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Munitz criticizes food service options

Chancellor Barry Munitz said Monday he is opposed to the idea of a university-owned or student-run food service.

Munitz spoke as part of the "Who's In Charge Here" program, sponsored by the Program Council, which is designed to bring students and administrators together on an informal basis.

"I'm not an optimist on a university-run food service, or for that matter on a student-run food service," Munitz said.

Munitz answered questions from a group of 20 people at the Coffeehouse. Munitz later said although he was disappointed with the number of people attending the program, he was happy to be able to communicate with the students.

The College of Hotel and Restaurant Management could serve as an advisor in addressing the issue of food service at UH, Munitz said, either through committee action or through input

with the University Center Policy Board.

The Mannings, Inc. food service contract with UH was terminated with the UCPB March 17. Bids for food services at the UC and Satellite were opened.

Munitz said he understands the financial problems faced by any food service company with high prices and labor contracts, but said these problems must be faced.

Munitz reiterated the student service fees may increase next fall to as much as \$60, the maximum amount allowed under state law. Student service fees may be increased to cover the utilities costs of university auxiliary units, which are those buildings not housing educational and or research activities, such as the UC and Satellite.

State auditors recently determined the utilities of auxiliary units must be paid through student service fees.

One possible alternative to raising student service fees to the maximum would be the creation of a separate UC fee, through a student referendum. State law provides for the creation of a UC fee provided that the majority of the students voted in favor of it.

Munitz said a UC fee could be a maximum of \$15. He said he is looking into whether or not a maximum \$15 UC fee would be necessary to cover UC utility costs. If a separate UC fee were created, the Student service fees would probably not be raised to the maximum \$60.

In the next 10 years, UH will be improving its relationships with the surrounding community through the Board of Regents' newly formed Houston Community Committee. The committee will look into ways of revitalizing the neighborhood surrounding UH.

