

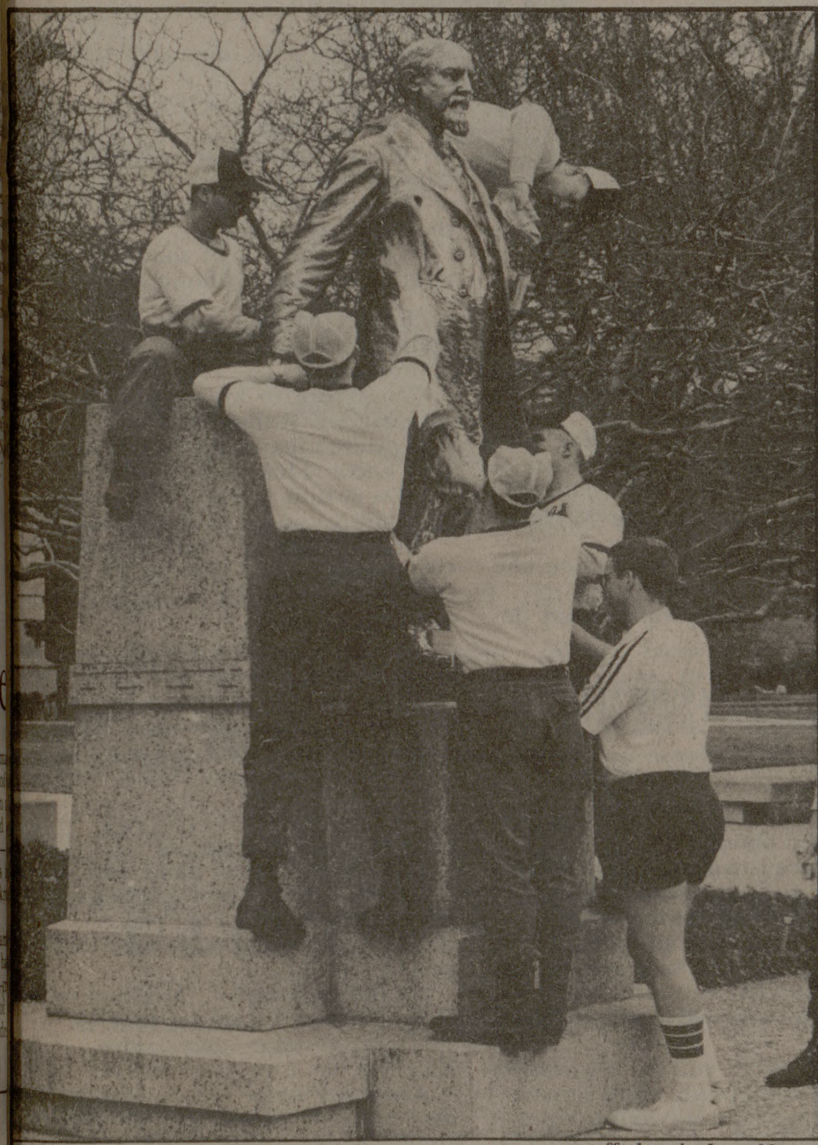
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Shining Sully

Freshman from Company D-1 shine the statue of Sullivan Ross in front of the Academic Building Tuesday in honor of the Student Conference on National Affairs. The conference, which begins today, deals with Latin American Affairs.

Plane hijacked to Mexico; passage to Cuba demanded

United Press International
NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — Three men hijacked an airliner with 22 people aboard over central Texas Tuesday and ordered it flown to the Mexico border where the hijackers negotiated with Mexican authorities to be taken to Havana, Cuba, Mexican police said.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Washington D.C. said there was only one hijacker, but Romulo Certuche, commandant of police in the Mexican border city of Nuevo Laredo who negotiated with the men, insisted there were three.

He said the men were armed with a machine gun and a bomb.

Airline officials said the plane carried 17 passengers, two company employees and a crew of three. After landing in Nuevo Laredo, the hijackers released six passengers — five women and a man — leaving them with 13 hostages.

"We have had a hijacking," said Mark Connell, vice chairman and chief executive officer of the Texas commuter airline headquartered in Killeen, Texas. "This is the real thing."

Connell said the aircraft, a DeHavilland 7 — a four-engine, 48-passenger turboprop — was seized at 10:27 a.m. between Killeen and Dallas in north Texas, and ordered flown to Nuevo Laredo. It landed at the border city about at 11:45 a.m.

