

# Gifted children need help, too

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Many school systems today provide special programs and funds for handicapped and retarded children. But gifted children also need help desperately, said Dr. Irving Sato, president of the National/State Leadership Training Institute on the Gifted and Talented. Sato spoke Tuesday night to parents and teachers at South Knoll Elementary School.

"Many gifted adults are not productive because they never really learned to nurture their own gifts (as children)." If this were to continue, the loss would be monumental, Sato said.

He said that in 1971 there were about two million gifted and talented children in the United States. According to a Congressional study that year, only 4 percent of those children received help from their school systems.

Sato said the program did not receive any financial aid until 1974. This was the first financial assistance the program received. It authorized 12.5 million for the program. However, there is a large gap between authorization and appropriation.

Sato said only \$2.5 million has actually reached the schools in the last three years. With all the gifted and talented children in the nation, this works out to about \$1 per child, he said.

However, Sato feels encouraged. "We are farther ahead today than we have ever been. There is a kind of excitement growing."

Sato said parents are a big factor in the continued improvement of special children development. "The role of the family is so very important in the growth of a child. We may reject the very best because we don't understand them."

Sato also encouraged parents to "introduce gifted children to as many different experiences as possible. Encourage independence and exploration. Encourage their successes so that they will continue to be successful."

Sato described a gifted and talented child as one who consistently shows outstanding abilities and high performances. A child's special talents can range from academics to arts to athletics. Most children's special abilities become evident as they progress in school. For this reason, parents and teachers must cooperate, Sato said.

# Steve Martin album banned from K-Mart

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Steve Martin's "Wild and Crazy Guy" album has been ordered off the shelves of K-Mart stores because it contains offensive language, a K-Mart spokesman said. "We took it out of our stores because a number of our customers complained about the language," said Ann Wolff, K-Mart operates

1,396 retail outlets in the United States.

Local K-Mart officials confirmed they received an order two or three weeks ago to stop selling the Martin album.

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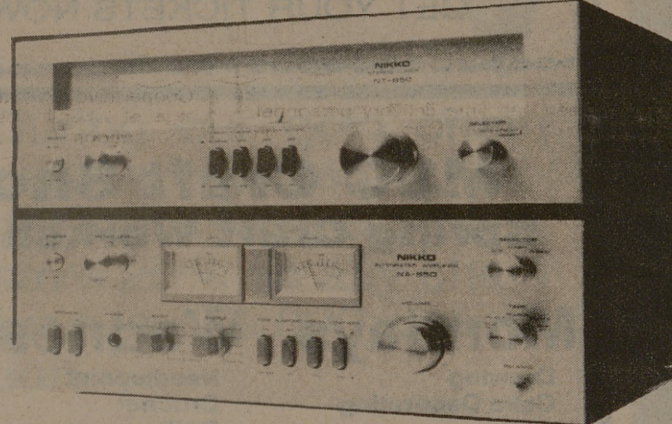
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## Flag for Gaines

A Silver Taps ceremony was held Tuesday night for Richard Spear Gaines, a junior computer science major. The flag in front of the Academic Building flew at half mast in silent tribute to Gaines.

Battalion photo by Hurlie Collier

# Buffalo to present Israel with bison

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Israel can expect Peace and Friendship soon. Two buffalo with those names begin a journey to Israel as a gift from Buffalo, N.Y., to Kiryat Gat, sister city in Israel.

The buffaloes will be housed in special facilities at the National Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem, where keepers hope to breed them.

"The buffalo is not only our city's namesake and emblem, it is a rich part of our country's heritage," said a spokesman for the Buffalo Sister City Foundation.

The buffalo once numbered some 60 million in North America. The animal was a staple in the American Indian diet but was hunted near extinction. Buffaloes now number some 10,000 in the United States and even more in Canada, and the breed is no longer in danger.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Sunday the two 600-pound buffaloes — a female named "Peace" and a male called "Friendship" — will be moved by truck from the Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska to Denver and then flown New York for the trip to the Middle East.

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