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NASA cancels 3 launches

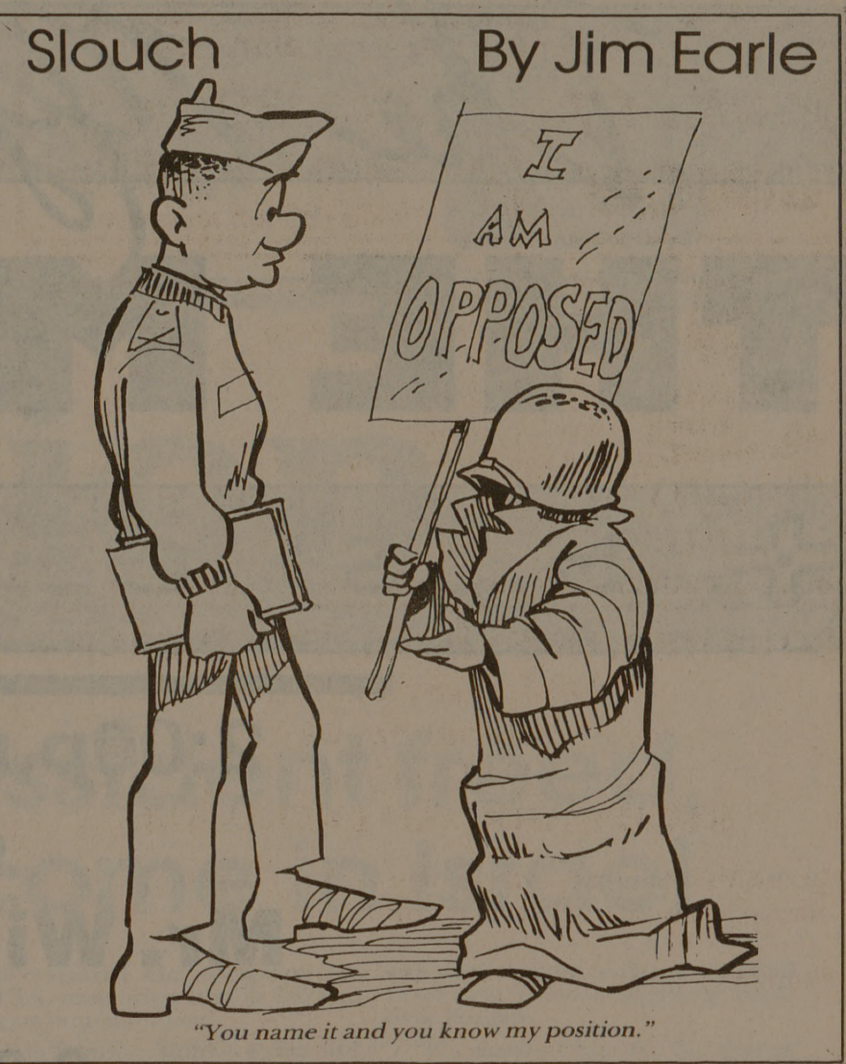
Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — NASA announced Monday it is scrubbing its next three space shuttle flights because of the Challenger explosion. Included in the postponement are missions to Jupiter and the sun that were to have been launched from shuttles.
 The planetary opportunities will not come again for 13 months.
 Meanwhile, the Air Force is proceeding with preparations for the launch of a shuttle in July from its new spaceport in California — with the hope that NASA will be able to quickly determine the cause of Challenger's demise.
 The next shuttle, scheduled for March 6, was to have carried astronomical instruments to observe Halley's Comet.
 The comet will disappear from view before another American manned spacecraft can go aloft — missing a scientific opportunity that occurs only once in 76 years.
 William Graham, the space agency's acting administrator, said the decision to postpone the planetary missions was based on the fact that crews needed to prepare and launch the spacecraft are tied up with the investigation of the Challenger accident.
 Challenger was to have carried the Ulysses mission on May 15 and it was specially modified to carry a Centaur rocket in its cargo bay to send the spacecraft on its way.
 Ulysses was to have been sent to Jupiter to get a gravity-assisted boost to send it to the sun, where it was to go into a polar orbit.
 The shuttle Atlantis was similarly modified to launch the Galileo spacecraft atop a Centaur rocket to orbit Jupiter and send a probe down to the planet.
 The mission was to have begun on May 20.
 Air Force preparations at the new launch complex at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California are continuing with an eye toward a July 15 launch "to ensure that we are ready if the investigation is completed," the service said.

Challenger trust fund started

Associated Press
 AUSTIN — Several Austin residents have formed an organization to raise funds to replace the \$1.5 billion space shuttle Challenger, which exploded Jan. 28, killing seven crew members.
 The Americans for Challenger Trust Fund has been set up at Republic Bank-South Austin, according to a statement from the organization's co-chairmen, Steve Koch and John Ortego.
 The statement said, "On Jan. 28, 1986, seven brilliant Americans and a superb space craft, Challenger, were lost in a tragic accident. As a means of expressing support for the manned space flight program and assuring that the Challenger crew did not die in vain, several Austin residents have formed an organization, Americans for Challenger, to raise funds to replace Challenger."
 Koch and Ortego "acknowledge that the goal is grandiose and can only be accomplished if the several groups around the country that have been organized for this purpose can generate broad-based support for the idea," according to the statement.
 Whatever funds are collected "will be used for the advancement of manned space flight, including research or educational grants aimed at furthering space exploration," the statement said.
 The Challenger trust fund was organized under the authority of the Space Foundation, a nonprofit educational and research foundation established in Houston in 1979, Koch and Ortego said.