A rescue worker at the airport said, "They want to go to Cuba. They want to go to Cuba and they requested a plane, possibly a Lear Jet."

Certuche identified two suspects as Joey Gonzalez and Jose Sheychols. The third was not identified.

Police said they did not know where any of the three were from.

The aircraft, flight 252 from Killeen to Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport, was seized south of Dallas. The pilot broadcast a hijack code to ground stations, turned south and flew to Nuevo Laredo.

Rio Airways was formed in 1967 and serves Texas and Arkansas. It owns 21 planes and flies 124 flights daily.

"We haven't been able to talk to the crew yet, so we don't know how this came down," Connell said.

Two dead after Mardi Gras

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — More than a million revelers packed the streets for Mardi Gras but the celebration was marred by the deaths of a woman shot in a robbery and a sailor crushed by a float while leaping for a souvenir.

Tuesday afternoon's procession of brightly colored floats was interrupted for more than half an hour when a rig in the Crescent City parade ran over the seaman.

Witnesses said Wilson Montague, 21, of Philadelphia lost his footing while jumping for a cheap rubber-and-wood spear thrown from the

float. His neck and head were bleeding profusely as he was rushed to Charity Hospital.

"He saw the spear and didn't realize he was so close," said witness Paula Thompson. "He just went under it."

Montague, assigned to the USS Austin, died after two hours of surgery, a hospital spokesman said.

Less than two hours earlier, a Florida woman was shot to death at a fried chicken stand near the parade route by a man who confronted her and three friends demanding money.

Police said the man got away with about \$300 but shot Bernice Hollman

of Panama City in the face when she told him she had only pocket change. The woman and her friends were heading home and had stopped for something to eat, officers said. A suspect was being sought in the slaying.

Fat Tuesday festivities ended at midnight — the official commencement of Lent.

Revelers decked out in glittering costumes and faces painted in the official Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold and green began to jam city streets shortly after sunrise, reserving choice spots along parade routes.

"Throw me something, mister!"

yelled Laura Tyson, 81, of Missouri, as she shoved a child out of the path of a flying plastic cigar thrown from a float in the Zulu parade.

"I'm AWOL from a nursing home," she said. "My kids sent me \$200 for Valentine's Day. They told me I needed a new coat but I decided I needed a new frame of mind instead."

Police said more than 1 million people — enjoying the sunshine — crowded into a few square blocks of the city for Mardi Gras festivities, lauded as the world's largest free party.

SCONA delegates, speakers meet to discuss Latin American affairs

by Connie Edelson
Battalion Staff

The 28th annual Student Conference on National Affairs, which begins today, deals with "The Latin Americas: Challenges and Alternatives." The conference will continue through Saturday.

This year, 150 delegates from around the world are expected at the conference. Delegates from the United States are attending as well as 28 delegates from Scotland, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala and Chile.

The 20 delegates who represent Texas A&M were chosen by a committee at the beginning of this semester.

SCONA committee members do

not always act as delegates to the conference, but must go through the same interview process as other students. A knowledge of the conference topic is essential to being chosen as a delegate.

Val T. McComie, assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States, will make the opening address at 2:30 p.m. today in Rudder Theater.

Other conference speakers include:

- Alfonso Quinonez Meza, president of Compania Hotelera Salvadorena.
- Harry W. Shlaudeman, U.S. ambassador to Argentina.
- Dr. Robert Z. Danino, secretary

general of the Ministry of Economics, Finance and Trade in Nicaragua.

- Ambassador Viron P. Vaky, associate dean and research professor in diplomacy and north-south relations at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- Professor Heitor Gurgulino de Souza, vice president of the Federal Council of Education of Brazil.

All speeches except Vaky's are open to the public, and further information on times and locations is available in the Memorial Student Center.

Between speeches, delegates attend round-table sessions. Each table is moderated by co-chairmen from business, political or academic

backgrounds who oversee the discussions. Christy Hanby, vice chairman of publicity for the committee, said.

Round-table sessions are open to the public.

Delegates will attend a performance of "Evita," dinner with the Corps of Cadets, a night of dancing at the Texas Hall of Fame, lunch with the Singing Cadets, and a barbeque and square dance.

The SCONA committee began planning the conference in April. After choosing the topic, the committee conducted fund drives and raised \$76,000.

Hanby said funds were contributed by former students, businesses and foundations.

