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## Soviet missile offer rejected by Reagan

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WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has notified the Soviet Union that it rejects as "one-sided" a proposal by Mikhail S. Gorbachev to halt the deployment of Soviet nuclear missiles aimed at Western Europe, U.S. officials said Monday.

Earlier Monday the Soviet Union news agency, Tass, said that the Reagan administration had dismissed its "major new peace initiative" in an effort to diminish the plan's effect on world public opinion.

Robert C. McFarlane, the White House national security adviser, said the administration had told Moscow "this is no basis for a balanced outcome."

The presidential adviser told NBC News that in responding to the Soviet leader's announced moratorium "we have pointed out the problems that we find with this kind of one-sided proposal."

Specifically, McFarlane said, the Soviet Union has 1,200 nuclear warheads already installed on intermediate-range SS-20 missiles, an advantage of more than 8-to-1 over the NATO allies.

As a result, he said, "we're trying to point out that this is no basis for a balanced outcome."

McFarlane and other administration officials dismissed the moratorium as a propaganda ploy aimed at Western Europe. The State Department called it "a discredited proposal" and noted it was raised initially by the Soviets three years ago.

At the same time, though, the administration took a more positive stance than it had on Sunday to Gorbachev's statement that he was prepared to hold a summit meeting with President Reagan.

"We are pleased that Mr. Gorbachev noted the importance of finding joint ways for improving relations between our two countries," the State Department said in a statement read by spokesman Bernard Kalb.

He reversed suggestions made earlier by other U.S. officials that Gorbachev had violated the secrecy of the weapons-limitation talks in Geneva, Switzerland, by calling for a halt to research on space-based defense systems.

The subject is on the agenda there.

"In strict terms," Kalb said, "the confidentiality rules apply to the negotiators and the delegations in Geneva."

The spokesman said a Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting could address a number of issues apart from arms control. These include the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan and U.S. allegations that

Moscow is promoting turmoil in the Caribbean.

Meanwhile, a senior U.S. official said in an interview that the Geneva negotiations had not reached the point where a Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting could "give an impetus to arms control."

The official, who demanded anonymity, said "we're not even near there."

However, he said the two leaders could improve U.S.-Soviet relations in a number of areas, including the Middle East, Africa, Central America and Afghanistan.

Gorbachev also proposed that the two superpowers call a halt to the development, research testing and deployment of space arms and that they freeze their strategic offensive arms for the duration of the Geneva talks.

McFarlane, in an interview with the Cable News Network, described Gorbachev's proposals in the arms field as nothing more than "a guise, a snare, a delusion." He said he was disappointed.

"We had hoped for better," McFarlane said.

The State Department said a freeze on space weapons would block Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative "which would strengthen deterrence and global stability."

