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A YEAR OF WAR IN SARAJEVO

Today marks anniversary of Bosnia's drive for independence

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Marking the first anniversary of the war that has shattered their lives and their city, residents of Sarajevo waver between resignation and disbelief.

Grim and exhausted, they live day to day, struggling to survive amid the ruins with U.N. handouts and a belief that the Serb attackers will never take their city.

Today is regarded as the first anniversary of the war. Last April 6, the United Nations recognized the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbs who oppose the state's independence drive opened fire on peace demonstrators.

The Bosnian government estimates that 8,250 Sarajevans have died and 14,500 have been wounded since then.

Across the republic, more than 200,000 people are dead or missing, the government

says.

No official observances were planned, but on Monday President Alija Izetbegovic issued yet another appeal to the international community to act.

The Serbs have seized 70 percent of Bosnia's territory, and the eastern enclave of Srebrenica is on the verge of falling to the Serbs.

"Please do something to save Srebrenica and to stop this tragedy, the greatest since World War II," Izetbegovic wrote to President Clinton in a letter read on Bosnian TV.

Only the U.N. military command scheduled something special on Tuesday — a crucial negotiating session of the opposing

army chiefs on the neutral grounds of Sarajevo's airport.

Sarajevo's ordeal can be partially understood in numbers: 2,500 children killed; 35,000 apartments damaged or destroyed;

75 percent of the city's old architecture in ruins; 54,000 tons of humanitarian aid brought in to keep the city alive.

But row upon row of wooden grave markers filling Lion

Cemetery and the field of the nearby soccer stadium are much more poignant than numbers.

"I didn't expect it to last this long, but I don't see the end of it even now... it could easily last another year."

—Jadranka Stojkovic, Hare Krishna member

who spends her days caring for refugees. "It could easily last another year."

The ugliness of war is everywhere: bullet-riddled cars, collapsed buildings, hillsides and parks denuded of trees cut down for fuel, uncollected garbage picked over by skinny cats and dogs.

But a year of dodging sniper bullets, burying loved ones and struggling for essentials — food, water and shelter — have toughened the city and its spirit.

Most buses have been destroyed, and an open truck carries people around town. Neighbors share the last crumbs of their bread, and the daily newspaper Libeation continues to publish, even though its offices were shattered.

In one recent spontaneous demonstration of dark humor, several people boarded an idled streetcar while a crowd of pedestrians pushed it — "just so they could say they were riding the tram," said journalist Mirjana Pobric.

