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## Reagan: Soviet arms pact won't weaken U.S. position

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan vowed Wednesday that a nuclear arms treaty with the Soviet Union will not undercut the U.S. commitment to the security of Europe, saying the stationing of 300,000 American troops abroad and "our steadfast nuclear guarantee underscore this pledge."

Reagan also said it was "totally unacceptable" for the Soviet Union to try to link reductions in globe-girdling strategic nuclear weapons to restrictions on his "Star Wars" missile defense plan, also known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, SDI.

"We won't bargain away SDI," Reagan said in a speech a month before Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in Washington for a superpower summit. The two leaders are expected to

sign a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) in Europe and to discuss other arms differences.

Last Friday, Reagan said Gorbachev was not making SDI concessions a condition for cutbacks in strategic arms. However, in his speech Wednesday, Reagan complained about "the Soviet tactic of holding these offensive reductions hostage to measures that would cripple SDI."

Reagan's remarks were broadcast to Europe on Wednesday by satellite channels of the United States Information Agency's "Worldnet" and the Voice of America.

In part, the speech attempted to calm fears that the removal of U.S. medium- and shorter-range missiles in Europe would weaken the Western alliance and leave Europe vulnerable to the

Warsaw Pact's conventional forces, which greatly outnumber those in the West.

The address also challenged the authenticity of Gorbachev's campaign of openness, or "glasnost," and underscored to the Soviet Communist Party general secretary that Reagan is adamant about moving ahead with his Star Wars program.

Saying the West is watching for action, not words, Reagan called on the Soviets to make more progress in human rights and to loosen "the Soviet hold over Eastern Europe."

The INF treaty will require the United States and Soviet Union to eliminate medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles in Europe. Reagan noted the Soviet Union will have to remove four times as many nuclear warheads as the United States.

## Women are gaining influence in political issues, speakers say

By Cindy Milton  
Staff Writer

Fifty-three percent of the votes in national elections come from women, and speakers at an MSC Political Forum Wednesday night agreed the potential for greater female political influence is increasing.

### Advising office for liberal arts to close 2 days

The Office of Undergraduate Advising in the College of Liberal Arts will close Friday and Monday as it moves to a new office in 112 Harington Tower.

Office phone lines will be in service Friday for emergencies but will be disconnected Monday morning.

"We have alerted the departments that we will be there for them if there's something we have to deal with," senior secretary Lisa Brister said.

The move is necessary because the advising office is growing, she said. "There are new positions and not room for them," Brister said.

The office will reopen Tuesday. Among those moving to the new office are Assistant to the Dean Mary L. Broussard and Undergraduate Counselors Keith Capps, Anna Crockett and Linda Greenwood.

"Women in Politics: The Evolution of Their Clout," moderated by Dr. Harriette Andreadis, assistant professor of English at Texas A&M and a member of the National Women's Studies Association, featured four speakers who discussed questions of women in politics and their influence in the political arena.

Andreadis said although women are not equivalent to their male counterparts in salary and job tenure, they have come a long way in advancing their careers. She said women hold 15 percent of state legislative positions, and she questioned whether women will use state legislative positions as springboard for higher governmental positions.

Andrew Mollison, chief political correspondent in the Washington Bureau of Cox newspapers and president of the National Press Club, said the number of women voters and the issues they are interested in have enormous impact on the operations of the national government.

Mollison discussed a recent survey which revealed women are more concerned than men with human issues — including education, employment and social security.

"When you're talking about 53 percent of voters, most candidates find all issues women's issues," he said.

"It matters who has the levels of concern in politics," he said. "What women have been doing in the past 25 years is gone from spectators to participants." He said if it weren't for the involvement of women vot-

ing in the last nine Senate races, Republicans would still have Senate control.

He said a survey on basic political values, conducted by the Times-Mirror Corp., showed women have a tendency toward Democratic candidates. He said "the peace candidate" attracts female supporters, and their votes make a big difference in government.

Kandy Rose, president of the Brazos County League of Women Voters, commented on the rise of women in politics since 1921, the year the 19th Amendment went into effect. She differentiated the attitudes of women and men, and said she doesn't expect change in the way women vote.

Ann Lewis, former political director of the Democratic National Committee, who has appeared on CNN, The Today Show, and the CBS Morning News as a political commentator, said recent governmental changes are revolutionary for women.

She said the increase of women in lower governmental positions is putting women in a political "pipeline." She said women are using more sophisticated methods of fundraising, making them more competitive for governmental positions.

