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Reagan, Thatcher agree to 'study' summit offer

WASHINGTON (AP) —President Reagan said today he and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher agree that a Soviet proposal for a U.S.-Soviet summit conference "needs to be carefully studied."

"For our part, we certainly have an interest in pursuing a serious, constructive dialogue with the Soviets on the issues which divide us," Reagan said after a two-hour meeting with Mrs. Thatcher.

Reagan's remarks were his most positive response yet to the proposal for a summit made Monday by Soviet President Leonid L. Brezhnev. The next day, Reagan called the proposal "very interesting" but said Soviet involvement in El Salvador would need to be "straightened out" before he would agree to a summit.

Indeed, Reagan sounded a cautionary note in welcoming Thatcher to the White House, saying, "Our challenge today is to ensure that belligerence is not attempted again by the false perceptions of weakness."

"So long as our adversaries continue to arm themselves at a

pace far beyond the needs of defense, the free world must do whatever is necessary to safeguard its own security."

He said "a stronger, more vigilant NATO" must be the background of that security and

of our effort for equitable arms control."

Reagan said in a joint appearance with Thatcher after their meeting, saying the two leaders had "affirmed our support" for NATO's 1979 decision to deploy

medium-range nuclear missiles, and to "pursue arms control efforts at the same time, in parallel."

Several of the United States' European allies have privately voiced concern that Reagan might

be backing away from the commitment to pursue arms control talks, while pushing ahead simultaneously with deployment of the weapons.

Greeting Thatcher in an arrival ceremony that reflected the close ties of the United States and Britain, Reagan had said the two nations will stand "side-by-side" to protect world peace.

For her part, Mrs. Thatcher, the first leader of a major U.S. ally to visit Reagan since his inauguration, told Reagan the United States can count on Great Britain as "an ally, staunch and true."

"Your warm and deeply moving ceremony will strike a cord in the hearts of British people everywhere," she said.

Reagan greeted Mrs. Thatcher on the South Lawn of the White House in a ceremony made more impressive by the bright sunshine of an unusually mild Washington February.

A crowd of several thousand looked on.

After reviewing a U.S. military honor guard, Reagan welcomed the prime minister, whom he had once met in London.

Brezhnev promises Castro support during Communist Party Congress

MOSCOW (AP) —Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev met with Cuban President Fidel Castro on Thursday and pledged complete Soviet support in the face of an "anti-Cuban campaign" by Washington—a clear reference to U.S. charges of Cuban aid to Salvadoran leftists.

"In present conditions, when the U.S. imperialists have launched another anti-Cuban campaign, the U.S.S.R., as before, is siding with socialist Cuba," Brezhnev told Castro, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Their meeting on the fourth day of the 26th Soviet Communist Party Congress, came amid sharp verbal exchanges between Moscow

and Washington over alleged Soviet bloc arming of anti-government guerrillas in the Central American nation of El Salvador.

Washington has accused Cuba specifically of being a conduit for weapons, and President Reagan's administration has hinted of possible direct actions against Castro's government unless the flow of arms ceases.

El Salvador was not specifically mentioned in the Tass account, but Brezhnev's emphatic expression of solidarity with Castro suggested it was discussed.

On Wednesday, a Kremlin spokesman, denied U.S. allegations that the Soviet Union was helping arm the Salvadoran

guerrillas.

"The Soviet Union does not provide El Salvador with arms, has not and will not," spokesman Leonid Zamyatin told reporters covering the party congress.

The U.S. State Department has accused Moscow of devising a plan in which Cuba and other Soviet bloc countries allegedly supplied Salvadoran rebels with up to 200 tons of American arms and other supplies captured in Vietnam and Ethiopia.

"When the State Department invents white papers that repeat lies many times, the lies do not become the truth," Zamyatin, a Communist Party Central Committee spokesman, declared.

TAs set deadline for pay settlement

By JOHN CLARK
and KELLEY GRIFFIN
Cougar Staff

After three weeks of negotiations, the administration has presented its position on the Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows and Lecturers Association's requests for salary increases and benefits.

While negotiations on fringe benefits have proceeded well, differences on the issue of salary increases could cause the group's members to take action if an agreement is not reached, negotiator for the instructors Dr. John McNamara said.

In a meeting with the Teaching Assistants Core Committee Wednesday, McNamara set an deadline of midnight tonight for resolution of salary discrepancies.

Members of the Core Committee said the next course of

action, should no agreement be reached today, could be either to seek a ruling from Attorney General Mark White, or to try and get legislation introduced supporting the teaching assistants' position.

The major discrepancy, according to McNamara, is a retroactive 5.1 percent raise, legislated in 1979, that the university failed to give teaching assistants in 1979 and 1980.

Provost George Magner, the administration's negotiator, said the university's position is that the 5.1 percent pay raise will be given retroactively to those teaching assistants employed at UH from 1979 to 1980 who did not receive at least a 5.1 percent raise — the method used to distribute the 1979 raise to other personnel at the university — according to Magner. The university defines a raise as either a step into a higher

pay level, or a merit increase. By this definition, some TAs received part of the 5.1 legislated raise by moving to a higher pay level, he said.

McNamara said, however, "It is not acceptable to use the term 'raise' to designate the increase a person receives in the normal process of moving from one step to another."

Magner said he sensed the university's position was not received well by McNamara, while McNamara said he guessed "the administration would find the teaching assistants' position unacceptable."

"We have gotten nothing substantial from them (the administration) yet," English Teaching Assistant Chris Domino said. She said the group is angry and insulted by the university's proposal.

McNamara said he also wants

to establish the administration's plans for future legislated raises.

The legislature implemented a 5.1 percent emergency increase Feb. 1, and the TAs have received that, McNamara said. The raise was part of an 18.6 percent increase before the legislature which

is considering implementing the remaining 13.5 percent in the fall.

McNamara said the university must guarantee any raises legislated for faculty salaries in the future be distributed to teaching assistants, teaching fellows and lecturers.

11,000 face money bind

Budget cuts could hurt funding

By CHERYL CONLEY
News Reporter

President Ronald Reagan's proposed budget cuts would eliminate social security benefits for many students as well as not provide for extra financial aid in education, a UH financial aid official said.

Reagan's proposals would eliminate Social Security benefits to many students, but funds for programs offered through the Financial Aid Department may not be increased, Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid Robert Sheridan said.

Explaining how federally funded financial aid programs will be affected, Sheridan said, "He

(Reagan) is not talking about cutting funds, but he is not talking about expanding them either."

About 11,000 UH students received financial aid last year, Sheridan said.

He said student loans will be available but not as accessible as they have been.

Students applying for loans would have to fill out a family financial status form, and their eligibility would be determined by need, he said.

As a result, families may have to seek other resources for education and more students will have to find part-time employment, he said.

Beverly Coates, program analyst for the Social Security

Administration in Dallas, said, "Reagan proposed that all future benefits to students 18-22 be eliminated." Reagan also proposed that the payments students currently receive be cut by 25 percent each year until they are 22 years old, Coates said.

Social Security benefits are payable to full-time college students under certain circumstances from age 18 through the semester in which they are 22 years old, Coates said.

"Based on 1980-81 reported data for the number of students who applied for financial aid and received Social Security benefits, there are 441 students at UH who receive Social Security benefits,"

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Hundreds of cheering UH fans will be heading north to Aggieland tomorrow. The Coogs face A&M there at 2 p.m. (Photo by Phil Marcus)

Honor of Arab students besmirched

The Organization of Arab Students

In the past weeks we have witnessed the same old treacherous tactics which the Zionists on and about campus are so well in employing. The outcry of claims and counter-claims have clouded and distorted the entire situation causing severe misrepresentations of the International Student Festival. The degree of Zionist influence on campus and the scope of their activities only go to show that they will not permit the slightest of facts to be heard and will go to great lengths to discredit any persons or organizations in order to conceal the truth; even to the extent of terror, harassment, and threats. After all, this philosophy has been the main facet of Zionism since its inception. History has repeatedly proven this fact on more than one occasion. Now the ISO's International Festival has proven this once again.

The Zionist elements on campus have attacked an academic and cultural organization accusing it of supporting a terrorist body and involving itself in political bias. This charge is utter fallacy. The Zionists came out against the ISO mainly because it approved the inclusion of a Palestine booth at the festival. The Zionists felt threatened by the Palestinian

students, they thought it unfair that the Palestinians be included and did not want the public exposed to the Palestinian point of view. The consequence was that the Israelis withdrew from the festival solely because they could not have things done their way. The result was an outcry for boycott of the festival and an attack on the International Student Organization and the General Union of Palestinian Students.

The ISO did not violate their own guidelines of rules concerning the festival. They only allowed for the establishment of a Palestine booth in accordance with festival rules. The ISO recognizes the validity of the G.U.P.S. and its contribution to the academic and scholastic process at the university. The ISO was in no way displaying anti-semitic views by cooperating with the Palestinian students. Here again the Zionists were reverting to their old tactics—crying out anti-semitism. It is a well established fact that anyone who opposes Israel or the Zionists is labelled anti-semitic. The ISO was complying with the cultural and social themes of the International Festival. This does not brand the ISO as pro-Palestinian or Pro-PLO. The Palestinian people are recognized by over two-thirds of the world as

an entity entitled to their rights of self-determination.

However, the Palestinians are no longer human when it comes to commenting on the Middle East situation, especially where Israel is concerned. They are savage "Arab terrorists," not human beings capable of reason, emotions and love, but elusive things, cut throats, anti-semites and murderers of innocent people. This is what the Zionists want everyone to believe and why they strive so hard to instill this belief.

The literature that was displayed was cultural, historical information depicting the life of the Palestinian people; their repression and discrimination at the hands of the Israeli Zionists. Here again the Zionists sought to conceal the truth from the people at the expense of the ISO. Here they cried out that the respectable ISO was a forum for the PLO and all its activities. So by resorting to half-truths, lies, and distortions, the Zionists have once again disrupted an educational and cultural event.

As for the vicious statements declared by the Zionists and their attack on the GUPS: it should be made clear that the GUPS is not and has never been the official youth organization of the PLO. It cooperates with the PLO in

matters of intellectual, academic and scholastic interests. GUPS was formed in Cairo many years ago to serve as an expressive body for Palestinian students. There is no political connection between the PLO and the GUPS whatsoever.

The PLO did not in any way direct the Iranians in the takeover of the United States Embassy in Tehran. It was against such action from the beginning. The PLO did send members of its militia to guard the American hostages from further violence and against bodily harm. The hostages themselves have testified to this fact. The PLO was the first international organization to intercede in helping to obtain the release of the American hostages. As a result of this mediation on the part of the PLO, the first group of hostages were released by the Iranians unharmed. The whole world recognized this feat immediately and expressed their gratitude. Above all let us not forget the concentrated efforts of that Arab country of Algeria which so intensely negotiated and finally obtained the release of all the American hostages in Iran without taking any credit or distinction what-so-ever, and without hardly receiving any acknowledgement for their ef-

forts.

