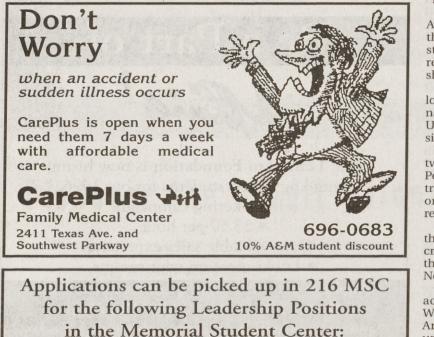
GENTS needed....

Now is your chance to join the Khaki-clad Aggie Gents and help support the Lady Aggie Basketball team as they burst onto the Big 12 scene.

> **Informational Meeting** Thursday, Sept. 12 8:00 p.m. G. Rollie White



Vice President for Personnel Vice President for Programs Director of Systems Management Director of Former Student Relations



Applications are due Sept. 16, 1996 at 5:00 pm in 216 MSC. If you have any questions please contact Liz Rayburn at 845-9024.



ORLD

Iraq fires at U.S. warplanes

Advancing ground troops force fleeing refugees into Iran, Turkey

SULAYMANIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Emboldened by triumphs on the ground, Saddam Hussein acted on his threat to shoot at American warplanes Wednesday, firing a missile at U.S. jets patrolling the 'no-fly" zone over northern Iraq.

There were no hits, but the Americans promptly announced they were sending long-range strategic bombers into the volatile region for another potential showdown with the Iraqi leader.

Saddam vowed he would no longer honor the "damned imaginary" no-fly zones last week after U.S. forces blasted air defense sites in southern Iraq.

Iraqi forces fired one missile at two F-16s over northern Iraq, the Pentagon said. The Iraqi radars tracking the F-16s were not kept on long enough for the jets to fire retaliatory radar-seeking missiles.

'Our air defenses intercepted the enemy targets with anti-aircraft guns and rockets and forced them to flee," the official Iraqi News Agency said Wednesday.

Iraq has reported similar actions for several days, but Wednesday was the first time the Americans confirmed coming under fire. Initial reports said two Iraqi missiles were fired. A Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, later said only one missile was shot.

Pentagon officials said two B-52 bombers based in Guam would be relocated to the island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. B-52s fired some of the cruise missiles that struck Iraq last week.

We reserve the right to take action to protect our pilots who are enforcing the no-fly zones both over northern Iraq and

southern Iraq," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "It doesn't matter whether he (Saddam) observes them or not. We enforce them.'

In the past two weeks, Saddam has undertaken his biggest military venture since the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

A U.S.-led allied air force, based in southern Turkey, has been protecting Iraqi Kurds since they rebelled against Saddam in 1991. Fifty fighter jets and bombers from Britain, France and the United States patrol the no-fly zone above the 36th parallel in northern Iraq.

On Aug. 31, Saddam sent troops into the "safe haven" to help Kurdish allies oust a rival Iranianbacked Kurdish group. He has defied limited U.S. attempts to stop him and now appears willing to provoke a new confrontation.

The Iraqi offensive has sent thousands of refugees fleeing toward Turkey and Iran. Seeking to prevent an exodus, Saddam has declared a general amnesty for all Kurds and lifted travel and trade barriers between Iraq and the Kurdish area.

The U.N. refugee agency said in Sulaymaniyah that 50,000 people had fled the town, drastically lowering Tuesday's estimates of 300,000. About half of them have returned home, said an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Border guards and some refugees at Bashmaq said Wednesday that dozens of commanders of the vanquished Kurdish group, including Patriotic Union of Kurdistan leader Jalal Talabani, were among those who crossed into Iran.

About 5,000 Iraqis have



were visible all the way up to the Iranian border, indicating the faction's domin region.

2 About 20 miles northeast of Sulaymaniyah, KDP fighters looted everything they carry from the headquarters of the Iranian-allied Patriotic Union.

3 Around 5,000 refugees, arriving on foot or crammed into cars, buses and trucks, crossed into Iran at Bashmaq. A few thousand more are believed lot ounded entered at other border points nrollme

crossed the Bashmaq border post into Iran, border guards said Wednesday, and several thousand more were believed to have

crossed elsewhere. Iran's official Tehran radio said Wednesday that "tens of thousands" of Iraqi Kurds had entered Iran and that aid workers were struggling to provide food, water and medical care for them in temporary camps along the border. "Half our family is here, half is

Coach: N there," said Miriam Husse mother of seven children. "I Colors: F two of my daughters this mo Stadium to the Iranian side to find m sons who had fled. But nonel 31,000 r returned. Now I have four 1995 rec dren over there.'

