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These University Park students participate in the beginning of semester rites of buying textbooks — most which will never be read — at the campus bookstore Tuesday.

Long lines remain

Bookstore changes help students

By DOUG MITCHELL
Daily Cougar Staff

Several new policies have been initiated at the University Park Bookstore in an effort to make finding and purchasing textbooks easier for students.

Despite these changes, students trying to buy books were confronted by the usual long lines and crowds Tuesday.

Walter Dorsey, assistant director of the University Park bookstore, said he expected the crowds in the bookstore to remain heavy the rest of the week.

"During the first week of class, it's usually very busy," Dorsey said. "It usually starts to slow down about Thursday, and it's not too busy Friday."

To alleviate long lines, Dorsey said, each cash register has been designated as either a cash only, cash and check or check and credit card line.

"We don't want to hold up the students paying with cash only," Dorsey said. "Students with cash don't like to stand in line while a cashier calls a bank to check on a credit card. After standing in line all day to sign up for classes, no one wants to stand in line to buy books."

The bookstore employs 35 part-time cashiers, working different shifts, so that all registers are open during business hours. The hours of operation will be 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. this week only to allow students extra time to purchase books.

There are also seven employees working throughout the store helping students find books and bringing up books from the basement to fill the empty shelves, Dorsey said. These employees are wearing name tags so students can identify them

when they have questions, he said.

Running out of textbooks has not been a real problem so far and Dorsey credits that to advanced preparation.

"We ordered earlier this semester and worked over the holidays to get the books on the shelves," Dorsey said. "We're not where we'd like to be, but we're ahead of last semester."

Most students were pleased with the service in the store, but displeased with the length of lines, which stretched back to the second row of shelves in the store about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

"The lines are the worst I've seen them, but not the store," Chasie Hawk, a junior Spanish major, said. "I had an easy time finding my books."

"(The lines) are still too long," Julie Mackie, a junior finance major, said. "But they seem better than in the past."

Officials in the campus police department said bookstore thefts are down this semester as compared to last semester, with only one stolen book reported since Monday.

Dorsey said books will be bought at different sites around campus besides the bottom floor of the University Center.

"We've opened buy-back areas in the U.C. Satellite and the dormitories," Dorsey said. "The response was slow in the Satellite, but good in the dorms. We've been posting notices around campus to alert students of the new buy-back areas."

Plans to expand the textbook area of the bookstore in the U.C. and to move some student essentials to the Satellite are under consideration, Dorsey said.

Phone system bidders fail to meet UP needs

By GUY CANTWELL
Daily Cougar Staff

Plans to slash University Park's estimated \$35,000 a month long-distance telephone bill have been tentatively put on hold until bidding problems are resolved, a university official said.

Campus officials hope to stop illicit long-distance phone calls and save \$10,000 to \$15,000 a month with a proposed call tracking and routing system, Vicki Carr, assistant director for Administrative Services, said.

However, state purchasing officials have not awarded a bid for the system to an acceptable vendor, and University Park officials are anxious to see results.

"Bid approval for the Call Management System has already been delayed for three months now," Carr said.

However, the Texas state purchasing office has presented one vendor for recommendation.

Ray Brewer, a purchaser in the Texas Purchasing and General Services Commission, said that on Dec. 5, his office recommended a bid of \$47,000 from Comtex Intl. Corp. be accepted.

But, in a subsequent letter to Brewer, Carr said Comtex cannot fulfill all of University Park's requirements.

"Before bids ever went out, we recommended the companies that we knew could handle this, and Comtex was not one of them," she said. "But anyone can put down \$5 and get on the bid list."

Among other things, the

vendor's capacity for processing, recording and storing phone calls is insufficient, Carr said.

According to the rules of the Texas Purchasing and General Services Commission, if a vendor fails to meet one specification, that is grounds for rejecting the bid, J.R. Miller, purchasing agent for University Park, said.

However, Brewer said that UP officials failed to include the data processing capacity as a specification in the original bid advertisement.

"I don't know if you would call that an oversight," Carr said. "We just used the specifications that other state universities with the Call System used."

Carr said that another company, Teknekron Corp., can better serve University Park.

However, with the state facing a severe budget crunch, state officials may be reluctant to meet Teknekron's price.

Brewer said Teknekron proposed a \$277,000 long-distance phone management plan over four years.

Miller estimated that an effective call management and tracking system at University Park would cost \$268,000.

The difference in the communications corporation's bids may mean that University Park will have to revise bid specifications, adding the data processing requirement, in order for the bid to be awarded, Brewer said.

In the meantime, University

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SA goes back to work

By CAROLE HOLMES
Daily Cougar Staff

It set a record.

One half-hour after Speaker Nick Lanza pounded his gavel, the 20th meeting of the 21st session of the Students' Association Senate was over. There was virtually no old or new business; no one introduced any new legislation...nothing much happened.

It was the shortest meeting ever held in the current senate's 10-month history.

During that half hour, members of the Executive Committee urged senators to delve deeper into the heart of student concerns and act on them.

President Albert Peterson told the 16 senate members present that the organization has made progress since last spring. "There are a lot of behind-the-scenes inroads we are not ready to report on," he added.

Vice President Robin Caillouet pointed out the need for senators to take on stronger leadership roles as the new year begins. "How many of you have met with your

deans?" she asked. No hands were raised.

Prior to the holiday recess in early December, the senate passed three bills affecting internal operations. It amended the bylaws in an effort to streamline reporting procedures; allocated up to \$175 from the contingency account to bind the journals of the previous senate, with matching funds provided by the Dean of Students office; and approved \$350 for decorating the senate and executive offices of the SA.

