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Reagan's mood conciliatory in U.N. talks

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NEW YORK — President Reagan embarked Wednesday on three days of intensive talks with friendly world leaders to help prepare him for his summit meeting next month with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Arriving at the United Nations for a round of ceremonies marking the world body's 40th anniversary, Reagan's first order of business was to

meet with his special envoy, John C. Whitehead, just back from a fence-mending mission to Italy, Egypt and Tunisia.

The deputy secretary of state was dispatched by Reagan to soothe strains arising from the U.S. interception of an Egyptian airliner carrying Palestinian hijackers to a safe haven following the murder of

American tourist Leon Klinghoffer aboard an Italian cruise ship.

In a statement issued after the 20-minute meeting in Reagan's hotel suite, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Whitehead reported he had been well-received in all three capitals and was confident his mission had been successful.

In Tunis, Whitehead sought to cool President Habib Bourguiba's anger over the Reagan administration's initial endorsement of the Israeli bombing of Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis, a raid that killed both Palestinians and Tunisians.

Reagan also attended a reception and lunch with about 80 heads of state and government before sitting down for separate meetings with

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India, President Muhammed Zia al-Haq of Pakistan and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain.

In a luncheon toast, Reagan praised the United Nations as "a symbol of hope and reconciliation" but noted, "We have criticized it sometimes in the past when we felt it was not all that it could be and should be, and we have on occasion

been frustrated. But we have never stopped believing in its possibilities."

Speakes, meanwhile, said Reagan's address to the U.N. General Assembly today would contain "one, broad, far-reaching initiative" on U.S.-Soviet relations that the administration hopes will provoke a response from the Soviet leadership. He refused to be more specific.

Adviser: A&M health care inadequate

By TAMARA BELL
Staff Writer

In the three weeks since the A.P. Beutel Health Center reinstated giving gynecological exams and prescribing birth control, it hasn't been providing adequate services, says the faculty adviser for the Texas A&M chapter of National Organization for Women.

Dr. Wendy Stock, a research scientist in psychology and NOW's adviser, says the doctor hired by the center to dispense prescriptions for birth control and give gynecological exams is a pediatrician, which doesn't change the availability of gynecological services.

"It's ironic that the center should hire a pediatrician, because it's going to need one if it doesn't provide contraceptive care for the students," Stock says.

However, Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, says the employment of the new doctor was only to allow the center to reinstate routine physical exams for both males and females.

"Because the center was short two physicians, which caused a patient overload, Dr. (Claude) Goswick (director of the health center) decided to forego giving routine physicals to males and females until the patient load could be reduced," Koldus says.

