

Cancer danger warned

# Doctors blame sunbathing

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ATLANTA — Sunbathing, one of America's more popular pastimes, has drawn criticism from two Emory University medical researchers who say the practice may cause skin cancer rates to soar.

Drs. William L. Dobes and Henry Earl Jones say most skin cancers are caused by over-exposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun, and a sunbathing lifestyle poses a serious health hazard.

The researchers plan a campaign to call attention to the threat and will try to uproot the notion that a beautiful suntan denotes good health.

The two physicians specialize in treating skin diseases. Dobes is director of Emory's immunofluorescence laboratory for the diagnosis of skin problems. Jones is chief of Emory's department of dermatology.

fore. Their personal observations are supported by a National Cancer Institute study that ranked Atlanta as having one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the nation.

Dobes and Jones enlisted the aid of the National Weather Service in their sun awareness project. The NWS has started providing the Atlanta-area news media with a sunburn prediction index that tells the number of minutes it takes to redden the average untanned Caucasian skin at specific times of day.

"Redness is synonymous with skin damage. It means that it's time to protect yourself," said Dobes. He said the index will tell people "how long they can stay out in the sun if they want to protect themselves."

Skin cancers, wrinkling and premature aging of the skin are the cumulative effects of years of exposure to the sun's rays, said Dobes, who estimated that between 400,000-500,000

Americans develop skin cancer each year.

Among whites, roughly 232 new cases develop out of each 100,000 population. For blacks, it is 3.4 cases per 100,000.

In Atlanta there were 393.8 new cases per 100,000 people for 1977-79, the last year studied. For all the survey areas included in the NCI study, the rate was 232.6 per 100,000 population. The rate of skin cancers in the Atlanta area exceeds that for all other forms of cancer studied.

The sunburn prediction index being tried in the Atlanta area is the first of its kind in the Southeast and the second in the nation. Another is in operation at the University of Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson, where skin cancers occur at a rate four times the national average.

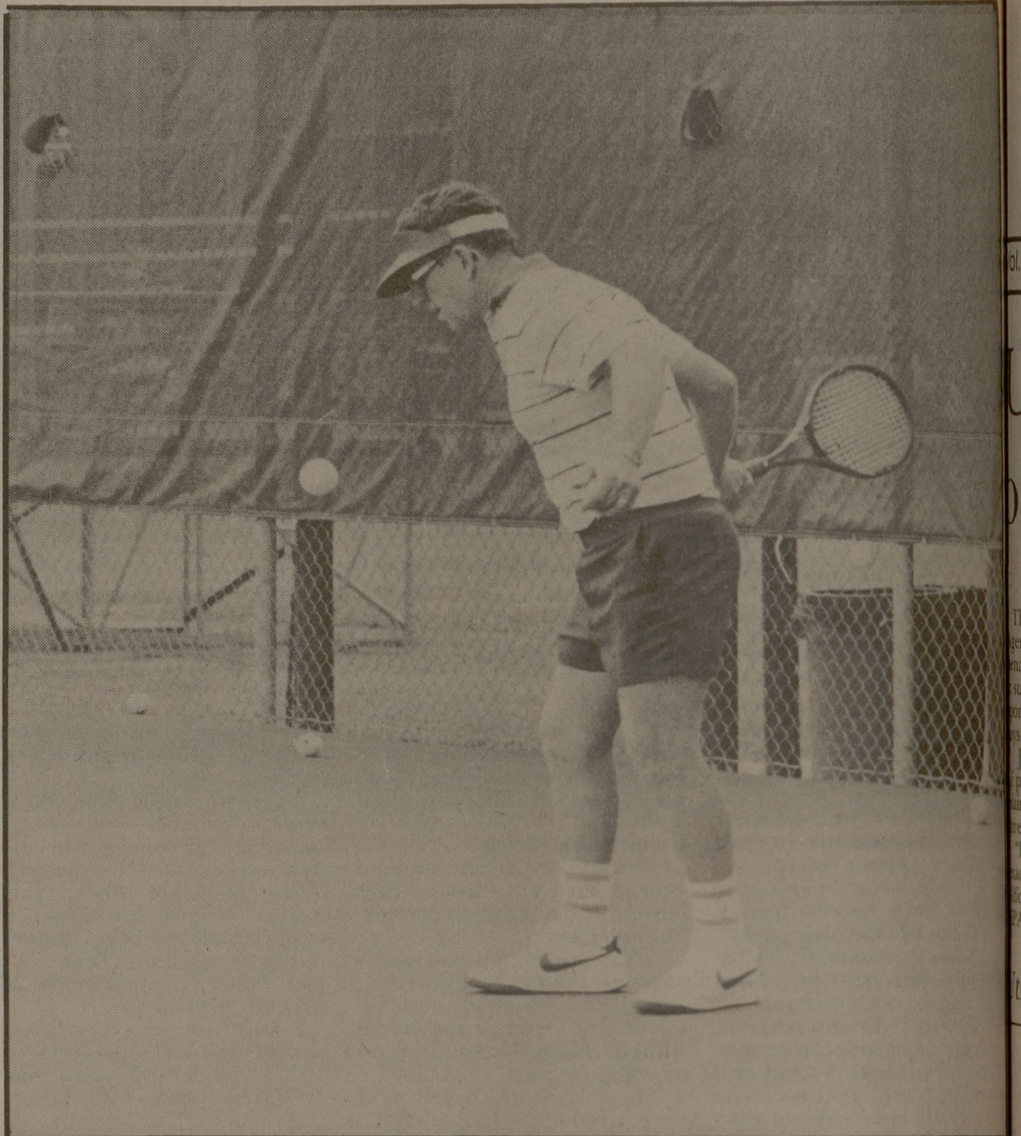
"What is alarming is that in Atlanta and all across America, more and more young people

