news roundup

World

British Leyland workers strike — The manufacturer of Jaguars and Autins, now known as BL Ltd., has been faced with the loss of nearly $3 million a day as 58,000 assembly-line workers went on strike for larger weekly wage increases. Leyland granted a pay raise of 7 percent while the current inflation rate in Great Britain is estimated to be 11 percent. Leyland formerly manufactured the MG and Triumph sports cars.

Nation

Tax increases delayed — The Reagan Administration has indicated that no further tax increases should be implemented until at least 1983. There was no agreement, however, on the size of the increase that will eventually be added to taxes. The Senate Finance Committee Chairman, Bob Dole, suggested broad tax increases, such as an import or windfall profits tax tied somehow to oil and natural gas.

Airlines safe for two years — The Federal Aviation Administration has announced that there have been no fatal accidents aboard domestic passenger jets since October 31, 1979 when a United Airlines DC-10 crashed in the Arctic. In the same period, only two crashes involving flag carrier planes took place. One involved a turbo-prop aircraft; the second, in which seven people died, involved a light propeller plane.

Columbia's second flight — A five day mission of the Columbia will begin tomorrow at 7:30am. Pilots of the space shuttle will be Colonel Joe H. Engle and Captain Richard H. Truly. This will be the first time in space for both pilots. Current forecasts for launch time are scattered clouds and 10-knot winds. Liftoff would be allowable at any time within four hours and forty minutes of the scheduled time. A new sound-support system has been hooked up on the launch pad. During the first lift-off of the shuttle, some instrumentation reached their design limits from acoustic vibrations; one metal strut was bent. The new system should prevent that situation from recurring.

Campus

Final UMOC counts — Alpha Phi Omegas has released the final totals in the Ugliest Man on Campus (UMOC) contest.

Driftbags ........................ 1,066.97
Paul Berwind .................. 866.29
David Yanni ................. 219.72
Ken Ballou .................... 99.75
Christopher Hersh ........ 60.58
I. Zod IV ..................... 42.11
Ettingers ....................... 40.15
November 1st Octoberbrie 27.43
Fadi, the cat .................. 22.19
Anne Landade ............. 11.10
Write-ens ..................... 174.39

The $2,000.68 proceeds will be donated to the Easter Seals Society of Massachusetts.

Stuart Gilford

Weather

Mostly sunny but cool today with light winds and highs near 55. Partly cloudy tonight with lows near 42. Becoming partly to mostly cloudy tomorrow but milder with light southerly flow and highs near 60. Cloudy and cooler tonight and tomorrow with Thursday with the threat of light rain. Lows Thursday morning near 47, highs Thursday in the low 60s.

James Franklin

Pell Grant eligibility changes "drastic"

By Michael Shinazu

"We'll lose one-third of our federal grant money if the drastic measure is taken," said Leonard Gallagher, Director of Student Financial Aid, referring to a Reagan Administration proposal to limit eligibility for the largest Federal and program for needs college students.

The traditional Pell Grant Program, named after Theodore F. Pell, presently aids approximately 27 million students nationwide. Under the Administration proposal, which would reduce the program outlay to $2,183 billion from the $2,400 billion level set in March, almost 30 percent of low and middle-income families now eligible would not qualify for the grant.

The proposal is a response to a Congressional mandate to standardize need assessment formulat the General Pell Grant Program, the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) Program, college work-study program, and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) Program, made under the Carter Administration. The rationale forced the Department of Education to either apply a formula to the campus-based need analysis used by the NDSL, NDSL, and College Work-study programs which would drive up the costs of these programs, or to come up with a revised formula for the Pell Grant Program, according to Gallagher.

"This is really a plea from the Department of Education to decouple the Pell Grant Program ride on its own steam and keep the campus-based systems as they are," he observed.

Rent control, Prop 2% focus of city elections

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A: "Shall the Cambridge City Council be instructed to contact the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to place a freeze on the further development of nuclear weapons in the City of Cambridge?"

The City Council candidates include an unopposed incumbent, Frances Dickus, Sandra Graham, David Sullivan, and David Wyler. Independent candidates are Thomas Danelly, Leonard Russell, Walter Sullivan, and Alford Velenci. The C.U. is supporting challenger Wendy Ahl. Mary Ellen Preower, Bob White, and Alice Wolf. Independent challengers are Bernard Fantini and Danielin Clinton. School Committee candidates include incumbents Helga Victoria Atilio, Sara Mae Berman, Glenn Stephen Kocscher, and Joseph E. Maynard. Challengers are David C. Blackman, Mary F. Blasson, Douglas M. Cooper, Albert E. Linturn, Roxanne C. Teary, Maryann McGaehen, David Olie, Robert P. Reardon, and Jan F. Sullivan.

Also running are Bernard M. Balsam, Richard M. Brezel, David Cleveland, Christina M. Crawford, Brian A. Feigeman, William C. Jones, Dennis M. McCarth, Cheryl E wet, Nikas, John T. St. George, and Alvin E Thompson.