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Weekend wrap-up

Clinton: 'No nukes' for North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea - On the eve of a trip into the tense Demilitarized Zone, President Clinton sternly warned North Korea on Saturday to stay out of the nuclear weapons business to avoid a major confrontation with the West.

"We cannot let the expanding threat of these deadly weapons replace the Cold War nightmare of nuclear annihilation," Clinton said. "And today, that possibility is too real."

If North Korea persists, Clinton said, "We are resolute to take additional steps." Administration officials said he was talking about seeking U.N. economic sanctions.

The president issued his warning before flying deep into the heavily fortified DMZ separating the two Koreas on Sunday to visit frontline troops on the last frontier of the Cold War.

Summit offers aid to promote growth

TOKYO - Summit leaders welcomed Russian President Boris Yeltsin as a quasi-partner Thursday, promising him \$3 billion in Western aid. Wrapping up a summit of modest expectation, the leaders strained to make their work seem larger.

The summit's economic communique - to be issued Friday - offered bland restatements of the need for economic cooperation to lift countries from recession and stagnant growth and to create new jobs. It was vague about how to achieve prosperity.

The summit's only mystery was whether Japan would reverse itself and accept an American plan to slash Tokyo's huge trade surplus in half over the next three years. "I don't want to raise any false hopes," President Clinton said before going to bed Thursday.

Researchers create cancer cell antibody

WASHINGTON - Researchers experimenting with lab animals say they have developed a medical "smart bomb" that seeks out cancer and then unloads a chemical to kill the tumor cells.

Pamela A. Trail, a scientist at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Center in Princeton, N.J., said Thursday that the core of the so-called "smart bomb" is an antibody that has a natural tendency to find and attach to human cancer cells.

The antibody has been chemically linked, she said, to an anticancer drug called doxorubicin. The antibody and the drug combine to make what is called an immunoconjugate that the researchers have named BR96-DOX.

Gunman wounds 2 at Utah university

OGDEN, Utah - A student opened fire today at a university grievance hearing and was shot to death by a campus police officer who had been wounded in the face, officials said.

Two other people were wounded, including a student who a school official said had accused the gunman of harassment.

The shooting at Weber State University occurred at the end of a hearing on the harassment allegations, said Weber County Sheriff Craig Dearden.

The gunman fired a semiautomatic handgun at the other student, grazing him in the head and striking police officer Kent Kierman in the face, Dearden said.

Kierman returned fire, wounding the gunman several times.

-The Associated Press

City council passes fire station resolution

Proposal calls for A&M to build facility, transfer ownership to city, pay for protection services

By REAGON CLAMON

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College Station City Council members unanimously passed a resolution Thursday asking Texas A&M to begin negotiations with the city for the construction of a new fire station at Easterwood Airport and a new agreement for the services currently provided to the campus for free by the College Station Fire Department.

The city approached A&M last spring with a plan to build the new fire station after the city determined that relocating Fire Station No. 2, presently on Rio Grande Drive, to west of Wellborn Road, would better serve Bryan - College Station. A new facility located at Easterwood Airport would also make it possible for the airport to comply with a new Federal Aviation Administration law requiring airports to have crash, fire and rescue certified personnel within three minutes of an active runway.

The resolution calls for a proposal from A&M to build and operate the fire station and transfer all ownership of land, building and equipment to the city. The resolution also calls for an "appropriate payment for fire protection services currently received by TAMU."

If the University agrees to pay the city for the basic fire service the fire department provides, it would be the end of a 12-year agreement between the University and College Station for free fire assistance.

Robert Smith, vice president of finance and administration at A&M, said this resolution changes the city's apparent position from what was presented to him at the initial meeting. Smith said no mention was made of either transferring title of University land, or the current agreement A&M has with the city for free fire service.

"It was at that meeting that it became apparent to me that what they were seeking as a strategic location was somewhere west of Wellborn road," he said. "It then occurred to us that if there was some way that the city and the University could cooperate in the provision of that land, then it was something we ought to pursue."

Smith said one of the provisions of the resolution that asks for the transfer of University land to the city of College Station would be extremely difficult.

"We don't hand over land to anybody," he said. "It is my understanding that the University could not convey state-owned property without consideration."

Smith said he was unsure of the city's justification of the resolution of "TAMU's request for enhanced fire crash/rescue service at Easterwood Airport."

"When there appeared in the presentation (at the workshop meeting Wednesday) a reference to a University request, that was the first time I have ever heard that," Smith said. "We have not made any request of the city."

After the initial meeting with the city, Smith drafted a resolution supporting the idea of pursuing an agreement with the

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Iraq refuses inspection of test sites

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq barred U.N. weapons inspectors from sealing two missile test sites Sunday, escalating the West's latest confrontation with Saddam Hussein and touching off fears of military retaliation.

After the abrupt departure of a U.N. inspection team, many Iraqis went home early and most stores were emptied of vegetable, fruit and meat in hours as residents stocked up.

Baghdad hotels advised residents to go to basement bomb shelters if air raid sirens sound.

Vice President Gore said: "Saddam should understand very clearly that he cannot trifle with the world community."