In an Executive Committee meeting immediately following the general session Monday, senate leaders admitted that the recently approved legislation benefits only the SA. They expressed the need to focus attention during the remaining weeks of the session on issues directly affecting students.

The SA currently is recruiting students to fill 25 vacancies on various campus committees.

The SA Senate convenes every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the El Paso and Dallas Rooms of the University Center.

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The College of Architecture: "home" to hundreds of students

By MAGGIE EL-ESTWANI
News Reporter

The College of Architecture, tucked away behind the University Center and the Engineering buildings, consists of two shaded, obscure buildings: "X" and "Z." This profile will look beyond the statistics to the "personality" of the school.

The Statistics:

The College of Architecture enrolled 553 students in Fall 1984; roughly 80 percent of these are undergraduates. There are about 40 current course offerings for Spring 1985.

According to department records, there are currently 36 full-time faculty members, plus 15 graduate TA's, office staff and library staff. The Dean of Architecture is William R. Jenkins, a practicing architect. Buildings "X" and "Z" contain several classrooms, offices, an exhibition gallery, studio space for 350 people, the on-site Franzheim Library and a study area known as the "Hilton."

The Academics:

Prospective students of architecture at University Park once needed a higher GPA than other students applying to the University of Houston.

Because admissions requirements have been raised, architecture is currently on par with other colleges. Once in, students register and pay at Hofheinz like the vast majority of students at UP.

Placement in upper-level classes is limited to architecture students. Only certain courses admit students not majoring in architecture. The cost for books and materials, according to students, runs from

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\$450 to \$750 per semester.

Freshmen students incur the highest start-up costs for basic tools and materials. Most materials, like wood, must be purchased off-campus, because the campus bookstore is not equipped to handle requests for construction materials. A popular student resource is Texas Art Supply.

The University Park College of Architecture is accredited by the most prestigious boards and associations.

These include the National Association of Architec-

ture Accrediting Boards, the Texas Board of Architecture Examiners and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

Faculty members of this college have received 130 local, state and national design awards. The majority of the faculty members are also practicing architects.

The department specialty is "good design without qualifications," Associate Dean Peter J. Wood said. This commitment to quality is reflected in three ways.

First, faculty members are practitioner-educators. Second, at least one third of undergraduate and graduate credit hours are spent in studio courses. Third, student design exhibitions have recently toured Europe, Columbia and Harvard. The Texas Society of Architects convention also hosts a yearly student ex-

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hibition. All of these exhibitions have been well received.

In addition, there is a summer study program in Europe coordinated by Philip Goyert, assistant professor of architecture. The cost per student is about \$5000 for the summer. The students study in Rome, London and the Tuscany region of Italy. Studies are interdisciplinary, and students visit Italian scholars and practicing architects. Proficiency in Italian is important for some aspects of the summer program.

According to some students, the academic advisors are difficult to meet with since they work both as educators and practitioners. Wood was mentioned as a very approachable faculty member.

Other problems noted by students were the difficulty of the required courses and the lack of variety in class times. Students often stay late, and sometimes overnight. The architecture "Hilton," otherwise known as the 24-hour Studio Building (building "X"), is complete with cots.

Wood noted that while other University Park students study late into the night alone at home, architecture students study late on campus and suffer together.

Finally, some famous alumni of the architecture "Hilton" include Edmund Furler, Joel Brand and Eugene Aubrey. Aubrey is co-architect with Philip Johnson for the new architecture building, scheduled to open in Fall 1986.

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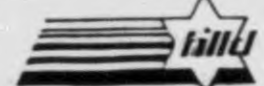
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Opinion

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Adds and Drops.

Three words that can strike terror in the hearts of University Park students.

Last fall adds and drops were a nightmare. Students spent several hours waiting in long lines just to get the forms, only to face more long lines.

To make matters worse, most students didn't get the classes they wanted or any classes at all.

Changes had to be made and, thankfully, the administration saw that and acted wisely.

There is no comparison between this semester and last semester as far as crowd size. Last year it was wall-to-wall students, but this time the lines were short.

This was due in part to more students getting their class schedules during priority registration and making section changes in a special drop-add session before the holidays.

Last semester, students were admitted to Hofheinz Pavilion in large groups, but that was changed this semester. Instead of letting all the people in with names beginning with A-L, the groups were narrowed down.

We're still a long way from the point where students will be able to get the all the classes they pre-register for, but it's a good start.

The administration has learned a lot from the fiasco of fall registration and has done a good job this time.



Keeping a military secret is tough on all of us

By ROGER SIMON

I am getting a little fed up with all this criticism of the press. We're just human beings, you know.

And when somebody starts ranting and raving about some teeny-tiny faux pas we might have made, some alleged boo-boo like giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States, it can really ruin our morning.

A few days ago, The Washington Post printed what a few nervous nellys at the Pentagon said was a military secret.

But I ask you, who is a better judge of what is a military secret — the military or the Post?

The Post, of course. And I'll tell you why:

There was a terrific movie made about the Post called "All The President's Men" and everybody in it did all the right things all the time.

Jason Robards played the editor and he went around saying things to his reporters like "Run that baby!" and making wise decisions which saved the republic from the evil government.

But what was the the last big movie about the military? "Stripes." And in it the military was silly and dumb and Bill Murray played a soldier who went around saying things like: "Dat's a fact, Jack!"

So I ask you, who (or even whom) do you trust? Jason Robards or Bill Murray?

I'm glad that's settled. I now must tell you that we reporters come across military secrets all the time.

I happen to know, for instance, that if the Soviets ever try to invade Southern California, we intend to stop them. (San Francisco, on the other hand, we have been trying to give them for years.)

Where do reporters get such highly classified information? Some of the material comes from sources buried deep within the Pentagon itself.

