



**AN INDO-CHINA ART EXHIBIT** brightens the UC arbor as students discuss the works on display. Students are: (! to r) Hung Ngo, chemical engineering junior, Joycelyn Bowling,

Thong Vu Ong, chemical engineering freshman and Evangine Mix (seated). Bowling and Mix are traveling with the exhibit.

KENNETH MOREAU—Cougar Staff

## Food service modifies staff

By CANDACE VELVIN  
Cougar Staff

John M. Kellerman and William G. Moehring were approved by the UC Policy Board Foods Committee as director and catering manager respectively of the UC food service Thursday.

Kellerman was recommended to the committee by Manning's Inc., which took over operation of the UC foods facilities last July.

"By concentrating on customer satisfaction, the profit line will improve," Kellerman said. "Manning's is also considering hiring students as a solution to an employee shortage," Kellerman added.

William Scott, UC director, suggested work study students be hired through the Financial Aid Department as a cooperative effort between Manning's and the UC staff.

"Although Manning's lost money in the initial operations in the UC, no attempt will be made to make up the deficit by maximization of profits," Hank Meyer, Mannings' San Francisco Divisional vice president said.

Moehring, previously Manning's Colorado Food Service director, will assist Kellerman in managing catering services in the UC.

Meyer and Houston Area Vice President Dan Cassidy brought the candidates before the foods committee. The food service contract requires Manning's to obtain Foods Committee approval of new management personnel.

In other business, the committee heard a request to open the doors to the Cougar Den at 9 a.m. to allow students to use the area as

a lounge. Cassidy said security problems occurred when the area had been previously left open between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. when the food service was not in operation.

"Unauthorized persons gained access to the kitchen area," Cassidy explained, "since the kitchen area cannot be closed when the main doors to the Den are open."

Manning's agreed to open the area at 10 a.m. when Manning's staff would be in the area.

"We will research the security problem and hope to open the Den earlier at a later date," Glenda Childs, Foods Committee chair, said. "This area is an important student service because students need a place to meet and study," she added.

## Protesters stage rally

(AP)—Thousands of persons joined in a series of rallies in Washington on Thursday to tell Congress and the administration that the abortion question has not been settled and to call for a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Supporters of the annual March for Life first gathered in Lafayette Park across from the White House on the third anniversary of a Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

They later moved to the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument. Police preliminary estimates said 10,000 of them marched from the Ellipse (See MARCH, Page 12)

## SA to scan research fund

The beginnings of a \$2,000 undergraduate research program will be considered at the weekly meeting 7 p.m. Monday in the Atlantic Room, UC.

Chuck Foster, chair of the senate's fiscal and governmental committee, said if the senate passes this proposal, "it is likely that a similar proposal would be approved by the University Council. They would then match the \$2,000, and provide an additional \$2,000 if that gets used up."

Foster said the undergraduate research program is a direct result of Mission: Self-Study, which places an emphasis on university research.

"This would allow students to submit proposals to the people managing the money," Foster said. "Meritorious proposals

would then be approved for allocation of funds."

Foster said the money would pay for research costs and provide travel money to allow the presentation of research results to national conferences. For a student to become eligible for the research money, his professor

would have to sponsor the project.

"At the moment there is no program at UH which funds research by undergraduates," Foster said. "This will be a very important precedent, if passed, and could very well receive donations from organizations off-campus."

## Mideast consul here

Can there be a secular state of Israelis and Palestinians?

That's a question Itshak Rager, Consul of Israel, will answer when he meets with students and community leaders at noon Monday in the World Affairs Lounge of the UC Expansion.

Rager, one of the foremost authorities on Ethnic tension in the Middle East, is involved in negotiations between Israel and Palestine.

The discussion is presented by the Israeli Students Organization with several other campus groups, including Hillel and the UH religious center, sponsoring the question and answer session.

## 'Big Bird' to swoop down here?

By ROBIN WRIGHT  
Cougar staff

The "Big Bird" is reportedly on the move.

An Eagle Pass, Tex., resident reported to police Wednesday that he was attacked by a giant bird which left half-inch deep claw-like marks on his shoulders.

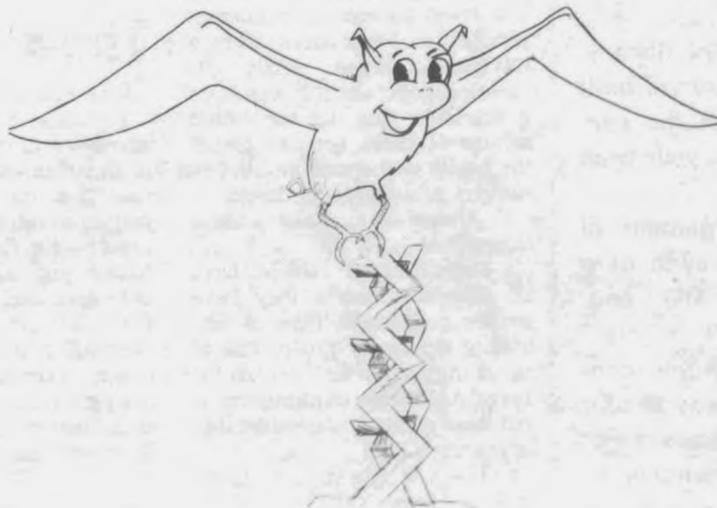
The man described the creature as having skin like a bat, a face like a pig without a snout, pointed ears and a wingspread of six to eight feet.

Reports of sightings of the creature have cropped up several times recently in South and South Central Texas. The bird which reportedly attacked the Eagle Pass man resembles other "Big Bird" descriptions given by witnesses, Eagle Pass police said.

Don Hadley, director of the UH Campus Safety Office, Thursday advised UH students to carry a camera and photograph the creature if it is spotted in the Houston area.

"As a precautionary measure," Hadley said, "students might wear a hard hat to protect them from the 'Big Bird's' droppings."

Bird attacks at Houston universities are not without precedent. Last summer and fall, Dr. Dave Johnson of Rice University led an attack on 1.25 million birds which had virtually taken over the



Rice campus.

Johnson called in helicopters to drop nets on the birds. He also trimmed trees across the campus in an effort to discourage the birds from roosting there. But a count last week showed 370,000 birds still on the campus, he said.

Johnson does not see the birds as an advance warning of an appearance in Houston by the "Big Bird." With his experience at fighting birds, Johnson would be Houston's first line of defense should the bird make an appearance.

"I don't think trimming trees would work against this bird," Johnson said. "The best bet might be to shoot it and serve it for supper."

Dr. Glenn Aumann, chairman of the UH Biology Department and an expert on birds, thinks the "Big Bird" might be one which has exceeded its normal growth range.

"It could be something like a King Vulture," Aumann said. "They have ugly, featherless heads, but cannot hide in the daytime in the manner this bird reportedly does."

