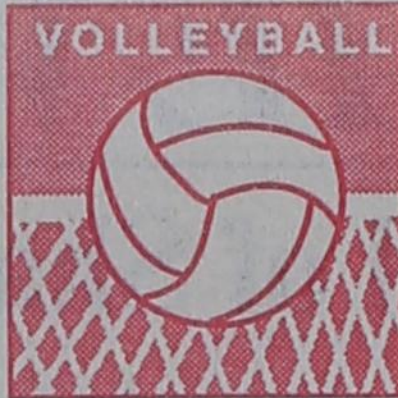




Marriage blues

Marriage, supposedly an institution of joyful bliss, can turn out to be a complete disaster if the couple is joined for the wrong reasons. Lifestyles writer Frank Plemons gives some insights from a bachelor's perspective.

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Beating the odds

The 1989 Texas Tech volleyball season was a surprising one for first-year coach Mike Jones and his 20-12 Red Raiders.

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Low: low 30s
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Bush briefs NATO

Says new thinking mandated for West

By The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush said Monday it's too early to proclaim an end to the Cold War, but added that Mikhail S. Gorbachev's acceptance of sweeping reform in Eastern Europe "absolutely mandates new thinking" by the West.

Wrapping up his weekend summit journey with a stop at NATO Headquarters, Bush also told reporters the United States would maintain "significant military forces in Europe as long as our allies desire our presence."

The president said he wants a treaty making initial cuts in superpowers conventional forces in Europe "in the bank" before seeking deeper reductions. He told NATO leaders he hoped a multinational summit could be convened in Europe next summer to sign such an accord.

Conventional forces aside, the United States and Soviet Union are negotiating a proposed 50 percent cut in long-range nuclear weapons, as well as a proposed ban of chemical weapons.

The president spoke as Gorbachev was convening a meeting of a radically reoriented Warsaw Pact in Moscow to review the weekend summit.

The dramatic change in Europe continued uninterrupted during the day, as the Soviet Union and the four other Warsaw Pact nations condemned their own invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. In Leipzig, East Germany, about 200,000 demonstrators broke into wild rounds of applause as speakers called for German reunification.

Bush and Gorbachev leaders agreed at an unprecedented joint news conference before leaving Malta that their meeting heralded a new era of cooperation in East-West relations, including arms control and trade. They intend to meet again in the United States in the second half of

June.

At his news conference, Bush said, "We stand at the threshold of a new era..." but declined to assert the Cold War has ended as Gorbachev suggested.

"That day hasn't arrived," the president said when asked about Gorbachev's statement declaring an end to the "epoch of the Cold War."

Barring a utopian development, Bush said, "the United States must stay involved" by keeping troops massed against Warsaw Pact forces.

"If you want to project out 100 years, or take some years off of that, you can look to a utopian day when there might be none (U.S. troops in Europe)," he said. "But as I pointed out to them (NATO leaders), that day hasn't arrived — and they agree with me."

Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers said he was impressed by the United States' "extraordinarily positive attitude" toward events in Europe.

"It has nothing to do with a 'we are pulling out' attitude," he told reporters. "On the contrary, they are again promising a meaningful presence (in Europe)."

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Bush's speech "was so full of meat that we really should consider it very carefully before we reply to it." She has urged a more cautious attitude than some allies toward events unfolding in Eastern Europe.

The president began his news conference with a statement that said a "peaceful revolution" was taking place in Eastern Europe, where five hardline communist regimes have fallen in recent weeks.

He said his goal was to see "individual freedom everywhere replace coercion and tyranny."

Asked what had emerged at the summit, he said "I think he took my measure and I took his and I think we both feel more comfortable about our common objectives."



The main man

Four-year-old Megan Bennett tells Santa Claus her yuletide aspirations as anxious children wait to tell St. Nick what they

want for Christmas. Santa listened to his young friends at "Christmas at the Museum" Saturday.

Allen Rose/The University Daily

Funeral services for Koeppel in Lubbock today

By BETH GEORGE
The University Daily

Memorial services for David E. Koeppel, 50, chairman of the Texas Tech department of agronomy, horticulture and entomology, will be 11 a.m. today at St. John's United Methodist Church at 1501 University Ave.

Officiating will be the Rev. Ted

Dotts; Sam Curl, dean of the Tech College of Agricultural Sciences; and George Tereshkovich, a professor and associate chairman of the department of agronomy, horticulture and entomology.

Graveside services will be Wednesday in Presbyterian Cedar Grove Cemetery in Town Holland, Wis.

Koeppel died Sunday night in Lubbock General Hospital of natural

causes.

He was born in Sheboygan, Wis. He earned a bachelor's degree from Wisconsin State University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

He came to Tech in 1981 from the University of Illinois, where he served as a plant physiology professor. He published more than 100 scientific articles and was a member of 10 profes-

sional societies.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen; his mother, Lillian of Cedar Grove, Wis.; two brothers, Paul of Madison, Wis., and John of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and two nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the David E. Koeppel Memorial Scholarship fund at Tech.

