

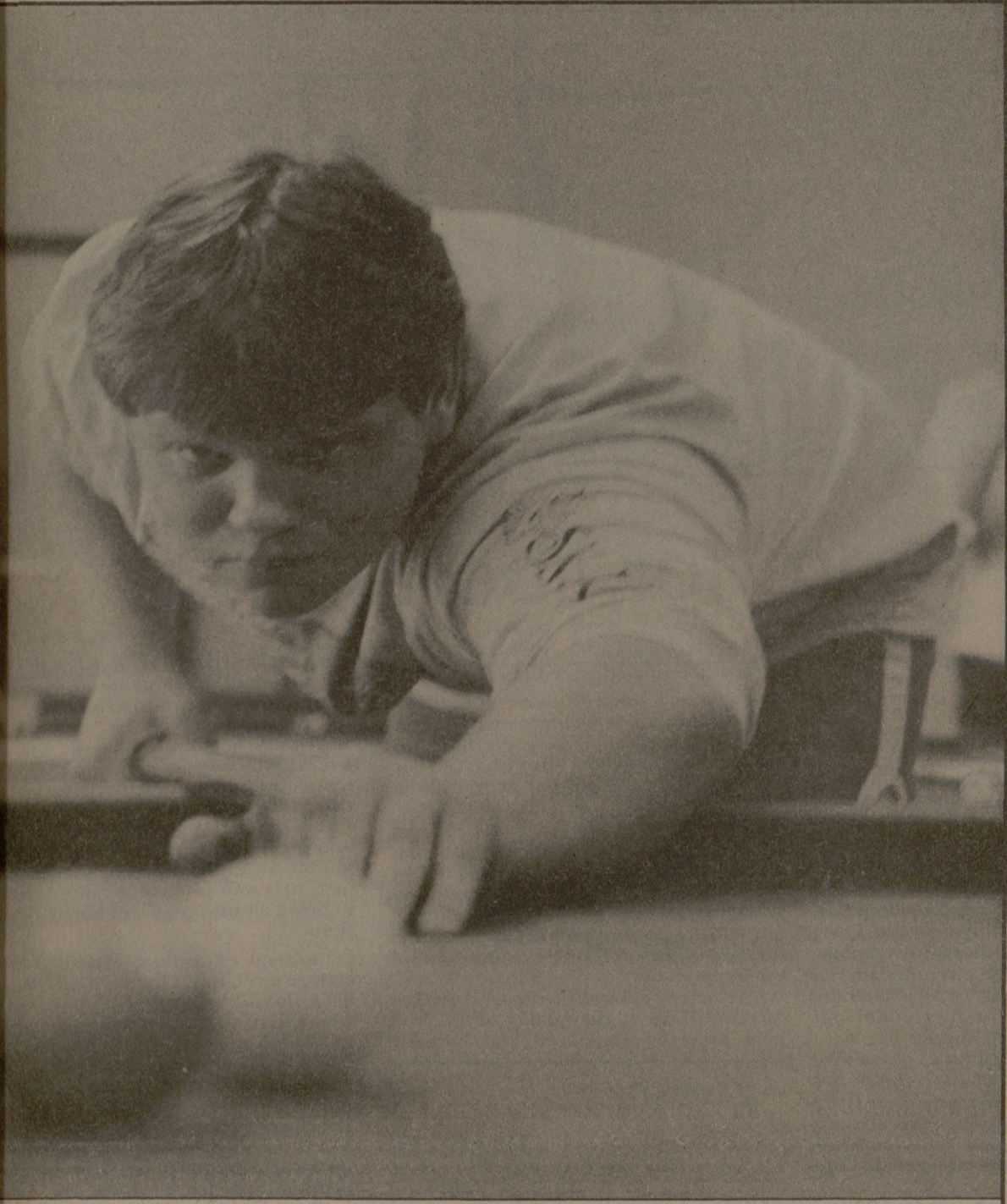
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Sharks at the pool

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Craig Browning, a freshman computer science major from Arlington, sharpens his pool skills in the Commons. The tables were busy Wednesday afternoon with aspiring pool sharks. Billiards is also popular in the basement of the MSC.

Weapons talks 'don't provide great hope'

by Eric Evan Lee
Battalion Reporter

Arms control talks do not provide any great hope, says a Texas A&M professor.

Dr. William Snyder, an associate professor of political science, says he is not optimistic about arms control talks, despite an apparent change in the administration's arms control policy.

The record of arms agreements do not give any solid ground for great optimism, Snyder said.

The past record of arms control with the Soviets has led to more problems for the future, he said.

Those problems, he said, include the creation of newer, more modern weapons, which make future agreements harder to achieve.

