Summit ends without accords on Lithuania, Germany
President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met Tuesday morning at Washington's Andrews Air Force Base for a two-day joint news conference. They said they remain at odds over Moscow's reaction to Lithuania's declaration of independence and NATO membership for a unified Germany.
Bush and Gorbachev did not give any reassurances that he would end the economic sanctions against Lithuania. Gorbachev repeated that the rights of Soviet republics are being encroached, and that any change must take place within the framework of the Soviet constitution.
Gorbachev flew west for a brief visit to Minneapolis, MN, where he was greeted by cheering crowds. He then flew on to San Francisco, where he arrived yesterday evening.

Patriotic anger at the US growing
A Palestinian leader sympathetic to the Palestine Liberation Organization said US interests in the Middle East may have been threatened by anti-American sentiments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The leader, Sari Nusseibeh, said that those who have urged rapprochement are becoming increasingly isolated. He said that Palestinian anger has been particularly kindled by last week's US veto of a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for an observer team in the region.
The veto was attributed to PLO chief Yasser Arafat's refusal to condemn an attempted guerrilla raid on an Israeli beach last week. However, a Kuwaiti newspaper quoted a Palestinian as saying Arafat had no advance knowledge of the attack. Mohammed Abbas, who has been criticized for not recruiting, has fled to a military base. The latest US Navy ships are on the way to the American capital.

Fighting in El Salvador intensifies
There was intensified fighting over the weekend in El Salvador. Residents reported that leftist rebels attacked army positions just west of the capital city of San Salvador. A guerrilla leader said on the rebel radio service that the insurgents are trying to prevent the government of Alfredo Cristiani into negotiating an end to the country's 10-year-old civil war.

Regional leaders report progress against muscular dystrophy
A muscular dystrophy researcher says a new procedure can help fit a protein deficient that causes the most common childhood form of the disease. Peter Law of the University of Tennessee at Memphis said his preliminary studies involve injecting healthy muscle cells into young victims of Duchenne, MD. However, Law said, he cannot say how much improvement the treatment makes, or how long the benefits last. Law spoke Saturday to a Muscular Dystrophy Association meeting in Tuscon, AZ.

Actor Rex Harrison dies
His colleagues called the death of Rex Harrison too late to the theater — and marks the passing of a unique style. Harrison died of cancer Saturday at his home in New York. In the course of his 50-year career, Harrison won both a Tony and an Oscar for his portrayal of Frodo Baggins in the stage and screen versions of My Fair Lady.

Fuel leak delays shuttle launch
NASA said yesterday that it will have to chill the space shuttle Columbia before it can be launched. The problem lies in the area of the fuel tank, which is to be refilled with liquid hydrogen fuel so it can see where the fuel is located. NASA said the shuttle must be cooled to below 10 degrees F (at least -10 degrees C). The shuttle is to be launched on Wednesday — a week after the shuttle was supposed to lift off on an astronautical mission.

Court stays execution despite killer’s wishes
The killer wants to die, but federal appeals judges won't let him — not yet, anyway. A three-judge panel ordered a stay of Thomas Baal's scheduled execution Saturday for killing a bus driver during a robbery in Los Angeles.
His parents had asked for a stay, saying their son was brain-damaged and could not be rational about requesting an appeal.

Delegates to the Democratic State Convention in Springfield Saturday endorsed former state Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti for governor.

Actor Rex Harrison dies
The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for Saturday for the shooting deaths of two British soldiers, one in England, the other in West Germany. The shootings occurred less than a week after the IRA mistakenly shot one in England, the other in West Germany. The shootings were the first in the area since the IRA began attacking the government of a unified Germany.

Barbara Bush delivers Wellesley address
Barbara Bush on Friday addressed the graduating class of Wellesley College, concerning her idea that as Wellesley's commencement speaker. More than a quarter of the class of 375 had signed a petition objecting to the Bush selection because she had said in a pre-election interview to the same person that she could not support the president. Her husband and children are ultimately more important than careers.

"As important as your obligations as a doctor, a lawyer, or a business leader may be, your human connections with spouses, with children, with friends, are the most important investment you will ever make," Bush said.

Soviet First Lady Raisa M. Gorbachev also spoke at Wellesley's graduation ceremonies, making it the most widely attended commencement this year. She echoed many of her husband's ideas about peace, friendship and enriched experiences. The week's commencement ceremonies were part of a wider movement to reintegrate the university.

Harvard president to retire
Derek C. Bok, president of Harvard University, last week announced that he will retire next June, ending a 20-year tenure at the head of the nation's oldest university. Bok, 66, said he had been contemplating stepping down for several years, and decided to do so before Harvard begins a $2 billion fund-raising drive. Bok was described by many of his colleagues as one who favored conciliation over confrontation, guiding Harvard from the Vietnam War era into the 1990's with a calm, careful manner. During Bok's tenure, Harvard's endowment increased fivefold to an estimated $5 billion, the highest of any university, and the John F Kennedy School of Government was founded.

Recently, Bok's administration has come under criticism by students and some faculty at the Harvard Law School. They claim that not enough has been done to recruit minority students. Bok was dean of the law school before becoming president.

The first president since the 17th century who did not graduate from Harvard College, Bok was an alumnus of Stanford University and Harvard Law School.

The Tech would like to congratulate its staff members who are graduating today:
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Weather
Showers possible during Commencement
The passage of a couple of cool fronts will trigger a few showers and thunderstorms in the area early today and again later tomorrow and afternoon. After the front moves on, cooler and drier weather will arrive.

Mon. morning: Showers ending early, partly sunny, maybe cool at times. High around 70°F (21°C).
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, breezy and cooler. High around 70°F (21°C)
Wednesday: Partly sunny and mild. High 70-75°F (21-24°C)
Forecast by Michael C. Morgan

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