

## UH postpones new campus



HOFFMAN

By MIKE SNYDER  
Cougar Staff

UH will not ask the Texas Legislature for authorization of construction of UH's proposed Woodlands campus during the legislature's current session, Pres. Philip G. Hoffman said Tuesday.

The reason for the postponement, he said, is the recent recommendation of the Texas College and University Coordinating Board discouraging the construction of any new four-year colleges.

"We consider the board's recommendation a moratorium on new construction at this time," Hoffman said. "We have always attempted to support the Coordinating Board, and we will do so now."

He said, however, the new campus would definitely be needed if the enrollment here is to remain below 30,000. "With the rapidly increasing population in Harris and Montgomery counties, we will definitely need to expand," he said.

The original idea for the Woodlands campus, Hoffman said, came from the

Coordinating Board's 1969 proposal that UH establish two branch campuses, one each to the south and north of the central campus.

The UH-Clear Lake City branch, which opened in 1971 and now has an enrollment of some 1,300 students, is the fulfillment of one-half of this plan, he continued.

"The branch campus to the north will have to be postponed for a couple of years," he said. "We understand the Coordinating Board's concern with the economic situation, and we will not ask for approval of the Woodlands campus until the board recommends it."

Hoffman emphasized, however, that the project was not being abandoned. Projections of college-age population increases in the area "add strength to the original Coordinating Board recommendation favoring a campus to the north of Houston," he said.

He said he had talked at length with administrators at Sam Houston State University about the possible effects of the Woodlands college on enrollment at that school, located some 40 miles from the

proposed Woodlands site.

"Certainly we do not want to damage another institution in any way," he said, "and we do not feel that the Woodlands expansion will do so."

"We are not trying to build an empire. I have more problems than I like to think about right here."

Hoffman discussed the Woodlands campus as a reality. "Within six years of its opening," he said, "the enrollment should range from 4,000 to 6,000, with a maximum enrollment of perhaps 15,000 within 35 years."

The curriculum at the new school would consist for the most part of "liberal arts and free professional programs," Hoffman said. The course structure of each UH branch was planned with a view toward a distinctive feature at each school not available at the central campus, he added.

The proposed site for Woodlands offers many advantages. "It is physically very attractive—a lovely wooded area of some 18,000 acres. There will be trails in the woods for biking and hiking. It will be a beautiful campus," Hoffman continued.

Recent financial problems encountered by Mitchell Development Corp., which is in charge of construction of a community at Woodlands, should not prevent the UH campus there from becoming a reality, he added.

"If the university is fortunate enough to obtain legislative approval to go ahead with the project," he said, "it is obvious the school would be a drawing card for communities being built there. The two would be mutually beneficial."

The Mitchell Corporation has recently encountered problems in obtaining additional federal funding for construction of low-cost housing at Woodlands, but company officials have said the project will be completed with or without the federal monies.

### FINE SUSPICIOUS

## SA president wants records

Students' Association (SA) Pres. Rick Fine has demanded criminal intelligence records which the Houston Police Dept. may be holding on him.

Fine, in conjunction with black activist Ovide Duncantell, an employe in County Commissioner Tom Bass' office, has engaged attorney Pete Williamson to obtain the files from the department's Criminal Intelligence Division.

"We have no real evidence there is a file on us," Fine said, "but judging by the nature of the files we do know are maintained, it is a reasonable assumption such a file exists on me."

Fine said his past antiwar activities and "general campus activism" are the factors which might lead the department to maintain a file on him.

The Police Dept. has come under fire recently for maintaining investigative files on Houstonians who are not accused of criminal activities.

Mayor Fred Hofheinz has appointed a special blue-ribbon committee to investigate the matter, under the supervision of U.S. Dist. Judge John V. Singleton. The files are currently in sealed storage.

Fine said he is making the demand for the records on the basis of the Texas Open Records Act. "We are trying a different avenue," he said. "The current approach by groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union is court litigation. We feel that the records are in the hands of a state agency; they fall under the Open Records Act."

Copies of Williamson's letter demanding the records have been sent to Hofheinz, Singleton and Houston Chief of Police Carol Lynn.

The letter was also sent to the members of the committee: Dr. A. A. White, acting dean of Bates College of Law; Dr. Otis King, Texas Southern University law school dean, and Spurgeon Bell, a local attorney.

## Raises for state employes passed by State Senate

AUSTIN—(AP)—Dogged by uncertainty over Gov. Dolph Briscoe's reaction, the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$108 million emergency pay raise bill for state employes Tuesday.

Speaker Bill Clayton said the House would take up the Senate-passed measure Wednesday.

If the bill is not passed by the legislature and signed by Briscoe before midnight Friday, state employes won't receive any raises before March 1. The Texas Constitution forbids retroactive legislation.

The bill before the House SB1 is a revised version of the \$93 million pay raise passed by the Senate last week. Senate and House agreement on a single bill is necessary to put the raise into effect.

Briscoe has recommended a 10 per cent blanket pay raise, costing about \$90 million.

Several appropriations committee members expressed concern that he might veto a measure with a much higher price tag than that.

But the committee rejected three attempts to reduce the size of the raises

contained in the substitute House bill.

Pay increases provided by the bill would be:

- 14.2 per cent for "classified" employes who make from \$4,950 to \$12,000, and for non-classified workers making less than \$876 a month.

- 10.5 per cent for classified employes now making from \$10,512 to \$23,200 and for non-classified employes making between \$1,181 and \$1,935 a month.

- \$203 a month for officials, faculty members and employes making \$1,935 monthly now.

- \$124 monthly for non-classified workers making between \$876 and \$1,181 now.

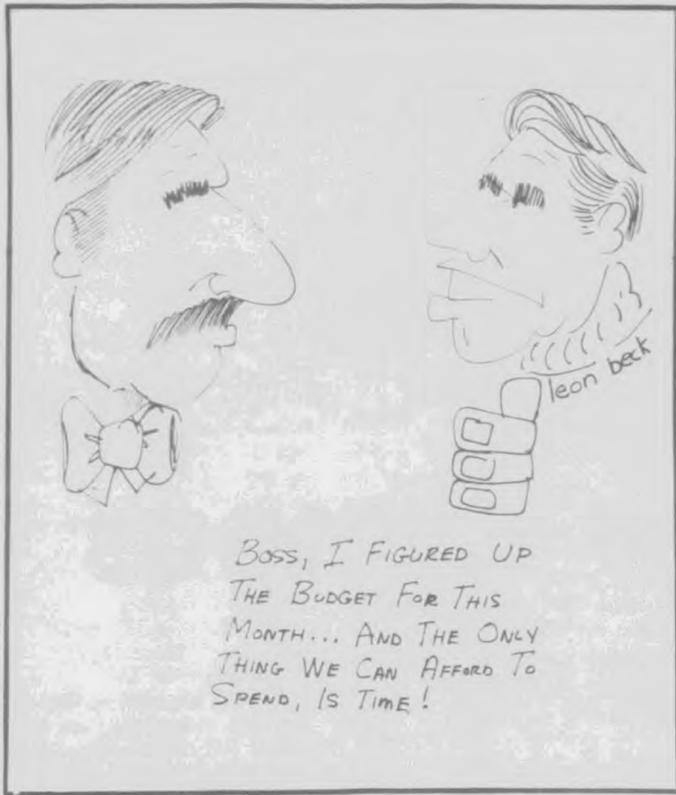
The dollar increase, rather than a percentage raise, for non-classified employes in the \$876-\$1,181 range was designed to prevent "leapfrogging"—increases that might put an employe above his supervisor in pay. This was a major complaint against the Senate's bill.

