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Gorbachev halts missile deployment

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MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said he wants to meet with President Reagan and has ordered a halt until November in Soviet deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, the official news agency Tass reported Sunday.

Gorbachev said the Soviet Union's decision on further missile deployment after that time "depends on whether the United States follows our example: Will it stop or not the deployment of its intermediate-range missiles in Europe."

Tass quoted the new Soviet leader as making the statements in an interview with the Communist Party newspaper Pravda. It did not say when the interview was conducted, or indicate a publication date.

In Santa Barbara, Calif., where Reagan is vacationing, presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said: "If they want a freeze, fine. It's not enough."

Speakes said the Soviet Union already has a 10-1 missile advantage in Europe and the Gorbachev plan would not affect scheduled deployment of American missiles.

He said Gorbachev's statement did not go beyond what he had conveyed privately to Reagan and that negotiations will get under way at some point for the first top-level superpower talks in six years.

Vice President George Bush carried a letter from Reagan to Gorbachev when he attended the March 13 funeral in Moscow of President Konstantin U. Chernenko. The White House disclosed the letter invited the new Soviet leader to the United States.

In the Tass report, the news agency said Gorbachev discussed the possibility of a summit with Reagan and quoted him as saying: "The question of such a meeting was dealt with in my correspondence with President Reagan. I can say that a positive attitude to such a meeting being held was expressed from both sides. Its time and place will be the subject of subsequent arrangement."

He said the correspondence discussed ways to improve relations between the superpowers.

Gorbachev was quoted as saying that the Soviets also wanted to demonstrate their good will by halting deployments of medium-range missiles which the Soviet Union has said were necessary to counter NATO deployments of U.S. missiles in Europe.

"We are prepared to demonstrate our good will again," he said. "And starting with this day, and I want to emphasize this, the Soviet Union is introducing a moratorium on the deployment of its intermediate-range missiles. . . ."



Photo by PETER ROCHA

In For The Holiday

Over a dozen bunnies made an Easter holiday visit to the yard of Richard and Edna Stone on W. Carson Street in Bryan. Stone is an employee of Texas A&M's physical plant's electric shop. The bunnies left countless eggs to be gathered.

Celebrations Easter brings bonnets, blossoms, prayers to U.S.

Associated Press

Americans marked Easter Sunday by promenading down New York's Fifth Avenue in their Easter bonnets, protesting nuclear weapons at an Air Force Base in South Dakota and attending sunrise services across the nation.

About 13,000 people attended an Easter service at the Hollywood Bowl in California that was highlighted by the release of 200 pigeons, while about 8,000 children hunted for 60,000 Easter eggs at Stone Mountain Park near Atlanta. And Washington began its week-

long Cherry Blossom Festival with the traditional lighting of a Japanese stone lantern at the Tidal Basin.

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers, some wrapped in furs against a brisk wind, turned out for the ritual promenade down Fifth Avenue, which dates back to the latter half of the 19th century.

To the south, Orange County's 12-story, glass-walled Crystal Cathedral staged an elaborate pageant recreating the death and resurrection of Christ, complete with machine-made clouds and fog, exotic animals and a cast of hundreds.

Catalog insert brings Zentgraf ruling home

By SARAH OATES
Staff Writer

Don't throw away that extra sheet of paper you're handed when buying the 1985-86 Texas A&M University catalog. That piece of paper, known as an errata sheet, adds one short paragraph to the catalog.

But it's a paragraph that's helping shape the future of A&M.

The final paragraph under the listing "Corps Activities" states:

"All corps activities, including all those listed above, are open to all qualified applicants regardless of sex. The Corps encourages female participation in all such activities."

The paragraph is part of A&M's efforts to obey a consent decree signed by state Attorney General Jim Mattox and approved in January by a Federal judge. The decree states

the University must encourage women to participate in the all-male organizations of the Corps, such as the Fish Drill Team and the Aggie Band.

The decree settled a lawsuit filed against the University in 1979 by then-cadet Melanie Zentgraf charging organizations in the Corps discriminated against women on the basis of their sex.

The paragraph, located on page 54 of the new catalog, probably will be included in the catalogs for the next few years, but University officials say they hope it won't be necessary after that.

