

Clinton orders Army Rangers out of Somalia

WASHINGTON — In a further step back from armed confrontation with Mohamed Farrah Aidid, President Clinton ordered a pullout Tuesday of Army Ranger forces he had sent to Somalia to capture the clan leader.



The move reflected the administration's effort to shift the focus in Somalia toward pursuing a political settlement following the deaths of 18 Americans in the disastrous Ranger raid on Aidid loyalists Oct. 3.

"Right now we are engaging in a political process to see how we can resolve our mission in Somalia," Clinton told reporters at the White House. "So right now we're in a stand-

down position."

At the Pentagon, spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski said a Ranger task force of about 750 men would be withdrawn from Somalia "in the next couple of days." Officials declined to provide a full breakdown.

Sixteen of the 18 Americans who died in the Oct. 3 raid were members of the Ranger task force.

DeLaski said about 6,300 U.S. troops now remain in Somalia.

Clinton said the time was right to pull out the Rangers because two Marine Expeditionary Units, totaling about 3,600 men with helicopters and armored vehicles, had arrived off the Somali coast aboard Navy ships. Clinton suggested the Marines could substitute for the Rangers if necessary, although deLaski said there were no plans to bring the Marines ashore, barring an emergency.

Clinton's announcement came two days after the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, publicly confirmed that U.S. soldiers in Somalia had stopped trying to capture Aidid. DeLaski noted that he remains wanted by the United Nations for his alleged role in a June attack in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, in which 24 Pakistani peacekeepers were killed.

"There is not an active effort to search for members of the Aidid apparatus," DeLaski said.

Clinton sent an initial contingent of 400 Army Rangers to Mogadishu on Aug. 24 in response to a series of bloody attacks on Americans for which Aidid or his loyalists were blamed. Although the administration did not say so publicly at the time, the Rangers' mission was to capture the elusive Aidid.

That goal was never achieved, and the launching of the Ranger mission itself now stands out as a turning point in U.S. military involvement in Somalia. The deployment triggered a fresh burst of questions and criticisms from the public on whether the administration had a plan for getting out.

Also, Defense Secretary Les Aspin has cited the Ranger deployment in explaining why he denied the requests of U.S. commanders in Somalia for more armor to protect American forces. The lack of armor figured in the outcome of the October Ranger raid, which in turn led Clinton to announce four days later that he was beefing up U.S. forces in Somalia while setting a March 31 date for full withdrawal.

Aspin met for 2 1/2 hours behind closed doors with members of the

House Armed Services Committee on Tuesday. Afterward he refused to talk with reporters, and several committee members criticized him for not agreeing to make the session open to the public.

Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., said Aspin was not answering hard questions and "I'm going to hound him until he does."

The committee chairman, Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., who had criticized Clinton for sending the Rangers in the first place, said he was pleased they were returning home.

"The president is on target," he said. "He is no longer groping." Dellums said Clinton is the first president in his memory who recognized he was heading down a slippery slope of faulty military involvement and acted to correct it.

Top students say cheating happens often

WASHINGTON — Cheating is pervasive among the nation's top high school students, according to a survey of juniors and seniors with at least a B average. Nearly 80 percent admitted some dishonesty, such as copying someone else's homework or cheating on an exam.

The survey by Who's Who Among American High School Students covered a wide range of topics and found that principals have a lot more to worry about than providing students a good education.

"High school is a very dangerous place today," Paul Krouse, the Who's Who publisher, said Tuesday.

The 24th Annual Survey of High Achievers, completed during the 1992-93 academic year found that among the 1,975 students questioned:

- One in five of the females had been a victim of a sexual assault, in most instances by someone she knew. In one-third of the cases, the assailant was another student.
 - One in three knows someone who has brought a weapon to school.
 - Forty-two percent of the males have access to one or more firearms.
 - More than half reported frequent fights between students. Five percent said there had been a shooting on school grounds, and 7.3 percent reported a knife fight.
 - One-third considered suicide.
- The survey also found the teens had a "startling lack of responsibility

Cheating

The overwhelming majority of high achievers surveyed admit to cheating. Most of them say they have copied someone else's homework, but a disturbing 40.3% confess to having cheated on a test or quiz.

Question: How common is cheating?

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| Pretty rare | No Answer | Never happens | Everybody does it |
| 18.8% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 10.1% |



Source: 24th Annual Survey of High Achievers polled 1,975 High Achievers* taken during the 1992-93 academic year by Who's Who Among High School Students. Sums may not total 100 percent because of rounding.
*Students who maintain an A or B average and are nominated by their guidance counselors.

Question: Which of the following have you done?

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| Copied someone else's homework | 67.4% |
| Used Cliff Notes or Monarch Notes to avoid reading a book | 24.5% |
| Cheated on a quiz or test | 40.3% |
| Plagiarized part of an essay | 14% |
| None of the above | 20.8% |
| No answer | .8% |

about their physical welfare. AIDS doesn't scare them. Pregnancy does, but not enough to make them take precautions consistently. And drinking is a way of life, even behind the wheel."

