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Budget cuts could lead to class reductions

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first in a two-part series on possible statewide budget cuts and their ramifications on Texas Tech University. Today's story deals with administrative views of the budget cuts. Tuesday's story will look at faculty views.

By JULIE COLLINS
The University Daily

While Texas Tech has already prepared itself for the 3.5 percent budget cut for the 1991-92 school year, with more budget cuts looming ahead it might not be as easy to tighten the educational belt and still give Tech students a quality education, said Louise Luchsinger, associate dean for the College of Business Administration.

The College did not have to cut any classes for the 1991 summer session due to the budget cut, but Luchsinger said that if more budget cuts are implemented, that may not be the case.

"Most of our classes are already filled to capacity. If more budget cuts arise, there will be no way we can double the size of most of our classes. Therefore, some of them will have to be canceled," she said.

In order to combat the current budget situation at Tech, the Univer-

sity has no choice but to raise tuition, Luchsinger said. She also said Tech students have to be aware of the fact that the increase will not be as bad as they might assume.

"Tuition in Texas is one of the lowest in the country. More than 60 percent of every Tech student's tuition is paid for by the state," Luchsinger said.

Tech students need to realize that even with a tuition increase, Tech will still have one of the lowest tuition rates in the state, she said.

Luchsinger said one possible solution to the current financial crunch would be to raise taxes, as well as tuitions at colleges and universities around the state.

"What the budget cut comes down to is the fact that universities across the state need more funds, and Texans are going to have to decide how they are going to pay for those funds," Luchsinger said.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, (Oct. 3, 1990), university budget cuts are not that detrimental to a university. It is when the budget cut comes after the budget for the year has been set that puts many universities around the country

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—Louise Luchsinger

in a dilemma.

Tech, like many universities around the country, has already signed year-long contracts and offered certain programs for the year. Budget cuts implemented after the school year leave many universities undecided as to where they are going to have to make budget cuts.

College administration staffs

around the state must decide whether to cut funds for research or cut the funds for building maintenance, and they must decide between putting a salary freeze on faculty raises or eliminating faculty positions altogether, according to the article.

Luchsinger said despite the controversy over more budget cuts for the 1991-92 school year, the administration and staff at Tech are trying to meet the challenge of more cuts and still give students a quality education.

Tech faculty members and students need to be aware of the changes occurring on campus, and in turn, write to their local representatives and legislators and voice their opinion, she said.

"Everybody has got to have some form of communication with their legislators. After all, they are speaking for us, and we need to be aware of what exactly they are saying," Luchsinger said.

Ernst Kiesling, associate dean for research for the College of Engineering, said the 3.5 percent budget cut has already disabled many research projects at Tech.

Kiesling said the research depart-

ment has already had to return a percentage of their line-item research grants to the state. This means that research projects such as the Center for Energy and the Water Resource Center located at Tech have had to be cut back.

"The percentage of the money we had to send back was going to be the money we were going to use for the summer. It is definitely a belt-tightening situation," Kiesling said.

Many classes for the summer session in the engineering department had to be canceled as well, he said.

"It is a disruption to a student to be faced with a canceled class, but the engineering faculty has been wonderful to students' needs and questions," Kiesling said.

"It is difficult to make commitments concerning classes available to students and funding for research projects if we don't have the money we need."

Due to the current budget cuts, Kiesling said the quality of education has already deteriorated.

"The answer to this situation would be to take a long-term approach and decide what type of quality education we can afford to give," he said.

University Center takes on new look, new additions

By AMY COLLINS
The University Daily

Despite possible budget cuts for Texas Tech, the University Center is undergoing renovation that includes the roof, new carpet and new additions to the food court area.

The additions include an "I Can't Believe It's Yogurt" shop, a floral cooler located in Raider Express, and a "Pack & Mail" copy shop.

"The carpet in the University Center is from 1976, and it (carpet) has paid its dues," said Tom Schubert, director for the UC.

The UC collects a \$20 student fee each semester and a \$10 fee in the summer, which is paying for the renovations.

"The replacement of the carpet in the University Center will cost around \$43,000," Schubert said.

The UC staff, along with the advisory board, chose the pattern for the new carpet.

"The carpet looked outdated and in need of repair," said Ethan Loubriel,

a sophomore English major from Dallas.

