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Muddled wording stalls elections

by robert cahill

The Resident Halls Policy Board's (RHPB) elections, originally scheduled for Thursday, have been postponed until next semester due to the confusing wording in the RHPB bill, said Lin Eubanks, election commissioner.

The bill as originally passed by the Students' Association Senate on Sept. 22,

states that, "There shall be five elected student members. Two shall be elected at-large from the Quadrangle and three at-large from the Moody Towers."

But the bill was amended by UH Chancellor Barry Munitz on Nov. 10, and no mention was made of where these representatives would come from.

The revised version reads, "Five of the ten

student members shall be elected from and by Resident hall student residents."

The other five RHPB members will be appointed and approved by the SA Senate.

Eubanks said that at this time, it is uncertain, "Whether or not, . . . the bill states that the representatives shall be apportioned between the Towers and the Quadrangle."

Several of the seven students, who have applied for these RHPB positions, filed complaints in the Student Court last week because of the uncertainty surrounding election requirements, she said.

However, she added that these complaints were withdrawn when the election was put off.

Eubanks said that last Thursday, SA members confronted the election commission with the original version of the bill, which required representative apportionment between the two dorms.

However, the election commission had been provided with the amended bill by Harry Sharp, vice chancellor and dean of students, and thus the disparity arose, she said.

Eubanks said the confusion was heightened by the fact that the amended version of the bill resembled the actual bill.

"It (the amended version) was numbered like a bill. And it looked like a bill," she said.

Eubanks said that the commission was unable to locate Munitz, and consequently called off the election.

"Munitz was out of town, and couldn't be contacted," she said.

"We had to wait until we had some explanation by him (Munitz)" she said.

Eubanks said that the election will be held when the students return to UH in the spring. She also said that SA and Munitz will probably "retype the amendments into the bill."

Sharp said that the problem resulted from contradictory passages in the bills.

"There was confusion to such an extent that the election commission called the election off until next semester," he said.

The RHPB was created by SA earlier this semester "to advise housing officers on matters pertinent to the dorms," he said.

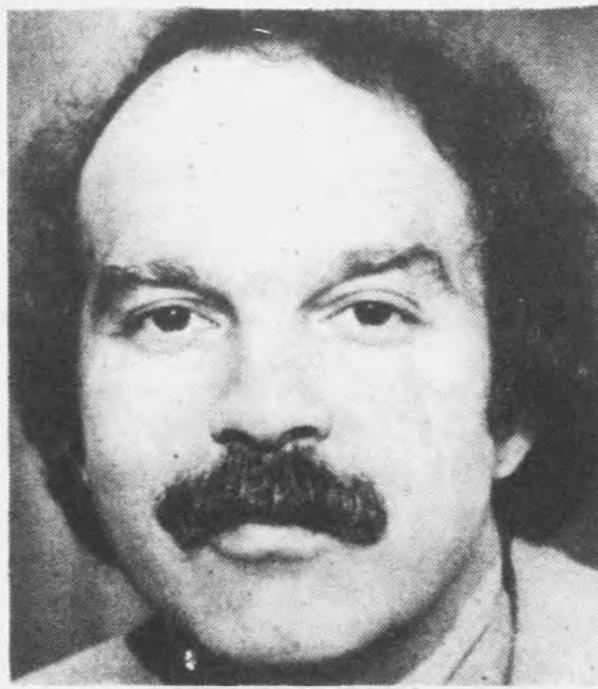
The RHPB has been embroiled in controversy this semester, as originally the SA bill called for five SA appointees on the board, and only four dorm representatives. But the dorms wanted greater representation.

The amendments offered by Munitz were thought of as a compromise between the groups, as both would have equal representation.

However, the controversy continues as it is unknown who will comprise the five elected members.



Lin Eubanks . . .
said words confused



Barry Munitz . . .
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It's humanoid vs. nature in orienteering meets

by ron foster

Slow-paced, grueling hikes over various degrees of rough terrain and undergrowth are what characterizes the sport of orienteering. And UH's Buffalo Bayou Pathfinders have won several orienteering meets during the semester.

Sponsored by the UH ROTC program, the team competes on how well and how fast participants can find the proper path, or "orientate" themselves over natural terrain, like the Sam Houston Forest in Conroe, Texas.

The club's most recent victories were at Texas A&M on Nov. 18 when the "red" team took first place. Team members were Paul Gonzales, Robert Pollard, Pete Owen and Robert Whottlin. The same red team also finished first place at the Arkansas Tech meet held near Russellville, Arkansas on Nov. 4.

The teams are designated according to the course they run: the "red" team runs the "red" course, the "orange" team runs the "orange" course, and so on.

Colors are assigned according to degree of difficulty: the order is white, the least difficult, to yellow, orange, red, to blue, the longest and toughest course.

The "blue" course, some 12,000 meters long where markers are very subtle, is preserved mainly for world class runners, according to team Captain Larry Wier. The most grueling, hardest race for college teams, however, is the "red" course, where markers are hard to find and are subtle. The race is over 5,000 to 7,000 meters.

The Pathfinders "orange" team also got a first place win at Texas A&M in the orange course (3-5 kilometers). Team members were Kathi Woodson, Charles Miller, Pat Steffanelli and Macario Garza.

Also in the Arkansas meet, Robert Whottlin finished second place in the men's 29-and-under division and team captain Wier finished first place on the red course in the men's 30-and-under category. Charles Miller finished second on the orange course in the men's 18-20 division.



Guyana 'nightmare' continues

GEOGETOWN, Guyana (AP)—"I was talking to my wife and I said, 'Where's Malcolm? Where's Malcolm?' We were trying to get our son. I realized, wait a second, he's dead. And then I woke up."

Ever since Tim Carter of Boise, Idaho, lost his wife and 15-month-old son, Malcolm, in the mass suicide-murder of more than 900 members of the Peoples' Temple settlement at Jonestown, he has been having nightmares.

Another one, he said, "is just that whole scene."

"Some of them are children, others of me trying to get my son and waking up and realizing he's dead, or dreaming my wife is alive and waking up."

"Just very scary sort of dreams which I

think will probably be with me for the rest of my life," the 30-year-old ex-Marine said.

Did his wife commit suicide?

"I don't know," he said. "When I saw her she was dying. I don't think she had any choice. I can't believe . . . I think if I had taken the initiative to get us out of there, I think she would have come with me, but I didn't see it was coming, so . . ."

Carter says he and his 26-year-old wife, Gloria, talked very briefly before the Rev. Jim Jones called the meeting in the sect's pavilion to urge his followers to commit suicide.

