

Iranian forces slow Iraqi drive toward oil port

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Iranian helicopter gunships and stubborn ground resistance appeared Monday to have blunted an Iraqi infantry, artillery and tank drive toward Abadan, Iran's major oil port.

Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said Iraqi invaders across the strategic Karun River east of Abadan had been routed and he threatened a counterinvasion of Iraq to overthrow President Saddam Hussein's regime in Baghdad.

Iran's president also said his country had absolutely no intention to interfere with peaceful shipping in the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway. He said Iran was prepared to provide safe passage for foreign ships flying the United Nations flag.

The war between the Persian Gulf oil nations entered its fourth week with reports of drastic fuel shortages that could slow down their fighting machines.

A growing rift between conservative and leftist Arab nations over the Iraq-Iran conflict also touched off speculation that an Arab summit conference scheduled Nov. 25-26 in Amman, Jordan, would be postponed.

Earlier this week, a Jordanian official said his government had thrown its full moral, political and material support behind Iraq and was prepared to commit Jordan's army if necessary.

Though unconditional in its commitment, the Jordanian effort previously had been limited to logistical help. The official denied Jordan was supplying the Iraqis with military equipment or that any weapons or munitions from other sources were being transported to Baghdad through Jordanian territory.

A communique from the Iraqi command, broadcast by Baghdad Radio, claimed 38 Iranian soldiers were killed Monday, two helicopter gunships shot down and nine tanks destroyed in 12 hours of the battle for Abadan. It listed three Iraqi soldiers killed and 14 wounded.

Iran's official news agency Pars said at least 30 civilians were killed and 140 wounded in a nightlong artillery barrage the Iraqis unleashed on Abadan, which had one of the world's largest oil refineries before the war broke out.

Iraq has been hammering Abadan from the air and from ground positions to the north near the embattled port of Khorramshahr since the Iraqis reported their Karun River crossing operation was completed Saturday.

Bani-Sadr said cloudy weather prevented his air force from operating properly Saturday to beat the Iraqis back across the river that forms a natural defense line for Khorramshahr and Abadan, Tehran Radio said. On Sunday, "Our air force and army air corps routed the enemy," he was quoted as saying.

Khorramshahr and Abadan, nine miles apart, control the Iranian coast of the 120-mile-long Shatt al-Arab, which Iraq has said must come under its full control before it stops fighting.

Unwilling to compromise, Iranian leaders appeared to be preparing for prolonged warfare and for an eventual counterattack to drive the Iraqis from invaded areas along a 300-mile front in western and southwestern Iran.



Greenhouse

Paul Jones, curator for the UNC Arboretum, gives some attention to cactus plants in the Arboretum greenhouse. Jones and his staff are preparing the greenhouse for its opening to the public. This is the first time

the greenhouse has been opened to the public. Besides cactus, the greenhouse also contains subtropical plants. Jones graduated from UNC two years ago with a degree in botany.

Outnumber men

More women in college

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The number of women attending college in the United States has surpassed that of men for the first time since World War II, and the student population at UNC-CH is indicative of the national trend.

Women have outnumbered men at UNC-CH since fall 1978 and their numbers are increasing, said University Registrar Lillian Lehman.

According to University figures, 52.2 percent of the 20,784 students enrolled at UNC-CH in 1979 were women.

Lehman said competitive admissions accounted for the increasing number of women students. "Women do a little bit better on (college admissions test) scores—that's the trend," she said.

Mary Turner Lane, president of the Association for Women Faculty, said, "The great increase in women students has come since 1972. Since then

they have been accepted on the same basis as men. "Before 1972, women were admitted on a different set of standards than men," he said. "The University had a quota system."

Linda Balfour, social research associate for the UNC General Administration, said, "The University is not discriminating anymore against women. An increasing number of women nationwide are interested in careers, not in getting married and having babies."

Of the 22 major disciplines offered at UNC-CH, Balfour said about half currently have more women enrolled than men.

"The biggest difference is in the health professions, because of nursing," Balfour said. "There is an increasing number of men, but right now there are just a handful."

Despite the increasing number of women

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Saunders: summer fees a problem

By KERRY DEROGHI
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Although several members of Student Government have said they would like to see a student activities fees increase, Student Body President Bob Saunders said Monday he would support the increase only if fee distribution problems were solved.

