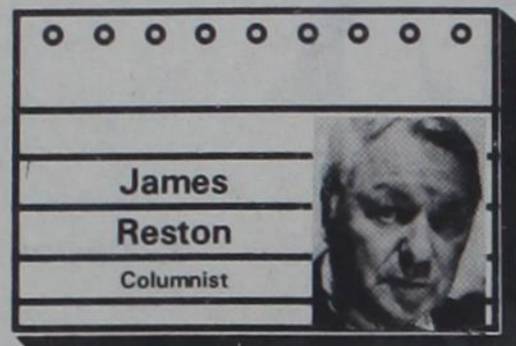


VIEWPOINT

Hearings show country needs new leadership



James Reston
 Columnist

It is not what we don't know that matters now but what we do know. And we have to be grateful to Colonel North and to Congress for bringing this crisis to the attention of the nation.

WASHINGTON — One thing the Iran-Contra hearings have demonstrated is that this country needs a presidential election.

It is agreed on all sides that there has been a constitutional breakdown. The country is deeply divided on who is to blame, and it's fairly clear that this conflict is not likely to be resolved without a new beginning.

Fortunately this spectacular clash over the conduct and misconduct of foreign policy has dramatized what has been lacking and what needs to be restored.

What has been lacking, and is still lacking, is that sense of trust between the White House and Congress that is the essential ingredient of democratic government.

This is what needs to be restored by these hearings. For the president and Congress still are in fundamental disagreement both about the policy in Iran and Nicaragua and about the secret methods employed by the administration to implement that policy.

So for the time being there is deadlock, and our form of government provides no way other than impeachment or a general election to change an administration that has lost the confidence of Congress and the people.

The specific facts that were debated so strenuously here this last week are not the heart of the matter. Whether the president knew or didn't know about the diversion of funds to the Contras is a scandal either way and at this late date is not all that important.

But upon the ability of the executive and legislative branches to have confidence in one another, to be accountable to one another and to tell the truth to one another much depends, because nobody can govern effectively in any other way.

This subversive warfare with all its deception and dirty tricks has been going on underground for years, but it wasn't until Casey came to bat and the mighty Casey struck out that the country as a whole had any inkling of what was happening. The colonel was the perfect leading man for this drama — handsome, impassioned and almost recklessly sincere. But what a script! And what a cast of characters!

He said he had authority for everything he did and assumed that meant authority from the president, but when the president told him personally that he didn't know anything about the diversion of funds to the Contras, he thought it was all right to carry out his adventures on the word of Director Casey at the CIA and John Poindexter and Robert McFarlane at the National Security Council.

