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Halloween poisoning. The

5th U.S. Circuit Court of O'Bryan's case had been sche-Appeals granted him a stay duled for a hearing during the Wednesday just three days beweek of Jan. 24, 1983. fore he was to face death in the Texas prison at Huntsville.

However, a spokesman in the Texas attorney general's office in Austin said the U.S. Supreme Court would be asked to let the execution proceed.

The spokesman said judges Carolyn Randall of Houston and Albert Tate of New Orleans

voted for the stay, but Judge Thomas Gee of Houston dis-sented. Gee indicated he would explain his dissention in a later The appeal asking to vacate filing.

O'Bryan, of the Houston suburb of Deer Park, was convicted A 5th Circuit spokesman said of substituting cyanide crystals

for powdery candy in a "Giant found with the poisoned candy, Pixie Stix" given to his son including O'Bryan's daughter, Timothy Marc, 8, on Oct. 31, did not eat it. The boy died of cyanide

O'Bryan, dubbed the "Candy poisoning an hour after eating Man" by fellow death row in-



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Mrs. Andujar, who has been ecting a Senate Subcommiton Public Health and Wele study on VD, said informa-

tion on VD is "basic information which cannot be overlooked."

'Uniform testimony from health educators around the state repeatedly indicated the need for this instruction," she said. "Now it appears one man has dictated that his own views should prevail over the genuine needs of the community."

Assistant education commissioner Thomas Henderson de-nied the agency ordered the material deleted. He said it had only informed publishers the agency wanted to review the material.

But David Burton, president of the Texas Association of Textbook Publishers, said deleting the material, or delaying publi-cation for a review would even-

books.

for a citizens group, People for the American Way, said the American Way, said Bynum's decision "undermines the entire textbook selection process.

Hudson said Bynum's decision underscores the need for reform of the textbook selection



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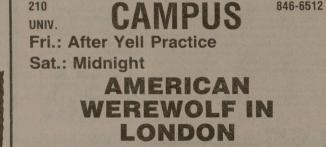
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tually drive up the cost of the Burton said publishers had offered texts that complied with guidelines issued in March. Michael Hudson, coordinator

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written comments and many hours in public hearings only to have their decision summarily overturned," he said.



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