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National champs

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The national champion Texas A&M women's softball team poses for photos at Easterwood Airport after returning from the College World Series at Omaha, Neb.

They defeated Cal State-Fullerton 2-0 in 12 innings Sunday to win the NCAA championship title. See related story page 9.

## Dean elected to College Board

by Robert McGlohn

**Battalion Staff**  
Dean Edwin H. Cooper, Texas A&M's dean of admissions and records, recently was elected to the board of trustees of the College Board.

The board of trustees oversees the activities of the College Board. That includes reviewing the SAT, LSAT and the MCAT — the entrance examinations used by more than 2,600 high schools, colleges, universities and educational systems throughout the United States.

The College Board, formerly the College Entrance Examination Board, is a non-profit organization devoted to assisting students in secondary and higher educational systems,

both public and private, Cooper says.

"I would simply say (the board's purpose is) to assist, in every way possible, young people in making the transition from secondary to college education," he said.

The board serves that purpose in ways other than achievement tests, Cooper said. One of its many other functions is assisting students in applying for financial aid.

Before the College Board's assistance, different applications were used by the many institutions offering student financial aid. Now, Cooper said, thanks to the College Board one standard form is used.

When Cooper assumes his duties in October as one of the 25 members of the board of trustees, he will enter the

top ranks of an organization he has been associated with for 11 years.

"I can tell you it is a real honor," Cooper said.

During the past year, Cooper was the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southwest Region of the College Board. The region, one of eight in the United States, comprises four states: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. It was at the February meeting of the region that Cooper, after stepping down as chairman of the executive committee, was elected to the position of a trustee.

Cooper also has served for the past 11 years as the Texas A&M representative to the College Board. Each member of the board, whether a high school, university or other education-

al institution, has a representative to the College Board. He was elected to his new four-year position by the representatives.

Cooper has been associated with Texas A&M for many years, both as a student and an administrator. He received a bachelor's degree in wildlife management in 1953 and was a member of the Aggie Band. He also served as a county agricultural agent and in the 2nd Armored Division of the Army.

Cooper has served as assistant to President Earl Rudder, director of civilian student activities and director of admissions. In 1971, he became assistant to President Jack K. Williams and in September of the same year was appointed to his current position of dean of admissions and records.

## United States may be in jeopardy because of poor science education

**United Press International**  
DETROIT — A weakening of science education has placed the United States in "jeopardy," and more funding, a better curriculum and qualified teachers must be sought to correct the problem, scientists said Monday.

"A shortage of pre-college science and mathematics teachers, first measured in 1980, has continued to worsen," Betty M. Vetter of the Scientific Manpower Commission said.

In 1982, 42 states reported a shortage of physics teachers, 43 of mathematics teachers and 38 of chemistry teachers.

"New graduates are not available,"

she said at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting.

"Courses are being dropped, unqualified teachers hired and test scores falling. The quality of teacher aspirants also is down and experienced teachers are leaving for other jobs."

F. James Rutherford, AAAS chief education officer, said in an interview: "But there are some deeper, more fundamental problems why we've gotten ourselves in this trouble."

He cited a failure to crystallize goals for education in general.

"We've gone for a long period without any leadership," Rutherford said, adding President Reagan seems to be more concerned with school prayer than the major issues.

"It is now abundantly clear to nearly everyone that the United States has placed itself in jeopardy by allowing a weakening of science education," he said. "The question is not at all about the problem and its nature, but rather what action needs to be taken by each level of government and by the private sector in order to re-energize and re-establish our ability to provide a strong scientific education to all students."

"Communications, transportation, health, military — everything we invest a large fraction of the total expenditure in — is getting new knowledge. In science education, that amount is almost trivial," he said.

Rutherford said an "antiquated science and math curriculum" needs to be updated. He suggested a modern delivery system by satellite with receiving stations at schools.

"School administrators are willing to assign teachers from other fields — such as history — to teach science courses. That's not leadership in my judgment," he said.

