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Investigators study Bush's Contra involvement

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iran-Contra investigators are looking into Vice President George Bush's connections to the supply of weapons to the Nicaraguan Contras, including a record of involvement from start to finish by a former CIA agent who is a top aide to the vice president.

Reporting to Congress on the progress of his investigation, independent counsel Lawrence Walsh specifically listed the office of the vice president as among the objects of

his ongoing criminal investigation. He said those inquiries were "proving fruitful" and that none has been abandoned.

While there have been questions about the vice president's role since last winter, only recently has the focus sharpened on Bush and his aides. The Tower commission's report released in February made scant mention of Bush's role despite signs of involvement in the affair by him and his staff. But the Tower panel interviewed only Bush and none of his staff.

Wary that Bush's 1988 presidential

chances could be wrecked on the shoals of the Iran-Contra affair, the vice president's political advisers insist they do not have a problem. Congressional hearings on the matter will open Tuesday.

But Donald Gregg, the CIA agent who is Bush's national security adviser, as well as two of his own aides, bring the investigative trail into the office of the vice president. Investigators have talked to former White House staffers about Gregg's activities.

In addition, Bush, himself a former CIA director, has had meetings with

key figures in both the arms sales to Iran and the private aid network for supplying the Contras.

Bush attended the daily intelligence briefings for President Reagan where a number of key decisions in the case were made, including the one at which the Iran initiative was formally approved.

"The office is being looked at," a source familiar with the congressional investigation said Thursday. "There are people being talked to."

Bush campaign manager Lee Atwater said last week, "I do not see Don Gregg as a political liability for

the vice president."

Gregg acknowledges that in December 1984 he recommended his friend from his days in Vietnam, Cuban-born former CIA agent Felix Rodriguez, as an on-the-scene adviser to the Salvadoran air force at Ilopango air base in El Salvador.

Gregg, who refused to be interviewed by The Associated Press, has maintained there is evidence that fired National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver North recruited Rodriguez into the network providing support the Contras and that he was unaware of that involvement.

That was in 1985, during the two-year period when Congress had made it illegal for the government to provide lethal support to the Contras trying to overthrow Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Bush spokesman Steve Hart, in relaying Gregg's refusal to comment, pointed to a chronology of events issued by the vice president last December. In it, Gregg acknowledged he and his staff "maintained periodic communication with Felix Rodriguez, but were never involved in directing, coordinating or approving military aid to the Contras."

House debate begins on budget legislation

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The state budget battle moves to the House floor today for debate over a bill that Speaker Gib Lewis says has no chance of passing gubernatorial muster.

In a numbers game that could lead to legislative deadlock and a summer special session, the House is working with a \$39.4 billion 1988-89 state budget.

Clements has vowed to veto any spending plan, such as the one approved by the House Appropriations Committee, that would require a tax increase other than the continuation of the current temporary motor fuels and sales tax increases.

The governor's bottom line is \$36.9 billion. The Senate has approved a \$39.9 billion spending plan.

Lewis said it might be possible to cut \$1 billion from the budget forwarded by the appropriations committee. And although he has said it will not be possible to meet Clements' bottom line, Lewis is not giving up hope of reaching some middle ground.

"We think we are making progress. If the governor will cooperate with the Legislature in the next four weeks, we'll get out of here" with a balanced budget, Lewis said.

Clements sees a rockier road.

"I think we can solve these problems in the next 30 days, but it's going to take some real head-knocking, some real honest-to-God getting down to brass tacks to get that done. And I haven't seen any evidence of that," the governor said.

The regular session ends June 1. The state fiscal year ends Aug. 31, meaning Clements would have to call a summer special session for budget-writing if no spending plan is hammered out before the end of the regular session.

The Legislature's spending plan will be worked out by a House-Senate conference committee that will meet to negotiate about differences in the two appropriations bills.

Lawmakers this week also will work on two of the session's other hot topics — abortion and tort reform. The House State Affairs Committee plans a vote today on a bill that would bar abortions after a fetus is "viable." A similar bill, but with different provisions, has been sent to the Senate floor.

The full Senate plans debate this week on tort reform, an effort that includes rewriting several of the state's most pivotal civil justice laws.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock and leader of the Senate's pro-tort reform forces, said the debate could start today and continue to Tuesday.



Sidewalk artist

Candy Mathers/The University Daily

Armed with a headset and drawing tools, Ronnie Clements, a freshman architecture major from Fort Worth, sketches in the shade of an umbrella Sunday outside the StangelMurdough residence halls.

Lawmakers contest collider bill phrasing

By The Associated Press

SAN ANGELO — Some West Texas legislators believe a bill aimed at trying to bring the superconducting supercollider to the state contains language intended to eliminate all but a Dallas-area site from consideration.

