



# Hoffman decides to uphold Weiner's termination report

Carol Nelkin, attorney for Dr. David A. Weiner, said Thursday she received a letter from Jerome M. Peschke, assistant to UH Pres. Philip Hoffman, which read, "After careful review and consideration of information bearing on this appeal, he (Hoffman) has decided to recommend to the Board of Regents that the findings of the Special Hearing Committee be upheld."

The letter was written in response to an appeal by Weiner that a decision made on November 29 by the Special Hearing Committee to terminate Weiner's contract be repealed.

Weiner, assistant professor of sociology, was told that his contract would be terminated at the end of Spring, 1974, because he

had not had enough of his works published as was required by the sociology department.

Nelkin is planning legal action to have Weiner reinstated.

Weiner said his freedom of speech has been denied by UH, as well as his academic freedom, which involves his right to teach his courses as he sees fit.

Weiner also contends he was lied to by the sociology department, the College of Arts and Sciences and the university because he was originally denied a defense against important and, in his view, determinative underlying charges.

Weiner says personal antagonism toward him on the part of many members of the sociology department was the causal factor

in his termination, although he was charged only with inadequate publication.

The opinion of the Special Hearing Committee in its report of November 29 read, "Departmental decisions concerning contract renewal should relate to professional competency. In the present case there is substantial evidence on the record as a whole that Weiner's publication record and his potential for research and publication are inadequate by the standards of the department."

The opinion further said Weiner was a disruptive force in departmental functioning and therefore should be dismissed.

Students' Association Sen. Debbie Danburg has set up a Weiner Defense Fund to cover court costs.

Weiner has estimated the court cost and legal fees will exceed \$3,000 if the case goes to the appellate court and upwards of \$5,000 if the case goes to the federal district court.



**JUST ONE LAST LOOK.** Michael Dennison, art senior, polishes a piece of his jewelry that will be on sale at the 3rd annual Great American Paint, Pottery and Jewelry Sale Friday in Rooms 334 and 336, Fine Arts Building.

## Inside the Cougar



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# Lifestyle changes needed to solve energy problem

By PAUL BROWN  
Cougar Staff

Weekend driving has been greatly reduced as a result of the energy crisis, Andrew F. Euston, Jr., Urban Design Program officer, said at a UH environmental forum Thursday.

Euston was one of five panelists who spoke on the degradation of our environment in a forum entitled "Where Do We Go From

Here?" in the UC.

He said there is obviously a real issue in the gas shortage, but the way we will have to build our homes and live our lives may be an indirect benefit of the shortage. Since World War II, Americans have learned to live with a car by building an extension of roads and moving to suburbia, Euston added.

In the coming decades America will have twice the present built up area it now has, Euston said. If we continue to build up our cities as we have been, like a ring around a tree, transportation will be an even greater problem, he added.

James P. Lodge Jr., of the National Center of Atmospheric Research at Boulder, Colo., also spoke.

Lodge said, "Three years ago at Earth Day events, someone raised the question on the Anti-Environmental aspects of Kleenex, saying fabric handkerchiefs were better in the long run because the amount of energy needed to make Kleenex was greater than the amount of polluting detergents needed to wash handkerchiefs. Lodge said over the next few years these questions must be answered.

The third speaker at the forum was Dr. Alvin Hildebrandt, UH physics professor. He said we are in the midst of an immediate crisis with Arab oil companies. We will not be getting the amount of fuel we presently need from the Arabs, Hildebrandt added.

Hildebrandt said there are several realistic solutions to the present crisis which could possibly be developed. Among

these are the more extensive use of coal and sulfur, oil exploration although it would require increased cost and nuclear power although uranium will one day be depleted and fusion energy from the oceans.

Hildebrandt also suggested the development of such energy sources as geo-thermal, uro-thermal, wind, solar sea power and solar energy.

However, Hildebrandt said, there can be no solution if the population continues to grow. He said the people can be educated through the mass media and the world should set up an Energy Standard as a means of trade instead of gold or silver standards.

Dr. Nick Fotheringham, UH marine biology professor, said government constraints are causing delays, with some states not willing to conform with the President's message to reduce speeds.

The most critical problem in dealing with the crisis, Fotheringham said, is population growth which he said seems to fluctuate with the stockmarket and create waste.

Dr. Barry Commoner of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems at Washington University at St. Louis and author of two books, *The Closing Circle* and *Science and Survival*, said we have big cars, wasteful ways of using energy, bad land use and a growing population. Commoner said the trend started in 1946. Most of our environmental problems are a result of wasteful conveniences such as nonreturnable beer bottles, he added.

## FIRST IN HISTORY

# Ford takes over v.p. job

WASHINGTON —(UPI)—Gerald Rudolph Ford was sworn in as 40th vice president of the United States Thursday by Chief Justice Warren Burger in historic ceremonies in the House of Representatives.

The simple but dramatic event, the first in the nation's history where Congress confirmed a vice president, was televised live nationally and attended by President Nixon and other dignitaries.

It came within an hour after the House voted to confirm one of its own for the nation's second highest office.

The swearing-in filled the vacancy in the vice presidency created when Spiro T. Agnew resigned October 10 after pleading no contest to one count of tax evasion.

The final House vote, which

came after nearly five hours of debate, was 387-35. Voting for confirmation were 201 Democrats and 186 Republicans, while all 35 voting against were Democrats.

"I am deeply grateful to you, Mr. President, for the trust and confidence your nomination implied," Ford said in a brief acceptance speech. "You have my support and loyalty."

The former House Republican leader placed his hand on a Bible owned by his son Michael, a seminary student, and held by his wife Betty.

In addition to the President, the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps and the Supreme Court witnessed the swearing-in which was conducted before a joint meeting of Congress.

Ford repeated the identical oath he had taken 13 times previously as a member of Congress.

Ford also spoke directly to Speaker Carl Albert, to Burger, to his wife and then to his colleagues in deep sentimental terms and said "at this moment of visible and living unity I see only Americans."

"I like what I see. I am not discouraged. I am indeed humble to be the 40th vice president of the United States but I am proud, very proud, to be one of 200 million Americans," Ford said.

## Celebration

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# It takes money to run campaigns

By TONY CANINO

"Mr. Money, I believe?"

"Yes sir. Noah Money. I sent you my plans in the mail."

"Read them yesterday. You've got some good ideas, Money. Real good. How long it take you to think 'em up?"

"Well, I've been studying the situation in our city for some time, and I think some of the solutions and plans I've got worked out would really work if they got half a chance. But that's where I'm stumped. So I figured it'd be a good idea if I saw a political scientist."

"Uh huh. Well, Noah, what was it exactly you wanted to see me about? You want my opinion on what you gave me?"

"Well, you already said they were good. And I think so, too. What I really want to talk to you about is running for mayor this year."

"I see."

"And, well, it seems to me that the best person to lead our city through these steps I outline would be me, since I wrote them. I know them better than anybody."

"The first thing you have to do is file down at City Hall."

"O.K. I know that."

"And from then on it's just a matter of campaigning—selling your ideas to the public."

"I've watched other campaigns. They all seem alike to me. What I want to know is if you think these ideas would sell?"

"Sure. The public would eat them up. No doubt about it. . .but, uh, it does cost pretty good money nowadays."

"Like how much?"

"At least a couple hundred thousand. At least."

"Well. . .I. . .I knew campaigns cost a lot, but I mean there's no way. I just couldn't raise that kind of money."

"You mean you're not rich?"

"No. I only make about \$10,000 a year. Tops."

