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High	62	High	65
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U.S.-Soviet arms talks begin today

United Press International
GENEVA, Switzerland — U.S. and Soviet arms negotiators, citing the "high stakes" in talks to halt the nuclear arms race, imposed a total news blackout on negotiations to limit intermediate-range missiles that could desecrate Europe.

U.S. chief negotiator Paul H. Nitze, and his Soviet counterpart, Yuli A. Izrael, 74, Monday opened the first talks between the two superpowers in 2½ years and Nitze described the meeting as cordial and businesslike.

Unlike the glare of publicity surrounding the restart of the arms cuts, the first official session today on long intermediate-range missiles and all succeeding parleys will be held in a total news blackout of the sensitive data discussed.

The stakes are very high for all of Nitze said in a statement approved by his Soviet counterpart.

The details of the negotiations must be kept inside the negotiating rooms," Nitze stated, cautioning against using the talks for a "propaganda war" that would ruin negotiations.

During SALT I and SALT II negotiations between 1969 and 1979, the public announcements will involve the date and place of the meetings, said Nitze. A 20-member U.S. negotiating team and the 34-member Soviet delegation were participating in the first session.

The talks come after a 10-month war of words between the Reagan administration and Moscow, with Reagan accusing the Kremlin of fostering terrorism, supporting the Afghan mujahideen, and Moscow contending that the war was a cold war warrior intent on the arms race. On his arrival Friday, Nitze promised to be "tough" although "flexible."

The arms cut talks also come in the wake of the biggest pacifist demonstration in Europe since World War II with protesters decrying the possibility of a renewed nuclear war fought between the superpowers on their territory.

The Soviets currently have 630 intermediate-range missiles in Europe and the United States has none. To balance the situation, NATO plans to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles.

Battalion editor re-nominated

Members of the Student Publications Board unanimously re-nominated Angelique Copeland as editor of The Battalion Monday night.

The nomination is subject to approval by Dr. J. M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs.

Copeland, a senior journalism and computer science major, ran unopposed for the staff position. She has served as editor during the summer session and this fall semester.

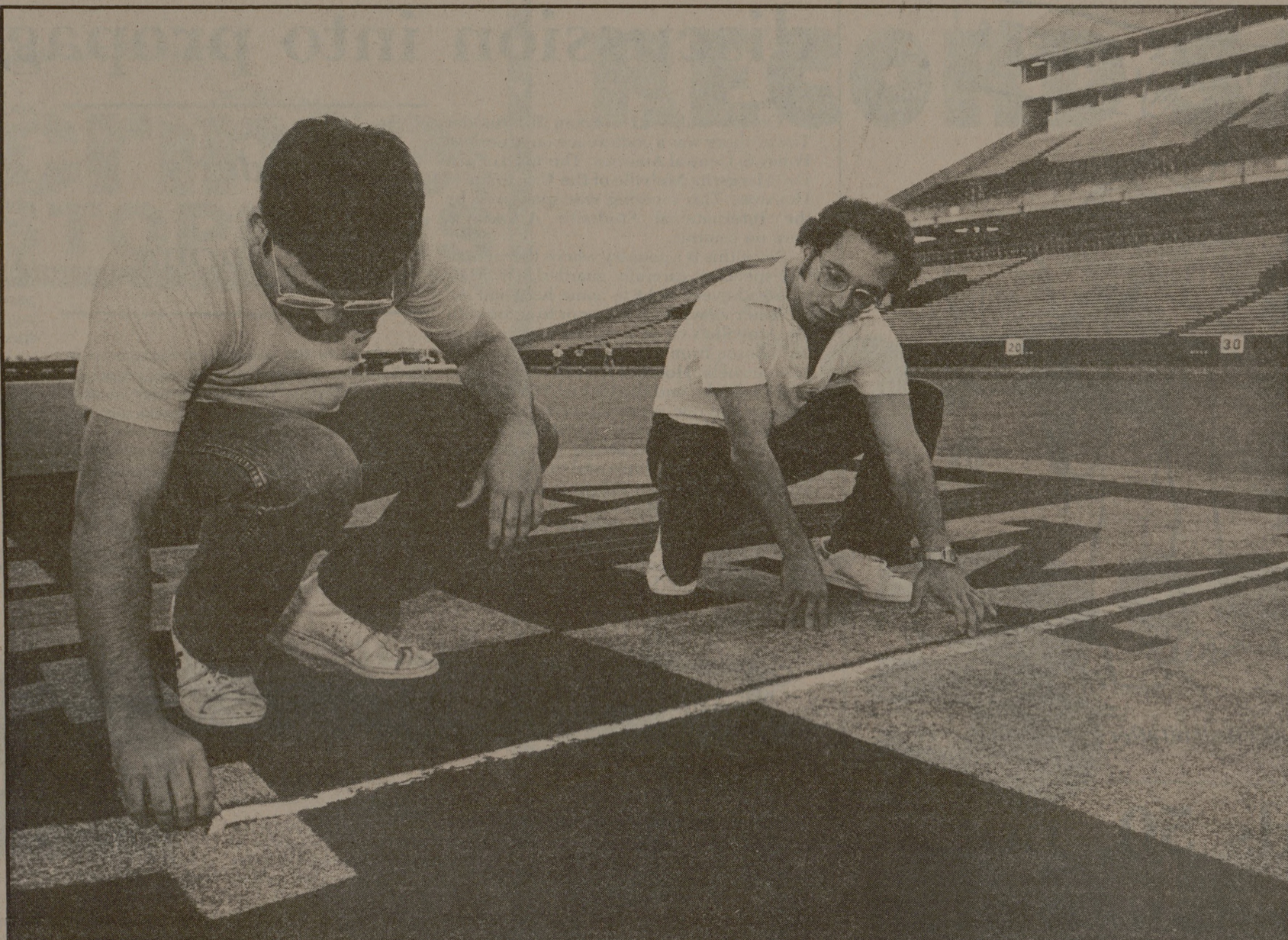
Reflecting upon her previous semester as editor, Copeland said: "More and more students are turning to The Battalion as a place for their voices to be heard. The discussion and debate of opinions helps keep this University growing and healthy. I'm glad this is one of the services The Battalion can offer Texas A&M."

