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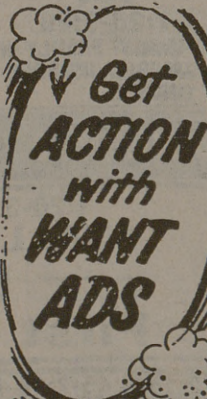
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White says state won't compromise 'no-pass, no-play'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White said Thursday the "refinements" he has promised in the no-pass, no-play rules won't include rolling back tough grade standards or shortening the six-week suspension period for failing athletes.

"I don't think there will be any changes along those lines, and I'm not going to suggest any," White said.

Under the controversial new rules, students who fail to score a 70 percent passing mark in any course will be barred from extra-curricular activities — including sports — for six weeks.

Some critics have proposed allowing students to play if they achieve 70 percent averages in all courses, even while failing one of them. They also have proposed a shorter suspension, such as two weeks, from play.

But White said he doesn't like those proposals.

"We're not going to change that 70 passing (in all classes)," he said.

"We're not going to withdraw on that."

Last week, the governor met with about two dozen high school football coaches, afterward saying, "The ball is in our court."

"We're not talking about any dramatic changes. . . . We're talking about refinements."

White on Thursday said his staff is preparing what he called "a communique" to be sent to high school officials and coaches within the next few days.

"We are still communicating with coaches and trying to work to see all the various problems that they have dealt with or dreamed up," he said. "As a result, we're going to try to address those in this response."

"The major refinement is we're going to put everybody on the side of trying to get that kid to pass."

"We're trying to help build a play-book that we can all work on and follow."

That's the way the coaches get their winning teams out there and I'm going to try to help them get a winning team on the field academically as well."

Overtime ruling may cost Texans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby told a Senate panel on Thursday that a U.S. Supreme Court decision placing state employees under federal overtime laws is expected to cost Texas \$20 million next year.

Hobby testified before the Labor Subcommittee alongside the governors of Missouri and North Carolina. They want Congress to overturn or modify the court decision to either exempt state and local government employees or give the states more time to comply.

Hobby also asked that Congress at least exempt state legislatures, like it does itself.

The February court decision was based on a lawsuit on behalf of San Antonio municipal transit employees. It means state and local governments must comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act by paying most employees overtime or giving them compensatory time off during the pay period in which it is earned.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through July 25:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• Eight bicycles were stolen from various locations on campus.
• A backpack was stolen from the Commons Dining Hall.
• A 10-ply Uniroyal tire, tire rim and two hubcaps were stolen from a truck parked behind the Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center.
• A wallet was stolen from East Kyle.

• Approximately \$600 was found missing from a bill changer on the first floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library.
• A man's stolen Pulse Automatic Teller Card was used to obtain \$590.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:
• A Yamaha equalizer was stolen from a Honda car parked in Parking Annex 46.

FELONY THEFT:
• A Chevrolet pickup was stolen from PA 24.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
• A window was taken out of a Pontiac in the Married Student Housing area.

ASSAULT:
• A man reported he was verbally assaulted and threatened with a pipe by another man at a pedestrian crosswalk.
• While walking with friends in PA 39, a man was shot in the hip by a blow dart gun from someone in a passing vehicle.

FAILURE TO IDENTIFY:
• Three people were caught while activating the alarm on the Albritton Tower.

Hobby said he based the \$20 million figure on overtime estimates by the three state agencies that would be most affected — the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Unless Congress acts, the court decision is effective Oct. 15.

"It just means there will be fewer hours spent guarding prisoners, taking care of patients in hospitals," Hobby told reporters after the hearing.

Hobby said as a "wild guess," he figured the decision would cost city governments in Texas three times the state figure.

AIDS

Hudson may be using new drug

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Experts said Thursday that no treatment being studied can cure AIDS or correct the immune system deficiencies it causes.

Nevertheless, a number of American AIDS patients have gone to France in recent months for treatment with a drug at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, where Rock Hudson has been treated.

Dr. Samuel Broder, chief of the clinical oncology program of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., said several drugs — including the French drug — can reduce the amount of AIDS virus in the bloodstream of patients but cannot consistently improve patients' health.

Broder, a specialist on experimen-

tal AIDS treatments, said he was not familiar with Rock Hudson's case and therefore couldn't comment on it.

Initial reports Thursday by Hudson's associates that he might be recovering from AIDS prompted speculation that he might be receiving the drug, called HPA 23. Doctors have not said anything about his treatment, but his Beverly Hills, Calif., physician, Dr. Rexford Kennamer, said Hudson had seen doctors at the Pasteur Institute.

HPA 23 is not yet available for human tests in the United States, Broder said.