"I just asked her if she knew what was going on," he recalled. "And she said she heard some things and I told her . . . I held her and I held my son, more or less just sat there and

comforted each other. But we didn't have any inkling this was about to take place.

"I heard the word suicide mentioned. I guess it would have been just as the meeting was started although I wasn't at the meeting at the time. I was in the process of us being given a suitcase to take out of Jonestown. I gave an empty suitcase to a woman who was at Jim Jones' house.

"Mothers holding babies, crying. And I saw some, maybe 10 or 15 bodies."

"And I leaned over and hugged her and told her I loved her, and she started going into convulsions at which point I knew whatever was happening, she was dying. At that point my survival instincts took over. I mean I had a way out of Jonestown and I took it. Pure and simple," he said.

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Iranians deserve praise for efforts

To the Editor:

It irritates me how some students at Cougar High react to the activities of the Iranian students. You would think they believe everything they read in *Today's Student*, whose right-wing line attacks everything from Darwin's theory to gay rights, feminism and Iranian students.

Some students, preferring to remain insulated from the realities of the world, are no doubt offended by the political activism of the Iranian students. But they should at least be aware of the fact that the Iranians have been telling us the truth about the U.S. role in Iran.

The disruption caused by Iranian students in the U.S. is **NOTHING** compared to the disruption and rip-off

of Iran by U.S. oil companies, military advisors and the CIA.

The billions of dollars in U.S. arms supplied to Iran makes U.S. involvement in Iran comparable to U.S. involvement in Viet Nam in the early '60s. During the Viet Nam War, it was only after American bodies began coming home in boxes that a significant number of Americans became concerned about that unjust war. As long as it was Vietnamese killing Vietnamese with U.S. arms, few Americans cared.

In Iran, the U.S. has not had to resort to U.S. troops because the U.S. government has bought a king (the Shah) and supplied him with an army and air force worth billions to do the dirty work

— thus avoiding the risk of arousing the American public. But the Iranian people haven't been so complacent and have turned against U.S. involvement and the Shah.

The Iranian people (including our fellow Iranian students at UH) have taken an active role in their country's destiny and are now in the process of changing world history.

But I suppose most loyal Cougar fans would prefer to see serious, activist Iranians converted into happy, empty-headed, football fans, cheering and chanting the Cougars on to victory.

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Agents fired for tailing Weathermen

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI Director William H. Webster said Tuesday he will fire two FBI agents for their part in conducting allegedly illegal surveillance against the radical Weather Underground in the early 1970s, but will take no action against 59 other agents.

In addition to firing two agents, the director announced he will demote one agent and suspend one for 30 days. All four had supervisory responsibility, Webster said.

He also said he will reprimand two street agents who conducted unauthorized surveillance against the Weather Underground.

Webster said he decided against any discipline for 59 other agents, including one supervisor, on grounds they were acting under orders from superiors and without clear legal guidance from FBI headquarters or the Justice Department.

"It seems clear to me that to discipline the street agents at this late date for acts performed under supervision and without needed legal guidance from FBI headquarters and the Department of Justice would wholly lack any therapeutic value either as a personal deterrent or as an example to others," Webster told a news conference. "It would be counterproductive and unfair."

Webster announced the results of an investigation of 68 agents and supervisors accused of involvement in break-ins, wiretaps

and mail openings that were intended to ferret out Weather Underground fugitives between 1970 and 1975.

The remaining three FBI agents involved in the investigation have retired and are beyond disciplinary action.

Other 59 were 'only following orders'; not held responsible

Three former ranking FBI officials—former Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray and two of his top aides—are to stand trial next month on charges they conspired to violate the civil rights of friends and relatives of Weather Underground members by authorizing the surveillance.

"The lessons have been learned," he said. "The bureau is committed to doing its duty under guidelines which fully protect today's perceptions of privacy and reasonableness."

The four supervisors who were disciplined have 10 days to appeal to Webster to reconsider his decision. After that, if Webster

stands by his action, they can take their cases to court and three of them who are veterans may appeal to the Civil Service Commission.

Webster withheld the names of all 68 on grounds it would violate their privacy rights to make any names public. But the identities of some of the agents could come out if there are appeals.

Webster, a former judge who has been FBI director for nine months, described his investigation as an arduous one which involved him emotionally.

"I do consider myself a member of this family," he said. But he said he would have taken the same steps if he had been an outsider.

Most of the activities against the Weather Underground were conducted by the so-called Squad 47 in the New York field office. The FBI was seeking fugitive members of the organization which claimed responsibility for more than 35 bombings against such targets as the U.S. Capitol, the Pentagon, law enforcement agencies and corporate buildings.

Webster said the FBI is still looking for eight or nine Weather Underground fugitives. He described the organization as "the closest thing we have in the United States to international terrorism."

In pardoning the conduct of 59 of the agents under investigation, Webster said the bureau was under extraordinary pressure to find and arrest the fugitives.

Volunteers: Earn credit for work

by thomasene smith

Volunteer work can earn students college credits through a course in Community Participation and Service at UH. Three credits per semester can be earned by working with volunteer organizations such as the American Red Cross, Senior Citizens Programs, Big Brothers and Planned Parenthood of Houston. This elective course is offered to full or part-time students.

Community Participation and Service 330 is a Social Science class offered through the Afro-American Studies Program. In the spring semester 1979, the students enrolled in this class will be working specifically with Planned Parenthood Center of Houston.

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Chinese assimilate culture yet retain traditional mores

by tai leung

The stereotype of Chinese immigrants being grocers, laundrymen and railway builders needed to be changed after World War II, according to Esther Yao, an immigrant from Taiwan and assistant professor of professional education at UH (Clear Lake City).

Addressing a group of students in the Atlantic Room, UC during the Chinese Cultural Week, Yao said the contemporary Chinese immigrants are well-educated, and professions such as medicine, education and engineering have attracted the interests of nearly one-fourth of the Chinese immigrants.

Yao holds a Ph.D. in home economics from Purdue University and has written over 90 articles about early childhood, family education and multi-racial studies.

According to the Institute of International Education, over 20,000 Chinese students have come to the United States since 1970.

Yao said their extrinsic cultural traits, such as dress, manners, and lifestyle can change rapidly and imitate very similarly to those of the mainstream. But it is not so with their intrinsic cultural traits such as value system, religious belief and the preference for speaking Chinese.

Communication between parents and children is becoming more open, and their relationships more informal and relaxed, she said.

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"The Chinese immigrants have virtually no voice in politics and civic clubs," Yao said. "By paying more attention to their children's school activities, they hope that their next generation will be able to complete the unfulfilled cultural assimilation."



Esther Yao . . .

