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Hues Corporation

H. Ann Kelly of the Hues Corporation displays some of the emotion that made the group a success at Texas A&M last year. This

second Town Hall concert was also the second trip to G. Rollie for the group.

Staff photo by Glen Johnson

Professors may sue president, regents

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Tex. — Seven University of Texas professors said they will sue the school's new president and the school's Board of Regents in federal court for allegedly punishing them for their outspokenness.

The professors claimed Monday President Lorene Rogers violated their First Amendment rights by cutting the merit raise recommendations for them by deans and department heads.

The seven are: Edwin Allair, philosophy; David Edwards, government; David Gavenda, physics; Forest Hill, economics; Standish Meacham, history; Thomas Philpott, history; and Philip White, history.

An eighth professor, James Kinneavy, English, had intended to join the suit, but Rogers restored the cut in the merit raise recommended for him. That made the issue moot for him, he said.

The seven have been among the leading critics of the choice of Rogers as UT-Austin president. She was four times rejected by a faculty-student nominating committee, which has no power but which allegedly was promised by the regents that its recommendations would be considered.

Rogers issued a statement saying, "This is so

ridiculous — when I cut back 70 people and eight of them singled themselves out and say, 'She's trying to keep us from talking.'"

White told a Capitol news conference he tried to save the university "acute embarrassment" in the case by meeting confidentially with regents Chairman Allan Shivers in August when he first learned of the cuts.

He left that meeting, he said, optimistic that the cuts would be restored and that no publicity would damage the school.

"We believe she (Rogers) set out to do us in," Philpott told reporters.

"We have made her look bad," said White. "She has punished us because we dared to challenge the presumed prerogative of the administration to mismanage the university in secret."

David Richards, Austin lawyer representing the professors, said Rogers' restoration of Kinneavy's merit raise, may be "proof of the pudding."

"It was capricious from the outset," he said. "Maybe she was trapped."

The average cut for the seven is \$836 a year, they said, and this mounts up over several years and even affects retirement pay.

Campus

"WOMEN IN POLITICS" will be discussed by State Rep. Sarah Weddington at Texas A&M University's next Political Forum Oct. 2. Forum Chairman John Oeffinger said the Memorial Student Center presentation will be at 12:30 p.m. in Room 601 of the Rudder Tower.

STUDENTS INTERESTED in taking the State Department's Dec. 6 foreign service officers examination must be sure their applications reach the testing offices by Oct. 31.

Application forms and information are available from Dr. J. M. Nance of the History Department.

STUDENT RADIO, scheduled to open Oct. 1, will not open for an indefinite period of time due to engineering difficulties. The announcement was made Monday night by Station Manager Scott Sherman.

A STUDENT GOVERNMENT-sponsored voter-registration drive is now in progress on the first floor of the MSC. The drive will continue through Friday, the last day for registration for the Nov. 4 constitution referendum.

Texas

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT Hubert Humphrey told a symposium at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin on Monday to apply greater political pressure and "infiltrate" the bicentennial celebration to obtain greater tax support for the arts.

HALL TIMANUS, a strong George Wallace supporter, and three other political leaders have joined a steering committee that opposes adoption of the proposed new Texas Constitution.

FISK TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, INC., of Houston said Monday the new Texas Utilities Commission has accepted its charges against Southwestern Bell as the commission's first case.

BLAMING THE UNIONIZATION of city employees, former Texas Gov. John Connally said Monday in Houston that New York's economic problems will spread to other cities.

National

CONGRESS HAS APPROVED \$185 million for construction projects on 15 military bases in Texas.

REJECTING a compromise offer from President Ford, the Select House Intelligence Committee lined up Monday in favor of taking its fight for secret information to the full House.

THROUGH COURT RECORDS and interviews, the story is unfolding of how a West Virginia farmboy siphoned off \$4.3 million in U.S. dollars in a kickback scheme he executed while serving as a petroleum purchasing agent for the South Vietnamese government.

PORTUGUESE PREMIER Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo on Monday ordered a military crackdown on leftist-controlled radio and television in Lisbon, Portugal, but soldiers at one station refused to obey and thousands of leftists took to the streets in protest.

Attorneys claim

Hearst 'spaced out'

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The contradictions multiplied Monday in Patricia Hearst's public personality and in the story of her kidnaping and flight.

While a magazine article pictured Miss Hearst as a willing revolutionary who refused to go home, attorneys for the heiress described her as still "spaced out" and a former underground comrade said she had been brainwashed by her parents, rather than the Symbionese Liberation Army.

"She's been more spaced out. It's harder to get her to talk," attorney Terence Hallinan told a news conference. "She becomes overwhelmed by tears much faster. She cannot even begin to get into these areas that her mind has closed on."

But in a tape released from her Los Angeles jail cell, SLA member Emily Harris said that Miss Hearst, whom she knew as "Tania," is "a truly beautiful woman" being manipulated by sexist attorneys.

"As a woman, I clearly see the whole Hearst defense strategy as a cruel manifestation of a male-dominated society where women are defined by men as being fragile, weak and unable to make decisions for themselves," she said.

Mrs. Harris said a sworn affidavit saying Miss Hearst was brainwashed is "a lie," and she bitterly declared: "The Hearsts have defined me as the enemy of Tania, a

woman I have loved and respected for over a year."

Meanwhile, Miss Hearst's attorneys sought to cast doubt on a story in Rolling Stone magazine placing her on a cross-country odyssey with Jack Scott, a radical critic of the sports establishment.

