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Waiting and watching, students and faculty (above) remain outside the Engineering Building while members of

HPD bring in an explosives disposal unit (below) during the bomb scare Wednesday morning.



Bomb threats: 'Free Iranians'

By ALICIA R. GARCIA
Cougar Staff

A telephone bomb threat to University Security (UHS) Wednesday triggered a hectic morning for UHS and students.

A total of three threats, all specifying the same buildings, were received by the UH president's office, UHS and the main switchboard.

UHS received the first threat around 7:30 a.m., Joseph Kimble, UHS director, said.

The caller, as recorded on a UHS tape, said, "Listen carefully, the Liberation Army Soldiers have placed bombs in the UH Technology and Engineering Library Building. We want release of all Iranian students."

Kimble said "We listened to the tape several times and the voice had a Middle East accent."

"The Houston Police Department (HPD) also received a similar call and sent people to aid us," Kimble said.

UHS and HPD evacuated the engineering and technology buildings to conduct a thorough search.

"We searched all the rooms that were unlocked," Kimble said. "Our department only has keys to exterior doors. This was a problem because we then had to depend on custodians to get the other rooms open."

Throughout the day while the search was being conducted, numerous students and teachers stood outside the buildings, some

had classes in the buildings while others were just curious to see what the disturbance was about.

UHS also decided to evacuate and search the M.D. Anderson Library as well because the telephone message was not clear as to which library was involved, the engineering library or the central library, Kimble said.

Later in the morning, two more telephone threats were received by the campus switchboard and President Philip G. Hoffman's office. A spokesperson for the UH Office of Information said the caller insisted, "We are not playing any games, the bomb will go off soon."

"Those calls specified the Technology Building as the main target," Kimble said. "At that point, classes in that building were canceled for the rest of the day by the dean of technology (H.E. McCallick)."

The Houston Bomb Squad and the SWAT team searched the buildings.

"We were looking for objects that might be out of place or that did not belong there," said Ralph Swin, a member of the bomb squad. "All we found was a strange briefcase which turned out to be a portable computer terminal."

Ebrahim Rahimi-Kh, a representative for the UH Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran, an Iranian student organization, denied the possibility of his group's involvement in the incident.

Students find research funds scarce

By GARY WENDEL TIDWELL
Cougar Staff

(Third of a four-part series)

Although UH faculty research receives funds amounting to millions of dollars each year, UH students interested in doing research should expect much less. There are only a few ways students can receive funding.

Students working on masters' theses and PhD dissertations are usually funded by individual departments or schools. Other students may receive funding for engineering projects through the Student Competition on Relevant Engineering (SCORE) program, which gives students a chance to compete with students from other colleges. But the best opportunity for most students is through the Student Research Program.

This unique and innovative program is the only research funding program offered to students for independent research on the UH campus, and possibly in the entire state of Texas, said Mary Morse, assistant director of the Office of Research

Development.

The program is a cooperative effort between the UH administration and the Students' Association, Morse said. "For Fall 1976 and Spring 1977 the administration provided \$15,000, and SA gave \$2,000. The program can award up to \$300 per student for student-initiated research projects which cannot be funded elsewhere," she said.

The purpose of the program is to encourage high quality research by students, she added. "We want the students to write the proposal and conduct the research on their own initiative," she said. "The program will also grant up to \$200 for travel expenses to present research results at national professional meetings."

Rosemary Grimmert, assistant director of the Office of Research Administration, said the program began in Spring 1976.

"The program was originally proposed by SA Sen. Charles Foster," she said. "SA gave \$2,000 that first semester, which was matched by the administration. Because of its initial success, the administration gave \$15,000 for

the 1976-77 school year, and SA gave \$2,000 more."

The program was a good idea, Grimmert said. "When we started it last spring it was on a trial and error basis," she said. "At that time there were no funds available for student research. I would now like to see a further increase in funding for next year."

Morse agreed that funding should be increased. "I would like to see the program expanded," she said, "because it has increased the quantity and quality of research at UH."

"I think this indicates that UH students are trying to help themselves—they originated the idea and even provided part of the funding."

Any full-time student on the central campus is qualified to participate in the program, Morse said. This applies to undergraduates as well as graduate students.

"Although every project must have a faculty endorsement, it is only to testify about the student's ability to do the project," she said. "Projects which are more faculty

inspired than student originated will be rejected."

The money cannot be used to support thesis or dissertation research, because there simply would not be enough money available for that, Morse said.

"There were 21 projects funded during the fall semester," she said. "One art student received funding to build a new type of potter's wheel and another student acquired funds for a project on hydrocarbons in swimming pool water. A group of archeology students conducted an excavation of an Indian site with funds from this program," she said.

The program will fund individual as well as group projects, Morse said. One optometry student received reimbursement for travel expenses after he presented the results of a research project on astigmatism at a national professional meeting.

Biophysical science graduate Evelyn Swui-oi Chang received funding in December for a project she is conducting on tea.

Her project will compare the caffeine levels in various types of



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Chinese teas, she said. "I was born in Hong Kong and I have always heard folk tales about some teas causing insomnia while others didn't," she said. "I wanted to find out if there was scientific reason for it or if it was just a myth."

Any students interested in the Student Research Program should contact Morse at 749-1524.

Tomorrow: Research and UH goals.



COMMENTARY

SA reimbursement justified

By SHELLEY MCCARRON

The Student Senate was recently presented with a bill that would require the past appointee of the Department of Research and Information to reimburse SA for the amount of money paid to him by the administrative branch. The bill failed by a senate vote of 8-6.

Because this appointee may be a presidential candidate in the upcoming elections, there have been accusations hinting this bill was politically oriented in nature and was possibly written to dissuade students from voting for this candidate. Accusations of this kind thwart the intent of the bill and demean the character of its authors.

In an effort to alleviate doubt and to more fully explain the intent of the bill, I will enumerate the causes for this course of action taken by the authors warrant this action.

The salary for the director of the Department of Research and Information, included in the budget, was approved by the senate and therefore is law. An appointee for the director of a department of SA is not a director and there is no law which allows for the expenditure of monies to an appointee.

If this interpretation is correct, that an appointee is not a director, then the payment of SA funds to an appointee is in direct violation of SA constitution, which states: "No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law." (Art. 4, Sec. 9)

Furthermore, the bylaws of the senate state: "The director of each department shall be ap-

pointed by the president of the Students' Association, with advise and consent of the senate." (Sec. 205.02; emphasis added by author.) The language of this sentence appears to be quite clear, yet some believe it to be ambiguous. The word with, in this context, is used as a conjunction. The definition of the word with, as defined in Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary ('69), is the following:

For the given case, the act of the president is not completed until the senate acts. Therefore, an appointee is not appointed nor is he or she the director of a department of SA until that appointment has been confirmed by the senate.