At issue is whether the wording of the proposal should suggest "one or more sites," as contained in the Senate version, or "two or more sites," as in a bill offered by the House Science and Technology Committee.

The full House is expected to vote today on its committee's version. After that vote, a Senate-House conference committee will have to thrash out a compromise on proposals that the Texas National Laboratory Commission may submit to the U.S. Department of Energy to try to win the multibillion-dollar facility.

Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, has distributed a "Dear Colleague" letter to all 150 House members asking them to support the "two or more" version.

"I said in the letter that two of our competing states — California and Arizona — already have announced they are submitting two sites. We submitted three for the homeport. And DOE has said they expect more than one site from many states," said Shaw.

"I reminded them that Illinois submitted two sites (25 years ago) for the Fermilab, and the site selected was that state's second choice. I reminded them that (U.S. Sen. Lloyd) Bentsen said Texas is too big to offer just one site and that it is imperative we offer the federal government the broadest examples of what the state has to offer," Shaw said.

Rep. Dick Burnett, D-San Angelo, said the Senate wording could clear the way for a single site proposal.

"The word around the House," Burnett said, is that a decision already has been made that the TNLC will recommend a site near Dallas — possibly the one near Waxahachie.

Jim Kaster, legislative liaison from the governor's office, said last week research has shown the Dallas site best met DOE criteria.

Not only would the "one or more" language eliminate a Garden City site, but also the many other communities now spending their own private and public funds for site proposals, legislators said.

On Thursday, West Texas legislators, along with several committee chairmen and other representatives from around the state met with House Speaker Gib Lewis to ask that his appointments to the Senate-House conference committee represent the two-or-more faction.

The meeting was spearheaded by Burnett and Shaw.

Civil libertarian says government has regressed to McCarthyism

By SCOTT BRUMLEY

News Staff Writer

The U.S. government under the Reagan administration has regressed to the repressive practices of the "McCarthy Era" of the 1950s, civil liberties activist Frank Wilkinson said during a news conference Friday.

Wilkinson, who was jailed in 1961

for refusing to answer questioning by the House Un-American Activities Committee, said Reagan has used his power to issue executive orders to give organizations such as the CIA and the FBI more leeway in spying on private citizens.

"He has used and abused them (executive orders) more than any other president in American history," Wilkinson said.

Criticizing the Reagan administration for insensitivity toward civil liberties, Wilkinson said Reagan is the first president to move toward a closed system of government since before the Eisenhower administration.

He said the most current example of Reagan's abuse of authority is a joint plan drawn up between the CIA, the FBI and the Immigration and

Naturalization Service (INS), which was obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) through a lawsuit.

The document, titled "Alien Terrorists and Undesirables: A Contingency Plan," orders close surveillance of about 80,000 foreign students enrolled in American universities from nations in the area of the Mediterranean Sea, Wilkinson said.

Under the plan, Reagan would be asked to allow the FBI to turn a list of 3,500 to 5,000 "undesirable" students over to the INS, Wilkinson said. The students would be taken to a detention facility in Oakdale, La., and detained without bail until they could be deported, he said.

"The language in here denies due process throughout, and many provisions are outside existing laws,

necessitating an executive order from Reagan to carry the plan out," he said.

Wilkinson, who was in Lubbock to speak at the annual meeting of the Lubbock chapter of the ACLU, said the organization is preparing a petition to be sent to Congress calling for sweeping reform within the structure of the FBI.

Many homeless come to Lubbock looking for work, opportunity

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the first in a series of three stories on Lubbock's homeless and the problems they face and create in today's society. Today's story offers an overview of the local problem and its causes.

By TREY BARKER

News Staff Writer

America's motto long has been "the land of opportunity." But for a growing number of its citizens, the land of opportunity offers no promise of a brighter future.

The demographics that have emerged in recent years concerning the homeless have shaken the "land of plenty" myths. The number of homeless Americans is growing at a rate sufficient to put a major strain on the social safety net and turn the "land of plenty" into a maze of empty streets.

This "new generation" of homeless, as they are being labeled, no longer takes on the appearance of the archaic "kings of the road" — those who travel the nation's highways, living from day to day. The new and growing majority of homeless in this country are single-parent families, and in an increasing number of cases, divorced women with dependent children.