"Some sections of the roof have not been replaced since 1953, 1963 and 1976," Schubert said.

The cost of the roof is expected to be \$215,000 and is not expected to be finished until September at the earliest.

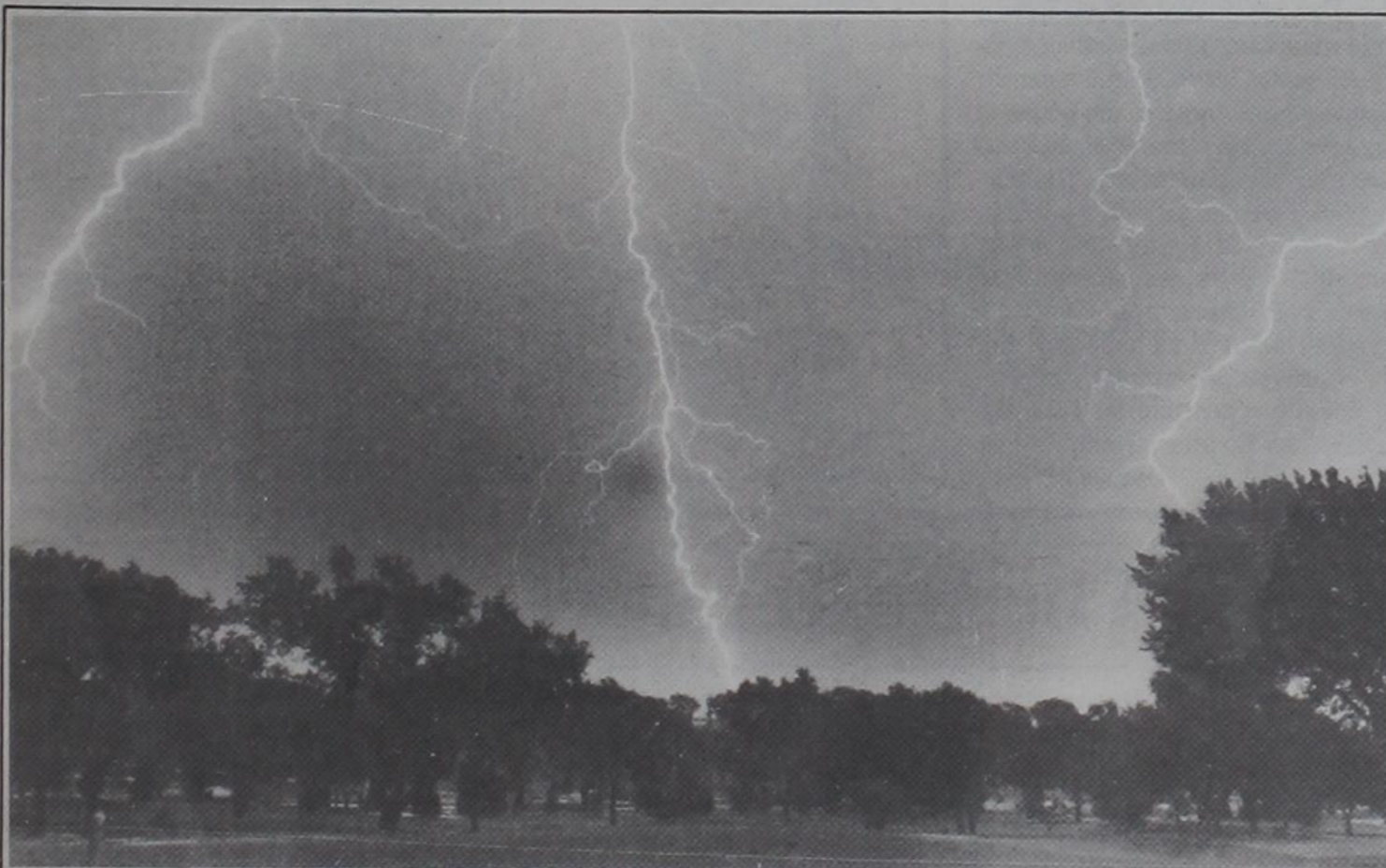
Hot water heaters in the UC are also being replaced due to continuous leaks, which have led to the deterioration of certain parts of the roof.

"The leaks have caused patches upon patches to be put on the roof," Schubert said.

The idea for the "Pack & Mail" copy shop was due to surveys over a period of years in which students were asked what they would prefer having in the UC that was not already there.

