

Students' opinions sought in survey

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To find out how students feel about various issues, a questionnaire will be sent out this week to 1,000 students by the Student Government. The survey, conducted by the Census and Research Committee, is composed of questions on which the senators would like to get student opinion. The questions concern issues such as shuttle bus service, academic advising plans and lighting on campus. Also on the survey is a space where students can write opinions on issues that are not on the questionnaire

that they feel the Student Government should address.

The survey was compiled after topics were given to the committee by the senators. The questions were designed to have as little bias as possible, Jana Nelson, co-chairman of the committee, said.

Students on the mailing list for the survey were chosen in a computerized random sample conducted by the registrar's office.

Nelson and Mickail Sharp, chairmen of the committee, were recommended by statistics professor Dr. Laurel Smith to conduct the survey.

To obtain accurate results,

the committee wants at least 650 responses. If that many responses are not returned within three weeks, the survey will be completed by phone.

Nelson said she doesn't expect problems with the response because the survey is short, anonymous, and gives students a chance to tell Student Government how they feel about various issues.

The survey should be complete with results in three weeks, Nelson and Sharp said. A report of the results will be given to the Student Government by Thanksgiving.

Cotton producers to meet foreign textile leaders in Lubbock

United Press International
LUBBOCK, — High Plains cotton producers got a chance this week to meet 30 textile leaders from nine Far Eastern countries on a tour of cotton production, processing and merchandising operations.

The U.S. Agriculture Department sponsored the tour along with the National Cotton Council, Cotton Council International and other cotton-related groups.

The Plains Cotton Growers Inc. of Lubbock coordinated the tour's activities in Lubbock, officials said. The nine countries bought 62 percent of the U.S. cotton exports in the 1980-81 crop year.

"Over 90 percent of this cotton was in the short to medium

staple categories produced here on the Plains," Donald Johnson, executive vice president of the Plains Cotton Growers, said Tuesday.

Japan, Korea, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Philip-

pines, Thailand, Indonesia and Taiwan were each represented by two to seven officials. The representatives arrived in Lubbock Monday night and planned to leave Wednesday.

"PCC's involvement with

these people is an effort to put more of our cotton into their markets," Johnson added.

His association coordinated the activities for the Lubbock visit, which is part of an annual U.S. Cotton Orientation Tour.

Corn needed for livestock

United Press International
EL PASO — The Reagan administration is unnecessarily delaying the release of 22.6 million bushels of corn to help drought-stricken West Texas ranchers feed their livestock, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said Tuesday.

He said the government has spent more than \$22 million in storage fees to grain elevator operators in Plainview, while cattle are dying because of the drought in more than 30 Texas counties.

"U.S. Commissioner of Agriculture John Block said last week he will no longer oppose the legislation to force him to sell the corn to the ranchers," Hightower said.

Hightower said a member of his staff delivered a letter to Block Tuesday, calling on the Agriculture Department to release the grain immediately.

"We're not releasing it, if the government doesn't release it soon, they'll have to dig it out and bury it," he said. "The Reagan administration is mixing up its economic theories with farming and they're not making a lot of sense."

Hightower said the drought in West Texas was the worst in the history of the state.

Corn stored in the grain elevators in Plainview is sufficient

to feed all the cattle, sheep and other livestock in the drought area for the entire winter, Hightower said.

"There have been some rains in the area, and that means there will be grazing in the spring," he said. "The ranchers who are down to their breeding stock, are relying on that government corn to get them through the winter so they can build their herds back up."

Hightower said the pending legislation would force the Agriculture Department to sell the corn at discount prices to ranchers.

"This administration makes Scrooge look generous," he said.

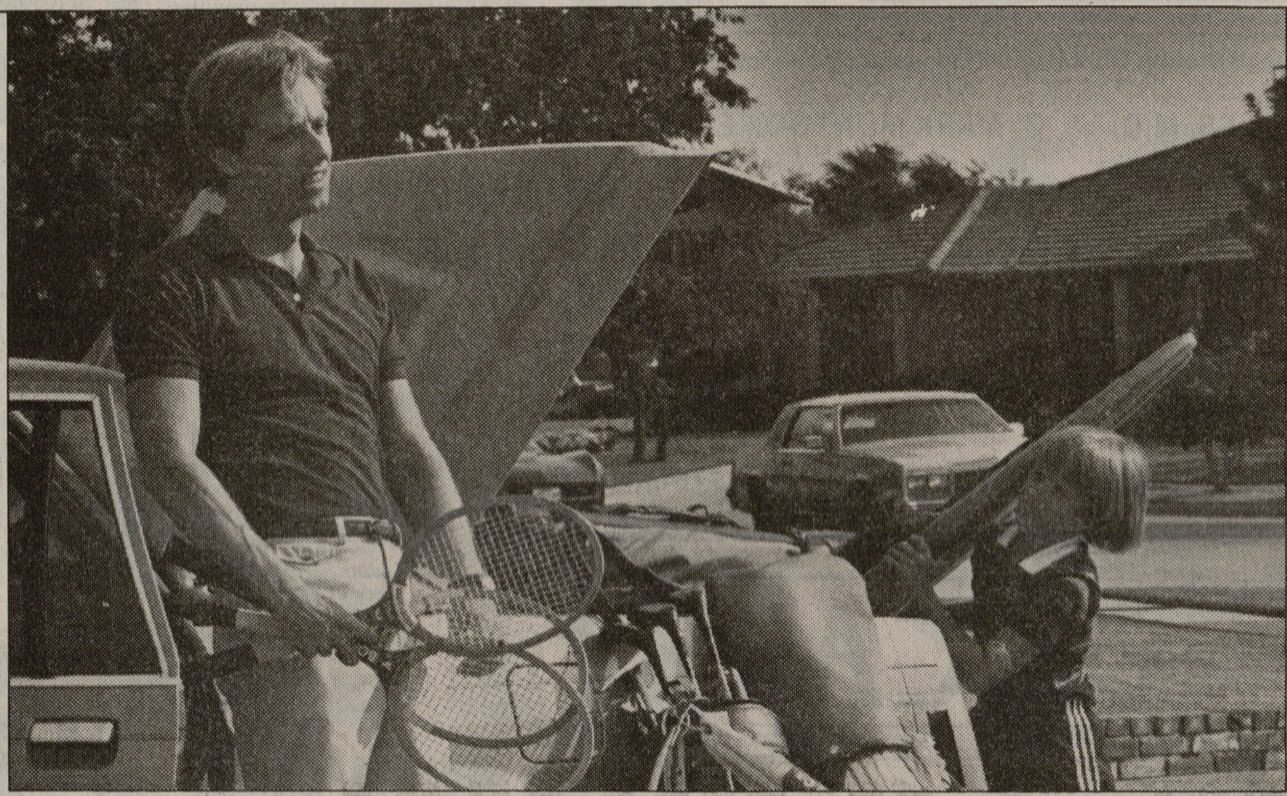
Hightower, in his letter to Block, cited several sections of federal law which give Block the authority to release the corn without further action by Congress.

Block recently said that he does not have the authority to release the corn until Congress passes legislation specifically directing him to do so.

Hightower said the West Texas area recently received a three-day soaking rain that considerably brightens the picture for improved grass on the range

next spring. "The improved outlook makes it all the more important that our ranchers are able to

hold onto as many of their breeding stock as possible through the winter," Hightower said.



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