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U.S. troops head to Bosnia; Serbs move to impede arrival

Whether the soldiers are being sent to aid the U.N. mission or to remove peacekeepers remains unclear.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Rebel Serbs, locked into a showdown with the world, upgraded their arsenal with tanks and other armor seized from their U.N. hostages Monday, while the West stepped up pressure by sending thousands of troops toward Bosnia.

mately 370 trapped U.N. peacekeepers. It said Serbs unleashed heavy artillery attacks on the main road that Western troops would use to reach Sarajevo.

France has threatened to withdraw its 3,800 peacekeepers — the largest contingent in Bosnia — unless the U.N. mission is strengthened. France also has sent an aircraft carrier to the Adriatic.

Rape victims sustain physical, mental trauma, experts say

Campus counseling services and the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center offer assistance to victims.

By Katherine Arnold THE BATTALION

A man sees a woman he thinks is attractive. He finds himself extremely attracted to her, and is aroused by the prospect of hunting and conquering her. He plans his approach, executes it and walks away. He is walking away from a crime scene and a lifetime of turmoil for his victim.

Emotionally, most victims suffer from what is known as Rape Trauma Syndrome, Moore said. This often involves making excuses and placing the blame on themselves.

Relationships are also often affected, she said. "Sexual relationships often end because the woman cannot bring herself to be intimate with her partner," she said.

"I think that part of the problem is that we have no social mechanisms for responding to rape," Tomarelli said.

Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department and member of the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center board of directors, said that emotional problems are high after a rape, but reporting the crime and notifying law enforcement is very important.

Businesses band together in light of construction

Northgate business owners are working together on joint advertising to encourage people to continue patronizing them while construction is underway on College Main street.

By Jill Saunders THE BATTALION

Construction on College Main is slowing traffic through some Northgate businesses, store workers said.



"Detour" and "Road Closed" signs mark the University Drive entrance to College Main. Construction is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 1.

\$500,000 1995 bond package for the reconstruction of Northgate.

Bookstores, said construction never happens at a good time.

"We're gonna live with it," Loupot said.

He said that while the city has the right to maintain its utilities, this could have a devastating impact on small businesses.

Bernie Gessner, owner of Aggie Cleaners, said he hopes his regular clientele will continue to use his services but thinks the construction will present problems.

"We are here at Northgate for the students," Gessner said. "This will be a financially difficult summer."

Gessner said he felt the big challenge he faces is getting to the students and letting them know his services are still available.

Traylor said most of the businesses in the area are getting together to find a way to attract customers.

"We've all been having meetings for the last month or so to prepare for this," Traylor said.

"The city hadn't taken bicycle parking into consideration, so we're trying to improve that."

Traylor said the businesses are working on advertising campaigns with newspapers and radio stations.

"The ads won't just be about Marooned," he said. "They will mention that all the businesses are open in spite of the construction."

The city is also helping to get the word out by putting up signs to alert motorists of pedestrian traffic.

Robert Forrest, owner and manager of Sarge's, said he does not expect great things for business this summer. His main concern is that construction will be finished by the Aug. 1 deadline.

Traylor said that if the construction is completed by the deadline, the businesses will not complain.

"If they run over a week, I don't think it will really kill us," Traylor said.

"Many of us feel that if the students do not come to us within the first few weeks of a semester, they may never give us their business," he said.

Traylor said the businesses will hold another joint meeting after the public meeting May 31.

The public meeting will take place in the College Station City Council Chambers, where the consulting firm Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum will report on the Northgate study and residents can voice their opinions.

Officials search for ways to increase faculty salaries

Studies show that A&M professors' average nine-month pay is about nine percent lower than the average.

By Javier Hinojosa THE BATTALION

Some Texas A&M officials are concerned that some faculty members may move on to other higher-paying institutions if faculty pay is not raised soon.

Studies done by the University's Planning and Institutional Research Office show the average nine-month salary for professors, associates and assistants to be \$57,964.

This salary is about nine percent lower than those of other institutions, which pay their faculty an average of \$63,218.

Bill Perry, dean of faculties, said the Legislature has not allocated any money for raises since 1992.

Other institutions may begin to offer higher-paying positions to A&M faculty members, he said.

"There is a general concern that if it deteriorates further there will be some pressure from the outside," Perry said.

Perry said the turn over rate of faculty members leaving for other jobs or retiring each year has been constant at about three percent.

Perry said pay is a big factor in faculty members' choices to leave, but they are also making professional career decisions.

Texas A&M Chancellor Dr. Barry B. Thompson, expressed concern for some members of the faculty who deserve raises but have not received one in two or three years.

"We are taking a very careful look into system-wide merit raises," Thompson said.

Thompson said he could not promise that funds would be made available for faculty pay raises.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said faculty pay raises are on everyone's mind.

"We know that there's been a considerable dry period since the last state-funded pay raise," he said.

Gaston said the general use fee

Move toward off-campus Aggie Bucks use continues

Students will be able to use the debit card system at local businesses by the end of the summer.

By Michael Simmons THE BATTALION

Texas A&M administrators currently are developing a plan to allow students to use their Aggie Bucks at off campus businesses in accordance with recent state legislation.

The bill passed through both the state House and Senate and has been signed by Gov. George Bush.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Steve Ogden, states that a student debit card may be used to purchase merchandise and services similar to those sold by the institution. All state schools must

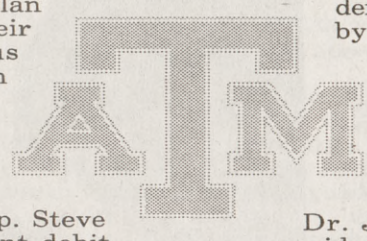
comply with the established legislation by Aug. 15, 1996.

Thomas Taylor, assistant vice president for budgeting and administrative planning, said the University is still considering the structure of the new Aggie Bucks program.

"We're still trying to understand what the legislation says," Taylor said. "We've got a year to determine how we will approach the program," he said.

Taylor said efforts to draw a definitive plan have been stifled by the renegotiation of Barnes and Noble Bookstore Inc.'s contract. Barnes and Noble, which operates the MSC Bookstore and currently has exclusive access to the Aggie Bucks system for the purchase of books.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said negotiations for the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, said construction never happens at a good time.



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Police arrest A&M employees for marijuana possession

The drugs were found growing in the Landscape Maintenance Compound last week after a tip from a confidential source.

Two Texas A&M employees who were arrested for possession of marijuana have been released on bond, the University Police Department said.

Brad Allen Starling and Paul Reyna, workers in Plant Services in the Physical Plant Department, each posted \$1,000 bond May 24, the same day of the arrest.

H. Allan Baron, the UPD officer who made the arrest, said the arrest was made through information from a confidential source.

Baron said the informant told him that two marijuana plants were growing in the Landscape Maintenance Compound on South College Ave. and that the plants were being maintained by Reyna and Starling.

The informant also told Baron that Reyna and Starling regularly smoked marijuana while working.

Baron confirmed the location of the plants on May 12.

"There's a little wooded area just off a little creek in the area," Baron said, "and that's where the two plants were."

Baron and two other officers made the arrest a week later with the assistance of a narcotics-detecting dog.

"We brought a drug canine in and found some marijuana on their vehicles and on the University vehicles also," Baron said. "They had hidden some under the driver's seat and in the pocket of the door of a University van."

The officers found a total of less than two ounces of marijuana, including the plants by the creek.

Both men admitted to owning the marijuana found in the vehicles and to growing the plants, according to the UPD.