

Clinton, Congress prepare for NATO airstrikes on Serbia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton prepared the American people on Tuesday for an imminent attack on Serb targets, acknowledging U.S. forces would be put at risk. Congress fell in behind him, shelving a move to keep the American troops away from Yugoslavia.



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As NATO airstrikes appeared all but inevitable, Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov registered his opposition by canceling a White House visit while en route to Washington. The Russian leader's plane turned around and headed back to Moscow.

"I want to level with you," Clinton said in a speech to a union group and the American public at large. "This is like any other military action. There are risks in it."

But he said that patient American diplomacy had reached a dead end and that Serb troops were terrorizing and murdering civilians in Kosovo. "We have to take a stand now," Clinton said. "If we don't do it now, we will have to do it later."

The Senate had been scheduled to take a key procedural vote Tuesday on legislation by Republican leaders designed to keep Clinton from using U.S. military power in the Balkans crisis without support from Congress first.

But after Clinton called senior members of the Senate and House to the White House to receive a report on envoy Richard Holbrooke's failure to budge Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Kosovo, Senate leaders shifted gears.

"That is a debate for another time. We are at a critical hour," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and a potential presidential candidate in 2000 told the Senate after the meeting. He said with a bombing campaign imminent, it was no time to under-

mine Clinton's role as commander in chief.

At the White House meeting and later at a Democratic Senate meeting with members of Clinton's national security team, lawmakers were told to expect the strikes as early as Tuesday evening, according to participants who spoke on condition of anonymity.

They said the attack could be put off until Wednesday, however. The final go-ahead depended on weather conditions and certain other tactical factors, participants at the briefings were told.

Primakov dramatically dissociated himself from a NATO assault on the Serbs, with whom Russia has historic cultural and religious ties. The prime minister's jetliner turned back over the Atlantic as he was flying to Washington for a long-scheduled meeting with Vice President Al Gore designed to strengthen U.S. economic and scientific cooperation with Russia.

According to White House accounts, Gore called Primakov to inform him of the "worsening situation" in the Balkans and the prime minister had the plane turn



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Committee determines little should change in UT sports

AUSTIN (AP) — While a survey finds nearly two-thirds of faculty members perceive an overemphasis on athletics at the University of Texas, a faculty committee has concluded little should be done to change UT sports.

But members of the UT Faculty Council, debating the committee's report for the first time this week, put off formally endorsing it. They said they needed more time to discuss options that reflect their concerns.

"I'm very disappointed," council member Alan Cline, a computer science professor, said earlier. "I don't think they looked at the issues hard enough. I see athletics heading in the direction of greater and greater dominance . . . over the academic enterprise."

The committee, he said, "had an opportunity. They took a swing, and they missed."

The debate on the report, which took more than a year to produce, highlighted concerns some faculty have about the role of athletics at UT — from spending on stadium construction projects to the \$1 million salary paid to football coach Mack Brown.

The report says that because UT plays in the big leagues of college sports, turning back the clock and dropping out of Division I-A competition is not a viable option.

Instead, the report recommends such tinkering as changing advisory committee appointments and informing the faculty of athletics construction projects that cost at least \$10 million.

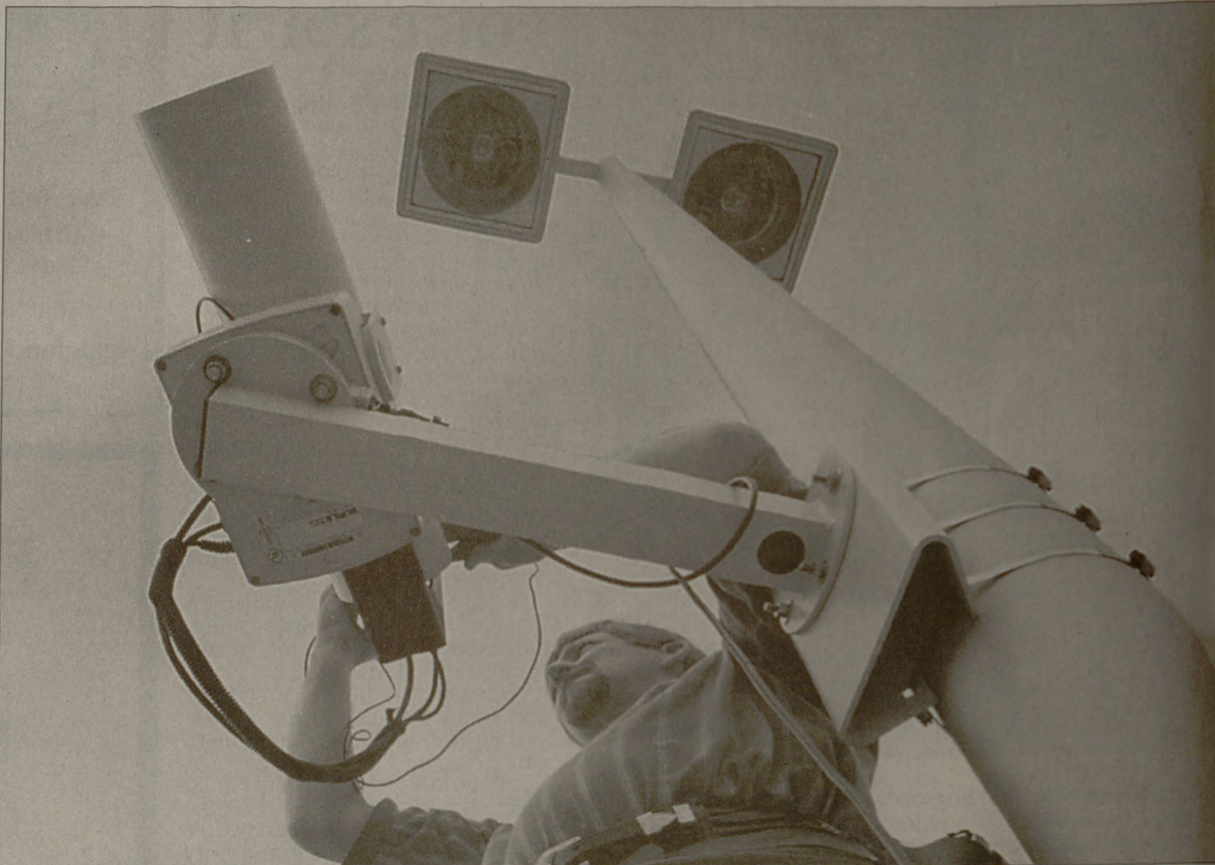
"There were those who hoped we would recommend drastic reforms," said the report submitted by committee chairman Charles Alan Wright, a UT law professor.

