

Oil may hurt economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another sharp increase in world oil prices could seriously worsen the already gloomy outlook for the nation's economy this year, President Carter and his advisers said Wednesday.

In addition, the president said inflation almost certainly will be worse if workers try to recover all of the increase in last year's energy costs through higher wages this year.

"The most immediate problem in 1980 is to ensure that last year's sharp increase in energy prices does not result in a new spiral of price and wage increases that would worsen the underlying inflation rate for many years to come," Carter said in his annual economic report to Congress.

The report repeated the ad-

ministration's forecasts of a mild recession in the first half of 1980 with unemployment rising to 7.5 percent and consumer prices increasing 10.4 percent this year and 8.6 percent in 1981. Prices increased 13.3 percent last year.

But as bad as they are, those

forecasts assume world oil prices will increase only slightly more than the rate of inflation, or not much more than 10 percent. This seems especially optimistic since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries doubled their prices in the past 12 months.

Congress's study shows oil prices unjustified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The typical family using home heating oil will pay about \$130 extra this winter because of unjustified price increases by oil

refiners, a new congressional study showed Wednesday.

The total overcharges, including both home heating oil and diesel fuel, totals more than \$3 billion, according to the study by the technical staff of the House Government Operations subcommittee on commerce.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., the subcommittee chairman, said the study "provides confirmation that the U.S. oil refiners are indeed guilty of massive overcharges."

He blamed the overcharges on "profit-hungry refiners and lax governmental enforcement of the price standards for refined petroleum products."

The study prompted new calls for price controls to be reimposed on home heating oil. Controls were lifted in 1976.

The study showed that domestic oil refiners' profits increased by more than 800 percent from September 1978 to September 1979. Profits on diesel fuel increased by more than 700 percent during the same period, the study said.

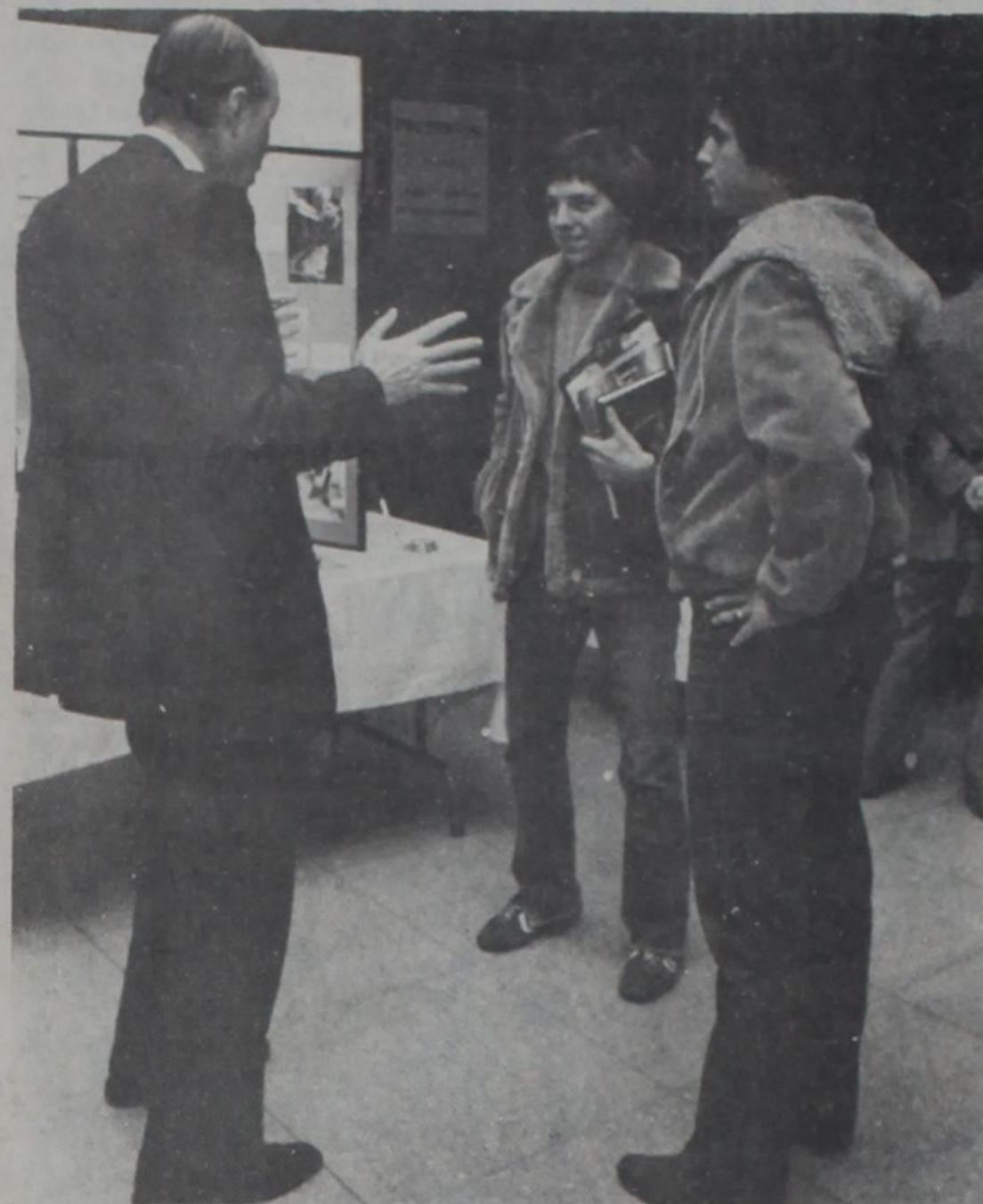
Rep. Anthony Moffett, D-Conn., who accompanied Rosenthal in releasing the report, said he will hold hearings Feb. 12 on why the administration has not acted to stop the huge price increases.

"There's a question of broken promises," Moffett said "This administration and the last administration promised to monitor prices. They promised that consumers would not suffer unduly" from the lifting of federal price controls.

"That promise has clearly been broken...It is now obvious that the laws of supply and demand are not working," Moffett said. "The fact is that inventories of heating oil are very high, and prices are continuing to skyrocket."

In a related act, a coalition of labor and citizen groups filed a petition with the Energy Department calling for reinstatement of federal price controls on home heating oil.

Robert Brandon, director for the Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition, said the Energy Department has authority to reimpose controls without further legislation.



Career day

Wayne Watson and Jerf Yokum discuss employment opportunities for college graduates with DuPont representative, George Mallett during Career Day. Sixty companies from forty five areas were represented at the program.

Photo by Max Faulkner

Majority surveyed

Students patronize Tech bookstore

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second article in a two-part series on the bookstores which serve Tech. Today's article explains some of the students' opinions of the stores. By JOEL BRANDENBERGER UD Reporter

Although a slight majority of Tech students feel the Varsity Bookstore has cheaper prices on textbooks, a large majority of these same students buy books from the Tech Bookstore, according to a University Daily survey. Fifty-six of 132 students surveyed said they thought Varsity had lower prices for books. Only 40 students said they felt Tech sold books at cheaper rates.

However, when asked what bookstore they patronized this semester, 75 students said they bought from Tech while 40 students said they went to Varsity.

Five students said they bought books at the University Bookstore, and 10 students said they felt University gave the best prices for books.

According to the survey, Tech students are apparently creatures of habit because only seven students surveyed said they bought books this

semester at stores other than the store they usually used.

Five of those students bought books at University when they said they usually shopped Varsity. The other two students said they went to Tech when they usually patronized Varsity.

Reasons for buying at one bookstore or another varied. One student said, "I really don't care where I buy my books; when you gotta have 'em (books), you gotta have 'em!"

One student did criticize the University store. The student said he didn't like University because clerks found books for students rather than letting students examine books individually before purchasing.

University Bookstore officials told The University Daily that there was not enough room in the store for the students to browse.

One student said he felt Tech sold books at inflated prices. A check by The University Daily Tuesday showed

Winter storm Freezes Texas

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new cold front reversed a warming trend in Northwest Texas Wednesday, promising a fresh assault of wintry weather for the rest of the state.

Warm breezes from the Gulf of Mexico lifted temperatures into the mid-70s in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area during the afternoon, while at the same time it was 21 in Amarillo behind the new front. Amarillo had reported 24 degrees at 10 a.m. before the new front sent the mercury tumbling.