"We need to get a better mixture on campus of both a commuting and residential



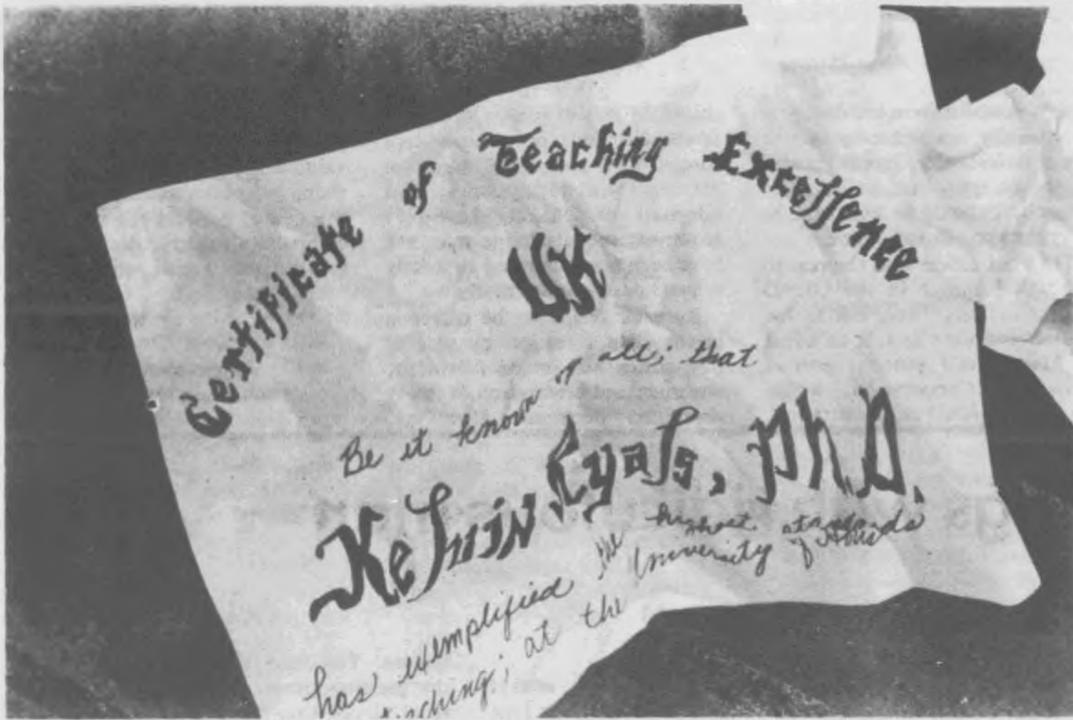
Barry Munitz addresses audience

community," Munitz said. "We need some shopping centers, banks and grocery stores. Students then will not be living only on campus but around campus."

To improve campus life, a 400 unit housing complex will be

added to UH, Munitz said. Construction for the complex is scheduled to begin in the summer. Munitz said he would also like to see married student housing on campus, along with a shuttle bus system to ease student transportation problems.

Testimony shows possible cause of Ryals' firing



Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series on a 1974 Teaching Excellence Award winner who was terminated in 1975. This story came to our attention through a letter about a series that appeared in The Daily Cougar beginning Nov. 27, 1979. That series concerned the lack of rewards for UH teachers. The deadline for nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards for 1979-80 is March 31.

By KATHY GRIMES
Staff Writer for The Cougar

The official reason given for firing Dr. Kelvin Ryals, a 1974 Teaching Excellence Award winner, was his "slim" publication record. But testimony both in and out of his grievance hearing indicates animosity may have existed between Ryals and Dr. Robert Howsam, then dean of the College of Education, as one of the causes for his dismissal.

One year after winning the award, Ryals received a "terminal contract" for the 1975-1976 academic year.

Ryals had requested the hearing to investigate the reasons for his dismissal and said he hoped the committee would reverse the decision to fire him. But the committee did not alter the termination contract.

"There was a good deal of animosity between the dean and me because, for one thing, I gave one of his books a bad review when others had said it was a good book," Ryals said outside of the hearing. Howsam's book is *Competency-based Teacher Education*, which Ryals reviewed for *Educational Forum*, a professional educational journal in March, 1975. Ryals received his

terminal contract two months later.

Competency-based teaching is a program instituted in the College of Education by Howsam, which requires student teachers to be observed by professionals to see if they possess skills and attitudes thought to be essential to good teaching. Howsam's book discussed this type of program.

"Howsam supported competency-based teaching, but you can't measure everything by setting up instructional goals," Ryals said. "The primary goal of the idea is efficiency and accountability, using prescribed teaching methods. That gives things a computerized feeling—it takes out the human element in teaching."

"In my department, as in many others, you (teachers) don't have freedom of speech in the classroom. If you believe you do, I've got another apple for you to bite. You teach how they (the dean's office) want you to teach."

During the 1975 hearing, Howsam said, "There are—to my knowledge—no interpersonal animosities or anything of those kinds entering into this decision. It was an academic decision. And in all the discussions, it was nothing whatsoever to do with embarrassment, one person of the other, or anything of the sort."

However, later in the hearing, Howsam said, "I have no recollection about the quality (of Ryals' published papers). I do recall having seen the review of

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Worthless reward?

Are tenure and promotion recommendations made on professional merits and teaching ability, or at the whim of administrators? Today's series on former Teaching Excellence Award winner Dr. Kelvin Ryals, shown at home here, deals with the problem of intra-departmental communications and their part in teacher evaluation.

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Inside

"The Barber of Seville" has opened at Wortham Theatre, to mixed reviews. For Bill Russell's position on this presentation by Texas Opera Theatre, see page 8.

Editorial:

Hostage crisis answer in history

For the President and the American people, it is time to face facts in Iran.

As Lyndon B. Johnson discovered in Vietnam, when Americans enter into a civil war and back the losing team, it spells trouble.

