

Traffic light synchronization completed

BY JAY ROSSER
UD Editor

When Lubbock Mayor Roy Bass first ran for election, throughout the campaign he continually called for synchronization of all traffic lights in the city for easier and quicker driving.

Although the city receives numerous complaints about the traffic lights and their ineffectiveness, city Traffic Engineer Bill McDaniel said the synchronization program is completed and all that is left is improving and refining the system.

McDaniel said most of the complaints about the synchronization program came from individuals traveling in the central business district.

Zoo optimistic for giraffe survival

MARWELL, England (AP) — Britain's Royal Navy came to the aid of Victor, the sprawled giraffe, Monday with an imaginative plan to hoist the downed animal to his feet with a system of winches and scaffolds.

The report from Victor's keepers was guardedly optimistic as the 15-year-old, one-ton resident of the Marwell Zoo spent his fourth day sprawled, his lanky legs askew, out in the open on the floor of his cage.

Victor collapsed Thursday, apparently while trying to mate with one of his three female companions at the zoo, 70 miles from London.

Since then, his veterinarian owner John Knowles and interested observers around the world have tried but so far failed to come up with a way to get him back on his feet. Knowles said Monday that Victor's condition was much improved following a Saturday night scare that the animal with an eight-foot neck was on the verge of death.

"He's really stood up to it very well," Knowles said.

He said he hoped Victor would be strong enough to allow experts from the Portsmouth navy dockyard to rig a large webbed sling under Victor's body, with his legs dangling below it.

custommade sling will be attached to four scaffolds around him. The sling will then be hoisted by hand-winches to raise Victor to his feet.

Knowles said he had no idea of the cost of the rescue program.

He said he and fellow veterinarian John Walmsley were satisfied Victor was "functioning properly."

"But he isn't taking enough food to maintain himself so we are still giving him intravenously saline and body-supporting drugs — the complete range of nutrients which would be put into a human patient in a similar situation," Knowles said.

Victor seemed perkier Monday, interested in all the commotion around him and gently swinging his head to match the crowd outside his cage.

Occasionally a tear or two tumbled from his eyes. His keepers seemed unconcerned — giraffes do cry — but to the curious crowd of onlookers it added a poignant note to an already pathetic situation.

Victor's keepers fed him fresh grasses and he drank water while veterinarian John Walmsley kept close watch on his vital signs.

"The speed limit is 30 miles per hour downtown," McDaniel said, "and the lights are set for 28-miles per hour. You have some individuals who don't want to go all the way down one street, so they have to slow down to turn off. That slows down other people and causes them to miss the green light ahead."

McDaniel said many of the problems with the lights is a direct result of the fact the city is continually modifying the signals to fit specific requests and needs.

"They want a lot of flexibility in the traffic signals," McDaniel said. He said occasionally individuals will appear before the City Council requesting that a certain light be converted and modified to include a left-turn signal.

"The left-turn signals are convenient, but they eat up time," he said. "It damages the movement of traffic and penalizes others who want to go straight."

The key to the entire synchronization operation is the

"master control" device. According to McDaniel, the devices were placed in operation in 1973. There are three master controllers, which control 108 local intersections in the central business district and 33 local intersections on three major arteries.

In theory, according to McDaniel, the system works like this:

—Each master control unit can, depending on the density (volume-speed) of the traffic, adjust the cycle length from 40-150 seconds. Each master—after gathering information from sampling detectors beneath the street—then selects the appropriate offset and cycle length to move the traffic efficiently resulting in an increase of traffic speed and volume and decrease of traffic congestion.

—The actual length of each red and green signal interval is determined and then timed by the intersection controller. By adjusting red and green interval timings, the master can

reduce the number of stops a motorist makes and eliminate a large portion of the delay encountered. Each master has a recorder to gather engineering data for future timing and traffic planning.

System A controls 82 local intersections and gathers its information from 15 sampling detectors, located at strategic locations throughout the central business district area, said McDaniel.

System B controls 26 intersections on the major arteries bordering the central business district and five intersections by the Tech campus, and gathers its information from 21 sampling detectors located at strategic locations throughout the central business district area, he said.

McDaniel said each intersection is connected to one or more of 17 fire runs which—when activated by the Central Fire Station—gives the approaching fire equipment the green signal and stops all traffic from the side approaches.

