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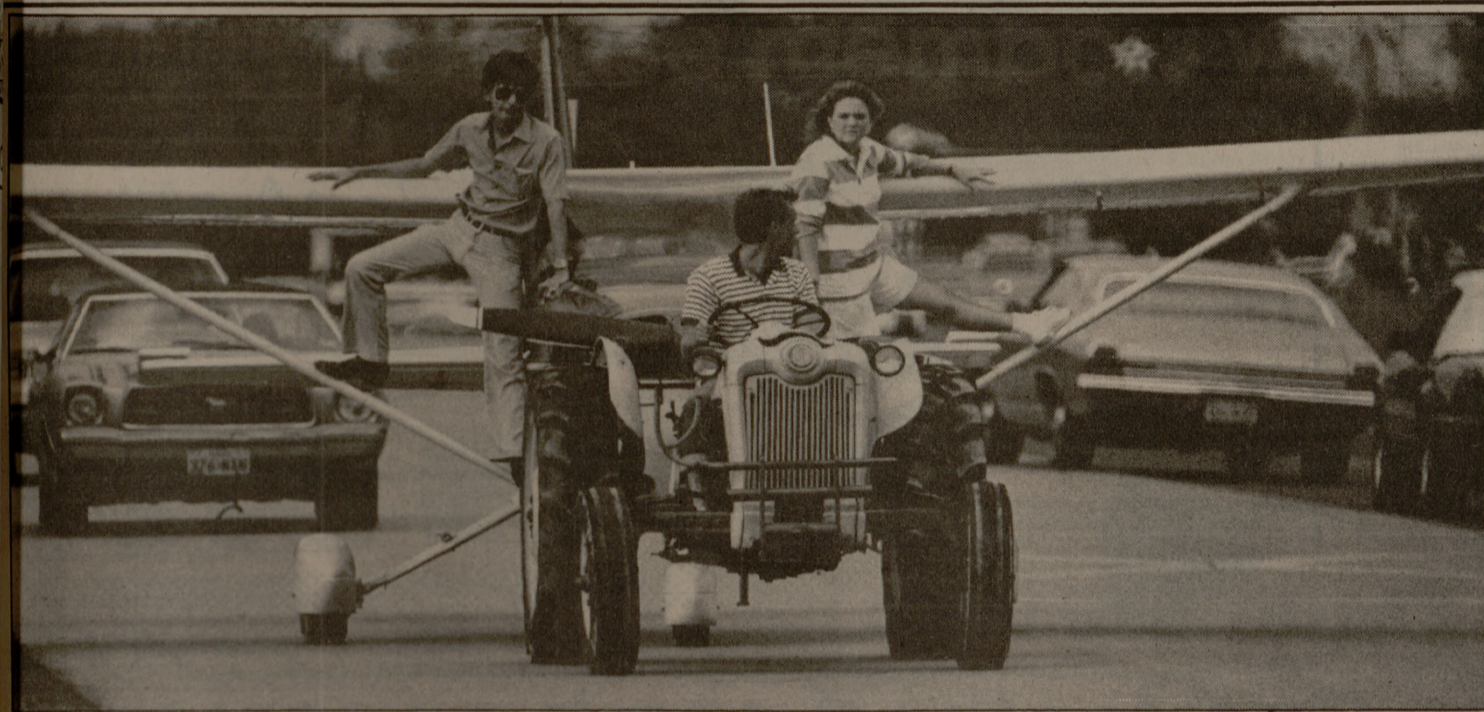


Photo by Greg Bailey

But Will It Fly?

Texas A&M Flying Club members, from left, Mike Villarreal, Jeff Zinfueh, David Brown and Terri Rothell, tow one of the club's air-

planes back to Easterwood Airport Monday. The plane was used on campus to promote the club's new members' meeting.

Forces search Chilean leftist strongholds

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Security forces Monday arrested opposition leaders and raided leftist strongholds in slum areas to search for the would-be assassins who ambushed President Augusto Pinochet's motorcade.

Three leading dissidents and three French activist priests were among those said to have been arrested. Five news magazines were banned.

The ruling four-man junta, dominated by Pinochet, decreed a 90-day siege throughout Chile after Sunday's rocket and machine gun attack. Five of Pinochet's bodyguards were killed and 11 wounded in the ambush.

Pinochet, a general and the commander of the army, suffered only cuts on his left hand in the ambush

on a road in the Maipo Canyon, 18 miles southeast of the capital. He was returning from his weekend home.

It was the first reported attempt on Pinochet's life since he took power in a military coup 13 years ago Thursday.

Neither of the country's two Marxist guerrilla groups claimed responsibility for the attack.

Chile's Roman Catholic bishops and the broad-based moderate opposition movement condemned the assassination attempt.

Soldiers with blackened faces and several tanks surrounded La Victoria and Davila slums before dawn and security police began house-to-house searches, witnesses said.

Both shantytowns in southwestern Santiago have strong Marxist political organizations.

