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## Soviet rocket seen lighting U.S. skies in flaming re-entry

(AP) — Air Force officials say a fireball that erupted into a giant Roman candle over night skies in the Southwest Wednesday was a Soviet rocket booster burning up as it re-entered the atmosphere.

"It looked like 100 stars all falling together; it was moving very fast and appeared to be like a comet with bright debris falling off it," said Adrienne Berry at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nev.

Berry said she and other controllers spotted the fireball at about 8:10 p.m. "I've never seen anything like it," she said, adding that it lasted about 45 seconds. "It was a string of lights with a Milky Way effect."

The fiery end of the rocket booster was seen in Texas, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Del Kindschi, information officer for the North American Aerospace Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., said the rocket booster re-entry ended at 9:16 p.m. MST Wednesday.

Although he had no information as to the size of the rocket booster, Kindschi said it was used to launch a Soviet Molnya communications satellite on Sept. 5.

The satellite had a north-to-south trajectory, said astronomer Sam Barden at Kitt Peak Observatory in Tucson, Ariz., which received a number of calls.

Technician George Will said, "It had a large tail and appeared to break up into nine pieces. Some peo-

ple said it was a blazing orange-red and others said it was silver."

A police officer in Barstow, Calif., Russ Rekwart, said the main fireball was about a tenth the size of a full moon.

NORAD's Lt. Col. Chuck Wood said the craft was among more than 6,000 that the command monitors in orbit.

"Ground and satellite systems all over the world had given indications that the rocket was due down this week," Wood said.

## U.S. pilots to compete in air meet

AUSTIN (AP) — United States service pilots, including Navy airmen who flew combat against Libya last spring, are competing in the first Reconnaissance Air Meet at Bergstrom Air Force base this week.

Four of the Navy fliers and two F-14 Tomcats involved in the Libyan combat are competing in RAM '86, which tests the pilots' skills in sighting targets for photographs from about 500 feet.

Air Force F-15 Eagles harass the fliers as they fly through the 10-minute course over far West Texas. Reconnaissance fliers cannot fight the Eagles and must maneuver around them.

The RAM competition is expected to become a biennial event.

## In Advance

### Lone Star Wagon Train heads to Bryan

The Lone Star Wagon Train will pull into the Brazos County Pavilion Saturday to celebrate Texas' sesquicentennial anniversary.

The wagon train has roamed through the state and stopped in hundreds of communities on its way to Austin for the end of the sesquicentennial year on Nov. 30.

Local musicians, bands and other talented individuals are in-

vised to perform for night camp at the Pavilion.

Local organizations are welcome to sell their arts and crafts. A drawing also will be held for a pair of Tony Lama sesquicentennial boots.

Everyone can participate in the sesquicentennial events, which include a local ride with the wagon train.

For more information, call 776-1986.

### CS to sponsor 10-kilometer park run

The city of College Station is sponsoring a 10-kilometer run this weekend.

Registration for Gold Cup Event 11 will be at Southwood Athletic Park, on Rock Prairie Road.

The run is scheduled to begin Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

For more information contact the College Station Parks and Recreation Department at 763-3737.

### Senate to discuss tenures, promotions

The Faculty Senate Monday will consider a resolution that, if adopted by the University, will set much broader criteria for evaluating faculty members for promotion and tenure.

The resolution suggests three major categories of performance under which a faculty member should be judged when being considered for promotion or tenure. These categories are teaching, service, and creation and dissemination of new knowledge or other creative activities.

The resolution also asks that each college have written guidelines, jointly developed by faculty and administrators, that describe the evaluation process used by that college, and that these be available to all faculty.

The Senate also will consider a resolution suggesting that a committee, as opposed to an individual department head, determine whether emeritus status should be awarded to professors. The committee would be open to all associate and full professors.

The resolution suggests that every individual holding a tenured appointment at the time of retirement and having served the University at least 10 years be considered for emeritus status.

The Senate also hopes to establish a University committee to ensure that all eligible candidates are considered for emeritus status, and to review all recommendations and forward them to the provost.

## Federal relations staff expects changes from Clements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials appointed by Gov. Mark White to keep an eye on Texas interests in federal activities in Washington said Thursday they expect changes under the new governor, and some have begun looking around for other jobs.

The Texas Office of State-Federal Relations is the lobbying arm of the Texas governor's office in Washington, but also works for the state legislature and private interests.

Under White's Democratic administration, the staff focused primarily on education and banking issues, associate director Claiborn Crain said.

Many of those staffers face the loss of their jobs with the victory in Tuesday's elections of Republican Bill Clements in the gubernatorial race.

"It's uncertain what's going to happen," Crain said. "I think everybody's watching this to see what other kinds of jobs are out there and what opportunities will still be available here."

In Clements' previous administration, the staff was concerned with oil and gas legislation.

"When Clements first came into office in 1978, he didn't look very closely at this office," Crain said. "Later, he realized the value of the office that looks after state interests here."

John Hanson, current director, said he expects Clements will use the office to serve as a pipeline into the White House to take advantage of a close relationship with Ronald Reagan.

"But keep in mind, this is an office for the legislature as well as for the governor's office," Hanson said.

Mary Jane Maddox, an administrative aide to Rep. Steve Bartlett, R-Dallas, who worked in the state office under the former Clements administration, said her dealings with the current staff have been non-partisan and substantive.

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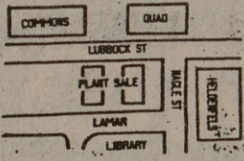
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