"Uh, Noah. . .I believe you've been wasting your time. These things cost big money."

"But my plans. . ."

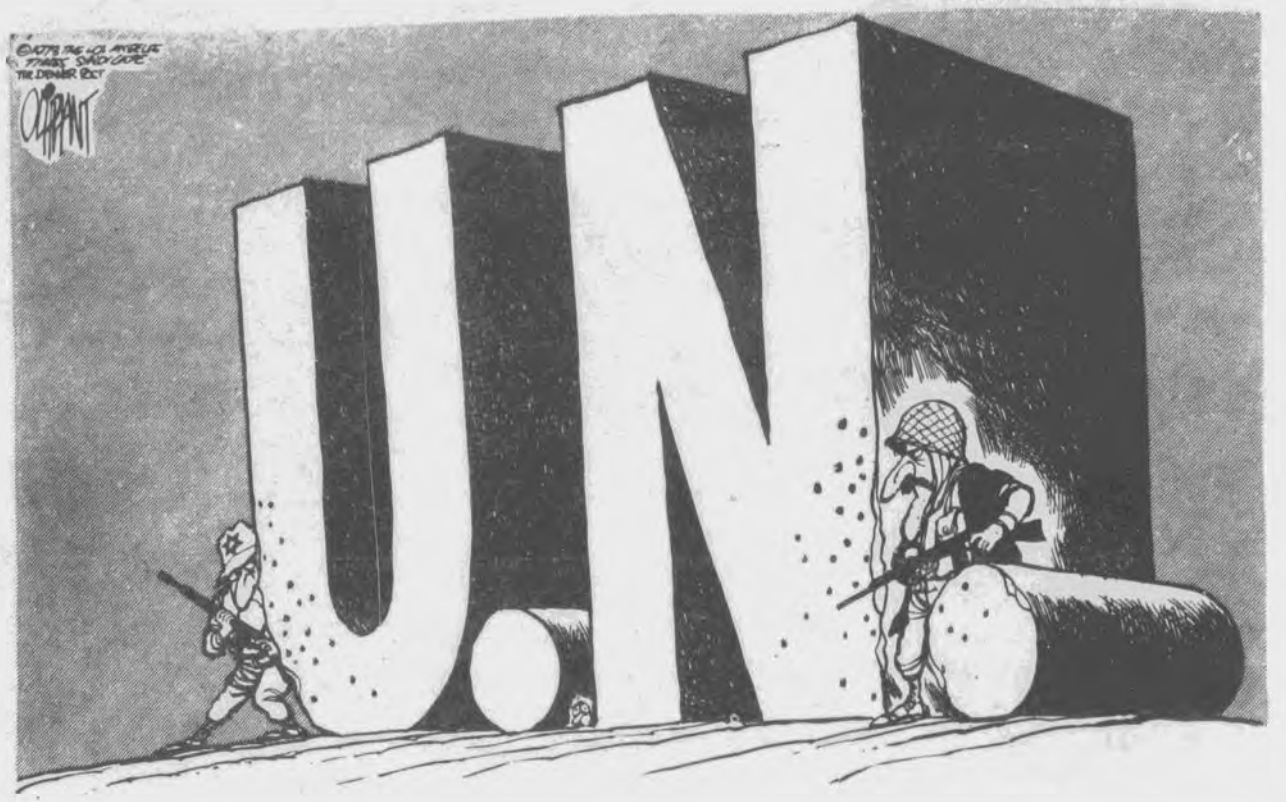
"Are good plans. But you've gotta have the coins to get 'em across. You're gonna be running against some very rich guys who can get their hands on quick cash if they have to. They're way outa your league. Understand?"

"I could raise the money. . .I could borrow. . ."

"How much? Five thousand maybe? Listen, Money, you'd be a lot better off to forget the whole thing. You have great plans, but no money. Wrong combination. Now, if you'll excuse me. I've got other appointments. Keep up the good work."



SMOLDERING BLANKET



## What will Houstonians do?

By ED BLACKBURN

The Office of Management and Budget wrestles with rationing alternatives; Sen. Henry Jackson struggles with emergency legislation; and the oil industry says "I told you so!"

The Nixon Administration begins (mind you) an economic impact study of the energy crisis; Louisiana runs out of diesel fuel for its oil well drilling rigs and the coal industry rubs its hands together, not because of the cold, but

a national scale is almost unheard of (this does not include leadership, however). This energy shortage threatens a lifestyle in which luxuries have become necessities. Many people will have to learn to do without. In some cases, it will be for the first time in their lives.

Houstonians, as well as their fellow Americans, seem to be waiting for sage words from the federal government to tell them what to do. The federal government knows all and

### viewpoint

because of rising expectations, financially.

What does all this mean to Houstonians?

Not very much obviously. Houstonians continue to leave unneeded lights burning and to speed down Houston streets and freeways. Advertising signs and billboards continue to blaze away, burning the needed energy.

Although many downtown and suburban office buildings have shut off their outside lighting, many others, it seems, have not yet gotten the word.

Shopping centers remain fully lighted. And to their normal display lighting, they have added glowing Christmas decorations.

Houstonians seem to be somewhat dumbfounded and confused by the whole concept of an energy crisis in spite of the fact that it has been brought home by the Sunday fuel shutdown. For the most part, it is something still only read about in the papers or heard on the news. They stare wide-eyed and innocent at this new menace looming darkly before them. This energy crisis was not supposed to happen for another ten years, or was it ten years ago they said that?

This new menace is something new to the younger generation. A shortage of anything on

seems to have all the answers. It seems almost impossible for individuals or local or state governments to take the initiative in conserving energy.

The federal government, it seems, is also at a loss as to what should really be done. Half a dozen new agencies like the Office of Petroleum Allocation will be formed to study the situation that should have been studied years ago. And half a dozen shake-ups will occur in these agencies before they settle down to the business of bureaucratic energy conservation. By the time all the data is processed in and out of these new agencies, we will be well into the REAL energy crisis, cold homes, idle automobiles and darkened schools.

However, inspite of the bureaucracy, Houstonians and Americans alike should come through with flying colors. When the energy crisis reaches emergency status, Americans will apply their historic recipe—broil the crisis down to the nitty-gritty, add a little American ingenuity, baste with American good humor, and a workable and palatable answer should result.

Hope springs eternal, they say!

### equal time

#### To the Editor:

The talk about the energy crisis is the subject of the hour. As an American I feel that if the Arab oil embargo is a partial reason for this crisis, we should be more intelligent and courageous and live up to what President Nixon has always preached about, namely, self-determination and independence of all states in the Middle East. Unfortunately, what is happening is that we are supporting the conquests of Israel and have not given a damn about the territorial integrities of the neighboring Arab countries. This kind of position has, unfortunately, obliged our best friends in the world, Kings of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, to use soil as a token of their unhappiness about our policy in their area. Let us not encourage those rulers to seek the friendship

of Russia. Let us not make the same silly mistakes of J.F. Dulles, which forced Egypt to seek the help of the Reds. Let us stop supporting the conquests of the "only democracy in the Middle East," Israel.

Joe Issa

#### To the Editor:

Fred Hofheinz' victory was largely due to the support of black voters. A good indicator of the kind of "commitment" to the needs of low-income black, Chicano and white workers that we can expect of Mayor Hofheinz is in his reply to a question raised by a member of CAR (Committee Against Racism) last week.

