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Bobby Lastiolais, 9, Camp Cougar participant, rests in the lap of camp counselor Robin Moore, Clear Creek High School senior, while awaiting Tuesday night's bonfire. (See related story and pictures, Pages 6 and 7.)

UH cuts small classes

By DAVID HURLBUT
Staff Writer

UH will get hit in its legislative pocketbook next biennium because of small classes.

The Texas Legislature decided last session to penalize state-supported colleges and universities for offering large numbers of small classes. A small class consists of less than 10 undergraduate students or less than five graduate students.

State-supported schools will be penalized in faculty salaries, which are determined by a formula, according to William Webb, head of the financial planning division of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The penalty would not be in effect until the 1979-81 biennium, Webb said.

"There has been some concern for a number of years about small classes diluting the resources of the institutions," Webb said. "Apparently the legislature feels there are too many organized small classes and the state should not fund them," Webb said.

Assistant registrar Mario Lucchesi compiles reports on small classes at UH. Lucchesi said his reports are forwarded to the college deans, who then must either justify or cancel each small class.

Associate Dean of Faculties Bredo Johnsen said because of the impending penalty for the next biennium, "we are in a position to be tougher" in deciding what classes will be exceptions.

Lucchesi said his report would not be out until Monday or

Tuesday.

The report lists all course sections which would be classified as small classes. Lucchesi said the report would be compiled at the end of the first four days of classes.

"This is the first time we've done a small class report for the

summer session," Lucchesi said.

As of Wednesday, 148 sections were canceled out of a total 4,839 summer lecture classes and labs. Registrar Bill Zimmer said some of these classes, canceled before Lucchesi's small class report, were canceled for reasons other than lack of enrollment.

Proposal to merge departments OK'd

By MICKIE LAWSON
Staff Writer

The UH Board of Regents approved Monday a proposal to combine the existing Departments of Communication and Speech into a single academic and administrative unit, the School of Communication. The proposal is subject to the approval of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Dr. Barry Munitz, vice president and dean of faculties said a committee would immediately begin a search for the new director of the School of Communication.

"First we must identify a person who can work with the administration, the faculty and the students to make a program. What we ask today is little more than approval to let us find that person," Munitz said.

The proposal stipulates that no new funds other than the director's salary will be necessary at this time.

"We are planning to use the search committee as an advisory committee," Munitz said. "As an advisory committee, it would operate in the areas of program, budget and space utilization."

The regents also approved a proposal to award a \$193,409 contract to Myerson Construction Company for moving the office portion of the World Affairs Building to a permanent location near the Child Care Center on Wheeler Street and for the remodeling of those offices.

The cost of moving the building is about \$24 per square foot less than the cost of building a new permanent building for the offices.

The regents approved a proposal in April 1976 for a \$2 million permanent building to be built on the World Affairs Building's present site. Officials have not yet determined who will occupy the building. Construction of the new building is scheduled to begin in Spring 1978.

Student Senate says no to name change effort

Finishing debate only a minute before the legal deadline, the Student Senate approved a resolution Monday demanding **The Daily Cougar** keep its present name.

The university-wide Student Publications Committee (SPC) voted April 28 to recommend the name of the student newspaper be changed to **The UH Daily News**. UH President Philip G. Hoffman must now approve or disapprove the name change.

Tom Deliganis, student regent and author of the resolution, said he talked to Hoffman and added the UH president "would be influenced" by the senate action.

The senate passed the resolution after 59 minutes of discussion, according to Speaker Vic Quintanilla. In another minute, the constitutional one-hour limit on debate would have killed the measure, he said.

Several senators quizzed **Summer Cougar** editor Patsy Fretwell extensively before the vote. Fretwell told the senators about 60 per cent of students who participated in three **Cougar** polls on the change favored it.

Sen. Therese Hartwell, social sciences, said the mascot name does not prevent the **Cougar** staff from preparing a good campus newspaper. Sen. Francesca Beaumont, humanities and fine arts, said professionalism was a good and admirable goal for the paper, but insisted the **Cougar** could be professional and operate under its present name.

Sen. Tommie Terry, social sciences, speaking for the name change, said, "The name of the newspaper should not interfere with its professionalism." If the staff feels it does interfere, she added, the name change is justified.

Student Association President Keith Wade announced four appointments: Susan Borden,

director of state affairs; Yocel Alonso, director of information; Melvin Roberts, director of personnel; and Robert Brockman, associate justice of Student Court. The first three are executive, cabinet-level positions.

Lengthy debates ensued over two other resolutions, one urging senators to plan weekly meetings with students in their college, and another asking for the creation of a federal Consumer Protection Agency. Both measures passed.

Sculpture protest called successful

By VICKI MACIAS
Staff Writer

The students got everything they asked for, and a little bit more. But they gotta move the tree.

During the spring semester, sculpture majors erected a wooden cactus tree in front of the UC and a similar sculpture in front of the Classroom and Office Building. The students were

protesting the resignation of James Surls, UH's only sculpture instructor.

Surls will now return to UH this fall. He resigned because the art department could not afford to hire him fulltime. He will remain a part-time instructor.

In addition, three sculpture majors, Bob Graham and Dave and Joe Vogel, met with Dr. Barry Munitz, vice president and dean of faculties, to discuss the situation.



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Graham works on wooden sculpture

"I told them if they could find a nationally distinguished sculptor, I would help get him here," Munitz said. The sculptor will be one of many visiting professors at UH for its 50th anniversary celebration.