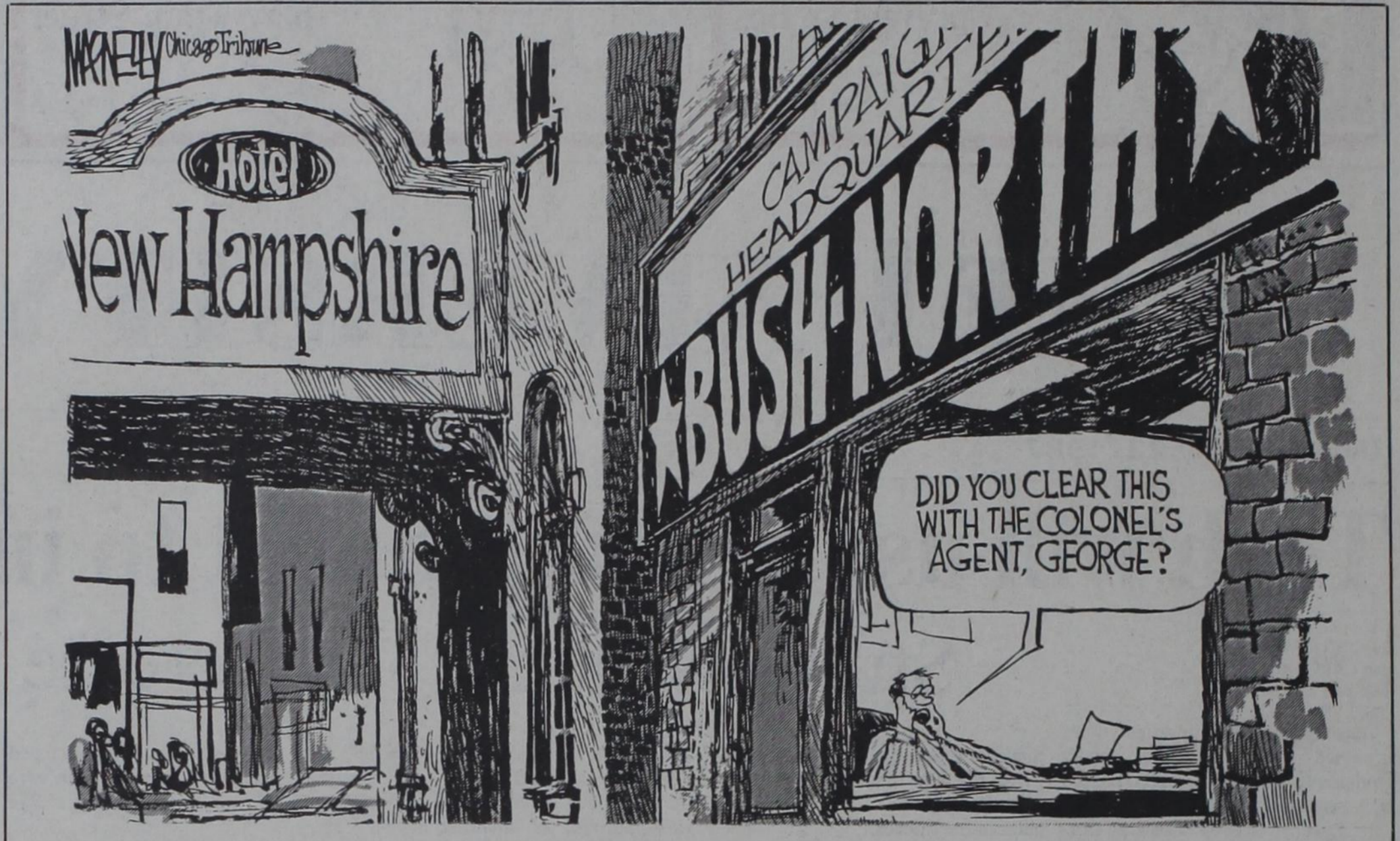
That the arms-for-hostages deal with Iran broke the president's promise not to deal with terrorists or that diverting funds to the Contras involved lying and profiteering and taking sides in the Iran-Iraq war, where presumably our arms killed a lot of people — none of this seemed to trouble North's obvious sense of personal morality.

But nobody can say these hearings were not useful. The committees finally got tired of his patriotic posturing, not because it questioned his patriotism but because he doubted not only the judgment but the patriotism of those who disagreed with him.

Oddly, however, the government system he condemned finally caught up with him. It's catching up too with the twisters in Wall Street and even with the backsliding preachers.

This is some consolation, but we still need an election, and these hearings have given us a clue what to look for.

Reston is a syndicated columnist for the New York Times News Service.



Letters

Pig-headed citizens

To the editor:

I could not agree more with Michelle Bleiberg when she said in her July 16 article that "it is hard ... for Americans to communicate in English, much less in another language." In fact, Americans have a well-deserved reputation for monolingualism both in the United States and abroad. Bleiberg fantasizes that Americans are expected to speak Spanish when they travel to Mexico, when in fact most Americans carry their "English only" attitudes with them wherever they travel in the world.

Often these "English only" visitors refuse to assimilate, thereby denying themselves the opportunity to be enriched by other cultures and languages.

Another fantasy is that of the "melting pot" theory. The cultures of the people of the United States have never blended into a single identifiable culture, but instead the people have maintained their ethnic identities and cultures, their religions and

their languages. A part of the appeal of immigrants' desires to come to the United States has been the ability to retain a part of their heritage.

There are many reasons for immigrating, such as a measure of political freedom, economic gain or adventure. I doubt that many people immigrate simply "to get away from their homes ...". Neither was the United States, as Bleiberg insists, "developed as one nation with its own set of rules and ways to do things." The implication here is that the country was finished and perfect when it was stumbled upon, while the truth is that the country is an on-going experiment.

This experiment requires something much deeper than an official language (which neither the United States nor Texas now has) to bind it. It requires a commitment to understanding; a commitment that can never be accomplished with an "English only" mentality. Evident in the push to make English the official language is an unhealthy streak of ethnic and cultural bias, which at least to this reader, shows itself in

Bleiberg's article.
 Grady Simmons

Cry for UC coffee

To the editor:

I wish to address a matter of utmost concern and importance.

Imagine this: It's Saturday morning, approaching "zero-dark-thirty" as they say in the military. I've stumbled into campus after a restless night to face a final exam. To brace myself, I wander over to the University Center for a condemned man's last cup of coffee.

