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## Man wounds 10 in shooting rampage

**United Press International**  
NEW ORLEANS — Carlos Poree was sentenced by the loss of his job and marriage. But, his mother-in-law said she never gave a hint of the shooting rampage that spread from a middle-class neighborhood to a downtown brokerage firm and the crowded streets of the French Quarter.

Poree, 35, was charged with wounding 10 persons Monday. He surrendered without resistance and was charged with 10 counts of attempted murder. Police said he began his rampage by shooting his estranged wife, Diane, and

his father-in-law, and then shot his other victims at random in a park, a brokerage office and on a downtown sidewalk. "Diane and Carlos had been arguing for some time," said Dorothy Broussard, Poree's mother-in-law. "But I never had any indication he would do anything like this. He never threatened any of us."

Mrs. Broussard said Poree and her daughter had been having problems since her son-in-law lost his \$19,000-a-year job with the New Orleans Internal Revenue Service office last year. "He was very upset about losing his job, but he was a good son-in-law. They had been married 10 years. Diane cared for him and he cared for her."

Robert Cutts, IRS regional director, confirmed Poree was a former employee but refused to comment on his departure from the agency. The arrest, two hours after the first shootings, took place across the street from the stock brokerage office when Poree was confronted by two plain-clothes policemen. "We saw numerous people, pedestrians, scatter and diving to the ground," said Capt. Bill Schultz, who said he was driving nearby and immediately recog-

nized the creak of gunshots reverberating off the walls of tall buildings. "I'll tell you what, I thought it was a cannon with all those buildings," he said. After his arrest, Poree was taken to Charity Hospital with injuries. Police said he got those injuries in a scuffle with officers who were trying to photograph and fingerprint him at central lockup. "He has a facial laceration and probably will remain hospitalized overnight," said a Charity spokesman. "He is in stable condition."

Three of his victims, including Diane Poree, 34, and her father, Alvin J. Broussard, 61, were in critical condition Monday night. Mrs. Poree and her father were the first to be shot, at their home in a predominantly black middle-class neighborhood three blocks from the St. Charles Avenue streetcar route. Police said Poree then drove to the French Quarter where he stopped his car on Bourbon Street and fired at random into a small park situated between a restaurant and a jazz club, wounding three persons from out-of-town. "He got out of his car, shot the men and tried to get back into the car to leave," said Maurice Jones, an unharmed witness, "but traffic tied him up. Then he got out of the car, looked at us with the gun in his hands and ran."

The park victims were Henry Luther, 67, of Gadsden, Ala.; Richard Quarles, 26, and Douglas Martin, 20, both of Nashville, Tenn. Martin and Quarles were in serious condition and Luther was in fair condition Monday night. Poree commandeered a car and drove to a commercial district parking lot, police said. He rushed into the investment company office — showing a door into a secretary's face — and fired indiscriminately at employees and customers. Three men were wounded inside the office and two others were shot on the sidewalk outside. "He just opened fire and they went down," said Vincent White, who saw the sidewalk shootings and said the victims apparently tried to stop Poree. "I think it was a mistake for them to try to stop him."

