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Students criticize uni-senate plan

An estimated 100 students present at Tuesday's emergency meeting of the Students' Association (SA) voiced almost unanimous disapproval of the proposed University Senate plan.

SA Pres. Paul Rogers called for a show of hands among those students present to gauge their reaction to UH Pres. Philip G. Hoffman's call for another vote on the uni-senate plan, defeated by students last November. Only three students at the meeting favored the plan.

One of those students, Gordon Harris, A&S sophomore, said there was much to be accomplished working with the faculty especially in areas of research and curriculum.

Harris called for each senator to indicate their personal stand on the uni-senate, and if the result was unanimous, for SA to take a collective stand.

Brenda Brdar, Young Socialists Alliance (YSA) spokeswoman, called for SA to take a collective

stand against the measure.

"YSA is here today because the senate has a responsibility to students," she said. "The Student Senate should go on record against the proposal and organize a 'no' vote campaign."

Judy Rossi, member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), said the administration is unified against the students.

"We voted 'no' once before," she said. "It's the senate's duty to make that no again."

Sen. Ralph Behrens (LAW) said the number of students present was not representative enough for SA to take a stand.

Behrens said he was in favor of the proposal because the constitution allows the executive committee to call an extraordinary session upon petition by five student senators or 50 students. Classes would be cancelled for these sessions so more students could attend, he added.

Sen. Malinda Wilson (EDU) said any power gained by students in the University Senate plan

would be more than SA has at present.

"If we don't move into this governance, we will never have a say in what goes on," she said. "At least we have a chance in the uni-senate."

Sen. Jim Liggett (GRAD) disagreed with Wilson saying that any power gained will be lost if we won't be listened to. "Hoffman's ignoring the referendum is indicative that we won't be listened to."

Sen. Mike Loftin (A&S) and member of the governance committee, said all arguments about power were irrelevant.

"What sticks in my mind is what Hoffman did," he said. "if this is the amount of respect he accords us now, what will happen under the uni-senate proposal?"

Shortly before the end of the meeting, Rogers asked all senators to show their personal feelings towards the uni-senate proposal by a show of hands. Of 14 senators present, nine said they favored a 'yes' vote on the

referendum.

Immediately following the tally, a student rose and asked how the senators could vote 'yes,' having

just seen a large majority of students present favor a 'no' vote.

"You just saw them do it," Rogers said.



URGING A 'NO' VOTE for the University Senate proposal, Sara Johnston, sociology sophomore and Young Socialists Alliance member, asked Students' Association Tuesday to unite and organize a 'no' vote campaign.

Photo by ROBERTO OCHOA

Student senator abstains from governance voting

In a surprising move, Sen. Mike Loftin (A&S), member of the governance committee which formulated the University Senate plan, abstained from voting either for or against the proposal during a hand vote of student senator's opinion.

Loftin's action occurred at an emergency meeting of the Student Senate called Tuesday in the Houston Room, UC, by Students' Association (SA) Pres. Paul Rogers.

Loftin had earlier been a strong advocate of the University Senate proposal. "Under the uni-senate, the process of communication would be regularized and matters of university-wide concern would not be neglected. The uni-senate will make the university more responsive to us," Loftin said in the Nov. 10, 1972 Daily Cougar, when the proposal was first

finalized.

Loftin said his display of neutrality Tuesday stemmed from



LOFTIN

his criticism of the handling of the referendum.

"I haven't officially changed my mind on the proposal. It's just

the spirit of the thing," Loftin said. "Pres. (Philip G.) Hoffman consulted no one about the referendum. No one on the governance committee knew about it. This action directly contradicts the complete meaning and purpose of the University Senate proposal."

Loftin said Hoffman's actions were ill-advised. Hoffman had the alternative of announcing the new referendum earlier than he chose, or postponing it until after the elections, Loftin added.

"Now, if there are any appeals of any sort, the student government will be postponed from going into office," he said.

Loftin said many of the people he has spoken with have decided to vote 'yes' in the referendum.

"They've changed their minds because they think this is the last chance for this proposal," he said.

FOR UNI-SENATE

Ballot mailing begun

UH students should soon receive through the mail their referendum ballots for the University Senate proposal.

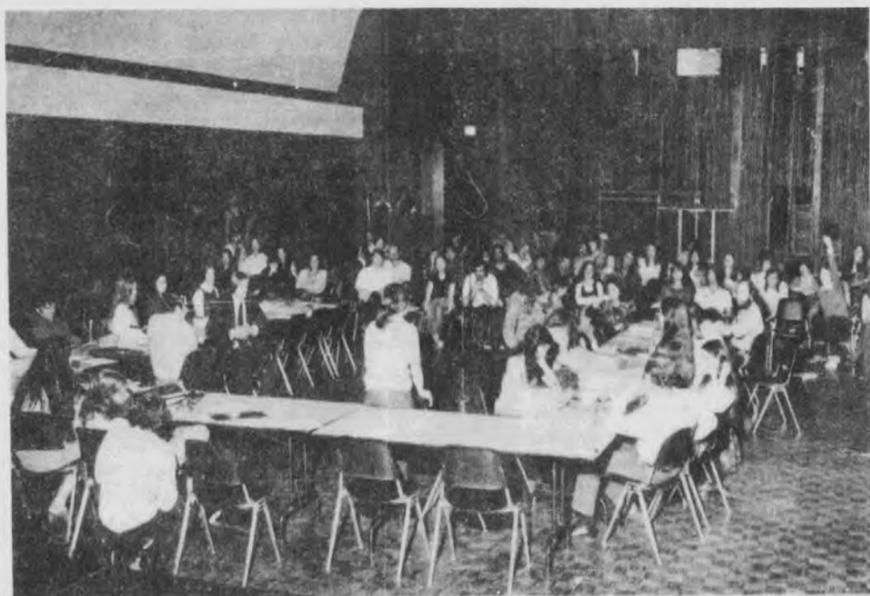
Porter Laird, postal services supervisor, said his office received the post card ballots at noon Tuesday from the UH Printing Plant. He said his office started immediate processing and most should be mailed by Tuesday afternoon.

Jerome M. Peschke, assistant to UH Pres. Philip G. Hoffman, refused to comment on the procedures to be undertaken to count the ballots. He said the Students' Association (SA) Election Commission will meet Thursday and all technicalities will hopefully be worked out.

Election commissioners were not available for comment Tuesday. Hoffman called for another student vote on the governance proposal February 8, at an emergency meeting of SA. At that time he announced ballots would be mailed to all currently enrolled students.

