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## Truckers say strike may end soon

**United Press International**  
With support for their strike waning in some states, leaders of the Independent Truckers Association met with congressional allies early today, trying to build a coalition to represent their interests and end the strike within "a week or two."

North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. appealed to independent drivers to go back to work, saying interruptions in normal truck traffic "cost the people of our state jobs and money."

Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh told truckers he would contact the state's congressional delegation on their behalf and Gov. Joseph E. Brennan of Maine said he would help them air their views, but did not support them. New Transportation Secretary Eli-

zabeth Dole denied the strike had widely disrupted commerce and said her representatives would meet with "all responsible representatives of the trucking industry" to discuss the issues.

Many states reported Tuesday truck traffic had increased from last week.

"The truckers just can't afford to stay out for a long period and there are a lot of them going back," said ITA representative Charles Brown of

New Jersey. "But we feel we have made our point."

ITA President Mike Parkhurst said he has been meeting with "dozens" of congressmen or their aides, trying to find a voice for truckers' problems — especially the 5-cent fuel tax and higher road-use fees.

"The only encouraging thing is we've got some congressmen who are concerned and that's always encouraging," Parkhurst said early to-

day after a meeting. "But we're not going to be satisfied until we see something significant on paper. We've met with several congressmen and it seems the bottom line is Congress is going to have to react."

Rep. Peter Kostmayer, D-Pa., one of the congressmen meeting with Parkhurst, said they are working on a document, a "kind of commitment by Congress to address the issues, to lay out the concerns of the truckers and what they think."

"It looks like something could be worked out shortly — in a week or two," said ITA spokesman David Kolman in Los Angeles.

A few reports of violence still punctuated the strike with police in Kentucky reporting seven new shooting incidents and one attempt to force a trucker off the highway. More than 625 shootings and almost 1,900 other acts of vandalism have been reported with one driver killed.

## Israeli defense official says he won't resign

**United Press International**  
JERUSALEM — A defiant Defense Minister Ariel Sharon resisted mounting pressure for his resignation today over the Beirut massacre commission's ruling that he bore personal responsibility for the refugee camp slaughter.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin called a second special session today to discuss the inquiry findings that sent shock waves through Israel's political establishment and could

affect U.S. efforts toward a Middle East peace accord.

A clear majority of Begin's ministers believe the government must accept the recommendations of the three-member panel, a view a government statement Tuesday indicated was shared by Sharon himself.

The defense minister, however, indicated at Tuesday's tense Cabinet meeting he would not resign, leaving it to Begin to fire him, Israel Radio said.

The three-man panel found it "impossible to justify the defense minister's disregard" of the danger in allowing Christian militiamen to enter the Chatila and Sabra camps where they killed hundreds of men, women and children.

Begin has several options for resolving the crisis, including dissolving the entire Cabinet and calling new elections. Such a move could cause long delays in the current U.S. efforts to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon.

## A&M second in rapes, burglaries for fall 1982

**by Kathy Doyle**  
**Battalion Reporter**  
Texas A&M had the second largest number of rapes and burglaries during the 1982 fall semester, according to crime statistics from seven major Texas universities.

That comparison is based on statistics for September through December from Texas A&M, the University of Texas, the University of Houston, Southern Methodist University, Baylor University, Texas Tech University and Rice University.

UT reported two rapes during the fall semester, while Texas A&M and Rice each reported one. Texas Tech, SMU, Baylor and UH didn't report any rapes.

UT also had the most reported assaults, with 46 last semester. UH reported 11, Texas A&M 10, SMU four, Rice two and Baylor one.

In addition, UT reported the highest number of robberies, with 89 for the fall semester. Texas A&M reported 56 robberies; Texas Tech, 51; UH, 36; Baylor, 20; and SMU, nine. No robbery information was available from Rice.

UT led in reported thefts with 1,010, followed by Baylor with 280, Texas A&M with 246, UH with 215, Texas Tech with 205 and SMU with 100. Statistics from Rice weren't available.

Representatives of Baylor, SMU and Texas Tech also

said those universities have had a 20- to 30-percent increase in alcohol-related offenses during the last three years.

