

# A look at Bill Allen...

By TONY BATT  
UD Reporter

During a recent stroll down Boston Avenue, Student Association President Bill Allen was asked what he would like after he graduates. Allen did not hesitate to answer because like most young men of stature, he has a goal in mind.

"I'd like to go down to Mexico and get lost for a couple of years," he said without batting an eyelash. "I'm not ready for a steady job yet and I want to travel a lot more."

RICKEY ALEXANDER is going into law school, Greg Wimmer is a prominent employe of a telephone company, and Bill Allen may be on his way to Tijuana.

Allen is an enigma. He maintains that he sincerely wanted to become the SA President but he did not file for the office until two hours before the final deadline. He claims to be a liberal, a staunch "McGovern man," yet his mother is vice president of a Republican women's organization in Dallas. He is the first native Texan of his family, the rest of his relatives being from the northeastern United States.

"I suppose you could say I am one of the more unorthodox SA Presidents," said Allen. "I don't mind admitting that because it's really very true."

ALLEN, RUNNING AS AN independent, won the presidential post after two runoffs and thus enhanced his puzzling saga. Many people thought that he was, at best, a dark horse contender. Of the four original candidates, Shad Brooks and Keith Williams were considered the strongest because of their campus activities and outstanding records in the Senate. Allen also owned an admirable Senate slate but his ultimate victory was nevertheless rated an upset.

A graduate of Bryan Adams High School in Dallas, Allen came to Tech because it was "the right size." Forget about finances and academic standing; North Texas State was too close to home, Stephen F. Austin was not particularly appealing, and Texas was just too big.

So Allen chose Tech and came to Lubbock with visions of becoming an attorney. He then changed his mind after deciding that he enjoyed the university atmosphere, and determined to become a professor. Accordingly, he switched his major from pre-law to English. But now Allen does not think he wants to become an English professor because he has discovered another passion — politics.

"RIGHT NOW I THINK I'll probably end up in law school after I get out

and travel a while," he says. "I know that now I'm almost certain that I want to be involved in politics in some way.

Allen remains an English major, however, and is an avid reader of Shakespeare, saying that he likes "getting off on it." Yet the Shakespearean works appeal to Allen in a more relative dimension.

"If you look at the plays involving kings, I think it's obvious that the action revolves around political conflict," said Allen. "I think that's most intriguing."

Ambition, however, does not intrigue Allen. In February, the Student Senate was trying to figure out who to select as a representative to the National Student Lobby Conference in Washington, D.C. Allen watched the proceedings casually as Keith Williams was nominated and seemed even more relaxed than his name was also mentioned. The Senate then voted on the two nominees and selected Allen. The newly elected representative turned around and whispered to his friends in deadpan fashion, "Far out."

BUT LEST YOU RECEIVE the impression that Allen is flakey, consider that he is the same person who took Dr. Robert Ewalt to task during a recent Judiciary Committee hearing. Allen prefaced a question to Ewalt by saying, "Students have the power to congregate on campus."

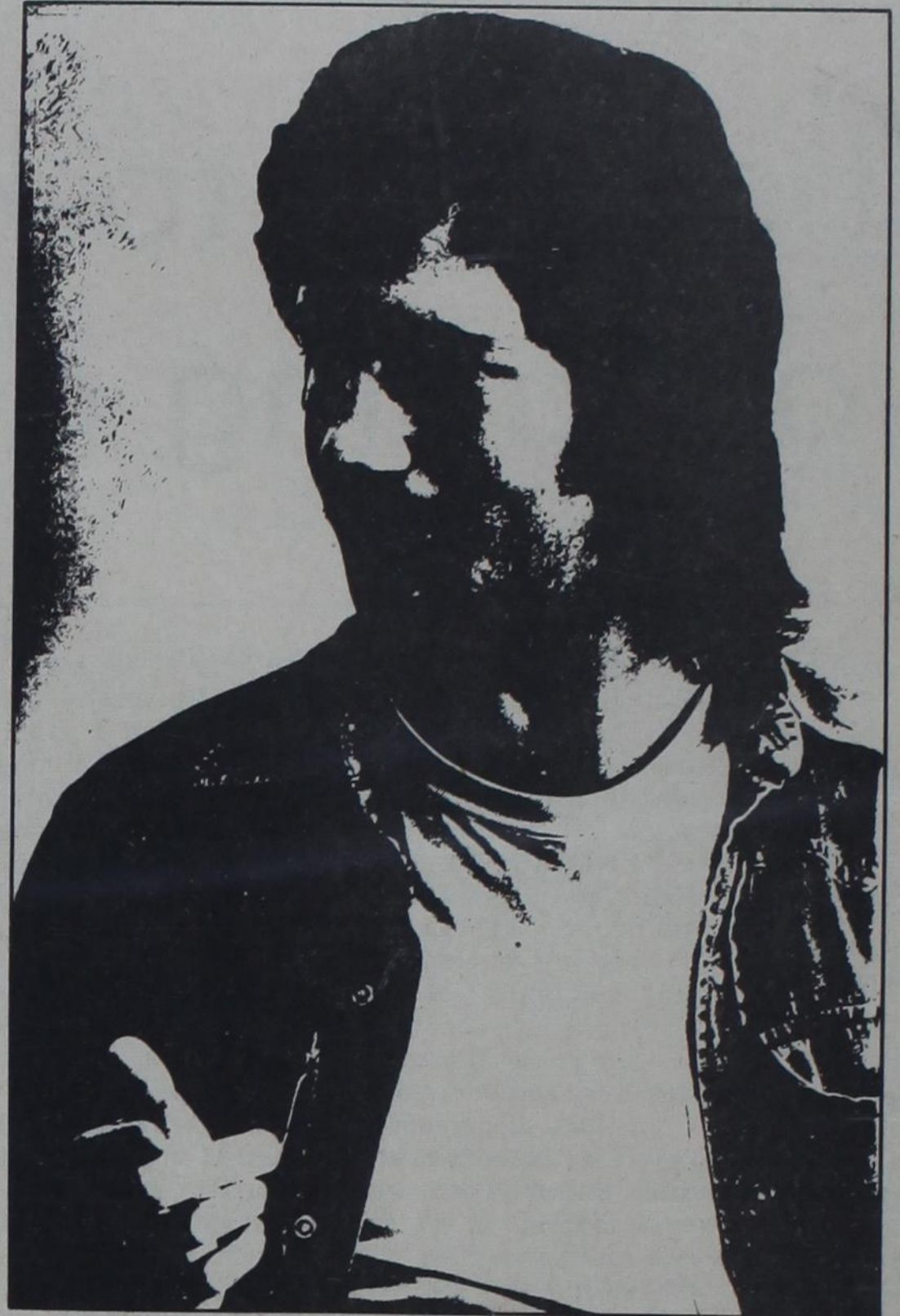
"That's an odd use of the word (power)," said Ewalt.

"Pardon me," replied Allen. "Perhaps I should have said the right."

This spit-in-the-eye-of-the-Administrators attitude is one that Allen is trying to downplay now that he occupies that presidential office. But during his campaign, Allen didn't mind lashing out at the administrators if he was given enough provocation.

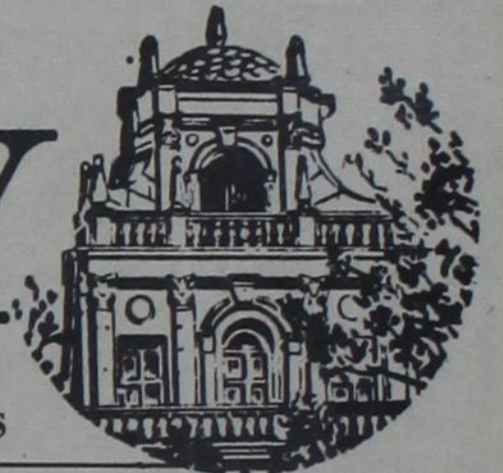
"I PLAN TO WORK very hard with the Administration," said Allen. "But they have to realize that the students are adults and should have adult rights."

And Allen promises to let the Administration know what those rights are. Whether the Administration will recognize the rights he asserts is a question still to be answered.



... an 'unorthodox' SA president

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## Candidates speak

Jim Teaver, above, and incumbent R.B. McAlister both candidates for Dist. 75 state representative, Place 2, were speakers at the University Center Tuesday night. Also appearing at the session, sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, were Delwin Jones and Bob Vint, candidates for Place 1.



## Murray, Tech group reported safe after military takeover in Niger

By BOB HANNAN  
UD Reporter

Tech President Grover Murray and five members of the Tech faculty are reported in "fine condition" at the U.S. embassy in Niamey in Niger following a military takeover of that country Monday.

The group had been sent to the drought-stricken area to make a feasibility study for development of human, land and water resources.

A spokesman for Sen. John Tower's office said the State Department had advised their office that all members of the group were safe and none had been injured.

Other sources said no direct communication with anyone in the group had been possible since communications with the outside world have been limited to official radio broadcasts after the coup.

There were no reports of violence during the takeover.

Present in Niger along with Murray were Dean Anson Bertrand of the College of Agricultural Sciences; Dr. Frank B.

Conselman, director of the International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies; Dr. Robert C. Albin, an animal scientist; Dr. Donald F. Burzlaff, chairman of the department of range and wildlife management; and Dr. Rex Kennedy, an agricultural economist.

The six left April 12 and were to have spent three weeks in the country.

Tower's office was told by the State Department the group's work had been slowed down, but, as the new government is interested in such programs, the project is expected to continue after the situation has settled.

No specific date was available for the group's return.

Specific objectives of the group had been to investigate the possibility of initiating a cooperative commercial farming and ranching operation, the training of scientists and technicians and starting research on methods to insure animal and crop production.

The group was also to look into establishing a natural laboratory for studying the wide range of agricultural and human problems associated with

changes from nomadic to sedentary life styles, and providing a laboratory for agricultural studies to be used by specialists from several nations.

Tech and Africare, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the public health care standards in rural Africa, undertook the program with the support of the Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lt. Col. Seyni Kountie, chief of staff of Niger's army, toppled the 15-year-old government of President Hamani Diori Monday.

Broadcasting over Radio Niamey, Kountie said the army acted to relieve "the catastrophic situation in the country." A famine-causing drought has been underway in the region for six years.

Kountie also said all international agreements taken by the previous government would be respected "on condition that they take into account the dignity of our people."

A 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is in effect in Niger. Kountie has called on members of the government and civil servants to return to their jobs.

## Committee due to make decision on recreation facilities policy

By KAREN MURPHEY  
UD Reporter

Members of the Recreational Facilities Committee will meet at 4 p.m. today to work out a policy for the use of Tech's new recreational facilities.

Establishment of such a policy has been on the committee's agenda for two weeks, said Will Holsberry, chairman of the committee and director of men's intramurals. However, the recent conflict between individual students and the women's tennis team has emphasized more sharply the necessity for regulations.

R. Jeannine McHaney, director of women's intramurals, said intercollegiate teams should definitely not be able to use the new tennis courts or other recreational facilities.

In explaining the conflict over Easter weekend, McHaney said, "We only played on the new courts because we had nowhere else to go." At the March 8 meeting of the Recreational Facilities Committee, it was arranged for the women's tennis team to use the men's varsity courts for the District Collegiate Tournament last Friday morning.

Then, at the last minute, Coach George Philbrick told the women that the men's tennis team was going to work out, and the courts would not be available until 3:30 Friday afternoon, McHaney said.

The women's tennis teams from Amarillo College and Hardin-Simmons College were coming for the tournament, and

there was no place to play, said McHaney.

Dr. Robert Ewalt, vice president for student affairs and member of the Recreational Facilities Committee, was notified of the problem. He told McHaney the team could use four of the new tennis courts that morning.

