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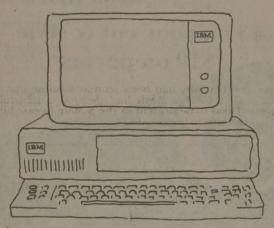
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Chernenko: madness of arms race must end

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko, in a letter delivered Wednesday to a group of U.S. veterans, says the Soviet Union and United States must join as they did in World War II "to stop the madness of the arms race.

The letter was delivered in a hastily arranged ceremony at the Michigan Veterans Facility by Viktor Isakov, deputy Soviet ambassador to the United States. A history class at the veterans' home sent letters to the Soviet leader and President Reagan

In the reply read by Isakov, Chernenko said: "The experience of World War II makes a case for the strong need to join efforts in order to remove the war danger hovering over the people and to stop the mad-

ness of the arms race.
"In our view the upcoming new negotiations, whose objective is to prevent the arms race in space and terminate it on Earth, to limit and reduce nuclear weapons and to strengthen the strategic stability, provide an opportunity for taking a practical step on the road to a peaceful and secure future.

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the future but it has not been consis-

tent in offering them."
Kelley said Student Government was especially interested to find out which banks would cash a University check if the person cashing it did not have an account at the particular

'We wanted to find out which banking institutions cash govern-ment checks such as University payroll checks or armed service contract or scholarship checks such as the Corps hands out," Kelley said. "We wanted to know if they would cash these checks if the person doesn't have an account there. Banks should cash these checks because they don't represent any risk to the institution

Kelley said some banks offer spe-

cial services that make them differ-

"First City has a personalized banking service and you get a bank officer assigned to your account," he said. "That makes it easier to get loans and stuff like that because they

know you better."
Brazos Bank has telephone banking and that makes it unique, Kelley

"Texana has a special student account called the Maroon and White account, and for a flat service charge of \$5.50 you get unlimited checking for a no-minimum balance, free pulse card and unlimited on-site withdrawls," he said. Kelley said United Bank and Uni-

versity National Bank offer special account options but those may or may not be suited to a student's

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Collins said more candidates filed when the names were not released.
Wood said that the process for election filing is not quick and easy.

"After a candidate files, the campus administration office runs a check on the validity of signatures, grades and conduct record," he said. The process can take a couple of days, and premature release of a name could turn out to be invalid, Wood added.

person filing for office may be told the number of candidates running for a particular office, but names are released only after 5 p.m. on the official filing date. This year's filing ends Friday.

Wood said he hadn't examined the legality of holding the names because it was a minor point in election administration, and because the main consideration was confidentiality for candidates who were "iffy."

When Madla assumed Wood's former position, she was given a "written oral tradition" to follow,

"We don't want to give the impression that we leak information to a select few, and then have everyone else come to us and wonder why they couldn't be told," Wood said.

Madla said her goal is to run the election in a professional manner and improve Student Government's

"We don't want to mimic state and local elections," she said.

And, in an earlier phone conversation with The Battalion city editor-,Madla said, "Well, maybe what we are doing is wrong, but this is not the real world."

Madla said she is looking into any possible legal problems and will contact the Attorney General's office.

Madla also said the student legal

advisory service had found nothing illegal that applied to the decision.

"If we're doing anything illegal, we'll find out about it and think twice before we do it," she said.

As Wood said, if there is any legal

conflict, the decision can be easily changed. There is no written rule or bylaw being followed, he said.

Madla said there have been vehement arguments both ways.

A representative in the opinions section of the Attorney General's office said no open records decision or judicial case concerning any student government is on record.

"We made a suggestion to Laura, recommended it and talked it through," he said. She isn't acting on a precedent; she is trying to keep the a precedent; she is trying to keep the said, the head of a state agency — in this case Texas A&M President by Mandiver or the Board of Re-Frank Vandiver or the Board of Regents — must request an opinion from the Attorney General on re-leasing the information. The only other way to set a precedent would be a court case, she said.

In future elections, releasing the information to a reporter could be a help, Wood said, but that decision would lie with the election commis-



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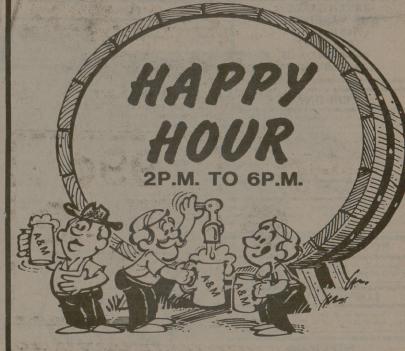
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