

## Clinton to send 1,700 more troops to Somalia

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton told the American people Thursday he was sending 1,700 more troops, heavy armor and naval firepower to Somalia to "finish the work we set out to do." He pledged to end the deployment within six months.

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"We started this mission for the right reasons and we are going to finish it in the right way," Clinton said in a nationally televised address. "If we stay a short while longer and do the right thing, we

have a reasonable chance of cooling the embers."

Clinton said the U.S. force needed to be expanded to protect troops already there and to make sure humanitarian missions continued. Counting troops offshore, the reinforcements would double the American deployment to more than 10,000.

If America turned and ran because of the rising death toll, around the world "aggressive thugs and terrorists would conclude the best way to change our policy is to kill our people," Clinton declared.

He said that he wanted to call the troops home as soon as possible and was sending diplomat Robert Oakley to Africa to try to find a diplomatic settlement. He

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said it might take "up to six months" to complete the mission but he hoped to wrap it up before then.

Clinton, sitting at his Oval Office desk, said the 4,700 U.S. troops already in Somalia would be reinforced with 1,700 Army ground troops, 104 tanks and other

armored vehicles and, offshore, an aircraft carrier and other naval forces carrying 3,600 Marines.

Clinton also issued a stern warning to Somalis holding at least one American serviceman captive. He declared the United States would hold them "strictly responsible for our soldiers' well-being. We expect them to be well treated and we expect them to be released."

He said he did not want to personalize the conflict, and never mentioned by name Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the fugitive Somali warlord whose forces are blamed for the deaths of American and other troops in Somalia.

The speech was critical to gaining support from a public horrified by pho-

tographs of a dead American soldier being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu and a videotaped interrogation of a downed helicopter pilot.

Clinton acknowledged the "anger and horror" provoked by those images but said the United States must nonetheless see the mission to its end. He asked: "Do we leave when the job gets tough — or when the job is done?"

He said more than 1 million Somalis still were dependent on the relief operations for food and said those efforts would crumble if the United States withdrew its military forces.

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## Aggie Band celebrates centennial anniversary

By Jennifer Smith

THE BATTALION

The "Pulse of Aggieland" is quickening as one of Texas A&M's oldest traditions, the Texas Aggie Band, prepares to celebrate its centennial anniversary next year.

In addition to performing at the football games and practicing 10 hours a week, the Texas Aggie Band is preparing new performances, releasing an album and conducting a tour in anticipation of a 100-year celebration scheduled for next fall.

Jason Hearnberger, a senior finance major and commanding officer of the Aggie Band, said being commander during the band's centennial has been a unique experience.

"It's made this year more busy and exciting," Hearnberger said. "But the extra work has been worth it."

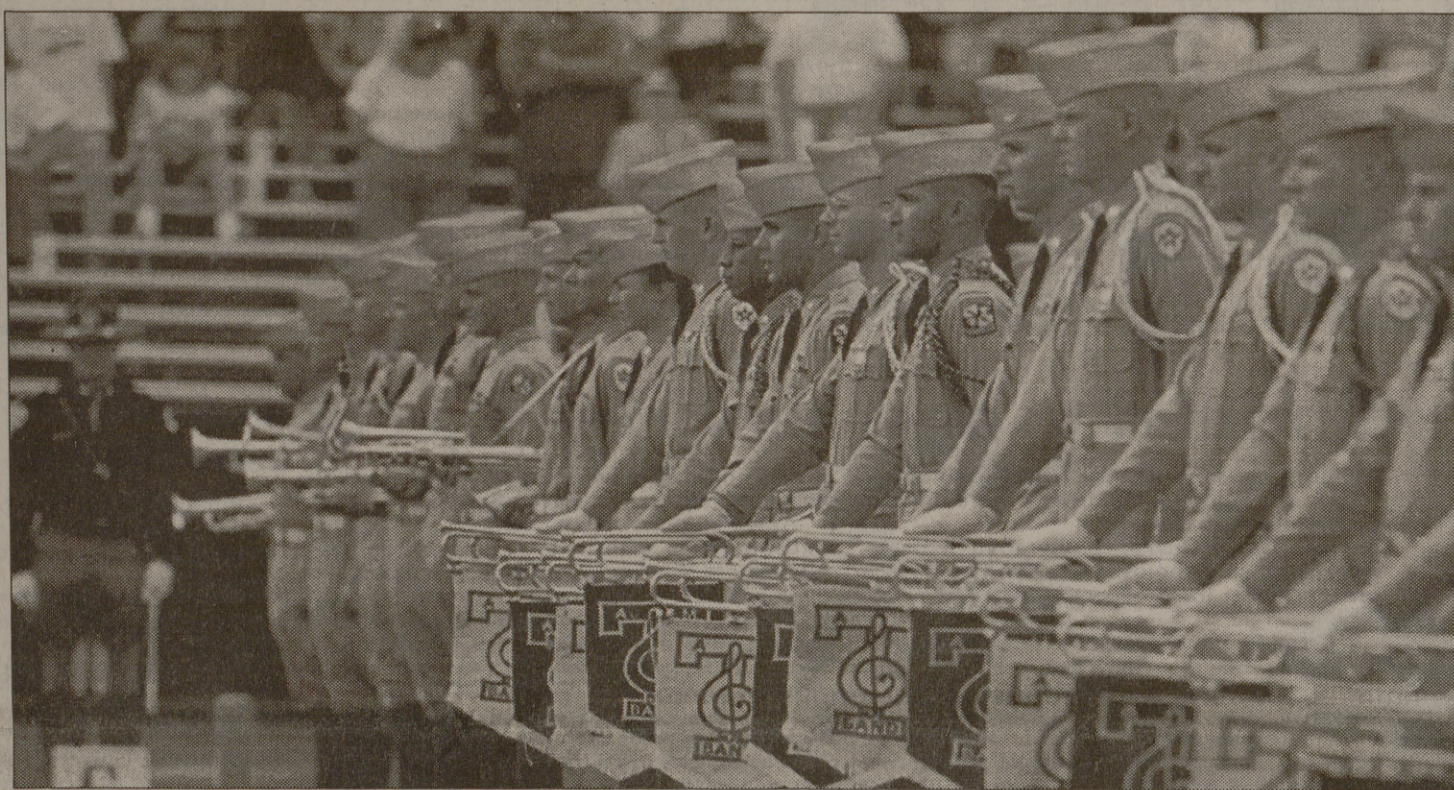
Three new marches have been created for the centennial celebration. One has already been performed, and another will be introduced at this weekend's football game against the University of Houston. The third march will be performed later this season.

