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## Next stop, Broadway

staff photo by David Fisher

Students practice dance moves during an audition Monday night, while directors and writers watch to pick out potential cast members for a second call. The auditions were for the

musical "Transit," which has its debut in April at Texas A&M. It was written by Sue Douphin and Penelope Kosztonyk.

## OPEC prices, production, still unstable

**United Press International**  
LONDON — OPEC ministers today began the sixth day of consultations to forge a new price and production accord but Iranian and Nigerian ministers still opposed lowering prices and production, conference sources said.

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Otaiba, heading the Persian Gulf lobby for a cut in the benchmark price of \$34 a barrel to \$30 or \$29, met Indonesia's Subroto in a London hotel where a full session was starting later.

"This is the day of the crunch, if they can't meet Tuesday (today) they might as well break up," a Gulf conference source said.

After an hour of talks Monday night with other ministers favoring a price cut, Otaiba issued the bleakest statement of the week's talks in London.

"Nothing has been reached," he told reporters. "We are still at the beginning of the road."

Otaiba said all 13 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministers were meeting informally today. Iran's Mohammed Gharazi, drumming up support for his anti-reduction campaign, said he would attend the talks.

Conference sources said the talks hit a major snag in patching up differences on the producers' shares in a proposed 14 million barrel-a-day ceiling.

"Virtually everyone except Iran

agrees the price should be cut. That's as if the price no longer is an issue," an aide said. "Discord now has erupted on who should produce how much — demands for quotas stretch beyond 18 million.

What Otaiba hailed Friday as an "understanding" on both price and production levels has been undermined by Iran's insistence a cut will not spur demand, Arab diplomats said. OPEC's production already is running below 14 million barrels a day, they said.

Saudi Arabia, which voluntarily cut its 7 million barrel daily quota to 5.5 million this year, was told by Iran it should produce no more than 3 million barrels, diplomats said.

Britain's assertion that it will cut its North Sea prices further in response to any OPEC price cut has left delegates wondering if a price agreement would hold and whether it could prevent a price war, diplomats said.

"The way it looks, OPEC may have to scramble for a new policy no sooner than it achieves one this week," said one analyst.

Britain and Norway proposed a cut of \$3 a barrel to \$30.50 in their crude prices last month, but neither could enforce the rates while the market awaited an expected larger reduction in OPEC prices.

Gharazi said Monday Iran would "never" go along with the price cuts and lower ceiling proposals. He said the only issue he would consider was defense of the \$34 oil price.

## Senate committee cuts jobs bill

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Seeking to head off a possible veto from President Reagan, the Senate Appropriations Committee cut \$1 billion worth of "pork" from the House's jobs bill and sent a \$3.9 billion package to the full Senate.

The House approved a \$4.9 billion bill last week. After that action, White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan would take a "close look" at the House bill and fight or one costing less. Reagan's original jobs program called for spending \$4.3 billion.

The Senate GOP leadership had hoped to get a waiver of the usual

three-day wait and send the measure to the floor as early as today. But a Senate source said some Republican opposition may prevent floor debate until Friday or perhaps next week.

A key committee aide said the bill might create up to 600,000 jobs.

With unemployment at 10.4 percent nationwide and reaching 50 percent for black teenagers, the administration and members of Congress of both parties joined forces to fashion a jobs measure quickly.

The Senate committee, seeking to quiet charges that much of the money was for "porkbarrel" projects, voted to target \$2 billion in areas of high

unemployment. A third of the \$2 billion would go to states based on how many people are out of work and a third would be distributed according to present law.

The other third would go to the 15 states where unemployment was higher than the national average during each month in 1982 — Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The House bill, passed overwhelmingly last week, provided 75 percent of the \$4.9 billion would be spent in

pockets of high unemployment, defined as areas where unemployment was 90 percent of the national average for the past year.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., was defeated, 18-6, in a similar amendment to target much of the bill in cities, counties and towns where the average unemployment was higher than the national average the past year.

Specter said his inclination is to introduce his amendment on the Senate floor.

In the biggest addition to the House bills, the Senate committee voted \$263 million for construction of veterans hospitals.

## Jury says woman lied in Wood case

**United Press International**  
SHREVEPORT, La. — Jo Ann Harrelson has been found guilty of lying to a grand jury investigating the 1979 contract killing of a federal judge. It was her third conviction related to the probe.

Harrelson collapsed moments after hearing the verdict Monday, but paramedics who examined her said she was fine.

The seven-woman, five-man U.S. District Court jury deliberated about 1 1/2 hours before unanimously returning guilty verdicts on all five counts.

Harrelson, who faces up to 25 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, collapsed while U.S. District Judge

William Sessions was pronouncing her guilty on the fourth of the five charges.

Her attorney, Charles Campion, said she was taking two types of medication for a heart condition.

Sessions did not schedule sentencing for Harrelson, who was expected to be returned today to the Federal Correctional Institute in Fort Worth.

