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en to visit Dallas recruitment trip

A&M President Dr. Ray M. and Texas State Senator will talk to African-American and Hispanic students and parents in Dallas about opportunities at A&M.

ops consider meatless Fridays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aiming to promote unity and penitence, bishops are considering a meatless Fridays, a practice that has been mandatory since the

HEALTH

orie, fat intake important in diet

important to watch both carbohydrate and fat intake when trying to lose weight. High-fat diet is a high-calorie diet that contains the most calories per gram than any other macronutrient: carbohydrates, protein and fat. The market has been flooded with high-calorie foods, and people are starting to notice extra weight gain even though they thought they were eating healthy.

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Former sleeping aid is gaining popularity on college campuses as a recreational drug.

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U.S. optimistic for vote against Iraq

Staff and wire report

Declaring that Iraqi defiance has reunited the Gulf War coalition, U.S. and British diplomats asked the Security Council on Tuesday to slap a travel ban on Iraq and warn of "further measures" unless it cooperates with U.N. arms inspectors.

But the resolution did not include the threat of military force should Iraq continue refusing to rescind its Oct. 29 order to expel American members of the U.N. weapons inspection team.

The draft also omitted a warning of "serious consequences" because of opposition from the French and Russians.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said the council would vote on the

resolution Wednesday and he expected "near unanimity" among the 15 council members.

"This resolution is going to be passed tomorrow," Richardson said. "And we think it sends an unmistakable signal for Iraq to comply immediately."

Allison Astorino-Courtois, a Texas A&M political science professor, said President Clinton's plan of action depends on the vote of the U.N.

"I think Clinton is taking a very prudent course," she said. "His plan is 'We're prepared to use force, but we're going to wait and see what the U.N. does.'"

Council sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several members would try before the vote

to persuade the Iraqis to rescind the decision against the Americans.

Britain's acting U.N. ambassador, Stephen Gomersall, said there were "diplomatic efforts by a number of members of the council with the Iraqi government at this moment."

"We hope to hear positive news from that tomorrow," Gomersall said. "But as of now, the intention is this resolution will be voted on around noon tomorrow."

The resolution would ban Iraqi officials who interfere with U.N. inspectors from traveling abroad, condemn Iraq for its expulsion of American inspectors and suspend further reviews of economic sanctions against Iraq until the inspectors certify that Baghdad is cooperating. The Security Council imposed the

sanctions in August 1990 after Iraq invaded neighboring Kuwait.

"The coalition has reunited itself because of Iraqi behavior," Richardson said. "We believe that there's strong unanimity and consensus on the council that Iraq's behavior has been unacceptable."

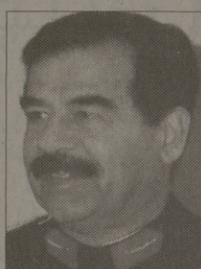
Despite the strong rhetoric, U.S. and British diplomats worked throughout the day to polish and sometimes weaken language in hopes of a unanimous vote. The French raised questions about the timetable for reviewing Iraqi compliance.

Threats of force were deleted from the resolution in hopes of winning support from Russia, France, China and other nations anxious to resume lucrative trade links with Iraq once

sanctions are lifted.

Egypt insisted on language affirming the territorial integrity and independence of Iraq. The council suspended its consultations for about 90 minutes while the Egyptian-requested paragraph was inserted into the final draft.

Iraq issued its order to expel American inspectors after five council members—France, Russia, China, Egypt and Kenya—abstained on a resolution last month threatening a travel ban.



Hussein

Hammer time



ROBERT MCKAY/THE BATTALION

Andre Cruz, a junior business major, helps build a wood and cardboard shack to raise awareness for Habitat for Humanity Tuesday. Student groups will help build more shacks Wednesday as part of an all-night event.

Bone marrow donors sought for drive today

By JULIETTA JORDAN Staff writer

Corps of Cadets Company C-1 and the Scott and White Marrow Donor Program are holding a bone marrow registry drive today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Lounge B on the Quadrangle.

The National Marrow Donor Program Registry is a worldwide database of names and blood profiles of potential marrow donors.

Debbie Mabry, coordinator of the Scott and White Marrow Donor Program, said the drive allows students to register with the program.

Jeff Strauss, commanding officer of C-1 and a senior construction science major, said the outfit will help potential donors with paperwork.

Mabry said people on the registry may never be asked to donate marrow because matched are hard to find.