When The Strategic Arms Limita-

tion Talks were negotiated, he said, the number of missile launchers was limited, thus encouraging the two superpowers to develop multiple warhead devices since a limited number of rockets could be built.

Snyder said Reagan has shifted his arms control policy to try and revert to reliance on single warhead missiles saying that more missiles launchers will act as deterrents to an attack.

He said he agrees with Reagan's policy, and said it's a sensible approach for the United States to take.

The best idea yet, Snyder said, is that of Sen. Henry M. Jackson to establish a U.S.-Soviet crisis center. The two nations would have a station manned by both Russians and Americans where the two countries could

inform each other of testing and maneuvers in advance, to prevent false alarms of war among the nations.

Snyder said such a program would be effective because it would provide Washington and the Kremlin with another contact.

Col. Donald L. Burton, Corps commandant, who agreed with Reagan's policy of reducing arms, said "there have got to be cuts."

The problem with a halt of arms, Burton said, is that neither side is willing to concede that they are at the point they need to be.

Snyder said any cuts would have to be equal for both countries.

The problem is that both countries have different strong points, and cutting equal amounts of the same type of weapons would not be fair, or agreeable to the countries, he said.

Regents meet to discuss name change of institute

by Angel Stokes
Battalion Staff

The authorization to redesignate the Institute of Statistics as the Department of Statistics will be discussed by the Texas A&M Board of Regents when they meet on Sunday. The regents will meet for three days in the Regent's Annex adjacent to the Memorial Student Center.

The recommendation for approval of the name change was approved by the Academic Council. If approved by the regents, the request will be sent before the state Coordinating Board, which was established by the Texas Legislature to coordinate the affairs of the 37 Texas state colleges and universities.

All administrative decisions re-

garding programs, courses and building must be approved by the Coordinating Board.

Because the Institute of Statistics is the only academic unit in the University designated as an institute, the change to Department of Statistics would make the identification of academic units within the University uniform.

Other discussion items on the agenda that require the Coordinating Board's approval include consolidation of the industrial and vocational education programs, renaming the Department of Industrial Education and authorization to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Music, Art, and Theater at Tarleton State University.

The consolidation of the industrial and vocational educational programs — both of which are in the College of Education — will be named the Department of Industrial, Vocational and Technical Education. Programs in the department include educational technology, industrial education, technical education and vocational education — all of which have been approved by the Coordinating Board.

The authorization to establish a new undergraduate fine arts degree program at Tarleton would make Tarleton the second university in Texas to offer a B.F.A. in all three areas.

The regents will meet Sunday at 1:30 p.m., Monday at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

MX survives crucial vote

WASHINGTON — The MX missile survived another crucial vote in the House, but its opponents say the momentum is turning against the nuclear weapon.

The House late Wednesday rejected 220-207 an amendment to a military spending bill that would have cut out \$2.5 billion for production of the first 27 MX missiles.

The Senate scheduled a vote today on a petition filed by Republican leader Howard Baker to choke off debate on the MX. Another petition was filed to allow a second attempt Friday if today's vote does not succeed.

The House rejected an amendment by Reps. Nicholas Mavroules, D-Mass., and Charles Bennett, D-Fla., that would have deleted \$2.5 billion for procurement of 27 MX missiles but retained \$2 billion in research funds.

But the margin of rejection was

much narrower than the 239-186 tally in May by which the House approved flight testing funds for the missile.

MX opponents said they hope to carry the momentum through September, when the House is scheduled to consider a military appropriations bill containing MX funding.

"We lost by 53 votes in May. We lost by 13 votes today. We picked up a vote a day," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass.

He predicted that unless Reagan makes demonstrable progress on arms control in the next few months, "MX will die on the next vote."

The MX debate, which lasted less than five hours, came during consideration of a \$188 billion military spending bill.

Reagan embraced the panel's recommendations for basing 100 MX missiles in Minuteman silos; deployment of a small, mobile single-

warhead missile by the 1990s, and a renewed commitment to arms control.

House Democratic leader Jim Wright, who endorsed the flight-testing funds in May and has often sided with Reagan on foreign policy issues, was among those who voted to delete the production funds.

"All my life I have believed in a bipartisan foreign policy," Wright told his colleagues. "And yet I am deeply troubled by what I see as a policy of painfully misguided priorities. For me, at least, the time has come to say 'enough.'"

Seventy-three Democrats joined 147 Republicans in voting against the amendment and for production. Eighteen Republicans sided with 189 Democrats in voting for the amendment.

Israel to redeploy troops despite U.S. opposition

United Press International
JERUSALEM — The Israeli government Wednesday approved plans to redeploy its army to more defensive positions in southern Lebanon, despite opposition from the United States, officials said.