The homeless are not always single mothers, however. Quite often, victims of alcoholism swell the homeless

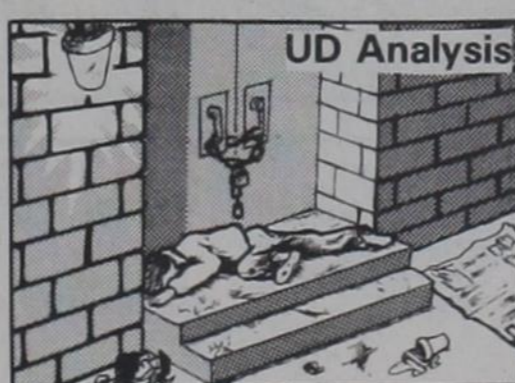
ranks. Recently released mental patients, teen runaways, migrant workers and the elderly forced into the streets by high inflation on a fixed income pepper the numbers of the homeless. Abused women and children also constitute a sizable percentage of the homeless in this country.

Though no one is exactly sure of the number of homeless Americans, estimates range from as low as 300,000 to as high as 3 million. Most social workers believe there never can be an accurate estimate given the peculiarities of the problem.

Calculating a number for the homeless in Lubbock is equally difficult. Because many of the homeless are wanderers, the majority are documented only by birth certificates, which is of no help in defining the Lubbock problem. Pride also hinders efforts to pin down an accurate number.

"People's pride keeps them from coming in and getting some kind of aid, be it food, shelter, clothes or whatever," said Amy Robinson, a social worker for the Lubbock Salvation Army. "That's just the way it is. You may be living in a cardboard box, but it's yours."

According to figures compiled by the Salvation Army, Lubbock's homeless differ slightly from other cities in this region in that the majority of homeless in Lubbock are white



males, not black or Hispanic. Robinson said most of those males are the victims of alcoholism. Others, she said, are undereducated or have only seasonal jobs.

Robinson said much of the problem in Lubbock stems from the lack of prevention.

"Getting food stamps and AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) is so hard that a lot of people lose everything before they start getting those benefits," she said. "If someone loses his job and his last paycheck was \$300, he might decide to apply for food stamps and stretch out that last check. But when he got down to the office, he would find he needed to have made less than \$150 in the last 30 days. If he made more than that, he doesn't qualify."

Mary Baiza, a social worker at Guadalupe Economic Services, a financial support group for the underprivileged, agreed with Robinson's summation of the problem. She said adequate funds are unavailable to fix

the small problems that eventually lead to larger problems.

"Sometimes nothing can be done because the problem is too big," Baiza said. "If someone's problem isn't big enough, the government says the people can fix it. If the problem is too big, the government says no one can fix it and they're left to rot. Those people are the ones that end up on the streets."

Richard Lopez, director of Guadalupe Economic Services, said lack of money from local, state and federal sources is a large part of the problem the homeless encounter.

"If there were more money, we could go a long way toward solving the problems," he said. "But there isn't enough money, because people can't afford to give anymore. With prices what they are, most people just can't afford to give any money to the poor, and no one wants to pay more taxes."

Lopez said lack of money is not the only problem facing the homeless, however.

"If I had the power to scrap the system and start all over, I would have more money, sure, but I would also have more people who are willing to get out there, roll their sleeves up and get down in the trenches to do the work that needs to be done," he said.

"A lot of it," Robinson said, "is that people don't know how bad the problem is. I know how bad it is and

Richard (Lopez) knows how bad it is, but people who don't see the problem every day don't realize its proportions."

Lopez said politicians also know how bad the problem is but that once in office, lawmakers neglect those who need the help.

"If I were running for office, I would go and see what these people need," Lopez said. "But once that person is elected, he neglects his responsibility of going back and helping these people."

Lopez and Robinson agreed that part of the problem is based on people in transit. Lopez said many of the homeless in Lubbock today came searching for a job and did not find anything when they arrived. With no job or support, they quickly become part of the problem.

"If they don't find a job, they become homeless," Robinson said. "Some of them we (the Salvation Army) may help, and some we may not."

Robinson said travelers constitute a major portion of the homeless, but she said the growing number of families represents the worst aspect of the problem.

"A lot of them (homeless) are families that are poor to begin with," she said. "A girl gets pregnant, her boyfriend marries her and they have no money. It doesn't take long for them to have to go for some kind of

aid."

Robinson said the strict guidelines placed on aid recipients, in effect, penalize people for not being poor enough. She said many homeless people, if helped in the early stages of their problems, would be able to work out their problems for themselves.

Baiza said families often can obtain more aid if the family members split up.

"Sometimes, they can only get so much with Dad, Mom and a child," Baiza said. "But if they split up, Mom can get more aid because she's by herself with a child and Dad can get aid for himself. That way, they get more than they would together."

Robinson said family splitting also cuts down on the chances of a parent finding a job.

"If you've got a child, you can't take it into a job interview," Robinson said. "And even if you did and you got the job, where would you leave the child during the day? Day care costs too much, and most bosses won't let you keep your child on the job."

Workable solutions to the problems of the homeless seem to be difficult to formulate. Local social workers claim many solutions that have been tried only put more people on the streets.