are getting skin cancer, probably because of our leisure lifestyle," Jones said.

He said one reason for the higher number of skin cancers in Atlanta might be the large number of fair-skinned people of Scots-Irish ancestry living in the area. Fair-skinned individuals are more susceptible to sun-caused skin damage.

The researchers said the problem might also be traced to the favorable attitude toward suntanned bodies, more skin being exposed to the sun, and a possible impairment of the earth's protective ozone barrier.

Dobes and Jones said people should avoid unprotected exposure to the sun during periods of the day with high levels of dangerous rays — between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. They suggested that the head and neck be protected with hats and sunscreen preparations and that children be taught to protect themselves against the sun.



Swinging practice

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David Kent, tennis coach for the Texas A&M Tennis Team, sized up the opposition Wednesday afternoon

with his son Trey, who plays tennis for Louisiana Tech University. Coaching tips were not included.

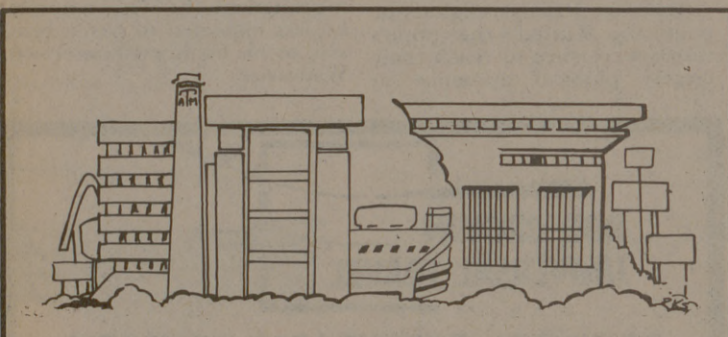
## Rape conviction stands in court

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AUSTIN, — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday upheld the conviction and life sentence of a chauffeur, 38, who was convicted of raping his employer, 70.

The court rejected the appeal

from Dallas County of Homer Junior Jackson, who was sentenced under the habitual criminal act.

According to testimony, Jackson fell asleep in the bed where the assault occurred and was still asleep when police arrived.



## Around town

Magazine to be published here

The American Archivist, a journal published by the Society of American Archivists, is now headquartered here.

Published four times a year, the journal includes theoretical and practical articles on arrangement and description, finding aids, references and access, appraisal and preservation of archives.

