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Blix

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Blix said neither England nor the United States can justify armed action on Iraq as a pre-emptive strike against an imminent Iraqi-armed attack.

"The main justification that was presented for the war, the existence of weapons of mass destruction, was without conviction," he said. "The search through the nation was successful, but the diagnosis was wrong. Saddam was dangerous to his own people, but not to Kuwait and certainly not an immediate danger to his neighbors and the rest of the world."

Blix said inspectors performed 700 inspections and found debris, but no "smoking guns" such as chemical and biological weapons. He said they did find chemical warheads, which they found out later were left over from the past.

Blix said evidence found by the weapons inspectors was accurate and not at all flawed. He said Iraq was used as a laboratory for new weapons inspection technology, including metal sampling and ground penetrating radar.

Comparing the United States and England to witch hunters, Blix said that the leaders were so convinced that Iraq had WMDs, that they doubted the inspector's findings.

"Indeed the U.S. and U.K. leadership were so convinced of the weapons of mass destruction that they just couldn't imagine they weren't there," he said. "They were more like the witch hunters of past centuries. They were absolutely convinced about the existence of witches and the evidence does not have to be all that strong. You will take it."

Blix said that even when he first entered Iraq, he believed

Iraq had WMDs, but found out that was not true.

"I might confess in the autumn of 2002, I myself had my gut feelings that there were weapons of mass destruction," he said.

However, Blix said the determination to go to war grew

stronger despite the poor evidence because the momentum for war, which had been building up since summer 2002, was too strong to slow down.

Blix said the governments advocating action against Iraq were aware of inspectors' reports that there was no WMDs, yet decided to move forward regardless.

"The governments taking that armed action were putting exclamation marks where there should have been question marks," he said.

Blix said Saddam and the Iraqis were wary of an inspection and acted as though they had WMDs because they wanted to inspire fear with other Arab nations and they were worried that the U.N. inspectors would pass information along to U.S. and British intelligence of which Iraqi sites to bomb.

However, Blix said, Iraq fully complied with inspectors, and now they know it is because they had no WMDs to hide.

Blix said he wishes the United States and England would have used a policy of containment with Iraqis as well as obtained approval

from the U.N. Security Council.

"The policy of containment had worked in the period of 1991, 1998 and 2002," he said.

"The presence of inspections, the sanctions and outside military pressure had worked. Saddam had been placed and kept in his box."

Blix said that the world can learn from this experience for the future.

"We could learn about the relevance of the security council, we could learn about the scope of the right of self defense under the U.N. structure, about the role of the policy of containment and about the role of international inspections," Blix said.

Joe Brown, KBTX anchor, who introduced Blix, said

the former U.N. weapons inspector is a great authority on the events leading up to war with Iraq. Brown said that throughout everything, Blix kept a dogged determination to his duty of weapons inspection in Iraq.

"Dr. Blix is a true warrior who never compromised his beliefs, held firm to his assessments and fought hard for the principles of peace," Brown said.

Dan Clinton, Class of 1952 drove in from Houston just to hear Blix's speech. Clinton said he is highly interested in world affairs and that Blix's speech was both interesting and informative.

"I think that he confidently showed that we will not find WMDs, and we need to forget about that and move toward democracy in Iraq," Clinton said.

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KBTX anchor

Archery

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Eissinger said Byrne and A&M to win the Sears Cup award that goes to the team with the greatest achievement among all NCAA-sponsored sports. Currently archery is sponsored by the NCAA.

"It's a business," Eissinger said. "Byrne wants to win the Sears Cup, and archery is the NCAA Championship."

The archery program has been successful in its history. Senior Mary Zorn is the reigning compound world champion, U.S. compound champion and three-time outdoor compound champion. Zorn is the first female to break the 1,400-point barrier.

In winning her first world championship, Zorn and Dawson teamed with Coloradoan Aya Labrie to win the world team gold medal at the United States in breaking the world record.

Eissinger said all the coaches went on a retreat year and came up with a statement representing the program.

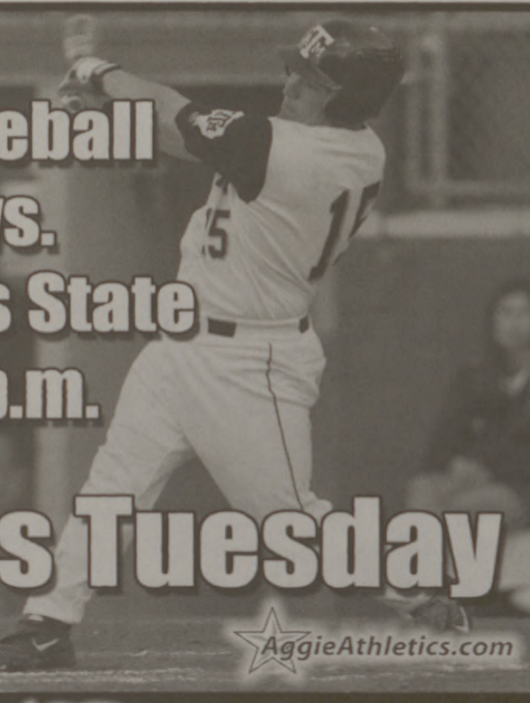
"Nowhere does it mention NCAA championships," Eissinger said. "Our team has over a 3.0 GPA, and we get arrested. Not only do we represent (A&M) nationally, we also internationally. We live up to that mission statement."

Raffaelli also added that archery budget is very small compared to the rest of the athletic department. Archery has five full grant-in-aids that are split among several athletes.

"We're less than one percent of the budget base," Byrne said. "We're Wednesday's child."

Byrne said all athletes will be honored if they are removed as a varsity sport.

"Rest assured we will continue to honor the grant-in-aids all of the women who are currently enrolled at A&M, those who have signed letters of intent," Byrne said.



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criticizes U.S. plans

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U.S. military's plans to move from an outpost along the tense Korean border this year.

Pyongyang also warned that it would review parts of the armistice that ended the Korean War five decades ago because of

the U.S. plans.

The North's army "will comprehensively examine" sections in the armistice that deal with security and communications in Panmunjom, the spokesman said.

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