In previous semesters, Copeland has worked for The Battalion as a reporter, assistant city editor and managing editor.

The board selects an editor every semester. Candidates for the position must have worked for The Battalion or another professional newspaper, or have taken 12 hours of journalism courses including Journalism 203, 204, and 402. They must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point ratio.

Members of the board include Chairman Bob Rogers, head of the Department of Communications; Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities; Dr. Robert Barzak, associate professor of English; Dr. Gary Halter, associate professor of political science; and Dr. John Hanna, assistant professor in parks and recreation.

Student members of the board include Jeff Bissey, a junior chemical engineering major and executive vice president for Student Government; Todd Hedgepeth, a senior in journalism and public relations officer for the corps; Cindy Heep, a junior health education major and vice president of public relations for the MSC Council and Director; and alternate Buzz Steiner, a junior journalism major.



Ripped Off

Football trainers Jeff Davis, left, and "Radar" Ricke examine a spot along the 49-yard line of Kyle Field where someone removed a piece of AstroTurf approximately 4 inches wide and 15 feet long. The strip was torn up on a seam, which will make it difficult to

patch and may require an entire 5-yard strip of replacement turf. University Police Captain Jack Bruce estimated the damage to be about \$3,000. He said the crime is considered to be criminal mischief and the police are still looking for the thieves.

Staff photo by Greg Watermann

Supreme Court hears aliens' rights debate

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is facing one of the most politically sensitive issues of its 1981-82 term in a case that shapes up as a historic test of the rights of illegal aliens in the United States.

Attorneys for the state of Texas clash today with lawyers for the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund in a debate before the justices focusing on whether states must provide free public education for children of illegal aliens.

Perhaps the key to the case concerns whether the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause applies to illegal aliens — something the Supreme Court has never addressed.

The Equal Protection Clause — a basic tenet of American constitutional law — has been interpreted by the high court to mean there can be no discrimination in the enjoyment of personal liberty, the acquisition of property and in the application of the law.

The controversy before the justices stems from a 1975 Texas law that cut off state funds to local public school districts for the costs of educating the children of illegal aliens.

The statute, however, allows districts to refuse to admit such children or to charge them tuition. Since most illegal aliens are poverty-stricken, a tuition requirement effectively prevents their enrollment.

Lower federal courts have declared the Texas law unconstitutional, prompting the current appeal by Texas and several local school districts.