Amendment proposed

United Press International
AUSTIN — A Texas House committee has approved a proposed constitutional amendment to earmark \$125 million annually in construction funds for schools not included in the Permanent University Fund.

The Committee on Higher Education reported the bill to the full House on a 6-0 vote Monday. A Senate committee is scheduled to take up the legislation today.

Texas A&M and the University of Texas are the only two state universities that share in the PUF, which is

financed from earnings on oil-rich state-owned lands.

An amendment to this bill would allow predominantly black Prairie View A&M University to receive at least \$600 million from the PUF during the next decade.

The measure, if approved by the Legislature, would require approval in a statewide referendum later this year.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said the bill would probably be debated this week by the full House.

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forecast

Clear to partly cloudy today with a high of 62. Variable winds at 5 to 10 mph. Partly cloudy for tonight and a low near 40. Clear to partly cloudy on Thursday with a high near 66.

almanac

United Press International
 Today is Wednesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 1983 with 318 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its first quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus and Mars.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius.

Henry Wilson, 18th vice president of the United States, was born on this date in 1812 and American historian Henry Brooks Adams, in 1838.

On this date in history:

In 1923, the treasure-laden tomb of Tutankhamen — "King Tut" — was opened by archeologists in Egypt's Valley of the Kings.

Local clinic directors say law won't decrease sexual activity

by Jane G. Brust
Battalion Reporter

On the first visit, young women enter the building anxiously, cautiously. They anticipate meeting scornful, curious eyes behind the counter. But instead, cheerful welcoming faces greet them and seat them.

Such young women say it isn't easy to walk into a family planning center for the first time. But after that initial visit, having gynecological checkups and asking for birth control supplies is natural and necessary, they say.

A New York federal judge agrees. U.S. District Judge Henry F. Werker this week blocked implementation of the parental notification rule that was scheduled to take effect Feb. 25. But federal authorities say they aren't sure whether the temporary block applies to the entire country.

Meanwhile, additional hearings are underway in other federal courtrooms, and those decisions could launch an appeal from the Justice Department.

The parental notification rule, also known as the "squeal law," was proposed by the Reagan administration. It focuses on more than two million females under 18.

The rule would require 5,000 federally funded family planning clinics to notify parents within 10 days of their minors' receiving prescription birth control — specifically, pills, diaphragms and intrauterine devices. This applies to clinics receiving federal funds under the Title X family planning program.

The proposal also states that only one parent needs to be informed by certified mail. The only exception would be if clinicians suspect that physical harm to the minor would result from parental notification.

The rule has been the subject of lawsuits charging that the regulations are unconstitutional and that they represent an abuse of authority by Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker. Schweiker re-

portedly has called the proposal "a reasonable balance" between the necessity of birth control supplies and the need to preserve parental roles.

Proponents of the rule say it would promote communication between parents and teen-agers by encouraging teens to consult their parents.

Ultimately, the rule would decrease sexual activity among the nation's young people, proponents say.

Opponents were quick to call that idea nonsense.

Private physicians and professional organizations — including the Planned Parenthood Federation of America — have filed lawsuits to block the rule. Those suits still are pending, but opponents say they are pleased with Werker's stay.

Such organizations as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Girls Clubs of America have voiced their disapproval of the parental notification rule.

Their forecast calls for national crisis if the rule were implemented. Eve Paul, Planned Parenthood's vice president for legal affairs, reportedly has called the proposed regulation an "outrage," saying it "threatens the health and well-being of hundreds of thousands of teen-agers and their families."

Locally, the College Station Planned Parenthood clinic would not have to comply with such a rule because its funding is classified under Title XX, not Title X, and government intervention is not an issue.

But Sally Miller, the coordinator of that clinic, echoed Paul and other professionals who say parental notification would result in increased numbers of unwanted pregnancies and abortions nationwide, as well as more cases of venereal disease.

Miller said young people are acting maturely and responsibly in seeking assistance from family planning agencies.

"Sex education and birth control

information should be in the home or church — that's my personal opinion," Miller said. "But if that doesn't work, it's reasonable to seek information and supplies elsewhere, to prevent the disastrous alternatives."

Young people who cannot leave the community to travel elsewhere for birth control supplies, and who do not have family communication would suffer most, she said.

A number of Miller's clients agreed.

Interviews with clients at the local Planned Parenthood clinic verbalized both fear and anger.

