

TAs vote to resume talks with administration

By RANDY DAVIDSON
News Reporter

Members of the Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows and Lecturers Association voted unanimously Friday to end its second sickout and resume negotiations with the UH administration.

The vote affirmed recommendations made by the association's core committee on Thursday night. Those recommendations were made by negotiator Dr. John McNamara and the committee after McNamara met with university officials and got "clarifications" on the administration's position.

After Friday's 90-minute closed meeting, Nancy Ford said that after studying the university's position, the teaching assistants' group felt it had sufficient grounds to return to classes and resume negotiations.

McNamara said negotiations will reopen immediately. "We want to work with the administration to agree

upon a joint proposal to present to the Board of Regents," McNamara said. The board earlier called for proposals on TA salaries and benefits to be presented at its meeting April 3.

McNamara said he wants the proposal to be drafted after discussions with Munitz, the Deans' Council, the Faculty Senate, and the TATFLA Core Committee.

McNamara also said the proposal drafting committee will be made up of one person from each of the groups participating in the discussion. All members of the drafting committee could reserve the right to present its own proposal should the group he or she represents disagree with others on specific items, McNamara said.

Munitz was not available for comment Sunday afternoon.

One of the points the university clarified for the teaching assistants was a framework for setting TAs' salaries. McNamara said the money figures presented by Munitz Thursday showed that "the offer is specific,

concrete and substantial. It is sufficient basis for us to believe we can reopen negotiations."

Munitz has said he would work toward raising TA salaries to between \$500 and \$600 by 1981. Munitz's plan calls for raising their salaries again in 1982, to somewhere between \$575 and \$700.

McNamara said that while the figures presented by Munitz are specific, "TATFLA has not pledged to accept them." The group has been calling for a salary raise from a base level of \$375 to \$850 per month.

The issue of the retroactive pay raises was also addressed. The teaching assistants have been saying that money appropriated by the 66th Legislature should be paid to them retroactively.

The university has held that those increases are to be incorporated into the salary scale, rather than paid to the individual instructors.

Both sides are now waiting for rulings from the state Attorney General on how the problem can be settled.

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Cougar center Larry Micheaux hauls down one of the game nets which the Cougars claimed after defeating Texas, 84-59, in the finals of the SWC tournament, 84-59.

"Everybody was contributing on the team. I think we did a great job and we got a lot of experience out of this. We're looking forward, after the NCAA playoffs, to next year. I think we got a long way to go."

Houston will play Villanova in Charlotte, N.C. for the first round of the NCAA playoffs. Should the Cougars win that game, Micheaux and the others will go against Virginia and 7' 4" Ralph Sampson. (Photo by Brian M. Christopher)



Cougars take SWC championship

By TIM MCKIAN
Sports Editor

Houston pounded the University of Texas, 84-59 in Saturday night's SWC Tournament championship game. UH's win gives the Cougars the tournament championship along with a berth into the NCAA playoffs against Villanova in Charlotte, North Carolina this Friday.

"We had hopes all season long," UH Head Coach Guy Lewis said. "We've talked about this all season long; getting to San Antonio and making the NCAA playoffs. There's always hope."

The Cougars utilized all aspects of their game in downing the Longhorns for the third time this season. Rob Williams, the SWC Tournament's Most Valuable

Player, pumped in 37 points, handed out 6 assists and was 11-of-11 from the free throw line.

Mr. Consistency, Michael Young, continued his good defensive play and also put in 9-of-11 field goals for 18 points.

Freshman jumping jack Clyde Drexler provided outstanding rebounding strength as he pulled down 15 boards and contributed 12 points. UH ended the game with 12 more rebounds than the 'Horns.

Then there are the Roses — Lynden and David. Lynden started and put on another aggressive lesson on how to run Guy Lewis' press defense.

When the junior transfer from North Harris County got winded, David came in to do the same

outstanding and aggressive job.