Students are to mark if they accept or reject the original University Senate proposal and return the pre-stamped ballots by 5 p.m., February 23.

To date, no specific procedures have been set up to tabulate the votes.



AT THE EMERGENCY MEETING called by Students' Association (SA) Pres. Paul Rogers Tuesday students present favored a 'no' vote



for the uni-senate proposal. But nine out of 14 senators present tentatively voted 'yes' on the proposal.

Photo by CARTER SMITH

precautions

It's not that we don't trust the administration's handling of the direct mail University Senate referendum, but there are several obvious inadequacies in the process that could lead to some ballot box hanky panky.

Students' Association election commissioners did not inspect the postcard ballots before they were mailed. The administration says the cards are numbered in sequence, but it's their word against anyone else's that extra ballots were not printed.

The portion of the card that will be mailed back to Pres. Hoffman after the voter marks his ballot, will have no identifying marks, except the six digit numbers the printing plant says are in sequential order. Since the cards have a pre-paid stamp permit on them, they will not be postmarked. Election commissioners won't be able to tell if a card has been through the mail.

What would keep a sneaky administrator from stuffing the ballot collection box with the excess postcards the administration says, but has not proven, don't exist?

The commissioners, whose duty it is to certify this referendum, should make strong demands ensuring the security of the election. They must personally supervise the retrieving of ballots from the president's mail and make sure all returned ballots are locked in a box. That box should be completely sealed to ensure that no illegal ballots find their way into it.

The counting of the returned ballots should be open to representatives of the administration, Students' Association and the press.

The legality of ignoring the first student referendum is questionable but if the administration wants this second election to truly reflect the wishes of the students, they better be sure no question of fraud is involved.

equal time



To the Editor:

I just left the emergency Senate meeting and I feel I must respond immediately before I forget all the things I feel I need to say. After having sat with, spoken to and listened to a somewhat less than significant number of students who were in attendance at the meeting today, I must say that I am somewhat more than a little amazed and infuriated with the response given to the Student Senate after they responded to the request of the students concerning the University Senate proposal.

Some students came to the senate and asked us to call an emergency meeting. It was called. Those students asked us to take a unified stand leading the students in a "no" vote campaign against the University Senate proposal. We listened, the students talked; we talked and the students listened.

Then we were asked to take a vote on whether or not we were in favor of the proposal. We voted. Ten senators are in favor of the

proposal and five are against. Today that's how the vote was. Tomorrow it may change. Although there were 10 senators that voted in favor of the proposal, that does not mean, oh you closed minded and selectively deaf students, that we are 100 per cent in favor of the document as it is written.

You elected us to represent you in Students' Association. We try our damndest to find out how you feel about issues that are presented to us. Some of those issues are presented to us by you. It is sometimes pretty difficult to represent the students who elected us when, after having spoken our minds on an issue such as the University Senate, those students leave a meeting condemning us for the actions we have taken.

I do not believe that we, as Student Senators, can lead the students in a fight against or for the University Senate proposal. If we see this issue as a personal push for what is best for the future

of UH students, we have the right and the responsibility to do just that.

If the students who attended that meeting left with the feeling that they didn't get the response from the senate they were seeking, their condemnation of us is no worse than Pres. Hoffman asking us to vote again and again until we get it right, if, in fact, that is the situation at hand.

If the students on this campus wish to further their pursuit of any channels of communication concerning the way they are treated as students and as people, I suggest that we unite in an effort to view the realities of the situations as they are presented to us. We must unite in a belief that all those who are concerned are thinking, caring, sincere individuals rather than forming lynch mobs to get rid of the people who keep the activists from getting their way with anyone on any level.

Sen. Malinda Wilson (EDU)
Sen. Madeline Selig (A&S)

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by Garry Trudeau



UH racism, obvious to sublime

By LORENZO CANO
Chairman of
Chicano Studies of MAYO

The Mexican-American Youth Organization has for years been contending with racism at UH: the obvious—the absence of chicanos in top administrative positions; the subtle—the lack of university commitment in hiring chicano faculty; the sublime—the contribution to the nation's

maintaining a director, a secretary and a few guest lecturers. The director has no means of hiring full-time faculty and does not decide which classes will be offered. The classes offered are those approved by the individual departments at their discretion.

Last week, Ms. Inez Tovar, doctoral student of English, submitted a proposal for a chicano literature class to the appropriate body, the English 233T Com-

mittee. I indicated to you earlier that the English 233T Committee determines whether or not a course proposal is approved while the Director of Lower Division Studies determines on the basis of a number of administrative factors whether the approved course should be offered the first or the second semester. After talking with you I discussed your course with Prof. Guadalupe Quintanilla, the Director of the Mexican-American Studies Program. Ms. Quintanilla, also bilingual, had no problem understanding my position. Apparently she agrees fully with my position. It is surprising to me, therefore, that you should have an M.A. from our English department with a thesis directed by one of our most outstanding scholars and teachers and yet you still apparently have problems

understanding basic English.

For the Mexican-American Youth Organization, the memo is insulting for obvious reasons:

- Ms. Tovar is a sensitive, dedicated student with admirable scholarly ability. She is not only a doctoral student, but also one of the Ford fellows at the university. Most importantly, she is sincerely committed to the betterment of the chicano community.

- The content is beyond a mere personal attack: the underlined phrases are drenched with prejudice and bigotry offensive to any person of Mexican descent or to any person.

- The university, while not employing chicano faculty, sanctions the hiring, promotion and tenure of racist white professors, many of whom go by the title "liberal." How many more Dr. Schatt's are there, Pres.

Hoffman?

- Finally, the incident is only reflective of the inadequacy of the Mexican-American Studies Program and of the humiliation that we must endure as a second-class program.

MAYO asks for no apology; on the contrary, an apology would be considered crass effrontery at this point. Dr. Schatt's memo calls for more severe retaliation.

To the English department, we ask that Dr. Schatt be reprimanded seriously for his action, and that, at the very least, he be removed from the position of responsibility which he holds.

To the individual departments, we ask that a policy of hiring non-bigots be practiced.

To the university, we ask, again, for a viable Mexican-American Studies Program: one that is capable of developing its curricula through its own faculty.

To do otherwise is to encourage and perpetuate the racism we have been contending for years.

viewpoint

poverty by paying the custodial staff low wages. And now another form of racism, the cruel, is brought to our attention.

