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Reagan starts push for MX

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan has renewed his drive to save the MX missile, hoping to persuade the Senate to approve money for the system without passing judgment on how and where it should be based.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes predicted a close Senate vote but indicated the White House is more hopeful now than it was after last week's stunning defeat in the House.

Reagan spent an hour of his morning making telephone calls to senators and reserved another hour in the afternoon for possible meetings.

Although aides insisted Reagan still supports the dense-pack basing mode he proposed Nov. 22, he has moved away from the plan in the hopes of winning the money earmarked in a defense appropriations bill to begin producing the first five MX missiles.

"The vote is on building the system. That's what the president

wants," Speakes said. "Dense pack is what our studies reveal was the preferred system. But, as the president says, if Congress wants to debate it, they may."

Speakes also was vague about whether Reagan would accept less than the \$988 million sought for production. Other administration officials said the amount of money was among the items open for compromise.

The president offered Friday to consider alternatives to his basing plan, but insisted the production funds must be appropriated to demonstrate firm U.S. resolve to counter a Soviet military buildup.

The Senate is to take up the MX missile this week as part of a \$231 billion military bill.

MX opponents in the Senate said the president, in announcing his willingness to explore other basing options last week, has been conciliatory and were optimistic a compromise can be reached.

Sherrill revises 12th Man plan

by Frank L. Christlieb
Battalion Staff
Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill said Monday afternoon his "Twelfth Man kickoff team" will be open to all Texas A&M male students — not just members of the Corps of Cadets as he originally proposed.

On Nov. 30, Sherrill announced to the Corps that he had asked squadron leaders to choose outfit members for participation in spring football drills. At the end of the drills, Sherrill will choose the top 12 players and invite them to fall practice. Sherrill said he planned to use the squad as the starting kickoff team at the Aggies' seven home games next season.

"The (original) idea was for the Twelfth Man and it still is for the Twelfth Man," Sherrill said. "There have been some non-regs who have expressed an interest in taking part, so I've decided to change it to include Corps members and non-regs. I'll meet with campus leaders ... and we'll work out the plans in the spring — probably in February or the first part of March."

Sherrill said that involvement of cadets and non-regs would "be in the best interests of everyone and of the student body." The team will be unique to the University, he said.

"For students to be able to identify with someone on the field who's not on scholarship, it'll be really great," Sherrill said. "When you know your roommate goes out there on Saturday afternoon and covers kickoffs, it'll really make you feel good."

"We'll end up with 12 kids — it

could be 12 Corps members or 12 non-regs or two Corps members and 10 non-regs. We'll have some quality people in that group. This team will be something unique to the school and something that everyone can relate to."

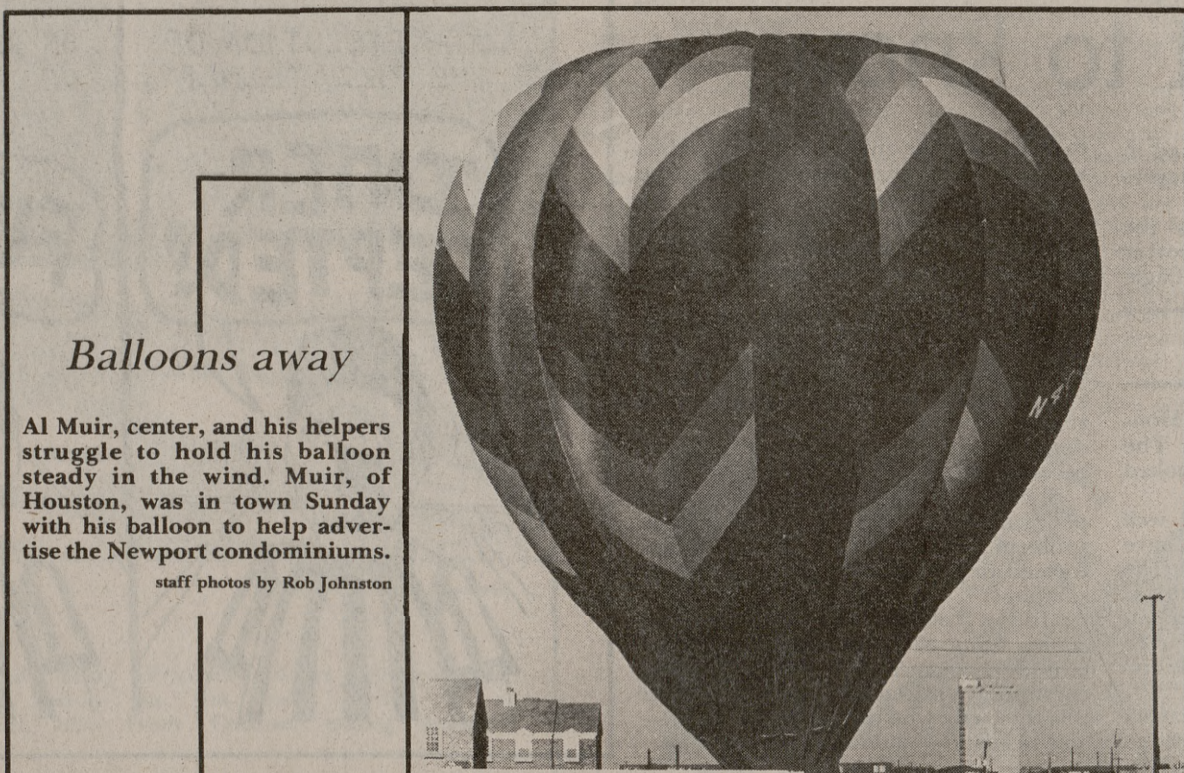
Sherrill said his original idea to limit membership to cadets stemmed from the fact that the original Twelfth Man, E. King Gill, was a member of the Corps.