Aumann said that if the bird comes to UH, he hopes it will be captured alive. He said he would also like to see the bird in its natural habitat.

The Texas Wildlife Commission has ruled that any attempt to capture or harm "Big Bird" is illegal.

# US unrestrained gun use backfires

By BETSY MARTIN

The United States is maintaining its leadership role at all costs. The United States is the murder capital of the world. More than 800,000 persons have been killed by guns since the turn of the century. This figure is separate and above the number of deaths caused by all our wars, from the revolution through Vietnam. In 1973 alone, 53 per cent of all murders were the result of the hand gun and in 1974 this percentage rose to 54 per cent. In light of these tragic statistics, the Committee for Hand Gun Control and other such organizations around the country were formed. The goal of the committee is to encourage legislation that will ensure responsible control over the importation, sale and ownership of the hand gun and to educate the public of the threat that the continued indiscriminate sale and use of hand guns imposes on the society.

Effective gun control legislation has not been passed in the state or the federal legislatures because of strong opposition from several factions in our society. Proponents of unrestrained gun use want to protect themselves, their families and their possessions; they want to be prepared to ward off invaders from other countries and finally, they want to use guns for sporting purposes.

Self-protection is not guaranteed by a hand gun. Only one to two per cent of robbers are ever shot. But, there are nearly 3,000 accidental gun deaths each year, along with some 9,000 gun murders committed by the law



abiding citizens, who might have stayed law abiding if they had not had that gun at hand in a moment of passion or anger.

As to the defense of our country, weapons used by military forces in these technological days just can not be subdued by a nation of unorganized shooters. We should depend on our own military to protect us from foreign invasion.

There are those who fear that when the law abiding citizen gives up his gun, the criminal will rule the country. Comprehensive national gun legislation would enable us to dry up the source of guns to the criminal. Accidents, mistakes and spontaneous murders by good citizens would sharply decrease. If hand guns are controlled on the federal level, armed hoodlums can be arrested for the sole crime of carrying a gun. The police need and want comprehensive legislation to help them dry up the illegal gun market and crack down on the criminal.

We, the Committee for Hand Gun Control, feel that federal registration and licensing of all hand guns would aid greatly in the solution to this problem of ever-increasing violence in this country. To allow gun ownership to increase unchecked would mean a continued and even greater loss of human lives. Could opposite results be achieved by decreasing gun ownership significantly? We think so.

The choice then is clearly up to us as private citizens to decide which way to go. Will it be down the path to a domestic arms race or will it be in the direction of a sane and responsible hand gun policy? If you, as students, feel any responsibility and concern for the welfare of your country and yourselves, you will want to do the following things: 1) Write your own congressman (House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515). 2) Present a hand gun law proposal to your village or city council. 3) Join the Committee for Hand Gun Control for maximum effectiveness. You will receive newsletters informing you of the latest events and of groups or members in your area working for our cause. 4) If you are a member of any church or social group, alert the members to this struggle and try to encourage group support and participation.

Editor's Note: Betsy Martin is a member of the Committee for Hand Gun Control. The committee can be contacted by writing them at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

## EDITORIAL

### Construction woes

You rise in the morning, groggy from your late night studying (or whatever), munch a soggy breakfast, cut yourself shaving, and get dressed. Your car whines in protest when you turn the key-- that starter has outlived its expected life span-- and you drive to school, fighting vicious freeway traffic and arriving just a few minutes before your first class.

Next comes the daily ritual of prowling through parking lots, looking for a parking space. You finally find one-- you're running late now-- and stumble out of the car. The building you seek is still a quarter of a mile away. You discover you have forgotten one of your books. Your shoe comes untied. Muttering obscenities, you hurry across campus.

Halfway to your destination-- you're five minutes late now, and almost running-- you are confronted by a tall fence that wasn't there before you left for the holidays. "Construction parking only" a sign admonishes you. But you've already parked; all you want is to get to your class.

Later in the day, you need to go the library for a book. But the entire area in front of the entrance, you discover, is fenced off. Behind the fence, the scene resembles a battlefield: men in hard hats wave and shout at one another; huge, ungainly machines rumble across fields of dirt and rocks.

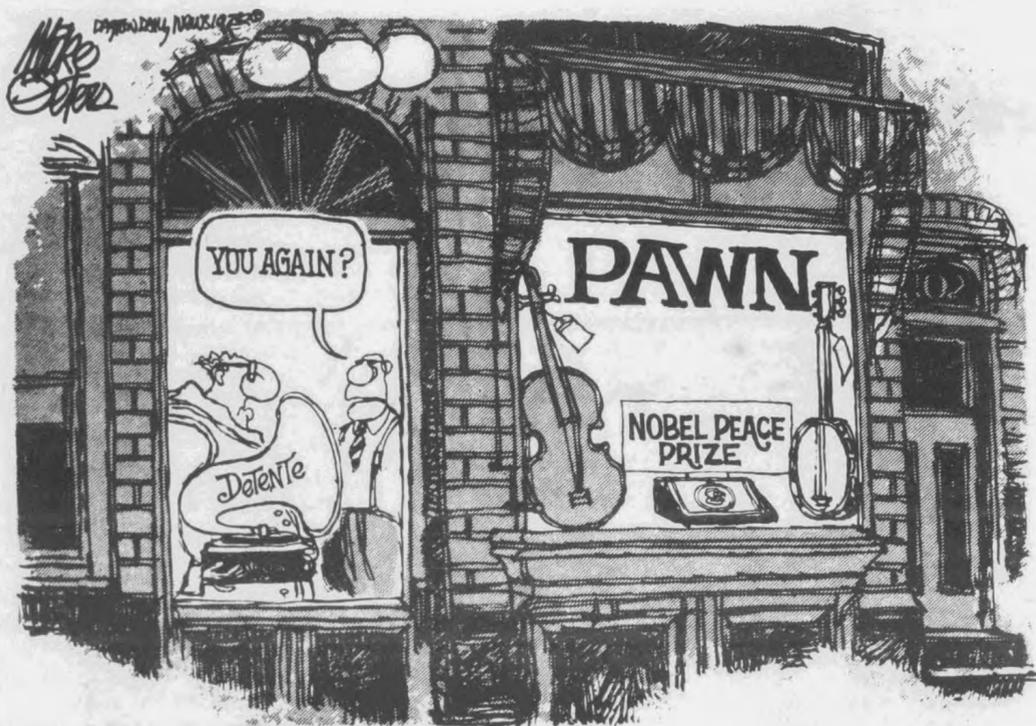
Somewhere behind all that, you know, is the library, and you are finally directed to the side entrance built especially to accomodate students while all the construction is going on. By the time you get there, your book has been checked out.

