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## Students shot with blow-darts

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Two Texas A&M students were shot with blow-dart guns Monday night by men riding around the campus area in a car, said Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department.

The first student was shot on his bicycle at about 7:30 p.m. while waiting for the light to change at the corner of Wellborn Road and Westlane, Wiatt said.

The car, believed to be a light-colored, older model Camaro with blue taping, was going north on Wellborn Road and as it slowed down, a man leaned out the window and shot the student, Wiatt said.

Wiatt said the student was hit in the hand with a four-inch, needle-like dart and was taken to the A.P. Hospital Health Center to have the wound removed.

The second student, who was on a bicycle waiting for the light to change at the corner of Boyett and Church streets, was shot in the chest a very short time after the first student was shot, Wiatt said.

The second student, who requested anonymity, said he was waiting at the corner when a Camaro drove up and slowed down in front of him. He said a man leaned out the window and he heard a pop. The car then took off.

"I didn't know what happened at first, but I looked down and there was a blow-dart in my chest," the student said.

Fortunately, he said, the dart had penetrated his jacket and shirt before it hit his skin, and he suffered only a minor wound.

"If it had hit my throat or eyes, I would have been in bad shape," he said.

The student said the men in the car cheered after they hit him, and the car sped away.

Wiatt said the second shooting was referred to College Station police, while the University Police Department is handling the first shooting.

He said that if the men are doing damage, they could face charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a third degree felony that carries a punishment of two to 10 years in prison.

Wiatt said anyone with information about the shootings should either contact the police or call Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers will pay a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects, and that informants request anonymity.



Photo by Mike Sanchez

## Spurring Them On

Ed Allred helps Kevin Martinez put on his "fish spurs." Freshman cadets are required to wear spurs made from coathangers and bottle caps every year during the week before the A&M-SMU football game. The Corps will travel to Dallas for the game this weekend.

## Ethiopia recovering, but crisis not over yet

**Editor's note:** Associated Press correspondent James R. Peiper, based in Nairobi, Kenya, covered the 1984-85 Ethiopia famine. He recently returned to Ethiopia for an update on that country's food situation.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — An end to the famine around the highlands capital, an expected end to the locusts that have ravaged the country, and the U.N. emergency office closing up shop.

Two years after the outside world came aware of a devastating famine in this East African nation, Ethiopia is gradually rebuilding its food stocks and supply system.

But, by most accounts, as many as 1 million of its 42 million people are on the brink of starvation at least another decade unless the country gets a huge infusion of long-term development aid.

An estimated 1 million people died in Ethiopia alone during the 1984-85 Africa famine. Hundreds of thousands of other Ethiopians were killed only by a massive outpouring of international aid.

The situation today is less alarming, and more within the possibility of control than in those nightmare years, the head of the government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, Berhanu Jemere, said in an interview.

Plagues of locusts and grasshoppers infested huge swaths of Africa this year in the wake of rains that broke the drought.

The main problem in 1987, Priestley said, will be pockets of famine caused by insufficient rainfall, a

Gregorio Monasta of Italy, the UNICEF representative in Addis Ababa, said Ethiopia will remain in a situation of emergency for at least 10 years.

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## Reagan OKs proposals on arms controls

U.S. seeking to expand on summit despite 'lack of effort' from Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has approved a package of proposals for sharp reductions in U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear weapons and the withdrawal of intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe, administration officials said Tuesday.

The package puts on the negotiating table in Geneva the key proposals Reagan made to Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev at their summit in Iceland earlier this month. It includes a ban on all U.S. and Soviet ballistic missiles by 1996, said the officials, who were willing to discuss the subject only on the condition they not be named publicly.

So far, Soviet negotiators haven't seriously considered the proposals Reagan discussed with the Soviet Communist Party General Secretary on Oct. 11-12, said Kenneth L. Adelman, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

"It seems they have been under instructions to be unhelpful since the Reykjavik meeting," Adelman said in an interview. "We want to build on Reykjavik. They want to dispute."

Adelman said separate talks would be held with the Soviets next week in Geneva on improving the verification of underground nuclear tests. Reagan told Gorbachev that better monitoring procedures could lead to a treaty outlawing all blasts.

A more modest U.S. arms control package was sent to chief U.S. negotiator Max Kampelman last week. Several key items were held back, including the proposed ban on U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The U.S. military chiefs wanted to consider first the impact that a missile ban would have on defending Western Europe from Soviet attack. NATO ground forces are outmanned by Warsaw Pact troops.

The discussion was held at the White House Monday with Reagan presiding.

The new instructions were transmitted to Kampelman Monday.

Reagan's proposal on strategic weapons calls for a 50 percent reduction in U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers, intercontinental ballistic missiles and submarines within five years.

A ceiling of 1,600 would be imposed on all U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear delivery vehicles. Intercontinental ballistic missiles and submarine-launched missiles would be held to a total of 600. Strategic bombers would be limited to 350 on each side.

The Soviets also have proposed a 50 percent cutback, but their formula and the kind of nuclear weapons to be covered by the reductions differ from the U.S. approach.

