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U.S., Soviet ideals conflict over detente

By SCOT K. MEYER
Campus Reporter

The differences in what the Soviet Union and the United States each expects from detente have limited the success of disarmament efforts so far. Air Force Lt. Col. Lynn Hansen said Friday. Hansen spoke at a disarmament seminar sponsored by the Center for Strategic Technology at Rudder Tower.

The United States has tried to make detente "a real relaxing of tensions," Hansen said, while the Soviet concept of detente "is to support everything which struggles for social progress."

"In the Soviet ideology, social progress simply means the overthrowing of the evil called capitalism," Hansen said.

To the Soviets, detente is just one way of achieving the goal of social progress, Hansen said. Part of the reason the Soviets moved into Afghanistan was their failure to achieve their goals with SALT II, he said.

SALT II is a failure from the Soviet point of view, because it has not been ratified by the U.S. Senate, because it led to increased U.S. defense spending, and because the United States was bringing modernized range missiles into Europe, Hansen said. Since they

were no longer concerned with the fate of the SALT II treaty, the Soviets were free to protect their hold on Afghanistan, he said.

Hansen predicted that the U.S.S.R. will consolidate its position and not make any more aggressive moves for a while.

"They underestimated the world opposition to their moves, and as trite as it may seem to you and I, the Olympics in Moscow is a very important thing to them," Hansen said.

The SALT II treaty is not the only area where there has been difficulty in arms limitation talks between the United States and the Soviet Union, he said. Hansen is personally involved with the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction talks, or MBFR. He will be leaving Tuesday to participate in talks in Vienna.

The major difficulty in MBFR is the idea of "balanced" forces, Hansen said. To achieve parity in Europe, the Soviets would have to withdraw more troops than the United States, because they have more troops there to begin with, Hansen said.

The Soviets have not agreed to this idea. Another problem in the talks is technical: the way the United States and the Soviets count troops give them different totals.



Lt. Col. Lynn Hansen speaks on detente.

Kids earn money for Rehab Center

By JANA SIMS
City Reporter

There will be some fourth through 12th graders on the Aggie bench at the Texas A&M-Rice game on February 9. But don't worry — basketball coach Shelby Metcalf hasn't changed his recruiting guidelines. The kids are winners of the Basketball Shoot-Out sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Evening Optimist Club.

Held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. January 19, the Shoot-Out was one of many statewide contests planned by Easter Seals. The profits made at the local Shoot-Out will go to the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center.

Students in Brazos Valley schools were allowed to participate. They gathered pledges from citizens for money to be given for each basket

made at the Shoot-Out. Then Saturday, each student went to one of six school gyms and shot as many baskets as possible in three minutes. Some made as many as 70 baskets.

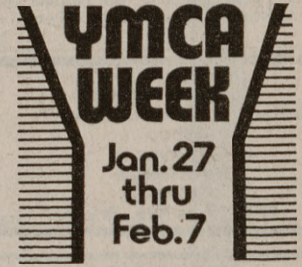
One of the prizes offered to the boy, girl and school who turn in the most money by the January 31 deadline is a seat on the Aggie bench at the February 9 game.

Dorothy Kinard, secretary of the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, said the Brazos Valley Shoot-Out had to get special permission to compete for seats at the Aggie game.

Jim Thompson, executive director of the Rehabilitation Center, said Coach Metcalf arranged for winners to sit on the bench and helped make radio and TV commercials for the Shoot-Out. Thompson said Metcalf also sent letters to local

Both Kinard and Thompson were disappointed in the small turnout of students at the Shoot-Outs. They attributed it to competition with a skate-a-thon held on the same day and the fact that schools in surrounding counties can hold competition during school.

schools and P.E. teachers asking for participation.



World champ at mall

By TODD WOODARD
City Reporter

World champion free-throw shooter Ted St. Martin challenged assembly to compete with him at Manor East Mall Friday and Saturday.

St. Martin competed against anyone wishing to shoot. Those beating St. Martin earned either a basketball or shirt; those tying him won a cap as part of a promotion for the mall.

St. Martin lost two matches early Friday, one to a Bryan High School basketball player, Jeff Garrett.

St. Martin, 44, holds the world record for consecutive free throws at 2,036 in four hours.

His other records include 117

goals in five minutes and 238 goals in 10 minutes.

He began shooting baskets for enjoyment around age 9. "I would shovel snow away from the goal to shoot," he said.

St. Martin said he began shooting professionally, for promotions, about eight years ago. He said that he chose free-throw shooting for demonstration because all basketball players must shoot free throws.

St. Martin said he watches the back of the rim and visualizes the arc of the ball.

"I put just a little backspin on the ball," he said. "Backspin gives a soft touch. I can tell the second it leaves my hands whether it is good or not. Concentration is the most important thing."

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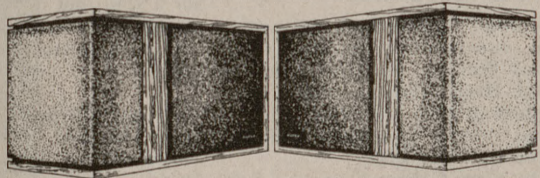
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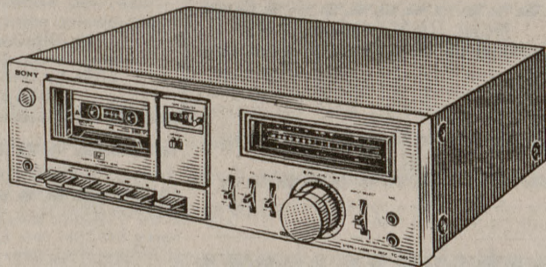
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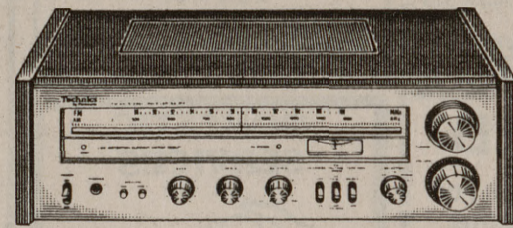


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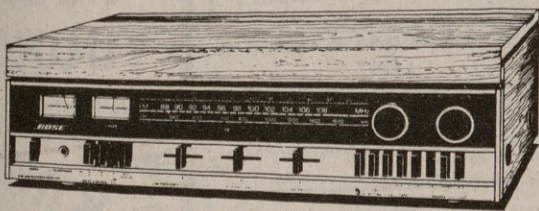
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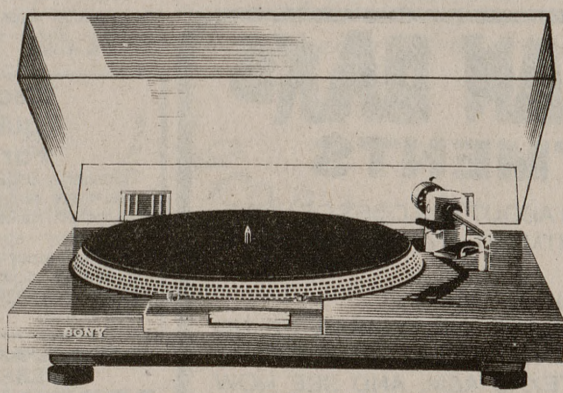


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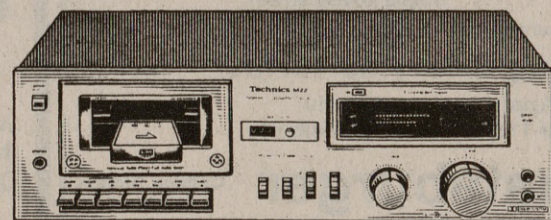


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