Ron Najman, spokesman for the National Gay Task Force in New York, said there are at least 15 Americans being treated for AIDS at the Pasteur Institute now, and that

many other Americans have gone there for treatment and returned.

In February, Jean Claude Dismann of Pasteur, one of the drug developers, reported in New York that the drug had caused the AIDS virus to nearly disappear in the blood of a young hemophiliac.

Chermann emphasized that the drug does not kill the AIDS virus nor can it be called in any sense a cure.

Researchers in France have said whether Hudson is receiving the drug, and it was not until Thursday — after days of speculation — that the drug was being used. Hudson's publicity people confirmed he was suffering from AIDS but not liver cancer as they had said earlier.

Case could promote awareness

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The news that actor Rock Hudson has AIDS is regrettable, but it may promote a greater public awareness that could dispel myths and encourage discussion of the disease, spokesmen for groups involved with the illness said Thursday.

"People know of the disease, but they don't know about the disease," said Ron Najman of the National Gay Task Force. Much as President Reagan's colon cancer focused attention on that disease, Hudson's case probably will bring more attention to AIDS.

If Hudson has the disease, said Richard Dunne, executive director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, he could encourage public discussion of AIDS by talking about it openly, as

Betty Ford did with breast cancer.

But in terms of federal funding for AIDS research, said spokeswoman Shirley Barth at the U.S. Public Health Service, the news should not lead to more money.

"We're doing everything we can," she said. "It would be unfortunate if our government was run to respond to something like that."

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, had struck 11,871 Americans as of Monday, and killed half of them, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Seventy-three percent of victims are gay or bisexual men, 17 percent are intravenous drug users, 1 percent are hemophiliacs, and others fall into other categories, according to the CDC.

The disease is spread by sexual

contact, by the sharing of contaminated needles and the transfusion of blood or blood products.

Public fear and confusion over how the disease spreads is one thing that might be cleared up if the news about Hudson puts the public spotlight on the disease, Najman said.

"The average man on the street is terrified of AIDS and has a lot of mistaken notions about it," Najman said. "People are just afraid to be the same room with someone with AIDS."

Some anti-gay groups around the country have used fear of AIDS to say that gay people shouldn't be allowed to teach or handle food, he said.

"That's an assault on people's constitutional rights without any medical foundation whatsoever," he said.

Around town

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the English Proficiency Examination should plan to take the test August 6 unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. Students in the College of Science are required to pass either English 301 or the test in order to qualify as a degree candidate. Students entering the College of Science under Catalog 107 or later must complete English 301 as required in their degree program.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the English Department. Students in the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Departments should register for the exam in the Blocker before August 1.

Co-op students need to register

Co-op students from the Colleges of Agriculture, Business, Engineering, Geosciences and Science, who are scheduled to work during the fall semester need to report to 107 Harrington to register for co-op courses. Registration is open July 29 and 30.

Dallas police say Lucas confessed to fictitious crime

Associated Press

DALLAS — Police said Henry Lee Lucas confessed to a fictitious killing that officers used to test their private belief that the former drifter was a con man. The Dallas Morning News said Thursday.

Police investigators said they did not believe Lucas had slain 12 women in Dallas, as he had claimed. In a final tape-recorded interview in July 1984, they listened as Lucas confessed to one last slaying, a fictitious crime.

"We were convinced he was making it up," homicide Lt. Ron Waldrop said. "But we were a little bit concerned people would think we were negligent in not clearing cases."

Authorities declined to charge Lucas in any of the real killings in the city after he flunked their test.

"Police made up a report, a folder, fictitious pictures, and allowed him to solicit information (from the investigation) with graphic details," Waldrop said Wednesday. "It never happened, but he remembered it vividly."

"At that point, we knew he was confessing to stuff he hadn't done."

Investigators in Arlington, Irving, Collin County and Plano

now are taking a new look at slayings once attributed to Lucas.

"We think we did a good job," Waldrop said, adding that Dallas police "didn't tell anybody," including Texas Rangers, about the bogus confession.

Homicide investigator Linda Erwin said Lucas claimed he broke into a home in Southeast Dallas, stole several items, abducted his victim, bludgeoned and dumped her body nearby.

The police interrogation followed efforts by authorities in 26 states to close more than 200 cases attributed to Lucas.

"The numbers kept getting greater and greater," Erwin said.

But the "general information" was giving up could not be made up with any unsolved murders had in the city," she said. "For these cases backwards and forwards and he didn't know anything more than one would read in the newspapers."

Erwin, at the end of three days questioning Lucas, told supervisors that, "I'm convinced he's not guilty for any of our cases and my personal opinion is he's not good for a lot of the others, either."

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