Even if some were to interpret this as ambiguous or unclear, the intent should be more than obvious. It is logical to assume that the provision of advise and consent by the senate for unelected officials is a necessary check on the power of the administrative branch.

As students, we have a right to know how our money is being spent. We have paid money for services and we should be secure in the fact that those services will be provided. An unelected, nonapproved, salaried appointee is no security.

For those of you who may doubt this logic, I would like to refer you to an excellent exposition of the subject; "Bureaucracy in a Democracy," by Charles Hyneman. Hyneman warns of the dangers of an administrative branch without proper direction and control being provided by elected representatives.

Direction and control were completely absent in the case

involving the aforementioned appointee. Because the senate was in a transition between two secretaries there was no written report of the minutes of the meeting in which the president announced his appointment. Indeed, many senators were unaware of the fact that an appointee had been named until Bruce Tough "resigned" from his appointment.

It has been argued that precedence has been established for the payment of salaries to unconfirmed directors and several examples were mentioned, although there are many other examples of appointees who have waited for senate confirmation before the initiation of their salaries. It might also be added that the precedence examples were people who were highly visible and therefore their actions could be accounted for.

In short, the senate was convinced that they were producing tangible services for their payment. Even so, precedence is no argument for a violation of the law.

Hopefully, this problem will be absent in the future. A recent bill has amended the bylaws to clear up "ambiguities" and to spell out for those who cannot apply logic. It is somewhat regrettable that this incident had to occur at this time. It has been my intention to assure those of you who may doubt this; the authors of the bill requesting the reimbursement of funds would have responded similarly at any time.

Editor's note: McCarron is a senator from Natural Sciences and Mathematics. She is also a member of the senate's Educational Affairs Committee.

EDITORIAL

Seen but not heard

Think back to your childhood days, seated at the family dinner table. The older family members are discussing the events of the day—what they did, who they met, etc. Try as you might, however, you can't get a word in edgewise. Because of your age, your family doesn't think you can contribute anything substantial to the conversation.

A similar situation currently exists in a board room in the Ezekiel Cullen Building, the meeting place of the UH Board of Regents. Although one board member is a student, the position is almost worthless. The student is not permitted to participate in the discussion at board meetings. For most intents and purposes, the student regent is ignored. The student can't even sit at the table with the rest of the board members.

This situation makes no sense whatever. A body as powerful as the Board of Regents should not be oblivious to student input. Since many of the decisions they make affect students in one way or another, there should be someone on the board to voice the students' side of the issue.

Despite the limitations of the position, UH is one of the few universities to have a student regent. A bill has been introduced in the Texas Legislature that would both establish the position of student regent and give it a voice in the University of Texas system. Passage of this bill would set a precedent for other institutions to follow. However, it has been referred to a subcommittee, which is only a slight improvement on killing the bill altogether.

Contesting the power of the Board of Regents is a formidable task. Such groups are famous for their stonewalling tactics. But once again someone seems to have forgotten who comprises the bulk of the campus population—students. And if the Board of Regents is going to entrench themselves against student input, then that situation must be corrected.

COMMENTARY

'Free speech' distorted facts

By JOEL LEE-ERIC JESSE

It causes me great distress that Fernando Molina has exercised his coveted "freedom of speech" at the expense of factual information. In his commentary it is evident that he displays tremendous concern for this university. For this admirable characteristic Mr. Molina deserves the unqualified praise of his peers.

However, Fernando did not stop at pointing out the revelation that many students on this campus were apathetic. Instead, he insisted on making accusations that question the integrity of the executive branch of Students' Association. For this reason, I am conveying my side of the incident in question so that interested students may finally hear all sides of the argument.

Bruce Tough was appointed director of the SA office of Research and Information on Oct. 20. The minutes kept by the senate secretary confirm this. If the senators did not know that Mr. Tough was appointed, it was due to their own negligence because documented evidence proves that the announcement was made. Once the appointment is made, the president has fulfilled his responsibility. The obligation to expedite confirmation procedure rests on the speaker of the senate and the senate. It does not fall on the shoulders of the individual appointee.

I might remind Mr. Molina that this is not my personal opinion but

is the operating procedure outlined in the SA constitution and bylaws. If blame is to be placed on anyone for this unfortunate incident, it should not be affixed to the executive branch. More appropriate would be a reassessment of the efficiency and attentiveness of the esteemed senate.

As far as the charge that "surveillance of SA monies was a bunch of bologna," I will assert that the opposite was true. When an individual does a job for which the SA budget allocates a salary, it is the president's responsibility to make sure that salary is paid. If I had neglected to pay Tough for services rendered, I would not have been carrying out the duties assigned me. Perhaps a tyrant would have demanded that someone work without pay. I am not a tyrant. Furthermore, I am extremely proud of the financial responsibility displayed by my administration and am confident that Mr. Molina's charges cannot destroy the record that my treasurer and I have established.

My eloquent critic states that "there is no continuity in this campus' SA. Most of the jobs are never finished." Student government is an on-going process, though, and when one student leaves another quickly takes his place. While this may be a relatively inefficient means of conducting business, it does discount Molina's lack of continuity theory. If he were to realize that SA's primary task is representation, and that

representation must never end, then he, too, would see that his complaint appears to be nothing more than an emotional outburst based on naive and superficial arguments.

I think it is important for the readers of *The Daily Cougar* to know that Fernando Molina ran for the senate last spring and was defeated. Last fall, he ran for Mr. UH and lost that bid as well. My question is this: "Could F. M. be a frustrated politician seeking recognition under the auspices of the editorial page?" Before anyone accepts his story as being respectable, that question should be considered.

Molina mentions the importance of involvement in his peripatetic commentary. Anyone who takes the time to peruse and compare Tough's record of service to the university with F. M.'s will conclude that the former works while the latter talks. My parting advice to the sagacious Mr. Molina is to practice more and preach less.

Editor's Note: Jesse is the president of the UH Students' Association.

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Candidates start race

Five students will seek the Students' Association president's position for the next SA term in campus-wide elections Feb. 23 and 24.

Ninety-two candidates for SA office filed before the 6 p.m. deadline Wednesday.

No one filed to represent the College of Social Work in the student legislature.

In order of their appearance on the ballot, the president—vice president tickets are: Randy Baxley and J. Wesley Cochran (independent), Deborah L. Higdon and Jeff Elliott (Young Socialist Party), Thomas Fenske and Gerald R. Richard (Students for Space Migration Party), Lin Eubanks and Stephen G. Williams (University Students Party) and Keith Wade and Susan Guinn (Students' Party).