As you know, the Mexican-American Studies Program is a "paper" program; one that exists only to quell the demands of chicano activists and to improve the university's public image. The budget barely suffices for

mittee, for consideration and approval. Dr. Stanley Schatt, assistant professor of English and director of lower division studies of the English department, sent her the following reply:

February 8:

Your memo has reached my mail box safely. Apparently you still have some problems with the English

Abzug discusses roles of women

By PENNY KNOX
Staff Reporter

A conflict exists between the myths and realities concerning women in our society, Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y. said in a speech in the Houston Room, UC, Monday.

"Women are considered to be bad drivers, although insurance data shows otherwise. Women should be protected from lifting heavy things in the factory, although she can lift children and heavy grocery sacks," the women's rights advocate said.

She said women were considered consumers more than producers, always worrying about their shiny floors, the taste of their coffee. "Yet," she added, "women can be secretaries and nurses but not doctors or executives."

She charged that opposition to the equal rights amendment came as much from conservative women as from male chauvinists. She said women were afraid of losing their right to be protected from lifting heavy things and going to combat. "I don't want anyone to go to combat," she declared.

"People say my bills have no chance of passage because they're far out," she said. The only way to make change is by being far out, she added. "People have a way of labeling things far out because they're so sensible."

The role of women in politics was not to be like men but to be themselves, she said. "Women are conditioned to think first of human need while men in this society are conditioned for combat," she said.

She accused Pres. Nixon of taking a paternalistic attitude towards the American people. "He says the American people are children and he knows what is best for us, then tells us we must pull up our boot straps and take care of ourselves, but if we're children

how can we do it ourselves?" she asked.

It is obvious that the government doesn't want to hear the people's needs, she said, because the channels of communication have been cut off between the White House and Congress. "Congress has a right to know what is in the government's files," she added.

Abzug said all power is concentrated in the cabinet. "When there is a big decision to be made he (Nixon) retreats into silence," she said referring to the scarcity of Nixon's news conferences. "This kind of paternalism we don't need."

Expressing her opposition to the President's military budget, she said the tax money belonged to the people. She said she was not opposed to national security, but asked, "How can we keep our boundaries secure when we are insecure internally?" She said she opposed creation of new and useless weapons with money coming from the poor, middle class and everyone except the top of the corporate structure.

"If there is anything immovable it's a bureaucrat, especially a local bureaucrat," she said. Revenue sharing would not give power to people but power to local politicians, she added.

Abzug said the President's seizing of power is the beginning of the eroding of democracy.

"It is important for people, especially young people to become involved," she said. She said she hoped her candidacy would set an example for other people to get into politics.

"Fourteen out of 435 Congressmen are women and another 14 are black," she said. In the Senate there is only one black, how can that be democracy? "Congress needs to be made up of all types of people and not just lawyers, businessmen and bankers," she said.



"FAR-OUT" Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., spoke in the Houston Room, UC Monday night about the myths surrounding women in today's society.

PUNCH CARDS

Attorney denies alterations

HOUSTON (UPI)—Allegations that thousands of punch card voting machine ballots were mutilated in Harris County during last November's general election are "mythical," United States Attorney Anthony J. P. Farris said Tuesday.

Farris said his office and the FBI investigated more than 250 complaints of general voting irregularities but found nothing it could prosecute.

The punch card voting machines were new to many voters and many of the cards were damaged. Republican officials alleged thousands of cards in heavy GOP precincts were intentionally mutilated.

"The allegations by these officials would have you believe that there were as many as 12,000 such ballots," Farris said.

"A thorough investigation has

revealed that there was no apparent deliberate sabotage or mutilation of even hundreds, let alone thousands, of punch card ballots," he said.

"This had to be nothing but mythical allegations," Farris said the county clerk's office failed to properly train election officials, the direct cause of many complaints. Some persons were not

allowed to cast write in ballots and some poll officials failed to use all their voting machines.

Harris County Clerk R. E. Turrentine failed to hold instruction schools for election officials as provided by state law, Farris said.

"The biggest single thing was the paucity of training for election officials," Farris said.

Congressman to speak on educational financing

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Tex., will be on campus Thursday to speak at the Phi Delta Kappa noon luncheon on federal financing of education in Texas.

Archer is currently a member of the Congressional Banking and Currency Committee and has

worked with the Republican task force on energy and resources.

He was elected to the Texas House in 1966. In 1971 he was elected to the U.S. Congress. Archer is a member of the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission and wrote a proposed draft for a new Texas Constitution.

Other committees which Archer is a member of include Consumer Affairs, International Finance and Bank Supervision and Insurance.

The luncheon and meeting will be held in the Kiva Room of the Education Building. It is free and open to all UH students.

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Searchers narrow dean candidates

By LEDA FREY

The search for a new vice-president of student affairs was disappointing, Paul Rogers, Students' Association (SA) president and Search Committee member, said.

"From the 20 or 30 people we interviewed, we only came back from San Diego with a couple of possibilities," he said. Rogers, Dr. Catherine Cominsky, biology professor, and Dr. Gerald Osborne, coordinator of counseling and testing, flew to California to interview persons for the position.

They attended the American Personnel Guidance Association's annual meeting. The Search Committee, which is composed of professors, administrators and students, has been looking for a new dean since last August, when Dr. Roger Nudd resigned.

The committee is looking for someone with a PhD. in some area of education, preferably psychology or counseling, Rogers said. "In San Diego, though, we

talked to a lot of interesting people with no experience," Rogers said. The Search Committee is also interested in a woman or someone of a different ethnic background for the job, Rogers added. He said, "We also prefer that he simultaneously hold a teaching position."

Austin Cooper, acting advisor of campus activities and secretary of the Search Committee, said about 60 persons have been screened for the position since last August. "The Search Committee, as a whole, will ultimately eliminate all but two or three persons and present their names to UH Pres. Philip G. Hoffman. He will make the final decision," Cooper said.

Cooper said the official title has recently been changed from Dean of Students to Dean of Student Affairs. The position is presently held by Dr. Joseph Schnitzen, acting dean.

The person chosen for the position should have a wide knowledge of student life and financial aid policies, Cooper said. He should also be able to relate well to the students and be a person they will respect, he added.

Sen. Malinda Wilson (EDU), student member of the committee, said she is looking for an administrator who understands the operation of a large urban university and a commuter campus. "We need someone who is genuinely concerned about the betterment of the student atmosphere," she said.

"Working at a sustained pace, the committee is reviewing candidates and credentials," Cooper said.

