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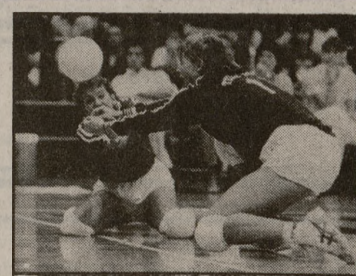
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Romanian seeks asylum after jumping ship

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A 44-year-old Romanian seaman jumped ship and asked for political asylum, saying he decided to defect to a place "where freedom is respected," he said Wednesday.

Paul Firica walked off the Romanian vessel Zalau Tuesday night when the ship was docked in the Port of Houston and went Wednesday morning to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

The seaman said in an interview with the Houston Post that he had dreamed for years of defecting to the United States.

The ship, loaded with cattle hides, left the port for Romania Wednesday night.

Firica said he had heard during his voyage — which included a stop in Cuba — of Miroslav Medvid, the 25-year-old Soviet seaman who tried to defect in Louisiana last month, only to be returned to his ship.

"He was worried about that," said interpreter Bego Memet of Spring, himself a Romanian defector. "He thought they were going to send him back on the ship. If he would have been caught, the only alternative would have been suicide."

Firica said he had waited until his family was able to live without his support. "With the help of God, they'll manage," he said with teary eyes.

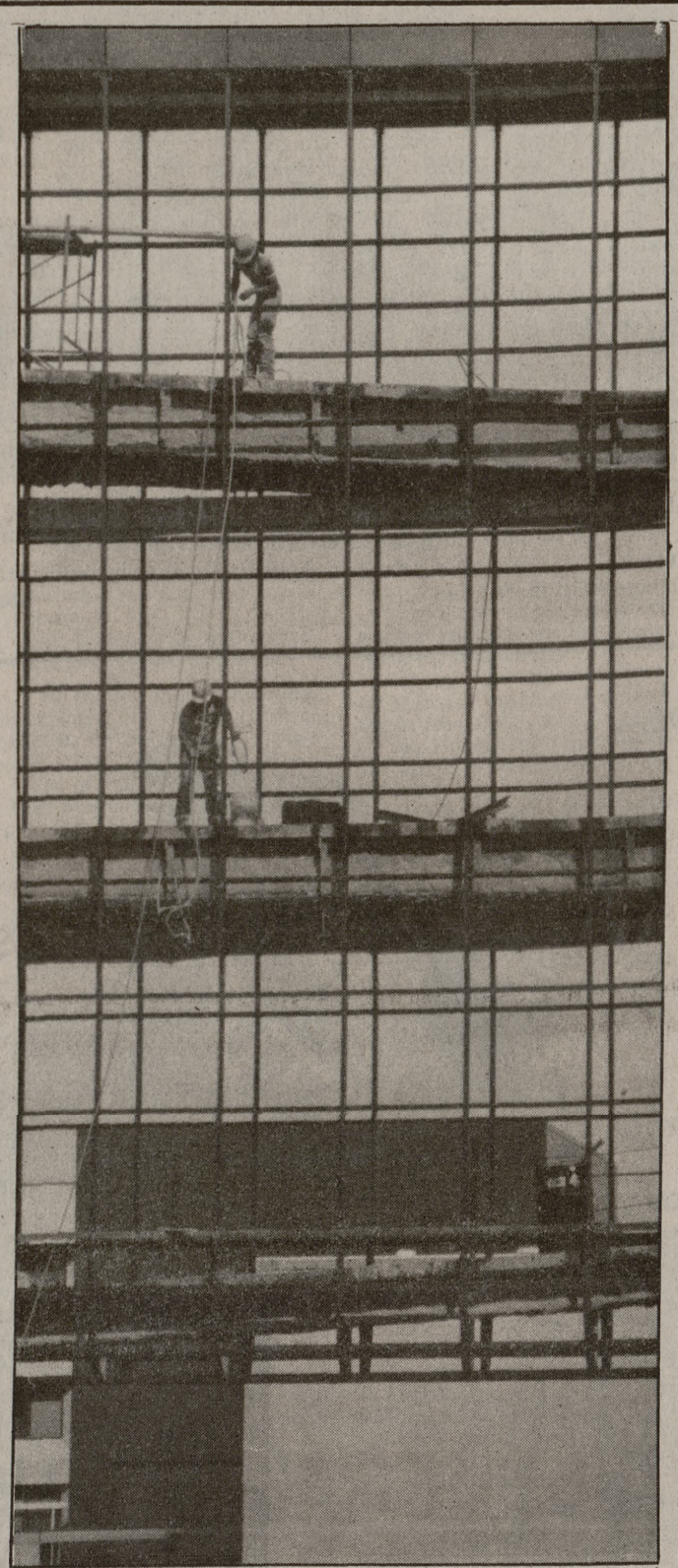
Memet said he was visiting a friend at the Harris County Jail in downtown Houston Tuesday night when he heard someone speaking Romanian. Firica had gone there, not knowing where to apply for asylum and unable to speak more than a few English words.