Wade is currently SA vice president and Guinn is a student senator.

Candidates for student representative to the Board of Regents are Eric Kangas (YS), Douglas M. Barlow (I), Ilan Orner (I) and Tom Deliganis (SP).

Running for two seats on the UC Policy Board are Steve Charles (YS), Gene Reagan (SP) and John Fannin (I) for position one; Allen Youngblood (SP-incumbent) and Rob Roper (YSA) for position two.

For senator at-large: Steve Charles (YS), Vic Quintanilla (SP-incumbent) and James P. Barnett Jr. (I) for position one;

Richard W. Trotter (I), Tommy Ray Buggs (SP), Robin Cubberly (I), Hope Castle (SSM) and Bruce E. Foster (I) for position two;

Frances Bishop (I), Peter M. Loupos (I), David Patronella (SP) Sandra Sykora (I) for position three;

Fernando Rodriguez (SP), Rob Roper (YS), Jo Robin Franklin (I) and Steve Schoyen (I) for position four;

Scott Arnold (SP), Michael

Hearn (I), Lupe Otero (I) and Lawrence Angeli (YS) for position five;

Ronald Middleton (SP), Robert Mitchum (US) and Barney Skelton (I) for position six;

John Williamson (I), Kobena Campbell (SP), Michael McShan (US) and Hugh M. Franks (I) for position seven; and

Bill Cullen (SP), Bob Ware (I), Brad Yock (I) and Michael R. Waller (I) for position eight.

Races for the other 27 senate seats are within the represented college only.

Architecture: John R. Frank (I), unopposed.

Hotel and Restaurant Management: Michael F. Pasakarnis (SP) and Patti Weppner (I).

Law: Irene Smith (I), Bill Hailey (SP), and Mitchel Winick (I).

Optometry: Brel Clark (I) and Robert C. Nelson (I).

Pharmacy: Sharon Stanfield (SP), unopposed.

Technology: Kim M. Bruder (SP), unopposed for position one; and Sharon Gonser (US), unopposed for position two.

Engineering: Raj Agnihotri (SP-incumbent), unopposed for position one; and Shun-Kwok Tse (Chinese Student Association) and Ali Milaninia (I) for position two.

Natural Sciences and Mathematics:

Aris Hickman (I), Mark Hunter (US) and John Fannin (I) for position one;

Rickey Cheung (CSA), unopposed for position two; and

Karen L. Holgerson (SP) and Chuck Katz (US) for position three.

Social Sciences: Tommie Terry (SP) and Pat Elias (US) for position one; Katy Feller (I) and Bonnie Susan James (SP) for position two; and Therese Hartwell (SP-incumbent), unopposed

for position three.

Education: Harry Goldberg (SP-incumbent), unopposed for position one; Kathie McMurtry (SP), unopposed for position two; and Kristie Martines (US) and Randy C. Redford (SP) for position three.

Business (all unopposed): Gregory Ellis (SP) for position one; Randy Richey (SP) for position two; Jonathan W. Gibson (SP) for position three; and Gary Connelly (SP) for position four.

Humanities and Fine Arts: Willis Williams (SP-incumbent), unopposed for position one;

Adrienne D. Boone (US) and Lucia M. Armato (SP) for position two;

Jim Cody Harrington (SSM), John Slattery (SP) and Francesca J. Beaumont (SP) for position three; and Stephen Long (I), Tammy Howard (SP-incumbent) and Larry Edrozo (I) for position four.

Election commission chair Sonny Willis, vice-chairs Mike Rogers and Peter Ekwuyasi, and SA attorney general Steve Rose outlined election procedures to candidates.



TONY BULLARD
A firefighter douses the burned out frame of this home at 3445 Anita, northwest of UH, Wednesday afternoon.

-Postponed-

The open meeting scheduled tonight for students interested in the Students' Association constitution revision has been postponed.

Sen. Harry Goldberg, chair of the Revision Committee, said, "My committee has not met because I've been sick all week. We'll be running about a week late, but sometime next week we'll have the open meeting for students."

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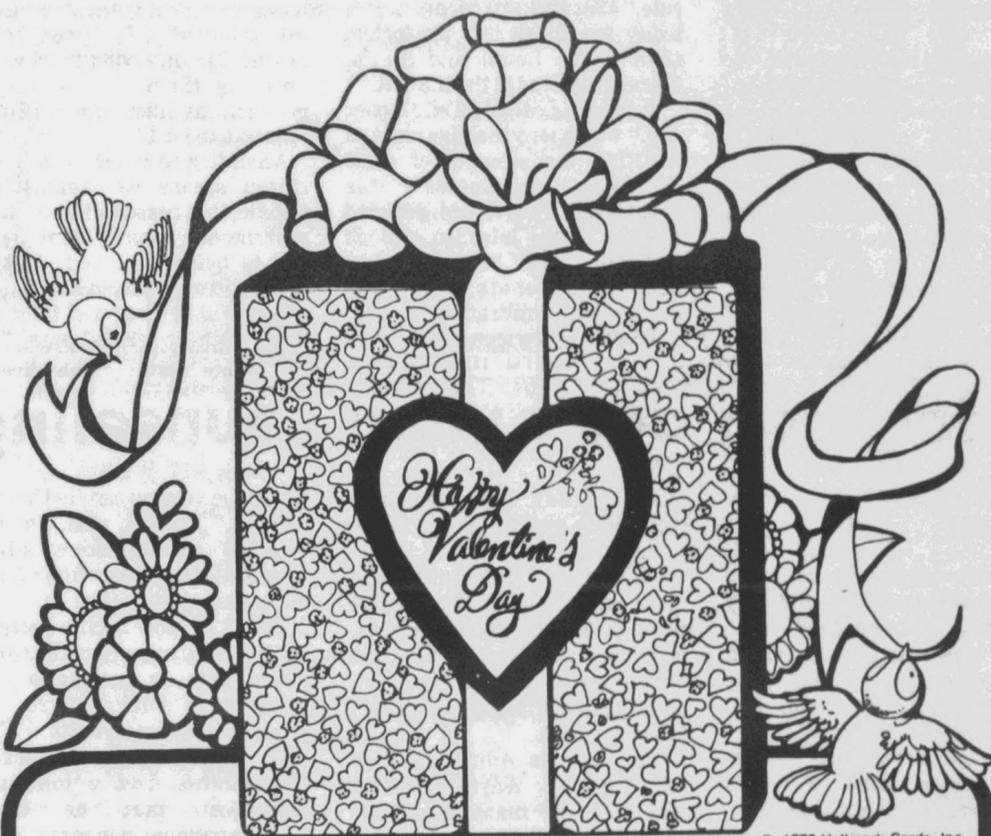
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by paul scott malone

**Red scare threatens again;
UH historian tells it right**

BOMB SHELTER (PSM)—The "cold war" rages. On television, in newspapers and movies the "ruskies" and "yankees" are still waging peacetime war. The Soviet and American governments shuffle people around like chessmen.