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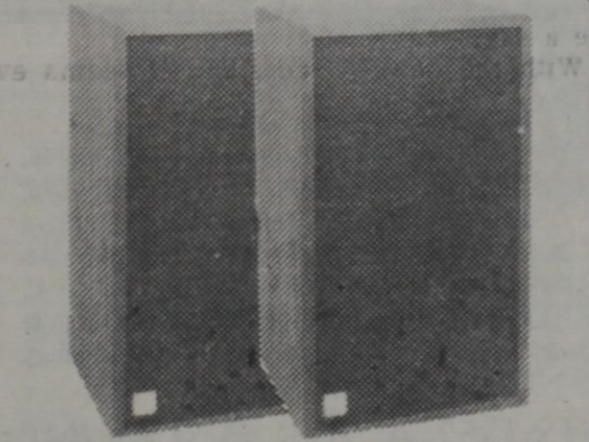


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Herbal medicines flourishing in Mexico

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MEXICO CITY — The herb salesman kept up his soft patter as he deftly scraped the skin off a huge radish. "This is the part with the medicinal properties," he told a score of enchanted Mexicans surrounding his stand. "You soak it in alcohol for two hours, then it's ready for use."

Nearby, a group of Indiana women arranged huge bundles of plants, herbs and flowers along the ground and settled down in front of stalls displaying sackloads of odd-colored stalks and leaves, all

of them identified by the particular ailments they are intended to cure.

Even in the heart of Mexico City, herbal medicine is still flourishing. Every morning at dawn, trucks arrive at the vast La Merced market with medicinal plants from all parts of Mexico. Within hours, the plants are sorted and dispatched to yerberos, or herb experts, throughout this city of 12 million inhabitants.

MOST BUYERS ARE poor Mexicans who have little faith in government clinics and cannot afford private doctors

or who have recently migrated here from the countryside and prefer treatment by herbs. But increasingly there are signs that even middle and upper-class Mexicans are beginning to recognize the merits of "traditional" medicine.

Every day at lunchtime, Francisco Sanchez Negrete sets up his stall behind Woolworth's on the capital's elegant Paseo de la Reforma. Office workers come to consult the 47-year-old yerbero about their problems, or passersby simply stop to peruse the little packages with their handwritten signs: "Altered nerves," "Obesity," "Ache of the brain," "Impotence," "Irritable character" and so on.

"A lot of people are attracted to medicinal plants," said Sanchez, whose father was also a yerbero. "Sometimes they're a bit shy about consulting me, but

they're very good about following my recommendations."

Many affluent Mexicans were in fact brought up taking chamomile and mint teas for upset stomachs, eucalyptus tea for colds and garlic cloves for insect bites, although their new interest in herbal medicine is probably a result as much of the "return-to-nature" fad in the United States and other Western nations.

BLENDING INDEFIN-ABLY with the new interest in psychic powers and even witchcraft, upper-class men and, particularly, women are increasingly seeking out Indian curanderos, or healers, who combine herbs with occult rituals to deal with everything from organic malfunctions to bewitchment by "the evil eye."

One well-known woman healer in Mexico City, for example, has a clientele comprised almost entirely of prominent artists, politicians and businessmen.

But while even in the countryside the curandero often plays a semireligious role in each community, the survival of the pre-Hispanic traditions of herbal medicine reflects the basic health needs

of millions of rural inhabitants.

According to official figures, about half of Mexico's 63 million people do not have regular access to medical attention. Government hospitals and social-security clinics are generally available in urban areas, but in remote towns and villages the curandero offers the only medical service.

THE ISOLATION of many peasant regions is such that centuries-old knowledge and experience in herbal medicine are still available. Different plants are used in different ways by the surviving Indian and Mestizo communities, but it is rare for a curandero not to believe he has the answer.

Because Mexico City, is a melting pot of migrants from throughout the country, plants from all regions must be brought here. And the yerberos at La Merced market must know the sometimes 10 different native names by which one plant is known.

In urban areas, slum-dwellers turn to medicinal plants simply because they cannot afford to buy at a pharmacy where locally made pharmaceutical products often cost more than identical

medicines available in the United States.