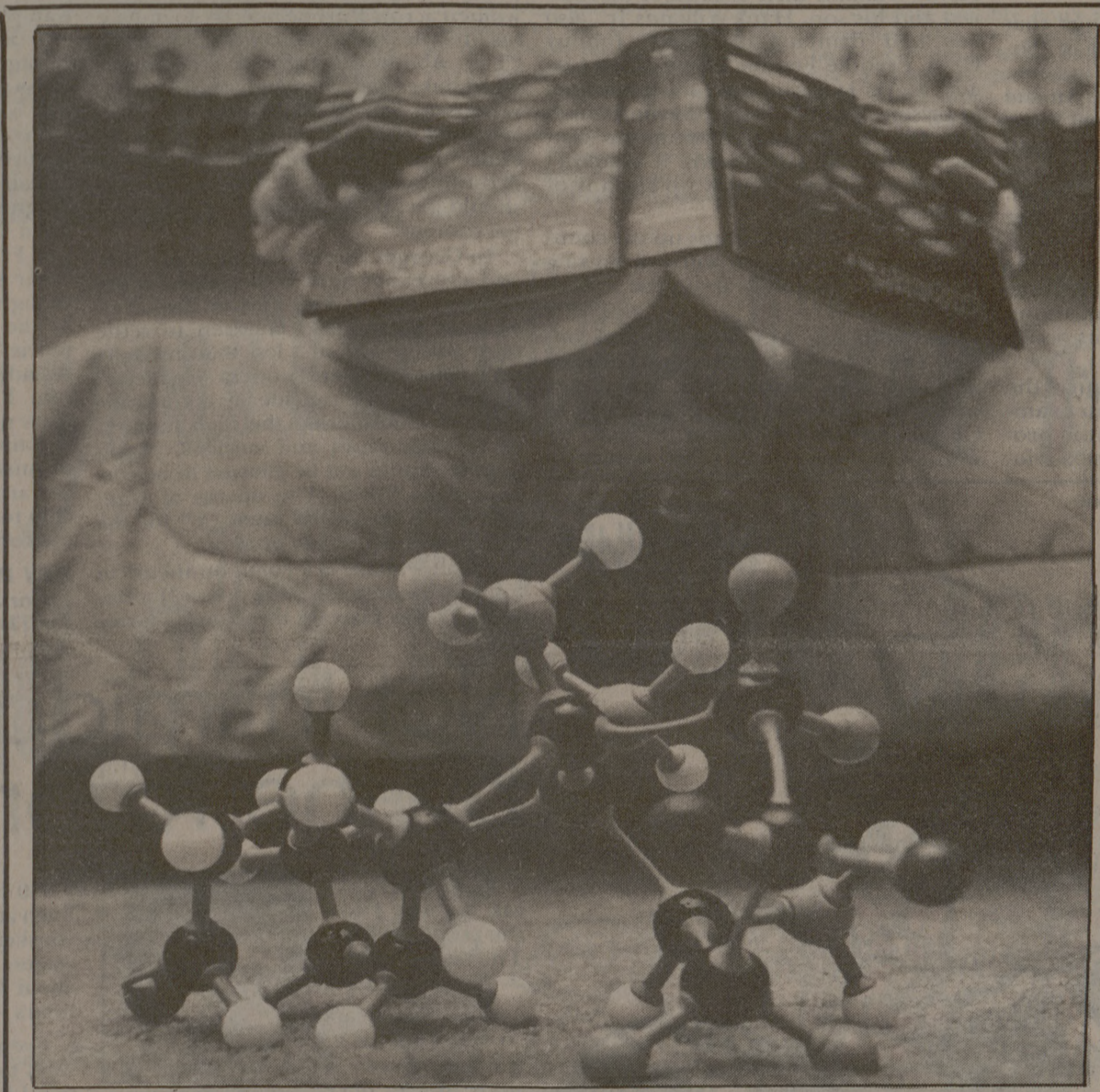
But Goswick denies the services were ever discontinued. He says the center will continue to provide physical exams, Pap smears, prescriptions for birth control and the filling of those prescriptions. He says the center never stopped giving gynecological exams or prescribing birth control. The confusion came when he announced the center was thinking about discontinuing this service because of staffing problems, he says.

"We were thinking about discontinuing this service, but it never got the chance to be put into effect before the bomb exploded," he says.

Goswick says physical exams are routine and that's not the purpose of the health center. In the past, when the staff physicians could accommodate the students by giving physical exams, then they would do this favor for them, he says.

But Koldus says the center's purpose is to take care of the health needs of the students, whatever

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Viewing Chemistry

Lisa Neubauer, a sophomore pre-med student from Corpus Christi, demonstrates her new

method of studying organic chemistry. She says so far the method has worked for her.

Photo by JENNIFER FRIEND

A&M student survives earthquake

Aggie faced danger in Mexico

By BRIAN PEARSON
Staff Writer

Texas A&M student Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon said he was lying awake in bed in central Mexico City at 7:20 a.m. on Sept. 19 when he heard what sounded like a big truck rumbling down the street outside his hotel room.

Dixon said he realized his room at the Guadalupe Hotel was five stories above the ground and there was no truck or highway outside of his window.

He said at that point he knew it was an earthquake.

Dixon, 32, who is working on a doctorate in geology, received a

grant from the Organization of American States and currently is in Mexico to study stingless bees.

Dixon said he wasn't afraid when he realized what was happening that morning.

His immediate concern, he said, was to get out of the hotel when he felt the room starting to shake.

"There was no way to stand up because the room was swaying so badly," he said.

Dixon's shoes and other clothes were bouncing on the floor.

A mirror was swinging outward and back and then smashed to bits.

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Freshmen SAT scores compared to SWC schools

By JUNE PANG
Staff Writer

The average Scholastic Aptitude Test score of Texas A&M's 1985 freshman class is higher than the state and national averages, but ranks fifth among the six Southwest Conference universities contacted by The Battalion.

The average SAT score for A&M freshmen this year is 1,031 including provisional students, says T. Gary Erwin, A&M's associate director of the Office of Measurement and Research Services. Provisional students are those whose SAT scores are not up to University enrollment standards but are allowed to enter under restricted academic conditions.

A&M's average score is 152 points higher than the state average for college freshmen and 124 points better than the national average.