"Students wanted healthier foods for the food court area, that is primarily why the 'I Can't Believe It's Yogurt' is being installed," Schubert said.

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Walter Granberry/The University Daily

Stormy skies

Dangerous lightening lights up the sky over the Lubbock Country Club Wednesday morning at about 12:30 a.m. The storm swept through Lubbock late Tuesday night and Wednesday

morning dumping hail and large amounts of rain that caused flooding in many low-lying intersections throughout the city.

America suffering patriotic brain damage



Kirk Baird-Parks
Lifestyles
Writer

"Operation Desert Shield has now become Operation Desert Storm."

With that catchy military phrase, a nation's attention turned to an area in the world many people could not identify on a map (That's why newspapers across America made illustrations pointing out where the Persian Gulf was).

Every night, millions of Americans tuned in to see what was happening with the latest in Persian Gulf updates. Newspeople, particularly those from CNN, became patriotic celebrities or Saddam Hussein sympathizers. President Bush was gorging himself on the euphoria.

Then after a short period of time — especially as far as wars go — it all ended. A first-rate technological power had managed to destroy a fourth-rate one.

The excitement went to the streets. After a dormant stage, America, in

all her glory, was back. We kicked butt and took names.

Bush loved it. He became the first president since Harry Truman to win a war outright. He raised a somewhat sagging patriotic feeling to almost unparalleled heights. People's attention strayed from the sagging economy, the incessantly looming deficit and the increasing recession.

The skilled surgeon came in to an applause from the other doctors. He had to perform a quick triple-heart by-pass on a desperate patient. But could he pull it off?

Now, it is time for the damage to be assessed.

As crowds line the streets to welcome home the troops, the media is there in all its wishy-washy coverage.

"Here comes Gen. 'Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf riding in an old convertible. There are the troops, riding in the military hardware which helped get the job done. This is truly a day for America."

Thousands of people greet troops that, while they served their country faithfully, spent more time sitting in the desert going crazy from the boredom and heat than from the

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almost two months of combat.

But America likes winners. That's the way it has always been. And we mopped up in the desert. We turned the world's fourth-largest army into a bunch of simpering wimps. Yeah, America. "Kickin' ass and takin' names" seems to be our latest motto.

But why? Are we so desperate that we need to glorify what amounted to a two-month military exercise into a stepping stone to new world prosperity?

Is our country that mentally deficient that we fail to see the ever-looming consequences of our actions? As a result of our war, Saddam Hus-

sein is still in power, the Kurds faced increased persecution (some claimed "genocide") and the Middle East — which had joined the coalition forces and proclaimed a new peace and brotherhood — is back to the usual fighting and turmoil. In short, outside of moving an army from a repressed nation out of a country that had flaunted its wealth, nothing else changed.

Oh, but America is feeling better. In fact, the doctor is saying the patient is doing better than ever. We certainly seem to be feeling better.

The symptoms seem less prevalent and within a few months the patient should be up and about. Just look at all the millions of tax-payers' money Washington is using to make us feel better. Pretty expensive medicine, huh?

Instead of the ol' 'take two aspirin and rest' cure, we're getting the expensive triple-heart by-pass.

After a lengthy operation, the doctor walked into the waiting room where he confronted the wife of the patient on whom he just operated.

"Ma'am," the doctor said, "I've got some good news and some bad news about your husband's operation."

"What is it?" the wife pleaded. "Please tell me."

"Well the good news is that the heart is fine. We performed the triple by-pass with skilled perfection. His heart should function for years to come."