Last week, the Soviet Union expelled an Associated Press correspondent from Moscow. In an AP story appearing in the Sunday *Houston Post*, George Krinsky of AP "was . . . accused by the Soviet government of espionage activities and of violating Soviet currency regulations. Krinsky denied the charges."

Those dirty commies. In the same AP story, it was reported that a Soviet correspondent in Washington was expelled from the United States. Vladimir I. Alekseyev of Tass (Soviet news service) was told by the State Department to "leave the country within a week." The charges against Alekseyev were not reported.

Hurray for our side—check-mate.

The pushing match between the Americans and the Soviets continues. For most of us it means nothing—just another political move to heighten our negative feelings toward the Soviet people.

Are the Soviet people something to be feared and protected against?

According to Dr. Harry Walsh, UH associate professor of Russian, "there is not much

difference between Americans and Soviets on the level of the common people. The difference is all politics."

Walsh holds a BA in Russian history from the University of Texas, also an MA in Russian literature from that college and a PhD in linguistics from North Carolina State University.

He studied for a year at the University of Leningrad in 1968 and 1969 under an exchange program. While studying there he traveled to all of the 15 republics that make up the Soviet Union.

"The people in the United States are ignorant about Russian people because they don't take the time to find out about them," Walsh said. "The people in Russia are ignorant of the West because they have been deprived of that information."

Politics have changed in the Soviet Union in the last 20 years as well as in the United States, Walsh said.

"Life in the Soviet Union has always been under totalitarian rule," he said. "The politics of today are much less ideological than under Lenin and Stalin. Marxism is dead in the U.S.S.R."

In a movie called "Tail Gunner Joe," which aired Sunday night on ABC-TV, the strength of some American ideologies was questioned. The movie depicted the life of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy. Sen McCarthy was head of a Senate committee probing the infiltration of communists in American government

during the early '50s.

The movie was set in the era of the real "cold war" when the United States was ridding itself of the "red threat." It was a time of witch hunts, blacklists and fear—for some people. That era is surfacing again with American nostalgia.

"The ordinary Soviet citizen does not live in fear or under a reign of terror like a lot of people think," Walsh said. "The people feel the same way about dissidents that we do here. Some support them—some don't."

Vladimir Bukovsky, a Soviet biologist, was recently expelled from the Soviet Union after spending half his life in an insane asylum for speaking out against the government. He was interviewed in London on CBS's television magazine show "60 Minutes." The show aired Sunday night.

"There are 250 million political prisoners in the Soviet Union—the whole country," Bukovsky said. "Even Leonid Brezhnev can't get books he wants without someone asking him why. Everybody in the Soviet Union knows what is awaiting them if they take a position against the political regime like I did."

According to Walsh, if a Soviet citizen speaks out against the regime, that person will be told by government security that he or she is being watched. If that person persists in speaking out, he or she will be fired and then lose their "right to reside" pass. That

means they can't legally live in the city where they live.

"Consequently, that person is considered a parasite and arrested for 'parasitism' and sent to a work camp," Walsh said. "If they still persist, they are either sent to prison or an insane asylum. But that only happens to



Walsh

people who oppose the government in an obnoxious way."

Except for politics and the standard of living, Walsh said, Soviets and Americans are very similar.

"The Soviets feel a certain kinship with Americans," he said, "because the United States is large and has many races and nationalities living here."

"The Soviets live in a very class-oriented society," he said. "There are the very wealthy and

the very poor—the rich are government and military people. I would guess, though, the average income is about \$170 a month."

The income of college graduates varies immensely. "A doctor is not considered prestigious. They begin at near poverty level income whereas an economist is prestigious and would begin at three or four times that income."

The principle interests of Soviet students are the same as American students, according to Walsh. "Sex, music and other amusements—but, almost all undergraduates work on collective farms in the summer. They need the manpower because they are still feeling the effects of World War II," he said.

Walsh foresees one of two futures for the Soviet Union—"either more pluralism, permitting different points of view or it will deteriorate into a complete military dictatorship. I'm afraid the latter is more likely."

When it comes down to business, Walsh said, there is not much separating the United States and the Soviet Union.

"There are lots of companies right here in Houston doing business with Soviet businesses on a daily basis. I won't name them. But, our differences aren't people or ideologies. The differences are economics and politics," he said.

Older men don't want counseling

By CHRIS MEAVE
Cougar Staff

Help is available for men who are returning to school. But they are not taking advantage of it.

The University Counseling Service scheduled a workshop for men returning to school last semester, and no one came.

They are scheduling another one to start Wednesday, Feb. 9. So far only one man has signed up, according to Robert Morehead, psychology counselor.

"Men are perhaps less open-minded about counseling," Morehead said. "Where women would seek help, men are more

prone to say they can help themselves and less prone to ask for assistance."

"It is also possible men have more expertise and assertiveness in dealing with the hassles experienced in returning to school because of their more prominent position in the job market," Morehead said.

One Veteran Administration representative, Wayne Froelich, said not very many men have asked for help from his office this semester either.

"There are several places

where the veteran can find help on campus," Froelich said. The two veterans' representatives advise veterans of their benefits, mainly in the area of education.

The V.A. and Social Security Student Education Benefits Office assist vets in getting a certification of enrollment so they can start drawing benefits.

The UH Veteran Service Organization has a job bank listing job opportunities and also arrange temporary loans for vets.

The Office of Veterans' Affairs will assist vets in finding a house or in getting long-term loans.

Additional counseling for men or women is available through the A. D. Bruce Religion Center. The different denominations have their own advisers who do counseling by appointment.

The services are certainly here for men. All they have to do is say, "I need help."

Alamo statue

AUSTIN (AP)—A bill to spend \$20,000 for a life-size bronze statue of the founder of the Alamo was approved Tuesday by the Texas Senate. The statue of Fray Antonio San Guenaventura Olivares will be put in the plaza in front of the Alamo.

