

Weekend rap-up

Hijackers sought shield from Iran

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Three men charged with hijacking a Russian airliner said they picked Norway as their destination because they hoped it would shield them from torture in Iran, their attorney said Friday.

The men have asked for political asylum, but face up to 21 years in prison if they are tried and convicted of hijacking in Norway.

In a closed session, a preliminary court ordered the men held for eight weeks pending an investigation.

The men were charged with using grenades to hijack an Aeroflot Tu-134 with 58 people aboard after it took off on Wednesday from Baku, Azerbaijan. The jet was forced to fly to Kiev, Ukraine for refueling and then to Norway, where the men surrendered on Thursday.

Exchange student killed in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A 17-year-old exchange student from Turkey was found dead Saturday in bushes near the home where he was staying. His belongings were scattered nearby.

Homicide detectives were investigating the death of Mehmet Bahar, who was discovered by his roommate and an early-morning jogger in an affluent, residential neighborhood, police said.

Police believe Bahar, of Antalya, Turkey, died late Friday or early Saturday and that a struggle was involved. Neighbors who saw the body told The St. Petersburg Times that the teen-ager appeared to have been beaten.

"There was some minor trauma to the victim, I don't know what," police Cpl. D. Simonson said. "The victim's vehicle was at the scene and there were other personal items scattered nearby."

East Texas waste facility may close

DALLAS (AP) — In what was termed an extraordinary move, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will consider shutting down an industrial waste processing facility in East Texas.

"It is very unusual and as far as I know, it has not happened before. It's actually more than unusual. It's extraordinary," Deputy Executive Director Ken Ramirez said Saturday.

The TNCRCC charges that Gibraltar Chemical Resources Inc. in Winona has a history of mixing incompatible wastes, causing reactions that contaminate the soil, groundwater and air.

The new commission is a merger of the Texas Water Commission, Texas Air Control Board, and three Health Department divisions.

Barney bashers given fine, curfew

GALVESTON (AP) — Three boys who attacked a Barney the Dinosaur impersonator at a Kmart grand opening have been fined \$200 each and given a 6 p.m. curfew.

The three boys — ages 10, 11 and 12 — are well known to the Galveston Police Department.

"They harass their neighborhood and terrorize the whole city," said Harold A. Beasley, a juvenile officer. "They run together. Every time you see one, look behind him and you'll see three more."

A fourth boy, whose age was not released, was being held in juvenile detention on another offense and did not appear at Wednesday's municipal court hearing. He has four robbery charges pending against him, juvenile authorities said.

—The Associated Press

Regents authorize two research centers

By Lisa Elliott

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents established Friday afternoon a Texas Center for Climate Studies and a Center for Texas Beaches and Shores.

Both Centers will be created within the College of Geosciences and Maritime studies.

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The Center for Climate Studies will initiate, encourage and support climate-related programs in research and education. It will work in connection with other similar programs already in existence in Texas and the nation.

The Center for Texas Beaches and Shores will research problems related to the loss of shoreline and eco-

logical damage to coastal conservation areas. The center will be located on the Texas A&M-Galveston campus.

In other business, the Board of Regents approved authorization for a master of science degree in life-cycle engineering operations management.

This program will be operated by the College of Engineering, College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business.

Interim University President E. Dean Gage said the new program bridges two highly important fields of study.

"This is one of the most exciting degree programs that will be presented to the Board for a long period of time," he said.

The University will receive help from the government in setting up the degree program for the first three years.

The Board also took action on the following items during its Friday meeting:

- The Board gave sole responsibility of the Aggie Senior Ring to the Association of Former Students.

