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### Senators' Talks Kickoff Meeting

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Senators Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrat from Minnesota, and Roman L. Hruska, Republican from Nebraska, opened the seventh annual Student Conference on National Affairs today in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

Hruska arrived at approximately 9:30 last night, and Humphrey landed at Easterwood Airport today at 11 a. m. Immediately after his arrival and a short press conference, Humphrey observed a military review in front of Duncan Dining Hall, and then ate dinner there.

The two senators' topic is "The Role of the Federal Government in Education, Social Security, General Welfare and Labor-Management Relations." Humphrey's speech was at 2 p. m., while Hruska will speak at 8 tonight.

Both senators have had wide experience in the field of government and their active political lives on the two sides of the political spectrum have made each a notable record.

#### Humphrey

Humphrey was born in Wallace, S. Dak., May 27, 1911. He entered the academic world as professor of political science at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. After two terms as mayor of Minneapolis, he began his senatorial career following his election in 1948.

The senior senator has been chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Disarmament and was a United States delegate to the United Nations General Assembly from 1956 to 1957.

In 1960, Humphrey was a major candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, and on Jan. 3, 1961, he was elected assistant majority leader of the United States Senate.

This is Humphrey's second visit to SCONA. In 1956, he was a featured speaker for SCONA III.

#### Hruska

Hruska was born in David City, Neb., Aug. 16, 1904. His advanced education began with a pre-legal course at the University of Omaha, 1923-25. He attended the University of Chicago Law School in 1927 and 1928, and graduated from Creighton University College of Law, Omaha, Neb., in 1929.

He practiced law in Omaha until election to Congress, and since 1942 he has been national vice president and legal counsel of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

From 1944 to 1952, Hruska was a member of the Board of Douglas County Commissioners, and its chairman from 1945-52. In 1950-

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### East Germans Steal Train, Flee Commies

BERLIN (AP) — A group of East Germans led by a daring young railroad engineer stole an East German train last night and drove it at high speed past startled Communist guards into West Berlin.

The locomotive and eight cars, carrying 32 persons, roared past the East German guards at 50 miles an hour and screened to a halt three-fourths of a mile inside the Western sector, West Berlin police reported.

Harry Deterling, the 28-year-old engineer, his 18-year-old fireman and 23 passengers—all friends and relatives—announced they were refugees from communism and would not return to East Germany. Seven others, including the angry train conductor, chose to return to the Communist sector.

Earlier a company of U. S. troops crossed Red-ruled East Germany unhindered despite concern aroused by vague Communist threats of dangerous consequences.

The hijacked train was driven over tracks unused by passenger trains since the Communists started building their wall through Berlin Aug. 13. East Germany operates the railroads both inside and outside of Berlin.

Deterling told a reporter he had heard the line would be blocked completely next week so he started planning the escape last Thursday with the fireman, Hartmut Lichy, his family and friends. He said all 25 who stayed in West Berlin were in on the plot.

Lichy shoveled coal onto the fire and Deterling opened the throttle as the train rushed through its normal terminal station, Albrechtshof, without stopping. The engine crew leaped into the coal tender for protection from expected gunfire when the train rushed past border guards, one-fourth of a mile farther on. But there was no shooting, Deterling said.

He said they fled East Germany because political pressure under communism was unbearable.

"Everything went perfect, according to plan," Deterling reported. "The line is not on my regular run. I asked my superiors to let me make an acquaintance run on the Oranienburg-Albrechtshof line. We must do one such run every year. They gave me permission. Lichy and I told the fireman to take the day off and keep it under his hat. He just went home, so we had the train all to ourselves."

Earlier the U. S. troops rolled into West Berlin without incident.



SCONA Representatives Welcome Hruska  
Nebraska Senator Roman L. Hruska is welcomed at Easterwood Airport after arriving last night for his address tonight to delegates of SCONA VII in the Memorial Student Center. Welcoming the visitor are (left to right) MSC Director J. Wayne Stark, Roundtable Co-Chairman Fred Pool, Jim Schlottzauer, '62 from Falls Church, Va., and SCONA Chairman David Spencer. (Photo by Johnny Herrin)

### Deed Restrictions Extended At Polls

College Hills Estate lot owners extended deed restrictions on the College Station addition for another 25 years, and passed all 12 proposals to modify the restrictions "overwhelmingly" in a deed restrictions committee election held Saturday at City Hall.

