



Sandra Aparicio, foreign language junior, has reservations about having her blood pressure checked Wednesday at the

Health Fair in the UC Arbor. Health Center worker Eileen Gentry provides the service. The fair wraps up today.

KAREN MACK

Board defends gays' legality

By RHONA SCHWARTZ
Cougar Staff

The Organizations Board came out in support Wednesday of the Gay Activist Alliance's (GAA) right to retain their recognition as a campus organization.

Chair Mike Ellis sent a telegram Wednesday night to the State Affairs Committee of the Texas Legislature protesting House Bill 1902. The bill would make it illegal for any gay or homosexual organization to be recognized at a state-supported university.

The legislation was introduced by Sen. Walter Mengden, D-Houston, and Rep. Clay Smothers, D-Dallas, on the final day for presenting bills to the House.

The telegram read, in part, "They (GAA), as any other student group, were granted recognition because they fulfilled the necessary requirements and because their stated purposes were within all existing state, federal, local and university regulations. They have never, at any time, created any disturbance or given any cause for either themselves or the university to be a source of embarrassment. They have been prompt in the discharge of all obligations under both organizations policy and Student Life Policy as well."

"This is sort of scary for us (GAA)," Katy Feller, former GAA president said. "We've been

trying so hard to follow the rules and work with the other groups."

"This is the same committee which is hearing about the UH fee hike. Keith Wade (Students' Association president-elect) is in Austin to speak about the hike. He is also supposed to tell the committee we are a recognized group and have met all the qualifications," Feller said.

"A lot of (UH) administrators are in a bind because they're worrying about their own budget requests. They're on our side but can't help us," she said.

Feller said she did not attend the hearing because the GAA couldn't decide if the publicity would hurt or help them. Also, the bill was slated as the last item on the agenda.

"If I went, it would have to be such a brief statement it wouldn't do any good," Feller said.

"The representatives are playing it smart. They know what they're doing is unconstitutional. They also know if the bill passes, we'll be kicked off campus and it would take us two years to get an appeal through," Feller said.

Ellis contacted committee administrative aide Debbie Danburg during a public hearing sponsored by the committee Wednesday night in Austin.

"Anita Bryant was supposed to speak in favor of the bill but she was busy fighting the same thing in Florida. Danburg said it didn't (See Anti-gay, Page 15)

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Diverse speakers visit UH campus

City

By SUEL JONES
Cougar Staff

Dr. Nikki Van Hightower, in her usual straightforward fashion, told UH students Wednesday "I have the same job, I'm using the same office and I'm doing the same thing" since becoming an administrative aide to Mayor Fred Hofheinz.

Van Hightower, formerly Women's Advocate for the City of Houston, now holds the position of Special Women's Advocate, Affirmative Action Division.

She was named Women's Advocate in May 1976, but the Houston City Council voted to eliminate her position March 31. After a political battle with council, Hofheinz named her to her present position.

Van Hightower told about 200 students in the World Affairs Lounge, UC Underground, she is glad the City Council took the action against the Women's Advocate position because it "brought the issue of women's rights into the political arena, and it helped unite women in their effort to gain equal rights."

The City of Houston discriminates against women daily, according to Van Hightower, and the only way to insure equal rights for women is

"to elect persons who are sympathetic toward the women's movement.

"Right now more than 80 per cent of the city's employees are men. Of the women now employed, 60 per cent are in clerical positions and they hold the lowest paid jobs in the city," she said.

"Women just get paid less than men, and they are rarely promoted to higher positions. There are currently only three women in the City of Houston that are in high-level administrative positions."

The police department uses requirements that keep women out, Van Hightower said, "even though studies made throughout the United States show that women police officers are just as

effective as male officers.

"By using the height requirement of 5 feet 6, more than 80 per cent of the women are eliminated since women are usually shorter than men."

Van Hightower said she has several ideas in the planning stages.

"I want to create a child care center in Houston, get pregnancy insurance for single women employed by the city, improve the conditions in the city jail and create a talent bank for women," she said.

On her political future, Van Hightower commented, "My future in politics is undecided. I could find I don't like the political life, but the possibility of running for office is there, even though it



Van Hightower

may be remote."
Van Hightower's speech was (See Van Hightower, Page 15)

World

By MICKIE LAWSON
Cougar Staff

The price of human rights is eternal vigilance, according to a member of the Houston chapter of the United Nations Association.

Alice Thomsen spoke about the United Nations and human rights to about 50 students Wednesday in the World Affairs Lounge as part of the Honors Programs' Spring Festival.

Thomsen reviewed the history of human rights legislation - from the laws of Moses 4,000 years ago, through the Emancipation Proclamation, to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

"A simple document is not enough," Thomsen said. "Human



Thomsen

rights must be sacrificed for and suffered for," she added.

Progress in human rights legislation comes slowly, Thomsen said, because "the establishment feels threatened, and gives up privileges reluctantly."

Thomsen cited the "appalling" (See Rights, Page 15)

Nation

By ALICIA R. GARCIA
Cougar Staff

The United States is most vulnerable to an attack from a foreign country during periods of presidential transition, a White House consultant told a UH audience Wednesday.

Stephen Hess, former speechwriter for President Eisenhower, lectured to about 200 students on "The American Presidency." He is currently "informal consultant" at the White House, and also served as deputy assistant of urban affairs under the Nixon administration.

The lecture was sponsored by the political science department.

Hess pointed out some of the problems of the present system of transition, when the Office of

President is changing hands.

"Because of the long transitions we now have, one of the main problems is that during this period the government is virtually suspended," he said.

"Everyone is waiting to see what the others will do," he said. "This would be the ideal time for another nation to launch an attack on us."

Hess said he feels that the country has been very lucky in the transitions but said he does not think the United States should count so heavily on luck.

"Before this comes around again I hope we can seriously consider making the transition process better," he said.

As White House consultant, Hess said he has sent memoranda to President Carter cautioning him on the proper application of the office of vice president.

"In the memo I reminded him (President Carter) how disastrous



Hess

other vice presidents have been. I suggested a series of things that the vice president could do and be useful," Hess said.

"A rule of thumb is that the President should resist the temptation of giving the vice president any assignments that he would not have done himself if he had had the time," he added.

House bill will hurt tipped employes

By DIXIE LEE SCHNEIDER

If you are a tipped employe, Congress is currently considering a bill, H.R. 3744, which could severely affect your wages.

H.R. 3744 is a minimum wage law proposed by Representative John Dent, chair for the House Committee on Labor, a Democrat of Pennsylvania. Since the intent of any minimum wage law is to guarantee that employe earn at least the statutory minimum, it would seem on first reflection that this law would be to your benefit.

Presently, under the law an employer may take up to 50 per cent credit against his minimum

wage obligation to you because you receive tips. The proposed bill would increase the minimum wage to about \$2.85 an hour which would mean that the employer would be required to pay that full minimum wage with no tip credit.

While initially all of this might seem favorable to the employe, upon further study it becomes very obvious that the net result would be a loss of income for the employe as well as a loss of jobs.

I am currently working as a food waitress and a large proportion of my wages come from the tips I receive, of which I might add, are well above the minimum of \$2.85. I feel that I

can safely assume that most of you who are tipped employes also earn wages well above the minimum, so if this bill is passed all tipped employes should be prepared to receive little, if any more than that minimum.

The reasons for the adverse results of this legislation if passed are many. For the tipped employes, the employer's payroll costs could be increased by as much as 150 per cent. In order to remain in business the employer would have to increase menu prices and reduce employe hours as well as numbers of jobs.

A course of action by the employer such as this, speaks for itself. Higher menu prices usually mean fewer customers which means that a smaller employe staff is needed to serve them.

Fewer customers also mean a smaller tip income which directly affects a tipped employe's wages.

