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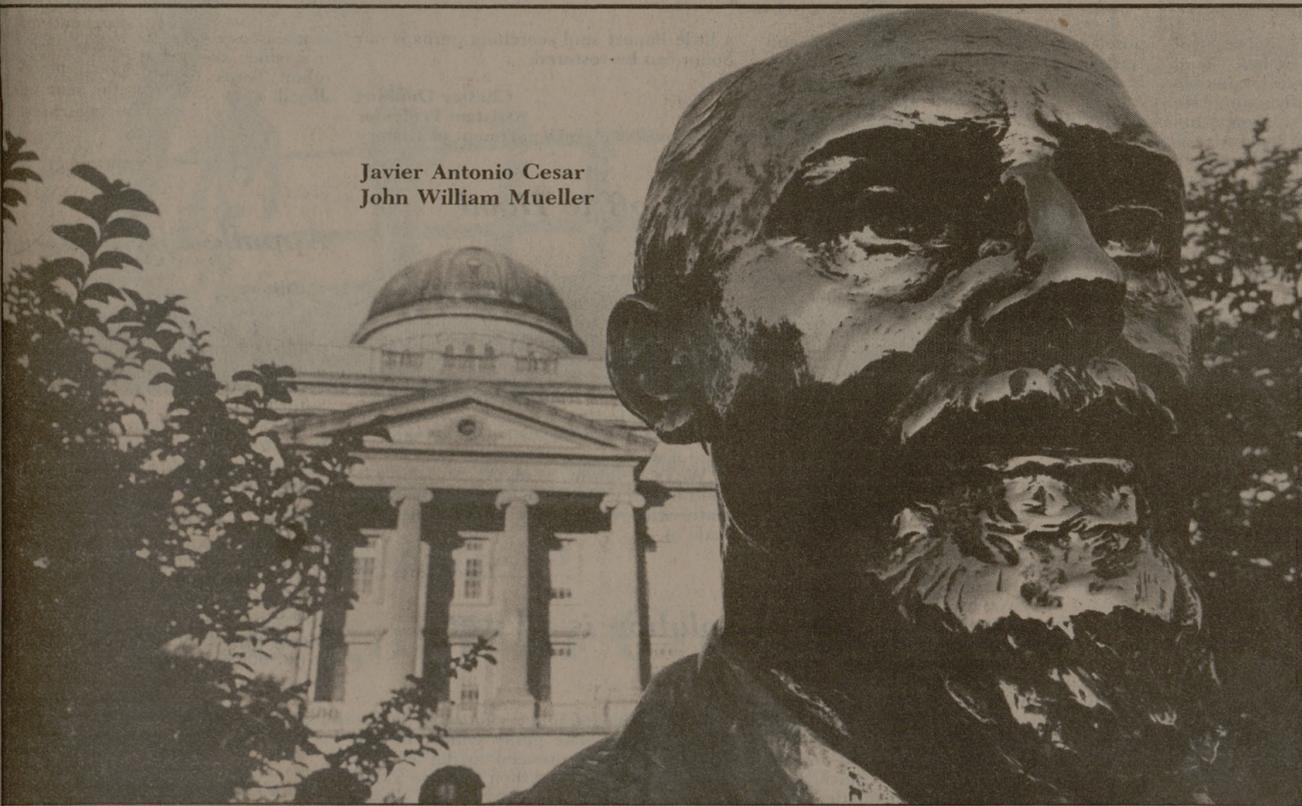
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The Weather

Today	Tomorrow
High 72	High 75
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Javier Antonio Cesar
John William Mueller



Silver Taps tonight

The two Texas A&M students named above will be honored at Silver Taps in front of the Academic Building tonight at 10:30. John William Mueller, a sophomore general studies major from

Dallas, died Oct. 2. Javier Antonio Cesar, a graduate student in industrial engineering from Granada, Nicaragua, died Oct. 23. Shuttle bus service will be extended for off-campus students.

Trial date set for gay students' suit against A&M

By DENISE RICHTER

Battalion Staff
HOUSTON — The Gay Student Service Organization suit against Texas A&M University finally will go to trial Nov. 16, almost four years after it was initially filed.

