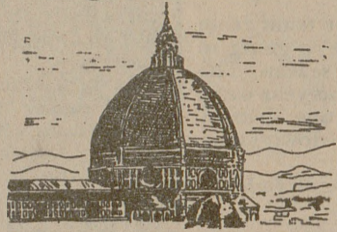


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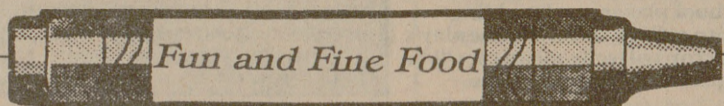
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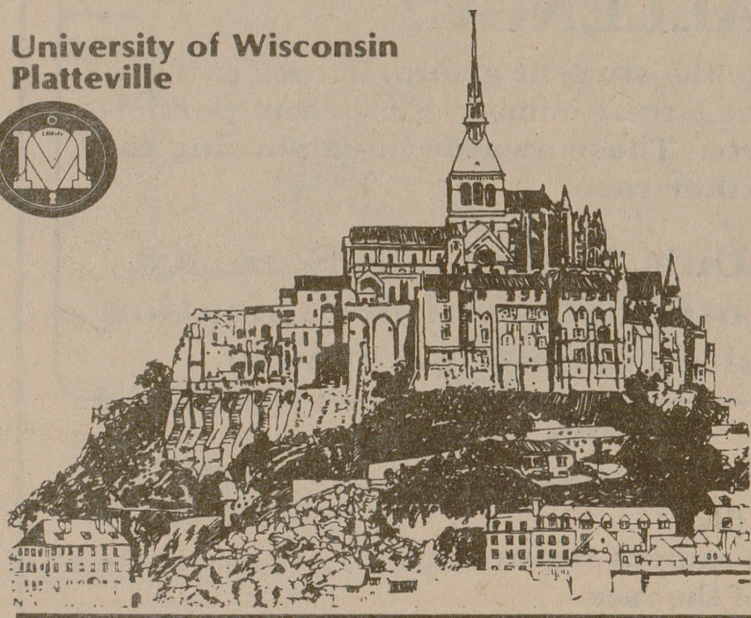
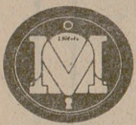
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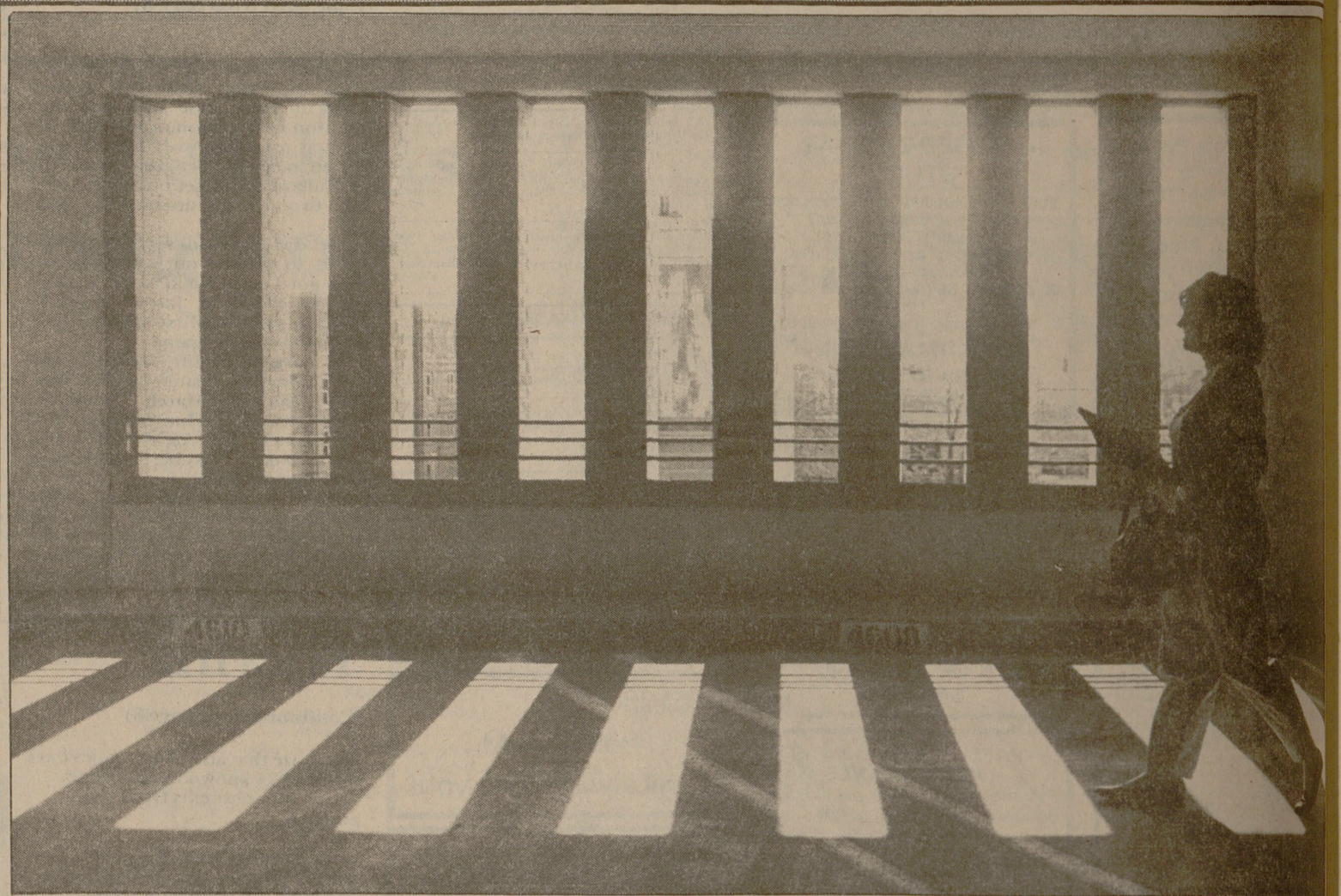
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Symmetric sunbeams