The sculpture majors' protest was largely a success, Graham said. However, Ted Montz, acting vice president of facilities, planning and operations, notified the art department that the sculptures must be removed.

Montz said all campus sculptures must be authorized by the facilities planning division and the Space Allocations Committee. The committee, which Montz chairs, makes sure new campus construction does not interfere with existing underground power and water lines.

The sculptures do not interfere with any underground lines, but the "Cactus Tree" is where the UH 50th anniversary emblem may be placed, Montz said.

Montz said he likes the "Cactus Tree" and would be happy to help sculpture students relocate the sculptures. He said the students would first have to write to the committee requesting new locations.

Graham told the **Cougar** Tuesday he did not know he could write a letter asking for authorization, but said he will do so. Graham said he was told that David Hickman, acting art department chair, and Montz are now making plans for the day the fragile sculptures can be moved elsewhere on campus. "They cannot be moved by hand," he said.

Get a piece

Campus organizations seeking a slice of the student service fees pie next fall may obtain information by contacting the dean of students office on the third floor of the Student Life Building or the Campus Activities desk, UC Underground.

Request forms and information packets will be available at these locations June 24.

Doug MacLean, vice president for financial management services, said the projected total revenue from student service fees next fall is about \$1.7 million.

EDITORIALS

Kudos for refunds

If you're taking a heavy load next fall and you change jobs, have to work more hours or just find a course too taxing, you can drop part of your class load early in the semester and get some money back.

This is a big break for those of us who must drop a course or courses—often for reasons beyond our control. Since students pay for courses added after registration it would seem logical that they shouldn't have to pay for a course dropped in the early days of the semester. And that's the way it will be, due to a recent bill passed by the Texas Legislature.

Records in the registrar's office indicate about 1,200 students may have been eligible for refunds last fall had the new legislation been in effect.

As UH Controller Harold Scott noted last week, out-of-state residents will benefit most from the refund program since they pay 10 times the tuition rate of resident students.

The minimum tuition at UH is \$50, so a resident student paying \$4 per semester hour will have to take more than 12 hours to be eligible for a dropped course refund.

Lobbyists for the Texas Student Association (TSA) called the just-ended legislative session "a fiasco" as far as student legislation was concerned. Lawmakers didn't ban auto insurance rates based on age, and let other student-supported bills die without a vote.

The refunds for dropped courses is a bright spot, and Sen. Jack Ogg, D-Houston, the bill's sponsor, TSA and the legislature have earned the thanks of the student community.

Park 'n' walk

There may be better days ahead for commuter students looking for a parking space on the central campus. That is if a new program approved by administrators last week encourages enough students to park in the most remote campus parking lots.

Beginning next fall, students can purchase half-price parking stickers, called "econo-decals." These are good only for Lot 7-C, the most distant lot from the mainstream of the campus. The lot is off Cullen Boulevard south of Wheeler Street, behind the KUHT-TV building. It's seldom used, even during hours of peak parking demand.

The incentive approach is a good idea, but it could (and should) be expanded. Aaron Farfel, UH Board of Regents chair, dispelled the myth that regents are mysterious individuals lurking in the dark corners of the Ezekiel Cullen building, intent on screwing John Q. Student. Farfel asks why students can't park in these remote spaces free.

So do we.

The program would be twice as attractive if offered at no cost. Revenue from the discounted decals, projected at \$4,000, was called "insignificant" by Farfel at the meeting.

Free or not, why can't econo-decals also be provided for Lot 6-G, an equally remote lot behind Jeppesen Stadium?

Since this program will create no new spaces, by itself it is not enough. This spring semester 25,124 decals were issued for 9,987 available spaces. The additional proposals now being studied by UH planning committees should be expedited quickly if they are feasible.

The half-price decal for remote parking will mean a longer walk for students who decide to take advantage of it, but it's a step in the right direction.

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COMMENTARY

New bomb to depopulate

By TONY JOHNSON

In the past, war has effectively reduced the world's population by literally blowing people off the face of the planet. Unfortunately, industries, building and equipment were also destroyed.

Today, thanks to the ever growing arms race, scientists have found a new and more efficient means of curbing the population growth—the Neutron Bomb.

This weapon, in the form of a warhead for the Lance missile, releases great quantities of radioactive neutrons which kill by affecting the nervous system of its victims.

In a copyrighted story in the June 6 *Houston Chronicle*, the Atomic Energy Commission

described the effects of the radiation: "There is almost immediate incapacitation with convulsions, intermittent stupor and a lack of muscle coordination. Death is certain in a few hours to several days."

You see the deterrent factor involved with these warheads. They won't kill people instantly; they'll leave people flopping around creating a nuisance for the enemy.

This is great. Now we have a weapon that can be used to destroy thousands of people and not necessarily destroy the entire planet. That is, if the radiation doesn't further pollute the atmosphere.

According to a petition signed in the 1960s by thousands of scientists around the world, radiation created by the testing of nuclear

weapons prior to the signing of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, is responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths each year from cancer.

Although there have been no conclusive studies on the long-range effects of radiation pollution, it takes little imagination to envision the possibilities.

I don't have the expertise to argue the pros and cons of nuclear weaponry, but it disturbs me that even though we have the capacity for the virtual destruction of the earth, our government continues to seek more efficient ways of killing people.