Fog and drizzle restricted visibility in many areas, especially along the coast. A severe thunderstorm was reported just south of Lufkin, prompting the National Weather Service to warn boaters on Lake Sam Raburn to take cover.

Forecasters said the front will bring cloudy and colder weather to the entire state by Thursday night. Snow is expected in the Panhandle.

The winter storm that left Southern California mired in mud and some Western states buried under knee-deep snow pushed into the nation's mid-section Wednesday, spreading treacherous ice into Dixie.

Hundreds of schools closed, lights went out and cars slammed together as the storm that produced Utah's heaviest snowfall in six years pushed into Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee and northern Alabama.

Collecting folklore professors hobby

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is the first in a series of articles discussing Warren Walker's study of Southwest folklore. Walker is a Tech Horn Professor of English.

By CARMON McCAIN UD Reporter

Stepping into Warren Walker's office is like entering a miniature archive.

Charcoal rubbings from tombstones are stacked on top of one bookcase while a corn doll, a god's eye and illustrations of ballad sellers adorn other walls. One portion of the office contains over 7500 index cards stored in a series of metal filing cabinets.

For 35 years, Walker has been collecting bits of folklore from the United States and abroad.

"Folklore is the unwritten history of people," Walker explains. "History teaches us who fought in the Battle of Bull Run and who ran against Lincoln in the 1860 campaign. However, there is another side to it—the songs people sang, their cures and their superstitions."

Walker is teaching a course in folklore this semester which deals with ballads, the supernatural, folk speech, occupational lore, and folk songs as well as mythical figures in American Literature.

During the semester break, the 32 students in Walker's class will return to their home towns for the field work portion of the class.

"We don't have a conventional term paper but the students collect lore. They return to their home and talk to people trying to discover their home remedies told to them by their parents or grandparents."

The resulting research has accounted for the 7500 index cards on file in

Walker's office.

"We have over 7500 pieces here. Cures, for example, have been individually indexed with 1500 cures for illnesses ranging from cancer to warts. Of course, these remedies don't actually cure the disease but the people think they do," Walker said.

Weather lore is also one of many of the subjects in Walker's miniature archive.

"There is an old adage that only fools and strangers predict weather in Texas. Well, I guess most of the people are fools and strangers due to the large number of weather lore cards on file."

There are two types of weather lore, immediate and long-term predictions, according to Walker.

"People can predict the weather since there is a ring around the moon or by gauging the thickness of pecan hulls. "Animals can be used to predict the weather also. Chickens will stay inside the coop if there will be a heavy rain. Yet if it is only going to sprinkle, they stay outside," Walker said.

One interesting aspect of West Texas folklore is designs on tombstones, Walker said.

"Around Shamrock and Matador, if a cowboy died, the tombstone would have a pair of cowboy boots on it, signifying the individual was a cowboy. One boot would be up and the other would be on its side."

Other examples include covered wagons on the tombstones of early settlers and the guitar on Buddy Holly's tombstone.

"I have a rubbing from a tombstone near Tulla that shows a Fender guitar in perfect detail down to the frets and strings. But you can go elsewhere and examine headstones and these designs are not prevalent," Walker said.



Ho, hum

As Arkansas players were introduced at the beginning of the Tech-Arkansas basketball game Monday night, the Goin' band showed their interest in the Razorbacks. The entire band read University Dailys during the introductions.

When the Tech players were introduced, the picture was a completely different one.

Photo by Max Faulkner

NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship bank

The University Daily has received many requests for more information about the Scholarship Bank detailed in a story by Pam Weiger in the Jan. 28 issue. A toll-free number for requesting an application and additional information is 800-327-9191, ext 397.

U.S. escapees return

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AP) — The six Americans who escaped Iran with the help of the Canadian embassy returned to the United States on Wednesday, Air Force officials said. "They will be spending the night and will meet with their families at the air base tomorrow," said Major Robert Groom, press information officer at Dover Air Force Base.

Groom said the diplomats would not be permitted to meet with reporters here, but would go to Washington on Thursday and appear Friday at a news conference at the State Department.

Canada angers Iran

By The Associated Press

Iran's foreign minister, angered by the daring Canadian rescue of six Americans trapped in Tehran, declared Wednesday he expects the U.S. Embassy hostages to suffer for Canada's "duplicity."

The estimated 50 hostages "most probably" will now be treated more harshly, Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh said, and the responsibility will be Canada's.

Ghotbzadeh, at a Tehran news conference, denounced the secret Canadian operation as a "flagrant violation" of international law and warned that retribution would be exacted from the Canadians sooner or later.

stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market reached new early-1980 highs today, rebounding from Tuesday's setback.

Trading was active. Big Board volume totaled 51.17 million shares, against 55.48 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index rose .65 to a record 66.14. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was up 5.72 at 276.37, also a new high.

weather

Today will be cold with the high near 32. The low will be around 18.

Americans love to hurt (after the hard times)

Shauna Hill

Americans are a strange people. They're hard to classify according to lifestyle, religion or culture. But they have one thing in common—they love to hurt. Or rather they love to remember how good it hurt. Most parents older than 45 have choice stories about how good it was to get up at 4 a.m. to run a paper route or how it built character to walk five miles through the snow to school with feet wrapped in old newspapers. MORE THAN A few fathers tell graphic stories about the

horrors of World War II and how good it was to save the world for freedom and get drunk with a few good buddies at the same time. Mothers too have their stories, but they often are about the agonies of raising children that "can't do a thing by themselves" and who broke almost every bone before the age of 10. But that's on a personal level. Americans remember their hurt much better in the movies. Pick a disaster. Any disaster. And there is a movie glorifying that event in full-color with plenty of close-ups. AND IT ALL looks so

beautiful. The sweating, swearing men in "Tora, Tora, Tora" or "A Bridge Too Far" seem larger than life. The killing and destruction seem exciting and adventurous instead of acts of murder. Even in the graphic depiction of the Vietnam War in "Apocalypse Now" seems to be a grand metaphor covered in purple haze. Americans even are fascinated by the macabre satanic qualities in "The Exorcist," "The Omen," and now, "Guyana: Cult of the Damned." Nothing is sacred. Death, life, motherhood, the

Bible, the family, childhood, friendship, sex, marriage and even the workings of the mind are probed, fictionalized and portrayed on celluloid. BUT YOU CAN'T blame Hollywood for catering to public taste. And if the public wants pain and gory details, that is what the moneymakers will give them.

People used to endure sugar-coated versions of life with the "details" edited out, but even in movies like "Gone With the Wind," a chaste story by today's is standards, the elements of pain and drama are there. Such elements are in real life, but they seldom are as pleasurable being experienced.

Someday even today's troubles will be subjects for movies and situation comedies. Imagine it. A movie called "World War III: Last Chance for Humanity," a sit-com called "The Hostages," a... And Americans will laugh at themselves, and keep surviving the hard times through that laughter.

Dirty car season permanent

Carmon McCain

It's dirty car season again but my car is always dirty as my friend Dave pointed out recently. "Here Dave, let me clear off the seat," I said. "Thanks. Uh, you really live in this car, don't you?" "WHATEVER gave you that idea?" I said, nudging an apple core under the seat. "Can I throw my books back here?" "Sure...I think they'll fit back there, but be careful not to jar loose the..." An assortment of soft drink cans, old issues of Midland College student publications, an ice scraper that never worked, three Dallas Cowboys glasses, four damaged tapes and a couple hundred tapes cascade on top of him with a dull roar. "UH...DAVE, I guess you notice I haven't gotten 'round to making my yearly pledge to the recycling center. Don't worry about it." "MMMMMMMMPHHHH!" "What was that Dave?" After five minutes of excavation, I finally uncover his face.