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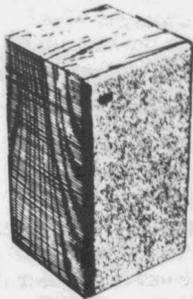
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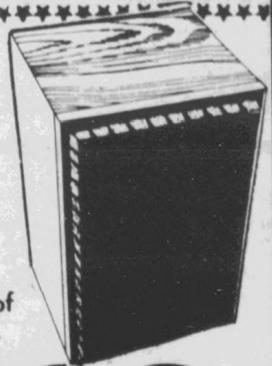
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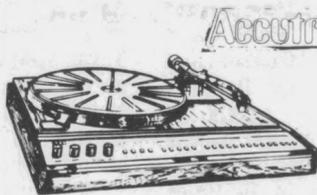
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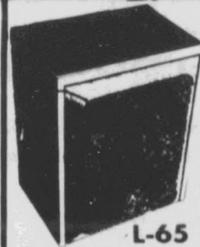
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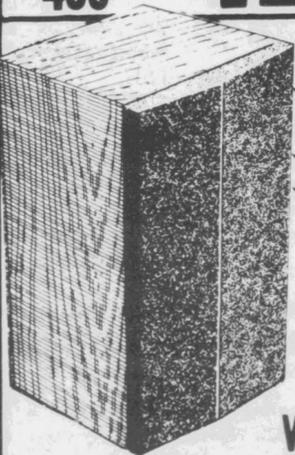
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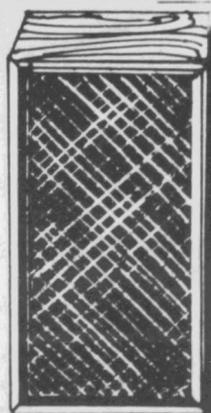
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Jardin honored in Canada

By KAREN TATE
Sports Writer

She wasn't born with gills or tossed into a backyard pool in infancy to sink or swim.

In a day when top athletes routinely reveal that their careers began before they cut their first tooth, UH swimming star Anne Jardin's success story is uniquely inspiring.

The 17-year-old Canadian was a virtual landlubber until age 13, when friends finally lured her poolside. Within a year, Jardin had earned a berth on the Canadian national team as a freestyler, the start of a mercurial rise in the swimming ranks that would lead to participation in the 1976 Olympic Games.

With two bronze medals in relay races from Montreal to prove it, Jardin has obviously found an underwater home.

"I love it," she said. "It's been worth it for me."

Her coaches love it too, because Jardin has a passion for improvement. Her strict Canadian

coach would often keep her training during school hours because he wasn't pleased with her performance. She credits much of her success to him, but realizes the disadvantages of a lost adolescence.

"I didn't get to make many high school friends," she said, "and because I had to work out early in the morning I couldn't stay up nights." While her social life suffered, so did her school work. If she wasn't missing her first class she was out of school entirely. During her senior year in high school, Olympic training kept her occupied for all but a month and a half.

But nothing can convince Jardin her efforts weren't worth it. In November, she and her fellow Canadian Olympic medal winners received Governor General Awards from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Never before had the national service citations been given to athletes.

This week Jardin returned home as a nominee for "Quebec Athlete of the Year." Her com-

petitor is a young man with a silver medal in Olympic equestrian events.

With or without the current attention, Jardin remains a serious-minded swimmer with even bigger dreams. She wants a trip to Moscow in 1980 as a seasoned Olympian, and she's mindful of the up-and-coming competition.

"Younger kids will be improving the way I did," she said. "I know when I began I knocked off a lot of people. That's always in the back of my mind."

Her current task is to help in the development of UH women's swimming, and she's the backbone of the youthful team. Jardin's presence will likely attract other talented recruits, but she probably won't be leaving the local limelight for a long time.

"I like the water," she explained, "and I love the challenge."



Canadians Mike Blondal (l), Jardin, Ivry Victor

Fem netters demolish Rice

By TIM CAPPOLINO
Sports Writer

The UH women's tennis team blasted the Rice netters off the Owl's home court in a dual match played on Feb. 8. The Cougars took 10 of 12 matches, losing one on default.

The UH team of Karen Hausman, Lisa Crowder, Ann Wampler, Elisa Stamps, Becky Grissom, Cathy Pesek, Diann Thomason, Valerie Wilkins and Marjorie Ayars won six of eight singles matches and all of the doubles competition.

Hausman beat Cindy Scott 6-3, 6-1; Crowder took Sue Collings 6-4,

6-1; Wampler defeated Ninja Springer 6-3, 6-2; Grissom defeated Emily Pate 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; and Pesek beat Irene Walker 6-4, 6-1. Rice's Penelope Saltzman edged Thomason 4-6, 6-3 and 3-5 in a tiebreaker while Ayars blasted Linda Barrows 6-0, 6-2. Stamps lost to Sharon McGinnis by default.

In doubles, the team of Hausman and Crowder beat Scott and Collings 6-1, 6-1; Wampler and Wilkins defeated Springer and Saltzman 6-1, 6-0; Stamps and Thomason took Pate and McGinnis 6-1, 6-0; and Grissom and Pesek beat Walker and Barrows in a pro set, 8-3.

UH Coach Ruth Nelson, whose squad is made up of 10 freshmen, believes her team is 10 times stronger this year than last season. "Last year we split 8-6 or 8-7 with Rice, so the 10-2 mark shows that we have improved," she said.

UH plays in a zone with Sam Houston, Rice, Lamar, Texas A&M, Stephen F. Austin and Prairie View with the toughest competition coming from A&M and Lamar according to the Cougar coach.

"Lamar and Texas A&M are strong this year, but Lamar is really tough. They have three nationally ranked players on the team," she said.

Though the tennis team is saturated with freshmen, Nelson notes that depth is in their favor. "I think that we can compete with anybody, but our main problem now is that we have no nationally ranked player like Texas or Lamar," she said.

The Cougar netters could have a tough time later in the year when they play Texas and the University of Northeastern Louisiana. "UT is ranked fifth nationally and Northeast is 10th. If we lose to these teams it will not hurt us because they are outside our zone, but beating them would really help our position," Nelson said.

With the victory over Rice, UH should be seeded higher than the Owls in the zone tournament on April 6, but the players face a tough match on Feb. 18 against Texas A&M and Stephen F. Austin at the John Hoff Courts at UH. Nelson says the outcome of this match will determine their chances for a zone championship.

"If we can beat A&M, the only strong competition left will be Lamar. This match will tell us a great deal about our chances this season," she said.

Roundballers face tourney

The UH women's basketball team will participate in the 23rd Annual Houston College Women's Basketball Tournament this Friday.

The tournament, the second of the year for the Cougars, will feature powers Texas, Baylor and LSU.

In the first round, Houston is paired with Northwest State of Louisiana with the tipoff scheduled for 10:30 p.m. in the North Gym of the Fonde Recreation Center. Houston will play again at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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By **ROBIN WRIGHT**
Sports Editor

UH Head Football Coach Bill Yeoman pulled the surprise of the 1977 SWC recruiting wars Tuesday night when he signed the state's No. 1 bluechip player, Darrell Shepard of Odessa, bolstering a crop of signees which already included the nation's top high school lineman, Hosea Taylor.