Viewing with dismay the closed

snack bar and cafeteria, I ask in desperation at the newsstand. I am politely informed that I could buy a blue book or a computer scan sheet, but, yes, they have no coffee.

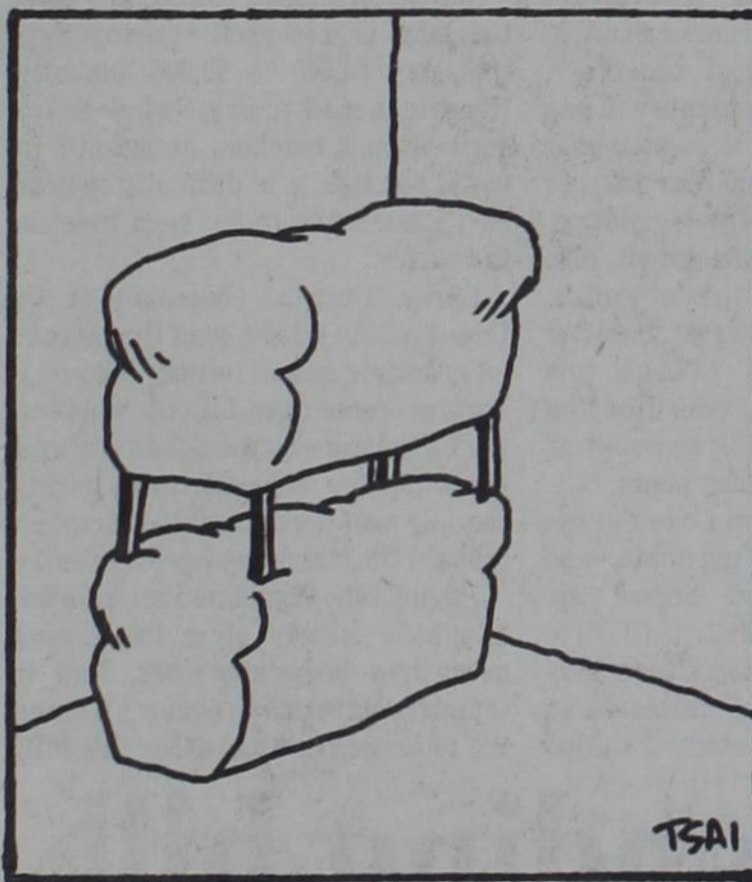
After looking stupidly at the young woman, it dawns on me that I have only two options — drink a soda (ugh), or take my chances with a 25-cent micro-cup of plastic-that-passes-for-coffee.

Would somebody please negotiate to have the UC open for coffee this coming finals weekend? Failing that, maybe we could call in the Red Cross.

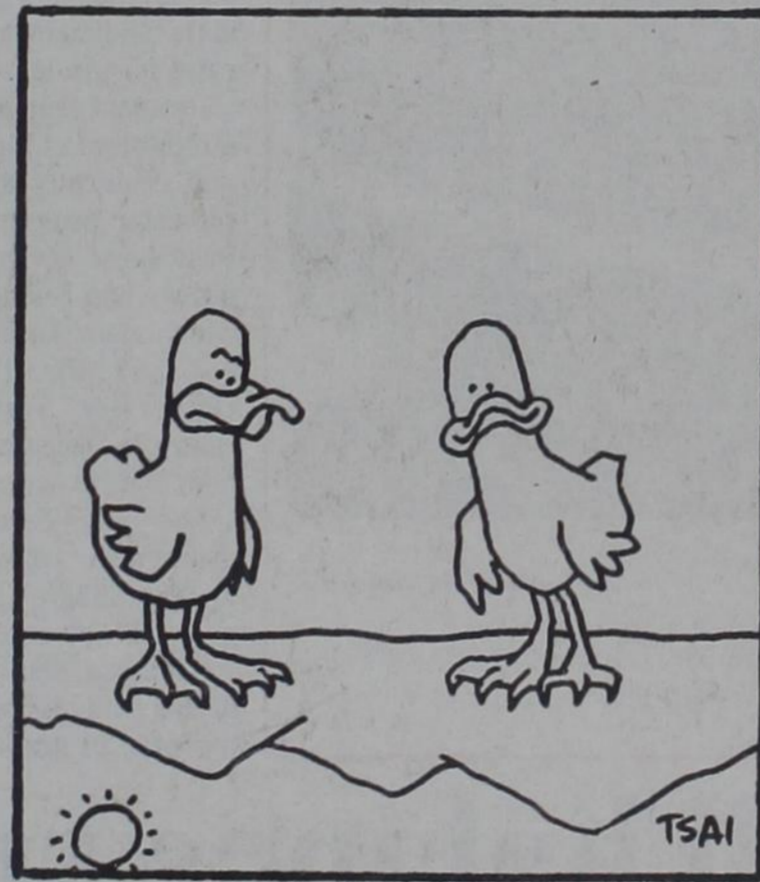
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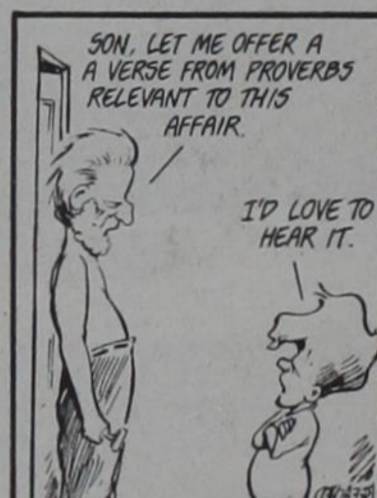