Rep. Fred Head, D-Troup, the House sponsor, and Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, the Senate sponsor, conferred with Briscoe about the bill Monday afternoon.



### THE DOOR STAYS LOCKED

Doors to the Moody Towers' roofs still remain locked. The doors were locked permanently last summer when a student jumped to his death from the men's tower.



## EDITORIAL

### Of liberal education

There has been a clamor in higher education in recent years over the question of academic excellence and the effects of academic reform measures, such as pass-fail, academic amnesty, and the elimination of certain requirements for the bachelor's degree.

It is argued by many academicians that student opinion in the evaluation of faculty and administrators is given too much weight, and that faculty members are trying to ingratiate themselves to students for teaching excellence awards and such.

It is further argued by the same concerned academicians that this situation of participant-defined schooling has led to a relaxation of academic standards to the point where students are allowed to bypass unpopular or overly difficult subjects. Academic excellence is certainly a necessity for the survival of higher education and our society as well, but these heralders of academic disaster appear to be devoted to evaluation, rather than academic excellence.

In a society where equal opportunity for all people is revered by persons in all walks of life, it is odd indeed to find its universities filled with professors who cherish a feature that once helped make institutions the privilege of the rich. This has been a secondary role of evaluation in our educational system.

Contemporary academic reform measures are aimed at deemphasizing the role of evaluation in higher education. Evaluation, in the context of modern education in America, is basically an act of violence. If you disbelieve, tell someone you think they are a C-minus individual.

In the past, our educational system has to a large part ignored the complexity of our ever changing world and culture. To survive in an accelerating society as ours, education must be based on the ability of the individual to comprehend diverse information. The concept of liberal education, which is the very banner of the defenders of traditional evaluation, is an honorable and most necessary feature of the preparation needed to cope with our society, where technology tends to be man's ruler rather than his servant.

The concept of liberal education has suffered because students have become shy to cross academic barriers for knowledge because of the implications of a possible low grade.

The grade of "F" has become, as Dr. Joseph Schnitzzen, director of counseling and testing so aptly put it, "The one social sin of no reprove." And since a course grade is often such a finality, pressures on economically underprivileged students are multiplied. An example of this is a student going to school on GI benefits and supporting a family. Family problems at one time in his academic career could keep him from having the GPA needed for graduate school at a later time of academic excellence.

Pass-fail systems and academic amnesty systems enhance the possibilities of liberal education at the university. Certainly, course work done in a major field of study should be evaluated to reflect the proficiency of a student in his chosen field. But harming a student through a low grade for attempting a subject foreign to him should be avoided.

If our universities are to keep pace with our society, they must function in terms of a student's personal development. Obsolete academic philosophy, like the devotion to evaluation, must give way to the needs of individuals.

-D.R.

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## VON HOFFMAN

# Unquestioned premises

By NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN  
 WASHINGTON— (KFS) —The word "crisis" once meant an acutely painful or dangerous situation demanding immediate action. In that sense there is no energy crisis although the White House proclaims it, the Congress debates it and the press accepts it.

If we continue to buy foreign oil as we have been no catastrophe will befall us. There is no emergency. So, if Senate Democratic Majority Leader Mansfield and his liberal Republican allies get their gas rationing law passed, it will be the first time since the days of the royal salt monopolies that the state will have attempted to ration a universally needed commodity available in abundance. For not only is there presently no oil shortage, but the large oversupply is bursting the rivets of the

drifting into is rationing and— or high fuel taxes and ecological death. So we have Frank Zarb, this month's energy tsar, saying, "I'd like to be able to tell you that solar energy is our first commitment, but it isn't. Nuclear technologies are. I can't even tell you it comes second. I've already told the coal industry it comes second."

Thus dominated by the thinking of the industries most threatened by solar energy, the government is putting its research and development oomph in the wrong places. Even by its own lights, however, the failure to advocate such measures as a graduated horsepower tax on new cars is inexplicable.

### How to Lighten the Load

No move has been made to change FHA or VA policies to limit mortgage insurance on new construction to homes designed as

the waste of our disposable society.

Begun now, in 10 or 20 years such an approach will yield much larger energy savings than anything the President has in mind and it can be done without taking masochistic risks with our economy. To do so presumes a recognition that a repugnance at paying high prices for Venezuelan crude isn't a crisis. It presumes understanding Georgescu-Roegen when he wonders whether, "Perhaps, the destiny of man is to have a short, fiery, exciting and extravagant life rather than a long, uneventful and vegetative existence. Let other species — the amoebas for example — which have no spiritual ambitions inherit an earth still bathed in plenty of sunshine."

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## COMMENTARY

world's storage tanks.

Imperialist fantasies such as energy or raw material "independence" aside, no reason exists either for the President's oil import taxes or his opponents' rationing schemes. The problem isn't economic, but psychological.

### Unquestioned Premises

Contagious hysteria in the upper levels of government. Strange imaginings of what's going to happen if we continue to buy oil from Indonesia or Nigeria. The boys are in such an emotional froth they can't bring their brains to question the first premises on which this insubstantial energy crisis has been postulated; and the mass media penguins waddling along behind, tooling songs of gullible credulity, don't stimulate much analysis of the problem either.

This isn't to argue there aren't good reasons for a sane, but gradual, policy of energy reduction. There's only a finite amount of oil and some day—not this year or next, however—we're going to run out of it. Furthermore, fossil fuels are just as bad as the ecologists say.

But what the government is

energy conservers. Publicly regulated utilities have yet to be told to rework their rate structures to charge large energy users more per unit than small ones. No better or more direct methods exist to lighten the load on poor and middle-income people as well as smaller business enterprises.

A long list of such measures could be drawn up. Vanderbilt University economist Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen, a scholar of international repute in this field, has drawn up such a list which, includes, among other things, calling off the Green Revolution, that is, the new methods of energy intensive, industrial farming.

Again, abandoning the new hybrid seeds which require so much water and petrochemical fertilizer, can't be done too quickly. Sooner or later, though, we're going to have to learn how to get high yields using renewable organic materials or go scratching. In the meantime there are such obvious projects as beating our electric golf carts into plowshares and rearranging our cost-pricing system — perhaps through novel kinds of tax incentives — so that we can escape

Beginning in the Chicago Daily News in 1963, Nicholas von Hoffman moved to the Washington Post in 1966 to write his three-times weekly column now syndicated throughout the world by King Features.

Von Hoffman is a writer well to the left politically, evidenced by Ron Ziegler's claim that Nick's is the only column he "never reads." Conversely, the columnist's views have elicited occasional "right on" letters from a wide range of readers sharing his "I don't care what's practical, it isn't right, damn it" viewpoint.

Sleuthing about in Washington, a town known for its incumbent Republicans, Nicholas von Hoffman's writings have left him without a single news source, "at least without one who shaves regularly."

In his early forties, von Hoffman has in recent years aired his political commentary on CBS television as well as in print. As conservative looking as his views are radical, the white-haired, pipe-smoking von Hoffman admits to liking the TV medium, but he assures all readers he is hooked on print.