High school vigilantes plead guilty

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 Only Dorris is still a student at Paschal. All five defendants are either going to college, working or both, according to testimony presented Monday.
 Defense attorney Bill Magnuson, who represented Norman, said, "We decided to enter an open plea because the state hasn't made a plea bargain. We felt that open sentencing would be very beneficial to my client."
 Leonard said he has tried to avoid "knowing too much about this case."
 "I'll start reading the evidence to-night and I really don't know what I'm going to do," he said. "We've got more facilities (legal options) than we've ever had for dealing with this case."
 Leonard said the options included prison, probation, work release, county jail terms and restitution.
 The judge also could order "shock probation," under which a defendant serves a short time in prison



Faculty Senate proposals

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 determined by the department head will make recommendations to the dean of the college. The dean will forward these, along with his own, to a Committee for Emeritus Status to be named by the Senate. The nominations will then be presented to the provost who will make recommendations from the list to the president.
 The current policy regarding emeritus status is different in each department.
 Also, the Senate approved recommendations giving undergraduates with a 3.25 grade-point ratio the opportunity to apply graduate credit hours toward their undergraduate degree program once they have received the proper approval.
 Expected guest presentations by Sean Royall, student body president, and Laurie Johnson, speaker of the Student Senate, were not given at the meeting.

Judge's attorney wants new trial

Associated Press
 HATTIESBURG, Miss. — U.S. District Judge Walter L. Nixon was the victim of a "government witch hunt" and should get a new trial on charges he twice lied to a special federal grand jury, his chief attorney said Monday.
 Attorney Michael Fawer said, "My God, what did he do? Certainly we want a new trial. This whole thing has been insane and everybody admits the government's case was built around a perfectly innocent transaction."
 Nixon, a 16-year veteran and chief judge in Mississippi's southern district who once turned down an appointment to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and \$20,000 in fines on his convictions on two perjury counts.
 Nixon was in seclusion and had made no public statement since gasping "Oh God, no" when the guilty verdicts were read Sunday. He was found innocent of a third perjury count and of receiving an illegal gift.
 "He's not stepping aside but he is not hearing any cases," Fawer said of Nixon's status with the court.
 John Russell, a spokesman for the Justice Department's criminal division, said Monday it would require action by Congress to remove Nixon from office.
 "He is appointed as a judge for life," Russell said. "It takes . . . the same impeachment proceedings as for a president."
 Nixon, 57, is to remain free on bond until he is sentenced March 31 by U.S. District Judge James H. Meredith of St. Louis, who was brought in to hear the case.
 Nixon was acquitted of accepting \$60,000 worth of oil and gas interests from Wiley Fairchild, a millionaire Hattiesburg contractor, in exchange for the judge's help in trying to get state drug charges dropped against Fairchild's son Drew.
 Nixon said he paid \$9,500 for the royalty rights in three wells.
 But the jury, which deliberated 14½ hours Saturday and Sunday, concluded that Nixon twice lied before a federal grand jury in 1984 when he said he never discussed the Fairchild case with the prosecutor handling it, then-District Attorney Bud Holmes, and when he said he never discussed the case with anyone else.
 Nixon is only the second sitting federal judge ever convicted for crimes while on the bench. U.S. District Judge Harry Claiborne of Las Vegas, Nev., was convicted in August 1984 of understating his 1979 and 1980 incomes by more than \$106,000.
 Fawer, himself a former government attorney, said a judicial council of the 5th Circuit should review the "way the prosecution was used to basically destroy a federal judge. They got him on nothing and somebody ought to do a number on the Department of Justice."
 Key points in the government's case were the oil and gas transaction and the date and nature of a telephone call to Fairchild from Nixon and Holmes dealing with the drug case.
 Nixon confirmed the telephone call in testimony but did not mention it during his grand jury appearance. He said his attorney at that time had told him to answer only the questions asked and that he considered the telephone call insignificant.
 "We were able to show that the telephone call" had no bearing on state prosecution of Drew Fairchild, Fawer said, "so what . . . is the significance of the phone call?"
 "The man was vindicted of the underlying crime of corrupting his office and is convicted only on the testimony of Bud Holmes, which the government knows was perjured."
 "He was the victim of a government witch hunt that brought down a fine jurist," Fawer said.

attempt to rid Paschal of crime and drugs.
 The Legion members, who are white, also are reported to have scribbled racial epithets along with Nazi slogans and swastikas.
 One member celebrated his 18th birthday with a skull and crossbones etched into his cake.
 Wisch said there was no evidence the group was tied to outside extremist groups.

Icy roads hazardous to motorists

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Associated Press
 and Dumas had received more than 15 inches of snow.
 Ice-covered roads were reported across wide sections of West Central Texas from Abilene to Lampasas. Snow was falling in Wichita Falls, where ice covered roads and overpasses, the weather service said. Snow also fell in the Sherman-Denison area, near the Oklahoma border.
 The Dallas-Fort Worth area, which was expected to receive up to 2 inches of snow, probably would escape with only a dusting, forecasters said.
 Mark Brundrett, a weather service meteorologist in Fort Worth, said, "There's nothing really all that great for us as far as accumulation. I imagine we'll get a dusting."
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