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John David Crow submits resignation as athletic director

By WILLIAM HARRISON

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Texas A&M Athletic Director John David Crow resigned Tuesday, citing possible conflicts of interest in private business because of his dealings with the Gulf Greyhound Park in Lamarque.

His resignation is effective May 1. Crow said he will retain a new position within the A&M athletic department as director of development in charge of fund-raising for the University, athletics in particular.

In a press release, Texas A&M University President Dr. William Mobley said he expected Crow to provide a key role in the University's "Capturing the Spirit" endowment plan.

"John David Crow is a highly respected individual in both athletic and business circles," Mobley said. "He has advanced our overall athletic program and will continue to play an important role at our university."

Crow said he is pursuing a limited partnership in the park and is resigning the athletic director position because of possible negative perceptions with his future involvement with the park.

"It is simply because of the perception of a possible conflict of interest as far as being involved in the ownership of a gambling business," Crow said. "I'm not going to have anything to do with the management of the park, but I just don't want anyone to perceive it as any type of (conflict)."

"I wouldn't do anything to hurt this university," he said. Crow said he has been discussing the matter with Mobley since the dog racing park opened in November. A&M associate athletic director Wally Groff will be named interim athletic director until a national search for a permanent director is completed, he said.

"Dr. Mobley will name a search committee and I have been informed that I will be a member of that committee, not the chairman," he said.

Crow said his association with Paul Bryant, Jr., the general partner in the dog racing park, started when he played football for Bryant's father, then-A&M head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

"(Bryant Jr.) was just a young kid at that time, and I got reacquainted with him when I was in Tuscaloosa coaching at the University of Alabama with Coach Bryant," Crow said. "We kept in touch since that time, and my association with him is how all this came about."

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Germany, U.S. swap command of soldiers

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BRUSSELS, Belgium — The United States and Germany are transferring NATO wartime command of thousands of each other's soldiers in an unprecedented move that will put GIs under German officers and Germans under U.S. orders.

The exchange reflects NATO's need to combine forces into multinational corps given national troop cutbacks. It is also a departure from Washington's traditional reluctance to allow foreign generals to supervise its troops.

"The United States has not in the past designated any of its forces for operations directly under the command of others," said U.S. Army Gen. John Galvin, former chief of European forces for the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"If the balloon goes up, the plan would be for that division to chop (pass) to the German corps," said Galvin, now at West Point Military Academy in New York.

At Thursday's ceremony in Giebelstadt airfield, about 50 miles southeast of Frankfurt, Germany, the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division, based at Bad Kreuznach, will be attached to the German army's 2nd Corps. Germany's 5th Panzer Division will go to the U.S. 5th Corps, based in Frankfurt.

The 16,000 to 20,000 troops in each division will not move from their bases. Each multinational corps will total 50,000 to 75,000 soldiers.

Each nation will also assign six bilingual officers to the other's corps headquarters of several hundred personnel. The specialists will take part in training, intelligence, communications and logistics.

"The German division is an equal partner in the planning process of the 5th Corps, which has never been done before," said Lt. Col. Dick Bridges, the corps spokesman.

MUSTER CEREMONY TODAY—

The following is a list of today's Muster events:

- A barbecue will be held in the Academic Plaza at 11 a.m. Tickets can be purchased with Aggie Bucks for \$5, however only meal plans and cash will be accepted on site.

- A piece of the Berlin Wall will be presented to former President George Bush at 11 a.m. The ceremony will take place behind the Bush Library Center across the street from the MSC. The public is invited.

- The Muster ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

Koresh vowed not to surrender

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WACO — Cult leader David Koresh vowed he would not be taken alive, according to court documents unsealed Tuesday, the day after the doomsday prophet and an estimated 85 of his followers perished in a blaze authorities said the Branch Davidians deliberately set.

"Neither the ATF or the National Guard will ever get me," the documents quoted Koresh as saying on Feb. 28 as agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms attempted to arrest him and search the compound for illegal weapons.

"They got me once, and they will never get me again. They are coming. The time has come," the affidavit quoted Koresh as saying. The document, filed April 18, was signed by ATF special agent Earl Dunagan, who was involved in the investigation and spoke with agents involved in the doomed raid.

The affidavit claims that Koresh was dressed in black and armed with a rifle.

Other men were arming themselves and one man was seen with a string of hand grenades around his neck.

The affidavit also detailed a lengthy inventory of firearms it said the cult had bought for at least \$199,715 between October 1991 and the Feb. 28 raid.

The FBI continued Tuesday to try and focus blame for the deaths on Koresh, instead of the agency's stepped-up tactics.

FBI special agent Jeff Jamar said investigators had inconclusive evidence some of the cult

members may have been killed as they tried to escape the inferno.

One body with a gunshot wound was found in the remains of the buildings, but it was uncertain when that person was shot, Jamar said. "There might have been people killed who were trying to get out of the compound," he said.