The 50 American political pawns are nearing their fifth month in captivity, with the prospect of safe return as distant as the cold day in November when the embassy was seized.

What has caused a five-month delay in negotiations? The militants have made two consistent demands throughout the course of the siege: deliver the shah back to Iran and return the money the shah stole from the people.

Some believe both points are not negotiable: that Americans would never allow the government to return the shah for trial or return any of the shah's riches.

In Vietnam, for five years the government refused to actually negotiate any of the issues Ho Chi Minh raised as possible solutions to the Vietnam War, i.e. refused to treat as fact the strength and popularity of Minh and his government.

In Iran, for ten years the government agencies involved in intelligence gathering underestimated the civilian opposition to the shah and his government, refusing to believe that the populace might not be supporting the shah.

Nixon settled Vietnam by admitting the legitimacy of the Minh government and realistically dealing with his demands rather than maintaining a hardline negative attitude. And dealing with the real issues in Vietnam freed 500 prisoners of war.

If Carter would re-examine the demands of the militants, in lieu of five months of negotiating failures, there might be a way for the U.S. to make their own break in negotiations.

Money is not all-holy, but Americans have been conditioned to think along those lines. What the militants want is a face-saving gesture that shows the U.S. bending on an issue—any issue.

And a careful look at the militants' demands may reveal the way to bend.



Viewpoint:

Police problems identified

I would like to point out a few problems identified from the article, "Probe of UH Police Spurs Changes." (The Houston Post Feb. 17)

During Joseph Kimble's administration, several trips from the Police Department to the Personnel Office were made seeking "the proper" procedures as well as information, and then too, less than adequate information was provided. I see things have not changed much in the past two years, and I feel the community should ask why! Associate Chancellor Andrew Rudnick admitted there are problems which were handled in a haphazardly manner only due to other unfortunate circumstances on the campus. He, as associate chancellor, should be able to fight more than one fire at a time.

The Post article said the reason for high turnover in the UHPD was the officers "were not fit for the job and were unable to adapt to his (Hess') more rigorous demands." Cooperation, within the ranks AND administration,

goes further in the progress of a service organization than do demands. This is not to say there should not be demands, but more cooperation than demands reflects an organization with leadership at the top promoting the rank and file members. Discipline in a law enforcement agency is a result of community pressures as well as necessary for internal controls. There is no problems with the administration of discipline, when it is necessary. The article indicated there was a lack of discipline, within the organization at the time of Mr. Hess's appointment. This is not a view shared by others (past employees) as the discipline procedures were formed by a committee of patrol officers and supervisors, and adopted on March 1, 1976. However, the discipline may not have been administered as strictly in years past as in currently is.

Rudnick seems to be traveling in the right direction by placing his concerns in recruitment, screening and orientation of newly appointed personnel. However,

the style of law enforcement on a major university is different than what is instructed at the Harris County Sheriff's Academy (least wise it was when I attended). The university community should request a joint effort of other area university law enforcement agencies to conduct their own basic training academy and instruct the new recruit in the skills needed for that style of law enforcement. This is happening now, everywhere in America. It is hard to believe that a city with the resources of Houston cannot conduct one.

Casting stones at the past serves no useful purpose but to occupy valuable time which is needed in shaping a police agency to deliver the quality services the university community so richly deserves. For that purpose, I wish you well.

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john atkinson

Meetings with ridiculous men

The mystic and philosopher G.I. Gurdjieff wrote a series of books, one portion of which was called "Meetings with Remarkable Men." His general tilt was pretty radical: "To destroy mercilessly the beliefs and views rooted for centuries in the minds and feelings of man."

The philosopher's creed went beyond that. He was a seer, a mystic. In Eastern terms, he was a master, someone who could generate increased learning and mental activity merely with his presence.

These lights into another world are few and far between, but a bus boy at an organic restaurant told me once of a man, a man among men by the name of Sartre Smith, who also gathered around him a coterie of special friends which he has chronicled on his spare bill and check stubs, yet unpublished, called "Meetings with

Ridiculous Men."