These sources, or "moles," are privy to really juicy secrets and will tell them to a reporter if the reporter can convince him it will strengthen democracy and fulfill the people's right to know.

Or else the reporter has to buy him a drink.

Or, if he's a really tough mole, he may hold out for a Weber grill.

If you personally don't know any moles, good sources for military secrets are the People section in Time magazine and the Humor In Uniform section of Reader's Digest.

Your average Russian spy will spend a lot of time poring over these two publications.

That's because some general will be giving an interview to a reporter and in the middle of it, he will say:

"Oh, by the way, we're going to send up a spy satellite tomorrow over Canada just to find out how they really make those hockey pucks."

But Caspar Weinberger got all hot and bothered last week just because The Post printed some things he thought were secret.

What a spoilsport. Who the heck does this guy think he is?

The secretary of defense? And where did he get that funny first name? Sounds foreign to me.

The Post has a very solid defense for what it did: Almost everything it printed had been made public, anyway, and The Post figured if its reporters could get the information, Russian spies could get it, too.

Other news organizations, including ABC, NBC, CBS, and the Associated Press, had agreed not to print the story, apparently believing Russian spies were not as clever as their reporters.

It is, I admit, a tricky argument. Personally, I would like to think the average American

reporter is a lot sharper than the average Russian spy.

Russian spies do some pretty strange things like hollowing out quarters to pass secret messages in, bugging the olives in martinis and defecting as soon as they save up enough to buy a BMW.

American reporters, on the other hand, spend most of their time in the service of their country protecting the free flow of information, guarding the First Amendment and saving up enough money to buy a Honda.

Actually, I think there are some occasions when the press should keep its mouth shut.

What would have happened, for

instance, if last year The Post had printed a story saying that the United States was about to invade Grenada in order to protect a handful of American medical students who were too dumb to get into medical school in their own country?

Why, I'll bet the government of Grenada might have agreed to any demand the U.S. might have made and we would have had to call the whole invasion off.

And what fun would that have been?

Simon is a columnist with

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Graduation comes too soon

By JANE DEES
Daily Cougar Staff

For so long, the meaning of the word has eluded me. The past five years have supposedly readied me for the hallowed event. I have cried out in joy just thinking about it, never realizing how quickly it would be here.

I'm talking graduation.

This is the last spring semester I shall ever spend at the University of Houston. One more semester of opting for Galveston over my dreary afternoon classes. One more semester of chatting with the squirrels in the oak lined sidewalks on campus. (Those critters still haven't opened up to me. Anyway...)

It's sad. Ever since we took and failed our first final exam, we have, from time to time, frustratedly wondered when and if the university would let us out. And now, the time draws frightfully near and I find myself wishing my advisor would discover a core requirement she forgot to tell me about.

"Sorry, Jane. Looks like you're gonna be here another semester." While pretending to be enraged with anger, I silently thank God for saving me from this terrible punishment we call "going out into the real world."

Don't misunderstand me. I think graduating

from college and finding a job are an integral part of the maturation process we post-pubescent must go through. My problem lies in the fact I am swimming in the shallow end of the baby boomer pond and I'm scared I might drown.

I'm not ready to be a grown-up. I'm not ready to give up the blissfully irresponsible life I've had as a sorority girl-turned reporter in favor of an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. job.

After I graduate from college, I will no longer be able to lolly-gag in bed every morning wondering if I really have to go to that early class. No longer will I be able to tell myself, "You can't have a real job, you're still in school and grades come first." (Ha! Truly, I can't remember telling myself grades come first. They usually came right about finals time.)

There's a lesson about life here. We never appreciate things until they are slipping through our grasp. You complain about the things you don't have, never realizing the things most important to you are going undetected, under your nose each day.

Take an "A-Team" lunchbox to school tomorrow. Watch cartoons when you get home from class today. Ask your parents to borrow some money to just fritter away. Be thankful you're still just a kid in college, because those days might soon be over.



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Daily Cougar ranked among top college papers in U.S.

By KAREN WELCH
Daily Cougar Staff

The Daily Cougar has received a journalism award given by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which places it among the top-ranked college newspapers in the United States.

The award of Medalist ranking is given to fewer than 10 percent of college newspapers that achieve the CSPA's "First Class" rating.

Mark Bookman, assistant vice chancellor for Student Auxiliary Services, said, "For The Daily Cougar to receive this award is a real honor for the university. The Cougar essentially plays two roles for the university; it is a major communication vehicle and a major information laboratory."

The Medalist ranking was given to the Fall 1983 and Spring 1984

editions of The Daily Cougar, under the respective editorships of Chris Amante and Sherri Vickers. Twenty representative issues of the newspaper were evaluated by independent judges and The Daily Cougar received 924 grade points out of a possible 1000, which is the highest score to date. The paper also won the award in 1979.

Wayne Scott, manager of the Daily Cougar, said, "I am so pleased for the students who worked very hard to put out a good paper. One fact which speaks so very well for the student staff and its achievement is its independence; the newspaper is truly a student effort editorially, and the largely volunteer student staff seeks to cover news and events of interest to the university community."