"I expect the appeal process will be initiated," Campion said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn, who has spearheaded all trials resulting from the Wood investigation, said he was pleased by the verdicts.

Prosecutors said in closing arguments that Harrelson lied to FBI

agents, to a grand jury and during her own trial because she was "sinking in a sea of evidence" tying her to the 1979 slaying of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. in San Antonio.

Harrelson was convicted of lying twice when she told the grand jury she did not remember buying a .240-caliber Weatherby Mark V rifle believed used in the judge's murder or using the alias Fay L. King to buy the gun.

Harrelson had admitted she bought the rifle believed used to murder Wood and gave it to her husband, Charles Harrelson.

She also admitted lying when she said she did not use a false name to

buy the rifle. But she said that occurred through a misunderstanding with her attorney, who advised her how to answer the grand jury's questions.

After Monday's conviction, Sessions said he would be forced to postpone the March 18 sentencing in San Antonio of Harrelson, her husband Charles and Elizabeth Chagra for their convictions in Wood's death.

Charles Harrelson was convicted of murder, Harrelson was found guilty of obstruction of justice and Elizabeth Chagra was convicted of conspiracy in the slaying. Harrelson also was convicted in a Dallas trial of using a false name to purchase a rifle and was sentenced to three years in prison.

## Cheating policy revisions considered by committee

by Kelley Smith

**Battalion Staff**  
The Student Government Special Committee on the Code of Honor is reviewing a preliminary plan on scholastic dishonesty, which was proposed by the Department of Student Affairs.

The plan is a written procedure for professors to follow if they catch a student cheating. Under the plan, professors would handle cases involving first offenses and cheating on homework. If the professor felt the case was serious enough for expulsion or suspension or if the student protested his punishment, the case would go to the college dean.

Appeals of the dean's decision would go to the University Disciplinary Appeals Panel.

The plan also calls for a central registry where names of students who have cheated would be kept on file.

"I think it's great that student affairs is finally looking into this problem," said Greg Bates, vice president for the rules and regulations. "The plan is a step in the right direction,

but I think we could improve upon it."

Bates said that referring cases to deans would be advantageous because it would be personal and within the department. However, Bates said he has proposed an impartial student/faculty council to hear cases involving suspension or expulsion.

Texas A&M regulations relating to cheating are vague, Bates said. In addition, freedom of action is given to professors, regulations are not consistent and charges against students often are dismissed because of technicalities or because students were not informed of their rights.

An impartial council would bring consistency among the individual colleges, he said.

A student adviser from the student/faculty board would assist students accused of cheating through the hearing and inform them of their rights. The adviser would not act as a lawyer for students.

The council then would recommend disciplinary action to the dean or the student affairs department,

Bates said.

The student committee has been looking at other universities' scholastic dishonesty policies for possible alternatives.

At Rice University, students may be expelled or suspended for dishonesty if they are caught cheating on exams. Both the Air Force Academy and the University of Virginia have impartial student boards that deal with cheating.

All three of those universities have strong traditions of academic honor and integrity, Bates said.

Texas A&M has not had a strong tradition of honor for the past few years, he said.

He said students should be re-educated to be honest and the faculty to enforce disciplinary actions fairly and consistently. However, the education process could take a few years.

The Student Government committee will hold open meetings today and March 22 in 145 MSC to discuss the student affairs plan and possible improvements.

## On campus

### Election filing begins

Filing for positions with Student Government, Off-Campus Aggies, Residence Hall Association and for yell leaders opened Monday and will continue until Friday.

All candidates for student body president, yell leader, vice presidents, class presidents, RHA president and OCA president must have their pictures taken today or Wednesday for the Voters' Guide, a supplement to The Battalion. Pictures will be taken from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 216 Reed McDonald.

No pictures will be taken after

Wednesday and no other pictures will be accepted. Only candidates for the offices listed above need to have pictures made.

All candidates must fill out a Voters' Guide questionnaire when they file for office. The forms are available in the Student Government office and should be turned in as candidates file. All forms must be returned to the Student Government office by 5 p.m. Friday.

Elections will be March 29 and 30.

### Adam Ant concert set

The Adam Ant concert that was scheduled for March 20 has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. May 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The concert was postponed because the singer injured himself during a recent concert.

Tickets that have been bought for the concert will be honored for the rescheduled date. Ticketholders who do not want to attend the concert on the new date may return their tickets for refunds at the MSC Box Office. Refunds will be given through April 29.

## Rings ready

Senior rings ordered from Oct. 25 through Dec. 3 can be picked up this week in the Pavilion Registration Center.

Rings will be available at the counter in Room 119. The counter will be open from 8:15 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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## forecast

Clear skies for today with a high near 76. Northerly winds of around 10 mph. Mostly clear skies tonight and a low of 44. For Wednesday, sunny skies with the high near 77.