

## Committee reports to be heard

The Texas A&M Faculty Senate holds its monthly meeting today at 3:15 p.m. in 701 Rudder Tower.

Items on the agenda include curriculum additions and revisions as well as reports from several Senate committees.

Dean of Faculties Clinton Phillips will address the Senate on tenure and promotion policies and international programs.

Any interested students, faculty or staff are welcome to attend the Senate meetings.

## Child with baboon heart has brief rejection period

# Baby Fae could receive another heart

**United Press International**  
LOMA LINDA, Calif. — Tiny Baby Fae underwent a brief rejection episode when her immune system tried to reject the baboon heart keeping her alive, but she responded to medication and was doing well Sunday.

The 3-week-old infant who had historic cross-species transplant surgery 16 days ago may receive another baboon heart if she rejects the one implanted, a doctor said.

"We have diagnosed an episode of rejection," said Dr. Robin Doroshov, a pediatrician at the hospital, on the television news show 'Face The Na-

tion.' "It is not critical. Her clinical condition appears normal."

A spokeswoman at Loma Linda Medical Center said the baby was diagnosed as of Sunday morning as "showing a favorable response to anti-rejection treatment and no new signs of rejection."

"They (doctors) feel the baby continues to do well clinically in spite of this brief rejection episode," the spokeswoman said. "She feeds, grasps at objects, cries when she's hungry and shows normal heart function."

The hospital also said that Baby Fae showed no signs of infection and

that her antibiotics had been discontinued.

Doroshov said doctors have known that the infant was in the early stages of rejection for "just a couple of days," and confirmed the condition late in the week.

She said the hospital has been authorized to perform another baboon heart transplant, but that another such operation is dependent on the results of the transplant already performed.

Doctors will consider another baboon heart or a human heart implant if she rejects her current animal organ.

"If she has a rejection to the point we cannot control, we would consider another transplant," Doroshov said. "She is registered for a human heart. Another baboon heart could also be considered at that time."

Baby Fae was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a fatal condition.

The highly experimental surgery drew world wide attention and sparked questions about its ethics.

The baby's real name and her parents have never been identified. They are known only to be Barstow,

Calif. residents, and the hospital has taken great pains to protect their privacy.

Jack Provonsha, head of the hospital's ethics department who also appeared on the CBS show, said the secrecy of the parents' identification was vital to protect the rights of the infant.

He said doctors did not make any guarantees to the baby's parents before the operation.

Asked what they were led to expect, he said. "We told the parents we really don't know and certainly can't promise anything."

## Son spreads Gandhi's ashes over mountains

**United Press International**

NEW DELHI, India — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi scattered the ashes of his slain mother Indira Gandhi over the glistening Himalayas Sunday from a plane with a jet fighter escort, fulfilling her final wish to be entrusted to "The Great Lord of the Snows."

Gandhi, who succeeded his mother as prime minister hours after she was assassinated Oct. 31, dropped the ashes from a special platform on a Soviet-built AN-12 air force plane as it flew at 26,000 feet across the skies of northern India accompanied by two air force fighters.

Gandhi said his mother had asked that her remains be scattered over the glaciers where the holy Ganges River begins its descent to the Bay of Bengal and be "entrusted to the care of The Great Lord of the Snows."

"In near freezing temperatures and absolute stillness, under the shade of massive ice walls glistening in the azure blue sky, the prime minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, struggling to maintain his composure, carried out his mother's last wish," the Indian news agency PTI said in a report radioed from the plane.

With the 30-minute flight ending the official 12-day mourning period for the woman who led India for almost two decades, the party she molded to reflect her personality as well as her name — congress-I — prepared to meet today to name her son as successor.

Gandhi is expected to be formally elected president by the entire party at today's meeting in a unanimous vote, putting him in position to contest general elections that by law must take place before January.

He was elected head of the party's parliamentary board two days after his mother was murdered by two of her Sikh bodyguards.

If the 40-year-old former airline pilot is re-elected prime minister he will continue until 1990 the nearly unbroken Gandhi dynasty begun at independence in 1947 by his grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Gandhi is considered relatively inexperienced for the task of running a nation of 720 million people.