Sartre Smith, or S.S. for short, and his initiates meet weekly outside Rothko Chapel, the most mystical place in town.

The famed philosopher then leads the group in a communal tuna fish can opening, after which they make salad.

After this ritual—ordea, the group walks down Yoakum to Alabama where they sit on the curb and play chicken with the motorists by sticking their feet into the street.

The group is an interesting menagerie. One member only wears searsucker suits and bow ties. If its 20 degrees or colder, he wears his searsucker overcoat.

One group member, known usually as Augustine, though sometimes mentioned reverentially as the Saint, generally wears his oak tree outfit though occasionally adding a

smart alligator bag.

One Spinoza Leibniz, an architect, always brings his latest work out. He has used lime jello but generally makes his models from cottage cheese which the group typically enjoys with their tuna salad.

Some of the members are easily spotted as sublimely ridiculous men. Ralph Waldo Bertrand Russell can be seen coming from blocks as he does somersets. Every time he executes one of his maneuvers, his comb, change, wallet and spare prosthetic big toe fall out all over the sidewalk.

Tommy Joe Machiavelli stimulates the group with such exciting topics as death as a way to avoid going to Spanish class, or sometimes the heavy stuff like is it proper to take two bread rolls while eating with a date if there are only three there.

Some of the group's world view is more

limited. Ted "the Stoic" Johnson spends the meeting time crunching ants with his front bicycle tire. The only words he speaks are at the end of the meeting. The group waits ponderously as Ted says, "got 320," or "they're up to my handlebars now."

No one can stop Sartre Smith, tough. Sometimes he comes in his iguana slacks. When he comes in these togs, the group can be assured that he is going to speak on coming to grips with being a moron.

Other times he is more pragmatic, helping unemployed members of the class find employment as Crayola packers or cat beauticians.

His primary function is to instruct the seekers on their pathway to enlightenment. This is usually achieved when the members try sticking their ears into traffic instead of their feet.

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Downey demands increase funding for teachers; calls pay 'a pittance'

A newly-elected state representative from south Houston last week called for strong support of education and better teacher salaries at a meeting of the UH College Republicans.

Rep. Dan Downey, a 29-year-old attorney, told the group at the University Center although a teacher is "the single most important person after parents in a child's development," the reward is "a pittance in pay."

Good salaries, he said, will ward off teacher unionizing and strikes "like those in Cleveland recently," and will attract "concerned, competent

professionals." Downey was elected to the district 80 seat in a February special election after incumbent Lance Lalor resigned for a city council spot.

"Democrats are hopping mad at me," he said, for capturing a position never occupied by a Republican before. He credited his victory to a large number of volunteers, hard campaigning and his anti-crime and pro-education stands.

Downey said he supports the GOP as more "liberty-oriented" than the Democrats. Limited

government encourages initiative, he said, while big government encourages "complacency."

Because "Democrats assume blacks will vote Democratic," Downey said, many blacks are growing disenchanted with that party's complacency. Although most are not yet supporting Republicans, many blacks are refusing to vote the straight Democratic ticket rather than be taken advantage of, he said.

Downey said he supported the use of citizens' precinct meetings for the public voicing of complaints and to "facilitate neighborhood action."

Ryals' charge backed by testimony

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my book. If I were not the author of the book, I'd say it was a scurrilously unscholarly thing that he published. But I was also the target of the review, so you can discount my view as you will.

"(But) the Vice President's office and my office have got to be suspicious of last-minute flurries of articles appearing in the year that a person has to have them for tenure and for promotion," Howsam said.

According to Ryals' vita (list of career accomplishments), Ryals published four articles which were printed in scholarly journals (which are watched by scholars to insure they remain professional); delivered seven papers; wrote one book and has one scheduled for press this month; submitted a grant-aided project report; and served in three consultant

positions. Howsam said he did. Dr. M.G. Yoes, interim dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, challenged Howsam, asking, "So all research (within the College of Education) has to be data-based?"