Tech KARENET program boasts steady growth

By LEANNA EFIRD
The University Daily

Administrators of the KARENET program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center report that the young program is steadily growing and in about two years will become a self-sufficient business.

Teddy Langford, dean of the Tech School of Nursing, said KARENET is a marketable product that serves remote and rural areas in West Texas.

In a report to the Tech board of regents Friday, Linda Vengroff, director of KARENET, explained business plans and strategy for the

future the program.

KARENET began a year ago with funding from the Kellogg Foundation, and AT&T and provides many services to patients and health care professionals through computer programs.

The program provides patient education courses designed for persons with little or no computer knowledge. Through computer programs, patients can learn more about such issues as "Fighting the Common Cold," "Cholesterol and Your Heart" and other health problems.

In addition, programs on patient management provide health care

professionals with instant access to up-to-date patient care and treatment. The program includes procedures in dealing with special health emergencies and treatment of a variety of health problems.

KARENET also provides accredited continuing education courses for nurses, physicians and allied health professionals and programs for automated health care records so doctors can record and monitor patient care information. Through automated health care records, doctors can prescribe medication, study laboratory results, gain access to history and physical assessment information

and review discharge summaries with the touch of a few buttons.

"The computer is the stethoscope of the future — a basic tool in the provision of health care," said Vengroff.

She said KARENET plans to gain revenue through grant funding, fees and services for programs and joint ventures with similar businesses.

"We are not in this business to make a profit," Vengroff said. "We should be able to collect sufficient revenue to pay for research and costs of software."

Langford said KARENET also will interact with all schools within the health sciences center.

Mainord funeral services set for today in Lubbock

Services for Betty Kay Mainord, 42, of Lubbock will be at 4 p.m. today at LakeRidge United Methodist Church at 4701 82nd St. with the Rev. Bill Couch, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Shady Grove Cemetery in Greenville.

Mainord, wife of Texas Tech football defensive coordinator Carlos Mainord, died at 4:43 a.m. Monday at Methodist Hospital after an illness.

She was born in Abilene. She received a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M University. She received two master's degrees, one from Prairie View A&M in counseling and

another from Tech in diagnostics. She married Carlos Mainord on Jan. 20, 1967, in Abilene.

She was a counselor/diagnostician for the Lubbock Independent School District. She was a member of the Texas Classroom Teachers' Association and WTASCD, a counselors' organization. She was a member of LakeRidge United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Carlos of Lubbock; three sons, Matt, Mark and Tommy of the home; her parents, Gerald and Betty Logan Michl of Weatherford; and a sister, Sherry Dold of Burke, Va.

Russian scientist lectures on technology transfer methods in Soviet Union

By FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ
The University Daily

The Soviet Academy of Sciences differs from its American counterpart, a leading Soviet scientist said Monday.

Gennady Mesyats, vice president of the Soviet Union Academy of Science, discussed "Technology Transfer in the Soviet Union" Monday at the electrical engineering Lankford Lab.

Mesyats, director of the Institute of Electrophysics in Sverdlovsk, said relations between American and Soviet scientists have been good for the past 15 years.

Mesyats gave the non-technical part of his lecture in Russian and was translated by Victor Lychyk, assistant professor of Slavic and Germanic languages.

"Scientific research in the Soviet Union is conducted in three different groups of organizations," Mesyats said. "The first one is the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. The second are the universities and higher education institutions, and the third are institutes of industrial ministries."

Mesyats said each of the three organizations has individual tasks. The academy is engaged in basic scientific research, he said. Universities are involved in teaching but also conduct research for industry, and institutes of industrial ministries are involved in the development phase and applied research for industry.

"Since there is no private ownership in the Soviet Union, there are no corporations," Mesyats said. "But we do have ministries which function on

behalf of the state. There are ministries of metallurgy, chemistry, nuclear energy and so on."

Mesyats said funding for research is provided by the state through the Committee of Science and Technology.

"The committee is very powerful," he said. "It divides all of the funds into the various organizations. The president of the committee is simultaneously vice premier of the Soviet Union; therefore, a decision of this committee is at one and the same time a decision of the Soviet government."

Mesyats said that in order to develop science and technology in the Soviet Union, special programs financed by the state are operated.

"The programs range from atomic energy to space research," he said.

"The committee has 18 programs, which are now the most important ones in the Soviet Union."

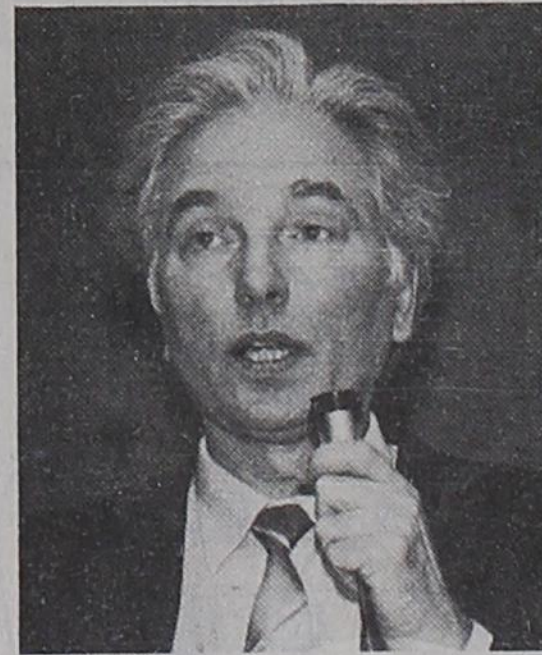
Mesyats said that only recently, the committee has given out money on the basis of competition.