Construction of new facilities, and enlargement of existing ones, is a necessary part of the growth of a university. Inconvenience is inevitable. The end, hopefully, will justify the means.

Perhaps it was necessary that all the major construction and remodeling projects now underway should converge on the campus at the same time. Perhaps it will be over soon, and we can walk across campus in something resembling a straight line. Perhaps not.

But one thing seems certain: what's going on now does nothing to enhance the educational process. Little can be taught in a classroom made next-to-inaccessible by bulldozers, jackhammers, and debris.

-M.S.



## LETTERS

### Hit the street

To the Editor:

A few minutes ago I found myself in a hazardous situation that every pedestrian on campus is subject to. I was almost hit by a Cushman (those small UH vehicles) going about 20 m.p.h. on a sidewalk. The use, or rather misuse of these vehicles places the health and even the lives of campus pedestrians in danger.

I therefore make these suggestions:

1. Ban all motor vehicles from all sidewalks unless they have written permission from a controlling university group. This is not as impossible as it sounds for Texas A&M has implemented it and their campus is considerably larger than UH.

2. Place a five m.p.h. speed limit on those vehicles allowed on sidewalks. Since security will need to exceed this in cases of emergency, those vehicles should be equipped with flashing lights and a siren.

While these measures would

tend to inconvenience some who are now drivers of such vehicles the injury or death of a pedestrian goes beyond an inconvenience.

Dewitt Gimblet  
275862

### Time is now

To the Editor:

The time has come for this university to realize the value of its Communications Dept., and the role that its students will be playing in the future of American mass media. Houston is one of the fastest growing communities in the world, and as this city grows the need for well trained and educated media people will increase. The time to prepare is now, the students are the victims of this inactivity on the part of the university and something must be done and publicly.

The professors and members of the staff have made promises of better things to come but, these promises have been made time and time again and we still have very little to show for our waiting.

I, for one, would like to know

exactly at what stage the plans for the improvement of the department are at and when the results of this improvement are going to be used to educate those students, like myself, who have waited, patiently, since the closing of KUHT to communications classes in 1972. Thank you.

Michael Doss  
232916

Editor's note: Dr. Campbell Titchener, chairman of the Communications Dept., feels the department is on its way toward improvement with the completion of the new humanities building in 1977. Titchener feels the new facilities, the hiring of new faculty and the establishment of a central location of communications classes will go a long way toward a better department.

### Letters Policy

Letters to the editor of the Daily Cougar should be typewritten and not exceed 250 words in length. Letters will be run on a space availability basis and will be subject to simple editing.

Commentaries of longer length may be submitted for the columns. Letters must have a name or student number affixed to them. Commentaries must carry the author's name and a brief explanation of the author's major, classification, or other affiliation with the university.

## ID photo schedule

Photographs for UH Identification cards will be made in the UC Games Area through Jan. 26. Students must present a paid 1976 spring schedule-fee statement or copy and a proof of age document.

Students who already have ID cards may have the cards validated for the spring semester by presenting a paid spring schedule-fee statement and ID card in the UC Information Counter or the UC Satellite Sales Counter.

A \$3 late charge will be assessed for all photos made after Jan. 26. Late cards may be made by calling 749-1259.

**The ID Photo Schedule:**

Friday, Jan. 23 ..... 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 26 ..... 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## SA forum tips UH women

The UH Health Center's family planning program can save women money on gynecological services according to Juneau Shepherd, UH women's advocate. "Women don't take advantage of the program because they don't know about it," she said.

Shepherd discussed this and other services at the first session of the "Women's Noon Forum" program Thursday.

The forum sessions, scheduled for every Thursday at noon in the Mercury Room, UC Satellite, are sponsored by the Student's Association department of women's affairs.

"We will discuss different issues that are important to women," Diana Escobedo, SA director of women's affairs said. In addition to planned workshops, topics include legal, financial and medical services, self defense classes and security measures.

The forum will initially feature women speakers from on-campus organizations and service centers. "Later we'll get visiting speakers, such as a representative from a credit bureau to speak on women's credit problems," Escobedo said.

## UHS hearings postponed

Hearings over the status of fired University Security Sgt. Eldridge Harris, originally expected to conclude today, have been postponed until early next month.

Scheduling conflicts between witnesses in the case caused the delay. Final testimony of witnesses and closing arguments are expected when the proceedings resume at 8 a.m. Feb. 9 in Room 315, Ezekiel Cullen Building.

Harris, 42, fired by UHS Director Joseph P. Kimble last October, has claimed his dismissal was racially motivated. Kimble has denied this, and has charged Harris with conduct unbecoming an officer, neglect of duty and insubordination.

The hearings before a three-member committee of the UH Equal Opportunity Office are open to the public.

## A-1 VIOLATIONS

### Traffic court waivers available

If finding a parking space seems impossible, park in no-parking zones, park on the grass, but don't, DON'T block a parking lot.

Traffic Court is now waiving A-1 (parking in a no-parking zone) and A-2 (parking on grass) violations received between 9 a.m. and noon, Terrell Cochran, chief

justice of the Traffic Court, said Thursday.

"University Security studies show that by noon there are empty student spaces. We do not waive tickets after that time unless the student has a good excuse," Cochran said.

"The student must appeal,"

Cochran stressed. "The tickets cannot be waived without our knowledge they were issued."

Appeal forms may be obtained from University Security or the Students' Association and must be returned within two weeks of the offense, Cochran said.

While no-parking can safely be ignored, blocking parking lots cannot. Three cars were recently towed away for that offense, according to Mary Voswinkle of University Security.

Also, don't try to park in lots 4F (east of the Classroom and Office Building), 4D (north of the Technology Bldg.) and in portions of 5A and 5B (north of the UC Satellite). They are closed to students during the current construction.

## The Cougar

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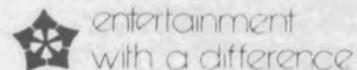
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Wednesday ..... "A Word on the Word" -- Noon  
Bible study and lunch

Thursday ..... BSU's "Happy Hour" -- 11:30 a.m.

Friday ..... "P.S. I Love You" -- 7:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. - Mission Activities

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## Geology Dept. names undergrad awards

The UH geology department has established three undergraduate awards to recognize scholarship, according to Dr. J.C. Butler, chairman of geology.

The awards, named for three friends of the department who are prominent in geology, will be:

The Margaret S. Bishop Outstanding Sophomore award honoring Bishop, a former faculty member who retired in 1971. Bishop served as chairperson of geology (1967-69), is the author of several books, and served as director of the Academic Year Institute.

The John C. O'Leary Outstanding Junior award honoring O'Leary as a prominent Houston businessman and graduate of the UH department of geology. O'Leary has provided significant support for the department since his graduation in 1957.

The J. Brian Eby Outstanding Senior award honoring Eby, chairman of the board of directors of the Geology Foundation of UH.