'OF COURSE I BROUGHT THEM WITH ME—HOW DO YOU THINK I GOT IN HERE?'

## LETTERS

### To the Editor:

I am afraid that the UH has received some negative P.R. Case in point is my 51-year-old mother, Betty L. Haverstock. She wanted only two courses, six credit hours, in Business Administration. Her Tuesday-Thursday self-planned schedule was important to her as

she has the responsibility of caring for an 11-year-old child.

When the "approved" schedule was returned to her on January 16, she tried to contact someone in Business Administration to get both courses on a T-Th schedule. The person whom she thought could help gave curt replies and conveyed an air of "we really don't care about you" to a lady

who has been out of the business world 11 years.

At first, my mother was interested enough to attend school. Now, the university is a place where "they're so damned independent" that they don't care about whether you get an education or not.

Barbara J. Haverstock  
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# Women soldiers appearing in South American armies

Young women in South America are trading in their mini-skirts for combat boots as armed forces open their ranks to females. But they probably won't be sent to fight.

Following the pattern of countries like Israel and the United States, women are being accepted into the military to free men from jobs as typists, technicians and drivers.

Chile and Peru have already begun projects to allow women into the armed forces. Venezuela and Brazil are reported to be planning similar ventures. Cuba has allowed women between the ages of 17 and 35 to volunteer for two years' duty since 1963.

Chile's military government started service for women last October when 78 women from the ages of 18 to 26 entered the new School of Feminine Auxiliary Service.

More than 1,500 women took entrance tests last week. Twenty officers and noncommissioned officers are expected to graduate next month. Another course to graduate 50 officers and 10 non-

commissioned officers begins in March.

In 1975, the government plans massive voluntary service for women in the army with recruiting centers to be opened in major cities.

Length of service has still not been determined. Although females are destined for non-combat jobs, they still don combat boots and olive drab fatigues during training and get some instruction in arms.

Peru's military government, meanwhile, has announced a larger program for women which gets under way in March. Military

service for women will be voluntary in times of peace and mandatory during war.

Only those women reaching 18 years this year will be allowed to register when the program begins. But women between 19 and 45 will be eligible in the future for reserve service and the army command estimates that up to 140,000 female volunteers could enter by 1976.

The role of the female soldier in Peru has yet to be precisely defined. Although they will receive some military instruction, it is presumed that they too will be destined for noncombat jobs.



## HERE COMES THE SUN

The Cougar weatherman didn't goof up after all as the weekend's beautiful weather continued into the week. Judy Janak, speech pathology junior, seems to agree as she soaks up some sunshine while sitting on the Cullen Plaza.

## LYING UNIVERSAL

# Are compliments good?

By BRIEN PARKER

Lying is universal—we all do it; we all must do it. Therefore, the wise thing is for us diligently to train ourselves to lie thoughtfully.

To many of us a thoughtful lie can take form in a compliment. To others, as Victor Hugo says, "a compliment is something like a kiss through a veil." Compliments indeed have a mixed reputation among students of everyday life.

Often they're a pleasure to give and receive. But most of us, probably have also felt that compliments were like mother-of-pearl—something pretty and thin between the ordinary shell and the cold gray animal inside.

Still we all enjoy being stroked, and many of us live on such a self-seeking basis we use each other in a kind of you stroke me-I'll stroke you relationship.

In a recent study reported in Human Behavior magazine by sociologists Ronny Turner and Charles Edgley, of Colorado State and Oklahoma Baptist University, respectively, it is suggested that

most Americans today respond to compliments with mixed emotions rather than plain gratitude.

The two sociologists eavesdropped on enough real-life conversations to find 245 of them that involved compliments. One person would typically praise the others' appearance, performance or possessions. The scientists later interviewed the recipients of all these compliments, and it turned out that 65 per cent of them had experienced some sort of uneasiness.

Turner and Edgley found that a compliment often makes the recipient feel suspicious, embarrassed, defensive and cynical. In many cases, the recipients explained their discomfort in terms of obligation: the compliment seemed to require payment in kind. Others felt ashamed, or at least so modest that they needed to neutralize the compliment. Some suspected that fine words might be part of a manipulative design.

Compliments caused a few people to feel apprehensive or resentful. The praise, they felt, might be a pleasant introduction

to criticism. Or it could be a tactful way of demanding even more beautiful dresses and even greater exertions on the job. Other people interpreted compliments as judgments from on high, and hence irritating. A pleasantry like "Young lady, that's a fine piece of typing," can start teeth grinding in a modern office.

Many compliments still serve the purposes they are naively intended to serve. They encourage and reward. They bolster self-esteem and keep relationships running smoothly. There are still many of us who feel as did Mark Twain when he said, "I can live for two months on a good compliment."

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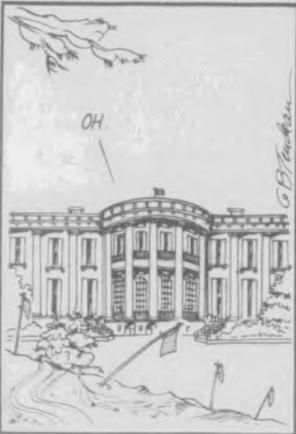
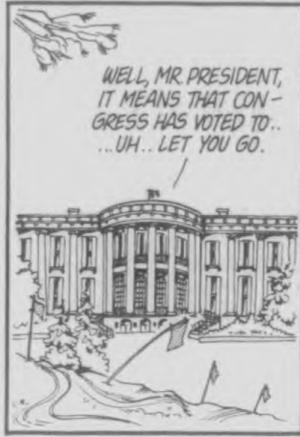
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# SA questions fee use

By EDWIN LIGHTBOURN

Students' Association (SA) Pres. Rick Fine has voiced concern over the fact students enrolled at the UH Downtown, Clear Lake and Victoria Center campuses pay the same amount of student fees as students at the main campus but may not be getting "value for their money."

Fine, addressing the 11th session of the Student Senate's Monday night meeting in the UC, pointed out while students paid the same student fees none of the services available at the main campus were available to students at the other campuses.

He said he had received complaints from students enrolled at the Downtown campus on the matter and described the situation with particular reference to the downtown location as "acute."

Fine has demanded under the Open Records Act the fee budget for the downtown facility be made available, "so we can see what the money is being used for and if students are getting full value for

their money."

A letter addressed to Dr. William T. Dykes, Downtown chancellor, asking for the downtown campus budget, was mailed earlier Monday. Under the law the downtown administration must respond in 10 days.

Fine told the Cougar, "We have no idea what their income is nor what their expenditure is. If we find that students are not getting full value then there are some questions that ought to be asked."

Currently the UH student fee is \$2.50 per semester hour up to a maximum of \$30.

Fine said that students from other UH campuses were not

allowed to use the main campus' Health Center, Program Council, University Center, Intramural and "other facilities that are offered here but at none of the other branch campuses."

He said students from the other UH campuses were allowed to use the main campus' library facilities but pointed out the library was "not funded" by student fees.

Fine emphasized that while students at all UH campuses were subject to the same student fees there was a question in some instances as to the degree to which the UH "is serving all the students."

## TSU Regents pick dean

Dr. Cleo Abraham, director of the Center for Urban Education at the University of Massachusetts, has been approved as dean of the School of Education by the TSU Regents.