Organizers plan Czech courses

Plans are being made to organize students interested in the Czechoslovakian culture and language, Vincent Contorno, English graduate and one of the organizers, said.

Presently, petitions are being circulated urging the language department to institute courses in Czech, Contorno said.

"Texas A&M and University of Texas both have courses in Czech language and culture," he said. "Czechs represent the third largest ethnic group in the state."

Contorno said there will be a meeting Thursday, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 112 Roy Cullen Building, to acquaint students with this movement.



LET IT BE a lesson. A three car accident occurred Wednesday when two unidentified drivers collided and then hit an illegally parked car in front of the Athletic Department.

ANTI-SMOG

Prof claims devices don't work

Anti-pollution devices being put on new cars don't work, Dr. E.O. Bennett, microbiology and biochemistry professor, said.

"They are actually psychological placebos imposed on the people by the government," he said.

These devices do not extract the right materials from the air, Bennett said. They take particulate matters, such as hydrocarbons, instead of toxics—carbon monoxide, lead and nitrogen oxide—from the atmosphere, he explained.

Carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide make the blood stream less capable of carrying oxygen, which causes the heart to pump faster, respiration to increase and can possibly lead to coronary ailments, Bennett said. Lead also poisons the kidneys, he added.

"However," Bennett said, "devices to eliminate the nitrogen oxide discharged into the atmosphere would actually increase emissions. Therefore automobiles are incompatible with the human environment."

"Anti-smog devices are also defective," Bennett said, "because they increase the consumption of gasoline. And we have almost exhausted our petroleum and natural gas resources in the United States due to overpopulation, which results in less fuel."

Bennett theorized that possibly within the next 20 years, we may have to rely upon Europe for gasoline and the price of it could go up to as much as \$3 per gallon.

"It would then be absolutely necessary," Bennett said, "to employ mass transit systems in the urban areas and rapid train

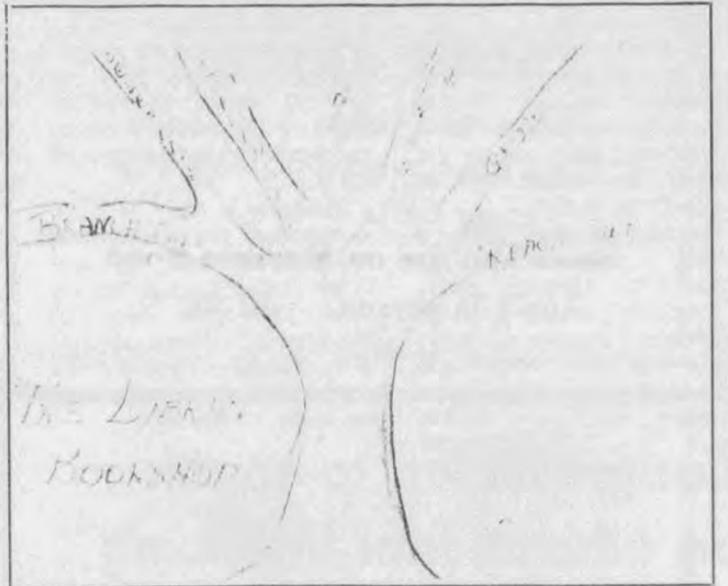
systems that could travel about 180 miles per hour, if the fuel can be found, because most people would not be able to afford gasoline."

"However, it may be possible to use alcohol or alternate man-made fuels to operate a simpler engine, one with only about 60 horsepower," he added.

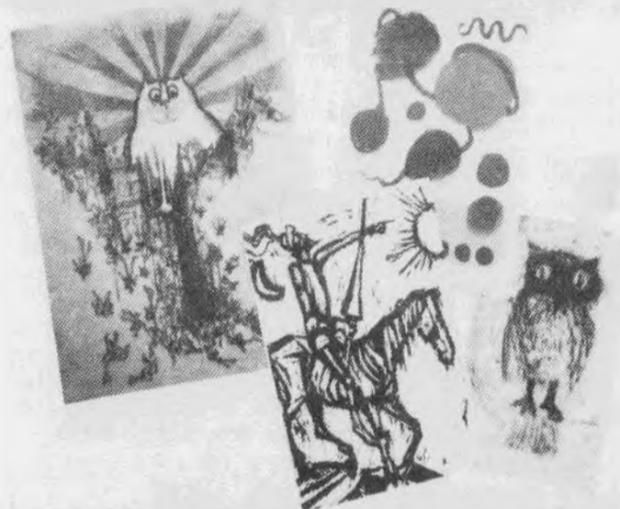
The polluters are the people," Bennett said, "because they do

not want to be inconvenienced by attempts to clean up pollution. They would rather blame the industrial companies for the smog, but actually, most of the smog in urban areas is caused by automobiles."

Bennett said the best answer for the present is to use smaller cars, to do less driving in order to curtail consumption and to recognize a long term solution.



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UH to host convention for student associations reps

More than 100 colleges and universities will be represented here next month during the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association (TISA) convention.

The convention, planned for March 16-18, will be devoted to discussion of the major problems facing Texas college students, Sen. Linda Kirby (A&S), one of the Students' Association (SA) senators in charge of planning it, said. One caucus will discuss crisis-size problems, such as drug abuse, availability of psychiatric care and child care centers. Legal and minority caucuses have also been proposed.

Although they haven't been

confirmed yet, receptions are planned for Price Daniel Jr., Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and for the Texas Coordinating Board, a governmental agency which coordinates activities on all states college campuses, Kirby said. Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has

been invited to speak, as well as Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill and State Rep. Mickey Leland.

Although TISA has no formal political power the Texas Student Lobby, one of its offshoots does work with state legislators trying to encourage legislation favorable to students, Kirby said.

RACISM REASONS

Prof to present chicano view

The history of the Mexican-American can best be understood if one considers the pervasive racism he experiences in American society, Dr. Arturo Madrid, said.

Madrid, professor of Latin American literature at the University of California, in San

Diego, will lecture at 8 tonight in the Houston Room, UC. His lecture is entitled "Towards an Understanding of Mexican-American History."

He will also present an informal seminar, "The Pachuco and His Interpreters," at 9 a.m. in Honors Hall, UC. Admission is free to both

events.

Madrid's lecture stresses that Mexican-American history has been neglected and often distorted. The history of that ethnic minority can properly be understood in terms of colonial experience, Madrid claims.

He adds that the nature of the original entrance of Mexican-Americans into American society and the types of labor involving Mexican-Americans contribute to the history.

