## what's up

WEDNESDAY


Editor quits over crazy' editorial

By DEBBIE NELSO<br>The editor of the Sam Houstanion Statef University student newspaper said he resigned Monday because of strife among staff members over a one-sentence editorial which read "Ronald Reagan is Crazy" in letters one inch high.

Editor Ed Le Editor Ed Lehr's editorial, which was surrounded by 15 inches of
white space, appearedin Thursday's issue of the Houstonian, unsigned Marcus Sandifer, in
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people thought it was an ad.
The former Houstonia
signed editorials are uncommon at the newspaper as editor said unsigned editorials are uncommon at the newspaper.
Another Lehr editorial in Tuesday's paper explained his resignation, though he did not retract his statement.
iI believed it the right thing to do. I still do. $\qquad$ myself to have been, the editorial has caused damage to this paper, the
taff and this university," the editorial said. Although Lehr received many phone callis and letters from people
angry about the editorial, he said he was not pressured to resig. angry about the editorial, he said he was not pressured to resign.
Lehr explained his Monday-morning resignation: "The staff of the
paper was split. The content (of the editorial) became a divisive thing. I paper was split. The content (of the edito
didn't think the paper could continue."
Lehr said the
Lehr said the Houstonian staff protested when hearing of his res-
ingation, causing him to decide to withdraw it. But the request was
refused by refused by the journalism faculty advisers.
He said Tuesday, "I could have written a 500 -word essay and talked He said Tuesday, Itred to persuade people. I might have raised a few
in a call voiec and tried eyebrows of Republicans. "I didn't want that. I wanted to shout or scream as loud as I could."
A junior, Lehr was appointed to the editorial post in May, but
started the job only last week. Lehr had published three issues of the paper before the controversial editorial appeared.
"We had a lot of good things planned.... Iblew it, re
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To change is to grow
To grow is to hurt
To hurt is to feel
To feel is to care
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