## Co-ed pays for earlier mistake

United Press International
DENVER — A college student
attributes her experiences as a
draftee in the Air Force to military

ing to the U
at Boulder.
She had a

red tape.
Cathy Moyer, 22, a student at the University of Colorado at Dever, was ordered to report ot

Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio on Aug. 18. Moyer admits she made a misake, but didn't think she should be made to pay for it by being rdered to active duty.

Moyer's story began in the ummer of 1979, when she transerred from Northeastern Junior College in her hometown of Sterl-

She had wanted to go to medical school but couldn't afford it until she discovered the Air Force offered scholarships for qualified

"The Air Force would pay two years of my tuition as an undergra-duate and all of my medical school," Moyer said. "I was looking at \$16,000 in debt. It seemed like a good deal.'

The Air Force, of course, wanted something for its money - a commitment to serve when the student completed school. She took the test, passed with school.

ing to the University of Colorado high marks and was awarded the at Boulder.

Moyer signed a contract with the Air Force, agreeing to serve once she graduated. A clause in the contract stipulated she could be called to active duty if she discontinued school or otherwise violated its provisions.

'I was told about the clause in the contract, but they also told me didn't have to worry about it being enforced," she said.

Moyer started school at Boulder in the fall of 1979, but changed her mind about attending medical

Her grades fell that spring and she lost her scholarship. She says Air Force ROTC officials contacted her and told her she could enter the Air Force if she desired, or she could leave the ROTC without any obligation.

Moyer, who says she opted to leave, says she didn't hear anything definite from the Air Force until she received a phone call on Jan. 14 from a ROTC officer.

"He told me I would be called to active duty when I graduated,"

Moyer also thought a knee con-

While Atkinson was at the

White House, the House voted to

defeat Reagan's \$8.5 billion Saudi

Arabian arms package. He co-

sponsored the proposal, but an aide said he was not able to make it

back to Capitol Hill in time to cast

his first vote as a Republican —

against Reagan.

dition might qualify her for a medical disenrollment.

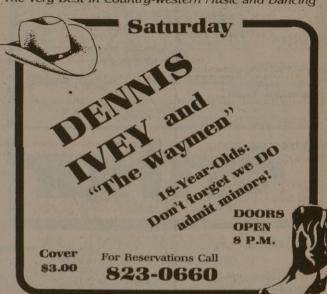
Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., wrote a letter to the Air Force, offering to have Moyer take a physical in Denver to prove that her knee condition would disqualify her. Moyer also offered to pay back the \$1,800 in tuition and fees the scholarship had paid.

At Lackland, Moyer's knees became so painful she could barely walk, and she was placed in the base hospital. She was given a medical discharge and left the base after being there just eight

wry smile. "You can see he's made

quite a mark around here

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## Democrat takes Republican plunge

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Republican
National Chairman Richard Richards says three or four more Democratic congressman are egotiating to change parties in he wake of the decision by Rep.

ugene Atkinson to join the GOP Atkinson, in his second term epresenting a steel-mill district utside Pittsburgh carried by Jimny Carter last year, announced Vednesday his party switch in the White House Rose Garden with resident Reagan at his side.

Atkinson consistently backed leagan's budget and tax cuts and reportedly pegged his decision on hopes of winning a favorable reap-

portionment ruling from the GOP-dominated Pennsylvania Legislature next month.

Atkinson said: "The modern Democratic Party bears no re-

semblance to the one I proudly joined many years ago."
As Republicans downed roast

beef, clams and oysters on Capitol Hill, Richards predicted more Democratic conversions.

"We have several people talk-ing to different (Democratic) members," Richards said in an in-

'There are three or four more,' he said. But he said announce-ments of other conversions would

Richards declined to identify President Reagan. the potential converts, but the Washington Post quoted White House and GOP political strategists Thursday as saying the most likely candidates are Reps. Larry McDonald of Georgia, Richard Shelby of Alabama and Ronald Mottl of Ohio.

Mottl denied he was considering a switch, saying in a House Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., speech cheered by his Democratic chairman of the Democratic Concolleagues: "I'm very proud to be a gressional Campaign Committee, Democrat and will remain a said of Atkinson: "Anyone who

Atkinson told the crowd his conversion was "a new beginning for me, and I hope what is a new beginning under the policies of

said of Atkinson: "Anyone who switches from supporting Senator Kennedy to the party of Ronald Reagan obviously has a case of political schizophrenia." Counting Atkinson's switch,

the breakdown in the House is 242 Democrats and 192 Republicans. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., belittled the

turn of events.
"Gene who?" he asked with a



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### Nelson is on the road again; lung recovers and pigtails grow

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While in Nashville attending the annual country music awards week, Nelson said he cut his pigails while recuperating from the ollapsed lung he suffered during

a vacation in Hawaii.
"I had a lot of tubes running into me and the pigtails kept getting in the way of the tubes so I cut em off," Nelson said.

About his Hawaiian vacation, Nelson said: "I went there for some relaxation but I guess I must have overdone it. I feel just great

"I'll be playing some Texas dates starting Nov. 11 — places such as San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Amarillo, Lubbock—and two movie projections.

then head to Las Vegas for a twoweek engagement at Caesar's Nelson said he's also planning two movie projects during 1982.

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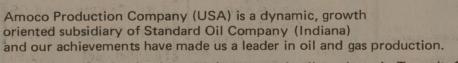
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