Dr. Charles Schultz, professor of library science and archivist here, will be editor of the 3,500-circulation journal while it is housed at the University.

### Departments receive \$27,000 grant

Union Texas Petroleum of Houston has presented Texas A&M with \$27,000 in grants.

A donation of \$12,000 was designated for faculty support in petroleum engineering. Another \$15,000 grant will be divided equally among the College of Business Administration, Department of Geology and the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

Presenting the check for Union Texas Petroleum were G.J. "Bud" Wilson, Jr., vice president and general manager of U.S. exploration and production and Michael Wolff, manager for employment.

Receiving the grant on behalf of Texas A&M were Dr. Doug Von Gonten, head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Dr. William Mobley, dean of the College of Business Administration, Dr. Karl Koenig, head of the Department of Geology and Dr. Robert Walker, vice president for development.

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## Corrigan

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"We are already short now by 4,500 teachers," Corrigan said. "The difference between the number leaving and the number graduating from college is about 4,500."

The third problem has resulted from a larger number of teachers quitting at a faster rate than ever before because other professional opportunities are more attractive.

"You graduate in the math or

science field today and you start out with a salary of \$11,346 in teaching," Corrigan said. "What happens is you could go into a computer corporation and make \$26,000."

"The data shows that teachers just are unable to survive. The myth of the public is that teachers work nine months and they have three months off. The data shows that they have to work in the summer just to survive economically."

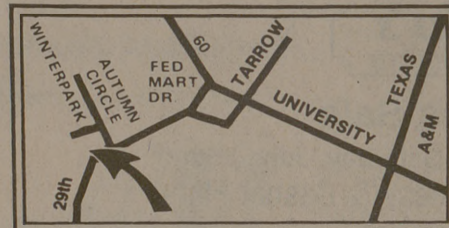
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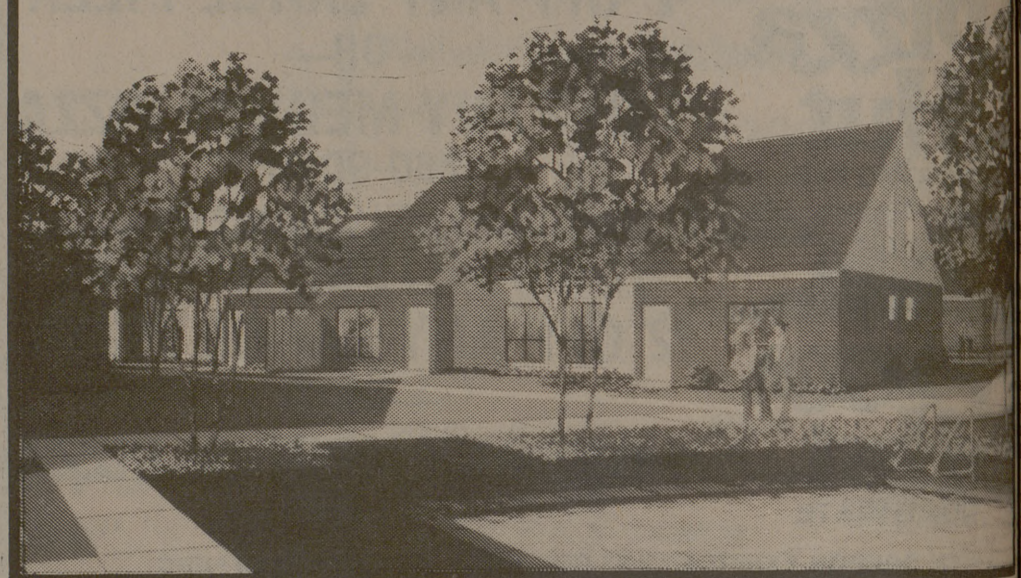
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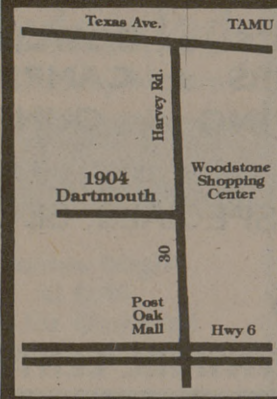
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