"We did not do so because, given the assumption that we will continue to compete at the level we presently do, we found no need for drastic reforms."

"We are fortunate here that we have an athletics program that is self-supporting and that has an enviable tradition of integrity and competing within the rules."

The debate is expected to continue at the April 19 council meeting. The council could amend the report before adopting it and sending it to UT president Larry Faulkner.

Eye in the sky



MIKE FUENTES/The Boston Globe

Don Holder, an electrician for Gray Electronics, repairs a security camera in the parking lot of the George Bush Presidential Library Tuesday. Lightning is suspected to have been the cause of the security camera malfunctions.

Rape victim sues police department

Student claims officers laughed, accused her of lying following incident

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — After calling 911 in November to report that she had been raped, Jennifer W. says, police laughed at her, called her a liar and warned her she would have to pay for the lab tests if the results came back negative.

Finally, last week, the man she accused pleaded guilty to raping her. And he also admitted raping a teen-age girl more recently.

Now Jennifer, a 24-year-old junior at the University of Nevada at Reno, is suing the Sparks Police Department, its chief and three other members of the force for more than \$200,000.

"There wouldn't be a second victim if the Sparks police did their jobs instead of calling me 'a g-d—ned liar,'" she says.

The officers accused in the case and City Attorney Chet Adams say they cannot comment while the lawsuit is pending.

Timothy Mobly pleaded guilty to attacking Jennifer, who asked that her last name not be used. Mobly and his roommate, Aaron Cross, also pleaded guilty to charges they lured a 17-year-old girl to their apartment on Jan. 2 and raped her before she escaped the next morning.

Prosecutors are asking for 30 years in prison for Mobly and 20 for Cross.

Jennifer, like the 17-year-old girl, met the men through the Internet. Jennifer dated Mobly briefly, then tried to break it off via e-mail. Mobly wanted to meet, and she told him he could come to her parents' house, where she lived.

Jennifer said Mobly showed up with Cross and immediately

three hours being interviewed. At the end, officers told her they thought she was lying and threatened to prosecute her unless she immediately withdrew her complaint, Picker says.

When Jennifer was taken to a hospital for an examination, Detective David Adams allegedly told her she would be

with rape." Jennifer called police to tell them it and got a call the next day from Sgt. Robert Schmidt.

"He told me, 'You're a d—ned liar. Nobody in town believes you. Your parents believe you. You accused a innocent man of rape,' and slammed the phone down on me," she says.

Two months later, police contacted her, saying her car was going to the district attorney's office because of new evidence: A 17-year-old student who had been lured to another Internet liaison. Mobly and Cross' apartment had escaped an assault naked.

Jennifer says police did not even apologize. "I knew going to be rough, that would ask me a lot of questions," she says. "I never imagined I would be called a liar."

Picker says four women have come forward with stories about being lured by the Sparks police making up rape complaints over the past 20 years.

Jennifer has left school and is in counseling to deal with her trauma. She says she doesn't know why they didn't believe her, she says. "I wish I went through all these things better for other women."

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Rape victim

attacked her, handcuffing her hands and feet, stuffing a sock in her mouth and putting her in a suitcase in the trunk of his car. Mobly later cut off her clothes and raped her. Then they drove her home.

"They thanked her for helping them live out their fantasy," says her attorney, Marc Picker.

Jennifer says she told them she would call the police, but they told her that nobody would believe that someone had raped her and then taken her home. "Little did Jennifer know he was right and she was wrong," Picker says.

She did call police, and spent

charged for the test if it came back negative for signs of rape. She was billed, but Picker says he thinks it came back positive and police lied.

Jennifer, a biology and psychology major, says she urged investigators to search Mobly's trunk for DNA evidence and her room for fingerprints. She says the police laughed.

"My father keeps the garage as clean as the White House. He told them there were tire marks in the garage that he would never leave there and they blew him off," she says.

Later, Mobly even sent her a taunting e-mail: "I got away

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