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TROOPS

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send 20,000 American troops to Bosnia. The 45,000 soldiers stationed at Fort Hood, which is northwest of Austin, just outside Killeen, are not scheduled to take part in the peace-keeping effort.

"I've seen in the newspapers all the atrocities they've done to the children, and it's time for somebody to go in there," Washington said. "I think they should go try to stop it, if nothing else, to save a kid's life."

But across the room of the sports bar at Fort Hood, where soldiers gathered Monday night before the presidential address, another Persian Gulf veteran said he saw things differently.

"This has been going on for a really long time — these people have been at each other's throats for a long time — and it'll end up like Beirut," said Gregory Sikes, a 37-year-old master sergeant in the Air Force. "I really do think that when we pull out, things are going to go right back to the way they were."

The lack of a clear objective in the Bosnian mission was an issue for many of the soldiers at Fort Hood, al-

though some said the straightforward rules for operation — shoot if shot at, for example — were a relief. But most, even those who said they personally support the effort, doubted that a year of keeping the warring factions apart would result in a lasting peace.

"My personal feeling is that if they want to fight, they should fight," said James Singleton, a 25-year-old Army specialist with seven years of service. "We're playing sheriff to the world, and I don't think we should go over there and do that."

As the president appeared on several of the more than 30 television screens in Fort Hood's Sports Dome and he laid out his objectives, conversations over pool cues or a plastic pitcher of beer continued unabated.

Gordon Sanders, a 40-year-old veteran with 20 years in the Army, was one of the few who paused to listen to the gist of the presidential address. He was serving his fellow soldiers from the center of a beer kiosk, and when there was a break in the customer line, he turned to the four-sided, big-screen television that hung from the center of the room.

Sanders, a sergeant first class, said that while he personally does not want to end up as a Bosnian peacekeeper, he supports U.S. military involvement.

REGENTS

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The success of the last open house should draw even more students out, Silloway said.

"[The last open house] was very helpful for Texas A&M students," she said.

Students who thought the Board was unapproachable discovered that was not the case, she said.

Boenig said he hopes the Board will continue the practice of holding an

open house before its regular meeting.

"I will ask the chairman to keep [the practice] going," Boenig said.

Regent Frederick McClure said Chairman Mary Nan West had indicated that she had hoped the open houses would continue.

Lindsey raised practical concerns for continuing the open houses before each meeting.

"It is sort of inconvenient for the Regents to come a day earlier because that's one more day away from our homes and jobs," he said.

However, Lindsey said he hoped the open houses would continue because they provide a service for students.

PARENTS

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"They got to meet the whole committee for the first time last week so they were really excited," McElroy said. "At first they didn't know what to expect, but now they are having a great time."

The Aggie Father of the Year said it was a meaningful experience to be presented on Kyle Field.

"It is obviously an honor," he said.

"Of course you sort of hope what qualified you for parents would make you a role model."

Susan Bilhartz, a sophomore marketing major, said the experience was emotional for her.

"My sister and I were both there, and it made us cry," she said, "but I thought it was really nice."

She nominated her parents for the award because of the lifelong support they have given to A&M.

"I think that they've given a lot to A&M," she said. "We always came to the football games, and my dad would show me around campus."

CAMAC

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to the United States with them.

"Las Posadas is used to pass the story of Jesus' birth to the children," she said. "The songs, the actions that go through leave an impression on the children. They share the food and beat a piñata to get goodies."

Perez, who has celebrated the posadas in her hometown of San Antonio, said the tradition is celebrated differently in each community, but is essentially the same idea.

The ceremonies are usually performed Dec. 19-24, because of the winter break, CAMAC decided to celebrate the tradition early on campus.

"We'd like to see all students, faculty and staff at the posadas," Perez said, "as well as families in the community with children."

"Posadas started with one culture teaching another culture, and we want to keep that tradition going. We are showing our culture to others, which is what the Christmas season is all about."

Father Mike Sis of St. Mary's Catholic Church and director of Catholic campus ministry said that the celebration Las Posadas is a cultural affirmation of Christmas for the Hispanic community.

The Christian faith has been central to the Mexican culture for 500 years, Sis said, and the posadas brings the devotion to Joseph and Mary's journey into the home. It gives families an opportunity to combine culture and religion outside the confines of the church, he said.

"The church advertises the schedule and encourages members to attend Las Posadas," he said. "Each year we are one of the stations that hosts the procession, but I like [more like] a home devotional."

BEVO

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they knew of somebody that could."

The committee contacted a representative of Gordon's Auto and Truck Salvage who willingly offered the sacrificial car.

"It was really nice," Allen said. "He said, 'Sure, you can have a car.' They've been really supportive."

The event is a perfect opportunity for Aggies to show their support for the upcoming game, Allen said.

"If you don't have the time or inclination to build Bonfire, and you're not on the football team, how else can you show your support better than to go and beat the hell outta Bevo?" she said. "Besides, it's really fun to just go and beat on a car."

Suzannah Taylor, OPAS director of financial development and a junior speech communications major, said the group is expecting a large turnout.

"We hope it's a part of the Bonfire festivities," Taylor said. "We thought this was a unique idea, and we were trying to think of something that a lot of people could participate in — not just members of OPAS, but everybody on campus."

Currently, the weapon of choice for the fund-raiser bash is a pipe.

Although this is the first year OPAS has sponsored such an event, Wehner said it should continue.

"This is new, but who knows?" she said. "We may start a tradition. This really starts everything off — this is such a huge, wonderful weekend."

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