The question concerned the construction of the expansion of the Gulf Freeway into Third Ward, the Alvin Freeway into the South Park area and the

Harrisburg Freeway into the East End. In each instance the construction would require the displacement of mostly black and Chicano residents from their homes, causing irreparable, damage to long-established personal and community ties. For example, the Texas Highway Department, rather than "infringing" on Finger's parking lot to expand the Gulf Freeway, is planning to uproot blacks in Third Ward who have invested their life savings to buy their own homes and have lived there for generations. Many of those threatened are elderly and rely on the care of their neighbors and relatives to survive. Young Fred's response to this issue was to favor the construction (at the expense of the people) and to deny that the THD was racist in its policies.

With Fred Hofheinz in office, who needs a Gottlieb?

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## The Daily Cougar

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# Fuel crisis might save future fuel

By **BIFF PICONE**

Dr. Barry Commoner, environmentalist-author, said the energy crisis is the cutting edge of the environmental problem and if under the pressure of the fuel crisis we save fuel, we automatically will be improving the environment.

"The oil companies have gotten themselves into a position from which they can dictate serious economic effects on those industries which are vulnerable," Commoner said. Commoner, speaking at the Program Council forum on the earth's resources, said the industries that will suffer will be plastics, petrochemical and farming.

Commoner singled out the petrochemical industry as the most vulnerable. "People are beginning to recognize that the petrochemical industry involves great wastes," Commoner said. "Economic gains by the petrochemical industry are the

lowest of all industries." Commoner predicts the fuel crisis is going to force the petrochemical industry out of business.

The loss of plastic conveniences will not be that disastrous. A study by Commoner shows that in all but one instance plastic can be replaced by something else.

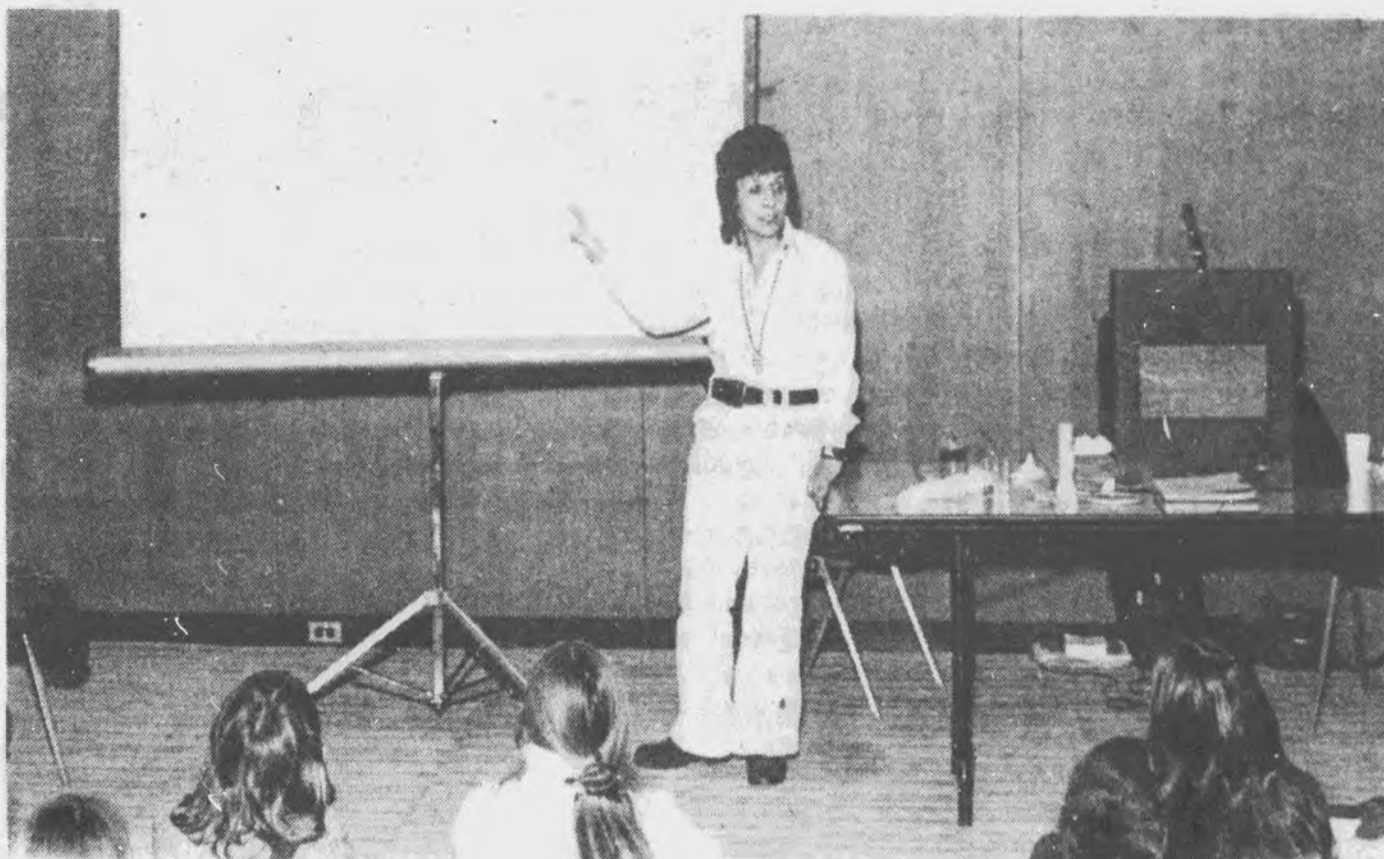
Commoner said he sees the oil companies in the role of the sorcerer's apprentice. Under this theory Commoner says if there has been a conspiracy to jack up prices, the conspirators are in the role of the sorcerer's apprentice. "They knew how to start, but they didn't know what they were getting into."

Commoner said the resources of fossil fuel are limited, and no matter how much the current crisis is orchestrated, in the end there still will be a shortage.

Commoner said the United States can become self-sufficient in energy, but it will take longer than the predicted year 1980. Commoner added that self-sufficiency will come in the way of solar energy.

Besides the oil industry, this nation's railroads seem to be benefiting from the energy crunch, Commoner said. He said there is a drive to put more freight back on the railroads, which will improve the environment because less fuel will be burned.

Commoner said the White House is countering the increased rail use by reorganizing the Penn Central Railroad. The plan calls for a shift of about 20 per cent to trucks. That move will raise fuel consumption in the United States by about 3.5 per cent.



RENE CORREA—Cougar Staff

**DEMONSTRATING PROPER CARE** of a woman's body and the origins and mechanisms of contraceptives, Elenor

Snow of the Los Angeles Women's Health Center was guest speaker at a women's seminar on campus Thursday.

## Meeting begins on social woes

A conference to discuss and explore social problems confronting man will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Rothko Chapel.

Speakers for the conference will be Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church at Olinda and Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine; Dr. Joel Elks, Director of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, John Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Other speakers will be Dr. John Calhoun, ecologist, psychologist and zoologist; and Dr. Giorgio La Pira, former mayor of Florence, Italy and professor of Roman Law Institutions, University of Florence.

The conference, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and continues through Sunday, is free and open to the public. The Rothko Chapel is located at the corner of Yupon and Sul Ross Streets. For more information, call Joy Thompson at 622-5651.

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That time of year has rolled around again, folks. The U.S. Postal Service is asking everyone to get their Christmas cards, letters and parcels in the mail as early as possible so that they'll be delivered before Christmas.

## Chicano course

David Lopez, School Board member and local attorney, will teach a course next spring in the Mexican-American Studies Program. The course, Political Science 370T, is titled Chicano Politics, and it is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays. This course meets the requirements for the Ethnic Studies Certificate. Students may get more information by contacting Guadalupe Quintanilla, administrator, at Ext. 4841.