The strongest denunciation of the statute came from Judge Frank M. Johnson of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, who concluded: "Denying a person a basic education is tantamount to insuring that the person remains at the lowest socioeconomic level of modern society."

Texas argues the case raises a problem of pressing national concern, since the number of "unlawful aliens residing in our country has risen dramatically." Beside Texas, the dispute has particular importance for states with large numbers of illegal aliens, including California, Florida and New York.

Texas is warning the justices that their resolution of the controversy will have ramifications "far beyond the immediate question of education for undocumented alien children."

Federal regulations now bar states from providing undocumented aliens with food stamps and certain other types of federal assistance, including Medicare and Medicaid.

While these regulations are not directly raised in the case, Texas contends that its outcome will certainly affect the power of the states to implement federal policy and quite possibly the power of the federal agencies as well.

Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund President Vilma S. Martinez responds: "At issue here is the very basis of who we are as a society... the school house door is also the door out of poverty and into full participation in this society."

The high court will hand down a decision in the case by next July.

NASA considers reusable rockets for space transport

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The space agency is considering developing a new generation of unmanned reusable rockets to supplement the space shuttle as an orbital transport in the late 1980s and 1990s.

Dr. Hans Mark, the deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said the new launchers would use solid rocket boosters developed for the space shuttle.

Such rockets, he said in an interview Monday, would be able to launch heavy payloads at relatively low cost. Like the boosters used by the shuttle, the new rockets would parachute into the sea to be recovered for use again.

Mark said three of the shuttle's 2.5-million-pound thrust booster rockets could place 125,000-pound payloads into low orbits around the Earth —

twice the weightlifting capability of the shuttle. He said two boosters would fire first and then the third would take over at high altitude.

Such a rocket combination might be used to carry large structures into orbit or serve as tankers hauling fuel or water, he said. The water could be broken down in orbit to make hydrogen and oxygen — a prime rocket fuel that could be stored in gaseous form in huge orbital balloons.

When the shuttle was in the planning stages 10 years ago, NASA said the shuttle would replace all but the smallest of the nation's unmanned satellite launchers. But Mark said it is generally agreed now that more modern, recoverable unmanned rockets also will be needed.

Mark said he and NASA administrator James Beggs favor development of a

manned orbiting space station as the nation's next major space project. He said the agency should have a firm space station plan to present to the president within two years.

Mark said the government also is considering changing the way the shuttle is operated in the future. Once the reusable rocket plane becomes fully operational in three to five years, he said, it should be controlled from the launch sites in Florida and California and not at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"It's even broader than that," he said. "There's a very real question as to whether NASA should be the agency that runs the shuttle."

One option, he said, would be to set up a corporation like Comsat to operate the shuttle fleet. Another would be to have the shuttle operated by the Air Force.

\$1.2 million presented to A&M

By SHERYLON JENKINS

Battalion Reporter
A \$1.2 million gift from the Ella C. McFadden Charitable Trust Foundation of Fort Worth has been presented to Texas A&M University.

The gift, which comprises 50,000 shares of Southland Royalty Stock, brings the total financial support of the University from the late McFadden's trust to approximately \$5 million.

One-third of the donation, or approximately \$400,000, will be given to the University's Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise. The free enterprise center, associated with the College of Business Administration, is supported entirely from private contributions.

Dr. Robert Walker, vice president for development, said the remainder of the money has not yet been allocated. However, he said it probably will be used for scholarships as it has been used in the past. Walker said 40 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,800 a year and 12 President's Endowed Scholarships worth \$2,000 each have been awarded this year from the trust.