The awards will be given for the first time at the end of the Spring 1976 semester and will consist of an engraved plaque and financial assistance.

Undergraduate recipients will be chosen by a committee of the geology department and voted upon by the entire department faculty.

## Court reconsiders

WASHINGTON (AP) —The Supreme Court agreed to broaden its reconsideration of the death penalty by hearing cases from Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Florida and Louisiana on March 30.

The court heard arguments on one North Carolina case last April 21, but failed to decide the issue and announced that it would hear further arguments this term.

The court ruled in 1972 that capital punishment laws then on the books were unconstitutional.

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## Today

**BLACK ENGINEERING STUDENT CLUB** will meet at 6 p.m. in Room 325, Cullen Engineering Bldg.

**ALPHA PHI ALPHA** presents JAM-THE SOUL DISCO from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Houston Room, UC. Free-student I.D. required.

**MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** will conduct a Friday Prayer at 1:15 p.m. in Room 201, A. D. Bruce Religion Center.

## Weekend

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** will hold a folk worship service at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25 in Room 201, A. D. Bruce Religion Center.

## Monday

**TEX-PIRG** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the TEX-PIRG office in the Campus Activities Offices, UC Underground.

**LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES** presents a lecture by Kenneth Ruddle, Ph.D., Research Associate, Technology and Development Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii, at 3 p.m., in Room 311, CO.

**IEEE** will meet at noon in Room 120, Cullen Engineering Bldg.

## —Help wanted—

The Daily Cougar is accepting applications for feature writers and reporters for the spring semester.

Staff writers are paid \$5 per day and are required to work at arranged hours.

Applications are available in Room 16 of the Communications Complex.

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** invites you to have lunch at noon in the Moody Towers Dining Hall

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST STUDENT FOUNDATION** will hold an evening devotional at 7:30 p.m., in Room 120, A. D. Bruce Religion Center.

**ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA-PHI ETA SIGMA** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Spindletop Room, UC.

## Soon

**ALPHA PHI ALPHA** will hold a Smoker and Reception, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 1, in the Regents Lounge, UC.

**GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE** will meet at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 1, in the Spindletop Rm., UC.

**PRSSA** will meet at 6:15 p.m., Jan. 27, in the San Jacinto-Sonora Room, UC.

**WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.** will present a membership party from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Jan. 29, in the Caribbean Room, UC.

## Etc policy

It will be the policy of The Daily Cougar to give the Et Cetera column as much room as possible each day, as it is an efficient and effective means by which to notify the university of events and meetings of the many and varied campus organizations. However, Et Cetera will not take priority over pertinent news and will be published on space availability basis.

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## Supreme Court agrees to hear death row pleas

WASHINGTON (AP) —The Supreme Court set the stage Thursday for a broad review of capital punishment laws enacted since the court's 1972 decision declaring previous capital punishment laws unconstitutional.

The court announced it would hear arguments March 30 and 31 on the appeal of six men, both black and white, sentenced to death for committing murder in Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Florida and Louisiana.

The justices are expected to decide during the current term whether the new laws enacted in those states are constitutional.

According to an account made last Feb. 2 by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, there are 404 men and seven women on death row in 30 of the 35 states that have re-enacted death penalties since the 1972 decision. However, in one of these, Illinois, the law has been invalidated by the state Supreme Court.

The court's ruling is expected to apply to all the states since the laws in the five states embrace the main lines of attack used by state legislatures to revive the maximum penalty.

The Supreme Court's 1972 ruling stated that then-existing capital punishment laws gave judges and juries too much latitude to decide which individuals were to die.

The laws enacted since then either make the penalty mandatory for specific crimes or spell out guidelines, usually based on specified mitigating or aggravating circumstances, for judges and juries to follow.

Lawyers of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who are attacking the laws, say they still allow judges, juries, prosecutors and governors to pick and choose too freely. They say, for instance, that there has been a restriction on the power of prosecutors to charge lesser offenses and of governors to pardon.

## In colleges or industry... does "big" mean "bad"?

You go to a big college, because it offers you certain advantages you want and need. You may have a brother or sister who prefers a small college—and for their own very good reasons, too. Shouldn't we be as open-minded when we weigh the merits of big vs. little (or

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Such growth, a logical and even necessary phenomenon in the private-enterprise system, seems sorely misunderstood today. "A growing volume of criticism equates bigness with badness," says Randall Meyer, president of Exxon Co. U.S.A. "Big business" is portrayed as a monster born full-grown, determined to snuff out little competitors and run roughshod over consumers.

Neither the historical record nor the economic and social realities of America today support such a view. Big business has not "cornered" the U.S. marketplace and work force. Bureau of Census statistics show that only 12,169 of more than three million U.S. businesses are "big"—that is, employ more than 500 people—while there are 1,722,250 small businesses with one to three employees. The "big" businesses employ 15.6 million workers out of a total work force of 86.6 million.

Nor has big business cornered the nation's wealth. The approximately 5 percent of American wealth (property, plant and equipment, and inventories) held by U.S. manufac-

turing corporations with assets of \$1 billion or more is slightly *less* than those companies had a decade ago.

Fears of big business often stem from lack of understanding of the basic economic reasons why some businesses grow big and others stay small. Big jobs, like the production of steel, chemicals or great quantities of such complex products as automobiles or television sets, require huge investments of capital, raw materials and managerial and technical skills. Indeed, looking to the world problems of energy, natural resources and the environment, one must conclude, as has noted historian C. Northcote Parkinson, that big business must grow bigger because "the research that underlies the discoveries, whether geophysical in Alaska, or chemical in West Germany, demands a scale of investment that is beyond the reach of the family firm."

But sometimes even relatively simple products, like razor blades or chocolate bars, require "bigness" because of the enormous markets that exist for them. Then, too, we are living in an age when the efficiency of bigness, the "economy of scale" as it is called, is vital if companies are to remain competitive. This is especially true where the competition consists of huge foreign combines backed heavily by their governments' treasuries. General Motors may account for 43 percent of U.S. auto sales, but it has only 22 percent of the world market. U.S. Steel is a domestic giant, but it has a tough time against such foreign concerns as Japan's Nippon

*It's time for facts—  
rather than illogical fears—  
about "big" business*



Steel, the world's largest steelmaker. This same situation is faced by big American companies in other fields as they compete in a global market against giants such as Royal Dutch Shell, in petroleum and chemicals; Unilever, the huge British-Dutch food and detergent firm; Nestlé, the vast Swiss corporation. The enormous research and development required to compete in such markets is simply beyond the means of small companies.

On the other hand, there are innumerable tasks—the sale of consumer goods and services, home and automobile repairs, restaurants, to name a few—that can be handled efficiently by both small and large businesses in a local area.

