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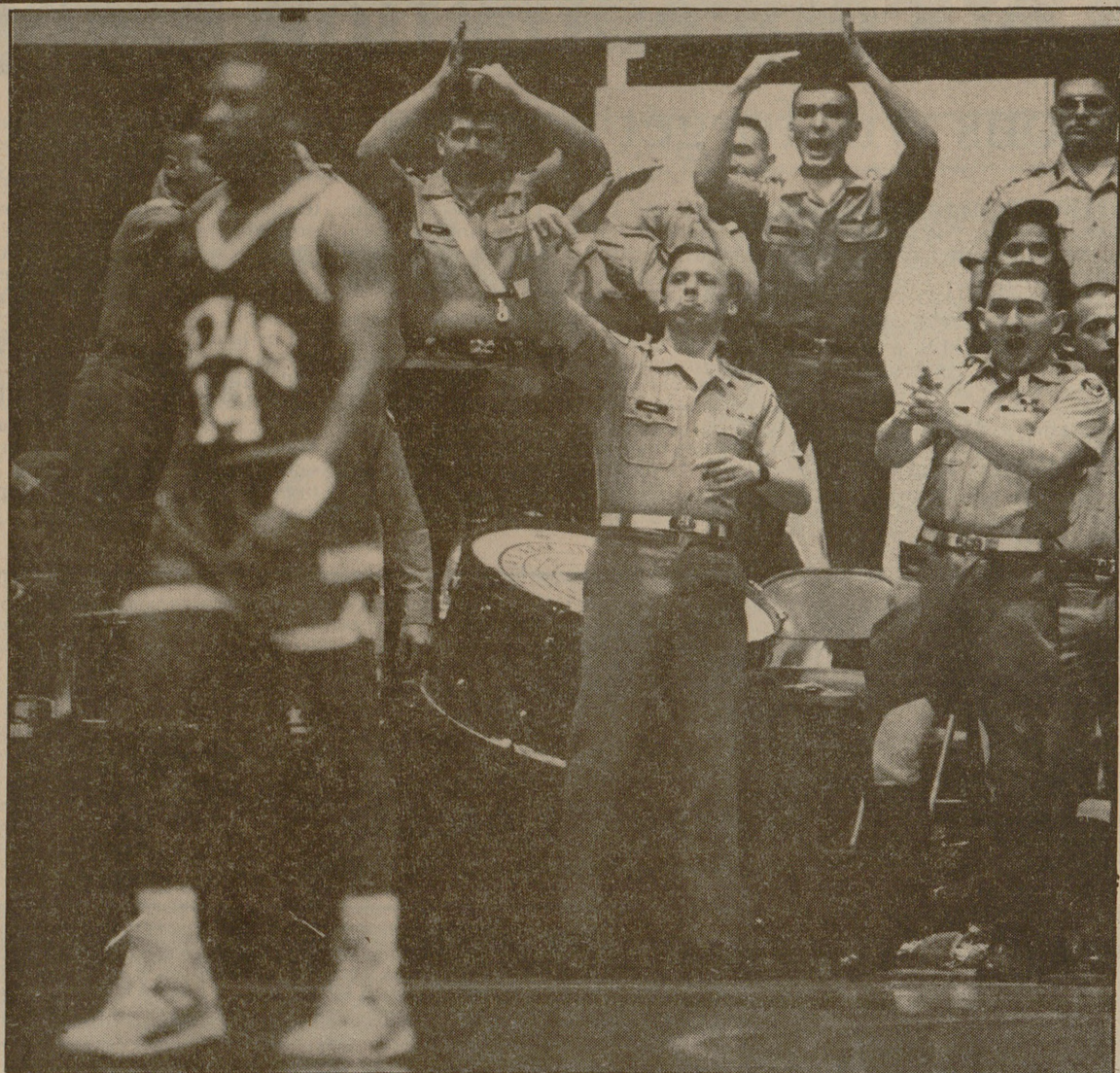


Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Aggie Band members yell at University of Texas the Texas A&M vs. Texas basketball game here Saturday. See basketball story/Page 9

Soviets tour space center
Atlantis groomed for launch with secret satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Russian defense committee lawmakers toured the Kennedy Space Center Sunday as NASA groomed the shuttle Atlantis for a Thursday launch with a secret satellite that reportedly will spy on the Soviet Union.

The group of 23 included 10 members of the Defense Committee of the Soviet National Legislature and advisors on space, science, disarmament and foreign affairs. They toured facilities where space shuttles and their payloads are worked on, a launch control center

up the shuttle's engine compartment and making other preparations for a darkness launch early Thursday. The countdown was to start Sunday night. Because Atlantis' payload is classified, the Pentagon and NASA will not announce the precise launch time until nine minutes before blast-off to make it harder for Soviet satellites and a reconnaissance ship sitting offshore to track the spaceship.

"We have no special secrets. ... I think you are wasting your money."

— Vladimir Lapygin, chairman, Soviet defense committee

and shuttle Launch Pad 39B, from where they could view Atlantis on Pad 39A, two miles away. At Pad A, workers were buttoning

Mexican president raises furor with move to name papal envoy

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's decision to name a personal envoy as liaison with John Pope Paul II has raised outcries from opposition groups who accuse him of violating the Mexican constitution.

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(Continued from page 1) who have a lot bigger access problem than the people who live within the campus area. The Republican Party petitioned the county commissioners court for two more absentee polling sites in 1987, when changes in the state law relaxed requirements that must be met by absentee voters, Lewis said.

Gay, however, said partisan politics played a big role in the county commissioners' decision regarding the creation and location of the two new polling sites. "They (the county commissioners) are now almost all Republican and they think the students are going to vote Republican so they wanted to optimize their advantage," Gay said.

"I think they're taking a tremendous gamble. We don't know who the candidates are yet, and we don't know what the issues are going to be." Lewis said he would like to see absentee ballot boxes on campus in the November elections. "I'm hoping we'll continue to have the absentee polls in the general elections in November for the same reason I want them in the primaries, and that is to encourage more people to participate," Lewis said.

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TIME TABLE: An informal meeting concerning the 1990-91 Fellows Program, open to faculty as well as students, has been scheduled for 5:15 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 26, 1990 IN ROOM 301 OF RUDDER TOWER.

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