Madrid has coordinated several foreign study and Mexican-American programs in the United States. He has also written a number of articles on Mexican-Americans and literary topics.

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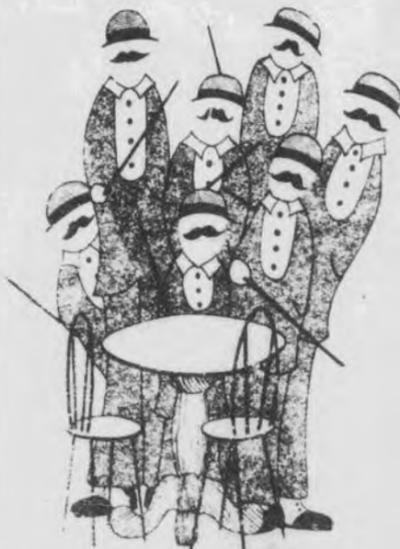
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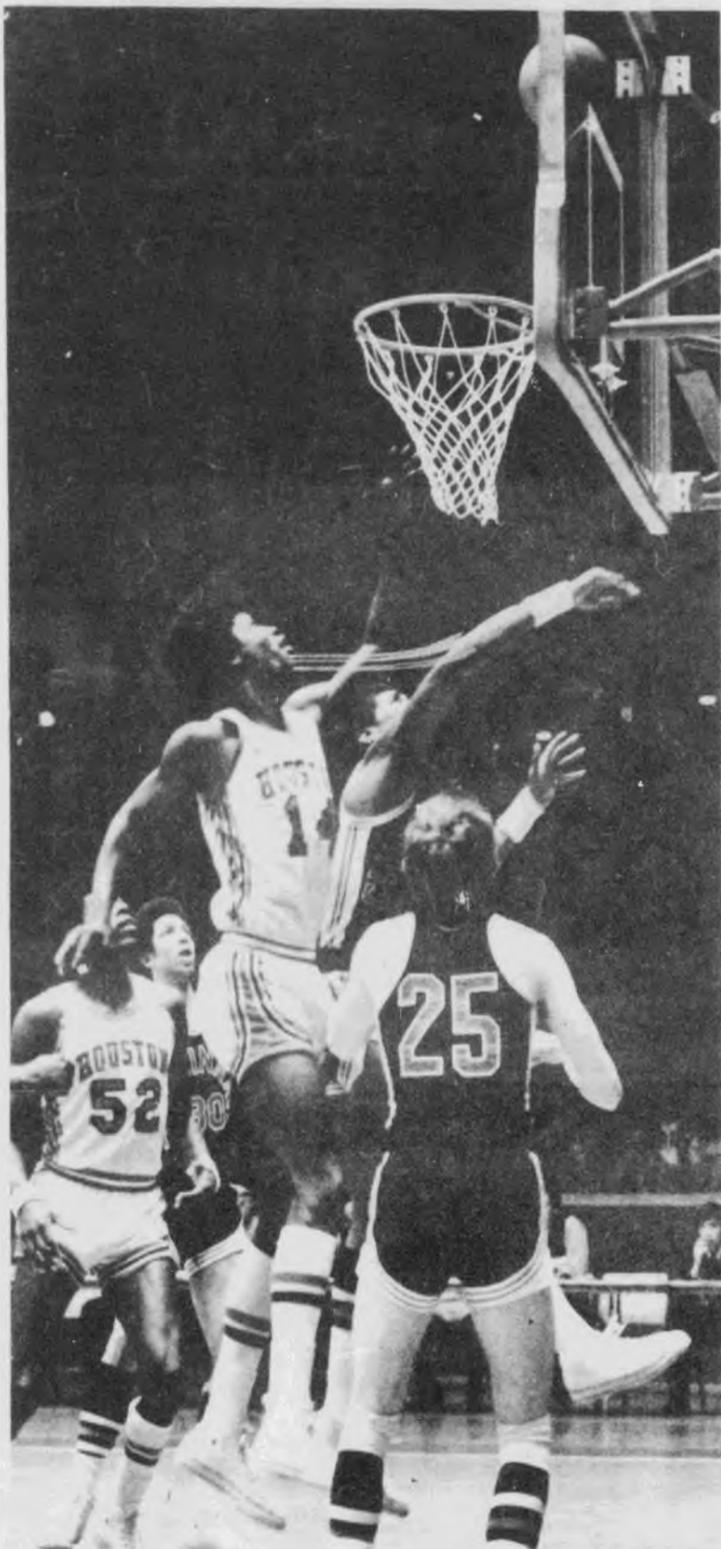


Photo By RALPH BEARDEN

MAURICE PRESLEY
outmaneuvers his opponent
to sink two points.

Reese likes playing with the big guys

By GLORIA SMITH
Sports Editor

When you're 6-10 and the center on a varsity basketball team people expect you to block shots. Maurice "Reese" Presley has found himself in this predicament and wholeheartedly admits that he's trying to give the people what they want.

"The only real problem I think I'm having is that I'm not blocking enough shots. Most players try to get the ball on the boards; I try to get it before it leaves the cat's hands. That way there will be no question of a goaltending call," Reese said.

And if there's anything worse than not being able to block another guy's shot, it's having your own blocked. Reese said he knows the feeling well, after having several of his shots swatted down by Centenary's 7-0 center Robert Parrish.

"I think that was the most shots I've ever had blocked, but it makes you want to try harder the next time you go against the guy. Of course you want to come down and try it again, but you also want to do something different so he won't block it again."

As a sophomore, Presley has plenty of time to iron out all the kinks in his play, since no one expects him to be perfect; and not even he thought he would be the Cougars' starting center.

"I didn't think I would start right away and I didn't. But I figured I'd get a couple of starts as the season went along; I never expected to get the job for good."

He's had the job since the sixth game of the season and in spite of his continued improvement from game to game says he still has adjustments to make.

"In high school I didn't play the high post, I played the low post. With the Cougars I'm having to play the high post and I haven't quite adjusted to the type of shot you have to take from there. The shot angles are quite different from those you would take at the low post.

"But it hasn't given me any added pressures because I don't really think about it during the course of a game. It's just like knowing that the other team has a Parrish or a Dwight Lamar. If the guy's good, he's good, and all the worrying in the world won't change it," Reese said.

The same thing exists when you

talk about playing good teams, Reese said. "You know that anyone can get beaten on any given night; that's why you can't look at a team and say they're a pushover. All you can hope for is that you won't be the one losing."