The most frequently discussed approach to solving the employers dilemma is the service charge system, which may be known to you as gratuity. Under the law a service charge belongs to the employer and is part of his gross receipts. Employers can keep all of the service charge and pay their employes a simple hourly rate. Few if any tips are likely under this system.

Of course there are other alternatives for the employer, but the net results remain the same. An employer could use more customer self-service operations such as buffets, which once again results in the need of fewer employes and tips drop off. An em-

ployer could use staff reduction with increased job responsibility for each employe which usually lowers service which is a tip producing activity.

The vast majority of tipped employes receive far more than the minimum wage now, and bearing in mind the negative aspects of this proposed legislation, these employes can only be adversely affected by this legislation, not to mention the millions of Americans who enjoy dining out.

If you are in agreement that this legislation is not in your best interests and would like your opinion to be heard, I urge you to contact your representative by letter, telegram or petition.

EDITORIAL

Free press costly

The Daily Cougar lost its bid to obtain the financial records of the UH Foundation last week in Harris County's 80th District Court.

We have decided to appeal the ruling in state court because we still believe these records should be open to the public under the Texas Open Records Act.

We need something else in addition to our faith to continue the case, and that is money. We have been refused the use of our budget since it is legitimately university funds. It is easy to understand why the university does not want to fund a law suit against itself.

The money raised will cover court costs, such as copies of the court proceedings. Our legal counsel is not charging a fee since he is on retainer with the Students' Association.

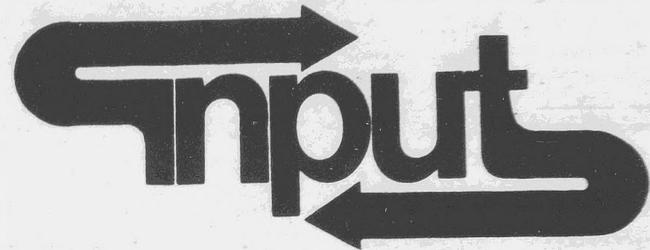
Some members of the professional media are helping the Cougar raise the necessary money. Signs are up at the Houston Press Club and the Houston Chronicle to let others in the media know about our situation.

However, we need backing from our readership.

We ask support from those of you who have watched The Daily Cougar grow, from those of you who have kept informed through us and from those of you who believe a university newspaper should be as aggressive as our professional counterparts.

All donations will remain anonymous. If the Cougar wins its case, we will reimburse all those who contributed.

Drop by The Daily Cougar, behind the Engineering Building, with whatever you can spare. Help your paper protect its rights while trying to serve you.



Name that tune

To the Editor:

"I am Woman—Hear Me Roar," sung by Nikki Van Hightower, captured the number one spot on the political music charts recently in Houston. In second place is an all male vocalist group, the Chauvinists, singing, "Got Along Without You Before I Met You, Gonna Get Along Without You Now, Blues." This sound is reminiscent of the other tunes the group has sold the public for years.

The Chauvinists challenged Hightower to a rocky concert and show-down popularity vote of the audience. Fans of both acts appeared and sang renditions including: "Right to Life Anthem," "Abortions on Demand Ballad," "ERA All the Way March," and the catchy tune, "Say Nay to ERA." The noise was excruciating and definitely out-of-tune. The audience muttered, "These squeaks, squeals and squawks can hardly be called music."

Then the city's bandleader stepped forward attempting to explain the contemporary music. "It isn't supposed to be in harmony. Each musician is encouraged to express his or her own feelings. The beat is called democracy."

"No! No! She must go," chanted the Chauvinists—and Nikki disappeared.

Quick as a flash, the bandleader went into his magic act. With a flourish of paper work and slight of hand, Nikki reappeared—and her song goes on.

Perhaps the audience and the Chauvinists will listen to the democracy beat with new understanding—it can be beautiful. If everyone will join in singing his or her own tune, Houston may become the new music capital of the world.

Pat Croix

Puzzle pushed

To the Editor:

Pakistan held its "democratic elections" about five weeks ago. No sooner were the ballots counted than the country lost whatever remained of its democracy to an army rule in the major cities of all four provinces. Troops with machine guns and

tanks patrol the deserted streets. Anybody who disagrees with the government is indiscriminately thrown into jail.

During this time anybody who raised the voice of protest was either herded into jail or became the blind target of army and police bullets. The death toll has been steadily rising and is somewhere between 150 to 200. The unofficial count for the people detained so far is about 25,000.

The social consequences of this dissent far outweigh the political consequences. Since each household has a larger number of dependents, the families are now bereft of their sole bread-winner, face utter desolation and severe economic hardships. The industry is already paralyzed and communication has broken down completely, both internally and with the outside world.

People abroad are very concerned about the welfare of their loved ones in Pakistan. There is chaos throughout the country and a situation of uncertainty prevails. Human rights have been abridged and the situation seems to be beyond control.

The forces of evil may recreate the conditions which resulted in the dismemberment of East Pakistan and may endanger the very existence of Pakistan. A great many Pakistanians regard the occurrences not only with dismay but with a sense of bewilderment and frustration, and are uncertain as to where all this misery and bloodshed will lead.

We urge that this human suffering and bloodshed be immediately stopped and all those arrested be released.

We strongly recommend that the government establish a creditable dialogue in good faith with the opposition and bring back the country to normalcy.

We demand that the state of emergency which has been imposed on the country for the past six years be lifted without any delay and fundamental rights of individuals be reinstated without reservation, so that Pakistan will become a dynamic democracy in every true sense of word.

Shaukat Ali
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Fascist remark

To the Editor:

This letter is written in response to an article, "Committee Splits, Regroups to Study," which ap-

peared in The Daily Cougar, Wednesday, March 23.

The concern regarding the prevalent abuse of the English language is indeed valid. UH, as all institutions of higher education, should seek to graduate persons who are well-trained and competent in their respective disciplines. An aspect of one's professionalism may be indicated by his facilitative use of communicative skills.

The question of English proficiency—or the lack thereof—is a complex problem which necessitates much more than superficial, perfunctory analysis. Economic, sociological, psychological, educational and cultural factors contribute to the aptitude with which one expresses oneself via the written and spoken word.

However, the intent of this letter is not to offer a discourse on English proficiency in general, but rather to express particular concern about the attitudes reflected in statements credited to Dr. Joseph Rice, of marketing. Whether or not Rice actually made the statements is irrelevant; this author is not interested in attacking Joe Rice.

Much more important is the necessity to oppose vehemently the racist, elitist opinion that "... if standards were raised, UH would lose ... the blacks." Black Americans, a unique race of people, are not the sole heirs to ineptitude vis a vis the use of the English language. (That blacks are "unique" refers to the particularities of our development in these United States of America—yet, neither is this a treatise on black history.)

Any statement, allegation or inference that any nationality is inherently inferior reeks with a mentality frighteningly similar to that of fascist Germany.

Native Americans, Chicanos, Oriental-Americans, blacks, and all minorities have contributed much to the development of this country. (In areas other than sports!)

Similarly, minorities are subject to the imperfections which prevail in the dominant society as a whole. But, the idea of exclusive—nay, intrinsic—incapacities is one which all people of reason must ardently refute.

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Able-bodied gain perspective with self-inflicted handicaps

By JENNY RECORD
Cougar Staff

Non-handicapped people will get a taste of what it is like to be handicapped during Mobility Awareness Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in front of the UC.

Dean of Students W. Harry Sharp and Students' Association President-elect Keith Wade will be among UH faculty, staff and students to take part in the day's events, according to Bob Kafka, coordinator of the Office of Handicapped Student Services.

Events for non-handicapped persons will include obstacle courses, campus tours and races. All these events are to be executed while the contestants are confined to a wheelchair, Kafka said. Participants will also be blindfolded for a blind walk with a

cane, he added.

