

### Aggies meet Red Raiders

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band will perform once again during the halftime show at Saturday's football game. The military band formed their famous block "T" formation last week at the first home game this year. As in the

past, the formation brought the crowd to its feet. Old Aggies, new Aggies and even some future Aggies will be in attendance when the Texas A&M University football team meets the Red Raiders of Texas

Tech University in the fourth game of the season. The game will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Kyle Field. The Corps of Cadets will march onto the field at noon. The Aggies lead the nation in total defense and rank third in

total offense. The Aggies also lead the Southwest Conference in scoring with 132 points and are second in defense against scoring, having allowed only 12 points last year the Aggies beat Texas Tech 33-17.

## Submarine plot sinks; 2 arrested, 1 sought

United Press International  
ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Two men have been arrested and a third is being sought in what the FBI says is a plot to steal a U.S. Navy nuclear submarine and possibly fire a nuclear missile at New London, Conn., another East Coast city to cover the getaway.

The FBI said the conspirators told a federal undercover agent they had purchased for the submarine, the USS Trepang, based in New London. In announcing the breakup of the bizarre plot Wednesday night, agents said the identity of the prospective buyer — if any — was not known.

The plot included sinking a ship in New London harbor to create a diversion, boarding the Trepang, killing its crew, and sailing into the Atlantic, the FBI said.

Bernard Feeney of the FBI in New Haven, Conn., said at least 20 agents have been working on the case in earnest since August, although at first the agency had trouble taking the plot — reminiscent of James Bond thriller — seriously. "It sounds like a Woody Allen movie when you hear it for the first time," Feeney said.

But, he said, "The documentation was there for us to believe they were serious. And you've got to nip it in the bud. You can't let these things run their course."

The suspects, Edward J. Mendenhall, 24, a life insurance company employee from Rochester, N.Y., and Kurtis J. Schmitt, a 22-year-old carpet cleaner formerly from St. Louis and now living in Kansas City, Mo., were arrested Wednesday in St. Louis.

They were to be arraigned Thursday before a U.S. magistrate on charges of conspiring to steal a submarine, punishable by a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Roy Klager, special agent in charge of the St. Louis FBI office, refused to give details of the arrest of Mendenhall and Schmitt other than to say the men were unarmed.

Klager said a fugitive warrant was issued for a third suspect, James W. Cosgrove, 26, of Ovid, N.Y.

Klager said Mendenhall, Schmitt and Cosgrove traveled from St. Louis to New York last month to meet with an undercover FBI agent to plot the theft of the Trepang from its harbor at New London

"They explained their plan to train a 12-man crew to steal the submarine and take it to a destination in the Atlantic Ocean where it would be turned over to a purchaser," Klager said.

The FBI said Cosgrove gave the agent a written plan that described an attempt to board the Trepang from a submarine tender, a vessel used to maintain submarines.

"They intended to use plastic explosives to sink the tender in the New London harbor to create confusion and block other vessels," Klager said. "They then would board the Trepang, kill the crew members on board and steam out of New London harbor."

He said to create a diversion and to cover the flight, several alternatives were mentioned, "including firing one of the sub's missiles at New London or, alternatively, on one of several principle East Co."

The authoritative reference book, Jane's Fighting Ships, says the Trepang carries nuclear missiles. A Navy spokesman in Washington said the vessel's primary armaments were conventional torpedoes, but confirmed it is equipped with missiles.

## Aggies forecast election

Democrats John Hill, Bob Krueger and Phil Gramm are leading their opponents, according to a local survey conducted by students at Texas A&M University.

The students, enrolled in political science courses, interviewed some 200 residents of the Bryan-College Station area.

Residents' names were picked at random from a telephone book and asked questions that dealt with voting plans for the coming election. Everyone included in the survey is a registered voter and eligible to vote in November.

Democrat John Hill led Republican Bill Clements 48 percent to 20 percent in the race for Texas governor.

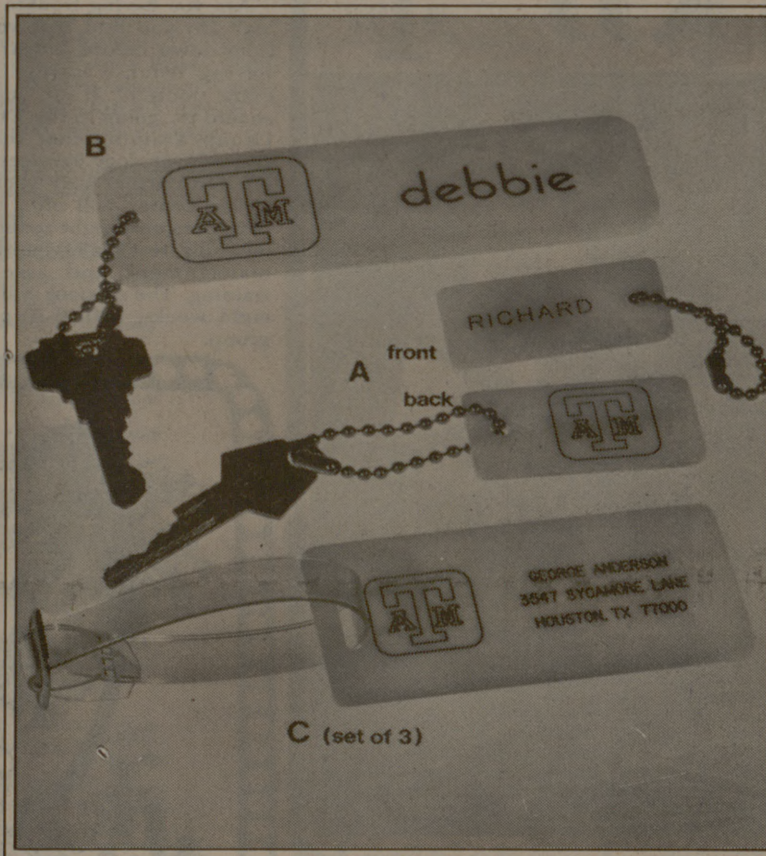
Bob Krueger, Democratic Party candidate for United States senator, edged GOP incumbent Sen. John Tower, with 36 percent of those surveyed supporting Krueger. Tower received 33 percent of the surveyed voters' support.

Phil Gramm, Democratic Party candidate for the 6th Congressional District, led Republican opponent Wes Mowery 51 percent to 15 percent.

Out of the 200 people surveyed, approximately 60 percent said they were definitely going to vote during the November election.

Political science Professors James Dyer and Bob Berstein stressed, however, that while the poll is a relatively accurate representation of the voters' current feelings, a month remains before the actual election.

The Texas A&M student surveys, conducted the past three years, have a reputation for accuracy. Students polling voters before the 1976 presidential election were able to come within 5 percent of the actual outcome.



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## Parking couldn't weight

United Press International  
SANTIAGO, CHILE — Authorities in several Chilean cities have installed parking meters, but apparently not everyone knows what they are for.

Wednesday, a local news magazine reported a woman from a small village visited the southern city of Concepcion. Seeing a parking meter, she began inserting coins into it.

When a bystander asked her why, she replied "I'm trying to find out if I've gained weight."

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