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Reagan, Gorbachev will sign arms treaty

GENEVA (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union agreed Tuesday to the first superpower treaty to eliminate an entire category of nuclear weapons, and they will sign the pact at a summit meeting in Washington on Dec. 9.

The deal was sealed with a handshake by Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze at the U.S. mission.

The treaty to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles is the centerpiece for the talks President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev are scheduled to discuss in Washington on Dec. 8-10.

Shultz said the Soviets had not yet provided all the missile information requested by the United States but will turn the data over by the end of the week.

He said that arrangements for verifying U.S. and Soviet compliance with the treaty was far beyond anything that's been attempted before.

Shultz challenged critics of the emerging accord to stand up and say the U.S. should have more nuclear weapons instead of less.

Shultz said he was confident the administration would be able to win Senate approval.

In Denver, Reagan used the same words as Shultz in predicting approval by the Senate and said he and Gorbachev will discuss extending limitations to long-range missiles when they meet.

"It appears that all of the (INF) issues have been resolved," Reagan said. "The treaty will be finalized when General Secretary Gorbachev and I meet in Washington."

At a separate news conference, Shevardnadze called it a marvelous treaty of tremendous importance for the world.

He voiced hope a political thaw is starting that may lead to a change in the political climate on the planet.

The Soviet minister said, "All possible types of inspection" were included in the agreement. He referred repeatedly to the U.S. side as "our partner."

Shevardnadze called the treaty a triumph of peace and, referring to the protracted negotiations, said, "The U.S.-Soviet peace marathon is now over."

The job of drafting the final text is expected to take about one week. Gorbachev is due to arrive in Washington on Dec. 7.

A&M seniors 'die' on Elephant Walk

By Karen Lawson
Reporter

From the front of the Academic Building through various parts of campus to the bonfire site, the seniors made themselves heard.

Around noon yesterday seniors gathered around the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross to participate in the traditional Elephant Walk.

Jackie Sherrill rode in with the redpots and gave a pep talk before the zips began their long journey through places on campus they had never been. Sherrill told the seniors that Texas A&M seniors need to preserve the tradition of Elephant Walk, which is unique to the campus, forever.

The senior yell leaders kicked off the walk with a short yell practice, then led the seniors around campus through fountains, to the Albritton Tower, to Kyle Field for another yell practice, across the Quadrangle and finally to Duncan Field for a final yell practice and pictures with live elephants.

On the Quad, where juniors of the past would kill seniors, juniors were few and far between. Some were hanging stuffed elephants out dorm windows while others shot the zips with "hand" guns. However, some brave juniors threw water balloons from the third floor of Dorm 9.

This year there was concern about juniors' participation in Elephant Walk. Senior class president Andrea Beshara and junior class president Denise Arledge strongly discour-

aged junior participation and emphasized the fact that Elephant Walk is a day for seniors to reflect on their days spent at Texas A&M.

Despite the efforts, a few juniors were present to "kill" the elephants. As the seniors rounded the Harrington Classroom Center, they were bombed with water balloons by someone on top of Francis Hall, others tackled seniors, and in turn seniors tackled the juniors, while other seniors got their fill of shaving cream and Silly String.

"Today there were several juniors involved but I think they had in mind to be careful," Beshara said, "and I hope that within the next couple of years the classes will get Elephant Walk back to the way it was."

However, there was less junior-senior interaction this year than in past years. Bob Wiatt, director of University police, said there were no official reports of any violence. "We received information of several skirmishes and some shoving and pushing, but nothing official," he said. Last year the police had several reports of violence and injuries.

Elephant Walk dates back to 1924, but juniors have only been involved for the past 10 years. "A lot has changed in Elephant Walk within the past 10 years because of the growth of the classes," Beshara said, "even the way people walk in Elephant Walk has changed."

Employees at the A.P. Beutel Health Center said information regarding the number of people injured during Elephant Walk will not be available until today.



Photo by Sam B. Myers

Seniors at Texas A&M meet for yell practice before marching through campus during Elephant Walk Tuesday afternoon.

People worldwide will see burning of 78th Aggie bonfire

By Elisa Hutchins
Staff Writer

Thousands of people will converge on Duncan Field tonight for the 78th Aggie bonfire, but two things make this bonfire different than previous ones — more people worldwide will see the blaze burn and good weather conditions have kept preparations ahead of schedule.

The 55-foot-high, 5,500-log stack will burn at "dark-30," approximately 30 minutes after the sun sets.

Bill Kibler, associate director of student affairs and bonfire adviser for the past five years, said this year is unique because the weather has been relatively good. For the past three years it has rained extensively during the cutting and building phases.

"Normally at this time, workers would be working on the stack itself," Kibler said. "But since the weather has been cooperative workers finished Friday and have been able to clean up the grounds early."

He said the Aggie rendition of the University of Texas outhouse will be set on top

of the stack today at noon.

Kibler estimates that more than 40,000 people will crowd Duncan Field to watch the blaze burn. This year's bonfire probably will be the biggest ever because the Texas A&M vs. UT football game will be played in College Station this year, he said. The winner will capture the SWC football championship and play in the Cotton Bowl.

Kibler said recent problems at the bonfire site concerning the admittance of women on the grounds are part of a larger issue — the role of women in bonfire.

"Women are welcome in all aspects of the bonfire if they are willing to work," he said. "But this problem didn't just occur last year and we have a long way to go."

