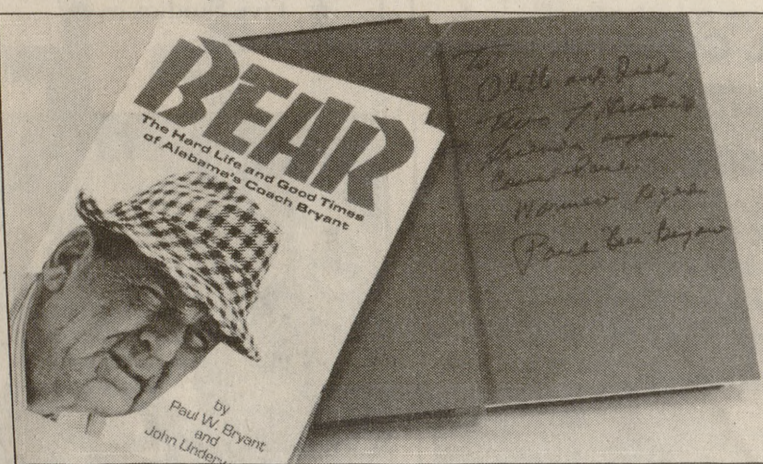
-Dr. Donald Dyal

Sterling C. Evans Library by The

Dr. Donald Dyal, head of Special Collections and Archives at Texas A&M University, said the book will be placed into the Texas Collection in the Special Collections of the Evans Library.

"Originally, all of the books in the Special Collections had duplicates in the stacks," Dyal said. "Because of the signature, the duplicate will be put out in the stacks to replace the autographed

Autographed copy of 'Bear' Bryant's autobiography discovered in stacks



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copy." Bryant's signature was authenticated by Texas A&M athletic director John David Crow. Dyal said a book may be placed in Special Collections for one of three reasons: a donated

book is given restrictions on its use, certain books are collected by the University or sometimes, books are "100 percent rare stuff."

The Bryant book, which he co-wrote with John Underwood in 1974, is not the only book signed

by a famous author in Special Collections.

There is an autographed copy of Audie Murphy's *To Hell and Back* in the Ragan Military Collection and an autographed copy of Beverly Sill's autobiography, *Bubbles: A Self Portrait*, in the Rare Books Collection.

Like the Bryant book, many of these books are found in the stacks by students and brought to the library's attention. A copy of a book signed by Mark Twain was found in the stacks and had been checked out once before it was brought to Dyal's attention.

The book signed by Bryant had been in circulation since at least 1990. Dyal said any books that are thought to be of value can be brought to Special Collections, located on the second floor of the Evans Library.

One of the collections that the University has emphasized is an extensive collection of local histories of all of the Texas counties.

"There are certain people who know A&M only for our collections. The Texas Collection is one of them," Dyal said.

Events for MLK week

Texas A&M University will present two programs this week to commemorate civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The first, the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony, will be held today at noon in the Academic Building. Texas A&M President Dr. William Mobley and Student Body President Steve Beller will be among several guest speakers.

The University's replica of the Liberty Bell will ring as a part of the observance of today's national holiday for King, joining other honorary bells around the country.

Further, the Department of Student Affairs' committee on Multicultural Awareness will serve as host for a remembrance program at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Commons lobby.



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