I wouldn't worry though. In a few hundred years, we'll have the answer.

Editor's Note: Johnson is a journalism sophomore.

BETWEEN CLASSES

Immediate reaction to discount decal: Student parking now 'good exercise'

Do you think the new "econo-decal" parking plan is a good idea? Why or why not? Will you use it?
Mark Robinson, business sophomore:



"I think it's a good idea. If I drove a car to school I'd probably use it, but I ride my bike now."

Joanne Juren, administration education graduate student:

"Yes, it's a good idea. No, I won't use it because I go to school at night and it's dangerous then."



Elvis Stone, business junior:



"Yes, it's a good idea and I will use it. I park near Jeppesen Stadium now, so it's worth saving \$5 to walk about the same distance."

Tharow Bogany, history education senior:

"No, it won't work because it's not worth it. It ought to be free because they (the administration) charge too much for tuition now."



Kathleen Carman, dance junior:



"Yes, I think it's a good idea. I believe in exercise."

Suzanne Underwood, urban studies graduate student:

"No, I don't think it's a good idea. They (the administration) shouldn't charge students anything for parking on campus. I don't pay a dime now because I park on Rockwood Street. It's the same distance as Lot 7-C."





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Just buzzin' around on a sunny summer afternoon, Ken Stuckly, mechanical engineering senior, takes a leisurely spin on his homemade buggy in the park beside the Engineering building.

International confab

Experts view global needs

By CHRIS MEAVE
Staff Writer

The basic needs of food, water, shelter, clothing and health care for one billion people are not being met. That is the problem 30 international experts discussed with UH officials and community leaders at the International Conference on Human Needs now convened on the central campus.

The conference deals with major international projects focusing on basic human needs.

"We can't go into this piecemeal, deciding one thing about food, something else about shelter," Aurelio Peccei, founder and president of the Club of Rome said earlier this week. The club is active in studying the problems of modern society. "We must integrate the various elements in global planning," Peccei said.

The five-day conference, at the UH Continuing Education Center, is cosponsored by the UH Center for Integrative Studies and the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Princeton, N.J.

A. Lemma, a U.N. chief of

science, agreed basic needs must be integrated. "More than 90 per cent of the developing countries' health problems concern communicable diseases. These could be abolished by education and improved living standards. So how can you separate education from food or from health?"

Peccei said, "Every age had people living in bleak poverty. But today we must act in a more responsible way toward these people because we are at the peak of our knowledge and power.

"Mankind is not separated by time and space as it once was," he said. "The media brings the living standards of others into our homes so comparisons are easily made.

"We are all destined to live together on this small planet. We are all dependent," Peccei said. Alexander Szalai, sociology professor at Karl Marx University of Economic Sciences in Budapest, Hungary, added, "Japan would not last more than four weeks if her imports of oil and iron ore were cut off."

China is at the other end of the spectrum, said Harlan Cleveland,

director of the Aspen Institute. "China is practicing an extreme form of self-dependence, but even she must depend on others for some things. For instance, she has a \$200 million contract with Kellogg Co. for the fertilizer, ammonia nitrate."

Wednesday and today the conference participants divided into separate groups to work on such topics as the definition of basic needs and strategies for meeting them. Friday, the group will give presentations on their findings.

"We don't sit around and say 'this government should do such and such,'" said John McHale, director of the UH Center for Integrative Studies. "But governments are paying more attention to what happens in these nongovernmental discussions.

"It is very much like consumerism, women's rights or family planning. These issues didn't originate in government. They originated in citizens' groups, and when the issues got to a certain point, the government acted," McHale said.

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Montz heads UH Security

Ted Montz, acting vice president of facilities, planning and operations, was appointed acting director of University Security (UHS), following the June 1 resignation of Joseph Kimble as director.

Montz, along with assistant directors, Mary Voswinkel and Ron Jornd, is temporarily in charge of UHS operations.

According to E. J. Amason, administrative assistant to Montz, applications are being taken nationwide by a university search committee for the position of UHS director.

"The search will probably take several months," she added.

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Heavy traffic boosts ozone pollution

Editor's note: The weekend of June 4 and 5 saw records set for pollution in Houston's air. Worst of all was ozone pollution, which hit a level far exceeding federal air pollution guidelines.

Two UH researchers have been commissioned to study ozone pollution. Here, they discuss findings and suggest answers to the problem.

By **TESSIE FRUGE**
Staff Writer

It is invisible to the human eye, but too much of it can crack tires and deteriorate synthetic fabrics. Ozone, an atmospheric gas, protects the earth by forming a filtering layer in the outer stratosphere, but it can be harmful to humans when too-high

concentrations accumulate in the immediate atmosphere.

Dr. Aziz Siddiqi and Dr. Frank Worley of the UH chemical engineering department have concluded automobiles are the major contributors to ozone accumulations in the air.

In a \$1.3 million study funded by the Houston Area Oxidant Study, a special project of the Houston Area Chamber of Commerce, the researchers compiled and analyzed 1975 data from the Texas Air Control Board.

Their findings concluded concentrations of ozone were highest during periods of heavy automobile congestion, especially between 6 and 9 a.m. When certain

atmospheric conditions, such as low wind velocity and early morning sunlight unobstructed by clouds, occur, the ozone level can jump from a safe level of .08 particles per million (ppm) to as high as .3 ppm.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been concentrating its efforts on reducing hydrocarbons. "Hydrocarbons are not the culprits," Worley said. Ozone is produced when nitric oxides react with sunlight, he explained.

