



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Freshmen took the field against juniors and seniors during Moses Hall's annual Fish Fry football game at Keathley Field Monday. Seniors Larry

Gregory, center, and Steve Dickerson, back, combine to tackle a member of the freshman team. Sophomore residents served as referees.

## Task force suggests condoms in prisons

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — When lawmakers return to Austin next month, among issues facing them will be the dilemma of dealing with a legislative task force recommendation that condoms be made available to state prison inmates.

The issue, which threatens to throw a normally taboo subject into the public forum, confronts the Legislature as prison officials try to contain the spread of the AIDS virus.

Those who favor distribution of condoms, like task force member Dr. Charles Alexander, do so from the obvious health standpoint.

Alexander, a TDC deputy director of health services who previously headed the AIDS and sexually transmitted disease control division of the Texas Department of Health, says distributing condoms is one way to prevent disease.

Critics claim it would create a host of other problems, including increased victimization of convicts by other convicts.

The distribution of condoms to prisons also would force prison officials to acknowledge that illegal activity is taking place in prison, says

Walter Quijano, chief psychologist for the Texas Department of Corrections.

"It just shows you don't run a tight ship," Quijano told the *Houston Chronicle*. "But no matter how tight a ship you run, it (homosexual activity) is going to occur."

In one of 150 recommendations on the subject, members of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS said when data suggest the disease is being transmitted, officials should consider providing protection.

The panel also suggests that condoms be sold in prison commissaries for 5 cents apiece — a move that some task force members said might be more acceptable than giving them away.

So far, only Vermont, Mississippi and the New York City Jail provide condoms to inmates.

However, to do so in Texas would be against Texas law and state prison rules, both of which bar homosexual activity.

But sexual activity does occur and no matter what is done, the activity will continue, officials acknowledge.

Quijano sees problems from a

prison management standpoint and the potential for increased suicide attempts if condoms are distributed to prisoners. Quijano, who has studied prison suicides and self-mutilations, said many of those incidents occur after homosexual attacks and that if sexual assaults were to increase, the number of suicide attempts could also increase.

Distribution of condoms could be taken as a sign of condoning gay activities and "if you tolerate it, victimization could increase," Quijano said.

"It may also lull people into believing that because there's a degree of protection, it's OK to have multiple sex partners. With a gadget like that, people may lose the perspective that this is a dangerous virus."

Charles Terrell, chairman of the Texas Board of Corrections, wouldn't comment on the possibility of condoms for prisons, deferring to the expertise of Alexander and other health professionals. He said the board would discuss it "if and when (Alexander) wants to make a recommendation" to the board.

Alexander thinks the issue should be debated in the Legislature.

## Dallas entrepreneur makes multi-million dollar donation to Southwestern Med Center

DALLAS (AP) — A wealthy entrepreneur Monday pledged \$41 million to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to be used for cancer and arthritis research.

Harold C. Simmons' pledge represents the largest single private commitment in the history of Texas higher education or medical research, officials said.

"I have every confidence that UT Southwestern can take this small amount of money and do something that is worth much more," Simmons said.

Simmons' pledge, which will be administered over a 20-year period by the Harold Simmons Foundation and related organizations, was announced by the school's president, Dr. Kern Wildenthal, Gov. Bill Clements and Jack Blanton, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents.

Clements said the gift underscores the great importance of biomedical research and other areas of high technology in our state.

"We couldn't possibly, this

Christmas season, have a nicer gift," Clements said.

The 57-year-old Simmons, who made his fortune with an investment in a small Dallas pharmacy and later created a 100-store chain that he sold in 1973 to Jack Eckerd Corp., has already given about \$7 million to the school.

Simmons' current business interests number more than 30 and give him combined assets of more than \$3 billion.

Wildenthal said \$24 million will be used to establish a comprehensive cancer research center, including the endowment of four distinguished chairs, \$5 million for a building to house the cancer center and \$12 million to fund the Harold C. Simmons Arthritis Research Center for 15 years.

"I've got arthritis and I don't want to get cancer," Simmons said, chuckling as he explained why his money would be used for research in those areas.

Simmons' previous gift to UT Southwestern has financed the

school's arthritis research center since 1983.

