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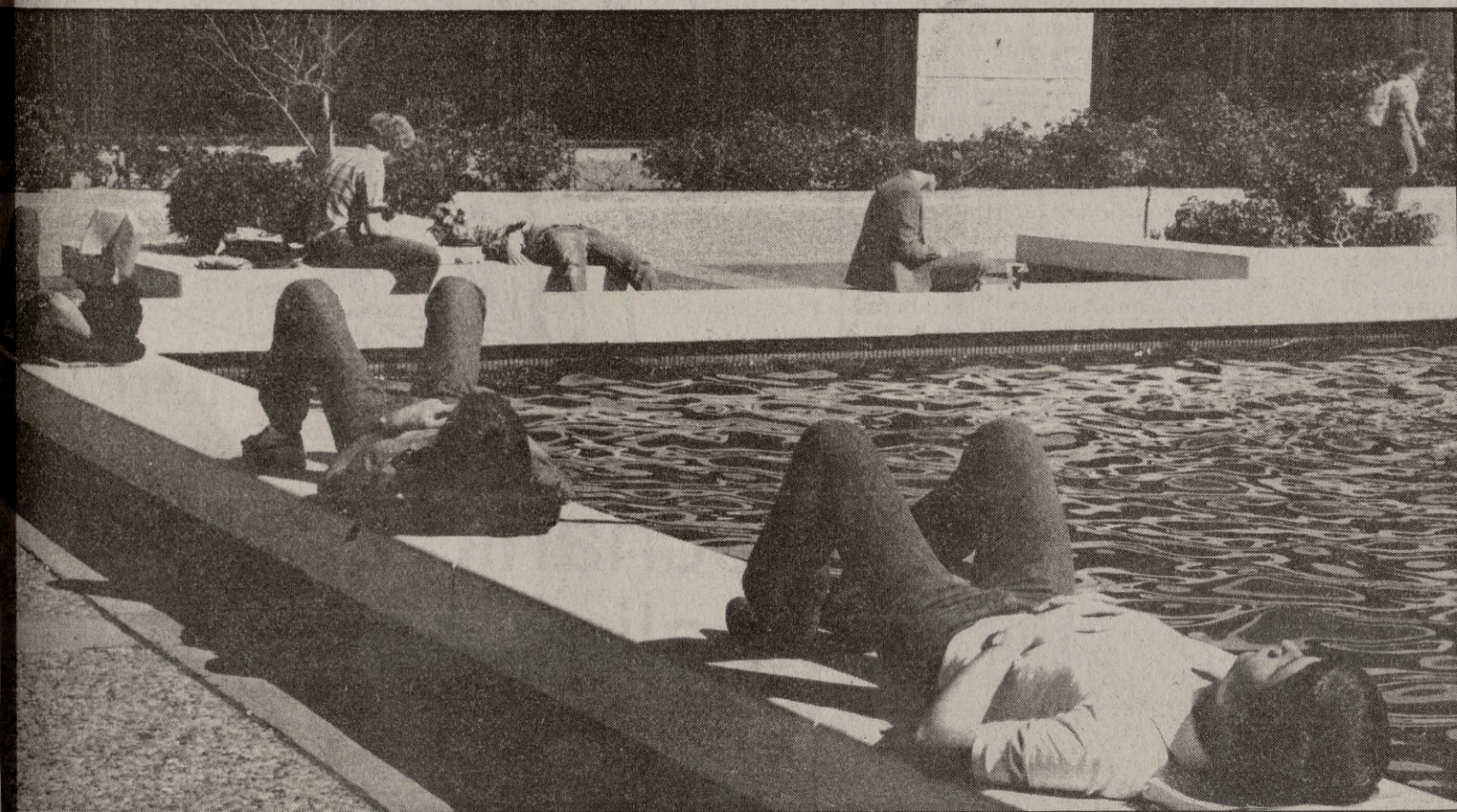
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What a coincidence!

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Freshmen Tom Huffman, right, a floriculture major from Friendswood, Mike Watson, center, an agricultural engineering major from Keller, and Robert Savage, a

sophomore majoring in civil engineering from Medford, New York, all had the same idea of how to enjoy Wednesday's sunny weather along Rudder Fountain.