"In fact, by reducing hydrocarbons, you are giving more room, so to speak, for nitric

oxide to react and in fact, you're making the ozone problem worse," he said.

"Controlling nitric oxides is a very expensive undertaking," Worley said. One solution, said Siddiqi, is to eliminate cars from the freeways on days when meteorologists can predict the ozone will be high. When they know the wind will be low and the skies clear, it is a good idea to issue warnings to motorists to stay off the roads as much as possible, Siddiqi said.

Unlike the smoky haze that hangs in the air and can be seen, high concentrations of ozone are invisible.

"What we term 'pollution,' what

can be seen, is a combination of three ingredients," Siddiqi said. "It is composed of salt spray from the Gulf of Mexico, particles from industry and high humidity."

Ozone pollution occurs on the clearest days when the wind is no stronger than 5 miles per hour, Siddiqi said.

The researchers have sent their findings to the EPA, but they do not think the agency will act quickly on it.

"The EPA is locked in by law to meeting deadlines on automobile emissions," Worley said. "If it changed its direction now and began bearing down on nitric oxide emissions, it would throw off the EPA's schedule."

Grad's last chance slated for June 17

Seniors who will complete their degree plans at the end of the first summer session must file for graduation by June 17. Those finishing at the end of the second summer session should file by July 15. Applications can be obtained from the Graduate Office, Room 109, Ezekiel Cullen Building.

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, August 13, in Hofheinz Pavilion. Graduating students will rehearse for the ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, August 12, in Hofheinz.

Caps and gowns should be ordered from the bookstore before July 15.

Complete information on graduation procedures is being distributed to students with the applications at the Graduate Office, Ann Tofft, assistant registrar, said.

About 1500 students will be graduated from UH this summer, she said.

Card processing continues in UC

Student ID cards may be validated at the UC information desk from 7:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. daily during the summer.

Students must furnish Summer 1977 fee statements to have their ID cards validated. There is no deadline for this service.

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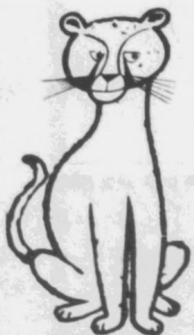
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Vets' dollars rescheduled

By CYNTHIA LADSON
Staff Writer

Students who receive GI benefits for attending school shouldn't panic if they haven't received their June check. It hasn't been lost in the mail.

Some 1.5 million veterans, dependents and service members enrolled in the Veterans' Administration's (VA) education programs will not receive another check until July 1, due to a change in the payment system.

Recipients received notices with their May 1 check saying all future checks will be sent at the end of each month, rather than at the beginning.

According to Mack Shaw, UH's VA representative, the prepayment system was eliminated June 1 by the VA Education and Employment Assistance Act of 1976 to curtail overpayments.

"Because payments under the

prepayment system were made at the first of the month, students receiving VA benefits often got their checks even if they dropped out of school," Shaw said. "The new system should prevent this," he added.

"We can't tell how much of an effect the new postpayment system will have because we don't know how many of UH's veterans really depend solely on benefits for their education," he said.

"We have received calls from students receiving VA benefits who felt the system would cause hardships," he added.

According to David Garza, coordinator of UH veteran affairs, "We've arranged with the personnel in the financial aid office for those students who need help in adjusting to the change. They will be able to take out a short-term loan."

New procedures for advance payment also became effective June 1.

A veteran receives advance

payment either on or shortly before payment of tuition and fees for a particular semester. Advance payment is the veteran's semester benefits up to the end of the first full calendar month of that semester.

Ted Myatt, director of the VA regional office in Houston, said the student's written request for advance payment must be included with the enrollment certification submitted by the school to the VA.

"The enrollment certification must be received by the VA at least 30 days before the start of regular registration," Myatt said.

After the student receives the advance payment, no additional VA check will be mailed for about three months because of the elimination of the prepayment provision, Myatt said.

Students with questions concerning VA educational checks should contact the veterans' representative on campus at Ext. 4793.

Retired professor dies after illness

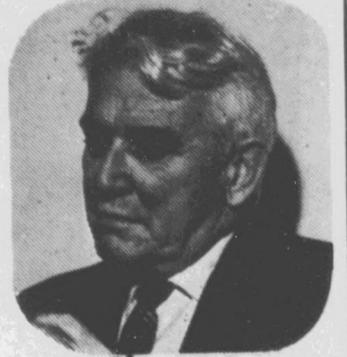
The Rt. Rev. Dr. James P. Clements, associate professor emeritus of communications at UH, died in Houston Monday after a long illness.

Clements, 65, taught at UH from February 1966 until August 1976, and received emeritus status from UH in May 1977.

Memorial services were Wednesday at Christ Church Cathedral. He was acting dean at the cathedral, and a suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

Before coming to UH, Clements was religion editor, editorial page editor, and associate editor for the *Houston Chronicle*. A wartime chaplain, Clements served as Lt. Cmdr. in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1943 until 1946.

He was born in Revere, Mass., and received his A.B.



Clements

from Baylor in 1936, a B.D. from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1939, and D.D.'s from the University of the South in 1957 and Virginia Theological Seminary in 1958.

Clements donated his body to the Baylor College of Medicine.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, and four children.