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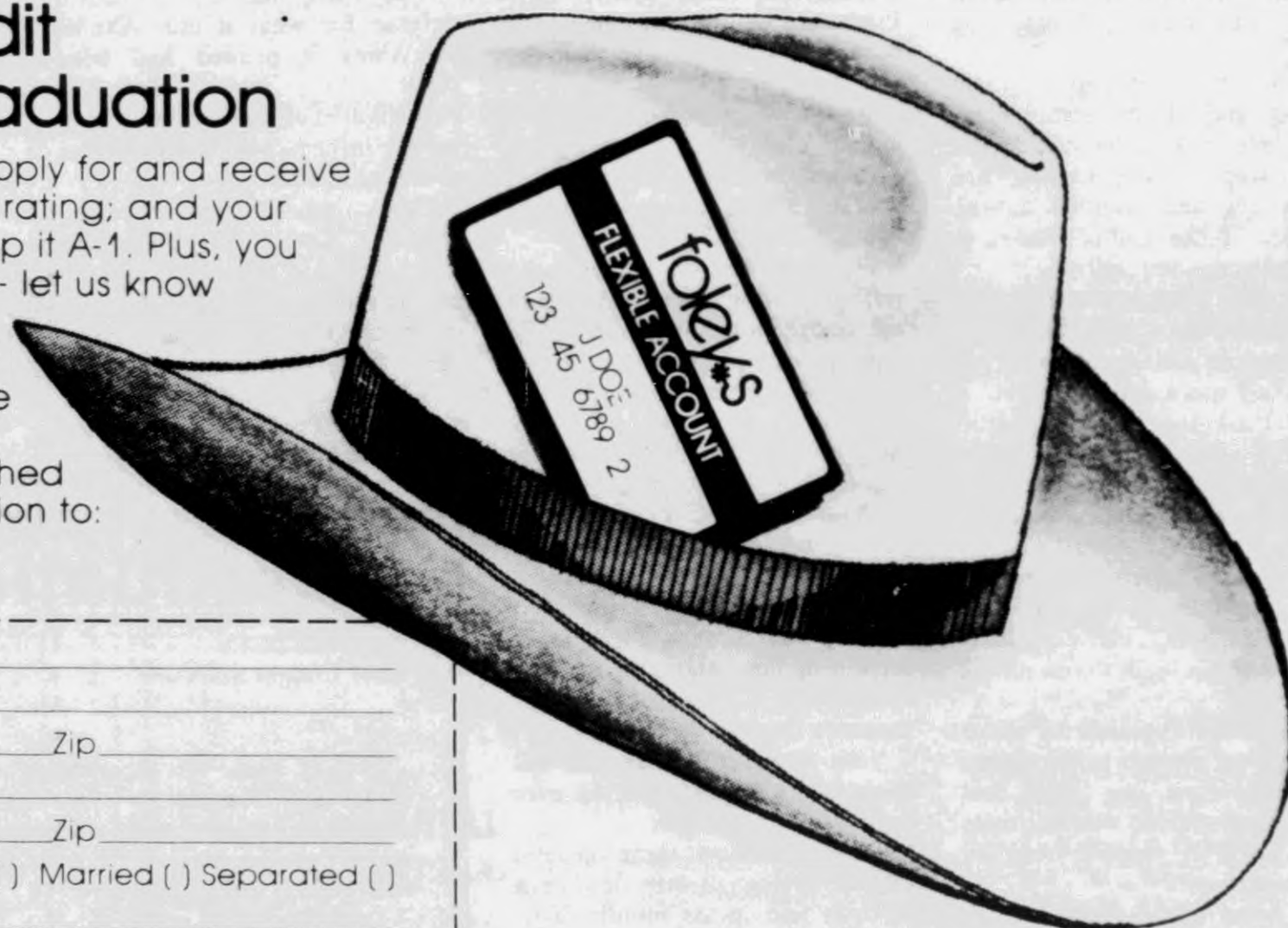
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New assistant dean job filled

By ANTHONY MAENZA
Daily Cougar Staff

Becoming familiar with the services and resources offered by University Park is often difficult for new students.

The new position of Assistant Dean of Students was created to help familiarize freshmen and transfer students with the programs at UP in the best possible way.

Richard Padilla was appointed to the position and began work Jan. 2.

The job involves coordinating the orientation sessions that are designed to help new students become familiar with the campus and the programs offered by the

university, Padilla said.

Another part of the job, he said, involves developing retention programs. These programs will lend support to new students to make the transition to the university easier, Padilla said. It is not known, at this time, what kind of programs will be developed.

"One goal I have for this job," Padilla said, "is to make orientation the best possible vehicle for new students to tap into all the resources of the university as quickly as possible."

"Another goal is to supply the students with good solid information about UP and make them feel welcome," he said.

But probably the most important part of the job, Padilla

said, is to work closely with all university departments, faculty and staff to help develop the best possible orientation program.

Padilla has a bachelor's degree in English from Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky. He has a master of divinity degree from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and is currently working toward his doctorate in higher education.

Before taking the job as Assistant Dean of Students, Padilla worked as area coordinator for the UP residence halls.

Before coming to University Park, Padilla worked as a career counselor with the Catholic Church in San Antonio.

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LANGUAGES

- English, 7 Tue., Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m., \$40
- Vocabulary Enrichment, 6 Thur., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., \$90
- Farsi, 7 Tue. & 7 Thur., Feb. 12, 6 p.m., \$40
- French, 8 Tue. & 8 Thur., Feb. 19, 6 p.m., \$25
- French II, 8 Tue. & 8 Thur., Feb. 19, 6 p.m., \$25
- German I, 6 Wed., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., \$30
- Japanese, 6 Mon., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., \$45
- Spanish I, 5 Mon. & 5 Wed., Feb. 11, 6 p.m., \$35
- Spanish II, 5 Tue. & 5 Thur., Feb. 12, 6 p.m., \$35
- Vietnamese, 8 Wed., Feb. 13, 6 p.m., \$30

MUSIC

- Banjo, 7 Tue., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$20
- Guitar, 5 Sat., Feb. 23, 11 p.m., \$21
- Jazz and Wine Together, 4 Thur., Mar. 7, 9 p.m., \$22
- A Night at the Opera, 1 Tue., Feb. 26, 6 p.m., \$25
- Piano Part I, 7 Sat., Feb. 16, 11 a.m., \$20
- Piano Part II, 7 Sat., Feb. 16, 12 a.m., \$20