As a team, UH shot a sizzling 61.4 percent of their field goal attempts. The aspect of Houston's game which has haunted them all year, free throws, failed to appear. In fact, the Coogs hit 82.4 of their 17 free throw attempts.

In short, UH had too many weapons for the Longhorns to defend against.

"We didn't do a lot of things right tonight and they didn't do a lot of things wrong," UT coach Abe Lemons said. "They could have beat anybody in America tonight."

UT won the opening tip and scored the first points of the game. Lynden Rose came right back to hit a jumper then Rose's pressure helped force the Horn's

Fred Carson to walk with the ball.

Rob Williams put in two free throws, UT turned the ball over again and Williams put one in from the corner of the floor. UH led 6-2 and never relinquished the lead.

The half ended with Houston ahead, 38-29.

UH won the second half tip and everything else in the remainder of the game.

Houston ballooned its lead to twenty points when Lynden Rose hit a jumper with 14:59 left in the game. One can never be certain about the outcome of SWC basketball contests but when Drexler sailed high in the air to reject Lasalle Thompson's short jumper, the Houston fans began

to grin. Then, when Michael Young jumped with Ken Montgomery and actually stole the ball while it was being shot, grins turned to smiles.

The 2,000 fans who felt it important to support their team in the River City were rewarded with a display of Rob Williams flair. With 11 seconds left to play and UH on another of its 8 scoring layups, the All-Everything SWC Player of the Year dribbled to the basket, then passed the ball between his legs to Drexler who was trailing Williams by three steps. The layup and the game were history.

"It's nice to win," a smiling Clyde Drexler said. "I think we're on the way up."

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commentary

HPD plagued by city's inaction and public image

Editor's note: This is the second part of Richard Burckhardt's commentary on the Houston Police Department.

By RICHARD BURCKHARDT

In an effort to remedy the salary problems, HPD approached City Council in 1980 with a request for a pay increase. City Council, in its infinite wisdom, ducked the issue by putting it to a city-wide vote. Council members were more interested in keeping their own constituents happy than in taking on the responsibility of providing Houstonians with better police protection. The pay increase was voted down and the council approved a lower one.

Council's land-grabbing annexations have not helped the manpower shortage either. When a new area is annexed, the city has to provide city services, including police, to the new areas. This tends to spread our officers to a dangerously thin level.

HPD's image has also been a contributing factor. Sergeant Tippen admits that HPD has never had a great image. He attributes this to the unpopularity of the job. After all, who do you normally tend to blame for a speeding or parking ticket? The officer, of course. If the police officer hadn't shown up, you could have gotten away with your dastardly deed.

Although Tippen has a point, popularity, or lack of it, is not the

only problem with HPD's reputation. Media play on the deaths of Joe Torres and Fred Paetz, among others, have discolored the force in the eyes of many. Because of this, it is up to HPD to do some house cleaning. The solution to the poor media play is simple — if you don't want it written about, don't do it.

City council could be of help here, too. A citizen's review board within the police internal affairs division would give the results of internal police investigations more credibility with the public. The idea of a citizen's review board is unpopular with police officials, but if they really want the public's undaunted confidence, it is necessary.

The shortage of officers has resulted in what Tippen describes as a "floating tactical squad." This squad floods high crime areas with patrol cars to give the "illusion" of more police. Tippen admits, however, that this only moves the crime from one area to another. Is this the kind of police force Houston wants, illusion?

The inescapable fact is that Houston is going to continue to grow and with that growth will come more crime. If Houston's city officials don't get off their butts and do something about the law enforcement agency in this city, jammed freeways will not be the only problem to strangle Houston.



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Original Feature Syndicate

commentary

Iranian viewpoints differ in interviews

By DANNY NICKERSON

The 52 hostages have been home for over a month now and America is once again settling back into its regular routine. The vigil is over and in a few years the crisis in Iran will most likely fade into a bad memory.

I interviewed 10 Iranian students and talked informally to several others from UH and TSU. There are approximately 200 Iranian students at UH and around 800 at TSU. Only two of those interviewed are women.