Speaking on the NBC's "Meet the Press," Gore said the United Nations could now demand Saddam destroy the sites. If he doesn't, U.N. forces may be called in to destroy them, Gore said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher also has warned Western allies could resort to force if Iraq fails to comply with Persian Gulf War cease-fire resolutions requiring destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The inspectors arrived Saturday to seal the sites after Iraq refused to allow a U.N. team to install surveillance cameras at the two missile testings areas south of Baghdad. The seals would have to be broken in order to use the equipment.

Iraq charges the cameras infringe on its sovereignty and has insisted on something in return, such as an easing of U.N. sanctions that have prevented Iraq from selling oil or importing goods.

In New York, Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission charged with dismantling Iraq's arsenal, told The Associated Press he would consult Sunday with Sir David Hannay of Britain, head of the U.N. Security Council.

Buzzing the rugby fields



MARY MACMANUS/The Battalion

Carlos Pereira-Benza, a junior civil engineering major from Paraguay, flies his model helicopter at the rugby field Saturday afternoon. Every Saturday a group of model owners get together and fly their toys at the rugby fields near the Zachary parking lot.

Economy threatens life of Mosher Institute

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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After a year of searching unsuccessfully for alternate sources of funding, the Mosher Institute for International Policy Studies at Texas A&M will all but shut down at the end of August.

The institute, which provides education, research and counseling concerning national security interests of the United States, will be functioning in name and will be recognized by the University but will be involved in no major activities,

said Dr. E. Dean Gage, vice president and provost for academic affairs.

Gage predicted it will take at least a full year for the institute to raise the minimum \$120,000 needed to reactivate it.

Dr. Frank Vandiver, chairman of the board of advisers at the Mosher Institute, said the institute will have a secretary through August and hopes they keep their volunteers for as long as possible.

"Our doors are still open," he said. "The problem is how we are going to continue with all of our obligations."

Vandiver said the institute will be available for media and groups who call

for defense information. He also said the institute hopes to hold one conference this year, but it will be done with outside funding.

Gage said the University will work with Mosher's board of advisers to find an alternative source of funds for the institute while the institution is on hold.

Vandiver said he hopes the money needed to fund Mosher for another year is not beyond finding.

"It's not a lot of money, but right now it seems like a gigantic amount," he said.

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Seven football scholarships not yet renewed

By JASON COX

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Texas A&M University head football coach R. C. Slocum said Thursday the decision not to renew the scholarships of seven football players under investigation by the NCAA was not an indictment, but a move intended to keep the University's options open until the matter is resolved.

"We are not denying that if this thing comes out okay then we will renew the scholarships," Slocum said. "We have tried to demonstrate that we are not covering up this problem."

The players under investigation for accepting improper payments from Dallas supporter Warren Gilbert include Greg Hill, Jessie Cox, Brian Mitchell, Percy Singleton, James Brooks, Billy Mitchell and Darius Smith.

From a legal standpoint, a scholarship is similar to a

Slocum keeps options open with players under inquiry

contract. On July 1, each school has to renew player scholarships for the upcoming school year. If the scholarship is renewed, it cannot be taken away until the following year.

Slocum said the players handled the news of their scholarships "as well as can be expected," and called it a sobering experience and a disappointment.

"I think all of them understand the seriousness of their actions," said Slocum. "This affects a lot of people - coaches, teammates, alumni and students. Once something like this takes place, you might really regret it, but you still have to deal with the consequences."

Slocum said he has talked at length with the team about the "absolute necessity" of following the rules,

and says he detests having to deal with this issue.

"We've worked extremely hard to have a 12-1 season," he said. "We should have been able to relax and enjoy reflecting back on a successful season. Instead, a big portion of my time has been spent dealing with this investigation. Even the questions the other players have been asked have centered around this subject. It's been unfortunate for anyone involved. We're going to work it through and see it get resolved."

Slocum said none of the players have appealed the decision, and he doesn't anticipate any of them doing so.

"After all the information is in, and if we feel it is proper, we'll give back the scholarships," he said.

Slocum said he thinks the NCAA is now focusing on how helpful and straightforward the players have been during the investigation.

"It has pretty well been substantiated that the amount

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Highway 6 construction causes detours

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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Bryan-College Station motorists should expect delays due to detours in the main lanes of Highway 6 this week as work progresses on the new Southwest Parkway interchange.

Traffic will be temporarily routed off the East Bypass mainlanes while crews are setting beams across supporting columns, Area Engineer Pat Williams said.

"We will be trying to control the negative impact on the morning and afternoon commuters by limiting the weekday hours of the detours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.," he said.

Denise Fisher, public affairs officer for the Department of Transportation, said, "No actual stops in traffic are expected, but people will be asked to slow down."

Today, Young Brothers, Inc. contractor's crews will detour all southbound traffic on Highway 6 to the west frontage road. Traffic will be detoured from south of Harvey Road to just north of FM 2818. During this two-day detour, all traffic will be southbound only from Holleman Drive to FM 2818.

Motorists will be able to access residences or businesses along the west frontage road by accessing the Harvey Road interchange and heading south. Tuesday and Wednesday northbound traffic on Highway 6 will be detoured to the east frontage road through the same roadway section.

Williams urges motorists to slow down in the detour and construction zone and to be alert for detour signs and flagmen.

The construction project is expected to be completed before September.

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- Forecast for Tuesday: mostly sunny, highs in the mid to upper 90s

TEXAS LOTTO

- Saturday's lotto numbers: 8, 25, 27, 32, 38, 45
- Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$3 million