"We can call them the forgotten Americans," Lopez said. "Those that the system put there and refuses to help."

Reagan calls for continued aid to Contras

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Reagan, staking out a tough position on the eve of the Iran-Contra hearings, said Sunday that cutting off aid to rebels in Nicaragua would give the Soviet Union a free hand in Central America and "one of their greatest foreign policy victories since World War II."

Reagan said that when members of Congress vote later this year on aid to the rebels, it may well be the most important vote of 1987 and "possibly one of the most important cast in their careers in public office."

He warned that "delays and indecision here at home can only cause un-

necessary suffering in Nicaragua, shake the confidence of the emerging democracies in the region and endanger our own security."

Reagan's remarks appeared to be an effort to raise the stakes in the battle over aid for the Contras, who are trying to oust the leftist Sandinista regime. He spoke in an address prepared for delivery on Ellis Island during the opening ceremonies of the American Newspaper Publisher's Association annual convention.

His wife Nancy will address today the annual luncheon of The Associated Press, which takes place in conjunction with the ANPA meeting.

In his remarks, Reagan made no

mention of the televised hearings opening on Capitol Hill Tuesday on the secret sale of the arms to Iran and the possible diversion of profits to the Contras. He said nothing about the purported transfer of funds — a subject about which he has pleaded ignorance — and he was silent about the division within the Contra leadership.

Instead, Reagan turned up the heat on Congress to approve aid to the rebels. After winning approval of \$100 million in aid last year, the administration is seeking \$105 million this year amid signs that Congress is increasingly skeptical about sending money to the Contras.

Arguing that America has main-

tained a bipartisan consensus on foreign policy for 40 years, Reagan declared, "This is no time for either party to turn its back on that tradition or on the cause of freedom, especially when the threat to both is so close to home."

"The survival of democracy in our hemisphere requires a U.S. policy consistent with that bipartisan tradition," he said.

"I do not think there is anyone in Congress who wants to see another base for Soviet subversion, another Cuba established on American shores — yet that is what is happening right now," Reagan said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Businessman urges anti-apartheid votes

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The chairman of South Africa's most powerful corporation said Sunday that apartheid "has made fools of us all" and urged whites to vote this week for candidates who are committed to racial equality.

Gavin Relly, chairman of the Anglo American Corp. mining and banking conglomerate, said in a newspaper column that the governing National Party has turned away from reform and should be defeated in Wednesday's elections for the white chamber of Parliament.

"The privileged white electorate, in my view, should support as far as possible candidates who have the courage to move forward to a policy of putting all South Africans first, irrespective of race, color or creed," Relly wrote in the *Sunday Times*, the country's largest-selling newspaper.

Relly was among the leaders of a delegation of South African businessmen who traveled to Zambia in September 1985 for talks with officials of the outlawed African National Congress, the guerrilla movement fighting to end white domination in South Africa.

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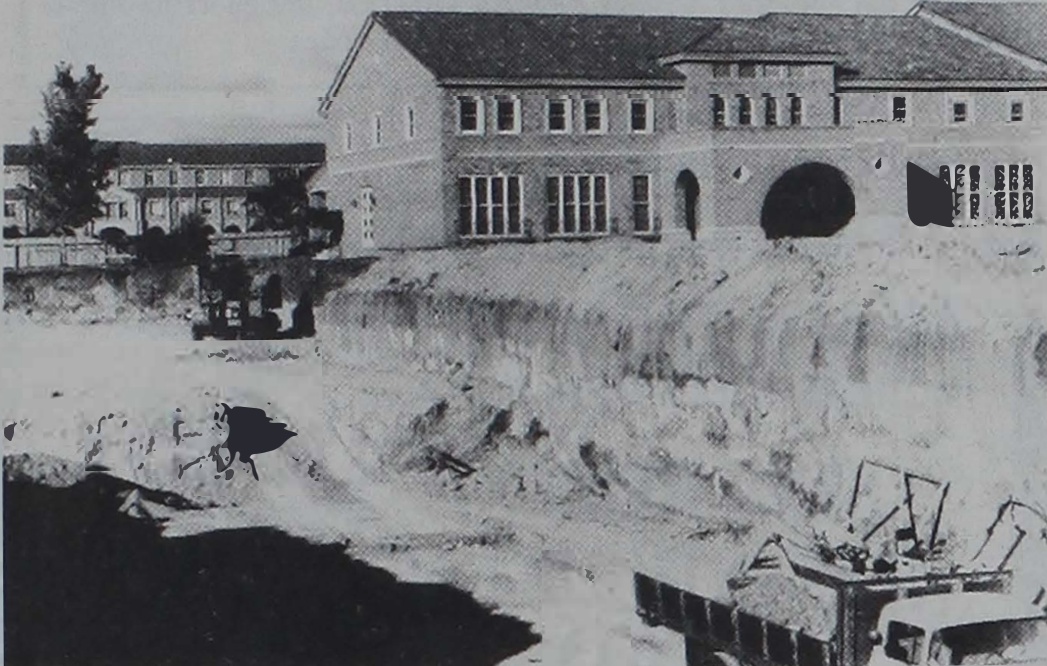
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Groundwork for the new Tech Union



