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# on MSC SCONA begins Wednesday

By ANN CERVENKA Staff Writer

The Memorial Student Center tudent Conference on National Affairs will begin its 30th annual con-ference Wednesday with the topic

The Emerging China." Over the years, the emphasis of SCONA has changed, says Joe er, for example Hyde, vice chairman of public affairs. "As SCONA has gotten bigger, quisitive med we've taken a more international

r information scope," he says.
Choosing the Soviet Union for the example, a 1980 SCONA conference was the who tries, if first major shift to an international eans, to disco

Hyde says the conference issue is one who the chosen each year after participants in the previous conference return
Point Military Academy to attend a Terrill, a professor of government at topic suggestions. This year, the top similar conference on United States Harvard University, and Dr. Harry

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three issues were the emerging China, world terrorism and the world financial network.

"China is not in the forefront of the news yet," Hyde says. However, people are beginning to notice that the country which became commu-nistic in 1946 under Mao Tse-tung is a "communist lure to capitalism," he

The purpose of SCONA is not necessarily to attract well-known speakers, but to get a variety of knowledgeable people to discuss the issue. "We want to get experts in the field to examine world issues," Hyde

SCONA began in 1955 when the president of the MSC visited West Point Military Academy to attend a

program and brought the idea back

Last summer, four members of SCONA went to China to prepare for the conference.

'We wanted to get a basic understanding of the culture, history and current situation," Kent Goeking,

vice chairman of speakers, says. Goeking, who went to China, also visited Houston to talk with Consul General Kingbo Tang, who has helped with the conference. Tang is responsible for getting a commitment to attend from one of the main speakers, Ling Qing, China's ambassador to the United Nations.

Other speakers include Dr. Ross

affairs. He was impressed with the Harding, author of several books and articles on Chinese domestic policy and relations between China and the United States.

> This year student delegates will come from many countries, including Taiwan, China, Japan, Guata-mala, Mexico, Canada and the United States. European delegates will be from France, Germany, Switzerland and Scotland.

The conference will be in Rudder Theater and is free to the public. The opening address is Wednesday at 1:40 p.m. Speeches are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday. Friday, speeches are at 9 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. The closing address will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

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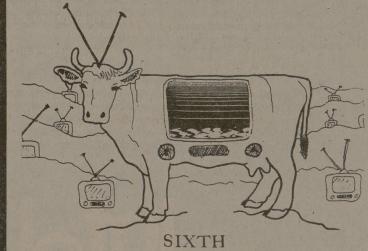
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"I am extremely confident in this tin board swe matter," the first-term attorney gentering an official plea of "not guilty" before State District Judge Mace B. el for those

Thurman accepted pretrial mo-ons from attorneys Monday and uter systems resided over selection of a 92-memper jury panel that will report Wednesday morning for jury selec-

The state will present its first wit-1. Nov. 2, 198 ness, Houston lawyer Thomas R. McDade, when the presentation of evidence begins Friday.

Roy Minton, Mattox's top attor-ney, said an agreement was made for those who

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AUSTIN - Attorney General tants over defense demands that records of the law firm of Fulbright &

> Jaworski, of which McDade was a member, be made available. However, Minton said the details of the motion and the agreement were sealed by the court and were not available to the public.

Minton said a defense request that Fulbright & Jaworski's files on a case it handled for Mobil Oil Co. be made available was still under consider-

A grand jury indictment returned Sept. 13, 1983 after 2½ months investigation alleged Mattox threatened in a telephone conversation to block state-required approval of public bonds submitted by Fulbright Jaworski. The indictment said Mattox offered not to delay approval of the bonds if the firm would order McDade to stop trying to question Mattox's sister, Dailas attorney Janice Mattox, in connection with a lawsuit involving the state, Mobil Oil and South Texas rancher Clinton

"I did not threaten them with the bonds," Mattox told reporters out-side the courtroom Monday. "The conversation in which they said I did something wrong is not there, they conveniently can't find it."

Commercial bribery is a third-degree felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

day state law says if he is finally convicted of the charge he could not run for re-election in 1986. However, he would not have to resign the job even if convicted.

Mattox's attorneys have claimed for more than a year that the indictvoided. Thurman has turned down 15 separate motions to dismiss the indictment, and the 3rd Court of Appeals also refused to dismiss the

### History today

Today's highlight in history: In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had been Queen of England for nine days, was beheaded after be-

ine days, was beneaded after the ing charged with treason.
In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe landed at Savannah, Ga.
In 1870, women in the Utah Teiritory were granted the right

Ou Feb. 12, 1809, the 16th president of the United States. Abraham Lincoln, was born in a og cabin in what is now Larue

In 1908, the first round-the-world automobile race began in New York It ended in Paris the following August, and was won by the team of George N. Schus-ter, George J. Miller and Monta-gue Roberts.

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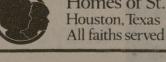
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