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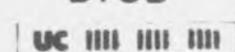


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Where have all the Yippies gone?

by lea galanter

Remember the Yippies? Present day undergrads may recall the name and older students may think "What ever happened to them?" Well, they're still alive and kicking, though not quite as loudly as before.

The Yippies (Youth International Party), a leftist organization formed in December of 1966, was originally led by Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Ed Sanders and Paul Krassner. They fused the mainstream hippie movement with the New Left to get people politically involved. Thriving on media coverage, their stunts included dropping dollar bills on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and threatening to put LSD in Chicago's water supply. The Yippies are best known for their demonstrations at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the subsequent Chicago conspiracy trial.

In more recent years police have adopted a policy of benign neglect towards the young radicals. A dozen pot smoking Yipsters were ignored at the 1976 Republican National Convention in Kansas City. In 1977 the Yippies couldn't get themselves arrested, although they tried. At a July 4 smoke-in across the street from the White House, were 2,000 smokers gathered for music and weed. The few who believed all pot smokers should be treated alike attempted to turn themselves in, but were ignored by police. Not only had their issues changed, from Nixon and Vietnam to pot legalization, but their numbers had severely dwindled.

At their 10th anniversary "Be-In" in Central Park April 1977 the organizers were disappointed at the small crowd of 200. A sharp decline compared to the 10,000 people who attended in 1967. Especially disappointing was the inability to find 16 volunteers to carry an anti-government spying banner on a march to the United Nations Building in New York. A smoke-in, in May of this year in New York, only drew about 400 persons.

Over the years the Yippies have changed leaders and tactics. Abbie Hoffman was accused of peddling three

pounds of cocaine to New York undercover police in 1973 and is presently a fugitive. Jerry Rubin has gone from demanding political changes to advocating a spiritual revolution and a raising of one's consciousness.

He has written a book "Growing up at 37." Present day Yippies are following the route of non-violence advocated by Hoffman and Rubin. At the Yippie National Convention, held at Yippie headquarters in New York in March of this year, a new maxim was put forth by Beal, "Never commit a felony when a misdemeanor will do."

The Yippies may have declined in numbers but their

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out and smokes pot.
—Henry Weissborn
UH Yippie*

spirit survives, even here in Houston. According to Henry Weissborn, a Houston Yippie leader and president of the UH Direct Action Committee, the Yippies are "the only truly authentic new left group that has survived." He feels this is because they are organized around action, not ideology. Their strength lies in influence and not numbers, Weissborn said.

A major issue of Yippie concern is the anti-nuclear movement. The Yippies helped organize the Mockingbird Alliance, the anti-nuclear organization at UH. On October 29 they held an "Anti-Nuclear Tribal Stop" in Bay City, a five hour music festival of life. Unfortunately, this demonstration suffered the same

lack of involvement of other recent Yippie demonstrations.

A "Be-In" at Lynn Eusan Park in November showed the same lack of attendance as the one in New York the previous year. Attendance at the rally, on behalf of letting people be, totalled in the 500s, despite a speech by Aron Kay, the man who threw a pie in the face of Howard Hunt. Weissborn feels "the Be-In signals the beginning of a new wave of protest in the Gulf Coast region."

Yippie survival at UH is up in the air, partly because of student uninvolved, partly because Students' Association and Program Council are not willing to fund future rallies. This is due to low attendance at November's "Be-In" Weissborn said. Weissborn added that certain members of the Direct Action Committee resent the major involvement of the Yippies, saying DAC is a Yip front concerned with pot smoking and putting on rock concerts.

The Yippies, while involved in marijuana law reform movement, are "not just a group that goes out and smokes pot," Weissborn said. He considers it "a weakness to be only into pot legalization" because the public and media will not take them seriously.

Issues that are of importance to Yippies include ERA, gay rights, government spying, and racism. Plans for a rally called "Rock Against Racism" in April 1979 are in the making.

Weissborn got involved in the Yippie movement after reading Space City News in 1969 (published by a coalition of SDS and other radical youth groups). He says the Yippie movement in Texas is very young-only a few months old-and the only campuses in Texas with Yippie chapters are Texas Tech and UH. According to Weissborn most of the 35 Yippie factions throughout the United States have small memberships, the average being 10 people. The Houston Yippie chapter consists of three members and they are always seeking new people. Anyone interested is asked to contact Henry Weissborn at 723-0547.

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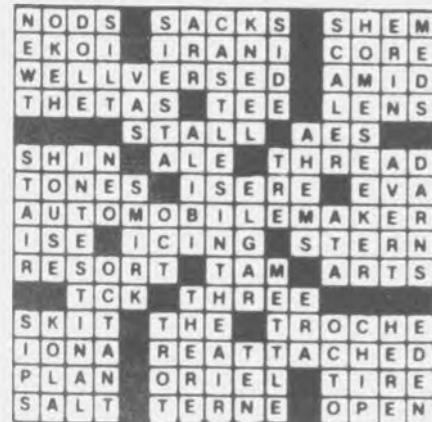
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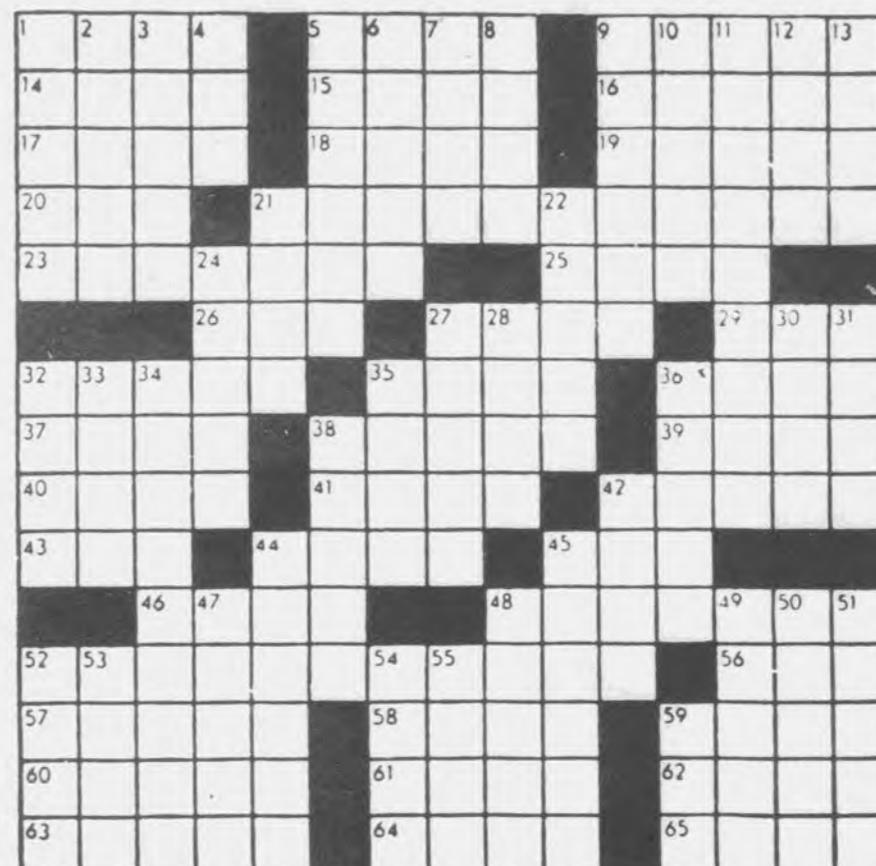