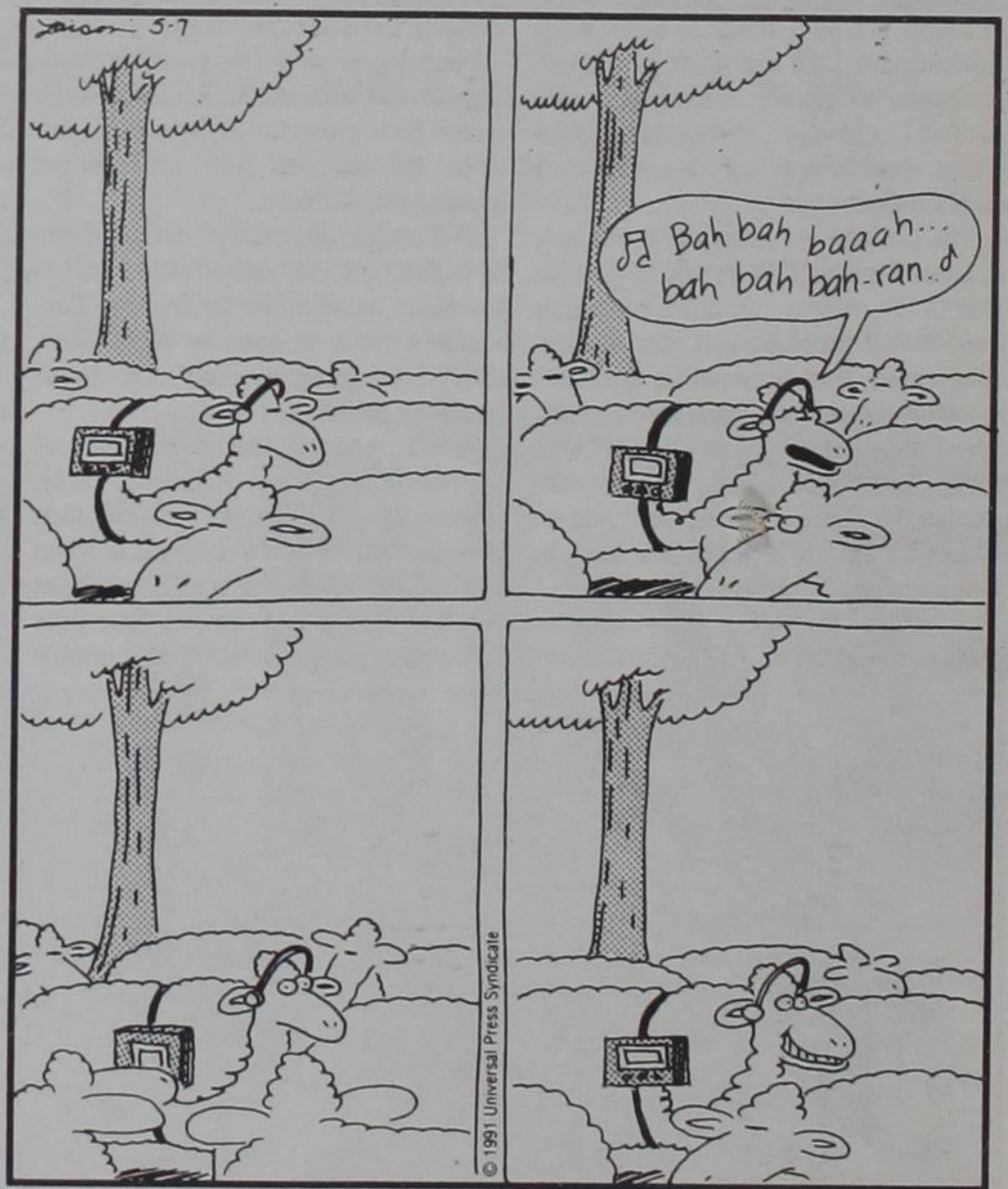
"That's wonderful," exclaimed the wife. "What could possibly be the bad news?"

"In the process," the doctor mumbled, "we shut off too much oxygen to his head, making him brain dead. I'm afraid your husband will be a vegetable for the rest of his life."

And so America's brainwaves continue to grow dimmer with each passing parade.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Letter

Lubbock not bad at all

To the Editor:

As a longtime student here at Texas Tech and a semi-Lubbock native, I congratulate Kirk Baird-Parks on his repentant attitude in his latest article concerning Lubbock. Well do I remember the "Lubbock: Hell or Hub?" article that he wrote concerning the quality of life in West Texas. The truth is that Lubbock is not such a bad place to be after all; it just seems it when we encounter those who are not familiar with the area.

Lubbock is an enigma. Most of us can recall several occasions being away from Lubbock when we were attacked in a conversation about the backward ways of West Texas. Often times, in these situations, we have few comments to defend ourselves with beyond cotton statistics and Buddy Holly. The truth is we often become embarrassed about living in Lubbock when we talk to other people who aren't from around here. Yet, here is the enigma. This usually only occurs when we are away from here. Once we return to the Llano, everything is fine. We forget about the criticisms and generally live pretty decent lives. Look at it this way, living in Lubbock is like being happily married to an ugly woman. Even though going out in public is a bit disconcerting, you by no means want to give her up. Quite the contrary, you find great satisfaction in the relationship.

