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## Director: Withheld names shield coaches

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When Texas A&M released the NCAA allegations against its football program, the University refused to disclose the names of athletes and coaches involved in the possible violations of NCAA rules and procedure.

The student athletes are protected from disclosure by the Buckley Amendment, a federal regulation that prohibits release of educational records without the student's consent. But the regulation does not protect faculty, staff or alumni.

Lane Stephenson, director of A&M's Office of Public Information, which released the retyped version of the allegations, said

the students' names were deleted in accordance with the Buckley Amendment. But the coaches names were withheld to protect their reputations.

"We cannot release the names of students under the Buckley Amendment, so the decision was made to comply with the federal regulation," Stephenson said.

"In the aspects of coaches, these are strictly allegations and we think that a number of those will be cleared up," he said. "If we released the names of the coaches now and they were cleared later, it could reflect adversely on them as individuals."

"If you release those names now and they end up being completely exonerated, as we hope will be the case, you can never go back and undo the fact the names had been revealed and linked to allegations. If there proves to be a basis for them ultimately, I'm sure the identity of those individuals will

come out eventually."

But two other Southwest Conference schools that were investigated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association did release the names of coaches and alumni.

In its 1987 NCAA investigation, the University of Texas disclosed to the media the names of all coaches, alumni and recruits suspected of the violations. But UT withheld the names of student athletes.

Knox Nunnally, a Houston attorney who served as UT's counsel during the investigation, said university president William Cunningham wanted to release all possible information to the media.

"I had a president at the University of Texas who made it quite clear that we should do everything we can to provide that information that we could except for that that laws would prevent us from providing to the media," Nunnally said. "That was a

partial reason why we took a liberal approach in the way we dealt with the media."

"We looked at the matter and it was our assessment that it was something we had to do and should do."

Texas Tech University took an unusually broad-minded view by releasing a word-for-word copy of its 1987 letter from the NCAA. Included in the document were the names of registered student athletes who are usually protected under the Buckley Amendment.

"Texas Tech released the letter they received verbatim, which goes to show that nobody probably ever sues under the Buckley Amendment anyway," Nunnally said.

A&M has until June to give the NCAA a detailed report of its findings regarding the 38 possible violations. Arno W. Krebs Jr., one of A&M's lawyers, said the University will not release any other information about

the allegations until its investigation is complete.

"We feel that to release any other information at this time would hamper or chill A&M's doing its investigation in response to the NCAA's request," Krebs, a Houston attorney of Fulbright and Jaworski, said. "We need to get this done and get it done correctly and that's the best way to get it done in our opinion."

Nunnally said the names of coaches accused of wrongdoing may be made public through legal procedures before A&M faces the NCAA's infractions committee.

"I would imagine that with the Open Records Act, somebody will be getting something that is more detailed and also the names of the coaches involved," he said.

A&M General Counsel Ted J. Hajovsky Jr. could not be reached for comment.

