

# National



Photo by Stephen Ward

## Upper level parking

Rick Troth, a freshman Hart Hall resident, contemplates how he will get his bicycle down from the bulletin board by the dorm. The C-ramp pranksters look on from the background, enjoying Troth's problem.

# Fort Chaffee a 'prison camp'

United Press International  
FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. — Convinced there is little chance of resettling the remaining undesirable Cuban refugees, residents near Fort Chaffee say it has become a tense prison camp for the desperate and hopeless.

Resettlement officials have said up to 1,200 refugees — mostly homosexuals and criminals — will never obtain sponsors. Most of the Cubans know they are hard to place, which compounds the problem, officials said.

Since the first of the year, two

Cubans have been stabbed to death at the fort. Officials attribute violence to a growing uneasiness among the refugees, who have been behind the towering fences since May.

"They're getting desperate," said Dave Lewis, local director of the U.S. Catholic Conference, which helps find sponsors for the refugees. "They know they're not going out. They're out of the game, and they're out to take out others with them."

Aides to Gov. Frank White said White hopes to discuss the camp's

problems with federal officials at the upcoming National Governors Association conference. But people who live near Fort Chaffee are not hopeful.

"I don't think anything can be done," said Wayne Wier of nearby Barling. "Unless they find someplace to dump them off, they're going to be down here. That may be six months, a year or longer."

A.L. Corbin, also of Barling, agreed the refugees themselves have nixed their own chances. "Everytime people read the

newspaper, there's something going on out there," he said Tuesday. "It hurts the chances for even the good ones. I really don't know what can be done, but there should be some way to take them to the naval base at Guantanamo Bay and push them through the gate. They're just not our kind of people."

Barling Mayor Jerry Barley said efforts by the State Department and volunteer agencies to find sponsors for the Cubans had "faded out."

# Reagan asks that salaries be static

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan today asked members of Congress, the judiciary and top federal government executives to forego scheduled salary increases recommended by the Carter administration.

"The president decided in light of the economic conditions not to seek increases in federal executive salaries," said White House press secretary Jim Brady. He said the decision also applies to the federal judiciary.

He said some of the increases were expected to run as high as 40 percent, but he was unable to say which ones. He said he was unable to say how many people would be affected or how much money would be saved.

Brady said Reagan sent budget director David Stockman to Capitol Hill today to explain the move to members of Congress.

Reagan initially approved the wage hike recommendation made by the Carter administration.

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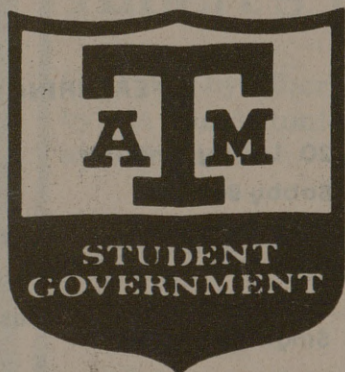
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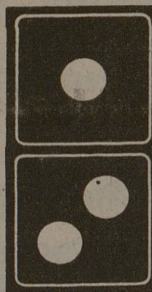
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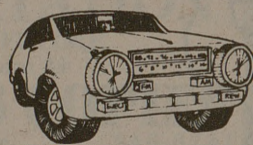
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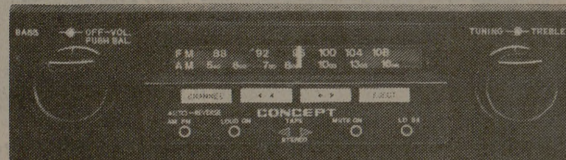
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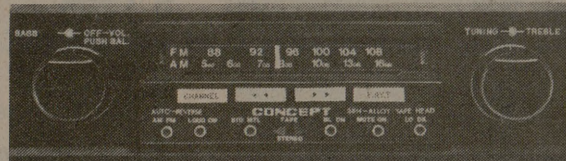
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