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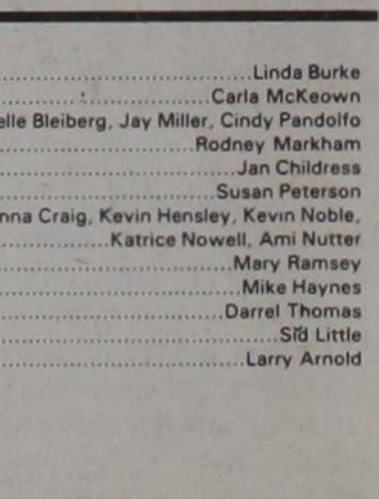
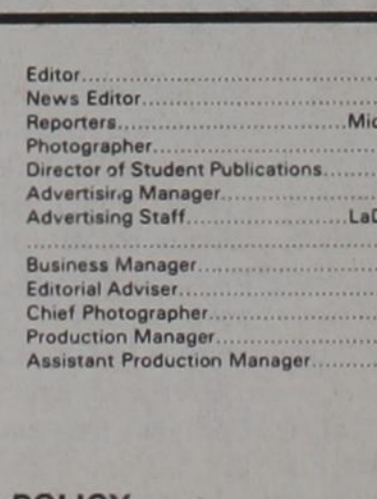
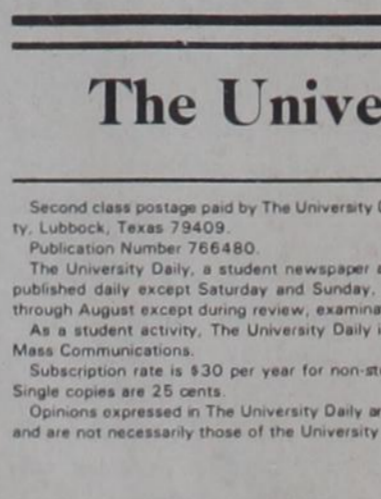


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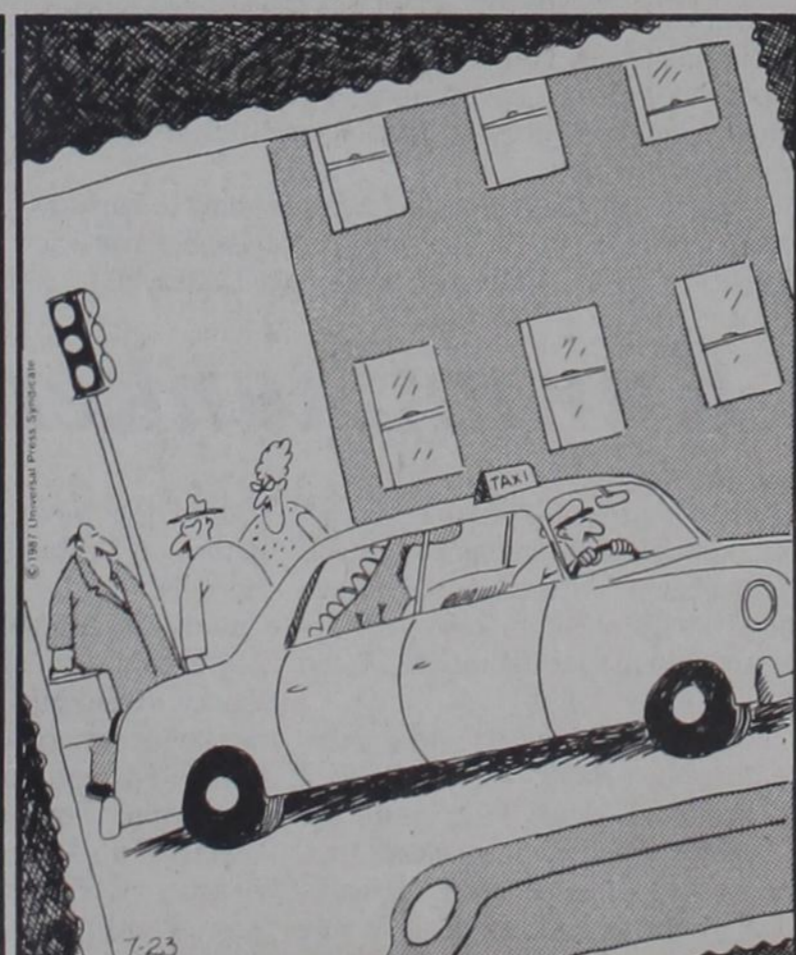
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THE FAR SIDE