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Director, writer: Francis Veber; from the Show Biz Company; subtitled in English.

by h.n. graham

Pierre Richard scored a surprising, but deserved, commercial success a few years back in the starring roles of "The Tall Blonde Man With One Black Shoe," and its sequel, "The Return of The Tall Blonde Man With One Black Shoe."

Now Richard is back in "The Toy." It isn't the same type of wild, uncontrolled farce the "Tall Blonde Man" movies were, but the large talents of Richard are once again apparent.

"The Toy" tries to be a quieter, more conventional comedy. Although there aren't as many full-scale bouts with laughter, there's more about "The Toy"

that you end grinning about have a sequence the contrast funnier.

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is about a journalist who has worked for two years, and who often ~~job~~ on a paper owned by ~~the~~ powerful industrialist Bouquet. He is sent to cover a toy store owned by the ~~st~~, and bumps into the man's son. ~~He~~ announces that the journalist "a toy." Jobs being scarce, ~~the~~ journalist goes with the kid to his ~~the~~ that ~~one~~ will straighten ~~it~~ as soon as they're there. No ~~the~~ industrialist is willing to ~~rything~~ his son does. ~~his~~ situation Richard and ~~eb~~, who wrote and directed

this film, and wrote the "Tall Blonde Man" pictures, develop a nice pointed comedy about the effects of wealth.

Matching Richard as the wealthy industrialist and his son, Michel Bouquet and Fabrice Greco give effortless character performances. Bouquet, particularly, seems right at home in his role.

It's a nice little comedy, and should be of interest to anyone who is looking for a gentle, non-serious good time.

Also on the program with "The Toy" is a short film from the National Endowment For the Arts' program to bring shorts back to the theaters. The short is "Lapis" by James Whitney, one of the first examples of computer-generated animation. It is a collection of dazzling, swirling lights that audiences seem to find either boring or brilliant,



john atkinson

The semester is almost over thank God, and it has been an eventful one, particularly for on-campus art.

The Art Department brought the works of Frida Kahlo and a major Chicano art retrospective. Drama had two stunning plays in "Equus" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner." The School of Music continuously presented members of the faculty and grad students in challenging concert programs, and

The Program Council brought loads of biggies to the campus. Van Morrison, Jean-Luc Ponty, Leo Kottke, U.K., George Benson, and the recent event with Leon Redbone and Tom Waits made this a year where a lot of the best music to be heard in Houston was happening on this very acreage.

It seems like a matter of pride for these arms of the student life and breath on campus to bring artistically worthwhile things to the students, along with a desire to get closer to the artists themselves.

One of my wants has always been to meet the brains behind Weather Report (see review below), and I got my wish Monday evening. Joe Zawinul and Wayne Shorter — all mine to ask anything I wanted. It was beautiful. And I didn't have a recorder waaaaah!

I'm sorry, I'll try to collect myself next semester.

Weather 'drenches' Jones' jazz buffs

by david quine

They certainly didn't need to prove anything, but in Jones Hall Monday night Weather Report went ahead and proved once again they're the best jazz-rock band around.

Playing as tight as jeans on a Hollywood hopeful, Weather Report ripped through old and new material with equal finesse. They covered everything from "Boogie Woogie Waltz" to the title of the latest album, *Mr. Gone*, and even though the new material is more conventional, it's still pretty damned en-

joyable.

Over and over Joe Zawinul demonstrated what keeps him at the front of the line of jazz synthesizer players. The guy is pretty amazing and certainly didn't need the "special effect" smoke bomb that went off during "Scarlet Woman." The song creates such an unique mood on its own that gimmicks like smoke only detract from it. Besides, it made everybody on stage look like their pants were on fire.

A couple of the solo spots provided a study in contrasts. Wayne Shorter quietly stood with his sax in the

center of the stage and blew a mellow version of "Thanks for the Memories." Fortunately Bob Hope didn't follow with a monologue.

But even wierder was Jaco Pastorius' solo spot when he did some unusual things with his bass. Looking like a lost filmclip from Woodstock, he generally slapped at his instrument producing some amazing sounds and hopped around in a stylized rain dance.

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Only the scene changes as the battle continues. Each opponent's camp rallies to the cries of need and concern. Both sides begin revealing their weaponry for public scrutiny. A prediction of the outcome proves difficult.

What's going on? The Texas Public Interest Research Group (TexPIRG) is attempting to challenge the construction of the proposed Allens Creek Nuclear Generating Station (ACNGS) of Houston Lighting & Power Co. (HL&P). TexPIRG has petitioned the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in order to become an intervener in the licensing hearings for the construction permit for the plant.

A prehearing conference to decide TexPIRG's eligibility as an intervener began Friday, Nov. 17, at 9:30 a.m. at the Host International Hotel, Houston.

Many people are interested in these complex issues, besides TexPIRG, HL&P, and the NRC.

One question surfacing in such an encounter is whether a citizen's group can have any impact on a corporate entity and the government processes.

TexPIRG's hopes are high. Clarence Johnson, director of the student sponsored organization, said, "Even if we don't stop the plant, we will improve it." Johnson said that public education is needed to effect the attitudes and business practices of this community. He said that education was one of their main lines of attack in a situation this large. "It (the intervention) will also be an education for HL&P," Johnson said.

The issues are many and complex. There are environmental and economic questions to be faced on both sides of the issue. The answers are not simple.

Graham Painter, HL&P's manager of public relations, described a change in the plant design from two reactors to one unit. This would also change the size of the cooling lake needed for the plant. Painter said that due to these changes TexPIRG is being allowed to petition to become an intervener.

TexPIRG takes HL&P to task

by Wallace Braud

TexPIRG says they should be able to join the proceedings anyway, since they were not party to the hearings in the past.