Paul O'Neill, INS district director in Houston, confirmed that a Romanian seaman had left his ship and applied for asylum. But O'Neill and a U.S. State Department spokeswoman said federal authorities usually don't reveal defector's names, for fear their relatives will face reprisals.

In an interview Wednesday with the Houston Post, Firica said he is married and has two daughters, ages 17 and 23. He said one reason for wanting to leave Romania was for religious freedom.

Instead of being able to freely practice his Romanian Orthodox Church faith, he said he had to do voluntary work for the communist party.

"He wants to live in this country and to work and to be free and be an honest citizen for the rest of his life," Memet said. "He's one of us now."



Jungle Gym

Photo by STEVE DAREING

Construction on the Engineering/Physics Building on Spence Street keeps these workers busy Wednesday as they push for the March 1986 completion date.

Congress approves bills to avoid default

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House and Senate went home for the evening Wednesday after working on separate measures that would temporarily avert a government default and the closing of federal agencies, and thus put off tough budget decisions until after President Reagan returns from the Geneva summit.

Lawmakers were operating under a warning from the White House that the government "would temporarily stop paying its bills" if there is no action by Friday. The administration also said it would prefer to see long-term solutions.

On a 300-121 vote, the House passed and sent to the Senate legislation increasing the government's \$1.824 trillion in borrowing authority by \$80 billion. This would be

enough to keep the government solvent through Dec. 13.

The Senate at first indicated it would not act until Thursday, but then on a voice vote Wednesday night the chamber passed a measure that would give the government renewed borrowing authority only until Dec. 6. That bounced the issue back to the House for further action, which would not come until Thursday.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Edward Djerejian said President Reagan wanted Congress to continue working on the government's budget problems.

"The president accepts the obvious sentiment of both houses of Congress," Djerejian said. "But he will continue to urge Congress to deal with our federal deficit once and for all."

Legislation raising the national debt limit to more than \$2 trillion has been stalled by wrangling over rival plans passed by the House and Senate to force a balanced federal budget by the end of the decade. Those budget plans have been attached as amendments to the debt-limit legislation.

Congressional bargainers have begun a second round of talks aimed at breaking the impasse, but they have concluded they would be unable to complete agreement before a Thursday midnight deadline.

Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the assistant Republican leader in the House, said "it was not only unlikely but probably impossible" that the deadline could be met.

Thus, legislators sought to buy themselves time by passing the interim debt measure.

FS subcommittee submits final core curriculum report

By MARYBETH ROHSNER
 Staff Writer

After nearly two years of research, the Faculty Senate's core curriculum subcommittee Monday submitted a final report to the Academic Affairs Committee for approval and possible placement on the senate's December agenda.

The report includes a recommendation to broaden the education of Texas A&M undergraduates through a 32-credit mandatory core curriculum in addition to the state-required core of six hours of American history, six hours of political science and four hours of physical education.

Senate Speaker Jaan Laane said that if the proposal passes through the academic affairs committee, the senate executive committee may place the item on the December agenda.

Curriculum Committee chairman

Samuel Black said that, if the senate and President Frank E. Vandiver approve the recommendations, students who enter the University before Fall 1987 would not be affected by the change.

"The University catalog essentially amounts to a legal contract between the student and the University," Black said. "For all degree programs to adapt to whatever core may be approved and to have those degree programs published in a catalog would take at least two years."