Several members of the Campus Governing Council said earlier this year they would initiate a referendum to increase student-activities fees. CGC Finance Chairman Dianne Hubbard said the increase was needed to fund student organizations adequately.

Undergraduate students now pay \$15.25 in activities fees per semester. Graduate students pay \$13.25. The fees have been increased only twice at UNC in this century. In 1954, the student legislature voted on a \$3 per year increase, and in 1977, an increase of \$2.50 per semester was approved.

Student activities fees totaled \$443,050 this year. From that amount, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation received \$17,100; the Daily Tar Heel got \$70,888; and the Carolina Union received \$147,683. The CGC budgeted the remaining \$207,379 to student organizations, though many received less than they had requested.

Saunders said he agreed a fee increase would help the organizations but felt the budgeting of summer fees should be reviewed first.

"While others see the need to increase the net revenue, I see the need to solve summer school fee problems," Saunders said. "Currently summer school students are not getting their money's worth."

Saunders said the administration had allocated summer fees until 1973, when Student Government petitioned to budget the fees. The administration agreed to let Student Government

allocate fees on the condition they were spent only on summer school students and surplus summer fees were held to be spent during the next summer session.

The two (summer school and regular session) budgetary processes occurred because the past summer school student was usually a visiting student, Saunders said. "Today the majority are full-time students."

Saunders said the problem with summer fees had developed because excess fees have not been allocated for summer school activities. Instead, the excess has been allowed to carry over into the fall and spring budgets. He said that was not a violation of any law, but of an agreement, because the conditions set by the administration were never incorporated into CGC laws.

One solution to the problem would be to cut summer fees and increase fall and spring fees by the same amount, he said.

Saunders said Student Government also must look at the expenditures of the CGC General Surplus Fund.

"If we are not going to do anything with the General Surplus Fund, like provide a concert," Saunders said, "we do not need a fee increase."

The General Surplus Fund finances activities like last year's Chapel Thrill concert. Although the finance records of the concert have not been completed, it is estimated the concert cost \$9,000.

Saunders said students would have to approve any fee increase through a referendum. Although the UNC Board of Trustees ultimately must approve the increase, Saunders said the board traditionally had agreed with the decision of the student body.

Student Government has written the 15 other schools in the UNC system to find out about their student activities fee processes. Of the 16 institutions, UNC-CH has the second lowest student activities fees. UNC-Asheville has the highest fee of \$122 per year.

Bird's-eye view

Crane operator's seat teeters above campus

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On a clear day you can see Durham. At least you can from where Rick Brashear sits—200 feet above the ground in the orange crane that stands on the central library construction site.

"Sometimes I still wonder what I'm doing here," the 24-year-old Brashear says.

"When I first started I was goddamn scared—of everything. I wasn't sure of myself—or of the guys below (who must give the crane operator hand signals that are often confusing)—so I took it slow. I had only four days training so I had a lot to learn, a lot to get used to up here."

Brashear works in the white gondola just below the crane's boom (the long arm that pivots). The gondola, which he affectionately calls his "office," is little more than two feet wide and four feet long, with enough head clearance to accommodate a six-foot man.

The "office" has a small electric heater, one small chair, no desk and the markings of an unkempt dorm room. Brashear's main luxury, a transistor radio, lies on the floor wrapped in a dirty sweatshirt.

"It gets lonely up here sometimes," he says as he flicks a few switches on and the crane's motors begin to hum. "I need the radio. I come up here at 7 a.m. and leave at 4 p.m. In the two months I've been here only a few people have ever stopped in to say hello—usually one of the guys who wants to look around or take pictures."

"If I have time for lunch I spend it here, eating out on the boom. I'll read a book or just look around. Sometimes I bring my binoculars—without 'em I can't tell if the girls I spot are fat or skinny."

For Brashear, a Chapel Hill native who dropped out of high school in the 11th grade and worked for a while as a movie projectionist, mail clerk and most recently a mechanic, the job came as a surprise.

"A friend of mine had been here since the first day of work," he says. "He's one of the engineers. He saw me at He's Not Here and asked if I'd like to work construction, said he had a job I'd enjoy, something I'd be good at. I like to try lots of things, so I said sure."