"The proposals of different committees are examined," he said. "The money is then accordingly given to the ones with the most favorable proposals."

Mesyats said the budget of the Academy of Sciences is about five billion rubles.

"I understand that figure is only half of the funds received in the United States," Mesyats said. "But I'm speaking about percentages, not rubles."

Mesyats said the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union differs from the one in the United States.



Mesyats

"The Soviet academy is not merely a club of scholars. It has many sub-organizations of its own," he said. "I

know that in the United States, with the exception of state research, all major research is conducted in universities. Unfortunately, I cannot say that there exists such a favorable connection between universities and the state in our country."

Mesyats said the Soviet Academy of Sciences was founded by Peter the Great in 1724.

"The academy now has 315 active members and more than 700 correspondents," he said. "Membership in the academy has two stages. First of all, one has to be a corresponding member and then one can be considered for active membership. In the time of Peter the Great, anybody who lived outside of Petersburg had to correspond with the academy; these members became correspondents."

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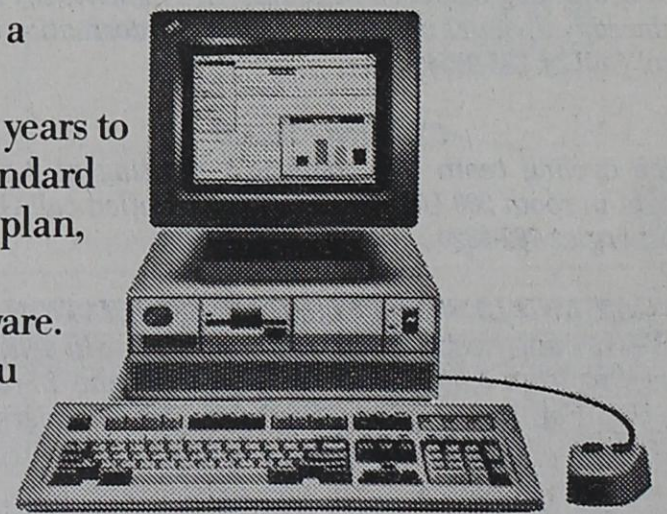
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77-year-old student goes back to school

By CORTCHIE WELCH
The University Daily

Milburn Aldridge is a student at Texas Tech, but many of his fellow students mistake him for a professor.

Little do they know Aldridge taught school way back when mom was playing with her dolls and dad was shooting marbles.

The 77-year-old Aldridge said that when he walks into the classroom these days, he does not get that quizzical stir from fellow classmates or a curious smile from the professor as he did 10 years ago.

Aldridge said he thinks older students would be more successful and have less anxieties in the schoolroom in a traditional student-age environment if they had an extensive background in a special interest with younger students.

A native of Trenton, Aldridge said he has been around younger students practically all his life. He credits his success in school to his vast interaction with students.

"I've been teaching myself, so I am used to the classroom situation," he said. "I also have been a master of the dormitories. It would be different if a person hadn't had the classroom experience."

Aldridge was born in 1912. He enrolled at Tech in the fall of 1929 at the age of 17, where he studied two years before the evil days of the Depression forced him to leave college.

He re-entered the school in 1934 and went on to earn an undergraduate degree in foreign language in 1936.

He taught at Lon Morris Methodist College in Jacksonville sporadically from 1937 to 1958.

Aldridge was a meteorology instructor for one year in the Naval Air Force in Washington, D.C., following the initial stages of World War II.

After the war, he spent most of his time teaching and traveling around the world to destinations such as Canada, Japan, Germany and other European and Asian countries.



Ian Halperin/The University Daily

Making the grade

Non-traditional student Bill Aldridge is one of more than 5,000 students over age 25 who attend Texas Tech. Aldridge said he has had

much success in class because of his extended career in the academic environment.

In 1980, Aldridge said, he decided he needed more education, so he came back to Tech and has been here since.

Aldridge, who never married and has no immediate family, said there is no other place he would rather be at this moment than Tech.

"I would rather be in the dormitories than in an old folks home," he said.

Aldridge said older students are more motivated to make good grades than younger students because older students do not want to be looked at as stupid.

He said the academic sphere has been fun on both sides of the education environment — teaching and being one of the students.

The United States' education system is an insufficient one relative to other industrialized na-

tions, Aldridge said. He said the country has not flexed a muscle to get the system up a notch.

"I keep reading about the educational system in America," he said, "and it is not up to par, it seems. Certainly, it doesn't compare very well with the Japanese system. The students go to school much more than we do."