McHaney feels the new courts should be for individual students, but complains that the women's tennis team has nowhere to play or practice.

The courts next to the Women's PE Building are reserved for classes during working hours and are for students after hours. The men's varsity courts are reserved for their tennis team several hours daily. The rest of the day, the courts are open to students.

Therefore, said McHaney, steps need to be taken to provide practice courts for the women's team. She said a proposal will be made to today's meeting to initiate a policy at the old women's courts similar to the policy at the men's courts. Several hours each day would then be set aside for their practice time.

Holsberry thinks a reservation system ought to be set up for the new courts. "Then students could call in, reserve a court, and wouldn't have to wait all day for one when they get there," said Holsberry.

The Recreational Facilities Committee, made up of five students and four faculty staff members, will meet today and "hopefully will come up with some policy," said Holsberry.

## NEWS BRIEFS

By UD Staff and Associated Press

### Decision expected on letter release

The Opinions Committee of the Texas Attorney General's Office will consider today a request filed by the University Daily seeking the release of a letter stating the reasons why Gay Awareness was refused registration on campus by the Tech Administration.

The request was filed in February by the UD Editor Mike Warden after both David Nail, advisor for students, and Steve Burgess, president of Gay Awareness refused to submit a copy of the letter to the UD.

Opinions Committee Chairman David Kendall announced Tuesday that the request for public disclosure of the letter will be considered under the provisions of the Public Documents Law.

### Gas prices go up again

WASHINGTON — The average price of premium gasoline increased another cent, to 58 cents per gallon this week, but supplies of gasoline remained good throughout the nation, the American Automobile Association reported. The AAA said the price of regular gasoline remained at an average of 54 cents per gallon in its spot check of 6,051 of the nation's more than 220,000

### McGovern to seek re-election

MITCHELL, S.D. — George McGovern, dismissing the personal impact of his overwhelming presidential defeat in 1972, announced Tuesday he will seek a third term in the U.S. Senate. The South Dakota Democrat made his expected announcement before about 200 friends and state political leaders in his hometown of Mitchell. McGovern is unopposed by Democrats so far in his reelection bid.

### Jaworski seeks tapes subpoena

WASHINGTON — Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski asked a federal judge to issue a subpoena for tape recordings of 63 presidential conversations, saying the White House has ignored his repeated requests. He told the court the tapes and written material about the conversations are needed in the impending Watergate cover-up trial. Jaworski filed a motion with U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica saying he has received no definitive response to his requests and "I... feel obligated to seek these materials by subpoena." At Key Biscayne, Fla., a White House spokesman said there would be no comment until the legal paper has been reviewed.



# The right to know: a waiting game

John Hill, Texas Attorney General, is in town today for a segment of the State Bar Town Hall program in the University Center tonight.

The Town Hall meeting will involve a panel discussion, question-answer format on Texas consumer laws. With Texas' tough new consumer laws, Hill's visit to Lubbock and other cities across the state is designed to help keep the public informed of just what their rights in consumer protection are.

**UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE HILL** spends time discussing consumer rights, other rights in the state seem to have fallen by the wayside — specifically the public's right to know.

The last session of the Texas Legislature passed a Public Documents law that went into effect this year — a law designed, we thought, to facilitate access by the public to documents and papers that are in "the public domain."

The Public Documents Law declares, officially, that the policy of the State of Texas is, and we quote from the legislation:

"...that all persons are...at all times entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those that represent them as public officials and employees."

Too often, in the conduct of the affairs of state, officials withhold certain information relative to their legislation and decision-making that is relevant to the discharge of their duties as servants of the people. Unfortunately, officials often forget that they are servants of the people and not their masters and many have in the past and are continuing presently to withhold information relative to the discharge of their duties from public scrutiny. Texas Tech is such a "master."

**IN MY YEARS AS** a student and especially this past year as editor, it has been my experience that numerous files, records, data and other information — public information — has not been so public to The University Daily, student government or, for that fact any student. Access to records and information has largely been at the whim of the custodian of those records. When release of certain information is advantageous, records, supportive information and data pours bountifully from the archives, file drawers and closets of Tech administrators. When such information is not so advantageous, not so harmless to their "cause" or potentially damning, access is virtually impossible — until the Public Documents Law, or so we thought.

On Feb. 19, I wrote a letter to David Nail, assistant dean of students for programs, officially requesting the release of a letter he wrote to the president of a group of students seeking registration as a student organization. Had the group been an organization of campus athletes, cheerleaders or geologists the registration process would have been, as it is supposed to be, **AUTOMATIC**. A constitution, a set of by-laws, a list of officers and you're a registered student organization able to use University facilities for meetings. If you are an organization of students known as "Gay Awareness," things just aren't quite so automatic.

If you are an organization known as "Gay Awareness" you simply,

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ignorantly, are **not** registered.

Nail's letter to the president of the organization on behalf of the University denying their application for registration was, we thought, relevant to the reporting of the denial of registration of the group. The letter stated the University's official reasons for denial of registration. To accurately report the reasons first hand, it was necessary for **The University Daily** as a newspaper, as a representative of the students of Texas Tech, to have access to the letter for the purposes of reporting its contents.

We were denied that access.

**MY LETTER TO NAIL** constituted, according to the Public Documents Law, an official request for documents to the custodian of public records. Subsequently that request, if denied or unanswered, must be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for a decision — should the information be released or should it not? The Public Documents Law, with all due respect, seems to spend more time and legal jargon defining documents exempted from public scrutiny than it does releasing more information to the public.

The request for the letter denying registration of "Gay Awareness" was forwarded by Tech's Resident Legal Counsel Carlton Dodson to the Attorney General's Office (after our Feb. 19 request) on Feb. 26. Since that time we have heard nothing of the disposition of our request for the release of public information to the public — until Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon I made a call to David Kendall's office in Austin. Kendall is the chairman of the Attorney General's Opinions Committee. The Opinions Committee is the body that will pass on the request for release of Nail's letter in early February to "Gay Awareness." The question of whether the letter should be released as "property of the public" and within the right of the public to know of its contents will ultimately be answered in the Attorney General's Office by the Opinions Committee. The committee meets today on that question — meets after the request was made almost **two months** ago for release of the letter.

It seems in the interest of the public — especially in matters of information relevant to a decision made by government and the accurate reporting of the "whys" of that decision — that two months is an interminable amount of time to wait; to wait on a ruling of whether a document is public or not. With each day's passage, the letter itself becomes more and more inconsequential and its release merely a hollow victory of the public over the secrecy of government bureaucracies.

**TWO MONTHS MAY BE MINUTE** in comparison with time that is spent rendering "justice" in the courts, but it is nevertheless the "public's time" needlessly wasted to the benefit of continuing secrecy in state government decision-making. Our glorious Public Documents Law has woven a web of a cumbersome bureaucracy in the determination of what is and what is **not** public information. A law designed to fight secrecy, merely legitimizes it.

Texas' Public Documents Law — the public might be better off without a law that purports to serve their interests, but practically serves **against** them.

—Mike Warden

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# Calley sentence reduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway Tuesday suspended half of Lt. William Calley's 20-year prison sentence for murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre.

The action will make Calley eligible for parole within six months because he has been in confinement for more than three years, almost one third of his remaining sentence of 10 years, an Army spokesman said.

The Army said that Callaway acted because "sufficient mitigating circumstances exist to warrant clemency."

In a statement, Callaway said:

"There are mitigating circumstances indicating that Lt. Calley may have sincerely believed that he was acting in accordance with the orders he had received and that he was not aware of his responsibility to refuse such an illegal order."

The Army secretary also said that Calley "is but one of many

who were involved in this affair."

An Army spokesman said the case went to the White House Monday. President Nixon has said he will personally review Calley's case and make a final decision.

Callaway said, "there is no reasonable doubt in my mind that he perpetrated the acts for which he stands convicted."

These acts of murder and assault against unarmed

civilians "cannot be condoned or forgotten" Callaway said.

Technically, Callaway upheld Calley's 20-year sentence; but remitted 10 years of it.

The army secretary said his clemency action "must serve the requirements of justice, meet the legitimate needs for sanction against such conduct by individual soldiers and, without violating society's higher needs, accord Lt. Calley an opportunity to return to society as a productive member."

A spokesman said that Calley's dismissal from the service, which also was part of the sentence, "will be accomplished as soon as practicable."

Calley has been free on \$1,000 bond since late February after nearly three years under house arrest at Ft. Bending following his court-martial conviction on March 29, 1971, of premeditated murder.

Calley originally was sentenced to life in prison at hard labor, but the commander of the U.S. 3rd Army reduced that sentence to 20 years on Aug. 20, 1971.

# Goliath's defeat blamed on bad eyes

By ALTON BLAKESLEE  
NEW YORK (AP) — When David slew Goliath, he had more going for him than his rusty slingshot, a physician suggests.

Young David perhaps observed that Goliath had bad eyesight, something that doctors today call "tunnel vision," says Dr. Robert B. Greenblatt. Tunnel vision means an inability to see anything except that directly in front of you, with no side or lateral vision.

So, in the Biblical story, the agile David could have skipped around the 10-foot-tall Philistine, heavily armored, wearing a heavy brass helmet, with Goliath never sure where the young Israelite was.

David could choose his shots with his sling.

"Did David's boldness border on youthful irresponsibility and impulsiveness in issuing the challenge to Goliath? It is far more likely that his keen powers of observation disclosed Goliath's peculiar movements" when he came out day after day to challenge the army of Israel, Dr. Greenblatt writes in Internal Medicine News. He is professor of endocrinology at the study of hormones at the Medical College of Georgia in Atlanta, Ga.

"David probably realized that his opponent was forced to turn his entire head ... to focus his

full gaze on an object. Also he probably found significance in the fact that such a man needed to be heavily armored, and used the services of a smaller Philistine to carry a coat of mail..."

"Perhaps David suspected what we know today: Giants are prone to suffer from lateral (sidewise) blindness. Giantism is frequently caused by a tumor of the pituitary gland", the so-called master gland of the body, in the brain, which can

affect nerves of the visual process to produce tunnel vision in which sight is clear only in a straight line.

"David, therefore, would step agilely aside when he had drawn close enough to Goliath," Dr. Greenblatt says in the article based on his book, "Search the Scriptures: Modern Medicine and Biblical Personages."

"Then as his adversary hesitated, clumsily turning his head to bring back the youth

within his limited field of vision, and the Philistine came on and drew near unto David ... and ... the Philistine looked about and saw David ... — I Samuel 17:41-42 David took deadly aim with the slingshot and struck the lone forehead spot unprotected by heavy armor..."

So, says Dr. Greenblatt, "David won his victory by superior knowledge, skill, and agility, rather than by brute force."

# ODK honorary initiation plans

Newly elected members of the Tech Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), national leadership - scholarship honorary, will be initiated at 5:30 p.m. today in ceremonies at the First Christian Church Chapel.

Those members elected for membership and initiation include: Daryl Goldstucker, Tommy Allen, Scott Robins, Jerry Bratton, Robert Gross, David Baird, Stephen Headley, Thomas Baird, Michael Halston, James Spears, Terence Hart, Kevin Young and Michael Knight.

Applications for membership in ODK are now being accepted

for the fall semester. Applicants must be juniors or seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or a graduate student with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selection for membership is based on both campus and academic achievement in student government, publications,

drama, athletics, debate and community service.

Applications for prospective members may be picked up in the ICASALS offices of Holden Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Completed applications should be returned no later than April 24.

# Sawhill to get energy job

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon plans to name

John C. Sawhill as the next federal energy chief to succeed William E. Simon, sources say.

Sawhill, 37, who has been deputy administrator of the Federal Energy Office since it was formed last December, will take over after Simon is named secretary of the Treasury, probably later this week.