Reagan's call for a ban on ballistic missiles by 1996 carries out the position U.S. officials said he took in talking with Gorbachev. The Soviets contend, however, that Reagan went further and supported a ban on all strategic nuclear forces.

A U.S. official, who said records of the conversations between Reagan and Gorbachev were still incomplete, acknowledged that Reagan "may have said that at one point."

But he and another U.S. official stressed that the president informed Gorbachev on several occasions during their talks that he sought a ban only on ballistic missiles.

## A&M group to hold mock '86 election

The Memorial Student Center's Political Forum committee will conduct a mock election on campus Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Natalie Hopkins, travel and special events coordinator for the committee, said she expects about 3,000 students to participate in this campus preview of the 1986 Texas general election.

She said students will vote on candidates and issues that will be on the actual ballot Nov. 4 and will answer an opinion question on pari-mutuel betting.

Tables will be set up for voting at the MSC, Rudder Fountain, Sbis Dining Hall, the Commons and the Blocker Building.

Election results will be posted in the window of the Student Programs Office 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

## Governor's race fires up in last week

White: Clements 'secret plan' would rob education fund

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements' so-called "secret plan" to balance the state budget would require robbing public school and state university trust funds, Gov. Mark White charged Tuesday.

Although Clements refused to reveal a detailed plan for solving the state's \$2.8 billion cash crisis, the former governor repeatedly has criticized White for the temporary sales and gasoline tax hikes passed by the Legislature last month.

But White said taking money from the Permanent School Fund and the Permanent University Fund endowments is the only way Clements could have balanced the budget without taxes.

"That's exactly the plan that they had in mind," White said in an interview following a speech to the Texas Association of Broadcasters. "The only way they could have balanced that budget without a tax increase is to go rob the university fund and the Permanent School Fund."

The billion-dollar trust funds receive income,

primarily oil and gas royalties, from state-owned lands. Interest earned on the trust funds is spent for public school aid and on state colleges and universities.

White said Clements refused to make his plan public because of the cries that went up when Republicans in the Legislature offered such a plan during this summer's two special sessions.

"The reason they kept it a secret is they saw the reaction to the (GOP) plan on the floor of the House," White said.

White also accused Clements of failing to persuade President Reagan to stop playing politics with the faltering Texas oil industry.

White said he is convinced Reagan will impose a tariff on imported oil — to help keep the price for domestic oil at a profitable level — after the Nov. 4 election.

"The reason they won't do it before then is it would be devastating to them in (U.S.) Senate races," White said.

## Former Dallas Cowboy campaigns for Clements at rally

LONGVIEW (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach, saying Texas' business climate needs help, campaigned Tuesday for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements.

"We're suffering in almost every industry across the board, from agriculture to real estate to finance to our energy sector and the high tech areas of our economy and something has to be done," Staubach told a rally.

"You need to have political savvy and Gov. Clements has proven through his experience in the past he's got that experience, but he's also proven he's a hard-tested businessman who I believe sees the ability of this state to take some positive steps in the future," Staubach said.

Staubach, now a Dallas businessman, said Clements' political and business experience would be beneficial to Texans. He said he was too

tied up with business and family and did not have political aspirations yet.

Clements and Staubach were joined in Longview by GOP attorney general candidate Roy Barrera Jr., a state district judge in San Antonio who faces incumbent Jim Mattox.

Clements, who faces Gov. Mark White on Nov. 4, told supporters the campaign was going well and urged them to get out the vote.

"Not only are we in the fourth quarter of a tough football game, but the two-minute whistle has blown," Clements said.

Clements and Staubach also planned stops in Sherman, Abilene and Fort Worth. They began the day in Dallas where Clements assailed White on economic and education issues.

Clements, who was ousted from the governor's office by White in 1982, also said the incumbent is running a campaign full of scare tactics.

White continued to display an upbeat mood Tuesday. When asked by the broadcasters about Clements' allegations that White wasted \$3.5 million on a new gubernatorial jet, White said the new plane is cheaper and safer than the one Clements used.

"That plane that we purchased was a reduction in cost from the one he had been flying back and forth to Dallas in. He spent about \$100,000 of the state's money flying himself back and forth to Dallas."

"It was about \$4,000 to fly from Austin to Dallas and back. That's the plane he preferred. The one that we have now . . . costs about \$500 (for the same length trip)," he said.

Grimming, White also touted the safety of the newer jet.

"Quite frankly, I can understand why he wanted me to fly around in that old, old, old plane . . . I'd rather be a former governor than the late governor."

He is pushing a six-point jobs plan, and he said his polls indicate voters want to hear about the state of the economy, which he charges has deteriorated under White.

"They don't want to talk about lap dogs," Clements said. "They don't want to talk about scaring the elderly. They don't want to talk about denying food stamps to people."

"They don't want to talk about kicking people out of nursing homes. That's nonsense. That is worse than political rhetoric."

"That's demagoguery of the worst kind and it is bordering on bringing into this issue, this campaign, racial overtones and bigotry, which I deplore."

Clements said he would not make cuts that White's campaign said he would favor.

"I have said on occasion after occasion after occasion that those are out-and-out untruths," he said.