He said American students spend less time studying and too much time in front of the television.

Tech has upgraded admission standards this year as a means to uplift the university's image, but Aldridge, whose cumulative grade point average hovers around 3.5, said the solution does not come with revising an admissions policy.

"The answer is to improve the public school education system and get the students who are better

prepared," he said.

Aldridge said a college education is almost mandatory to getting ahead in the real world, while adding "who knows what it is like out in the real world?"

Originally, Aldridge had his sights set on a major in petroleum engineering, but a professor by the name of Charles Blaise Qualia persuaded the young fledgling to go into the foreign language department.

He said he is grateful for the things Tech has to offer and the beauty of the campus.

Aldridge, in view of his broad and complete academic repertory, may indeed have the answers to students' queries when they run up to him thinking he is a professor.

Interwoven's first edition to be featured at auction

By CORTCHIE WELCH
The University Daily

Texas Tech Southwest Collection Director David Murrah said donations to the Friends of the University Library/Southwest Collection's Social and Rare Book Auction have exceeded expectations with more than 60 pieces of materials being contributed to the annual event.

About 66 items of historical value — including an antique pocketwatch in its original case — have been donated to the fifth annual rare book auction, Murrah said, with contributions coming in mainly from book dealers and collectors.

The auction will begin at 7 p.m. today at Skyviews of Texas Tech in the North Carolina National Bank (NCNB) building on the corner of 19th Street and University Avenue.

The auction is a major fund-raising event for Friends, Murrah said, as the cause brought in more than \$5,000 last year. He said the auction, which has grown in interest, is expected to attract a crowd of about 100 people.

He said the highlight of the book auction is a rare copy of the first edition of a book written by Sallie Reynolds Matthews called *Interwoven, A Pioneer Chronicle*, which details the struggle of two West Texas families who were left unprotected

during the Civil War and tells how the families came together to survive the Indians.

One Day on the Alamositas Ranch — a book about the Matador Land and Cattle Company — and *Wildflowers Across America* also are featured attractions at the auction, Murrah said.

He said the event provides quality education in its own right by teaching people the value of books. Murrah said many people are unaware of the value books placed on bookshelves at home may have without anyone in the house being aware of the value.

Murrah said the auction is a sale of better-quality books and that people attending and buying material at the event will leave with something of value for their money.

He said materials purchased at the auction will appreciate in value. A purchaser bought an item at last year's auction for \$1,000, Murrah said, and in turn sold the item for \$1,600 eight months later.

The average sale price of materials sold last year at the auction averaged \$70, he said, and many bargains are offered each year.

Murrah said the event provides an excellent opportunity for people who are interested in or just starting in the book collecting business.

Ex-Tech student runs for office

By BETH GEORGE
The University Daily

Randy Foster, a former Texas Tech student, said Monday he is withdrawing from the county judge race to throw his hat into the ring for the race for county commissioner for Precinct 4.

Foster, a 38-year-old psychology major from New Deal, announced his candidacy for county judge less than a month ago. He said that after looking at the other candidates for the position, he decided the position of county commissioner would suit him better.

"Looking at my resources to run a good race with publicity, running for county commissioner is going to be

better for me personally," he said.

Foster said he is running for county commissioner for many of the same reasons he originally decided to run for county judge — mainly an interest in reducing public spending and improving budget management.

"I think the budget needs more real scrutiny, especially the sheriff's department and the jail," he said.

Foster, who is running as a Democrat, said no other candidate has announced for the position occupied by Republican Alton Brazell.

Foster left Tech this semester to organize a fight against tax increases by both the Lubbock Independent School District board and the Lubbock County commissioners.

Moment's Notice

Moment's Notice is a service of the Student Association for student and university organizations. Publication of announcements is subject to the judgment of the Student Association staff and the availability of space. Anyone who wants to place an announcement should come to the UD newsroom on the second floor of the journalism building and fill out a separate form for each Tuesday and Thursday the notice is to appear. ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT 742-3631.

TECH MARKETING ASSOCIATION

The Tech Marketing Association will host a Christmas party at 8 p.m. tonight at Gesture's Cafe. For more information call Jim Teall at 792-6732.

PALS

The support group for students 25 and older will sponsor a brown bag luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. today and Wednesday upstairs in the UC. For more information call Carol Call at 793-9954.

CYCLING TEAM

The cycling team will conduct a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight in room 208 UC. For more information call Gary Goldberg at 762-3620.

GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Gay and Lesbian Student Association will conduct a meeting from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in room 209 UC. For more information call Fritz Sanders at 791-4499.

ALPHA ZETA

Alpha Zeta will host a Christmas party and officer election at 6:30 p.m. tonight in room 311 agricultural sciences building. For more information call Amanda Plank at 793-6040.

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The department of mechanical engineering will conduct a seminar "3-D Computer Vision" at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in room 132 mechanical engineering building. For more information call Dr. Aik-Siong Koh at 742-3563.