AP/Terry Kole, Wm. J. Ca

ocation

Page

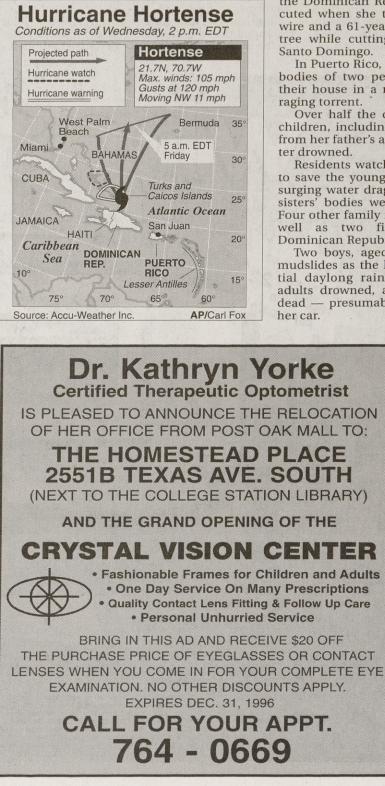
Thursday • September 12,

On the Iraqi side, refu Letterme mobbed a U.N. team sent to it Letterme tigate the scene at the bord Refugees surrounded the Returnin vehicle and wouldn't let the o cials leave for almost two hours. Titles wo

Hortense strengthens, threatens islands

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hurricane Hortense strengthened today over open waters as it moved away from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, where it dumped up to 20 inches of rain and left at least 12 people dead.

The lightly populated Turks and Caicos Islands were struck today by Hortense, which is heading northwest at 11 mph packing 105 mph winds and heavy rains. Power poles were reported down and roofs damaged. The central Bahamas were expected to be hit by up to 10 inches of rain later today.



Those rains pounded Puerto Rico with near-record amounts on Tuesday, flooding streets and highways and sending rivers surging over their banks. A flood warning remained in effect today as squalls left over from the hurricane lashed the western half of the island.

Hortense cut water and electricity to most of Puerto Rico's 3.6 million people, destroyed more than 650 homes and stranded hundreds of cars with chest-high water in San Juan, the capital. Two-thirds of the island remained without water and power today.

Two people were killed by the hurricane in the Dominican Republic: a woman electrocuted when she touched a fallen electrical wire and a 61-year-old man who fell from a tree while cutting branches just south of

In Puerto Rico, police today recovered

Power remained off across much of Puert Rico today, and the Turks and Caicos war without electricity as well. Hortense's with and rains blacked out the British is chain, knocking state television and rad the air.

The National Hurricane Center in M cited a slight chance that the hurrid popho would cross the Bahamas and come w 65 miles of West Palm Beach and Fort Pie ntens on Florida's east coast Friday.

Forecasters think it's more likely a we er trough in the mid-Atlantic states will the hurricane off shore, pushing the stu further north and possibly targeting Northeast and New England by Sunday.

The rains from Hortense, which I today was relatively slow-moving, pumm Guayama, 30 miles south of San Juan. Canal nart of an old sug mill network, burst its banks and ro through the Borinquen neighborhood, ca ing away at least 50 homes. 'This land once belonged to the river," Severa Ponte, a grim-faced resident. time, we forgot that. Now it's come back." Homes in several San Juan neighborh were swamped with waist-high wa stranded hundreds of residents, man whom were on rooftops. More than 10,000 people were force take shelter in Puerto Rico and the Domin Republic, where the rains were not near damaging as in the U.S. commonwealth. Off Mexico's Pacific coast, the Nati Weather Service said today that Hurri Fausto had formed with 75 mph winds may strengthen as it heads toward Cabo Lucas, which is just west of the California peninsula.

bodies of two people who drowned when their house in a ravine was swamped by a

Over half the dead in Puerto Rico were children, including an 8-year-old girl swept from her father's arms as her 13-year-old sis-

Residents watched the girls' father trying to save the younger child, only to have the surging water drag her from his hands. The sisters' bodies were found under a bridge. Four other family members were missing, as well as two fishermen off northeast Dominican Republic.

Two boys, aged 2 and 3, were killed in mudslides as the hurricane brought torrential daylong rains to Puerto Rico. Three adults drowned, and a woman was found dead — presumably of a heart attack — in



The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Texas A&M wishes the Jewish University Community a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Everyone is invited to services conducted by Rabbi Peter Tarlow.

Rosh Hashanah Services Friday, Sept. 13 @ 8:00 pm Saturday, Sept. 14 @ 10:00 am Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 10:00 am

Yom Kippur Services Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 8:00 am Monday, Sept. 23 @ 10:00 am Monday Evening- Sundown, Break-the-Feast

HILLEL FOUNDATION

Serving the TAMU Jewish Community

C.S.

800 George Bush

696-7313

more Ar

ays a wee