It is important to realize that businesses big and little carry out their tasks in a vital atmosphere of *interdependence*. Small businesses, for example, would be much less prosperous without the tools, raw materials, finished and semi-finished products they purchase from big firms. As Leo McDonough, executive vice president of the Smaller Manufacturers Council (comprising 575 companies), says, "If there weren't a U.S. Steel or a Jones & Laughlin spitting out fantastic amounts of steel and keeping prices down, our basic-materials costs would be out of reach."

But big companies need little companies, too. In a typical year, 3M Co. uses products and services from more than 30,000 small businesses—such as Gopher Electronics Co., in Minneapolis, and Calumet Screw Machine Co., in Chicago. Hewlett-Packard Co. deals with 6000 small American companies in its electronics business.

But what about competition? Aren't the big boys stamping it out and virtually dictating prices? No. There are many energetic, clever people making a success in business despite the presence of "big guys" in the same field. Robert Cuff, president of Entron Controls, Inc., in Carol Stream, Ill., proudly points out that his industrial-controls manufacturing firm can and does compete with the giants in certain areas. It has even sold control devices to some of General Electric's own cor-

porate divisions. Says Cuff, "They buy from us—even though GE makes a similar product—because we can build it at a lower price and give faster delivery."

Remarks Irvine Robbins, of giant Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Co.: "Sometimes when we get big, we get a little lazy, a little complacent." When his company grew big by concentrating on "walk-in, walk-out" ice-cream stores, Farrell's of Portland, Ore., moved profitably into the same market as BR with sit-down soda-fountain parlors. "They woke us up," says Robbins. "So we started concentrating on the fountain end of our business. The result was that we improved a little, and Farrell's is doing fine, too."

As to the charge that big business artificially keeps prices high, the facts again rip apart the rhetoric. A study by economist J. Fred Weston, of the University of California, Los Angeles, reveals that the heavily concentrated industries (big business) have held prices *down* better than smaller and less concentrated ones. In industries where the top four companies had at least 75 percent of the business, prices rose an average of 47 percent during the inflationary period 1967-1975. But in the least-concentrated sectors of industry, prices rose 70 percent in the same period. Leonard Woodcock, president of the United Auto Workers, admits: "The old anti-trust notion—that, if you break things up into small competitive units, you will have lower competitive prices—may be wrong. General Motors, the biggest car producer, is without question the most efficient and most able to hold down the cost of its products."

Whatever their size, in the end, businesses in America must pass the test imposed by the most affluent and sophisticated consumers in the world. Any business must affirmatively answer those old questions: Does it do the job? Does it deliver the goods? Does it satisfy *you*?

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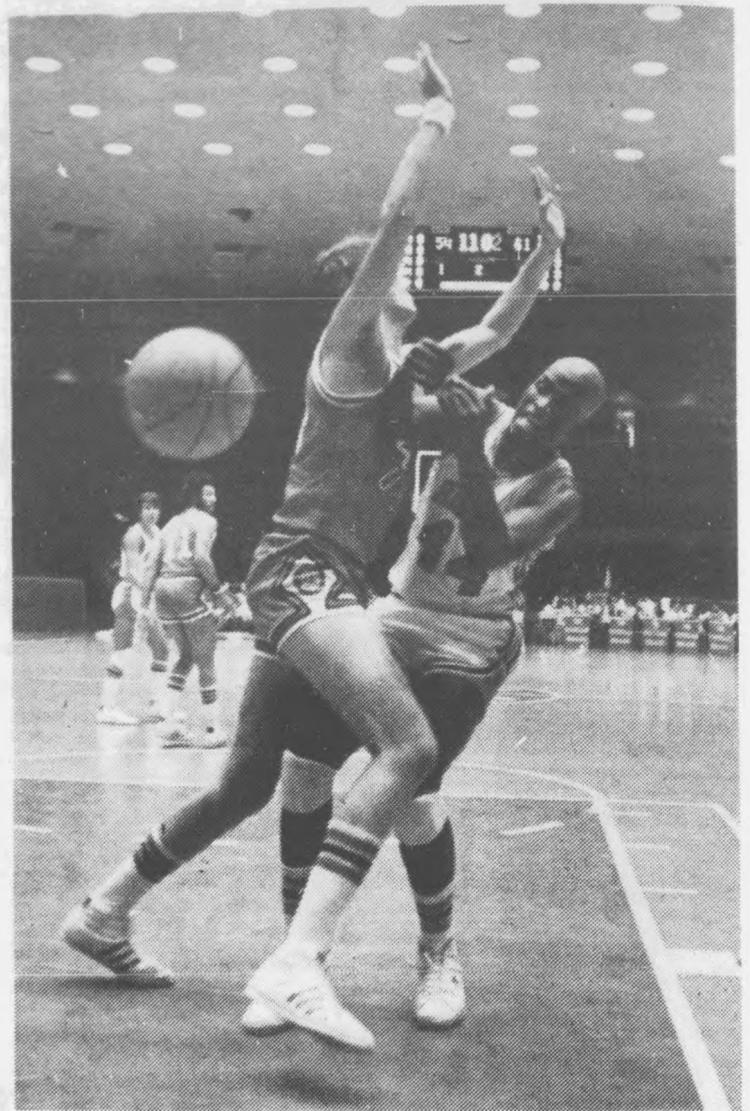
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# Cougars test rugged Baylor squad



**WHO SAYS IT'S A NON-CONTACT SPORT.** . . Top (l) David Marrs grabs a rebound with a dramatic flourish, Top (r) Charles Thompson, sends hair jockeys

for position against Houston Baptist, and Bottom (l) a trio of Coogs eyeing a misplaced UH shot, a frequent sight in their hapless road performances.



TONY BULLARD—Cougar Staff



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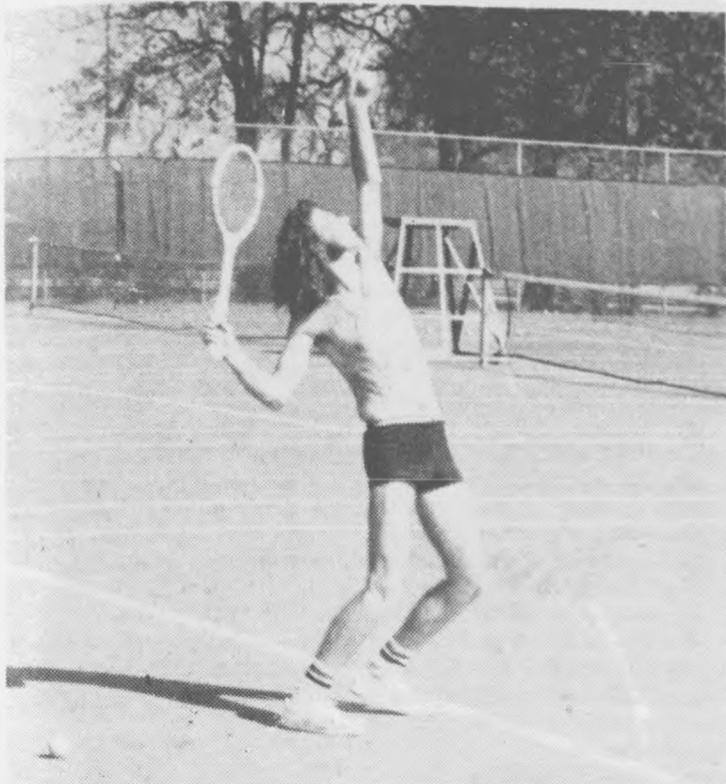
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**FORMER UH TENNIS STAR** Dale Ogden has left the squad after his junior season. Although the loss of Ogden is a big one, the Cougars are expected to have a national contender this spring.