Correction

Parking Lot 7-C is behind the KUHT-TV building, off Cullen Boulevard south of Wheeler Street. A story in the June 2 issue of *The Summer Cougar* incorrectly identified the building as the KUHF radio station.

KUHF radio facilities are on the fifth floor of the Ezekiel Cullen Building. The *Cougar* regrets the error.

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Next week

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION will meet with interested students to discuss a bill on the Cheerleader Selection Committee. The meeting will be at noon Monday in the Atlantic Room, UC Underground.

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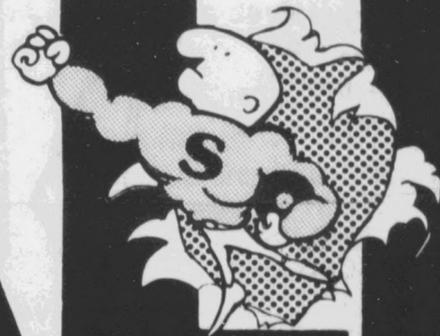
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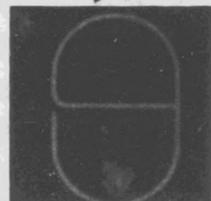
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Camp Cougar

By RHONDA CROSS
Staff Writer

Mel and Brenda are attending a week-long summer camp this year, just like thousands of other children. But there is a difference.

Mel and Brenda, unlike many other campers across the United States, are mentally retarded. They are attending Camp Cougar on the UH central campus.

Camp Cougar is held annually for mentally retarded kids, ages 8 to 35, from the Harris County area. There are three one-week sessions in June, with places for 75 campers each session. The first session began last Sunday and ends Friday evening.

THIS IS CAMP COUGAR'S fourth year. The camp is sponsored by UH, the Houston Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority. The campers stay in Moody Towers and use UH facilities.

During the spring semester, UH students staged three Camp Cougar fund-raising events. The money collected during Casino Night, the Dance-a-thon and a bike race went toward full scholarships for most of the children attending

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Regina Scott, UH junior, and Buddy Francese, Strake Jesuit High School senior, show 'em how to do it at a Camp Cougar get-acquainted dance Sunday

night in the OB ballroom. Scott and Francese are camp counselors for the first session, which runs through Friday evening.

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Metric conversion on horizon for

BY MICKIE LAWSON
Staff Writer

What do you have in common with an Olympic athlete who runs the 100-meter dash?

The answer is the metric system, or Systeme International d'Unites, said participants in the National Metric Conference.

Briefly stated:

Until December 1975, when the U.S. Congress passed the Metric Conversion Act, America was virtually "an island in a metric sea." Since then, preparation for the changeover has gone slowly. In an attempt to educate the public, particularly educators, engineers and business executives, the UH Continuing Education Center and the U.S. Department of Commerce sponsored a metric conversion conference at UH last week.

The conference was sponsored by the UH Continuing Education Center and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Seventy educators, engineers and business executives, primarily from Texas, attended the

two-day conference last week in the center.

"People are more familiar with the metric system than they



realize," said Jeffrey Odom, Metric Coordinator for the National Bureau of Standards' Office of Weights and Measures. "We use the metric system every day without realizing it," he said.

"If you use a camera, perhaps you buy 35mm film. If you hunt, you may have a 7 or 8mm rifle. Maybe you smoke the cigarette that's a 'silly millimeter longer'," Odom said. Skis are bought in metric units.

Mechanics and pharmacists work with the system. In short, the metric system is catching on. Until the Metric Conversion Act became law in 1975, the United States was one of the last hold-outs in a world community based on the metric system.

Conference leader Robert Ding pointed out the metric bill had a cut-off date, being a volunteer system. Americans are now using "half-breed" system—part metric

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ar is unique in the nation, although the weeks' be found at any camp," Teresa Garza, camp "The kids swim, play, work with arts and re a dance and music session."

DREN are encouraged to participate, but n't force them to participate. Usually it only rodding," she said. "At some time or another, participate in something," she added.

blem is first-night homesickness. "After the kids are just too busy to get homesick," Garza

t the first group had a get-acquainted dance. hey will have a cookout with their parents. At ds will get to wear and show off the handcrafts de during the week.

LATELY 60 of the 75 campers in the first group tion, Garza said. A nurse is on hand to make ive proper care. The UH Health Center is open and arrangements have been made for a local ndle any emergencies.

elors are UH and local high school students. r supervises every three campers and par-

ticipates in all activities with them.

Thelma Douglas, the camp's program and facilities coordinator, said, "It's important to give the kids a sense of responsibility while they are at camp. Each is given a checklist of activities to keep track of their accomplishments," she said. "During Friday's cookout, awards will be given to all those who complete everything on the list. I'm sure everyone will be a winner."

CAMP COUGAR originated after UH hosted the Texas Special Olympics four years ago. The university was interested in doing something for retarded citizens in Harris County.

Lou Larsen, Houston Association for Retarded Citizens' representative, and two other parents of retarded children worked out the details of the camp with UH. Camp Cougar worked so well the first year they decided to make it a yearly project.

Larsen's son, Tim, has been to the camp every year. "He talks about it all year long. It's done wonders for him socially," she said.

Each day after lunch, there is a rest and quiet period. However, Monday's quiet time seemed to be a little noisy, just like any other camp.