"NOW WHAT were you saying?" "I'll skip the obscenities—turn on the stupid tape deck," he said, freeing himself from the rubble. "Sounds good, just pick one out," I said, gesturing toward a stack of 8-track tapes strewn about like toppled dominoes. "Here's one, but I can't seem to get it out from under these coke cups." I EYED THE stack of cups, especially the top one that was rubbing against the roof. "It's too much trouble to dig that one out. Here's another." I handed him a cobweb shrouded tape. "Willie Nelson. Must be at least circa 1974. A very good year," he noted. "It's a good tape. I always wondered where it disappeared to." I WAS shoveling straw wrappers and empty chewing gum packs out the window in an attempt to find the tape deck when he said, "Carmon, I can't see out this window." He was peering through moldy pink cake icing letters making up the message, "I love you." "Oh that—someone did it

while I was at the movies the other night." "Why don't you wash it off for goodness sakes?" "WHAT," I exclaimed, "wash my car? Do you realize if I am driving too fast, the police won't stop me because my car will look like another tumbleweed blowing around." "All right—you've made your point," he said. "It's too bad when someone writes 'wash me' on the side of your car." "What's so bad about that?" "Carmon, I hate to tell you this but the letters are three feet deep and the paint hasn't shown through yet." WE FINALLY arrived at the Pizza Hut and Dave asked, "Can I leave my case in here?" "Sure—let me put it in the trunk." "What are you doing now?," he asked, noticing me rummage through eight deposit slips, a pair of clip-on sunglasses, dozens of empty film canisters, a half-eaten sandwich, five overdue library books and some unopened bank statements. "I'm looking for the trunk key—I know it's here somewhere."



Letters:

Ticket trouble

To the Editor: Have you ever gone to the Traffic and Parking office to pay for your parking tickets and have found that you have been assessed for more tickets than you can remember getting? If so, let me tell you a story. The Traffic and Parking office sent me a note the other day that stated that I could exchange my lowly commuter sticker for the coveted resident sticker. Hotdog! At last I would be allowed to park where I live. Last semester, I received several pink greeting cards from our beloved campus police. My pink plight was fully appreciated when I was unable to register for this semester. Though the number of tickets I owed seemed exorbitant and far more than I remembered, I paid my penalty in full and felt the great weight of shame lifted from my shoulders. I felt at one with Tech again. So I gleefully returned to the Traffic and Parking office eager to receive the prize which was mine. But when I presented my note, my record was searched and again there were two tickets. Funny, my car had not returned from home and still sat in my mother's garage. How then the tickets? Do I need a sticker for home? Maybe they were just anticipating future tickets. "Put down that chair!" my roommate cried as I lunged in anger. Ah, I'm not a fool. I made photocopies of every ticket I

had paid. It seemed as though I'd already paid those. It is just too bad they weren't taken off of my record. How many other paid tickets remain on the books? No, I do not blame the workers of traffic and parking. They have a difficult job and handle it gracefully. I blame the system they work with. It's appalling that a department embodied with the power to keep a student class is so archaic. HEY REGENTS, have you not seen the IBM commercial on TV? In closing, I would like to thank all the charming and beautiful Tech women who work and pay tickets at the Traffic and Parking office for making this experience bearable. Alexander Barker Address Withheld by Request

Music preference

To the Editor: Who does Ronnie McKeown think he is? He sure isn't a country music critic. Kenny Rogers' new single, "Coward of the County," is a great song. According to KLLL radio, this song has been number one on the charts for the past two weeks, and currently it stands at number three. This is my favorite song by Kenny Rogers since "The Gambler." Rogers' songs tell stories that have a true-life meaning to them, unlike some songs I've heard on the rock top ten charts. Don't get me wrong, I like rock and country music both. I just hate to see a great song like

"Coward of the County" being cut down like McKeown tried to do. As far as I'm concerned (and I'm sure others feel this way, too) McKeown's article "is questionable whether" the article "intends for the" reader "to cry or get sick!" Angela Watts 258 Knapp Hall

Women's sports

To the Editor: Great progress has been made to improve women's athletics at Tech. However, men consistently get more and better coverage. For example, in Tuesday's University Daily, there were two long articles and two pictures of Tech's heart-breaking loss to powerful Arkansas, as compared to one relatively short article about the women's thrilling upset of powerful Wayland Baptist. That did not hack me off nearly so much as did the comments I heard when the women's score was announced at the half-time of the men's game ("So what?" "Who Cares?"). Well, that's okay. At least the women won their game. Julia K. Kveton 2305 14th

Tech 'gentlemen'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was signed by five women who requested their names be withheld. To the Editor: Dear "gentlemen" of Tech: What ever happened to

chivalry? Has it died or has it "gone with the wind?" If the draft for women goes into effect, we will feel perfectly natural fighting on the front line with the men because we are used to fighting Tech "gentlemen" for a seat on the bus. Carrying heavy loads across miles of rugged terrain will seem easy after struggling to open heavy doors while carrying an armload of books. Do you want us in the U.S.O. show so you can continue gawking, whistling, and rating us like you usually do in the U.C.? We are being prepared for the war in many other ways by "gentlemanly" conduct here at Tech, but we don't care to elaborate any further. Thanks for the training... "gentlemen."

Military problems

To the Editor: Reading The University Daily lately has been about as interesting, constructive, and creative as the back of a box of Cheerios. The students and faculty have been contributing to an 80 percent worthless editorial page on subjects too stupid to even mention. The editorial page includes the statement, "It's this newspaper's business to raise constructive hell." Well get on with it then! There are thousands of students and faculty at this university knowledgeable in hundreds of subjects. Why can't we see guest editorials regularly on subjects that might raise some constructive hell or at least subject

us to opinions about current events or worthwhile topics from the people who really have something to offer. If people won't knock down the UD doors to get in their opinions, the UD might try knocking on a few doors to get at this abundance of knowledge. Concerning the draft, HURRAH for Carter, but why stop at registration. The state of world affairs is growing more volatile every day and the U.S. has to be prepared in every respect if it becomes necessary to protect our interests. I was just discharged from the Navy after eight years in the Nuclear Power Program and submit the following opinions. First, I believe the needs of the military are not being met with voluntary enlistment. Most people think recruiting only applies to the number of people who enlist but, there is also a need for a balance in knowledge and the ability to learn and perform the many highly technical jobs. U.S. recruiting has been declining in both numbers and quality and the only reason goals were met for so long is because budget cuts have required a reduction in manning levels. As a result our forces are inadequate in many respects besides personnel. For my specialty training I was given extra pay, special bonuses and faster advancement as incentive but this was unfair to personnel who worked in ratings where shortages did not exist and with all of the extras offered, there was still a shortage of people

with the incentive, background, and ability to do the job. If recruiting goals were being met why are there continuing investigations concerning recruiters forging enlistment exam scores to meet quotas. The brighter and higher educated aren't finding the military attractive enough to enlist in the numbers needed. Another example exists in the number and quality of military doctors. Do you blame a good doctor who is finally through with school and looking forward to lots of money and other practical benefits for not going into the armed forces? Second, and the most distressing, too many young Americans think they have no responsibility to their country when they are needed. If the draft was reinstated today, I have no doubt many would decide not to serve when called upon. An individual who now chooses not to serve deserves no sympathy. He or she certainly has the right to go to jail in behalf of their beliefs, but to run and hide out of the country or hope for amnesty does not contribute to solving any problem. Perhaps the biggest shortage this country has is a lack of patriotism. Living within the protection of the United States and freely taking of its abundant life is a gift given to many people who do nothing to deserve it. David Lanning Address Withheld by Request

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by Garry Trudeau



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Taiwan

Trip educational

By FAM WEIGER
UD Reporter

Before she left on a seven-day trip to Taiwan, Jackie Behrens, director of international programs at Tech, said she thought Southern hospitality was great. She now says the Taiwanese "have us beat."

"The hospitality was fantastic," Behrens said. "We had nine course lunches and 14 course dinners."

Behrens and nine other Americans were invited to Taiwan as guests of the government. The group toured Chinese universities and met with officials on a vigorous schedule that kept them active from 5:30 a.m. to midnight, she said.

"They were eager to show us how much the country has grown, and it's really amazing," Behrens said. She said the country had only one university in 1964. Today Taiwan has 26 universities. Taiwan's Minister of

Education met with the group to answer questions about Chinese education. He explained that the universities were heavily financed by the government. Tuition is \$120 per semester, and dorms are \$60 each semester. The same limit is placed on private universities, and they must make up the difference through their own sources, she said.

"One thing that surprised me was that most of the textbooks were in English," Behrens said. She said this is probably the reason foreign students are good at reading and writing English but are weaker in spoken conversation.

In her free time — which meant 7 a.m. one Sunday morning — Behrens met with some Tech alumni in Taiwan. Behrens said it was good to see Tech alumni moving into roles of leadership in their home countries.

"They're still very much in touch with Tech," she said.