"Dr. Abraham's previous involvement in urban education as well as his community improvement and publications were the determining factors in his being named dean of the School of

Education," Dr. Robert J. Terry, vice president for academic affairs, said.

Replacing the retired Dr. Earl Rand, Abraham will concentrate on "urban education" and improving the quality of instruction in public school systems across the state and nation. He is listed in "Outstanding Young Educators of America 1973" and is considered an expert in the fields of urban education.

## More regulation of utilities proposed in Texas Senate

By MIKE LANTRIP  
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State Sen. Walter Mengden R-Houston, has introduced a bill to the Texas Legislature which could result in lower utility bills for next year.

Senate Bill 91 is designed to increase regulation of state public utilities. It would require those utilities to appear within 60 days before the governing bodies of the cities and counties in which they operate to request approval of their present rate structure.

It would also establish a Public Utilities Commission staffed with experts to assist these governing

bodies.

According to Mengden's administrative assistant, Art Kelly, there is no way to determine with certainty how much the rate reduction will be.

"But you may assume," Kelly said, "the utility rates are higher than they should be in rural areas where there is no regulation, and in small and medium size cities which simply lack the expertise to judge rate requests."

The most reasonable utility rates exist in cities like Houston which have had the trained engineers, accountants and attorneys necessary to make the intelligent decisions about utility rates, he said.

Specifically, the bill would:

Give county commissioner's courts the authority to regulate utilities in unincorporated rural areas.

Establish a Public Utility Commission of three members appointed by the governor and who serve at his pleasure.

Provide that the Public Utilities Commission shall employ a staff which will be made available to provide direct assistance to any city council or county commissioner's court which requests assistance.

Enable the utility company to appeal a decision of a city council or county commissioner's court to the Public Utilities Commission and

Provide for criminal penalties, punishable by two to five years in prison for any official of a utility company who furnishes false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information to any city council, county commissioner's court or the Public Utilities Commission.

The bill has been referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

## Rotary Club offering foreign study grants

The Rotary Club of Houston is now accepting applications from students living in or from Houston for an academic year of foreign study in 1976-1977.

This year, both an undergraduate scholarship and a graduate fellowship will be awarded with all usual expenses being paid by the Rotary Foundation.

Applicants for the undergraduate scholarship must be unmarried, have completed two or more years of undergraduate study but not yet received a bachelor's degree, and must be between the ages of 18 and 24 by March 15, 1975.

Graduate fellowship applicants may be married, must hold a

bachelor's degree or the equivalent, and must be between the ages of 20 and 28 by March 15, 1975.

According to Rotary Club officials, studies may be in almost any subject in any country where there are Rotary Clubs to offer sponsorship. However, they add, selections are better for non-English speaking countries.

Interviews are scheduled for early February after the applicants are received. Interested persons may write The Rotary Club of Houston, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas 77002, or telephone 227-2108. Rotary officials said application forms and the Educational Awards Handbook should be requested

## UH Organizations Read your mail!

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# High food costs hit by local campaign

A National citizens' action campaign to voice consumer complaints about the high cost of agricultural products has been initiated by Houstonians Bob and Rae Sinderman.

Some cattlemen are forced to sell their animals at auction for prices ranging from 12 cents to 25 cents a pound, consumers pay supermarket prices of \$1 to \$3.19 a pound for the same meat.

The Sindermans feel that action should be taken on the government level, urging legislators to adopt proper policies affecting

middleman profits, feed costs, incentives to produce, imports and exports and marketing procedures. They urge all concerned individuals to write to governmental officials, expressing their views and grievances, calling for the dismissal of Earl Butz, secretary of agriculture.

The Sindermans point out "government at all levels is probably the largest single consumer of agricultural products in the nation, and the leadership provided in demanding lower prices from contractors is what is

needed." The Nuts to Butz campaign is working for the consumer and the producer with reasonable margins of profit to the middleman.

The department of agriculture can make the necessary policy changes to bring satisfaction to both the producer and the consumer.

The "Nuts to Butz" campaign includes the use of bumper stickers and other advertising material. Information is available by writing to NUTS TO BUTZ, P.O. Box 61544 Houston, Tex. 77061.

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### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE NICKEL CANDY BAR?

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Funny, but whenever you start playing the nostalgia game, you al-

ways get around to fond recollections of how far a dime or quarter or dollar "went" in the good old days. Funny, too, but none of us ever seems to really ask *why* the dollar doesn't go as far today. Whatever happened to that nickel candy bar? Why, indeed, do prices go up?

Too often we answer with a resigned sigh: "Everything's going up these days." But that isn't always so. The prices of some things have gone down: TV sets, for instance, and ball-point pens (remember when we paid \$1.50 for a "cheap" one?), toasters and quite a few other small appliances. How do these manage to run against the inflationary trend?

To answer, let's first consider two basic ways to lower the price of a product (barring the use of low-cost foreign labor to manufacture it outside this country). One way is to cheapen the product, lower its quality. But this is a fatal device in a free market—consumers catch on quickly. The other way is to maintain the quality but cut the cost of manufacture. If the product is soup cans, for instance, it means producing more and better soup cans for the time

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and labor spent. That's what's called improved *productivity*.

Now wait a minute. Don't head for the exits. We're not talking about men turning screws faster or running around with ladders and oil-cans like characters in an old-time movie. We're simply considering how all of us here in America affect the prices of things we buy through the way we work. Just ponder, for example, what happens when a mix of technology, planning and worker motivation spells high productivity.

Major manufacturers of hand-held power tools in Germany, Japan and England have not been able to penetrate the American market because high-quality American-made hand tools are competitively low in price. One of the major forces behind this situation is the Black & Decker Manufacturing Co., of Towson, Md. For the past 16 years, sales of its products have grown an astonishing 17 percent a year, and during that time the prices of many of these products have dropped steadily.

The company secret? Better productivity. In part, this comes from the wise investment of funds in new machines and advanced research. But beyond that, Black & Decker's management and workers constantly set goals for themselves and meet them—not necessarily by doing things faster, but by doing them better. A typical problem: Company engineers knew they could vastly improve safety from electrical shock by doubling the thickness of

insulation inside hand tools. But this would have added ten percent to manufacturing costs. Solution: Redesign of the tools, streamlining assembly and standardizing many small parts so the same ones could be used in different tools. Prices of the safer tools remained the same.

While such improved productivity has paid off in increased sales and profits, it has also paid off for employees. The company payroll in 1958 was \$14.5 million for 3800 employees. Last year's payroll was \$165.2 million for 20,700 employees.

And look at the payoff for the consumer: In 1958, Black & Decker's basic electric drill for do-it-yourselfers cost \$18.95. Now it costs \$10.99. A standard jigsaw that sold for \$44.50 in 1958 now costs \$11.99. And remember, these price changes occurred during a 16-year period which saw the U. S. Consumer Price Index rise 75.2 percent.

But the productivity payoff can also mean a lot more than new jobs and higher pay. Sometimes it spells survival. Consider the 1000 employees of the Ideal Corporation, a maker of precision automotive parts, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Saddled with an old plant and rising costs, Ideal recently looked into building a modern plant in the Midwest. The move would vastly reduce the cost of transporting its products, and the cost of the factory was expected to be about \$15 a square foot. Putting up a new plant in Brooklyn, on the other hand, would run at least \$25 a square foot,

and related operating costs looked certain to leave the company in an extremely difficult competitive position. But Ideal had a loyal and skilled work force. It elected to remain in Brooklyn. Says John Wenzel, president of the company: "We decided to gamble on our ability to engineer processes that would reduce our costs." In other words, the productivity of Ideal's managers, engineers and workers kept their 1000 jobs in Brooklyn. And the company is thriving in its new plant.

