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## Israel escalates attack on Lebanon A&M, city council agree to meetings

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NABATIYEH, Lebanon — Israeli hammered guerrilla strongholds with warplanes, gunboats and artillery for a second day Monday as civilians on both sides of the border fled the worst Arab-Israeli fighting in 11 years.

At least 38 people were reported killed and 143 wounded on both sides of the border.

Most of the casualties were in Lebanon, where an estimated 80,000 villagers left their homes during lulls in the shooting and fled north. About 150,000 Israelis crowded in bomb shelters during a second day of rocket attacks on northern Israel by Arab guerrillas; thousands headed away from the border.

Israeli forces hit at suspected guerrilla targets across Lebanon hour after hour to retaliate for recent attacks on Israeli troops.

The intense attack brought warnings from Arabs that the hostilities could jeopardize the 21-month-long negotiations for a Middle East peace settlement.

"Israel's escalating attacks constitute not only a military blow to Lebanon, but also a political strike to the United States and its peace-making efforts," Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bweiz told reporters in Beirut.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council met privately to discuss Lebanon's request for a formal condemnation of Israel.

The flare-up came a week before Secretary of State Warren Christopher is to visit the Middle

East to promote peace talks. Arab guerrilla groups have vowed to poison the atmosphere for talks by escalating the fighting in southern Lebanon.

Israel said it had no intention of widening its operation into anything resembling its 1982 invasion of Lebanon. It promised to keep hitting hard at guerrillas that have intensified attacks on the Israeli-occupied "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

Israeli soldiers were ambushed outside Baraachit village in the buffer zone Monday in an attack claimed by the Syrian-backed Amal, a Shiite Muslim militia that shares influence in the area with the more dominant pro-Iranian Hezbollah.

Security sources said two Israelis were killed, but Israel said

one soldier died and three were wounded. Attacks by two other guerrilla factions had killed seven Israeli soldiers and wounded seven in the zone since July 8.

Hezbollah countered the Israeli assaults by firing scores of Katyusha rockets at Israel's northern towns and the security zone. At least two Israelis were killed and 24 injured in northern Israel.

Israel warned ships, fishing boats and water skiers to stay out of a 25-mile strip of the Mediterranean coast between the southern Lebanese ports of Sidon and Tyre "or take the consequences."

An Israeli navy Cherbourg missile boat cruised off the coast all day Monday, and reporters said no cargo vessel or fishing boat

### Officials hope planning sessions will end communication problems

By REAGON CLAMON

The Battalion

A problem in communication has prompted College Station and Texas A&M University officials to set up monthly meetings between the two entities to begin in August.

Difficulties arose when the College Station City Council adopted a resolution July 9 requesting that A&M enter into negotiations to end the 12 years of free fire service provided by the city and a possible new fire station at Easterwood Airport.

In a July 11 interview with The Battalion, A&M's vice president for finance and administration, Robert Smith said he had not received any communication from the city about the resolution and had serious doubts as to the possibility of some of the resolution's requests.

College Station Mayor Larry Ringer said it was this confusion and miscommunication, in part, that prompted him, City Manager Ron Ragland, and City Councilwoman Nancy Crouch to meet last Wednesday with Texas A&M President William Mobley and arrange monthly meetings to begin in August. Ringer said a group of council members will meet once a month for breakfast with Mobley and some of his staff to help keep the University and the city abreast of each others' goals.

"The group will have no set agenda, no items for decision, but will just talk about what's happening," Ringer said. "Perhaps they will talk about some of the long-range visions that we have for the city and what it's going to do and where the University is headed and how the two can match what they're doing and compliment each other."

Ringer said he and the other city officials used last week's meeting with Mobley to present the University with the fire service resolution. Ringer said he also communicated the city's future plans for fire service and the University's need for a new crash, fire and rescue station at Easterwood Airport. Ringer said the two needs could be met with a new fire station at Easterwood Airport.

The University may be required under Federal Aviation Administration regulations to have crash, fire, and rescue trained personnel within three minutes of an active runway. The airport's crash, fire and rescue service is currently provided by the city.

Ringer said he felt the meeting with president Mobley would help clear up the crossed lines of confusion.

"We can't continue to communicate to each other through the newspapers," Ringer said. "I think (Mobley) has the honest desire to try to cooperate with the city, keeping in mind that he has to look out for the University's interest. But there are a number of situations where both the University and the city can come out as winners."

Mobley could not be reached for comment at his office Monday. The monthly meetings are part of a movement within the Bryan and College Station city governments to integrate the goals of the two city councils, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bryan and College Station school districts and Texas A&M.

College Station spokeswoman Peggy Callihan said the project is being called Vision 20-20.

Representatives from the entities involved have met over the last three months to discuss the program and possibly bring their long range goals together, Callihan said.

"Different entities have different resources," Callihan said. "If we don't share, there's going to be a problem."

Callihan described the situation the various entities are in now as a group going on a trip in different cars.

"If we all don't know where we're going, it's not going to be much of a trip," she said.

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## Lunchtime Soccer



MARY MACMANUS/The Battalion

Leslie Boockoff, a senior geology major from Stratford, Conn., blocks a shot in a soccer game Monday afternoon at Simpson Field. A group of faculty members and students get together every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to play soccer during lunch.

## Senate bill may expand local toll-free calling area

By J. FRANK HERNANDEZ

The Battalion

Residents of Hearne and other neighboring communities will soon have the opportunity to expand their toll-free telephone call boundaries to include the Bryan-College Station area.

A call from Hearne to Bryan-College Station is currently a long distance call, but it may not be for long.

Senate Bill 632, signed into law by Gov. Ann Richards May 25, makes it possible for a community to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for expansion of its toll-free calling area.