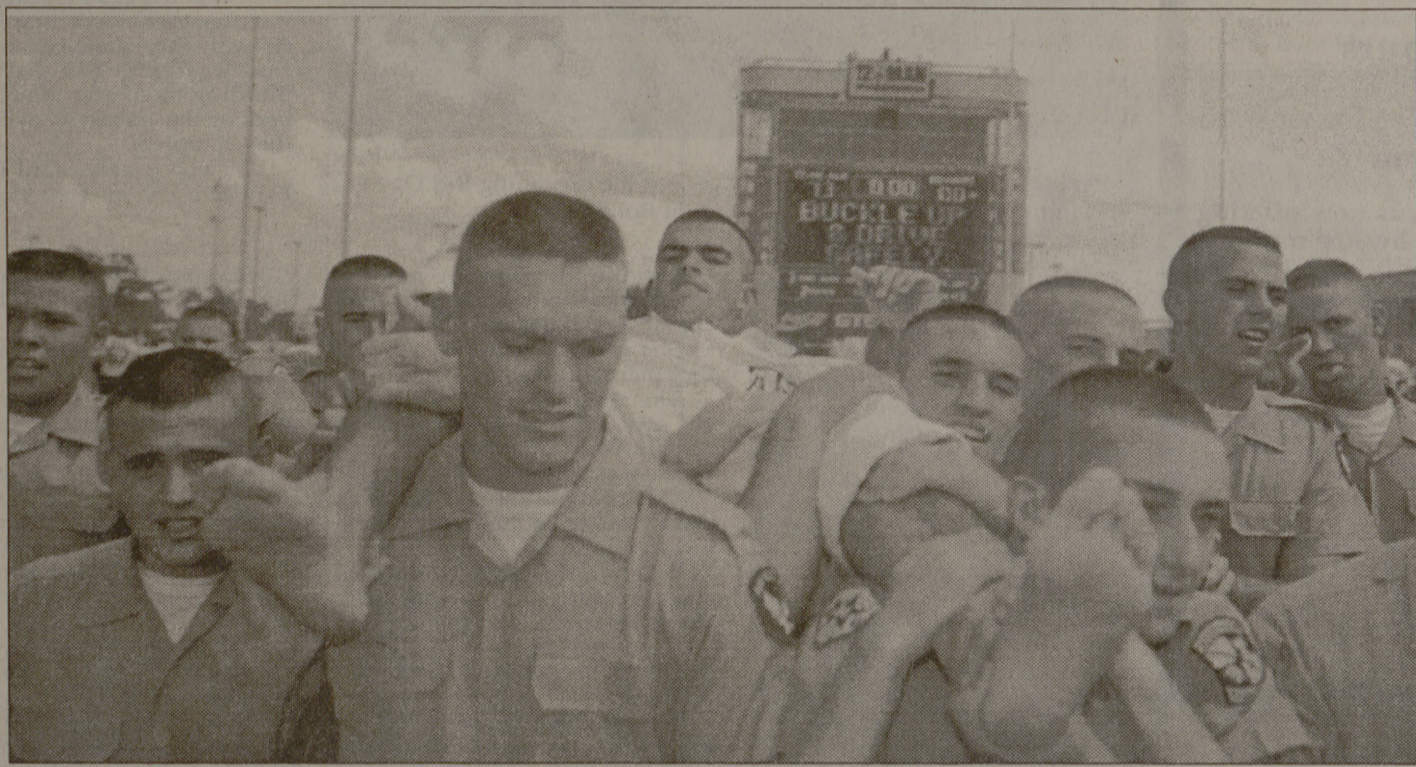
The Association will have all rights to the markings associated with the senior ring, although the University will retain the right to use the designs for marketing purposes.

- Regents gave the University president the right to name buildings and other entities in the George Bush Presidential Library without getting approval from the Board.

Previously, any naming of items would have to be put on the Board agenda and await a vote from the Board.

- The Board approved the appointment of Fred M. Heath as dean and director of the Sterling C. Evans Library and Dr. C. Roland Haden as Vice Chancellor for Engineering, Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Electrical Engineering.

73-0: Enough said



Darrin Hill/The Battalion

Junior yell leader **Scott Torn** is carried to the Fish Pond for a yell practice after the 73-0 victory over the Missouri Tigers Saturday. The Aggies will take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Lubbock Oct. 2.

Convicted felon awaits clemency recommendation

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Tomball woman is hoping to benefit from a new state law that awards clemency to certain family abuse victims who killed their abusers.

If Becky Wardlow is granted clemency, she would be the first to benefit from the law signed by Gov. Ann Richards in 1991.

Several domestic violence experts in Texas are appalled that no one has been granted clemency even though the law has been on the book since that time.

Other states with similar programs, such as Ohio and Maryland, have processed numerous cases in the past few years.

"I'm not only surprised, I'm shocked," said Toby Myers, a psychotherapist and director of the Pivot Project, a Houston treatment group for batterers. "The fact is many of these women had never (before killing their abusers) even been to the principal's office."