The consequences of this conflict has brought about vicious Zionist-inspired attacks on the Palestinian students through the use of the campus press. It is deplorable to read that any responsible journalist can be so treacherous as to publicly slander the Palestinian students. The closing statement of the editorial staff that appeared in *The Daily Cougar* of Feb. 19, under the headline, "An Open Letter" is a concrete example of irresponsible journalism. The remarks by *The Cougar* staff referring to "lies and hateful literature" of the Palestinian students is a discriminating, racist remark. To say that the Palestinian students are destroying the understanding between the various and diverse cultural groups on campus is an utter misrepresentation of facts.

The editorial staff of *The Cougar* showed lack of judgement and professionalism when they printed such biased and mendacious remarks.

The Palestinian students call for and demand a public apology from the staff of *The Cougar* for their slanderous words that have besmirched the dignity and honor of all Arab students at the University of Houston.

United Features Syndicate

ISO seeks to bring cultural awareness

We, the members of the International Festival Committee of the International Student Organization, would like to clarify what occurred during the International Festival Exhibition.

The International Student Organization endeavors to promote better understanding and appreciation for the variety and uniqueness of different cultures through educational and cultural exchange. One way of achieving this goal is to give the recognized campus organizations a chance to present themselves through our programs. However, each separate organization falling under the International Student Organization is an independent, self-functioning and self-supporting organization, some of which choose not to participate in our programs.

The International Student Organization is composed of all UH students that show interest in the welfare of the International Student Organization. Nobody is denied a chance to become an active member of the International Student Organization.

The most important fact that we as the International Festival Committee want to present is the international representation in the International Student Organization. It is a fact that the largest number of any one culture represented is from the United States of America. The largest number of members from any area or continent are from America. These members come

from the top of Canada to the tip of Argentina.

During the International Exhibition some of the recognized campus organizations such as the Korean Students Association, India Students Association, Chinese Student Association, General Union of Palestinian Students, Organization Estudiantil Mexicana, Venezuelan Students Organization, Organization of Arab Students, Pakistan Students Association and the Turkish Students Association choose to participate. Moreover, other groups such as the Caribbean Region, Philippines and Lebanon were represented by interested groups. Abiding by the rules and regulations of the Festival, the International Festival Committee granted a booth to UNICEF.

By allowing a certain group to participate in the Festival does not in any way mean that the Festival Committee recognizes the group as a country, especially seeing as how this is not our duty, but it does mean that we recognize them as a recognized campus organization.

The International Student Organization welcomes all students to our Festival and other programs. We have always done our best to provide the UH community with a wide variety of cultural exchange. We have always encouraged suggestions and constructive criticism; please judge for yourself.



New guidelines for future festivals proposed

To the Editor:

In regard to any future festivals that the International Student Organization sponsors— We the undersigned would request that the following be observed in the name of Peace.

1. That the I.S.O. inform each participant of the organization rules.
2. That these rules be clarified and spelled out at any place that could be misinterpreted.
3. That the festival be monitored by the I.S.O. to assure that the rules are obeyed by all.

It is our hope that the International Student Organization will be one of the campus organizations that promote harmony rather than polarity on the campus.

Lawrence F. Herbert
Barbara Johnson
Christian Science
Bert Ettling
Episcopal Chaplain
Methodist Campus Minister

Ballard Pritchett
Lutheran Campus Pastor

Editor's note: The above letter was also signed by 10 students. "We don't want to interfere with student organizations," said Mr. Herbert. "We do want to make a plea for peace and goodwill rather than polarity."

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SCHMOODY

by Richie Warwick



Humane Society opens drive to stop baby seal slaughter

By ROSANNA ARIFFIN
News Reporter

Beginning in March, about one hundred and eighty thousand baby harp seals are killed on the coast of Newfoundland and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence each year for their pelts, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

To bring more attention to the fate baby harp seals face every spring, humane societies nationwide under the direction of The Humane Society of the United States, will honor the birth of the young seals on March 1,

"International Day of the Seal," in Washington D.C. said Sue Pressman, director of Wild Life Protection with HSUS.

They will be joined by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in England and The Canadian Federation of Human Societies, which will hold their own celebrations.

Canadian and Norwegian sealers usually kill the seal pups before they are a month old so the seals pure white coats won't have a chance to molt and turn gray.

The pup's skulls are smashed in with a long wooden club or "hackapick" to subdue them and

then their throats are slit. Their pelts are then peeled off and their bodies left on the ice.

Harp seal fur is used to make fur collars and cuffs, keychains and toys. In Norway, harp seal flippers are considered a delicacy.

On "International Day of the Seal" citizens will be encouraged to support the Marine Mammal Protection Act which is up for renewal, Pressman said. The act bans the importation of harp seal skins into the United States.

There is also a resolution in Congress, introduced by congressmen James Jeffords, R-Vt. and Don Bonker, D-Wash., proclaiming March 1 "National Day of the Seal."

It is still too early to say that these seals are an endangered species, because data compiled on them are not complete, but there is definitely a strain being put on the seal population with the harvesting that is taking place, Pressman said.

"The purpose of Seal Sunday will be to show Canada and Norway, who are the main harvestors of baby harp seals, that close attention is being paid to their actions," Pressman said.

The HSUS is not defending these baby seals just because they are "cute," but because they are being harvested for "unscientific and frivolous, not to mention cruel purposes," Pressman said.

However, the Canadians and Norwegians are not the only ones who harvest seals for their pelts. The United States, Japan and Russia harvest Pribilof seals off the coast of Alaska and also on the Commander and Robbins Islands, which belong to the Soviet Union. Harvesting of the Pribilof seals takes place in July, and about twenty-six thousand of them are harvested annually, according to the HSUS.

With the Marine Mammals Protection Act up for renewal, Pressman says that she and the HSUS staff are very concerned and hope that when it is renewed, it will not be weakened in any way.

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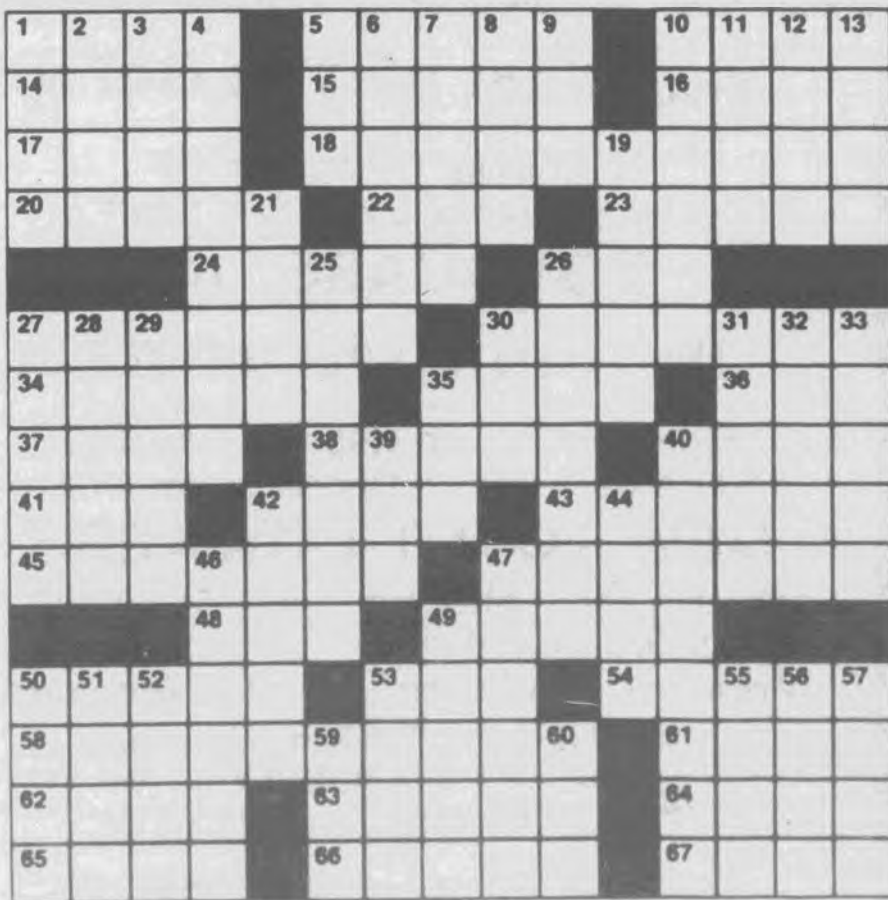
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Lawsuit reduces checks

AUSTIN (AP)—A settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Houston Welfare Rights Organization will mean a reduction of up to \$17 per month in some Texans' welfare checks.

The Board of Human Resources on Thursday approved the settlement, which will reduce welfare benefits of 20,000 to 50,000 families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The suit was filed in 1973 by the Houston group. It challenged the Department of Human Resources' method of determining eligibility for AFDC.

In the agreement, the board said it would stop using a "standard of need" system that pro-rated utility and living allowances for determining

eligibility.

Changing the "standard of need" measurement of eligibility for welfare will enable more people to get AFDC, thus reducing the amount of money for each family on the rolls.

About 500 individuals will be added to the welfare rolls as a result of the agreement. However, up to 50,000 families will face reduced benefits, according to DHR figures.

There are 103,000 families on the AFDC program in Texas. Depending on number of family members, they could lose \$1 to \$17 per month.

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Rob Williams and the Coogs take their aerial act to College Station this weekend for a televised game with Texas A&M. UH got a bye for the first round of the SWC tournament and will face its first post-season opponent on Mar. 6. (Photo by Wesley W. Busch)

Coogs visit Aggies, get bye in tourney

By TIM McKIAN
Sports Editor

College Station will be the site of UH's final basketball game of the year when they tangle with the Aggies in a 2:00 p.m., NBC-TV televised contest. Whatever the outcome of that game, Houston will take a bye into the semifinal round of play for next weekend's South West Conference tournament in San Antonio.

Texas A&M is 14-11 this season. After overcoming a long slump, the Corpsmen seem to be playing as well as anyone in the conference. UH won the first contest between the two in a 76-71 Hofheinz Pavilion thriller. Houston holds a 28-19 edge over the Aggies but the Cougars are only 5-14 when playing in College Station. UH has not posted a win on A&M's home court since Jan. 12, 1978.