KAPPA MU EPSILON

Kappa Mu Epsilon will host a Christmas party and guest speaker at 7 p.m. tonight in room 109 math building. For more information call Pei Pei Tang at 742-5833.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International will sponsor a benefit concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Gesture Cafe at 2411 Main Street. For more information call Fran Kennedy at 763-1721.

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Tech shuttle buses provide safety at night

By BETH GEORGE
The University Daily

Like the Caped Crusaders who patrol Gotham City, the men who drive the Texas Tech shuttle buses provide an essential service to keep students at Tech safe from things that go bump in the night.

Two Tech shuttle buses, tan vans with blue lights on top, run nightly around the campus. One bus runs from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the other from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Each shuttle follows a route around campus that passes by residence halls and commuter and residence hall parking lots.

Scott Demel, a sophomore arts and sciences major from San Antonio, became a shuttle bus driver after a friend who already was a driver told him about an opening for a new driver. Demel submitted his application and was hired as a driver about four weeks ago.

"I like this job because it's on campus, and the hours are convenient since it's at night, and I have classes all during the day," he said.

Demel drives one night a week, unlike most drivers, who have two shifts weekly.

"It's not so bad to give up one night a week and get some spending cash," he said.

Usually not much will happen during an eight-hour shift, Demel said, but he said the low pressure is one of the job's advantages.

"This job is really stress-free, just driving a van around for eight hours," he said. "It's not a terrible job."

Weekends are basically calm, especially if there are several parties or fraternity/sorority formals scheduled, Demel said. On Saturday night, for example, Demel had only 22



Night patroller

This Texas Tech shuttle bus is one of two that patrol the Tech campus nightly. The buses make rounds providing rides to people traveling

to and from parking lots as well as serving as crime preventers.

riders. "The main time is when the dorm lots overflow and people have to park in commuter lots and then want rides back," Demel said. "Especially on Thursdays, after everyone has been clubbing and comes in about 2 a.m."

During the month Demel has been driving, nothing unusual has happened, save an occasional drunk or person suffering from acute boredom.

"Sometimes you wish for some excitement, but if you can get a conversation going with someone, it's all right," he said. "One night this girl

got on and just started riding for the hell of it, but that was a rare case. Most times it's really not that interesting."

Safety is the main reason the university offers the shuttle bus service, as the bus's nickname, the Rape Van, reflects, Demel said.

"Some areas of campus are really pretty desolate," Demel said, "especially over by Jones Stadium, where there is not much dorm activity going on, and it is so near to the Tech ghetto. Something might happen

over there, although it's not too likely."

All shuttle bus drivers are civilians, but they work as the eyes and ears of the Department of Police Services, said police Sgt. Debbie Parke.

Each driver maintains constant radio contact with the police dispatcher and can report any suspicious activity seen on campus, she said.

Weather also plays an important part in encouraging students to take advantage of the shuttle bus service, Demel said.

Philippines rebels offer to let foreigners go free

By The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Rebel soldiers Monday offered to allow hundreds of foreigners to leave hotels in the financial district, seized last weekend by mutineers seeking to topple President Corazon Aquino.

Late Monday, two bombs exploded in the capital, wounding two people. It was unclear if they were related to the coup attempt, which began Friday and has killed at least 70 people.

Hundreds of Americans and other foreigners were pinned down in homes and hotels in the posh Makati district, where forces loyal to Aquino contained the mutineers to 22 buildings.

About 400 rebels continued to occupy Mactan Air Base in Cebu, 350 miles south of Manila. Their leader refused to surrender and threatened to blow up the base's planes.

The United States provided fresh military supplies to the Aquino government and promised \$25,000

in assistance for civilian hospitals, said Richard Boucher, a State Department spokesman in Washington.

In Manila, a statement from a rebel spokesman, Capt. Albert Yen, telephoned to news organizations, said the insurgents would release the foreigners to dispel suspicions they were being held hostage.

The statement said the foreigners would be free to leave the hotels at 10 a.m. today (8 p.m. CST Monday) and would be taken to Manila's airport aboard shuttle buses. There was no word if foreign embassies had been informed of the offer.

Yen said the move did not indicate the rebels were about to end their four-day bid to oust Aquino.

"That's the farthest thing that we could do," he said. "We pledged our lives to this cause. We will hold the line to the last drop of our blood."

At least 70 people have been killed and more than 500 wounded since mutineers seized several military installations and bombed the presidential palace Friday, according to the Red Cross.

Campus Briefs

Ranching center celebrates Christmas

The Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center will host an Old West celebration of Christmas with "Candlelight at the Ranch" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the outdoor museum on the corner of Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue.

Historical re-enactments will depict the holiday activities of ranchers and their families as they lived in the eras represented. Volunteers dressed in costumes will act out 17 Christmas events in different locations, from an old log cabin to a cowboy dugout on the ranch. Several area-wide groups will make appearances.

The event is free and open to the public.

Canyon Visions author to speak at UC

Dan Flores, author of Canyon Visions, will speak at the Texas Tech Faculty Club Forum from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center Lubbock Room.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to bring their lunch before 12:15 p.m. Non-faculty guests are welcome.