Cars, girls and the UC



Barracks serve as precursor to modern UC

By PATRICIA REYES
News Staff Writer

From its humble beginning as a simple army barracks in 1949 to the spacious student-oriented facility we know today, the Texas Tech University Center has attained monumental success through an ever-increasing dedication for continuing and improving student services.

"I and this building are people-oriented," said UC director Tom Shubert, "I've seen a lot of transitions happen in the building itself and the services we offer."

The concept of a recreational facility where Tech students could enjoy a casual and relaxed atmosphere was introduced in 1928 by Tech English professor James G. Allen. During a Faculty Council meeting, he emphasized the need for a student center on the Tech campus. Although Allen continued to stress the recreational facility concept, it would be several years before Texas Technological College administrators took steps toward making Allen's dream a reality.

In 1947, 19 years after Allen's initial idea of a student center, three army surplus buildings were taken out of World War II action and transferred to more peaceful surroundings: the Tech campus. Containing a small snack bar, a juke box and a few pool tables, the three army barracks constituted the first attempt at a student-oriented recreational facility and the beginning of one of the longest addition processes in the Tech history.

Four years later, the Tech Board of Directors recognized the need to establish a permanent student center facility. A building of 33,000 square feet was constructed for \$500,000 and

christened under the name, "Tech Union."

The first major addition to the center occurred in March 1962. The cafeteria, ballroom, faculty club and second floor meeting rooms were built in this 55,000-square-foot addition totaling about \$1 million.

The Allen Theater, courtyard, upstairs offices, snackbar and "The Well" were introduced during the second and final addition in January 1977. Those additions added 60,000 square feet to the existing structure at a cost of \$2.5 million.

The UC, which provides services for all Tech students, operates on an annual budget of more than \$2.25 million and is one of the few campus buildings with which practically all Tech students are familiar.

One of the strongest features of the UC traditionally has been University Center Programs. Currently composed of eight committees, UCP is responsible for organizing 100 to 150 activities including comedy performances, political and celebrity guest speakers, orchestra and rock concerts and popular theater and film productions.

"What sets us apart from other university student unions is that we have one of the best activities area in the country," Shubert said.

UCP kept pace with the UC as it grew and changed throughout the years. Maria Springer, current UCP student coordinator, said although UCP always has been composed of various committees, the organization always has tried to meet the needs of Tech students at the time.

"In the '50s we had three dance committees, because that's all the students wanted to do," Springer said.

She said UCP always has provided the best possible entertainment for Tech students at the lowest prices if not free of charge. She emphasized that students always can count on UCP to furnish quality entertainment "for almost nothing."

The biggest and perhaps most exciting UC developments are still to come, Shubert said. Plans for several additions and alterations benefiting the university are under way.

UC coordinators are working on a plan that would transform the sublevel game room previously known as "The Well" into a "Club Showcase." The area would be called "017A Storage" (the title is derived from the identification number on the keys to the area) and would feature comic and novelty performers. The concept involves leaving the area with a storage room look and providing students with a unique form of entertainment, Shubert said.

"We are in the business of taking new ideas and trying to make them happen," Shubert said.

A second UC development being investigated involves allowing restaurant and fast food chains to establish small branches within the UC food area. A survey listing more than 50 local food businesses is being distributed for the purpose of discovering what specific restaurants or fast food chains students would like to see on campus.

Other UC projects include installing a local financial institution branch within the UC. Such an institution would offer students all the conveniences of a regular banking system without students having to leave campus, Shubert said.



Students breaking ground for UC



Buying a Playboy at the UC

Photos courtesy of University Center and La Ventana

Engineering awards given to distinguished alumni

By EDWARD GATELY
News Staff Writer

Four graduates of the Texas Tech College of Engineering have been selected as recipients of the 1987 Distinguished Engineer Awards to be given during a ceremony Friday in the University Center ballroom.

George Beakley Jr., James McAuley, Garland Threadgill and Wyman Tidwell were chosen for their success in the field of engineering and for contributions to the community and society, said Mason Somerville, dean of the College of Engineering.

"These people have been given a lot and have given a lot," he said.