The Houston Lighthouse for the Blind and the Veterans' Administration Hospital will have exhibits on the handicapped on display in the UC Arbor.

Talking calculators, developed by Telesensory, Inc., will also be on display.

"The talking calculator is an opticon scanner in which a book is put on the scanner," Kafka said. "The blind person puts his finger in a kind of hole in the machine and can tell what the letters are by the vibrations of the scanner."

Arts and crafts by handicapped students will also be exhibited.

"Independence is what handicapped students want," Kafka said. "We found that the best way for a non-handicapped person to find out what being handicapped is like is to spend some time in a handicapped person's situation."

Southwest Wheelchair Association will sponsor the Wheelchair Olympics April 22 through 24 at UH, according to Kafka. One hundred participants from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma are expected, he said.

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Today

CHI ALPHA will meet at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. at the entrance to the UC. Gary Lukus will speak on "The Paschal Lamb" at 11 a.m. and "Has the Messiah Come?" at 1:15 p.m.

CHICANO LITERARY ORGANIZATION will hold its regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the Palo Duro Room, UC.

EUM & WESLEY FOUNDATION will sponsor a Protestant worship service at 7 p.m. in Room 201, A.D. Bruce Religion Center.

LOS AZTECAS SOCIAL ORGANIZATION will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Regents Lounge, UC to discuss the upcoming dance and elections.

MUJERES UNIDAS will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Provincial Room, UC. They will also sponsor a workshop on Chicanas in business from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Atlantic Room, UC.

POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (PSSO) will hold a brief meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacific Room, UC Underground.

UH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will leave at noon from Room 214, New Technology Bldg. to tour the NASA Communications and Command Center facilities.

UH COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES will hold its Commencement Convocation for all Fall 1976 and Spring 1977 graduates of the College of Social Sciences and their families and friends at 10 a.m. in Ezekiel Cullen Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Houston Room, UC. Dr. David Bourgin, UH professor of mathematics, will deliver the convocation address. Reservations must be made by today. For more information call Ext. 2263.

UH WATER SKI CLUB will meet at 8 p.m. in the Cascade Room, UC to plan for the tournament sponsored by the University of Texas Saturday and Sunday in Austin.

WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Baltic Room, UC Underground. Yearbook pictures will be taken and elections will be held.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific Room, UC Underground. Congressman Bob Gammage will speak and answer questions.

Write-in fills seat

Yes, folks, there is really a student senator from the College of Social Work.

No candidates filed for the social work seat in time for the Feb. 23-24 election, but write-in voters elected Edith Jones to fill that position.

SA Vice President-elect Susan Guinn's statement in Monday's Daily Cougar that the seat was vacant was based on a senate roster prepared directly from the election ballot—which did not include the candidate for the social work position.

Deadline

Today is the deadline for reservations for the commencement convocation of the College of Social Sciences.

The commencement will be at 10 a.m. May 14 in Cullen Auditorium and is open to all Fall 1976 and Spring 1977 graduates of the College of Social Sciences, their families and friends.

Dr. David G. Bourgin, mathematics professor, will deliver the convocation address. A reception will follow in the Houston Room, UC.

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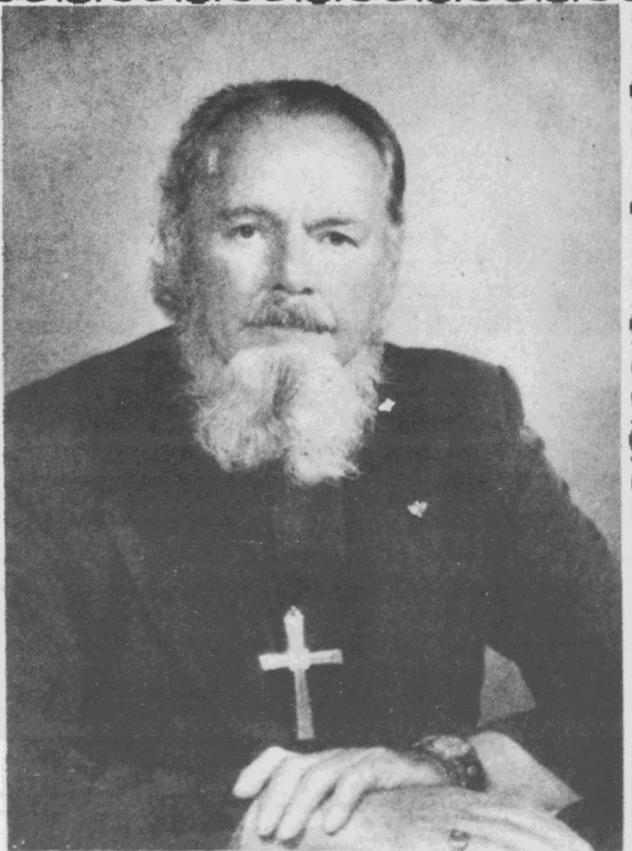
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FLIP SIDE

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by paul scott malone

NEAR MONTGOMERY, Tex. —It was the third day of spring vacation, Monday of last week. Spring tranquilized everyone. The sun, the wind and smiling faces appeared throughout the land once again. It was a day so clear, so fragrant and so lazy that even an occasional doodle bug could be seen reclining on its beveled back with a thousand legs pointed skyward, watching clouds solo across the blue.

Back in Houston, the campus must be vacant, I thought, lying on the bed of a pickup truck parked beside a seldom-traveled blacktopped road. Everybody is probably at the beach or in bed asleep. Nobody works during spring vacation.

I, on the other hand, had been commissioned by an old friend, Winthrop, to participate in the creation of a work of art, as he put it. The masterpiece, already begun, rested in its natural surroundings—East Texas woods—under pastel skies. It was framed in yellow pine. Winthrop called the creation "New Master Bedroom with Closet, Bathroom and Storage Area." He was adding on to his country cottage.

WINTHROP, THE "EAST Texas Rattlesnake," as he is called around the house, is an ageless yet graying man of about 54. He was also enjoying a few days vacation—Monday through Wednesday. In recent years, the number of vacations Winthrop has spent actually vacationing could be counted on the teeth of a hammer. He never seems to vacation until something needs to be built or repaired. And, if I happen to be on vacation, I help.

Winthrop believes he has found his pastoral dream. A house in the country from which he and Madam Winthrop commute the 60 miles to work in Houston each day. A way to get away. So, he punishes himself with remodelings at vacation time.

"How does Winthrop get me into these things?" I thought, still on the truck. I was waiting by the main road to lead a man from the lumber yard to the house with a load of guaranteed rot-proof, creosoted wood. The manager of the yard asked for assistance because of fear that the driver couldn't find the house. Creosote is a black liquid that telephone poles are soaked in to prevent rotting. It smells like dead acid. Winthrop wanted creosoted lumber to build a porch in front of the house.

AS I WAITED, leaning against the truck cab, a black and brown hound walked out of the woods across the road and strode up to the treeline on my side. He sniffed for a moment and wandered up the road a piece. He stopped, looked into the woods and raised his head. "Auuoooooo!" he howled, apparently at the wind. "Auuoooooo!" After a few more, he looked over at me and ceased. Evidently embarrassed, he headed up the road stopping only once to smell the grass and check his leg.

The lumber truck first came into sight as a shimmer down the hill. As it approached I jumped into the cab of the truck and drove up the side road to the front of the house with the driver and truck following. There seemed to be enough lumber on the truck behind me to build the complete house.

The house and yard were a mess. Wood and tools were scattered everywhere. The new addition looked like its skirt had been blown away by spring winds. A web of two-by-fours stood lifeless, attached to the old house.

Winthrop met us at the driveway. "Gosh. That's sure a lot of wood," he said. "I think I ordered too much. Well, stack it up there," he said to the driver, pointing up a hill about 50 feet, before he left and went in the house.