Canyon Visions, published by Texas Tech Press, is available at select bookstores and gift shops throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Bush says defense cuts won't affect peace dividend

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite a declaration Monday by President Bush that he doesn't expect a "peace dividend" to result from reduced East-West tensions, many members of Congress are urging heftier spending on domestic programs as the

military budget is reduced.

"We have a lot of demands at home, and there's no question about that," Bush said at a news conference in Brussels at the end of trip to a summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "But I think it is premature to speak as some are at home about a peace dividend — take a lot of money out of defense and put it into other

worthy causes."

The president said the reason there can be no such windfall is that the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law requires that he produce a budget for fiscal 1991 containing a shortfall of no more than \$64 billion.

The deficit for this budget year, which ends Sept. 30, is projected at about \$110 billion. Bush will present

his proposed budget to Congress on Jan. 22.

"There just isn't a lot of, quote, excess money, unquote, floating around there," Bush told a news conference in Brussels, Belgium.

Although members of Congress are split over the question, many believe it is time to impose deep cuts on the nearly \$290 billion defense budget.

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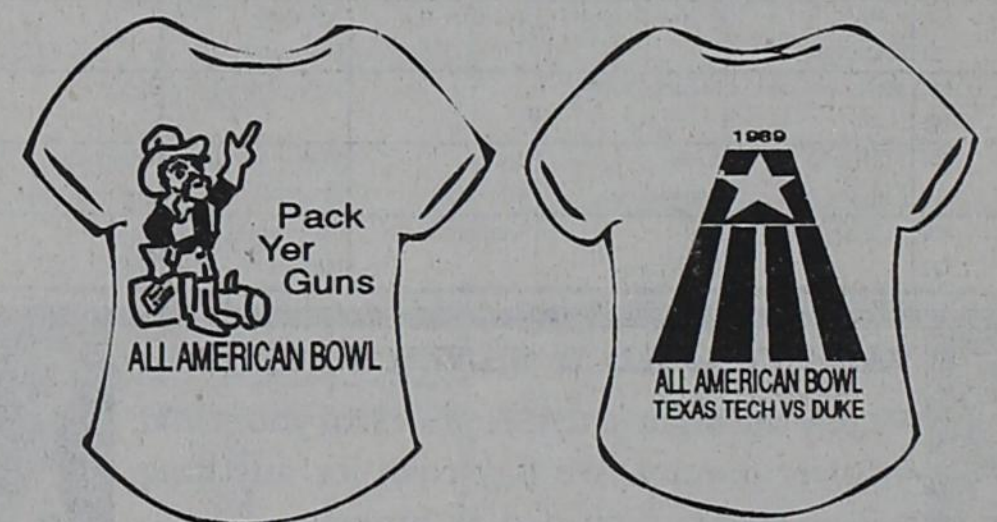
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History professor fulfills dream with cabin, tepee

By CORTCHIE WELCH
The University Daily

Ever since his childhood days, Louisianian Dan Flores has wanted to experience life on the homestead for reasons he cannot account for.

In hopes of carrying out his heart's desire of living in nature, the Texas Tech history professor bought 12 acres of undeveloped land in 1983. Located 20 miles outside Lubbock in Yellow House Canyon, the land he owns once was roamed by Comanches and Kiowas.

"It was probably a dream of my generation to have a piece of land and to build a house and have animals on it," said Flores, who as a child dreamed that he had at one time or another walked the trails of the arid canyon lands of West Texas.

"I suppose a lot of people have given up on that dream and settled into the suburbs and more of a middle-class lifestyle."

Flores, who was part of the counter-culture movement of the 1960s, said he bought the property from a local musician who framed up a house on the land. He said the house is fit to live in but needs additional repairs.

"I don't know if it's a dreamhouse," he said. "It's a cabin; it's not really very large, at least not now. When I finish it, it will be probably a standard-sized house with only a thousand square feet."

Flores said he has completed some major renovations on the two-story house, including a tiled-floor,

a Southwestern-style adobe interior and a cedar exterior.

"I've put in a good deal of effort into creating the sort of house I want to live in," he said. "That's something that you get to do when you build one yourself."

Animals on the homestead that Flores calls "family" include a colt that he has taken care of from five months of age, five fish and two cats.

In 1984, Flores and a friend bought a Plains tepee to place on the property.

"I believe, although not certain, this probably is the first tepee to go up in Yellow House Canyon since a group of Comanches was run out by buffalo hunters in 1877," he said.

Flores, who teaches native American history, writes and does research about Indians, said he wanted the tepee to learn how to put one up and take one down.

He said a tepee functions quite well on the plains because of its cone-tilted shape.

"It will stand up in high winds," Flores said. "That lodge of mine has been up most of the time over the past five years. I take it down sometimes during the winter and spring to keep it from getting battered by the winds. It has gone through 70- and 80-miles-per-hour winds on a dozen occasions."