The Aggie Band will release a centennial album before the A&M-University of Texas football game in November with 25 pieces of music.

Lt. Col. Ray E. Toler, director of the Aggie Band, said the album is a first-rate tribute to the band's 100-year anniversary.

"Its design is to cover the history of the band," Toler said. "It starts with a single bugler playing two bugle calls. Then we go with a single drummer playing cadence, followed by a march played by a 13-piece group representative of what the Aggie Band sounded like."

"We then progress from there to give



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the feel of the band's growth throughout the years. We tried to do what we have done historically."

The Aggie Band, along with A&M's symphonic band, will embark on a centennial tour in the spring to Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

The concerts will feature selections similar to those the band plays at football games, but, Toler said, they will be softer and more refined.

The actual centennial celebration is a

three-day event scheduled for fall 1994, and all former band members will be invited to this celebration.

"We hope to put 500 former band members on Kyle Field," he said.

Toler said the alumni band will perform wearing dark trousers, white shirts and a band hat to project a military look.

Although details about the event are sketchy, he said, it will probably be held during the A&M-University of Southern Mississippi football game weekend.

Toler said the band is not much different now than it was 100 years ago.

"We've been marching in the same style for 75 years," he said. "We try to be innovative with our drills, but we're also marching with a precision military standard."

Last April the Texas House of Representatives congratulated the Aggie Band on its centennial, passing a resolution proclaiming it "the nation's premier military marching band."

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## U.N. scorns Croatian army for war tactics

The Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — The U.N. commander in former Yugoslavia issued a damning report Thursday charging Croatian troops had practiced a "scorched-earth policy" in Serb-held villages and killed civilians in cold blood.

The report detailed evidence of atrocities committed during an offensive a month ago against Serb-held villages in the Medak pocket near Gospić in southwestern Croatia.

"The scale of physical destruction and killing of residents in the area . . . indicates that the Croatian Army practiced a comprehensive scorched-earth policy," said a statement summarizing the report.

In the ethnic warfare that has wracked former Yugoslavia since June 1991, Serbs have been most blamed for atrocities and "ethnic cleansing" — the use of terror, destruction and murder to force out a rival group — although all sides have been accused of such practices.

Serbia is suffering severe economic sanctions for backing Serb rebels in Croatia and neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But the European Community also has warned Croatia it could face sanctions for attacking Serbs who hold about one-third of the state after a six-month war in 1991, and for backing Croat forces in neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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## Food fight turns into high school brawl

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ten students were arrested and several others were injured slightly Wednesday when a cafeteria food fight at a Houston-area high school spawned a large brawl.

One Cypress Creek High School student was taken to a local hospital with a bump on the head, officials said.

Four of the 10 students arrested were "associates" of gang members, but officers, students and school personnel said the fight was not gang-related.

Karen Moore, a chief deputy constable, said the fight started when a group of students threw food at another group in the cafeteria.

That sparked a verbal exchange that led to a brawl involving 20 to 30 students in the commons outside the cafeteria.

"I kind of think what happened was, it was a food fight and it got out of hand," Moore said.

"It appears that it could be the whites and Hispanics against the blacks."

Principal Jan Aragon denied that race was a factor, saying the fight involved two groups of students who simply didn't like each other.

