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# Book traces career of John DeLorean

United Press International NEW YORK — The saga of John DeLorean is a tale of the power of self-delusion and investors who relied too much on other people's judgments, according to two journalists who coauthored a book on the embattled automaker.

The moral of the story, said financial writer James Srodes, may be that "it's too easy for us to turn over control of our lives to other people." DeLorean lost \$500 million

of "other people's money," he said, but every person and government that got involved had the means to check the truth be-hind DeLorean's selfpromotion.

Srodes and Ivan Fallon, city editor of Britain's Sunday Tele-graph, began following the De-Lorean story when the former General Motors executive convinced the British government to bankroll an automobile factory in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The British government believed if the Securities and Exchange Commission felt the deal was okay it was okay," said Fallon. "The auditors felt if the bankers said it was okay it was okay and so on.

In their book, "Dream Maker — The Rise and Fall of John DeLorean," Fallon and Srodes chronicle DeLorean's career as one of Detroit's most successful auto executives, and later as selfstyled critic of American car construction and Detroit's corporate philosophy. DeLorean's dream of found-

ing his own car company came to a crashing halt last year when he was arrested for cocaine trafficking in California. The epi-sode was portrayed as an attempt to save his foundering Northern Ireland car factory. Fallon and Srodes see it as

just the last in a series of shady deals in which DeLorean be-came involved as he sought money for his own high-flying lifestyle and his ambitions to become a power in the automobile industry once again.

DeLorean promised to build an "ethical" sportscar that would be long-lasting, safe and efficient. But the car itself proved to way we do business." be a disappointment, the authors said

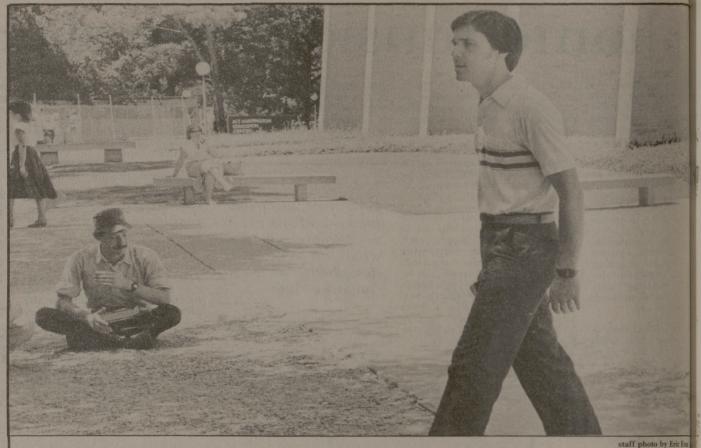
Cutting corners to reduce the development time and costs, De-Lorean insisted only on marketing-oriented features like the gullwing doors, and enough room behind the front seats to

store a set of golf clubs. "Jim and I saw three cars still stored in the factory the other day and they've got rust spots on them," Fallon said. "This car was supposed to be built of material

that would never rust." Srodes said he became suspicious of the DeLorean myth when he looked through previously published DeLorean stories and came across the same cliches over and over — "maver-ick," "swinger," "the man who fired General Motors."

A trip to Detroit, he said, produced a picture of a "totally different man" from the one de-scribed in the articles. "Ivan and I decided we had a book," he "The more we started said. working on the idea the more we realized it was not just a book for Britain — it was a very impor-tant story for America about the

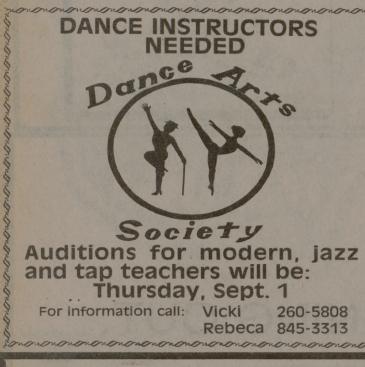
The British lent money to "a myth, not a man," said Fallon.