Should Houston beat Texas A&M, it would give them a 20-7 overall record, 11-5 in SWC play and put the Coogs in sole possession of second place. A&M will be out to win, however, and try to take some momentum into the first round of the tournament.

UH looks to get strong help from Larry Micheaux, who has been playing well lately. The 6-foot-10 sophomore has gone three consecutive halves without missing a shot. His season field goal percentage is a sizzling 60.6, the second highest in UH history.

Rob Williams, the all-everything guard, needs but seven points to pass graduate assistant, George Walker, for 15th on the all-time Houston scoring list. The 6-foot-2 sophomore has been the SWC Player of the Week twice and only Otis Birdsong, Dwight Davis, Ollie Taylor, and the legendary Elvin Hayes have scored more points in a single UH season.

The Coogs have had a good season. Although picked to finish no higher than 6th in the conference, UH put together their best season since 1978 when they posted a 25-8 record and also won the post season classic. This year marks the first time the Cougars have earned a bye into the first round of the SWC event. Houston will play the second game on March 6 in San Antonio's Hemisfair Arena at 9 p.m. or 30 minutes following the first game.

This year has also been good at the gate. Houston has average 5,515 fans per game, the highest since 1976-1977 and have averaged 7,077 per SWC contest. UH finished its home record 15-1 and now owns a 160-21 won-loss mark in the 12 years they have played in the red room. The Coogs ended this season 7-1 against SWC foes, the only loss a 70-68 defeat to Baylor.

The athletic department announced no ticket books are available for the March 5-7 San Antonio Classic.

Rollin' Cougars meet UT 'Rollers Saturday

Houston's "Rollin' Cougars" wheelchair basketball team travels to Austin this weekend to take on the UT Highrollers in a Saturday afternoon game. UH recently won first place in a New Orleans, Louisiana tournament.

Last weekend, the Coogs fought to the Louisiana tournament win by squeaking past New Orleans, 29-28, downing Baton Rouge, 26-14, and out-defensing a taller

Jackson team, 30-22.

Behind a fast paced offensive showing, Houston won the finals with a rematch victory over New Orleans, 29-25. Will Clark poured in 24 points while team mate Don Rodgers put in 17 points.

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Ang Peng Siong

'Fastest Asian swimmer' makes name for self

Ang Peng Siong (Ang-Pang-See-ong), or Siong Ang as his American friends insist on calling him, has had several things to adjust to other than the different type of swimming competition in the states. One of the little things has been his name.

"It was confusing; people would ask me what my name was and I would tell them Ang Peng Siong," he said. "They would say,

'which one is your first name,' and I'd say, 'I don't know!'"

The eighteen year old knows his first name now and he also knows the meaning of serious competition in the U.S. collegiate swimming, especially in the Southwest Conference.

The 5-foot-10½ inch Siong was not complaining. There have been times when he has been homesick but coach Phill Hansel encourages

At an Asian Invitational in May of 1979, Siong was given the title of "Fastest Asian Swimmer" in the 100-meter freestyle. His time of 53.78 beat the existing mark of 54.01 set by a Japanese swimmer.

Hansel is pleased with Siong's performance and pointed out the many things he has had to adjust to; the program, the language, the culture.

"Siong went to the doctor the other day and the doctor told him he wanted to do a biopsy on something that was bothering him," Hansel said. "He came back to the office and told me that the doctor wanted to do an autopsy."

There may be confusion with Siong's language but there is no question about his ability in the water.

Lewis to defend his world mark in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—UH's Carl Lewis, the world record holder in the indoor long jump, will test his abilities this weekend in the 93rd USA-Mobil Track and Field Championship at Madison Square Garden.

Lewis, who established the new world mark of 27 feet-10¼ inches in the long jump last Friday night, will clash with former record holder Larry Myricks, the two-time defending champion.

Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, the indoor mile record holder, and Steve Scott, America's best miler, will go their separate ways for a change Friday night in the 93rd USA-MOBIL Track and Field Championships.

Coghlan, who clipped two seconds off his world indoor best in the mile last Friday night with a time of 3 minutes, 50.6 seconds at San Diego and beat Scott for the fourth consecutive time this season, will attempt to eclipse Emiel Puttemans' three-mile mark of 12:54.6.

Scott, who had beaten Coghlan in their first three 1981 meetings and was second at San Diego in 3:51.8, an American record, again will go in the mile.

Coghlan will defend his three-mile title against Britain's Nick Rose and Tony Staynings,

Kenya's Solomon Chebor, two-time American Olympian Matt Centrowitz, former indoor mile record holder Dick Buerkle and Bruce Bickford, the American indoor three-mile record holder of 13:06.7.

In the mile, Scott, the 1979 champion, will face Kenya's Wilson Waiga, a winner over Coghlan in 3:58.2 at Edmonton, Alberta, last Saturday night; Ireland's Ray Flynn; defending Champion Craig Masback; Ross Donoghue, and Richie Harris.

Other record holders entered for the indoor championships include Renaldo Nehemiah, Stanley Floyd, France's Thierry Vigneron and Alice Brown.

Nehemiah, holder of the world indoor best of 5.89 seconds for the 60-yard high hurdles, will be opposed by Greg Foster, 1972 Olympic champion Rod Milburn, NCAA champion Rodney Wilson, Dedy Cooper and Cuba's Alejandro Casanas, the Olympic silver medalist.

Floyd, the world's top-ranked 100-meter sprinter who has lowered the 60-yard dash record to 6.04 this year, will meet former record holder Houston McTear, Steve Williams, Harvey Glance and Steve Riddick.

Vigneron, who equaled his indoor pole vault record of 18-8½ last Sunday, will face fellow Frenchman Philippe Houvion, the former outdoor record holder; Tom Hintnaus, America's leading vaulter in 1980; former record

holders Steve Smith, Dan Ripley and Earl Bell, and Indiana University freshman Dave Volz, the only American to clear 18-0 this year.

Brown, whose 6.62 clocking at

Dallas last month was a world indoor best for the women's 60-yard dash, will take on Evelyn Ashford, the world's top-ranked sprinter in 1979, Brenda Morehead and Chandra Cheeseborough.

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Last year's 'holdout' criticizes owners' deal

(AP)—Jerry Terrell of the Kansas City Royals, the "1" when major league baseball players voted 971-1 a year ago to authorize a strike, said he believes it'll take a miracle for the compensation quandry to be worked out without a strike this year.

Terrell, a utility infielder and the Royals' player representative, was the lone dissenter - for religious reasons - he's a Seventh Day Adventist - when the players' union and club owners girded for a strike in 1980. It was narrowly averted when both sides agreed to table and study the compensation clause and sign a contract minus the provision.

"They literally Xeroxed a copy of their original negotiating plan and said, 'This is what we're going to do, and that's it.' Is that real fun?" Terrell said of the owners.

The owners offered their proposal a year ago and implemented it last week. It says that if a team loses a "ranking" player to free agency, it would receive in return a player from the roster of the team signing the free agent.

The signing team would be permitted to protect 15 players. Currently, a team losing a player to free agency receives a draft choice from the signing team.

The players' union representatives voted Wednesday to authorize a May 29 strike if no settlement is reached.

"We're willing to compromise if there is a financial need because

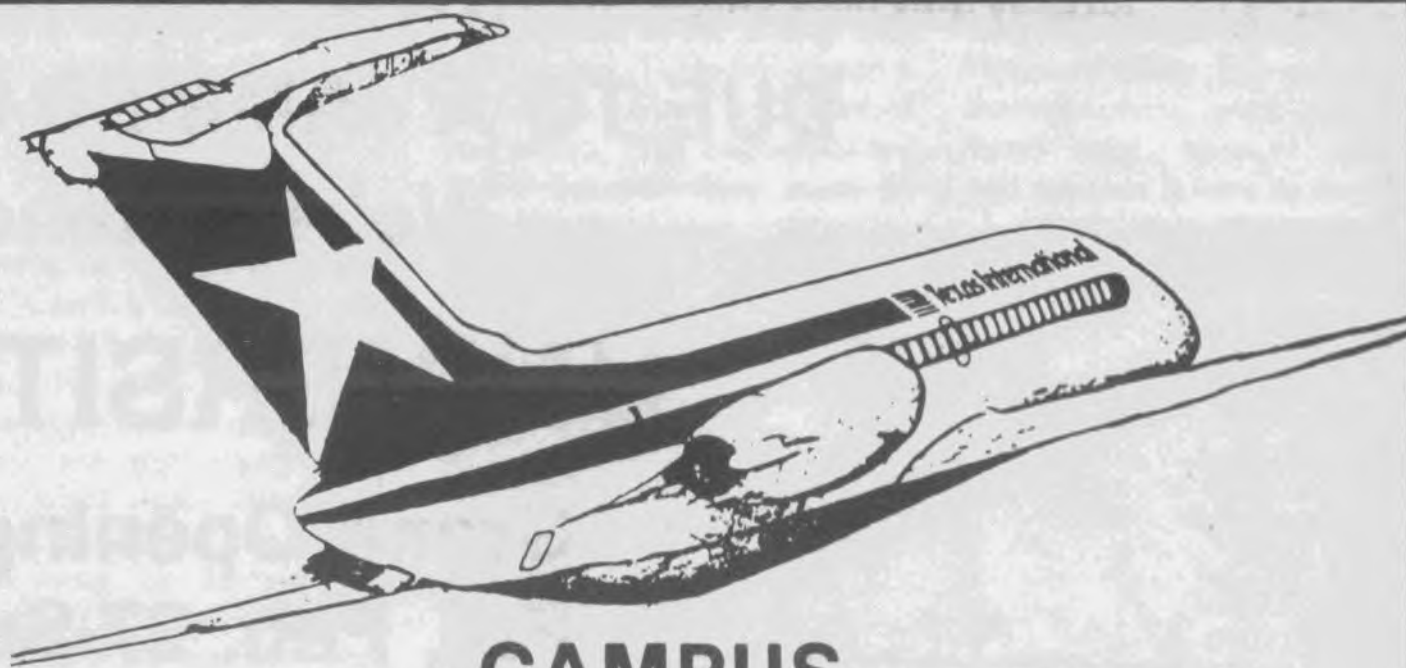
we as players do not want to hurt baseball," said Terrell. "We do not want to hurt the fans. If there is no financial necessity and baseball is healthy, then that must mean the way that free agency is healthy to baseball. We can always hope for a miracle - but because there's only one topic compensation there's not much room for compromise," Terrell said.

That compromise could be effected if the owners are able to show a real need for a change in the system. The players doubt they can, but they're willing to listen.

"We want to see some definite figures," said Doug DeCinces, player rep for the Baltimore Orioles. "If the game of baseball is going in the wrong direction, then show us. We want them to open up their books and show us their problem. But with this ridiculous proposal there's no way we can handle that."