Salvadoran leader asks for U.S. aid

United Press International
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Defense Minister Gen. Jose-Guillermo Garcia warned the United States may have "to come here to fix up our problems" if El Salvador's ruling junta does not receive more military aid. "We don't want U.S. troops. We don't want any soldier setting foot on our country," Garcia said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times and the Miami Herald.

"What we need is aid. It is preferable that we be given aid now so that later they won't have the obligation to come here to fix up our problems," said Garcia, considered the nation's most powerful military leader.

Garcia also indicated Wednesday Argentina may send military advisers to the warring Central American nation. He said, "None are here. But it is not a remote possibility (that they would come) if we should reach an agreement."

The United States, so far the only nation to send military personnel to El Salvador, has 49 advisers training government troops in equipment maintenance and counter-insurgency techniques.

Garcia's statements came as leftist guerrillas staged raids across the country and two U.S. congressmen began talks with officials on both sides of the conflict to discuss the political and military situation in the country.

Rebels shot to death three soldiers Wednesday at Hacienda Zacamil, about 6 miles north of San Salvador, a

soldier at the scene said. The soldier said he called for a helicopter to "bombard and strafe" a nearby guerrilla camp.

There was no information available on guerrilla casualties.

Government troops firing 90mm hand-held cannons repelled guerrillas who attacked four army checkpoints Wednesday outside Suchitoto, 29 miles north of the capital, witnesses said.

Guerrillas severed the nation's coastal highway and burned four vehicles on the road just east of the bombed-out Golden Bridge.

They said the same guerrillas knocked down eight utility poles in the continuing rebel drive to wreck the nation's electrical grid.

The Defense Ministry, in a communique issued Wednesday, denied accusations by refugees that soldiers massacred 400 peasants last week outside Jucuaran.

It said only 28 rebels were killed in combat and four guerrilla camps were seized.

In Washington, the Organization of American States voted, 19-0, with three abstentions to send observers to El Salvador's March 28 elections to a constituent assembly.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the United States welcomes the OAS decision. No European nation has agreed to send observers to the elections, which Washington has made a cornerstone of its Salvadoran policy.

A&M to host five-state student government conference

Universities to share ideas

by Sandra Kay Gary

Battalion Staff

Student government representatives from universities in five neighboring states will gather at Texas A&M University next week to discuss their jobs and how to improve them.

Representatives from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas are expected to attend the second Conference on Student Government Associations, which will be held Sunday through Tuesday.

The basic idea of the conference

is to provide a forum for student governments where they can share their strengths and weakness and learn about ways to improve their effectiveness," COSGA Chairman Joe Jordan said.

Twenty workshops will take place during the conference, covering such topics as student apathy and motivational techniques, allocation of student service fees, following up student government proposals with administrators, dealing with fraternities and sororities and getting off-campus students involved in activi-

ties.

"Most workshops will be presented by student government representatives from other universities," Jordan said. "A few workshops will be panel discussions."

Universities invited to COSGA have been encouraged to send freshmen and sophomores so these students can take ideas back to their universities and have time to implement them in their student service programs, Jordan said.

"We're expecting about 120 to 150 at the conference," he said. "Mostly it

will be student government people, but we won't turn anyone down who wants to come and learn more about the services that student governments offer."

Universities that have registered for COSGA include: Louisiana State University, New Mexico State University, the University of Kentucky, Texas Tech University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Houston, Sam Houston State University and North Texas State University.

Union leaders, Ford OK contract

United Press International
CHICAGO — United Auto Workers leaders overwhelmingly endorsed a historic contract with Ford Motor Co. and moved immediately today to the task of selling the rank and file on the idea of giving up benefits for job security.

The union's Ford Council, wearing green and white stickers and but-

tons emblazoned with the slogan "Vote Yes for Jobs," endorsed the pact Wednesday on a 132-12 standing vote. The contract is designed to help pull Ford from its worst economic situation since the Great Depression.

UAW President Douglas Fraser, who said he was pleased with the contract endorsement, immediately returned to Detroit to give his first pitch

for the pact to a meeting of union production workers today.