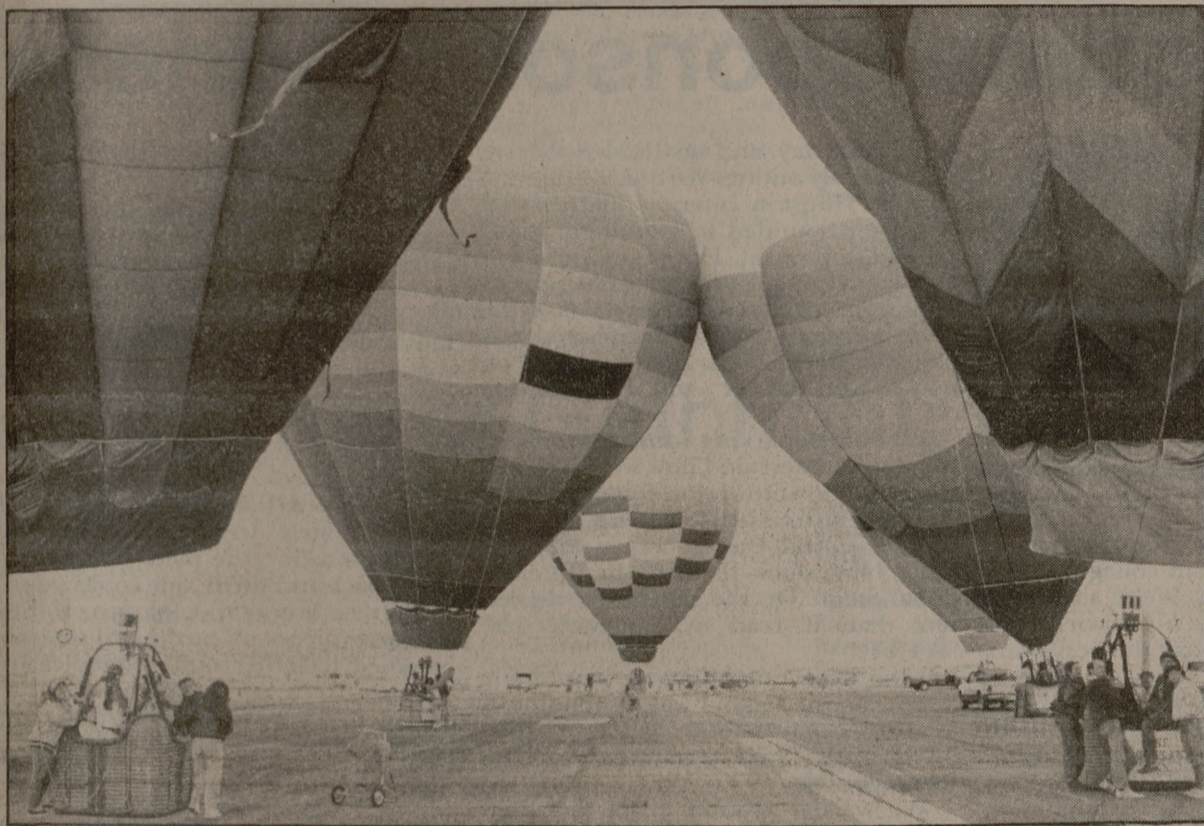


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Above: Crews prepare their hot air balloons for liftoff at Easterwood Airport Saturday. Ten hot air balloons and their crews from Bryan, Houston and Austin participated in the first annual College Station Noon Lions Club Airshow. Left: Juniors Matt Marion, Pete Sanguessa, and Rob "Maverick" Clam, all from Houston, investigate a vintage bi-plane at the airshow.

## Airshow brings warplanes, pilots to perform feats

By Tom Eikel  
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The sky above College Station was filled with the hum of propellers and the roar of jet engines this weekend as warplanes past and present were flown in the College Station Noon Lions Club's "Airshow 88."

The two-day event began at dawn Saturday with the liftoff of ten hot air balloons from Easterwood Airport. Shows on both days followed the same schedule.

Gates at the new north entrance to Easterwood opened at 9 a.m., and patrons strolled the tarmac to look at the aircraft and to meet the pilots. Shortly after, some of the aircraft performed flyovers as a warm-up for the flight demonstrations that began around 1 p.m.

Saturday's flight demonstrations began with a formation flyover from a group of World War II AT-6 trainers followed by a solo performance from one of the planes.

More than half of the pilots participating in the airshow graduated from Texas A&M.

Next, two A-10 Warthogs, modern ground support and attack aircraft demonstrated their maneuverability through a series of low-altitude passes. The A-10 is equipped with a 30mm cannon capable of cutting a tank in half.

Other WWII aircraft were next to fly, including a P-51 Mustang, but one of the best displays was the Goors Light Silver Bullet microjet performance.

The Silver Bullet is the smallest

plane of its kind in the world, measuring 12 feet long with a 17-foot wing span, and weighing only 432 pounds. Its microjet engine is capable of powering it to speeds of up to 250 knots.

The Silver Bullet's exhibition was narrated by the pilot himself as he performed a variety of stunts, including rolls, loops and stalls.

