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Business Student Council

General Meeting
Wehner 113, 7:30 p.m.

All Majors are welcome to attend

Reminder: Faculty Luncheon-
Wednesday, November 10th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Aid arrives in India's cyclone zone

Government's lack of preparedness still leaves most in the dark

BHUBANESWAR, India (AP) — Trucks and trains packed with food moved more rapidly into cyclone-ravaged eastern India yesterday, and the army general heading a massive relief operation proclaimed, "The worst is over."

Nine days after the cyclone ripped through hundreds of coastal towns and villages of Orissa state, Special Relief Commissioner D.N. Padhi raised the death toll to 1,715. But uncounted thousands more were buried, cremated or left uncollected in a muddy wasteland.

Deaths at this point are due to a combination of food shortages and gastroenteritis caused by dirty water, Julian Francis of the International Red Cross, who blamed the central government for not giving enough funding, said.

The Red Cross raised in one week a tenth of the \$581 million the state said it needed, he said.

"The work of restoration, from building village roads to national highways, telephone and electricity lines, provision of drinking water, requires a huge amount," Girdhar Gamang, the state's chief minister, said.

Gamang, who is a member of the opposition Congress party, has dis-

puted with the central government — dominated by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's coalition — over the amount of aid, whether it would be in the form of loans or grants, and how the spending would be monitored.

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heads the military operation

But he denied that the government's lack of preparedness had contributed to the large number of deaths, which he refused to estimate.

He did say, however, that there are things that can be done next time if disaster strikes the cyclone-prone region, one of the poorest in India.

Regional headquarters could have better communications equipment and homes along the coast could be more cyclone resistant.

Meanwhile, engineers repaired

a 300-foot breach in the main highway from Calcutta yesterday, clearing the way for thousands of trucks bearing emergency supplies and allowing a measure of normal commerce to resume.

"We are much better off now," Gen. A.S. Klair, who headed the 5,000-man military operation which took over when the civilian administration collapsed, said.

"The worst is over. By evening, except for a few pockets, we would have reached all the areas. I'd like to believe that more than 95 percent of the area has been covered between the army, navy and air force," Klair said.

But crowds still pressed around relief vehicles delivering food to the desperately hungry, and aid agencies said they need military or police help to deliver relief.

With human and animal carcasses rotting in the fields, fears were widespread of epidemics from contaminated water supplies.

The army set up five field hospitals to handle cases of waterborne diseases, and soldiers brought bleaching powder to far-flung villages to clean wells.

News in Brief

Two moderate earthquakes hit western Turkey Sunday

ADAPAZARI, Turkey (AP) — Two moderate earthquakes rocked this town in western Turkey yesterday, causing panic among tens of thousands of people living in tents since the deadly earthquake this summer that destroyed their houses.

Seven people were hospitalized for shock, the Anatolia news agency said.

One of them, a 55-year-old woman, later died of a heart attack at the hospital.

The tremors — with preliminary magnitudes of 5.0 and 4.3 — struck in one of the areas hit most severely by the Aug. 17 quake, which had a magnitude of 7.4 and left more than 17,000 people dead.

There were no reports of damage. But authorities warned citizens not to enter houses damaged in the previous quake.

Istanbul's Kandilli observatory said the tremors were aftershocks of the August quake.

Many aftershocks have struck the area since then.

Vietnam-flooding death toll reaches 456, rescue intensify

HUE, Vietnam (AP) — The water came unbelievably fast, a killer in the middle of the night. With nowhere to go, the family of eight tied themselves together — perhaps so when they died, all of their bodies would be found.

The discovery of their corpses added to the many tales of sorrow that emerged yesterday as several million people began to collect their shattered lives in the wake of Vietnam's worst flooding in at least a century.

After more than a week of rainstorms, the fear of more rain ended in most areas, and forecasters said conditions appeared to be improving.

Still, waters remained high as the remains of the tropical depression moved north and rainfall worked its way downstream, isolating the ancient city of Hue.

The death toll has climbed to 456, with 94 missing. All available military personnel are involved in the country's biggest relief operation, with thousands of tons of emergency food en route to the region.

The flooding has devastated seven provinces in central Vietnam that are home to 7 million people, causing an estimated \$50 million in damage.

Labastida likely to win primary

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Cisco Labastida, Mexico's interior secretary, appeared to victory yesterday in the primary, a vote that will determine the candidate most likely to win the presidency and threatened to divide the party has ruled for 70 years.

Early results showed Labastida, widely seen as the favorite of the 300 electors, with more than 10 percent of the vote in a plurality districts was needed to win.

His nearest challenger, Tabasco Gov. Roberto Marín, was leading in 25 districts.

A quick count organization indicated that Labastida won 270 districts to 22 to Marín. Former Puebla Gov. Bartlett won eight.

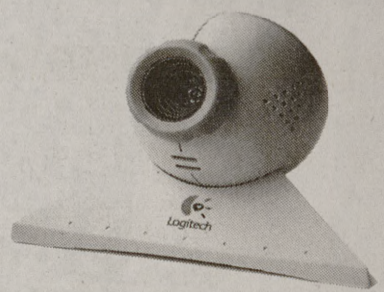
The presidential primary is the biggest gamble on democracy in the history of the party since the PRI's presidential candidate were chosen by the outgoing president. By abandoning the party, the party hoped to boost its nominee popular enough to off growing opposition.

But Labastida's three challengers, Madrazo, Bartlett and former ty leader Humberto Roque, complained that the process had been unfair, that the machinery has rallied around Labastida in violation of party rules.

That has led to speculation that Madrazo may leave the party and back an opposition candidate or run under the banner of another party.

Tensions were aggravated yesterday when Madrazo's supporters complained of voting irregularities, including the intimidation of voters and election day campaigning by Labastida's supporters in violation of party rules.

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