Jim Boyle, an Austin lawyer and a member of Texas Communities for Expanded Local Calling Areas, said Hearne would be a logical community for expansion.

"I think they can prepare a petition to expand the calling area," Boyle said.

"There are quite a few communities in the Bryan area that would want to take advantage of this legislation."

According to SB 632, which takes effect Sept. 1, the petitioning exchange must not serve more than 10,000 phone numbers and must be located within 22 miles of the exchange requested for toll-free service.

An exchange refers to all phone numbers beginning with the same first three digits, although more than one exchange could file the petition. In Hearne, all phone numbers are part of the 279 exchange.

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## S. Korean airplane crashes in bad weather, 43 survive

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SEOUL, South Korea — Rescuers searched a muddy hillside where a domestic airliner carrying vacationing families crashed Monday while trying to land in bad weather. At least 43 of the 106 people aboard survived.

A search for bodies and more survivors continued through the night at the isolated site as rescuers struggled through rain, muddy access roads and debris strewn over the rocky hillsides.

There were no immediate reports on the number of bodies found in the wreckage, but KBS Television said 43 survivors, some in critical condition, were flown by helicopter to nearby hospitals.

"There was a crashing sound and I lost consciousness," said Yoon Ui-jung, a policeman on board. "When I woke up, the plane was broken into pieces. There were many bodies and the injured were screaming for help."

KBS said two survivors hiked from the crash site to the nearby village of Haenam to seek help. About 100 villagers rushed to the site and were later joined by 40 police and rescue officials.

The Asiana Airlines Boeing 737-500 was en route from Seoul to the southwestern port city of Mokpo when it crashed at 3:50 p.m. in a heavy wind and rain storm, officials said.

A flight attendant, Park Jin-ah, 23, said the plane was on its third attempt to land when it slammed into a hillside near Haenam, about 30 miles south of Mokpo.

"There was a huge crashing sound soon after the pilot's announcement that we were about to land," she said.

## Research examines spread of tuberculosis

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

The Battalion

Texas A&M University research may help explain why residents living on the U.S.-Mexico border are not responding to tuberculosis treatments. The once rare disease is now spreading among the poor and migrant population.

Immunologist Dr. David N. McMurray of the A&M Health Science Center has conducted research on guinea pigs to determine reasons some people are not responding to current treatments of tuberculosis (TB).

Malnutrition and the failure to detect new cases are also reasons

the disease is spreading among the poor, he said.

The laboratory studies suggest that malnutrition interferes with the immune system's ability to respond to the disease.

John Bybee, director of the Tuberculosis Elimination Division in the Texas Health Commission said TB is spreading faster among the poor and disadvantaged because of the crowded living conditions and exposure to high-risk groups.

"Children aren't responding to treatment because they are becoming drug resistant by non-compliance," Bybee said. "Missing a treatment can be a tremendous problem because the children that have become drug-resistant are in-

fecting others with the anti-drug resistance."

McMurray said a treatment that does not require daily intake would be more successful because infected persons would be more apt to complete treatment.

"It is not surprising that they stop the treatments," he said. "After a short while the person starts to feel better and think they no longer need to take the pills."

McMurray said AIDS may also have something to do with this recent outbreak of TB.

"Tuberculosis is on the rise mainly due to the HIV and AIDS epidemic and from the migration

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## Regents name building after Koldus

By JASON COX

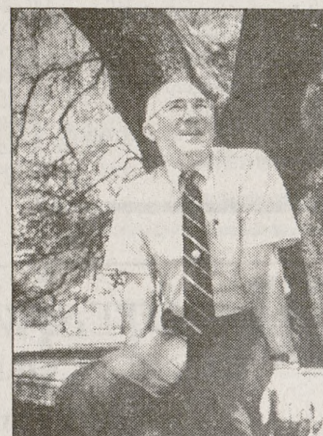
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Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services, called the Texas A&M Board of Regent's decision to name a building after him "humbling" and said it is a great honor to know his work at the University was acknowledged in such a special way.

The Regents voted Friday to name the Student Services Building after Koldus, who is retiring in August after over 20 years with the University.

The building is located opposite the University Center and houses several offices for which Koldus has been responsible, including the Department of Student Activities, Student Government, the Off Campus Center and the Office of Support Services for Students with Disabilities.

Koldus said it is his approach that is being reinforced through the name change.



Koldus

"My perception is that it is sort of honoring my style and the relationship I've had with students and the University," Koldus said. "That's what it's all about. It makes me feel good that people want to honor that."

Koldus has always maintained a close rapport with students. With the help of a card file containing more than 30,000 names, Koldus learned the name of each student he met.

To keep in contact with students, he has held weekly luncheons that have become a campus tradition and has availed himself to student leaders for advice and help.

Koldus has served as vice president for student services since 1973 and has been responsible for the department of student affairs, recreational sports, multicultural services, the Corps of Cadets, student health services, financial aid and the Memorial Student Center.

Koldus said A&M is about "spirit, camaraderie, family and tradition" and said even though he is retiring, he intends to remain in the community.

"We're going to stay close," he said. "All my kids went to A&M. We're a big Aggie family and the relationship will last for a lifetime."

Student Government passed a resolution earlier this year asking the Board to approve the name change.

"Everyone has been so supportive, but then, they have been for the past 20 years," Koldus said. "My appreciation is extended to everyone."

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- Tuesday: partly cloudy highs in the mid 90s

- Forecast for Wednesday: partly cloudy, highs in the 90s to near 102. Hot!!

- Your Battalion extended forecast: Same old stuff, partly cloudy, highs in the 100s, lows in the 70s