Several published reports described listening devices inside the compound and The Dallas Morning News says in its

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Mount Carmel center of intensive federal investigation

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WACO — From the charred ruins of their Mount Carmel compound east of Waco to Capitol Hill in Washington, the doomsday Branch Davidian cult has sparked investigations of many types, officials said Tuesday.

The Texas Rangers, who took control of the burned-out crime

scene, said it could be two weeks before they are finished examining the rubble and gathering evidence.

"That may be the largest, most complicated crime scene the DPS has ever faced," said Col. James R. Wilson, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Wilson and FBI special agent Bob Ricks said that the Rangers, the state's most elite crime-fight-

ing unit, have been deputized as federal officers as well so they will have dual jurisdiction in handling the cases.

Wilson said more than 80 Highway Patrol troopers and 25 to 35 Rangers have been in the Waco area since Feb. 28, when the Branch Davidians opened fire on federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents, killing four and wounding 16. Cult

leader David Koresh also said six of his followers were killed.

Officials said that the criminal investigations range from murder charges to federal firearms violations.

In Washington, President Clinton said the Justice and Treasury departments would review actions of the FBI and ATF. He said he wanted to know "what happened and why."

A drop in the bucket



KEVIN IVY/The Battalion

Senior agriculture development major, **Brian Saucer**, attempts to pitch a crushed can into a bucket during one of the games at the Earth Day Celebration that took place at Rudder Fountain. Sophomore biology major **Michelle Harvey** assists Saucer. The game, sponsored by MSC Hospitality, promoted recycling.

Citizens may decide fate of university fund

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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Texas citizens may decide whether the Permanent University Fund (PUF) will be shared with other universities in Texas if the state legislature allows a constitutional amendment to appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The PUF is a protected fund outlined in the state constitution which established and financed Texas A&M University and the University of Texas with a land endowment of more than 1.75 million acres.

As of May 31, 1989, the book value of the PUF was \$3.2 billion. The Available University Fund (AUF), the interest earned by the PUF, is currently apportioned between the two universities — one-third for Texas A&M and two-thirds for the University of Texas.

The proposed amendment, sponsored by Rep. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, will split the AUF distribution one-third for Texas A&M, one-third for UT and one-third for other schools in the state.

Other state schools that may receive part of the PUF are now funded by the Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF), which the state constitution also established.

Duncan said positive steps need to be taken to ensure there is a dependable source of money to accommodate the increased growth in state universities.

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—Dr. E. Dean Gage
A&M Senior Vice President

"When UT and A&M cap their enrollment, there will be an increase in the population of HEAF schools, and there will be additional needs for capital improvement," he said.

Duncan said this plan is "fiscally sound" because it does not rely on general revenue from taxes to provide for growth.

But Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, an opponent of the PUF amendment, called the proposal a "watering down of excellence." The potential exists for significant harm to Texas A&M and the University of Texas, he said.

"It is a building up of schools at the expense of primarily UT but also A&M," he said.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, A&M senior vice president and provost, said splitting up the PUF could have an enormous fiscal impact on the University.

"Our approach is to leave the PUF as it is because it is important for the state to have flagship institutions and be competitive for the top students in the state," he said.

Both Gage and Ogden are working with Duncan to increase the HEAF's \$100 million appropriation to help meet the needs of universities outside of the PUF.

"Other members of the HEAF will fair better under the expansion of the HEAF than for us to dilute the PUF by inclusion," Gage said.

Duncan said he "sensed a momentum to seriously look at funding the HEAF" during a "spirited" committee hearing on the proposed amendment.

"I am encouraged by the dialogue that came out during the committee hearing," he said. "We are working toward a solution to provide quality education to all universities."

Duncan's PUF amendment is currently pending in committee.

Everyone responsible for environment, senator's wife says

By JASON COX

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Kathleen Krueger, wife of democratic U.S. Senate candidate Bob Krueger, said everyone is responsible for the environment and asked students to get involved in the issue during a short speech Tuesday at Rudder Fountain.

The Aggie Democrats sponsored Krueger's appearance as part of Texas A&M's Earth Day celebration.

Growing up in the Texas hill country, Krueger said she learned to appreciate clean air, land and water during her childhood.

"A&M students are lucky

enough to be surrounded for four years by some of the most beautiful countryside in Texas," she said.

Krueger, who graduated from A&M in 1980, said she draws spiritual strength from the environment and hopes the same opportunities for appreciation will be available to her two young daughters.

"I want them to have a chance to breathe clean air, appreciate plentiful water and draw sustenance from wildflowers," she said. "I want to take them to the national parks, where nature is respected and people work to preserve the environment."

Citing problems such as global

warming and water pollution, Krueger said people haven't done so well at managing the planet.

"Earth Day should be every day," she said, and applauded the attention the issue receives through similar events, which she said should be conducted year-round.

Protecting the environment has recently become a political issue, she said, with issues being settled on Capitol Hill and in Austin.

Krueger said even though politicians make many of the decisions, people shouldn't feel the problem is out of their hands. She urged students to get involved and let leaders know where they stand.



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Kathleen Krueger talks with students after a speech Tuesday.

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