"WE CLOSE OUR eyes to what we have," the herb salesman told his listeners at La Merced. "Foreigners come and buy our plants and turn them into pills and then sell them back to us at a huge profit. But we have the medicine right here in our plants, so we must use them."

Mexico's medical profession, modeled after that of developed countries, is hostile to "traditional medicine." Young doctors doing their obligatory year's social service in the countryside are often angered by the power of curanderos in rural communities, while other doctors prefer to dismiss yerberos as charlatans.

Researchers at the Mexican Institute for the Study of Medicinal Plants, however, feel strongly that modern and traditional forms of medicine are entirely complementary and, in the hope of winning over the medical profession, they have begun a scientific study of the most widely used herbs.

"Through our study, we hope to undermine the arguments of doctors who are hostile," explained Dr. Xavier Lozoya Legorreta, the

director of the institute. "Let's face it. We can't afford to provide proper medical attention for the entire population, so there is no need to draw a line between traditional and modern medicine. I'd like to see herbal medicine taught in medical schools here."

THE INSTITUTE HAS begun by identifying the 2,000 medicinal plants available in Mexico and has selected about 100 of them for immediate analysis by a team of anthropologists, botanists, chemists and pharmacologists. "It's amazingly complex," Lozoya said, "because we have to study how the plants are prepared and taken, when, by whom, what side effects they have and so on. Then we have to see how we can communicate our results both

to doctors and to the rural population."

One plant studied by the institute was the white zapote, which since the time of the Aztecs has been used for lowering arterial pressure. The researchers found that its leaves contained chemical substances that do lower blood pressure, but they found that in women it also produced uterine contractions that could bring on abortions.

"Our priority is to look for plants that resolve Mexico's most serious health problems," Lozoya said. "If we can prove that herbs cure parasites, diabetes, heart and lung ailments and problems of the reproductive organs, then they can be safely recommended by doctors and yerberos to low-income families. This would be a major breakthrough."

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Judge delays ruling on gas shutdown

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — The 8th Court of Civil Appeals took under advisement Monday a hearing on a permanent order of prohibition against further legal action by Crystal City against Lo-Vaca Gathering Co.

A court official said paperwork submitted in connection with the matter caused judges to delay their ruling until Wednesday morning.

The ruling was sought by Lo-Vaca as part of its effort to settle a gas bill it claims is owed by the South Texas city.

Crystal City has maintained that the bill derives from a rate increase for which they claim no liability.

Lo-Vaca Vice President Don Newquist said that if a permanent order is granted, his firm will give Crystal City 72 hours notice prior to shutting off the city's gas supply.

Newquist said that that procedure is part of an agreement made two weeks ago with Atty. Gen. John Hill

and the Texas Railroad Commission. The delay would give Crystal City time to carry out safety precautions necessary for a shutdown.

Lo-Vaca has tried on several occasions to stop supplying gas to the town until the bill is paid.

In its petition to the appeals court, Lo-Vaca said the company has been upheld through studies by 18 judges in six courts — both state and federal.

The matter dates back to January 1975 when Crystal City residents refused to pay gas rates above 36 cents per 1,000 cubic feet mcf. The city argues that was the price fixed by the original contract with the company.

However, after the contract was signed, the Texas Railroad Commission granted Lo-Vaca permission to charge \$2 per mcf.

Crystal City Mayor Francisco Benavides has said that if gas is turned off, citizens would have to use wood or butane as fuel.

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YOM KIPPUR
A Service for the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. at Congregation Shaareh Israel at 23rd and Q. All Jewish students and faculty may attend.

TAU BETA PI
Tau Beta Pi will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the Engineering student lounge.

A.M.A.
American Marketing Association will meet for organizational purposes today at 8:00 p.m. in room 358 of the Business Administration Building.

COED RECRUITERS
Applications for positions as 1977 coed recruiters will be available in the Saddle Tramps office on the second floor of the UC through Oct. 1. All applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Oct. 1. Coed recruiters annually assist with recruiting prospective Tech athletes. For more information, call the Tramps office at 742-3855.

OUTING CLUB
The Outing Club will meet today at 8 p.m. in room 55 of the Business Administration Building.

SIGMA DELTA CHI
Sigma Delta Chi, the society for professional journalists, will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the University Daily newsroom on the second floor of the Journalism Building.