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has said that the free-agent system without compensation but with owners - like George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees and Ted Turner of the Atlanta Braves - tossing around million-dollar contract offers is detrimental to baseball.

To that, Tommy John, ace of the Yankee's staff, replied: "If what Bowie Kuhn said about free agency is true, that it's killing baseball, then they can show us where we're wrong."



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Poll shows general support for Reaganomics

By EVANS WITT
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—A new Associated Press-NBC News poll says Americans overwhelmingly support most of President Reagan's economic proposals, even though they say his planned spending cuts will hurt the poor and help the wealthy.

But the public is not particularly optimistic the President's "economic renewal plan" will actually tame inflation or get the nation's economy back on track. Only 33 percent of those polled said it was very likely that the plan would get the economy going again.

Four out of five Americans had heard or read about Reagan's economic proposals unveiled Feb. 18 in a appearance before a joint session of Congress, according to the poll conducted Monday and Tuesday.

Two major elements of Reagan's plan — a \$41 billion cut in federal spending and a 10 percent cut in income tax rates for each of three years — got overwhelming backing.

Sixty-one percent of those who knew of Reagan's proposals supported the spending cuts, while 13 percent opposed them. Another 13 percent said they supported some of the cuts and opposed others. Thirteen percent also didn't know enough to have an opinion in telephone interviews with 1,597 adults across the country.

As with every sample survey, the result of the AP-NBC News poll can vary from the opinions of all Americans because of chance variations in the sample.

For a poll based on about 1,600 interviews, the error margin due to such variations is three percentage points either way. That is, if one could have talked to all Americans in the country with telephones this week, there is only one chance in 20 that the results of such a survey would vary from the results of polls such as this by more than 3 percentage points.

For results based just on the 1,283 adults who had heard or read about Reagan's speech last week on his economic proposals, the error margin is 4 percentage points.

Of course, the results of this poll can vary from the results of other polls for other reasons. Differences in the exact wording of questions, different methods of interviews and different timing of the interviews can cause variations.

Some 71 percent supported the tax-cut plan, with 15 percent opposed. Fourteen percent of those who had heard of the plan had no opinion.

On other parts of Reagan's proposal, the public backed cutting government regulation by 54-13; supported giving business a bigger tax break for machinery and buildings by 62-20; and favored a "tight money" policy by a 39-23 edge.

Reaction to the president's plan broke down along party and ideological lines. Republican and conservatives expressed the heartiest approval, while Democrats and liberals were the least supportive. The opinions of moderates and independents were, as one might expect, between the other groups.

Reagan has made a point of

stressing that his economic proposals are even-handed, that they do not unfairly hurt any group, especially poor people.

But 54 percent of those who had heard of the program said proposed spending cuts favor some groups over others, while only 35 percent said the plans are even-handed. The rest were not sure.

By a 45-20 margin, those who knew of Reagan's spending cuts said the poor would be hurt rather

than helped. Twenty-eight percent said it would make no difference to the poor and 7 percent were not sure.

In contrast, 54 percent said upper-income individuals would benefit from Reagan's proposed spending cuts, while only 5 percent said the wealthy would be hurt. Thirty-six percent said there would be no effect on the wealthy. The remainder were not sure.

Americans weren't sure what would happen to middle-income

people. Thirty-four percent said the spending cuts would help the group; 32 percent said the group would be hurt.

The public's view of Reagan's plan reveals contradictory currents. The public approves of his proposals, but think the poor will be hurt. And the public as a whole is opposed to cutting benefits for poor Americans, whatever the nation's economic situation, by 56-34.

House Dems fear inflation jump

WASHINGTON

(AP)—Democrats on the sharply divided congressional Joint Economic Committee concluded Thursday that President Reagan's proposed across-the-board tax cut would worsen inflation, and recommended instead a new credit to offset higher Social Security taxes.

Committee Republicans warmly endorsed the Reagan program and called for immediate action by the Federal Reserve Board to tighten further the money supply, even though that likely would keep interest rates high for the time being.

The annual report was in stark contrast to those issued unanimously by the panel in 1970 and 1980, which centered on the need for tax and regulatory policies aimed at strengthening the economy by improving incentives for saving and investment. Those ideas now are at the heart of the Reagan proposal.

The committee was unable to issue a joint report this time. Instead, the 10 Republicans issued their report and the 10 Democrats,

theirs.

The Democrats' proposals were the party's first formal alternative to the Reagan program.

Sen. Roger Jepsen, R-Iowa, the vice chairman, accused democrats of returning to discredited policies of easy money, government tinkering and redistribution of income from one class to another. "Stagflation has been the inevitable result of these policies in the past," Jepsen wrote. "We cannot endorse them now."

The chairman, Rep. Henry Reuss, D-Wis., criticized Reagan's call for a much-reduced growth of the money supply and for making a commitment now for tax cuts in future years. But, he added, "These are not irreconcilable differences..."

Members of both parties endorsed in principle Reagan's plan to reduce the growth of government spending. They agreed on the need for cutting business taxes by allowing a faster write-off for purchases of plants and equipment. And both sides said the economy would suffer if spending for the nation's "infrastructure"

— bridges, highways and the like — is cut drastically.

Their basic disagreements were over individual tax cuts and over how severely the Federal Reserve should pinch the money supply.

On individual taxes, the Republicans said Reagan's plan to cut tax rates by an average of 10 percent a year for three years reducing taxes by an average 27 percent would "increase real economic growth without increasing inflation."

The Democrats called for a substitute to offset this year's \$16.3 billion increase in Social Security taxes.

That would allow each Social Security taxpayer to subtract from income taxes this year about 8 percent of Social Security taxes paid. A similar break would be provided for the employer share of Social Security taxes.

The Democrats offered no details of their tax proposal, which, for most workers, would mean less tax relief than under the Reagan plan.

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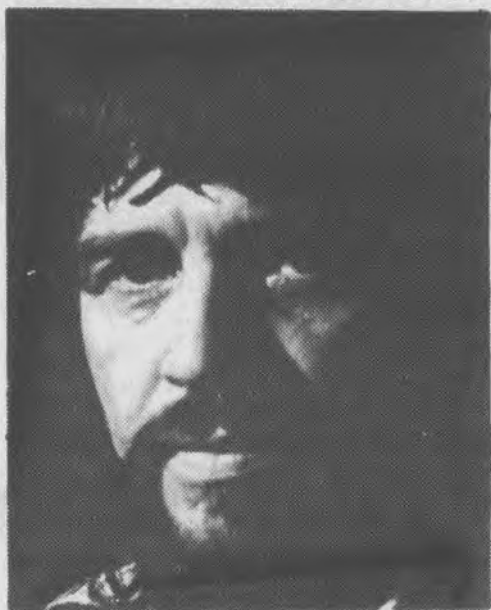
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CHERI TURNER Montage Writer

The young, newly appointed program director with the fresh, exciting and progressive ideas sits heavily into his chair and with a yawn proceeds to explain his hectic new schedule. His name is Rick Candea, more widely known as Captain Jack of the old KILT FM 100 rock and roll station. Now he is Rick Candea, program director of the new KILT Continuous Country. Appointed only two weeks ago, Candea has had to undertake the incredible responsibility of creating a whole new format and putting it to work. The main objective of the new format is to highlight the music and respect the artist by not talking over the records. Another course of action that has been taken is the increase of music time and the decrease of advertising spots. The KILT disc jockey plays a set of titles (That is three songs in succession) without any commercial interruptions during that set.

When asked if he thinks that KILT will give KIKK, the number one country and western station in Houston, a run for its money, Candea replied, "Our radio station is very competitive, we are real good, and we'll just have to bone up and find out how good we do. We are offering a brand

new format and we are playing music that is considered country (Larry Gatlin, Willie Nelson, Hank Williams) and I feel that it is the new mainstream music.



Waylon Jennings

KIKK is a very good radio station and now they've got some pretty good competition."

At five o'clock, Friday evening, on Feb. 19, KILT spun its last rock and roll title and at 5:03 began its new personality as a country and western station. The suddenness of the change was for impact. As to the question 'Why the change in format and why country and western?' Candea explained, "Over the past four years the ratings have shown that KILT was getting a three share (a five, six, seven, or eight share is good) of the radio listening audience. We were doing minor changes throughout the past

KILT goes continuous country; axes all rock and roll music

four years and it still didn't work."

The idea for the country and western format was not at all a new one. KILT had been contemplating a change to country and western for the past two years. Now, out of necessity, the change has been made.

"The evolution of music in the past two years is not only from 'Urban Cowboy' but just because Houston, Texas is big stuff now," he said, "country and western is no longer cry in your beer music. It is basic. And with over 1000 people moving into Houston every day, many will expect some kind of a Texas feel. And they've got that on KILT now."

Referring to the promotional gimmicks of other radio stations, Candea states, "In the '60s and '70s the radio stations abused the radio listening audience with giveaways and such but we are not giving away things, we're clean. Instead we want to provide the music to go to the rodeo by, to buy your boots by. That's the whole feel of what a radio station should be. It is not to demand a lifestyle but to be there with what they want. If they want \$100 when

they come to Houston, they are going to have to go out and work for it just like everyone else."

There is only one other FM country and western station besides KILT, and that is KIKK. "People felt there weren't enough radio stations doing country and western," Candea commented. "All the other people in the radio industry saw the FM numbers (ratings) and said 'Hey, the FM might as well go country since they are doing so bad in rock and roll.'"

Response to the change has been varied. There have been a lot of good letters and a lot of bad letters. "The bad letters are funny because they seem to

scream 'What did you do!'. But once they realize what we did and why we did it, they say 'OK, I guess I'll have to go elsewhere if I want to hear AC DC.'"

It is obvious that KILT feels that the recent format change will prove to be very successful. All of the personnel are staying and all are full of excitement and electricity because of the momentous change in the KILT format. Does this change indicate a turning point in the listening needs of the people of Houston? Only time will tell. In the meantime, rock and roll, stand back, because country and western is here to stay!



Dolly Parton

Cotton Club of Harlem recreated in Houston

It's 1930. Night has fallen and the city is lit up like Christmas. Down in Harlem in a place called the Cotton Club, jazz musicians and jazz lovers alike are singing and swingin' and finger poppin' 'til dawn. Women dressed in padded shoulders, high heels, red lipstick and pompadour hairdos. Booze is flowing like the sounds that come from the saxophones, trumpets, trombones and pianos from within the place. It was near the end of the era of the Harlem Renaissance.

The UH Black Student Union is sponsoring a Cotton Club Gala along with Program Council that promises to be anything but dull. It is the final event that will close out Black History Month.