Despite these by-no-means-isolated examples, there is disturbing evidence that America is slipping into a productivity crisis. While our productivity has historically grown at a healthy rate of about 3 percent annually, in recent years the growth rate has been falling; last year we had no productivity gain at all. Too many American businesses have been failing because they could not achieve the higher productivity that would enable them to afford the higher wages and shorter hours demanded of them. Others have hiked prices to pay the higher wages, with a resultant loss of business to foreign competition. Nine out of every ten baseball mitts sold in this land of Babe Ruth and Henry Aaron are foreign-made. So are 19 out of every 20 motorcycles, one out of six cars. Since 1967, foreign industry has caused a reduction of at least 400,000 American jobs. That's why produc-

tivity—all of us putting more in and getting more out of our jobs—is of such crucial importance.

Fortunately, we don't have to run around tearing our hair out to solve the problem. Nor do we even have to learn productivity from books or lectures. Indeed, that would be a sad estimation of the people of a nation whose history has been in a sense a history of productivity. For productivity is many things. It is the ability of a businessman to attract dollars to build new plants and create new jobs. It derives from intensive research that gives us advanced technology. And productivity is also an impulse.

It's the impulse that helps a housewife organize her day to cook turkey, bake a pie, set the table, get dressed and greet friends and relatives at the door at one o'clock. It's the impulse that makes diagonal paths across vacant lots.

Think about it. How well did you type that last report, repair that washing machine, tune up that engine, finish that blueprint? You have, we have, in our hands, in ourselves, the means to produce not just cars and books and songs and bread, but an entire way of life and economic environment second to none.

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## Mitchell goes to Cleveland



### BIG MACK NOW A BROWN

Big Mack Mitchell (83) is now a bonus baby as he was drafted in the first round yesterday by the Cleveland Browns.

By LARRY ROTHENBERG  
SPORTS STAFF

After four years of bumps and bruises, painstaking efforts and just plain hard work, the reward has finally come. At least for Mack Mitchell it has. The UH All-American's messiah came in the form of the Cleveland Browns at yesterday's annual N.F.L. draft.

The mammoth defensive end with a nickname synonymous with over two billion hamburgers will join a team characterized by an exalted past and a skeptical future. However, Mitchell hopes to move right into the Browns' starting lineup and be the unifying piece in a puzzle of confusion.

Atlanta's opening selection of the draft was, to nobody's surprise, quarterback Steve Bartkowski of the University of California. The Falcon's selection of the buggywhip-armed signal caller ended a three-year domination of defensive linemen as the nation's top picks.

The Houston Oilers tapped All-American linebacker Robert Brazile of Jackson State as their number one choice and followed with the selection of Texas A&I's

fullback Don Hardeman, also taken in the first round.

Coach Larry Pecaticillo was very much enthused with the selection of Brazile, labeling him as a "can't miss" prospect with unlimited talent.

The Oilers' second round pick was Emmett Edwards, the fleet-footed wide receiver who broke all of the pass catching records at Kansas State.

The Dallas Cowboys, in search of a replacement for aging warhorse Leroy Jordan, chose Maryland's Randy White. Coach Tom Landry hopes to convert the man who won both the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award into a middle linebacker. The Dallas coach envisions White to be the 1970's answer to Sam Huff of Giant fame.

Ohio State was the only school to produce three number one selections in the draft. Offensive tackle Doug Lera went to the Los Angeles Rams; Kurt Schumacher, also an offensive tackle joins the New Orleans club and defensive back Neal Colzie became the property of the Oakland Raiders.

The only other Texan going in

the first two rounds of the draft was UT's All-American defensive tackle Doug English, who was selected by the Detroit Lions in the second round.

Other plays of national acclaim selected in the draft were: Dave Brown of Michigan by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Louis Kelcher of Southern Methodist by the San Diego Chargers, Rod Shoate of Oklahoma by the New England Patriots, Anthony Davis of USC by the New York Jets, Louie Wright of San Jose State by the Denver Broncos, Freddie Solomon of Tampa by the Miami Dolphins and Ken Huff of North Carolina by the Baltimore Colts.

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## ACU-I continues thru this week

The Association of College Unions International (ACUI)

games tournament is being held this week, January 27-29, the regional games tournament will also be held at UH February 13-15.

Table tennis competition is being held January 27 and 28 in the UC, starting at 7 p.m. There are 16 men entered in the singles matches and 8 entered in the doubles. As of Monday there were only two women entered in the women's singles. There will be a new table tennis champ this year. Both the male and female champions for last year are ineligible to enter this year.

The duplicate bridge games are slated for January 29 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Ft. Worth Room, UC. The final deadline for entry in that event is January 28 before 5 p.m. There are 18 entries so far. Regional winners of the bridge tournament will receive trophies as well as an expense-paid trip to the national finals to be held April 24-27 at the Playboy Towers Hotel in Chicago.

Chess competition is January 27-29 at 3 p.m. in the Dallas-El Paso Room. Twenty people have entered. Play will consist of five

rounds with a two hour time limit.

Billiards will be held January 27-29 in the UC Satellite. As of Monday, 27 men and 2 women had registered to compete.

The Cougar Lanes will host the bowling tournament January 27-29. Monday and Tuesday the matches are at 3 and 6 p.m., Wednesday's matches are at 1, 3 and 6 p.m. There are 15 entries for 5 slots to go on to the regional ACUI matches. Entrants will bowl 12 games. The top five people in pin-count will advance to the regionals. Only one woman registered for the bowling event. Since players are sent to the regionals in teams of five only, there will be no women's bowling competition.

Fees for the ACUI tournament are a \$1 registration fee. Bowling entrants pay the registration fee plus a \$4 bowling fee.

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There will be a basketball officiating workshop sponsored by the Intramural office on Wednesday, January 29 beginning at 3 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Intramural office.

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# KUHF goes thru changes: staff, music, news, sports

By NORMAN E. HURT  
Cougar Staff

This week, KUHF-FM, UH's 25-year-old on-campus radio station, begins a new semester with a new

There is no apparant lack of energy in the sports department either this semester. According to Sports Director Dave Barrett, sports fans will be well informed by KUHF.

"Right now we have complete

coverage of sports seven days a week at 6 p.m.," Barrett said. "In addition, we are airing a special sports program every Monday at 6:30 p.m. and we do expanded wrap-ups after all Cougar, Rockets and Aero games."

Barrett has a definite philosophy for covering sports for KUHF. "I consider us more than just a college radio station," Barrett said. "My stance is that this is almost a non-credit course in sports directing. After all, we're covering hockey now and will begin play-by-play coverage of a 46-game schedule of UH varsity baseball beginning Feb. 15."

KUHF will also be featuring many additional special features this semester. These include a series of political interviews on Mondays, a humorous "I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again" on Wednesdays, and Chinese and German features on Sundays.

"A lot of work has been done in preparation for this semester," said Hank Glamann, programming consultant. "I think we'll have a better sound than we've had in all our 25 years of broadcasting."