Simon, however, is expected to still keep his hand in energy policy, with Sawhill running

day-to-day operations.

Sawhill's selection is somewhat of a surprise, especially because he contradicted Nixon on the extent of the energy crisis after the President held a news conference earlier this year.

But sources said Sawhill's strong support on Capitol Hill and the need to maintain continuity in the energy job outweighed opposition in the White House to the deputy administrator.

# Foreign economic policy outlined

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's broad enunciation of U.S. foreign economic policy at a U.N. General Assembly special session apparently has marked his return to top responsibility in the field.

The departure of Treasury Secretary George Shultz in mid-May and the reported desire of Peter Flanigan, director of President Nixon's council on International Economic Policy to return to private business has left the field clear for Kissinger.

Some seven drafts of his address Monday to the United Nations were painstakingly prepared here before Kissinger departed over the weekend for New York. Two more drafts, including the final version, were turned out on the eve of his talk to 135 nations on the challenge of inter-dependence in energy and resources.

The pre-New York draft circulated through all the agencies of the U.S. government concerned with international

economic policy, but the final versions were known only to Kissinger and his top aides. The speech itself was pulled together by his policy planning staff.

Thus, when Kissinger advocated the development of a global early warning system to foreshadow impending surpluses and scarcities of raw materials, not all government economists had a clear idea of how such a system should work.

Kissinger mentioned the warning system in connection with a proposal that an international group of experts, working closely with the U.N. Division of Resources, be asked to undertake a comprehensive survey of the earth's resources that cannot be renewed and those that are renewable.

At another point Kissinger said the United States "pledges its ongoing support for an early replenishment of the International Development Association," soft-loan window of the World Bank. In January the House of Representatives decisively defeated a bill authorizing a \$1.5 billion replenishment of the association over the next three years.

The Senate version of the authorization bill is now before the Foreign Relations Committee, where it is expected to be approved, and Senate aides believe the bill will be approved by the full Senate.

# Agnew describes new role as writer in interview

NEW YORK (AP) — "When I was young, I thought it was a lot more likely that I would grow up to be novelist than vice president of the United States. The written word has always fascinated me."

That's how former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew describes his new role as a writer. In an interview in the current issue of Ladies Home Journal, Agnew says he decided to write a novel to build confidence after a "very traumatic experience."

Agnew pleaded no contest to income tax charges and resigned the vice presidency last October.

Agnew said he is writing every word of the novel "A Very Special Relationship," in longhand on lined yellow legal paper or dictating dialogue in the den of his Maryland home.

The book is about a vice president a decade in the future who "becomes the dupe of Iranian militants who want to cause an all-out confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Agnew says he will use his personal knowledge of the vice presidency and the Washington scene but that Vice President Porter Newton Canfield of the book is not Spiro Agnew, or any other former vice president.

# Medical snooping feared

AUSTIN (AP) — The president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association said today that a new federal program could result in the "wholesale invasion of confidential medical records."

Dr. John H. Boyd of Silverton issued a statement attacking the Professional Standards Review Organizations, an offshoot of the U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare.

The new organization was created by a law that took effect Jan. 1, Boyd said. Boyd called the agency's function "legalized burglary of confidential records."

"We are told that this wholesale invasion of confidential records by HEW's unelected army of bureaucrats is necessary for HEW to establish and computerize 'norms of health care' based on typical patterns of health care," he said.

He said medical societies in Texas and several other states have approved resolutions opposing participation in the program or seeking its repeal.

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# REVIEW

By F. DAVID GNERRE  
Fine Arts Writer

The only thing keeping the first annual Lone Star Muzik Festival from becoming an all-around success was Saturday's blustery weather. Despite the dust and brisk winds an estimated throng of nearly 2,000 came to see Michael Murphey on Saturday night, and even more showed up Sunday when the weather took a turn for the better. The festival was well-organized with enough extra-curricular activities between acts to keep things alive.

Opening the festival on Saturday afternoon was Skillet Lickers, who appeared both days. This Austin blues quintet was professional but listless; I found them quite dull.

Rusty Weir also played both days. His country and rock tunes were mildly diverting, and under a sunny Sunday sky he and his band whipped the crowd into a semi-frenzy with a shot of energetic (albeit colorless) rock and roll.

Uncle Tom was the featured attraction Sunday night. The California group's second-rate War imitations lacked real musical substance. Their repetitious percussion forays were a stone bone, their we're-gonna-get-down-and-be-funky-one-time approach stale and unimaginative. The smallest audience (thinned by the nippy weather) clamored for more, but an encore was denied by the Kampus Kops, who must have been listening to the group's performance.

And now to the really good parts. Asleep at the Wheel played twice, doing basically the same things they did so well the last time they were here. As then, their shows were a fun change of pace from the dire country and country-rock stuff so frequently heard these days. "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got the swing," says amiable guitarist and singer Ray Benson, and it's precisely the swing element that makes their sound so distinctive. They have found the right balance between older material (by the likes of Bob Wills, Hank Williams and even Count Basie) and originals (like the bouncy "Space Buggy"); with the aid of Ray's informal stage demeanor, it's a combination that clicks every time. Each member of Asleep at the Wheel is an accomplished musician, and together they make music even a non-country music fan like this writer can enjoy. Also, in Ray Benson they boast a ping-pong player who is almost as terrible as I am, which discovery at the SUB Sunday afternoon made my Easter Day complete. But seriously, just like Dan Hicks Asleep at the Wheel proves that being an anachronism has unique and delightful advantages.

By the time Michael Murphey took the stage Saturday night, the temperature had dropped to the upper forties and the wind had become almost unendurable cold. That didn't stop the many faithful from sticking around to see the star of the show.

## Festival offers good entertainment

Murphey complied with a vigorous performance. Highlights included quiet versions of "Southwestern Pilgrimage" and "Calico Silver" (the latter with Murphey at the piano), a crisp "Nobody's Gonna Tell Me How to Play My Music" and extended renditions of the hits "Geronimo's Cadillac" and "Cosmic Cowboy." By the time of those last two tunes, the crowd was on its feet (having originally risen for the revivalist "Holy Roller"); both hits gave everyone a chance to dance and sing along, and the audience response was highly enthusiastic.

For an encore Murphey chose three numbers from the new album, all done with appropriate gusto. "Ace in the Hole" in particular was done in a hard, rocking style. As he commented after the show, Murphey has finally separated the rock from the country in his music. It was obvious on his new album, and became increasingly apparent during this, the artist's first Hub City show. Michael Murphey won't be giving the top rock practitioners any nightmares, but perhaps he can infuse some life into the country-rock scene. And how that he has decided to move to Colorado, he might diversify the scene geographically as well.

The two-day affair was one that shouldn't have been missed, for the entertainment was good and the price was certainly right. To see an artist of Michael Murphey's stature for free was in itself a rare treat. Congratulations go to John Williams and the University Center Entertainment Committee for making it happen.

## Boosting production theme of petroleum short course

Billy P. Morris, vice president of Well Analysis Co. of Odessa will discuss how environmental scale pulverizing (ESP) can be used as a method to increasing oil production in the 21st Southwestern Petroleum Short Course Thursday and Friday.

The process is used to solve problems caused by deposits of scale and precipitants in and around the bore of producing oil wells.

The short course, sponsored by the department of petroleum engineering will bring approximately 350 members of the petroleum industry together for a two-day technical meeting dealing with the problems of lifting petroleum from the ground.

Morris is among the authors of approximately 30 research papers which will be discussed during the short course. Morris' discussion will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Registration for the short course will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the University Center.

The meeting will be highlighted by a luncheon Thursday when two members of the petroleum industry will be presented J. C. Sloninger Awards for their contributions to the industry. Harold D. Hammon, vice president of the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York will be guest speaker at the luncheon.

Bob Diggs Brown, vice president of Halliburton Services, Duncan, Okla. will be guest speaker at the short course luncheon Friday.

## Optacon lets blind read by touch

By TISH CORLEY  
UD Staff

Checking out books or periodicals from the Tech library for research or pleasure reading has never been any problem for Tech students — unless they are blind. But now the Tech library is offering new "eyes" for the blind in the form of Optacon.

Optacon, which is short for Optical to Tactile Conversion, is a device which enables the blind to "read" ordinary print through touch. Mrs. Geneva

Adams, a library assistant in the Tech library, operates and teaches the reading process to the blind at Tech. She was sent to Palo Alto, Calif., by the Tech library during March to train for teaching the Optacon.

The Optacon was invented about 10 years ago, Adams said, by a professor at Stanford University in California. He invented the machine for his blind daughter. Widespread use of it began four years ago and a total of 600 Optacons have been sold for training.

Adams said she teaches the blind how to read free of charge as a service of the Tech library. She explained that while Tech students would be given priority in learning the Optacon, blind high school students might also have the opportunity to learn if the library has the time and accommodations. After a student knows how to use the Optacon, he is free to use it in the library at any time.

The machine and training cost \$4,000 in California, Adams said, but with Tech's free training the machine alone would be less. Adams described the Optacon as a portable machine about the size of a small tape recorder. To operate the machine, the reader uses one hand to guide a miniature camera along each line of print while the other hand is placed in the Optacon to receive the information.

Acting in the same manner as a closed-circuit television, the camera passes over each letter, picks up its image, and transfers the image to the Optacon. This image activates several vibrating pins which raise to form the letter beneath the reader's index finger in the Optacon.

Adams said, "Concentrating on reading each letter as it passes under the index finger and keeping the camera on a straight line of print can be very difficult for the blind reader to maneuver. It requires a great deal of skill and concentration."

A visual attachment connected to the Optacon is used by the teacher, Adams said, to determine if the student is correct. The attachment shows each letter's image on a screen just as the reader feels it on his finger.

She also said a blind person can teach another blind person by connecting two Optacons with a master cord. Teacher and pupil feel each letter at the same time, and any mistake by the pupil can be easily detected by the teacher.

To increase reading speed,

Adams said, "Students are taught to read over letters quickly and to anticipate words by the context of the passage, skipping over those they can guess." She said she met one blind woman at the training center who could read 80 words per minute at top speed using the Optacon.

"A student must be really sharp to read with any speed," Adams commented. "A person with normal sight sees a word as a whole, but a blind person reads letter by letter and must be able to retain what he has read. One can imagine how difficult this might be in reading a long word such as 'transcendental'."

Adams said she does not yet have any students, but hopes to enroll some soon. She explained, "I will enroll students by asking them questions on their current abilities, such as if they can read Braille, the speed at which they can read Braille, if they have any disabilities with their fingers, and if they're familiar with print as a seeing person is."

She said that although Braille is not a prerequisite to learning the Optacon process, it helps in learning the process more quickly and easily. "If the blind person knows Braille, he has developed a memory for retaining things. Also the fingers are more sensitive if one has read Braille, thus making it easier to learn the Optacon."

She continued, "After the preliminary questions, I administer a simple memory test to help determine the person's retention of something just read. Inability to retain recently read words may make learning the Optacon difficult."

Adams does not claim the Optacon to be perfect. "The Optacon is not a panacea for all the ills of the blind," she said, "but it is an instrument that will enrich their lives, and once mastered, it will open a whole new world for them."

## Pregnancy policy stricken

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — General Electric Co.'s failure to provide pregnant employes with sickness and accident benefits is sexual discrimination, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Robert R.

Merhige Jr. ruled Monday that GE's policy is deliberate and intentional discrimination and a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He barred the company from continuing the policy.

The decision will affect some 100,000 women employes at GE plants across the country.

## MOMENTS NOTICE

### Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation will have Noon Dialogue at 12:30 p.m. today at the Foundation, 2420 15th. The meal will be 50 cents and Rev. Don Coleman will speak.