SUSAN HAMBERG

Tim Larsen, 15, takes a break during a Camp Cougar softball game, Monday, and catches a ride from Danny Fove, Camp Cougar counselor and Texas A&M freshman. Sixty-five mentally retarded youths from Harris County are participating this week in the first session of Camp Cougar.

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part traditional, he added.

"One great problem in going metric is apathy," Dingle said. "Too many of us are too old or too fixed in our habits; we don't think metrically."

Statistics prove Dingle right. A recent Gallup poll showed three out of four Americans do not even know what the metric system is.

Retail sales and marketing organizations can do a lot to educate the public by publishing circulars and labeling products with both metric and standard measurements, Dingle said. "After all, the people we're finally going to have to convince is the American public."

Public awareness of the metric system may be helped when schools begin teaching it. September 1978 is the target date for Texas public schools.

"There will be no state math text published without the metric system after that date," Dingle said. "Many parents will learn the metric system from their children."

Not only will the public have to change and be re-educated, many laws will have to be changed as well. Sydney Andrews, the director of the Division of Standards in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, said, "It's amazing how many laws will have to be changed. We have to identify those which present obstacles to the change," he said. "Many laws prohibit packaging and labeling in hard metric units."

Most conference participants agreed the metric system will be accepted once people become accustomed to using it.

"People just don't understand it," was an often-heard conference comment. And, as one member put it, "We're just going to have to learn to substitute one measurement for the other. We have to learn to think metric."

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If you examine the itinerary for the UH Hispanic Civilization course in Spain, you're likely to think it's just another whirlwind European tour.

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The "tour," which began last Monday and ends July 15, is a six-hour course in Spanish culture—on location. The 24 students who are taking the trip this summer will visit art museums, palaces, cathedrals, mosques, synagogues, convents, archives and Roman ruins. They will keep a diary of the trip in Spanish and, when they return, will write a paper on some facet of Spain.

Rubin coordinated a similar program in the summer of 1975.

Rubin expects the same hospitality this year. The mayor of Huelva, Houston's sister city, will host a



reception in honor of UH's 50th anniversary.

Rubin admits he's a little partial, but he thinks the Hispanic Civilization course is one of the most innovative programs on campus.

—VICKI MACIAS

Editor's note: Summer means vacation and possibly foreign travel for some people. Beginning next Thursday The Summer Cougar will feature a four-part series on foreign countries. The first "At Large" story describes some uncommon entertainment in Spain. The reporter visited Spain two years ago with the UH Hispanic Civilization course.

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(l-r) Max Ripple, Steve Lindsey and Ian Ritchie of Deaf School

Deaf School woos U.S. ears

By T. EDWARD BELL
Staff Writer

When a band takes on a name like Deaf School, it better have something on the ball. The outfit in question is a group of eight Liverpoolian loonies who play a mixture of high comedy and high camp as if that were the only kind of music invented.

Deaf School is on its first American tour, following the release of its first album in this country, *2nd Honeymoon—Don't Stop the World*.

The record is actually a double set, containing two albums which were released in Britain separately.

Three members of Deaf School gathered in the bar of a Holiday Inn to talk about the tour and the album. "Rev." Max Ripple (keyboards), Steve "Average" Lindsey (bass) and Ian Ritchie (saxophones) acted like gleeful children on their first vacation.

The band has been quite successful in England and, on a lark, it entered and won the *Melody Maker* Talent Contest. I asked the three what it was like to face a new country as virtual unknowns.

"It's not much different, really," Lindsey said, "We're playing a lot of very small halls in America, but in England we play small halls as part of a major tour. The halls are much bigger in America."

"It's been really great," Ripple added, "The audiences here have been very receptive to what we're doing."

After the waitress brought a round of orange juice, water began dripping from the roof onto Lindsey's head. Motels are one of the necessary evils of touring, and the group agreed they were having so much fun they didn't mind the endless string of sub-par accommodations.

Warner Brothers, Deaf School's label, has poured a sizable budget into promoting the band. Obviously Warners is expecting a good return on its investment. It struck me as odd that a label would get behind a band whose music is as esoteric (read, no Top-40 potential) as Deaf School's.

Ritchie, a lanky Scotsman, said Warners did attempt to get the band to record a single for Top-40 play. "When Warners signed us up the first thing it did was get us into the studio with Muff Winwood (a producer with a long string of commercially successful records to his credit), who is really into pop music. Warners tried to get us to record a single. So we picked a song and we thought it would be easy... it didn't work."

Lindsey added, "We have released singles, but they haven't been very successful. We're still hoping, though."

Deaf School is an enigmatic band. British music today has atrophied into a mire of glitter and three-chord noise, and anything different from that seems doomed to obscurity. Deaf School is a pleasant exception.

Ripple said the band's strange name has caused some difficulty in England.

"We got the name when we first

formed the band in art college. We had to rehearse in a wing of the building that used to be a school for the deaf. A lot of people are offended by it. Oddly, we have found it is deaf people who are least upset over it," he said.



V.S.O.P.
By Herbie Hancock
On Columbia Records

Herbie Hancock's new album, *V.S.O.P.*, is best described as an attempt at presenting the best of all possible worlds.

In Hancock's case, all of the worlds are of his own creation, and he showcased them at last summer's Newport Jazz Festival. *V.S.O.P.* is the recording of that event.