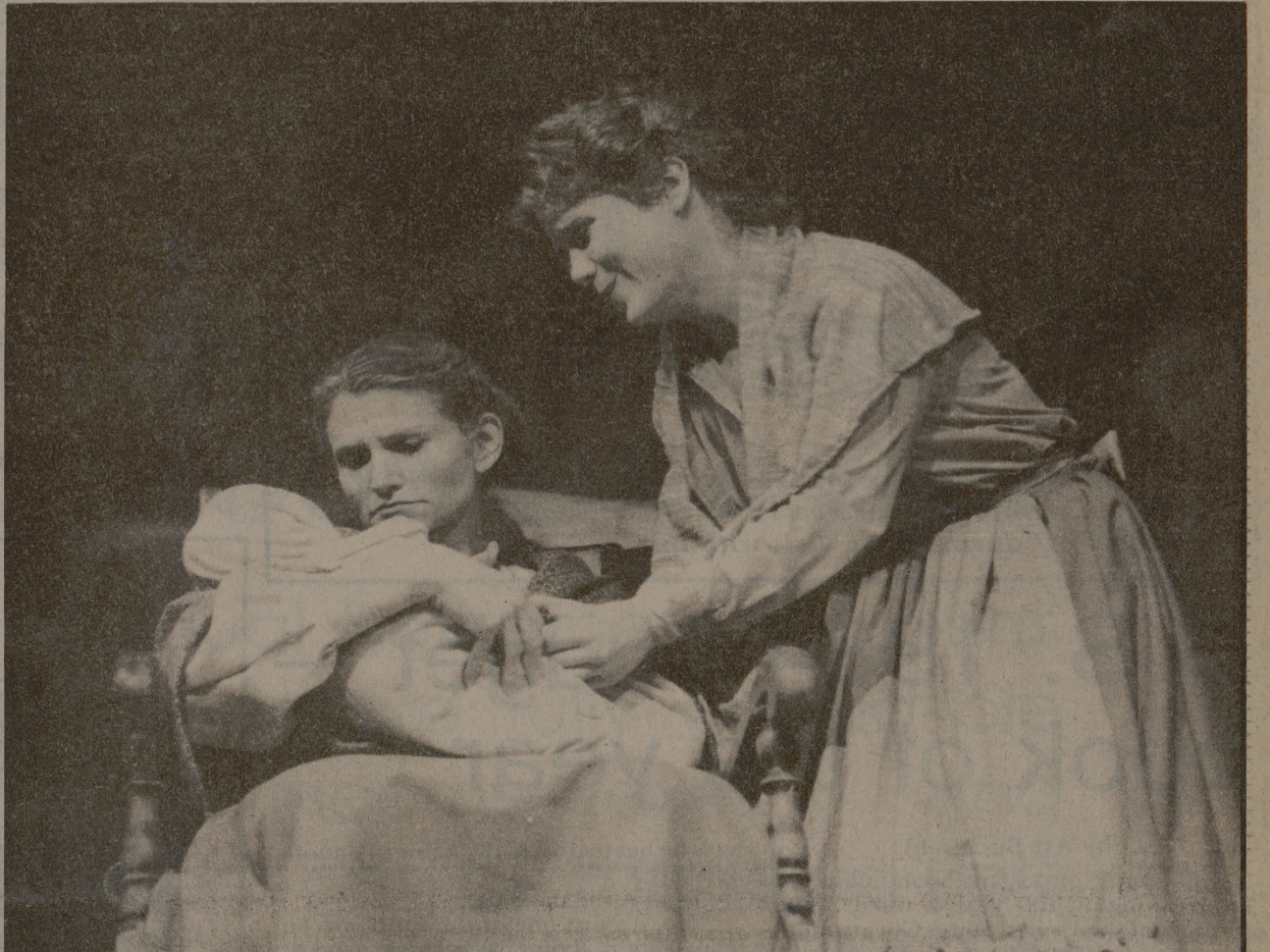
Several universities have organized student groups designed to fight crime. UH has developed the "Cougar Patrol," a group of student officers who patrol areas of the campus on foot. The students wear UH T-shirts and report suspicious activities.

Along the same line is the Rice bicycle patrol — armed police officers who patrol certain areas of the Rice campus on bicycles. The officers, who wear T-shirts with the Rice police logo, patrol at night in areas of the campus where foot traffic is heaviest.

With the exception of UT, all university police departments offer a police escort service for students who are out late at night. The services offer escorts for joggers, escorts to dorms and parking lots and assistance in starting stalled cars.

In addition to police escorts, Texas Tech and Rice have placed emergency phones in certain areas of the campus. The emergency phones ring in the police stations.

John R. McDonald, Texas A&M assistant director of University safety and traffic, said the University employs 25 police officers and most are trained in crime prevention. Also, two of the department's female officers give rape prevention talks.



**A helping hand**  
Wendy Pesek, right, a sophomore theater arts major from Corpus Christi, does a scene with Imelda Gulley, a freshman theater arts major from Bryan, in a dress rehearsal for the Texas A&M theater arts production of *Blood Wedding*. The show will be performed Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

## Rights activist to speak on social problems tonight

**Karen Schrimsher**  
**Battalion Reporter**  
Comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory will speak at 8 tonight in Rudder Auditorium on "Social Problems: Social or Antisocial."

Gregory's appearance, co-sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee and MSC Great Issues Committee, is being held in conjunction with Black History Month.

Gregory began his career as a comedian in Chicago in 1961. During the 1960s, he performed in benefits for civil rights and peace groups. He was jailed several times for his participation in civil rights demonstrations.

Tickets for tonight's event are 50 cents for students and \$1 for non-students. They may be purch-

ased at the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower.

Other events planned for Black History month include:

- The Black Awareness Forum lecture series, which will continue Monday with "African Liberation struggles in the Post Vietnam Era." On Feb. 21, "Malcolm X: A Review of the 60's, His Contribution and Legacy" will be presented, "African Liberation Struggles in the Post-Vietnam Era" will be presented Feb. 14, and "Issues facing the Black World: 1983-2000" will be presented Feb. 28.
- A collection of photographs of black historical figures is on display in the MSC Gallery; African stamp art by Ron Wilkins also will be featured until Feb. 18.
- The Annual Black Awareness formal on March 5 at the



**Dick Gregory**  
Aggieland Inn ends the Black Awareness Committee's celebration of Black History Month.

## Students begin study of normal sleep habits

**by Pamela J. Franklin**  
**Battalion Reporter**  
Psychology students and professors here are studying something that few students get enough of — sleep.