### Marketing Association

The American Marketing Association will meet at 8 p.m. today in room 07 of the BA. John Stick of Texas Instruments will speak on "International Marketing." The meeting is open to the public.

### Civil Engineering

The final American Society of Civil Engineers Meeting of the year will be at 7:30 p.m. today in room 53 of the C and ME Building.

### Aggie Council

Aggie Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in room 3 of the Agriculture Building.

### BA Council

The BA Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in room 254 of the BA Building.

### Sigma Delta Pi

Today is the deadline to purchase tickets for the Sigma Delta Pi annual banquet and initiation April 26. Banquet tickets are \$2.60 and may be purchased from Dr. Morris in room 220 of the FL and M Building.

### Home Economics Banquet

Today is the deadline to purchase tickets for the Home Economics Spring Banquet April 20 at the KoKo Palace. Tickets may be purchased in the foyer of the Home Ec Building.

### RHA Council

The RHA Council will meet at 8 p.m. today in room 255 of the BA Building.

### Public Relations Society

The Public Relations Student Society of America will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in room 210 of the Journalism Building. DeWitt Thompson in Public Relations at the Methodist Hospital will be the guest speaker.

### Phi Eta Sigma

Dr. William Frye, dean of the Tech Medical School, will speak at 7 p.m. today during a meeting of Phi Eta Sigma in room 157 of the Business Administration Building.

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# Committee's bipartisan spirit noted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee resumes its impeachment inquiry next week with its Democratic majority and Republican minority more united than ever, thanks largely to the White House.

Always in danger of being undermined by party-line squabbling, the panel gained new unity in the resentment shared by most of its members over White House handling of the request for tape recordings of 42 presidential conversations.

"There is a loyalty to the House as well as a loyalty to the party," says Rep. Hamilton Fish, R-N.Y. "But the administration doesn't seem to understand that."

White House lawyer James St. Clair, hoping to avoid a subpoena, telephoned an offer to deliver some tapes, but not all.

After urging support for St. Clair's offer, the Republicans learned to their embarrassment he would not put it in writing and they dropped it.

Rodino's willingness to compromise also has healed the most serious break yet threatened in the committee, on the role of St. Clair, as Nixon's counsel, in the inquiry.

Starkly aware of the historic importance of his actions, Rodino is loath to do anything that might alter the nature of

the impeachment process. He sees it as an investigation to determine whether grounds exist for impeachment, not as a trial to determine proof of those grounds.

With that attitude, he has opposed the idea put forward by the White House and the committee Republicans that St. Clair should have a right to participate fully in the committee's activities, calling his own witnesses, presenting his own evidence, and cross-examining other witnesses.

The zeal with which the Republicans have supported the idea is only partly based on their

desire to see that Nixon is treated fairly.

It also stems from disappointment among many of them in Albert Jenner, chief minority counsel of the impeachment staff. They had expected him to reflect a Republican viewpoint in the investigation but he has worked closely with Doar and joined him in all major staff decisions.

Uncertain how vigorously Jenner will challenge facts gathered by the staff that could damage Nixon, the Republicans want St. Clair to do the job.

Faced with determined

Republican opposition and a split in his own party's ranks over the issue, Rodino yielded last week and agreed in principle to much of what the Republicans are asking. The details will be worked out after the committee returns next week.

It is likely St. Clair's role will be more restricted than some Republicans want, as Rodino tries to strike a balance between the need to preserve the constitutional purity of the process as he sees it, and the need to assure that Nixon is treated fairly.

# SLA leader named as 'mystery man'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Donald D. DeFreeze, the alleged mastermind of the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army, was named by the FBI Tuesday as the mystery man who led heiress Patricia Hearst and three other women in a violent bank robbery.

Police said the previously unidentified man shot and wounded two passers-by as he fled the bank with his band of female followers.

A federal arrest warrant said DeFreeze, an escaped convict who took the name "Cinque" after an African chief, was being sought for federal bank

robbery. Bail was set at \$500,000.

Thomas Padden, a special FBI agent, signed an affidavit stating that he and an unnamed associate of DeFreeze had identified the escapee from a photograph taken by a bank security camera.

A police investigator said Tuesday the robbery may have been staged to show off Miss Hearst as a "converted" member of the SLA.

"We are discussing the possibility very thoroughly that this was a staged job to show off Patty Hearst as a member of their ranks," said Police Capt.

Mortimer McNerney.

A federal warrant issued Monday night identified Miss Hearst, 20, as a carbine-carrying member of a heavily armed gang that robbed \$10,960 from the Hibernia Bank's Sunset District branch Monday and shot two passers-by.

The warrant seeks her arrest as a material witness and set \$500,000 bail. Warrants for robbery charges were issued for three other women who burst into the bank. Police said the robbery involved about nine persons in all, including others in a getaway car.

Reached Tuesday in La Paz, Mexico, Miss Hearst's mother, Catherine, said: "It's all so bizarre I can't believe it." The Hearsts were scheduled to return to their home in Hillsborough later on a 10-day rest in La Paz.

"We are not ruling out the possibility that she (Miss Hearst) was a willing participant," said Charles Bates, FBI special agent in charge here. "On the other hand, there is evidence she was not."

Bates said an automatic

camera in the bank which pictured Miss Hearst holding a sawedoff semiautomatic carbine also showed that "there was a gun held by another person on her."

U.S. Attorney James L. Browning agreed, adding that he thinks this is "the first time in the annals of legal history that a kidnap victim has shown up in the middle of a bank robbery."

In the SLA's last communique, on April 3, Miss Hearst renounced her family and announced that she was joining her kidnapers as an armed comrade. The SLA, described as a multiracial group of about 25 persons, has claimed responsibility for abducting her from her Berkeley apartment Feb. 4.

McNerney said another piece of evidence that the holdup might have been arranged to show off Miss Hearst was the fact that the robbers didn't shoot out the bank cameras.

Bates said the cameras took 1,200 pictures during the five-minute robbery.

# Agriculture judging contests for high school students set

Vocational agriculture students from 150 West Texas high schools will meet here Saturday for the 47th annual Tech Vocational Agriculture Judging Contest.

Five hundred three-man teams are expected to compete in 11 separate events in the contest. Livestock, dairy cattle, dairy products, poultry judging, and meats judging, and agricultural mechanics competitions will serve as elimination contests for Areas I and II of the State Future Farmers of America (FFA) competition.

Five contests, in cotton, wool, crops, grass and land judging, will also be conducted, though not for FFA elimination competition.

Special guests at the contest will be Raymond Holt, consultant to the vocational Agriculture Department at the Texas Education Agency; Wilbert M. Meischen, executive secretary of the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; and Jerry Johnson, State FFA vice president from Post.

Judging will begin at 7:30 a.m. in various places throughout the campus. Contest results will be announced at 2:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the University Center. During that time, teams qualifying for State FFA competition will be cer-

ified by contest supervisors from Areas I and II.

The annual contest is coordinated through the Tech agricultural education department.

Members of the Tech faculty will supervise each of the competition events of the contest. Dairy products judging will be under the supervision of Dr. Milton L. Peoples, professor and acting chairman of the Tech food technology department.

Livestock judging will be

under the supervision of Dr. Leland F. Tribble, professor of animal science. Dr. Robert C. Albin, professor of animal science, will supervise dairy cattle and poultry judging.

Agricultural mechanics judging will be under the supervision of Dr. Lewis Eggenberger, professor of agricultural education, and Dr. C. Boyd Ramsey, associate professor of animal science, will supervise meats judging competition.

# Budget group slates hearings on funding

Hearings concerning organizational funding for the 1974-75 academic year will be conducted by the Budgeting and Finance Committee of the Student Association April 21-24.

The Senate has approved \$25,000 as an organizational allowance, said Charlie Gonzalez, chairman of the committee.

Interviews will be scheduled from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in 30 minute sessions. Any group on campus is eligible for this financial aid, which has no limitations on the

amount for any group, said Gonzalez.

In order to facilitate interviews, a financial report from the prior year and a budget for the coming year must be submitted to the committee.

The seven-member committee will hear the interviews and then report their findings to the Senate for approval on April 25.

Interviews must be set by 4 p.m. April 19 in the SA office.

# Food prices to remain stable, Cost of Living Council says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Cost of Living Council is seeking to reassure consumers that food bills will not rise sharply in the months ahead as a result of the end of economic controls for retail and wholesale food.

The council lifted price and wage controls from both the retail and wholesale food industries Monday, two weeks earlier than it had to. All of the administration's waning price controls program is scheduled to expire on April 30.

But the council said that while some stores might increase prices, the decontrol would not have any over-all adverse impact on food prices during the remainder of the year.

Actually, many consumers might hope for lower prices on the food shelf, since the cost of

many agricultural products has been declining at the farm level for several weeks.

But a decline in food prices at the retail level is not in the works either, council officials say.

Kenneth Fedor, head of the council's food division, said retail prices probably will remain about the same as food stores seek to recover some of the profits lost in earlier months when farm prices were rising sharply.

Although food prices rose 20 per cent last year and strained many a family food budget to the breaking point, the council said the retail food industry was not responsible. It said the industry generally complied very well with the administration's price control programs of the

last 2½ years and that profitability of food retailers only began to recover last year after a general decline from 1969 through 1972.

The council said of the \$18 billion increase in consumer food expenditures last year, \$12 billion went directly to pay for rising farm prices, \$5.9 billion for higher costs of such items as transportation, wages and taxes, with only \$100 million of the increase going to the food industry.

Still subject to the administration's price control is much of the food manufacturing industry, including bakeries, the dairy industry, the cereal industry and processors of frozen foods. The canning industry was decontrolled previously.

Only a few major industries remain subject to controls with only two weeks to go in the controls program.

The decontrol of the retail and wholesale food industry freed from wage controls about 2.5 million employees in the food industry.

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# Drug recall announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has announced the recall of an aerosol drug containing vinyl chloride, an industrial chemical linked to a rare form of liver

cancer.

The FDA said that the Adams Drug Co., Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I., is recalling its Quick-Aid medicated room spray vaporizer.

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# Every day a good day for Red Raider tennis player

By KIRK DOOLEY  
Sports Writer  
"Every day is a good day. Even the bad days are good days."

This refreshing piece of philosophy is what Tech tennis man John Moffet keeps at the tip of his tongue and uses when things try to go bad on him. So far this year things have been going fairly well for him in tennis so he applies his words of wisdom to the Lubbock sand.

The junior tennis player is now rated No. 2 for the Raiders (sometimes No. 3 or No. 4 in a match — depending on who he can play best) and teams with Butch Hammerick for the No. 1

doubles team. Last year as a sophomore he played No. 3 or No. 4 singles and No. 1 or No. 2 doubles. He also played as freshman, holding down No. 4 singles spot and No. 2 doubles.

Moffet hails from Wichita Falls' Rider High School which is famous for its tennis. Moffet was seeded in the state's top ten and during the summers he played with the National Junior Circuit which took him all over the nation to the big time meets. After that, it was time to go to college.

"When it came time to put my name down for college," recalls Moffet, "Coach Philbrick and the people I met here stood out

in my mind — so I signed with Tech, and I'm still glad I did."

He continued, "We are playing tennis in the toughest league in the nation. Houston is playing with three returning All-Americans and now they are seed No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 on the team. SMU has two returning All-Americans and so both they and Houston are in the top ten nationally with Texas right behind team. But with all this competition, that simply means that we just get up for more games."

Moffet's favorite victory was against Brigham Young this year but his biggest win was when he and Hammerick teamed to beat the defending National Junior College champions (5-7, 7-6, 6-2).

Tennis is most of Moffet's life, yet he still has other ways to spend his time. He is a proficient water skier who used to do a lot of trick skiing at the Possum Kingdom Lake. But tennis and skiing began to conflict ... so they sold their boat.