Hancock came to prominence with the Miles Davis band, a band of mind-boggling talents in the early '60s. Besides Miles, there

was Wayne Shorter of Weather Report on tenor sax, Tony Williams on drums, Ron Carter on bass and Hancock on piano.

Aside from the ailing Davis, this is the combo playing on the first two sides of the two-record set (Freddie Hubbard subs for Miles).

After a gorgeous solo from Hancock on a Yamaha electric grand, the band moves into the familiar territory of "Maiden Voyage" and "Eye of the Hurricane," both Hancock compositions, along with Shorter's "See Hancock, Page 9)

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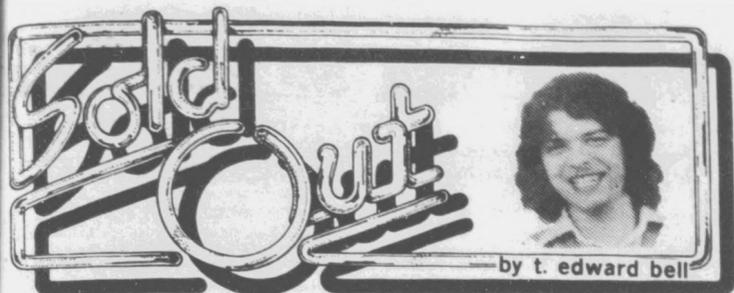
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The first two categories were easy enough. Then I started on the rock albums: Jethro Tull's Stand Up and Benefit, Dylan's Nashville Skyline and Self Portrait, Cream's Disraeli Gears, Chicago's Chicago Transit Authority, Janis Joplin's Cheap Thrills....

By this time I was well over 10, but I was having fun, so I plowed on. Jimi Hendrix' Are You Experienced, the Nitty-Gritty Dirt Band's Uncle Charley and His Dog Teddy, The Flock's first and second albums, Taj Mahal's Take a Giant Step... Then it dawned on me—almost every record I named was at least six years old.

Not dead yet, but on its last legs

Now I am not one of those people who believe rock is dead, but I do think it ripens into senility from time to time. And I am quite convinced it is presently in one of its worst slumps ever.

Look at the facts, if you can stand it: garbage outfits like Kiss, Aerosmith and Blue Oyster Cult selling out mammoth concert halls within hours; none of the Beatles have made a decent record in five years (though many will disagree with me here); talented groups like Chicago and Fleetwood Mac performing schlock in order to get at the big Top-40 bucks.

No medium can have an annual renaissance, even one as young as rock 'n' roll. Jazz has certainly had its periods of stagnation, but it has always come up with enough Davises, Parkers and Hamptons to pull it through. Classical music's low periods have been covered over by history pretty well. The bad music simply did not survive.

They'll make great comedy albums

I suspect this will happen with both jazz and rock when both media gain a few more years. Even with the historical "advantage" of recordings, a Kiss record will be viewed in a hundred years as a mere curio of more foolish times.

By the same token, I don't think it at all odd to assume in that same hundred years Jimi Hendrix will be looked upon as the Caruso of the electric guitar.

All this is not an outright condemnation of today's artists. Jimmy Buffet has made a string of brilliant albums in the last four years, and there are many good bands out there—Heart, for instance—who play more traditional rock 'n' roll with dedication.

Nevertheless, these days make it hard to believe Danny and the Juniors when they sang "Rock 'N' Roll is here to Stay."

Hancock

(Continued from Page 8)

ter's invariably haunting "Nefertiti."

After one side you know this is the best record by Hancock to come down the pike in five years. The group that was the Davis quintet positively steams through its sides. "Eye of the Hurricane" is the most intense piece of straight-ahead jazz any of these men have been heard on in quite a while.

Shorter's soprano sax solo on "Eye" gives further testimony to his undisputed mastery of that instrument. William's brief solo, and his playing throughout, lead to one conclusion—he is the most inhumanly fast drummer behind a set today, and his dexterity is equaled only by much older drummers.

The Hancock sextet, consisting of Eddie Henderson, trumpet; Bennie Maupin, woodwinds; Billy Hart, drums; Julian Priester, trombone; and Buster Williams, bass, have side three and they sound tighter now than they used to.

"Toys" is the highlight of the side. Besides providing a beautiful melody, it gives the soloists, especially Eddie Henderson, a good workout. The Hancock sextet's reunion on this side is as stimulating as the previous two sides of the Davis quintet.

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Editor takes book on tour

By T. EDWARD BELL
 Staff Writer

One might expect the managing editor of one of the world's most respected newspapers to write a scholarly volume on foreign policy, urban blight or obscure political analysis—not Howard Simons.

Simons, managing editor of the Washington Post, has compiled a series of lists and put them into his book, appropriately called "Simons' List Book" (Simon & Schuster). The book contains lists of U.S. towns with odd names, the most famous restaurants in the country, gravesites of noted persons and the best works of selected authors.

Simons was in Houston Wednesday and I trekked up to his room at the Warwick to find out just what would possess a man in his position to write such a book.

"The reason for the book is fairly straightforward," he said. "After Watergate I took my family on a seven-week vacation across the country, and on the way back we were totaling up where we had been, what we had seen and what we had done, and that's where the idea for the book came from."

"This country is more diverse than most, in its heritage, its landscape and its people, and we (Simons compiled the book with the aid of his family) decided to put together lists of those things," he said.

Simons started working on the book in 1975 and it was just published May 23. He went on to describe the agony of waiting for a book to go from manuscript to book store (eight months for Simons' book). He is spending his



Simons

vacation time from the Post doing this promotional tour.