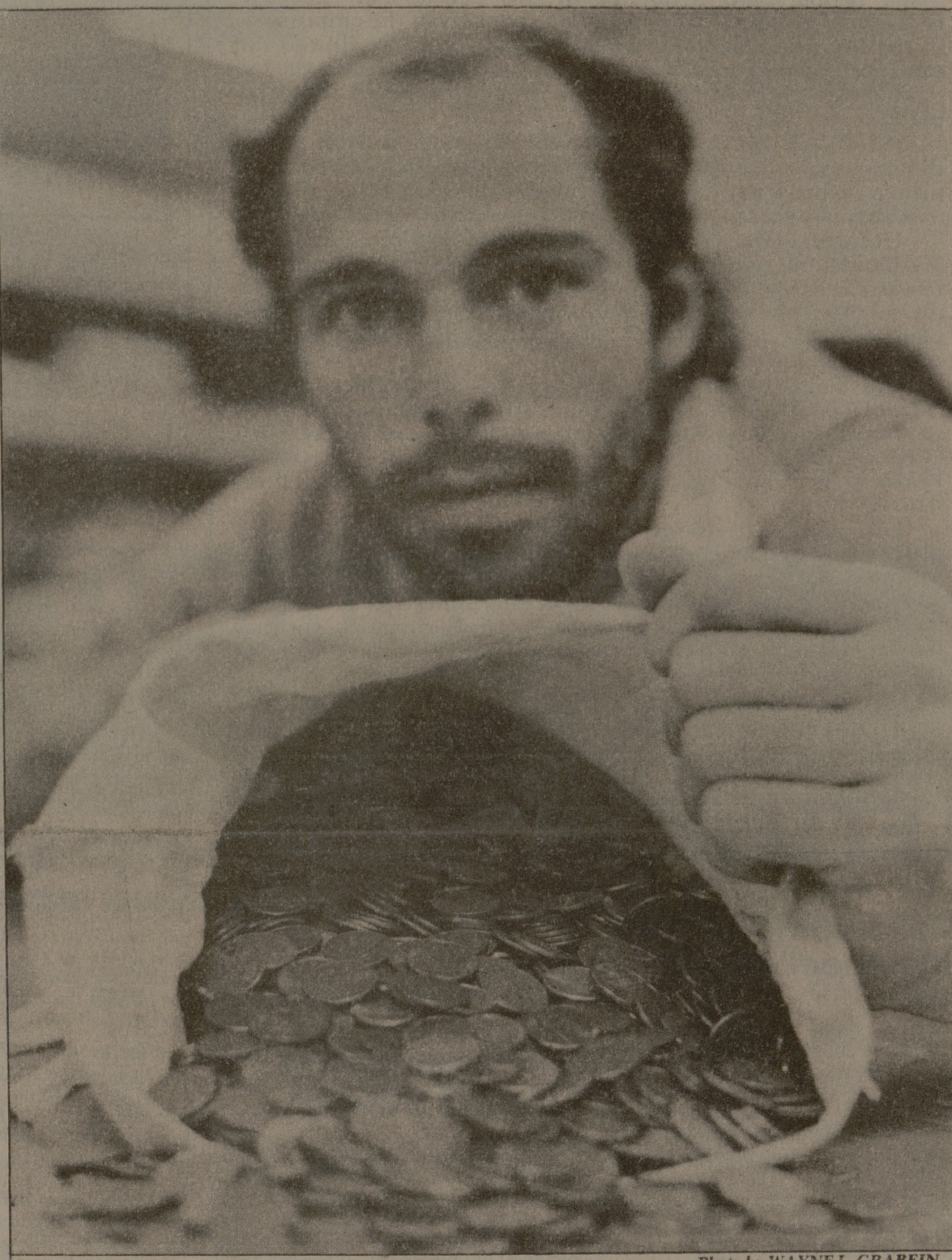


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### 9,000 Pennies — Count 'em!

That's what the campus police told Jim Thomas, a senior psychology major from Houston, when he brought in a 35 pound bag of pennies to pay his \$90 parking ticket fines. Thomas, who said the pennies were a form of "passive resistance," tried to pay the tickets Monday afternoon at the University Police Department but was told by officials

there that he would have to have the pennies counted by a bank or count them himself while an officer watched. Pamela Walsh, the station's administrative supervisor, said that the department would accept the pennies since they are legal tender but the amount would have to be certified by a bank or department official.

## Drug use at A&M hard to measure

Officials: cases fluctuate yearly

By SARAH OATES  
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Drug use is a common fact at many college campuses, but student drug use at Texas A&M University is a secret that's well-kept — at least from authorities, say University officials.

"We have a very significant number of cases of marijuana selling and possession each year," said William Kibler, disciplinary officer for the Department of Student Affairs. "But it's impossible to measure whether that's an accurate reflection of usage because it's so random," he said.

Most cases of possession are referred to student affairs by the University Police Department. University police most frequently discover drugs or paraphernalia when inventorying students' cars before towing them.

"The way we get into it is when we're towing cars and we find paraphernalia," said Bob Wiatt, University Police director of security and traffic. "There's very little we can do. We can't arrest them for that. We can only refer them to student affairs, but there's not much they can do, either."

"On the whole, there's very little drug use on campus. It's infinitesimally small, but people are probably doing drugs off campus."

From September 1984 to February 1985, University Police made three arrests for drug possession on campus. During the same months the previous year, six arrests were made.

Wiatt agreed with Kibler that randomness of discovery is the main problem in determining if drugs are being used on campus. He said the fact that drugs most often are found in students' cars also is a problem.

When questioned by police, students usually say the drugs or paraphernalia found in their cars belong to someone else who rode in the car, Wiatt said.

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## Royall vindicated by SG commission

By JERRY OSLIN  
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A formal complaint accusing Sean Royall, newly elected student body president, of exceeding the limit for campaign expenses has no merit and will not keep Royall from assuming office on Wednesday, the co-commissioner of Student Government's election commission said Monday.