## Witnesses recount events of shootings

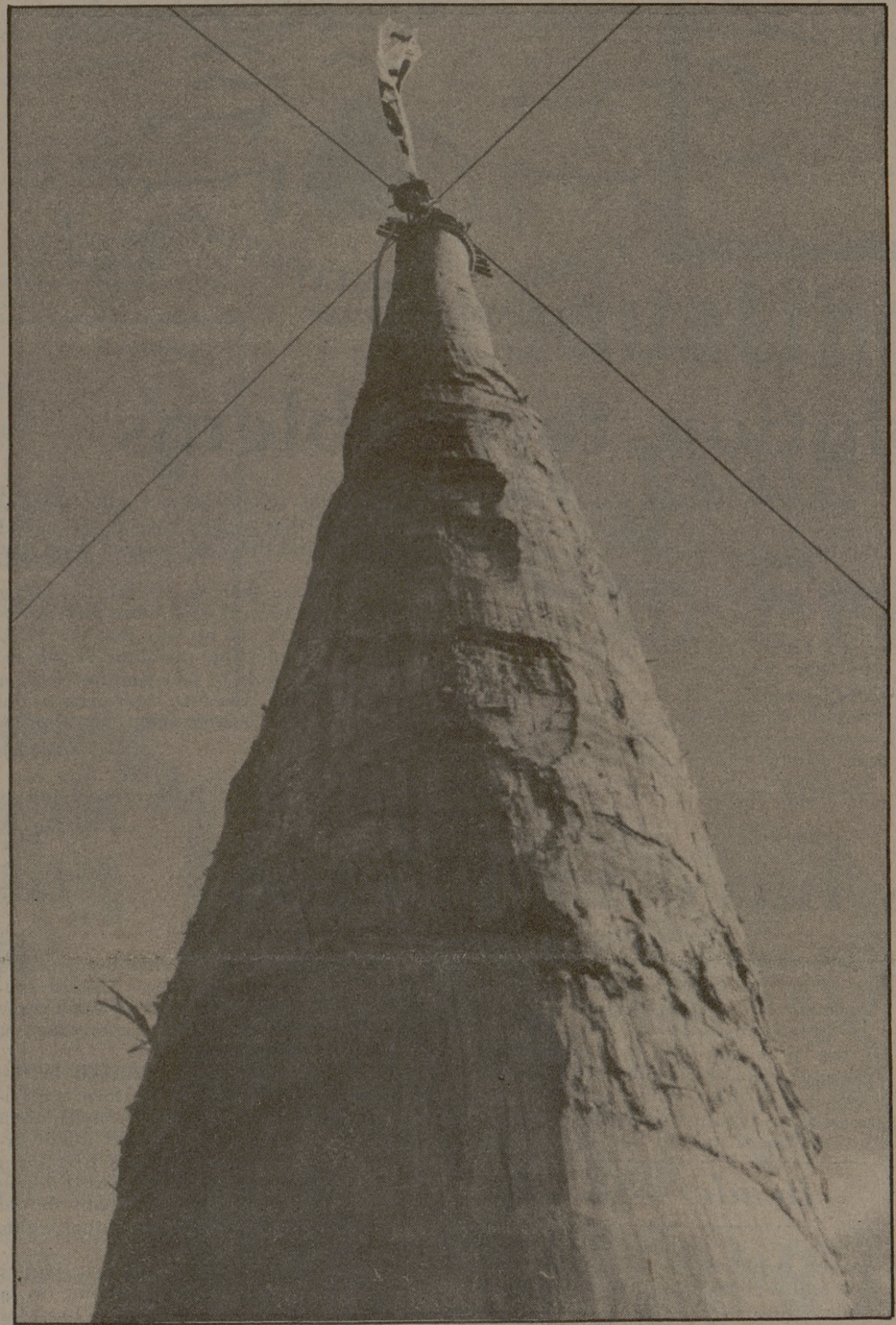
**United Press International**  
NEW ORLEANS — Stunned by the sound of gunfire and the sight of blood, lunchtime crowds of office workers scurried for safety or froze in fright on a busy downtown street. Amid the horror, a tall slender man shoved a black revolver in his waistband and ran across the street. Confronted by two policemen with guns drawn, the suspect made a move for his weapon, then raised his hands and surrendered peacefully. Carlos Poree, 35, an unemployed Internal Revenue agent, was charged with 10 counts of attempted murder for the shootings which occurred in his father-in-law's uptown home, a Bourbon street park and a downtown office building and street. Maggie Christensen, an insurance office worker, said she heard the pop of gunfire on the street and had to fight curious crowds to get out of the way. "I heard the shots, then saw everyone diving for the street," Ms. Christensen said. "I tried to get away into Sears, but everyone in the store was trying to get out so I yelled at them to get back."