"They sent messages to faculty members and wanted to know if Tech had a president yet. Most of them knew about the football season."

A Tech alumni group was started in Taipei and Hong Kong, Behrens said. The Chinese Student Association and Hong Kong Student Association at Tech will work with the groups overseas.

The Taiwan government also informed the American group about job opportunities available for college graduates in Taiwan. Several years ago the country experienced a "brain drain," Behrens said. But the country now has extensive industry and job opportunities for returning students. The group was given a tour of the Texas Instruments plants in Taiwan and Singapore.

"It was helpful to me so that I will be able to inform the foreign students here about job opportunities," Behrens said.



Jackie Behrens

Jackie Behrens didn't return empty-handed from her trip to Taiwan. She received several banners from Taiwanese universities and a T-shirt from a Texas Instruments plant in Taipei. The message on the shirt translates "with team spirit within a group there will be good production." Behrens was invited to visit the plant by Tech Regent J. Fred Bucy.

Photo by Max Faulkner

Plant identification

Team holds record

By REAGAN WHITE
UD Reporter

Pressure is something all competitors must face. One team at Tech that has made a habit of successfully dealing with pressure is the Range Plant Identification team. The plant team has won the plant identification competition for 10 of the last 14 years, giving Tech's plant team the best record of any plant team in the United States or Mexico.

The Plant Identification team will leave Lubbock Feb. 9 to attend the Range Management Conference in San Diego, Cal. Pettit said.

Members of the Tech plant identification team are Philip Lorenza, Randy Roberts, Melissa Maahs and Charles Boling.

According to team coach Russ Pettit, winning is easier for a team with a winning tradition.

"Knowing we are expected to win motivates the students to work harder in order to continue to win. Winning is a tradition for our team," said Pettit. Pettit is an associate professor of range management.

Pettit added that being expected to win creates extra pressure for both himself and the team. "Winning teams are expected to continue to win, and if they don't, people start pointing fingers."

Pettit is optimistic about the plant team's chances of success. "I feel good about our chances of winning. We

have as good a team this year as we have ever had."

At the contest, team members are shown 100 plants in succession, for 55 seconds each. In 55 seconds, the

contestant must identify the plant's genus, species, whether the plant is perennial or annual, and whether the plant is native or introduced.

Preparation for such a

demanding contest requires

dedicated study. "I am convinced a winning student must spend between 25-30 hours every week in study. A student who has been to contest before might get by with 10-15 hours weekly," said Pettit.

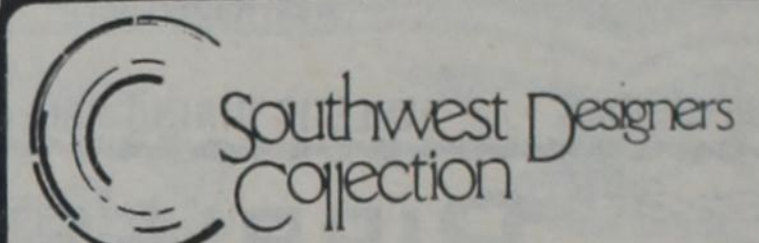
Pettit said some people objected to the extensive rote memorization required to prepare for the competition.

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Persons wishing to place a notice in the University Daily for more than one day should come to the Newsroom on the second floor of the Journalism Building and fill out a form for each day the notice is to be printed.

Recreation & Leisure Society Recreation and Leisure Society will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Men's Gym room 204. Discussion will include the ski trip.

Home Ec Council Home Ec Council will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in room 111 of the Home Economics Building.

AAF AAF will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in room 104 of the Mass Communications Building. All Mass Communications majors are invited to attend.

Phi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary is sponsoring Career Night at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in room 74 of Holden Hall. Members are requested to meet at 7 p.m.

College Republicans College Republicans will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the University Center Senate Room.

Freshman Council Freshman Council is looking for a Freshman sweetheart. Any dorm or individual organization wanting to sponsor a candidate may pick up applications in the Freshman Council office beginning Feb. 1. Applications are due Feb. 7.

College Life College Life, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, will meet at 9 p.m. on Sunday in the Athletic Dining Lounge.

American Advertising Federation will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the Mass Communication Building.

AERHO National Honorary Broadcasting Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in room 108 of the Mass Communication Building. The guest speaker, Margaret Pelley of KAMC-TV, will speak on women in broadcasting and tv reporting in Lubbock.

BSU Baptist Student Union luncheon counter will meet from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Baptist Student Union Building. A hot meal is available for \$1.

AED Honorary Pre-Med and Pre-Dent Society will have applications available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. in room 114 of the Chemistry Building. Applications must be submitted by noon tomorrow.

Range & Wildlife Club & SCSA Range & Wildlife Club & SCSA will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at the Town and Country Apartments located at 3rd and Canton. All members are urged to attend this chili and beer mixer.

Farm House Fraternity Farm House Fraternity will meet at 8 p.m. Friday at 2003 10th Street. All members are urged to attend. Any others interested can call 744-2299.

Phi Gamma Nu Phi Gamma Nu will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the rotunda of the Business Administration Building. This is the third rush party.

Circle K Circle K will meet at 11 a.m. today at City Hall to receive the Circle K International Week Proclamation. All members should attend and dress formally.

TSEA Texas Student Education Association will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in room 173 of the Home Economics Building. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Bonnie A. Gunther. All education majors are welcome.

SET Society of Engineering Technologists will meet from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. today in room 110 of the Engineering Center. Jim Roundtree of Texas Instruments will be giving a presentation of the 990

Air Force Air Force Strategic and Military Airlift Command will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in room 28 of the Chemistry Building.

Delta Phi Epsilon Delta Phi Epsilon will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Town and Country Apartments number 307. All activities are requested to attend this bid session. Induction will be 7 p.m. Sunday in the Anniversary Room of the University Center.

Delta Phi Epsilon International Society for Business and

Foreign Affairs will meet at 8 p.m. Friday at Steve Eli's house at 2405 20th Street. This is a rush party, all majors are welcome.

Entomology Club Entomology Club will have a skating party tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Skate Ranch. The meeting will adjourn to Pasta's Pizzeria.

English Honorary Kappa Delta Pi applications for the English Honorary can be found in the Administration Building from the receptionist of the College of Education or on the bulletin board by room 235 of the Administration Building. Deadline for applications is Feb. 8.

Broadcaster to speak

Lubbock is unique among markets its size in electronic news gathering and creativity in reporting, said Margaret Pelley. Pelley is co-anchor for evening newscasts at KAMC-TV channel 28.

Pelley will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in Room 108 of the Mass Communications Building. The lecture is sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Rho, the National Honorary Broadcasting Society.

In addition to speaking about Lubbock news coverage, Pelley will address the roles of women in the Broadcast media.

Pelley has been in the broadcast media almost three years. She was a sociology major at Tech and received some training in broadcast at Colorado State University. Pelley was involved in print journalism through high school and in free lance work.

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Techsan to present paper at Australian symposium

By DONNA RAND
UD Reporter

A Tech professor of biological sciences will be one of 33 international scientists to present papers Sunday through Feb. 7 at a research symposium in Thredbo, Australia.

John Burns has been invited to discuss his research on the effects of hormones on reproduction and fetal development in bats.

The Symposium on Delayed Implantation and Embryonic Diapause will feature international scientists who will speak and present papers on hormone research of various mammals. Burns is one of seven scientists representing the United States. He is the only member from a Texas

university.

"Speaking at this symposium is a big honor and good public relations for both me and Tech," Burns said.

From 1970-76, Burns studied the effects of hormones on reproduction and fetal development in bats that have a nine month gestation period. The bats have the same type of hormones as humans and therefore the measurings used in the experiments could, in theory, be applied to other mammals and possibly humans, Burns said.

The research, funded by the National Science Foundation and Tech, was ended when the bats developed rabies. Before the research was ended Burns was able to drastically speed up and slow down the length of

pregnancy through hormone adjustments.

By implanting estrogen into the bats, Burns found that he could decrease the duration of the pregnancy by as much as three months. When he blocked hormone production the pregnancy would last as long as 12 months.