"I like the dorm food," says John, "but then again I like all foods. I'm as big on food as I am on bag-time (sleep)."

A genuine KLLL radio fan, he enjoys the sounds of Merle Haggard. This summer John will depart from Hub City and fly to Greenwich, Conn., where he will give tennis lessons, something he hopes to do professionally, after graduation.

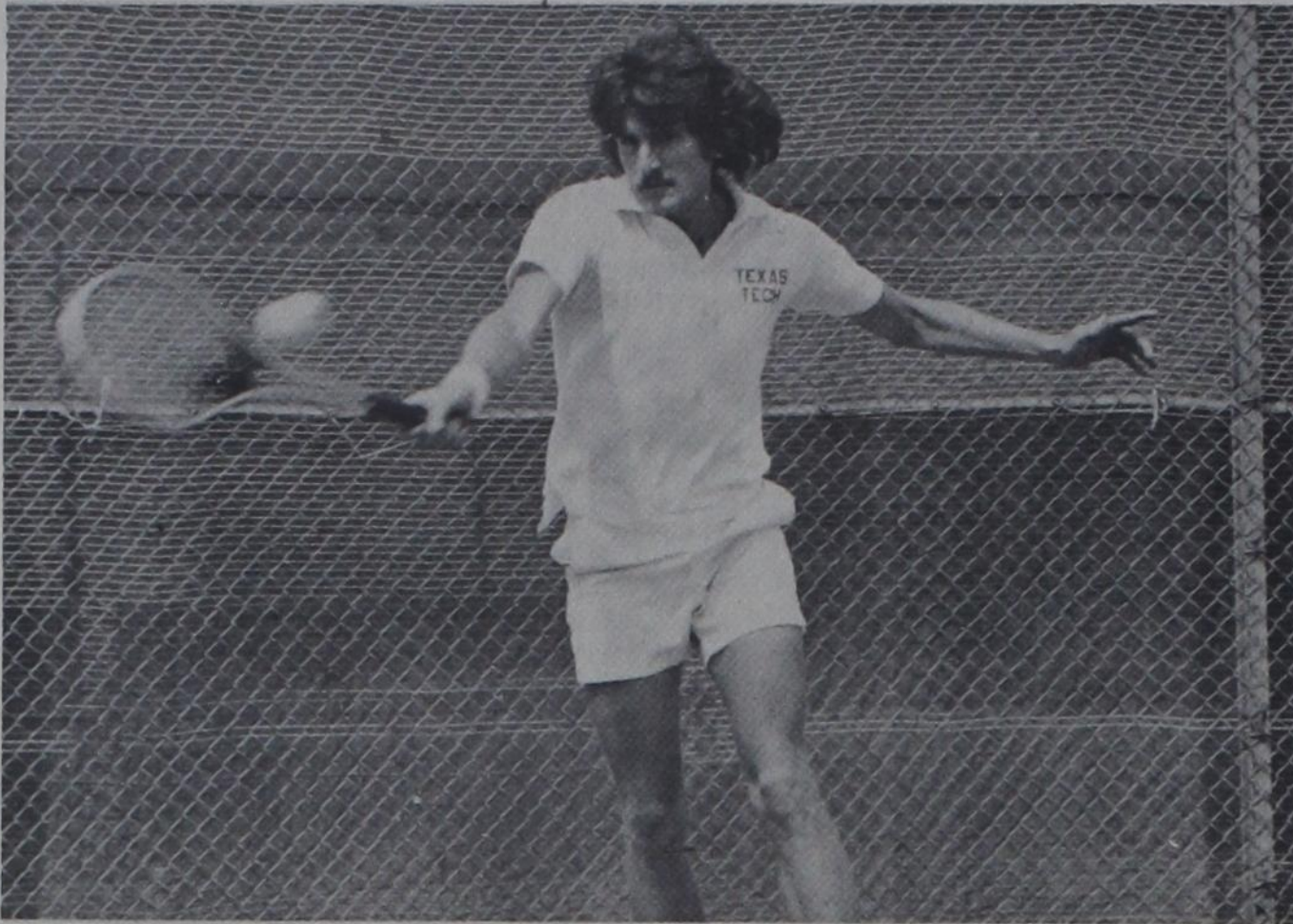
He is such a devoted athlete he worries about his priorities: "I would rather do well in tennis than do well in my grades."

But for someone who makes the Dean's List almost every time, who needs those kinds of priorities?



John Moffet

Tech's number two singles netter is Wichita Fall's John Moffet. Moffet is a player with a unique outlook on life and he gives this outlook in the story above.



Return

Terry Bennett returns a volley in his match against All-American Dale Ogden Tuesday. Bennett lost the

match and the Raiders lost the team match. (see story at right)

# Houston bombs Tech in SWC tennis match

By MIKE HALLMARK  
Sports Editor

The big boys in SWC tennis came to town Tuesday and took everything from the Tech netters except their racket covers. Fourth-ranked Houston destroyed all Raider opposition to the tune of a 7-0 shellacking. Tech was able to win only one set from the hungry Cougars.

Houston had been tied with the SMU Mustangs for the fourth national ranking until last week. The Cougars removed any doubt as to who was the better squad with a 6-1 win over the Ponies. This was the same Mustang team that had shut out Tech 7-0 a week before. So, Tech's loss came as no surprise to anyone.

"We knew they would be tough," said Butch Hammerick, Tech's top player. "I did good to just keep my head above water against that guy (Lee Merry, Houston All-American) and I didn't do too good a job of that."

Hammerick lost to Merry in consecutive sets, 6-3, 6-2 and set the pace for the day as far as Tech was concerned. Ross Walker's ball control enabled him to whip Tech's John Moffet, 6-2, 6-4 at number two singles.

All-American Bob Ogle had little trouble at number three singles as he slammed Stan Morris, 6-1, 6-2. Houston's third All-American, Dale Ogden, likewise polished off Terry Bennett, 6-2, 6-2, and Matt Rainey whipped Jim Speir, 6-3, 6-3.

In doubles action, Tech fared no better. Ogden-Merry beat Hammerick - Moffet easily, 6-2, 6-3, in the number one doubles. At number two doubles, Bennett - Morris of Tech salvaged a set win before losing to Ogle - Walker in the end, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

# New era arrives in baseball

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD  
AP Sports Writer

Baseball traditionalists may cringe in agony at the thought of it, but the "Era of the Aluminum Bat" has arrived with staggering suddenness in amateur baseball in Texas.

The coaches of four college baseball teams that have won over 81 per cent of their more than 150 games this year say they wish all their players would use the metal bats, and a large majority of their charges are doing so.

This is the first year that the NCAA has allowed the aluminum clubs for competition in baseball games and many high schools and little league teams have forsaken wooden bats.

Baseball coaches are hard-pressed financially by "King Football," so Gustafson of Texas 33-3, Tom Chandler of Texas A&M 26-7, Frank Windegger of Texas Christian and Al Ogletree of Pan American 40-7 all would advocate aluminum bats purely for fiscal reasons.

"Aluminum bats are a great innovation for college baseball just from a standpoint of budget and convenience," said Gustafson. "A team can go through a normal season with a maximum of a dozen aluminum bats and at a cost of a little over \$200 for a dozen, that's a lot better than 20 to 30 dozen wooden bats at a total cost of \$1,000-\$1,500."

The bats are advertised as being unbreakable, but Ogletree said one of his players, Jim Rainey, managed to crack one. Nevertheless, the bats have proven their durability. "It looks kinda country when six guys in a row use the same bat," said Gustafson. "It looks like the old days when all you could afford was one bat."

Ogletree said, "We have six aluminum bats and we really don't need that many."

"I'm crazy about them," Windegger said of the metal bats. "The financial aspects alone is worth it. And another advantage is that the aluminum bats take the sting out of hitting in cold weather."

But in the final analysis the real question remains: "Do aluminum bats improve batting averages and power?"

The four schools all had team batting averages above .300, with A&M having the highest at .345.

"There is no doubt this is my

best hitting team and there is no doubt aluminum bats are a factor in this," said Chandler.

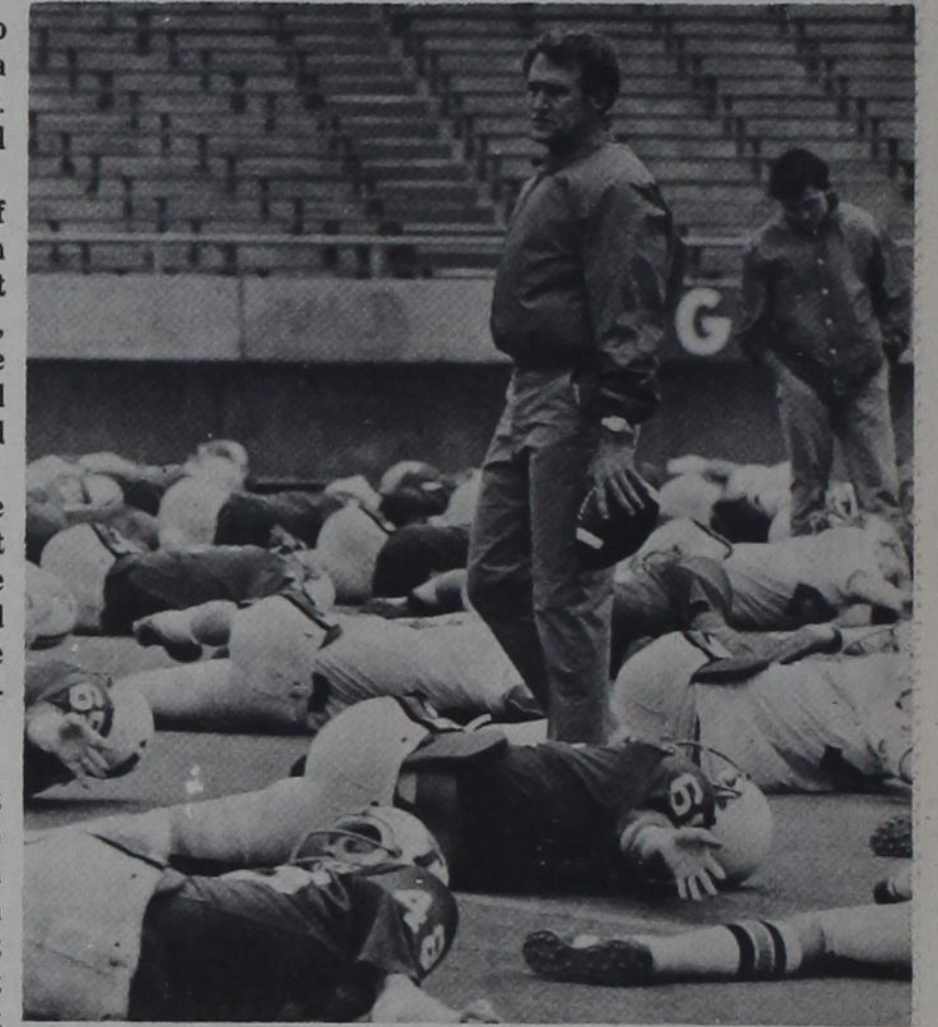
"I'm sure they make the ball go a little further."

Ogletree says a mixture of good players and the aluminum bats also has given him his best hitting team at Pan American. "They're the best thing since aspirin," he said. "If they would only invent a ball that would last."

"I think there's no doubt the ball jumps off an aluminum bat better and scientific tests have even proved this," said Gustafson. "But I wouldn't dare guess how much they can improve an average."

Gustafson said batters can get more hits on pitches close to the fists that might break a wooden bat. "But by the same token some hits with aluminum might reach an outfielder that might have been a Texas League hit with wood."

Windegger would not agree that balls carry further with aluminum than with wood, although he added most players grow to like aluminum better.