Presley is the man that takes the center tip-off for the Cougars and he said it can be a psychological lift. "You want to get the tip-off and get the first two points as a team because sometimes it can give you a psychological lift."

Free throws aren't one of Presley's positive points, but he says it is another thing you just can't worry about. "Well, I haven't had the opportunity to shoot too many free throws in game action, and shooting them in practice doesn't really help. When you're in the game it becomes totally mental and you realize that you either gonna hit or miss; and that's that."

But you never really put it out of your mind, you just postpone the realization, Reese said. He admits that he mentally reviews the ballgame when it's over to recall the good and bad points of his performance; but there it ends.

Reese: cool, calm and collected. Unnerved, unpressured and unworried. A sophomore playing with the big guys and loving every minute of it.

Collegiate Rankings

UPI RANKINGS

The United Press International top 20 major college basketball teams with first place votes and won-lost records as of Saturday in parentheses:

	Points
1. UCLA (35) (18-0)	350
2. North Carolina State (19-0)	314
3. Long Beach State (19-1)	233
4. Minnesota (15-2)	215
5. Marquette (18-2)	129
6. North Carolina (18-4)	111
7. Maryland (15-3)	95
8. HOUSTON (17-2)	92
9. Kansas State (16-3)	68
10. Indiana (14-4)	55
11. Providence (16-2)	49
12. Missouri (16-3)	41
13. St. John's (N.Y.) (17-2)	22
14. Southern California (14-5)	21
15. Memphis State (17-4)	17
16. Brigham Young (17-4)	17
17. SW Louisiana (18-2)	16
18. New Mexico (18-3)	12
19. Jacksonville (18-3)	8
20. Oregon State (14-5)	7

AP RANKINGS

The Top 20, with first-place votes and season records in parentheses and total points

1. UCLA (34) (18-0)	698
2. N.C. State (11) (19-0)	632
3. Long Beach St. (20-1)	545
4. Minnesota (15-2)	439
5. Marquette (18-2)	338
6. North Carolina (18-4)	313
7. HOUSTON (17-2)	257
8. Providence (16-2)	226
9. St. John's, N.Y. (17-2)	216
10. Maryland (15-3)	208
11. Indiana (14-4)	164
12. Missouri (16-3)	142
13. Jacksonville (18-3)	104
14. Southwestern La. (17-2)	95
15. Kansas State (16-3)	66
16. Memphis State (17-4)	64
17. Alabama (14-4)	49
18. New Mexico (19-3)	45
19. Virginia Tech (14-3)	18
20. Brigham Young (17-4)	17

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Riflers outshoot UT

At high noon February 10 the Cougars' rifles were undaunted by their long time rivals, the University of Texas, as they out shot their opponents 2816-2461 in an individual Southwest Rifle Association (SWRA) tournament in Austin.

Coach Tom Rooke's five-man team was led in scoring by Roger McMillan who netted 569 points. McMillan was closely followed by Dana Weller and female sharpshooter Seonaid Legge scoring 568 and 566 respectively. Wayne

Chappel aided UH with 561 points while Bob Bridges gathered 552.

A three-fold UT attack of Reynolds, Thompson and Tittle, each with 515 points, challenged the Cougars but offered them little competition as the Longhorns fell 350 points behind.

The UH rifle team, currently ranked third in the nation, now prepares for another SWRA tournament scheduled for February 17 in Prairie View.

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Cougars sign 21; two blue-chippers

The Cougars signed 21 schoolboy footballers Tuesday, two of whom were blue-chippers. They were linemen Val Belcher (6-4, 250) from Houston Reagan and Wilson Whitley (6-4, 275) from Brenham.

Other signees were:

David Brooks (6-5, 265) San Angelo Central—lineman.
Kevin Rollwage (6-2, 230) Dallas Carter—lineman.
Michael Spencer (6-4, 215) Schulenburg—lineman.
William Franklin (6-4, 245)

Houston Kashmere—lineman.
Mike Spradlin (6-2, 220) Dallas Carter a lineman.
Ken Pridgeon (6-2, 180) Cypress-Fairbanks—quarterback.
Bobby McGallion (5-10, 185) Silsbee—quarterback.
Kenneth Perry (6-4, 205) Houston Davis—back.
Benny Hill (6-1, 185) Arlington—back.
Lonzo Giles (5-11, 190) Yoakum—back.
Dyral Thomas (6-0, 195) Lockhart—back.

Alois Blackwell (6-0, 186) Cuero—back.
Reginald Jones (5-11, 195) Houston Kashmere—back.
Mike Paciorek (6-3, 200) Detroit, Mich.—back.
Eddie Foster (6-1, 185) Houston Kashmere—receiver.
Guy Brown (6-4, 225) Palestine—receiver.
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Drury prefers stage work: 'I'm glad to be out of TV'

By ALLAN C. KIMBALL
Amusements Writer

James Drury is living the good life now that he's no longer doing "The Virginian." His paunch shows it.

Drury was in town recently to do a play, "The Only Game in Town," but talk was centered around television.

"I just happened to be in the right place at the right time," he said about "The Virginian." Drury said that he had been under contract to Universal Studios and was 30 pounds overweight at the time. The studio kept retesting him until he got down to the right weight. "They informed me I had the role the Friday night before the Monday morning we started shooting. And we ran for nine years."

Musing over the amount of energy he spent on filming "The Virginian," Drury said it was like making a feature film every eight or nine days. The production crew would film a couple of different shows at the same time on separate sets. "At one point we had four units working," he said, "making four shows at one time and I was in three of them."

Drury said that he prefers stage work now, however. While it was possible 10 years ago to do a good creative job on TV—as far as story and dramatic content went—present network censorship has become so extreme that TV is no longer capable of making a western.

"A western is a morality play," Drury pointed out. "It must show

the triumph of good over evil. You can't show the triumph of good without showing evil, and you can't show evil without showing violence."

Drury is the kind of man who doesn't like people telling him what to do. "I'm glad to be out of TV," he said, slamming his fist on a table.

Commenting on the fact that Channel 13 here in Houston delays its network late night programming package to show reruns of "The Virginian," Drury said that he really doesn't care.

"It makes no financial difference to me when the show is aired," Drury said. "I get the same amount of money whether it's on at 10:30 in the evening or 3 in the morning."

He said that the local decision was a matter of economics since the station would air the show with the highest ratings. "Besides," he added, "if people are that interested in Paar or Cavett they'll stay up late to watch them."