"Hopefully, within some period of time everything it's supposed to accomplish will have been accomplished, and it won't be necessary anymore," said Mary Helen Bowers,

director of educational information services.

Bowers said students are given an errata sheet containing the paragraph because the 1985-86 catalogs already were in print when the consent decree was signed.

John Tyler, the attorney representing A&M in the case, has filed an appeal of the ruling with the 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans, but a trial date has not been set.

If Texas A&M wins the appeal, U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling will rehear arguments about accepting women into the all-male organizations of the Corps.

"We're going to abide by the consent decree," said Lt. Colonel Donald J. Johnson, assistant commandant of the Corps. "We don't have any problem working with that. The fact that it's being appealed doesn't change anything one single bit."

Hatchman loses race in municipal election

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
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Mike Hachtman's bid for the College Station City Council ended in defeat Saturday night in an election where 13 percent of the city's registered voters and 3 percent of the registered on-campus students voted.

Fred Brown, Terri Tongco and James B. Bond all defeated their opponents by wide margins. The newly elected members of the College Station City Council will occupy Places 1, 3 and 5 respectively. They will assume their new duties at Wednesday's city council workshop meeting.

Voters also sent four new faces to the College Station school board. Rob Schleider, with 58 percent of the votes, easily won Place 1 on the board; Kenneth Matthews received 77 percent of the votes to capture Place 2; Larry Linder, who attracted 62 percent of the votes will occupy Place 4; and Dane Hushey captured Place 6 with 57 percent. They will assume their new duties Monday.

In other ballot decisions, almost 70 percent of the voters indicated they would support the construction of a city library and 67 percent approved the city's plan to sell a one-half acre undeveloped park.

The Place 1 council race was not close. Fred Brown, owner of Fred Brown Mazda-BMW, easily defeated Roy Kelly. Early in the counting, Kelly pulled to within 7 percent of catching Brown, but in the end Brown received 57 percent of the votes to Kelly's 42 percent.

Although Brown says he doesn't have any specific plans for the council, he does want to run the city more like a business and promises "a fresh, new approach" to attacking problems.

Place 3 on the council, with three candidates, was the most contested and closest race on the ballot. Terri Tongco and Roy Hann Jr. often were tied during the counting until results from the last precinct was available. Tongco received 45 percent of the votes; Hann, 39 percent; and Hachtman 15 percent.

After the election, Tongco said her first priorities include the establishing a city library and finding a way to

provide more bicycle paths.

"Everyone ran a good race," she said. "We had a lot of good candidates to choose from."

One of those candidates, Mike Hachtman, was considered a long-shot by most city officials and needed a large student turnout to win. That turnout was much lower than the city's non-student turnout.

"Three percent (of registered students) isn't an overwhelming amount of students turning out to vote," Hachtman said. "But it's an increase over last year...I still have my liaison position and I should hope the incoming administration on campus (Student Government) lets me keep that position. It looks like they're going to right now. They've (the council) got me now, win or lose."

Last year's city elections were ignored almost entirely by students—only 27 people voted in three predominantly student precincts.

James B. Bond easily defeated Jim Gardner for Place 5 by getting 60 percent of the votes. Gardner trailed by at least 19 percent during the counting.

Bryan's elections, held at the same time as College Station's, revealed no surprises. Only one city race was contested.

Marvin Tate, who gave up his unexpired seat on the council to run for mayor, ran unopposed for the position and received 2,620 votes.

Hank McQuaide, Ben Hardeman and Helen Charvarria were elected unopposed to fill Places 1, 3 and 5 respectively.

Tate's unexpired Place 4 seat will be filled by C.P. Vass after he defeated Bill Brown with 1,758 to Brown's 1,497.

In Bryan's school board elections, voters sent two incumbents and one new member to the board. Six candidates crowded the ballot for Position 3, but Howard Cargill captured the job by receiving 30 percent of the votes.

James Stegall, with 87 percent of the votes, will fill position 6, and Travis Bryan Jr., with 67 percent of the votes, will fill position 7.

Faculty Senate runoff necessary in 5 races

By REBECCA ADAIR
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At the May 13 meeting of the Faculty Senate, 29 senators will be sworn in, at least 16 of whom will be serving their first term.

Voters elected 24 senators Thursday, with the additional five positions to be decided in a run-off election Tuesday.

