

Stacks for the stack

Mike Davis, Battalion staff

Rows and rows of wood wait to be wired onto the bonfire stack as Push Week continues. Work is being done around the clock until the stack is completed. Bonfire is scheduled for Nov. 25.

Use of refunds debated

United Press International
AUSTIN — A formula that would allocate to customers \$41 million in fuel overcharges collected by Gulf States Utilities Co. was recommended to the Public Utility Commission by Texas' consumer counsel.

But the Beaumont-based electric utility has asked the PUC for authority to invest the money in a coal-fired generating plant now under construction in Louisiana.

GSU recovered the money from the company's fuel supplier, United Gas Pipeline Co., in a lawsuit over natural gas supplied to two generating plants in Louisiana.

A PUC hearing examiner will hear evidence on the distribution of the award in January.

Public Counsel Jim Boyle said his office intervened because of a concern that large industrial users would collect up to 80 percent of the money if the PUC bases refunds on a 10-year usage plan.

Boyle said it would be unfair for industrial customers to receive any of the refund because they have already passed on the overcharge costs to their customers.

The plan submitted by Boyle's office calls for \$5 million to be set aside for such energy

conservation investments as weatherization, rebates to buyers of efficient appliances and loans for insulating homes.

"Our energy conservation plan will put \$5 million to work in lowering everyone's electric bill — money which might otherwise have predominantly enriched the profits of large industrial customers," Boyle said.

The remaining \$36 million would be distributed by direct

cash refunds to various classes of consumers, with current residential customers getting a uniform amount.

GSU, which serves more than 500,000 customers in East and Southeast Texas, has also asked the PUC for permission to take a \$1.8 million cut from the award for legal fees.

But Boyle said the company's rate base already makes an allowance for legal fees.

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by Paul Dirmeyer

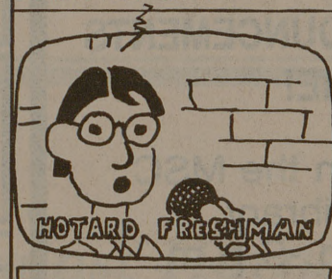
I'M SPEAKING TO VICTOR 'TYKE' EWING-HOTARD RESIDENT. WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING A FRESHMAN IN HOTARD?



WELL, I GUESS IT'S NOT TOO BAD. THE OLDER GUYS LIKE TO KID AROUND ALOT.



WELL, THEY PUT SHAVING-CREAM UNDER MY DOOR AND HIDE MY BED AND BELONGINGS ALOT. BUT I THINK THEY LIKE ME.



DID I TELL YOU HOW THEY HUNG ME FROM THE WATER PIPES BY MY THUMBS? WE'LL RETURN AFTER THIS COMMERCIAL.



2nd batch arrives at London

Planes bring cruise missiles

United Press International
LONDON — Giant American transport planes apparently carrying a second batch of cruise missiles and possibly nuclear warheads landed Tuesday, sparking protests and the arrests of 125 women. In another outburst, red paint was sprayed in the British defense minister's face.

The women were arrested at Greenham Common airbase west of London where the missiles were arriving after they blockaded the main gate in a chanting, singing demonstration.

As they stopped traffic, a U.S. C-5a Galaxy and a C-141 Starlifter landed on a runway guarded by paratroopers and a vehicle-mounted gun.

Reporters at the scene said six or eight long crates were wheeled toward the missile storage silos and other cylinders, thought to be the warheads, also were unloaded from the planes.

Describing the cylinders a BBC television reporter said, "It is thought they are the nuclear warheads." Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles are scheduled to be deployed by NATO in Britain, West Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and Italy to counter Soviet missiles.

The defense ministry refused to comment on the contents of the planes.

Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine, who announced Monday's arrival of the first cruise missiles, was sprayed with red paint by an anti-nuclear demonstrator at Manchester University in northern England.

Heseltine looked shaken as police hustled him through an

angry crowd of some 200 hecklers, many shouting "out, out, out," in front of the student union where the minister gave a speech. As Heseltine left, two eggs were thrown at him.

A Starlifter landed Monday at Greenham Common and Heseltine told Parliament it carried the first new cruise missiles for Britain. But he said he would be making no further arrival announcements.

In Parliament Tuesday, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told opposition Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock he was talking "absolute rubbish" when he accused her of being a lackey to the United States.

The Greenham Common "peace camp" women, whose

numbers have swelled considerably since Monday, sang and chanted as they tied themselves to the base gates with strands of wool. They held up traffic for nearly an hour. About 40 policemen dragged them away.

At the nuclear submarine base at Faslane, Scotland, 230 miles northwest of London,

three men scaled the radio communications tower and stayed aloft for six hours before coming down, a defense ministry spokeswoman said.

She said the men, who held a banner that read "no cruise," were arrested when they came down and were charged with trespassing.

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