FOOD AND WINE

- Chinese Cooking, 3 Tue., Feb. 26, 6 p.m., \$15
- Vine: Intro, 8 Thur., Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m., \$20
- Wine and Cheese Series, 1 Tue., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., \$14
- Wine: Cabernet Sauvignon, 6 Thur., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$22.50

DANCE AND EXERCISE

- Aerobic, 6 Mon., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$8.50
- Ballroom Dancing, 6 Mon., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$35
- Exercise is Fun, 8 Mon., Feb. 18, 5:45 p.m., \$16

MARTIAL ARTS

- Kung-Fu, 8 Sat., Feb. 16, 11 a.m., \$35
- Tae KwonDo/Aikido, 7 Mon., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., \$32
- Top Karate, 7 Sat. & 7 Sun., Feb. 16, 1 p.m., \$40
- White Unicorn Fist Kung-Fu, 7 Mon., Feb. 11, 6 p.m., \$32

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- Basic Auto Repair, 8 Mon., Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., \$25
- Changing Washington Community, 1 Mon., Mar. 4, 7 p.m., \$22
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Sat., Mar. 2, 8 a.m.
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- Nutrition Answers for the New Mother, 3 Tue., Feb. 12, 11 a.m., \$30
- The Passover Seder, 1 Wed., Apr. 3, 7 p.m., \$7
- Visiting Santa Fe, 1 Tues, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m., \$10
- Speedreading, 5 Tue., Mar. 5, 7 p.m., \$54
- Stress & Time Management, 4 Thur., Mar. 7, 7 p.m., \$42
- Delegation & Coaching, 4 Mon., Mar. 4, 7 p.m., \$42

SPORTS

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- Basic Sailing (two days), 1 Sat & 1 Sun., Time Arranged, 9 a.m., \$130
- Evening Sailing, time arranged, \$50
- Skydiving, 2 Tue., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$35
- Tennis I, 7 Sat., Feb. 16, 10 a.m., \$30
- Tennis II, 7 Sat., Feb. 16, 11 a.m., \$30
- Tennis III, 7 Sat., Feb. 16, 12 p.m., \$30

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Of course, the destruction of the earth's oxygen supply -- in the name of progress, of course -- is a pretty terrifying scenario. But something even more frightening is going on right under our noses. It's happening right in our town and it's downright scary.

Commentary

According to my estimates,

every 97 seconds a parking spot disappears in Houston -- sinking beneath a wave of condos, highrises and fern bars. Who's to blame? I don't know. Nobody is talking.

The chief of police doesn't know anything about it. The mayor and Harold Farb won't return my calls, and Michael Pollock turns strangely quiet when the subject is brought up. Not even Lynn Ashby knows and Marvin Zindler doesn't care.

I didn't realize how acute the problem had become until the beginning of this past semester. I arrived on campus, bright and early for my 11:30 class, to discover that the number of available parking spaces had been cut into half.

There, where once hundreds of carefully maintained parking had

awaited, gaped a cavernous gorge. Surly men, sweaty and shirtless, stood by huge digging machines, laughing unsympathetically at the degradation to which they were submitting us.

Everywhere, panicked students drove mindlessly up and down the packed rows. Many were forced by desperation to park illegally on lawns and medians, or to double-

park. (I later learned that the parking spaces were sacrificed for allegedly needed classrooms and cancer research labs.)

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Why is it, then, that the medical experts refuse to accept the treatment as valid? The reason, according to the Texas Medical Association, is the "placebo effect."

A placebo is an inactive sub-

stance used primarily in experimental drug studies to compare the effects of a new drug with those of the neutral placebo. Sugar pills are a common placebo.

The placebo effect is a physical or emotional change, often beneficial, that occurs after taking a placebo without knowing that's what it is. The change usually reflects the expectations of the person taking the substance and often those of the person giving it. This also applies to other treatments besides medication.

Often demonstrated in pain studies, the placebo effect means that roughly one-third of all test

subjects will respond favorably to a placebo. In some studies, the placebo effect has produced favorable responses in as high as 70 percent of the people tested. If the new drug does not show noticeably better results than the placebo, the drug will be shelved as ineffective.

In centuries past, such things as lizard blood, crushed spiders, crocodile dung, fox lungs, and leeching were believed to be effective against disease. When both the doctor and the patient believed in them, these remedies indeed may have helped at times. In fact, for centuries healers had to rely

mainly on the placebo effect.

Only in the past 60 years has specific therapy become a major part of medicine. These treatments are beneficial regardless of whether the patient believes in them, and they are not affected by the doctor-patient relationship. Penicillin, for instance, cures pneumonia in patients who don't believe it will as well as those who do believe. This has been proven through testing and use.