Student Body President Pat Pearson said the new twist to Sherrill's idea should receive a favorable reaction from students. Pearson said that although he disagreed with the original idea, he likes the change of plans.

"When (Sherrill) made his announcement," he said, "I had a lot of mixed emotions about it, and there was really some resentment on my part. The thing I didn't like was the fact that Coach Sherrill hadn't really used the proper channels available to him to get response and input about the kickoff team from student leaders."

"I felt that since the Twelfth Man was defined as a non-participant type of role — which includes all students — it should include more than just Corps members. So I wrote (Sherrill) a letter and expressed this to him ... and he called me back about it. He was very cooperative about it. He had been very busy with recruiting, and that's why he hadn't had time to look into it."

"I feel that at this point, he's really acting in the true spirit of the Twelfth Man. I've really found him to be an agreeable guy about the whole thing."



Balloons away

Al Muir, center, and his helpers struggle to hold his balloon steady in the wind. Muir, of Houston, was in town Sunday with his balloon to help advertise the Newport condominiums.

staff photos by Rob Johnston



Tylenol lacing suspect bail set at \$5 million

United Press International
NEW YORK — James W. Lewis, wanted for questioning in seven cyanide-laced Tylenol deaths, was held on \$5 million bail today.

The search for Lewis, 36, wanted for trying to extort \$1 million from Johnson & Johnson, distributors of Extra-Strength Tylenol, ended at about 2 p.m. Monday in a reference room of the Public Library.

FBI agents went to the midtown Manhattan library annex after "someone called and said there's a look-alike

for Lewis," said FBI Deputy Assistant Director Kenneth Walton.

Lewis was copying addresses of newspapers from a reference book when arrested, authorities said.

Since the time he was named as a suspect in the extortion attempt, Lewis has written letters to the Chicago Tribune and the Kansas City Star.

The FBI said there was no evidence to link Lewis to the killings, but Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner described him as a suspect "high on our lists."

High court removes liquor law

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court voted 8-1 Monday to strike down a Massachusetts liquor zoning law, similar to ones in nine other states, that gave churches the power to veto alcohol sales in their neighborhoods.

Taking a strong stand on strict separation of church and state, the justices upheld a ruling declaring the law unconstitutional because it entangles government and religion.

Chief Justice Warren Burger, writing for the court, criticized the zoning law for substituting "the unilateral and absolute power of a church for the reasoned decision-making of a public legislative body on issues with significant economic and political implications."

Justice William Rehnquist cast the only dissenting vote.

Under the law, a church, synagogue or school could keep a liquor license from being issued to bars, restaurants and stores within a 500-foot radius of its property by making a written objection.

Other states that permit churches or school to block liquor licenses are Arizona, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Vermont and Washington. Guam also has a similar law.

Sherrill dismisses 2 players; police still investigating

by Frank L. Christlieb
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Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill has removed two players from the Aggie football team after a week-long Athletic Department investigation of an incident that occurred a week ago in Cain Hall, the school's athletic dormitory.

Sherrill said Monday that the two players have been dismissed from the team as a result of their involvement in the assault of a pizza delivery man at about 1:10 a.m. on Nov. 6. Sherrill refused to disclose the names of the players because of his policy of not revealing names of athletes involved in disciplinary action.

The delivery man, a 20-year-old Texas A&M student, has filed a complaint with the University Police, but formal charges have not been filed.

In his original complaint, the victim said he attempted to deliver a pizza to Room 306C in Cain Hall, but discovered that the room was a broom closet. The delivery man said a large black male with a cloth bag over his head grabbed him from behind and another black male took the pizza and ran.

The delivery man said he then was shoved down the stairs from the second floor to the first floor.

Sherrill, who refused to speak with reporters Monday about the incident or about his disciplinary actions, revealed the dismissal in a statement issued by the University Sports News Office. Sherrill said several other athletes have been "severely disciplined" because of their indirect involvement in the incident.

"We are going to have discipline and I expect our student-athletes to conduct themselves as gentlemen," he said. "I'm personally glad this comes right at a key time in our recruiting process. We want the young men we are recruiting, and their parents, to know we are going to run a solid program and one that a parent can be proud of."

"If anyone we are recruiting does not want to come into that type of an atmosphere, then we don't want him."

Sherrill said that any action taken by the University would be in addition to his disciplinary actions and that he would expect the students involved to be treated the same as any other student in a similar situation would be treated.

