

# TU Student Drags Cross in Defiance Of Atheism Charge

AUSTIN (AP) — A barefooted, black-bearded student dragged a 6-foot wooden cross around the border of the University of Texas campus Wednesday.

"I'm doing this in protest against legislative control of values," said the student. He identified himself as Eliud Martinez, 24, an Austin art student.

Four Texas legislators have charged atheists are teaching at major state colleges. They introduced a bill (HB495) to require state-paid teachers to swear they believe in a supreme being.

The noon demonstration fizzled after eight minutes. Dean of Student Life Arno Nowotny warned Martinez before he started: "You won't be a student tomorrow if you do this."

"I've got to," Martinez said. Dressed in skimpy white cloth strips that covered his midsection and wearing a crude mesquite-thorn crown, Martinez dragged the initial "INRI" cross for about 200 yards. The sidewalks were crowded with students. Many laughed.

Nowotny said later no disciplinary action would be taken because the student did not get on the campus.

Scott Carter, a bearded chemistry major student who said he was from near Dallas had bristling red chin whiskers. Walter Jacobson of Galveston, who said he was an off and on student, had a 2-day stubble. Both said the demonstration was planned Tuesday night at a tavern near the university.

Carter said stereophonic music and beer and talk is the tavern's only entertainment. Asked if they were beatniks, Carter said, "No. Fidel Castro has had quite an influence on this campus.

Campus Police Chief A. R. Hamilton and other police kept Martinez off the campus.

"What does he represent?" Hamilton asked. There was no answer.

"He's accomplished his pur-

pose," Hamilton said. "He's getting publicity and it's bad publicity for the university."

The legislators who introduced the measure modified their original statements Tuesday.

"You've got to remember that all we've got is based on hearsay," Rep. Bill Hollowell of Grand Saline said. Other sponsors are Reps. Ben Lewis of Dallas, Joe Chapman of Sulphur Springs and W. T. Dungan of McKinney.

## WaterShort Course Planned March 1-6

The 41st short school of the Texas Water and Sewage Works Assn. will be held here March 1-6, according to association president J. E. Williams.

Fred J. Benson, dean of engineering, will give the welcome address at the general assembly on Monday morning, March 2, in the Memorial Student Center.

Louis E. Throckmorton, vice president and director of public services, Republic National Life Insurance Co. of Dallas, will be the speaker on the night of March 4. His topic will be "America Suits Me."

The State Health Department's 1958 Honor Roll of Cities will be announced at the banquet by State Health Commissioner Henry A. Holle.

The short school will include water, sewage, industrial and bottled water sessions, an instrument course and a swimming pool operators course.

Eight hundred persons are due to attend the short school which is sponsored by the State Department of Health, the Southwest Section of the American Water Works Assn., the State Board for Vocational Education and A&M.

Arrangements for the short school are under the direction of Joe Sorrels, professor of sanitary engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering.

## Job Calls

Friday Employers Casualty Company will interview AgEco and BA majors for positions as claims investigator, payroll auditor and underwriter trainees.

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## Civilians to Discuss Celebration Tonite

Reports from the Executive Committee and the Weekend Committee will be the main topics of discussion at the Civilian Student Council meeting tonight at 7:15 in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center.

Reports from the Seven Weekend sub-committees: dance and baby sitting, barbecue, food, barbecue entertainment, sweetheart, Corps, tickets and publicity will be heard.

A report from the dormitory award committee and new business concerning a leadership retreat will be discussed.

## Sullivan to Get Cameron Award

Lawrence B. Sullivan, senior mechanical engineering major from San Antonio, has been chosen to receive the High Scott Cameron Award by the South Texas Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The presentation will be made in Houston on Thursday night, March 19.

Sullivan is the sole recipient of the award from A&M. He will be honored in recognition of his superior personal characteristics and scholarly achievements.

His scholastic achievements have given him membership in three scholastic societies, Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi. He was president of Phi Eta Sigma in his sophomore year. In the past two years, Sullivan has served as junior advisor and senior advisor to Phi Eta Sigma. He is also serving as treasurer of Tau Beta Pi this year.

He is currently vice-chairman of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

## Employees to Hold Dance in MSC

The College Employees Dinner Club will hold its first social event of the spring semester in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday according to Committee Co-Chairman H. E. Hampton and Stanley Clark.

Dinner will be served, and music for dancing will be furnished by Bill Turner and the Aggieband Combo. Dress is informal.

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