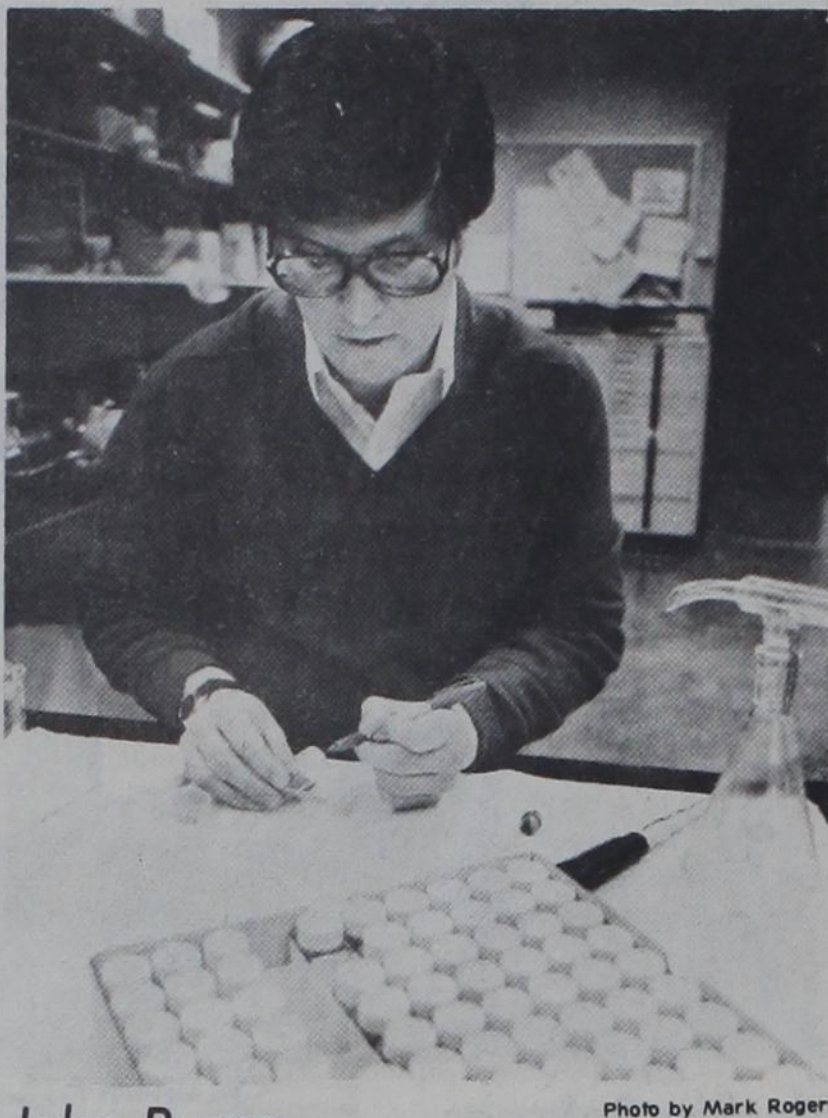
"Bats generally turn people off," Burns said. "But they are very important scientifically. I hope I can get back into studying them."

To continue his research on bats, Burns would need a separate building with special security and ventilation to keep strict control on the rabies carriers, Burns said. "A bat doesn't have to bite a person to give them rabies," Burns said. "A person can breathe in the rabies virus."

Burns is currently working on research with guinea pigs and salamanders. He studied the prostrate of guinea pigs through a Research Fellowship from the Mayo Foundation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. during 1976-1977.

Burns also worked on a pilot project of manipulating the hormones of cattle. The research is being continued at the University of Nebraska and the University of Illinois, Burns said.

The papers presented by Burns and the other scientists at the symposium will be published in a book of Delayed Implantation and Embryonic Diapause.



John Burns

Photo by Mark Rogers

John Burns, associate professor of biology, labels containers used in his research on guinea pigs. Burns research has included the study of the effects hormones play on reproduction and fetal development in bats.

Coast Guard cutter

Wreck inquiry to begin

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The skipper of the Coast Guard cutter Blackthorn stayed in Florida on Wednesday, awaiting the start of an inquiry into the collision that killed some of his men and believing he acted "in keeping with the traditions of the sea."

Searchers moved carefully into rattlesnake-infested swamps bordering Tampa Bay in hopes of finding alive some of the 17 men listed as missing in the collision that sank the Blackthorn. Nineteen divers searched the hull of the ship.

"Remember, these swamps are full of rattlesnakes and alligators," said Coast Guard Lt. Steve Benkous. He said the marshland was being searched because a man wearing a life jacket could have drifted in.

Six bodies have been found since the cutter and an oil tanker collided Monday, and officials said the death toll likely would reach 23 - the worst peacetime Coast Guard

accident in more than 35 years.

Adm. Paul A. Yost, the Coast Guard's 8th District commander from New Orleans, talked to survivors and families of the missing men Wednesday. Twenty-seven men were saved after the 180-foot cutter collided with the 605-foot oil tanker Capricorn in the main channel.

"They ask, 'Is there any chance my son is alive?'" Yost said. "I tell them we're still searching."

He said he talked to the cutter's skipper, Lt. Cmdr. George J. Sepel, 34, adding: "He feels his actions were in keeping with the traditions of the sea . . . He feels he did what he was supposed to do and was correct."

Sepel and the cutter's executive officer, deck officer and lookout were to testify at an inquiry by the Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety board scheduled for Thursday in Tampa. Sessions will also be

Halloween murder trial continues

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — Self-professed witch Louise Stone said Wednesday she called the sheriff's office three times to complain of harassment the night a teenage girl was killed by a shotgun blast on the Stones' property.

Mrs. Stone, 49, testified for the defense in the murder trial of her husband, Loy D. Stone, 50, of Dimmitt. The prosecution rested Tuesday. The Stones, members of the Church of Wicca which practices witchcraft, are accused in the death of Roxanne Casas, 15, who died of a shotgun blast Halloween night, 1977, as she sat in a pickup truck with other teenagers.

Mrs. Stone has not yet been tried.

She testified teen-agers by the carload had c. shied by the Stone's rural house, shouting obscenities and occasionally

making threats during the weeks and days before the shooting.

"It just increased more and more" starting the second week of October, she said. "We really began to get frightened" in mid-October when she said she overheard someone say, "It sure would be easy to set that house on fire, wouldn't it?"

She said she heard the arson threat repeated later by other youths. Mrs. Stone also complained of anonymous phone calls in which the callers would make "unintelligible sounds or very rude sounds."

She said vandals had broken

windows in her mother-in-law's home nearby, and testified that on the day of the shooting when she and her husband returned home from a seminar they noticed their home had been sprayed with a shotgun blast.

She said she and her husband wet the house and grounds down with a water hose as they had done every day the past week for fear of arsonists.

Students testified previously that youngsters frequently drove by the Stone residence because of stories of witchcraft.

Theft reported

A Sneed Hall resident's car was totaled Monday noon in a five-vehicle collision at Lubbock High School after being stolen from the dorm parking lot, according to the owner and Lubbock police.

Paul Licht of Room 133 said damages to his 1972 Dodge Dart exceeded \$1,200.

Police took two male youths into custody at the accident site in the northwest parking lot of Lubbock High. Officers reported no injuries in the pile-up.

A person or persons entered Licht's room Monday morning and took his car keys from a desk drawer, according to police reports.

Licht told officers he hadn't given anyone permission to drive his automobile, said the report.

Both youths are residents of a Lubbock children's home, police said.

Travel coordinator ends 26 years at Tech

LaVerne Patrick, Tech's first travel services coordinator, will retire today after 26 years employment at Tech.

During the past 12 years, Patrick has seen her office grow from one person to a fully staffed operation, she said.

Patrick said the travel services area is responsible for all reimbursement, reservations and expenditures for various trips funded by Tech. All athletic and judging teams, plus recruiting expenses by coaches are covered by the travel services office.

Applicants for departmental and teaching positions are also accommodated through Patrick's office. She

said the workload of the office doubled with the opening of the Med School. The increase in the workload also increased the number of employees in the office.

The office has grown steadily to a position of its own, probably through the access and more frequent use of modern transportation, Patrick said.

New grants and research projects for Tech's various departments have increased the number of travelers and accounts.

The largest impact on her office has been the increase in enrollment from 6,400 students to 23,000 students, Patrick said. Another large impact upon her office has been the modernization of accounting systems she has been required to use, she said.

After retirement from Tech, Patrick and her husband plan to move to Abilene.