THE DRIVER climbed out of the truck, steeped in existential despair, and stood there looking and scratching. He wore a small green umpire's cap and khaki pants over black boots.

"I can't haul all that timber up there," he said. "There's enough wood here to cover East Texas. I'll just dump it here."

After some prodding and my assurance of help, he agreed to move the lumber up the hill and stack it where Winthrop wanted.

With our hands clad in gloves, we moved the heavy planks one by one.

"I hear you got copperheads in these woods," the driver, who looked to be about 40, said. "We

got rid of 'em over where I live—further east. But I hear they're real bad over here," he continued, occasionally looking over his glasses to check where he stepped.

"This stuff will last 30 or 40 years," he said. "Why, if every house in East Texas was built with creosoted timber—the houses would last longer than the people."

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Vacationers need a rest after the holiday is over

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There are some musicians whose careers are extraordinary. Al DiMeola is one of them. At 18, he was a student at the Berklee School of Music in Boston. A year and a half later he was the guitar mainstay of Return to Forever. Last year, Al surprised everyone with "Land of the Midnight Sun,"

an album which excited jazz and rock audiences alike.

Now Al gives us "Elegant Gypsy" which has a Spanish flavor due in part to his collaboration with Paco de Lucia, one of Spain's premier flamenco guitarists. With "Elegant Gypsy," Al's fiery guitar inventions are more powerful than ever.

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Rescind

AUSTIN (AP) —Supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment have wheeled out the heavy siege guns and taken their early shots at Dallas Rep. Clay Smothers' proposal to rescind Texas approval of the ERA.

Smothers' proposal was to be heard by a House committee this afternoon, but Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Atty. Gen. John Hill and Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong strongly voiced their support of the ERA Tuesday.

"This is no time to turn back," said Hill. "We took our stand. We did it thoughtfully, we did it reflectively and we did it through our elected representatives. We also did it strong, and we did it early."

Texas voters approved the federal ERA amendment in 1972 by a 4-1 margin.

Smothers' proposed constitutional amendment would rescind Texas ratification of the ERA to the federal constitution. Sen. Walter Mengden, R-Houston, has a similar measure pending in the Senate.

Hill who planned to present testimony against the measure this afternoon, said the Texas Constitution already contains many of the provisions of the federal ERA amendment, which is still awaiting ratification by the necessary 36 states. "We should not turn back from a course set five years ago and already implemented in our constitution," Hill added.

"The ERA is not a women's issue but an issue on constitutional rights," said Hobby. "Texas has a noble history of leadership in women's rights."

"One of the things my father was proudest of when he was governor was that he had a part in getting women's rights to vote in the state constitution before it was in the federal constitution," Hobby said of former Gov. William P. Hobby.

"We have made a decision in this state," said Armstrong. "I see no reason to change. It's a progressive decision."

All three officials wore "Support ERA" buttons.

Barbara Vackar of Austin, head of a statewide organization supporting the ERA, said House Speaker Bill Clayton has publicly opposed the ERA, while Gov. Dolph Briscoe could not be reached for comment.

Flip Side

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Too bad only fences and porches are built with it. Most of us don't live that long."

I almost asked him if he was on vacation, but I knew better.

Winthrop and I worked on the masterpiece, not even close to completion, through Wednesday when I drove back to Houston for some rest. Before I left, he told me he had a lot of work to catch up on in town and would be there Thursday and Friday. I discovered later, Winthrop was too tired and sore Thursday to make it to work. He remained at home those two days, nestled beneath the pines of East Texas, and recovered from his vacation.



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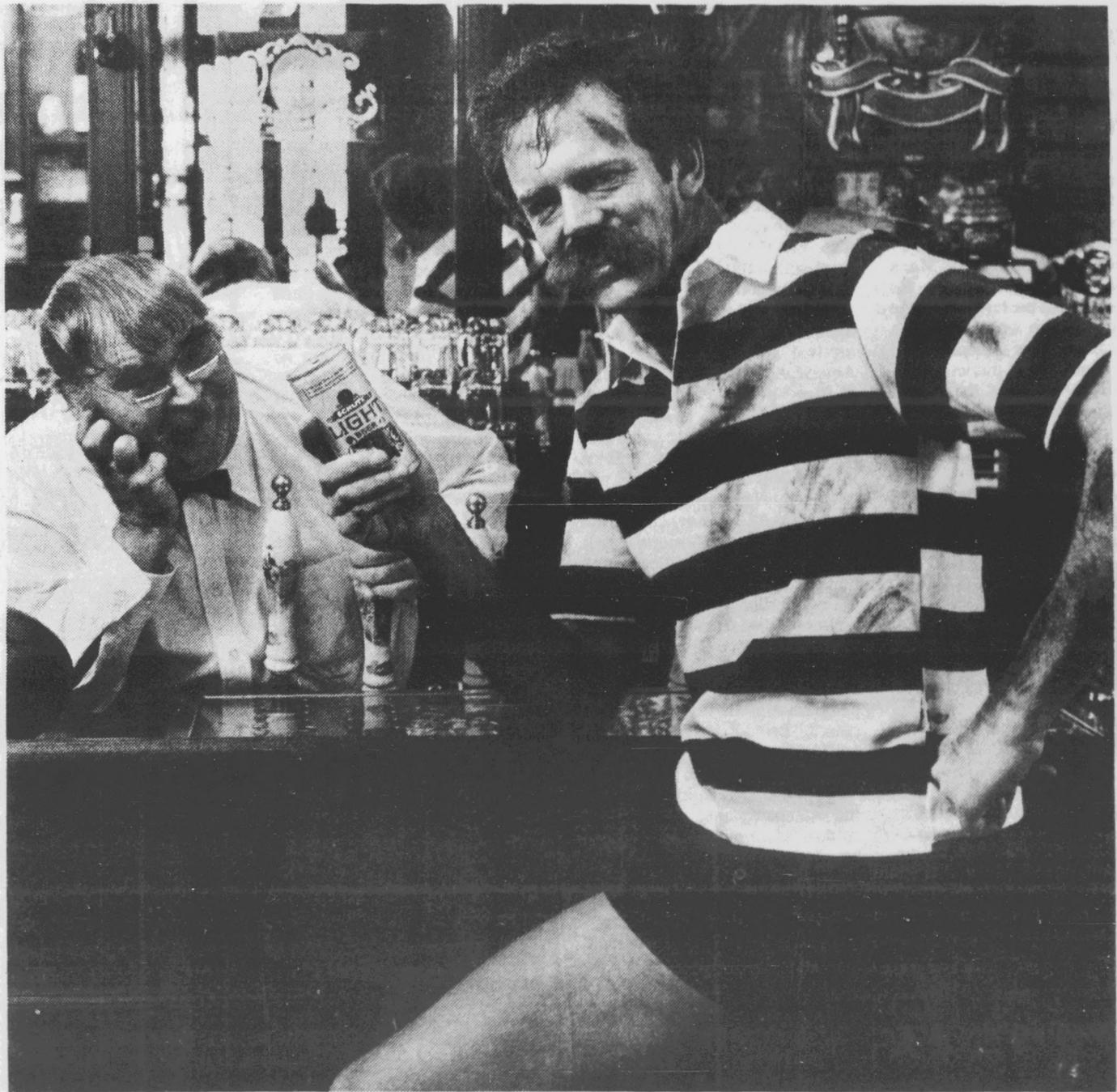
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Cowboys in AAll lead

By GREG ERICKSON
Sports Writer

Defending champion Oklahoma State picked up right where they left off last year by jumping to an impressive first-round lead in the 23rd annual All-America Intercollegiate Invitational Golf Tourney at Atascocita.

Oklahoma State, featuring All-Americans David Edwards, Jaime Gonzales and Tom Jones combined with Britt Harrison for a team total of 281. The closest pursuers were the Georgia



Stark

Bulldogs, nine strokes back at 290.