Howsam back-tracked, saying, "No. No, they do not. I didn't say that. They were scholarly activities. I would call them scholarly activities, but I would not harm other researchers by attempting to pass them as research. And I do quite a bit of writing of that kind myself, but wouldn't pretend that they're research."

Education faculty members worked under a "concentration camp atmosphere" when Howsam was dean, according to Ryals, Dr. Ronald Frankiewicz, associate professor of fundamentals of education, and others. The group

alleges Howsam would not tolerate teaching anything in classes with which Howsam disagreed.

"I was under the impression that when Chancellor Barry Munitz came here (after Ryals was terminated), he gave Howsam 18 months to 'shape up or ship out,'" Ryals said. "It went around among faculty members that the Chancellor was aware of how Howsam ran the College of Education, so he got Howsam out."

Frankiewicz agreed. However, Munitz said, "Howsam told me when I first came in 1976 that he was almost at the age to retire, and that he didn't want to spend all the time he had left with UH as a dean."

He added, "Dean Howsam always said he was pro-faculty input in decision-making. Now, he and I disagreed publicly about the Learning Resource Center (audiovisual center in the College of Education) while he was dean; but faculty tend to be overly dramatic about administrative disagreements."

Howsam is now a professor in the College of Education. He could not be reached for comment because he has been on a speaking tour of the United States and Canada. About Howsam's step-down as dean and return to faculty status, Munitz said, "We agreed on a time for Howsam to leave the deanship. Some individuals had complained about communication in the College of Education, but his leaving didn't occur on the spur of the moment. I didn't throw him out," he emphasized.

Dr. Dell Felder, associate dean under Howsam and professor of curriculum and instruction, said, "Communication between Howsam and faculty members was not a major problem. There were a few who had bigger problems than others, but I don't know whether it was his personality or theirs. Howsam talked in the mode of philosophical issues and future plans, and on the abstract level. If the faculty member didn't understand the difference in communication levels, then the two talked past each other."

She said she assumed Howsam was easily accessible, even though "he was often out, giving speeches and attending meetings."

"If I were not the author of the book, I'd say it was a scurrilously unscholarly thing that he published. But I also was the target of the review, so you can discount my view as you will." -Howsam

positions. Howsam said this was a "slim" publication record, yet he said the public service "might be counted in lieu of publication."

The transcript of the hearing indicates that at least two faculty members were promoted to full professor with fewer publications than Ryals.

During the hearing, Howsam argued that some of Ryals' research was not acceptable because it was "not data-based."

Dr. Edwin Willems, grievance committee chair and associate dean of the College of Social Sciences, asked Howsam if he valued empirical research over philosophical papers.

Briefly... from the Associated Press

National

JETMORE, Kan. —Stranded travelers from at least three states slept on sanctuary pews, played cards and got acquainted at a church where they were thrown together by the worst snowstorm to hit Kansas in more than 70 years.

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Blood drive continues today, benefitting Shriners Hospital

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity is conducting a blood drive at the University to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Cripple Children.

Turnout for the drive has been very poor since Monday, said Ricahrd Salzhandler, member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. "We would like to get 75 pints of blood today," Salzhandler said. "The donors have been mainly students, but we would love to see faculty and other people donate." Today is the last day for the drive.

The Shriners hospital provides free services for burn victims who cannot afford treatment elsewhere. Donated blood is given to children younger than the age of 16.

Donors are told their blood type and blood pressure, Salzhandler

said. The procedure is painless, said John Harrity, member of the Lambda Chi Alpha member.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, cannot be over the age of 65 and must go through a complete checklist before they can donate. Some of the items on the checklist include allergies, diseases, high blood pressure, temperature and other ailments that might keep a person from donating.