After teachers and principals broke up the

first fight, several students were escorted to the school office. But moments later, the students "just got up and left," Moore said.

They returned to the commons and started a second fight, this one involving 30 to 40 students.

Five teachers and principals were injured slightly trying to break up the second brawl.

Authorities confiscated a set of brass knuckles. If the owner of the brass knuckles is found, Moore said, he could be charged with a felony.

Five students arrested were juveniles; the other five were adults.

All could face misdemeanor riot charges, Moore said.

## KANM recalls 20 years of accomplishments

By James Bernsen

THE BATTALION

From humble origins in a converted broom closet to modern production facilities, workers at KANM-Cable 99.9 reflect on the years' many changes as they prepare to celebrate the station's 20th anniversary Friday.

Station Manager Beth Weissinger said the station's biggest accomplishment has been surviving this long.

"We might be the oldest cable radio station in Texas, and maybe even the U.S.," she said.

Weissinger said she has seen many changes in the station since late 1987 when she first began working there.

"We used to work out of a converted broom closet in the Pavilion," she said.

Weissinger said the disc jockeys would have to go around the outside of the building to find the nearest bathroom and would occasionally lock themselves out by accident.

The station has now moved into

the Koldus Student Services Building and has a studio, production room, office, and most importantly, she said, a bathroom.

Faculty Adviser Tim Sweeney said the "laboratory environment" of the station helps students get hands-on experience not available in journalism or electronics classes.

Such experience has helped at least two KANM alumni move on to large stations in Dallas and Houston, said John Walvoord, production director.

Sweeney said the station has applied for an over-the-air broadcast license from the Federal Communications Commission, but it may be difficult to obtain.

The station has suffered from not being able to broadcast, and a license would help the station greatly, Weissinger said.

"If we were able to broadcast, people would be able to pick us up in their cars," she said. "Realistically speaking, that's where most people listen to the radio."

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## Freshmen elections result in runoff for six offices

By Kim McGuire

THE BATTALION

Freshmen class elections resulted in runoffs for six of the seven offices.

Runoffs will be Tuesday and the results will be announced at 10:30 p.m. in front of the Sul Ross statue.

Only the six positions of senator were determined in the preliminary vote Thursday evening.

The Class of '97 senators will be: Jim McFaddin, Matt Mayfield, James Atkinson, Bin Islam, K.C. Allan and Rob Holland.

Runoff candidates for the remaining offices are: Gary Kipe and James Atkinson, president;

and Chris Foster and Jenny Martin, vice president.

Also, Nicole Pfrommer and Jimbo Cross, treasurer.

Running for social secretary are: Jennifer Doktor and Tracy Mapes; and Courtney Lyons and Daniel Chaput, historian.

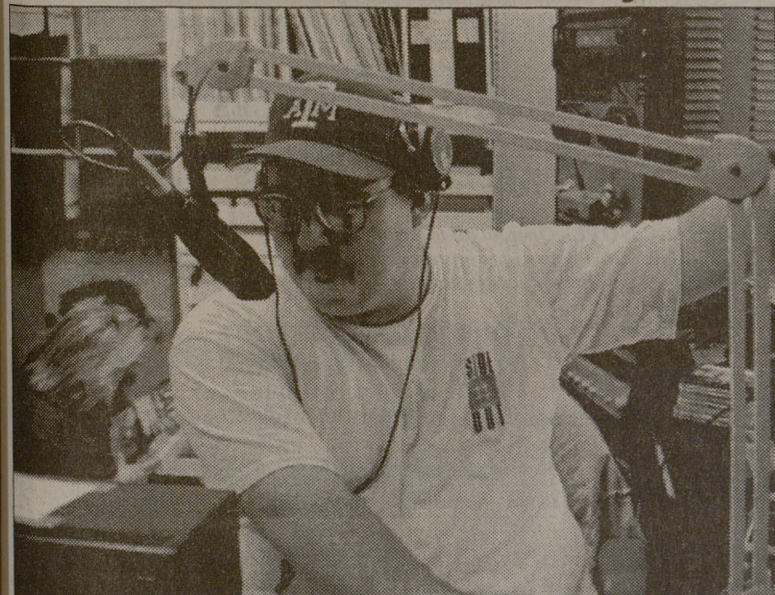
Also, Jennifer Cross and Natalie Reinhardt, secretary.

The runoffs are a result of no one candidate garnering 50 percent of the vote.

The voting site for Tuesday's running election will be the Memorial Student Center.

Voting times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all freshmen.

For more information, contact the election commission in the SGA office at 845-3051.



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Jeff Hughes, a junior forestry major, breaks back from a commercial into his Australian contemporary music show "Surfboards, 'Roos and Nude Beaches" at KANM Wednesday night.

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• Friday: partly cloudy, highs near 90, lows near 70

• Saturday: mostly cloudy, widely scattered showers, highs near 90

• Extended forecast: partly cloudy, cooler, highs in 80s, lows in 60s