Three French Roman Catholic priests were arrested during the raids, a church spokesman told the Associated Press.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, she said the priests, Paul Dubois, Daniel Caruette and Jaime Lancelot, were taken to a nearby police station.

She said no other details were immediately available.

Witnesses told reporters that at least two of the priests were beaten with rifle butts.

Plainclothes police without warrants arrested Ricardo Lagos and German Correa, leaders of branches of the Socialist Party, in pre-dawn raids on their homes, relatives said.

Rafael Marroto, a public spokesman for the Leftist Revolutionary Movement, was reported arrested in a similar raid.

The Revolutionary Movement and the outlawed Communist Party both support guerrilla groups.

Faculty Senate backs reorganization

By Sondra Pickard
Senior Staff Writer

A lengthy Faculty Senate debate Monday resulted in subsequent passage of a resolution suggesting that problems with the current organizational structure of the University and System should be eliminated.

The resolution was drawn up by a specific senate subcommittee appointed to the task in 1984 and it includes results of the committee's research showing inadequacies in the relationship between the organization of the University and System. According to the report, this results in "unnecessary burdens to faculty as they pursue their responsibilities

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Vandiver concerned about cuts

By Sondra Pickard
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Dr. Frank E. Vandiver

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver opened the first fall semester session of the Faculty Senate Monday by reassuring senators of ongoing efforts being made by the administration to protect faculty interests in the face of a threatening Texas Legislature.

Vandiver said taking away sick leave benefits for faculty members on less than 12-month appointments is "one of the most

depressing examples of lack of concern" he had ever seen, and that he is hopeful these benefits will be restored in the near future.

He also expressed concern for the primary faculty retirement program — the Optional Retirement Program — which has been in danger of elimination for some time now, saying "voices will be heard until the last shot has been fired."

Addressing the substantial hike in faculty parking fees, Vandiver

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Jet crew draws fire for escape

LONDON (AP) — The escape of Pan Am's cockpit crew at the start of the 17-hour hijacking in Pakistan has stirred debate over whether the ancient rule that a captain never abandons ship should apply to jetliner hijackings.

An informal Associated Press survey Monday found disagreement on the issue among pilots, airline officials and the hijack victims themselves.

Opinions ranged from one survivor who called the cockpit crew's action "absolutely superb" to a spokesman for a competing airline who said it was "unthinkable."

By escaping through a hatch in the roof of the Boeing 747 soon after terrorists boarded the plane Friday, the three-man flight crew effectively grounded the jetliner at Karachi Airport.

But it left the nearly 400 passengers and remaining crew without an authority figure and confronting four terrorists, who blasted them with grenades and machine-gun fire, killing 18 people.

Le Figaro, a leading French daily, editorialized Monday, "If one refers to the maritime world, where the tradition would have the captain of a sinking ship be the last to leave the deck, one could find quite cowardly the conduct of this crew."

Capt. William Kianka of Hopewell, N.J., the pilot of the jumbo jet, was interviewed outside his home by WABC-TV and was asked about the crew's action.

"I feel that the decision that we made as the cockpit crew, and we made it together, was the best decision we ever made and I'm sure that you can tell by the results of how many people were saved," he said.

Terry Middleton, executive administrator of the London-based International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations, which represents 60,000 pilots in 66 nations, said the advantage of keeping a commandeered airliner grounded could outweigh all other considerations.

A British Airways pilot, Chris Oriabar, said he had no doubt what he would do in the same circumstances. "I would stay on board and somehow disable the aircraft," he told London's *Daily Mail* newspaper.

But Shuli Naor, a captain for the Israeli airline El Al, quoted in the Tel Aviv newspaper *Hada-shar*, disagreed.

"Look, if you drop the heroic business of the crew being the last to abandon ship — here it's the plane — when the crew abandons the plane, the plane becomes an unattractive object for hijacking," he was quoted as saying. "It's like you've hijacked a building."

Pan Am announced Monday it had suspended flights to Karachi until authorities explain the airport security lapses that resulted in the jet's seizure.

2 House members will sponsor tax bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Two House members said Monday they are sponsoring bills that call for the temporary sales tax increase being pushed by Gov. Mark White.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said he would support a tax hike if a good faith effort to make necessary cuts fails to balance the budget.

But House Ways and Means Chairman Stan Schlueter said he sees no reason to conduct a committee hearing on a tax bill.

"Why would you have a hearing on a bill that can't pass?" asked Schlueter, D-Killeen.

In a Monday speech opening the second special session on the budget crisis, White renewed his call for increasing the sales tax from the current 4 1/2 percent to 5 1/4 percent through August 1987.

Reps. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, and Al Luna, D-Houston, said they are convinced that's the best plan available, and both are introducing bills that would do that.

"We took the governor's proposal because we thought it was the simplest, fairest and quickest way to get out of here," said Luna.

About 60 of the House's 150

members support the tax hike, Luna said.

"We thought it was important that we show there is significant support in the House for a tax bill," Luna

said. "I'm not saying that we have the votes to pass it."

Uher said he decided to file his tax bill last week as the first special session on the budget ended in stalemate. He said his constituents have voiced support for the temporary increase, telling him, "You're doing the right thing. You get your business done and come home."

