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Europeans urge end to Bosnian crisis

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Following the failure of an international peace plan, European Community leaders tried Monday to persuade Bosnia's Muslim president to accept the division of his country into three ethnic regions.

President Alija Izetbegovic emerged from the meeting without making a commitment to attending peace talks on the Serb-Croat plan for dividing Bosnia, but he did not rule out negotiations.

He also criticized European and other na-

tions for opposing an end to the arms embargo on the outgunned Muslim-led government. He said the embargo has supported the Bosnian government's defeat and "the primacy of force over right."

After his meeting with the British, Belgian and Danish foreign ministers, European Community officials said Izetbegovic sought a sign of good will that the Geneva talks would not simply continue while Serbs and Croats roll back Muslim-led forces farther.

"We have the support of the European Community that they will support the integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina as one," Izetbegovic said, referring to community statements about

maintaining Bosnia's territorial integrity.

He left Copenhagen with no concrete explanation of how the community or any other international organization would preserve a Bosnian state divided into three ethnic zones. Western nations have shied from military involvement in the Balkans conflict.

The Muslims' big fear is that sooner or later the Bosnian Serb territory would be annexed by Serbia and the Croat-held territory absorbed by adjacent Croatia, leaving the Muslims squeezed in between.

Foreign ministers of the 12 community nations agreed late Sunday that the three-way split was the best the Muslims could hope for.

Officer assaulted when he discovers burglary attempt

A University Police officer was struck on the forehead with an unknown object just before 5:00 a.m. today when he walked in on an apparent burglary in progress in the Reed McDonald Building.

UPD Director Bob Wiatt said Officer John Phillips was doing a routine walk-through of the building when an unknown assailant jumped out from hiding and struck him.

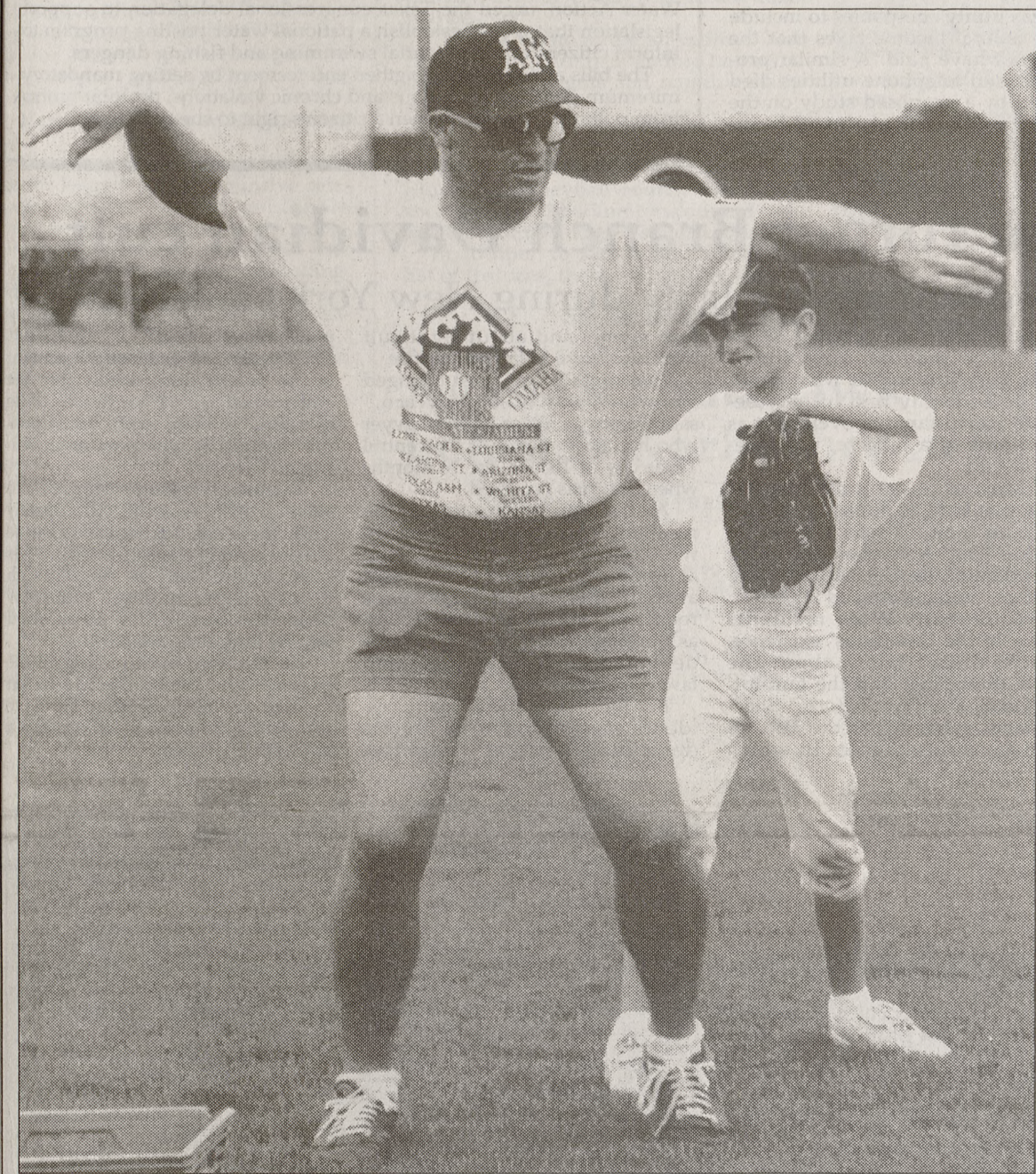
He said the assailant was attempting to force entry to an office in room 100.

