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Texas' GOP congressmen among most conservative

WASHINGTON — Texas' six freshmen Republican congressmen are among the most conservative in their class, according to a political action committee that rated their votes during their first six months in of-

The Fund for a Conservative Majority said Reps. Joe Barton of Ennis, Dick Armey of Denton and Tom De-Lay of Sugar Land, voted 100 percent "correct" based on 10 votes selected by the group as a barometer of their conservatism.

Texas' three other freshmen Republicans — Beau Boulter of Amarillo, Mac Sweeney of Wharton and Larry Combest of Lubbock — each scored 90 percent in the group's ratings. All three disagreed with the FCM on the same vote — emergency

The Fund for a Conservative Ma-

conservative political candidates. FCM's chairman, Robert Heckman, said the study "demonstrates that the Reagan revolution is alive and well" and that candidates do not feel they must become more moder-

ate in order to get elected.

Texans elected seven new congressmen last year, six of them Republican. Four of the Republicans won seats previously held by Demo-crats. The 28-member Texas delegation now has a record 10 GOP

Republicans scored a 76 percent conservative rate on their votes last Congress, according to the group. This year's GOP freshmen scored 87 percent based on their votes for the first six months, or 11 percent more conservative, FCM said.

Based on the 10 key votes used in the freshman ratings released by the

jority is a major PAC contributor to organization, the Texas freshmen

scored 95 percent.

Here is a list of the 10 votes and the position FCM considered cor-

Military aid to the Contras in Nicaragua (for).
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• Humanitarian aid to the Contras in supplemental bill (for).

Economic sanctions against
South Africa (against).
 Funding for MX missile (for).
 Funding for so-called "Star

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Wars" defense system (for). • Emergency farm loans

(against).
• Federal aid for family planning

• Referral to committee of resolution to seat Republican in disputed Indiana House seat election

Study indicates rear of plane safest place to be in crash

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DALLAS — Most of the survivors of major air crashes over the past 15 years have been seated in the rear of the airplane, according to a study of National Transportation Safety

Board documents. Forward sections of downed jets generally have suffered more extensive destruction in crashes, according to a copyright story in Monday's editions of the Dallas Morning

In the Delta Air Lines jet crash Aug. 2, no one seated in front of Row 29 lived, the NTSB report said.

The News' study was based on NTSB reports on the 16 worst air-line crashes since 1970 in which some passengers and crew members

The reports indicated that in nine of the crashes, most survivors were sitting toward the rear, the News said. In only three crashes were most

"Our argument is that we had better do more about making sure it doesn't strike the ground " ---John Galipault, founder of the Aviation Safety Institute of Ohio.

of those who died sitting in the back of the plane, the study said.

The newspaper said the reports also revealed another pattern: Most victims were not killed by the initial impact but when collapsing cabin furniture or debris prevented or delayed escape from a burning or sink-

ing jet.

Meanwhile, researchers who conducted a test crash last year disagree with the theory that rear seating is In a Congress-approved test crash program last December, a 24-year-old Boeing 720 clocked at 170 mph plunged into the Mojave Desert. The jet's 73 passenger seats were occupied by mannequing cupied by mannequins.

Impact-measuring devices provided researchers with information that will be included in a report to be published next spring.

Although conclusions drawn from the crash have not been revealed, researchers apparently haven't decided that the safest seats on a doomed aircraft are in the rear, the News said.

NTSB officials said the agency has never conducted a study of the role that seat placement plays in crash

But the Federal Aviation Administration requires airlines to store flight voice and data recorders "as far aft as possible.

psychology curriculum OK'd

By KAREN BLOCH Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate unanimously approved a proposal Monday for changes in the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in psy-

According to the proposal, Psychology 340, Psychology of Learning, will no longer be a required course. The course will be added to one of two lists of courses from which psychology students must choose three courses (at least one from each list).

Also, students will be allowed to apply no more than six credit hours of Psychology 485 of Psychology 485, a problems course, toward a psychology degree. Exceptions will be made for students taking 485 honors and those en-rolled in the University Fellows Pro-

A representative from the psychology department told the Senate that the removal of restrictions on Psychology 305, Personality Adjustments, is "in the works." Currently, psychology majors do not receive degree credit for the course.

The Senate also approved new undergraduate courses in several departments including anthropology, business administration, and

Graduate courses in chemical en-gineering, computer science, electrical engineering, genetics and me-chanical engineering were also approved.

A request for a change in the course description of Veterinary Microbiology 662, Advanced Immunological Concepts, was denied in a unanimous decision by the Senate.

The request was to allow that "the course may be repeated once for

The Faculty Senate serves in an advisory capacity. Curricular recommendations will be sent to Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver for

Clergy required to report abuse

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Clergymen must tell law enforcement officials about suspected child abuse cases, Attorney General Jim Mattox said in an opin-ion released Monday. "Government regulation of reli-gious conduct is valid if it does not

unduly burden the practice of religion, if the state's interest in enacting the regulation is compelling, and if there are no alternative means available which are less intrusive upon the practice," Mattox said in the opinion.

He quoted a U.S. Supreme Court opinion that said "the right to practice religion freely does not include liberty to expose the . . . child . . . to ill health or death.'

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New A&M Medical Sciences Library opens

By JERRY OSLIN Staff Writer

The opening of Texas A&M's new Medical Sciences Library represents the close relationship between the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Medicine, the library's director, Virginia Algermissen, said Monday at the library's opening cer-

Dr. George Shelton, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, echoed Algermissen's sentiments. This library will serve as a bond

between the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Medicine," he said.

The \$6.6 million library, located off University Drive, is one of the few in the world that serves students, faculty and researchers in both veterinary and human medicine, Algermissen said.

The ceremony also marked the official opening of an underground walkway running under University Drive and connecting the library with the University's veterinary school complex.

the medical school with the veterinary school, Algermissen said.

Volunteers moved publications in the reserve collection from the veter-inary school's old library to the new library to keep them available to students and researchers while the rest of the 75,000 volumes are being transferred.

Most of the library's services should be available by this weekend, Algermissen said.

The library was built to hold about 110,000 volumes but also will have microfilm and microfiche fa-cilities, she said. It also has a computer system which allows the library to share information over the phone lines with 40 other institutions, she

The 78,780-foot facility was designed to hold extra computer and electrical outlets and should have a seating capacity of about 400. It also offers group study rooms and 33 study carrels.

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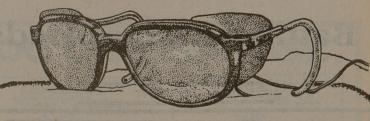
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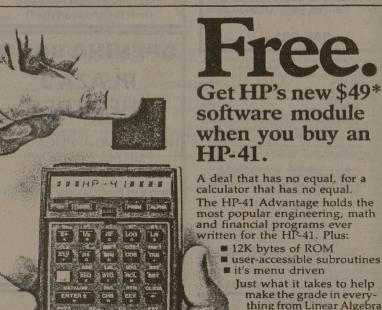


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