Leading the way for Oklahoma State's phenomenal round was Jones, who shot a four-under-par 68. Three of OSU's qualifying scores were sub-par, including Edwards' 69 and Gonzales' 71.

Rounding out the top-five teams were Florida, 293 and Arizona State and Houston at 295.

The tournament-sponsoring Cougars were led by senior David Ishii. The Lihue, Hawaii native is now approaching the form which made him the SWC champion. After starting with a par at the 545-yard tenth, Ishii birdied 12 and 14 to finish the back nine with a one-under-35. He then carded a birdie at the 384-yard fifth to finish with a three-under 69.

Although the Cougars are expected to have a slight advantage on their home course at Atascocita, Ishii feels the advantage will be slight.

"Just knowing the course isn't always enough. You have to get the right breaks," he said.

"Sometimes local knowledge of a course can hurt. You tend to over-protect against the trouble spots, and when that happens you can get into greater trouble."

Although Ishii did not have too many troubles Wednesday, his teammates did not shoot as well as expected.

Ed Fiori had the next low score for Houston at 74. The two other qualifying scores for the Cougars had Mike Booker with 75 and Chris Mitchell 77. UH's fifth player,

John Stark, had a six-over-par 78.

Other teams competing who expect to give co-favorites UH and Oklahoma State a fight are Alabama, LSU, New Mexico, Stanford, and Texas.

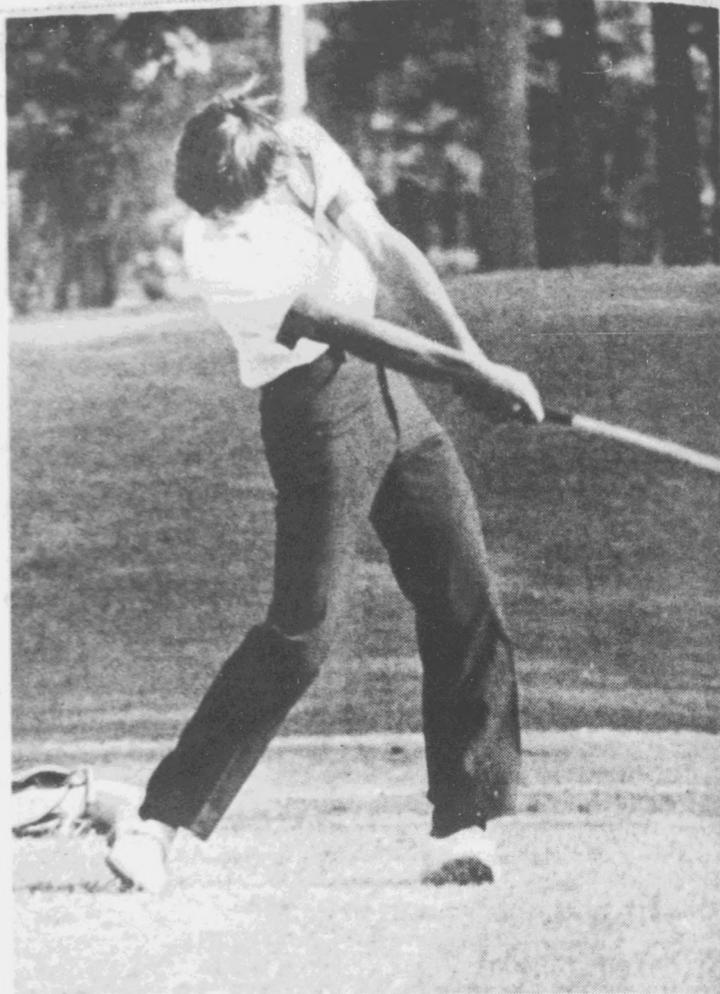
While no other team on the course could keep pace with the Cowboys, several teams had their hot players.

Rounding out the top-ten individual scores were Denny Hepler, Florida State; Dallas Apelgren, Florida; and Buddy Gardner of Auburn at 70. At 71 were Steve Walser, Oklahoma; Bill Loeffler, Arizona State; and Phil Blackmar of Texas.

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Ishii demonstrates keeping head down

Astros win again

The amazing Houston Astros overcame a 6-0 fourth-inning deficit Wednesday to defeat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 and sweep a three-game series.

Left fielder Willie Crawford stroked a single up the middle in the bottom of the ninth to drive in Jose Cruz for the winning run.

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Track records continue to fall

By ROBIN WRIGHT
Sports Editor

School track records fell like dominoes over the spring break as both the men's and women's squads competed in the Texas Relays in Austin.

Randy Coffman and Mark Baughman continued to be the most consistent performers on the Houston team as Coffman registered another school record in the shot with a put of 60-8½, taking first place at the Austin meet and gaining a four-foot advantage for the year over his nearest rival in the Southwest Conference.



Baughman

Baughman also set a school record in the discus with a 179-3 throw, then bettered the mark one week later at the Gulf AAU meet in Jeppesen Stadium. Baughman leads his nearest SWC competitor by six feet, making him a heavy favorite to take the discus in the SWC Outdoor Championships May 14 at Austin.

UH pole vaulter Brett Dames, with a previous outdoor best of 15-6, vaulted 17-3 at the Gulf AAU meet to take second place in the SWC standings away from teammate Roy Willits, who jumped 16-0 March 12 in the Rice Invitational.

School records were also set in the Texas Relays by Greg Caldwell, taking third in the triple jump with a distance of 52-2, and

Jeff Thompson, placing fifth in an outstanding field in the 2,000-meter steeplechase in 8:46.0.

Tom Birch ran a lifetime best of 29:51 in the 10,000 meters, qualifying for the national meet to be held in June. Richard Lacomb also qualified for the national meet with a total of 7,285 points in the decathlon.

The Coogs will be in action again Saturday when they go up against Rice, TSU, Pan American, HBU and Puerto Rico at Rice Stadium. Houston will not take a full team, however, as Coach Tom Tellez will rest several players recovering from minor injuries. Not making the meet will be Kevin Nance, Elrick Brown and NCAA Indoor champion sprinter Greg Edmond, still recovering from a cramped hamstring suffered March 19 at College Station.

Despite the injuries, Tellez said his team is progressing well and should be ready for the conference meet. "Some guys are progressing differently from others," he said. "We have had 13 or 14 already qualify for the nationals."

For the Cougars, already SWC Indoor champions, to take the outdoor championship, they will have to contend with perennial power Texas.

"Texas has the material to blow everybody out of the stadium," Tellez said. "But that doesn't mean they will do it. Three or four teams have a chance to take it."

In the women's portion of the Texas Relays, Houston set six more school records, winning in one event.

Stephanie Brown not only set a school record in winning the 100-meter dash, but also set a new meet record. Her time of 11.22 was only .22 seconds off Wyoming Tyus' world record of 11.0.

Houston's mile and two-mile relay teams each set records while placing fifth at Austin, and

qualifying for the national meet.

The mile relay team of Natalie Runnels, Joy Taylor, Robin Lowe and Dianne Mull finished in a time of 3:53.3, while the two-mile squad of Sharon Fitzgerald, Taylor, Lowe and Mull had a 9:19.8 time.

In the high jump, Amy Davis scored a school record of 5-4, finishing sixth, while Donna Shell took ninth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:45.6.

The sprint medley team of Davis, Marcia Williams, Brown and Runnels finished sixth with a time of 1:44.8.

This Friday and Saturday, the women will compete in the TAIW zone Championships, hosted by TSU in Houston's Jeppesen Stadium.

