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Crowds Gather For SCONA Openers

Humphrey, Hruska Start Full Debate

The pros and cons of liberalism and conservatism were presented in great intensity yesterday as senators Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrat from Minnesota, and Roman L. Hruska, Republican from Nebraska, addressed the Seventh Annual Student Conference on National Affairs in the first plenary sessions of the conference.

Humphrey spoke at 2 p. m. to an audience numbering over 1,500 in the Memorial Student Center, believed to be the largest group ever to gather in the building for any one event.

His talk was one of confidence concerning the position of prestige and prosperity that the United States holds in the world today, as opposed to a retreating and retreating Communism.

"We must not sell our country short and that is what we have been doing for the past 15 years," said the senator.

Through the efforts of extremists organizations, our society often reduced to a state of mass hysteria in fear of creeping Communism.

"This is one of Khrushchev's weapons against us, for through these societies he is constantly being built up as a bigger and more formidable figure for a world to fear and respect."

"Figuratively speaking," Humphrey said, "Khrushchev is doing a twist, and he is a little out of it."

Discussing Latin America, the senator said that the people of that area of the hemisphere are being off the yoke of dictatorship, and striving like no other people on earth to make representative, democratic government work.

Hruska, in his address to the conference at 8 p. m., offered a direct rebuttal against liberalism used at Humphrey's speech delivered earlier.

The conservative senator said that Communism is definitely making strides in Latin and South America, and that the United States must start gaining face again or lose to the Communists.

Concerning the economy, Hruska said, "We have gone too far toward the idea that profit is immoral. However, profit is the basis for the capitalistic system.

"If Americans don't want Capitalism, I am sure that Khrushchev will be glad to furnish blueprints for another system," said Hruska.

The senator said Americans have three freedoms, including political, personal and economic, and emphasized that each depended upon the stable existence of the other two.

Discussing conservatism and liberalism in their purest forms, Hruska said, "I agree with Sen. Humphrey in that the primary difference in liberals and conservatism is..."

United Chest Extends Drive Until Dec. 15

A continuation of the College Station United Chest drive until Dec. 15 has been announced by Dr. J. C. Calhoun Jr., general chairman of the Chest. Only \$1,500 from attaining the goal, the Board is trying to extend a five-year record of perfect goals.

Members of the Board voted to leave the signs and the giant thermometer up until Dec. 15 and to mail letters to those not already contacted or committed. The Board also discussed the possibility of an annual meeting for those interested in the Chest, earlier campaign dates and officers for next year's drive.

The following is an open letter to citizens of College Station from Calhoun: "To the College Station Community:

"It should be a source of pride to the College Station community that it has met or exceeded its United Chest goals for the past several years. This year, at the end of the official drive, only \$14,700 of the \$16,200 goal has been reached.

"The Board of Directors for the United Chest is confident that the goal will still be met. They believe that College Station again this year will keep unbroken its chain of successful campaigns. Therefore, they have extended the official drive to Dec. 15. By so doing, they hope that those who have not yet been contacted for a contribution will take the opportunity to join this program of community service.

"The College Station United Chest is just what its name indicates—a united action. Its success depends on the community as a whole. Although a few persons have accepted the responsibility for hearing the requests of agencies that wish to participate, for organizing the fund raising, for making the solicitations, and..."



Duncan Diners

Visiting dignitaries and students joined for lunch in Duncan Dining Hall yesterday at noon. Sen. Roman Hruska, David Spencer, Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Bill Cardwell and...

Dr. Edmundo O'Gorman of the National University of Mexico, reviewed the Corp of Cadets before returning to the MSC and more SCONA VII.

SCONA Surface Unrippled; Few Small Snags Reported

By RONNIE BOOKMAN Battalion News Editor

As delegates to the seventh annual Student Conference on National Affairs began registering, more than 150 advisers and student committeemen stood waiting to see what the fruits of many hours of labor would bring forth.

To some, it brought problems, to others it brought bigger problems. But the time spent in preparation and planning began to pay off and the smooth surface of SCONA never rippled.