Campus runoff elections today, I.D. required

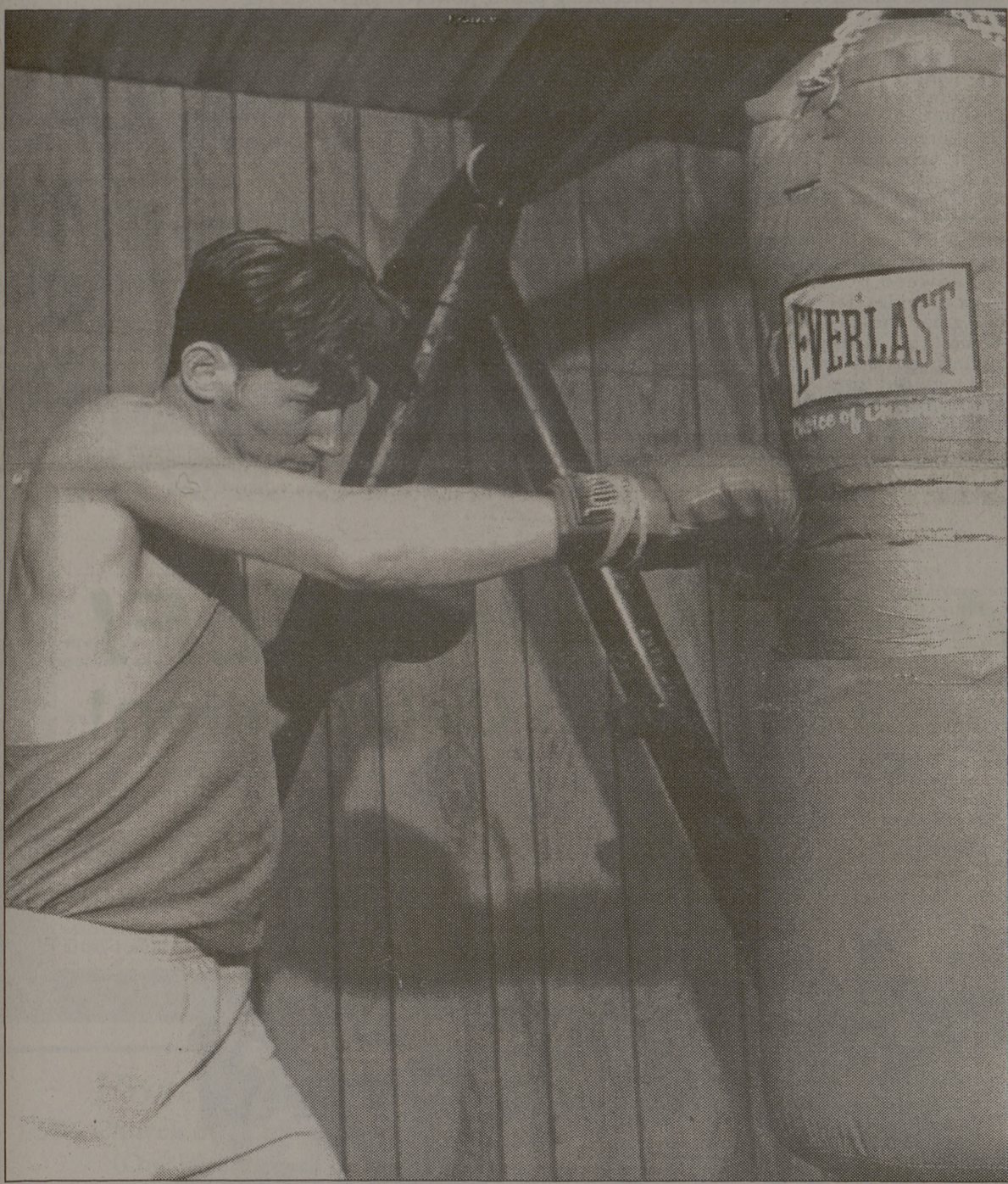
Students can vote in today's campus runoff elections from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the MSC, Sterling C. Evans Library, Blocker Building, Kleburg Center and Zachry Engineering Center.

Voting is open to all students including graduating seniors. Students need to bring their student I.D. with them to vote.

The election results will be announced around 12:30 a.m. Wednesday outside the Student Government offices in the Student Services Building.

Runoff elections are being held for the following races: student body president, Residence Hall Association president, Class of '95 treasurer, Class of '96 vice president and Class of '96 secretary.

Training for Fight Night '93



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Bill Yarnell, a senior political science major from Texarkana, prepares for Fight Night. Sigma Phi Epsilon has held Fight Night every year for the past 17 years to raise money for the Marcus J. Tyler

Memorial Scholarship Fund. There will be approximately 70 fighters competing at Charlie's on South Texas. Fight Night will begin Thursday and continue through Saturday. Admission is \$5.

Through the looking glass . . . Professor disputes replacing of Academic Building windows

By CHERYL HELLER

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Planned improvements to the Academic Building may take away from its historical authenticity, architecture professor David Woodcock said Monday.

The Texas A&M Physical Plant plans to replace the existing wooden windows on the Academic Building with dark, anodized aluminum windows.

Although the original wooden windows are decayed and require a lot of maintenance, Woodcock said the aluminum windows will detract from the historic preservation of the building.

Plant Director Joe Sugg said the aluminum windows will maintain consistency with other buildings on campus, provide better insulation, and require less maintenance than wooden windows.

"We've replaced windows in Sbsia Dining Hall, the Systems Building, and several other older buildings on campus with aluminum windows," he said. "Re-



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placing the Academic Building windows will make the buildings appear more attractive as a group."

Woodcock reported the window replacement to the Texas Historical Commission in Austin, but as an advisory board, the commission can only offer suggestions to the University.