"The potential of women active in politics is building from the confidence and the surge of activity made by Geraldine Ferraro," Lewis said. "It was a symbol of failure to men;

but to women, it was a statement of pride."

She said men are beginning to take women more seriously — especially since they make up of 53 percent of voters.

She said the most recent influence by women in politics was the defeat of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.

"Leaders of opposition were women, and that was a significant factor," she said.

Lewis said she expects substantial changes in the future concerning women — things like pay equity, pension equality and child care — and governmental procedures. She said current government is a "perennial locker room," and she predicts change in the language used in governmental positions.

"Metaphors from the football field to the battlefield are used all the time," she said.

She said there are enough women to make a "critical mass," and with more women in Congress in the future, there will be more human concern and more concern with day-to-day needs.

"It's obvious that decisions are reached in different ways when women are involved," she said. More female influence in government will affect issues on the agenda, she said.

"Women will affect the balance of the issues," she said, "but they will not shut out the other side."



Photo by Shelly Schluter

### Charmed, I'm sure

Belly-dancing duo Temina and her snake Ayce display their talents at Nothgate Tuesday night. Temina, who goes by a stage name, is a junior animal science major who earns extra money by performing in local clubs with her boa.

## Local restaurant may close doors; fate still uncertain

By Lee Schexnaider  
Reporter

Two days after Fajita Rita's agreed to give up its liquor license in a plea bargain arrangement with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, a Fajita Rita's manager would not tell *The Battalion* whether the College Station restaurant would remain open.

The day manager of Fajita Rita's, who gave his name only as "Doug," refused to comment on whether the restaurant will close or when that information will be available.

When asked on Wednesday whether the restaurant would close, Doug said, "Well, I'm talking to you now."

Joe Darnall, general counsel for the TABC, said the lawyers reached an agreement without a hearing. He said the agreement cites three violations of state regulations that concern people or corporations holding liquor licenses.

Darnall said the first two counts concern Tommy Dallis, who is listed on the liquor permit as the sole owner of Fajita Rita's Inc. Dallis is serving a 20-year sentence after being convicted of ordering the fire-bombing of Graham Central Station, a Bryan nightclub, three years ago.

Darnall said the first count alleges Dallis wasn't the real owner of the restaurant.

Randy Yarbrough, assistant administrator for the TABC, said Dallis didn't have a majority interest in the corporation.

"It was a subterfuge ownership," Yarbrough said. "He had no majority interest in the corporation and he was taking out the permit for someone else."

"If you take out the permit, all the profits and losses of the business must accrue to you."

But Darnall said someone other than the corporation actually owned and operated Fajita Rita's.

Darnall said the second count alleges the corporation failed to report one or more of the changes of control of the premises.

He said the TABC requires that such management changes be reported promptly.

Darnall said no one other than Dallis was named in the indictment. But he said earlier testimony had mentioned three other persons: John C. Culpepper, a developer and chairman of the board of Homestead Savings Association; Ben Tom Mahoney, an investor; and Gerald Buck, vice president and chief financial officer of Culpepper Properties. Culpepper, Mahoney and Buck couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday. Spokesmen for each of them said they were out of town.

Darnall said the third count in the order stems from a liquor permit provision stating that insolvency is grounds for revoking a liquor license. Fajita Rita's Inc. has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in a Houston federal court.

Fajita Rita's has a mixed-drink, or "liquor by the drink," liquor license, Darnall said.

The next question, he said, is whether anyone else will file for a liquor permit for the restaurant.

He said the counts stem from a statewide investigation by the TABC.

The primary focus of the investigation is the connection between alcohol-licensed premises and organized crime in Texas.

Darnall also said the TABC also is looking into the connection between organized crime in Texas and the East Coast, which could involve money laundering, prostitution and possibly narcotics.

## County jail releases woman from Bryan on \$25,000 bond after murder of husband

A Bryan woman arrested Tuesday for the murder of her husband was released from Brazos County Jail Wednesday after posting a \$25,000 bail bond, a Bryan police officer said Wednesday.

McMillian, 41, was arrested for the murder of her husband, Iralle McMillian, 44, after Bryan police received a report of a gunshot at Mr. McMillian's auto repair shop at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sgt. Choya Walling said.

A Bryan ambulance driver found Mr. McMillian in his shop at 1203 San Jacinto Ave. and took him to St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, where he was pronounced dead at 3:50 p.m., Walling said.

Shortly after police received the report of the gunshot, Mrs. McMillian walked into the police station carrying a .38-caliber revolver. She gave a statement about the shooting to officers and was arrested, Walling said.

