

Aggies prepare for battle

Freshman Steve Vodkin, left, and sophomore Russell deCastongrene, members of the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachroism, prepare their weapons for a practice

session near the Grove recently. The SCA, which recreates medieval fighting styles, will participate at the Texas Renaissance Festival this weekend.

Pressmen's strike over; New York dailies to return to the day after the strike began -

publishers

United Press International NEW YORK — Until 12 weeks ago, Sunday mornings for many New Yorkers were defined by the ritual of walking home with bulky editions of the Times and News under one arm while the other was pulled by a dog on a leash.

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> Sunday afternoons meant rearranging the dozen or so sections and negotiations. Apparently facing a reading them in an order that unestionably characterized a New Yorker's priorities. Monday mornings meant leaving them piled up in neighborhood recycling cen-

Wednesday, it looked as though the 85-day-old cold turkey withrawal the city's readers have suflered during the pressmen's strike against the two papers may be over with the pressmen, prompting million Sunday newspaper copies. Sunday, just in time for the weekend ritual to begin again.

angry outbursts from the publishers of the Times and the News. They have been feuding publicly with following a grueling 22-hour bar-

Murdoch ever since. The walkout idled some 10,000 employees at the three papers and cost the publishers more than \$100 The settlement capped weeks of million in lost circulation and adverdifficult and sometimes bitter tising revenue, according to city esunited front formed by the Times, the News and the New York Post at

timates. The pressmen each lost thousands of dollars in wages. The strike's impact on the city's economy was more difficult to assess. In the early stages of the walkout, the city estimated it was costing business \$1 million a day. But that On Sept. 27, Australian publish-ing magnate Rupert Murdoch with-drew the Post from the joint talks of advertising took hold in the ab-

Cosmonauts set new space record; 139 days is longest manned flight

United Press International MOSCOW—Two Soviet cos-monauts ended the longest manned space flight in history — 139 days — with a safe landing Thursday in Central Asia.

History's longest manned space flight has been successfully com-pleted," the official Soviet Tass

news agency said. Tass reported that Soyuz 29 cos-monauts Vladimir Kovalenok and Alexander Ivanchenkov made a soft landing in the recovery zone in Soviet Central Asia.

"A preliminary medical checkup showed that they had withstood well the long orbital flight," Tass said.

Launched June 15, at 11:17 p.m., the two cosmonauts spent 139 days, 14 hours and 48 mi..utes in space a new record for manned space flight endurance which surpasses the earlier mark of 96 days, 10 hours set by two of their Soviet colleagues earlier this year.

Soviet television interrupted its normal program schedule to show film of the Soyuz capsule undocking from the Salyut station at the end of the historic flight. A television newscaster said the

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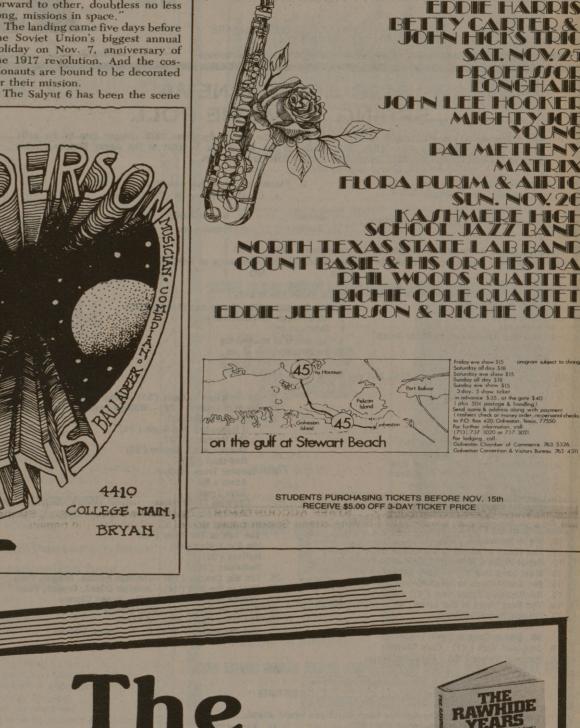
Soyuz capsule touched down with the help of parachutes and rocket engines at 2:05 p.m. Moscow time (6:05 a.m. EST) about 115 miles southeast of Dzhezkazgan, a city in the Soyiet Central Asian romublic of special robot capsules to refuel and the Soviet Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan.

Interviewed on television at the Baikonur Mission Control Center, Gen. Vladimir Shatalov, chief of cosmonaut training, said the suc-cessful landing signaled the start of a difficult period for the two men, involving medical checks and readaptation to the crushing weight of earth's gravity.

"This is the start of a very difficult period of medical examinations which will enable us to determine their condition and their future abil-

ity to work in space," Shatalov said. "This gives us the possibility to look boldly into the future and look forward to other, doubtless no less long, missions in space.

The landing came five days before the Soviet Union's biggest annual holiday on Nov. 7, anniversary of the 1917 revolution. And the cosmonauts are bound to be decorated for their mission.



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