Mickey Metcalf, chairman of the housing committee, had perhaps some of the most clear-cut problems.

"Six delegates listed as men turned out to be girls sent as substitutes," he said. "The thing that made it bad was that we had them scheduled to share a room with male delegates."

Gene Jameson, chairman of the arrangements committee, reported no major snags, but said that there was always something to threaten an upset of plans.

Tom Holbein, publicity chairman, watched silently as his pressroom was converted to be used as serving area for the smorgasbord last night. After the dirty dishes were cleared away he moved his typewriters back in.

But those were minor things and easily corrected.

Metcalf predicted he would have housed at least 200 delegates, advisers and speakers by the end of the conference.

His committee is placing persons in Memorial Student Center guest rooms or the Saber Motel. Dave Halm, a member of the finance committee, said he was taking it easy during the conference itself. For almost a year members of this committee have traveled through the state and into Mexico talking to SCONA sponsors and prospective sponsors.

Many Aggies attending the plenary sessions found other things more interesting than the SCONA schedule.

speakers. One coed delegate conducted her own "roundtable discussions" with a constant audience of A&M students.

The entire MSC was taken over by SCONA, officially and unofficially. During major addresses, such as the Wednesday talks by Sen. Hubert Humphrey and Sen. Roman L. Hruska, the paging and public address systems carried the programs throughout the building.

The MSC chefs are going all out in providing SCONA goers with more than usual "banquet" fare. Wednesday's smorgasbord alone caused one delegate to comment, "This is worth coming for, even if we don't make any of the sessions."

Senate Decision Due On Graduate Record Exams

The Student Senate tonight is expected to reach a decision on a proposal made by Dean of Instruction Dr. William Graff to administer the Educational Testing Service's Graduate Record Examination to graduating seniors.

Graff, in a Nov. 16 Senate meeting, outlined the program to the senators and asked them to consider it for future use. The senators have withheld their opinion until tonight.

The examination, which is now required for entrance to the A&M Graduate School, includes three specific tests. These are Area Tests, designed to assess the broad outcomes of education in liberal arts; Advanced Tests, which yield measures for evaluating mastery in selected fields; and Aptitude Tests, which test the student in his major field of study.

At the Nov. 16 meeting, he listed four distinct reasons why he advocated approval of the tests. These were:

- 1. The exams would aid the individual student in planning a graduate school career and are required at many institutions.
- 2. They would assist employers in evaluating prospective employees.
- 3. They would assist A&M in assuring that the College is graduating a "good product."
- 4. The test results could be placed on the student's permanent academic record.

Graff explained that from the college's viewpoint the main advantage of the exams would be...

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Over 1,500 Hear Opening Session

The Seventh Annual Student Conference on National Affairs got underway Wednesday with a crowd numbering over 1,500 hearing Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey's keynote speech at the first plenary session in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Delegates began pouring in yesterday morning, and by the time the first session began at 2 p. m., over 160 students from 58 colleges and universities in three countries had registered for the conference.

Also on hand were 17 advisers and over 30 observers, bringing the total number of actual participants in SCONA VII to over 200. The 1,500 who heard Humphrey caused the entire lower lobby of the MSC to be packed.

Students Asked To Decide On Yule Projects

An appeal was issued yesterday to all military units and civilian councils by J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life and general secretary of the YMCA regarding Christmas projects.

"Thanksgiving is over, and before we know it, Christmas will be here. So now is the time for your organization to make plans to help some of the needy and underprivileged children of College Station and Bryan."

After consulting with several local principals and social workers, it was suggested that a more joyous and profitable Christmas would result from a unit or dormitory group taking a family and providing useful gifts, things that will be lasting, rather than taking groups of children to dinner or giving bags of candy and fruit.

These children are naturally nervous when they get with a large group of strange people in a strange place.

It was also suggested that an organization take a family (or two families, whichever they prefer) and go into the homes, talk to the parents and look at the conditions in which the children live. In this way, said Gay, they will better be able to determine what kind of gifts are really needed and from which gifts the family would get the most good.