Capt. Jack Bruce of the University Police said Monday that his department has not concluded its investigation of the incident.

Christmas season brings rise in burglaries

CS thefts up

The biggest problem facing the College Station Police Department is burglaries, and a department spokesman says he expects the number of burglaries and thefts to increase as Christmas draws closer.

Lt. Bernard Kapella said that police answered 192 calls for burglary or theft and 26 calls for violent crimes last month.

"The crime rate always goes up around Christmas," he said.

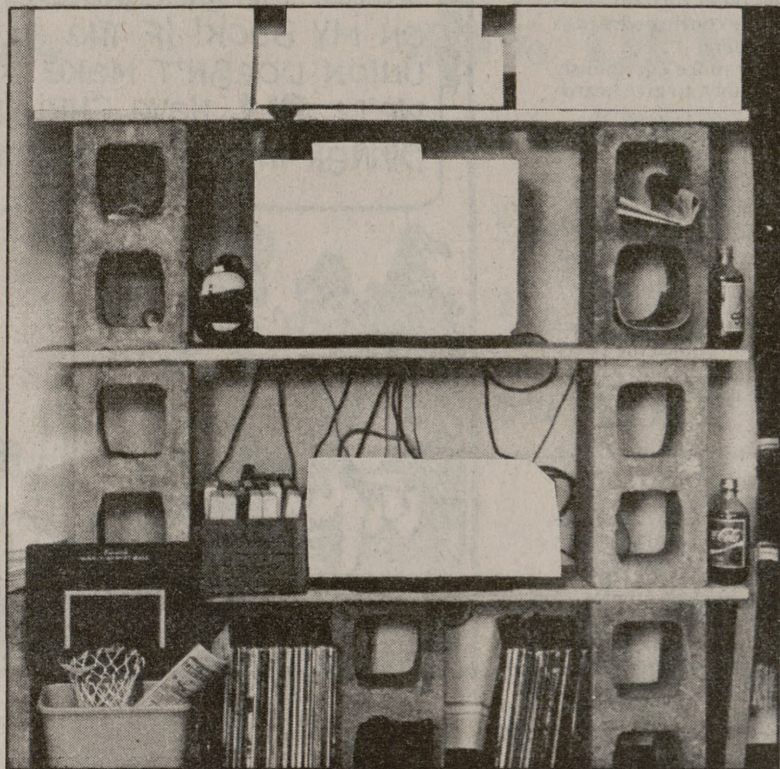
But Kapella said many burglaries could be prevented.

"The unusual thing about our burglaries is that there is no sign of forced entry on a lot of them," he said. "I think people here think that we still have a small town. They don't realize how much it has grown in the last five years."

College Station population has increased from 17,000 to 43,000 in five years. In that same five-year period, the police department has increased from 13 to 55 employees, he said.

Violent crimes, such as rape and assault, are not a major problem in College Station, he said.

"I think the amount of violent crimes is probably lower than in other towns of the same size," Kapella said.



This could happen to you

Be sure to take care of your valuables, or you may return from the Christmas break and have no valuables left.

Safety tips

With many students leaving for a month-long Christmas vacation, College Station police and Texas A&M housing officials are urging students to take precautions against thefts and fire hazards.

- Lock all windows and doors.
- Stop newspaper deliveries. A pile of old newspapers makes unoccupied dwellings easy to spot.
- Arrange to have the post office hold your mail or have a friend pick it up regularly.
- Leave a light on.
- If you have a neighbor, ask him to keep an eye on your home.
- Do not leave such valuables as stereos, television sets and jewelry.
- Remove all Christmas decorations, including trees, lights and aerosol snow.

The City of College Station utilities department also offers tips for conservation-minded students.

- Turn off or reduce the temperature setting on the water heater.
- Turn off or lower the temperature setting on heating and cooling units.
- Disconnect all electrical appliances not in use. If possible, empty the refrigerator, clean it and leave it unplugged for the holidays.

Hundreds die from quake in Yemen

United Press International
SANAA, Yemen — Rescue workers searched through the rubble left by an earthquake that hit 79 villages killing hundreds of people and aftershocks rattled the North Yemen countryside today but left no new damage.

The state-run Al Thawra newspaper said 348 people were killed and 501 others injured by the 40-second quake that hit the pro-Western nation at midday Monday. An Iraqi news agency said 600 people were killed by the quake.

The agency did not give details but Al Thawra said the worst affected village was Dhuran Anis, 63 miles south of the capital, where 335 people died when the earthquake devastated the village.

The other casualties were from nearby villages.

A second tremor officials said was an aftershock, struck early today but did not cause any damage. An official at state-owned Yemenair, the national airline, said it lasted two to three seconds.

The Gulf News Agency said most of the wounded were believed to be subsistence farmers and their families. It said it was feared hundreds more were trapped under the rubble of brick and mud homes.

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forecast



Today's forecast: Becoming cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. The high will be near the 60s with winds from the southeast at 10 to 15 miles per hour.

Tonight will be cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. The low will be in the 50s with winds from the southeast at 5 to 10 miles per hour.