But opposition parties are weak and Congress leaders say he is the only person — by virtue of his ancestry — to mend the wounds opened when Hindu mobs attacked Sikhs across northern India to avenge Gandhi's killing.

More than 1,200 people, mostly Sikhs, died in the most widespread communal violence since independence. The rioting pitted Hindus and Sikhs for the first time and officials fear the rift between the traditional allies will have long-lasting effects on Indian politics.

Officials said more than 3,000 people have been arrested in connection with the rioting and \$6 million worth of stolen property recovered.

## World's Fair

### Uncollected trash marks end of bankrupt World's Fair

**United Press International**

NEW ORLEANS — The bankrupt 1984 World's Fair came to an end of its six-month run Sunday with subdued ceremonies in a cold wind swirling trash uncollected because the exposition could not pay its maintenance workers.

Pavilions began shutting down at mid-afternoon and the last of the nightly fireworks were scheduled for 8 p.m., nearly three hours earlier than usual. Officials said stragglers would be shooed out the gates by 10 p.m.

The end of the exposition, originally billed as a six-month Mardi Gras, was to be marked with a quiet evening ceremony — all the fair could afford — in the open-air amphitheater alongside the Mississippi River.

Even the weather marked an end to the festive season, with a biting wind sweeping from the north across Lake Pontchartrain and the temperature struggling to reach 60 despite sunshine.

The wind swirled trash left by throngs of last-minute fair visitors, strewn on the ground be-

cause the expo laid off most of its maintenance workers weeks ago when attendance plunged to record lows.

If crowds in the fair's final days — topping 200,000 the last few weekends — had been as high throughout, the debt-ridden expo might have avoided filing for bankruptcy last week.

But total attendance only squeaked to 7 million, when 12 million had been expected.

Monday, the fair's payroll will drop from 1,200 to 178 workers whose main duty will be to make

sure no one carts away fair property.

Fair officials hope to defray some of the \$140 million debt by selling bits and pieces of the expo's whimsical decorations before work begins on the city's new convention center and a riverfront shopping complex, permanent legacies of the fair.

The cupids, peacocks, urns and Greek and Roman busts that decorated the Wonderwall — created by Blaine Kern, who designs Mardi Gras floats — will be sold.

## Fair made serious mistakes in dealing with media

**United Press International**

**An analysis by ROB CLOSTER**  
NEW ORLEANS — One of the biggest mistakes World's Fair officials made in dealing with hundreds of reporters and photographers was holding a media day while the exposition was still a construction site.

One day before the May 12 opening, the nation got its first glimpse of the \$350 million fair — incomplete pavilions, reporters in hardhats and piles of garbage.

By presenting an unfinished product, fair officials tarnished the image of their extravaganza,

which lost \$140 million and filed for bankruptcy days before its Sunday closing.

But probably the worst mistake fair officials made was assuming they could save advertising dollars by encouraging the media to promote a positive image for the expo, which originally budgeted only \$5 million for advertising.

Journalists who flocked to the fair found their responsibility to report the news — even when it was bad — outweighed any desire to promote the expo.

With an absence of positive advertising, the fair's publicity was dominated by images of em-

ployee layoffs, grand jury investigations and disappointing attendance. Fair President Peter Spurney said that led to a "Catch-22."

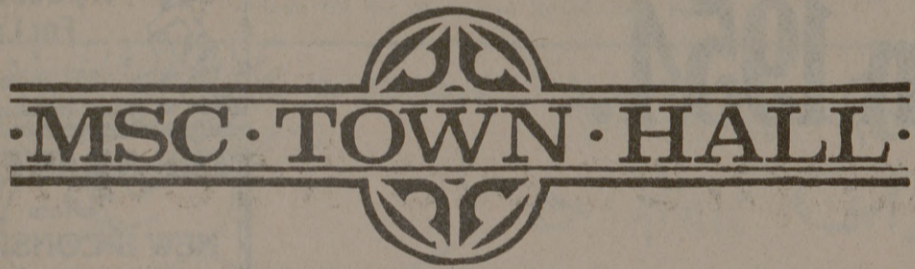
Spurney and other fair officials accused reporters of not supporting the exposition, but journalists responded they could not responsibly ignore the financial problems that affected hundreds of workers and millions of taxpayers.

