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JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH: The classic Jules Verne tale, starring Pat Boone, James Mason and Arlene Dahl. Will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in Room 601, Rudder. (G)

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR: From 9 a.m. in the Rudder Fountain Area.

KAPPA DELTA PI: A welcome-back barbeque at 6:30 p.m. at the Oaks Park on University Oaks Drive. Bring all people interested in pledging.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: Will be giving a questionnaire on campus needs at the MSC, Sbis, the Commons and the Krueger bus stop.

PEACE CORPS: Will show the film 'The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love' at 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. in Room 300, Agriculture Building.

UPPER ROOM BIBLE STUDY: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room, All Faiths Chapel.

BRAZOS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Ken Riddlehuber will speak on 'Wood Duck Nesting' at 7:30 p.m. in Room 112, O&M.

MEN'S DANCE GROUP: Will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 266, G. Rollie White.

DANCE ARTS SOCIETY: Modern dance classes will be held in Room 266, G. Rollie White. Beginners 7 p.m., intermediate class 8:30 p.m.

DEADLINE: Today is the entry deadline for the Racquetball Club's tournament this weekend. Entry forms available in DeWare Fieldhouse.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Leadership training class begins at 8:30 p.m. in Room 204, Harrington. Everyone welcome.

EE STUDENT WIVES CLUB: A 'Get Acquainted' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Room 342, Zachry. All wives of EE students are invited to attend.

MSC RADIO COMMITTEE: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 410, Rudder.

NATIONAL AGRI-MARKETING ASSOCIATION: Will make final plans for PCPA Day at 6 p.m. in Room 113, Kleberg.

Friday

AGGIE CINEMA: 'Midnight Express,' about a first-time American hashish smuggler who is caught by Turkish police, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (R)

HAROLD AND MAUDE: An outrageously funny film starring Ruth Gordon and Bud Cort as an unlikely pair of lovers with a score by Cat Stevens. Midnight in Rudder Theater. (PG)

GROMETS: Organizational meeting at 6 p.m. in Room 140, MSC. Gaming sessions including boardgames and role-playing games.

RACQUETBALL CLUB: Will hold a tournament today through Sunday.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: Will hold a training workshop at 4 p.m. in Quonset Hut 'A' for OCA members to learn more about the University and their duties as representatives. A dance with refreshments will follow.

Fed-state clash to cut grants

United Press International
AUSTIN — The commissioner of higher education said Tuesday that 10,000 students attending public and private colleges and universities could be affected if the federal government decides to withhold \$4.1 million in scholarship money for Texas students.

The money has been impounded by the federal government in a dispute over states' rights to maintain their own quality standards for higher education.

"It appears probable that grants will not be available in the spring for these 10,000 students who received assistance through the program this fall," said Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, Texas commissioner of higher education.

Fifty percent of the funds distributed through the grant program come from state appropriations and tuition revenue at public and private colleges in the federal-state matching financial aid program.

Under new federal legislation, the Office of Education is pressuring states to broaden their criteria for participation in the grant program. Ashworth said the legislation would weaken certain standards of quality that Texas has sought to maintain in the distribution of state money for student financial assistance.

The government's interpretation of the law would force Texas to share grant funds with 34 non-profit post secondary institutions that are ineligible to participate in the current grant and loan program because they are not accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Bible colleges and hospitals offering one-year allied health programs make up most of the 34 schools on the list.

Texas has until Feb. 1, 1980, to expand its definition of eligible institutions of higher education or lose the \$4.1 million that will then be distributed to other states.

"At issue is whether the federal

government or Texas will define what is a college or university in Texas," Ashworth said. "If we give in, federal officials will give us the \$4.1 million."

"If we don't, they'll give the money to states willing to accept control by the federal government. They're forcing us to penalize the 10,000 Texas students."

Ashworth said Congress may adopt an amendment giving states the right to retain control over higher education, but he said by the time the amendment is adopted, the spring semester would have started.

Confiscating vehicles has officers jawing

United Press International
EL PASO — Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Leonel Castillo says a new law allowing confiscation of vehicles used to smuggle aliens is working, but field officers are privately grumbling about the extra paperwork.

The INS recently announced that the new law — approved a year ago — has accounted for the seizure of 92 vehicles during the past six weeks.

The confiscated vehicles ranged from an 18-wheel tractor-trailer rig containing 37 aliens to two horses and a horse trailer which had hidden nine aliens.

Also confiscated have been a 23-foot boat in which 12 Colombians were being smuggled, a variety of pickup with camper shells, several vacation motor homes and numerous sedans — including one Mercedes Benz.

"Many of the vehicles are expensive and specially equipped to smuggle people in, so seizure of the vehicles is certain to have a deterrent effect on the smugglers," Castillo said recently.

"But it also has a deterrent effect on the officers who have to fill out the forms," said one Border Patrolman who noted the law is forcing the INS to "start building up a used car inventory."

Another INS official said owners of the vehicles used to smuggle aliens in the past were responsible for taking care of their own vehicles.

"But now if we decide to take one the paperwork is a long drawn-out thing, filling out forms, finding out if the driver also is the owner, if the vehicles is leased, finding out if the bank has a lien and then notifying everybody involved. It takes a lot of time."

The filling out of the forms that include an estimate of the vehicle's value is causing "some selectivity" by officers in the field in exercising their right to seize smuggling vehicles, the official said.

Reportedly an effort was underway to modify the confiscation forms and procedures, but the officer said, "new forms and procedures have never been less work for us."

Oil broker penalized millions

United Press International
HOUSTON — An oil broker has been ordered to pay the federal government \$3.2 million in civil and criminal penalties for taking illegal advantage of multi-tiered federal petroleum pricing regulations.

Westland Oil Development Corp. pleaded no contest Monday to criminal charges and was fined \$10,000. Westland agreed to \$1 million in civil penalties and to pay \$2.2 million in illegal profits into an overcharge reimbursement fund.

U.S. Attorney Tony Canales said

Westland knowingly made false statements to the government in 1976 pertaining to the sale of 10,750 barrels of crude oil to Armada Petroleum Co.

According to Canales, Westland misrepresented the crude as regular gasoline and the crude, which came from wells in production before 1973, was resold as oil from wells drilled after 1973.

"New" oil fetches higher prices than "old" oil, sometimes as much as \$10 a barrel.

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