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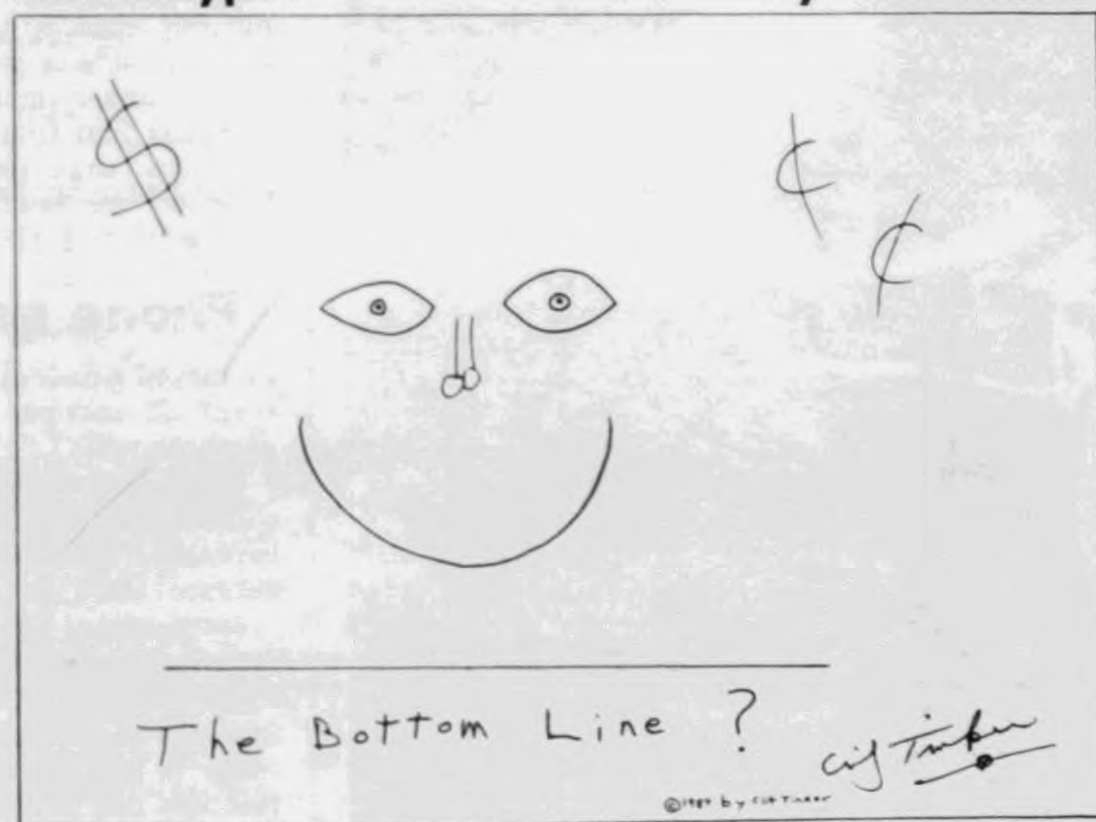
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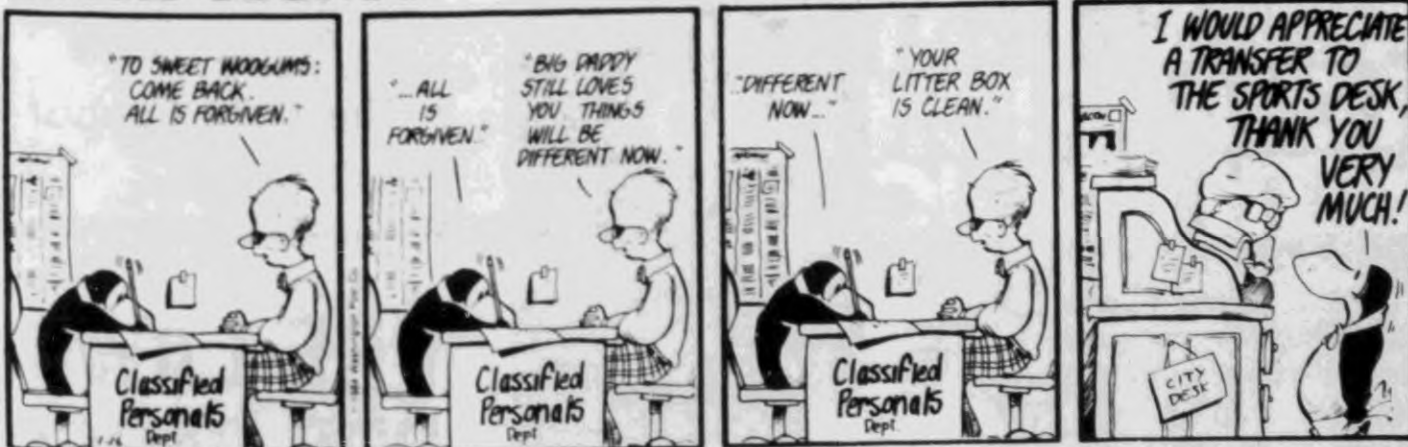
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Parking lots

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has settled down now. However, it gave us a glimpse of what happens to folks when they don't have a place to park their cars.

Back in the old days, when parking spaces (like handguns) were cheap and plentiful, America truly prospered. A recent Harvard economics study has linked economic growth to the availability of parking spaces.

I don't think that many people will argue with the statement that the wide availability of parking helped make America great. Why, early in the 60's Barry Goldwater considered proposing an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing the right to ample parking.

But, as we all know, parking spaces have fallen on hard times. Bus lanes, fire hydrants, loading zones (as well as condos, highrises and fern bars) have all done their part to squeeze out parking spaces on the major thoroughfares of this town.

We can't turn back the clock, but we can slow down the process. If we don't, the problem will become worse than the late nineteenth century range wars. Mayhem riots. People ransacking private parking lots. Tow truckers forming gangs. Organized crime involvement. Vigilante groups taking the law into their own hands. A crisis of major proportion.

The time to act is now. Senator Phil Gramm should introduce a bill forming a National Parking Lot Park System which will preserve parking lots for future generations. (The Astrodome parking lot is a prime example of mid-20th century reverence for parking spaces.)

If such far-sighted legislation is introduced, we owe it to ourselves and our children to support it. You can do your part by writing your congressman and encouraging your friends and neighbors to organize petitions. Together, we can make a difference.

Phone system

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Park will continue paying huge telephone bills.

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Photo by MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Houston's Sylvia Owens goes to the basket for two of her six points Tuesday night at Autry Court. UH won 75-64 in overtime.