"Man, Ben, I'm gettin' tired of this. ... How many days now we've been eatin' this trail dust?"



Another unsubstantiated photograph of the Loch Ness monster (taken by Reuben Hicks, 5/24/84, Chicago).

by Gary Larson

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Legal opinion changes UT's Bible courses

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — University of Texas campuses will drop any official connection with Bible courses taught by instructors who are selected or paid by religious groups, officials said.

The change stems from a legal opinion Attorney General Jim Mattox issued last May, and UT presidents were notified of the policy this week, said James Duncan, executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The Bible courses were being offered at three UT campuses — Austin, Arlington and El Paso — when the UT system asked for Mattox's opinion. Now, transfer credit will be limited to religious studies courses offered by accredited institutions, Duncan said.

William Hilgers, an Austin attorney for Friends of the Biblical Tradition, a group that supports continuing the courses, said he thinks the UT system has misinterpreted Mattox's opinion.

Under procedures dating to 1919, UT-Austin has offered credit for courses taught by instructors who hold Bible chairs affiliated with the Biblical Studies Association, an off-campus, interdenominational group.

Chair-holders have been approved by UT-Austin but paid by denominations that belong to the BSA. The instructors are not considered faculty members but are listed in the campus directory and have faculty identification cards.

Similar Bible courses have been offered at UT-El Paso and UT-Arlington, as well as at a dozen or more other state universities, but how the courses are administered varies at each campus.

The attorney general's opinion said state universities may continue to give credit for religion courses offered by religious organizations if the universities "operate within constitutional guidelines."

The opinion said those guidelines include requirements that the courses be secular in nature, do not "advance or inhibit religion" and "be offered in a manner that avoids excessive entanglement between government and religion."

"It would be unfortunate if controversy over the professional status of these outside religious studies instructors were placed above the value of the programs to students," Mattox wrote.

Duncan's letter to the UT presidents rules out the option of giving credit for the courses after they have been separated from the universities.

"While we appreciate the alternatives detailed by the attorney general as legally permissible, one of the preferred solutions, the grant of transfer credit for a course offered by a religious organization, is not available to components of the University of Texas System," Duncan wrote.

"As is the case with most institutions of higher education, the university does not accept academic credit from non-accredited institutions."

Hilgers said he could not understand how the UT system arrived at its decision.

Byrd calls for action to govern U.S. covert operations

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd, citing Iran-Contra disclosures, called Wednesday for quick congressional action to correct alleged abuses in covert operations and to bar the White House National Security Council from conducting such activities.

"Good intentions in fighting communism, in seeking democracy in Nicaragua, goals which are shared

all of us, will not excuse circumvention of the law," Byrd told the Senate.

"They will not explain the subversion of the methods by which our democracy arrives at decisions and by which it implements decisions," the West Virginia Democrat said.

Byrd said that while it is not possible to "write laws which create a completely adequate substitute for integrity and good character," disclosures during the Iran-Contra hearings demonstrate "a clear need for improvement" in the laws govern-

ing covert operations.

In particular, he indicated, there is a need "for clearing up any loopholes regarding the requirement for written findings (decision papers) by the president as a condition for the conduct of covert operations."

He said the idea that such formal decisions can be made orally, as apparently was done in at least one of the secret shipments of U.S. arms to Iran, "should be debunked."

