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A Cadet and a Gentleman

Bob Ellithorpe, a junior engineering technology major from Belgium, looks at movie posters in the memorial student center. The sale lasts until Friday.

Investigation pending

Airline ticket-holder protection questioned

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole, concerned about the Continental Airlines case, asked for an investigation Monday of whether existing regulations adequately protect passengers holding tickets on bankrupt airlines.

Dole, in a petition filed by the department with the Civil Aeronautics Board, asked the government agency to look into certain aspects of the Continental bankruptcy case.

An industry agreement stipulates airlines must accept tickets of a defunct carrier. Continental suspended domestic flights Sept. 24 when it filed for reorganization under federal bankruptcy laws. Last Tuesday, it resumed about one-fourth of its flights with a third of its employees, called

back from layoffs at reduced pay and increased working hours.

When Continental took the unprecedented step of temporarily shutting down its domestic operations and then resuming a sharply reduced flight schedule, the so-called default plan — a provision to have other airlines honor Continental tickets — did not go into effect.

The department asked the board to make a quick determination whether the default plan's provisions were properly observed. It also asked the CAB to decide whether the plan should be modified to provide relief when there is a partial shutdown of an airline's operations.

The petition said the Continental bankruptcy and service reduction raise an important issue — whether

the passenger protection arrangements currently available furnish adequate assurance. It also asked for a determination whether airline customers are being subjected to excessive financial risks in purchasing tickets.

The department stressed it is taking no position on whether the default plan was properly observed.

In a related development, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters urged Congress and the Reagan administration to take action to correct what it called deficiencies of the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978.

The union blamed the law that permits airlines to adjust ticket prices and cut back on service for the current problems of the industry.

Disabled farmers meet, discuss stress problems

by Debbie E. Warren

Battalion Reporter
Disabled farmers and their families will meet at Texas A&M today and Wednesday to discuss technical and stress-related problems they have to deal with every day.

Gary Nelson, an extension agriculture safety engineer, says the purpose of the conference is to inform disabled farmers about machinery modifications that would make their jobs easier.

"I think the point that we're trying to make," Nelson says, "is that with a little technical know-how, disabilities can become more of an inconvenience than a disability. You just have to change some assumptions."

"We design equipment with the assumption that you have two hands, two arms and two legs. There's no reason why we can't design this equipment to fit other body parts as well."

Nelson says he recently talked to a farmer who is paralyzed except for his neck and elbows. He says the farmer operates a piece of heavy equipment by switching gears with his elbows.

"We have found that these modifications aren't that expensive," Nelson says.

In addition to machinery modifications, Nelson says, the conference

will include information that will not be related to agriculture.

"We will talk about things like wheelchair maintenance and repair and the design of clothing for the disabled," Nelson says.

"We will also talk about preventing back injuries for the families of the disabled because they are now lifting what the stronger man probably lifted before. In addition they have to lift and handle the injured."

The conference also will help disabled farmers manage personal and family stress related to the disability, Nelson says.

"As I understand it, losing a hand is very similar to losing a family member," Nelson says. "You go through the same psychological loss process. First you deny that it happened. Then you get angry that it happened. Then you try to blame somebody else and then you enter a depressed stage. The final step is acceptance and some people never get to that final stage."

Nelson says he is expecting between 25 to 200 disabled farmers and ranchers at the conference and the broad range reflects the farmers' special problems.

"They (the farmers) often wait until the last minute to decide if they are going to come," Nelson said.

"In order to participate they have to expose themselves to travel and facilities that may be hostile to them. If you're disabled in a wheelchair, you're hesitant to leave surroundings that are comfortable."

Nelson says this is the first time disabled farmers have been recognized in the area, but he hopes the conference will help form a national organization for disabled farmers.

"I think they need a national organization," he says. "The advantage here is they get to exchange information with others who may have similar problems, similar machinery modification needs and just similar needs in general. You don't feel alone so much. You know there are a bunch of people out there sharing the same problems and you can share the solutions."

The two-day conference will be held in Room 206 of the Memorial Student Center. Conference sessions began today at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 7 tonight. Wednesday's sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m.