Haskins leads OT rout of Rice

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"I'm pretty happy with the way we played," Jones said. "I just don't like the way it turned out." It was Jones who kept the Owls in the game when Houston threatened to blow it open. With 12 minutes to play, Houston led 49-39 and appeared to be in control. Then Rice, thoroughly confused by Houston's half-court-trap, zone defense, called on Jones who responded with a baseline jumper that started the Owl comeback. UH was outscored 22-12 in the last 12 minutes.

For Houston, Sonya Watkins played a great game offensively, scoring a team-high 17 points

before fouling out with 11 seconds left. Lamb scored 14 points and had 12 rebounds, but was strongly contested for position all night by Rice freshman Edith Adams, who also had 12 rebounds.

Houston trailed most of the first half by four to six points, and had it not been for the play of junior forward Charlotte Reescano, who scored 10 first-half points, the Cougars might have spent the entire second half digging out of the hole. As it was, the Cougars trailed by a single point, 34-33 at halftime.

Despite suffering 33 turnovers, the Cougars had only nine against DePaul, Houston operated an impressive fast break.

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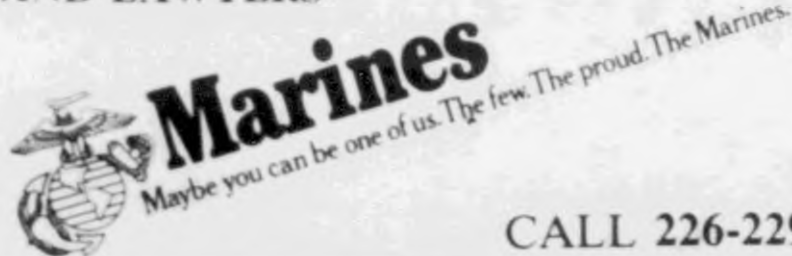
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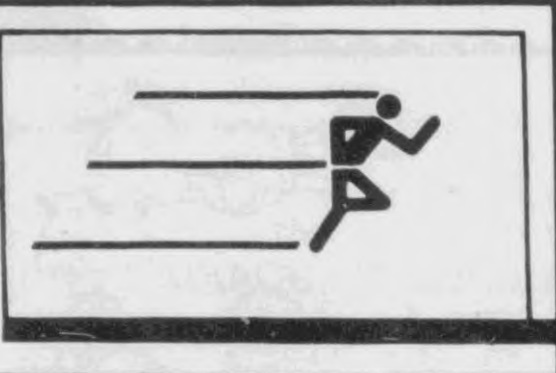
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Sports



Rice's Edith Adams shoots over Houston's Nell Haskins in overtime action during Tuesday nights game at Autry Court. Haskins led UH to an 11-point win.

Coogs 75, Owls 64

Haskins leads OT stampede of Rice

By BRIAN ALLEN
Daily Cougar Staff

Nell Haskins, playing with a split lip, scored eight straight points in overtime to lead the Cougars to a 75-64 Southwest Conference victory over the Rice Owls Tuesday night at Autry Court.

After getting an elbow in the mouth late in the second half, Haskins came back in the overtime period to ignite the Cougars, who were playing without the services of Monica Lamb, Sonya Watkins, and Barbara Anderson. All three fouled out late in regulation play. "I just knew it had to be done," Haskins said.

And so, she did it.

She did it with power moves to the basket and a deadly turn-around jump-

shot, with clutch free throw shooting and rugged rebounding. "(UH trainer) Jill Gass told me, 'You know you're going to be in a lot of trouble if you get that lip hit again,'" Haskins said. "I felt like my teammates would have done it for me."

She was taking her chances. This game was more like a street fight than a women's basketball game. Five players fouled out.

Regulation play ended with the score tied 61-61 after Rice's Glenda Jensen, who finished with 10 points, hit two free throws with one second in the game. She and Holly Jones, the game's leading scorer with 22 points, had brought the Owls back from the dead with 20-foot bombs.

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Jamas to play at Autry tonight

The Houston men's basketball team will play Rice tonight at Autry Court on the Rice campus. The Cougars, led by Coach Guy Lewis, are 2-1 in the conference and 10-4 overall. Rice, led by Coach Tommy Suits, is 1-3 in conference play and 8-6 overall.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be carried by cable station HSE. KILT-AM (610) and KPRC-AM (950)

will broadcast the game live, with pregame shows beginning at 7:20 p.m.

Despite Rickie Winslow's 15 points, UH lost to DePaul, 69-58, in Chicago Saturday. Rice lost to Texas Tech, 78-54, in Lubbock. The Owls, off to their best start ever, have faded recently, losing three of their last four games. Rice upset Notre Dame two weeks ago.

Swimmers not in Top 20 this time

Divers 'vacation' in Miami

By SEAN HERRIGAN
Daily Cougar Staff

Houston diver Jane Figueiredo had to go through Miami to get to Austin, but the extra travel seemed to be well worth the effort.

Figueiredo, along with diving coach Dave Parrington and fellow divers Joy Hollenbeck and Leigh Manley, spent the better part of their Christmas break working out at the University of Miami swim complex. The first visible benefit of the Florida sessions showed last weekend as Figueiredo won second place in one-meter competition at the Longhorn Invitational at Texas.

"We decided it would be good to get away and train as a group," Parrington said. "I've been good friends with the Miami coach for awhile and the girls were excited about going." During their 12-day working vacation, Parrington put the team (a fourth Houston diver, Antonette Wilken, returned home for the Zimbabwe National championships) put in two workouts a day with the Hurricane team.