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity is conducting this blood drive as a public affairs program, Salzhandler said. People interested in donating blood should report to the front of the UC between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to sign up and then go to the Mobile unit parked in front of the UC.

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TODAY

UNDERGRADUATE DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY will have a job seminar noon in Rm 634-SR. Open to all students.

FACULTY AND STAFF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP will have a speech noon in Rm 204-Religion Center. Open to faculty and staff.

A.D. BRUCE RELIGION CENTER will have a speech for Religious Awareness Week noon in Rm 204-Religion Center. Open to all.

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION will have deans seminar 6:30 at Kiva. Open to graduate students, faculty and administrator.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will have discipleship training 6:30 at the center. Open to everyone.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will have 2 performances noon in UC Arbor. Open to everyone.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA FRATERNITY will have blood drive 10 a.m. in front of UC. Open to public.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS is holding Institute of Religion Classes 7:30 at ADB Chapel. Open to all students.

TOMORROW

RAINEESH MEDITATION CENTER will have regular meditation sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons 4 p.m. in Embassy Rm-UC. Open to all.

A.D. BRUCE RELIGION CENTER will have a speech for the Religious Awareness Week 11 a.m. in Rm 204-Religion Center. Open to all.

PLANNING EXECUTIVES INSTITUTE—TEXASALPHA SOCIETY, STUDENT CHAPTER will have a speech 7:30 in Rm 105-McElhinney. Open to all.

UH YOUTH FOR BUSH will hold an information booth on campaign issues and the candidacy of George Bush 10 a.m. at UC. Open to all students.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will have missions experience with children 3:15 at the center. Open to everyone.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will have committee meeting noon at the center. Open to everyone.

HONORS FORUM will have a speech 3 p.m. in Honors Lounge. Open to public.

UH WATER SKI CLUB—TEAM will have a meeting 7 p.m. in Atlantic Rm-UC. Open to everyone.

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Sports

Coogs take on Trinity today

By JANEI WELLS

Sports Writer for The Cougar

The Cougar baseball team hosts Trinity University, 1 p.m., today.

The Coogs have been battling illness and injury since the season started and have lost a couple of more players for today's match.

Coach Rolan Walton has lost half of his ten pre-season pitchers. Senior Tom Lukish is out for the season due to an elbow injury. He is now consulting with orthopedic surgeons as to the extent of the damage and will be deciding the fate of his baseball career. Lukish was the Coogs' starting pitcher who was throwing at an 87 mph rate when he injured his arm.

Also out is John Shannon. Shannon reinjured his shoulder

and the Coogs will have to do without him for a while.

Mark Alexander is possible for today's game but Walton said he wanted to see how Alexander's calf muscle is doing before he made a decision. Alexander bruised his leg in a collision during the Texas Tech series in Lubbock.

Walton said he might start Rayner Noble if Noble is well enough to play. The freshman was out with a bad cold Monday but hoped to be back for today's game.

"Our versatility is really helping us. We've got an uphill climb but we're not out yet," Walton said. "This ball club is playing fairly well. They're playing hard. They

have a lot of pride. They know they're playing hurt and thin but they haven't given up."

Walton said the team is doing well in the field but that the loss of so many pitchers has hurt the team immeasurably.

Men's tennis to play Tech

The men's tennis team pairs off against the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Lubbock today.

The Cougar-Red Raider match will be the first conference pairing for the UH team. The Coogs will go on to meet Southern Methodist at Houston's John Hoff Courts Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

"It is important to win as many matches as possible against them (Tech)," UH coach Lee Merry said. "Every match counts in conference standings so it is not just how many team wins we have but also how many individual match wins we have."

Merry said the Saturday match against the national powerhouse Mustangs will be an important one for the squad and that he hoped to have some support from the UH community to help his team win.

UH swimmer takes first

By JULIE MAUDLIN

Sports Writer for The Cougar

For the third year in a row Diane Johanningman won the 200-yard butterfly at the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championships held at Las Vegas this past weekend.