Amanda Blaser, a sophomore biomedical engineering major from Arlington, walks from her car

on the fourth level of the parking garage Tuesday afternoon.

Photo by Scott D. Weaver

Clerical error  
frees convict  
by mistake

Released prisoner  
plays before surrendering

HOUSTON (AP) — A man mistakenly freed from the Harris County Jail six hours into a 25-year prison term turned himself in Tuesday after what he called a virtual week-long party.

John Horkan, 25, surrendered to State District Judge George Godwin's courtroom where he was sentenced last week. Harris County Sheriff's deputies returned him to jail.

An arrest warrant for Horkan was issued last Thursday after jailers discovered the clerical error that freed him.

Horkan, in an interview with the Houston Chronicle before his surrender, said he just wanted to get in all the gusto he could.

"I know what's coming, and I can't stop it," he said of his imminent prison term. "What's done is done, so I'm going to get in as much as I can. I want to go back with some memories."

"It's not going to be real pleasant if I go back," Horkan said. "At least they can't file escape (charges) on me. I know that. They let me out."

Horkan was sentenced to 25 years in prison last Tuesday following his conviction on a charge of delivering the drug Ecstasy to an undercover officer.

Prosecutor Chuck Noll was not amused upon learning that Horkan has been having a good time with his fleeting freedom.

Annual residence hall conference  
focuses on new social programming

By SELINA GONZALEZ  
Of The Battalion Staff

Hall residents from colleges and universities across Texas will meet at Texas A&M from Thursday to Sunday to learn about Residence Hall Association programs.

The Texas Residence Hall Association Conference 1990 will focus on social programming in the halls, TRHA Chairman Matt Krasin said.

Krasin said 350 to 400 delegates will participate in programs such as Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Male/Female Relationship Enhancement.

"The delegates could be RHA officers, hall council presidents or just people who live in the halls," Krasin said. "The University of Texas is sending 40 delegates

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— Matt Krasin,  
TRHA chairman

which is the most they have ever sent."

Other universities that will be represented at the conference are University of North Texas, Texas Tech, St. Mary's University and Trinity, he said.

"The purpose of the conference is to have the delegates go back to their respective schools

and apply what they learn to situations in their halls," Krasin said.

The delegates will stay at the College Station Hilton. Krasin said the cost of the event is included in the conference fee, which is paid by the delegates or by the university, depending on the school.

The conference programs are strictly for the delegates and will be closed to the public, he said.

The Texas Resident Hall Association Conference was at Texas A&M in 1983, Krasin said. The annual state conference has a history that is 10 to 15 years old.

"Texas A&M is a perfect place to have a conference," Krasin said. "We have a really strong school and we have a lot of people behind us."

"All I have heard from delegates is how excited they are about visiting A&M."

Administrative mistake costs over \$1 million  
Department of Human Services trims staff

AUSTIN (AP) — An administrative mistake cost the Texas Department of Human Services more than \$1 million and added to a budget crunch that cost 45 people their jobs Tuesday, agency officials confirmed.

Commissioner Ron Lindsey said hundreds of DHS workers at state headquarters in Austin were given raises too early, hastening \$3 million in cutbacks that eliminated 105 Austin jobs.

"It was my fault," Lindsey said. "I take responsibility for it. But even if we hadn't spent that money on raises, we would still be in a position of laying off people and eliminating jobs."

Lindsey said he approved merit raises for a number of the 2,200 employees at DHS headquarters soon after he became commissioner in August 1989.

In the past, the agency had given the raises — which were authorized by the Legislature — at the end of the budget cycle to ensure that other programs did not run short. State agency budgets begin each September.

"I didn't make myself clear," Lindsey told the Associated Press. "When I was asked about raises, I said, 'Go ahead and give them, if we have the money, and so they were all given immediately."



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