The sleeping lab, a first for Texas A&M, is set up to study the sleep habits of healthy adults.

Dr. Ludy Benjamin, associate professor of psychology, said the lab, located in 408 Academic building, is made up of two bedrooms, a recording room and a wash room. The lab is run by students in a senior-level psychology problems course on sleep and dreams.

Benjamin said those are the first lengthy tests to be conducted in the lab, which was constructed in November 1982. The lab probably will not research sleep disorders, but instead will research normal sleep and how to

shorten the amount of time needed for sleep.

Benjamin said sixteen subjects will be tested for eight consecutive week-nights. Students will not be tested on the weekends, he said.

The study will examine changes that occur during sleep and also how sleep changes under different conditions, Benjamin said.

During normal sleep, people go through different stages. As a person falls asleep, mental activity slows down, but doesn't stop. If the sleeper is awakened during this stage, Benjamin said, research shows he usually can recall unclear thoughts that he had while sleeping.

Benjamin said the dreaming stage — or rapid-eye movement stage — is marked by rapid brain wave activity. In this stage, the eyes move rapidly as

though watching the events of a dream. Several intervals of REM sleep occur during the average sleeping time.

Scientists currently are questioning the reasons people need sleep, Benjamin said, because researchers don't know exactly why rest cannot substitute for sleep. If someone is deprived of sleep for several days, he will have difficulty seeing, thinking and hearing.

One theory says sleep can be shortened through motivation, he said. This means that a person theoretically can lessen the amount of time he sleeps if he is motivated to work or study. Scientists who follow this theory, Benjamin said, sometimes believe that people eventually won't need to sleep at all.

## House chairman proposes tax cuts

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski has a plan that would permit the 10 percent personal income-tax cut to take effect July 1, but would repeal all other tax reductions scheduled in 1984 or later.

Rostenkowski, D-Ill., made the proposal Tuesday as a way to reduce the federal deficit.

Rostenkowski, whose committee must originate tax legislation, estimated his plan would gain about \$130 billion in new revenue by 1988, about the same as Reagan's tax proposals.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan gave reporters a mixed review of Rostenkowski's plans.

"I'm very happy to see he agrees with us that the third year (of the tax cut) is a necessary component of the recovery," Regan said. "But I'm disappointed he doesn't recognize the philosophy we should make the Con-

gress literally legislate new tax increases."

The Rostenkowski plan, outlined in a speech to the Securities Industry Association, would repeal tax indexing and changes in estate and gift taxes, and would delay consideration of other tax changes including tuition tax credits. It also would extend current excise tax rates on tobacco and telephone use.

Rostenkowski said he also would be open to delaying or limiting the 10 percent July tax cut if some agreement can be reached with the administration.

"But a lack of consensus on the merits of the third year should not prevent us from moving ahead with the key parts of the tax freeze proposal," he said.

Regan said: "If you do away with indexing, you allow the Congress to automatically increase taxes with inflation. Congress should have to legislate new tax increases."

## Scientists may land in volcano

**United Press International**  
VANCOUVER, Wash. — Mount St. Helens oozed lava in a dome-building eruption, but clouds and fog kept scientists from entering its massive crater to determine if the volcano is ready to blow its top.

Scientists said they hoped for a break in the weather today so they can and in helicopters and measure the latest growth of a new lobe of hot lava bulging out of a crusty, 700-foot-high lava dome on the crater floor.

The scientists said the dome-building eruption probably relieved pressure from below, lessening the possibility of a violent eruption, but bad weather Tuesday prevented the tests

that would confirm whether a big blast was imminent.

"Lobe growth is continuing on Mount St. Helens, though we don't know how large it has become or the rates of growth," Forest Service spokesman Thom Corcoran said. The eruption was still in progress, he said.

Scientists said earlier the eruption could continue through at least Thursday.

A 69,000-acre restricted zone around the volcano remained closed.

The new lobe began bulging out of the lava dome around noon Monday. By the time scientists left the crater at

nightfall, the lobe had pushed out 80-100 feet over an area 250 feet across and the pasty lava was inching down the side of the dome.

Although mud flows were a possibility, none was expected to reach Spirit Lake, 6 miles from the crater, scientists said.

The eruption forced a precautionary evacuation of a six-man crew that was pumping water from the lake to prevent a breach of an unstable dam of volcanic debris from the mountain's 1980 eruption.

Scientists are concerned a breach could unleash a catastrophic flood 10 times worse than the one caused by the 1980 blast.

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**forecast**

Cloudy to partly cloudy today with a 50 percent chance of thunder-showers. The high will be 68, with southerly winds at 10 to 25 mph. Partly cloudy for tonight with a low near 46 and a 30 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy on Thursday with a high of 68 and a 20 percent chance of showers.