Terry Marsaw is the chair of the Cotton Club Committee and is public relations chair of BSU. "I saw a recreation of the Cotton Club called the Cotton Club Gala when I was in Europe," Marsaw said.

The event will feature everything from a 1930's motif. There will be a casino, cocktails, piano bar, and entertainment such as stand-up comic, dancing girls and a jazz band.

The club will open at 8 p.m., but at 10 p.m. the Prairie View A&M Drama Troupe will perform under the direction of C. Lee Turner, and choreographed by J.J. Cole of New York.

The Cotton Club will be in the Houston Room, UC. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.



Charlie Pride

Since KILT has gone continuous country, entertainers like Dolly Parton, Waylon Jennings and Charlie Pride will sing their songs on this station with no interruptions from rock 'n' roll. KILT is planning nothing short of success for their new format. The big change was made on Friday, Feb. 20, 1981 at 5 p.m.

cinema...

The Dogs of War—starring Christopher Walkin. Playing at: Windsor Twin, Shamrock.

Kagemusha—directed by Akira Kurosawa. Adventures of a Japanese warrior. Playing at: Greenway.

Tribute—starring Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick and Robbie Benson. A father, mother and son rediscover each other. Playing at: Galleria I & II, Westwood.

Altered States—directed by Ken Russell, written by Paddy Chayefsky; starring William Hurt as a doctor in search of ultimate truths. Blair Brown plays as the wife who makes him realize that love conquers all things. Playing at: Galleria I & II, Meyerland.

Fort Apache, The Bronx—Paul Newman and Ed Asner portray cops who deal with the Bronx and its problems from day to day. Playing at: Loews Saks, Shamrock.

Full Moon High—new high school version of teenage werewolf tales. Playing at: Shamrock, Alameda West.

Tess—directed by Roman Polanski. Starring Nastassia Kinski, Peter Firth and Leigh Lawson. Based on Thomas Hardy's novel "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," a young girl's beauty gets her into romantic entanglements. Playing at: Meyerland.

The Competition—starring Richard Dreyfuss and Amy Irving. Two people fall in love and are both involved in a major piano competition. Playing at:

Galleria III & IV, Greenspoint.

La Cage Aux Folles—the son of two homosexuals falls in love with a French diplomat's daughter. Playing at: Greenway.

The Elephant Man—starring John Hurt and Anthony Hopkins. Victorian period film about a deformed man being treated human again after being a circus freak. Playing at: Woodlake, Southway.

Ordinary People—directed by Robert Redford; starring Mary Tyler-Moore, Donald Sutherland and Timothy Hutton. Family deals with jealousy and resentment. Playing at: Shamrock, Festival.

Raging Bull—starring Robert De Niro as a boxer on the way



Lily Tomlin keeps shrinking

down the ladder. Playing at: Westchase, Festival.

Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen—starring Peter Ustinov and Angie Dickinson. Typical Charlie Chan. Playing at: Gulfgate,

Greenspoint.

Nine to Five—starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and Dolly Parton. Life in a secretary pool. Playing at: Loews Saks, Woodlake.

The Devil and Max Devlin—starring Elliot Gould and Bill Cosby. Disney film about a man who goes to hell. Playing at: Gaylynn, Memorial.

Incredible Shrinking Woman—starring Lily Tomlin as a suburban housewife who begins to shrink. Playing at: Alabama, Gaylynn.

Windwalker—starring Trevor Howard. Adventure of an old

Indian left for dead, who comes back to help his family and his people. Playing at: Town and Country, Eastway.

The Jazz Singer—starring Laurence Olivier, Neil Diamond and Luci Arnaz. Jewish son gives up everything to have a career as a singer. Playing at: Galleria III & IV, Gaylynn.

Stir Crazy—starring Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder as they team up to drive you insane. Playing at: Westwood, Gulfgate.

Fantasia—Walt Disney animated film. Playing at: Windsor Twin.



Brown and Hurt in 'Altered States'

KUHF to air 'Star Wars' series Mar. 2

Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker and Anthony Daniels as See Threepio will be featured in the 13-week radio adaptation of "Star Wars," the biggest box office success in movie history. The series will be presented on public radio (KUHF 88 FM) via satellite and stereo, beginning Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The original music composed by John Williams and the sound effects developed for the original film will also be available. Along with the two original motion picture cast members, other major roles are being played by Bernard Behrens (Ben Kenobi), John Considine (Tion), Keen Curtis (Grand Moff Tarkin), Stephen Elliott (Prestor), Perry King (Han Solo), Brock Peters (Darth

Vader), and Ann Sachs (Princess Leia Organa).

The series is a production of National Public Radio in association with KUSC-FM in Los Angeles and with the cooperation of Lucasfilm, Ltd.

"A Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy," a 12-part radio series premieres Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. The story is a comedy that satirizes contemporary social values and the science fiction genre. The series was originally aired in England and became BBC's most popular radio drama every broadcasted.

"Stars and Stuff," a series of elaborately produced science fiction and fantasy stories with a touch of humor will be presented by KUHF, beginning Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.



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Opera gives good performance

Francesco Cilea's "Adriana Lecouvreur" was one of the last operas written in the "verismo" style. This style originally tried to strip opera of its bad habits and excesses to replace them with a realistic ("veristic") tone and characters who acted and reacted much like real people.

The reform, unfortunately, not only brought bad habits of its own but was soon guilty of even more excesses than it tried to purge. The life-like characters soon became overblown and melodramatic (in the worse sense of the style) and the situations, complete nonsense.

"Adriana" is a prime example of the late verismo style with its completely impossible plot that makes even less sense than the lowest budget soap. One reason "Adriana" does not lie forgotten in some dusty archive is that it has some of the most sensuous, beautiful music in opera. Nothing you leave the theatre humming but, rather, in the impressionistic tradition where

beautiful melodies weave a spell for the senses.

But the real appeal of "Adriana" lies in the fact that it is a prime role for the prima donna, calling for both vocal and acting abilities. Our Adriana is Renata Scotto who certainly has both. The voice is showing a bit of wear at the top but is still beautiful and expressive. Her acting talents have been long recognized and can be readily seen as she breathes life into Adriana, showing strengths as well as frailties but, most of all, a real woman with real emotions.

Her rival, the Princess, was superbly performed by Mariana Paunova whose acting ability matched Scotto's and was especially effective in the confrontation scene of Act 3. Her voice is an incredibly smooth, rich mezzo that was evenly produced from top to bottom and exciting to hear.

The lover, Maurizio, was sung very well by Neil Shicoff whose clarion, silver tones re-

mind listeners of the young Mario del Monaco (without del Monaco's shouting or bad habits). Each year Shicoff's voice gains more weight and the acting becomes more assured, making him one of the best lyric-dramatic tenors today. It is just a shame recording companies haven't discovered him yet. Here is a brilliant, thrilling voice that deserves attention.

The stage manager, Michonnet, can be a rather nondescript character. Except, that is, when the role is sung by Giorgio Tozzi whose magnificent basso commands undiminished attention and whose artistry is always complete. Few other artists take the time to delve so fully into a character and present so complete a picture. You could sense his unspoken rapport with Adriana, feel the bond of trust and support. It is easy to see that Mr. Tozzi is one of the last "Golden Age" artists.

The final positive aspect is the sensitive conducting of Maestro Angelo Campori whose tempi

were well-judged to fully support the lyrical elements yet underline the tempest and passion when necessary. BRAV, TUTTI!

With the superlative singing and conducting this should have been another "hit" for the HGO. But it was not.

The example is each act beginning with raising the curtain on the stage occupied by frozen characters. The end of the act

had them stiffening as the curtain went down. There are other examples but this is the least painful to remember as well as space not permitting.

"Adriana" finishes Friday, February 27 at 8 pm and can be highly recommended for excellent singing and gorgeous music but try to avoid watching the stage. It only detracts from the opera.

BILL RUSSELL

Native Texan Chris Cross wins 5 awards

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Christopher Cross, a 29-year-old soft rock singer who won a record-breaking five Grammy Awards this year, first made a hit playing fraternity parties here.

Cross, whose real name is Christopher Geppert, grew up in San Antonio and moved to Austin in the early 1970s. Although he started writing his own material 10 years ago, he played in "Copy bands" that imitate hit singers to make a living.

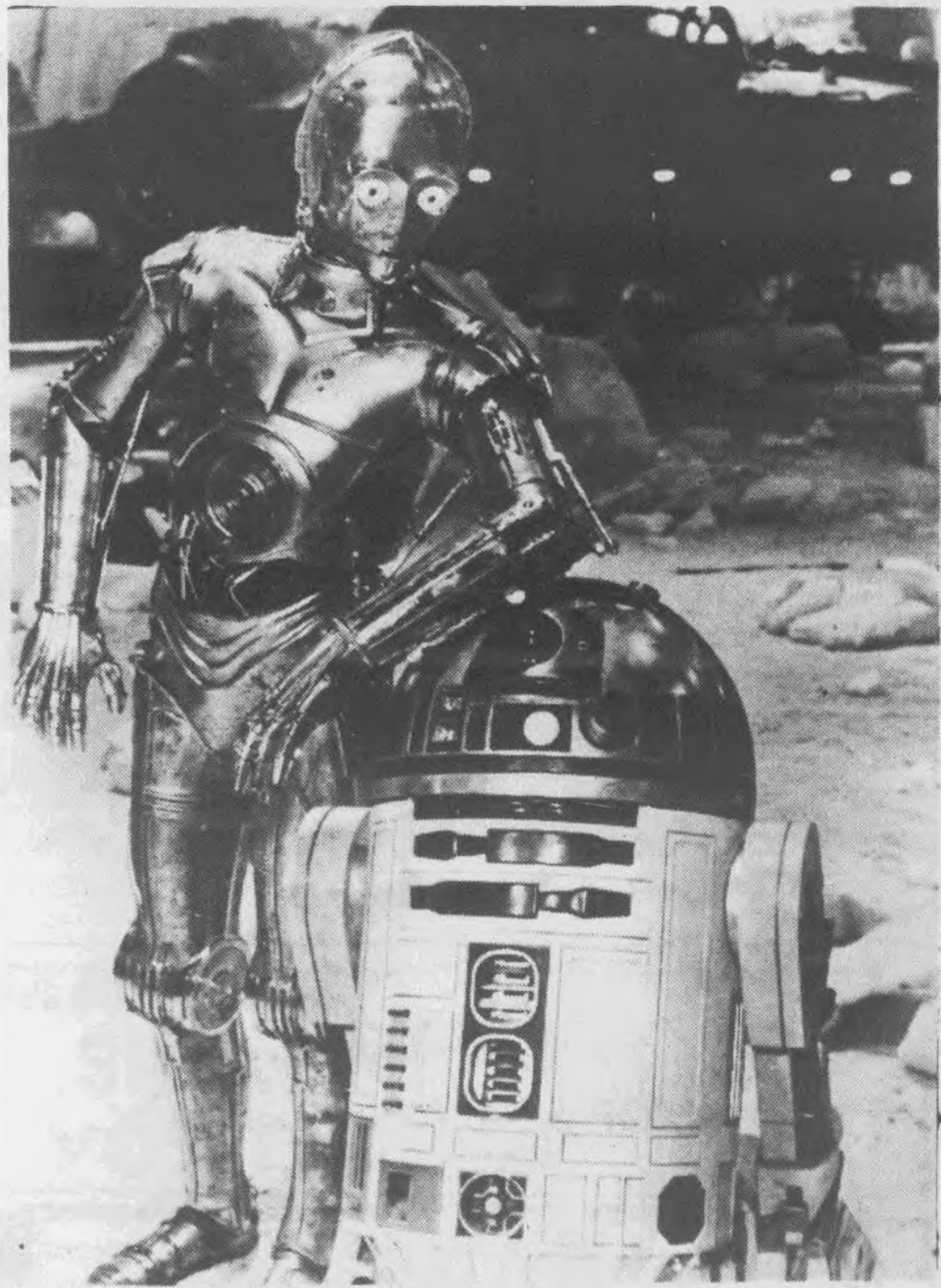
"It's hard in the record business to get exposed to the right people," Cross said when asked why recognition was so long in coming. "It took us a long time to get signed, too, because we didn't pursue it 24 hours a day."