Shepard, a 6-0, 165 pound quarterback, said Wednesday afternoon that although he had previously announced he would play for the Texas Longhorns, he hadn't really made his final decision.

"I changed my mind two or three days ago," Shepard said. "I just decided I would rather go to the University of Houston."

"The reason I decided against Texas was that I liked Houston better, the school, the people, and the city. I guess Houston's winning the conference also had something to do with it," he added.

Shepard said he was contacted by Texas coach Freddie Akers before signing with Houston. "Akers called me yesterday and I told him my decision," Shepard said, adding that former coach



Shepard

Darrell Royal's quitting had nothing to do with his decision. "I wasn't even going to think about Texas if Royal was there. I don't like him at all."

Dick Winder said Shepard's decision to come to UH was totally his own, and that he made it Tuesday night.

Winder also said Shepard could still be swayed by another team before the National letters are signed. "I don't think he's looking at anybody else," Winder said. "Of course, I don't think you can ever rule out Oklahoma as long as his brother is playing up there. But, as far as I know, it was just between Texas and Houston."

Shepard said he would definitely sign with UH when the national signing date rolled around. He said his brother put no pressure on him to sign with the Sooners and when he called his brother after signing with the Cougs, the elder Shepard wished him "good luck." "I think I will fit right into the Houston program," Shepard said. "I'm going to try and replace Danny Davis during my first year."

Shepard obviously does not set

Net squad shoots for No. 1 ranking

The UH men's tennis team will be shooting for the top in the national rankings when it plays in the National Intercollegiate Invitational Tennis Team Championship today at the University of Wisconsin.

Sixteen teams will compete for the team title which is held by Stanford, who beat USC 7-2 in the finals last year. Other teams in the tournament include USC, San Jose State, Brigham Young, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana State, Texas, Trinity, SMU, Harvard, Princeton, Oklahoma, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

UH entries in the tournament include sophomores Robert Buchalter, Bob Dowlen, Scott Mueller, Hans Rusli, Dan Valentincic and junior Tony Stockman.

UH plays the first match of the tournament when they take on Georgia.

low goals, saying he is not willing to be redshirted while Davis plays out his college eligibility, and would not consider moving to another position.

Winder said it's hard to say whether Shepard is the best quarterback he has coached at Odessa.

"Darrell's an excellent runner and he's getting better and better at throwing the ball, but you know we also had Rodney Allison here and that's a pretty tough comparison. They're a little different type quarterback."

Another UH recruit who plans to slip into the starting lineup is Longview's Hosea Taylor.

Taylor, the 6-5, 260 pound cousin of Cougar safety Elvis Bradley, unlike Shepard, decided to come to UH during his sophomore year, and admits that his cousin may have had something to do with his decision.

"I really like the program at UH," Taylor said. "From the time I went up there, it has felt like something I've been in all my life."

Taylor is the prime candidate to fill the void left by the graduation of the nation's top college lineman, Wilson Whitley. Taylor is much like Whitley in that he combines strength and quickness with his size.

"I'll be playing defensive tackle at Houston," Taylor said. "I like the Cougar defense better than the



Taylor

one we use at Longview. Wilson was in a three-point stance, but down here, they use the four-point stance."

Taylor's honors include All District, All East Texas, first

team All America, East Texas Player of the Year, and he was named the nation's top lineman by Parade Magazine.

These honors have made Taylor the most sought-after lineman in the country, even though he openly announced his intentions to attend UH early. Taylor said the schools which recruited him the most were Texas, Oklahoma and North Texas State.

When asked if any schools try anything illegal to draw him away from UH, Taylor said, "Yeah they tried. They tried real bad. They'd come in and want to take you off somewhere, and promise you a bunch of things they weren't supposed to do."

Even though Taylor turned down these inducements, those schools may still end up paying for Taylor's four-year stint with the Cougars when they meet him on the playing fields next fall.

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College men's basketball — SMU at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball — City of Houston Intercollegiate Tourney, Fonde Recreation Center

FRIDAY

Pro basketball — San Antonio at Rockets, 8 p.m.

College women's basketball — City of Houston Intercollegiate Tourney, Fonde Recreation Center

College swimming — Tulane at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Badminton — University of Texas Tournament

SATURDAY

College men's basketball — TCU at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball — City of Houston Intercollegiate Tourney, Fonde Recreation Center

Badminton — University of Texas Tournament

College men's swimming — LSU at Houston, 2 p.m.

College women's swimming — LSU at Houston, 11 a.m.

Pro hockey — Quebec at Aeros, 7:35 p.m.

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

College men's basketball — Houston at Texas, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball — Houston at Texas, 5:15 p.m.

Pro hockey — Quebec at Aeros — Seattle at Rockets, 8:30 p.m.

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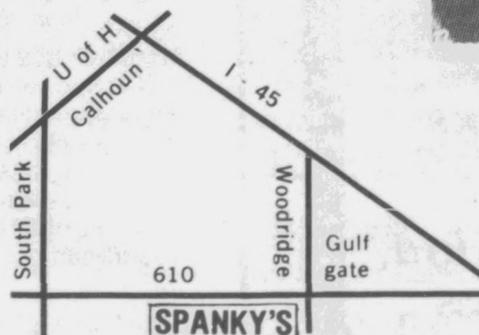
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'Price' graces playhouse

Indian auditions

Preparation for the third season of Beyond The Sundown, the historical outdoor drama of the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation located between Livingston and Woodville will begin with series of regional auditions.

The first audition will be at 8 p.m., Feb. 12 in Houston at the High School for Performing Arts, followed by an audition at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation's Sundown amphitheatre at 1 p.m. Feb. 13.

Actors, dancers and technicians are being sought. Among them will be four principal acting roles. A total cast of 60 will be needed to begin rehearsals on June 13.

German lectures

A lecture on "Expressionist Theater and the Ghost" by one of the nation's leading drama educators and writers will kick off the UH spring series on German Expressionism.

Robert W. Corrigan, dean of the School of Fine Arts, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, will be a guest lecturer on Expressionism during the week of Feb. 14. The public is invited to his "Ghost" lecture at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16, in the San Jacinto-Sonora Rooms, UC.

As part of UH's focus on German Expressionism, special courses are being offered this semester on Expressionistic art, drama and literature by the

departments of art, drama, English and German.

Six distinguished lecturers will spend several days each on campus and will deliver one public lecture plus a number of classroom talks.