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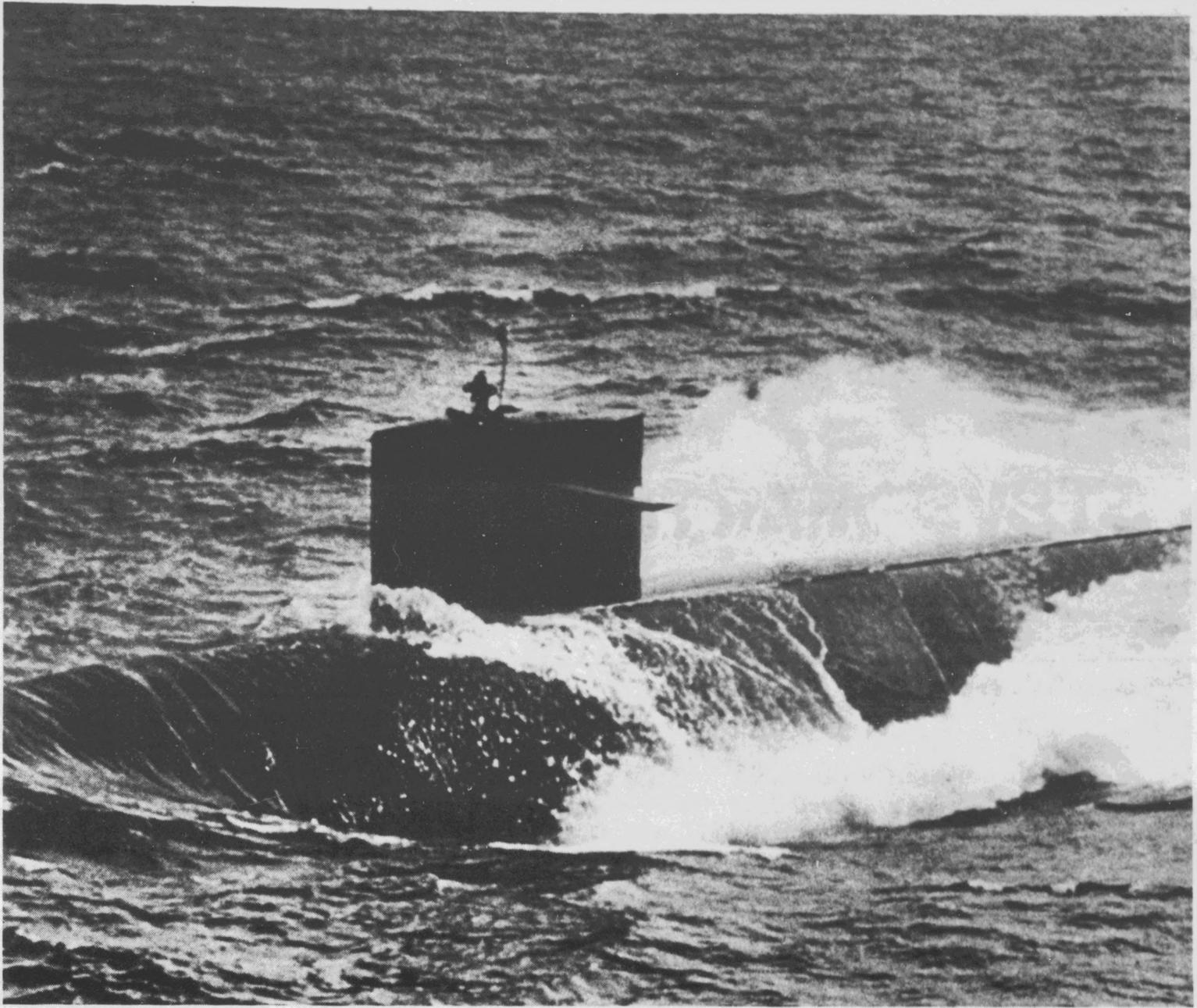
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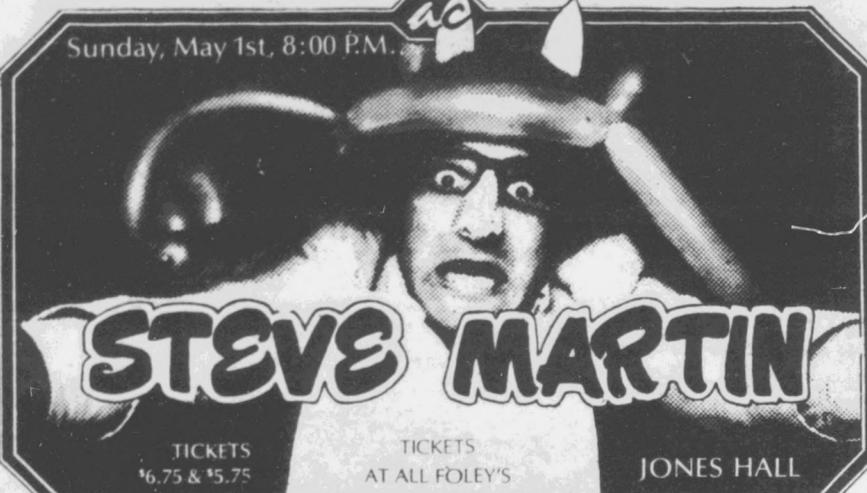
Swim team appears in top meets

The UH swim team capped the spring season with recent appearances at NCAA and NAAU national championships.

In the NCAA meet at Cleveland State University, Simon Gray scored an eighth-place finish in the 1650-yard freestyle and Peter Dawson earned 12th in the 400-yard individual medley. The two freshmen made UH athletic history as the first swimmers to score nationally. The Houston team ranked 27th at the conclusion of the championships.

Houston finished the regular swim season in March with a third-place finish at the Southwest Conference meet.

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Spring training football drills are in full swing on the UH practice field as the Cougars make preparations for the upcoming football season.

Returning to this year's squad are 14 starters from the 1976 team that finished with a 10-2-0 record, including a 30-21 triumph over Maryland in the Cotton Bowl.

Among the offensive returnees are quarterback Danny Davis, running back Alois Blackwell, split end Don Bass and fullback Dyrall Thomas.

Linebacker David Hodge, safety Elvis Bradley, tackle Ross Echols and noseguard Roert Oglesby are some of the returning defensive standouts.

With the loss of top seniors like Wilson Whitley, Paul Humphries, Mike Mohr and Val Belcher, the Cougars have some big holes to fill.

In his 16th year as head mentor, Bill Yeoman said, "Mechanically we might be able to fill the holes, but the leadership factor remains to be seen."

The spring drills will climax on April 23 with the annual red-white and blue trasquad clash. The game, which will be played at Jeppesen Stadium, starts at 7:30 p.m.

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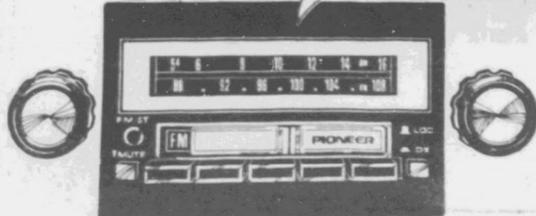
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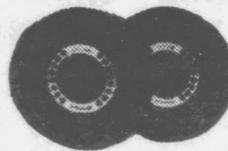