Salinas gives nursing school top priority

Establishing a nursing school at Tech and trying to get state aid to train doctors at the teaching hospital will be two priorities of State Rep. Froy Salinas' if he wins reelection to his seat in the House of Representatives, District 75-B.

Salinas announced Wednesday he will make a bid for reelection.

"I plan to conduct an active, positive campaign based on my record," Salinas said.

Salinas has held the District 75-B seat since January of 1977. At this point, he is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the House seat.

The Rev. McKinley Shepard is the only announced Republican contender for the seat.

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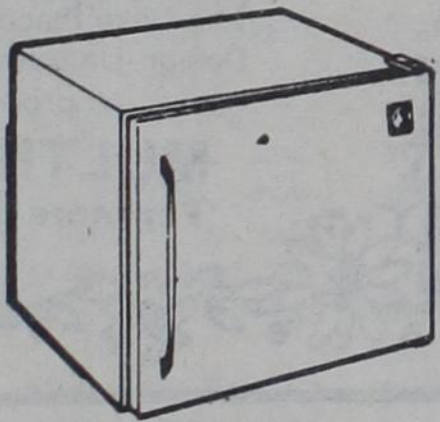
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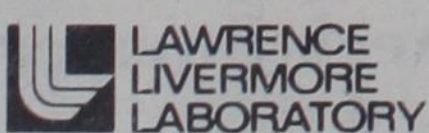
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'Thousand Clowns' presented

Comedy explores lunatic's life

By JOHN HARDWICK
UD Staff

"A Thousand Clowns" at 8:15 tonight at the Lubbock Theatre Centre, located at 2508 Ave. P. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for Tech students and children under 12. For reservations and additional information, call 744-3681.

The Lubbock Theatre Centre seats no more than a few hundred people, but "A Thousand Clowns" will be there tonight.

Herb Gardner's delightful comedy is directed by Claudia Beach, a doctoral student in theater and part-time English instructor at Tech.

The play explores the life of Murray Burns, a self-confessed lunatic who is

unable to take life seriously. He lives in a New York City apartment with his precocious 13-year-old nephew, Nick.

After seven years of writing for the "Chuckles the Chipmunk" show, Murray (T. H. Maynor) quits his job and lives off unemployment checks. He lives a simple life; Nick (Scott Flanagan) does the laundry, cooks the meals and pays the bills.

"Murray and Nick have a strong, wonderful relationship," director Beach said. "It almost seems as if Murray is the child and Nick is the adult."

Although Nick is a very organized, bright child who attends a school for gifted children, Murray's influence does surface at times.

"One time Nick took a semi-nude statue of a hula dancer to school for 'show and tell.' When he flipped a switch, her boobs lit up," Beach said. "He also wrote an essay on the benefits of unemployment insurance."

Their simple life is disrupted, however, when Murray's competency to be Nick's guardian is questioned by a pair of social workers (Maureen Conheady and Bob McCulston). They deliver an ultimatum. Either Murray must get a job, or give up custody of Nick.

"Murray is faced with a tremendous struggle," Maynor said. "He is a clown-man. He has a thousand funny personalities and he finds it difficult to conform to the

rigors of society, but deep inside he has very special feelings for Nick. He is forced to find in himself the good man, the man who really cares."

Other members of the cast are G. W. Frazier as Murray's agent-brother and Ron Chancey as Chuckles the Chipmunk.

Additional performances of "A Thousand Clowns" are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and Feb. 7-9.

The play will be the last to be presented at the present Lubbock Theatre Centre location.

"You Can't Take It With You," the next Lubbock community production, is scheduled to open April 10 at the Lindsey Theater facility in downtown Lubbock.

Derringer produces energy

By RONNIE McKEOWN
UD Entertainment Writer

Rick Derringer and his band produced enough energy to heat up the winter's cold Tuesday night at Rox.

However, this was not the case for the so-called "warm-up" band that opened for Derringer.

Local band Impeccable began the show with its usual style of power rock. But the energy the band tried to put off never reached the audience. Its performance Tuesday seemed to be too much show and not enough rock 'n' roll.

But the lack of response Impeccable received was probably because of the crowd members' anticipation of veteran rocker Derringer and his band's mainstream rock 'n' roll.

Derringer opened his performance with "Guitars and Women," the title song from his latest album. The song featured Derringer's guitar work and vocals, backed by Neil Gerardo's electric piano work. These two performers formed the nucleus of the band's music.

With the next song "It Ain't Funny But It Sure Is Fun," the band entered into fast-paced rock 'n' roll. The song featured backing vocals by bassist Aaronson, drummer Myro Grombacher and Gerardo.

"Teenage Love Affair" kept up the pace, and Derringer added to it an extensive voice box solo.

The band showed its versatility on "Something Warm," a slower, melodic number, also from the new album. The song retained a strong Grombacher beat, adding power behind Derringer's vocals.

Moses opens

Black Month

February is Black Awareness month and folklorist Oswald Moses will kick off the calendar of events with a concert in the UC Storm Cellar at 8 p.m. Friday.

The Student Organization for Black Unity is sponsoring a series of events throughout the month featuring speakers, exhibits, and a videotape in the UC. All events except a film will be free to the public.

Moses was once the leader of the internationally renowned Trinidad Folk Drummers and Percussion Ensemble that toured half the world. He has performed before such notables as Queen Elizabeth, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the late Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

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Late in the band's main set, Derringer introduced a song by saying, "Long live the living legend. This one's for Chuck Berry."

The band finished the main set with one of Derringer's most famous songs, "Rock 'n'

Roll Hootchie Coo." Derringer finished the song with a Hendrix-like instrumentation of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Both the band and the audience seemed to be at high energy for the four-song encore.

The encore set ended appropriately with the Jerry Lee Lewis hit "Great Balls of Fire."

At the end of the song both the band and the audience had provided enough energy to keep Rox heated up for the night.

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Collins without feeling

By M.W. CLARK

UD Entertainment Writer

It's nice that people in Lubbock are so easy to please. And that's what it's all about, isn't it, what pleases the people and not the critics.

But I couldn't share the crowd's enthusiasm for blues (?) artist Albert Collins and his band the Icebreakers, Tuesday night at Fat Dawg's.

Collins is indeed a fine showman, and his band members are very tight. Collins may be better off in a dance hall and relabeling himself as a rhythm and blues artist, instead of a blues artist. I guess I'm just not used to happy blues.

These days it seems that more and more white folks have more to sing the blues about than the blacks. Most of the crowd who came to listen to Collins was white. But what the crowd heard wasn't really blues.

Collins didn't join his Icebreakers for the first few numbers in the opening set. The band played well, but it was nothing to write home to Mom about, much less a review. Drummer Casey Jones kept a smooth, easy beat and provided adequate vocals while bassist Bobby Tyson contributed some very nice bass work.

Collins only played three songs in the first set. The first was "Snowed In" which Collins said would appear on his next album.

The most interesting song of the first set was "Cold Cuts." It was not that interesting musically, but again I must say, Collins is more of a showman.

Using his unique style of plucking his guitar with thumb and forefinger, Collins paraded around the club, sat down, sipped some beer, went outside the building and headed back to the stage all the time playing his guitar. This seemed to delight the audience.

That was it until the second set. A much too long break preceded.

The only other real highlight came in "Conversation With Collins." The song told a story

about Collins' woman coming home late and smelling like a liquor store. Collins used his guitar very expressively. He created the dialogue between his woman and him on his guitar. Collins succeeded in creating this conversation by being real self and gentle (apologetic) on the notes representing her half of the conversation. His half was low and thunderous (anger). I never heard a guitar cuss before.

But despite these few brilliant moments, Collins music failed to really reach out and grip your soul as the blues should.

With a little relabeling and promotion, Collins' style of rhythm and blues would fit nicely into the soul and disco section of the neighborhood record store.

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Turnovers cost Tech game

Cougars 'rough up' Raiders

HOUSTON — In a game marred by the ejection of Tech Head Coach Gerald Myers and 25 turnovers committed by his Raiders, the Houston Cougars Wednesday defeated Tech 75-63 in Hofheinz Pavilion.

Tech's conference mark is 5-4, while Houston is 4-5.

Myers was ejected from the game after picking up his third technical foul with 1:26 left in the game.

"Anytime your players are swatted at and its not called, that hurts your ballhandling," Myers said in reference to the reaching and grabbing at his players by the Cougar players.