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# Prof works to save energy

By CAROL HAMES  
Cougar Staff

Operating on the principle that energy conservation begins at home, Clifton C. Miller, new vice president of Facilities Planning and Operations and one-time mayor of Tustin, California, works in his office without the aid of electrical lighting.

"It's not so bad," he said, "I turn them on sometimes when it gets overcast in the evening."

Miller, who replaced Coulson Tough October 1 of this year, left California after some 20 years of experience at two California institutions of higher learning to take this post. (Tough resigned last spring to join the Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation in Houston.)

There is some question as to why such an experienced man would leave sunny California for a berg like Houston.

"Everything was just grinding down in California," Miller said. "We'd done all the university planning and building that California is going to do. . . . This is where things are happening in the United States, in Houston, Houston is such a dynamic city." Miller also pointed out that

many California universities are losing students.

"This is an ideal locale for an architect," he said of Houston's skyline. "They're really meeting a need here or it wouldn't be what it is."

Miller is registered with the American Institute of Architects and the Association of University Architects, and received his architecture degree from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

He feels that both he and his proposals for conserving campus energy have been very well-received, considering that they are both strangers. And when they started turning down the lights, he made sure his own building was the first to go. In addition to his office which is lighted only by the sun streaming through the picture window, all the corridors have been darkened as well as the thermostat which is down from 75 to 68 degrees.

"I hope people will be patient

He added that some of the lights have been restored for safety by request. He has instructed the custodial staff to turn on lights only when needed to work in a specific area.

Miller has also sent his staff out on light-measuring excursions. Wherever light are above the governmental foot-candle requirements, they will be lowered. He has proposed turning off fountains as well.

"It has been accepted wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. There's real commitment at the top administration to energy conservation," he said.

He would like to see the immediate installation of a centrally controlled air system, and a lighting system which would automatically turn off at night and on in the morning.

"The East has had this sort of thing for years," he said.

Despite his difficulty in wading through unfamiliar surroundings, Clifton Miller is an administrator who is doing things. "Am I ever! When you look at other universities in the state system, UH had considerably less space per student than in any of those institutions," he said. "I have a study underway on this."

So far he has found severe need of more space in the areas of optometry, science, speech, communication, library, student life, technology and drama. "We don't even have any practice theatres," he said.

"I'm not too familiar with the funding here. Most would come from building use fees. We haven't talked much about specifics yet. We're just zeroing in on the total need," he added.

Miller feels the purpose of his office is to help the university "achieve its academic goal," controlling a staff of 450 employees working in university planning, physical plant, campus

security, parking, health and safety, he considers his main area of present concern to be the new Clear Lake campus.

"The people over there are so excited," he said.

hopes. It will serve only juniors, seniors, and graduate students. There is a second possible new campus being planned in Montgomery County in the Conroe Independent School District.

These campuses will come under the same Board of Regents that UH has. Miller feels this will make UH a "multiversity" like the University of Texas at last. "I believe 'university system' is the technical term," he said.

He sees parking structures as the only remedy to the parking problem at UH. "Either that or cut down trees. I wouldn't do that for anything," he said. However, parking structures would cost some \$2500 per car instead of \$200 per car as it costs in parking lots.

"I believe a good transit system would help the university," he said.

Miller even intimated what it's really like to be mayor. "I was mayor of Tustin for 364 days. I resigned. . . . It was just such a huge responsibility. The technical part was not that much of a problem but I would get about nine invitations a week to attend functions like department store openings where there are ribbon cuttings and cocktail parties and beauty contests and cub scout blue and gold awards banquets. It was a good experience and I learned a lot of things.



MILLER

The main campus is not supposed to exceed 30,000 students, Miller added. "There's a change of feel and problems that come with too big a size. It gets unwieldy."

The new Clear Lake campus will be open very soon, Miller



MILLER

with us. We don't have enough staff to do every building at once," seniors, and graduate students. There is a second possible new campus being planned in Montgomery County in the Conroe Independent School District.

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He sees parking structures as he said.

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## Slip picking causes confusion to students

By SHEILA BALLARD

"We're trying," said Bob Kirkbridge, the UH cashier who received the brunt of mean glances and under-the-breath curses at Hofheinz Pavilion Thursday when UH students began picking up their schedule-fee statements.

"Most of the people have been very nice when I explained to them that we were trying to go by the alphabetical system this time to shorten the lines and make this just a little bit less confusing."

According to the schedule, pick-up time was to begin at 10 a.m.

Thursday morning. About 500 impatient students clamored outside early Thursday as they waited for the opening of those big red doors which would guide them to an irritating wait to see whether or not they received the classes they registered for.

Though it was not stressed to the student body that the alphabetical method would be employed rigidly, workers tried to enforce the procedure anyway.

Schedule fee statements for the spring semester may be picked up today in Hofheinz Pavilion according to the first letter of students' last names as scheduled:

L	9 to 9:30 a.m.
I-K	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
H	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
G	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
E-F	12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
C-D	1:30 to 2:30
B	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
A	3:30 to 4 p.m.

Statements not picked up today may be obtained next week in Room 6, Ezekiel Cullen Building, registrar Bill Zimmer said.

"That's where the problem came in," Kirkbridge said. "There have been only about 20 irate students who were less than understanding, three gentlemen especially. I was considering having them removed from the building. Other than that things

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## Female mechanic wins scholarship

Rare is the girl who gets family encouragement to pursue her career in mechanical engineering.

Mary Seeland is such a girl, rare enough even to receive a scholarship.

She was the recipient last spring of the special Jean Gilruth scholarship, which was created by a very unusual woman to be given annually to one female graduate student in engineering.

Why mechanical engineering? "I just liked math. . . I had an uncle who thought it might be a good field," Seeland said. She recalls that all the girls in her family were encouraged to take the career route.

She worried at first about scorn from her male counterparts, but has found her fears have no basis. She worked for Shell Development last summer on a flow-measuring device for oil fields, and even found herself out on the field twisting a few valves.

"Especially in engineering, there aren't any bad feelings toward women," she said.

She estimates that only two per cent of engineers are female. "I suspect the percentage has gone up lately," she said. She recalls there were only two women in the last graduating class of engineers and only 40 or 50 in the entire department at UH.

"Right now it isn't really hard to find jobs in engineering," she said.

The scholarship was given by Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) of which Mrs. Philip Hoffman is a charter and very active member.



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By **NORMAN GRUNDY**  
Sports Staff

You can always tell when the Houston Cougar basketball team was played at home. The Coogs

racked up 119 points, totaled 31 assists, and played 13 players to win their first home game of the season 119-71 over the visiting Wabash Giants.

It was the 19th consecutive win

for Houston in Hofheinz Pavilion over the past two seasons and the first win of the season for the previously 0-2 Cougars.

Junior Louis Dunbar, who lead the team in scoring last year with a 21.1 mark, lead all scorers with 30 points, 16 in the first half.

Sophomore David Marrs finished 10 points behind Dunbar, canning 20 points in only 22 minutes of playing time, while Sidney Edwards scored 19 and Donnell Hayes and Maurice Presley each finished with 14.

Houston also enjoyed a tremendous rebound advantage against the smaller "Little Giant" team.

Dunbar and Marrs hauled in 13 rebounds apiece as the Cougars pulled an impressive 59 rebounds while allowing only 28 for Wabash.

The Giants were lead in scoring by 6'6 Cliff Bell who scored 17 points and collected five rebounds while trying to hold Presley inside.

However, Bell, along with the rest of his teammates were no match for the speedy Cougar zone press which forced 23 turnovers and 20 steals.