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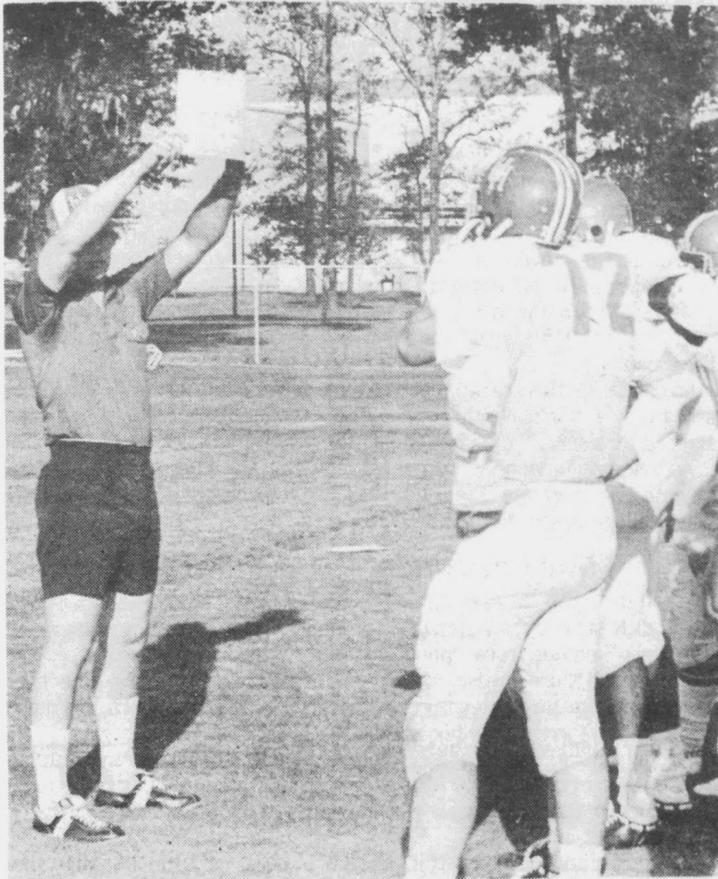
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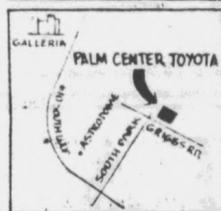
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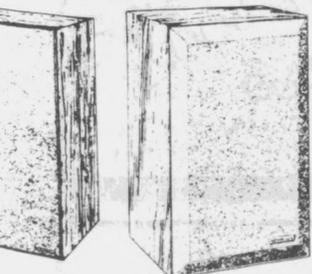
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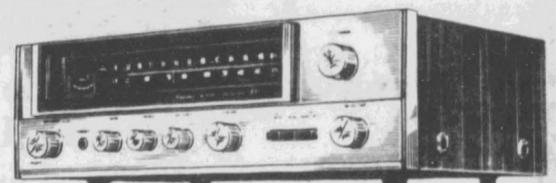


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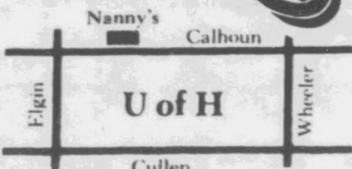
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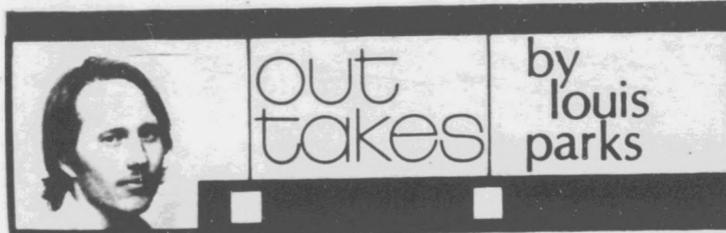
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It may seem that I would have a definite bias toward answer "a." Not so. Oh, perhaps just a little. But my choice is a bit closer to "c" than I care to admit. Please keep it under your hats.

More accurately, critics are valuable when they are consistent and you have learned their particular quirks and biases.

You can put critics to work for you whether you agree with them or not. It works like this: First you analyze what it is you like about movies in general (or any other medium).

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Some may not need them

Now, if you wrote, "Watching Robert Redford or Raquel Welch movies," or, "Movies keep me off the streets," stop right here. Your reasons are as valid as any others, but you probably don't read reviews anyway because you don't need them. You probably get all the information you need from the ads in the entertainment section of the newspaper—like the show times.

Okay; do the same with a review. As much as they might like to, critics won't say, "Oh, this is just a dumb movie." They'll give their reasons for their opinions.

Of course, critics are subject to bias just like everyone else. They may say a movie "lacks depth" when what they really mean is "I don't like Barbra Streisand," but hopefully, they'll be more specific.

As you may have often suspected, critics think they know more than anyone else. And why shouldn't they? You probably know more about your college major than they do.

Most misunderstood minority

To tell the truth, what most critics feel is persecuted, misunderstood and slightly beyond the vision of commoners. They sometimes forget the term "pop" comes from "popular."

They expect more finesse, style and overall quality from the objects of their scrutiny because they take the media in which they specialize more seriously. That's why they became critics in the first place.

It's only natural that a person who sees as many films as, say, Pauline Kael, or even myself (50-100 films a year not including TV), is going to be a little pickier than the couple who goes maybe once a month strictly for entertainment.

Critics demand different things from movies, so naturally they like different things. The ideal goal of demanding critics is to force filmmakers to put out better pictures.

So should the world's film critics review within the terms of the common public denominator? Hell no! You wouldn't want your plumber to know as much as the average person knows about the workings of a toilet. If critics stop giving their professional opinions and start second-guessing public taste, standards will go down, and the role of the professional critic will be rendered useless.

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Killer blimp lays egg

BY JOHN ATKINSON
Amusements Staff

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Essentially, the movie deals with the implausible tale of a plot by the Palestinian Black September terrorists (the murderers of the Israeli Olympic athletes) in which the Goodyear blimp carries an explosive device into the Orange Bowl during the playing of the Superbowl.

Bruce Dern delivers the film's best performance as the deranged blimp pilot. Marthe Keller, late of "Marathon Man," portrays the comely terrorist-seductress who cons Dern, a disaffected vet, into building the device and flying the blimp. She has problems submerging her German inflections, and is quite unbelievable as an Arab terrorist.

Robert Shaw appears as an Israeli agent with apparently unlimited jurisdiction throughout the United States. He is a hard-bitten agent with doubts about his ability to dish out the indiscriminate carnage and roughhouse which is such an integral part of his profession.

Also, John Frankenheimer directs. With "French Connection II," Frankenheimer seemed to have made a solid comeback after a dry spell. "Black Sunday" does have an element of suspense, suggesting that the director worked well with what he had.

Mostly, it's a laughable idea. Of all the imaginable ways to bump off a large number of people in a football stadium, this is the most far-fetched of the bunch.

It is, in a word, flimsy and while its production costs must have soared (everything about the Superbowl action is authentic footage, down to the last victory sign flashed by Franco Harris), the film smacks of a rather vacuous sort of silliness.

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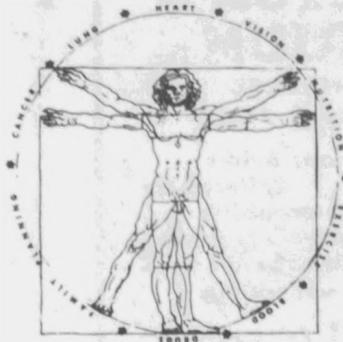
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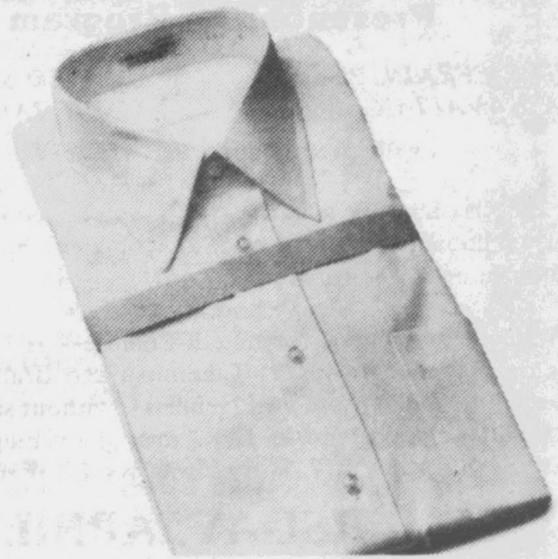
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"America" brings together the best of Steadman's fiendish impressions of contemporary America. There is no classical beauty in Steadman's renderings of American life as he lays bare the folly of our society.