SDX members will discuss plans for the Miss Texas Tech pageant and finalize the list of students to be initiated.

SOCIAL WELFARE
Social Welfare Club will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in room 9 of Holden Hall. All social welfare majors welcome.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS
Young Republicans will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Senate Room.

RHO LAMBDA
Rho Lambda will meet today at 7:30 p.m. at the Kappa Alpha Theta lodge. All members must be in attendance.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY
Horticulture Society will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 109 of the Plant Science Building. For further information call Holly Black at 762-2529.

COE
College of Education will have a meeting for new members at 6 p.m. Wednesday in room 235 of the Administration Building. For further information call Carol Bunnell at 744-2611.

LA VENTANA
La Ventana has opened applications to all girls, Greek or non-Greek, for the cover of its magazine. Final deadline will be Friday. Applicants must provide La Ventana with two photographs, preferably in color, name, classification and phone number. Pictures must be in room 117 of the Journalism Building by 3 p.m. Friday.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS
Leadership Training Class, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, will meet today at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in room 210 of the Psychology Building.

MORTAR BOARD
Mortar Board will meet at 2020 9th Street, apartment 9, at 9 p.m. today.

AAF
American Advertising Federation will meet today in room 38 of Holden Hall at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Larry Speigel, vice president of Tracy Locke Advertising Agency in Dallas. All interested persons are invited to attend.

FFA
Future Farmers of America will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the Aggie Auditorium. Everyone may attend.

EARLY BIRD BASKETBALL
First Baptist Church is organizing a fall basketball league for college students Oct. 4 through Nov. 17. The league is limited to 12 teams on a first come first serve basis. All interested organizations should contact the FBC activities office at 747-0285.

TAU BETA PI
Tau Beta Pi will hold their first meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Engineering student lounge today. All faculty and student members are urged to attend.

SADDLE TRAMPS RUSH
Saddle Tramps, Tech's spirit, service and leadership organization, will host their second open smoker for interested Tech students from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Home Economic Ed Centro Room. Dress is informal. Tech football coach Jess Stiles will speak.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY
United Campus Ministry will Sponsor Vesper services Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 2412 13th street. Dr. Chapman will lead Vespers followed by refreshments, conversation and games, participatory baggamon.

JUNIOR COUNCIL
Junior Council will meet today at 8:30 p.m. in room 114 of the Home Economics Building.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON
Tau Kappas Epsilon fraternity will have a formal Smoker today at 7 p.m. at 2613 19th street. Coat and tie are required. All first-semester freshmen may attend.

Hill announces gubernatorial intentions

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) - Atty. Gen. John Hill jumped into the 1978 governor's race Monday saying he would share Gov. Dolph Briscoe's favorite campaign promise - no new taxes.

Hill told an Austin news conference he would veto any new tax bill if one was sent

him by the Texas legislature. "I think we have adequate funds to finance our state," he said. "Our economy should stay good. It's merely a matter of priorities."

Hill, 54, who says he has no plans to resign as attorney general, joined Briscoe and former Gov. Preston Smith in

the Democratic primary race. Retiring State Republican chairman Ray Hutchison says he will try to be the GOP candidate.

Hill predicted that Briscoe would outspend him 3-to-1 "but he will be wasting his money. We'll spend what we raise and we'll spend enough

to win," he said. He said his campaign treasury totaled about \$420,000 now compared to reports of Briscoe's million-dollar backing.

Hill said he did not think Smith's entry in the primary would be a "substantial factor" in the race.

"I will win without a runoff," he said. The big issue in the campaign, Hill said, would be Briscoe's attempt to serve an unprecedented 10 years as Texas governor. He said his polls and his travels have convinced him that "a majority of Texans are opposed to the idea of anyone holding the state's highest office that long. In short, we are ready to stay with tradition and to turn the job over to a new governor."

"It has become evident that whatever their overall assessment, most Texans lack confidence in the present governor's persuasiveness and vision. They felt he had failed to measure up to their expectations and to live up to his promises. They believed he has missed too many opportunities to take charge when the need was there. They have concluded that he needs to be more energetic and spend more time in Austin working on the job of being governor," Hill said.