The GSSO's request for official University recognition was denied in May 1976 and a civil rights suit was filed against Texas A&M in February 1977.

The trial is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in U.S. District Court in Houston. Judge Ross N. Sterling will preside.

When the original suit was filed in 1977, the University argued that, as a local governing body, it could not be sued for money damages. Judge Sterling, who was presiding, agreed and dismissed the suit.

However, in February 1980, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals overruled the decision and sent the case back to federal court for trial. Texas A&M appealed that ruling to the Supreme Court. In December 1980, the Supreme Court refused to hear the University's appeal.

The organization is seeking University recognition as well as damages to compensate for Texas A&M's refusal, court costs and legal fees. The amount of damages sought has not been announced.

Representing Texas A&M will be Lonnie Zwiener and Ann Kraatz, assistant attorneys general; James B. Bond, vice chancellor for legal affairs; Genevieve Graffeo and Ted Hajovsky, staff attorneys.

Patrick Wiseman, of the Nelson and Mallett law firm in Houston, will represent the GSSO.

Defendants cited in the case are: Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services; the late Jack K. Williams, former president of Texas A&M; Clyde Freeman, executive vice president, and the Texas A&M System Board of Regents.

The plaintiffs, Michael Minton, Keith Stewart and Patricia Woodridge, were members of the GSSO and Texas A&M students when the original suit was filed.

Swedes continue sub investigation

United Press International
KARLSKRONA, Sweden — Swedish defense officials said today they were not satisfied with the answers of a Soviet captain whose submarine ran aground 10 miles from Sweden's main Baltic naval base. The officials predicted questioning might last a week.

Soviet Capt. Pyotr Gushin left the stranded submarine Monday for questioning by Swedish military authorities on a torpedo boat after the Soviet Union relented on the seventh day of the tense diplomatic stand-off.

The Swedish authorities are not satisfied with the results of the initial questioning, Cmdr. Sven Carlsson of the Karlskrona naval base said. "It is likely to be a drawn-out case and could

last another week," Carlsson said it was impossible for the submarine to leave Swedish waters until the investigation was complete.

Foreign Minister Ola Ullsten said Monday Moscow had met Sweden's four conditions for the release of the craft and its 56-member crew — an explanation of the sub's mission by its captain, an apology for entering Swedish waters, salvage by Swedish vessels and Soviet payment for the cost of the salvage.

"The answers will be discussed by a group of experts and they will decide about future questioning," Cmdr. Borje Johansson said. Sweden has not specified how much detail of the mission it is demanding.

Gun control debate: safety versus liberty

By DANIEL PUCKETT

Battalion Staff
The danger to public safety versus the danger to freedom was the central argument in Monday night's debate on gun control, sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee.

Speaking in Rudder Theater to a small audience, Philip D. Zelikow, a Houston attorney, and John M. Snyder, a Washington lobbyist, argued the necessity of handgun control legislation.

Zelikow, a member of Handgun Control, Inc., presented a four-point handgun control program, which he said was virtually identical to the Kennedy-Rodino bill, sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J. The plan included:

- banning Saturday Night Specials, which are small, cheap handguns
- imposing a 21-day waiting period between the application for, and the completion of, the sale of a handgun
- legislating severe, mandatory prison sentences for the use of a gun in the commission of a crime
- recording all transfers of handguns, including all sales and all thefts of them.

This plan would help reduce the incidence and the severity of violent crime, Zelikow said, by eliminating guns which

are only useful to criminals. In addition, it would make it more difficult to obtain them, stiffen the penalties for their use and make it easier for police to trace them, he said.

Snyder, chief lobbyist for the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, dubbed the plan unworkable, unnecessary and an infringement on the right to defend one's own life.

Furthermore, he contended the plan would place a greater burden on already-overloaded law enforcement officials, would fail to reduce crime rates and would be the first step in a gradual move toward depriving Americans of all their weapons.

