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photo by Tony Boone

Matt Craig, a sophomore from Waco, sharpens up his skills on Mt. Aggie. Ski students are probably dreaming about Christmas break and fresh powder on the slopes as they study for final exams.

## Crewmen admit guilt in marijuana smuggling

**United Press International**  
NEWARK, N.J. — Eleven crewmen of a Colombian drug ship have confessed their roles in a \$28 million smuggling plot that resulted in the largest marijuana seizure in state history.

The defendants pleaded guilty Friday before U.S. District Judge Harold Ackerman to a charge of conspiracy to import 35 tons of Colombian marijuana that was unloaded at a South Amboy dock on July 17.

One defendant, Herman Martinez, 45, with a record for a similar offense, pleaded guilty to two counts — conspiracy and knowingly importing 70,000 pounds of the drug.

The Colombians admitted their roles in the scheme under plea-bargaining deals. They listened to the proceedings on sets of wireless headphones as a court interpreter translated the judge's remarks into Spanish.

They were among 27 individuals named in a four-count indictment returned July 29. Trial for most of the remaining defendants was set to begin Tuesday.

About 50,000 pounds of the drug were transferred from a 110-foot freighter to a tractor-trailer rig on a pier at the Modern Transportation Waste Disposal Dock before dawn July 17, authorities said.

The driver of the tractor, Pablo Leon, 28, of Miami, was stopped and arrested several hours later at the foot of the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee.

As federal agents were arresting Leon, the tug "Julian-A" began towing the freighter into Raritan Bay. At that point, nar-

cotics agents moved in and arrested six men on the dock and confiscated 20,000 pounds of marijuana.

Three officers set out after the freighter in an 18-foot vessel and eventually convinced it to surrender after the tug made several unsuccessful attempts to ram the small craft against the ship. The tug later was captured by the Coast Guard.

Ackerman set sentencing for Jan. 14. Martinez faces up to 10 years in prison while the others face maximum 5-year terms.

## Draft resister won't register, cites 'butchery' as reason

**United Press International**  
ST. LOUIS — The son of a former Air Force officer says he will go to jail rather than register for the draft and become part of the system of military "butchery."

Sam Diener, 18, said his father disapproved of his public decision to disobey the draft registration law. But the younger Diener said his conscience would not allow him to register. "I am proclaiming the right of symbolic speech by refusing to give the military my autograph," said Diener, a freshman at Washington University. "By signing my name on the registration form, I would become part of the system of butchery."

Deiner said the government was repressive by prosecuting only those resisters who publicly spoke out against registration.

"It was this governmental act that finally motivated me to proclaim my resistance publicly," he said.

He said the recent ruling in a

California court making it more difficult for the government to

prosecute draft resisters who publicly state their positions did not influence his decision. Diener said his stand was first revealed Nov. 1 in a student publication.

## Now you know

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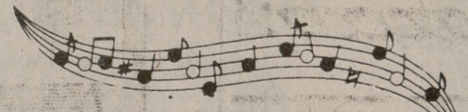


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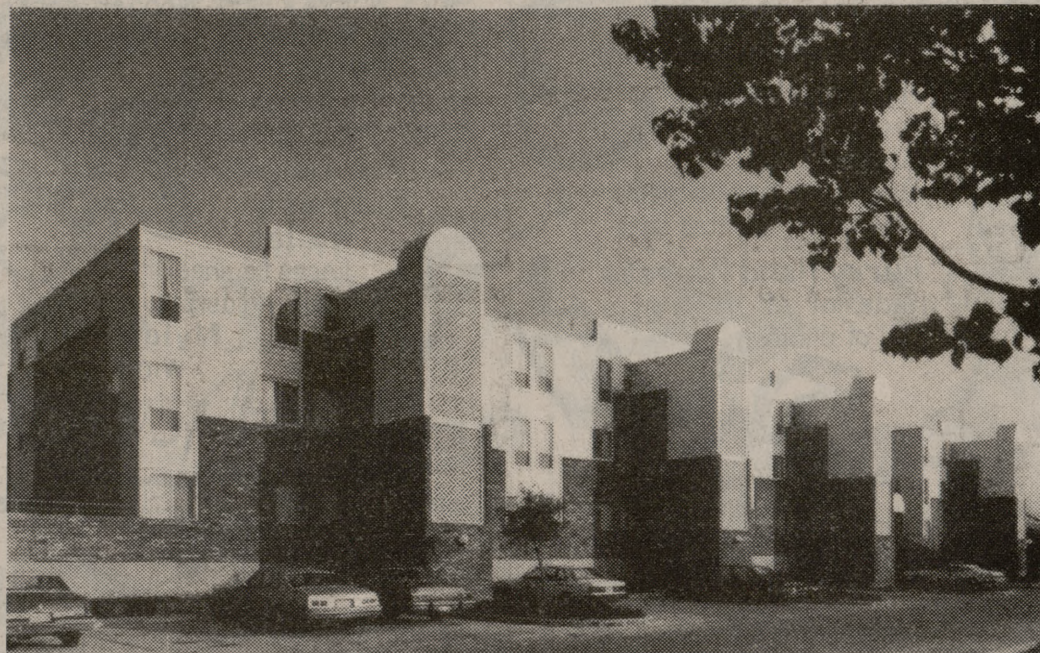
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