He said the tepee has been taken down by the wind only once; an 84-mile-an-hour northern wind in 1986 hit when one side of the lodge was rolled up.

"I am firmly convinced that if I had it all nailed down, it would not



Allen Rose/The University Daily

Back to the basics

Texas Tech history professor Dan Flores stands outside a Plains Indian tepee that he and a friend bought in 1984 and set up on Flores' land in Yellow House Canyon.

have gone over," he said.

He said being inside a tepee is like being inside a mobius, an unending circle. The circle is part of the Indians' point of view about the world, Flores said, that time proceeds in a circular fashion and there is no linear time pointed toward the future.

"The idea of the circle implies time revolving in cycles, eternally taking you back to mythological times, rather than the sort of square linear houses that we live in which are associated with time marching in an upward and onward progression," he said.

Flores said he has spent a couple of weeks at a time in the tepee but never actually has lived in it.

"I've loaned it out to people who have stayed in it for as long as a couple of weeks," he said.

He said having a tepee gives him a chance to experience a continuum with inhabitants who nomadized the region a hundred years ago and lived in the area for more than 12,000 years.

Occasionally, people drive by his property whooping like Indians, Flores said, and others get out of their automobiles and take pictures.

Marriages for wrong reasons deserve no congratulations



Frank Plemons
Lifestyles
Writer

A friend of mine tells me she's getting married. I'd like to tell her congratulations, but I can't.

All I can say is if she's happy, then I'm happy for her. I look upon a wedding ceremony like I look upon a funeral procession or a life sentence. The institution is both condemning and (ideally) for life; but if it doesn't work, then the aftermath can be apocalyptic.

Another friend of mine gave into matrimony at the age of 37 ... I began to worry. I always thought if he could be a bachelor forever, then so could I. Now I've lost my example, but not my hope.

Marriage is not a bad idea if it is done for the right reasons; but since almost half of all marriages in the United States end in divorce, then too many people are getting married for the wrong reasons.

To this day I have no idea what made one couple I know marry each other; they live to antagonize one another and have absolutely nothing (save their ages) in common. After four temporary separations, neither will file for divorce. Pride keeps them from divorcing each other; both believe that marriage is for life no matter if you marry the right person or not, and they hate to admit their mistakes.

Another friend of mine is a prime example of marriage for the wrong reasons. To begin with, this moron arranged financing to buy his fiancée an \$11,000 engagement ring. Why? He

says because his fiancée is the most compatible girl he has ever met. This guy is beyond whipped; he's a disgrace to the male species. He would roll over and play dead if she asked him to, and my money says that one day while he's playing dead, she'll walk out for good.

My sister graduated from Baylor almost two years ago. For the past year, she's can't save her money because she's so busy buying shower and wedding presents. I hate Baylor enough to think that the only life after Baylor is a one-way path down the aisle.

Weddings are another joke all in themselves. People spend thousands upon thousands of dollars for a 15-minute ceremony. Why not let the justice of the peace do the ceremony and then blow all that money on the honeymoon?

Another friend found out about marriage the worst way. In his divorce settlement his ex-wife got the three kids, the house, the cars and the family business. This poor bastard got to keep only his clothes. Plus, he also has to give his wife half of everything he makes from here on out. If prenuptial agreements had only been around when this guy got married, then he wouldn't be the bum on the street that he is today.

The burden of child-rearing is too much. I remember the monster that I was; that's enough to never make me want to try to bring another person into the world. Even though I notice my Mom has conveniently stashed away some of my toys, I won't be the one to make her a grandmother.

A year ago was the closest I ever got to marriage. This stupid girl wanted to get married after I dated her for three weeks ... no chance. Today I'm safe and single and she's already divorced.