## SPRING OPENER

# Tracksters head for LSU

By **B. J. KELLEY**  
Sports Staff

The UH track and field team will open the 1976 indoor season this weekend at the Louisiana State University Invitation meet in Baton Rouge.

"The boys are in no shape since the semester break kept them from working out as a team. They were asked to run during the break but you know how students are," Coach Johnny Morriss said.

"This will be a conditioning meet. We'll see who's in shape and really able to run," Morriss added.

The Cougars, who placed third in last year's meet, are competing with Auburn, Texas A&M and

L.S.U.

Morriss will be taking a 23-man team to Baton Rouge. "This is the largest team I've taken to a meet since I've been here," Morriss added.

Morriss said Elrick and Delrick Brown probably won't travel with the team to this meet. They aren't in good enough shape yet."

UH entries to the meet include: high jump, Ernest Beakley and Richard LaCombe; long jump, Cecil Overstreet and LaCombe. The sole Coog entry for the triple jump is LaCombe.

Running the 60-yard dash will be Overstreet. Wayne Brennan, Brad Jacobson and Eric Lathrop are slated for the one mile event. Larry Gnatzig, Baldemar Montlavo and James Plasek will compete in the 600.

High hurdle entries for UH are Joe Gonzalez, Tom D'Anato, Joe Nazurek and Wayne Brennan in the 880. Tom Birch, Brad Rickman and Jeff Thompson in the two mile run.

Entries for the mile relay are tentative with Elrick Brown,

# Coogs sign foreign star

By **FRANK MAY**  
Sports Staff

You win some and you lose some. Tennis Coach Bill Graves can tell you that for a fact.

Coach Graves announced recently that Ricardo Ycaza, the number two ranked junior tennis player in the world, will compete on the UH team this spring.

Ycaza was the number one player for the Davis Cup team of Ecuador last year and was the runner-up in the junior Wimbledon Tournament.

The acquiring of Ycaza comes after the loss of Dale Ogden, who was expected to play his senior year with the Cougars, but has instead turned pro. Ogden was Ross Walker's doubles partner on the Southwest Conference championship team and lost to Walker for the singles title.

"The addition of Ycaza to our team will make us a national contender again," Graves said.

Ycaza is from Guayaquil, the same hometown as Cougar

sophomore tennis star Colon Nunez.

Along with Walker, the SWC champion, and Nunez, Matt Rainey and Martin Vasquez make up the Cougar squad.

Coach Graves, who coached the U.S. Pan American team to the Pan Am championship, announced earlier the signing of Danny Valentice of Fort Worth. Valentice is one of the state's top junior players.

The UH team will be attempting to better its ninth place finish in the national tournament in 1975, its fifth finish among the nation's top 10 in recent years.

The tennis team begins play Feb. 26-19 at Corpus Christi,



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# AROUND TOWN

By LILA WATERS



**SOPRANO ROBERTA PALMER** stars in Houston Grand Opera's presentation of "Otello" at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, in Jones Hall. Tickets can be purchased in the UC ticket office, where a student discount is available.

AN EXHIBITION OF MASTERPIECES including 81 paintings and drawings by Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque and Fernand Leger is now being shown here at Blaffer Gallery. The pictures will be on exhibit through March 7.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT at Cullen Auditorium tonight and tomorrow night at 8 and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. will be "El Capitan" by John Phillip Sousa performed by the Houston Grand Opera. All seats are reserved. Tickets are available at UC Ticket Office.

OPENING NIGHT is tonight at the Country Playhouse for their production of Noel Coward's delightful romp "Blithe Spirit." Phone 467-4497 for tickets.

JUST OPENED on the main stage at the Alley Theatre is "The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia" starring Lyle Talbot and William Hardy among others in the all-male cast. Performance times vary, so check with the theatre. Reservations are required.

NOW PLAYING at Theatre Suburbia is "Outward Bound" by Sutton Vane, directed by long-time Houston actor Gurden McKay. It's an English drama with an excellent cast. Performances will be given on weekends through February 7. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. For reservations call 682-3525 or Foley's.

HOUSTON GRAND OPERA will present "Otello" at Jones Hall for six performances. Starring in the English language

performance to be given Monday night will be Glade Peterson. This performance has a special student rate. Other performances will be tomorrow night, Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

AUDITIONS for Kerygma Players' upcoming production of Arthur Miller's "The Creation of the World and Other Business" will be held at Bering Methodist Church (theatre building), 3405 Mulberry in the Montrose area of Houston, at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

IN THE ARBOR AT UC at noon today will be a concert "Sound of Joy" sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

WORLD FAMOUS PIANIST Garrick Ohlsson will perform works by Mozart, Chopin and Mussorgsky next Thursday at Jones Hall. Phone 227-1111 or Foley's for ticket info.

COIN DEALERS from all over the U.S. will be in Houston for the 19th Annual Money Show at the Shamrock-Hilton next weekend. Rare coins dating as far back as the time of the Caesars will be on display. Admission is free. The hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

ATTENTION ARTISTS: the deadline for submitting works to the annual Texas Fine Arts Association juried show is February 1. Open to all artists in the United States, work selected will be placed on exhibit throughout the state. Entry forms and rules may be obtained from the Texas Fine Arts Association, P.O. Box 5023, Austin.

AUDITIONS for actors, dancers and technicians will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Indian Reservation Sundown Theatre for the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation's summer Outdoor drama "Beyond Sundown." There are 60 openings. Rehearsals begin May 30 with performances running from June 18 through August 21. For further information contact Bob Hamilton at 563-4391.

THE FILM "Murder on the Orient Express" will be shown at Oberholtzer Hall Ballroom next Wednesday and Thursday at 7 and 10 p.m.

## For the film gourmet

The Rice Media Center on the campus of Rice University continues its spring film series tonight with "The Sweet Smell of Success," starring Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis. This is part of the series "In Glorious Black and White—A Tribute to the Art of Great Hollywood Cameramen." This series ends tomorrow night with Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil."