The same enigma exists around Texas Tech. Sure Tech often comes up short when compared to the

University of Texas-Austin and Texas A&M. Anyone who doubts this is kidding themselves. But do what I did three weeks ago and you will come to appreciate Tech, and for that matter, Lubbock, all the more.

Because the job market is tight at the moment here in Lubbock, I attended a North Texas job fair held at Texas Stadium in Dallas. The majority of prospective employees were from the Metroplex area and the job fair was geared and set up for Dallas area college graduates. I was one of only a few in attendance that resided outside the North Texas region. At first I was a bit nervous because everything was unfamiliar, but then I looked around and realized who I was competing with for jobs. The students who attended were mainly from three schools: Texas-Arlington, University of North Texas, and East Texas State. Talk about feeling like the big fish in the pond! No disrespect for these colleges intended, but a degree from Texas Tech was looking pretty good that day. I felt so proud of my pending alumni status that I scrawled a large 'double-T' on my nametag. All day long I had people comment on what a great place Tech was, and how they just went to so-and-so school. It was a nice change. Sure there were some Texas Christian and Southern Methodist students in attendance, but I seemed to be getting just as much attention as they were, yet I paid about a quarter of the cost for my education and had a better football team to boot!

As for a comparison between the Metroplex and Lubbock, let me add this. My parents live in Duncanville, and I spent a week there while I was over for the job fair. I went to the

driving range twice, played golf once, went to the Galleria and went out to eat a few times. Other than this, I mainly stayed home and asked myself, "What should I do now?" My mother answered this question nicely. I rodDED the front yard. The driving range cost \$1.50 more per bucket than Treasure Island's range here in Lubbock; the golf course was barely better than Meadowbrook.

I've always said that if there were a ring of mountains to the north of Lubbock I'd never leave. I still mean it. Yet, even the flatness of the plains is mesmerizing. How many of us have pulled over at a particularly flat portion of the plains just to stare and wonder at it? In a way, this is our mountain. It is as characteristic as Denver's Rockies and Seattle's Cascades, and it is as beautiful. Except when you are around someone who doesn't appreciate it. Then the enigma crops up all over again.

Damon Murphy

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Renovations underway in UC

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The construction of the yogurt shop is already underway but is not expected to be finished until August.

Following the pattern of students' request of healthier foods in the food court, "Palermos" will begin offering 100-calorie milkshakes for 99 cents during the first summer session.

"The ambitious goal of the Univer-

sity Center is to have the center looking as new as it did when it first opened for the 40th anniversary of the University Center, which will be in the 1993-94 school year," Schubert said.

Other future projects for the UC include renovation of the UC Ballroom and Coronado rooms.

"Both of those rooms need better ceilings for better sound treatments

and the walls need to be painted for a cheerier look," Schubert said.

Schubert also said the two rooms were still of their original constructions and plans are being developed for carpeting the Coronado room.

"These tentative plans and expenditures depend upon the increased or decreased enrollment of students at this school," Schubert said.



Walter Granberry/The University Daily

Out with the old

A Texas Tech maintenance worker lays carpet in the University Center Thursday. The carpet, which has not been replaced since

1976, will cost approximately \$43,000. The funds come from the University Center student use fee.

Incoming freshmen learn of college life

By AMY COLLINS
The University Daily

The Texas Tech 1991 summer orientation began Thursday in the University Center's Allen Theatre.

The two-day conference includes information about financial aid, academic enrichment and leadership programs and tours of the residence halls, library and campus.

Jo Hutcherson, assistant to the Dean of Students, coordinated the summer orientation, which will conclude today with a look at the University Counseling and Health Center.

"At this particular orientation, we want to address those students who were in the top 5 percent of their class, or students who achieved high scores on their ACTs and their SATs," Hutcherson said.

The orientation is an opportunity for Tech to recruit students with high academic achievements and possibly convince those students that Tech is the best academic choice for them, she said.

"At this particular orientation, we have 25 of the 29 presidential scholars, and we are very excited at the possibility of those students at-

tending this university," Hutcherson said.