Hill said that he is proud of his record as attorney general and secretary of state. "It shows that I'm not afraid to roll up my sleeves and work hard. It indicates that I have the ability to assemble a capable staff...that I prefer to work closely with people...and that I'm not reluctant to make changes when they can benefit the state. I'll be that kind of governor."

Park study to research increase of land use

A three-year study on the impact of recreational development on water resources is the new Guadalupe Mountains National Park, located 40 miles south of Carlsbad, N.M., is being done by Dr. Ernest B. Fish, chairman, department of park administration, and Dr. Marvin J. Dvoracek, chairman, department of agriculture engineering.

The park on a land form that in prehistory was a coral reef, is noted for its unusual and delicate ecology. Dr. Fish said, "The park is virgin

territory in that it has not seen the effect of large populations and therefore it was an ideal site for our research studies."

The research program is jointly funded by a grant from U.S. Office of Water Research and Technology and Tech. Results of the study will be available for future planning as the park is developed into a recreational facility.

"Damage caused by high populations, intensive land use and lack of ecologic

consideration in the arid and semi-arid environments of the world are well known and our results will help predict what will happen to water resources in the park as visitors increase," the researchers said.

The study being undertaken will advise planners about what to expect in surface and ground water hydrology, erosion, sedimentation and chemical water quality as land use increases.

Job interview set

Interview schedules will be available for signing on the following dates starting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays, in Room 152, Administration Building for December, 1977 undergraduate and graduate candidates and alumni. May and August, 1978 undergraduate and graduate

candidates will sign up on Wednesdays, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 152, Career Planning & Placement Service, Administration Building. Students interested in summer employment may also sign on Wednesdays, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 152 of the Administration Building.

Adviser named to Tech chapter

Dr. Idris Traylor, adviser to the Tech Gamma Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Order, was re-elected to a second two-year term as councilor at the national convention in Houston. Councilor is the equivalent to national vice-president.

Ben Grounds, senior business major from Breckenridge was elected to a one-year term as national undergraduate vice-chairman.

Traylor's election was unusual because it was the first time in the 112-year history of the fraternity that a councilor has been elected by 'acclamation.'

Five years ago David Keast of the Tech chapter was elected as national undergraduate chairman which makes Tech's KA chapter the only chapter in history to have produced two national un-

dergraduate officers. Traylor, history professor and deputy director of the International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies (ICASALS), has also served the fraternity as national scholarship officer for six years. He recently published a book, "Brains, Books & Brotherhood" which he says is "designed to provide guidelines for developing scholarship programs in fraternities for both pledges and actives."

The Tech chapter was also recognized as a whole by receiving the national Ammen Award for chapter excellence. This is the first year for the Ammen Award, which is presented to the most outstanding chapter nationally. Kappa Alpha has chapters in 114 colleges and universities across the country.

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CITIES SERVICE COMPANY, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: Chem E., ME (Bachelors)
FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK IN HOUSTON, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: Accounting, Business
MARATHON PIPELINE COMPANY, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: CE, EE, ME (Bachelors)
PEACE CORPS VISTA, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: All degrees
TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: PEIE, ME, GeolEngr
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1977
ARTHUR ANDERSEN, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: Accounting, other business majors with 15 hrs. accounting (Bachelors, Masters)
CHAMPLIN, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: Accounting, Petroleum related degrees (Bachelors, Masters)
LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC. Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: ME, EE (Bachelors, Masters) SEE SEPTEMBER 26
TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, SEE SEPTEMBER 26
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1977
ARTHUR ANDERSEN, SEE SEPTEMBER 27
CHAMPLIN, SEE SEPTEMBER 27
OSMOSE WOOD RESERVING COMPANY, INC. Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: Landscape Arch., Park Adm., Range Mgmt., Wildlife Mgmt., Phys Ed.
PEACE CORPS VISTA, SEE SEPTEMBER 26
WENDYS' OLD FASHIONED HAMBURGERS, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: All degrees interested in management
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1977
ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: PEIE, (Bachelors, Masters)
BEN M. DAVIS, KINARD & COMPANY, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: Accounting (Bachelors, Masters)
MOTOROLA, Administration Building (Basement, West Wing) - Majors: EE, ME (Bachelors, Masters)
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A Success Story

CHUCK McDONALD
Covering high school football was never like this. I can remember only too well what that was like. Sitting on a splintered wooden bench, cold wind whipping my body while I furiously scribbled illegible notes in my Big Chief notebook.