Disregarding the of-

ficiating, Myers said the Raiders just didn't play well. "Without any question, we lost control of the game," Myers said in obvious reference to the Raiders' 25 turnovers.

After trailing by one at halftime, 32-31, the Raiders committed seven turnovers during their first eight possessions of the ball in the second half.

The Raiders scored just

eight points in the first 10 minutes of the second half. They trailed 50-39 with 10 minutes to play in the game.

One minute earlier the Cougars took their biggest lead of the night, 50-35. From that point, the closest the Raiders could come to reducing Houston's lead was 50-43 with 7:00 to play in the game. Buckets by Jeff Taylor and Ben Hill dropped Houston's lead down from 50-39.

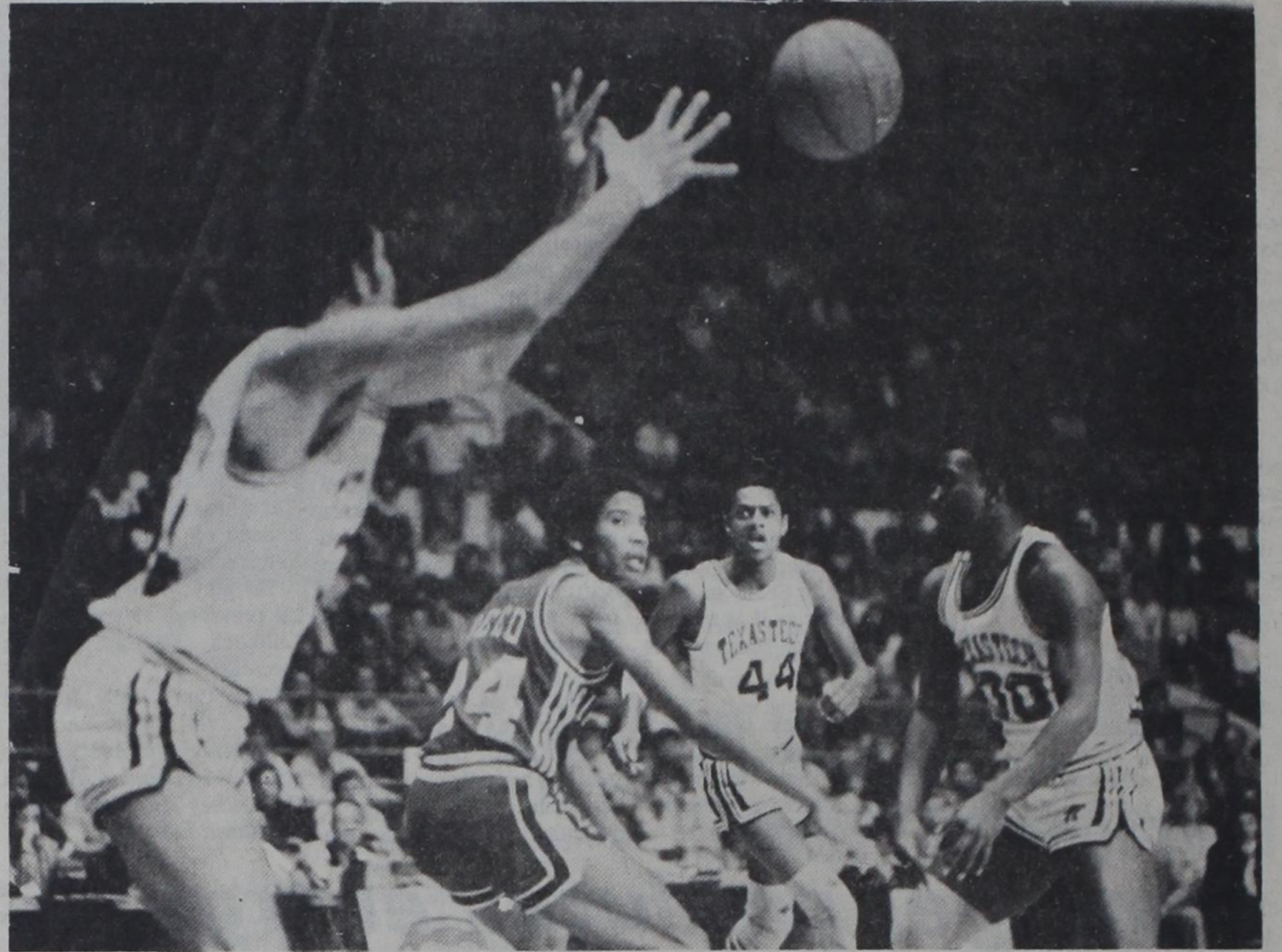
But then the Coogs upped their lead to 53-43 two minutes later and widened that lead to 59-45 with 4:30 left to play in the game.

Three minutes later Myers was ejected from the game, and after that David Little and Kent Williams fouled out for Tech.

Leading the scoring for Tech was Ralph Brewster with 16 points. Hill had 14 points, 13 in the first half.

Top scorers for Houston were Rob Williams with 19, Larry Rogers with 13, and Kent Williams with 10.

Tech's next action will be Feb. 2 against TCU in the Lubbock Coliseum.



Absolutely amazing

Tech guard Jeff Taylor (44) and Arkansas guard U.S. Reed look amazed as Tech center Ralph Brewster takes a pass during Monday's game against the Razorbacks. The Raiders lost the game 71-69 in overtime. Meanwhile Tech guard Steve

Smith tries to elude Reed. The Raiders traveled to Houston Wednesday to play the Houston Cougars. Tech entered the contest hoping to end its two-game Southwest Conference losing streak.

Photo by Mark Rogers

Longhorns blitz Mustangs; Baxter sets scoring mark

AUSTIN (AP) — Ron Baxter — the all-star "fat boy" of Southwest Conference basketball — poured in 30 points Wednesday night in breaking the Texas Longhorn career scoring record as Texas walloped Southern Methodist 113-80.

Texas' previous high for the season was 99 points in defeating Houston.

Baxter, a 6-4 senior from Los Angeles, broke Jim Krivacs' school record of 1,673

points with two free throws early in the game. He had 18 points at halftime and finished only two points below his single-game high.

Baxter, who has had persistent problems keeping his weight down, was the SWC Newcomer of the Year as a freshman and was all-SWC as a sophomore.

"I wanted to get the record at home, and I wanted to get it early to get it off my teammates' mind and my

mind," said Baxter. His record-breaking free throws came with just 2:30 elapsed in the game.

Another senior, John Danks, scored 23 for Texas and freshman teammate LaSalle Thompson had 22. Billy Allen, son of the SMU coach, was high for the Mustangs with 16.

The victory extended Texas' season record to 12-7. The Longhorns are 5-4 in the SWC. Southern Methodist is 11-8 and 3-6.

Texas A&M maintains unbeaten pace

WACO (AP) — Rynn Wright and Vernon Smith triggered a second-half rally Wednesday night to propel the Texas Aggies to a 59-50 victory over the Baylor Bears to maintain their unbeaten record in Southwest Conference play.

Smith, Wright and little David Goff broke open a close game as they outscored Baylor 15-4 during the first 10 minutes of the second half.

The Aggies led 27-25 at intermission, but then turned on the steam and took advantage

of a Baylor dry spell to put the game out of reach.

The Aggies led 44-30 with 10:25 remaining and then withstood a final challenge by the Bears that cut the lead to six with 5 minutes remaining. Wright and Rudy Woods had

eight points in the tell-tale second half and Wright finished as the Aggies' leading scorer with 17 points.

Smith finished with 15 and Woods 14, while Goff added 10.

Baylor's Terry Teagle, the conference's leading scorer,

was the game's high scorer with 24 points, 16 in the first half.

The victory gave A&M a 9-0 record in SWC action and 17-5 for the season. Baylor slipped to 3-6 in conference and 8-11 for the year.

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Owls edge Frogs 60-59

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ricky Pierce's tip-in with 2 seconds to play gave the Rice Owls a 60-59 Southwest Conference victory over the Texas Christian Horned Frogs Wednesday night.

Bobby Tudor stole Darrell Browder's errant pass with 15 seconds remaining to give the Owls the final shot.

TCU led the entire second half until Pierce's goal, and the Horned Frogs held a 30-21 halftime edge. Helping to TCU's downfall was a frigid 11-of-21 performance at the free throw line the last 20 minutes.

