

# The Battalion CLASSIFIED ADS

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## Professors react to homeland war

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because many of the students didn't have money for books.

"They would bring in the war, so I couldn't talk of sociology. I learned more from them than them from me because they were so preoccupied with the war," Mestrovic said.

"There is no normal life. Every day the conversation went to the war. There is a constant fear," he said. "The tension and anxiety are just overwhelming."

Although much of the fighting was occurring in Bosnia, Zagreb was only 20 minutes from the front line. The front line is wherever the Serbs have been stopped, he said. The potential for an attack on Zagreb always existed, as well as the danger from rockets, he said.

**MILITARY POLICY**  
The Serbian military policy is carefully orchestrated, Mestrovic explained. The Serbs will pound a city with artillery. Only then will they enter the city and round up the people.

The men often are sent to camps, and the women are raped. The Serbs do this to instill terror in the people so they will leave the area and never come back, he said.

Pejovich said war crimes are a part of any war.

"Atrocities are being committed in this war, but atrocities are committed in all wars, especially civil wars," he said. "The Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia still remember how they were slaughtered by the Croats and Muslims during World War II."

Dr. Alex Patek, A&M assistant professor of political science said, "Their (Serbs') primary intention is to clear people out of certain areas and move Serbian people into these areas. This often entails massacres or driving people out as refugees."

The refugees go to areas under Croatian rule and to areas under United Nations protection. Most often, the safest area is Croatia, where refugee camps are set up, Mestrovic said. A U.N. refugee office also is located in Zagreb.

"The Serbs have no systematic policy on what to do with the refugees," Mestrovic said. "They clear them out and what happens to the refugees is not necessarily their problem."

**"ETHNIC CLEANSING"**  
News reports often have referred to Serbian war crimes against the Bosnians as an "ethnic cleansing."

Mestrovic said, "The media calls this an 'ethnic cleansing,' but it's genocide."

Genocide is a violation of U.N. resolutions.

"Unlike the siege of cities, 'ethnic cleansing' is not a legitimate way to conduct wars," Pejovich

said. "Unfortunately, it is also a predictable consequence of many wars and most civil wars."

The people of Bosnia are in a difficult position because the region is the most ethnically mixed. Bosnia is composed of 34 percent Serbs who live in 67 percent of the territory.

These Serbs want to join their motherland, Pejovich said. It is not possible for these Serbs to move to Serbia because they are farmers and are attached to the land. They will not leave their farms, he said.

"The history of Serbia is a story about the people who have fought for centuries, often alone, for the right to live together," said Pejovich.

Any solution that ignores the Serbs' determination to live together only will impose greater costs on a greater number of people over a longer period of time, he said.

**U.N. PRESENCE**  
The U.N. Protection Force is located in Bosnia and Croatia. Their main function is to help humanitarian aid convoys get through to recipients, mainly Muslims and Croats. However, the convoys have been continually harassed, mainly by Serbs, according to news reports.

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A&M professor

Mestrovic said the United Nations cannot solve the problems in Bosnia.

"When I was there, Bosnians and Croats felt the U.N. was on the side of Serbia. Many felt the U.N. was there to prevent the Bosnians from getting aid," Mestrovic said. "The word for the U.N. was 'UNPROFOR.' Now it's 'SERBOPOR.'"

The United Nations even broke its own trade embargo imposed on Serbia, Mestrovic said. During the U.N. Week of Tranquility for Children (Nov. 1-8), the United Nations shipped clothing to Muslim children in Bosnia. A scandal broke out when it was discovered the clothing had been made in Serbia.

The United Nations broke the trade embargo by paying hard currency to Serbia for the clothing which was refused by the Bosnians. U.N. officials could have bought the clothing from anywhere else, Mestrovic said.

"It was an insensitive act. It's equivalent to shipping aid from Berlin to Auschwitz," he said. "It was a huge scandal in the Balkans."

**RAPES**  
While in Croatia, Mestrovic also learned of the brutal rapes of Bosnian women by the Serbs.

"A whole generation of women has been traumatized forever. I really don't know what happens to them," Mestrovic said.

He interviewed some of the rape victims. Many of the women who were raped and became pregnant walked away from their babies to let them die or suffocate them because it was their tormentor's child. The women were stigmatized and rejected by their families.

"There should be an outcry from feminist groups about this, instead we have Zoe Baird and nannygate," Mestrovic said. "Humanitarian aid also means social workers and rape counseling."

**THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES**

While Mestrovic was in Croatia, many of the people asked him if Americans saw all the destruction on television. He only could answer "yes," but he could give no explanation to them for America's inactivity.

"There is a lot of disillusionment that America and Western Europe didn't help them," he said. "They looked up to the Americans and were very disappointed by them."

Pejovich said intervention is not the answer because any outside action will not have a long-lasting impact.

"I believe that Serbs, Croats and Muslims should be left alone to seek borders based on their respective balance of political and military skills," Pejovich said. "At this time, any solution imposed from outside will not produce (except by chance) a long-run equilibrium in the region."