The purpose of the award is to honor Tech engineering graduates who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the College of Engineering and to the engineering

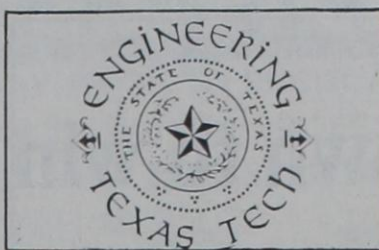
profession as a whole. To be eligible for the distinguished engineer award, an individual must be distinguished in his profession and life work and must have received recognition from contemporaries.

Beakley, a 1947 Tech mechanical engineering graduate, is associate dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at Arizona State University. McAuley, a 1953 Tech petroleum engineering graduate, is president of Energy Operating Corp. (ENOPCO) and MILMAC Inc. McAuley also is a former president of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association.

Threadgill is a 1950 Tech civil engineering graduate who founded the Threadgill-Dowdey Associates consulting firm. Tidwell, a 1961 chemical engineering graduate, is president and chief executive of-

ficer of SETPOINT Inc. in Houston. Somerville said the four engineers were selected from among 100 nominations.

He said 90 engineers have received the Distinguished Engineers Awards since they were founded in 1967.

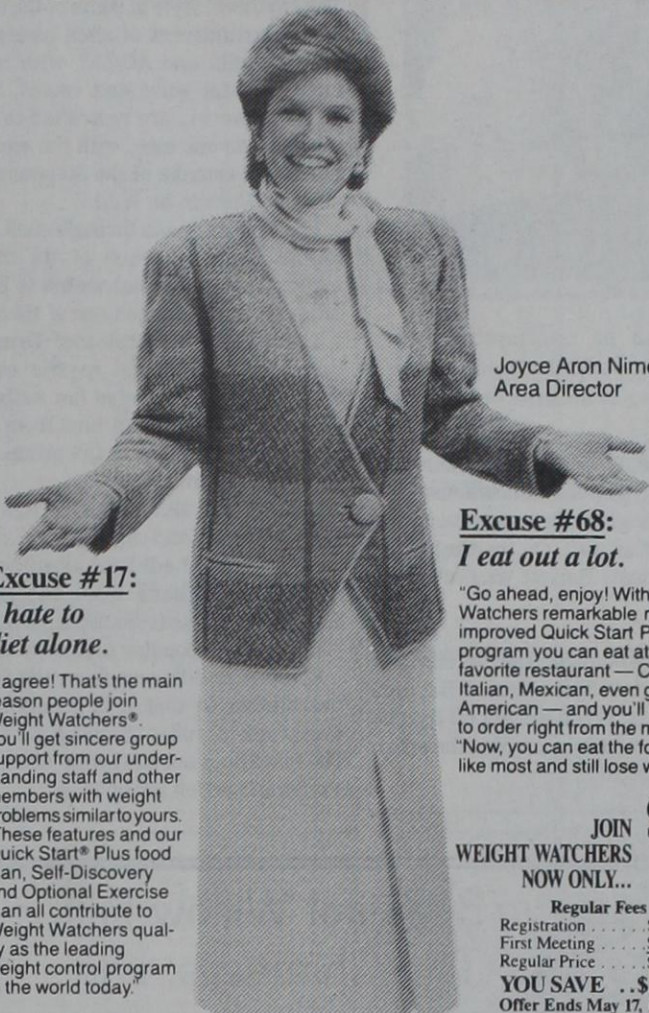


CAMPUS BRIEFS

Peace lobby group plans first meeting

West Texans for Peace and the South Plains Alternative Resources Coalition (SPARC) are forming a citizens' lobby group that will meet for the first time at 7:30 p.m. today at 2407 16th St. (Canterbury Hall). Current nuclear and peace legislation will be discussed at the meeting. The Academy Award-winning documentary "Women for America, Women for the World," will be shown.

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The ultimate all-nighter

Students lay hands down to win

By STIG DANIELS
Lifestyles Contributing Writer

It sounds simple enough — keep your hand on it longer than anyone else and it's yours — A NEW CAR! The power of greed had taken over the basic functions of mind and body for the six people still competing Sunday in the KZII-FM radio marathon.

The Z-102 magic marathon, which requires a contestant to keep one hand on a 1987 Fiat Bertone until all other contestants are gone, started at 8:10 p.m. Thursday at Cycle City at 6613 W. 19th St. As of Sunday afternoon, three of the five contestants left were Texas Tech students Sheila Crowover, a sophomore marketing major from Amarillo, Chuck Bartlett, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Lubbock, and Nicole Webb, a junior design communications major from Lubbock.

Contestants have to keep one hand on the car 55 minutes out of each hour. They get a five-minute break to walk around, go to the bathroom or to lie down for a few minutes.

According to Tom Collins, promotion director for Z-102, none of the contestants dropped out during the first 24 hours. The worst part of the contest, according to the remaining contestants, are the hours between 4 a.m.