Female Iranian students were much less accessible than the males and appeared to be shy or less interested in expressing their opinions. An Iranian male said, "I know a lot of Iranian women but not any that are on our level—involved in politics."

Most of those interviewed preferred that their names not be used for fear of reprisal. Iranians are not very popular right now and few Americans see any harm in a little harassment.

Concerning the reason for the hostage situation, there were as many viewpoints as people interviewed. Iranian viewpoints ranged from that of an "open reaction by some of the Iranian people to U.S. involvement in their country" to that of a "clever plan by the American government."

Some Iranians support the actions of their government but most feel that the taking of hostages was not the way to protest something, or that the situation should not have dragged on for as long as it did. "Those guilty of spying should have been tried and the innocent set free," a few said.

There are also varying opinions as to whether the ordeal harmed or helped Iran. Many Iranians said it hurt because Iran did not get all its money back, its economic condition worsened, the war with Iraq occurred and Iran lost its reputation in the world.

Others said Iran benefited externally in that it was able to show the world that a small nation could take on a superpower and internally a sense of unity and self-confidence occurred among the Iranian people and an awareness that they should not depend on other countries' help.

The crisis also brought to light America's involvement in the Iran government. Almost all of the Iranians said that they see a

distinction between the American people and the American government.

All of the Iranians interviewed claimed they had and were experiencing some harassment. This harassment ranges from verbal comments to actual fights to an increased scrutiny and activity on the part of immigration officials.

Several claim discrimination by their employers. Most feel that "professors and students seem to be the most open-minded," although they say it depends on the individual.

Some Iranians feel threatened when approached by a stranger or a group. If asked where they are from, many still state Persia or another country. Iran was previously named Persia but most Americans aren't aware of this.

For Americans, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has become a central hate figure, being responsible for the crisis lasting so long. However, according to those interviewed, Iranians view him as a religious leader rather than a political one.

"The government of Iran has capitalized on his popularity," said one Iranian. Iranians see him as an adviser, one that allows the people to make their own decisions as to what actions the country will take.

Khomeini is viewed by another

Iranian student as "a peacemaker between the various factions of the government." However, many Iranians don't approve of his influence in their country.

A few think it was a "stupid thing" for Iran to break its ties with America. Most agree that future relations between the two countries will depend on the actions of the present governmental leaders of America and on the outcome of the power struggle within Iran.

We also need to be careful not to view Iranians only as radical, vocal militants protesting in the streets. The Iranians interviewed were rational and claim individuals, half of whom are enrolled in graduate studies. They do have strong views and convictions supported by numerous facts and articles concerning the U.S. and its involvement in their country.

Several of them said, Americans should not rely just on the media for information but that the individual should research for himself. In searching for the truth it is not always easy to separate fact from propaganda or prejudiced views, they said.

There is a benefit in asking our government to be more informative to us. We can learn to some extent our country's involvement in foreign countries.