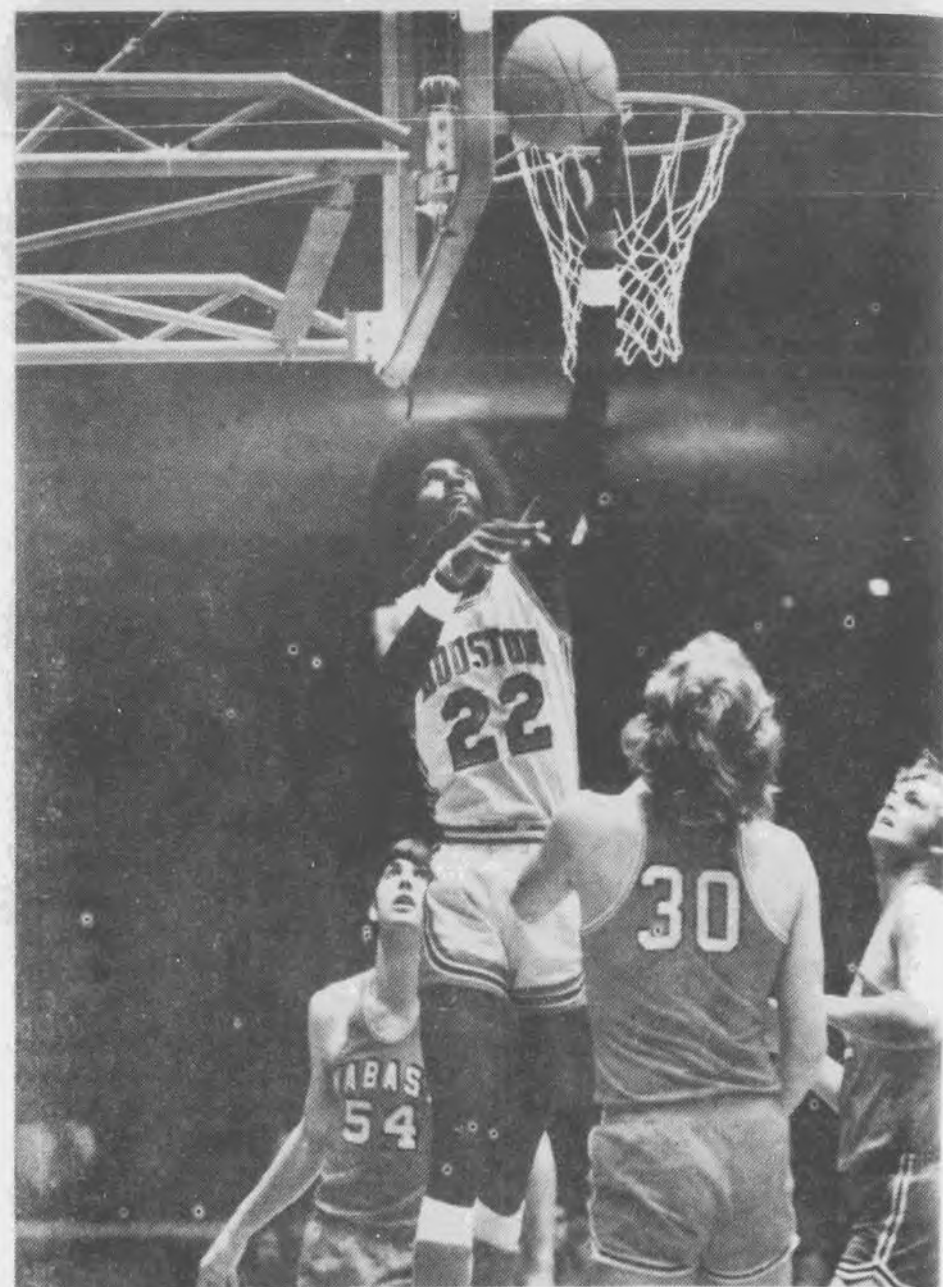
Houston plays two more home games in the next four days.

Florida, 2-0 for season play, visits the Hofheinz Pavilion Saturday night, while last seasons Southwest Conference champion Texas Tech meets the Coogs on Monday. Tip-off time is 8 p.m. for both the Florida and Tech outings.



**COUGAR STARTING** guard Ed Riska gets two of his 12 points in last night's 119-71 victory over Wabash. The Coogs take on the Florida Gators in their next home game on Saturday night.

RALPH BEARDEN—Cougar Staff



GREG JOHNSON—Cougar Staff

**LOUIS DUNBAR**soars above three Wabash Giants for an easy layup. Dunbar, last season's high scorer bagged 30 points in the first home outing.

## UH thinclads enter meet

The UH track team will open its 1973-74 season, Saturday, December 8, in Monroe, Louisiana. The meet will be hosted by Northeast Louisiana State University.

Houston coach John Morriss has scheduled the team for nine of the track and field events. Defending SWC 100-yard dash champion, Wayne Johnson, will be entered in the 60-yard dash with junior Mike Williams. Johnson is the only senior among this year's thinclads.

Freshman Freddie Lewis is entered in the high hurdles, while David McMenamin, who has set the standard at UH for the high jump at 6-9, will be testing that event's competition.



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# Actress discusses upcoming 'Papillon'

By LEON BECK  
Cougar Staff

"Papillon" (opening over the holidays) was shot in sequence to show the deterioration of people who are subjected to cruelty, Alan Bader, publicist for Allied Artists, said recently when he was in town with actress Ratna Assan to plug the film.

Dustin Hoffman, who costars in the film with Steve McQueen, went on a coconut diet during the filming of "Papillon" and during the last week of shooting he had no food and became light-headed and irritable to bring more realism to the role, Bader said. By the time the filming was over Steve McQueen was shown as a frail, white-haired, toothless man.

The film is adapted from the novel by Henri Charriere about his life as a convict on Devil's Island.

"Butterfly in French is 'papillon' and Steve McQueen has one tattooed on his chest," Bader said. "A butterfly needs to be free to live so they called him Papillon 'Pappy' for short."

Ratna Assan plays McQueen's wife in the film and over lunch at the Marriott she talked about her

role.

"I play Pappy's young Indian wife whom he encounters during his escape when he is wounded," Assan said. "He lives with a tribe of primitive Colombian Indians and meets a girl who is the daughter of the chief."

She added that the costumes are very primitive and when questioned on what she wore, she laughed and replied, "I wear lots of beads."

But for this interview, the dark-haired actress wore a black dress with orange flowers and a gold chain with a tooth on it around her neck.

Any significance to the tooth?

Bader said it was Steve McQueen's molar, and Assan laughed. She really bought it while filming in Jamaica.

Although she had appeared in the TV series "Destry," "Mr. Roberts" and "Anna and the King," her role as an Indian in "Papillon" requires no dialogue.

Assan won the role over about 500 aspirants and was instructed on May 17 to go to Jamaica for a screen test.

Why Jamaica?

"They wanted me to get sun-burned to get darker for the role,"

she replied. "I was three or four shades darker than I am now."

During filming, the set of "Papillon" was closed and Bader explained why.

"When we shot one village scene, there were no photographers around and the Jamaican people would hop the fence to watch. Part of the picture shows the deterioration and there's tension on the set while working chronologically. As a result, everybody is uptight."

Assan was a genetics major in college and her official studio biography says she is an animal lover and has three hens, four roosters, seven cats and two dogs.

She earned a purple belt in Karate when she was nine and now, at 18, she holds the brown belt, but said she has no desire to use her karate ability in any of her films.

