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# Simpson closes COSGA

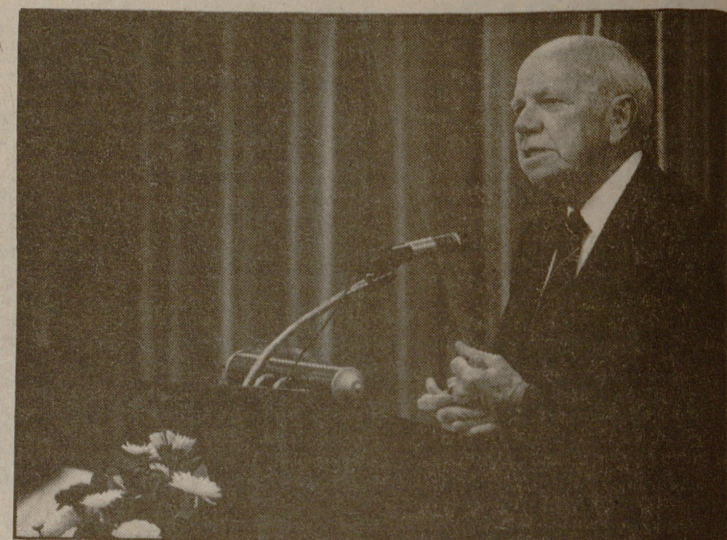
## General: Integrity key to leadership

By NADJA SABAWALA  
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Leadership consists not only of honesty and integrity, but also a genuine concern for the individual, Gen. O.R. Simpson said in a closing speech for the Conference on Student Government Associations.

"No one can tell you what leadership is or how to do it," Simpson said. "There's no science and there's no formula to follow."

Simpson, who served as vice president of student services with Texas A&M from 1974-85, addressed more than 200 college students during a luncheon Tuesday in the MSC.



Simpson

Photo by Eric H. Roebuck

He said leadership means much more than just success.

"Success only comes with effort," Simpson said. "Integrity is the key to leadership. As a leader, you take sole responsibility."

Simpson outlined attributes that effective leaders have in some degree.

"Leaders must have loyalty, not only to the people they lead, but also to their superiors," Simpson said. He added moral courage, dependability, judgement and integrity to the list.

The most contagious forms of human emotion are depression and discouragement, Simpson said. These are two qualities that a leader must not show, he said.

"Honor is your most precious possession," Simpson said. "It's yours alone to spoil and yours alone to keep."

"Integrity is what you build on, it's

something solid," he said. "Without it, you're just building on sand."

Gen. George S. Patton, an American hero of World War II, was a good model of leadership, Simpson said. Patton had all the attributes an effective leader should possess, but he lacked tact.

"He didn't care what people thought," Simpson said. "Tact is one quality that is not essential ... but it helps."

COSGA is an annual four-day event for members of student government programs. More than 80

schools participated, attending round-table discussions and lectures on such topics as bicameralism, allocation of student fees, and student assault problems on campus.

Simpson retired from A&M August 1985, but continues to visit two or three times a week to keep touch with students. He has presented the closing speeches for COSGA's last 10 conferences.

He said that despite the power leadership brings, students should realize there is still time for them to be a success and that they should not take themselves too seriously.

# Williams: contribution a mistake

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican gubernatorial hopeful Clayton Williams said Tuesday he made a mistake contributing \$1,000 to Democratic Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox but denied that it was improper.

Williams said he only wanted a fair shake in a business venture.

One of Williams' rivals, Kent Hance, charged that a Mattox investigation into a state contract awarded to a competitor of ClayDesta, Williams' former long-distance telephone company, followed the campaign contribution.

Mattox, a Democratic contender for governor, has denied the charge. Mattox never challenged the contract.

Williams, of Midland, said that he donated the money to Mattox to ensure fairness.

"When you give money you hope to have a fair game," Williams said. But, he added, that he didn't believe his donation was necessary to ensure an objective consideration of the contract.

"Why does anybody give money? You hope for good government," Williams said.

Williams took a swipe at Hance, who is chairman of the Railroad Commission, saying the commissioners' campaigns are bankrolled by oil and gas interests, the same industry it regulates. "That's a fact of life," Williams said.

Hance's campaign has requested, under the Texas Open Records Act, all information regarding Mattox's investigation of the state phone contract.

"Mattox's anti-trust division did conduct an investigation early in the year and we believe took additional steps following the August 25, 1988 contribution," Hance spokesman Mark Sanders said.

# Latest polls show Richards slumping in bid for primary

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrat Ann Richards insisted Tuesday that her slump in the most recent statewide opinion poll was good news in her bid for governor because it will kick complacent supporters into action.

"I have been really kind of bothered that my supporters were rather complacent in thinking we had this race won, that the polls all reflected we were very far ahead," Richards said.