Wiatt said the suspect fled immediately after striking Phillips and had not been found as of this morning.

Wiatt said he recalls one or two break-ins at the same room in the past several months.

Phillips was treated and released at Brazos Valley Medical Center.

The boys of summer



MARY MACMANUS/The Battalion

Paul Allen, the head baseball coach from Corsicana High School, teaches one of the participants in the Aggie Baseball Camp how to correctly throw a ball from the outfield. The camp

for nine to 12 year-olds lasts until Wednesday. The kids learn batting skills and various fielding techniques. The drills take place at both Olsen and Kyle Field.

Heavy showers cause flooding; local residents get their feet wet

By JENNIFER SMITH

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Bryan-College Station residents experienced a taste of April showers in June Monday as an abundance of rain, which began around 4 p.m. and lasted well into the night, caused flooding in the area.

At 8 p.m., officials with the College Station Police Department said three roads were closed.

These roads include Highway 30 at Carters Creek, Sandy Point Road at Thompson Creek and FM 60 at White's Creek. Officials also anticipated closing FM 1179 at Wickson Creek if the rain continued into the night.

Water levels in Wolf Pen Creek were very high as well, said Peggy Calliham, public information officer for College Station. Flooding in the Wolf Pen Creek area completely covered the landscaping and almost reached the street.

Barricades were posted on all the roads that were closed, and

Calliham said they will remain until the flooding subsides.

Officials with the College Station Police Department said the biggest problem they have to deal with during heavy rains is people getting stuck in flooded areas, even when they post barricades and warnings not to enter the area.

Bryan residents were more fortunate. They experienced all of the rain but little of the flooding experienced by College Station residents.

Sgt. Brian Kyle of the Bryan Police Department said Bryan usually experiences the least harmful effects when storms hit the area because the water tends to flood the rest of the county instead of Bryan.

"Most of our water drains outward, but I'm sure the rest of the county is having problems," he said. Kyle said as far as he knows, only one road had been closed in Bryan.

The storms are usually the most troublesome when they first hit, he said.

"The water poses problems, but it's all pretty much short-lived," Kyle said.

Officials with the Bryan Police Department said the major concerns during a flood are blocking off roads and assisting motorists who encounter problems.

Heavy rains also caused the flooding of a local day-care center.

Jill Burdett, a junior education major, works at the Kinder-Care Learning Center on Balcones Dr., which had almost two inches of flooding inside the center.

"One of the downstairs rooms was flooded with about an inch of water," she said. "In some areas, there were two inches of water."

Burdett said this was not the first time the center has flooded. "But this is the first time the flooding has been so bad," she said.

Burdett said she and other workers moved furniture and other materials to higher ground so they would not be ruined.

"But we can't do anything about the water," she said.

High test scores? Kiss your TASP goodbye

Bill exempts students who do well on college entrance exams

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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Beginning in the fall of 1993, Texas A&M University freshmen who score high on college entrance tests will no longer be required to take the Texas Academic Skills Program, or TASP test.

A bill signed by Gov. Ann Richards in May will exempt students who score high on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the American College Test and the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test.

The bill will prevent students from having to take exit tests in high school and then having to take the TASP after graduation. This will avoid duplication and save students the \$26 expense of taking the TASP test.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency will set the standard scoring requirements students will have to meet in order to be exempt from the TASP test in their July 15-16 meeting.

The two agencies are still debating whether or not

the exemption bill will also affect present college students who have not yet taken the TASP test.