Joyce Saylan, on her way to lunch with her 9-year-old son Jeff, said the gunman was hurried, but calm as he entered the office of stock brokers Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith. "A very tall, very skinny, well-dressed man rushed in and shoved Jeff to the side," Ms. Saylan said. "He just pushed the door open, banged a secretary in the mouth with the door and started shooting." "He walked past a row of desks and it was just bang, bang, bang." Police Capt. Bill Schultz and Detective Stanford Barre were driving an unmarked police car within 150 feet of the gunman when he opened fire on the sidewalk outside the stock brokerage. "We saw numerous people, pedestrians, scatter and diving to the ground," Schultz said. He said they shouted at the man as he ran toward them, shoving the gun in the top of his pants. "At that time we told him we were police officers," Schultz said. "He made what we thought was an attempt to go to his waistband." However, Poree stopped and followed orders to lean against a store window to be frisked. "He didn't say anything except that he wanted to talk to a lawyer," Schultz said.

## Centerpole up for '77 bonfire

An annual Texas A&M phenomenon known for blisters, late hours, sore backs, muddy boots, rain and togetherness made its campus appearance Friday. The centerpole for the 1977 Aggie Bonfire was raised. Work on the project will progress until 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, when the bonfire is ignited. "It's gonna be the best one that's ever been built," claimed "Head Stack" Larry Williams, with assenting sounds from red pots. They are in charge of the garantuan project, which involves cutting and trucking in timber and stacking it into 60-foot-tall cone.

Bonfire has been held every year, except for 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated. It represents Texas Aggies' love for their school and the desire to eat the University of Texas. It's also the centerpiece for the last Aggie yell practice before the Texas A&M-Texas game. It calls for coordination, sales, management and other skills. Volunteer loggers are already been cutting material for the fire at sites near Cook's Point and the Hwy. 21 and FM 2818 intersection. Six wheelers and a couple of pickup trucks pulling gooseneck trailers will be used to haul timber to the Duncan Drill Field bonfire site. Students in charge of bonfire must sell their classmates on the value of putting in spare time. Sales also enters the project in the form of borrowing equipment from interested businessmen and contractors. Other students contribute by guarding the stack from attempts to prematurely burn or sabotage the effort. Guarding began when Company C-1 of the Corps placed the spliced centerpole on the field. Standard procedures go into construction of the stack, requiring logs to be stacked end on end in five or six tiers. "Red pots" wire on core logs on the first level, after boards to hold the center upright are attached to the pole. One of the first jobs is installation of pipe, through which fuel is pumped to the center of the stack to insure an even burn. Unreclaimable oil is applied by personnel of the Texas Engineering Extension Service's Fire Protection Training Division the afternoon the stack burns. Formerly constructed the week before it was to burn, the bonfire has been started earlier recently to take advantage of weekends and prevent student workers from cutting classes.



Battalion photo by Jim Crawley

It's up, finally . . .

With only eighteen days left before the annual Bonfire is lit before the Texas game, the centerpole was raised yesterday south of Duncan Dining Hall. This picture was taken at the base of the 60-foot pole.

## Elections held today on 7 amendments

The following are the polling places for today's constitutional election. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Any voter seeking information on the amendments or voting procedures can call the Brazos County League of Women Voters at 846-9073.

**VOTING PRECINCT:**

1. Millican Community Center
2. Wellborn Water Supply Building
3. S.P.J.S.T. Hall, Smetana
4. Carver School
5. Fellowship Hall
6. Edge Community Center
7. Steep Hollow Community Center
8. South Knoll Elementary School
9. A&M Consolidated Special Services Building
10. College Station Fire Station
11. Crockett Elementary School
12. Sul Ross Elementary School
13. Henderson Elementary School
14. Ben Milam Elementary School
15. Fannin Elementary School
16. Bowie Elementary School
17. Travis Elementary School
18. Bryan Central Fire Station
19. Bonham Elementary School
20. TAMU Memorial Student Center
21. College Station Municipal Building
22. Army Reserve Center on Carson Street
23. L.B.J. Elementary School
24. College Hills Elementary School
25. American Legion Hall
26. Bryan High School

## Percentage failures higher for freshman math courses

**By CLAY COCKRILL**  
Math may be the chopping block that sends a lot of freshman Aggies packing home or changing majors, but Dr. C.R. Blakley, head of the Texas A&M University's math department said, "no one is intentionally trying to thin the ranks." "Math, intrinsically, is fairly hard and exacting. It will never be easy," said Blakley. "We have high math standards at A&M which will be required to make students competitive in the areas of science, engineering, agriculture, and technology. Students need a solid technical background," he said. Computer print-outs show percentage failures to be generally higher in freshman English and chemistry courses.