Lean on me

Rodney Markham/The University Daily

Steve Dale of KZII-FM radio keeps time as sophomore pre-pharmacy major Chuck Bartlett of Lubbock and others start their 70th hour of competition at 3 p.m. Sunday in an attempt to win a 1987 Fiat Bertone.

and 6 a.m. as they speak, and none of them will admit their physical limitations. Other dangers are associated with the contest as well. On the first night of the contest, Bartlett was attacked by a cat.

Crowover missed a sorority formal along with a fund-raising function to continue to stay in the contest. "It was ridiculous; the cat climbed up on my leg like a tree," Bartlett said. He was forced to fight off the cat with one hand while keeping the other hand on the car.

All the contestants said they think they'll be the one to win. A sense of nervous optimism runs through them

Heavy metal influences Cult lp

By FRANK PLEMONS
Lifestyles Contributing Writer

Electric, the latest release from the British band the Cult, on the Beggars Banquet/Sire label, is a cross between heavy metal and a revivalist project.

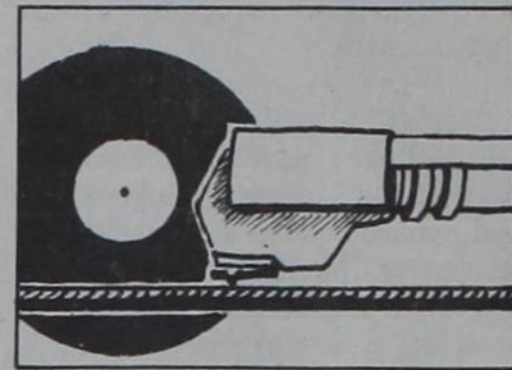
All 11 cuts on the album echo back to the mid-'70s period of rock 'n' roll. The rhythmic style of some of the cuts seems reminiscent of such bands as Led Zeppelin and AC/DC, with raw, intense guitar solos and vocals. The lyrics, however, are restricted to the Cult and no one else, with the exception of the remake of the Steppenwolf classic "Born to be Wild."

The Cult has gone through such different stages on each of its three albums that the group seems to be a different band on each one of them.

The band's first release, Dreamtime, had gothic and mystic overtones, which lead singer Ian Astbury probably brought with him from his former membership in the group the Southern Death.

The second album, Love, was as rich in power and consistency as it was in psychedelia. Ironically enough, two tracks from the Love album, "She Sells Sanctuary" and "Rain" made popular dance tracks.

Electric is different from the first two albums in that it is straightforward rock 'n' roll — no more, no less. The band does not use synthesizers or a rhythm section for backup.



The Cult layers its guitar tracks much more than on the first two albums to produce a back-to-basics style, or "that stripped down style" as the band itself would call it.

Side one of the Electric album starts off with "Wild Flower," which sounds like a bestial love song as Astbury takes the role of the "wolf child" on the prowl. Next is "Peace Dog," a song about society's fascination with war and violence. On both "Electric Ocean" and "Bad Fun," Billy Duffy cuts loose on the guitar for some of the most innovative work on the album.

Side two starts off with "King Contrary Man," in which Astbury sings about his duel with the Devil for his own soul. Next is the band's premier song on the album, "Love Removal Machine," which is the only cut to receive sufficient radio attention so far. Next is "Outlaw," a short song about the blues and a terrorist. Last is "Memphis Hip Shake," a driving track about the possessive powers of the guitar.

The band has kept the same basic lineup, with Astbury as lead singer, Duffy on lead and rhythm guitar, Jamie Stewart on bass and Les Warner on drums.

The only oddity on the Electric album is producer Rick Rubin, who also produces for the Beastie Boys and Run-D.M.C. The only connection to make of the team-up is that Rubin has turned out successful production projects.

The first single from the Electric album, "Love Removal Machine," already is climbing the dance charts, but I would venture to say that it will be the only one since the other songs on the album hardly have danceable beats unless they can be remixed.

The Cult seems to have everything going for it except a consistent identity, which it still is developing. Whether you like the album or not, you should be able to tell which earlier bands have influenced the Cult.

All the same, Electric could go one or two directions: an album for fans only, or it could be the attraction album for new fans. The key to the album's success would be a combination of the two.

Electric probably will be considered disappointing by most of the Cult's fans who enjoyed the Love album, since the band relies too much on influence rather than their own innovation.

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SPORTS

Technical foulup mars Raiders' track showing at Odessa meet

By CURTIS MATTHEWS
Sports Staff Writer

Despite a malfunction in the electronic timing system at the Odessa All-Comers meet, the Texas Tech track teams turned in a handful of fast times in the Red Raiders' last meet of the season before the Southwest Conference Championships May 16-17 in Lubbock.