The films scheduled for next week include:

**Sunday**—Roman Polanski's "Repulsion"

**Tuesday**—John Ford's "The Last Hurrah," starring Spencer Tracy

**Wednesday**—Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane"

**Thursday**—Peter Lorre's "Der Verlorene"

**Weekend**—Three Roman

Polanski films, beginning with "Rosemary's Baby" on Friday, starring Mia Farrow and John Cassavetes, "Cul-de-Sac" on Saturday and "The Fearless Vampire Killers" on Sunday.

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One of the most highly versatile and totally entertaining shows ever performed in the Houston area is now running almost nightly at Beverly Wren's new Million \$ City Dump.

With eight major scenes and \$30,000 worth of lavish costumes, the show, "Puttin' on the Ritz," is a combination dinner theatre, Las Vegas revue, Broadway musical, burlesque and even cabaret, all rolled into a sparkling, fast-paced hour-and-a-half of action-packed excitement.

The stars, led by KILT-FM's Scott Holtzman and his wife Vivian, include all 15 or so cast members in combination with the direction, costumes, lights, sets and the entire five-piece orchestra.



HOLTZMAN

The program begins in Scene One with "Puttin' on the Ritz," a flamboyant affair in full dress. In addition to the white tuxedos and flowing gowns, the stage is lit up

include much original material as well as many standard traditional numbers modernized for today's audience, were produced by HVH Stage Door Productions, a partnership of the two Holtzmans' and Director Marijane Vandiver.

"The Ritz" contains several skits with the spotlight focused primarily on Scott Holtzman and his leading lady, Ms. Sidney Rojo. With the ensemble backing them, the two waltz, swirl and eventually kick up their heels with a mod boogaloo number, all quite impressive.

The transition into Scene Two's "One Night in Paris" is one of which any stage director could be proud. The dazzling set of the top coat and tails is quickly and smoothly transformed into a Parisian bordello right before your eyes.

"One Night in Paris," the structure of which was written by rock group 10 CC, offers the opportunity for the majority of the cast to show their style and talent. This scene, one of the longest in the show, grasps the essence of street life through exacting ballet and other dance routines which portray the anguish, antagonisms and even love of the scantily-dressed girls and their lovers and customers.

over the show as the authoritative and compassionate Madame Cigarette. Indeed, Cigarette holds the scene together, like she does most of the rest of the show, with a dynamic and talented virtuosity this town rarely sees. It's as if she is our mother, lover and daughter tied together in one glowing personality.

Auditions for the Dump's March revue will be held at 5 p.m. Monday at 300 Westheimer. Bring your own music.

"The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing" introduces a gusto-filled change of pace from the tragic mundane life in Paris to a singing beer-drinking party atmosphere with the girl-next-door beauty, Marijo Pound, swinging high over the audience during "Beer, Beer" and the incredible vocal acuity of John Kingston recreating the Irish love ballad, "Sweet Molly Malone."

"The Night of the Incubus," Scene Four, slows the pace of the show with an eerie Egyptian battle between good and evil, all revealed without lyrics, but through the intricate set (statues, carved wall ornaments, swirling smoke), the costumes, choreography and the incredibly versatile orchestra, directed by Rob Landes. It is here that Scott Holtzman, in the scantiest costume we've ever seen him not wear, portrays the Incubus seducing the Princess, aptly played and agilely danced by Rojo.

As with many of the other scenes, the seduction is brought about completely through dance movements, and all the turmoil, temptation and force is revealed more elegantly by delicate ballet than by even the most inspired dialogue. The drama, too is overwhelming, especially when Kingston, as the High Priest of Light, enters with his mighty winged scepter and overcomes the Incubus to redeem the by now practically nude Princess.

After a light get-your-mind-off-that-Incubus medley by Tod Shannon Moody in front of the curtain, the highlight of the evening begins. Scene Six, "Shout, Clap, Sing, Halleluja, Amen," consists of a variety of entertaining skits in a musical western aura, including "Ida Red," which the Holtzmans wrote

for the New Christy Minstrels. The scene builds to an affective, gutsy and powerful "Brother Love," sung joyously by Holtzman. At this point, the entire ensemble dances out into the audience creating a happy, heart-

and more insights into the depth of the Holtzmans' talents. The scene ends with Vivian's sincere vocals on a medley of Janis Ian's "Stars" and "Send in the Clouds," a nominee for the Grammy's Song of the Year.



'NIGHT OF THE INCUBUS'

lifting feeling and ending with Paul Simon's rousing "Gone with Last."

After a short intermission, the program continues with "Dear Mom and Dad," featuring Bruce Fuqua. Then comes "Remember Vaudeville?" a series of skits with a humorous roller skating number

At Curtain Call's "Time to Laugh Again" (also written by Scott and Vivian), the audience is reluctant to end an evening of mesmerism. As we leave the giant building, we may not be exactly sure what we experienced, but we know it is something Houston has needed for a long, long time.

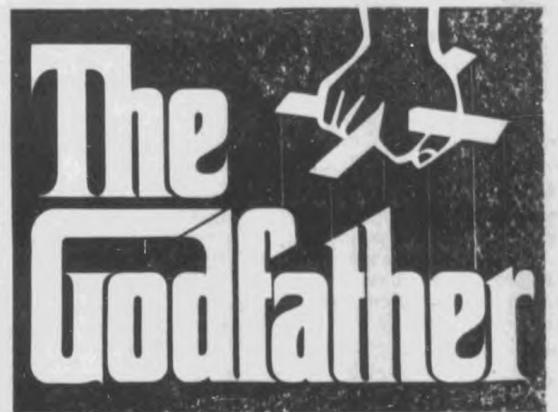


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# Tattooing: a respectable folk art

By CHERYL KNOTT  
Cougar Staff

Tattoo artists are grubby little men with dirty needles and no morals, right? Dave Yurkew, local tattoo artist, hopes to dispel that image. He has organized the First World Convention of Tattoo Artists and Fans to improve the public's opinion of the controversial art.

The convention is set for Jan. 24 and 25 at the downtown Holiday Inn.

"There are two main reasons for the convention," Yurkew says. "We want people to realize tattooing is a legitimate folk art form. Tattoos reflect the times. Second, we want to promote more cooperation between artists in different cities. This two-day convention will be worth years of learning on our own."

Through the ages, various civilizations have employed tattooing to ward off evil spirits and to decorate their bodies. During the World Wars, patriotic

nurses, eagles and native girls were popular designs. The sixties saw peace symbols and love motifs on young bodies, male and female.

"Men have tattoos put on their arms or chest, but the ladies prefer a more inconspicuous spot," said Milo Anthony, owner of Houston's only other tattoo shop. Both artists work on almost as many women as men.