Asked what kind of role she would like to play, she said she wanted to play a hard role similar to Jane Fonda's role in "Klute."

Besides acting she loves music and rates Humble Pie and the Rolling Stones high on her list of favorites.

If you're ever in the need of a mechanic, Bader added, Ratna can change a tire or lubricate an auto because she took auto mechanics in school.



**BROWN BELT ACTRESS** Ratna Assan plays Steve McQueen's wife in "Papillon," a new movie opening over the Christmas holidays. The film also stars Dustin Hoffman.

## Genuine snow begins to fall on UC today

Who says it won't snow in Houston this year?

Genuine ice crystals fresh from a Sparkle Ice Company ice-making machine will be poured upon the UH campus as the Program Council (PC) presents an "End of the Semester All-School Celebration" Friday atop the UC expansion (unless it rains).

The spacious Expansion will give UHers ample space to romp and play in the artificial snow.

Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. and last "until all the snow melts—probably about 2 p.m.," Ginger Hansel of the PC Hospitality Committee said.

Activities will consist of snowball fights, snowman building and generally getting messed up by the slush left when the ice melts.

Eggnog, hot chocolate and gingerbread will be served free of charge to all. In addition, a variety of entertainment will be provided for those not so enthused about snow playing. Bill and Lucille Cade, Pete Gorisch and the Singing Boys of Houston Choir are scheduled to appear.

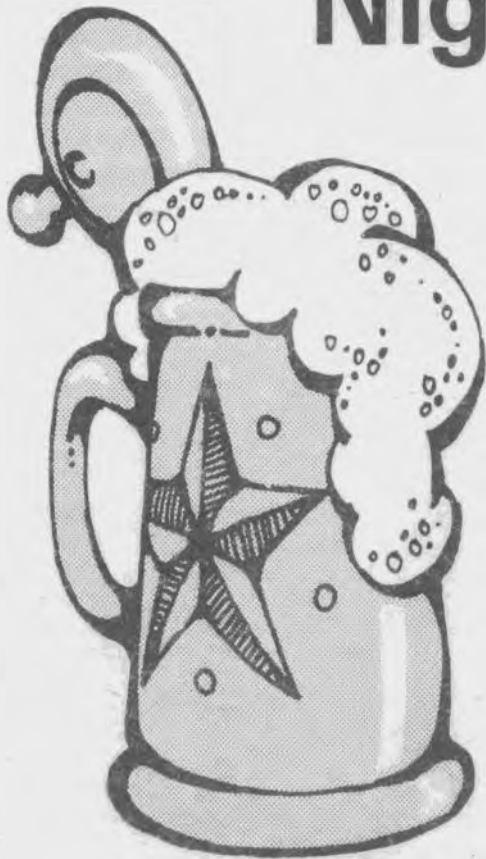


**MAYBE THIS TIME.** Fats Domino, whose no-shows at La Bastille have become legendary, will be appearing through December at Bastille. We think. "I feel bad about what happened in July," Domino said of his last non-appearance here. "I want to make it up to my fans."

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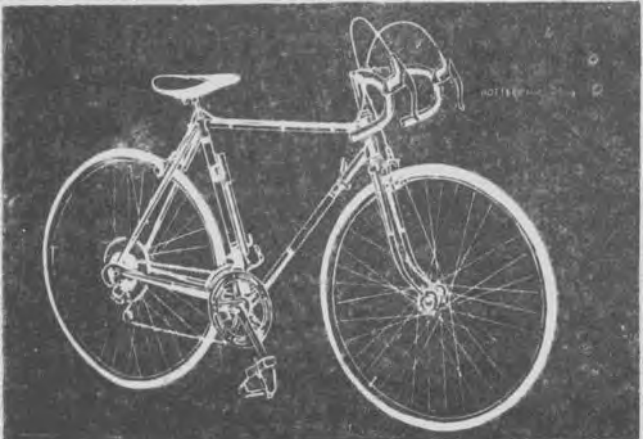
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# Best-selling poet stays busy

By ALLAN C. KIMBALL  
Cougar Staff

It was Walt Disney's birthday. Rod McKuen and I sat in the sunken lounge in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency surrounded by a sea of business suits and attache cases. We were the only ones wearing Levis and beards. Bellmen kept a close eye on us, ready to move in at the slightest sign of trouble. No one we talked to knew who he was.

"Rod's a funny first name," a reservation clerk observed. They didn't know that McKuen is the

best-selling poet in history. They didn't even know who I was.

McKuen rubbed his forehead complaining of a headache and sipped on a JB and water that he said tasted like an ice cream soda.

"It's been a long day," he said. "I don't know how many shows I've done today. . . gosh, 10, 12, something like that."

He doesn't know how he keeps up with it all and is sure that he'd go a bit mad if he thought about it. But performing is a whole other thing.

"My doctor says I'm crazy, says I'm going to kill myself," McKuen

said. "But he's crazy. I like people, I like to perform." One of the reasons he enjoys performing so much, even though he has already ruined his throat, is that he likes contact with people on a one-to-one basis.

"You can make records, but you never really know what happens. People buy them, but you still don't get a one-to-one thing," McKuen pointed out.

It's the need for a one-to-one relationship with people, not machines or corporations, that even led McKuen to his first publishing house and out of it.

McKuen had taken his first book of poetry around to different publishers and they all said they liked it but that poetry didn't sell. McKuen and his brother put together what little money they had and published the book in their basement. They sold 65,000 copies and suddenly every publisher in the country was after the book.

"I chose Random House because I liked Bennett Cerf, a super guy," KeKuen said. "I always go with people rather than corporations. When RCA took over Random House (RCA having the only dog I've ever disliked in my life) I decided to leave them."

The contact with people plays an important part of McKuen's life.

"I've been told I never have to work again if I don't want to," McKuen said. "I guess I wouldn't but I want to. I can think of nothing nicer than to drop dead working. I mean, that's all I've ever known all my life. I've been working since I was 11—18-hours-a day and I'm not bitching about it at all."

But McKuen isn't sure he's doing what he really wants to do yet. As a child he envied all the others around him who were sure they wanted to grow up to be doctors, journalists or bricklayers.

"I never knew," McKuen said, his gravel voice becoming softer. "I just assumed that if I went straight ahead and did different things, as long as I worked hard I'd be successful at it. It was kind of a dumb assumption."

But maybe it helped, he is quick to add. He doesn't like to be classified or limited to just one sphere of activity.

"The minute I feel like I'm becoming better known in one area than another or people think of me specifically as a poet or something, I branch out and do other things," McKuen said. He pointed out that until this year in the United States most people didn't know that he wrote classical music.

"You know, I'm up to Opus 47 now. I've got two new works that were premiered this year and three new works for next year, including an opera. It's kind of a

kick to have people discover all that."

McKuen's beginnings were as different as the man himself. He was born in a Salvation Army hospital in Oakland, California and never knew who his father was.

"It used to bug me but later I decided that being born a bastard gave me an edge over those people who spend their entire lives becoming one," McKuen said. He didn't get much formal schooling, only four years. He discovered when he was still quite young that if he wrote things down he understood them better. He used to keep a journal to explain things to himself which is one of the reasons he feels his poetry is introspective and centered around what happens to him.

"I got into the habit of telling things the way I really felt them and I see no reasons to change," McKuen said. "It hurts sometimes, sometimes you get clobbered. You know, those critics who think that if you can say something in eight or ten syllables why say it in two. I feel just the reverse," McKuen sees poetry as a form of communication, a way to touch people.