If provisional students are not in-

Average SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

SWC Schools	Fall '84	Fall '85
1. Rice University	1320	1325
2. Southern Methodist Univ.	1060	1104
3. University of Texas	1052	1064
4. Texas Christian Univ.	1030	1050
5. Texas A&M University	1031	1040
6. Baylor University	1020	1002
7. University of Houston	na	na
8. Texas Tech University	na	na

"na" stands for "Not Available"

cluded, the average SAT score for A&M freshmen is 1,040.

Rice University, whose freshman average is 1,325, 285 points higher than A&M's score, leads the universities contacted.

Second place goes to Southern Methodist University with an average SAT score of 1,104.

SMU recorded the largest increase in freshman SAT scores. It has improved 44 points from last year, according to SMU's admissions office.

The average SAT scores of freshmen at the University of Texas this fall is 1,064, says Jody Slover of UT's Measurement and Evaluation Center. That score puts U.T. in third place. UT had an average score of 1,052 in 1984.

Erwin says if this year's SAT scores did not include provisional students, A&M would see a nine-point increase over last year. That

rise would be consistent with the increase in the national averages, he says.

Two major Texas universities, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston reported that freshmen SAT scores were not available. The registrar's office at Texas Tech still is compiling data and the final result will not be available for about two weeks, university officials said.

An official at UH's Office of Counseling and Testing said the university is in the process of calculating the scores.

The University of Arkansas was not contacted; only Texas universities were surveyed.

The SAT is scored on a scale of 200 to 800 for each of two parts, verbal and math. A combined score of 1,600 is perfect. SAT scores are used to determine entrance requirements at A&M and many other universities.

Chrysler, UAW reach tentative work contract

Associated Press

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. — Chrysler Corp. and the United Auto Workers agreed Wednesday on a tentative contract for 70,000 strikers, giving them wage parity with other autoworkers plus a \$2,000 bonus to make up for concessions granted when the automaker faced bankruptcy.

However, the UAW did not get guarantees against job-threatening subcontracting and the company lost its bid for Japanese-style job classes.

Chrysler said the three-year agreement would cost the company at least \$1 billion more than the contract that expired last week.

If ratified, the agreement would give each U.S. Chrysler worker an immediate minimum of \$2,000 cash to compensate for the \$1 billion in contract concessions that workers granted the company during its brush with bankruptcy.

Industry analysts said the pact generally would allow Chrysler to stay competitive with General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. but may do little, if anything, to allow Chrysler to make inroads against the labor-cost advantages of the Japanese.

Separate strikes here and in Canada, which began Oct. 16, will have cost the No. 3 automaker more than \$100 million in lost profits by the end of the week. A new contract for 10,000 Canadian workers was ratified Monday and they returned to work.

"We're pleased with any settlement, I mean, strikes are terrible," Chrysler chief negotiator Thomas Miner said at a news conference. "We lost a lot of money and, in a short time, we would have lost a lot more."

The UAW's Chrysler Council of 170 local union leaders meets today in Detroit to review the tentative contract and recommend it for rank-and-file ratification this weekend. UAW President Owen Bieber said he expected the agreement to pass, with workers returning on morning shifts Monday.

Miner said Chrysler did not gain the reductions in job classifications that it had sought but would pursue the issue in local negotiations. The company, in the pursuit of higher productivity, had wanted about 500 job classes reduced to six to eight.

Like the GM and Ford pacts, the Chrysler agreement contains penalty payments for excessive overtime and a large fund, called a job bank, to pay for the retraining of high-seniority workers displaced by automation and productivity improvements.

The company also agreed by letter to discuss with the UAW its dismay over Chrysler's subcontracting of work to outside suppliers, a major union issue. Union sources said the UAW will rely on the letter and the job bank fund to curb subcontracting, or at least retrain or make payments to workers displaced by the practice.

Goddess of Liberty to be replaced

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The 97-year-old Goddess of Liberty statue, which perched atop the Texas Capitol dome makes the building taller than the U.S. Capitol, will be removed and replaced with a replica.

Capitol architect Roy Graham said Wednesday that the nearly 16-foot-tall zinc statue is in such bad shape, it cannot be preserved on top of the building where it has stood since February 1888.

"The Goddess must come down," Graham said. "Our Goddess is too far gone to resume her place atop the dome, where she would continue to be a threat to public safety and the Capitol building itself."

The statue, estimated to weigh about one and a half tons, has suffered cracks, corrosion and other damage.

Besides some large fractures, there are thousands of microscopic cracks, Graham said.

The statue, with a lone star held in its uplifted left hand, makes the Texas Capitol nearly 327 feet tall, several feet taller than the U.S. Capitol.