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Somalians suffer Pakistani gunfire Forum seeks input on Koldus successor

Two day attack kills 14 protesters, wounds 30 more

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MOGADISHU, Somalia — Pakistani soldiers unleashed heavy gunfire Sunday on a crowd of Somali protesters for a consecutive second day, killing at least 14 people and wounding 30.

The incident occurred about 10 hours after U.S. AC-130 attack aircraft fired dozens of shells at a suspected weapons site belonging to the chief financial backer of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

The United Nations has accused Aidid of masterminding two ambushes that killed 23 Pakistani peacekeepers on June 5. Aidid, whose influence has waned since foreign troops came to Somalia in December to feed

the starving, denies responsibility.

Although it appears the protest movement is not widespread, the shootings show the volatile nature of the city more than six months after U.S.-led forces moved in to try to restore order and protect relief efforts.

The United Nations said it will continue its campaign against the warlord.

"We want to move on aggressively and disarm" Aidid's forces, Koffi Annan, the U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations said in New York after the second attack began.

Although tons of ammunition, tanks, artillery pieces and other military hardware were captured, U.N. officials acknowledged Aidid may have plenty more hidden away.

A witness said Pakistani soldiers appeared

to open fire Sunday without provocation on a crowd of thousands of Aidid supporters at a traffic circle.

"These people were running, they were densely packed," said Toronto Star reporter Paul Watson. "I do not recall hearing a shot before the Pakistanis opened fire. They fired hundreds of rounds."

Among those killed was a 12-year-old boy and 2-year-old boy, who was hit in the abdomen a half-mile from the protest. Officials at Diger Hospital showed reporters seven bodies and said they had several more, but relatives refused to give the reporters access.

Later counts raised the death toll to at least 14.

Three bullets hit the side of a hotel across from the traffic circle. One of the bullets punched a hole in the hotel wall, narrowly missing an Associated Press reporter.

Forum seeks input on Koldus successor

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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Some Texas A&M faculty and students expressed concern over multicultural issues at an open forum held Thursday to find a replacement for Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services.

"Many people here have said how important multicultural issues are; I think they are vital," said Andy Nunberg, a graduate student and member of the Gay Lesbian & Bisexual Aggies. "We need respect for racial and religious minorities and a candidate who will at least respect all the students on the campus."

"In my opinion, I would like to see a woman or a person of color for the job, someone who knows what it's like not to be in the majority who will have empathy for any student," Nunberg said.

Texas A&M University President William H. Mobley formed the search committee after Koldus announced his Aug. 31 retirement.

The 14-member committee, chaired by Director of Student Affairs Ron Sasse, held the forum to seek input from interested individuals regarding potential candidates and the qualities an A&M vice president should possess.

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—Ron Sasse, director of student affairs

Several people attending the forum said the candidate should come from within the University community — or at least know about A&M and its traditions.

"I think the candidate should know why he or she should be proud to be a part of this University," said Ben D. Welch, undergraduate adviser for the Department of Management.

However, Nunberg urged the committee to consider the pros and cons when deciding the insider-outsider issue.

"An insider would know the traditions and uniqueness of A&M but would be less likely to facilitate change," he said.

Sasse said the search committee received some valuable input from the meeting.

"We as a committee felt this forum was very important for gathering outside information, and it has given us a lot of ideas to consider," he said.

Sasse said he has received many calls from people asking if the process was a "done deal," and he stressed that it was not.

"If anyone has any suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to call any of the committee members; this is still totally open," Sasse said.

The committee will review the issues discussed at the forum and possibly start reviewing applications at its next meeting on June 15.

After the reviewing process is completed, the committee will present the most qualified candidates to Mobley, who will make the final decision. The deadline is set for Sept. 1 but is not definite.

"We won't compromise the quality of the search process to meet a deadline," Sasse said.

Regulation revision to create Graduate Senate

By LAURA HALEY

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The Texas A&M Faculty Senate will establish a Graduate Student Government if revisions to the 1993-94 Texas A&M University Regulations are approved in today's meeting.

The Graduate Student Government would represent all full-time and part-time graduate students. Students serving on the Graduate Student Government will be elected through their individual departments.

If the Graduate Student Government proposal passes, the present Student Government would become the Undergraduate Student Government and represent

all full-time and part-time undergraduates.

Other agenda items for consideration this afternoon include a review of the no-smoking policy for all University-owned buildings and vehicles. The policy was put into effect on June 1, 1993.

The Faculty Senate will also revise University rules and regulations to incorporate a section on free speech areas, which outlines specific places people can speak. It will also outline regulations to be followed at that particular site.

Other topics to be discussed are course additions, and changes and withdrawals from the University.

The Faculty Senate will meet tonight in 601 Rudder Tower from 3:15-6:00p.m.