Stretch

Tech coach Ted Unbehagen strides through a field of grunting football players as the Raiders loosen up prior to drills. Tech went through a limited practice today but will scrimmage on Thursday and Saturday.

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# RECORD REVIEW

## Mott the Hoople : winners in losers' game

By F. DAVID GNERRE  
Fine Arts Writer

"Now it's a mighty long way down Rock 'N Roll — From the Liverpool docks to the Hollywood Bowl — And you climb up the mountains and fall down the holes."

For Britain's Mott the Hoople, it has been a mighty long road indeed. Their stormy five years of existence have been riddled with all the outrages, frustrations, murky depths and Himalayan highs the rock experience has to offer. Due to incessant personnel shifts, personality clashes and near-breakups, they continually walked that thin line between success and failure. Through it all, the group was somehow able to preserve just enough sanity to ward off final disaster.

Two years ago, Mott's career reached a particularly low ebb. In a last-ditch effort to make it, they brought in David Bowie to write and produce them a single. The high artistic quality of the resultant "All the Young Dudes" came as no surprise; the four LPs released up to that point were loaded with evidence that this was a solid, occasionally brilliant pack of musicians.

From the "Blond on Blond" ambience of their debut to the raging holocausts found on "Brain Capers," the raw talent was always there; financially, though, the going had been rough. Being constantly in the red only aggravated an already painful situation. The bringing in of Bowie to act as a catalyst was a do or die proposition.

He promptly delivered "All the Young Dudes," a song destined to stand as his most enduring achievement. "Dudes" was a powerful statement on alienation and self-destruction, with the captivating chorus and final verse elevating the tune to anthem status among members of the gay population. Most significantly, it was a hit, going top five in Britain and denting the American charts.

The much-anticipated "Dudes" album became an instant best-seller. Bowie produced the entire LP, and it was most satisfying. Aside from the title cut, its more delectable offerings included the haunting "Sea Diver" and the leering, punkish "One of the Boys."

It was during this association with Bowie (who was himself rapidly ascending the ladder to stardom) that Mott embarked on an incident-marred American tour. Although

the album was doing well, the group was still struggling for recognition. The agonies and ecstasies of those times were recorded by Mott anchorman Ian Hunter in a soon-to-be-published diary. Hunter's writings, some of which appeared in April's Creem, bristle with perception and insight, clearly the work of one who understands the essential spirit of rock and roll. The book should be a tour de force.

Returning to the story, the year 1973 saw in the release of the "Mott" LP the emergence of Ian Hunter as a bona fide Star. Strong instrumental technique, a good voice, a literate writing style, presence, charisma — Hunter has it all. And nowhere are his talents better displayed than on "Mott," an overpowering work if ever there was one.

Basically, what made "Mott" great were Hunter's lyrics and arrangements. His words were a heady mixture of metaphor, imagery, narration bordering on allegory and sheer punk bravado. In his hands a guitar became a "six-string razor," rock and roll a "circus, a loser's game." A strong violent streak ran through the album: rock as an act of aggression. Add to all that soaring guitars, pounding pianos, honking saxes and a superb female choir, and what results is a full-fledged triumph.

It would have been unfair to expect a sequel matching the scope and overall impact of "Mott." After all, how many albums are faced with that hard an act to follow? As a sequel, the logically titled "The Hoople" is by no means a letdown. It is an extension of its predecessor both in textures and themes, but is varied enough to stand on its own two feet.

Again there have been internal changes. Ariel Bender, a Free alumnus, now plays lead guitar. He fits in well, although "The Hoople" is not the guitar album that "Mott" was. The new drummer and keyboardist are also up to par. In the final analysis, Mott the Hoople remains a superior band.

The opening "The Golden Age of Rock 'N Roll" owes an obvious debt to "All the Way From Memphis," though in comparison is not nearly as good. Next comes "Marionette," the most appealing number on the album. It deals with manipulation (what else?), in this case the way an artist often becomes "only a pawn in their game." A loping cello part carries the song perfectly.

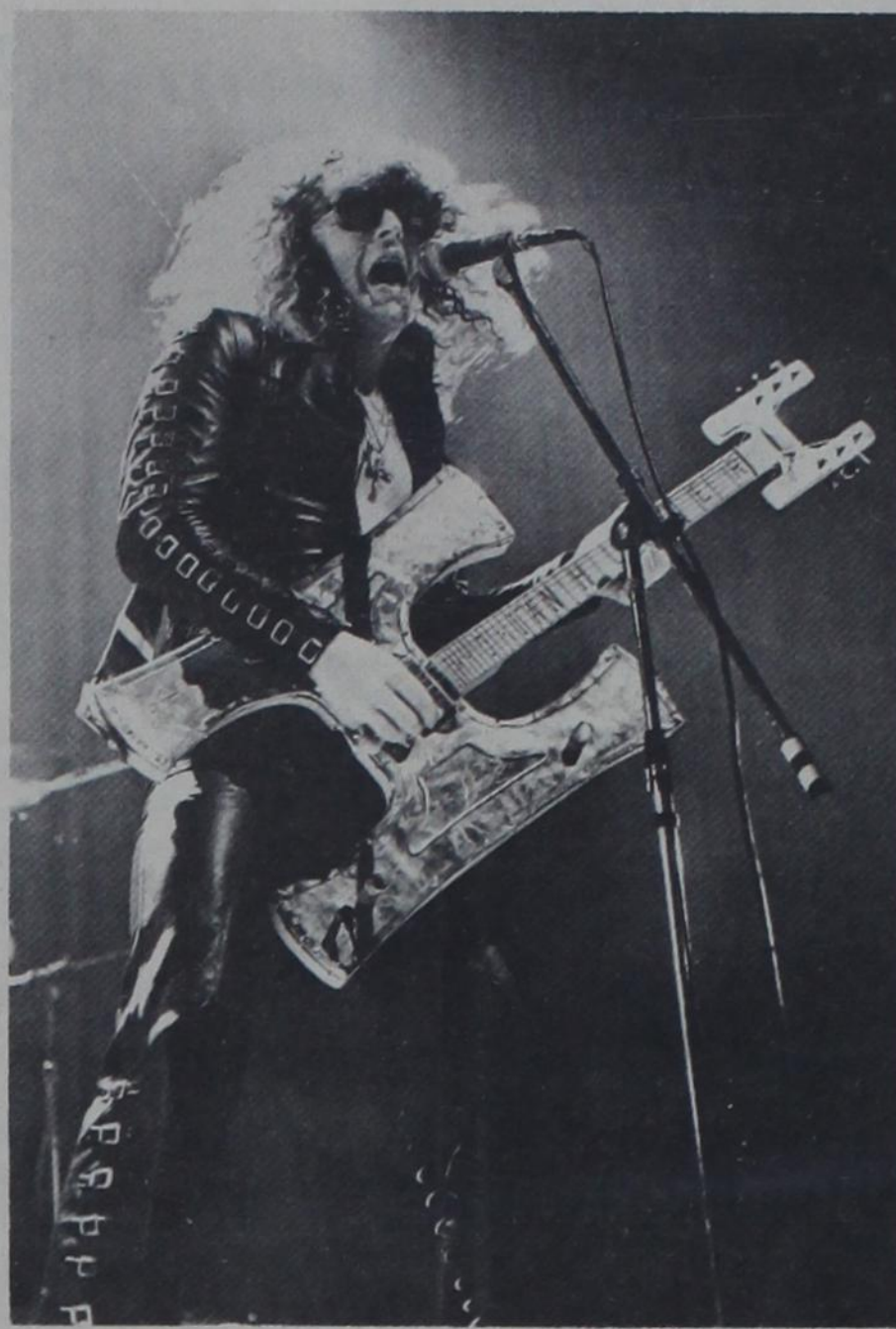
Side two as a whole plays much better. "Pearl and Roy (England)" is a scathing indictment of current-day British society; it oozes with vindictive pub mentality. The chorus is eminently hummable, and Hunter (as usual) makes good use of the saxophone. "Through The Looking Glass" features an unusual soft vocal and a sweeping orchestral arrangement. "Trudi's Song" is an acoustic Lou Reed move — just get a load of those o-ohs! It's a diverting tune nonetheless.

"Roll Away the Stone," recently a good-sized hit in England, closes the album. It makes a more attractive single than "Honoloochie Boogie," a song it closely resembles. Without a doubt the brief appearance of Lynsey De Paul's ultra-sexy throat has a great deal to do with that.

The only song that fails to please is "Crash Street Kids," wherein they carry their James Dean obsession a bit too far. The ending comes across as heavy-handed and contrived, a far cry from the galvanizing climax of "Violence," the tune's forerunner.

"But if I had my time again, you all know just what I'd do." Mott the Hoople has been through it all and survived, yet given the chance they'd go back and do it again. They are Stars at a time when rock needs Stars the most. They are winners in a loser's game.

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'Mott' leader

Ian Hunter, singer, guitarist and composer with Mott the Hoople, is described by fine arts writer David Gnerre as "a bona fide star."

## Dean more credible than Nixon, poll shows

NEW YORK (AP) — John W. Dean III has more credibility in regard to the Watergate cover-up than President Nixon, according to a Harris poll taken last month.

Forty-six per cent of those surveyed said they believed Dean more than Nixon, contrasting sharply with 38 per cent who attributed more credibility to Nixon in a poll last July.

In last month's poll, 29 per cent said they believed Nixon more than Dean, the ousted White House counsel, and 25 per cent said they were not sure.

Last July, 37 per cent believed Dean's testimony and 25 per cent were not sure whom they believed.

The latest poll was conducted March 24 to 29 among a cross-section of 1,495 adults.

In answer to a question whether they believed Dean's charge that Nixon knew about the Watergate cover-up, 52 per cent said last month they believed Dean. Last July, 50 per cent said they believed Dean's charge was true.

Republican and Southerners think Nixon is more truthful than Dean, Harris said. Among white Protestants over 50 years old, Dean and Nixon believers were evenly divided.

## Study issues warning of widespread famine

WASHINGTON (AP) — of food, fertilizer and Widespread, persistent starvation may hit South Asia and Africa within 10 years unless those areas cut their population growth and get massive aid, say the authors of a new computer study.

In an interview Tuesday, Mesarovic and Pestel said food shipments and agricultural aid alone cannot stave off starvation in South Asia and Africa.

The grim warning came from Mihail Mesarovic, director of the Systems Research Center of Case Western Reserve University, and Edward Pestel, professor of engineering at the Technical University of Hannover, Germany.

Their findings parallel a report by the Overseas Development Council, which warned that Asia could face famine next year. But the new report goes far beyond the council study, which recommended foreign aid in the form

Pestel estimated the industrialized nations would have to provide some \$700 billion of investment aid over the next 50 years to prevent starvation, plus perhaps an equal amount to prevent massive unemployment in the underdeveloped world.

Mesarovic and Pestel conducted their computerized studies, comparing the worldwide effects of various economic and population policies, for the Club of Rome, a private international study group.

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Smith will lecture at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 57 of the Science Building and at 11:30 a.m. Friday in room 115 of the Foreign Languages and Math Building. These lectures are open to the public free of charge.

Thursday, Smith will speak on "A Decade of Quasar" at 3 p.m. in room 60 of the Science Building. Smith's visit is sponsored by the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureship Program in astronomy.

### Graduation story corrected

Monday's University Daily erroneously reported that the graduation ceremony for the College of Engineering would be held in the courtyard of the Architecture Building. The reception is to be in the Biology Auditorium.