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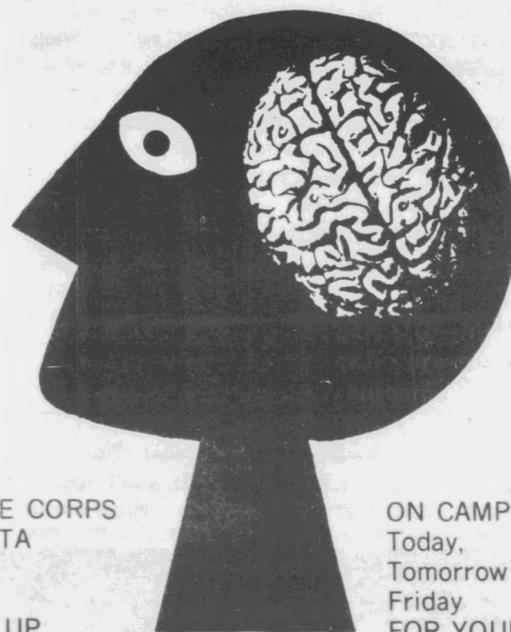
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Thursday, April 21, will be Food Day. The formal observance across the nation on that day will hopefully focus the attention of the American people to food supply and consumption and the

problems associated with food.

TexPIRG will be sponsoring Food Day activities in Houston next week. This year TexPIRG hopes to deal with problems of individual, personal food consumption.

Center for Science in the Public Interest, national sponsor of Food Day, claims the typical American diet—fatty, sugary, and over-processed—contributes to such widespread diseases as obesity, heart disease, cancer of the colon, diabetes and tooth decay. They contribute to about one million deaths and hike our health bills about \$15-30 billion annually in our country.

Reducing the consumption of just one ingredient in our diets—processed sugar—could have drastic effects benefitting health. However, more than 50 per cent of the ads on television aimed at children are pushing foods and edibles, mostly sugary items. As consumer activist Robert Choate concluded, "It's a course in gluttony."

As a personal observance of Food Day, students are being urged by TexPIRG to write the Federal Trade Commission to ask for a ban on advertising of sugary foods during children's shows.

While per capita consumption of fresh produce in the United States (1958-1970) dropped 11.3 per cent, packaging used to deliver fresh produce rose 37.7 per cent. The energy increases for total packaging from 1958-70 amounted to 560 trillion BTU.

A realization by American consumers that a little time and effort in preparing each meal results in tastier and healthier foods could produce desirable effects both in terms of personal nutrition and energy savings.

TexPIRG invites you to a Food Day panel discussion at noon April 21 in the UC Underground.

Five internationals honored by mayor

By IRA EAKIN
Cougar Staff

Five UH students will receive awards from Mayor Fred Hofheinz at 10 a.m. today at City Hall as part of the Honorary Ambassadorship Program.

The program is sponsored by UH International Student Services, the United Nations Association and the Houston City Council. It is designed to encourage international students to visit and understand different aspects of Houston, according to Jacqueline Segars, international students counselor.

The recipients are Yuji Imai of Japan, mathematics graduate student; David Agwu Onuoha of Nigeria, a journalism senior; Mahbub Rahman of Bangladesh, industrial engineering senior; Mazhar Rangwala of India, architecture graduate student; and Peter Yee of Hong Kong, geology senior.

To qualify for the award students must meet strict requirements, Segars said. They must attend a city council meeting, court session, visit a company related to their field and a primary school. Also, they must attend a cultural function and other activities to total 10 visits.

In addition to the visits the students must write brief reports describing their impressions, she added.

A United Nations Association representative and Segars review the reports. Segars then interviews the contestants.

The award is a certificate signed by the mayor and city council members. It is decorated with a blue seal, Segars said.

After the presentation, the students will be honored at a luncheon.

The program "gives the international students some insight into American life they may not have gained otherwise," Segars said.

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND LAW SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TO BE ON CAMPUS

Assistant Dean Adele Doolittle of the University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington, will speak with interested students about law schools in general and the University of Puget Sound School of Law in particular on Monday, April 18, 1977, from 10 to 12, at the Career Planning & Placement Center.

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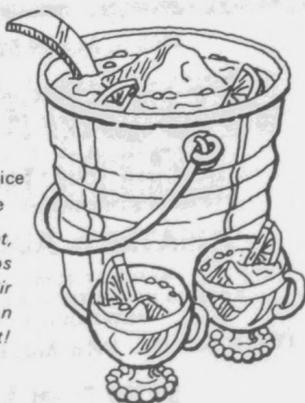
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New system imminent

Computer issue complex

By RON FOSTER
Cougar Staff

The solution to the controversy over changing computer systems at UH is more difficult than many suspected, according to Donald Kouri, chair of the Computer Selection Committee (CSC).

The CSC, composed of administrative and faculty members, was formed by the Computer Policy Committee to select a new computer system for UH.

At a recent meeting of the CSC to receive faculty input on the issue, one of the major complaints was some of the big computer

firms, such as IBM, had not submitted bids to install a new system, according to Kouri.

"It was brought out in the meeting that it cost a firm from \$100,000 to \$200,000 just to submit a bid," Kouri said. "Not only that, it is the State of Texas, and not the university, that they must sell to. The state issues the purchase order."

Bidding procedures come under stringent state laws which require bids be accepted on a cost effectiveness basis, according to Kouri.

"This means, for example, that the cost of converting to a new system must be considered," he

said. "We estimated this cost to be around \$600,000, which is incurred even if we use a new Univac system, the same company we use now."

The decision to make the change over was made earlier this year. The current UH computer system, Univac 1108, was no longer able to carry the workload, according to William Rowley, director of the University Computing Center.

Five bids were received thus far, Kouri said, with the lowest coming from Honeywell. The Honeywell system seems to be favored by the CSC, he added.

Anti-gay bill under attack

(Continued from Page 1) look good in Florida because there were few pro-gay supporters. She also said there wasn't a lot of gay support at the Austin hearing. There were a lot of John Birch people," Ellis said.

"The bill will go immediately to a subcommittee. I'll be disappointed if something like this gets railroaded through the legislature," Ellis said.

In other business, the board

rejected Delta Sigma Theta's request for money to send two members to a national convention. The board considers the sorority a social organization and decided the convention's business would have no direct effect on the UH community.

The board granted the UH chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists, \$100 to send a member to a regional convention in Dallas.

Van Hightower

(Continued from Page 1) sponsored by UH Program Council, which invites speakers weekly. At noon next Wednesday, former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul will debate Frank Clark, national secretary of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, on the full employment issue. Geneva Kirk Brooks, president of Citizens Against Pornography, will speak on April 27.

Rights

(Continued from Page 1)

record of the United States in ratifying human rights conventions at the UN. "This is the sad story of a U.S. lag," Thomsen said. "The United States has ratified only one of the nine major conventions on human rights. Only three other members have a worse record."

Among the conventions not yet ratified by the United States are those against discrimination by race, employment or education; genocide; and forced labor.

The United States' failure to ratify human rights conventions "ties our hands at the UN," Thomsen said. It deprives us of possibilities to protest about infractions of human rights in foreign countries.

"Nations are far more conscious of human rights now," Thomsen said, "and they look to the United States." She said there was a "change of climate" in the Congress in 1970, when ratification came out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "I don't know why, but it was never voted on."

Thomsen called the failure to ratify the UN conventions "unfinished business" and said, "There is the expectation of a better way. We ought to go to the UN in the fall with our hands clear. Move over—we're coming on!"



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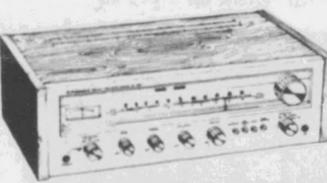
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