A 21-year-old said: "The older generation is trying to inflict morality and stop the sexual revolution. But if a 17-year-old is old enough to have sex, and old enough to plan ahead, it's not the parent's business."

Several clients said the minors who are taking precautions in their sexual activity now would risk pregnancy rather than confide in their parents.

"I know for sure I would have taken chances if it (the rule) applied to me," the 21-year-old said. "Kids are naive. Girls will put the responsibility in the hands of the fellows because they're not smart enough to get any other method."

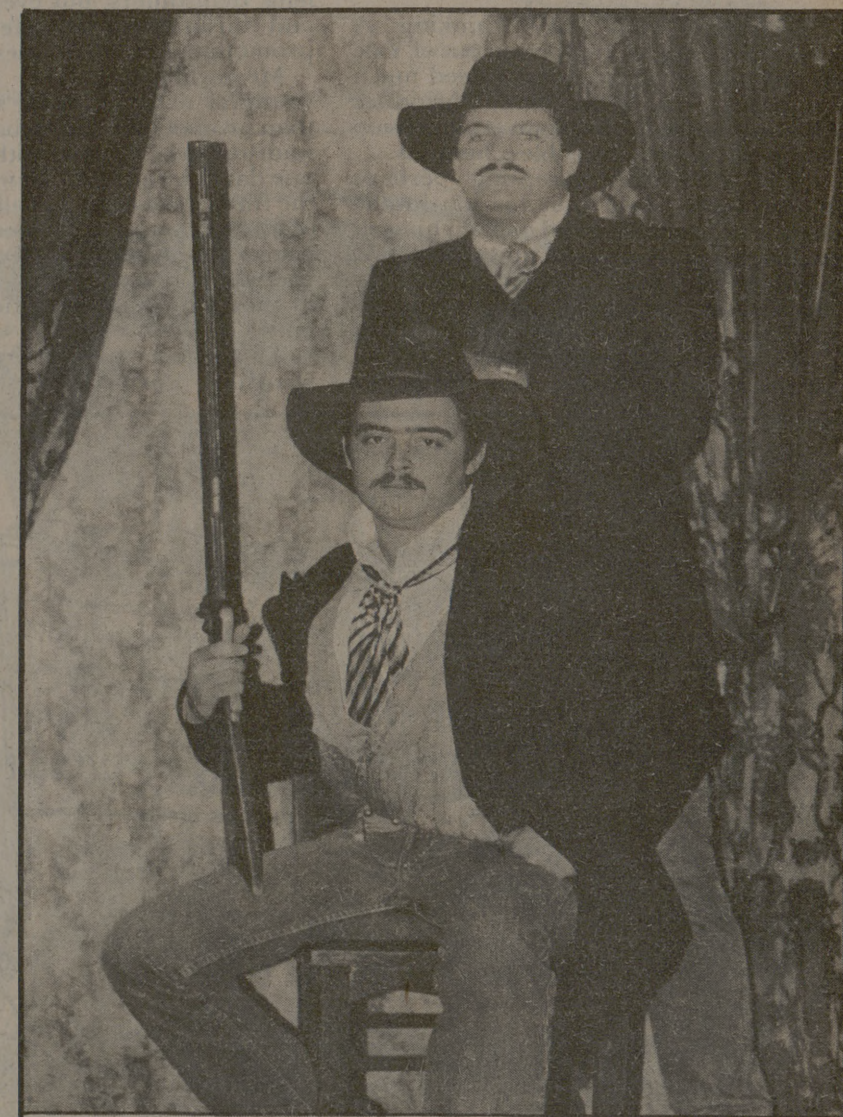
Miller said "putting it in the hands of the fellows" most likely would mean a couple would rely on condoms and foam, or condoms only, for birth control, rather than on the pill, diaphragm or IUD — methods that usually are more effective.

"About 90 percent of our clients have already been sexually active before coming in here for a good method of birth control," Miller said.

One client said she waited until her 18th birthday before coming to the Planned Parenthood clinic, for fear her parents would be contacted.

"If this rule takes effect," she said, "people like me who can't tell their mothers and fathers won't come in."

"I think my parents are smart



staff photo by Irene Mees

The same old thing?

Associated General Contractors President Steve Moreno, standing, and AGC public relations man Joel Morris pose for an old-timey photograph. The photographs, taken in Langford Architecture Building, are being sponsored by the AGC for its fund raiser. Moreno is a senior building construction major from San Antonio, and Morris is a junior building construction major from Dallas.