Press cleans house with Breyer's taxes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — An anxious White House watched for fallout Sunday from a last-minute revelation that its leading Supreme Court candidate failed to pay Social Security taxes for a household worker.

For the moment, Stephen Breyer appeared to be surviving. The Boston jurist won backing from Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate, and some women's groups said the tax lapse should not doom his candidacy.

"I don't think it's disqualifying. I agree with the White House. I would hope they move forward with the Breyer nomination," Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday."

"I don't think that, by itself, is disqualifying," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

But other Democratic lawmakers said a Breyer nomination could open Clinton to charges of holding female candidates to a higher standard than males.

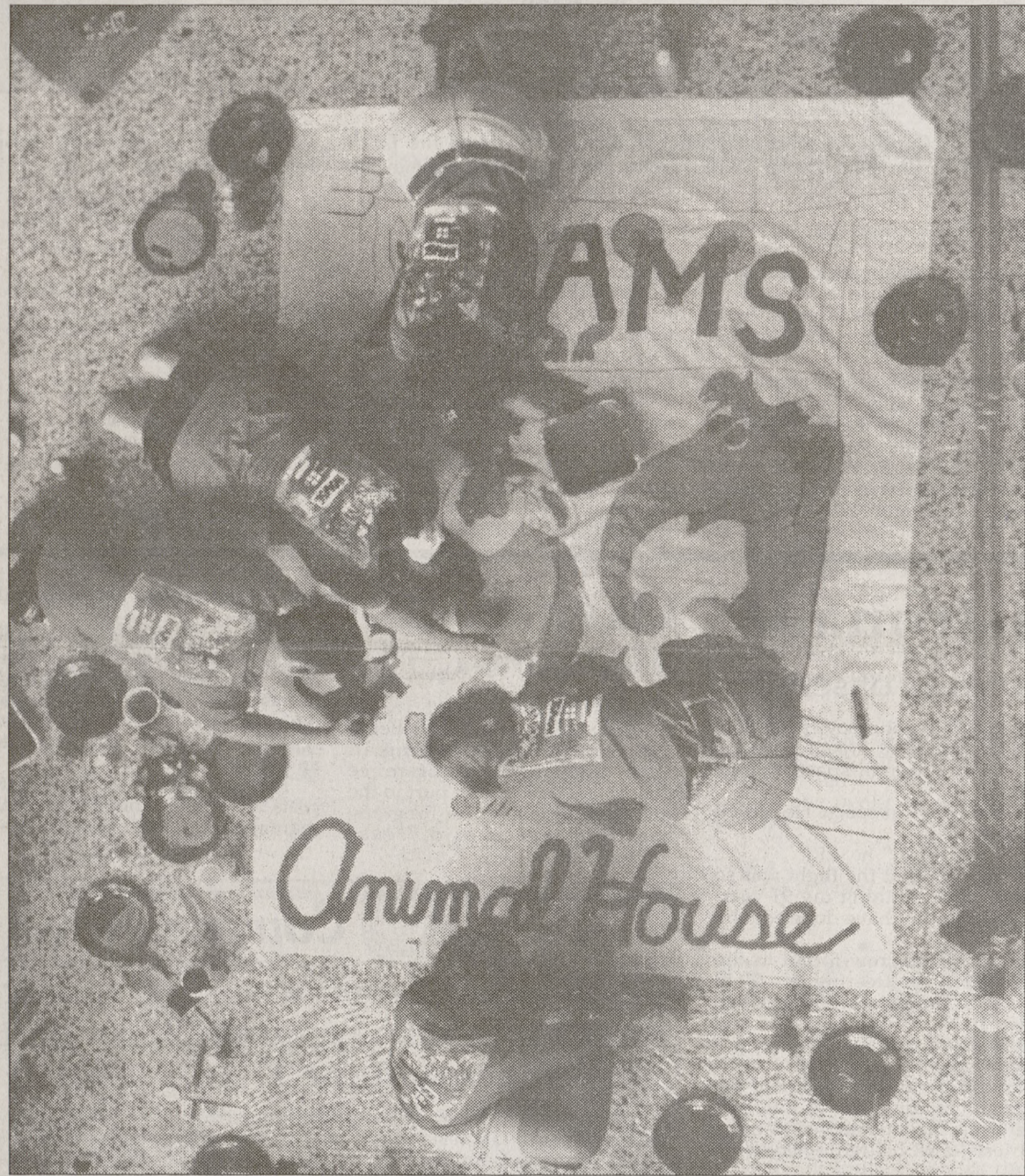
"It raises some problems, doesn't it?" Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The White House was closely watching whether the tax issue developed into a major controversy, something Clinton can't afford after dumping Lani Guinier as his nominee for the nation's top civil rights enforcer. The situation could prompt Clinton to turn to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt instead.