The state treasurer, who for months led in surveys on the March 13 Democratic primary, dropped into a statistical tie with former Gov. Mark White in a Dallas Morning News-Houston Chronicle survey published Sunday.

Richards fell from 36 percent support in January to 31 percent, while White rose from 29 percent to 34 percent. Attorney General Jim Mattox ran third at 17 percent in the new survey, which had a margin of error of 5.5 points.

Richards said she believes the poll is accurate.

"That reflection is exactly what I've been telling supporters for a long time: that this race is very tight," she said. "It's going to be tight right down to the wire."

One of her own strategists, Austin consultant George Shipley, last week was quoted as saying Richards could "leave the country" and still make the April 10 runoff.

The candidate disagreed Tuesday. "This new poll helps me in the sense that it tells people just exactly what I've been saying ... This is going to be a close and narrow race and we need them out there working."

White has said the poll shows

his momentum, while Mattox said it was wrong and that his own campaign surveys show him leading.

Richards said she didn't know whether the newspapers' poll reflected effects of two incidents which have put her on the defensive over the past two weeks.

First, Mattox and White criticized her over a comment made during a televised debate, when she appeared to say politicians had no business telling a "white woman" whether to have an abortion.

Richards insists she meant to say "whether or why a woman" — and that her heavy drawl confused listeners.

Then, she said she might have written the word "wetback" in a 1976 speech text but denied ever actually saying the word. She also accused Mattox of planting an article about the speech in a Hispanic-oriented newspaper last week. Mattox denied it.

Richards said Tuesday that her long record as a civil rights activist was widely known, and she noted receiving endorsements from such minority leaders as former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan and former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros.

"I started with the farm workers 22 years ago, their first march from the (Rio Grande) Valley (to Austin)," she said. "The first campaign I was ever involved in was Henry B. Gonzalez for governor and we worked out of the NAACP headquarters."

"I have the best hiring record, the best promotion record, the best purchasing record for minorities of anybody in state government. And people know that."

# DFW receives new equipment, modernizes air traffic control

GRAPEVINE (AP) — For 19 minutes last October, controllers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport did not know exactly where all the planes were.

The computer glitch that knocked out the computers and drew congressional scrutiny should be a thing of the past with the installation of new air traffic control equipment at the nation's second-busiest airport.

The new software, which upgrades equipment designed in the 1960s, went on line at 5 a.m. Tuesday following a successful 72-hour test, according to Bob Bertelsen, DFW's systems manager for automation.

The upgrade, which began in December, consists of a new solid state memory to replace the old system, a new computer processor to act as a backup to the four already in place and a new time enhancement computer program, Bertelsen said Tuesday.

The improvements cost an estimated \$600,000, said Bill Anderson, assistant public affairs officer for the Federal Aviation Administration's southwest region.

"We have gained about 40 percent of an increase in our capacity," Bertelsen said. "That was our problem before."

On Oct. 19, air traffic had to be slowed after one of four computer processors failed to restart after maintenance. Tower personnel had to reduce traffic around the airport for most of the day to keep from overloading the others.

Air traffic at DFW has grown by leaps and bounds, Anderson said. In 1988, DFW's approach control handled 675,000 takeoffs and landings, he said. The number had grown to 698,000 by 1989.

The air traffic control equipment allows controllers to track flights on screen and see the plane's call sign, size, speed, altitude and destination, Bertelsen said. It also generates a conflict alert if two aircraft are too close to each other or if a plane is flying too low.

Dallas-Fort Worth joins New York as one of the only two sites where the Unisys-designed ARTS III equipment is in use, Bertelsen said. New systems should be on-line in Los Angeles and some of the nation's other busier airports by mid-year, Bertelsen said.

However, the DFW upgrade is not enough, according to a Texas congressman.

In testimony before the House Public Works Subcommittee on Aviation Tuesday afternoon, Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, called on the FAA to go even further in its upgrade.

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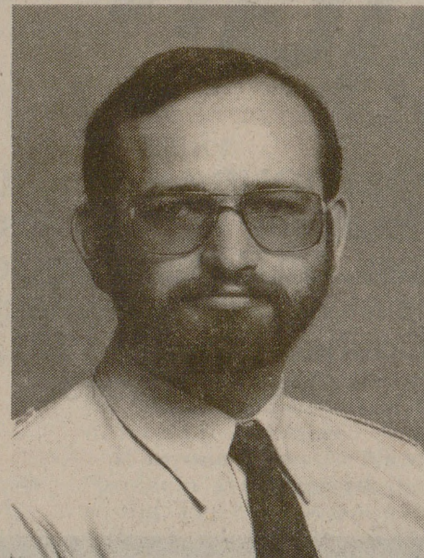
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