Offer to sell anti-aircraft missiles withdrawn

WASHINGTON — Presi-Reagan, thwarted by resisnce from Congress and harsh iticism from Jordanian King ussein, Wednesday withdrew s offer to sell Stinger anti-airaft missiles to Jordan and udi Arabia.

The action, which came just ight days after Reagan de-cribed the arms deals as impor-ant to the security of the Mid-

dle East and improved relations that we thought was imporwith moderate Arab states, was tant," Speakes said. "We were announced by White House prepared to pursue it and make

visers and Republican congressional leaders, agreed Tuesday night to cancel the \$273 million

spokesman Larry Speakes.
Speakes said Reagan, heeding the advice of his senior adgressive campaign for it.
But in consultation with congressional leaders, we decided gressional leaders, we decided

to withdraw the sale." The decision does not affect a separate administration rein arms deals rather than face an embarrassing rejection by quest, now pending in Con-gress, for \$220 million to equip an 8,000-man Jordanian strike 'We developed a package force that could be used to quell

trouble in the strategic Persian

Administration officials said they hoped cancellation of the controversial Stinger sale keeping the weapons out of Jordanian hands — would improve prospects for the strike force.

However, the concession did not slow a push in Congress to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which the administration fears

would damage U.S. relations with the Arab world. During a news conference Tuesday, Secretary of State George Shultz was more ardent in his opposition to the embassy bill than in his defense of the arms sale to Jordan.

Sources said the administration, in private talks Tuesday with a leading pro-Israel lobbying group, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee,

sought to use the Stinger sale as a bargaining chip to kill the em-bassy bill. The offer was rejected and the arms deal was scrapped anyway.

The White House announcement was hailed as a victory by Jewish groups that lobbied against the Stinger sales and by their allies in Congress.

The reversal dealt yet an- in the Middle East.

the Middle East, battered in recent months by a retreat from Lebanon and a failure to revitalize the broader peace process along the lines of his longstalled September 1982 peace

The latest defeat all but exhausted the initiatives Reagan has taken to retain an active role

Debate considers closing campus

By LEIGH FORREST Reporter

Students participating in a blic debate Wednesday night ed 114-36 against closing the

xas A&M campus to through

The debate was the ninth of Texas A&M Forum spon-ed by the English depart-

Julia Sullivan, a junior Enh major, spoke for the resomauthorized parking", or lose people who park on cam-"It will at least ease the prob-is without an appropriate lem and frustrations until we wise those people at the said, can come up with apply uses those people who do

ing off the campus to those unauthorized parkers by placing three reasons. "I oppose " entrances to check for parking

very, very simple."

However, she said, the reso- really exist. ation and said the main prob-lution will not solve the entire em at Texas A&M is problem.

ave parking permits to park il-gally. Sullivan suggested clos-Ramon DeLeon, a senior ED-

spoke against the resolution for

"I oppose the resolution be-cause the checkpoint system is not a workable solution on neither a short nor long term ba-"Essentially, no one is afsis," DeLeon said. "I oppose the fected except those people who resolution because it does not don't have a sticker or a shuttle bus pass and are going to park illegally," Sullivan said. "It's sents a violent overreaction and has unhealthy social repercussions while other solutions

He said that closing the cam-pus to through traffic would not solve the problem, it would just push it off campus.

After both speakers pre-sented their side, the debate was

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CS council meeting tonight

By SUZY FISK Reporter

would gete College Station City Council ball game meets tonight at 7 to discuss a survey, a zoning plan and parks nd recreation concerns. n the libra

amikazes (First on the agenda will be ights. May the signing of a proclamation ight and designating March 31 as "Super re there. Survey Saturday" in College coach of Station. The Texas Education

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services. Several questions on lighting and street repair, bicycle registration, and a youth and ordinance problems.

center will be asked in person and by mail. More than 4,000 residents of College Station, who were selected by random sample, will be ask to give their and Glenhaven subdivisions. opinion on these subjects.

Another concern on the agenda will be the presentation of the first draft of re-zoning

Further down the list, the parks and recreation board will consider names for parks located in Sandstone, Woodcreek Richard Carter's name will be considered for the proposed park site in Glenhaven. The park is the homesite of Carter, who was the first settler of Bra-

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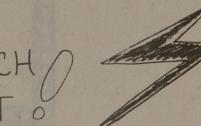
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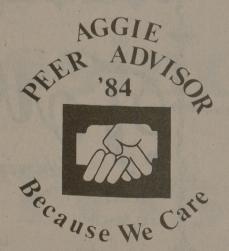
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