Deed Restrictions Committee member Clayton A. Greer said the committee had just completed tabulating the votes on the complicated four-page ballot, and that all the proposals had passed.

Greer said 57 lot owners voted in the election. There are about 350 property owners in the addition east of Highway 6. The election was not an official city election, but concerned only the property owners in the College Hills Estates addition.

The vote extended property restrictions for the area for 25 years past Mar. 1, 1963, the date the

original 25-year restriction period expires. The "early" vote was necessary because outcome of the election must be filed with the county clerk a full year before the existing restrictions expire.

Members of the College Hills Estates Deed Restrictions Committee responsible for the election were Greer, Grady P. Parker, T. J. Mattern and ex-officio member, Developer J. C. Culpepper.

### Pinky, Mrs. Downs Mark Anniversary

"We have tried to set an example for Aggies and their wives and show that a man and his wife can live happily together for 45 years."

These were the words of P. L. "Pinky" Downs Jr., as he announced that he and his wife will observe their 54th wedding anniversary tomorrow at their home on East Dexter.

Special guests of the Downs at their anniversary celebration will be the five A&M yell leaders. James T. "Jim" Davis Jr., head yell leader from Mertzson, will cut and serve the anniversary cake. He will be assisted by yell leaders Gene Anderson, Tom Ralph, Tom Nelson and Bill Brashears.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Downs were born in Temple, where they were married in 1916. They have one daughter, Grey Downs, who will also be present at the anniversary celebration.

Downs, who is a member of the class of 1906, has been connected with A&M for many years. He served for ten years as a member of the Board of Directors of the A&M College System (1923-33).

Currently, "Pinky" is the official greeter of the college and assistant representative in the Department of College Information and Publications.

The Downs' home is located just off the campus and its doors have always been open to Aggies and their wives.

"My wife and I are happy that

we have been able to offer help to Aggies down through the years," commented "Pinky".

When asked what he attributed his long life to, he replied:

"Spend your life helping other people who need your help and you will never grow old."

### Aggies In Dark About SCONA, Says Batt Poll

By RONNIE FANN  
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SCONA? What's that? That seems to be the universal reply of many freshman, when asked if they knew just what the Student Conference on National Affairs was, and what it stood for.

"Oh, that's that deal they are having over at the MSC, where all the foreign people come isn't it?"

"SCONA VII. Isn't that the big panel discussion that someone is throwing for all sorts of people from all over the world?" "Yeah, seems that I read about SCONA the other day in the paper. Are freshman allowed to attend?"

These are replies from freshman whose acquaintance with the workings of SCONA is certainly very limited. While they might not represent the majority of the freshman, they do represent many. When asked if they planned to attend the round table discussion, most said no. Very few can get out of class to attend, and those who can generally don't know the sessions are open.

Those who have been around the campus longer do not necessarily take a greater interest in SCONA, it is just that they know a little more about it.

"Up until this year SCONA has been too theoretical and out of reach of the average person" is the opinion of most upperclassmen.

Max Rowe, a senior in Company C-1 summed up the apparent problem of past SCONA's, "Most college students are just plain ignorant of political affairs."

What makes SCONA VII so different? "This seems to be the first year that the problems under discussion are real and down-to-earth to the average college student."

Paul Ashley, from Company F-1, expressed a desire to attend the meeting this year. "This year SCONA promises to be much more interesting than in years past. I am glad to hear that they have gone to trouble to get prominent speakers this time," he said.

Since many students had little idea of just how SCONA works,

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**Wrecked Autos Draw Onlookers**  
Curious students gather around the scene of an accident yesterday that sent Danny R. Mason and Henry L. Allen, both A&M students, to area hospitals. Allen's 1962 Ford and the 1960 Volvo driven by Mason were both heavily damaged. (Photo by Johnny Herrin)

### THIRD NOT HURT

### Two Students Hurt In Campus Crash

A two-car collision yesterday at the corner of Hubbard and Spencer streets sent two A&M students to hospitals. A third student was not hospitalized.