Meanwhile, results of a new ABC News-Washington Post poll suggested

a majority of Americans think the affair's two key figures, Lt. Col. Oliver North and his former boss, Rear Adm. John Poindexter, deserve presidential pardons to make sure they don't go to jail. About 60 percent said North should get a pardon now, and an additional 6 percent said he should get one if charged with a crime; the figures for Poindexter were 46 percent now and 8 percent if charged with a crime.

As for Poindexter's testimony that he didn't tell Reagan about the diver-

sion of arms sale money to the Contras, 47 percent said he was telling the truth, 46 percent said no, and the rest didn't know or had no opinion, a result within the survey's 4 percentage point margin of error. Thirty-two percent said they believed Reagan's contention that he didn't know about the diversion until last November, 63 thought he knew earlier and the rest didn't know or had no opinion.

Reagan's spokesman said Monday that the idea of pardons is not being discussed at the White House.

Texas prison employees object to inadequate testing for AIDS

By The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Prison employees are swamping labor union representatives with questions about an inmate exposing them to AIDS, a union spokesman said.

Three Texas Department of Corrections workers were spattered with AIDS-contaminated blood while intervening in an attempted suicide, and a fourth guard was spattered with urine by the prisoner in a separate incident, officials said.

"They are upset about the whole thing, and they feel the TDC doesn't care about them. And they're right," Texas State Employees Union spokesman Jerry Taylor said Tuesday.

The union is calling for AIDS screening of all inmates entering the prison system. Such testing, however, has been criticized as too costly, ineffective and useless by prison medical personnel.

Taylor also objected to placing in the general population those inmates who tested positive for the AIDS virus, even though they may not have AIDS itself.

"Those that come in contact with the disease should

be ... concerned. It's a disease for which there is no cure," said Dr. Michael Warren, interim medical director of the prison system.

But Warren questioned the recent rise in apprehension among prison workers afraid of catching acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"No one needs to be scared and the one thing we have to avoid is panic," he said Tuesday.

Since 1984, when the prison system started to track AIDS cases, 16 men and one woman have died of the disease. The most recent death was Sunday. In the past three years, prison doctors have tested 1,050 inmates for AIDS, TDC spokesman David Nunnelee said.

Of those, 166 inmates tested positive for the AIDS or the AIDS-related syndrome — 154 males and 12 females. The department still imprisons 98 of the sick inmates, while 51 have been released, officials said.

Three guards at the Beto I Unit in Anderson County were exposed in June to the AIDS virus while struggling with a suicidal inmate, officials confirmed.

None has so far tested positive for the virus, but guards criticized medical personnel for not telling them the inmate had contracted AIDS.

News Briefs

Lonetree to fight witness testimony

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — The first day of the sex-for-secrets court-martial of a former Moscow Embassy guard ended Wednesday with a defense lawyer saying he will fight prosecution plans to have an unidentified witness testify.

William Kunstler, who is heading the defense of Clayton Lonetree, said he would challenge a motion to the Military Court of Appeals allowing prosecutors to use the witness.

"That has never happened in the history of the country," Kunstler said after the court-martial adjourned for the day. Asked if the unidentified witness was a CIA agent, Kunstler said, "Who knows?"

Kunstler has said the CIA tried to persuade Lonetree, a Marine sergeant, that he was being recruited as a double agent and deceived him into talking to them during an investigation of embassy security.

PTL administrator predicts profit

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A PTL administrator told the ministry's creditors during a bankruptcy hearing Wednesday that it soon may turn a profit and denied that chairman Jerry Falwell's "Old Time Gospel Hour" benefited from access to PTL's mailing list.

But PTL chief operating officer Harry Hargrave put off the most controversial issue the ailing evangelical empire is faced with in U.S. Bankruptcy Court — how to deal with "lifetime partners" who have contributed at least \$1,000 each to the ministry.

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Across the State

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Officials discuss A&M campus in Japan

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY — Japanese officials concerned about the lack of quality in Japanese universities met with university officials last week to discuss a proposed Texas A&M branch campus in Japan. The campus would be funded by the city of Koriyama, the proposed location of the satellite campus. Koriyama is located near Tokyo.

The proposal calls for a two-year core curriculum to be taught in English at the branch campus.

UT student caught abusing MCI codes

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON — MCI has confiscated a computer and other equipment from a University of Texas at Arlington student who was caught using illegal MCI codes.

MCI plans to file charges against the student pending an official investigation.

Moment's Notice

Moment's Notice is a service of The University Daily for student and university organizations. Publication of all announcements is subject to the judgment of UD editors.