Some suggestions concerning the articles most needed were: shoes (most prefer tennis shoes), blue jeans, underwear, dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dolls for small girls, shoe polish, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, good pairs of socks (boys and girls), shirts, balls, gloves, bats and soap.

"The names of approximately 40 families have been turned in as people who are in need of assistance," said Gay. "We have the number of children, ages, and sex in each of the families. Your (See GIFTS on Page 4)

General impression from everyone at the conference was expressed in one statement: "It surely got off with a bang!"

At 6:30 p. m., a smorgasbord was served in the MSC Ballroom, followed by Hruska's answer to Humphrey's afternoon talk.

This morning, the second meetings of the eight delegate roundtables were conducted, and delegates discussed the pros and cons of the issues presented by the two senators' speeches. Many feel this is the true core of the SCONA conference, for each delegate receives an insight into the views, ideas and convictions of his peers at the meet.

Dinner was served to all delegates, sponsors and faculty in Duncan Dining Hall from 12:15 to 1:15 p. m., followed by the third roundtable meeting this afternoon from 1:30 to 5 p. m.

A Texas-style barbecue on the MSC lawn was held from 6:30 to 7:30.

At 8 p. m., the third plenary session, a discussion of the "Role of the Federal Government in the Affairs of the Economy" will be presented by Ralph Showalter, representing the AFL-CIO, and Laurie Battle, of the National Association of Manufacturers.

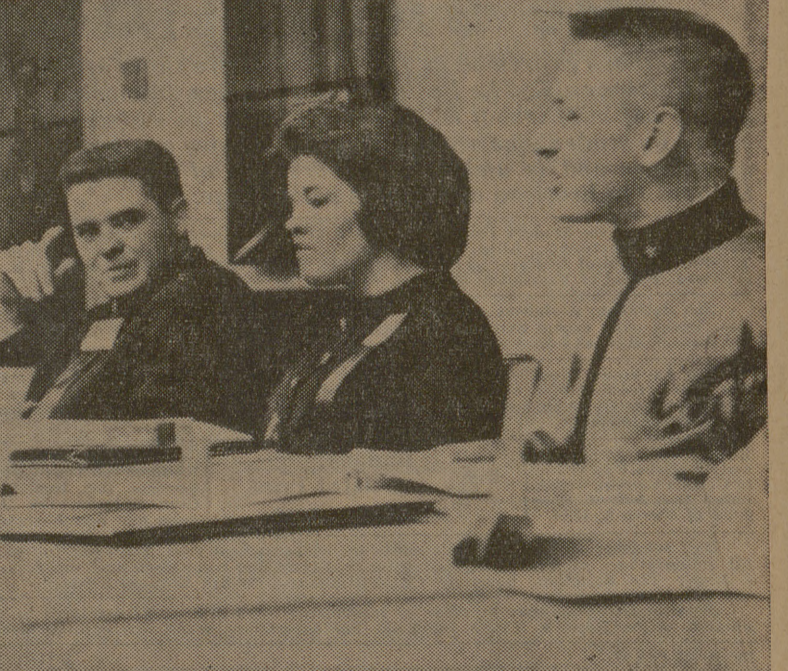
Following the discussion there will be a question-answer session, with members of the audience presenting their questions through a designated question monitor. This procedure has been used for the past two plenary sessions, with large response from both audience and speaker.

Friday morning, a coffee and informal discussion among speakers, (See CROWD on Page 4)



Getting Acquainted

Miss Anne Sutherland from New Mexico State University and Aggie Jim Schlotzhaug got acquainted after registration yesterday, as did many of the delegates attending SCONA VII. The students launched into the round table sessions today and more top speakers were scheduled.



Round Table

A preliminary round table meeting was held for each of eight round table groups. This group included John Braniff from St. Mary's University, Carole Coleman from Mississippi Southern College, Bob Hufschmidt from U. S. Military Academy and Linda Hearn from Texas Woman's University.