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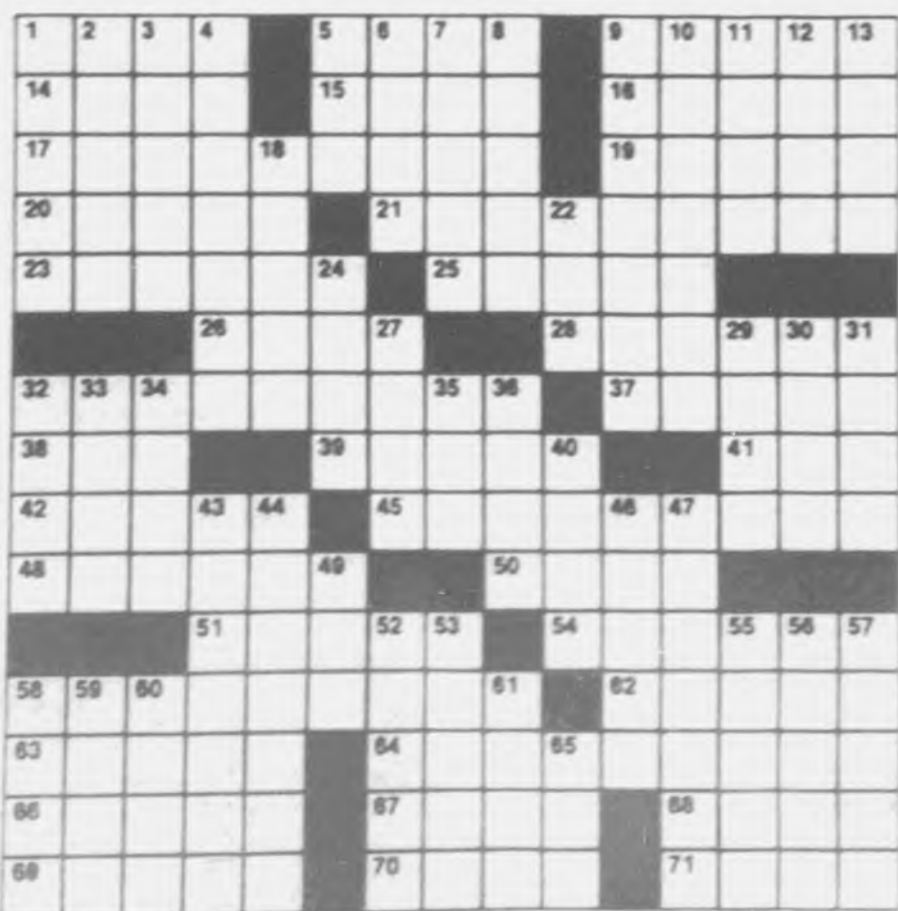
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Pickering appointed as HFA dean

By KAREN C. LEHTO
News Reporter

Dr. James H. Pickering, director of the Honors College at Michigan State University, was appointed dean of the UH College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The UH Board of Regents approved the appointment last week and Pickering will assume the post Sept. 1, 1981.

When asked to comment on the current salary dispute between UH teaching assistants and administrators, which has affected mostly the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Pickering said, "There are no winners when students, teachers and administrators are embroiled in conflict."

"I hate to see conflicts like this

because if the teachers win only after students suffer from canceled classes, then the students lose," Pickering said.

Pickering gave no comment on what he will do to address the situation. "It's just too bad that this thing had to happen," he said.

Pickering said he was a teaching assistant at Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill., from 1960-63 on a yearly salary of \$1800.

Pickering said he did not wish to discuss the specific plans for the college he negotiated with Provost George W. Magner when deciding whether to accept the position of dean. "I might change some of the plans later and I don't want to be committed on paper," he said.

Commenting on the declining enrollment for HFA colleges nationally, Pickering said, "In the past 5 years HFA enrollment has declined in comparison to business and engineering programs, but I

have seen in the last two years a national balance beginning to emerge. I will try to make students and faculty aware of the integral importance of the HFA curriculum to an undergraduate education."

Pickering said it would be presumptuous for him to say at this point what changes he will bring to UH. "I will consult widely, learn the system and get to know the college and the university before I make suggestions."

Pickering said he accepted the position at UH because it is a good opportunity to see a university grow and to grow as an individual.

"I feel that urban universities like UH are going to have an impact on education in America. Urban universities have a special kind of mission to take advantage of the opportunities a big city offers. Houston is rich not only in money but in people, in culture and in ideas," Pickering said.

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Though the crisis is over, the whole experience is worthy of further reflection because it illustrates the situation with mankind in general. All of mankind was taken hostage by the enemy of God. We were bound and held by Satan and it seemed there was no bargaining with him. We were born into captivity and most of us had no idea we were hostages.

We were forced to follow the course of this age and were bound to the dictates of our flesh. Against our will, we were often overwhelmed by depression, anxiety, and anger within. Our captor compelled us to deny God and filled us with lying propaganda that told us there was no God. Bondage was our way of life and became the norm. Freedom was unheard of.