Mestrovic agrees with Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, former U.N. delegate, that it is time for unilateral U.S. action. He does not want to see ground troops enter the region, but he believes air strikes would work.

The Serbs are not willing to take losses, Mestrovic said, and the Croats and Bosnians should be given weapons to defend themselves. This would entail the lifting of the arms embargo.

Pejovich said, "I think the embargo on the sale of weapons is wrong. If they've gone berserk, let them fight until they're exhausted. Then they will begin to negotiate."

Mestrovic said there are other issues to consider.

"We should help the Bosnians on humanitarian grounds," he said. "Some real crimes against humanity are occurring."

Individuals should be allowed to help war victims, Pejovich said, but the U.S. government should not interfere.

Patek said the United States should put more pressure on Europe to take the initiative (in peace plans), increase humanitarian aid and get refugees out of the danger zone.

"If you can't decide on a military effort, make sure as many civilians are moved out of the danger zones as possible and given humanitarian aid," he said.

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**What's Up**

**Tuesday**

**Class of '94:** A general class meeting will be held Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. For more information, call Danny Ward (764-1524).

**TAMU Photography Club:** Workshop on printing black and white. No materials necessary. Meet on Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 8 p.m. outside of the Craft Center in the MSC. Contact Curtis for more information (847-5001).

**Society for Human Resource Management:** A speaker meeting will be held in Blocker on Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Colleen (847-0912).

**Verbal Preparation for the GMAT:** Material presented in these sessions is designed to improve verbal and math scores on the GMAT FREE. Register in advance in 241 Blocker. Meet in 242 Blocker on Tuesday March 9 at 4-5 p.m. for this course. For more information, call the Center for Academic Enhancement (845-2724).

**Le Carle Francois; Table Francaise.** Come eat lunch with French Club on Tuesday, Mar. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in HullaBallou. For more information, call Star (693-0227).

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Coordination Committee:** Persons interested in going to the King Center in Atlanta, Ga. need to attend this meeting. Your \$20 fees are due. Only 25 people can attend and there are only a few spots left; therefore, sign up immediately. Meet in room 292 B of the MSC on Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Tamica Gaines (825-2273).

**TAMU Freestyle Skate Club:** A general meeting and Group skate at the Grove, next to Albritton Tower on Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 8 p.m. For more information, call Bryan (847-1606).

**Association of A&M Guitarists:** Workshop with Hans and Mark from local band Acid Bath! Meet on Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 9 p.m. at Rumors (in MSC). For more information, contact Kelly Shetzer (846-3863).

**Pre-Med Society:** What does our Future in

Medicine hold? Panel of experts on health reform will answer questions. Meet in 292 A of the MSC on Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kevin Whitley (696-9050).

**National Society of Black Engineers:** Election night - "NSBE wants you." A general meeting will be held in 302 Rudder at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 9.

**Aggie Socialist:** A lecture will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder Tower. The topic is "Progressive Politics in Wisconsin" by Mr. Craig Gebauer, treasurer of the socialist party of Wisconsin. A discussion will follow.

**Medicine Tribe:** A general meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9 at 5:30 p.m. behind the Sul Ross statue. It will be in the Academic building if it rains. Plans will be discussed for housework and selling Unicef cards.

**TAMU Snow Ski Club:** A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. The spring break trip will be discussed. For more information call Krista (696-8186).

**Department of Philosophy and Humanities Music Section:** A brown bag concert will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. in 402 Academic. For more information contact Rebecca (845-3355).

**Floriculture Ornamental Horticulture Club:** There will be a greenhouse work party on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the FOH Greenhouse (next to KAMU Transmitter). Anyone interested in plants is welcome. For more information contact Brod (693-6672).

**Student Council for Exceptional Children:** A meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in 144 Student Activities Office. Guest speakers will be Bonnie Levin who teaches life skills and Stephanie Miller who teaches the learning lab at A&M Consolidated High School. There will be question and answer time. For more information contact Kristy Perez (823-6668) or Erin Kipp (693-9409).

**Honorary Students:** There will be a time of fellowship on Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m.

in 145 MSC. There will be refreshments and our bi-weekly Bible study. All are welcome. For more information contact Lisa (823-7720).

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes:** A general meeting will be held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 in G Rollie White - Letterman's Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

**Texas A&M Horsemen's Association:** A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

**Nutrition Society:** We will have a guest lecturer on International Nutrition and officer elections for the next year's Nutrition Society! Please come. We will meet today at 7 p.m. in 127 Kleberg. Contact Roseline (693-4214).

**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship:** Everyone is welcome to worship and to hear our dynamic speaker from a local church. Meet this evening at 7 p.m. in the Arch. Building C105. For more information, call (847-3666).

**TAPSS:** Ms. Mary Miller, V.P. for Finance and Administrative Services, TAMU, will speak on "Quality of Work Life at Texas A&M." Meet at noon at 144 of the Student Services Building. For more information, call (845-5566).

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