Dr. Gary R. Engelgau, executive director of Admissions and Records, said, "We do not expect this exemption program to cause any major changes in the enrollment at A&M, but it will exempt several students from taking the test."

Michael Brasel, program director of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, agreed the change will have little effect on enrollment.

"We do expect to see the new version of the TASP test to cause a slight increase in remediation," Brasel said.

The test is designed to test new students early in their college years to discover whether or not he or she is prepared to do college work. Students who fail a section of the TASP test are given remedial work or put in remedial classes.

Texas public colleges and universities have required students to pass the TASP test before entering upper-level college courses since 1989. The TASP test is used to measure competence in English, math, and writing.

Supreme court rules Clinton administration can continue to turn away Haitian refugees

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WASHINGTON — Refugees fleeing Haiti for the United States may be stopped at sea and returned home without asylum hearings, the Supreme Court ruled Monday, declaring itself unable to solve an undeniable "human crisis."

The 8-1 opinion dealt a blow to thousands willing to take a risky ocean passage in search of freedom and upheld a policy developed by the Bush administration and adopted by President Clinton.

"This case presents a painfully common situation in which desperate people, convinced that they can no longer remain in their homeland, take desperate measures to escape," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the court.

"Although the human crisis is compelling, there is no solution to be found in a judicial remedy," he wrote.

The Haitians' attorney, Yale law professor Harold Koh, said, "This is a sad day for every one of us whose ancestors first came here by boat. ... President Clinton should take no satisfaction in successfully defending George Bush's Haiti policy before the Bush Supreme Court."

Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell said he was pleased by the court's decision.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service and other U.S. agencies will continue working "to ensure that interdicted boat migrants who fear political persecution will be afforded meaningful opportunity for refugee processing in Haiti," he said.

Department of Transportation offers grants to minorities interested in civil engineering

By JAMES BERNSEN

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Minorities seeking to break into the field of civil engineering at Texas A&M and other state schools are getting help from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), but they'll have to work for it.

The Conditional Grant Program, sponsored by the TxDOT, provides up to \$2,500 a semester to minority students who pay off the scholarship by working for

the department for two years after graduation.

Faye Bomar, program coordinator, said the program provides aid to minority high school and college students who are interested in engineering, but are in need of financial aid. She said the students must maintain at least a 2.5 grade-point ratio to remain in the program.

Of the first seven students to receive the grants this year, one is a current A&M student and another is a high school student

planning to attend A&M.

Ray James, director of Student Services for the A&M civil engineering department, said A&M has historically had the largest number of participants in the program, which he feels is one more way of promoting minority enrollment in the College of Engineering.

James said the department has had a 40 percent increase in minority enrollment in the last

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- Forecast for Wednesday: Partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy with a chance of showers or storms. Highs in the 90s

- Extended forecast: Partly cloudy with a chance of mainly afternoon rain.

A&M fund-raising effort still going strong

'Capturing the Spirit' campaign marches through summer heat, nears goal

By JASON COX

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Texas A&M University's comprehensive fund-raising effort, the "Capturing the Spirit" campaign, is nearing its goal of \$500 million, despite traditionally slower summertime activity.

By the end of May, the campaign had raised \$289 million in gifts and commitments, well ahead of the expected August half-way mark.

The "Capture the Spirit" campaign encompasses The Development Foundation, which handles large, often restricted donations to

the University, the Association of Former Students and the Twelfth Man Foundation, all of which have encouraged donors to contribute or pledge to contribute to the targeted sum.

Jim Palinscar, director of the capital campaign, said the campaign counts both endowment and non-endowment donations. In most cases, he said, the donors are supporting areas of their own interest.

Such a case is that of Julia M. Easterling, of Toledo, Ohio, who recently donated \$1 million to Texas A&M's College of Engineering to establish an endowed chair

in honor of her late husband, Marcus C. Easterling, Class of '30.

The Marcus C. Easterling '30 Endowed Chair in Mechanical Engineering will be awarded to an individual who is nationally recognized as an eminent scholar in the field of mechanical engineering.

An endowed donation is put into an account and support is received through gained interest; unendowed donations are allocated for use and don't gain interest.

"In most cases, a tailored request is made by a donor who has had an ongoing relationship with the department or program,"

Palinscar said.

Most of the \$500 million will come from donations in excess of \$1 million, according to a capital campaign brochure. The brochure shows a breakdown of campaign goals that includes 130 gifts of \$1 million or more, totaling nearly \$300 million.

Name recognition on buildings, a major incentive to contribution, must be approved through the Texas A&M Board of Regents, said Palinscar, and it's important for people to realize the buildings are not "for sale."

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