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Coogs beat UT, get to playoffs

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"We hustled, we wanted it," Lynden Rose said while playing with a cigar someone had handed him. "When we want something we'll fight for it." Rose accounted for the team's fine play on the fact they are a 'family'

Darryl Brown said, "All of us are looking forward to the playoffs in the future. We really progressed; we really improved game by game. We've had our ups and downs but hopefully we can get back on the winning track and advance through the playoffs."

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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1981

Democrats strive to cut arms sale

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Reagan administration's foreign policy appears headed for stormy weather in Congress this week, with Democrats striving to scuttle a weapons sale to Saudi Arabia and pressing for curbs on U.S. military aid to El Salvador.

On the economic front, Congress will get a look at the fine print of President Reagan's proposed 1982 budget — the information it needs to begin work on administration requests for spending cuts totalling slightly more than \$45 billion.

Reagan already has detailed about \$34.7 billion in the reductions he wants, and House and Senate budget officials are expecting information Tuesday on the remainder — more than \$10

billion.

Several Democratic senators reacted sharply to the administration's announcement Friday that it wants to sell to Saudi Arabia extra fuel tanks and Sidewinder air-to-air missiles to enhance the range and firepower of F-15 warplanes already sold to the Saudis.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said a resolution to disapprove the sale would be introduced as soon as the administration formally submits its proposal. He and other critics charged that upgrading the offensive capabilities of the Saudi F-15s would increase tensions in the Middle East and might endanger Israel's security.

The chances of Congress actually blocking the sale, however,

were seen as very uncertain because a disapproval resolution would require majority votes in both the House and the GOP-controlled Senate.

Potential trouble loomed on El Salvador as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., prepared to introduce legislation which could halt American military assistance to the Central American nation's government, now battling against leftist guerrillas.

"We must seek a settlement, not a prolonged or wider conflict," Kennedy said Friday.

His bill would require a halt to U.S. military aid and the recall of all American military advisers unless the Salvadoran government meets several conditions — including movement toward a "mediated settlement" and

progress on investigating the murders of four American Catholic missionaries and two American labor officials.

In the House, a foreign affairs subcommittee headed by Rep. Michael D. Barnes, D-Md., planned another public hearing Wednesday to scrutinize the administration's El Salvador policy.

The Senate Budget committee,

responsible for drafting a bill to accommodate Reagan's proposed budget cuts, has put off its work until March 16 because of delays in getting information from the Office of Management and Budget.

In the House, the Ways and Means Committee is conducting hearings on programs under its jurisdiction that Reagan wants to cut, including Social Security.

Motivation workshop held today

A Motivation Workshop will be sponsored Monday, March 9 by the University's Counseling and Testing Service. It will be on the second floor of the Student Life Bldg. from 2 to 4 p.m.

The workshop will be in a seminar type fashion. Gail Burg, a psychology counselor, and Diane Thomas, a counselor-in-training, will speak.

"The idea," Burg said, "was developed because of the large amount of people coming into the center seeking help to the same problems. They all were having trouble studying, going to class and making decisions."

Among the things that will be

covered Monday will be the clarification of goals, concentration and time management, Burg said. The program, open to all students, faculty and staff, is not only for those who are having problems, she said. Many who

will attend are successful in both school and business. They merely seek to be better, she said.

"We are also offering help for those who want further improvement and skill development," Burg said.