Immediately after the microjet's performance, an F-16 Air Force fighter took to the skies, giving a loud demonstration of its air combat capabilities.

Members of several wings of the Confederate Air Force reenacted historic battles, including Pearl Harbor and Midway, which were accompanied by explosions and narration.

Probably the most impressive flight of the day was by the Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier "jump jet." The Harrier showed its unique ability to hover and to make vertical takeoffs and landings. It even took a mid-air bow in front of Saturday's crowd of more than 7,000. Sunday's crowd was only about 2,300 because of the weather.

Bill Lay, first vice president of the College Station Noon Lions Club and project coordinator for the airshow, said he was happy with the turnout and the Lions received support from all those involved.

"We plan to make this an annual event," Lay said.

Proceeds from the show will be dedicated to the club's project fund to be donated to both local and worldwide charities.

## Reagan hails Soviet plans to withdraw

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — President Reagan said Sunday the expected withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan was "a major contribution" to improving East-West relations and pledged continued U.S. military aid to the Afghan rebels.

Differences over U.S. and Soviet aid to rival factions in Afghanistan had been a major obstacle to negotiations in Geneva on a settlement of the eight-year war and the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

However, the two sides appear to have agreed on a compromise under which the Soviets will continue providing aid to the Marxist government while the United States gives assistance to the anti-communist insurgents.

Reagan, in a speech to the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters, said he anticipated an agreement would be signed in Geneva "in the very near future" for a Soviet withdrawal.

The pact, negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations, is expected to be signed this week, with the Soviet Union and the United States guaranteeing a settlement of the war.

"If that accord is complied with, and the Soviets withdraw irrevocably from that long-suffering country, this will be a major victory for its heroic people, whom we shall continue to support," Reagan said.

"It will also be a major contribution to the improvement of East-West relations," he added.

The United States had offered to cut off aid to the Afghan rebels, but insisted that the Soviets stop supplying the Afghan government. The Kremlin balked, saying it was obligated by treaty to aid the Kabul regime.

## Ammunition explodes, kills more than 60

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A huge ammunition dump exploded Sunday, sending flames 500 feet into the air and grenades and anti-aircraft missiles screaming in all directions. Officials said more than 60 people were killed and almost 800 wounded.

The Pakistani capital looked like a city at war after the exploding dump showered it and adjacent Rawalpindi with weapons of all shapes and sizes.

"It's the worst disaster we've ever had in Islamabad," an emergency room doctor at the National Medical Institute said as he directed ambulances with a bullhorn.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo ordered a high-level investigation into the blast, which officials said was apparently caused by a fire.

Casualty counts were still unofficial Sunday night in the twin cities, which have a combined population of more than 4.5 million.

"Our hearts are broken and our eyes are welled up," President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq said in a statement from Kuwait, where he was to attend an Islamic summit.

He announced he would return immediately to Islamabad.

The initial explosion occurred at 9:55 a.m. shortly after the start of the Moslem work week.

Within minutes, hundreds of grenades and missiles took off, some exploding more than six miles away. For the next 35 minutes, projectiles whizzed overhead, slamming into buildings and roads. Some scored direct hits on buses and cars.

## Parents of the Year chosen for loyalty, dedication

By Jeff Pollard  
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From its beginning in 1922 as an "open house" for mothers concerned about the well-being of their sons, Parents' Weekend has given parents a chance to check up on their children and at the same time has given students a chance to give thanks for all the years of help that parents provide.

In recognition for all of this help and support, students began selecting a Mother of the Year and presented the award on the Sunday of their parents annual visit to A&M. The title was changed in 1974 to "Parents of the Year" to recognize the outstanding mother and father of a student.

At Sunday's award ceremony, the 1988-89 honor was given to John and Peggy Erickson of Dallas. David

Purinton, chairman of the Parents' Weekend Committee, said the Ericksons were chosen by his committee from a list of 17 nominees, more than twice the number of non-nominees that the committee received last year.