by Bill Watterson

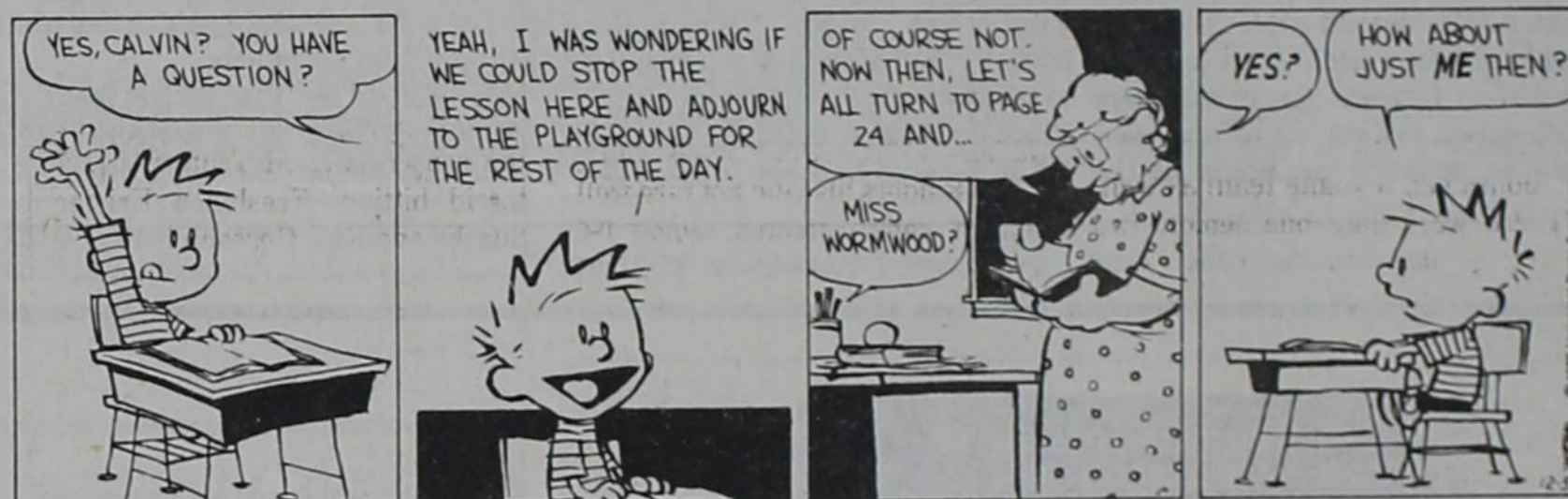
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7 AM	(45) Wthr	Today	(6:00) CBS This Morning	Good Morning America	Ninja Turtle Mario Bros.
8 AM	Sesame Street	(25) News	Joan Rivers		Muppet Baby Dennis
9 AM	Mr. Rogers Square One	Geraldo	Family Feud Wheel	Sally	700 Club
10 AM	321 Contact Homestretch	Gold Girls 227	Price Is Right	Home	Success N Life
11 AM	Amish Cook g Human Jnl.	Generations Scrabble	Young & Restless	Strangers Loving	Joan Lunden Divorce Ct.
12 PM	MacNeil/Lehrer	News	News	All My Children	Jury Trial Soloflex
1 PM	Joy Of Paint French	Lives Another World	As The World Turns	One Life To Live	Talkabout Jackpot
2 PM	T Brown Sesame Street	Santa Barbara	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Last Word 3rd Degree
3 PM	Mr. Rogers Square One	In Edition	Highway To Heaven	Donahue	DuckTales Chip N Dale
4 PM	321 Contact	Oprah Winfrey	G. Pains Silver Spoon	People's Ct. CrimeWatch	World Of Disney
5 PM	Sit & Be Fit Bus Rpt	News	Jeopardy! CBS News	Win. Lose ABC News	Webster Belvedere
6 PM	MacNeil/Lehrer	News	News	News	Family Ties Curr. Affair
7 PM	Nova	Matlock	Billy Graham	Who's Boss? Wonder Years	Mov Miracle on 34th Street
8 PM	America Experience	In Heat Of Night	Mov Over The Top	Roseanne Coach	
9 PM	Jessye Norman	Midnight Caller		thirtysometh g	Hunter
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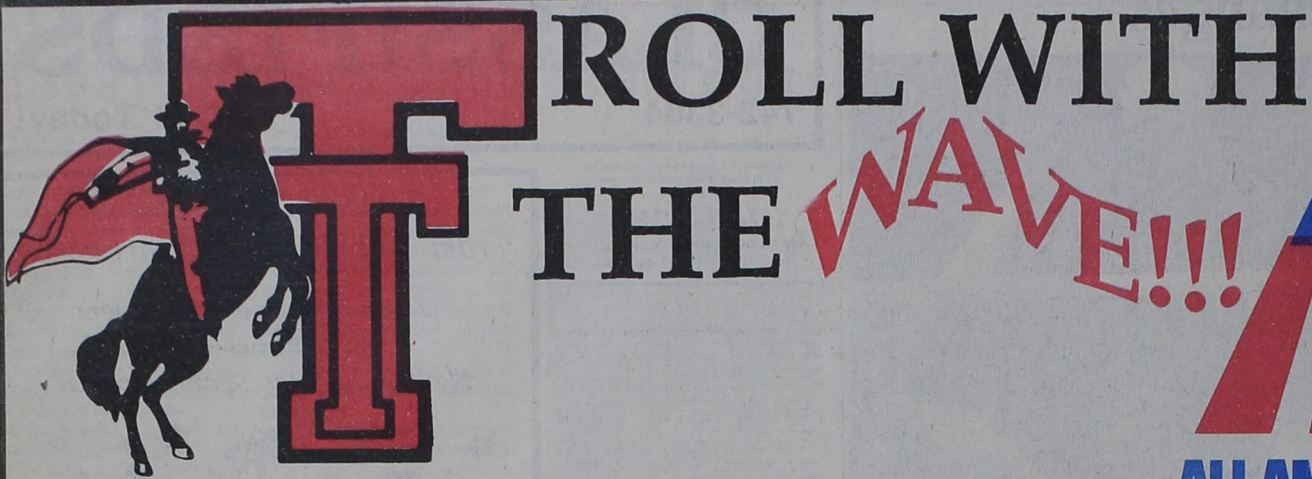
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