

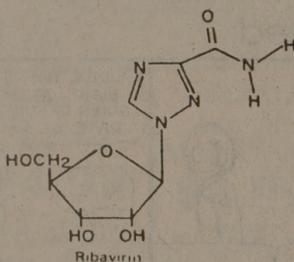
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Pooks winner in A&M Driving Championship

With the time of 14.93 seconds, James Pooks raced away with the Texas A&M Driving Championship at the National Collegiate Driving Championship Tuesday and Wednesday.

The third annual championship, hosted by A&M Sports Car Club and sponsored by the Dodge Corporation, was held in the Red Lobster parking lot.

Second and third place were claimed by Tod Whitley and Victor Luton, respectively. Whitley finished the course with a time of 15.15 seconds and Luton finished with 15.17 seconds.

Club President Jim Currie said more than 1,000 visitors watched as 352 drivers participated in the two-day event. The average time for the course was 17-18 seconds, Currie said.

Texas A&M was one of about 80 colleges and universities participating in the national championship.

Besides A&M, other universities participating include Purdue University, University of Colorado, University of Southern California, Texas Tech University, the University of Texas, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, New Mexico State University, Clemson, Stanford University, Wake Forest University and Auburn University.

Participants maneuver through an obstacle course marked with pylons.

If a driver knocks over a pylon, one second is added to his time.

The race is electronically timed. Currie said the contest emphasized steering skill and handling, not speed.

For having the best race time, Pooks will be A&M's representative at the National Grand Finals in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The three winners also will receive Dodge racing jackets and caps, Currie said.

At the Grand Finals, Pooks will compete against winners from other colleges and universities. The national event is sponsored by Dodge and other corporations.

More than \$125,000 in prizes will be awarded this year at the National Grand Finals.

Those prizes include a \$5,000 scholarship and the use of a Dodge Daytona Turbo for one year for the national first place winner and a \$3,000 scholarship and the use of a Dodge Daytona Turbo for one year for the national second place winner. The national third place winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a Dodge Daytona Turbo for one year.

The competition is supported by the National Highway Traffic Administration and the National Safety Council.

Around town

11th annual Warcon begins today

Texas' oldest wargaming convention, Warcon will be held today through Sunday. Sponsored by MSC Nova, more than a dozen tournaments will be held including Dungeons and Dragons. Also there will be a dealer's room, movies, seminars, demonstrations and open gaming. Featured this year is Project Warrior, a closed Ogre tournament for several Air Force sponsored teams and four comp teams. Registration will be held on the 2nd floor of Rudder Tower, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. For details and more information, call 845-1515.

Casino Night applications due today

Sign ups for casino dealers and casino girls for RHA Casino Night '85 will close today. Drop off all applications in the RHA office in 215 Pavilion. You must live on campus to apply. For details and information, call 1g Valdes at 260-2187. Casino Night is April 12.

English Department offers mini-courses

The Department of English is sponsoring a Writing Outreach program throughout the spring semester. The program consists of several one hour sessions designed to offer assistance to those wanting to improve their writing skills. Each session focuses on a particular topic and is open to all students, staff and faculty at no charge. The courses are not a tutoring service nor are credit hours offered. Information about each session will be printed in the What's Up column of the Battalion.

Defensive driving class begins today

Uniontech, Inc. is sponsoring a defensive driving course at the Bryan Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest to be held today, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. The course may be used for traffic ticket dismissal or 10 percent reduction on most automobile insurance policies. The fee is \$20 cash and registration is at the door. For more information, call 693-1322.

Funding

Local agricultural research survives federal budget cuts

By TRENT LEOPOLD
Staff Writer

The Cooperative Research Service, a federal agricultural research group that cooperates with Texas A&M, is the only agricultural program escaping President Reagan's proposed 1986 budget cuts.

"Of course we are happy our funds won't be cut," George Enderle, a researcher at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station said Wednesday.

Enderle said he wasn't sure exactly how much money Texas A&M receives from the service, but he estimated funds amounting to at least \$4 million were used here.

Most of the funds are used for research conducted here and in other parts of the state under the direction of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Enderle said.

"It is surprising to see this money not being cut from the budget, especially when agricultural money where Reagan has cut a lot," he said.

Proposed reductions in the budget include cuts in price-support programs, reductions in farm operating loans and a cut in funding the Great Plains Conservation Program.

U.S. House majority leader bids for speaker position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas announced Thursday he had lined up early commitments from 184 Democrats—nearly three-fourths of the majority membership—for his bid to replace House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill when he retires in two years.

Wright told a news conference he was announcing his intentions early "to clear the air and dispel rumors and intrigue."

There are currently 251 Democrats in the House, and they would have to maintain their majority in order to keep the speaker's position. Wright said he only solicited support among Democrats likely to run for re-election in 1986.

On Wednesday, two Democrats who had been rumored as potential rivals to Wright—Reps. Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Tony Coelho of California—indicated they would support Wright.

A third potential contender, Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski of Illinois, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, did not join the list of those supporting Wright, the majority leader confirmed.

However, supporters of Rostenkowski said he could muster no more than three dozen backers at this time and was not now prepared to mount a challenge.

Wright, strongly backed for the post by O'Neill, said he wanted to get

the leadership issue behind him. "Democrats in Congress may be together upon developing a reasonable legislative program."

Wright, 62, is a veteran of two decades in the House. He has been majority leader since 1977.

Some Democrats expressed criticism over Wright's early claim to victory.

"It's very premature," said Marty Russo, D-Ill., who is backing Rostenkowski for the job. "It's not enough to keep a committee around here for one hour, let alone for two years. We don't know what will happen between now and then, what the face of the Congress will be in two years."

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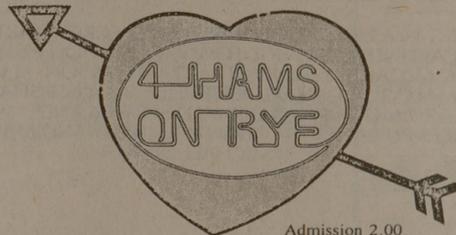
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