Drury will travel with "The Only Game in Town" to Fort Worth and Stockdale, take some time off, and then go to London for a play opening in mid-September.

He is also trying to put together two films to be made back-to-back after "Game" finishes and before he goes to London. True to form, one of the films is "Tom Horn and the Apache Kid," a classic western.

The other film, "The Distance to Death," was offered him by MFC Productions of Houston. "It's a modern day 'High Noon' set in the Big Bend country around Terlingua," Drury said. "It's the best script I've read in years."

Drury said he would rather do films than stage; stage than TV; and he would rather never have to do television again. "I'd rather just take a script and do it as it should be done instead of having some guy standing over my shoulder telling me what to do. To hell with that," he finished. "To hell with them."



JAMES DRURY star of TV's "Virginian," sounds off about television and his current interests—stage and film acting. He was in town recently to star in "The Only Game in Town" at the Windmill Dinner Theatre.

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HOUSTON CHAPTER OF THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS is sponsoring a poetry contest for students at UH, Rice, St. Thomas and Houston Baptist College. Poems of 30 lines or less must be submitted to I.B. Kahn, P.O. Box 14, Houston, Texas, 77001 by April 15. Three cash prizes will be awarded at the regular monthly meeting of the society May 21.

UH SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY will hold a meeting from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the Cascade Room, UC. Open to all.

CHI ALPHA (Christ Alive on Campus) will hold a discussion of personal spirituality at noon today in the Castellon Room, UC. Open to the UH community.

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UH CHESS CLUB will hold a weekly meeting from 1 to 5 p.m. today in the World Affairs Room, UC. Open to all.

DELTA SIGMA THETA will hold a black book drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday in the lobby of the UC.

CHURCH OF CHRIST will hold a free luncheon at noon today in the Upstairs Lounge of the Religion Center. Open to all students.

UH TUTORIAL PROJECT will hold tutoring sessions from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today in the Corpus Christi Room, UC

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LOS AZTECAS' SOCIAL ORGANIZATION will hold a meeting to discuss upcoming social events at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the El Paso Room, UC. New members welcome.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST will hold a Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 101, Religion Center. Open to all UH.

PHI DELTA KAPPA will hold a noon luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Kiva Room, College of Education. Congressman Bill Archer will speak on "Federal Financing of Education in Texas." Free and open to the public.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA will hold a business meeting at noon Thursday in Honors Hall, UC. Open to all interested students.

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Humorist spews sex, perversion

To the Editor:

Is nothing sacred? Monday the seeds of profanity, sedition and sacrilege were sown on the innocent and unsuspecting UH campus by a representative of that piece of journalistic miscarriage, the National Lampoon. This subversive, Chris Miller (most likely an alias used by this fellow traveler to disguise the harsh phonetical sounds of his real moniker—perhaps Ivan or Fyodor or Vladimir) spoke to an audience of clean-cut, well-dressed, respectful collegiates and co-eds, leaving them horrified, shocked and in the throes of hysterics.

This agent spewed forth such vile, Moscow-inspired, pseudo-humorous rhetoric that the naive youngsters could not help but walk away perverted and wallowing in the moral filth which he so readily spread.

Jokingly speaking of sex in the same breath with religion, mom and the President, Miller laughingly opened the door for sexual permissiveness and casualness by extolling the virtues of fornication, adultery and sodomy in a talk telling the men of the campus what they could do to "get more ass."

God forbid.

In a disgusting sequence entitled "Erecting the Belltower," obviously eluding to the rounded spiral domes so prevalent in his commie homeland, he spoke of the advantages of using foreign-made products, cleverly concealing his message in the phrase, "Vibrators can be seismic."

For those who couldn't "get it

up" he suggested snuggling up to the woofer speaker of a common home stereo unit, placing a Led Zeppelin album on the turntable

and turning up the bass response to its maximum.

I strongly urge all those who haven't yet been exposed to the

frustrated, delirious, fanatical ravings of this madman to quickly write their congressmen urging the immediate deportation and

exile of this psychological misfit. Yours in the name of Good Taste,

WADE ROBERTS



Photo by CARTER SMITH

"EVEN SAWDUST has a sex life." National Lampoon Contributing Editor Chris Miller spoke Wednesday in the Regents Lounge of the University Center on topics ranging from bestiality to the sex life of wood chips.

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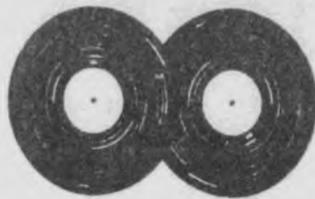
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Greenhouse
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Many people think Leo Kottke is one of the best guitarists in America. He's fast and smooth on six and 12 string, they say, and he also plays bottleneck (slide) guitar with skill and dexterity.

So he does. But these same people will add that Kottke's voice isn't the best. Kottke, himself, says it sounds "like geese farts on a muggy day."

His vocals aren't quite that bad, but as anyone who heard him recently in Hofheinz Pavilion with Loggins & Messina will admit, Kottke's appeal lies in his ability to play an acoustic guitar.

Greenhouse, his latest album, supports this assertion. About a third of the cuts are vocal tunes; the rest are instrumentals. Even

on the cuts which do have lyrics, it is Kottke's distinctive style as a guitarist that is appealing.

Whether you see him in person or listen to his records, you get the impression that Kottke is an introspective person looking for answers to ancient questions about life.

His soul seems to have some sort of direct contact with his guitar strings. When he sings, his words describe a brooding spirit in search of a better life and a better world in which to live it.