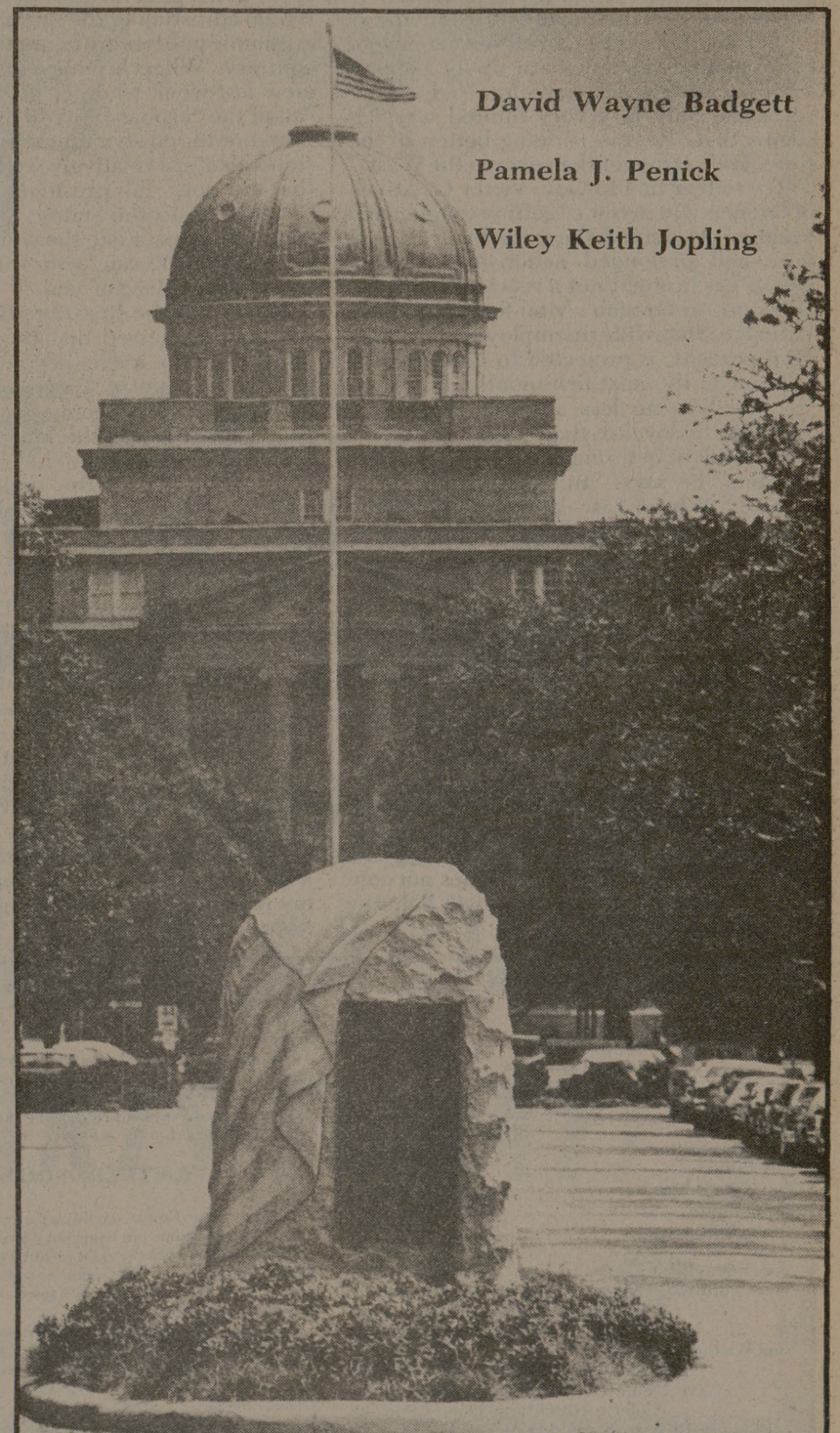
The trust was established through McFadden's will in 1965 to be used as a private fund to support charities, Walker said.

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to trustees of the trust for the vital support they have given to students at Texas A&M," Walker said.

McFadden Hall, a women's dorm which opened in the 1950 fall semester, was named in memory of McFadden for her contributions to the University.

A native of Kentucky, she came to Fort Worth from New Orleans with her husband in 1933. She was one of the chief benefactors of Texas Wesleyan College and in 1963 she received an honorary degree from Texas Women's University.

Although McFadden has no specific ties to other Texas universities, her trust contributes to several Texas institutions of higher learning including Texas A&M and Texas Tech University, Walker said.



David Wayne Badgett

Pamela J. Penick

Wiley Keith Jopling

Three Texas A&M sophomores will be honored tonight at the last Silver Taps ceremony of 1981. Students to be honored are David Wayne Badgett, 21, a sophomore in animal science from Center; Pamela J. Penick, 20, a sophomore in agricultural economics from De Soto and Wiley Keith Jopling, 19, a sophomore in agricultural economics from Nacogdoches. In respect for the tradition, the student affairs office requests that all lights on campus be turned off from 10:20 p.m. to 10:50 p.m.