"I don't think you can touch people if they have to be worried



McKUEEN

about looking up your meaning of obscure things in a five-foot shelf or being totally familiar with Alice in Wonderland and the Bible and the Encyclopedia Britannica to get everything out of one poem," He added.

"It's much better not to speak over people's heads or bet on their legs."

McKuen fails to see any dif- (See McKUEEN, Page 9)



**ROD McKUEEN**, the best-selling poet in history, would never have to work again if he didn't want to. "But I want to," he said during a stopover in Houston on a publicity tour for his new book.

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Jonathan Livingston Seagull  
by Neil Diamond  
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Neil Diamond enters a new facet of his musical progression as often as he changes record labels. From his days at Bang Records, where he churned out "Cherry, Cherry," and the fastest-selling record of all time, the Monkees' version of "I'm a Believer," to his

days at UNI where his songs reflected a more sensitive moody Diamond with "I Am... I Said" and "Stones."

Today Neil Diamond is with Columbia Records and his first venture is as composer for Hall Bartlett's film "Jonathan Livingston Seagull."

The album follows the basic theme of the film. Opening with

"Prologue," the soundtrack chronicles the life of the seagull to the final farewell, "Be."

Diamond renders a powerful voice, soft and low at the beginning, rising to a thunderous climax, and eases to sound of a full orchestra providing a magnificent background.

The words of the songs, the sounds of the waves and the drum rolls all provide imagery that sets the listeners mind wandering along with Jonathan's journey.

The song "Be" introduces Jonathan.

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you may find him.

When Jonathan shows off his acrobatics in "Skybird," the music is light, free and airy, effecting the sound of a bird in flight.

The album is repetitious in much of its music, offering extended versions of "Be," "Dear Father," and "Lonely Looking Sky."

"Dear Father" starts slow and easy with Diamond's playful prayer as Jonathan is near death and asks for reason.

Diamond has a very distinctive sound. Much of his music starts slow, rises to a climax, and returns to the beginning.

Although Diamond is changing directions there will always be traces of "Cherry, Cherry," in most of his songs. And that's not bad.

Leon Beck



TINA TURNER and her too-easily overlooked husband Ike will be appearing in concert as the Ike & Tina Turner Revue at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Coliseum.

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**NATIONAL CHICANO HEALTH ORGANIZATION** will hold a general business meeting to elect officers from 6 to 7 tonight in the Embassy Room, UC. Open to all interested Chicanos in health-oriented fields.

**UH DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY** will hold a colloquium at 3:30 p.m. today in the Atlantic Room, UC Expansion. Dr. Bredo Johnsen, assistant professor of philosophy, will present a paper entitled "A Dogma of Neopragmatism." Free.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION** will hold a testimony meeting at noon today in Room 105, Religion Center. Open to all.

**BLACK STUDENT UNION** will hold a meeting to make plans for Black History Week and prepare for the spring semester at 2 p.m. today in the AASP Lounge.

**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION** will hold a noonspiration at noon today in the Upstairs Lounge, Religion Center. Open to all.

**LE QUARTIER LATIN** (French Club) will hold a Christmas party and dinner from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Pirate's Cove, UC. Admission is \$1, open to all.

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**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION** will hold a luncheon at noon Monday in the Upstairs Lounge, Religion Center. Open to all.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST** will hold a meeting to study Acts from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Caspian Room, UC Underground. Open to all.

## McKuen—

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ferences in people. Earlier in the day a young man came up to him to ask for an autograph and told him that Rodney Allan Rippey was in town. Someone else asked the young man if he knew the difference between Rippey and McKuen. The man said, "Yes, Rodney's black."

"I told him he was wrong, that's no difference," McKuen said. "That's not enough. I may be as black on the inside as Rodney is on the outside. Color doesn't have anything to do with it. The difference is that he eats those dumb hamburgers and I wouldn't on a bet."

Time ran short and McKuen jumped into a Rent-a-Car to fight the evening rush hour traffic to Intercontinental Airport. He was flying to Dallas for more promotional engagements over his newest book *Come to me in Silence*. Finally he would fly to his California home and his four sheepdogs, eight cats, two Mercedes Benz and the turtle named Wade.

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# Prof tells need of carpooling

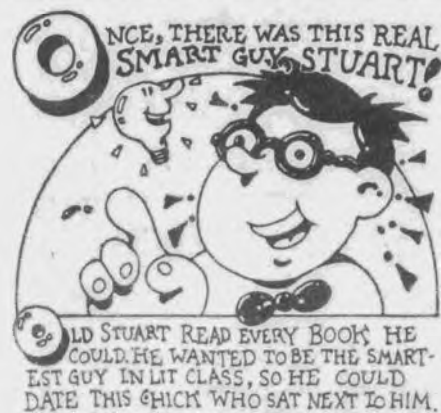
Carpooling seems like a logical solution to the gasoline shortage and the lack of parking spaces at UH. However, few people like to carpool. For example, Traffic and Security records show that about 21,000 parking permits were issued to students this semester. Of 27,552 currently enrolled students, 400 have used the carpooling directories compiled by Students' Association, according to Sen. Steve Roche, (ENG).

One of the reasons more people do not carpool is because it is unfashionable, Dr. Richard I. Evans, UH psychology professor, said. Evans asked, "Do our leaders carpool? No. In fact, one of the rewards of reaching the top is the use of private transportation such as limousines and airplanes."

Evans said another reason carpooling has not been successful is the basic human need to "locomote or get around under our own power."

Still another problem is putting together a congenial group. For example, putting smokers and nonsmokers or talkers and non-talkers together could create problems for the carpool. Evans added that more problems arise when "your carpool mate has bad breath, or body odor, or uses a cologne or perfume you don't like or has bad driving habits."

Evans said it would be unrealistic to believe there will ever be 100 percent carpooling at UH. "Because 80 or 90 percent of the students work, they have schedules that prevent them from carpooling," he added.



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Stars such as Peter Townshend and The Who, Rod Stewart, early Rolling Stones, Jeff Beck and the James Gang highlight the show, stretching through three galleries of the museum.

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**LIGHTS ON THE WATER.** 13th Annual Christmas Boat Lane, Clear Lake-NASA area begins at 8 p.m. December 8 at the Lakewood Yacht Club. The colorful array of vessels will travel from the club

Brrrr. Weather for this weekend will be chilly with overall highs of 67 degrees throughout the weekend. Friday's high will be in the mid 60s with a temperature drop in the late afternoon. Saturday will be partly cloudy with north-east winds and a high of 67 around noon. Night temperatures will probably not drop lower than the mid 30s but better keep a look out on the anti-freeze anyway.



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**CREATIVE WORKSHOPS.** Variety of workshops will be offered next semester and are free of charge to students. Small fees will be required for materials. Will be held in the afternoon and early evening. Classes include jewelry making, woodworking, weaving and stitchery. Join now before the rush. Craft Studio; UC annex.

## STATEMENTS—

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are running quite well."

Kirkbridge said the staff had been doubled to try and make the schedule-fee ordeal a little less painful. "Of course, the stop and financial lines are always long. If students would check the stop roster during registration, part of the problem would be eliminated. But the majority don't do this and so this confusion is bound to result."

Under certain bona fide emergency conditions exceptions will be made for a student to have access to his fee statement at a time when his name is not supposed to be pulled. "That's my judgment, however, and I will determine what is a valid reason and what is not," Kirkbridge added. Those students who cannot make the time scheduled for them, may pick up their fee statements from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 10 through 13 in Room 6, Ezekiel Cullen Building.

Most of the late afternooners were having little difficulty in obtaining their statements.