Speakers, in addition to Corrigan, will be Bernard S. Meyers, editor, art historian and author, Feb. 21-25; Walter Sokel, Commonwealth professor of German literature, University of Virginia, March 1-2; Reinhold Grimm, Alexander Hohlfeld professor of German, University of Wisconsin at Madison, March 14-17; Jost Hermand, Vilas research professor, University of Wisconsin at Madison, March 28-31; and Helmut Kreuzer, professor for German Studies, University of Siegen (West Germany), soon-to-be M.D. Anderson Professor of German at University of Houston, April 11-14.

Katims on video

"Mozart in Seattle," a television documentary featuring Milton Katims, artistic director of the UH school of music, and Henryk Szeryng, violinist, was recently cited the "Best in the West" by Public Broadcasting Television stations. The award is for the best cultural program made for Public Broadcasting System.

In the film Katims is both narrator and conductor of the Seattle Symphony, for which he served as permanent conductor for over 20 years.

The film was shown over Houston's Channel 8 last June.

By DEBBIE PARISI
Amusements Staff

The old maxim states that "hindsight is 20-20" and in reviewing the past one can often plainly see the mistakes made or choices not properly taken. In Arthur Miller's "The Price," at the Country Playhouse through Feb. 13, two brothers in evaluating their younger years discover some painful revelations about themselves and their deceased father.

In bickering over the value of the family's antique belongings Victor Franz (Ray McFerren) and his wife Esther (Jean Proctor) rummage bitterly through their marriage and

discover some personal shortcomings.

Esther has always had higher life expectations than her husband could fulfill on his policeman's salary and Victor has been living in bitter envy of his successful brother, Dr. Walter Franz (Bob Griffith). While waiting for the appraisal of an antique furniture dealer Gregory Solomon (Harold Suggs) both Victor and Esther are surprised by a visit from the usually distant Walter. His arrival provides him and his brother the opportunity to finally bare their emotions and admit their true feelings to each other. The result is painstaking and pathetic.

Victor, it seems, was duped into

caring for his father after the family fortune was lost in the Stock Market Crash of '29. He relinquished a college career to study science in order to work to support himself and his father. Walter, however, went on to obtain his medical degree and offered minimal assistance to his father and brother.

The pitiful fact that Victor discovers, though, is that his father possessed a substantial amount of money all along. In effect, Victor's years of self-sacrifice were a mockery and in truth, as his brother accuses, self-imposed. Walter is not without blame, however, for he never informed Victor of this truth until these 40 years later.

The key character in this emotional exchange is the antique dealer Solomon. He has offered Victor a price for the unique furnishings which Victor, in obviously poor judgment, has agreed to despite the sensible opinion of his brother and wife.

"The Price" is an explosive examination of one man's choice for reality and the cost of his decision. The startling realization that his whole life has been a sham is a fact that he is hesitant to accept and his defiance to this truth is pathetically moving. Victor eventually learns, however, that the price for reality is often pain.

Ray McFerren portrays Victor as the disillusioned yet courageous man that he was with great success. Bob Griffith's Walter is most effective as the affluent yet discontented sibling. An outstanding performance by Harold Suggs compliments the entire cast. He was at once eccentric, philosophical and comical yet beneath it all undeniable manipulative and devious.

The Country Playhouse's production of "The Price," directed by Jack Dunlop with an appropriate set designed by Kathryn Baker, aptly captures the power and impact of Arthur Miller's masterful words.

Symphony has sound, not dynamic enough

By JOHN ATKINSON
Amusements Staff

The return of Lawrence Foster to the podium this week coincided with enlarged symphony audiences for the performance of Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor.

Composers of the stature of Stravinsky and Beethoven do much to increase the size of the crowd, probably as much as a prominent guest soloist.

Add tenor George Shirley and narrator Werner Klemperer of "Hogan's Heroes," and a box office bonanza is guaranteed. The promise was greater than the delivery Tuesday evening.

The problems arose with Creon's first solo, sung by bass-baritone Jon Enloe. His solo's are scored much more tonally than those of Oedipus, therefore, when there is a discrepancy it is a viler one.

The reed ensemble accompanying Enloe, specifically the clarinets, flatted in the upper register. It was not a consistent flaw, yet it was not a totally isolated incident. It was certainly most unfortunate, however, and blemished an otherwise satisfactory performance. Klemperer provided a more than perfunctory, less than exciting narration of the story line.

Other minor annoyances included the placement of the percussion section. Undoubtedly, as the men of the Houston Symphony Chorale were on risers in the rear, the percussionists could



Klemperer

not occupy their usual position. As it was, the cymbal crashes in the final scene were overbalanced, due to the fact that the gentleman was standing stage left, right up front.

For a presentation of such great promise, Tuesday night's performance was oddly flawed. Each soloist was competent, the selections well chosen and engaging, and the general temper of the orchestra, conductor and chorale excited. Most characteristically, it was an off-night.

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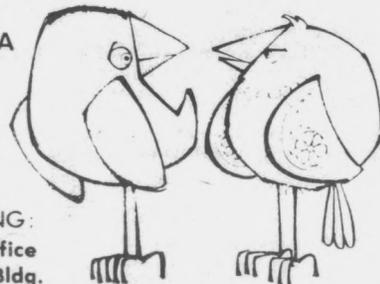
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The entertaining cartoon books are published through a cooperative project involving New York PIRG, New York Law School and Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation B.

The books are obviously intended to familiarize youth with common "fixes" consumers often find themselves in. Unlike old-time wham-bang comic books, the good guys don't always win in the end. Just as in real life, the consumer often finds himself with little or no recourse to extricate himself from the problem.

One example of the comic book, called "Door to Door Career Con," shows the methods of the shady training school which advertises both door-to-door and via television commercials, urging viewers to "pick up the phone and call now."

The hypothetical "Computer Institute" salesman in the cartoon is shown sweating when the consumer actually reads the contract and asks, "Does this say I have to pay \$1,990 for the job training you give me?" The salesman is pictured as thinking: "Who ever thought he'd read it? I'll have to make this sound good."

But, alas, the sweating salesman finally persuades the

consumer to sign the contract by promising him a \$20,000 job after graduation.

Like any normal comic book, you can figure out the ending from there: the consumer pays the cash, takes the course, but fails to find a job.

The last page of the comic book pictures a television set which the consumer has kicked in anger, illustrated with warning tips on how to avoid being ripped off by vocational schools.

The tips tell consumers they have three days to cancel a contract in writing if it is signed during a door-to-door sales pitch.

If you are interested in more information on the comic books, contact "Consumer Law Training Center," N.Y. Law School, 57 Worth St., New York, N.Y. 10013.

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A newsletter from the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on consumer affairs asserts that a pilot program utilizing cash payment discounts in gasoline service stations has resulted in overall lower gasoline pricing.