Hallinan, who declined direct comment on the piece, mentioned it when asked about a taped jailhouse conversation in which Miss Hearst described herself as a radical feminist.

"The Patty Hearst that is in jail in Redwood City right now is not the same person who made those tapes and is not even the same person that Jack Scott, or whoever was in that Rolling Stone article, met with," Hallinan said.

Later, in a private conference with U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. Carter and U.S. Attorney James L. Browning Jr., the Hearst defense team won a promise that Patty's jailhouse talks with her parents and attorneys would no longer be taped.

The judge also postponed a scheduled Tuesday hearing in the case for one week after he was told that psychiatrists' reports on Miss Hearst's mental competency are not ready.

Hallinan said Miss Hearst's mental condition is deteriorating rapidly in jail and that psychiatrists had expressed "some concern" that she might try to commit suicide. He called for her immediate transfer from

her San Mateo County Jail cell to a hospital.

The Rolling Stone article, which will not appear on stands until later, quotes verbatim from purported conversations among Miss Hearst, Scott and fellow fugitives William Emily Harris. It said it was Miss Hearst who asked to join the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army four weeks after her Feb. 4, 1974, kidnaping.

It described a frightened and "up-tight" Miss Hearst fleeing cross-country in a car driven by Scott after six SLA members died in the May 17, 1974 shootout with Los Angeles police.

Scott, the article said, offered to drive Miss Hearst home or anywhere she wanted to go. It quoted her as refusing with the comment, "I want to go where my friends are going."

Mental hospitals in medieval state

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former mental patient whose legal pleas resulted in a landmark Supreme Court decision said Monday that medieval conditions continue to exist in some public mental hospitals.

Kenneth Donaldson said that at the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee, where he was held for 15 years, doctors failed to identify the mentally ill, medication was distributed indiscriminately and patients were beaten by attendants.

Donaldson testified before the Senate subcommittee on aging, which is examining the needs and treatment of elderly patients in mental health facilities.

Donaldson was released from the hospital in 1971 just before he appeared in federal court on his 20th appeal to win his release. He had been hospitalized when he was 45 years old after a civil court proceeding had been instituted by his father, who asserted Donaldson was suffering from delusions and paranoia.

After his release, Donaldson won a damage suit. The Supreme Court ruled last Jan. 26 that so-called mentally ill persons who are not dangerous and who can provide for them-

selves cannot be held in a mental facility involuntarily.

"There was nothing wrong with me mentally, morally, physically, financially or legally," he said. "There was no legitimate reason for my being held there even one day."

"Yet for 15 years the doctors said that I was so ill that I could not even be released to the custody of a half-way house where residents had access to psychiatrists."

Donaldson, who lives in York, Pa., outlined the following conditions, which he said prevailed at the Chattahoochee facility:

— "My doctor for 10 years, who for a two-year period was the only doctor of 1,300 men, was licensed by the state only as an obstetrician.

— "Medication was given indiscriminately by doctors to patients who sometimes were not seen by a doctor for months, even years.

— "There was physical abuse of old men. Arms were broken — which were reported as 'fall in shower' — teeth knocked out, ears bloodied. Sometimes these things were done by sadistic attendants without provocation, other times for slight infractions of the rules.

"That is the environment, gentlemen, that federal dollars are helping to provide for our elderly," Donaldson said.

Grants available for pre-law students

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY students preparing for law school may apply for several Root-Tilden Scholarships, reports Dr. J. M. Nance, campus pre-law advisor.

New York University is offering the 1976-77 scholarships that are primarily intended for students planning careers in public service. Scholarships are awarded without regard to financial need and are generally for one-year's tuition. Usually renewable, the scholarships can be augmented by other aid if need is shown.

Any students desiring additional information or wishing to make application should contact Nance through the History Department.

Consol grading system altered

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The A&M Consolidated School District elementary schools will be operating under a different grade reporting system this year, Robert Garner, College Hills Elementary School Principal, said Monday.

The new system, designed by a report card revision committee, will mainly change report cards for grades one through three.

The committee is composed of teachers from College Hills and South Knoll Elementary Schools.

Instead of receiving a report card for the first six weeks, these grades will hold parent-teacher confer-

ences.

Mary Jones, a College Hills Elementary teacher and committee member, said these conferences will help acquaint the parent with the progress of the child's school work and provide a more personal education.

After the first six weeks report cards will be given to students in these grades but they will be different from report cards given to grades four and five, Garner said.

The upper grades will receive report cards with letter grades and corresponding numerical grades, he said.

The lower grades will receive re-

port cards with a grading of strong, satisfactory or needs improvement.

Garner said the grading on report cards for the lower grades last year was broken into classifications of strong, satisfactory and unsatisfactory.

He said the new system will also allow for grading a child on two grade levels instead of one.

"If the child is in grade three and reads at grade two level, it will be possible to give him a satisfactory on grade level two instead of an unsatisfactory on grade three level," Garner said.

The lower grades in the elemen-

tary school are graded on subjects that include spelling, math, reading, writing and attitudes and habits.

Reading on the lower levels is divided into phonics, oral reading, reading comprehension and independent reading.

The upper grades study the same courses with the addition of science, languages and social studies.

The first report card for grades four and five will be given out next week.

Parental conferences for grades one through three will also begin next week.



Mandrill

The performance of Claud "Coffee" Cave and his group, Mandrill, gave the audience at G. Rollie White Coliseum last

Friday a welcome surprise. The instrumental group added diversity to the program.

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