John Erickson is an A&M graduate (Class of '63) and was football quarterback in 1961 and 1962. He is a member of the Lettermen's Association, a member of the Aggie Club Board of Directors and has been a distinguished visiting executive to the College of Business. In the past, he has volunteered his time to the Departments of Management and Science and to the College of Agriculture.

Peggy Erickson is the former president of the Dallas A&M Mothers' Club and is currently a vice-president at large of the same club. She is the chairman of the Hullabaloo in

the Kitchen Cookbook committee and the secretary for the Friends of Sterling C. Evans Library Board of Directors.

When the award was re-established in 1974, its stated purpose was to "recognize parents who, through their example, have shown their family and friends how to lead a meaningful life through devotion to one's family, dedication to one's community and loyalty to Texas A&M University." Purinton said the Ericksons epitomize these qualities.

After the presentation, the couple was seated on stage with the other dignitaries to view the rest of the ceremony, including the presentation of the Gathright Academic and the Buck Weirus Spirit awards.

The Gathright Academic Excellence Award is presented every year to the top sophomore, junior and senior in each college at A&M. The

award was established in 1973 by the A&M student government in honor of Thomas S. Gathright, the first president of Texas A&M College. Its recipients are chosen based solely on their academic achievements and thirty students were presented the award on Sunday.

Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Donald McDonald, Chairman of the Student Senate's Academic Affairs Committee Tom Black and President of the Association of Former Students William Clayton presented each award winner with a plaque and an A&M watch.

The next presentation was of the Buck Weirus Spirit Award. This award is given to student leaders in recognition of the time and work they give to the University. Each year five freshmen, 10 sophomores, 15 juniors, 20 seniors and 2 graduate students are chosen by a com-

mittee made up of faculty staff and students.

Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of Student Activities and one of the Weirus Award presenters, said the award recipients are those who have gotten the most from A&M's "other education" in leadership and outside activities.

Making the presentations with Adair were Clayton, Randy Matson, executive director of the Association of Former Students, and Buck Weirus, director emeritus of the Former Student Association.

Also included in the ceremony was the presentation of the Corps of Cadets individual awards. General Thomas G. Darling, Commandant of the Corps, and J. E. Loupot, owner of Loupot's Bookstore and Sarge's, were among the 40 presenters of 49 awards recognizing more than 100 cadets. See pg. 3 for a list of the award winners.

## Hijackers threaten 'slow and quiet massacre'

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — The hijackers of a Kuwaiti jumbo jet offered to trade passengers for fuel Sunday and threatened to crash the aircraft into Kuwait's royal palace. They also warned of a "slow and quiet massacre" of their hostages if their demands were not met.

A flight engineer said the hijackers, who are demanding the release of 17 pro-Iranian terrorists imprisoned in Kuwait, had started to hurt one of the passengers.

It is believed that 53 people remain aboard the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747, including

three members of Kuwait's ruling Al-Sabah family and at least six hijackers.

In Lebanon, a pro-Iranian group threatened to kill kidnapped American and French hostages if any attempt was made to storm the plane.

A statement from the Islamic Jihad terrorist group was delivered to the Reuters news agency in west Beirut, along with photographs of journalists Terry A. Anderson, an American, and Jean-Paul Kauffmann of France.

"To the families of the hostages, we declare

that we shall execute the Western captives in Lebanon if the plane and holy warriors (hijackers) aboard are subjected to any military foolishness," the statement said.

In Cyprus, the Arab hijackers, who have killed one passenger since seizing the plane Tuesday, threatened to kill their captives, but a noon deadline passed without any additional slayings.

One minute before a second deadline expired four hours later, the engineer, relaying the hijackers' messages to Larnaca Airport control tower, said, "They've already started

to hurt one of the passengers." He gave no details.

Later, the hijackers offered to free 20 of the passengers in return for fuel, but that was rejected at Kuwait's insistence.

Negotiators talked with the hijackers for 20 minutes late Monday and Cypriot government spokesman Akis Fantis said, "There was an important contact right now, and by tomorrow morning we shall know the result that we would hope to be what we wish to have."

"It's the same offer always, the release of the hostages for fuel."