The 400-meter relay squad of Byron Stroud, Wood Holman, Leonard Harrison and Winston Steele turned in a time of 39.74 to place second behind Odessa College (39.53). Although Tech's time was under the NCAA qualifying standard of 39.85, the electronic timing system was not functioning properly. As a result, the Raiders probably won't get another

chance until the SWC Championships to qualify for the national meet June 3-6 in Baton Rouge, La.

Lemuel Stinson turned in a strong performance by winning the 110-meter high hurdles in a season best time of 13.83. Stinson's time, although under the NCAA qualifying standard of 13.88, was not official due to the timer malfunction.

Keith Bryant finished a 1-2 sweep for Tech in the hurdles by taking second in 14.19.

The women's team collected three first-place finishes Saturday to pace their efforts. Rita Webster led a Raider sweep in the 3,000-meter run with a winning time of 11:13.41.

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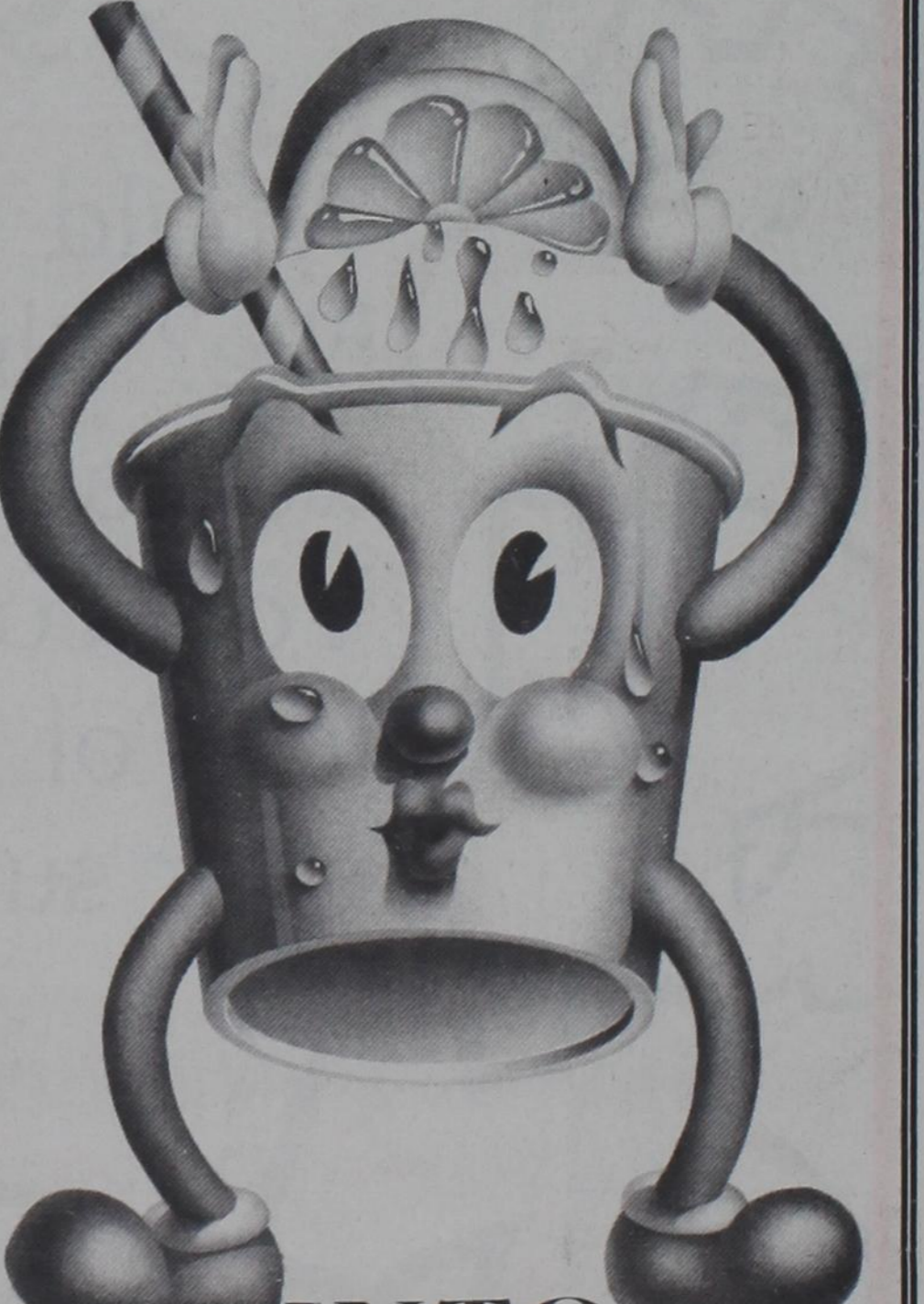
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