He recorded his first album, "Christopher Cross," last year. On Wednesday, he scored the biggest sweep by a new artist in the history of the Grammy Awards, picking up awards for best album, best single record, best song, best vocal arrangement and best new artist.

"He never had any idea," said Cross' mother, Ann Geppert. "Someone in the know told him that lots of people get a lot of nominations, but that doesn't mean they win anything."

Cross received eight nominations.

"I just couldn't believe it," Mrs. Geppert said. "I was so happy, when he won the first one, I was satisfied."



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flipside...

Romantics bring out Yankee reunion

Four years ago, I had the opportunity to see a fledgling Detroit band called the Romantics. In an effort to get their musical career off the ground, the four-man band played a gig at a University of Michigan dorm. I skipped the concert, however, since everyone in the area knew that the band was lousy and not even worth the \$1 admission price.

So what happened? Somewhere along the line, the Romantics got their act together and released a couple of good albums. True, the music isn't too innovative (most of the songs are built around the same three-chord patterns) but it's good rock 'n' roll. Cardi's hosted the Romantics last Sunday night, and this time I caught the show. And what an evening it was!

I was amazed to find that at least half of the audience was from Detroit or one of the numerous Motor City suburbs. There were Detroit T-shirts, Detroit signs, and numerous chants of "Detroit Rocks". Most of the Detroit crowd managed to locate a space near the stage to collectively drink and periodically yell. This rowdy mood survived a poor warm-up band, and reached a crest when the Romantics took the stage.

From the opening note of "National Breakout" to the final triumphant chord of "She's Got Everything", the band had the audience eating from the palms of their respective hands. Guitarist/vocalist Wally Palmar led the way through the frenzied set, and bassist Rich Cole and drummer Jimmy Marinos provided a fine backing rhythm section. Marinos also did a fine job with the vocals on "21 and

Over" and "What I Like About You", the successful single from last year. The band played most of the cuts on each of their two albums, and provided a surprise of its own by playing "The Beat Goes On" and "I Ain't Got

You" (songs that are usually associated with Sonny and Cher and Aerosmith, respectively) for encores.

The audience, Detroiters and non-Detroiters included, enjoyed every minute of the one

and one-half hour show. I was certainly glad that I had decided not to pass the Romantics up this time around. In fact, until I got outside and took a breath of warm air and remembered that the mercury was probably

reading below zero back north! I almost wished that I was back in Detroit, the city accurately labeled by Bob Seger as "the home of rock'n'roll"!

DAN LANDMAN



The Romantics

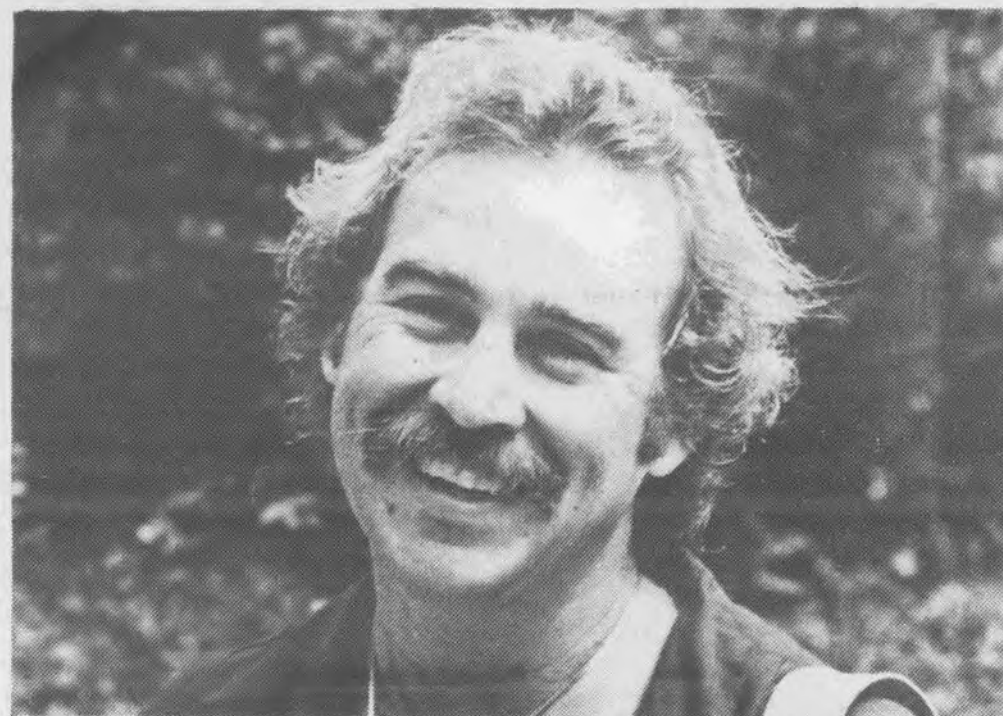
Jimmy Buffett slated for Summit March 8

Jimmy Buffett is slated to appear in concert at the Summit on Sunday, March 8. A popular singer and songwriter since the 1974 release of his first album, "Living and Dying in 3 4 Time," Buffett is among the most innovative of the country crossover artists, musically encompassing everything from steel guitars to steel drums. Buffett and his perennial backups, The Coral Reefer Band, are best known for songs such as "Margaritaville" and "Livingston Saturday Night," which extoll the virtues of a carefree, hedonistic existence in a troubled world. Lone Star natives will be pleased to know that Buffett, originally from Mobile, Ala.,

penned the song "Hello, Texas" for the film "Urban Cowboy."

Blessed with an abundance of both sensitivity and satirical humor, Jimmy Buffett has produced a series of love songs ("Miss You So Badly," "Come Monday") as well as several bar room standards, including the classic "Why Don't we Get Drunk and Screw." Although he has recently forsaken his home in Key West, Fla., for the snowy heights of Aspen, Colo., Buffett continues to be contemporary music's "poet laureate of the South Seas," as evidenced by the title of his recently released album, "Coconut Telegraph."

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today

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS will have a Po-boy sale from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the Tech. Bldg., AH, and Science & Research Bldg.

UH WARGAMING CLUB will have an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. in the UH Military Science Dept., Hofheinz Pavillion. Open to all wargamers interested in forming a Wargaming Club.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will sponsor S.P.I.C.E. from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union. Open to all.

PC COFFEEHOUSE COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Friday at 3 p.m. in the Congressional Rm., UC. Open to all students.

PI SIGMA EPSILON will sponsor the 5th Annual Casino Party at 7 p.m. in the Astro Village Hotel. Tickets \$6 for singles, \$10 for couples. Tickets available at PI Sigma Epsilon office (Rm. 104L, Bus. Tech.) or at the door. Call 749-4277.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORG. will have their weekly meeting at 2 p.m. in Rm. 105, A.D. Bruce Religion Center. Open to all.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON will sponsor a rush party from 8 p.m. till 2 a.m. at the TKE House, 8339 Park Place, 641-0937. Open to all interested students.

BAHA'I CLUB will have their regular meeting every Friday at 2 p.m. in the Castellani Rm., UC. Open to all.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN ASSOCIATION will sponsor Friday Soup Kitchen from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Catholic Newman Center. Menu will be enchilada casserole, chalupas, and chili con queso for \$1.

UNITED METHODIST CAMPUS MINISTRY will have a worship service from

12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel, A.D. Bruce Religion Center. Open to all.

GAY RESOURCE SERVICES will have a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Tejas Rm., UC. Open to public.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will sponsor an Un-Lock-In from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the West University Baptist Church. Open to all.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN ASSOCIATION will have a Mass every week day at noon in Chapel 201, A.D. Bruce Religion Center.

tomorrow

UH GOSPEL CHOIR "GOOD NEWS" will have their 1st Annual Anniversary Celebration at 7:30 p.m. in E. Cullen Auditorium. Dr. Margaret Douroux and "Redeemed" will be the special guests. Admission for general public is \$3.00, presale \$2 and with student I.D. \$2. Tickets being sold in UC Access.

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY will sponsor a Theme Party every Saturday at 9 p.m. at 3904 S. MacGregor at Roseneath. Open to everyone. Free.

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CRESCENDELLES will have a Bake Sale on Sunday, Mar. 1, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Moody Towers.

PC VIDEOTAPE COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Aegean Room, UC. Open to all students.

PC LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Conference Rm., UC. Open to all students.

PC RECREATION COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Rm., UC. Open to all students.

PC SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Conference Rm., UC. Open to all students.

RAJNEESH MEDITATION CENTER will hold Rajneesh Meditations every Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. and every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Embassy Rm., UC.

Open to all.

PRELAW SOCIETY will have their weekly meeting on Monday, Mar. 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the Tejas Room, UC. Open to all interested students.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN ASSOCIATION will hold a weekly prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Chapel, Catholic Newman Center.

PC COLLEGECON II COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Conference Rm., UC. Open to all students.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN ASSOCIATION, EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AND LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY will hold an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service on Wed., Mar. 4, at noon in the main Chapel, A.D. Bruce Religion Center.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN ASSOCIATION will hold an Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes on Wed., Mar. 4, at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Main Chapel, and at 9 p.m. in Chapel 201, A.D. Bruce Religion Center.