Business at Manor East is 'on an uphill climb'

by Lauri Reese

Battalion Reporter
Business is picking up at Manor East Mall in Bryan now that the novelty of Post Oak Mall in College Station has worn off, store managers, employees and customers say.

Donna Wescott, manager of Galenkamp Shoes, said the opening of Post Oak Mall in February 1982 was rough on Manor East Mall, but now business is on an uphill climb.

"We struggled through and we made it and that's the important thing," Wescott said.

Cindy Brannen, advertising and promotions director of Culpepper Properties, the owner of Manor East

Mall, said it was hard for Manor East Mall to adjust because it had been the only mall for so long.

Post Oak Mall has helped Manor East Mall because it has drawn people from bordering towns into the area, Brannen said. People now are making Bryan and College Station their shopping headquarters, she said.

However, Manor East Mall has had to increase its promotion and advertising efforts to get the customers back, she said, but that's what competition is for. Most of the extra promotion work has been in community and family-oriented activities, Brannen said.

Events planned for October in-

clude the Friends of the Library Book Sale, fire prevention at Center Stage, a chrysanthemum exhibit and a "happy" celebration for children with candy, skits, clowns and movies.

After Thanksgiving, the mall will offer free baby-sitting every Saturday in its community room, Brannen said.

The mall and its facilities, including the parking lots, are available for campus groups to use for things such as fund-raisers, she said. MSC Town Hall will use the mall to promote its Broadway plays.

Wescott said most store employees are making an extra effort to get the shoppers back by improving customer service and becoming more friend-



staff photo by Dean Saito

This was the scene at Manor East Mall since the 'novelty' of Post Oak Mall Monday. Business has been increasing has worn off, say store managers.

ly and helpful, she said.

Wescott said part of the reason the customers are coming back is the great variety of stores at Manor East Mall.

Manor East Mall has Eckerd's, Wal-mart, J.C. Penney, Montgomery

Ward, McDonald's, El Chico, and at least 30 other stores.

Chris Worthen, who owns T-Shirts Plus stores in both malls with her husband Chris Worthen, said Manor East Mall has more specialty stores, more small businesses in which the mana-

ger is the owner.

While she said the two malls are entirely different, each one is good depending on what the customer wants.

Brannen said Manor East Mall has more serious shoppers.

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Forecast

Partly cloudy and warm — highs in the upper 80's. No rain expected.

Army reservists' jobs under fire

United Press International

HOUSTON — A sheriff's organization Monday filed suit asking that the Texas private investigator's board not be allowed to file criminal complaints against army reserve officers who work security jobs without private security licenses.

The suit was filed in Harris County District Court by the Greater Texas Peace Officers Association. The suit requests that the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agency be enjoined from filing criminal complaints against reserve officers who also work with security agencies.

Reservists have been excluded from second jobs since Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr.

issued a legal report in June interpreting state law as saying law enforcement officers who serve voluntarily cannot legally work at security jobs for pay unless they are licensed under the Texas Private Security Act.

Since then, one deputy constable has been charged under the act.

An attorney representing the reservists said the law is discriminatory because it allows private investigators with less training and experience than reserve law officers to hold paid security jobs.

Reservists must have at least 100 hours of law enforcement instruction. Private investigators need only 30 hours.

A hearing has been set for Oct. 13.

Yale president to meet with faculty, students

by Christine Mallon

Battalion Staff
The president of Yale University will deliver a series of public policy addresses here today through Thursday as part of the annual Miller Lecture Series.

A. Bartlett Giamatti, president of Yale and a member of the National Commission of Excellence in Education, will present several lectures and meet with Texas A&M students and faculty.

His major public address entitled, "The Role of the Federal Government in Higher Education," will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

He will also speak today and Thursday in Room 204 of the Ster-

ling C. Evans Library at 4 p.m. Today's topic will be "University/Industry Relations" and Thursday's topic will be "The Role of Athletics in Education."

The Miller Lecture Series was established in 1981 with a \$150,000 grant from Cooper Industries, a Houston-based manufacturing firm, in honor of E.L. Miller, chairman of the board.

The lecture series is designed to bring international authorities on public policy to speak here.

Giamatti received a bachelor's degree in English and doctoral degree in comparative literature from Yale. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the



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