If citizens have the right to life, he said, they have the right to defend that life, using force if necessary. And any move toward restricting ownership of handguns is the first move toward depriving Americans of their best means of protection.

He also pointed to the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as proof that Americans are guaranteed the right to defend themselves with firearms.

Zelikow disputed Snyder's argument, saying that handguns are not an effective means of self-protection. He said shotguns, which he does not prop-

ose to control, are much better self-defense weapons.

And the courts have always held that the Second Amendment vests the right to possess firearms in the state militias, not in private citizens, he said.

Snyder disagreed with Zelikow on the meaning of court decisions in that area, and said even if gun control were constitutional, it would be unworkable. He cited the example of the District of Columbia, which has one of the toughest gun control laws in the nation and the highest murder rate.

However, Zelikow said studies in South Carolina and Boston show gun control laws reduce the number of violent crimes and the number of deaths resulting from assault.

He urged the audience to decide the issue on its merits and then make its opinions known to Congress, which should act soon on the Kennedy-Rodino bill.

Snyder said the gun control bill has no chance of being enacted by Congress. In fact, he contended, Congress may soon repeal many of the handgun controls now in effect.

Cadet, saber controversy sparks multiple University consequences

Sabers have been banned from football games and disciplinary procedures initiated against cadet Greg Hood as a result of an incident involving the cadet at Saturday's game.

Officers of the day may no longer wear sabers at football games, Corps Commandant James R. Woodall said Monday.

Woodall said he is also considering other regulations to prevent incidents similar to Saturday's from happening in the future, although the specifics have not yet been worked out.

Hood, a senior in Squadron 2, was serving as an officer of the day at the game against Southern Methodist University when he tried to chase some of the team's cheerleaders from Kyle Field, brandishing his saber.

In a letter Monday, University officials notified Hood of the charges against him and requested that he appear at a hearing at which disciplinary actions will be decided. Ron Sasse, assistant director of student affairs, however, refused to release the charges, saying he feels they are confidential information.

According to University regulations, Hood must make an appointment for the formal hearing with the student affairs office within three class days. But, the hearing probably won't be until next week, Sasse said, since Bill Kibler, the University administrative hearing officer, will be out of town until then.

Monday, Hood said, "To the students, I want to apologize for any bad images that I may have portrayed, any embarrassment to the student body and the University or any further repercussions that may occur. I'd like to thank those former students, students and parents for supporting me — not necessarily for my actions — but for supporting me as an Aggie.

"I felt it was my responsibility not only as an O.D. (officer of the day) or Corps member but as an Aggie to uphold the traditions of the University. Although I may have overreacted in the situation, I feel that I did what any Aggie would have done — not necessarily the saber incident."

Hood attempted to chase several

SMU cheerleaders off the football field Saturday apparently because Aggie tradition dictates that only officials, football players and bands are allowed on the field during a game.

In a shoving match that followed, Hood drew his saber and was pushed down by SMU cheerleader Dave Schmidt.

Exactly who is allowed on the field has been the subject of some debate with reports being contradictory. However, Sasse said that while the tradition of Kyle Field is not stated in the University handbook, it was discussed with the SMU dean of students before the game.

Before any event involving visiting

students, the Office of Student Affairs meets with the officials of the visiting university to make them aware of the unwritten customs of the Texas A&M, he said.

"In this case, the Kyle Field tradition was not communicated down the line to the cheerleaders," Sasse said.

Possible disciplinary measures which could be taken against Hood range from a verbal reprimand to probation or expulsion from the University, although decisions of the administrative hearing committee may be appealed.

If Hood is placed on disciplinary probation, he will be ineligible to retain his positions as chairman of the Judicial Board of Student Government and a member of the Cadet Court and the

Traffic Appeals Court. Contrary to what has previously been stated, he is not a Ross Volunteer.

Formal letters of apology have been sent to SMU President Don Shields by Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver, Vice President for Student Services John J. Koldus and Corps Commander Kelly Castleberry.

Vandiver said, "We deplore the regrettable behavior exhibited at the football game Saturday, and it certainly is not indicative of the normally exemplary conduct of our fine student body."