At this point Simons stopped to interject, "I'm in the newspaper business actually." I informed him that I had heard his name somewhere and he continued.

Many authors who go on the road to plug their work find the endless string of hotels, interviewers and television stations a terrible grind. While not especially happy about having to

promote his book on the road, Simons didn't seem too concerned about it.

"It has its good aspects and its bad ones. The bad part is, I'm tired all the time. I also hear myself repeating myself all the time. The good aspect is, I get out and see things I don't see in Washington. It's a lot of work."

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By ROBIN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

As far as National League president Charles "Chub" Feeney is concerned, the state of the union in pro baseball could not be much better.

Feeney was in Houston last week to watch the Houston-Los Angeles series and to check with the Astros' general manager Tal Smith on his team's progress.

Although the Astros are not off to their best start ever, Feeney found the Houston organization resembling a bed of roses. In fact, the entire National League is enjoying one of its best seasons.

"We are 10 per cent ahead of last year's attendance," Feeney said, "and if we continue, we will set a new attendance record."

In light of this recent boom, many people in baseball have become reluctant to change a good thing, and it may be some time before expansion or the designated hitter rule surface in the National League.

The designated hitter proposition has fallen on deaf ears in the National League for years, but Feeney said more people have at least expressed interest in the

rule in the past two years.

"We've had some very healthy discussions in the league about it," he said. "At the moment, however, it is my opinion there are not enough votes in the National League to pass the rule."

"It takes a majority to pass such a rule and, unfortunately, the president doesn't have the right to break a 6-6 tie. However, if I did, I wouldn't vote for it."

There is almost as much resistance to the idea of expansion, although many areas, such as Washington D.C. and New Orleans, have expressed a desire to join the league. Feeney said the National League would not expand just because the American League did, without a valid reason.

"I don't think the National League would like to see expansion on the basis of just going ahead and expanding. If there were other factors involved, such as a movement to Washington, or an evening up of the league, I think we would look at it with an open mind," Feeney said.

Despite the fact Washington has proven to be a poor baseball town in the past, one of Feeney's goals is to return a team to the nation's

capital.

"I personally think Washington would make a good franchise. I'm not promoting a National League team going to Washington, but we went down there at the time it looked like San Diego was going to move to Washington."

"We looked over the ball park and the whole area down there, and it would be viable if you got a team which was acceptable. As far as ownership is concerned, nobody is coming forward to put a team in Washington, but I think it could be an acceptable baseball franchise."

Feeney also spoke about inter-league play, saying theoretically, we have inter-league play right now, since the league is divided into two divisions with competition between them.

"People tend to think of inter-league play as, 'It would sure be great to play the Yankees,' or in Houston's case, 'It would be great to play Texas,' but think of the games you are going to miss with Cincinnati and Los Angeles with a total inter-league play. And these people forget about the games they are going to pick up with the weaker teams in the American League."



ROBIN WRIGHT

National League president "Chub" Feeney responds to reporters' questions at Astrodome press conference.

Cougars run in AAU meet

UH track and field athletes will be in Los Angeles, Calif. today to compete in the national Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) championship meet.

Long jumper Cecil Overstreet and triple jumper Greg Caldwell, along with Amy Davis and Stephanie Brown, will be among those vying for individual honors. Kevin Nance is also a possible entry in the 200-meter.

Last weekend, Overstreet placed eighth in the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) championships. Houston, finishing the meet with nine points, was the highest scoring team from the Southwest Conference.

Davis' 19-0 mark in the long jump was good enough for fourth place in the United States Track and Field Federation (USTFF) National Women's Meet.

A top contender in the 100-meter and 220-yard dashes, Brown was not able to see action at the USTFF meet due to a knee injury.

Natalie Russell also grabbed fourth place for the Cougars at the USTFF meet, clocking 55.5 in the 400-meter run.

Joy Taylor placed 16th in the 800-meter run.

Recruits signed

A pair of state track champions have signed letters of intent with UH, according to women's track coach Nancy Laird.

Channelview's Betty Maker, Texas champion in the 880, and Val Horan of Rochester, Minn., state champion in the mile, will enroll at UH this fall.

Maker, who recorded a 2:17.4 mark to win the 880, also finished 11th in the Texas cross-country last fall.

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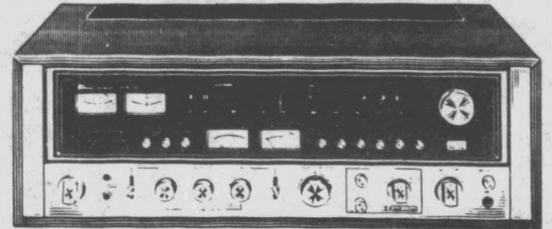
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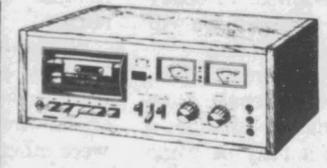
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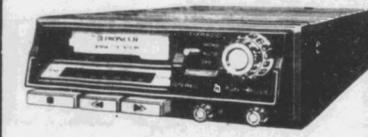
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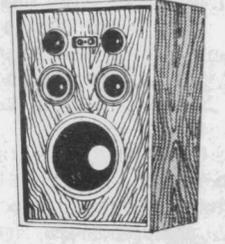
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