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by Scott McCullar



Alcohol ban placed on rail crews

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 WASHINGTON — The Transportation Department proposed Wednesday the first federal ban on alcohol and drug use by railroad crews, expanding authority to test the workers but requiring leniency for those who seek treatment.

Spokesmen for the railroads and rail unions gave qualified support to the proposed rules, announced by Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole at a Senate Commerce subcommittee meeting.

Unions, however, expressed fear of harassment in the testing process and railroads had a mixed reaction to the mandate of leniency for workers who voluntarily seek treatment

for drug or alcohol problems.

Dole, who has been working with the industry and the unions for months to work out the regulations, said she hopes to make the rules final in September after hearings are held.

Use of alcohol and drugs has been outlawed by railroads for more than a century. Recent accidents and surveys, however, show it is a greater problem for railroads than for any other form of transportation except the private automobile.

The proposed rules would:

- Prohibit on-the-job use of alcohol or drugs by railroad employees. An employee is considered "impaired" if blood alcohol content is

quired to prove drunken automobile driving.

- Require post-accident testing for drugs and alcohol, and require railroads to report all results to the government.
- Require pre-employment drug screening.
- Require railroads to maintain employment for any employee who admits an alcohol problem and volunteers for treatment. Co-workers also could turn in fellow employees with drinking or drug problems, and there could be no discipline if the accused worker volunteers for evaluation and treatment.

Senate panel ends loophole

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 WASHINGTON — A Senate panel Wednesday closed a loophole in federal highway fund allocations, which could mean an additional \$64.5 million for Texas beginning Oct. 1, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee also passed Bentsen's amendment encouraging states to plant wildflowers rather than grass alongside highways.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Tuesday.

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- Two rear hubcaps and part of the trim were stolen from a 1978 Mercury parked in front of the Memorial Student Center.

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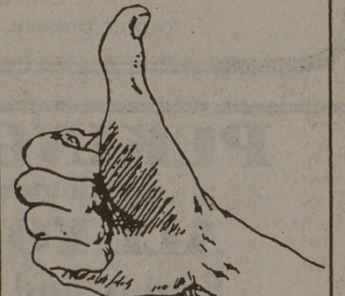
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Wednesday June 13

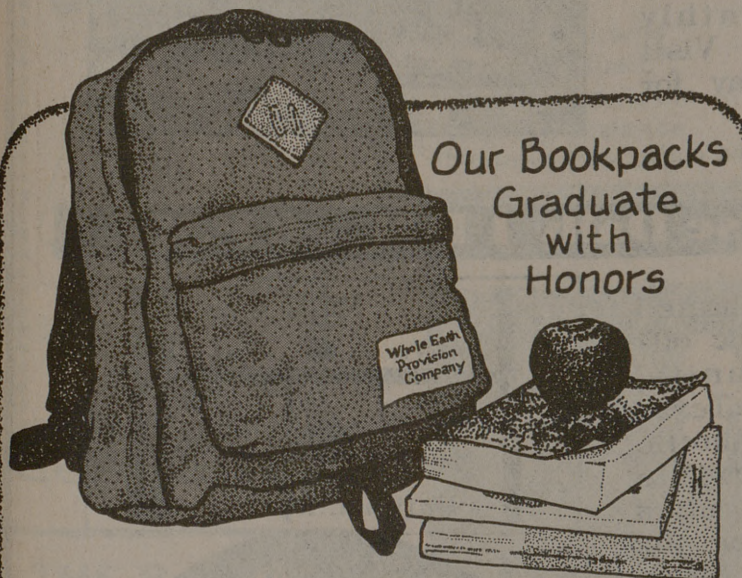
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