And for what? For a story with no byline in the evening paper and a story in the school paper that the students refused to buy because it cost a dime.

AND QUOTES? I had to make up all my quotes. Coaches would never let me in the locker room no matter what lies I told.

"Sports Illustrated, doing a feature on what ordinary high school football games are

really like," I'd say in a cracking voice.

Meanwhile the city paper was demanding quotes so I did what any self-respecting journalist would do when his back was to the wall—I faked it. My winning coaches always said, "It wasn't easy but our kids just gave super effort," and if they didn't give a super effort it was the standard "110 percent!"

On the other hand, losing coaches always mentioned "bad breaks (tough breaks)," "poor officiating (questionable calls)" and "we learned a lot," in my stories. Maybe it was for the best that I didn't get a byline. Nonetheless, I was so dedicated that I was twice a

runnerup for the Lions Club "Young Person of the Month" award, even though I wasn't even in National Honor Society. Because while the rest of America's youth lived it up on Friday night, I was writing my lying heart out to make my deadline (and the 10 bucks I was getting).

BUT LAST SATURDAY night it all paid off. Nationally ranked Texas Tech's home opener against New Mexico and I was there, and not in the seats I had on permanent hold last year—the ones in the end zone. No sir, you could have found me high above the crowds in the air conditioned comfort of the Jones Stadium press box.

Nervous and racked with hunger pangs (if I eat on weekends I can't go out), I arrived at the stadium an hour before game time. Flashed the ol' press pass and we were allowed to park closer to the

Stadium then I'd ever dreamed of as an ordinary citizen. Flashed her again and was on board an elevator being whisked to the top. This was big league.

Entering the press box, my nose immediately detected the smell of food. All thoughts of football left my head, "What's this?" I asked Fred Herbst, a veteran sportswriter for the University Daily.

He explained that barbeque was always served in the "Box"—that's what the pro's called the press box. Needless to say the food was outstanding—and it served its purpose. I'm easily bought. New Mexico could have beaten us by 50 points and you wouldn't have gotten any negative comments in my story.

WELL THEN AGAIN, I was thinking those bad thoughts at the beginning of the game. In no time we were behind 14-7

and I was dying. The worst part was that they have this rule in the press box about no cheering allowed. It made a lot of sense, especially since a New Mexico coach was sitting right behind me, but it sure takes some getting used to.

Not cheering at a football game can be compared to listening to a TV show. I calmed my nerves by downing Cokes, naturally provided at no charge for the media. But before the half was over I had to go down on the field and do some good honest yelling. I managed to be on the sidelines for the Raiders tying touchdown drive and did so much cheering that even the Saddle Tramps would have been proud of me.

After the half it was back upstairs to the good life. At the end of each quarter a ton of statistics were handed out, including a type written play by play account of the action.

Why couldn't I stop myself from taking notes though?

In the back of my mind I must have been thinking, "it's too easy." I could still remember (in my youth) trying to guess how much a running back picked up each time he carried the ball and jotting it down so I'd have some kind of stats on him—and I was always within a hundred yards either way.

AT THE END of the game I was given a stapled stack of all the sheets of information that had been distributed throughout the contest. It was 21 pages long. And I heard somebody complaining that there wasn't any Dr Pepper to drink.

I flicked the ol' press pass again and they let me into not one but both teams locker rooms. I was in the middle of asking New Mexico Coach Bill Mondt a question and one of the other people around him

picked up a microphone and said, "Hello, sports fans, from Lubbock Texas this is the Bill Mondt Show with New Mexico head Coach, Bill Mondt!" I was on the radio!

And the party didn't end with the locker room interviews either. Shortly after the game there was a press conference with Tech coach Steve Sloan. It didn't take me long to realize there was plenty of food and drink here also. Of course by now I was expecting it, so I stationed myself by the table and waited for Sloan to arrive.

An obviously pleased Sloan (I mean his team only won by 35 points) made the press conference seem like a comedian's night club act. Once, when someone mentioned that before Emory Bellard arrived at A&M they'd had 10 losing seasons and nine head coaches, Sloan quipped: "Yeah, I was thinking along

those lines myself for awhile there in the first quarter."