TexPIRG has petitioned the NRC to drop the ruling which would prevent them from becoming an intervener on the grounds of when they are entering the proceedings. TexPIRG believes that they can only be barred from the hearings if final action on the licensing has occurred.

When questioned about the contentions that TexPIRG was raising, Painter refused to comment on the grounds that the matter was still in the litigation stages. He said that after the hearings HL&P would be willing to answer any questions about the design of the plant.

Among the contentions that TexPIRG raises against the Allen Creek facility is its location. They think it is too close to Houston. The proposed site is 45 miles west of downtown Houston between Sealy and Wallis, Tex.

TexPIRG says the cooling lake to be built at Allens Creek would use too much water from the Brazos River and would not be large enough for sufficient recreational use.

Other matters that TexPIRG is presenting deal with some of the environmental questions of energy alternatives. They believe that HL&P has inaccurately evaluated the alternatives of energy conservation and the use of solid waste combustion. Johnson said that these two alternatives, if looked at more

closely, might eliminate the need for the Allens Creek facility.

TexPIRG also believes that HL&P is wrong in stating nuclear fueled plants are cheaper to the consumer than are coal-fired plants. He cites this based on figures showing nuclear plants to have a history of only being 50 percent efficient compared to coal with a 70 percent rating.

In all TexPIRG is presenting 11 contentions to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board which will decide on the construction permit for the ACNGS. As the contentions stand now, the NRC is opposing the inclusion of five of them. The NRC's letter in response to TexPIRG said that the opposition would be explained in later responses.

One of the items that the NRC is objecting to is TexPIRG's request for a secondary backup system for automatic shutdown of the plant in case of an emergency. As the rulings stand now only one is needed as a backup.

Another person interested in these issues is Andrew Sansom, the director of the Houston office of the Texas Energy Extension Service. Amazed at how deeply TexPIRG has been involved in the issue, Sansom said that if TexPIRG can "get its act together" they should be able to make an impact on the problem. He said that this can even be done without a large amount of public backing.

Sansom agrees with most of TexPIRG's contentions, but cautions that HL&P has some credible arguments on their side, too.

Sansom said that according to a recent study on power usage, Houston is 62 percent above the national average for home power consumption. He also said that 98 percent of our power is produced by burning natural gas, a fuel we are running out of.

Sansom believes that even though the public is becoming very tired of the attitudes of the utilities in regard to service and facilities, the common man would rather have nuclear plants than run out of air-conditioning.

"Nuclear plants and nuclear fuel as a power source are unstoppable," said Sansom, "there is no way to turn our technology around. Particularly if you assume the use of centralized power grids."

Continuing to explain, Sansom said that even if HL&P eliminated the need for the construction of any new plants through conservation, the conversion away from natural gas would still have to take place. The only choices he sees in the time frame involved are nuclear fuel and coal.

Sansom believes that HL&P is not in the business to decide which is better, but must take the technology available and produce electricity at the cheapest cost to the customer. He said, "If HL&P messes around they are in a lot of trouble."

Another problem Sansom sees with the use of coal is the air pollution problem. He thinks that burning enough coal to produce ten megawatts of electricity would turn Houston black.

A problem also arises in the transportation of the coal, he said. The trains needed to carry the coal are very long and can block the tracks in many small towns bordering Houston for hours at a time. Something which the neighboring communities will not like in the least.

Even with all of these "practical" arguments on the side of HL&P, Sansom still thinks they could be more responsible in the management of their energy production, including the use of nuclear fuel.