## LET'S SEE NOW

Ron Renfrow chooses an appropriate album from the record library of KUHF-FM. Renfrow is the host of "In the Mood," a radio show featuring the sounds of the big bands which can be heard Mondays from 8-10 p.m. and Saturdays from 7-11 p.m. at 88.7 FM. BULLARD—Cougar Staff

## SOUNDING GOOD

Programming Consultant Hank Glamann (1) consults with new Program Director Dave Ritz during the broadcast of "The On Campus Show," which features Top 40 and oldies each weekday from 3-6 p.m. on KUHF (88.7 FM). KUHF broadcasts seven days a week.

program director (PD) and a new sound.

"The station will be striving for consistency in sound as well as expanded programming," said the new PD, Dave Ritz. Ritz has been a member of the KUHF staff for two years now, working at first as music director while hosting a jazz show and later becoming involved in other phases of station operation. Ritz was chosen as PD last week by Arvil Cochran, faculty member and station manager.

Although many changes in programming and scheduling have taken place, KUHF (88.7 FM) is still featuring a larger variety of musical trends than any other station in Houston.

"According to our new schedule," Ritz said, "we are regularly featuring a complete range of music, all the way from basic rock and blues, to jazz, folk, classical, soul, and even the sounds of the big bands and imported British rock.

But music is only one of the many strong points of KUHF. The station also has complete staffs in both the news and sports departments. Writers and on-the-air announcers come primarily from the interested students in the radio-television section of the communications department, but many other non-communications majors are involved in the operation of the campus station.

"There is a lot more enthusiasm this semester than in previous semesters," said Susan McKinley, KUHF news director. "We are concentrating more on local news which has an immediate effect on UH students, but we are also covering national and international news. It's really quite an educational experience, for listeners as well as for reporters and announcers."

McKinley has been involved with KUHF for over a year and is presently working on special assignment for KLOL and KTRH.

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# 'Orient' suspenseful

By MATT CORTESE  
Cougar Staff

It is refreshing to be treated to two hours of film which is dedicated to no other purpose than pure entertainment. For those who are willing to spend what money they have left in hopes of seeing just such a movie, "Murder on the Orient Express," now showing at Loew's Town and Country and the Galleria, is just what they have been waiting for. The screen's version of Agatha Christie's murder mystery comes alive in all its suspense and comic

eccentricity as we follow a trainload of odd balls on their journey from Istanbul to Calais aboard the most famous passenger train in the world. While snowbound in the mountains a murder is committed and it must be solved before the train reaches Prague.

### Powers of deduction

Albert Finney is superb as the eccentric detective, Hercule Poirot. The clues Poirot utilizes to solve the crime are not of a "two plus two equals four" nature. His powers of deduction far exceed those of the viewer and it is with

good reason that even Columbo would be amazed.

### Nervous weirdo

The other members of the assemblage are no less peculiar in their behavior. Anthony Perkins plays his usual role as the nervous stammering weirdo. Lauren Bacall plays a loud-mouthed American dowager informing everyone of how her second husband would have done it. Ingrid Bergman is a sputtering Swedish missionary. Vanessa Redgrave plays an English school teacher. The list goes on and on.

Producers John Brabourne and Richard Goodwin tended to over dramatize several scenes in the movie which did little to enhance it. In one scene the camera scales the front of the engine as it sits ready to leave Istanbul. Corresponding to the upward movement of the camera is the rise in the music and it is all culminated with the flashing on of the headlights. The smoke-belching monster is alive! But even such a flaw as this cannot detract from the delight the film produces.

The true entertainment value of the film does not lie in the solving of the mystery but rather in the conduct of all those involved.

Though the story is a well spun murder mystery, it could not stand as a solid work of entertainment without the contribution of the actors and actresses. They make it what it is, an entertaining piece of film artistry. This is one film you should not miss.



**MASTER OF MIME**

Marcel Marceau, the world's greatest pantomimist, will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow for a lecture demonstration in the Houston Room of the UC. The Society for the Performing Arts is also sponsoring Marceau for public appearances tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m. at Jones Hall. Ticket prices range from \$2 to \$10.

# 'Jaws' tells story of killer shark

"JAWS"  
Peter Benchley  
Bantam Publishing Co.  
321 pages

By FRED HERRON  
Cougar Staff

When an artist elicits the intended emotional response from an observer of his medium, it can be said that he has done his job. This is the case with Peter Benchley's latest novel *Jaws*; and the response to the work is one of horror.

The novel is one of sociological regression for a world of contemporary ethics. The regression is total and complete, to man's most primitive instinct, that of survival. The predator, a killer shark, and the prey, man, are reduced to this very basic instinct. There can be only one result, mortal defeat.

The evil fish lay off the coast indiscriminantly killing anything that dared to invade his realm. It killed not for a physiological need, but for an evil gratification.

The New England town affected by Benchley's monster is a quaint,

coastal, tourist resort. The economic success of the town is dependent on the tourist trade. With the closing of the beaches to protect the people, it is as if the mammoth jaws are clamping around the town, sapping the life out of it. It begins to die a slow and painful economic death.

The reader finds himself becoming emotionally involved in the novel as it unfolds. This involvement is used to shock and horrify the reader when many of the main characters meet untimely ends. One becomes obsessed, as do the people of the town, with the desire for the death of the fish.

Benchley has done his homework. He is careful to weave the appropriate Biblical symbols into the work and to correlate it with other similar works involving sea monsters and survival, such as "Moby Dick" and "The Old Man and the Sea."

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# Ray Stevens has knack for novelty

By LEON BECK  
Cougar Staff

Ray Stevens writes of the simple things of life—sheiks of the burning sand, jungle bands and Ethel, streaking in the stands.

Stevens, his cherubic face partially hidden by shadows in the dim lights backstage at the recent Astrodome Country Music Classic, wandered away from the stage until he located a semi-secluded area for the interview. Stevens propped his lanky frame on one of the many trunks and suitcases scattered backstage and discussed the song that made Ethel famous.

"I wrote 'The Streak' on a plane trip to L.A.," Stevens said with just a lingering trace of an Atlanta accent. "I got the idea reading a magazine and it mentioned a little article in the back about a UCLA student who streaked in L.A. This was back before streaking was known. . . the terminology was foreign to me. So, I wrote the song.

"Before I could record it, the news media had picked it up and every night you could hear Walter Cronkite going off with an item about a streak or something like that. So I decided I'd better get in the studio and hurry and record it. By the time I got my record out, however, there were 16 other streaking records on the market and I thought I really was going to have a run for the money, but luckily, mine was the one that made it."

And make it, it did, with worldwide sales of six million records.

Why did Stevens strike gold with his streak song while the others fizzled?

"Well, I think that I had more time to think out the structure and the concept of my song," Stevens replied. "I didn't hear but one of the others. . . I understand that there were 36 records out on streaking.

"But I would only venture a guess, and I hope this doesn't sound immodest. I would say that

when they wrote the songs they were hurrying to cash in on a fad and they didn't really spend the time necessary to polish these songs. I had been working on mine for a couple of months before the fad hit. . . because I just thought it was a funny idea for a song."



STEVENS

Along with Stevens' comical songs such as "Ahab the Arab," and "The Streak," there is also a more serious nature to Stevens' work, as evidenced by "Everything is Beautiful."

