

Flying passengers rank American 1st

United Press International
DALLAS — The 110,000-member International Airline Passengers Association, which finds American its most preferred airline, is concerned about the kind of service travelers are getting on the ground.

A survey of the organization, based in Dallas, composed mostly of business travelers indicated passengers expected improvements in service and the airline personnel's attitude.

"It's not service in the air but on the ground that needs improving," said Harold Salfen, executive director of consumer affairs for the association.

He said members most often complained about lost luggage, time delays and poor seat assignments.

He said the poll indicated members of the consumer group, most of whom average 20 flights a year, were not so concerned about fares.

In the group's rankings of the airlines, American topped the second-place finisher, United, by a 19 percent margin. American, which earned a \$47.4 million profit last year, and third-ranked Delta were the only airlines on the list that made a profit last year.

A spokesman for American said the poll reflected the fact the airline coped well with the strike by the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization.

"It was a very difficult situation, but obviously we did a good

job coping with the problems caused by the strike," the spokesman said.

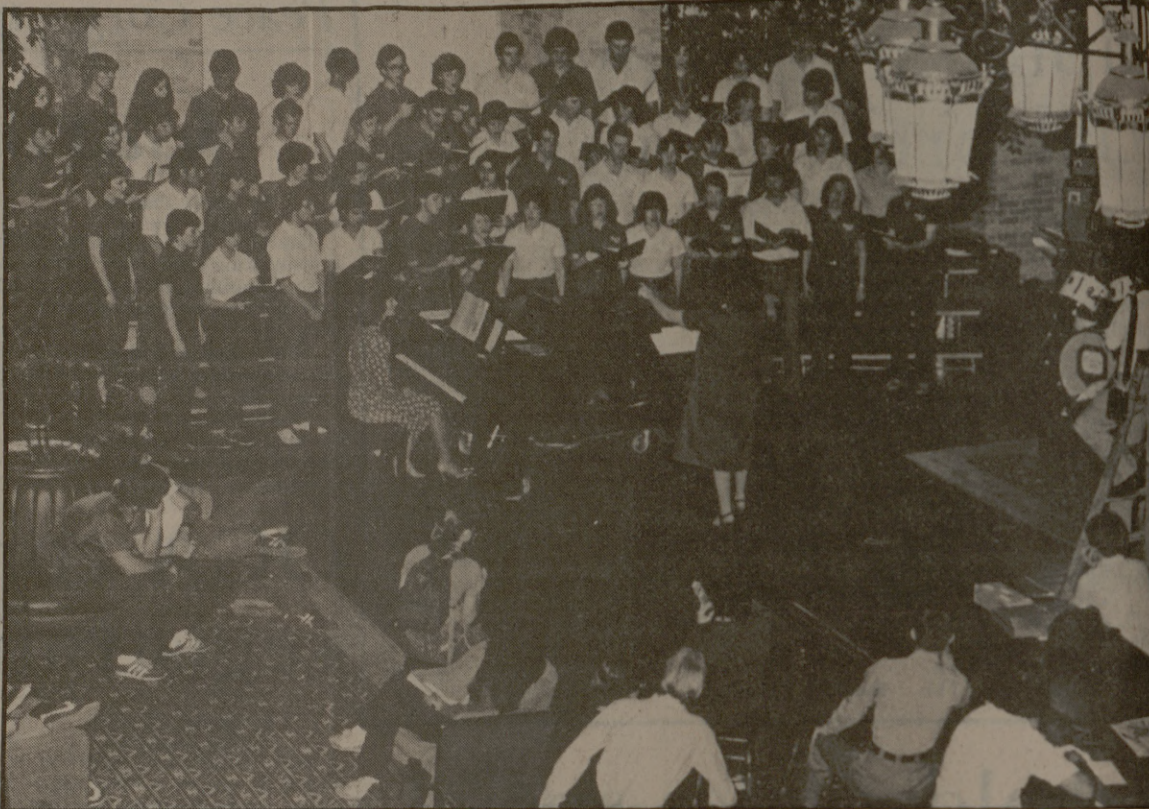
"The cornerstone of our marketing strategy in this deregulated atmosphere is to offer good service."

Trans World Airlines ranked fourth, followed by Continental, Eastern, Braniff, Western, Pan Am and Northwest.

Members picked Eastern as the most-avoided airline, although it was also in the top 10 of the preferred airlines. Braniff was the second most avoided airline. The company lost \$160.6 million last year.

Salfen said Braniff was having difficulties when the questionnaire was distributed last September, shortly after PATCO members walked off the job.

"Braniff went through a very trying period. Some flights had to be canceled," he said. "I think if we took a survey now in Dallas, a lot of people would say (they prefer) Braniff."



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Official says voters will nix water plan

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TEXARKANA — The Texas lawmaker who sponsored key water development legislation that failed last year believes taxpayers also will nix costly schemes to ship East Texas water to the arid western plains.

"The public and most of Texas doesn't see a water crisis," state Sen. Ed Howard of Texarkana said Tuesday during the first in a series of public hearings to develop an integrated statewide water plan.

Howard was the Senate sponsor of a constitutional amendment to divert future treasury surpluses to a water development trust fund. The amendment was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls.