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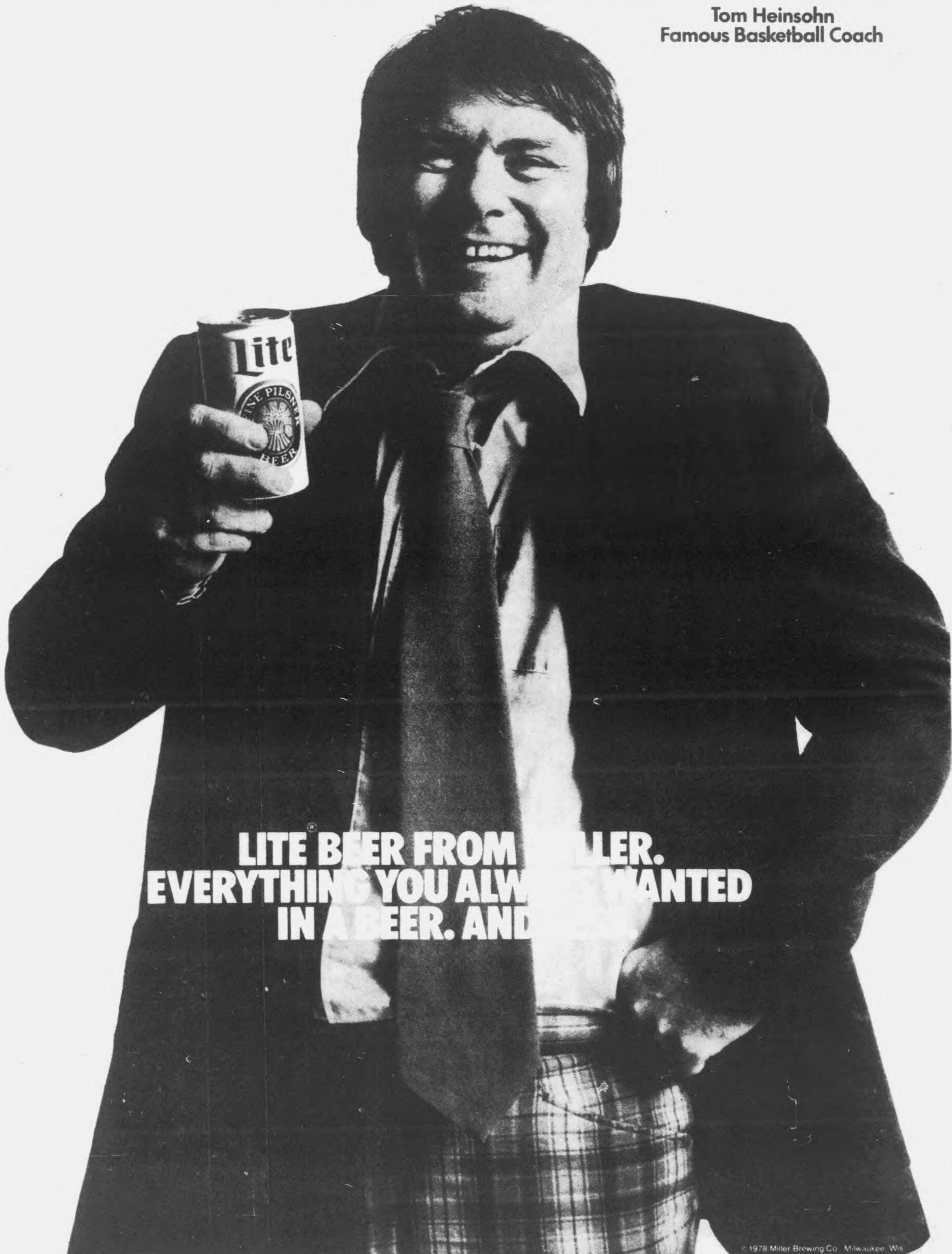
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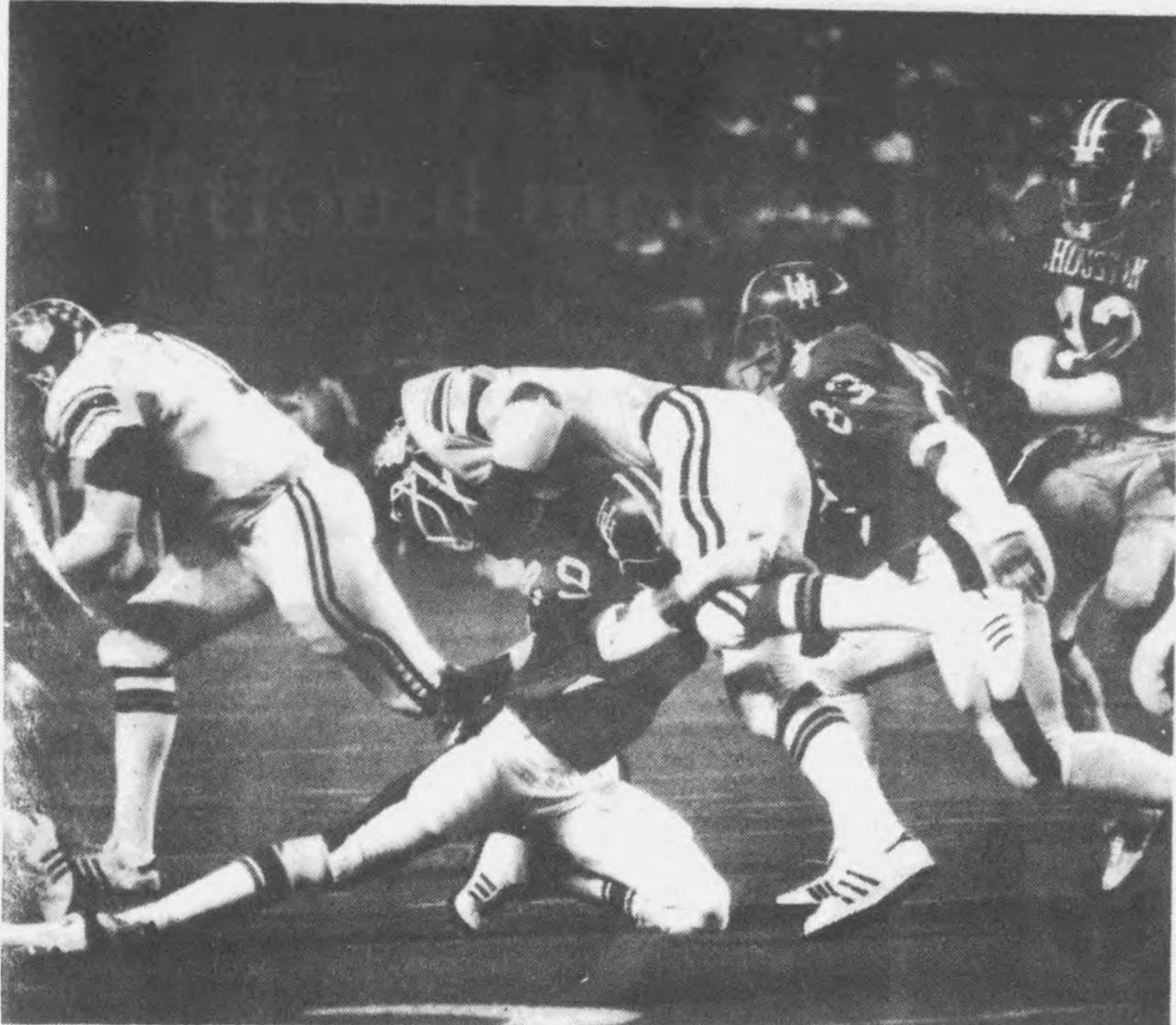
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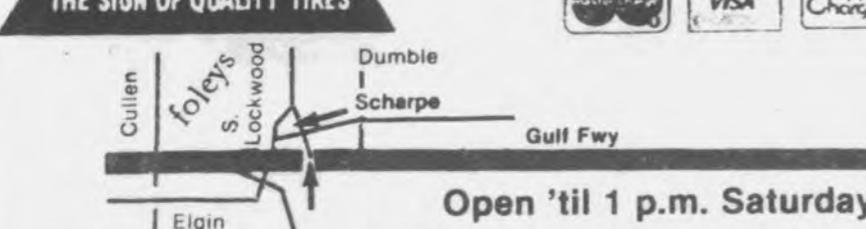
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Needs of Christian students fulfilled through BSU goals

by patricia wright

first of two parts

In 1979, the Baptist Student Union will realize 60 years of active service since its formation at the University of Texas in 1919. As a campus ministry organization, the BSU has over 1000 ministries nationwide and several foreign ministries.

Already one of the largest UH campus organizations, the BSU has experienced renewed enthusiasm and growing numbers during the 1978 school year.

Reflecting this renewal was the 1978 student trip to Glorieta, N.M.—the annual BSU August retreat. This year 63 students from UH went to Glorieta as opposed to only 18 in 1977.

According to BSU Director Burt Purvis, increased BSU involvement at UH is largely the result of a new and larger staff, and a maturing membership.

Purvis, 30, who came to UH only 18 months ago, said much of his first three semesters as director has been devoted to developing leadership among BSU members. "The BSU is a unique organization because it is student-led. Its goals and aspirations are more or less decided in terms of the students," said Purvis.

BSU Assistant Director Joyce Ashcraft, 26, said a need is ever being expressed by Christian students for an organization such as the BSU. "Christian students need Christian fellowship and a place to plug in and minister while they are here in school," said Ashcraft.

"BSU membership is open to all denominations. Anyone who comes and participates is a member," she added.

Ashcraft said the BSU has many objectives, but its main purpose is to "share Jesus Christ on this campus and to help Christians to grow in their faith."