Strauss said when Texas A&M students register, they will be on the registry for the rest of their life.

"You're eligible forever — not just while you are in school," he said.

Benito Flores-Meath, Class of '83 and a College Station resident, is a member of the National Marrow Donor Program Registry who was chosen as a marrow donor in January 1997.

During the day surgery, he was put under anesthesia while the marrow was taken from his hip.

The procedure left only a bruise on his hip.

Flores-Meath said he encourages A&M students to become members of the registry because it gives them an opportunity to help other people.

"I would do it again in a second," he said.

At the bone marrow drive today, two tubes of blood are taken from the donor. Tests are run on the blood, and the results are entered into the registry. If the tissue type of the donor matches a patient's type, then the donor may be asked to give bone marrow.

Aggies raise money to help injured classmate

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH Staff writer

Two years after a car accident left a Texas A&M student paralyzed from the waist down, Jennifer Jackson, a junior business major, is preparing for a surgery that may give her movement and function in her legs to her knees.

Jackson, who is from Van Alstyne, Texas, may be able to walk with the assistance of braces after the surgery.

Jackson leaves Friday for Argentina where she will have nerve-graft surgery that is expected to restore some feeling below her waist.

Surgeons will take nerve tissue from her leg and reattach it to her spinal column, hoping it will grow and allow signals

to travel along the spine.

Patty and Steve Jackson, Jackson's parents, heard about the surgery from a couple they met at Baylor Medical Center. Jackson's parents researched the surgery and contacted Dr. Karl Kao who will operate on Jennifer Nov. 21.

Jackson said that one of her friends who had the surgery done this summer is in rehabilitation.

"My friend is doing better after this surgery than they ever expected," she said. "Doctors told him he'd only regain feeling down to his thighs, but he has movement in his toes. It has given me hope that the surgery will help me."

Jackson said that because the surgery is considered experimental and

not covered by insurance, she will have it in Argentina where medical costs are lower.

Jackson also said that if the surgery was performed in the United States, the surgery was estimated to cost \$300,000, and in Argentina, the cost is \$40,000.

Jackson's parents planned on paying for the surgery from their savings, but people in Van Alstyne raised the money for the Jacksons.

Pat Morgan, office manager of Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative in Waco, was in charge of the donations. On Nov. 1, the Van Alstyne community hosted a benefit sale, bake sale and a silent auction.

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PMC carries on proud military tradition

By RACHEL DAWLEY Staff writer

When the horse branches of the U.S. Army were disbanded in 1943, Texas A&M bid farewell to its mounted cavalry. But in 1972, three members of the Corps of Cadets helped revive the horse cavalry, beginning one of the most visible traditions of the University.

The first cavalry program at A&M was founded in 1919 as part of a program to commission reserve officers into the cavalry branch of the Army. At its peak in 1942, the cavalry had 500 members.

The unit thrived until 1943, when the Army's cavalry units became obsolete because of the introduction of mechanized warfare.

Fifty-three years later, Col. Tom Parsons, commandant of the Corps and Class of '49, gave his blessing to revive the organization. Parsons solicited a \$10,000 grant from the Association of Former Students and Parsons' Mounted Cavalry (PMC) was named in his honor.

Today, the cavalry continues to be a part of the Corps of Cadets and a visible representation of the history of the University. The group has grown to

100 members, who are volunteer sophomore, junior and senior cadets.

PMC represents A&M in different parades, and the cadets fire the cannon during yell practices and home football games.

Paul Simone, commanding officer of PMC and a senior agricultural development major, said the cavalry participates in activities across Texas to promote A&M and the Corps.

"We are a part of the Corps of Cadets, a group that emphasizes leadership and training," Simone said. "PMC is probably one of the best ways to do that. We develop leadership skills, a good work ethic and time management. We represent the Corps and the University."

Last month, PMC members participated in the 40th Anniversary of Clayton Williams Jr.'s work in the oil industry. The group traveled to Williams' home in Alpine, Texas.

"Mr. Williams is one of the biggest contributors to A&M and the Corps of Cadets," Simone said. "He recognized our unit and invited us out there."



RYAN ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Members of Parsons' Mounted Cavalry fire the cannon following an Aggie touchdown during Saturday's 38-10 win over Baylor University. The cavalry is made up of 100 volunteer sophomores, juniors and seniors from A&M's Corps of Cadets.

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