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## Rwanda's minorities slain in genocidal rampage

Associated Press  
 NAIROBI, Kenya — Heavy shelling battered Rwanda's capital in a surge of fighting between Tutsi rebels and Hutu-led government troops Tuesday, and new reports on ethnic butchery in the countryside said militiamen killed 34 orphans and 12 Cross workers.  
 A British-based aid group, Oxfam, teamed with the United Nations to send troops back into Rwanda to protect civilians from the slaughter that has raged

unchecked for nearly a month.  
 At least 100,000 Rwandans have been killed since Rwanda's president, a member of the majority Hutu ethnic group, died in a mysterious plane crash April 6 in the capital, Kigali. U.N. Secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali has said the death toll may approach 200,000 out of a population of 8.5 million.  
 But Oxfam's director, David Bryer, said reports from his colleagues working with Rwandan refugees who have flooded into

neighboring countries suggest that up to 500,000 people may have been slain, most of them minority Tutsis.  
 "If this is confirmed, it will represent genocide on a horrific scale, with a level of killing the world has not seen since Cambodia in the 1970s," Bryer said in a letter to British Prime Minister John Major urging international intervention.  
 In a new example of the savagery, the International Red Cross reported Tuesday that 21 orphans were slain by militiamen

in Butare on Sunday, along with 13 Rwandan Red Cross workers who tried to protect them.  
 The Belgian Red Cross quoted one of its officials in Butare, Pascal Dufour, as saying the children — ages 3 to 12 — were "selected on an ethnic basis" from a group of 500 orphans evacuated last month from Kigali, about 50 miles to the north.  
 During a visit to Oslo, Norway, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali repeated his call to African states to pro-

vide troops for an all-African peacekeeping force that would be financed and equipped by the West. U.N. officials said no nation has pledged troops.  
 A foreign military presence is necessary to "defuse the conflict, to contain the genocide," Boutros-Ghali said.  
 Such a mission would have to be approved by the Security Council, which last month slashed the peacekeeping force in

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## George Bush Drive expansion provided by state for Library

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*The Battalion*  
 The Texas Transportation Commission voted last week to approve additional funding of \$4.7 million for the expansion of George Bush Drive, which will be completed before the presidential library opens in 1997.

Gov. Ann Richards announced Thursday, during a stop in Bryan, that the commission had approved the funds.  
 "I just received word that I think you will be pleased to hear," Richards said. "Earlier today, the Texas Transportation Commission voted for completion of an expansion project for George Bush Drive here in College Station. I am very proud that Texas will soon be able to boast of two presidential libraries."

The expansion project calls for the road to be increased from two lanes to four lanes at the point where George Bush Drive crosses Wellborn Road.

The four lanes will continue past FM 2818 and feature a raised landscaped median.

Denise Fischer, public information officer for the state department of highways and public transportation, said College Station has started negotiations with a design consultant and expects the construction to begin next summer.

She said the state allocating additional funds for the project means no other projects within the ten counties the department oversees had to be delayed.

"Some of these projects take years to complete," Fischer said. "If this project would have gone through the normal channels it might not have been finished by the time the library is completed."

Richards said transportation officials have estimated the road will be a major thoroughfare, transporting as many as 16,000 vehicles a day.

Don Wilson, executive director of the Bush Presidential Library, said the road expansion will help ease expected traffic congestion once the library opens.

"This will mean necessary traffic accommodations to serve the thousands of visitors we're expecting upon completion," Wilson said. "This is a very important step in completing plans for the infrastructure of this new institution."

Richards said the project's importance extends beyond completion of a needed highway.

"This use of state funds is an important investment in the economic development of the Bryan-College Station area," she said. "Once completed, the George Bush Library, the George Bush School of Government and Public Service and the Center for Presidential and Public Leadership Studies will provide jobs for approximately 360 people and could attract as many as 300,000 visitors a year to the area."

## Take a shot



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Neely Johnson (left), a junior rangeland ecology major, and Slaten Holmes, a freshman wildlife and fisheries major, practice their archery skills at the polo fields Tuesday afternoon. Johnson is the current national champion in archery and Neely is 20th ranked. Both are preparing for the Olympic Festival trials scheduled for next month in College Station.

## Admiral promotes placing women onto combat ships

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Navy must recruit more women and give them more chances to serve on combat ships, the service's new chief said Tuesday.

The Navy's image will improve "once everybody is recognized to be equal in the workplace," Adm. Jeremy Boorda said in an interview with reporters.

Women serve on 57 of the Navy's 406 ships, but Boorda said his goal is nothing less than all ships. "The goal is everything," he said.

