

# 'U.S. schools unfair to Mexicans'

By HANK WAHRMUND

This story was intended for Friday's Battalion but, because of the lack of space and the importance of Thursday's streaking story, it was decided to hold the story until today—Ed.

The present educational system in the United States is directed only at white, Anglo-Saxon, English-speaking middle-class students, charges the Executive Director of Texans for Educational Excellence.

Dr. Jose A. Cardenas examined the problems encountered by Mexican-American students and gave his solutions for them to the small audience.

Cardenas, sponsored by the Mexican-American Student Organization, is a consultant to the Office of Civil Rights.



Dr. Jose A. Cardenas

"Mexican-American students are placed in a white, English-speaking middle class school and told that the language their mother speaks is wrong, that they were bad guys at the Alamo and that they are low-class students," he said.

"It's like putting a round peg in a square hole. It just won't fit. Now, the peg and the square hole taken separately are fine, but put together, they just won't work," he said.

Cardenas cited study after study that showed five basic trends in Mexican-American education. Throughout the nation, studies showed 50 to 90 per cent of Mexican-American students leave school before the 12th grade.

"IT'S AN ATROCIOUS system here in the United States that the Mexican-Americans are forced to forget their native tongue until college where they are asked to re-learn Spanish as a foreign language."

"THE ADAPTABILITY concept saying the child should adapt to a different culture is asinine and can be psychologically damaging. Schools now help blind and physically retarded children, why not Mexican-Americans?" Cardenas asked.

"The overall philosophical views of minorities must change to consider our children as capable of learning and contributing to society. We must change school policies to encourage minority input in all activities especially the curriculum."

He noted that the government is pouring some money into various bilingual programs throughout the nation, but said the programs are spread too thin to be effective. Another obstacle was the lack of funds in local school districts where, he charged, the basic educational needs of Mexican-Americans are clearly ignored.

Cardenas said, "The lack of understanding counselors and Mexican-American educators cannot continue. Not even Texas A&M is educating students on how to handle minority groups in the classroom," Cardenas said.

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## Tessies seek beau

Texas Women's University is in the process of choosing 1974-75 Tessie Beau.

The beau is a new campus function requiring single male applicants to submit an application and black and white photo to the Student Council of Social Activities at TWU before April 12.

The guy can enter himself or

a girl can present a boy as Tessie Beau by sending the application to him.

Applicants should be available for interview on the morning of April 27 at TWU.

Applications may be obtained from the SCSA Office, P.O. Box 22008, TWU Station, Denton, Tex.

## CS okays plats

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission approved its only two agenda items last night in what commissioners called "our shortest meeting in history."

The Commission took only fifteen minutes to approve two final plats for the Southwood Valley subdivision and the Camelot development. Both are southwest

of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 2818 and Highway 6.

The Southwood Valley plat was approved after the commissioners amended it with a request for sidewalks on the west side of Brothers Blvd.

Both plats rezoned their respective areas as single-family residential.

## Miles make \$4,477

(Continued from page 1) hours, the last walker was not in until 4 p.m. The walk started at 8:30 a.m.

The \$4,477 raised by the walk will go for renovations of Hensel Park, the World YMCA Service and freshman scholarships. The largest amount raised by any one walker was \$348 by Melva Ball. "Sponsors" recruited by the walkers agreed to pay money for

each mile walked. Many persons were supported by only one sponsor, but some also had many sponsors for the walk. The largest number of sponsors held by one person was 143 by Sherry LaBuda.

High school students as well as TAMU students and faculty took part in the walk. The youngest person who walked for the program was a 10-year-old boy.

## bulletin board

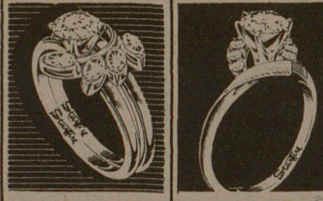
**TONIGHT**  
NURSING SOCIETY will meet in Room 402 of the Rudder Tower at 7 p.m.  
ACCOUNTING SOCIETY will hold elections in Room 226 of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Aggrieland pictures will precede the meeting.  
FENCING CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

**WEDNESDAY**  
TRAVEL COMMITTEE will meet in the Council Conference Room of the Student Programs Office at 8 p.m. to program travel trips.  
GRADUATE LECTURE will feature William Hobby at 7:30 p.m. in Room 302 of the Rudder Center.  
FILM APPRECIATION COURSE will present Tatowiering in Room 601 of the Rudder Tower at 7:30 p.m.  
CAP & GOWN will meet at 8:30 p.m. in Room 501 of the Rudder Tower.  
PAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION will meet in Room 504 of the Rudder Tower at 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
FENCING CLUB will meet in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7 p.m.  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING will present Ray Kiewer, a marine design engineer, at 10 a.m. in Room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center. The film, "Arctic Beachhead," will be shown.  
MIDLAND AREA HOMETOWN CLUB will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 510 of the Rudder Tower.  
ST. THOMAS' CHAPEL, 906 Jersey, will have a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING WIVES CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Darrell Gimlin, 1215 King Arthur Circle, College Station.  
DEPARTMENTS OF BIOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY will present Dr. Rudiger Wehner at 3:30 p.m. in Room 102 of Zachry Engineering Center.  
WOMEN'S AWARENESS WORKSHOP will hear Dr. Ethel Ashworth-Tautau speak on women in science at 8:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the Rudder Tower.  
RIO GRANDE HOMETOWN CLUB will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Sparkey's Pizza.  
**SATURDAY**  
PAKISTAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will have a dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Room 225 of the MSC. Tickets are \$2. For information, call 693-4939 or 846-9164.



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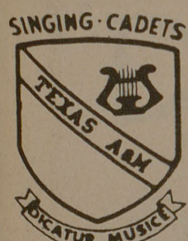
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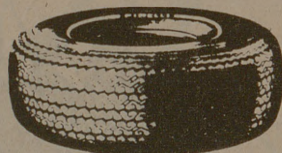
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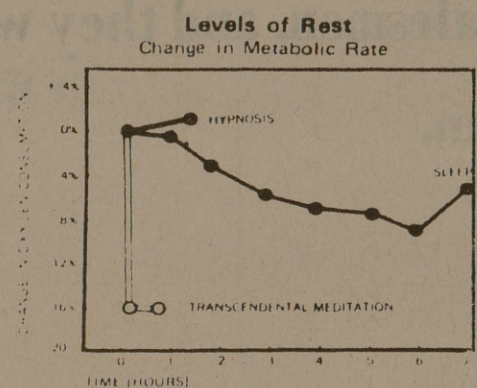
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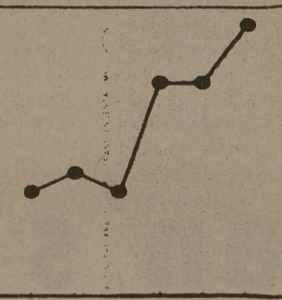
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