Staff members help organize and channel student ministry and involvement. The UH BSU now has four staff positions compared to only two in 1977.

The staff members are Purvis, Ashcraft, Campus Evangelism Coordinator Billy Sigsbee, and International Student Coordinator Jerene Broadway.

All staff members must be Baptist and must have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The director and assistant director must be seminary graduates and the coordinators must be college graduates.

Sigsbee, 22, said the BSU prefers recent graduates because they can better relate to students.



Burt Purvis . . .

. . . developing leaders

In Texas, staff members are hired by the Division of Student Work in Dallas which is a division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The Baptist General Convention of Texas is responsible for salaries and building funds.

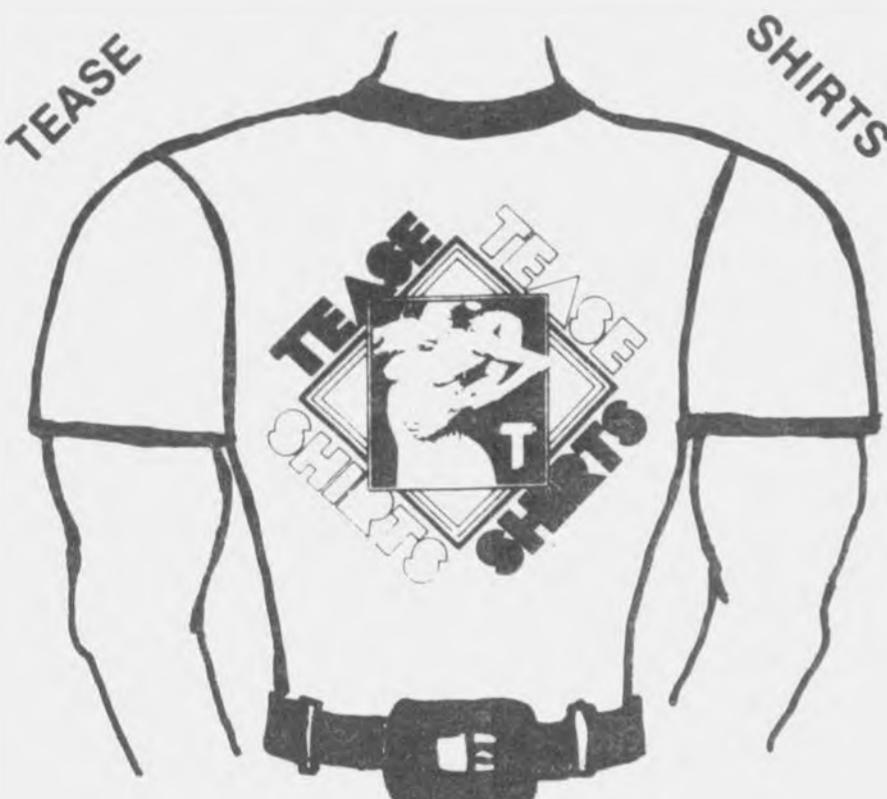
The Baptist Student Center, at 4801 Calhoun, was built three years ago. Both functional and versatile, this facility is complete with library, lounge, recreation room, assembly room, classroom, conference room, prayer room, work room, kitchen and staff offices.

The BSU receives program support from the Union Baptist Association. National Student Ministries in Nashville, Tenn., serves as a resource organization supplying BSU with written materials.

A bimonthly publication called "Dimensions" is produced in the work room at the Baptist Student Center. Steve Harris is the editor. Purvis writes a column "Another Opinion," which is printed every Tuesday in the *Cougar*.

Purvis said the BSU can become a more effective ministry organization on this campus. "Not in the traditional, fundamentalist way, but in a constructive, growing way, we can touch the lives of these students and help them to change," he said.

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Bus Riding Bonus

Do you ride the bus? Students' Association and Houtran are negotiating a discount rate for student bus riders to alleviate the parking problem. Also, in working with the Campus Police Advisory Board, SA hopes to release reserved parking after peak hours, allocate more parking spaces for student lots and, through Student Traffic Court, reduce or waive parking fines. A Grounds and Facilities Planning Committee with the finances and responsibilities to accomplish a long-range solution to the parking problem was also proposed by SA.

Grade Your Teacher . . .

Wouldn't you like to see a course description for every course taught at UH similar to the ones printed in last Tuesday's edition of the Cougar? The College of Humanities and Fine Arts developed and printed this listing at its own expense. Students' Association would like to applaud HFA's efforts and encourage all colleges to provide such a valuable student service. The SA Senate Educational Affairs Committee has worked up proposals for mandatory course descriptions and teacher evaluations. Now they are busy surveying similar programs at universities across the country to find out just what kind of evaluation form would be best for us. In the meantime, SA's proposals are being considered by members of the Undergraduate Council. We are calling for course descriptions that will provide, among other things, course content, reading lists and the grading system used. Also, SA wants to see that teacher evaluations are published for all students to use as a registration aid, as well as being used as part of the criteria for faculty promotion and tenure.

Where Does It Hurt?

The Health Center Policy Board met on Tuesday, November 28, for an orientation to the Health Center facility and to the committee concerns. Nine SA student appointees sit on this committee. Brian Barry, the first Senate appointee to the Health Center Policy Board was heavily involved in the recruitment of other board members. Other members include Melinda Castro, Angela and Scott McMenemy and Mary Madden. Four students are awaiting SA Senate approval, they are: Frank Cockman, Beth Daniel, Mark Smith and Gregory Edwards. These students need your support and help in becoming an effective student input vehicle. If you have suggestions or complaints regarding the Health Center for his committee to consider, stop by the SA offices, Room N-19 University Center Underground, or call 749-1366.

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"TAG", You're "IT"

At the Legislative Budget Board meeting in Austin on Friday, December 1, the Texas Assistance Grant (TAG) funding was killed. The Texas Co-ordinating Board of Higher Education had recommended that \$8 million be appropriated to fund the TAG for the 1980-81 biennium. Texas Assistance Grant has never been funded, even though the law allowing it had been passed previously by the Legislature.

It would have been similar to the Federal Basic Educational Opportunities Grant. The reason for the loss of TAG is probably Clements stand against any new programs. However, Mack Adams of the Student Services Division of the Co-ordinating Board had assured me no additional personnel would be necessary.

Let Speaker of the House, Bill Clayton and Lieutenant Governor, William Hobby, know you want this reconsidered in the Legislature. Send letters in support to:

William P. Hobby,
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P.O. Box 12068
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Bill Clayton,
Speaker of the House
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Classroom, Then What?