While in Austin, Figueiredo, a returning All-Southwest conference All-American performer, also placed 12th in the three-meter competition. In the All-American

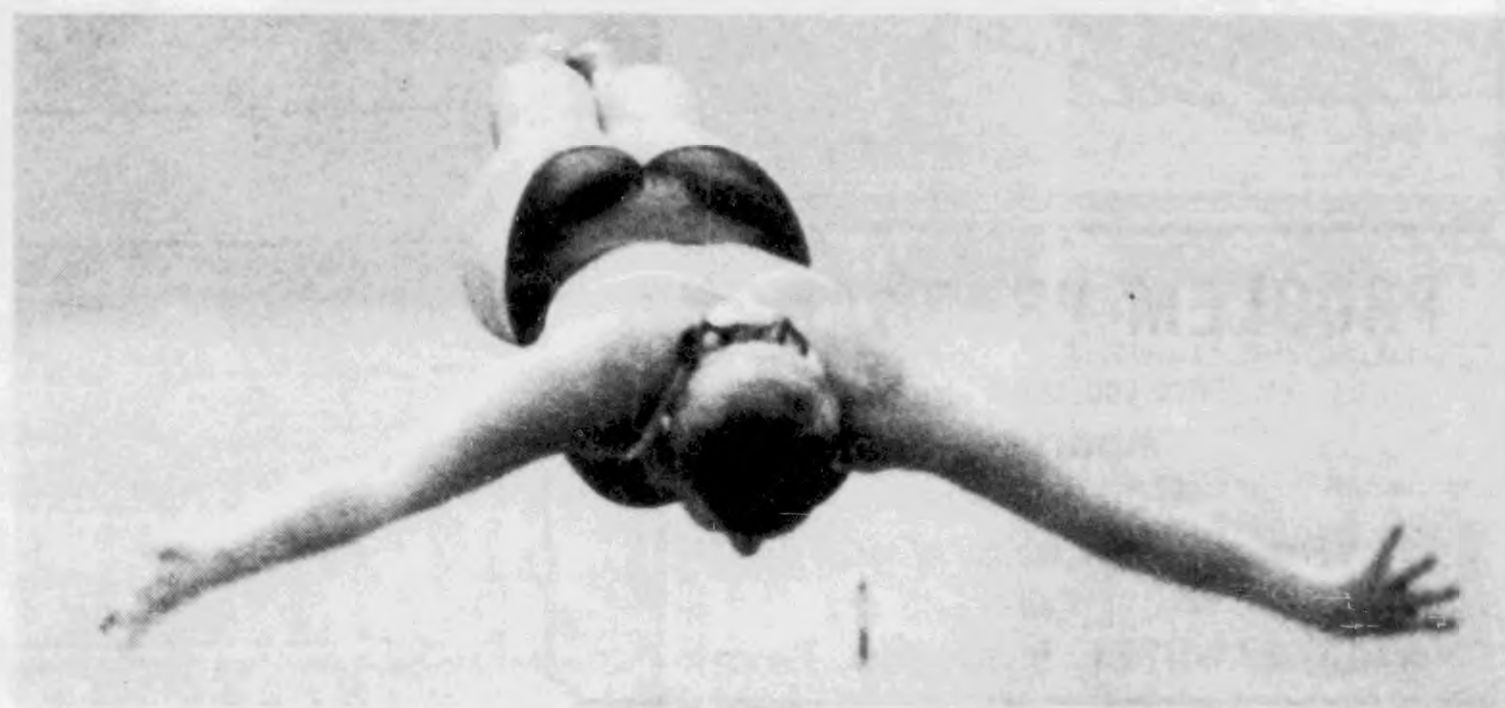
Invitational which took place at the same time, Wilken, a native of Harare, Zimbabwe, took fourth place diving against several of the world's top divers.

"I was real pleased with all the girls. They put in a lot of hard work down there," Parrington said. "And for Jane to come in and do so well so early after returning is great."

Figueiredo will get another shot at Susan Brown, the SMU diver who barely beat her, in Austin. "I've beaten her before, but she just had a good day."

While Parrington is pleased with the divers' progress towards the SWC Championships in late February, the same can not be said for swim coach Phill Hansel. He was forced to pull the team out of the Austin meet because "we were not near ready." Apathy apparently set in among some of the team members who, for various reasons, opted not to work out as much Hansel would have liked during the holidays. Consequently, when Hansel readied his team for UT, only six swimmers were ready to go and many Cougar swimmers were not back in town as of Friday.

"With the conference coming up soon, we have got to get going. Our season is already two-thirds



"We had a good time but we were there to dive," UH diver Joy Hollenbeck, seen here working out yesterday at the Houston pool, said. She and two Cougar divers joined Coach Dave Parrington in Florida over the Christmas break for training at the University of Miami.

over with and we are not near ready to swim up there (Austin — site of the SWC Championships)," Hansel said.

Indeed, only five dual meets remain before the Conference meet, including the only two home duals of the season. Lamar swims in at the UH Natatorium Jan. 24 and perennial national power Texas will visit Feb. 2. Hansel has added a Las Vegas meet to the schedule at the end of January.

"We, as a team, are at various levels of ability," Hansel said.

"The trick will be getting all of them back and going before we get too far over our heads."

Hansel is high on two new swimmers who should bolster his team this semester. Britain's Maria Scott, an individual medley swimmer, joins the Coogs from Fleetwood, England along with Helena Pirow, a South African breastroker.

Though the Cougars have six All-American swimmers on their squad this year, the team has oddly enough been overlooked in

the national rankings conducted by the college swim coaches. But Hansel is not one to be bothered by such omissions. "It really doesn't worry me one bit," he said. "A lot of coaches who vote don't know about teams outside their own area and even more just vote for the 'old dependable' ones on the west coast."

"Besides, it doesn't really matter if you are ranked. Just that you do well at conference and nationals."

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