When I commented that "Everything is Beautiful" is not considered a standard Stevens' song, Stevens reflected a rather quizzical look.

"'Everything is Beautiful' is not the standard Ray Stevens song. . . not to you? But it is to me, though. You see, there again everybody's got their own concept or viewpoint on a certain thing. I just wrote it and recorded it.

"I had a little trouble in establishing the fact that I could sing and record other than comedy records. I think that I broke that jinx or label or stereotype when I came out with 'Mr. Businessman.' That was the first record that I had out that

wasn't a comedy song that was a successful record for me.

"I think from then on out people would pay attention to me. And when I say people, I'm talking about primarily the people responsible for exposing the record, the radio programmers, and they would pay attention to a serious Ray Stevens' record which was born out of the fact that 'Everything is Beautiful' did make it without a lot of effort."

Stevens' roots are buried in country music—"I grew up in a little town, it was a mill village in north Georgia. It was a place called Clarkdale, Georgia, and all the people there worked for the Clark Thread Co. and I think that the majority of the people in the town listened to country music."

The townsfolk would gather at the local swimming pool and get their taste of country music from the juke box near the pool, Stevens said.

"We used to hear Eddy Arnold a lot. We used to hear Ernest Tubbs, gosh, I can't remember, it's been so long. . . Lefty Frizzell."

In spite of this heavy dosage of country music, Stevens' first venture into music wasn't

directed to the country field.

"No, I didn't start into the mainstream of country music. Of course, I made my first record in Nashville. As a matter of fact, I recorded all my hits in Nashville and they did have a sort of a Nashville flavor. The musicians that played on my records were primarily country musicians. . . now when I say country musicians, I don't mean to insinuate that they weren't capable of playing anything but country music because they were some of the best musicians in the world, but they spent most of their time recording country sessions.

"That's what the backbone of Nashville recording is, and it was even more so back in 1957 when I started."

Today Stevens' style is more of a blend of all types of music. "I classify myself as a combination of things. I'm part country, I'm part pop, I'm part rhythm and blues even to myself. How other people see me is, of course, their own outlook, their own point of view."

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**RED-BLOODED**

**Vassar appealing for guys**

By ROSANNE CLARK  
Cougar Staff

Almost every red-blooded American male dreams of being shipwrecked on a deserted isle surrounded by dozens and dozens of gorgeous and tempting young maidens.

For the nose-to-the-grindstone college student, this dream came closest to reality for Dean Toda, a 21-year-old journalism graduate student. Toda is among the first men to graduate from Vassar College, receiving a BS degree in philosophy in 1974.

Located on the hilly banks of the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie, New York, Vassar has been one of the nation's leading higher institutions for women since 1861. Due to a declining number of applications, Vassar turned coed in 1969.

"It was fun," the 5'10", slimly-built graduate said. Smoking a Pall Mall regular and hiding behind gold, wire-rimmed glasses, Toda grinned occasionally as he told about his life at Vassar.

"I was in the first class where they had freshman males," the brown-haired Toda said. "About 100 men graduated before me. There were 1750 students in all, but I don't know the exact number of men. In the beginning, the ratio of women to men was four to one. At the end it was about three to one.

Needless to say, Toda remembers a busy social life.

"Wow, it was great for the guys," he said, again grinning. "For the first two years I went out a lot with different girls. The last couple of years I had a steady girlfriend."

"The couples had loose relationships though," Toda said. "By that I mean they were very casual. No one got serious about each other and when things did fall apart, we were still friends."



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Toda complained many people believed the only reason men enrolled at Vassar was because they were insecure and always wanted all the women around. He said this was not always true, due to Vassar's excellent educational status. "I'm sure guys went there because of the women, but I don't know how many would admit it," he said.

"It was not my reason, however," Toda continued. "It

was really by chance I went to Vassar. We were living in New York at the time. Upon graduation from a New York high school, I won a scholarship for making a high score on the New York Regents Exam. The scholarship could only be used in New York. Vassar was the best school that accepted me and naturally there was some excitement in going to Vassar.

"There were a substantial number of women who had a condescending attitude towards us. Most of these women were very active in the feminist movement. The first year I sometimes felt we were just being tolerated by certain quarters of the campus."

Some of the seniors did not like the idea of having men at Vassar either. "When they came here, they never expected Vassar to have men. They resented having us thrust upon them. In fact, many transferred," Toda stated.

Despite this feminist antagonism, Toda considers himself a staunch believer in the women's rights movement and strongly urges the passage of the Women's Equal Rights Amendment.

"If I have learned anything from my stay at Vassar, it has convinced me once and for all that women are not inferior to men—except maybe at football," Toda concluded.

**International fair scheduled**

By EDWIN LIGHTBOURN  
Cougar Staff

Preparations have begun for the eighth annual UH International Students' Week celebrations to be held in the University Center (UC) Feb. 23 through 29.

The coming event has been described as a "tremendous cross-cultural experience" held one week annually by UH to learn first hand about the international students on campus.

The focal point of the week is to be the International Fair located in the Houston Room of the UC. Booths filled with "a little piece" of several nationalities will be on display. While just over 2,000 international students are enrolled in UH, representing some 91 countries, only 26 booths will be on exhibition at the fair as "unhappily, the Houston Room is only so big," noted Bob Reeder, international activities coordinator.

Students from seven countries—Cuba, Panama, Japan, Mexico, Israel, Thailand and China—have already signed up for booths.

The event is being funded by the Students' Association through

**Ethnic Affairs.**

Reeder said interest in the event "is very high among international students this year, and it is up to them to put on a good program." Student coordinator for International Week is Anis Noor-sumar of Pakistan and vice-president of International Students' Organization.

On the opening day of the fair Dr. Philip Hoffman, UH president, will host the international students at a reception, after which he will tour all the booths and exhibitions.

Some other features of the week will be a Mr. and Ms. International pageant, a talent show and a sports competition. The week will climax with the international grand ball on Saturday night February 29.

The office of International Student Services is currently looking for persons interested in running for Mr. and Ms. International. Interested persons may contact Blecho Nah of Liberia, who is the current Mr. International and chairman of the contest, at 926-7849.

The judges of this contest have not been named yet, but it is expected they will be chosen from

among the drama professors and television personalities.

The events are all open to the public at no charge, except for the grand ball.

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# New policies proposed

Women's Advocate is sponsoring a **TRAINING SESSION FOR THE RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM** to be held 9:30 to 5 p.m. February 1 at 1130 M.D. Anderson Blvd. (Texas Medical Center) from Speakers will be representatives from the Houston Police Dept., the District Attorney's Office, Hermann Hospital and the Houston Rape Crisis Coalition. Purpose of the event is to train advocates in procedures of telephone counseling and follow-up of rape victims. For additional information call 749-3388 from 6 to 8 p.m. M-W and 9 to 12 a.m. W-F.

**LOS AZECAS SOCIAL CLUB** will have a business meeting to discuss the Chicano Conference 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in the San Jacinto Room of the U.C.

**GAMMA THETA UPSILON (GEOGRAPHY HONOR SOCIETY)** will hold a general meeting to elect a vice-president and treasurer at 3 p.m. Jan. 27 in 547 AH.

**MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** will have Friday Prayers and a discussion at 1:15 p.m. Jan. 24 in Room 201 Religion Center.

