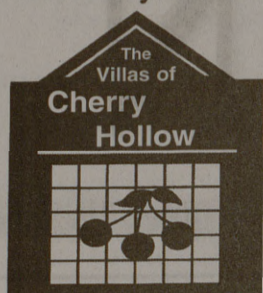


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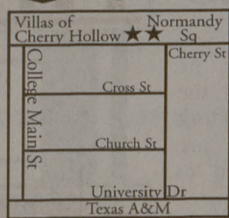
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by R. DeLuna



NEWS IN BRIEF

A&M, area conducts emergency drill

The cities of Bryan and College Station, Brazos County and Texas A&M will conduct an emergency response drill today to test the capabilities in responding to catastrophic incidents.

The two-and-a-half day exercise will simulate a terrorist attack involving weapons of mass destruction.

Participants will not know what to expect during the scenario.

"The need for a weapons of mass destruction drill like this one has unfortunately become a necessity," said DeMelle Giordano, Brazos County emergency manager. "We are well prepared to handle emergency situations, but with the continuing threats of terrorism against domestic targets, we need to be ready to respond to any situation."

The exercise is designed to challenge the local government in evaluating its response to a terrorist incident. Real businesses, locations and events will be featured to maximize the value of the exercise.

Corps

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She said students ask the usual questions about what life is like and if it is hard to balance academics with the Corps.

"I enjoyed it and always encouraged them to accept the challenge of the Corps," she said. "Not all of them may join, but they are exposed to A&M and they just love it."

Monge said the JCAP is wonderful because it exposes in-state and out-of-state students to the Corps at A&M.

"The good thing about being in the Corps is that once you are in a military institution, there is no race or gender," she said. "The only distinction is the color of the rim on your biter and the color of your belt. You are judged based on your performance."

There are two other initiatives to make the Corps more diverse beginning in the fall. One is a new equal-opportunity officer position. The other is an initiative to increase the Corps' retention rate of freshman female cadets.

Bush

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Drive East will be positive for drivers and bikers.

"Now bikers can ride on safer paths," Sherman said. "In the past I noticed many times how automobiles and bikes nearly had collisions."

The project has forced Bus Operations to redirect the Excel route through the summer, and may continue its modified route in the fall, said Gary Jackson, assistant director of Bus Operations.

Excel follows George Bush Drive across Texas Avenue and twists behind Culpepper Plaza before turning left onto University Oaks Boulevard, returning to campus Road.

Jackson said construction doesn't present any problems for the Excel route right now, but traffic slowdowns may pop up when the project isn't finished by mid-August when many college students return to College Station.

"It could cause problems in the fall, but we're not worried yet," he said.

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assess how things are and where they are going," she said.

Hurtado said that working with opinion leaders and seeking their ideas and input is necessary.

However, she said, changes should not be limited to the faculty and administration.

Changes for the students would be essential as well.

"Everything I have done for the last 10 years has been focused on undergraduate education," Hurtado said. "To interact in a diverse democracy, students have to have complex thinking skills, they have to have social skills and they'll have to have democratic skills to really participate."

In research that Hurtado has conducted, she found that few

students take a class diversity if it is outside of any core classes.

She said this would need to change.

Hurtado received a degree in sociology from Princeton, a Masters of education in administration from Harvard, and a Ph.D. in education from UCLA.

The last of the three candidates, Dr. Ronald Rochon, will visit A&M from June 11 to June 13.

Bush seeks patience in weapons hunt

By Scott Lindlaw
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush insisted Monday that Iraq had a weapons program, and the White House asked for patience during a search for evidence to prove it.

As lawmakers considered an investigation into the handling of intelligence that led to war, the White House said it would not resist such an inquiry.

Two months after mobs toppled a statue of President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad, military experts have not validated the administration's portrayal of Iraq's cache of weapons of mass destruction. Alleged stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons have not been discovered, nor has significant evidence of a nuclear weapons program.

The senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services committee warned that American credibility is on the line, but Bush said: "History and time will prove that the United States made the absolute right decision in freeing the people of Iraq from the clutches of Saddam Hussein."

"Iraq had a weapons program," Bush said. "Intelligence throughout the decade (of the 1990s) showed they had a weapons program. I am absolutely convinced with time we'll find out they did have a weapons program."

Bush did not use the phrase "weapons of mass destruction." Nor did he promise any remnants of

any "weapons program" will be found.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he wants a full congressional investigation into prewar intelligence. "I think that the nation's credibility is on the line, as well as (Bush's)," he said.

Even Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke of a possible credibility gap but agreed with Bush that it should not exist. Speaking during the weekend on "Fox News Sunday," Powell spoke of the care with which his pre-invasion justification to the U.N. Security Council was drafted and said:

"We spent four days and nights out at the CIA, making sure that whatever I said was supported by our intelligence holdings. Because it wasn't the president's credibility and my credibility on the line; it was the credibility of the United States of America."

Bush sidestepped a reporter's question Monday on a link between American credibility and weapons he said Iraq had.

"The credibility of this country is based upon our strong desire to make the world more peaceful, and the world is now more peaceful after our decision," Bush said.

Also Monday, the Pentagon's intelligence agency declassified and released a section of a September 2002 paper in response to news media reports that it said it had found no evidence that Iraq had prohibited chemical weapons.

CSPD BLOTTER

6/8/03 9 a.m. Warrant arrest, 2611A Texas Avenue. Also: failure to stop and give information.

6/8/03 1:35 p.m. Recovered runaway, 100 block of Luther Street.

6/8/03 1:40 p.m. Burglary of a habitation, 1807 Treehouse. Nothing taken.

6/8/03 1:49 p.m. Warrant arrest, 1609 Winfield.

6/8/03 1:49 p.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 2101 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. Taken: Kenwood CD player.

6/8/03 6:01 p.m. Traffic arrest (no driver's license), Harvey Mitchell Pkwy/George Bush Dr W.

6/8/03 11:45 p.m. Driving while license suspended, Punyear/Walton. One arrest.

6/9/03 1:49 a.m. Traffic arrest (no driver's license), Texas/Cooner.

6/9/03 3:42 a.m. Traffic arrest (no driver's license), 1045 Texas.

Tuition

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"Much of this involves costs associated with salary increases and fringe benefits, higher utility costs, fire safety upgrades, the need for selective merit pay increases for both faculty and staff," Gates said.

Before A&M can move forward and start hiking up the tuition rates to pay for those requirements, the University must first look into cutting expenditures within the University.

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