## SEC official may be probe subject

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The enforcement chief at the Securities and Exchange Commission has been questioned by a federal grand jury in New York investigating his role as a consultant for a firm indicted for conspiring to bribe a state tax official, it was reported Monday.

But The Washington Post, quoting federal sources, said John Fedders currently is not a target of the grand jury probe, which already has resulted in the indictment of the Dallas-based Southland Corp., parent of the 7-11 chain, for a bribery and kickback scheme.

The sources said Fedders, who has appeared before the panel twice, is only a subject of the grand jury, defined by the Justice Department as a "person whose conduct is within the scope of a grand jury investigation."

The Justice Department did not

have an immediate comment on the report.

A House subcommittee also is investigating Fedders to determine whether he was aware of the alleged bribery and kickback scheme. Fedders' lawyer told the newspaper that Fedders did not know of any wrongdoing.

## Corrupt Soviet leaders to die

**United Press International**  
TBILISI, U.S.S.R. — The Soviet Union's drive against corruption has resulted in death sentences and long prison terms for several public officials in the republic of Georgia, a member of the country's ruling Politburo said.

In a speech to a Georgian Communist Party meeting, Eduard Shevardnadze admitted economic crimes are still a problem in the Soviet Union.

Shevardnadze's May 24 address, reprinted in provincial newspapers during the weekend, indicated many of his listeners already knew about the strong punishment that has gained public exposure for the first time.

"You will recall in recent times the court organs of our republic have taken the strongest measures against cases of embezzlers, plunderers, bribetaking and dealers up to the highest means of punishment," he said.

Soviet officials use the expression "highest means of punishment" as a euphemism for the death penalty. He did not specify how many people had been sentenced to die or if any death sentences had been carried out.

"Many have been sentenced to long terms of deprivation of freedom," he

said. "Why then should one knowingly ruin oneself and one's dear ones?"

Shevardnadze, 55, is a member of the 19-man party Politburo that runs the Soviet Union. He also is first secretary of the Georgian Party.

Georgia has a flourishing economy but historically has suffered from free-wheeling corruption and profiteering.

Giving one example, Shevardnadze mentioned an "especially large-scale" case in which food warehouse officials ignored warnings to quit declaring some goods spoiled so they could be sold on the black market for personal profit.

In another case, the republic's finance minister was dismissed in 1981 for bribery and blackmail. His fate also was not known.

"There will be no weakening (of prosecution) in the future, either," Shevardnadze said. "This struggle will require even greater sharpness and sternness."

Shevardnadze, the party's first secretary in Georgia for 11 years, urged all public officials in the Soviet Union to sharpen their personal responsibility for "every governmental kopek (the smallest unit of Soviet currency)."

## Leaders devise economic plan

**United Press International**  
WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Leaders of the largest industrial democracies head home from their seven-nation summit today, agreed on a broad strategy to maintain the emerging economic recovery and spread it around the world.

President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, arranged to say goodbye to the leaders this morning after hosting an elegant banquet for them Monday night under a big tent.

Reagan — seated next to French President Francois Mitterrand, who led Allied pressure on him to ease high U.S. budget deficits — toasted the success of the summit at the dinner.

"I think we can drink to the causes that have brought us here, to the success we have had and to the dream of continuing on this road as far as we can see," he declared.

During candid private talks around an oval conference table Sunday and

Monday, West European leaders pressed Reagan to ease the United States' projected \$200 billion budget deficit they blame for high interest rates they fear in turn will slow recovery.

The "Williamsburg Declaration," as it is being called, included that view, described by all as sharply but cordially expressed.

Reagan, involved in a budget deadlock with Congress over how to reduce the U.S. deficit, argued the U.S. recovery will bring interest rates down regardless of the deficit.

Reagan won the show of unity he wanted from the Allies — sensitive to the growing nuclear freeze movement — Sunday, however, pledging commitment to global arms control and deployment on schedule of medium-range nuclear weapons in Western Europe if Moscow does not join in an agreement.