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"The Graduates" Toastmaster Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in 254 business administration building.

For more information, call Naren at 742-3176.

WESLEY FOUNDATION
The Wesley Foundation will sponsor a dance and swim party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Tech Aquatic Center. For more information, call Mary King at 762-8749.

Aggravated assault

Crime prevention officer advises students to sidestep violence

By MICHELLE BLEIBERG
News Staff Writer

When the weekend rolls around, most Texas Tech students are looking forward to that big party or dancing the night away. Many times while students are living it up, however, they find themselves involved in an assault or aggravated assault incident and end up in a hospital being treated for injuries or in the Lubbock County Jail.

Lubbock Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Floyd Price said 95 percent of assaults or aggravated assaults that occur in nightclubs or at parties are the result of people consuming too much alcohol.

There is a definite change in people's attitudes after a few hours of drinking alcoholic beverages, Price said, and some people who start out friendly aren't so friendly after a few drinks.

Students need to take control of alcoholic consumption instead of the alcohol controlling them, Price said. It is important for students to decide, before they start drinking alcoholic

beverages, how many drinks they are going to have and stick to that limit, he said.

An environment such as a nightclub or a party is a likely location for a fight to break out, Price said. A large crowd, alcohol and the climate of the establishment easily can combine to create a scene for an assault.

Price said his advice to students, especially male students, is that if they are in danger of being assaulted they should not take the fight outside. The best thing a student can do if faced with a fighting situation is to find a security guard or a bouncer and let them handle the problem, Price said.

He said if a student fears he or she could be assaulted while leaving a club or party, the police should be called, and officers will wait outside the establishment. He also said students should not settle a fight themselves.

"Don't be afraid to call the police," Price said.

"Many students feel they have to prove they are not cowards. It takes an intelligent and brave person to be able to walk away (from a fight).

"Learn not to be so chicken-hearted."

Students also need to be selective when it comes to which establishment they choose to patronize. If an establishment has a reputation for being vicious, students should stay away from it, Price said.

"You don't go into a den of lions and expect to find lambs," he said.

Price said it is not uncommon for people who are essentially the victim of an assault or aggravated assault to become the villain. If a student is shoved in a nightclub, that is classified as an assault. If the student turns around and hits the person who shoved him and breaks his jaw, however, it is classified as an aggravated assault. Thus, the student is in more trouble than the person who shoved him.

In the case of self-defense, Price said the law permits a person to defend himself but that people need to know where to draw the line.

"If you are hit, you have the right to protect yourself, but you do not have the right to beat that person to a bloody mess," Price said. "The main

concern is to get that person off you and end the confrontation. The secret is not to go back into a heated confrontation."

Aggravated assault is a third degree felony in the state of Texas. It is punishable by a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail and a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

Assault is classified as a misdemeanor. Those assaults classified as a Class A misdemeanors are punishable by a maximum fine of \$2,000 and a jail term not to exceed one year.

An assault classified as a Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and a jail term not to exceed 180 days, and a Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200.

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SPORTS

Tech AD Jones brings old friend to Lubbock for benefit concert

By JAY MILLER
 News Staff Writer

Tech Athletic Director T. Jones made the acquaintance of a red-headed stranger in Austin, he probably never imagined he'd meet the

man again.

He could not have imagined the little-known country and western singer might attract thousands of listeners to a West Texas football stadium for a concert to benefit the athletic department, for which he would serve as the helm.

That long-ago meeting between Jones and now internationally known performer Willie Nelson kindled a long-term friendship between the two men, however. Tech athletes, students and Lubbock-area Nelson fans will be reaping the benefits of the association in the form of a Sept. 8 concert in Jones Stadium.