"The public can't afford to wait until the tap runs dry," he said. "There must be a plan, especially with federal money drying up."

"But I personally feel it is un-

likely taxpayers would back a plan to import water a great distance.

"It is too costly just to get the water from East Texas to Dallas, much less any farther west."

The comment by Howard, a member of the governor's Water Plan Task Force, echoed those of other East Texans. A key portion of the Texas plan endorsed by Gov. Bill Clements calls for draining water from the Sulphur and Red River basins in East Texas and Arkansas for use on the western plains.

An integrated statewide plan is being sought in part because of findings disclosed in the recently completed High Plains Study Council draft report.

The report confirmed earlier studies that water was running out of the Ogallala Aquifer, which includes 1.2 million acres in Texas and is the world's largest, much faster than it was being replaced.

In addition to Texas, Con-

gress ordered Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico to come up with recommendations by the year's end. The aquifer has 177,000 square miles of states.

Studies showed a 14.3 million acre loss by the Ogallala will cut production by the year's end. The Texas plan will lose 1.6 million Nebraska 1.5 million, Colorado 300,000, Colorado 200,000, New Mexico 224,000.

The report predicts will actually gain in irrigated acreage as deep-use becomes more common.

Proposals to aid farmers include schemes to upgrade conservation and crop efforts, and — the report's controversial issue — to tap water to the west from the of Arkansas, Missouri and Dakota.

Not with my husband

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WAUKESHA, Wis. — The young aide at the Social Services Department asked a pregnant woman applying for additional welfare aid her name, address and income.

And then a more important question:

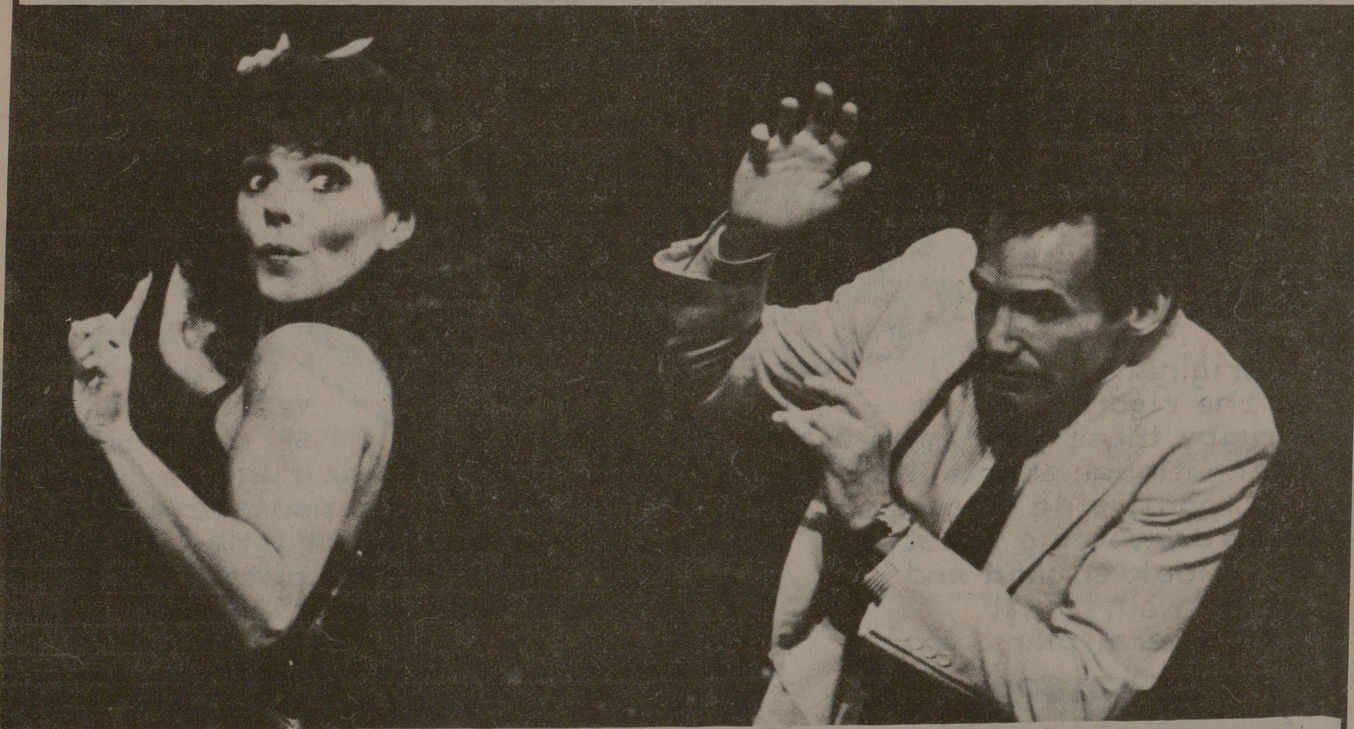
"Who is the father?" The pregnant woman named the case aide's husband.

It was a shock to both. The pregnant woman's case later was transferred to another

aide, but welfare officials the first aide began the recipient with the calls. That's a violation of confidentiality of welfare.

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