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY is having an open rush party every Wed. at 9 p.m.

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UH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will be holding a presentation of Ham Radio for all interested students. A film: "The World of Ham Radio" starring Dick Van Dyke will be shown to inform students about Ham Radio and about the UH Amateur Radio Club on Wed., Mar. 4, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Atlantic Rm., UC. Open to everyone.

BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, C&I DEPT., AND THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION will sponsor a lunch seminar on: "The Crisis of Leadership" on Thursday, Mar. 5, in Rm. 452, Farish Hall. Open to all.

PC FILMS COMMITTEE will have a meeting every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Conference Rm., UC. Open to all interested students.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN ASSOCIATION will have a Lenten Even song every Thursday evening during Lent at 9 p.m. in the Catholic Newman Center.

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Atomic waste site bill supported by Clements

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Gov. Bill Clements says he is ready to sign a bill on licensing of low-level nuclear waste sites if it can pass the House in substantially the same form approved by the Senate.

"This is just about what Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Bill Clayton and I have talked about," Clements told a news conference Thursday.

The Senate bill was approved 30-0 Wednesday and sent to the House. It would let the Department of Health purchase land for radioactive waste sites, then lease them to private concerns for operation under strict state control. There would be a state fund for perpetual care of the sites.

Clements also said he was not discouraged by a House committee sending his measure for legalization of wiretaps in drug cases to a subcommittee after a public hearing.

"I still think we will get the bill passed in its present form. It needs that kind of scrutiny," he said.

Clements also said he supported the Parks and Wildlife Department in its backing of a controversial bill that would ban the commercial taking and sale of redfish and speckled trout from

coastal waters.

"I will sign that bill if it passes," he said.

Clements said he would not sign a series of bills introduced by Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, calling for elections to fill new judgeships created by this Legislature. "I told him two years ago I would veto these," he said. "It has been traditional that the governor appoints judges to new courts, and I'm not going to accept it otherwise."

On other subjects, Clements said:

—He was disappointed the Republican candidate, Ricardo Hinojosa of McAllen, did not win over Democrat Hector Uribe of Brownsville in a special election for the Senate. "I'm disappointed our candidate did not win but that's the game," he said. "You win some and you lose some."

—He had asked state officials to review Texas' program on alternative energy sources and make recommendations in view of decreased federal support of a synfuel program and we need the support of the federal government," he said.

—He would fight "forever" a court request last week from state prison inmates for single cell accommodations by 1983. "That is an unreasonable demand," he said.

Perot given extension for Medicaid contract

AUSTIN (AP)—Board of Human Resources members Thursday congratulated themselves for whittling down the price of an 18-month extension of the existing state Medicaid contract with H. Ross Perot.

The board decided to pay a \$41.9 million annual premium to Perot's National Heritage Insurance Co. to operate the insurance system for 700,000 disadvantaged Texans.

Board Chairman Hilmar Moore said the price was "fairly remarkable."

"Hopefully, we'll be putting this little dude to bed for awhile," Moore said of the long-disputed contract.

Moore negotiated the contract extension. Perot wanted \$41.4 million per year for the extension.

"The total premium to be paid by the state of Texas will be \$2.5 million less than NHIC's bid and \$28 million less than Bradford National Corp. of New York's revised bid," Moore said.

Perot's company has had the contract since 1977. The board extended it past the Sept. 1, 1981, deadline after deciding to scrap bids for a new four-year contract and start over.

NHIC and Bradford competed for the 1981-85 contract, and in July the board voted to give it to Bradford. Perot mounted a personal campaign to overturn that decision.

The board hired a consultant to review bids. The consultant said Perot's experience might outweigh Bradford's price advantage. Board members decided to start the bid process all over.

They also decided to let Perot continue operating Medicaid until

new contract terms could be devised, bids received and a contract awarded in 1982 or 1983.

Board member Terry Bray said Thursday, "I'm delighted with the results."

Moore called it, "The best that we could do."

The board voted earlier this month to pay Bradford \$3.1 million in exchange for Bradford's promise not to file a breach of contract suit.

Moore said he was pleased the extension of Perot's contract came cheaper than Perot had bid for 1982 in the competition with Bradford for the long-term contract.

"We cut a little bit more out of their hide," Moore said.

He noted that NHIC officials were at the meeting and said, "They realize whatever we paid Bradford we took out of their hide."

Moore said Perot wanted a two-year extension, but agreed to 18 months — "a considerable concession," according to the chairman.

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Accreditation proposed for A&M medical school

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) —A national medical education team has recommended that Texas A&M University's College of Medicine be accredited for four full years.

The team report will ask for full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the national body authorized to approve such programs.

The LCME, which draws membership from both the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges, is expected to take action on the recommendation in the near future, Dr. Robert Stone, Texas A&M dean of medicine, said Thursday.

The medical school graduates its first physicians in June.

The recommendation for four years of full accreditation pleased school officials because established colleges of medicine often receive only a five-year accreditation period, Stone said.

Stone was particularly pleased the program had overcome huge logistics problems in operating a successful medical school with classroom and clinical facilities almost 80 miles apart.

Texas A&M's program—permitting students to apply for admission during their sophomore year in college—involves two years of classroom learning at College Station and two more years of clinical training in Temple at Scott and White Hospital and the Veterans Administration facility.

Human-like skin for burn victims created at MIT lab

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—For the first time, doctors have grown a living replica of human skin in a test tube that they believe will permanently cover the wounds of burn victims.

The first experimental human transplant of the material, called "skin-equivalent tissue," was conducted Tuesday at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where it was developed. A report on earlier animal experiments with the test tube skin was published in Friday's issue of *The Journal of Science*.

Unlike artificial skin, which must eventually be replaced with real skin from the victim's own body, doctors say this material will cover the wound permanently and never have to be removed.

The unique material is grown in a test tube from a tiny sample of the eventual recipient's own skin, so it will not be attacked and rejected by the patient's body.

"This is the first time that a

full-thickness, living skin has been made in the laboratory and transplanted," Eugene Bell, who directed the development, said in an interview. Bell, an MIT biologist, conducted the work with doctors from the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston.

Bell said that if the current experiment on a healthy volunteer is successful, tests of the new skin will begin soon on patients at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

"I think the human prospects are good," Bell said.

It eventually may be possible to grow many other organs in the test tube, he said.

Currently it takes about one month to grow one square foot of skin, Bell said. A smaller patch takes about two weeks.

He said many burn victims may be able to survive with artificial skin coverings until the new permanent skin can be grown in the test tube and implanted on their wounds.

Unlike natural skin, however,

the test tube variety lacks hair or sweat glands.

Natural skin is made up of two layers — the dermis, or inner layer and the epidermis, or outer layer.

The scientists remove a tiny skin biopsy from the patient, extract a few dermal cells and multiply them in a test tube. Then these cells are mixed with a "cocktail" of blood serum, nutrients and skin protein, called collagen.

"When this combination is made, the collagen comes out of solution and forms fibers, which are collected and compacted by the cells," Bell said.

"This process converts the cocktail into something that looks like a tissue. This is a key to our discovery."

Epidermal cells from the patient are then sprinkled on the new tissue, where they grow and form a top layer. The skin, now finished, is transplanted onto the patient, where it forms many blood vessels.

Appointees confirmed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) —The Senate confirmed 14 of Gov. Bill Clements' appointments Thursday, including five College Coordinating Board members and former Sen. William Braecklein of Dallas to the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The Coordinating Board members are Harrison Daugherty Jr., El Paso; R.R. Juedeman, Odessa; Gwendolyn Morrison, Fort Worth; Herbert Schiff, Dallas; and Dr. Mario Ramirez of Starr County.

William Wheless III of Houston also was confirmed to the nine-member Parks and Wildlife

Commission.

Others confirmed on a 30-0 Senate vote included:

State Banking Board—Bob Perry, Houston.

Texas Commission on Rehabilitation—Drs. George McCullough, Fort Worth, and Anne Race, Dallas.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission—Louis Pearce Jr., Houston.

Texas Housing Agency Board of Directors—Ray Moudy, Midland, and Doyle Stuckey, Houston.

Teacher Retirement System of Texas Board of Trustees—Sheila Payne, Fort Worth.

Financial aid may face cuts

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Sheridan said.

Based on 1980-81 reported data, 33 out of 441 students are completely dependent on Social Security benefits alone, he said.

Sheridan said the average yearly amount an individual receives from Social Security benefits is \$1,942. "A student receives an

average of approximately \$162 monthly."

"If students want to be sure to get maximum funds for financial aid for whatever they are eligible for, the word is now. The longer you wait the greater the possibility for not getting any funds or less than what you are eligible for," Sheridan said.

"Reagan has made an economic

statement. What will happen now depends on the administration vs. Congress," Sheridan said.

Sheridan said that no money has been set aside for the federally funded financial aid programs IV for the 1981-82 school year. "Those amounts depend on Reagan's actual budget cuts and whatever Congress approves."



INTRAMURAL REPORT

A weekly report on intramural sports from every Cougar's favorite place to eat.



INTRAMURAL REPORT

A swarming defense and 11 points by Ron Haywood propelled top-ranked fraternity team Kappa Alpha Psi to a 41-24 win over Phi Beta Sigma, typifying another action-packed weekend of intramural basketball action. Kevin Fuller added 10 points in the win, while Robert Jones scored in a losing cause.

Fraternity: Mike Souther's 14 points and strong board work from Ron Kolodzy helped Sigma Chi ease past Lambda Chi Alpha 45-41, despite 12 points from Dave McAlear. Johnny McFarland and Stephen Sauls hit 12 each as Alpha Phi Alpha beat Kappa Alpha 58-30, but Tom Westernman played well in defeat. Pi Kappa Alpha used a gutsy 20-point performance by Ken Dean to post a 60-20 win over Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Delta Upsilon kept their ranking in the polls by losing to Sigma Nu 43-28 as John Murphy scored 19 points and 4 assists.

Club: A 60-foot jump shot by Donnie Randall at the buzzer catapulted HPER to a 51-49 heartstopping win over Mass Destruction. Randall led all scorers with 18 points, while Marlon Harmsan paced the losers with 13. In another thriller, Angel Dust slipped by LTD 51-49 as Greg Mourning popped in 16 points and James "Magic" Anderson masterminded a vicious ballhawking defense. Aaron Jones played his usual strong game with 18 points in the loss. The Fast Breaks sedated the Wisconsin Sleepers 61-44 as Kenneth "Dr. K" Ray scored 12 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Gene Benitez-led Integrated coasted by the Below the Hill Gang 78-44 despite 18 points by the loser's Mark Roseland. The Bucs rallied past Old Dirt Road 58-51 using a full-court press and 20 points by Bruce Reeves. Art Williams 18 points and Mike Barrett's 15 helped the Crescendos capture The Outlaws 65-46 as James Wright scored 16 in defeat.