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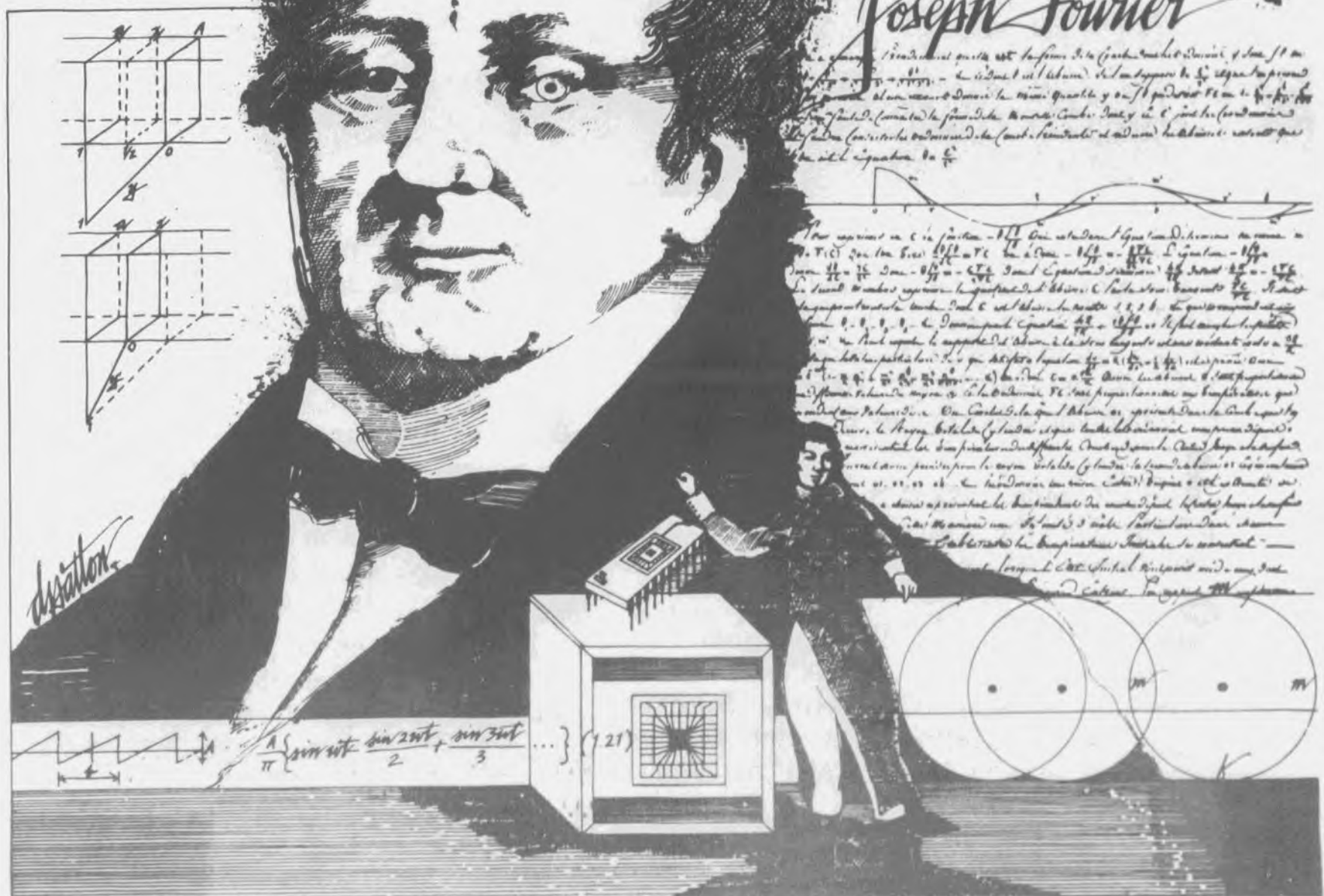


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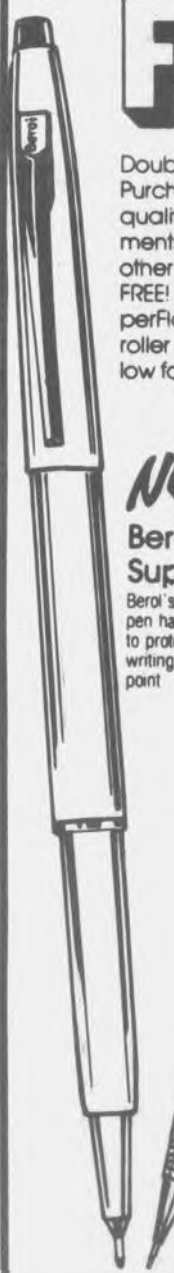


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Drama Dept. announces auditions

If you have ever had an itch to be on stage and have harbored a secret desire to belt out rock, the UH Drama Department is offering you the final opportunity of the semester to realize your fantasy on Wednesday, March 11 from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Wortham Theatre.