"As you get older, each time you win means a little bit more to you," Johanningman said.

"Diane had a real good meet. She swam well. This is the third year in a row that she has won the title and she has set a new record each year," UH Swimming Coach Phill Hansel said.

Johanningman also placed second in the 100-yard butterfly, and was a finalist in the 50-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke. She also participated in a 800-yard freestyle relay with three other members of the UH team, Cory Schia, Amanda Peet, Liz Cunha.

The Senior American Athletic Union Nationals are April 9-12 and Johanningman will be participating. "I would like to place in the top three," she said.

The Intercollegiate meets are over for the women's swim team.

but Johanningman still has to keep in shape. After the AAU Nationals she will be in a summer training program. "I am going to try to win the AIAW for the fourth time next year and hopefully set a record that will be hard for anyone else to beat," she said.

After her last year of swimming next year, Johanningman will give up her swimming for education.

The men's swim team plans to leave today for the NCAA Championships at Harvard. Sophomore Doug Campbell will participate in the 200-yard backstroke and will be a member of the 800-yard freestyle relay with UH Freshman swimmers Glenn Grant, Kevin Lee and Mike Turner.

"This is a young group that we have this year. I am proud that we have made it to the NCAA's. It is tough to qualify for the NCAA's," Hansel said.

The men's swim team members will have a summer training program also. Campbell and Lee will participate in a meet in the British Nationals the third week of May.



Diane Johanningman

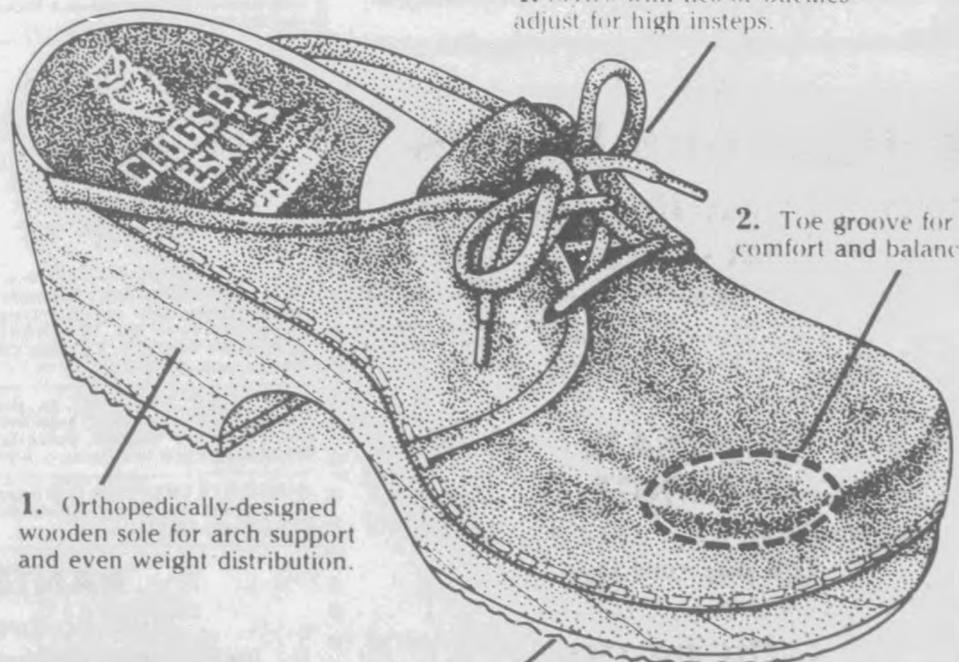
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'Barber of Seville' shows bright spots

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The opera got off to a slow start with a lackluster reading of the overture by the conductor, Raymond Harvey. The overture is one of the most famous and has been heard by most since childhood. Only the best will do

and this wasn't it. However, things did improve once the opera proper started and singers provided inspiration.