Dorm: Twelve dunks by Chet Alexander, two of them "Chocolate Thunders," epitomized the TD Force's 118-24 mauling of the Playboys. Brian Burt added 23 in the win, while Dennis Greenawalt dominated the backboards with 18 rebounds. Neil Solomon's 17 points and Mark Markell's 13 paced Jerry's Kids to a 82-35 spanking of Bates Boys, who got 12 from Arlington Callies. Weather Report dampened the Ragnots 48-23 as Shabazz hit for 25, while Samuel Lockett scored 11 in the loss.

Pro Club: The Nittany Lens used the solid play of Steve Yaney to carve out a 45-36 win over HRMS, who got 16 from Mark Neauman. Due Process' J. Kuntz scored 16 in a 48-40 win over the Tobin Tilley-led Blind Spots. Phi

Delta Chi found it's not nice to fool with Ferae Naturae as they lost 57-14 due mainly to 16 points by Wayne Weaver. Kappa Psi edged Theta Tau 45-40 as Joey Cavazos tossed in 26. Beta Alpha Psi's Brian Wilson rammed home 20 points to lead his team to a 38-28 win over Arch II. Sigma Chi squeezed one out in a 31-29 win over the Court Supremes behind Steve Robert's 10 points, while Rich Flake scored 15 in a losing cause.

Fun: Baptist Student Union's James Crumpton whipped in 24 points in his team's 63-23 win over Blind Spots II. Sincopation upset a short-handed Joe Dorougha team 47-42 behind D. Ready's 16 points, despite 29 points and 15 rebounds by the loser's Richard "Tree" Pugsley. Robert Morris's 24 points led Snow Blind to an upset 44-37 win over the Chicano Law Association. Jerry's Kids (fun) used the scoring punch of Bob Talbert and Mike Dodd to stagger the Basket Brewers 45-13, who got 7 points from Matt Gilmore. The Alvin Yellow Jackets buzzed Sigma Chi "B" 47-24 as Chip "All Alvin" Ferguson tossed home 17 points. The O'Glaucoma Sooners Jim Frank scored 13 and Dave Heauner 12 to lead their team to a 36-27 win over the Spring Woods Exes, whose Bill Stone chipped in 14. Ray "Pepper" Gatlin's 12 points and 5 steals by Steve Kirchner led HPER "B" to a 44-12 win over Kappa Alpha "B". Nittany Lens "B" Jerry Hyder and Randy Steele hit 8 each in a 39-18 win over Political Science, whose Johnny Leech bugged the winners with 8 points and 9 rebounds. Fred Lipsey exploded for 15 points to propel the Delta Sigs to a 45-28 win over Lambda Chi Alpha "B", who got 8 points from Rick Austin. Mike Wood's 12 points proved to be the right formula for Chemical Engineering to post a 32-27 win over The Jokes.

Women: Marsha Howard set a modern-day women's intramural scoring record as she napalmed the basket for 40 points to singlehandedly lead Alpha Chi Omega to a 58-10 win over Peggy Basarab-led Zeta Tau Alpha. Howard eclipsed the old record of 37 set in 1978 by the Crescendelle's Diane Irving, and among her points were four 30-footers and a driving behind-the-back, between-the-legs layup. Kim Turner popped in 10 points and Sonja Stein 8 as the Ebony Pearls beat the Wisconsin Sleepers 23-11. Margie Paetz dominated with 9 points and 4 steals as Chi Omega slipped past Delta Gamma 11-9. Delta Gamma received 5 points from Katherine Gonzalez and a brilliant floor game from point guard Cindy Gowan. Andi "Pandi" Randall's 9 points and Ivy "Chee" Limuel's 5 helped the Crescendelles breeze by

the Tropical Storm 25-5, who got 3 points and stellar defensive play from Shana Ross. The Law Dees overruled the Scleral Spurs 29-10 as M. Venable skyed for 12 points and V.O. Kelley for 9, while Evelyn Baile scored 4 points and grabbed 6 rebounds in the loss.

Softball and tennis (singles, doubles, and rec) entries are due this Friday at noon at the intramural meeting in the San Jacinto-Sonora Room in the university Center.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 28

10:00	White Shadows vs. Below Hill G.	Mel
	Chicano Law vs. Baptist Student U	Gar
11:00	Law Dees vs. Tropical Storm	Mel
	Bates Boys vs. Weather Report	Gar
12:00	Beta Theta Pi vs. Kappa Alpha Psi	Mel
	Blind Spots vs. Court Supremes	Gar
1:00	Bar Wars 'B' vs. Nittany Lens 'B'	Mel
	Ragnots vs. Playboys	Gar
2:00	Fabri Et Al vs. Snatchers	Mel
	ARCH II vs. Nittany Lens	Gar
3:00	ASCE vs. Beta Alpha Psi	Mel
	The Jokes vs. Joe Dorougha	Gar
4:00	Ebony Pearls vs. Crescendelles	Mel
	Globesquatters vs. Delta Sigs	Gar
5:00	Alvin Yellowjac. vs. Basket Brewers	Mel
	History Creeps vs. Sigma Chi 'B'	Gar

Sunday, March 2

12:00	Snow Blind vs. Phi K. Theta 'B'	Mel
	Delta Spam vs. Political Science	Gar
1:00	Crescendos vs. Integrated	Mel
	Phi Mu vs. Zeta Tau Alpha	Gar
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Race for speaker's position begins

Scramble for job could slow Texas legislation

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) —Speaker Bill Clayton's decision not to seek re-election has started a scramble for his job, and some potential candidates complain that front-runner Gib Lewis' efforts could wreck the legislative session.

Lewis, who amassed heavy conservative Democrat and Republican support as Clayton's stand-in during the speaker's Brilab troubles last year, said he has "over 60" pledges of support from other House members.

The next speaker will be elected by majority vote of the 150 House members in January 1983. The job is a coveted and powerful one—some say the second or third most powerful in the state—because many of a speaker's decisions determine the outcome of legislation.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, already was nailing down pledges of support when Clayton made public on Monday his decision to quit the Legislature after his term expires in 1983.

"To me it is over. I have two or

three more members I want to talk to. Then it will be over—until after the 1982 primaries," Lewis said Thursday.

Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, chairman of the powerful House State Affairs Committee, is gathering pledges.

Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston, speaker pro tem of the House and also a committee chairman, says he is a candidate but doesn't believe in advance written commitments of support.

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, who ran against Clayton but dropped out just before this year's vote for speaker was taken, says he is considering a race.

So is Rep. Lynn Nabers, D-Brownwood, chairman of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

Others who have been mentioned as possible contenders include Rep. Bennie Bock II, D-New Braunfels, chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee and Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad, Redistricting Committee chair-

man.

"I am not a candidate," Bock said Thursday.

"I don't have any current plans to become an active candidate," Von Dohlen said.

He said that with his key role in drawing new districts for election of state representatives, it would "be a disservice to the members to get involved actively."

Washington said a race to gather pledges during the session would be "the worst thing in the world."

"I just think it's the worst damn thing and the worst damn time in the world, with redistricting and all the other bills, to get into a speaker's race on the floor. In 1973 when candidates were jockeying for the 1975 speakership, the House became an armed camp," he said.

Nabers said he was "very disappointed" to see the speaker's race starting so soon.

"I thjak it is going to disrupt the legislative process from now

until the end of the session," he said.

Bock said the race would "overshadow everything we do."

"People are going to be asking on every bill, 'Is he the sponsor on Lewis' team or Uher's team? Is he a good guy or a bad guy?' And that's not what we should be doing," he said.

"I'd probably be criticizing too if I didn't have a pledge and wanted to run for speaker and somebody else was out ahead," Lewis responded.

He said he wanted to get the speaker's race "out of the way"—by sewing it up early—so it would not be an issue for the rest of the session.

Clayton, who says he has not tried to pick his successor, said it was just "the natural thing" to campaign for an open speakership while the Legislature was in session because it is "easy to get ahead of" the members.

"It ain't going to mean anything," he said of the possible effect of a speaker's race on the

work of the House.

Uher said nobody is going to have the race sewed up by the end of the session because redistricting, defeats and political decisions to leave the House would cause a turnover of 40 to 60 members.

"If he Lewis were to lay out 80 votes today, those 80 votes would not be there in 1983 because he is counting on people who are not coming back," Uher said.

Clayton said he estimates the turnover in the House will be 50 members.

Lewis said turnover did not bother him; that by the end of the session he will have so many pledges he could afford to lose 15 or 20 supporters to redistricting or defeat.

Clayton agreed that turnover would not necessarily hurt Lewis, adding that "when you get a big start, that helps you when you get out there in the fall of election year and start talking to candidates."

Senate approves bill halting illegal dispensing of drugs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) —The Senate approved a bill Thursday to put an immediate stop to the illegal dispensing of drugs by doctors and other medical professionals.

Sen. Bill Meier described his bill "as one of the most important of five" proposed by the Texans' War on Drugs Committee.

Committee members watched from the balcony as senators debated the proposal.

The bill would automatically suspend a health professional's license upon conviction of a drug-related felony and would automatically revoke the professional's license when all appeals have been exhausted.

Currently, a professional licensing board must act to suspend or revoke a license, and these proceedings may be delayed for long periods, which gives the

professional continued access to drugs.

"This strikes at the heart of the illegal dispensing of drugs in Texas," said Meier, D-Eules.

The Senate rejected an amendment, 22-8, that would have eliminated automatic suspension when a drug-related conviction arose from a social situation outside the scope of the professional's employment.

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said the amendment would protect a doctor who is charged with possessing drugs if drugs were found in a car in which he was riding, even if the drugs did not belong to the doctor.

"He would have to suffer not only possible prosecution but a higher degree of sanction of having his license automatically revoked," said Brooks.

Sen. Bob Blasgow, a former district attorney, and Sen. Tati Santiesteban, a defense lawyer, disagreed over whether the amendment was needed.

Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said a person must "knowingly and intentionally possess" drugs to be convicted, and the hypothetical doctor in Brooks' example would not be in danger of conviction.

Santiesteban, D-El Paso, said Glasgow's arguments reminded him of the story of someone visiting a friend in jail, asking him why he was serving time and exclaiming, "They can't put you in jail for that."

Glasgow said the amendment would permit a medical professional "to fill the street up with drugs" while appealing a conviction, which often takes five years in Texas.



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