"This pact is in the best interest of Ford workers," Fraser said. "They (Council members) realized we wouldn't bring to them an agreement that wasn't in their best interest."

Fraser also said the contract should result in more stable pricing even though no guarantees of price cuts

were made.

UAW Vice President Donald Ephlin, the union's chief negotiator at Ford, predicted the margin of approval by hourly workers will mirror the Ford Council's vote.

"Ford workers, I'm confident, will vote in relatively the same manner as their leadership did," Ephlin said.

Clements defends his administration

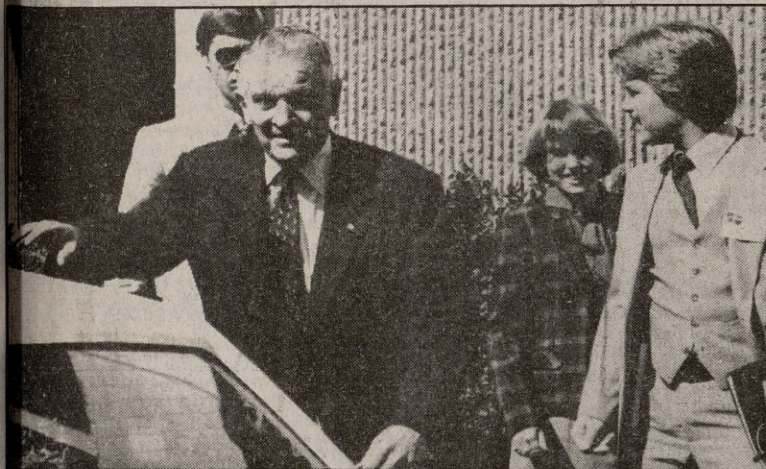


photo by Rose Delano

Gov. William Clements leaves Rudder Theater with MSC Political Forum Committee members Wayne Bailey, a senior political science major from Rockdale, and Sara Trim, a senior agricultural economics major from Richardson.

by Daniel Puckett

Battalion Staff

Gov. William Clements, speaking on campus Wednesday, said his administration has helped Texas by providing a good climate for business, appointing excellent regents for Texas A&M University and cutting down the state's bureaucracy.

He also said one of his top priorities is finding a solution to the illegal alien problem.

Clements, who is campaigning for re-election this fall, arrived on campus about 10:20 a.m. After a short reception for University officials and student leaders, Clements delivered a short speech in an almost-empty Rudder Theater.

His speech dealt with the accomplishments of his administration, specifically with the Legislature's passage of bills designed to cut down on crime and the growth of state government.

"Our efforts ... produced the most comprehensive and hard-hitting laws in recent history to fight crime," Clements said. "At the top of the list —

along with a law authorizing the use of oral confessions — was a law that for the very first time permits the use of wiretapping in drug cases."

The result of his efforts to reduce the size of government, he said, has been a decline of 3,000 in the number of state employees since he took office, which he called "the first reduction in Texas state government in 30 years."

The audience was allowed to ask Clements questions after his speech. Clements' responses were often witty, but sometimes brusque, especially on the subject of the Permanent University Fund.

"To stop the flow of undocumented Mexican workers into the United States, Clements proposed a joint U.S.-Mexico program. The program would include better documentation for workers leaving Mexico, sanctions against employers who hire illegal aliens and "a fast track for citizenship" for certain aliens. This would benefit those who have lived in the United States for at least

five years and have good records in their communities.

• To the first question on how the PUF would be divided in the future: "I foresee no change ... It'll stay the same ... Do you understand 'same'? S-A-M-E."

• To the second question on the same subject, Clements curtly responded, "Same." The questioner returned to his seat; Clements apparently relented and explained that the issue had been discussed for the last 40 years and that he did not expect any changes in the fund's structure.

Texas A&M receives one-third of the revenues from the fund; the University of Texas gets the rest. Texas A&M's share is expected to be about \$40 million in fiscal 1982.

• On the state's budget: "We have an \$800 million surplus ... I'm trying to protect it. When the Legislature meets, it's 150 bandits. We play a game of cops and robbers around that money."

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forecast

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy and cool with a high near 70; low tonight in the low 40s. Friday's forecast calls for cloudy skies with cool temperatures.