Dan Oara, journalism senior, said, "I think the number system should be changed and more stations added. That way it would be a little less confusing and maybe faster, too."

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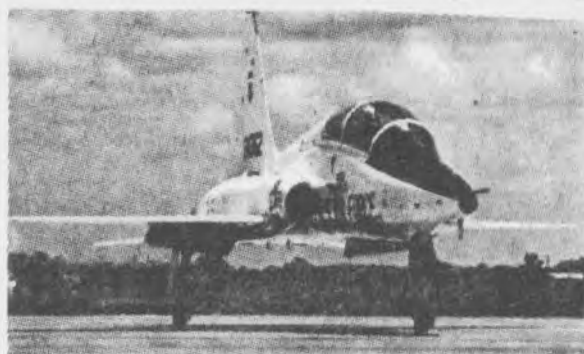
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There will be no class meetings other than for examination purposes after Tuesday, December 11. Examinations will be held in the rooms in which classes are regularly scheduled, unless otherwise noted. Students may be dismissed upon completion of examinations, but they should be urged to pass quietly in the halls.

All classes in the following areas will have examinations as listed:

Biology 113	8:00-11:00 AM Monday, December 17
Biology 161-162	8:00-11:00 AM Monday, December 17
Chemistry 131-132	12:00-3:00 Saturday, December 15
Computer Science 141	8:00-10:00 AM Saturday, December 15
Economics 233-234-332-334	3:00-6:00 PM Saturday, December 15
Finance 335-336-337	7:00-10:00 PM Monday, December 17
Geology 161-162	10:00-12:00 Saturday, December 15
Music 121A	2:00-5:00 PM Friday, December 14
Music 221A	2:00-5:00 PM Wednesday, December 19
Psychology 131	5:00-7:00 PM Monday, December 17
Quantitative Management Science 131	5:00-8:00 PM Friday, December 14
Quantitative Management Science 132	6:00-9:00 PM Saturday, December 15

The rooms in which these examinations will be given will be announced by each instructor.

The examination schedule is as follows:

Classes	Examination Hours
(Mon., Wed., Fri., Classes)	
7:00-8:00 AM MWF	8:00-11:00 AM Monday, December 17
8:00-9:00 AM MWF	8:00-11:00 AM Wednesday, December 19
9:00-10:00 AM MWF	8:00-11:00 AM Friday, December 14
10:00-11:00 AM MWF	11:00-2:00 Monday, December 17
11:00-12:00 MWF	11:00-2:00 Wednesday, December 19
12:00-1:00 MWF	11:00-2:00 Friday, December 21
1:00-2:00 PM MWF	11:00-2:00 Friday, December 14
2:00-3:00 PM MWF	2:00-5:00 PM Monday, December 17
3:00-4:00 PM MWF	2:00-5:00 PM Friday, December 14

4:00-5:30 PM MW	2:00-5:00 PM Friday, December 21
5:30-7:00 PM MW	5:00-8:00 PM Wednesday, December 19
7:00-8:30 PM MW	8:00-11:00 PM Friday, December 14
8:30-10:00 PM MW	8:00-11:00 PM Wednesday, December 19

(Tue., Thurs., Classes)	
7:00-8:30 AM TTH	8:00-11:00 AM Thursday, December 20
8:30-10:00 AM TTH	8:00-11:00 AM Tuesday, December 18
10:00-11:30 AM TTH	11:00-2:00 Thursday, December 20
11:30-1:00 TTH	11:00-2:00 Tuesday, December 18
1:00-2:30 PM TTH	2:00-5:00 PM Thursday, December 20
2:30-4:00 PM TTH	2:00-5:00 PM Tuesday, December 18
4:00-5:30 PM TTH	5:00-8:00 PM Thursday, December 20
5:30-7:00 PM TTH	5:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, December 18
7:00-8:30 PM TTH	8:00-11:00 PM Thursday, December 20
8:30-10:00 PM TTH	8:00-11:00 PM Tuesday, December 18

(Sat. Classes)	
8:00-11:00 AM SAT	8:00-11:00 AM Saturday, December 15
11:00-2:00 SAT	11:00-2:00 Saturday, December 15

Classes meeting one day or night each week will have examinations during the period Friday, December 14, through Thursday, December 20. Classes scheduled through two or more periods will be considered as meeting at the earliest period for examination scheduling, e.g., a class that meets from 11:30-2:30 TTH would be considered as meeting from 11:30-1:00 TTH for examination scheduling; therefore, this class would meet for examination at 11:00-2:00 Tuesday, December 18.

A break period of at least ten minutes should be provided before the close of each examination period.

Bill E. Zimmer  
Registrar

## WATERGATE TACTICS

# Oliver blames elitists

By TONY CANINO  
Cougar Staff

In a 20-minute talk Thursday in the UC, Norman Oliver, 1973 Socialist Workers' Party candidate for Mayor of New York City, called for the American working class "to put an end to Watergate-type tactics employed by the federal government."

Speaking in the Embassy Room, Oliver said the U.S. government is controlled by an elite ruling society and that "these people profit from our misery. . . this country is run on the basis of profit needs." To validate these remarks, he mentioned the current energy crisis, which he said is promoted by money-hungry oil companies, and urban slum conditions, which he said take exorbitant rent from poor people with no return of property upkeep by wealthy landlords.

During the talk, sponsored by the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), Oliver also spoke on what

he called "subversive government actions." He claimed that for every "above-ground" law enforcement officer, such as a city policeman or state trooper, there is a federal officer working to infiltrate and undermine the progress of activist minority groups.

He said our government ruling elite is composed of capitalist opportunists who work to destroy those groups which do not conform to their special interests. He added that while the government does acknowledge some activity in this area, it does not own up to the majority of these subversive plots.

Oliver mentioned the current YSA law suit against upper-echelon Watergate personalities. The suit, backed by the Political Rights Defense Fund, asks for \$23 million in damages, and is employing the use of the same attorney who defended Daniel Ellsberg. He said this suit asks for more money than that of the Democratic Party, and seeks an injunction for release of secret government documents and against government harassment techniques.

Oliver concluded by saying the problem facing the U.S. ruling class is that their lies cannot be kept secret forever. He said the American public is becoming

disgusted with the government which now exists, but sees no voting alternative other than the Republican and Democratic parties. He would like to see more people view the Socialist Workers' Party as that voting alternative. He said he hopes the American people will "unseat these political rulers and place the U.S. working class into power."

### Frat wishes

The Daily Cougar has received a request that we run the following statement:

The UH Chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi extends best wishes to all students for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# Haig blames gap on sinister force

WASHINGTON —(UPI)— Presidential Chief of Staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. testified today that he discussed with White House lawyers the possibility that some "sinister force" was responsible for an 18-minute gap on one Watergate tape.

Haig testified about what he called "devil theories" in District Judge John J. Sirica's hearing as to how the portion of a conversation June 20, 1972, between President Nixon and H.R. Haldeman, then his chief of staff, could have been obliterated.

Haig said he noted that four or five minutes of the tape—a section Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, said she may have obliterated accidentally—contained a hum of a different

tone than the rest of the missing section.

He said that in talks with White House counsel on November 20, the day before the gap was publicly disclosed, it was thought that a different energy source had caused the second tone.

Haig said there was "great distress" that "perhaps some sinister force had come in and applied the other energy source and taken care of the information on the gap."

"Has anybody ever suggested who that sinister force was?" Sirica asked.

"No, your honor," Haig replied. Haig said after that discussion it was decided that the White House must find out who had access to the tapes.

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