## Clinical, ethical aspects of AIDS virus topic of discussion at Rudder Forum

By Jenny Hynes  
Reporter

"If you have sex for the first time with someone, what makes you think it's the first time for them?" Dr. James R. Wild of Texas A&M said.

Wild, professor of biochemistry, biophysics and genetics, made this remark while speaking to a crowd of more than 175 Wednesday night in Rudder Auditorium to warn of the danger of contracting AIDS.

This message was reinforced by three other doctors as part of a program on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), sponsored by the A&M Undergraduate Biochemistry Society.

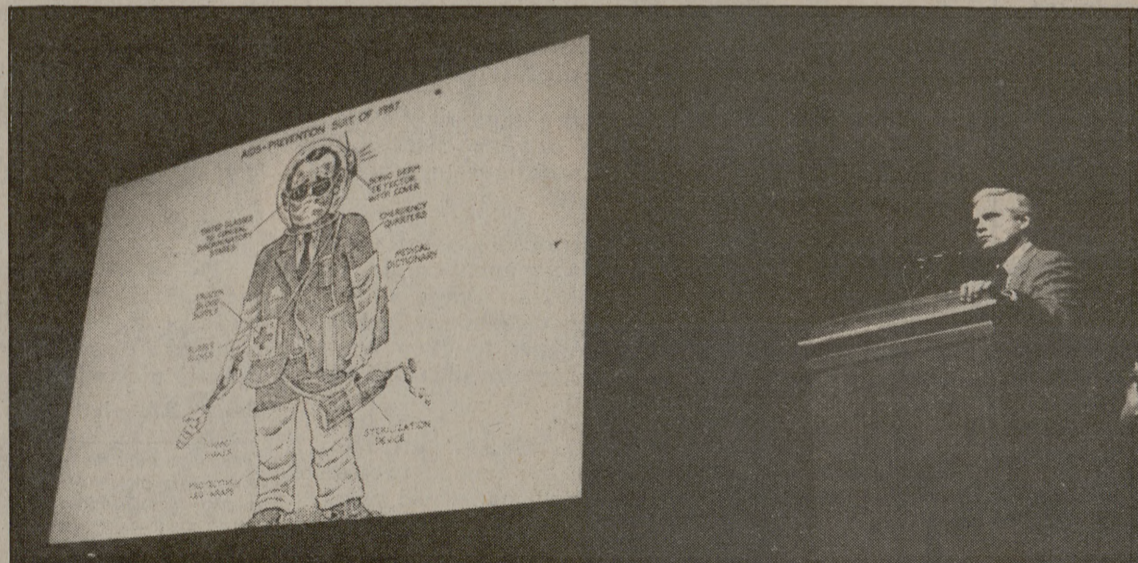
The program, titled "A Symposium on AIDS," focused on the clinical and ethical aspects of the disease.

Dr. Thomas Cate, chief of the Medical Infectious Disease section of Ben Taub Hospital at Baylor College of Medicine, began the program with a discussion of current medical knowledge of AIDS and its treatment.

First recognized just six years ago, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, can now be isolated and identified in an infected person.

Cate said although there is a test for the disease, signs often do not appear for several years.

"The majority of the people that have the HIV infection are in the asymptomatic period," he



Dr. Thomas Cates lectures at Rudder Forum

Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

said, referring to people with the virus who do not show signs of the disease. "As a consequence, it's really sort of an iceberg effect."

Dr. John Quarles, associate professor in the Medical Microbiology and Immunology department at A&M, took a more optimistic view of the disease.

"More has been learned about the AIDS virus in a very short time than any other infectious agent in history," he said. "In some manner, somewhere along the line there will be truly significant advances in treatment."

However, Quarles took a harder look at the immediate effects of the disease, emphasizing the susceptibility of college students to AIDS.

"AIDS is on campus," he said. "There are students with AIDS on this campus."

"It's a global problem. It's a national problem. It's also your problem."

Dr. John McDermott, distinguished professor of philosophy and medical ethics at A&M, spoke on the social and ethical aspects of AIDS.

"Getting an AIDS diagnosis is like being sentenced to death row," he said. "There is something about this that we regard as quite obscene."

McDermott compared society's reactions to AIDS to its hysteria over cancer, leprosy and the plague.

Following the speakers' discussion, the audience had an opportunity to submit written questions. About 60 were offered, dealing with aspects of the disease ranging from prevention to testing and possible cures.