Exxon Company has been operating a pilot program in Abilene, Tex. and Charleston, S.C., whereby consumers who pay cash for gasoline are provided a discount price. The participating dealers generally provide a 5 per cent (two cents per gallon) discount on cash purchases.

The newsletter points out that a combination of discounts through self-service and cash purchases has given Charleston the lowest gasoline prices in South Carolina.

Since merchants pay a discount fee to the credit card company for each transaction, the merchant, theoretically, should be willing to give a cash customer a discount equal to the amount of discount the merchant would have to pay the credit card company.

Hopefully major oil companies will utilize the new cash payment discount features on a widespread basis in the future.

By STEVE DAVIS
Cougar Staff

The UH recycling center is expected to resume operation on Feb. 21, according to Greg Skie, director of the center. The center, which is behind the KUHT (Channel 8) offices on Cullen Avenue, will be open during daylight hours seven days a week.

The center will accept donations of newsprint, glass bottles, tin and aluminum cans. The newsprint must be bundled, either tied with string or put into a paper bag, Skie said. The bottles should be clean and have their caps removed. The cans should be clean and flattened

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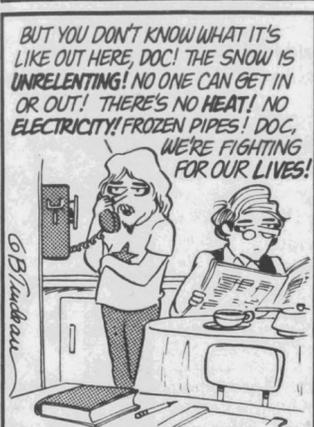
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Board racist, Arabs claim

The Organizations Board Wednesday upheld a Jan. 26 ruling and extended the UH Organization of Arab Student's (OAS) probationary status until the end of the semester.

At their last meeting, the board placed OAS on probation until a hearing could be held.

Mohammed Abdur-Rahim, newly elected OAS vice president, accused Julius Gordon, associate dean of students and board member of prejudicing the board's decision by stating policy violations their group knew nothing about.

Gordon had charged OAS with failure to distribute solicitation permits to University Security (UHS) and with having a president who was not currently enrolled as a student.

According to solicitation policy, permits must be picked up from Gordon and turned in to UHS and the reservations office within 48 working hours, or at least five days before the event is to take place. Approved permits must be picked up no later than two days before the event is to be held.

"Security's permit is important in that only legitimate groups are to use campus facilities and for the protection of the students," Gordon said. The permit to the reservations office is to reserve rooms and tables for the organization's use.

Gordon referred to the Jan. 25 violation of solicitation permit policy when, he said, OAS picked up their permit the day before their event and never gave a copy to UHS.

"I gave them a permit to operate from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then granted them an extension until 5 p.m. I went to their table at 1 p.m. and told them their permit was canceled after I learned they still hadn't gone to security."

"This is not the first and only permit they didn't give to security. There were none this semester or last," Gordon added.

Abdur-Rahim disagreed with Gordon's charges and said he was not responsible for what happened three or four years before.

"It's discrimination. I don't know about the past. I was on my way to security when Gordon

came to the table. I was late in going because of technical things—arranging the books and the table," Abdur-Rahim said.

"On Jan. 25 we had the table beginning at 10 a.m. but we came late, about 10:30 a.m. I had the permits and submitted one to reservations, but there was not enough time to get one to security. Gordon walked in and canceled our permit then and the rest of our week's activities." He was also rude to OAS members, Abdur-Rahim said.

Gordon replied "I told them to continue until the end of the day on

an invalid permit. It beats the hell out of me how this can be rude. They had from 10:30 that morning until that afternoon to get that permit to security and they didn't do it."

In response to the charge that the OAS president was not a student, Abdur-Rahim said the president was a student who graduated in December. "There was no time to elect a new president (before Jan. 25). This takes two to three weeks. When the ex-president left we did not know permit policy," Abdur-Rahim said.

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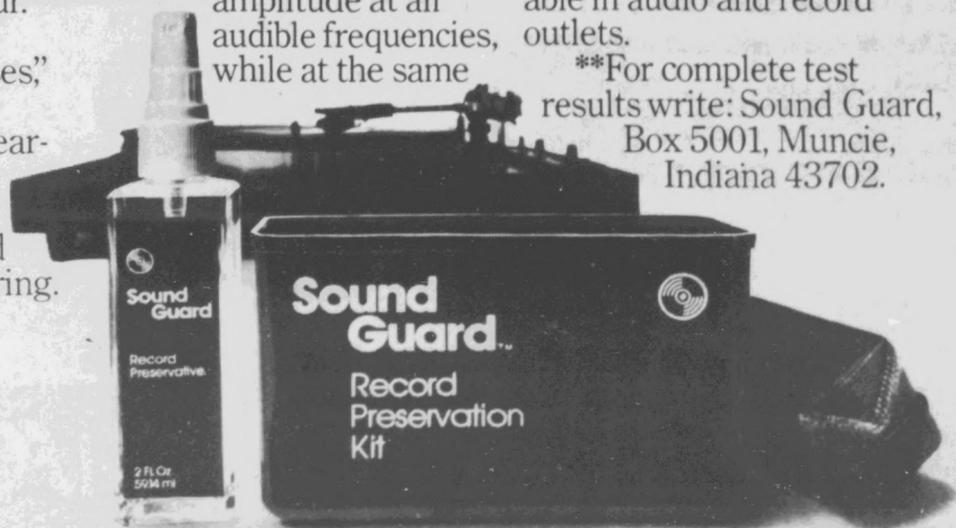
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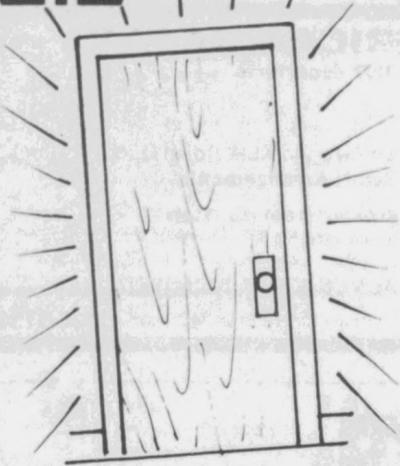
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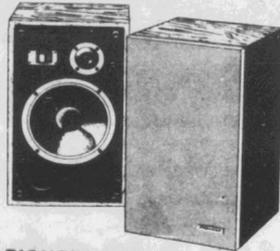
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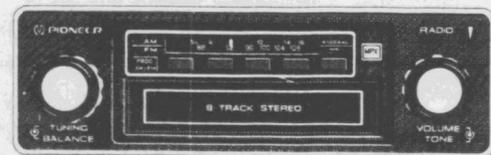
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