The complaint, filed Thursday, accused Royall of overspending during the general election and during the run-off election.

Under the rules of the election commission, a candidate for student body president may not spend more than \$300 for campaign materials during the general election.

In the event of a run-off, a candidate may spend an extra \$50.

Jim Collins, the commission's co-commissioner, said the complaint was filed by the Student Govern-

ment's vice president for finance, Mike Kelley.

According to Collins, the complaint contained three separate charges against Royall.

The first charge accused Royall of spending more than \$300 for printed campaign materials.

But Collins said he called Royall's printer and was told by the printer how much Royall had spent.

Collins said he is convinced that Royall did not exceed the \$300 limit in printing costs.

The second charge accused Royall of failing to pay the University for using its official seal.

Royall used the University's official seal in his campaign brochure.

The complaint said Royall would exceed the limit if he was forced to pay for the use of the seal.

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## Wiatt defends University Police handgun policy

By KIRSTEN DIETZ  
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Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic, addressed the role of the University Police Department, including the issue of officers carrying handguns, at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Charles Cargill, vice president for operations, also spoke on the role of his department.

Wiatt emphasized that the 41 officers who carry guns must be fully certified. He said these officers must undergo extensive training and pass a state examination before certification. Texas requires all officers to qualify for certification annually, he said.

Wiatt said officers can fire their weapons only in self defense or to protect an innocent bystander.

"You will never see an officer use a firearm to get your attention," he said.

Wiatt also said there are certain restrictions on when an officer can draw his gun.

"Weapons are pulled to affect arrest only when the officer is threatened," he said.

For example, Wiatt said, an officer can draw his gun if led on a car chase, confronted by someone wav-

ing a gun or if he must go through a building alone.

Also, he said governmental contracts awarded to the University require an officer to draw his gun if he is investigating an alarm at certain locations.

"The campus is rather pure from violence — now," Wiatt said. "But an hour from now, who is to know?"

Cargill also spoke at the meeting. He addressed several areas Operations oversees.

He said the quality of campus maintenance will decrease next year because of the proposed budget cuts.

"It appears that we're going to be biting the bullet next year," he said.

Cargill said that the floral test garden on Houston Street will probably be eliminated, and that there will be less mowing and pruning. But on the plus side, streets, lighting and landscaping on the west campus will continue to improve.

He also reported on the status of two projects put on hold at President Frank E. Vandiver's request because of the budget problems: the relocation of the physical plant and the building of the proposed high rise

parking garage, which would be built on the current site of the physical plant.

"The parking garage plan is not dead, it's very much alive, just put on hold temporarily," he said. "However, all of us are aware about the parking problems, particularly on the northeast part of campus."

Cargill also reported on success of the extended intracampus shuttle bus system. He said it is utilizing parking places that have previously gone unused.

In other business, the Senate moved to accept a report recommending that the Sterling C. Evans Library gradually adopt a computerized card catalog and freeze the current card catalog.

The Senate also approved the list of May undergraduate and graduate degree candidates, including two posthumous undergraduate degrees to Linda E. Bryan in accounting and John Chase Wilson in agricultural economics.

Murray Milford, Faculty Senate speaker, also announced that Col. Donald L. Burton, Corps commandant, is tentatively scheduled to speak to the Senate in June on the status of the Corps.

## Faculty Senate accepts library committee report

By KIRSTEN DIETZ  
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The Sterling C. Evans Library should move toward adopting a computerized card catalog and freezing the current card catalog, but should move slowly and cautiously, a report recommends.

The Faculty Senate moved to accept the report from an ad hoc committee of the library council at Monday's meeting. It will now be sent to President Frank E. Vandiver.

Dr. Irene Hoadley, director of the library, said it probably will take 7 to 10 years for the catalog system to be completely automated.

The ad hoc committee also recommends that the author/title catalog shouldn't be frozen until all problems have been eliminated. The greatest concern of polled faculty and students was the length of down time, when

the computerized system would be unusable. The committee decided microfiche be the easiest and most inexpensive back-up system to maintain.

Other possible problems cited dealt with the number of computer terminals and microfiche readers that would be available, the inadequacies of existing software, the expansion of hardware and how well the system would hold up under peak use.

The report also recommends that before the catalog system is completely automated, an outside reviewer should decide whether enough progress has been made to completely freeze the catalog without adversely affecting its users.

Also, the report says, libraries of the same size with approximately the same type and number of users should be studied to de-

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