## Report questions inaugural practices

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The use of military personnel as chauffeurs and aides during President Reagan's inauguration was of questionable legality, the General Accounting Office concluded in a report.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., requested the report after he gave his monthly "Golden Fleece" award to the Inaugural Committee for using 1,533 military personnel as chauffeurs and aides "to 274 inaugural VIPs as well as several hundred additional inaugural celebrants."

Proxmire said Monday the GAO report said there is "no specific authority" for the Pentagon to provide drivers, personal escorts and social aides for inaugural activities."

The cost to the Defense Department was estimated at \$1.8 million said Proxmire, a member of the Senate defense appropriations subcommittee.

"To this day, Inaugural Committee members still claim no public funds were spent," he said in a statement.

Proxmire said the GAO concluded the Pentagon could pay the expenses of military personnel by actually taking part in the ceremony and providing medical and safety support.

"But logistics and administrative support for other participants was clearly ruled out," the senator said.

The Defense Department provided "similar though less extensive" support for Jimmy Carter's inauguration in 1977, Proxmire said.

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## Memorial Day honors America's war dead

**United Press International**  
Memorial Day ceremonies honored America's war dead from the Revolution to Vietnam, along with military men killed recently in El Salvador and Lebanon, and a stockbroker in New York offered the most unique tribute by climbing the 110-story World Trade Center to unfurl an American flag.

Cities and small communities across the nation put on parades, dedicated plaques and had 21-gun salutes Monday. Some people marked the day with quiet graveside visits.

The Vietnam War remained the most sensitive subject with veterans from that war refusing to march in an American Legion parade in Sag Harbor, N.Y. At the new Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., Deputy Secretary of Defense W. Paul

Thayer placed a wreath and said, "There are few memories more painful than the Vietnam War. There are few wounds that took longer to heal."

Six Vietnamese restaurants in Houston opened their doors to Vietnam veterans and their families to thank the people who fought their war.

"We wanted to do something to remember the servicemen who died and honor them and those who came back," said restaurant owner Tran Vuong Quang. "And this is our way of reminding them of one of the nicer things about Vietnam: the food."

About 250 veterans and their families gathered in National Cemetery at Little Rock, Ark., to hear Gov. Bill Clinton urge Americans to honor those who died in the small conflicts as well as the major wars.

## Cattle raisers to file suit to stop blockade on livestock shipments

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — With a federal quarantine on Texas cattle that could cost ranchers millions of dollars looming at midnight today, it appears the issue will be settled in the courts.

A spokesman for the Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association said his group will file suit in U.S. District Judge James Nowlin's court in Austin today to stop the U.S. Agriculture Department from imposing the blockade on interstate shipments of Texas cattle.

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox said he also will go to court to stop a quarantine.

Last week, the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas and two individual south Texas ranchers filed suit in Hidalgo County and

obtained a temporary restraining order prohibiting the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service from imposing the quarantine.

However, APHIS said it was unsure if a Texas district judge had that authority.

"A federal quarantine on interstate shipments of Texas cattle will cost our livestock industry and a lot of decent ranchers millions of dollars," said Cattle Raisers Association spokesman Steve Munday.

The USDA said it called the quarantine because Texas' brucellosis eradication program does not meet rigid federal standards followed by other states.

The Texas Senate Friday defeated a measure to bring the program into compliance.

The quarantine would also mean a cutoff of most federal funds to fight brucellosis in the state.

Those funds totaled about \$11.5 million in 1982 and were projected to amount to more than \$8 million in 1983, said USDA spokesman Don Nielson.

Under the quarantine, breeding cattle may be shipped out of Texas only from qualified herds that have passed two tests for the disease 120 days apart, he said.

Animals from herds that do not meet those requirements — including unspayed heifers over 6 months of age coming out of feedlots — must be branded with an "S" and can only be shipped for slaughter, Nielson said.



### forecast

A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms today and tonight with a high of 80 and a low near 61. Variable cloudiness Wednesday with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high near 81.