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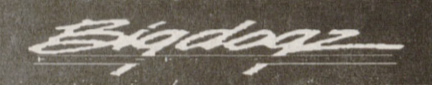


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Drive: Officials say citizens can help prevent bombings

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products, Elias said, BloodCare will export more blood to the institute.

Elias said that because 80 percent of BloodCare's staff is at A&M for the blood drive, BloodCare will have to obtain most of its blood from A&M students and faculty.

"We have all of our eggs in one basket," Elias said. "And right now, we are doing less in the blood drive here than we had projected."

"This is a really frightening situation. If you donated blood today, we would have to spend 14 to 17 hours testing the unit before it could be available for shipping. This is making us nervous."

Cindy Sweatman, BloodCare's Texas A&M consultant, said the blood drive is not doing as well as expected.

"If we continue at the same pace as Monday and Tuesday, our projection is that 1,460 units of blood will be donated," Sweatman said. "We have a staff down here to draw at least 2,000 units. The University of Texas' blood drive drew 3,000 units."

BloodCare is on code-red emergency alert for Type O-Negative blood.

This means, Elias said, that BloodCare does not have enough O-Negative blood to offer the hospitals. BloodCare currently has five units of O-Negative blood and it needs 117 units, Elias said.

BloodCare is also on code-yellow emergency alert for blood types O-Positive and A-Positive.

"We do not have enough of three blood types now to export them to Oklahoma," Elias said.

"We must build up our blood supply through Texas A&M."

Jennifer Tally, a member of Alpha Phi Omega and publicity chair for the A&M blood drive, said more students began donating blood once they learned about the Oklahoma explosion.

"Around 1 p.m., we had a constant stream of people here at Sbsisa," Tally said. "Sometimes 15 or 20 people would be here at once. We had one of the vans take some people to the Commons where there were less people and more beds."

Keisha Shaheed, a junior biomedical science major, said she and her sister decided to donate blood after hearing about the explosion.

"I heard about it on the radio," Shaheed said. "I wasn't going to come because I have a major lab test. I don't have A-Positive blood, but my sister does. Mine's AB-Positive. There might be somebody with AB-Positive blood out there who needs my blood."

While students are donating blood, A&M officials are analyzing the explosion.

Demetrios Basdekas, a senior research fellow for the Mosher Institute for International Policy Studies, said that although these incidents such as this bombing cannot be eliminated, citizens can help prevent some of them.

Basdekas said people should report any suspicious activity to the police.

"Individual citizens can contribute by being alert," he said. "In Czechoslovakia, an alert lady noticed that in the backseat of a luxury car, there was a metal cylinder. She called the police. The police discovered that

the cylinder contained an appreciable amount of the stuff that nuclear bombs are made of. The party was involved in nuclear materials trade in Europe. This is how effective notifying the police can be."

Basdekas said he admires how the citizens of Oklahoma City are responding to the explosion.

"They are doing the best they can to rescue the people," he said. "And they are doing this at their own peril because the building is unstable."

Basdekas said there are several possible motives for the explosion.

"It could be a delayed terrorist reaction to the Persian Gulf War," he said. "Or it could be a disgruntled group of individuals or a crazy-type acting alone. But from the information so far, it was probably the work of a group."

"Being a federal building, the security was probably respectable. But if some people like that put their minds to do this, it is very difficult, if not impossible to stop them. There are so many targets for criminals, especially in an open society like ours, it is impossible to prevent all of these incidents."

Zillur Rahim, president of the Islamic Community of Bryan-College Station, said media reports on unfounded theories about terrorist groups' possible involvement in the bombing have victimized Muslim Americans.

"Islam has nothing to do with violence," Rahim said. "We encourage the law officials involved to do their best to bring these criminals to justice."

Regents: Bill regulates Texas regents conduct

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term, nothing prohibits regents from serving in other systems.

"If a regent has served exceptionally, there are other ways to serve in the government," Ogden said. "There is no law keeping a regent from being appointed to another system."

Ogden emphasized that the bill was not a reflection on the current Texas A&M Board of Regents.

"I think the regents Texas A&M has right now are very good," Ogden said. "But in this past, there have been problems in some systems."

Ogden said the most beneficial part of the bill is the provision requiring public hearings before regents can increase tuition or fees. He explained that this will give regents a chance to hear all perspectives.

"This creates an opportunity to hear other points of view, not merely an administrative perspective," Ogden said.

Brisco agreed that the public hearing rule would help regents. She pointed to the April Board meeting, where student representatives met with regents to discuss possible increases in fees.

"Those students were very insightful and offered a lot of student input," Brisco said. "I think something like that would be helpful."

Lindsey said the provision should be used with caution. He explained that there are ten valid and invalid concerns about a fee.

"There may be some students that are not affected by the fee who will argue because they like to complain about fees in general," Lindsey said. "I don't think that's right."

Lindsey said he supported one provision that specifies the grounds to remove regents from office.

"I'm glad to see that provision," Lindsey said. "I think that's been a real problem in the past. It's very surprising that there hasn't been a law concerning this before."

Brisco said she was disturbed by the bill's final provision encouraging regents to set academic standards so that 90 percent of admitted students will be prepared for college level work. The provision would eliminate all remedial course work.

"There should be help for those students who need it," Brisco said. "I'm concerned that this would totally eliminate that help."

Weekend: Ring Dance features five scenes in different rooms

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"Welch will talk about why A&M is important," Britton said, "and how it is an asset to our futures."

Ring Dance will be Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the MSC and Rudder.

Scholl said the dance will have five scene rooms. The rooms will feature a country-western band, a piano bar, an orchestra, a DJ playing rock and alternative music and a Tejano band.

"The Tejano band is a new room," Scholl said. "A lot of people at A&M listen to Tejano music and we want to provide music for all different tastes and interests."

Burke said Ring Dance will be the biggest challenge for Senior Weekend.

"Decorating for Ring Dance is the biggest thing because we will not be allowed into some of the rooms until after Muster," Burke said. "That is a big challenge. We are going to organize a lot of people to help."

The Senior Picnic will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Spence Park.

Tickets for Ring Dance will still be on sale today. Seniors can also buy an \$85 ticket package for all the events.

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