### Spreading his word

Ron Tewson, the adviser to the A&M Christian Fellowship, picked a sunny afternoon

on Tuesday to speak to students by the Harrington classroom building.



# Interest in sport keeps growing Roller skating attracts 39 million

**United Press International** FORT WORTH - An estimated 39 million Americans participate in a sport which is used to sell KoolAid and cupcakes, is endorsed by the Amer-ican Heart Association and can

be done while disco dancing. It is roller skating. The 2,500 hard-core rink rats who came to Fort Worth recently for the 1983 United States Amateur 1983 United States Amateur Roller Skating Championships are proof that interest in the sport is growing. "People have found that it is a

real sport they can participate in," says Charles Wahlig, coach at both the Pan American

Games and the World Skating two hours a day on wheels dur-Championships. He also is a for-ing his childhood. Championships. He also is a former world champion in both speed and artistic events.

"When I was skating in the early 1950s, there were about 500 contestants at the national championships," he said. "That figure has grown fivefold. We have more people competing and everyone is better. The

team's phenomenal rise in world speed skating. In 1978, the U.S. men's speed

team was 12th in the world. In 1979, American skaters began working out at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., and, by 1981, the a position it retained in 1982.

"At Colorado Springs we learned things like weight training, technique and sports medi-cine, such as diet and keeping body fat down," Wahlig said.

Dean Huffman, a two-time gold medalist at the world meet,

'I really enjoyed it," he said.

'I feel more comfortable on my skates than on my feet." Huffman, who retired at 23, works for a wheel manufacturer in Santa Barbara, Calif., and still skates a couple of hours a day.

"Because we have four wheels," skater Tina Kneisley said, "we can do things you can't really do on the ice."

'I wanted to stay as close as possible to the sport," he said. "It enabled me to do a lot of travelgot to meet interesting people." Tina Kneisley of Marion,

Fort Worth and will represent the United States for the sixth time at the World Championships in Fort Worth Oct. 19-22.

We compete in the artistic events just like you would see on the ice," she said. "It's very similar, but you have different points of balance. Because we have four wheels, we can do things you can't really do on the

She has skated competitively 15 years. "Really I've been on skates

since I was 10 months old," Kneisley said.

The 20-year-old junior at Bowling Green State University said skating led to her decision to study public relations.

"I would say I'm a pretty outgoing person," she said. "To be able to go out there and compete before all those people and strut your stuff for the judges, you have to be aggressive and willing ing all over the world. I got to see a lot of things I would never have seen without the sport and ality on the floor is a definite advantage."

Past competitions have taken Ohio, took third place in the her to Portugal, West Germany, began skating at age 9 and spent artistic singles competition in New Zealand, Columbia, Japan,

Italy and Puerto Rico. The United State dominated the artistic of tion on the world level for al years, Wahlig said. George Pickard, gene retary of the U.S. Amate

federation of Roller S said the sport reached the of its popularity when the roller skating craze per 1982.

"But it wasn't a fad ha zled, like the hula-hoop said. "A lot of people staye

"Roller skating is a good diovascular exercise," 'And you don't have the to the knees that you d jogging because you

gliding. Sports physiologists a American Heart Associ which endorses skating, mate that, at a moderates it burns at least 500 calo hour.

'The heart association for lifetime sports - acting person could continue the adulthood," Pickard said 'Have you ever seen a smile?" he said.

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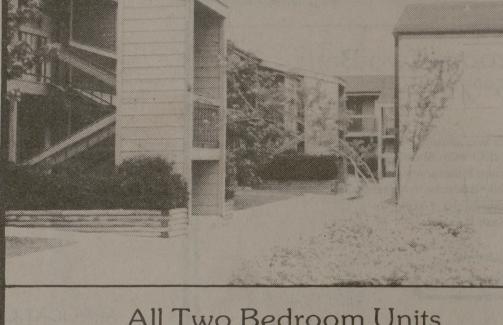
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