The White House jumped to Breyer's defense after the tax matter became public Saturday night, saying he paid the taxes as soon as he realized they were due.

Breyer is chief judge of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

Fish Camp counselors at work



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Members of Camp Adams "Animal House" paint their banner for Fish Camp in the Zachary Engineering Building Saturday morning. The camp was painting as part of a work day for the Fish Camp counselors.

Serbians close in on Gorazde

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb forces reportedly closed in on the last Muslim-defended stronghold in eastern Bosnia Sunday, battling at close range for control of one of the six U.N.-declared "safe areas."

At least 50 people were killed when shells slammed into a makeshift hospital in Gorazde.

Fighting was reported at close

range on front lines around Gorazde, and said up to 75 people had died there since Saturday.

Gorazde, home to up to 70,000 residents and refugees, has been cut off for months and under fierce attack for 17 days.

The Bosnian government — in appeals to the U.N. Security Council and President Clinton — asked them to protect Gorazde from "genocide" and military intervention by the United States.

License plate contest raises scholarship fund

By GENEEN PIPHER

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Aggies can help other Aggies, as well as show their creativity and pride in Texas A&M by participating in the second annual Aggie Pride Personalized License Plate Contest, said Lane B. Stephenson, deputy director of University Relations, on Friday.

Last week, University Relations began the contest to both promote Aggie spirit and to generate money for scholarships for needy students.

Entrants must come up with the most original personalized license plate reflecting their Aggie pride to win.

The winner of the contest will receive two choice tickets to an Aggie home football game, and will be the guest of President and Mrs. William H. Mobley at a pregame luncheon.

Last year, 140 entries were received, and Stephenson said that he is hoping for a greater number this year.

Lana Harris, senior Biomedical Science major and owner of a personalized license plate, said participating in the program is worth-

while.

"I think the personalized license plate contest gives students a chance to show their pride in Texas A&M," she said. "Part of the Aggie spirit lies in our willingness to help one another, and I feel good that in some way I am helping a fellow Aggie in need."

Stephenson said the A&M administration was instrumental in the Texas Legislature's passage of the bill three years ago that enabled the creation of collegiate license plates.

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Brazos County spends \$9 million on Texas Lottery game

By JANET HOLDER

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Although the population of Brazos County is less than one percent of the state's population, it accounts for over one percent of the calls to the Compulsive Gambling Hotline, said Charles Vorkoper, deputy director of The Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling (TCPGC).

Brazos County residents last month spent more than \$9 million on the Texas Lottery. In the last two weeks, the Texas Lottery Claim Center in Bryan gave out \$13,000 in winnings, Texas Lottery officials said.

Mary Mattingly, executive director of the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BVCASA), said despite some people's success, there are signs the lottery may cause compulsive gambling.

"Hopefully, we can soon bring people to an understanding of compulsive gambling," she said.

Mattingly said she believes there are many compulsive gamblers who, like other people with compulsive behaviors, don't admit to having a problem.

"We've had patients who said they spend their salary or child's lunch money on the lottery, yet they think they don't have a problem," she said.

Texas Lottery officials said the lottery does not cause people to become compulsive gamblers. "If a person likes to gamble he will whether the lottery is there or not," one lottery official said. "The Texas State Lottery just makes gambling more available."

TCPGC officials said some people may be more likely to become compulsive gamblers than others.

Vorkoper said people who have a history

of addictions in their family, such as alcohol or drug abuse, may be more vulnerable to compulsive gambling. According to TCPGC, over 46 percent of the people who call the state's gambling hotline have a history of addictions in their family.

The Council said the average caller is young: almost 55 percent are under 35 years old and 25 percent are under the age of 18. Nearly one-third of callers are women, and all ethnic groups are represented.

Many of the gamblers who call the hotline also have other addictive disorders such as drug addictions, alcohol addictions and eating disorders. In addition, 39 percent of the people who call the hotline said they have financial problems, and 11 percent said they have gambling-related difficulties.

Vorkoper said men and women differ in their compulsive behavior. Men who have gambling problems often begin gambling in

adolescence and continue until they become compulsive into their 20s. Women, on the other hand, start gambling later in life. For example, Vorkoper said, women might play bingo as a social outlet but then later get hooked on gambling.

Currently, Mattingly said, compulsive gambling is treated like alcoholism was long ago.

"Alcoholism in the early days was accepted and not seen as a problem," she said. "Later on, people became educated and learned that it could be treated."

In addition to hotlines, treatment for people with gambling compulsions is available. The BVCASA plans to start the first outpatient treatment program for compulsive gamblers in Brazos County late this summer. However, the BVCASA will initially treat only those compulsive gamblers already in the criminal justice system.

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