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, expressed frustration over what he called a misperception about his stand on taxes. The speaker was viewed during the first special session as the prime opponent to higher taxes.

"I'm not for a tax today because we haven't got there yet. Once we get there, if we're short, I'll be for a tax," he told reporters.

White: Blame me if tax increase approved

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White, once again urging the Legislature to balance the budget by raising taxes, volunteered Monday to take the political heat if lawmakers approve his program.

"To those who try to blame you for what we do here, tell them we had to do it," White said as he opened the second budget-bal-

ancing special session. "Blame me."

The governor said his proposal for a one-year, 1 1/2-cent sales tax increase is as necessary now as when lawmakers gathered for their first 30-day session Aug. 6.

White said spending cuts alone won't erase the state budget deficit, which Comptroller Bob Bul-

lock has estimated at more than \$3 billion.

"We must come to grips with the numbers," White said. "They don't lie and they don't leave us much choice. The problem remains before us. It hasn't gone away."

He added, "There is nothing more conservative than fiscal responsibility."

Program delayed by shuttle disaster

NASA plans space station by 1994

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a four-part series examining the impact of the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on the space industry. Part two examines the future space station and the recent questions concerning its safety.

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — America's space station exists only in volumes of drawings, miles of computer tape and the minds of engineers who still disagree over it.

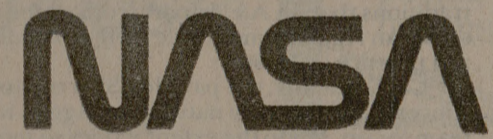
But by 1994, NASA plans to have a structure as long as one and two-thirds football fields orbiting 280 miles above the Earth, and housing eight crew members for up to 90 days. The goal is to have astronauts in a space outpost for science every day of the year.

The cost: about \$10 billion, 80 percent from the United States, the rest from Canada, Japan and the European Space Agency.

As with nearly every plan in the American space program, the space station has been sent back to the drawing board by the Challenger explosion. The loss of one of the nation's four shuttles has crippled plans to launch, supply and maintain the space station.

And the accident gave new clout to internal critics of the safety of the station's design just when the space agency was ready to draft final plans.

In 1984, President Reagan set a national goal of opening a permanent space station by 1994. Since then, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration defined uses for the station and



spent a year refining its design. Final design and construction remain to be done.

The current design calls for two 361-foot vertical booms connected by two 146-foot booms to form a rectangle. A transverse boom through the middle of the rectangle and extending out on either side would measure 503 feet.

Attached to the center of the transverse boom would be two 44-foot-long modules, each 13 feet in diameter. These modules, connected by tunnels, would house crew quarters and a laboratory. A 24-foot supply craft would be docked to the station and exchanged every 90 days.

The shuttle could dock at either of two ports. Other spacecraft and platforms would link up at five locations on the booms. Robot arms would maneuver payloads.

NASA's plans call for space-walking astronauts working as orbiting steeplejacks to build the lattice-work of booms from components delivered by the shuttle. It was thought 15 shuttle flights would be needed to lift the parts into orbit.

When Challenger exploded, these plans started unraveling.

In June, astronaut Gordon Fullerton completed a report outlining serious safety flaws. He

pointed out the station had no "life boat" — a crew would be stranded there if the shuttles were grounded again.

Fullerton said it would take 672 hours of space-walking to assemble the station, and 391 space-walking hours each year to maintain it. No other project has required so much of this very risky activity.

Fullerton noted that design changes resulting from the Challenger accident will reduce the weight the shuttle can lift. This will force NASA to use five more flights to assemble the station.

It was time to return to the drawing board, so there are 55 NASA experts huddled at the Langley center reviewing the project.

Andrew J. Stefan, recently appointed space station chief, said the review is concentrating on reducing the space-walking and on launching the parts with the reduced shuttle payload.

A final report is expected next month. The project had been distributed to four NASA centers, with Johnson Space Center near Houston to manage the program and do 42 percent of the work.

But the presidential Challenger commission criticized NASA's division of responsibility between field centers for diluting headquarters authority.

Retired Air Force Gen. Samuel Phillips recommended shifting station management to Washington headquarters.

Fletcher announced the revisions June 30, but Congressmen from Texas, already reeling from bad times in the oil industry, complained the changes would cost Houston 1,000 potential jobs.

Vandiver gives report to NCAA

From staff and wire reports

Texas A&M University has turned over a 10-volume report dealing with newspaper allegations about the school's football program to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, President Frank E. Vandiver said Monday.

Vandiver told the University's Faculty Senate he headed a delegation that last week personally delivered to the NCAA the report answering the *Dallas Times Herald* allegations made last year about A&M's football program. The investigation on which the report is based was conducted by personnel outside of the University's administrative and athletic structures, with some 300 persons interviewed, he said.

"The final report was some 2,000 pages contained in 10 volumes, and I believe it was the best and most complete report that could have been assembled," Vandiver said.

Vandiver said he would make no further public comment on

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