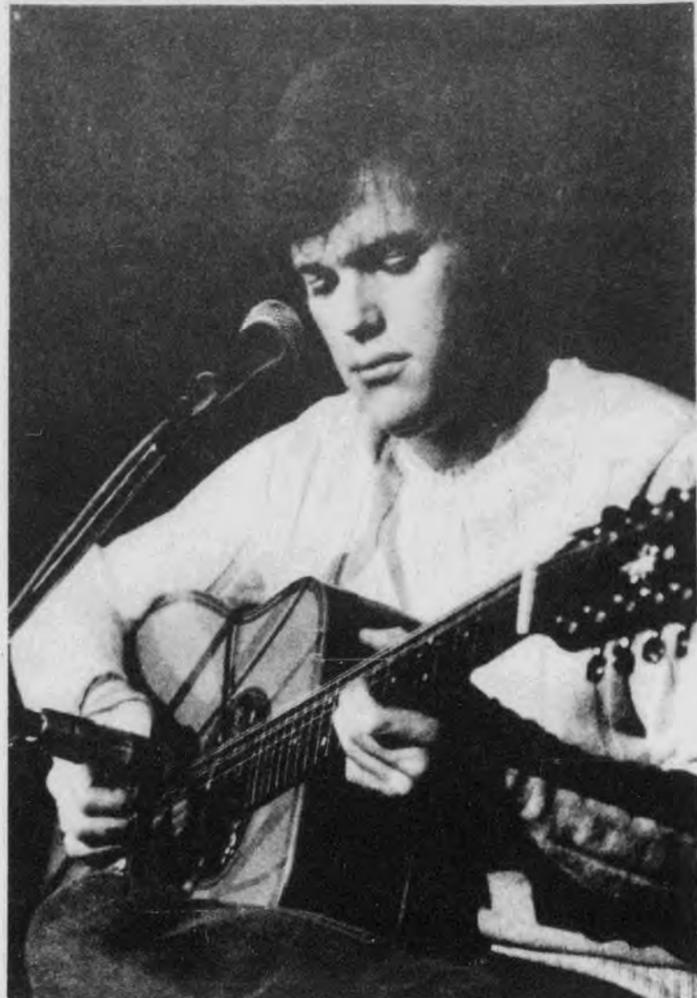
"Tiny Island" is a tune about that special place everyone would like to be able to visit at one time or another:

*Wish I had a tiny island
Floating in the sea
Palm trees sway
Don't get in the way.
It's a tropical ease.*

Likewise, "From The Cradle To The Grave" is a song about alienation and discontent:

*Feelin' like a ship out on
the ocean
'Bout to go aground on
desert sand.
Feelin' like an eagle
loosin' motion
Tired of flying, ain't
nowhere to land.
Every day's all the same.
Same old ways never change.
Goin' from the cradle to the
grave.*

Along with some beautiful instrumentals, this is the sort of thing Greenhouse is all about. If "soul music" means music of the soul, it is a very soulful album.



JOHN TAYLOR

KOTTKE

Choices are few on late night TV

By ALLAN C. KIMBALL
Amusements Writer

Insomniacs who are tired of the whiskey witticisms of Ed McMahon and the candy-coated naughtiness of Johnny Carson have very few places to turn.

Over on CBS there are second-rate movies that Hollywood has unloaded on TV so the studios can break even. On ABC is supposed to be the "Wide World of Entertainment," but the local affiliate, Channel 13, has decided to delay the WWE an hour and half, starting when Carson goes to bed.

"Wide World of Entertainment" is a goulash of goodies with a range catholic enough to interest just about everybody at some time or another.

For the young freaks there are live rock concerts with audio simulcast on ABC-FM outlets.

For the old freaks there are

Jack Paar's pithy comments on banality.

For the young intellectual there is boy philosopher Dick Cavett.

Interspersed with all this are items from ABC's warehouse which include comedy specials and made-for-TV movies (for example a recent remarkable remake of "Frankenstein").

All this mish-mash of the great, the near-great and the not-so-great should provide a viable alternative to Big John and the Late Movie. But KTRK, Channel 13, would rather show reruns of "The Virginian."

"The Virginian" has the highest rating of any program we've shown at 10:30 p.m.," a spokesman for KTRK said, "and a higher rating than any ABC program we've tried. We feel that it would be an injustice to the Houston area audience to air a show with consistently low ratings."

Channel 13 pointed out that they have twice attempted to air ABC network programming at 10:30 and both times the ratings were exceptionally low. "KTRK must be concerned with ratings in the Houston area," they said, "and not nationwide." "The Virginian" has been competitive, other shows have not, and it appears to be that simple.

Any thoughts on the matter? Channel 13 said they are anxious to receive any viewer comments, so drop them a line sometime.

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WASHINGTON —(UPI) — Responding to White House envoy Henry A. Kissinger's visit to Hanoi, North Vietnam informed the United States Tuesday it will free 20 American prisoners of war ahead of schedule within the next few days.

Pentagon spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim, who announced the surprise release, refused to say whether Kissinger had requested it or whether it was a voluntary gesture of good will by Hanoi. But he said Hanoi selected 16 Air Force men and four Navy men as the POWs to be set free next.

The new release will raise to 163 the number of Americans freed by the Communists. The release Monday included 116 U.S. militarymen from POW camps in North Vietnam, 19 servicemen from Viet Cong camps in South Vietnam, and eight civilians from camps in the South.

AUSTIN —(UPI) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe Monday urged legislators to reduce penalties for first time marijuana users to a maximum of one year in jail and \$2,000.

Briscoe's proposed "Texas controlled substances act" also would reduce penalties somewhat for second time offenders but would make it easier for prosecutors to get convictions and stiffer sentences for drug pushers.

"My bill is designed to provide our law enforcement officials with the authority they need to control this trafficking in illegal drugs," Briscoe said in a capitol news conference.

"This is the root of the drug abuse problem, and we are proposing the steps necessary to cut off the tentacles which are threatening to ruin the lives of

thousands of Texans."

Sens. Jim Wallace, D - Houston, and H. J. Blanchard, D - Lubbock, introduced the bill in the Senate Monday. The bill is sponsored in the House by Reps. Don Cavness, D - Austin, Tim Von Dohlen, D - Goliad, and Craig Washington, D - Houston.

Briscoe's 49-page proposal would make a first conviction of marijuana possession a misdemeanor punishable by no more than one year in jail, or a maximum fine of \$2,000 or both.

Subsequent conviction of marijuana possession would be classified a felony, with a penalty of two to 10 years in prison, or a fine of no more than \$5,000, or both.

Under the bill, possession of eight ounces or more of marijuana would be classified as possession with intent to deliver, and would be considered a felony offense, punishable by a prison term of from two to 20 years.

Briscoe said he recommended lowering the penalty for first

possession of marijuana because "those in the field of law enforcement feel this is the best approach to it."

WASHINGTON —(UPI) — The United States and Cuba reached agreement Tuesday on a joint crackdown on aircraft hijackings believed to provide for stiff Cuban prosecution of American air pirates in lieu of extradition.

The State Department said only

a few procedural details remained to be worked out in the next few days. Officials refused to discuss the substance of the accord.

But U.S. authorities let it be known during the indirect negotiations between Washington and Havana that they would not object to the absence of any provision for extradition of hijackers back to the United States if there were assurances the Cuban government would apply strong penalties upon conviction.

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