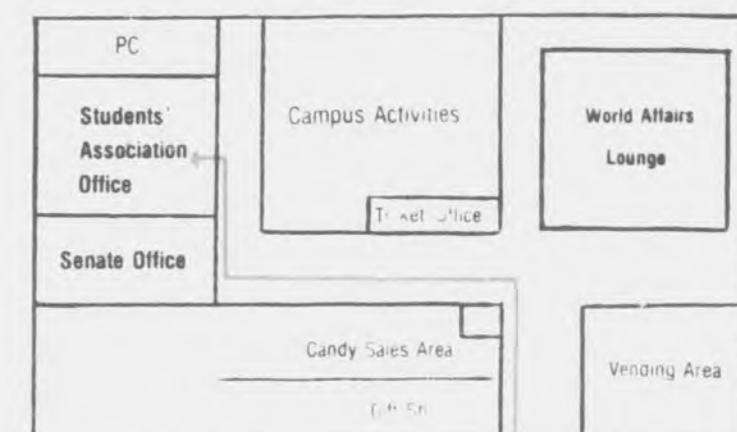
To assist in the general campus wide move to increase academic excellence, the Students' Association is beginning to review the tutorial program in hopes of recommending expanded services in a more central location. Currently Scott Curtis, Director of Student Life and Harold Nichols, Senator, are meeting with Dr. Osborne, Director of Counselling and Testing, to formulate a viable plan. The assistance of Honors' Program faculty will be sought to support this plan and to supply vital input. SA believes that academic excellence is not achieved by merely upgrading the upper-end of the academic program via the Honors' Program, but feels that it is necessary to allow other motivated students to excel through assistance in the Tutorial Program.

The Tutorial Program is not limited to the student with class difficulties, but is used by students at all academic levels. The program is only limited by its location, space, funding for services and anonymity.

Child Care Quality

In an attempt to resolve the two primary issues facing the Child Care Center deficit spending and limited openings, the Students' Association has met with Jean Boehme, Director of the Child Care Center and Connie Wallace, Associate Dean of Students. During these meetings the budget has been reviewed in an attempt to cut expenses, increase revenue and better serve the

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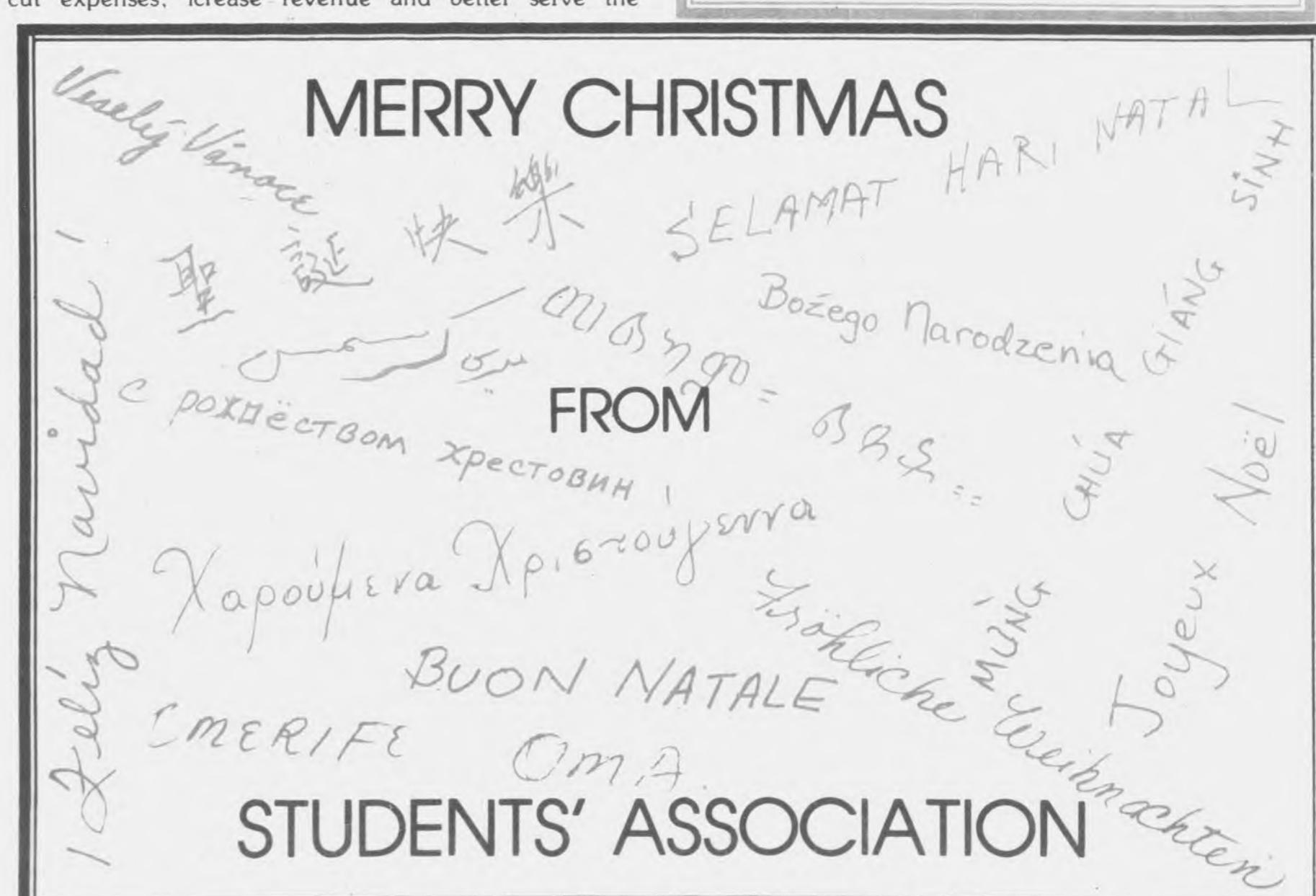
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students. The following suggestions have been made by Scott Curtis, Director of Student Life for SA and will be reviewed by staff and the Child Care Center Advisory Board: 1)utilize local rehabilitation programs to repair broken toys; 2)seek out alternate maintenance and janitorial services that may be less expensive than the contract with the University; 3)establish a priority system for student parents that does not require a partial fee payment during the summer when they do not need the program; 4) find other consumers during slow periods (i.e., holidays and summer); 5)research federal grants that might be available; 6)review the program to be sure the type of service provided is not finacially cut out of the reach of students (quality will not be affected).

According to Curtis, "It is essential that the child care services be available to all students who need it and that the cost be held in check so that it is not an unfair burden to the student and actually provides a service that cannot be found elsewhere for the price. Quality is and will remain paramount."

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