Tattoo artists use from three to eight needles at a time to produce fine lines or to shade. To be certain a design is correct, the tattoo artist outlines it on the skin before inserting the needles. The finished tattoo is difficult, painful and expensive to remove. A wide variety of colors and designs attract customers who are willing to pay \$10 for the smallest, simplest tattoo.

Tattoo artists are as diverse as their designs. Two in Houston present an interesting contrast. Anthony is 72; Yurkew is 32. Anthony learned his trade from his father when he was a youngster traveling with circuses and carnivals. He is what Yurkew would call "an old carney trying to keep up with the times." Anthony has worked from his shop at 502 Richmond for a year.

Yurkew, on the other hand, says he thinks a tattoo artist should stay in one place. He opened his shop at 1814 Washington six years ago after learning his art from Cliff Raven, a well-known tattoo artist from Chicago. Yurkew figures a tattoo artist is more careful and responsible if his mistakes know where to find him.

In the twenties and thirties, Anthony traveled around the country working ports towns. "I would tattoo 50 to 100 foreign sailors coming off the ship. I didn't have a shop then, just carried my colors and designs around in my pocket," he remembers. In those days he hand-tattooed with a needle tied to a fish bone.

Nowadays electric gun-like holders push the needles under the skin. Yurkew said, "The shallower the tattoo, the better. If a new tattoo bleeds a lot or if the skin swells, it's too deep."

Yurkew throws away needles every day and uses fresh color on each customer to avoid spreading infections or diseases. Both tattoo artists stress sterilization processes. Both spray the skin with an antiseptic while they are tattooing. Before a patron leaves the shop, he receives instructions on caring for his new tattoo. Yurkew even hands out vials of antiseptic ointment to aid healing. Tattoos are conversation

starters and people invariably drag out their oldest, dirtiest tattoo stories. Tattoo artists themselves recount their experiences in something akin to the fish story. Anthony said he has tattooed hair on a bald man. "From 10 feet away you could see the part and waves," he brags.

That does not impress Yurkew. Hanging in his shop are before and after pictures of a woman who had nipples tattooed over her own, which she thought were too light. Yurkew said he has also tattooed a five o'clock shadow on a burn victim's face and eyebrows on a 50-year-old woman who lost her to

a disease.

If these stories sound fantastic, the convention promises more.

Registration for the convention will cost fans \$20, artists, \$5. Featured Saturday is a tattoo beauty contest, judged on rendering of the design and effective placement on the body. Also Saturday, the attending artists will honor their chosen "Tattoo Artist of 1976."

The public can observe the artists in action Sunday for a \$5 fee to judge for itself whether tattoo artists are really grubby little men with dirty needles and no morals.



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Noon Forum held in the Mercury Room of the UC Satellite Thursday.

KENNETH MOREAU—Cougar Staff

# UH health board bylaws approved

By **PATSY FRETWELL**  
Cougar Staff

After much discussion, the UH Health Center Policy Board Thursday approved a proposed constitution and bylaws at its first meeting of the year.

The Health Center Policy Board was created in February 1974 with the passage of Students' Association Bill 19004. The purpose of the board is to "advise and recommend to the director of the Health Center and to the vice-president, dean of students on any and all non-medical aspects of the Health Center deemed important by the members of the Board."

Members of the board include nine students designated by the president of SA, two faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate and two members of the Health Center staff appointed by the director of the Health Center.

Chair Juneau Shepherd reviewed each article of the

constitution and bylaws. Board members discussed scrupulously the exact meanings of each sentence.

Bylaws adopted at the meeting established several committees, including a suggestions and grievance committee which would review any student's suggestions or problems connected to the Health Center's operations.

Associate Dean of Students Connie Wallace brought up several items to be considered at the next meeting. "Action must be considered on adopting a student insurance program during the next semester for next year," Wallace said.

Wallace said several students had approached the Health Center and dean of students' office questioning the validity of the physical examination required of all UH students before admission. Information on whether or not this exam was required by state law or university legislation is to be investigated further by the dean of students' office.

## March for Life rallies to D.C.

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down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol.

At each stop the demonstrators paraded in the windy, subfreezing weather with picket signs. They chanted slogans calling for a constitutional amendment ending abortion. Various groups representing state and local organizations lobbied individual congressmen in pursuit of support for an amendment.

Representatives of the march group met with officials of the Department of Justice and Health, Education and Welfare and the President's Domestic Council to transmit their viewpoint.

Nellie J. Gray, chairman of the March for Life Committee, said the main objective of the meeting was to begin a dialogue with the administration on the subject of abortion.

"The big thing is to open channels of communication because we have not had those channels into the executive department," she said.

Capitol police said that from 15,000 to 18,000 persons gathered on the steps of the Capitol for the last rally.

Sens. James L. Buckley, R-N.Y., Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Richard Stone, D-Fla., and Reps. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., Robert E. Bauman, R-Md., Virginia Smith, R-Neb., John B. Conlan, R-Ariz., Clement Zablocki, D-Wis., Corinne Boggs, D-La., and Norman Lent, R-N.Y., had agreed to speak at the rally, Miss Gray said.

The March for Life Committee also arranged for the delivery of some 16,000 roses to congressmen, the President and the vice president. The roses, symbols of life for the group, were sent on behalf of constituents who support the group's position.

At the Ellipse rally, former Congressman Lawrence Hogan urged that support for the stand be a criterion the demonstrators use in choosing the political candidates they will vote for.

"We must convince them that not only is our side the right side of this issue but it is also the popular political side of this issue," the

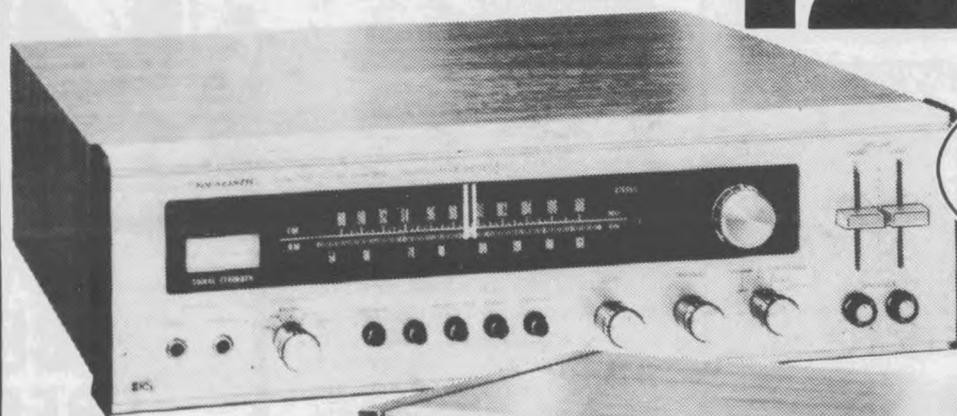
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