Even when the fair had opportunities for positive publicity, it often stumbled because of inexperience and lack of cooperation by expo officials.

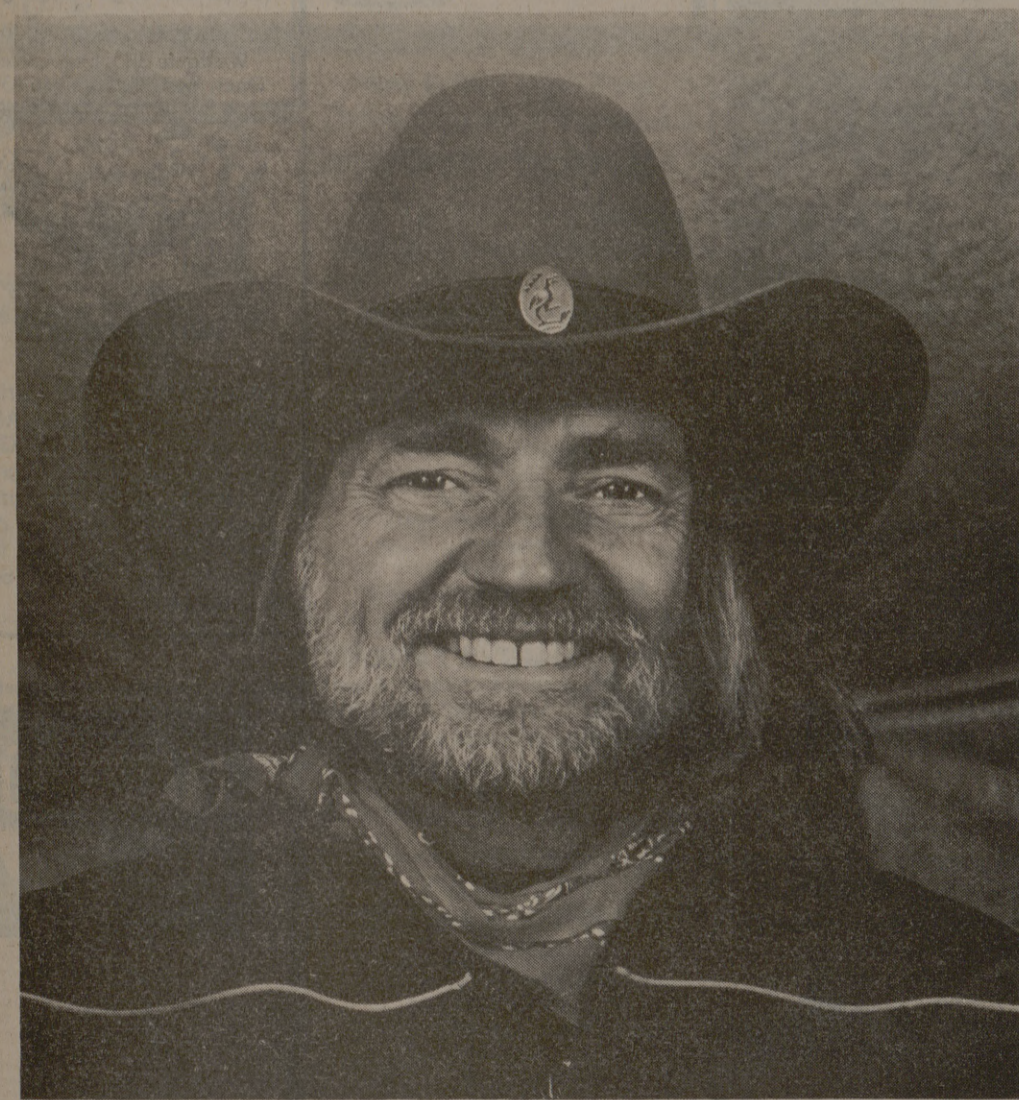
"Good Morning America," seen each day by 6.5 million people, planned to do a series of live reports from the fair. But the expo's public relations officials "just were not prepared to handle it" and the reports were cancelled, a spokeswoman for the show said.

Fair officials generally were inaccessible to reporters during the opening weeks of the exposition.

By the end of the expo, however, officials were pleading for coverage and Spurney claimed "the press wrote what they saw. They didn't create the financial problems, though they added to them."



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