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By BOB MONROE  
Associated Press Writer  
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devices advertised in an automotive parts catalog are typical of the benefits promised motorists by companies that sell so-called gas savers.  
In a time of shortages and higher gasoline prices, promoters of such devices appear to have increased their sales efforts in some states. But

do the gadgets really deliver? "I don't know of anything that motorists can attach that will improve their mileage a significant amount," says automotive engineer Bob Knoll, head of Consumers Union's auto test division.  
The Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection has issued

a general warning to motorists to be wary of claims that various gadgets will improve gas mileage.  
And state attorneys general in California, Arkansas, Kansas and Minnesota have looked into the advertising of various manufacturers. In some cases they have taken or threatened legal action over the claims.  
Particularly popular among manufacturers this year are devices that mix water with the gasoline.

A shop near Albany, N.Y., reported installing about 300 such devices which it guarantees will increase a car's mileage from 1.4 to 5 miles per gallon. It costs \$49.50 plus \$20 installation.  
"They're going like gangbusters," said a spokesman for the shop.  
A spokesman for General Motors, however, said its engineers "know of no fuel economy benefit from water injection."  
Water injection was used in some World War II fighter planes, but the purpose was to prevent preignition under heavy loads and not to obtain economy, the GM spokesman said.

# Cancer risk linked to heredity

NEW YORK (AP) — Women under age 40 run a far higher than average risk of developing breast cancer if their mothers and/or sisters had the disease, a new study reports.

for women who had neither sisters nor mothers affected, it adds.  
The study looking into family or hereditary influence in cancer, and involving less than 500 women with various cancers, is reported by Dr. David E. Anderson, professor of biology at the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, Tex., a major cancers research and treatment center.

do statistics for the nation from the American Cancer Society. Nationally, about 7 per cent of all women develop breast cancer some time during their lives, the society reports.  
Anderson, in a report in Medical Tribune, a newspaper for physicians, said: "The early age of occurrence of the disease indicates that examinations for breast cancer by physical examination or X-ray methods or other should not be postponed under age 35 or 40 years, as is now sometimes recommended."

It says the risk is 47 times higher for women who had both a sister and mother with breast cancer, than for women with no family history of the disease.

His findings put the hereditary risk far higher than

Regular exams should be started at young ages and "whenever a genetically high-risk woman is identified," he said.

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# MOVIE SCENE

By WILLIAM D. KERNS  
Fine Arts Editor

# 'The Sugarland Express' a film of quiet impact

Clovis and Lou Jean Poplin had a lot in common with Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. Each and every one of them was a young Texan who broke the law, they all had the common people somewhat behind them and they all had the police situated firmly in a state of constant frustration. But there was one primary difference: the Poplins were not killers and the purpose behind their foolhardy actions revealed them as lovable dolts rather than hardened criminals. Director Steven Spielberg has used this difference to his advantage in filming his first feature length movie **THE SUGARLAND EXPRESS** — and the result is a picture of quiet impact, an extraordinarily entertaining movie which displays a raging current of underlying social thought as well.

The picture opens with Lou Jean visiting her husband Clovis at a pre-release camp where he is serving the last four months of a one-year sentence. Her two-year-old son, Baby Langston, had just been taken away from her by the welfare department and awarded to foster parents in Sugarland — and she forces her husband to escape and help her get her child back. On the way, they accidentally end up kidnapping a police officer, and the chase is on. Before long, there are scores of police cars following behind them... the occupant of each squad car entirely caught up in the chase for a couple of dumb kids who can't possibly succeed with their plans anyway.

police captain (played in Ben Johnson's usual fine fashion), shows us any amount of reasonable restraint; his subordinates are only concerned with the criminals' "messin' on us." Then again, the most absurd reality of all was the fact that these two young parents who blunder into the felony of kidnapping could actually get practically all of Texas and part of Louisiana chasing them in the first place.

There is a great deal of humor in "The Sugarland Express": the ridiculous line of police cars, the predictable chain-reaction wreck, the old drunk saying his prayers in the back of a speeding squad car. And if the tragedy were not always so inevitable, the flick would almost be downright hilarious. But Spielberg makes sure that behind every laugh there waits a Texas Ranger marksman, calmly discussing the advantages in shooting for the medulla. Lou Jean's dream is a pipe dream that audiences can get carried away with, but Spielberg time and time again puts a damper on things by having reality waiting to jump out from behind the next corner.


But much of the success behind this compelling film lies with Spielberg's crew. Michael Sacks is brilliantly effective as the young patrolman who learns he has more to fear from his fellow officers than from his captors. Goldie Hawn gives one of her best performances ever (probably because it's one of the first in which she's not simply demanded to giggle), and Atherton and Johnson are both remarkably effective. Just as important is Vilmos Zsigmond's very fine photography, and an editing job which ranks as extremely professionally handled. Composer John Williams and harmonica player "Toots" Thielman, the team that gave us that wonderful score in "Cinderella Liberty," again offer a nifty musical backdrop. There are, admittedly, flaws in the film, such as the prevalent Exxon signs (it would have still been Enco in 1969) — but all are of the minor variety.

Indeed, Spielberg's creation is one of the best of this new year. It is a totally involving and excitingly well-made film, one in which we can laugh and cheer... but only up to certain points. For "The Sugarland Express" is a picture permeated from beginning to end with inevitable heartbreak. Unlike Arthur Penn's "Bonnie and Clyde," death is not in the least bit glamorized in this picture; instead it is exposed as something very quiet, very ugly, and very sad. Sadder still is the brutal rigidity of the law running rampant over ideals, symbolically illustrated so well in the scene where Goldie Hawn, in a fit of tearful hysterics, empties the car of all hope for the future... the teddy bear and booties that were to be her son's now trampled by the screeching tires of the army of oncoming squad cars.

"The Sugarland Express" is currently playing at the Continental Cinema and has been rated PG. Admission price: \$2.00.

FILM FACTS: "The Sugarland Express." Stars Goldie Hawn, Michael Sacks, William Atherton and Ben Johnson. Screenplay by Hal Barwood and Matthew Robbins; based on a story by Steven Spielberg and Hal Barwood and Matthew Robbins. Photographed by Vilmos Zsigmond. Music composed by John Williams. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

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# Court upholds speech restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is entitled to restrict public comments by its employees if they would impair the reputation and efficiency of the government, the Supreme Court ruled today.


The provision had been attacked as being so broad and vague that it inhibited the exercise of free speech rights by federal employees. The court found otherwise.

damages and impairs the reputation and efficiency of the employing agency, and thus it imposes no greater controls on the behavior of federal employees than are necessary for the protection of the government as an employer."

In a 6-3 decision, the court upheld a portion of the Lloyd-LaFollette act providing for dismissal or suspension of federal civil service employees "for such cause as will promote the efficiency of the service."

In passing the act, the court said, Congress intended to give federal employees job protection and did not intend to authorize dismissal for constitutionally protected speech.


In another aspect of the decision, the court held 5-4 that a trial-type hearing is unnecessary before dismissal. The existing provision for such a hearing after dismissal is sufficient, the court said.

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# Doctor downrates vitamins

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The head of a major medical center says Vitamin C gets virtually nowhere in preventing or shortening colds, but has some beneficial effect on their severity.

Dr. Thomas Chalmers, president of New York City's Mt. Sinai Medical Center, thus challenged a theory by Nobel Prizewinner Dr. Linus Pauling that massive daily doses of the vitamin can prevent the common cold.

Chalmers made his comments Monday in a report to the 58th annual meeting of the

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

He said he had dug into all major clinical reports — both pro and con — published on the subject during a 32-year period between 1942 and 1974 investigators other than Pauling. And he said he had come to these conclusions:

—Vitamin C gets virtually nowhere as a cold-shortener.  
—The vitamin, also known as ascorbic acid, does have some beneficial effect on the severity of colds, but:  
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titatively so small and the possibility of suggestions as the primary mechanism so large that it hardly seems worthwhile for anyone to take all those pills for such a long time.

"This is especially true in view of the fact that there are as yet no data on long-term toxicity."

Adding a personal touch, Chalmers told his fellow scientists:

"The best way to conclude this review of the evidence for and against the efficacy of ascorbic acid in prevention of the common cold and

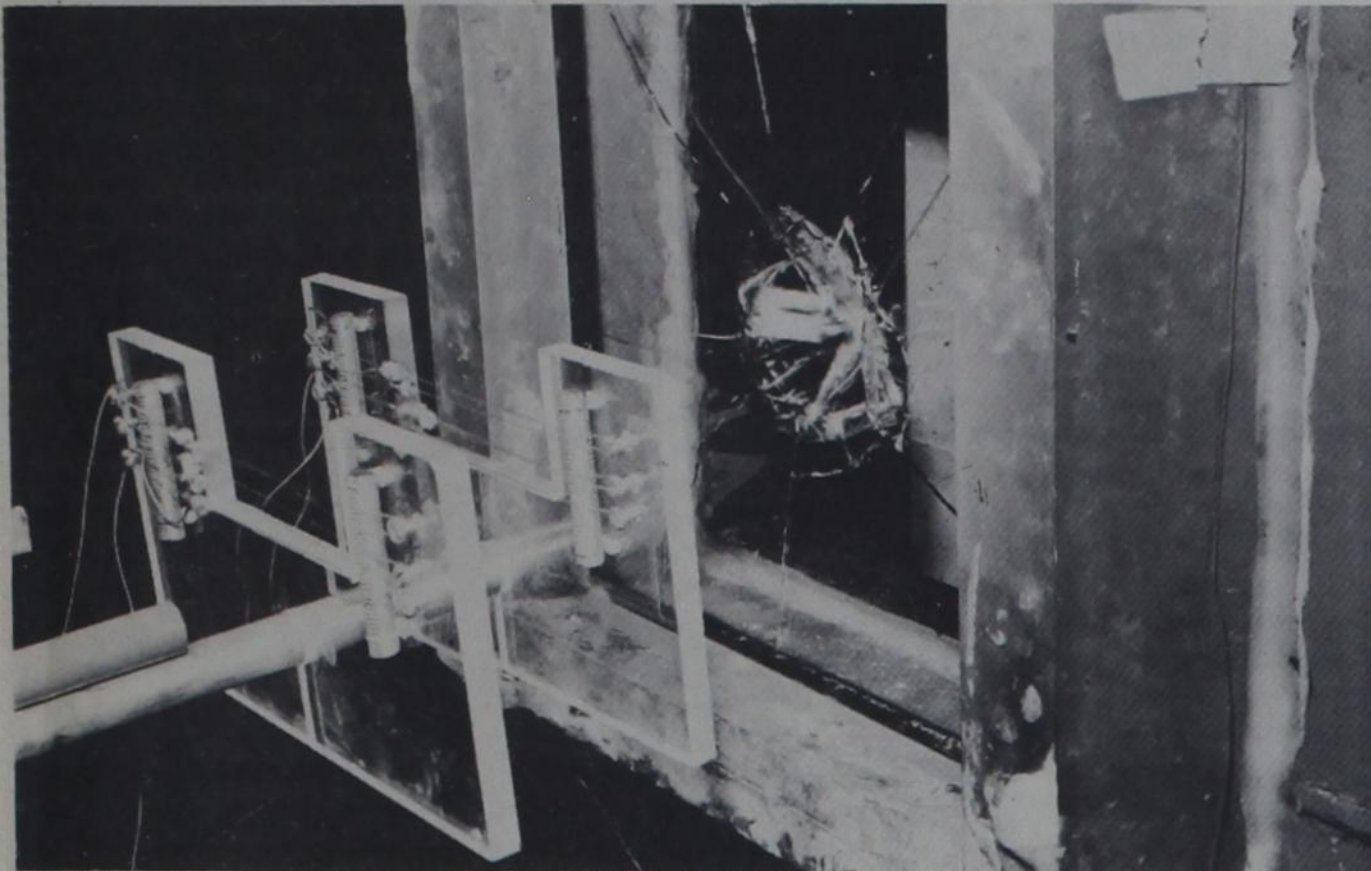
amelioration of its symptoms is to state that the author of the review, who has colds as often and as severe as any man, does not consider the very minor potential benefit that might result from taking ascorbic acid three times a day for life worth either the effort or the risk, no matter how slight the latter might be."