Krouse said there is a sense of invulnerability during the teen years, the belief that "it can't happen to me."

That might partially explain the high rate of cheating. Krouse said students might think, "I'm not going to get caught, so what's the harm, what's the danger, what's the risk?"

Eighty percent of the students said cheating was common at their schools, and 78 percent admitted to doing some themselves. One-third said peer pressure prompted them to cheat.

Yet at the same time the teens admitted cheating, "students are telling us that school could be much more challenging," Krouse said. "More than half are telling us they're studying eight hours a week or less. You would think that would tell us it's not too difficult for them to do well."

Plans for green space being refined slowly

By Jan Calinger Staff Reporter

UNL officials slowly are working out details for the planned park north of the Nebraska Union, a Landscape Services official said Tuesday.

The NU Board of Regents on Friday approved University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier's proposal to replace a parking lot there with a park.

Kim Todd, campus landscape architect, said at a Union Board meeting Tuesday that plans to develop the space were being made around different traffic and use factors.

Todd said a major factor to be

considered when creating the park was pedestrian traffic. Many students cut across the lot on their way to classes, she said.

"The circulation pattern is very strong on the diagonal," she said. "In a couple of places, there's quite a strong northeast-southwest drag."

Todd also said building placement around the area played a large role in development of the space. Building placement makes the site a natural spot for the park and will determine what goes into it, she said.

"A lot has to do with focal points and relationships," she said. "Unless you're trained, you don't know, but something about a space makes you

want to be there."

Though Todd has received many ideas for developing the space, such as building an amphitheater and a stage for theatrical performances, she said many of these ideas weren't practical. The concrete area around Broyhill Fountain is a better location for these activities, she said.

Todd said UNL would hire an outside firm to design the green space, but she would make many decisions on the project.

Much of the plan is consistent with a 1967 Campus Master Plan, Todd said. The plan called for improved traffic circulation through the campus by emphasizing pedestrian traffic.

Bjorklund

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All of the potential jurors said they could maintain their individual judgment and would not be influenced by family or friends.

Bjorklund, 31, is charged with first-degree murder and use of a weapon to commit a felony in the abduction and shooting death of Candice Harms, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln stu-

dent. Harms, 18, was missing for almost three months before another man charged in the case led police on Dec. 6 to her shallow grave in a field south of Lincoln.

A judge decided to seek the jury in Sidney, 350 miles west of Lincoln, because of pretrial publicity in the case. The trial is scheduled to begin Monday in Lincoln.

Scott Helvie, Lancaster County chief public defender, asked each potential juror "if you can look at the

“ I realize this could get complicated in a community this size. — Lacey Lancaster County Attorney ”

defendant and believe him innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.”

STATE WIRE

Football player recovering from coma

KEARNEY — A high school football player who was severely injured in a game last Friday remained in critical condition Tuesday at a Kearney hospital.

But 17-year-old Jarod Espersen of Amherst has come out of a coma, according to Amherst school superintendent and athletic director Elton Teter.

Teter said Espersen came out of his coma after having been unconscious since collapsing in a game at Elm Creek.

Doctors said he suffered a bruised brain in a hard blow to the head.

Teter said Espersen appeared to be aware of his surroundings at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Doctors told Espersen's parents, Jarold and Jill Espersen of rural Amherst, that they were very optimistic about Jarod's chances for a full recovery, Teter said.

"I think he'll be back by Christmas," Teter said.

Espersen apparently was injured during an offensive play, but game films don't clearly reveal when the injury occurred, Teter said.

Espersen, 5-foot-9 and 180 pounds, played fullback and linebacker or defensive end.

SPORTS WIRE

Elway losing touch for late-game heroics

DENVER — What happened to John Elway's magic touch? Two straight weeks now, the Denver Broncos had a chance to win in the closing minutes — and didn't.

With the score 20-20 and Denver on its 30 with 3:36 to play, it was clearly Elway time Monday night at Mile High Stadium.

The Broncos couldn't get a first down and punted. The Los Angeles Raiders moved inside the Denver 40, and Jeff Jaeger kicked a 53-yard field goal with 16 seconds left to win it 23-20.

Back up a week to last Sunday at Green Bay. Down 30-27, Denver got the ball with 2:05 left. Elway watch-

ers awaited the inevitable heroics. Packers defensive end Reggie White sacked Elway twice and Denver lost.

Has the man with 31 fourth-quarter game saves lost his touch? Coach Wade Phillips said Tuesday that isn't it at all.

"It's probably other people more than him to a great extent," he said. "You've got to give him time to throw the ball, and he can do his magic."

Elway said it's hard for him to lead the Broncos with the team not playing its best.

"We've got to come out of the blocks," Elway said. "We're only playing about 30 minutes now."

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