Brashear's work includes maintenance of the crane's motors and brakes, as well as daily checks of hydraulic fluid and other matters that keep the 22,000-pound-capacity instrument in operation.

"Some mornings I really don't feel like coming up here," Brashear says as he is pushed on one of the "joysticks," a rubber capped rod much like a car's stickshift, that controls the motion of the crane's boom.

"I just look at that ladder and wonder if I'll make it." The ladder is enough to intimidate anyone, especially at



Rick Brashear's 'office' 200 feet above ground...he operates crane at new library site.

dawn. It is eight stories tall with narrow steel rungs equal to a pencil in circumference, sections are spotted with slick hydraulic fluid and stinging wasps. The top section of the ladder shakes noticeably, but none of that deters Brashear.

"Watching the sun come up makes the climb worth the effort," he says as he presses the right joystick, releasing the hooks from the trolley, letting them run toward the ground and a 4,000 lb. concrete test block.

"It was hard to judge distances at first," Brashear says as the metal hooks drop near the block.

"I spent a lot of time practicing with the block to see what I could do," he continues. "It's hard to work with lighter weight and short distances, because you have to be so gentle." He pumps the right joystick quickly to stop the sway of the hooks.

"C'mon baby, c'mon now," he mutters.

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Frost brings warnings of winter

RALEIGH (AP)—As football season reaches the midway point and pumpkins begin appearing on doorsteps, the season's first frost becomes inevitable.

And this year, when the weather has hardly been predictable or kind, winter seems poised on the horizon, ready to make an early appearance.

A full two weeks ahead of the normal first-frost date, the National Weather Service has issued a frost warning for most part of North Carolina.

The cool harbinger of winter was expected to have blanketed the area this morning.

"We're just priming everybody, to make sure the furnace works," said National Weather Service forecaster Bruce Cheatham of the Raleigh-Durham station.

The frost could kill house plants that have been allowed to shiver outside through recent cold nights.

Victor B. Lynn, Wake County Agricultural Extension chairman, said the frost shouldn't be severe enough or last

long enough for gardeners to worry about covering winter-sensitive outdoor plants and shrubs that will remain outside all winter.

"If there are some flowers that would last a few more days, cover them," Lynn said.

But, if plastic is used to cover plants or flowers, it should be removed well before the sun is high Tuesday morning, or "it will do more harm than good," Lynn said.

Speaking of still-green tomatoes, Lynn said, "Probably, they'll still live and do all right."

But unprimed tobacco could be damaged, he said. Soybean growers might have wished for a couple more frostless weeks to add beans to the vines, but most have been waiting for a frost to kill the vines so the beans can dry and be harvested, Lynn said.

The cold weather is the result of a cold air mass originating in Canada and spreading out across the state and is expected to blow over by the end of the week.

3 charged in shooting of windows

By JEFF BOWERS
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Three Orange County men have been arrested and charged in connection with the recent BB gun shootings of car windows in Orange, Durham and Person counties.

Michael Anthony Moize, 20, of Chapel Hill and Michael Glen Hughes, 17, of Hillsborough are being held in Orange County jail on \$20,000 bond each.

Ronald Wayne Tudor, 20, of Chapel Hill has been released on \$20,000 bond. None of the three are University students.

Bonds were originally set at \$50,000 each but were reduced Monday after all the counties served warrants on the three men. Hillsborough police arrested Hughes



This car's windows were shattered after shot with BB guns...three Orange County men were charged with the vandalism

and Tudor at 11:30 p.m. Thursday at a car wash in Hillsborough. Police found a carbon dioxide powered BB gun in their car.

Moize turned himself in to Chapel Hill police Saturday, Bruce Gornito of the Orange County Sheriff's office said. All three men have admitted to the shootings, Gornito said.

During the past three weeks, about \$16,000 in damage has been done to cars in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and about \$10,000 has been done in Hillsborough,

David Forsyth of the Hillsborough police said.

No damage estimates are available for Orange and Durham counties.

Gornito estimated that a total of about 85 shootings of car windows had occurred in the area.

Hughes, Tudor and Moize have been charged in all these incidents. Forsyth said the police had no other suspects in the case.