Dr. Sidney Berger, chairman of the Drama Department, is looking for a large group of singer-actors of all ethnic groups for his coming musical production of "Two

Gentlemen of Verona", a bawdy "street" version of Shakespeare's play.

The show, when it went on Broadway after achieving great popular success in Joseph Papp's Shakespeare in the Park production and a subsequent tour of the streets of New York City, won both the Tony Award and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best musical of 1972.

"Former stage experience is not a prerequisite for auditioning,"

Dr. Berger said. "Everybody who auditions will be asked to sing (a song of their own choice), and we'll provide a pianist for those who bring sheet music. Auditions are very informal, and we have a lot of fun. This is the time for all latent singers to come out of the closet," Dr. Berger added.

The production is scheduled for the Wortham Theatre April 24, 25, 30; May 1-2. Rehearsals are scheduled in the evening beginning March 16.

Casino Night offers gambling fun

By ROSANNA ARIFFIN
News Reporter

UH students and faculty can gamble their money away to help mentally retarded children in the upcoming Casino Night.

The sixth annual Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 4 in Oberholtzer Hall, according to the Residence Halls Programming staff.

All proceeds from Casino Night will be donated to Camp Cougar, a summer camp for mentally retarded citizens in the Houston area, said Gary Flaherty, director of Residence Halls Programming.

The camp, which is a joint

effort between the Mental Health Authority and Mental Retardation Authority, will take place on UH campus for three weeks in the summer. The campers will be under the care of volunteers from high schools and colleges.

One of the events scheduled for Casino Night is a talent show, and auditions for those interested in participating will be held from March 9 to March 10 in the North Tower basement, Associate Director of Programming Wayne Monroe said.

Prizes will be awarded for the two best acts in the talent show. Along with that, there will be door prizes and remaining prizes

will be auctioned off before the end of the night, Munroe said.

Most of the prizes are donations from local merchants. They include travel junkets, cash and dinners, Munroe said.

Besides the talent show, there will be food, drinks, dancing and gambling. No cash will be used for gambling. Instead, ticket books will be sold and used as cash, Flaherty said.

Approximately 400 volunteers will be needed to work on Casino Night, Flaherty said.

"However, we really need as many volunteers as we can get to help with telephone calls, decorations, posting signs and even carpentry prior to Casino Night itself," Munroe said.

The first Casino Night had an attendance of about 250 people while the fifth had approximately 1200 people, Munroe said.

Last year, Residence Halls Programming was able to raise over \$5800 for Camp Cougar.

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Computer approved

By LESLIE AXLEY
News Reporter

The UH Board of Regents approved last week the purchase of an academic research computer for the central campus that will cost an estimated \$2.5 million.

The board's approval is the result of a two-year study on UH's long term computing needs conducted by the Central Campus Academic Computer Users Committee.

William Rowley, executive director of university computing, said the new computer is long overdue and he expects delivery by September, 1981. "The purpose of the new computer is to process jobs faster and provide a higher quality of computing for students and faculty," he said. The new system is expected to handle academic research computing needs five to ten times faster than the existing Honeywell 66-60 computer.

The new computer will be used by the faculty for research and course related work, and by graduate students for theses and dissertations.

Eventually, all instruction and research computing will be handled by the new computer and all administrative computing needs will shift to the Honeywell unit. "The shift will take approximately two years because the faculty will have to learn how to operate it," Rowley said.

The annual maintenance cost for the new system is estimated at \$282,000. "The existing full time staff will probably operate the new system," Rowley said.

Bids for the new computer have not begun, but Rowley said he expects bids from the International Business Machines Corp., Amadahl, and National Advance Systems.