But eventually the party had to end. I took my mountain of information, rented a trailer to haul it in, and went home. I was on top of the world, writing the story would be a breeze and I'd had a view of the game that would have made you people sitting in Section 26 cry. Nonetheless something was still bugging me.

BECAUSE I'LL ADMIT IT—I like hanging around with girls. And even with all the benefits of being a big league writer; even with all the trouble that Tech Sports Information Director, Ralph Carpenter goes through to see that the media is treated like royalty; I still wish I could have taken a date.

"Uh, Mr Carpenter you see—well actually, we've got this new sportswriter at the UD. She's a blonde and . . ."

. . .the good life in the press box

Raider women netters finish third in Midland Invitational

by CHINO CHAPA
UD Sports Writer

Tech women's tennis team fared well this past weekend at the Midland Invitational finishing third in a field of eight of the strongest teams in the state. Coach Emilie Foster said she was satisfied with the showing but admits the team needs work if it plans a good year at zone competition.

"The competition was very stiff," said Foster. "Trinity, SMU and Texas—some of the best in the nation were there. It was good experience for us, especially the freshmen, who aren't used to such tough

play," she said. "We'll need to work on our foot work and ground strokes. Overall I felt we played well," she added.

In singles competition, Debbie Donley, Mamie Bevers and Kathy Kuhne took first round wins but did not advance past the second. Donley beat Keri Ashfor 6-3, 6-4, and gave second seed Kim Steinmetz of SMU trouble before bowing 7-5, 6-3. Bevers beat Dessie Samuels of A&M 6-3, 6-2 and lost to Debbie Phillips of Texas-El Paso 6-1, 6-3. Kuhne fell to independent Gary Garton 6-3, 7-5. She lost to Oberheide, the third seed at

the tournament 6-1, 6-4 in the second round.

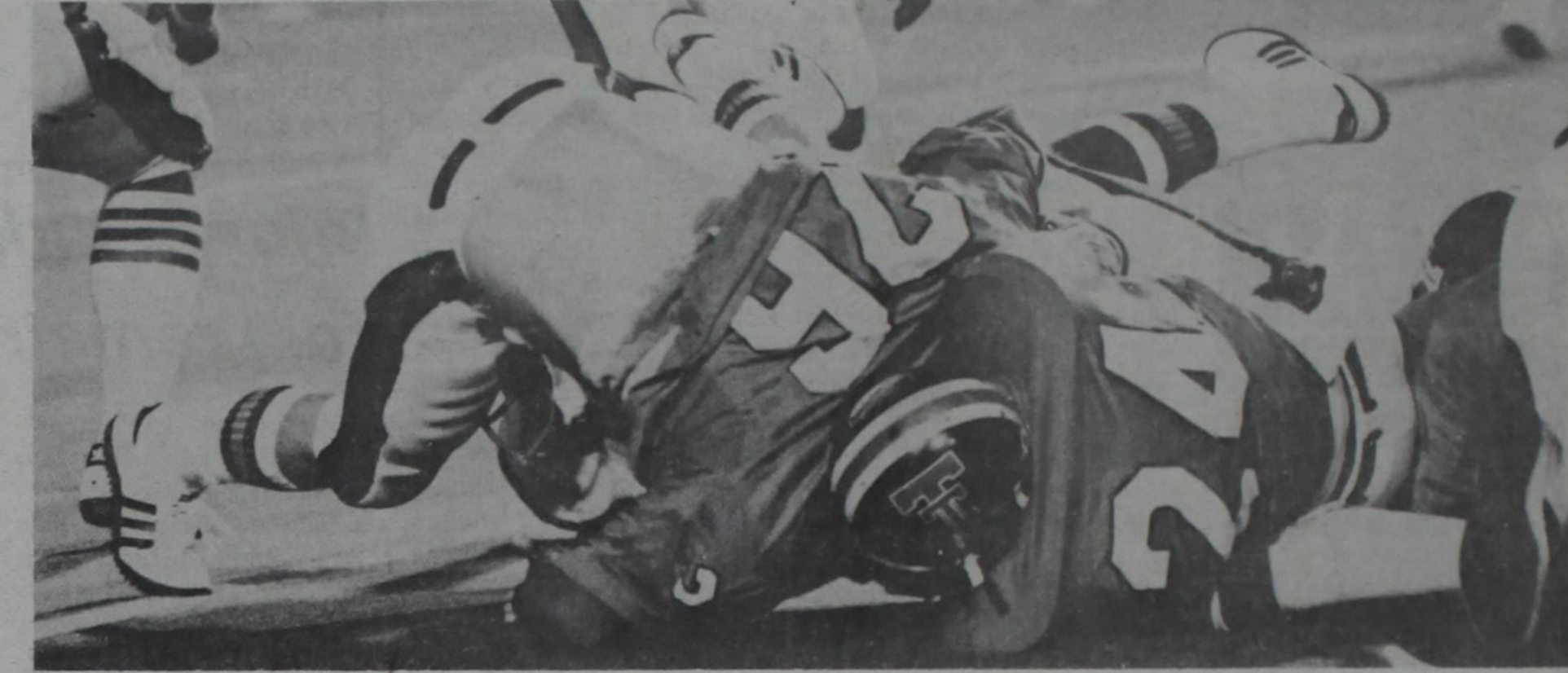
Leisa Bewly was defeated by independent Mary Morgan, 0-6, 6-1, and 6-4. Anne Broyles of SMU took a victory over Kathy Dougherty 6-0, 6-1. Crissy Gonzales of SMU, the fourth seed, beat Lesa Booker 6-0, 6-0. Ann McNabb was beaten by Janie Bowen of TCU 6-0, 6-0 and Karen Schuchard lost to Susan Francher 7-5, 6-2. Mandy Ham lost to Lori Oberheide, 6-0, 6-1. Cathy Mellina dropped her match 6-1, 6-0 to Kerry Sterling of Trinity.