Texas A&M Student Body President Ken Johnson also called SMU Student Body President Craig Massey to apologize for the incident.

SMU cheerleaders undecided on filing charges against cadet

By DENISE RICHTER

Battalion Staff
The Southern Methodist University cheerleaders have not decided whether to file charges against Greg Hood, the senior cadet who threatened them with his saber during the Texas A&M-SMU football game Saturday.

The cheerleaders were supposed to meet Monday night to decide what action, if any, to take against Hood. However, because of a pep rally held to announce homecoming queen nominees, the cheerleaders did not hold the meeting, SMU Student Body President Craig Massey said Monday night.

Head Cheerleader David Schmidt was unavailable for comment.

"I met with the cheerleaders earlier tonight and they were fairly perturbed," Massey said. "They were trying to figure out what made Greg do what he did. But, I think the key to this whole thing is to understand and accept the fact that it was the action of one person, not the entire University."

Massey, a third-year law student, said: "Concerning a lawsuit, I ... can't see any legal grounds. It possibly could be assault and battery but the damages were so minimal that it would be a waste of time.

"I think the letters of apology, the disciplinary system at A&M and the positive communication before the game will take care of everything."

Since The Daily Campus, the SMU student newspaper, doesn't publish on Mondays, some SMU students aren't fully

informed about the incident, Howard Schloss, sports editor, said Monday afternoon.

"It hasn't really hit a lot of people because they weren't at the game, but it will after The Daily Campus comes out tomorrow," Schloss said.

Editor E.J. Orr said the newspaper has not received any letters concerning the incident, but he is expecting some reaction after the story is published today.

The editorial by Pete Slover, an SMU journalism student, which was run in Monday's Battalion, will be published in the SMU newspaper today, Orr said.

Also, Massey said he has written an editorial expressing appreciation to Texas A&M for the hospitality that was shown to Martha Stokes, the SMU student government representative who visited Texas A&M Saturday.

Before each home game, representatives of the opposing school's student government are invited to Texas A&M to discuss their roles as student leaders.

Massey said: "The meeting (between Stokes and Texas A&M representatives) was very productive — it's unfortunate that it was marred by that incident. The A&M student body officers had made a great effort to communicate and show good spirit.

"I hate to have things like this blown out of proportion. The whole incident was caused by one person who went berserk. It's really too bad that it happened because A&M has a great reputation and a lot of great traditions. But, something like this does have a lot of repercussions that you just can't help."

Students may pick up Aggielands

The 1981 Aggielands have arrived. The 1981 Aggielands can be picked up between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. this week in the Commons. Students must present their ID cards in order to pick up their books.

Students who have not yet paid for yearbooks will not be able to purchase them until Monday. Beginning that day, they can be purchased for \$21 in the Student Publications Office, 216 Reed McDonald.

Yearbook distribution began Oct. 26 when students picked up 2,000 books.

The Aggieland sells more yearbooks than any other school in the United States.

A&M students to assist in Space Shuttle launch

by SANDRA K. GARY

Battalion Reporter
At least 10 Texas A&M students will be directly involved with the Columbia Space Shuttle as it takes off on its second mission Wednesday morning.

As participants in the University's Cooperative Education Program, the students work every other semester on a year-round basis for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or Rockwell International.

Lynn Basinger, a senior mechanical engineering major who has worked for Rockwell three semesters, will be in the mission evaluation room during the latter part of the flight.

"The support room I'll be in monitors the environmental control and life support systems for the crew," she said.

The engineering team she works with is concerned with keeping the crew comfortable by maintaining appropriate oxygen levels in the cabin and controlling the air pressure and temperature within the craft.

Basinger said: "The mission evaluation room is equipped with computers which receive data directly from the shuttle. We know what the data should look like as it appears on the computer screens. And if we see any problems, we will notify Mission Control or a team of engineers who will attempt to correct the problems."

Thomas Gally, another Texas A&M Co-op student who works at NASA, said he will be working with a team of engineers that monitors temperature trends for the shuttle.

"We will be a backup for Mission