The decision left both teams tied for the SWC cellar with 2-7 marks. Rice is 4-13 for the season and TCU 7-11.

Kenny Austin paced the Owls with 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Pierce tossed in 13 points and 13 rebounds. Tudor added 14.

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Sunday poll keeps women in fourth

Although the Tech women's basketball team defeated third-ranked Wayland Baptist 75-72 Monday, the Raiders remained in fourth-place in the Texas Women's Basketball Top Ten.

The weekly poll was taken Sunday evening so the Raiders must wait a week to see if they will advance in the standings.

Texas, tied for the number one spot in the nation with Old

Dominion, was the unanimous choice for the number-one state rating for the second straight week.

The Longhorns, 20-0, defeated number-two Stephen F. Austin 64-52 last week.

Texas A&M, the Raiders next intra-divisional foe, is ranked fifth with an 11-8 record. Rounding out the Top Ten are Houston, SMU, Texas Woman's University, Lamar

and Texas Southern.

In team scoring the Raiders are sixth, averaging 78.0 points and they are only 3.8 points behind high scorer Stephen F. Austin.

The Raiders' rebounding average of 43.8 per game is fourth-best with Texas Southern on top with 47.9 caroms per game.

Tech's shooting percentages from the field and the free

throw line are 44.4 percent and 62.5 percent, respectively.

Wayland Baptist leads in field goal accuracy with 50.3 while Tech is a distant tenth. SFA is hitting 70.7 from the line to lead that category, while Tech is eighth.

Individually, three Raiders are among the leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and steals.

Gwen McCray is tenth in

scoring with a 14.7 points per game through 20 games. Pam Stone is the fifth-best rebounder in the state averaging 10.4 boards per game. Stone's 49.6 field goal percentage place her ninth.

Louise Davis is second in steals with a 3.7 steals per game. She trails the nation's number one ball hawk, Texas' Hattie Browning, who collects 5.2 steals per game.



Davis

Was AD's decision best for program?



John Eubanks

In less than a month, the women's regular season basketball schedule will be completed, and apparently, so will the actual coaching duties of the team's head coach, Gay Benson.

As most people know by now, a decision last December was made by women's athletic director Jeannine McHaney not to renew Benson's contract. No reasons for the decision were given, and legally, none had to be given.

For sure, there was speculation about the reason(s) for the decision but nothing concrete developed. Most people involved felt the story surrounding the incident just wasn't anyone else's business.

And as time passed, most people forgot the incident. As with many things involved with women's athletics, few really gave a damn.

I, too, became one of the non-caring.

But after viewing the final moments of the women's victory against Wayland Baptist Monday, I realized that a winning team may come and go just as did the caring for the situation involving Benson.

Tech's defeat of Wayland Baptist should have signaled the emergence of a potential basketball power in the South Plains as well as in Texas.

But no single victory may alleviate the damage already done to the program. The future of the team as well as the program is up in the air, so to speak.

Will the nucleus of the team—freshmen Pam Stone, Vicki Lee and Gwen McCray—still be playing for Tech next year? Could the success of both the young players and the team during the last month be attributed in any way to McHaney's decision?

For sure, the decision has been a prime motivating force behind the team, just as several players said it would. (The women have won nine of 10 games since McHaney's decision).

Will the success of the team continue? It may or may not, and that is really not the basis of this article. What is the basis is simply, "Was the decision in the best interest of Texas Tech University?"

To ignore this question, which many have done, would be as absurd as believing that nothing would be done if men's basketball coach Gerald Myers had been dismissed from his job.

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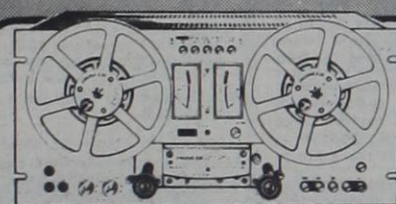
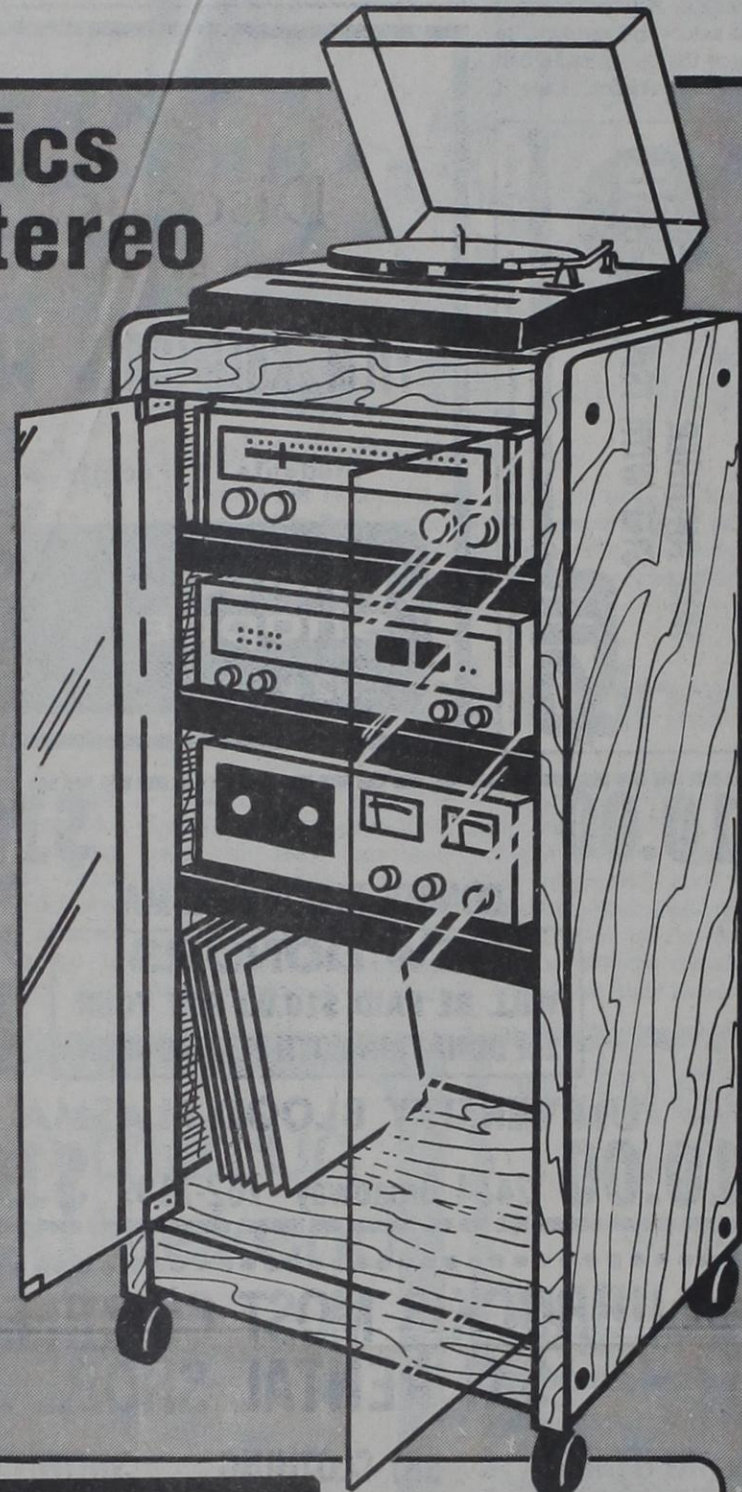
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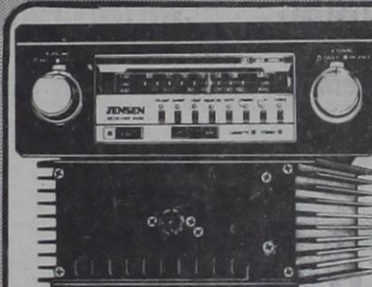
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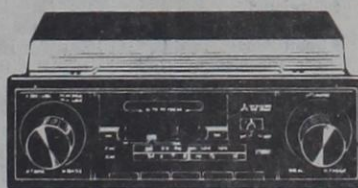
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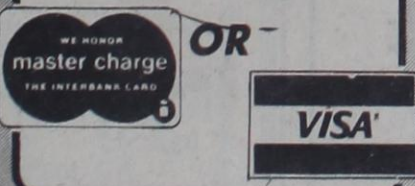
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