Chalmers led up to his report by saying that "widespread sales of the book 'Vitamin C and the Common Cold' by Prof. Linus Pauling have undoubtedly resulted in even greater sales of ascorbic acid to the self-

prescribing public."

Chalmers said his review covered 13 studies by 11 different investigators. And he said as far as preventing colds and shortening their duration were concerned, the six best-controlled studies could credit Vitamin C with preventing only "one-half a cold per year" per patient and with clipping the duration of the well-known miseries by only "six-tenths of a day" on the average.

And Vitamin C's track record from seven "poorly controlled" studies was only a tiny bit better, he said.



Gravel broke it

An air powered gravel gun fires a steel ball simulating a piece of common roof gravel into a pane of window glass in the Tech Institute for Disaster Research. Laboratory studies conducted by Institute

Director Joseph E. Minor have shown roof gravel commonly used in urban areas to be responsible for significant glass breakage during wind storms.

## Glass breakage in storms studied by Tech scientist

In addition to possible injury to building occupants during violent windstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, the greatest damage to the contents of a building occurs after windows break.

Damage to contents may total as much or more than the value of buildings themselves. Such are the observations of Dr. Joseph E. Minor, director of the Tech Institute for Disaster Research.

Minor is studying the reasons for window breakage, and in his research has deliberately broken more than 250 panes of glass in studying the problem.

The high speed of winds is not the only cause of glass breakage, Minor said. Wind-borne missiles break the glass and the most common missile is gravel, some of it no larger than a cottonseed or a small marble.

Gravel, carried by the wind at speeds as low as 30 m.p.h., can impact with sufficient force to break some kinds of window glass, Minor said.

"Gravel roofs are economical to construct and maintain," Minor said. "They are common in urban areas and provide a ready source of potentially hazardous missiles."

In investigations of damage caused by more than 20 storms, including severe windstorms,

tornadoes and hurricanes, Minor has found similar patterns of glass breakage and much evidence relating window breakage to roof gravel.

"More windows are broken in the lower stories of buildings than in higher stories where they are subject to the highest wind pressure," he said.

"Damaged, but not broken, windows usually are pitted and abraded in lower stories," said Minor, "and gravel particles are frequently found inside rooms where windows have been broken. Gravel particles have been found in rooms as high as the 18th floor in some buildings."

Minor collected samples of roof gravel from buildings in Lubbock and Corpus Christi from roofs where window damage had occurred during storms. San Antonio also was surveyed to determine gravel size and locations of gravel roofs in the urban area. Analysis of gravel samplings showed common roof gravel to range in size from one-quarter inch to one-half inch in diameter and to weigh between 0.61 and 5.55 grams, said Minor.

Laboratory studies have shown that gravel in this range of sizes can be lifted into the windstream by windspeeds as low as 80 m.p.h., he said.

"Winds blowing through an urban area can be channelled down streets and alleys bordered by tall buildings. This channelization increases windspeed and force," Minor said. "This increase is often enough to carry gravel."

"The glass industry currently is oriented toward making glass resistant to wind pressure," he said. "Glass manufacturers also should begin to look into making glass more resistant to impact."

Minor and a team of research assistants used gravel - sized steel balls and an air-powered gravel gun in their laboratory experiments in the mechanics of glass breakage. Their tests were conducted using simulated missile impact speeds ranging from 27 to 61 m.p.h.

The researchers determined that window glass under pressure is extremely strong for short periods of time. Glass strength is dependent upon the size and depth of surface flaws, and flaws tend to increase under pressure, Minor added.

"We found that glass that has been slightly damaged by one impact is weakened and that subsequent windstorms may break it," he said. "When under wind pressure a lower missile impact speed is required to break the glass."

"While we have begun to learn a little about how and why glass breakages occur, much more research is needed to find ways of improving the missile resistance of glass," Minor said.

The researcher explained that the needed research will take time, and when new methods are found, it will take still more time for them to be implemented by the glass industry and the construction industry.

In addition to window glass studies, the Institute for Disaster Research of the Tech College of Engineering is investigating the economic impact of disasters, wind structure interaction, wind resistance of mobile homes, protection criteria for schools, glass impact phenomena and windstorm documentation.

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- Comedian Hope
- Correspondent (ab.)
- Ship's deck
- Third king of Judah
- Migratory worker
- Japanese aborigine
- Old comedy team
- Film: Rosemary's
- Smart
- President (coll.)
- From a distance
- Puerto
- Nerve-cell process
- Buzz
- Musical composition
- Not at all
- Egg-shaped
- Tiny
- Fresh water fish
- Prefix: half
- Ancient gold alloy
- Throat infection, for short
- Flatter, as beer
- First Hebrew letter
- TV comedienne
- A certain canal
- Want
- Gold in Valencia
- East Indian fiber plant
- Anglo-Saxon slave
- Take a wife

DOWN

- Babylonian (ab.)
- Columbus school, for short
- Cook out
- Comedian Bill
- All right
- Tin Tin
- TV comedian
- More pallid
- Certain paintings
- Certain bills
- Weak
- Largest of the Cyclades Islands
- Isles in Galway Bay
- Stem
- Mellow
- Self-evident proposition
- Foolish
- Superabundance
- Renown
- Comedian who masquerades as Geraldine
- Cockney lodging place
- German jackass
- Comedian Woody
- Skid
- Roman goddess of hope
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# Authority split in Nixon defense

DALLAS (AP) — Presidential counsel Fred Buzhardt, and not special defense counsel James St. Clair, has control over all tapes and documents involved in President Nixon's confrontation with the House Judiciary Committee a former Nixon aide said Tuesday.

The situation has created some frustration among the legal staff headed by St. Clair, said Cecil Emerson, 39, Emerson, a Dallas lawyer, worked under St. Clair and represented White House staffers questioned by the Senate Select Committee on

Watergate.

Emerson quit his Washington job and returned to private practice in Dallas two weeks ago. He said Buzhardt has made himself "indispensable" and has "substantial control over Watergate matters pertaining to the President's defense."

Buzhardt was described by Emerson as a Nixon loyalist, a GOP worker with little trial experience who was involved in the Watergate controversy long before St. Clair was hired as special counsel.

"When I went there, there was

a Justice Sullivan that was going to be in charge of the team of lawyers representing the President," he said. "Then he left and Buzhardt took over and then St. Clair took charge in January. That — having three special counsels in charge in a very short time — was in itself frustrating," he added.

Emerson said the "crux of the issue in the defense of President Nixon is who is in charge of it. My observation is that Buzhardt is still in charge of some aspects — tapes and documents that the Judiciary Committee wants."

He added: "My understanding was that St. Clair was going to be in charge."

He said that in the controversy between Nixon and the Judiciary Committee "The political situation overrides the practical situation ... Buzhardt is a political man while St. Clair is a professional of high integrity, but he is not political. He is putting his reputation on the line."

Emerson, who was an assistant U.S. attorney before he went to Washington, declined to answer direct questions on exactly how much control Buzhardt exercises over the actual defense proceedings.

"What I am saying," he said, "is that Buzhardt has custody and control of the tapes and White House documents in the Watergate matter."

He declined to say, invoking client relationship, whether St. Clair had access to all the documents and tapes in Buzhardt's custody.

Emerson said he represented the White House in the FBI investigation of the erasure of 18½ minutes of a tape requested by the Judiciary Committee. But he declined comment on the investigation itself.

The Dallas-born lawyer said his own personal feeling, "from evidence I saw or heard while working under St. Clair," is that President Nixon was not aware of the wrongdoings or the Watergate cover-up.

"I would say he was unaware of things going on around him," he added. "People around him were doing him a disservice. Hiring them was negligence, but not a crime," he said.

# Psychiatrist favors banning gun sales to suicidal people

WASHINGTON (AP) — A psychiatrist says that because gun control laws have not kept people from shooting themselves, the government should compile a list of "suicidal persons" to whom firearms could not be sold.

Dr. Charles H. Browning of the University of Oregon Medical School says this might be one way of reducing the 9,800 known gunshot suicides each year, 47 per cent of all U.S. suicides.

"If a physician would not knowingly prescribe potentially lethal drugs for a suicidal patient, one may wonder why a gun seller can sell a gun to a person who might have made a suicide attempt or have been

judged suicidal," the psychiatrist writes in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Under Browning's proposal, doctors, hospitals and other health professionals would provide the Department of Health, Education and Welfare with names of persons who had attempted suicide or were "evaluated as being high suicide risks."

Firearms dealers would be required to check a potential customer's name against the government list and face penalties if a purchase was made by someone on the registry.

Browning contends that

firearms are "minimally and ineffectively controlled" by some 20,000 state and local laws and the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968.

Most laws are aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of criminals, drug addicts, alcoholics or the mentally incompetent and often do not require even a waiting period before the purchase is made, he said.

"Thus, a suicidal person, even in a jurisdiction with restrictive gun control legislation, may obtain a weapon with ease," he said.

Browning said the public the government must begin to regard suicide, the 10th leading cause of death,

# Simon backs oil reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The major oil companies apparently are telling the truth about their supplies, based on audits by the Federal Energy Office, energy chief William E. Simon says.

Simon said that the ongoing energy office audits of refineries have turned up no evidence that oil companies are lying about their inventories.

In an interview, the energy chief said that the government has made giant strides in convincing the American people that the fuel shortage is real. "We're still going through the scapegoat phase in this country," he said.

But Simon added that congressional hearings and government investigations

eventually will remove much of the emotion from the debate and Americans will realize the energy crisis is real.

Simon, who is expected to be named treasury secretary later this week, said that first-quarter profits of the oil companies as well as second-quarter profits will be embarrassing to the oil firms.

He also said that with the end of the Arab oil embargo, conservation efforts by Americans are continuing. "I am optimistic that demand will not explode," he said.

Simon declined to discuss specific questions about economic policy, but he did say that wage-price controls have introduced distortions and

inequities in the nation's economy. But he said he wouldn't rule out the possibility that one day they might be reimposed.

He said he subscribed to President Nixon's statement that the American people are taxed enough, but he said the tax system is in constant need of study to make sure it is equitable.

The price of gasoline will rise only a few cents a gallon on the average nationally, but there will be significant regional price increases in areas or by oil companies that depend heavily on imported oil, he said.

That is true even if it is assumed that imports will peak at about 7½ million barrels a day this summer, he said.

# Short-term water planning urged

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe said Tuesday there are short-term actions that government can take to assure Texans of sufficient water while long-term projects are being prepared.

He addressed a special task force he had appointed to study the state's water conservation and development needs.

Briscoe said he concurred in the task force's recommendation for both short-term and long-range water programs.

"This short-range plan, and the concurrent long-range planning, must not wait upon the completion of every possible study. We must not wait upon the answer to every question," Briscoe said.

The governor said the energy crisis had taught the nation the need for assessing its resources ahead of time and taking steps to avoid shortages before they arrive.

"We must not allow the same situation to develop in regard to our water resources. We must plan now to meet the future water

requirements of our country," Briscoe said.

He said it was clear that Congress had decided that the states, on their own, should take more responsibility for developing and building water projects.

"In the light of federal trends, it may be necessary that we undertake new initiatives to share those costs where there is a proper federal interest. On the other hand, where the interests of Texas are involved, and the federal interest is either undefined or peripheral, it may be, in the long run, more feasible, and, with escalating costs, more prudent, for the state to undertake its own water program implementation," Briscoe said.

He said the task force and other groups should make the national government aware of the need for water to irrigate farm land, something he said was played down in a National Water Commission report.

Briscoe also said local governments should manage underground water.

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