"The fact that I've had the experience with them on a smaller scale and I felt such great regard for their abilities here, that was a key factor in deciding to go forward," Simmons said.

"The factors were the people I've worked with here and the confidence I have in them."

Simmons said school officials approached him about making the gift two months ago.

Wildenthal said Simmons' gift would likely lead to further funding of the cancer and arthritis research centers by other private and public sources.

The medical school received two other large gifts earlier this year. Dallas billionaire Ross Perot gave \$20 million designated to train medical scientists and augment programs in biomedical research, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation donated 29 acres of land for expansion of the school's 60-acre main campus.

## Mobley will present results of Smith inquiry to NCAA

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Texas A&M President William Mobley announced Monday he intends to go before the NCAA to present the results of the University's internal investigation when the report is completed.

Lane Stephenson, director of the University's Office of Public Information, said Mobley will seek to meet with NCAA officials as soon as possible after the internal investigation has been completed and he has had the opportunity to study the resulting report and decide on a course of action. Stephenson said nothing would be announced publicly before Mobley goes before the NCAA.

Stephenson said, "(Mobley) will seek to brief NCAA officials regarding the findings and his proposed action and respond to any of their concerns or questions."

Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration and compliance director for the University, was not available Monday afternoon. Smith is in charge of the in-house investigation. Mobley's office referred all calls to OPI.

The University's investigation is a result of a Nov. 18 story in the *Dallas Morning News* which quoted former A&M fullback George Smith as saying Jackie Sherrill paid him \$4,400 in "hush money," including a \$500 payment four days after A&M was penalized by the NCAA. Smith re-

tracted the statements at a Nov. 19 news conference.

Stephenson did not have an exact timetable for the completion of the investigation. Mobley said Nov. 18 he hoped the investigation would be completed in two or three weeks, but Stephenson said that was speculation.

"No one, not even the NCAA, has said we have to have this by such and such a time," he said. "The only pressure that's being applied is by ourselves."

Stephenson said some of the interviews are detailed and, in some cases, require more than one session.

He did not know how many interviews had been conducted or how many more were scheduled.

## Soviet inspectors watch as U.S. begins destroying INF missiles

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — Soviet inspectors monitoring U.S. compliance with the Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty watched Monday while the first two of 400 Pershing II missile motors were destroyed at an Army facility east of here.

Calm wind caused a 25-minute delay before the first solid-fuel missile motor was ignited on the sagebrush-covered plains at 10:25 a.m., said Army spokesman Susan Voss at the Pueblo Depot Activity.

The Colorado Department of Health permit that allows the rocket

motors to be destroyed here requires winds of at least 4 mph out of the west to dissipate the rocket's exhaust plume and drive it away from the city of Pueblo.

Ten Soviet inspectors witnessed the first event along with 40 news reporters and 60 VIPs, Voss said.

A total of nine missile motors are scheduled for destruction this week and nine more next week in the first phase of the three-year program.

Voss said the Soviet team leader was very happy to see the treaty was in effect.

"He was very pleased with the way the elimination was handled and the way it went today," Voss said.

She said the missile motor burned approximately 56 seconds and completely eliminated the rocket motor's solid propellant.

The second missile motor was fired at 1:01 p.m. and burned for 60.6 seconds, an Army spokesman said.

Voss said the Army also is doing air monitoring for hydrogen chloride in compliance with the state permit.

## Rebels declare truce in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Two guerrilla groups declared a truce with government forces in a bid for peace talks, and police said Monday a rebel group that has vowed never to negotiate attacked a northwestern town.

About 40 men and women of the People's Liberation Army raided the town of Union in Antioquia state, hurling grenades and firing automatic rifles, said a national police news release. It reported one officer wounded.

Insurgents declaring the cease-fire were the April 19 Movement, known as M-19, and the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces, known by its Spanish initials FARC.

They have been the most active in more than 30 years of campaigns against Colombian governments by half a dozen guerrilla groups.

M-19 leaders sent their proposal to the Bogota newspapers *El Siglo* and *La Prensa* on Sunday. The FARC sent a taped message Sunday to Sen. Alvaro Leyva Duran, the senator told a news conference Monday.

Leyva said the message was from Jacobo Arenas, who started the guerrilla group 35 years ago, and "I think this is very good news for the country."