The University of Houston will sponsor a **WORKSHOP FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS** from 8:30 to 3:45 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Fort Worth Room of the U.C. The workshop will emphasize jobfinding skills and also highlight public awareness that an unprecedented number of handicapped persons are qualifying for professional and white-collar jobs.

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** will hold a Folk Service Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 26 in 201 Religion Center. The Service is open to all students.

The **UH WESLEY FOUNDATION** will have a Sunday Night Supper at 6:30 Jan. 26 at the home of George Yates, Methodist Campus Minister, (4392 Fiesta in University Oaks). To reserve a place call 749-3137 or 748-4728.

**UH WESLEY FOUNDATION** will meet to go as a group to the Bijou Theatre for a W.C. Fields double feature Saturday at 6 p.m. Jan. 25. Meet in Room 109 Religion Center. Open to all students.

The **TEXAS PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (TexPIRG)** will hold a weekly board meeting at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 in the Congressional Room of the U.C. TexPIRG is currently accepting applications for membership on the local board. Anyone interested in working on the three spring projects, please visit the

The **UH WRITERS CLUB** will hold a meeting 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31 in the home of Carter Beasley. Directions and maps can be obtained at Harvest. All interested people are welcome.

The **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** will hold a prayer service 9:00 p.m., Jan. 28 in Room 201, A.D. Bruce Religion Center. Services are open to all.

The **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** is holding a Sandwiches'n from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday in Room 109 Religion Center. Donation of 75 cents is asked.

The **CHURCHES OF CHRIST** will hold a luncheon Wednesday at noon in the Second Floor Lounge of the A.D. Bruce Religion Center.

If you're on academic probation, you may be getting a special break, if certain recommendations made at a recent meeting of the Academic Bankruptcy Committee are approved.

At this meeting the members voted to compute the grade point average (GPA) a little differently than in the past.

Under present policy, all courses attempted and grades received by a student are used to compute the GPA. If the new policy is approved, only the most recent grades in repeated courses will figure in.

The proposed ruling, if approved by the UH Council, will read: "For purposes of probation and suspension, the GPA shall be computed using only the most recent grades received in the courses, except those in which grades of S, U, I or W were received."

No recommendation was made to change the present policy of maintaining the "cumulative GPA" at the time of graduation. The cumulative GPA is computed based on all hours attempted, regardless of repetitions.

Students' Association president Rick Fine said he hoped more would have come from the meeting than appeared on the report, but the proposals that did

come forth would benefit far more students than the original proposals.

"We're hoping to alleviate the punitive conditions imposed upon students who have gotten off to a bad start but want to do better. I am disappointed that the new proposals would benefit only those students who are doing poorly," Fine said. "Of course, under the bankruptcy proposal the student would have had to negate the whole semester. The new rule gives the student the opportunity

to improve his GPA course by course, and not have to go before the board."

In other action, the committee recommended a change to the honors program. Presently, a student who meets GPA eligibility criteria but who has a grade of D or F on his record may graduate with honors only with the special recommendation of UH. Under the proposed change he would be eligible for honors as long as he had the required GPA, regardless of his grades.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**BOSTON—(AP)—**The invitation to former White House news secretary Ronald Ziegler to speak at Boston University has been rescinded by the student government assembly.

Dean John Wicklein of the School of Public Communication said the university faculty had asked the students to withdraw the invitation, which they did Monday.

**WASHINGTON—(AP)—**Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's hopes for an improved Latin American policy have been set back with the abrupt postponement of two trips to the region scheduled over the next 60 days.

**AUSTIN—(AP)—**Senators adopted without debate today two proposals that would cost more than \$125 million for higher retirement benefits for teachers and state employees.

Both measures go to the House.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.—(AP)—**U.S. Steel Corp., bellwether of the nation's steel industry, today reported a 92 per cent increase in earnings for 1974.

Both earnings and revenues for the year were records for the nation's largest steelmaker, despite a 24-day nationwide coal strike which resulted in lower earnings in November and December.

**CLEVELAND, Ohio—(AP)—**Standard Oil Co., Ohio earning rose 6 per cent last year to set a record, and capital expenditures also set record with a 25 per cent increase, the firm reported today.

Net income for 1974 totaled \$147.5 million or \$4.3 per share, including one-time gain from carrying forward a tax loss of \$21.6 million or 5 cents per share, the firm said.

## Help for handicapped available

By MARIETTA BELL

Dr. Cole Murphy of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission told handicapped students attending a UH workshop Saturday that the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 was a

resource for them, and should be used in that way.

"Handicapped students must believe their skills are key factors in getting jobs," Murphy said. "It's what you do on the job. Your handicap literally has to be irrelevant. You are not handicapped when you can do the job," he said.

The Rehabilitation Commission is developing resources within the state to help the handicapped, Murphy stated. They are attempting to train people within the work environment, into which the handicapped will be entering, to be more receptive to the problems of the handicapped.

When handicapped students go to job interviews, "They should first know themselves, skillwise and as an individual," Murphy

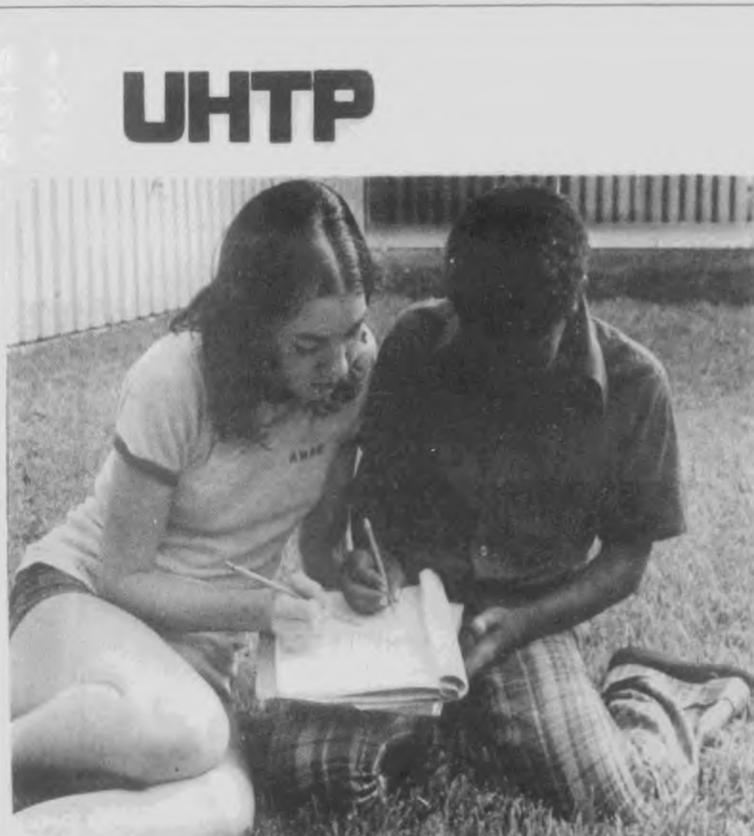
said. Study the company you are going to visit. Be positive in the interview. "Look neat and play up your strengths," he added. "Most importantly, be persistent."

"A handicapped person should tell the employer he will check back, and then he should do so," he said.

### YSA holds event

"Mass Action and the Black Struggle" will be the presentation of the Young Socialist Alliance at noon today in the Cascade Room, IC.

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