With 760 faculty members voting, the results were:

- College of Agriculture: Place 1 — J. Benton Storey, Place 9 — J.C. Grady, Place 11 — James R. Dixon, Place 12 — Thomas C. Cartwright, Place 13 — runoff between Donald E. Farris and Gary E. Hart, Place 14 — runoff between Gary E. Briens and Edward Funkhouser.

- College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Place 2 — Carol D. Claycamp.

- College of Business Administration: Place 3 — Don Hellriegel, Place 6 — Peter S. Rose.

- College of Education: Place 1 — Robert S. Hurley, Place 2 — Barbara Stone, Place 4 — Douglas J. Palmer.

- College of Engineering: Place 3 — Ron R. Hart, Place 4 — Gerald (Jerry) Miller, Place 7 — Walter E. Haisler, Place 12 — Ron Darby, Place 13 — W. John Lee.

- College of Geosciences: Place 4 — runoff between Dusan Djuric and B.J. Presley.

- College of Liberal Arts: Place 7 — Larry J. Reynolds, Place 9 — Chester S. L. Dunning, Place 10 — D. Bruce Dickson, Place 12 — Katherine O'Brien O'Keefe.

- College of Medicine: Place 1 — Samuel (Sam) H. Black.

- College of Science: Place 1 — Merrill H. Sweet, Place 6 — Peter F. Stiller, Place 7 — Stephen A. Fulling, Place 8 — runoff between William H. Bassichis and Dana P. Williams.

- College of Veterinary Medicine: Place 3 — Robert F. Pleyter, Place 4 — runoff between Dave Gross and Russell B. Simpson.

The run-off election will be April 9, 1985, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Joint group to study evaluations

By REBECCA ADAIR
Staff Writer

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, in conjunction with the Student Senate, is forming a joint subcommittee to consider the possibility of a University-wide course and instructor evaluation policy.

Committee member Manuel Davenport said the Committee will recommend policies to encourage and reward good teaching and study the desirability and feasibility of the University-wide evaluations.

The subcommittee will be composed of an equal number of faculty and students and will be co-chaired by a faculty member selected from the Academic Affairs Committee and a student selected by Student Government.

When the study is complete, the subcommittee will present a recommendation to both the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate.

Sean Royall, student representative to the Faculty Senate and newly-elected student body president, said the main objective is to examine

from a student perspective the performance of a professor in the classroom.

Royall said the goals of the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate are similar, since both groups are concerned with monitoring teaching performance. But, both groups are aware that nothing can be done overnight, he said.

Although designing a standard evaluation form will be difficult, Royall said, both groups consider the effort worthwhile.

Royall said the top priority of the subcommittee is to provide department heads with information on professors' performance. The information may be used when the professor is considered for tenure, he said.

The second priority, Royall said, is giving the faculty a means to see how they are performing in the eyes of students. He said if the program is successful, faculty members could modify their methods to meet the needs of the students.

Royall said the third priority, which may concern students most, is

publishing the results of the surveys so students can use a professor's previous performance as a criterion for choosing a professor.

Dr. Glenn Ross Johnson, professor of educational curriculum and instruction and the director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, said teaching and teachers must be measured separately.

Teaching, he said, measures interaction between professor and student, not necessarily in the classroom. Any time the student learns can be considered teaching, Johnson said.

On the other hand, teachers are measured in four areas: teaching, research, service and publication. Many people consider any one area most important, but Johnson said a balance is necessary.

Student evaluations of a professor's teaching methods can be useful in the overall evaluation process, he said.

Davenport said students can evaluate a teacher's enthusiasm and personality in the classroom, but these are not the only measurements of a professor.

Another question is whether former students should be involved in the evaluation process.

"Five to 10 years later, students may say they can't remember anything the professor taught, but they'll say he was entertaining," Davenport said. "On the other hand, they may remember that the professor was 'old man grump' and the class was horrible, but they remember and use the information from the class."

As to the development of a University-wide evaluation process, Johnson said the evaluation should contain some generic questions, yet be beneficial to each department. He said part of the questionnaire should be designed around a department's specific characteristics and uses for the evaluations.

Some useful generic questions, Johnson said, would ask whether a student's curiosity was aroused, if a student felt challenged and if the course was effective overall.

Johnson also said that professors should be evaluated for their indi-

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