Last month, Leyva proposed a cease-fire and negotiation plan under which President Virgilio Barco

would name a panel to decide in 30 days whether peace talks were possible. If the commission recommended negotiations, they would begin within 50 days.

Barco's government did not respond immediately to Leyva's latest announcement. Both M-19 and FARC accepted the original Leyva proposal two weeks ago, but a presidential spokesman said no talks could be held until the rebels stopped their attacks.

Cesar Gaviria, the spokesman, called the senator's proposal a step toward peace. Several attempts at cease-fires and negotiations in the last four years have failed.

## Atlantis returns today, leaves satellite in space

Houston (AP) — The military astronauts aboard the space shuttle Atlantis planned to end their secret mission Tuesday, having deployed a powerful spy satellite over the Soviet Union, sources said Monday.

Atlantis is scheduled to touch down at 5:36 p.m. CDT Tuesday, the fifth day of its mission, at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., NASA announced Monday about 24 hours prior to the landing.

NASA and Air Force officials previously had kept quiet about the mission, saying they would break their silence only to give 24-hour notice on the shuttle's landing time or if a major problem developed.

NASA also said the weather forecast at Edwards was favorable for the landing day: visibility, light wind, and temperatures in the 60s.

NASA said a slow leak in a landing-gear tire was not a concern for landing. The leak had been detected before the launch, but officials had determined it was not serious enough to halt the liftoff.

"NASA and the Air Force have announced that all systems on board the orbiter are continuing to perform satisfactorily," NASA spokesman James Hartsfield, said. "The crew is doing well and is beginning landing preparations."

"Things are going super," said Rear Adm. Richard Truly, a former astronaut in charge of the space shuttle program. "I'm very encouraged. The crew is happy and healthy. The orbiter has done real well. It's been very clean."

"This was one of our most important missions," Truly said. "It's Atlantis' first flight after the stand-down, and now you have two

vehicles proven in flight. That's extremely important."

In the first post-Challenger flight, shuttle *Discovery* completed a nearly flawless four-day mission in early October.

Truly, who was in the Johnson Space Center on Monday, could not comment on specific accomplishments of the military mission. But he said it was important that Atlantis launched near its scheduled liftoff day so it would not cause delays in 1989 missions.

The flight, under Air Force command, has been shrouded in secrecy since Atlantis blasted off Friday morning from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

However, NASA released some details on Mission Control's Monday wakeup call to the crew, which began with the theme music from the film "Star Wars." A mock Darth Vader, the villain of the hit movie, then talked to the crew, said Johnson Space Center spokesman Barbara Schwartz, but she did have specifics about the message.

Satirical lyrics were next played to the Beatles song "Do You Want to Know a Secret," an apparent reference to the secrecy surrounding the mission. Schwartz said the wakeup call was prepared by Houston radio station KKBQ.

As the five military officers began their fourth day in orbit Monday morning, knowledgeable sources said the crew had successfully deployed a \$500 million Lacrosse satellite over the weekend.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the satellite was operating well in an orbit that carries it over 80 percent of the Soviet Union. Deployment of the surveillance satellite was believed to be the military mission's chief goal.

## Silver Taps scheduled for tonight

The solemn sound of buglers playing "Taps" and the sharp ring of gunfire will be heard on campus tonight as two Texas A&M students who died during the past month are honored in a Silver Taps ceremony at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building.

The deceased students being honored are:

• Jeffrey Warhol, 21, a junior mathematics major from Athens who died Nov. 9. • Robert Matthew Waterbach, 19, a sophomore journalism major from Shertz who died Nov. 21.

Dating back almost a century, the stately tradition of Silver Taps is practiced on the first Tuesday of each month from September through April, when necessary. The names of the deceased students are posted at the base of the flag pole in front of the Academic Building, and the flag is flown at half-staff the day of the ceremony.

Lights will be extinguished and the campus hushed as Aggies pay final tribute to fellow Aggies.

The Ross Volunteer Firing Squad begins the ceremony, marching in slow cadence toward the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue. Shortly after, three volleys are fired in a 21-gun salute and six buglers play a special arrangement of "Taps" three times — to the north, south and west.