"The Academic Building is the oldest original building and central focal point on campus," he said. "It's home to many Texas A&M traditions, and I'm disappointed that the University seems to be moving closer to destroying it."

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Domestic dispute ends in violence

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DALLAS — A fired employee walked into an Avis car rental agency Monday, wounding an ex-girlfriend and the office manager before shooting himself with a semiautomatic handgun, police said.

Tracy Gilbert, 25, of Dallas was under police guard at Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he was reported in critical condition with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Also in critical condition was Cindy Sparatore, 31, of Irving, a receptionist, who was shot three times in the abdomen. Kerry Honeycutt, 47, was listed in fair condition with gunshot wounds to the abdomen and chest, said Esther Bauer, a hospital spokeswoman.

Avis officials said Gilbert was fired on Friday after he and Sparatore got into an office quarrel that ended with several angry shoves.

"My understanding is that it was a domestic dispute, the breaking up of their relationship," Dallas police Sgt. Jim Chandler said.

Monday morning, Gilbert returned to the car rental agency a few hundred yards south of Dallas Love Field airport.

"From what I saw and heard, someone came in

and just started shooting," said Trisha Martin, an employee of Thrifty Car Rental, located adjacent to the Avis building near Dallas Love Field. "There were three shots that I heard."

Chandler said Gilbert walked into the door of the Avis office about 9:20 a.m. Monday, strode to the front of the office where Sparatore sat at her desk, and shot her several times.

Chandler said the suspect next shot Honeycutt, who was standing nearby, then returned to the rear of the office, looking for Sparatore, who had fled after the initial flurry of shots.

A co-worker hid her inside a restroom and told the assailant she didn't know her whereabouts, Chandler said.

"As a result of her quick action, the victim's life was probably saved," he said.

Chandler said the gunman then shot himself. A .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun was found on the floor.

More than six shots had been fired from the weapon, he said.

"We are shocked and deeply saddened by this tragic event," said Linda Childs, chief operating officer of Hayes Leasing Corp., the Avis licensee for Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin.

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UT health center to open institute for research of incurable diseases

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HOUSTON — The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston on Monday unveiled plans for a \$40 million Institute of Molecular Medicine that physicians said would work to find root causes of many diseases now considered incurable.

"The institute is going to be the centerpiece of a very broad effort to look at the causes of many common diseases, determine what those causes are and hopefully and eventually prevent them," said Dr. C. David Low, president of the school's Health Science Center.

The institute, to be part of the famed Texas Medical Center, is to be made up of 10 research centers, each focusing on disease areas like cardiovascular medicine, infectious diseases, kidney problems, neurosciences and pulmonary diseases.

One or two of the centers are to open each year beginning next January, with the entire institute likely to be running in four or five years.

"Imagine a world without debilitating disease, disease that claims lives prematurely and disease that limits productivity of people far earlier than should occur," said Dr. James Willerson, chairman of the school's Department of Internal Medicine.

"This is a dream many of us have but it's a reachable dream based on the developments in molecular biology and immunology," he said.

Willerson, who will direct the institute's Scientific Advisory Board, said he knew of no other similar center dedicated so specifically to diseases and how to prevent them.

"Its main purpose is to identify the basic cellular and subcellular mechanisms responsible for human disease with the expectation that will allow us to predict disease well before they occur, cure them and prevent their progression and ultimately prevent them," he said.

"By developing gene therapies and giving needed genes or gene products to patients, we will treat, then cure," he said.

Silver Taps tonight

The following people will be honored in tonight's Silver Taps ceremony at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building:

• Lauren Elizabeth Brandt, a freshman psychology major from Spring, Texas. Brandt, 19 years old, died in a car accident during spring break.

• Daniel Wayne Peters, a senior forestry major from Chester, Texas. Peters, 22 years old, was killed in a car accident last month in Waco.

• Jose J. Sanchez, 22 years old. Sanchez, a senior psychology major from Laredo, was killed in a car accident during spring break.

• Ashley Randolph Turner, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Kingwood. Turner, 19 years old, was killed March 13 in a car accident.