"The government approved the deployment plan of the Israel Defense Forces in Lebanon as prepared and proposed by the General Staff," Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said. The details will be determined by the prime minister, defense minister and foreign minister.

Speaking to reporters after a special Cabinet meeting, Meridor declined to answer any questions "on

this or any other subject."

The decision to approve a partial pullback of Israel's 30,000 troops in Lebanon came a day after Prime Minister Menachem Begin cancelled his planned summit next week with President Reagan.

The United States and the Lebanese government of President Amin Gemayel strongly oppose any Israeli redeployment, saying it would lead to the permanent partitioning of Lebanon.

Gemayel was in Washington today for meetings with congressional leaders before a personal talk with Reagan on Friday.

Begin's spokesman had said the

prime minister would not be going to Washington for "personal reasons" but Israeli newspapers reported the prime minister cancelled the visit in preparation for "a big surprise."

Israeli press reports have said the redeployment of Israeli troops from the central Lebanese Shouf mountains and Beirut area would be conducted in stages over a two-month period.

While the bulk of the Israeli forces in Lebanon would move south of the Awali, the Israelis were not expected to abandon their positions in the eastern Bekaa Valley, where they are squared off against thousands of Syrian troops.

Soviets to release Greenpeace activists

by Beverly Hamilton
Battalion Staff

Texas A&M will submit a request to the Coordinating Board Friday to approve improvements to Easterwood Airport, which will cost more than \$200,000.

The airport construction project will amount to \$231,930. Texas A&M is one of four public colleges and universities that will submit construction requests to the board for consideration.

The University also will seek approval to purchase half an acre of land and an office and laboratory building for campus expansion. Texas A&M's estimate for the purchases is \$275,000.

Also among requested acquisitions by the University is the purchase of three acres of land, at the cost of \$18,000, to facilitate University water well operation.

Within the system, Prairie View A&M will request approval of a bachelor's degree in computer engineering technology — one of 11 degree programs to be considered by the board.

In accordance with the state plan for higher education desegregation, the board will consider the allocation of \$300,000 in matching funds to public universities for the recruitment of minority students, faculty and staff.

The funds will be drawn from the special lender's allowance of the Hinson-Hazelwood College Student

Loan Program.

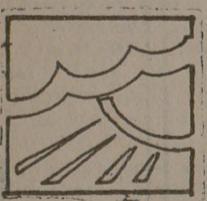
Also to be considered during the board meeting is a 42 percent increase in the agency's fiscal 1984 budget. The increase is the result of an additional \$30 million in trusteed funds appropriated by the legislature.

The board also will consider a staff reorganization within the agency that would combine the senior college, community college and health affairs divisions into a Division of Academic and Health Affairs.

The Coordinating Board sets and administers policy and monitors programs for all public higher education in Texas.

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forecast

Mostly clear skies today with a high of 93. Tonight's low near 73. Clear to partly cloudy skies Friday with a high near 93. A 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms from late Friday through Saturday.

Balloon takes to air to test spacecraft placing ability

United Press International
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — At dawn Friday a giant balloon will rise from southeastern New Mexico for a test of its ability to lower a spacecraft into the intense atmosphere of Jupiter.

A spokesman at the White Sands Missile Range said the test, which depends on good weather, will simulate the Galileo Atmosphere Probe Spacecraft which is scheduled for

launching in mid-1986. Jim Lovelady said Wednesday the polyethylene balloon which will be used to take the Galileo spacecraft 19 miles high will eventually transmit information of Jupiter's atmosphere, believed to have more than 20 times more pressure than Earth's.

The project consists of an orbiter and atmosphere probe and is scheduled to reach the planet in 1988 and

give scientists the first data on the atmosphere of one of the solar system's outer planets.

At Friday's test drop altitude, the spacecraft, consisting of the Galileo deceleration module and the descent module, will separate from the balloon, Lovelady said.

Once Air Force technicians launch the balloon near Roswell, N.M., the balloon is expected to drift 120 miles

westward over the WSMR. There, in a sequence designed to duplicate the mission to Jupiter, telescopes and cameras will record the probe's deployment and separation, Lovelady said.

A small pilot parachute will open and pull the main parachute. A heat shield and aero-shell structure, part of the deceleration module, will separate from the descent module and float to earth.

Aboard the balloon will be a recoverable gondola to house the Galileo probe hardware and provide pre-drop power, movie cameras to record the drop and other balloon-related equipment, Lovelady said.

The probe craft will separate from the parent spacecraft 150 days before arrival at Jupiter and will fly 200 miles down into the atmosphere of the giant planet.