The new chief of naval operations announced his plans just 10 days after taking command of a service afflicted by recent reports of sexual harassment, lackluster leadership and cheating at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Boorda said he will give the men and women of the Navy the chance to prove the Navy is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace.

"I want to do it as quickly as we can do it correctly," the admiral said.

He added that the goal may take some time to achieve because women must be integrated into crews at a proper pace in order to maintain a balance of trained sailors, new recruits and fighting capabilities.

"We're a profession that needs a lot of readiness, and it doesn't make sense to exclude half the population, does it?" he said.

The four-star admiral said current plans call for putting women on three aircraft carriers and 27 to 30 ships over the next three years, but that he has asked his staff to look into ways to integrate women into the service

more quickly.

"I would like to go faster," Boorda said.

There are 55,600 women among the Navy's 482,800 total force.

About 8,000 women are on ships at present, and women are scheduled to be assigned to 10 combat vessels this year.

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Although the issue of putting women on submarines has been under study, Boorda said he has asked his personnel chief to "look at it hard, again."

Complex issues of privacy and cost must be studied, since ships must be reconfigured to accommodate private quarters for women.

Another reason for taking more women into the service, the admiral said, is because his "bank" of recruits has dropped.

"It is not just the humanitarian or the sociological reasons for doing that, it is because our Navy is getting smaller, recruiting is getting more difficult," he said.

"It's a business and a professional thing, as well as the equal opportunity kind of aspects to it. It's nice, because they come together and you can do two good things at once this way."

## Final Exam Schedule

Friday	Tuesday
7:30-9:30 a.m. Classes meeting MWF 5:45-7 or later	8-10 a.m. Classes meeting MWF 10:20-11:10
10 a.m. - noon Classes meeting MWF 8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Classes meeting MWF 3-3:50
12:30-2:30 p.m. Classes meeting 9:35-10:50	1-3 p.m. Classes meeting TR 3:55-5:10
3-5 p.m. Classes meeting TR 11:10-12:25	3:30-5:30 p.m. Classes meeting MWF 1:50-2:40
Monday	Wednesday
8-10 a.m. Classes meeting MWF 9:10-10	8-10 a.m. Classes meeting TR 12:45-2
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Classes meeting MWF 12:40-1:30	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Classes meeting MWF 11:30-12:20
1-3 p.m. Classes meeting TR 8-9:15	1-3 p.m. Classes meeting TR 2:20-3:35
3:30-5:30 p.m. Classes meeting MW 4:10-5:25	3:30-5:30 p.m. Classes meeting TR 5:30-6:45 or later

## Local groups question Ross glorification

By Rob Clark  
*The Battalion*

Today marks the 75th anniversary of the unveiling of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue on the Texas A&M campus.

When many students think of Ross, the images that come to mind are that of a war hero, governor of Texas and A&M president. But some black students say they are uncomfortable paying tribute to Ross because of his role in the Confederacy and what the Confederacy stood for.

Ross served as a brigadier general for the Confederacy in the Civil War and eventually became governor of Texas. Ross later became president of Texas A&M from 1891-1898 and is widely credited for keeping the school afloat during its fledgling years.

Ross' importance to the University and his role in the Confederacy leave many questioning some of his characteristics.

Chris Jackson, an A&M history professor, said slavery apparently raised no moral problems for Ross.

"He seemed to believe that blacks accommodated themselves rather well," he said. "There's no indication that he thought it was unjust or sinful. He was a man with a very easy conscience about slavery."

In her book "Sul Ross — Soldier, Statesman, Educator," Judith Ann Benner described an incident after a Civil War battle March 4, 1864. A victorious Ross demanded the "immediate and unconditional surrender of the last re-doubt, then occupied by the 11th Illinois Infantry and some black troops.



Stew Milne/The Battalion

Surrender negotiations broke down when Ross would not 'recognize Negroes as soldiers,' since two of his men had been brutally murdered by black troops some weeks before."

Brian Feller, a member of Traditions Council, said the time in which Ross lived cannot be compared to today.

"In that time period, he mistreated minorities," he said. "That was what was called for and what was the situation in that time peri-

od in the South."  
 Feller said Ross' contributions to the University far outweigh his questionable characteristics.

"I can appreciate the concern," he said. "Their ancestors — the way they've suffered — they may have a little bit of animosity toward the way Sul Ross acted. But I don't feel they should consider that when they look at what he did for the University. It's unfair he be looked at in a negative light regardless of the way he treated minorities."

Shawn Williams, political actions chair of the A&M branch of the NAACP, said the University needs to rethink the emphasis placed on the statue.

"This is the 1990s and times have changed," he said. "The way they pay homage to this man — they can't even see him in a bad light. Most people just put him up on a pedestal to where he can do no wrong."

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