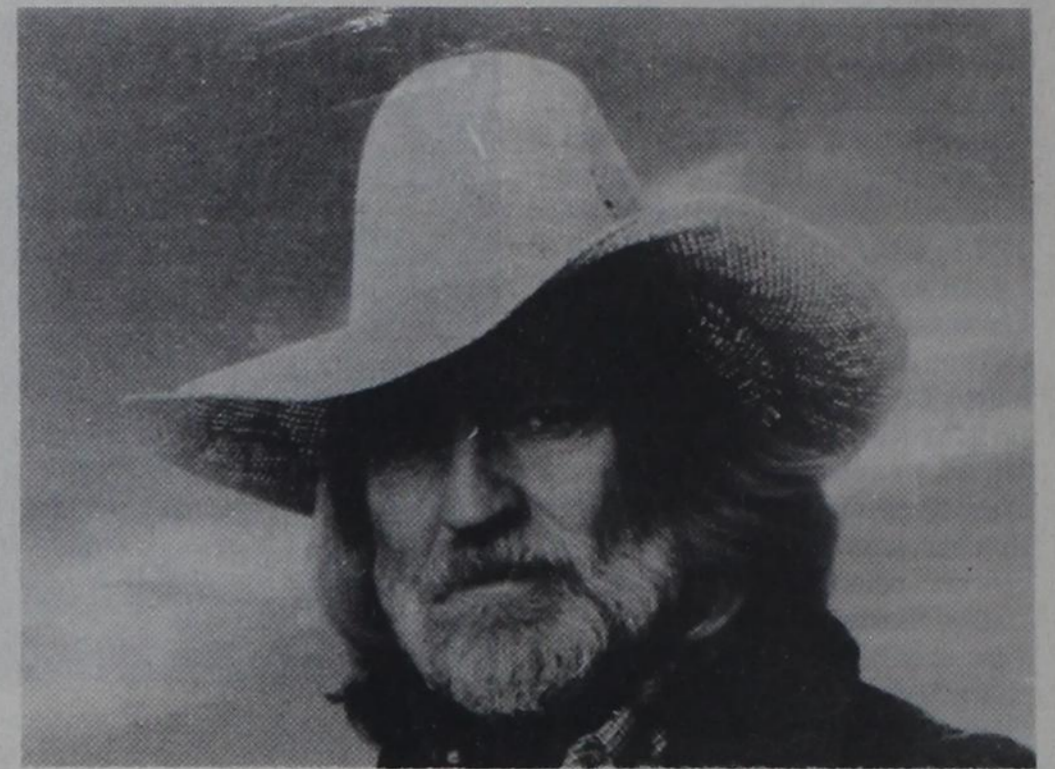
Last week's announcement of the Nelson performance was a giant step toward the realization of Jones' two-fold project which he has been devising for some time — bringing his old friend to play for a West Texas audience and staging a one-of-a-kind, fund-raising event for the Tech athletic scholarship fund.

The framework for the project had been built before Jones ever set foot in the Tech athletic director's office, however.

During his tenure in the University of Texas athletic department, Jones met Nelson, a newcomer to Austin at the time, through former UT head football Coach Darrell Royal. A private party at Royal's Austin residence, for which the unknown singer and his former band members were playing, provided the setting for the first meeting between Jones and Nelson.

"Darrell Royal's party was more or less to introduce us to him (Nelson) and to get acquainted," Jones said. "This served as the initial beginning of getting to know him. Since that time, I've been to several of his concerts and I've had a couple of private parties where he and his band have played, before he went big time."

Jones, during his stint at UT, continued to follow the singer's progress and maintained ties as Nelson moved into the national spotlight. Jones first mentioned the prospect of a concert on the Tech campus to Nelson while playing golf on the the singer's Pedernales course near Austin — the day before Jones



Willie Nelson

assumed the Tech athletic director's post in August 1985.

"After we finished playing golf, Darrell said, 'Willie's over there shooting a video. Would you like to go over there and visit with him a little bit?'" Jones said. "We watched him making his video for a while and when they made the lights and camera changes, we had about a 30-minute talk."

During the course of the conversation, Jones told Nelson he was leaving the next day to assume the AD post at Tech and asked the singer if he would be interested in playing a concert in Jones Stadium some time in the future. Nelson agreed to Jones' tentative proposition.

Time passed, but Nelson's affirmation of the proposal lingered in the back of Jones' mind — until a few months ago, when he began to take positive steps toward making his plan a reality.

"Recently, I contacted Willie through Coach Royal and told him I was ready to go with it (the concert), and since then it has just kind

of happened," Jones said. Other athletic departments have attempted to raise revenues by contracting with private promotion companies and taking a portion of the proceeds, but Jones' project is rare for any athletic department to undertake — a self-sponsored, self-organized benefit that Jones hopes will attract 20,000 to 30,000 West Texans.

"What we really want this to be is a really special, fun night for students, faculty, fans — all Red Raiders — just come into the stadium and have a good time," Jones said. "Hopefully, when they walk out of here they'll feel that they are glad that we brought Willie."

Jones is about to embark on an extensive marketing campaign for the event — from Amarillo to Midland/Odessa to Eastern New Mexico — in an effort to spread the word to area fans. But unlike many concerts, convincing West Texans to come see Nelson should be as easy as selling ice water in the desert.

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