Donley and Emilie Foster

teamed up in the doubles competition and advanced to the semi-finals before losing. The pair defeated Vaicek-Fancher in the opening round and then Bowen-Sterling of Trinity. They beat Phillips-Sanderson of A&M, 6-3, 6-2 before stumbling to Oberheide-Hudson of Trinity, 1-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Schuchard-Bewers took Samuls-Garton and then lost to Lynburg and Deminisiki of Texas-El Paso.

Pairs meeting defeat in the first round of play were McNabb and Ham who lost to a crew from SMU. Tech's Booker and Dougherty dropped their series to TCU's Bowan-Barszen, the tournament's third seed. Independents Ashfor-Nelson beat Tech's Mellina-Bewly.



Siamese twins? Actually this isn't what it appears to be, but rather Tech safeties Johnny Quibney and Larry Flowers are shown here going for a loose ball during the second half of the Tech-New Mexico game last Saturday night. Flowers, who played much of the game when an injured Greg Frazier went out, was in on seven tackles and broke up one pass. And Quibney was also in on two tackles. (Photo by Dennis Copeland)

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Raider netters eliminated early

Red Raider netters, led by number one seed Harrison Bowes, scored three singles and one doubles match win in the Midland Invitational last weekend.

Bowes won over Whitehead of Central Texas 6-0, 6-2. He then fell to Segal of Pan American 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Other single's winners were Peter Buntentmeyer and Randy Clayton. Buntentmeyer downed Schwartz of Odessa College 7-5, 6-3, before bowing to Schutz of A&M 7-6, 6-3. Clayton won over Coffeen of A&M 6-2, 7-5, but was then eliminated by Luttrell of Midland College 7-6, 2-6, 6-2.

Other Tech entries were David Crissy, Rocky Berg, Ken Wallace, and Kevin Hopson. Crissy lost to Gonzales of Pan American 6-4, 6-3. Berg was topped by Eugenio of Oklahoma 6-4, 7-5. Wallace fell to Rinaldi of A&M 1-6, 6-3, 6-0. And Hopson was trounced by Corozier of Oklahoma 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles matches, the only Raider winners were Bowes and Berg. The Tech duo edged Liberman and Land of Pan American 6-4, 6-4. The Bowes-Berg team then fell to Barton and Garos of Central Texas 7-6, 7-6.

The team of Buntentmeyer and Wallace lost in first round action to Nunley and Foster of West Texas State 6-0, 7-6. The other Raider pair, Clayton and Crissy, fell to Kelly and Allin of TCU 6-3, 6-2.

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