Danny R. Mason, a seventh year education major who lives at 4-B, Hensel. Treated at the College Hospital and later released.

Henry L. Allen, '65 electrical engineering major from Bryan. Uninjured was James C. Riggs, engineering major from College Station.

Mason's physician said yesterday afternoon a cut lip was his only injury. Hospital attendants deemed his condition "satisfactory" and added that he is being held for further observation.

Several previous injuries suffered by Mason were determining factors in the uncertainty of his injuries, the doctor added.

College Hospital officials said Allen was examined and released, with no apparent injuries.

The accident occurred as a 1960 Volvo driven by Mason was traveling east on Hubbard Street, and Allen's 1962 Ford was heading south on Spencer Street.

The cars collided at the intersection, sending the Volvo onto the front lawn of the Animal Industry Building and propelling the Ford onto the curb and against a stop sign.

The driver's side on the Volvo was extensively damaged.

William H. Hood, a seventh year education student from College Station, owned the Volvo. Mason had carried Hood to the Academic Building and was en route to the College Golf Course when the accident occurred.

### MSC Leaders Set Plans For

### Austin Meeting

A delegation of 16 Memorial Student Center student activity program leaders is going to the University of Texas Saturday to attend the annual Association of College Unions Convention for region nine.

The group will be headed by Mike Schneider, president of the MSC Council.

The students leaders' meeting will be an effort to discuss and solve problems confronting student unions on various campuses.

"Since A&M is recognized as one of the leaders in this field," Schneider said, "the Association has asked two of our representatives to lead group discussions."

"The Union: A Flexible Force in a Changing World" is the general topic of the discussion. Schneider will lead the discussion on "The Union's Role in International Understanding," and Bill Ashiola, chairman of the MSC bowling committee, will be in charge of the discussion on bowling programs.

The meeting is not to be all work. Following committee reports Friday the representatives will make a trip up Lake Austin via "Texas-size canoes" for a picnic and entertainment.

### SCONA CO-CHAIRMEN—6

### Journalist, Educator Among Discussion Group Leaders

(Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles on roundtable co-chairmen who will be directing discussion groups during the seventh annual Student Conference on National Affairs which began today.)

An outstanding journalist and an equally outstanding educator are on the list of roundtable co-chairmen for SCONA VII. The first is Robert T. Cochran Jr., and the second is Dr. Edmundo O'Gorman.

Cochran is currently managing editor of the Houston Chronicle, coming to Houston after wide experience in the field of journalism. Born a native Texan, he was reared in Dallas and attended Texas Christian University for one year.

His second year of college, he transferred to Columbia University in New York City. After a year of study at Columbia, Coch-

ran entered the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C., where he graduated with a B.S. degree.

He received an M.A. degree from Georgetown University in 1949, and then studied law for three years at the George Washington University Law School. During this time, he was also legal assistant in the firm of Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.

From 1952-53 Cochran was editor of the Fauquier Democrat, Warrenton, Va., and from 1953-57 he edited the Loudon Times-Mirror, Leesburg, Va. In 1958, he became assistant to Arthur Godfrey, and then was appointed to the post of assistant to the editor, National Geographic Magazine, Washington, D.C.

During this period, Cochran had numerous articles published in National Geographic Magazine. From here he returned to Texas to as-

sume his present position as managing editor of the Houston Chronicle.

Dr. Edmundo O'Gorman was born in Mexico in 1906, and graduated from the National University of Mexico with a law degree. He then practiced law for 10 years, after which he returned to National University and took Master's and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy and history.

He became professor of history and philosophy at National University in 1936. Presently, O'Gorman is a member of the College Philosophy and Letters, a member of the Board of Governors of the National University, which is the highest position to be held by a professor on campus.

He has made over 20 lectures at major universities in the U.S. and is author of a number of books, including "Invention of America," University of Indiana Press, June, 1961.