For the fall semester of 1976, the percent of freshmen who failed math courses normally taken during that session was: Math 102 (algebra), 8.86 percent; Math 121 (Calculus I for science majors), 6.58 percent; Math 130 (Pre-Calculus), 8.25 percent; Math 209 (Calculus I for engineering majors), 18.72 percent. For the spring semester of 1977, the percent of freshmen who failed courses normally taken in that session were: Math 122 (Calculus II, science majors), 8.82 percent; Math 230 (Calculus I for business, liberal arts and agriculture majors), 10.22 percent; Math 210 (Calculus II, engineering majors), 12.85 percent. For the fall of 1976 the percent of freshmen who failed Chemistry 101, the course most frequently required, was 5.54

percent. The percentage of freshmen who failed Chemistry 102 in the spring of 1977 was 7.54. For English 103 and 104 the percentages were 2 and 3, respectively, for the fall semester of 1976 and the spring of 1977. The reason for high percentages of failure in the engineering calculus courses is uncertain. Dr. A.H. Stroud, of the math department, said Math 209 and Math 210 are no more difficult than the calculus for science majors. Stroud said possibly that some engineering majors take too many hours for a given semester, causing grades to suffer. "I expect a reasonable amount of work from my students. If they show some effort and some aptitude in the course, then they'll get a passing grade," he said. Dr. N.W. Naugle, also of the math department, said he feels some students push themselves too hard and register in math courses they're not ready for. Blakley said at this time there are two problem areas facing the math department at Texas A&M. "The University as a whole and the math department haven't done enough for placement of students into the proper courses," he said. Improvement in placement would require extensive testing on the first day of class, involving time and money, said Blakley. Scores on placement exams would then need to be made available rapidly, so that advisers in the respective schools could encourage students to make the necessary changes in the first week of classes, he said. Blakley said there is also a shortage of math professors at this time.

"At present there are 180 enrollments per faculty member, causing lecture classes to be crowded," he said. Because graduate assistants are employed, labs are in good shape, Blakley said, giving a better ratio of students to instructors. Professors holding Ph.D.s are preferred for lecture classes, because they know the material and have had more experience in explaining concepts, he said. Blakley said currently more than two thirds of all math students are taught by Ph.D.s, and new professors are being recruited. Dr. N.W. Naugle, who has taught math at Texas A&M for more than ten years, said he has seen a weakening in students' "manipulative abilities," over the years. "It seems to take them longer to handle basic algebraic operations than it used to," he said. Blakley said he can't agree there has been a decline in mathematical abilities. Dr. John Bloom, of the math department, said he feels a common exam for all the different sections of a math course would be helpful. That way there would be some basis for comparing students' progress in different sections of a course, he said. Dr. Rod O'Connor, director of first year chemistry, said he makes out all the exams for Chemistry 101 and 102, and they are all designed on the same level of difficulty. He said that is one way to insure the material is covered, and he said most students know the material in later courses. Bloom said currently each math professor makes out his own exams. He said he decides how difficult to make his exams from intuition and by talking with other professors in the department.