"We're looking at Fall 1987 at the earliest (date for implementation)."

The committee's report recommends that all students be required to take the following in addition to the current core of 16 hours:

- Six hours of speech and writing skills. The report suggests the student take English 104 and one other composition, speech communication or literature course.

- Six hours of math and logical reasoning. The report recommends the student take at least three hours of math selected from Math 166, calculus or a more advanced course plus three hours of logic.

- Eight hours of science. These courses (including labs) are to be taken from non-survey courses such as Biology 113/123.

- Six hours of cultural heritage courses. These courses, to be selected by the student, include fine arts, humanities, foreign language, history, literature, philosophy, archeology and theater arts.

- Six hours of social science, also to be selected by the student, from anthropology, geography, political science, psychology, sociology, ethics and economics.

In addition to those suggestions

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Goddess of Liberty coming down after 97 years on top of capitol

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The lone star that was held aloft over the Texas Capitol since February 1888 is gone. So are the arms of the statue that held the star.

The remainder of the weather-damaged Goddess of Liberty statue is scheduled to come down Nov. 24.

Capitol Architect Roy Graham said Wednesday that both arms and the star have been removed in preparation for the helicopter lift. Also

removed were laurels from the Goddess' crown and parts of her tunic. The architect hopes the Goddess won't have to lose her head before she is removed.

"They're looking at her piece by piece," he said. "It's like getting her prepared for surgery."

The left arm held the lone star. The right arm held a sword. Graham said he knew the left arm would have to be removed. The right arm

was taken off as an "extra precaution."

Graham announced last month that the 97-year-old, 16-foot statue has become a potential hazard because of structural damage that could cause parts of it to fall from the 311-foot-tall Capitol dome. The statue will be used as a model for a replacement.

After it's lifted from the dome,

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San Antonio may place restrictions on rock shows

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — After trying unsuccessfully to tame the lyrics of heavy metal rock music at concerts, the City Council here is considering prohibiting children under 13 from attending rock shows that depict violence and illicit sex.

Mayor Henry Cisneros says a proposed ordinance, the first of its kind in the nation, reflects "common sense," but opponents call it misguided and argue that "parents ought to decide and not the government."

At issue are performances at the Convention Center Arena, owned by San Antonio, the nation's 10th largest city.

The ordinance, which comes up for debate Thursday, would bar anyone younger than 13 from concerts at which sadistic or masochistic sex, rape, incest, bestiality and exhibitionism are depicted on stage.

Earlier this year, the council considered ways of banning objectionable lyrics at rock concerts. When City Attorney Lowell Denton determined any such action would be unconstitutional,

council members took aim at concert theatrics.

Parents supporting the restriction found a surprising ally in Cisneros, a liberal Democrat.

"I think reasonable people would agree (those activities) ought not to be entertainment for children," Cisneros said. "We're following a common sense rule here."

The council ordered the ordinance prepared after a city-hired child psychiatrist conducted a \$2,000 study on the effects of rock music on youngsters.

"The glamorization of suicide,

drug abuse, alcohol abuse, incest, rape, dehumanizing sexuality and violence as a way of life are potentially harmful influences on young people growing up," said Dr. Robert Demski.

"It's potentially hazardous," he told the San Antonio Express-News. "If a child is already depressed, as many of them are, this may be the final push over the edge."

The Community Families in Action, formed to deal with drug abuse among children, also turned its attention to concerts.

The group asked the council to outlaw smoking at the arena, which it did, establish a noise level and to "consider an age level at which young people could not attend alone," said Sylvia Branch, a board member of the group.

Concert promoter Jack Orbin contends the city would suffer financially if the law passes because major mainstream rock groups will not play "in the repressive state of San Antonio ... It would be sort of like playing South Africa."

Orbin said he believes the council

is intent on censoring lyrics. "We don't believe rape and mutilations occur on the stage, period," he said.

Orbin is cooperating with a group called Parents Against Subliminal Seduction in setting up interviews with rock groups and providing previews of lyrics to be sung at concerts.

"We're a middle of the road organization made up of old rock 'n' rollers who enjoy rock music," said Lynn Gladhill, a 39-year-old mother of two who heads the group.