Joseph Ober-Hauser with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said about 175 women, out of 500 screened, have met the standards of domestic

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CORPS OF CADETS

Hall of Honor recognizes eight former cadets

Room named for deceased Aggie

By Kevin Lindstrom

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University officials, family and friends celebrated the accomplishments of the late Lt. Gen. Andrew David Bruce with the dedication Friday of a room in the Military Sciences building.

Bruce, Class of '16, served for 37 years in the U.S. Army.

Assigned the task of finding a way to stop German tanks during World War II, Bruce created the Tank Destroyer Center and founded Fort Hood in April 1942.

After Bruce retired from military service in 1954, he served at the University of Houston as its president from 1954-56 and as chancellor from 1956-61, earning state financial support and academic accreditation for the university.

The room dedicated in his honor will feature a display of his life and career. Included in the display are articles from the Temple Daily Telegram that cover his military and civilian career, a display of Bruce's medals and his Ross Volunteer cap from his days as a cadet at A&M.

"Gen. Bruce was clearly an outstanding Aggie, not only during his military

career, but in the civilian sector as well," said Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling, commandant of the Corps of Cadets.

In a ceremony Saturday morning, the Corps of Cadets inducted Bruce and seven other former students into the Corps Hall of Honor, located on the north wall in the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center.

"The display here represents the life and contributions of one of the most famous and prominent Aggies of all time," said Dr. J. Malon Southerland, interim vice president for student services.

"Gen. Bruce was extraordinary, having distinguished himself in the two world wars and throughout his military career, then all of his great work for the University of Houston during a time of dynamic growth for that university."

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Bruce received a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M in 1916.

In 1917, he began his career in military service as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He was the first A&M infantry officer to attain the rank of lieutenant general, and he introduced several methods of military instruction that were later adopted by the U.S. Army.

Bruce was designated an A&M Distinguished Alumnus by Texas A&M University and the Association of Former Students in 1968.

Ceremony held for inductees

By Jennifer Smith

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets honored eight former cadets Saturday during the inaugural ceremony of the Corps Hall of Honor.

Lt. Col. Donald R. Henderson, director of the Corps Center, said the inductees exemplify the Aggie spirit.

"This is a long overdue way of paying tribute to the Corps," Henderson said.

Mary Helen Bowers, deputy director of University Relations, said the former cadets who are being honored have distinguished themselves in many different ways.

"Four of the inductees had very distinguished careers in the military, and the other four men served with distinction in the military, but they built their careers in civilian life," Bowers said.

Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling served as master of ceremonies and presented the former cadets with honorary plaques.

"It is our hope that this Hall of Honor will provide inspiration to all Aggies — past, present and future," Darling said.

D-FW airport faces safety issue

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A \$6 million radar system designed to go on line at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in November has been riddled with safety problems at other airports and has some controllers fearing it could lead to accidents, according to a published report.

When the system — called Airport Surveillance Radar-9, or ASR-9 — goes into effect, D-FW controllers will use it to guide flights into and out of the airport in all kinds of weather.

No accidents have been linked to use of the radar system at any airport. But the Federal Aviation Administration acknowledges the system has had problems at about half of the 62 airports where it is in use, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

The computerized, high-tech system has occasionally failed to discern between two aircraft

flying close to each other, instead showing them as one target on the controller's screen. And it is so sensitive that it picks up objects on the ground. When controllers adjust it to remove the clutter, it misses small airplanes.

Because some D-FW controllers say they're concerned about the new radar, the present system will stay on line for at least 90 days to make sure the new system works properly, said Lee Wong, the FAA's assistant director for facilities and equipment in the Southwest Region.

D-FW controller Mark Pallone said controllers will be able to switch instantly to the old system if problems occur with the new one.

"There's no way we'll compromise safety for any reason at all," he said. "The new radar won't be accepted until everyone's satisfied with it."

The new system is intended as a major improvement over prior systems, including the ASR-8 radar in use at D-FW, said FAA spokesman Ronnie L. Uhlenhaker in Fort Worth.

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WEATHER

• Monday: partly cloudy, 20 percent chance rain
• Tuesday: partly cloudy, highs in mid-90s

TEXAS LOTTO

• Saturday's winning Texas Lotto numbers: 2, 22, 32, 35, 45, 47