## Briscoe begins campaign with old theme, promises

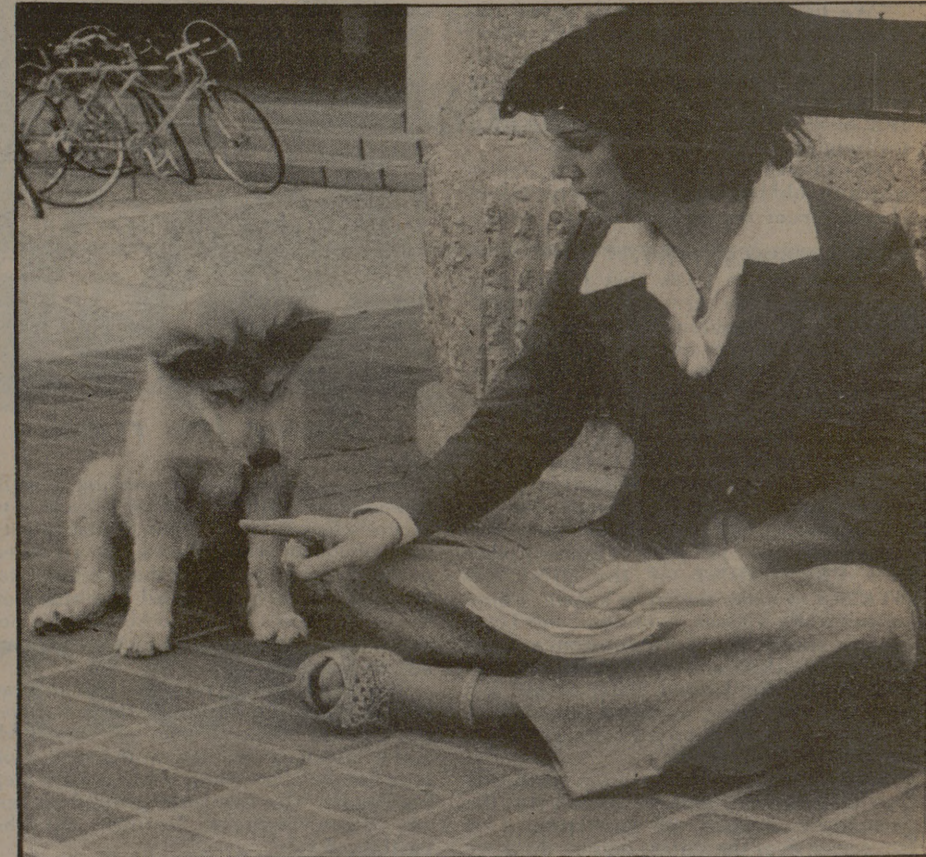
**United Press International**  
DALLAS — Gov. Dolph Briscoe began his new campaign with an old theme: promising there will be no additional state taxes enacted as long as Texans keep him in the governor's office. "Texas has neither, Texas needs neither, and as long as I am governor, Texas will have neither," he said. "There will be no new or additional state taxes as long as I am governor. The people are getting more from their state government than ever before, but at the same time are keeping more of their hard earned dollars for their own use."

Briscoe today traveled by car through East Texas on his first campaign tour of the year, stopping to shake hands and meet supporters in such locations as Charlie Green's Store in Bettie, Texas, and the Maude Laird Middle School in Kilgore. Should Briscoe win election to a third term, he would serve as governor for 10 years — longer than any other Texan has held that position. He is being opposed in the Democratic primary by Hill and former Gov. Preston Smith, and the Democratic nominee also will face a Republican opponent in November.

## Board talks of move of development center

**By STEVE MAYER**  
Boy Scouts, senior citizens, judo classes and other College Station activities at Lincoln Center, a recreation center on Eleanor Street, may have to move elsewhere if the A&M Consolidated School Board decides to relocate the Child Development Center (CDC) there. The CDC, which involves 60 three to four year olds, was the main topic during the A&M Consolidated Special School Board meeting last night. The CDC must be moved from its present location behind the Special Services Building, 100 Anderson, in order to make room for new buildings to house upper-grade students. Lincoln Center, which is being borrowed by the College Station Parks and Recreation Department from the school district, was described by one board member as "the best possible site." However, Board Member Lambert

Wilkes said, "I feel we (the school board) could be criticized severely if we move into Lincoln Center." The board did not take action at this time, but did give the go ahead to have the old CDC building removed. Other possible sites include the Special Services Building next to the CDC, or part of the old Middle School shop and choir room. However, according to some of the board members, these suggestions had drawbacks such as limited space, poor facilities for preparing food or inadequate heating. In reviewing the progress of construction plans, the board and architect set a September 1978 completion date for kindergarten classroom construction at South Knoll and College Hills Elementary Schools. Two health technicians were approved by the board to participate in a state-funded health assessment program in the school district.



Battalion photo by Janet Peterson

'But I'm not a pointer!'

This puppy seems mystified at his owner's finger. The puppy's name is Timber and his owner's name is Dorcas Deshong, a junior nursing major at Texas A&M. Timber just enjoys going to class sometimes and not having to study.