Despite the issue, he said injuries and other problems have been minimal.

Bonfire coverage will start as early as 5 p.m. when KBTX-TV, Channel 3 in Bryan-College Station, begins broadcasting from the top of the Clayton Williams Jr. Alumni Center, near the bonfire site.

University owned KAMU-TV Channel 15 will begin coverage at 8 p.m.

The A&M Office of Public Information reported that Home Sports Entertainment, a cable network, also will start worldwide coverage to its more than 600,000 customers at 8 tonight and will have a repeat showing Thursday at 6 p.m.

The hour-long program will include interviews with A&M Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill and members of the football team.

Satellite dish owners worldwide also will be able to pick up the bonfire program tonight and Thursday.

Houston Area Research Center brings controversy, money to A&M campus

By Mary-Lynne Rice
Staff Writer

Throughout the 1980s, a trend has emerged in the proliferation of research and technology development centers across the nation. In joining the Houston Area Research Center, a consortium of four major Texas universities, A&M has followed that trend, bringing millions of dollars in research funds to the campus.

But, despite the bolstering of Uni-

versity research funds in the past five years with commercial and government contracts, opposition has mounted recently against HARC's policy of subcontracting classified research projects into smaller, unclassified programs for study on university campuses.

HARC facilitates collaboration and cooperation among member universities — A&M, the University of Texas, Rice University and the University of Houston — in large-scale research that individual campuses wouldn't otherwise be able to accomplish effectively, Sheryl Hamilton, HARC Information Services Coordinator, said.

The independent, non-profit organization, established in 1982, brings technology and the private sector of business together, HARC President W. Arthur Porter wrote in HARC Corollary, the research center's quarterly newsletter.

"HARC serves as a catalytic linking science and technology to the marketplace to stimulate the creation of commercially viable products and businesses of benefit to our economy," Porter wrote.

A sharing of resources and talents among the member universities is what George Mitchell, chairman of HARC's Board of Directors and chairman and president of Mitchell Energy and Development Corp., planned for the consortium he organized and funded.

Following the example of a similar

research consortium operating from Duke University in North Carolina that "revolutionized" the area, he said, he tried to bring that kind of strength to the Houston area.

"I thought it would be feasible, that it was something the universities could do together to build their talents," Mitchell said.

The research center also could benefit from Houston's technological strength in energy and geotechnology, medical science and space technology.

And although he sees HARC as a potential economic revitalizer of the Houston area, he says economic gain was not the motive behind his \$30 million outlay of funds, land and guarantees to create the research center.

"If I look at it as a business investment, it would be just about the poorest I ever made," he said. "But if I look at it as an investment in the future, it's one of the best."

"You have to look at what it brings to the region."

Apart from the benefits of future research developments, Dr. Duwayne Anderson, A&M associate provost for research management, emphasized HARC's collaborative role.

"Because higher education has a great, important role to play in the economy of any state, the four major universities have wanted to portray themselves as cooperative and collaborative in areas where it's appro-

priate to be collaborative," he said.

During the last two legislative sessions, Anderson said, budgets for higher education were cut, leaving universities financially "very tight."

"The universities are very anxious to counteract the impression that legislators have to the effect that universities are mostly competitive with each other and are trying to build their home campuses regardless of the consequence to sister institutions," he said.

Foremost among HARC's self-professed goals are to:

- Network collective strengths and interests into economically-driven research programs formed in response to state and regional priorities.

- Strengthen existing strategic industries.
- Support the creation of new industries.

- Enhance the quality and volume of federally supported research and development programs in Texas.

- Provide a secure environment for proprietary research.

Although much of the federally supported research and development conducted at HARC is classified, large-scale classified projects aren't approved for study on most university campuses.

To enable its researchers to contribute to classified projects, HARC divides the research into sections of

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Panel chooses editor of Spring '88 Battalion

By Lee Schexnaider
Staff Writer

Battalion Opinion Page Editor Sue Krenek was nominated by the Student Publications Board Tuesday as the newspaper's editor for the Spring 1988 semester.

If the nomination is approved by Texas A&M Provost Donald McDonald, Krenek will take over as editor on Dec. 7.

Krenek, 20, a senior journalism major from Deer Park, has served in various positions at the newspaper since December 1985. She has been a Battalion copy editor, assistant news editor, news editor and part-time staff writer. She is a copy editor and former design assistant for the Aggie-land.

Krenek said she plans no major changes in structure of the staff but does have ideas about changes in the newspaper's look.

"I am interested in working with the design and the organization of the paper so that it will be easier to read and find articles," she said.

Krenek said she wants to see improved local coverage and use of the beat system for students in the first two journalism reporting and editing classes. She also said she would like to encourage non-journalism majors to apply for positions at the newspaper.



Sue Krenek

"I'm interested in getting lots of people to apply, and not just people who are in journalism," she said. Krenek added she would like to see applications from anyone who can write and is willing to commit time and effort.

Applications for editorial board positions, assistant editors and staff are available at the Battalion newsroom in 216 Reed McDonald. Applications for editor and assistant editor positions are due today at 5 p.m.; other applications are due Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.

Happy feasting



Graphic by Susan C. Akin

Because of the festive holiday celebrations of the editorial board and staff, there will be no Battalion Thursday or Friday. The entire staff would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to its readers for their interest and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.