The top honors go to Carol Freeman, Robert Galbraith, and Richard Vernon. Carol Freeman's Count was marvelous from a vocal standpoint. His clear, light voice did full justice to the murderous tessitura and ornamentation that was sure and firm. The acting may have been overdone at times but this fitted in with the situation (especially in the

last two acts). It is good to see him in a major role after seeing so many character parts in HGO productions and to see him do it so well.

Robert Galbraith comes against a lot of competition as Figaro. However, he meets all comers and holds his own with his mercurial interpretation that left nothing to be desired. The voice was splendid and was used well, while the acting was also of the highest calibre.

Richard Vernon's tremendous basso filled the auditorium with one of the finest renditions of "La Calunia" heard in Houston. The slimy, sleazy music teacher was a masterful characterization that was all in fun and what great fun it was!

John Trout also deserves mention for his Dr. Bartolo. The voice may not have been as rich and secure as the others, but he gave a hilarious Bartolo that was not overdone and could well rank with the best anywhere.

Diane Kesling deserves kudos

for her delightful acting as the maid Berta. Unfortunately, the role gave her only one short aria. This is a shame, as she has a magnificent mezzo voice that should have been used as Rosina. She would have been superb in the role and hopefully we'll get to see her in it soon.

Lastly, we have Christine Donahue as Rosina, who gave a good deal to the role despite a tenuous start to her "una voce poco fa". She soon hit a pleasing vocal stride and is a very good actress.

Despite rough spots, the show was a hell of a lot of fun. Performances of this kind do a lot for winning opera audiences and they deserved the rousing applause that ended the evening.

The festival continues on March 29 and 30 with Smetana's "Two Widows". You don't know this one? Well, come anyway and have a good time. Tickets may be ordered by calling the Texas Opera Theater at 227-1287.

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Public relations organization wins case study competition

UH has won the Southwest Conference of the Annual Case Study Competition sponsored by the Public Relations Society of America.

The competition took place March 13 during a PRSA district meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Baylor University, North Texas State University and UH competed in the event to determine which chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America would represent the SWC at the national competition in May.

NTSU will serve as an alternate in the competition. Members of the winning UH team were: Valerie Brown, Leslie Kincaid, Callie Shepherd and James

Williams. Sponsor and coach of the UH team is Farris Block, UH's director of public information.

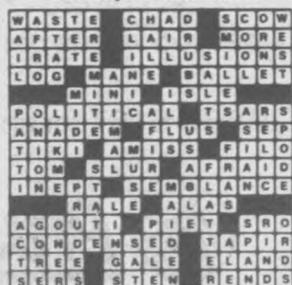
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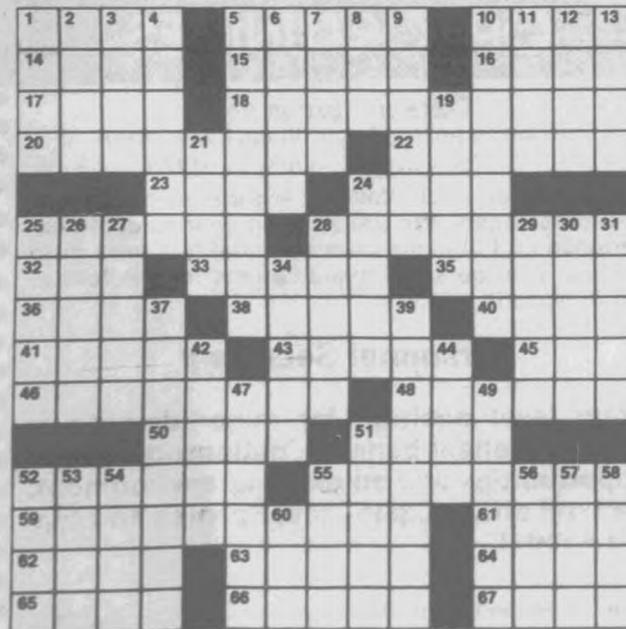
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