Many high school graduates find themselves still undecided about which college they will attend, she said.

The orientation also includes information about the social aspects of college life, which includes information about more than 300 clubs offered on the Tech campus.

A prime time for parents is also planned, which includes a discussion of student and parent adjustments to college life.

Kim Graham, a senior marketing major from Denton and a current member of the Raider Aider organization, said orientation is necessary for parents as well as students.

"I feel it is an important part of this orientation to address the parents and their concerns for their kids," Graham said. "The parents are such an important part of their kids education; they are the ones who pay the bills."

"These conferences are very successful because the students and parents decide whether or not Tech is for them," Hutcherson said.

The orientation is one of 12 taking place during the summer.

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Smoking: how to quit Health Sciences Center offers program to beat nicotine

By ALICIA ALLEN-PEARSON
The University Daily

Putting out that last cigarette may be a difficult endeavor for some smokers. People who have nicotine dependencies may have difficulty quitting, no matter how determined the person may be, said Steffany Brich, a behaviorist at the University Medical Center.

The Health Sciences Center Health Management Resource TRIM program at UMC may be the answer for those who wish to quit smoking. The program recognizes these difficulties and has begun a smoking cessation program aimed at keeping people

smoke-free for life, she said.

"This is an eight-week quitting phase focusing on replacing the smoker's habit with healthy behaviors, such as exercise and stress reduction," Brich said. "Smokers are given the chance to choose for themselves during this eight-week period when the best time is for them to quit."

"This program is being used proactively and wholistically, rather than reactively. Why wait until a person has had a heart attack?"

Brich said the program started in April.

"There are currently five people enrolled in the program, and all of them are 'still quit' with their smoking habits after a two-and-a-half month period."

"There are many reasons given for their (from the patients who smoke)

"It is not a happy moment whenever a smoker throws a cigarette in the trash can. It is like they are losing a part of their identity."

—Steffany Brich

habit, such as, 'I have to smoke in my car on the way to work, or with a group of friends that I know, or whenever I start a new project at work, or whenever I talk on the telephone,'" she said.

"We have to figure out what sets them off to make them start smoking," Brich said. "During the program, the smoker picks the week that they want to quit, and it's usually the third or fourth week."

"They can chew the nicotine gum whenever they have a craving for a cigarette. The gum has a small amount of nicotine in it so that they are not going cold turkey. It has proven to be an effective way to gradually wing them off of the cigarettes."

"It is not a happy moment whenever a smoker throws a cigarette in the trash can," she said. "It is like they are losing a part of their identity."

"Many people go through a period of anger or mourning after they have started trying to quit. They have a support group in the program and they can contact each other during the week, or whenever they get the urge to light up."

"Through self-management a person can reduce stress by exercising, whether it be walking, biking, gardening or doing yard work. It's like an escape route whenever they want to smoke," Brich said.

After the initial eight-weeks, patients continue into a year-long maintenance phase. Since temporary weight gain is often associated with quitting smoking, weight management skills are taught during this phase, along with other health related issues, Brich said.

"Smoking during the program is considered to be a setback, but it is certainly not a failure," she said. "We don't make the smokers who enter this program throw away their cigarettes the first time that they walk through the door. It is left up to the individual and is their decision as to whether they want to quit smoking."

"We use the team approach in our program. They attend the weekly sessions for the first eight-week period, and we encourage them to keep close contact with other members of the group."

For those who are interested in the TRIM program, contact the department of family medicine at the HSC at 743-2767. The next orientation for the program is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday at the HSC.

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Look what's happening all across the Hub City

For all those people who need to know, Hub City has returned. Use this guide to find out what's going on in the Land o' Lubbock. Both on and off campus activities are featured.

For those businesses wishing to appear in the Hub City Happenings contact The UD at 742-3393. Hub City appears every Friday in the Lifestyles section.

Off Campus:

● **Texas Weather** is playing at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Spinnaker's, 4320 50th. There is a \$3 cover charge.
● **Envoy Express** plays at 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Town Draw, 1801 19th, with a \$3 cover charge for singles and \$5 cover charge for couples.

● **Showdown** plays at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Texas Cafe, 3604 50th, with a \$4 cover charge.

● **Presidents** play at 10 p.m. Friday at the Depot Warehouse, 19th and Avenue G, with a \$3 cover charge. **Squarehead** will play at 10 p.m. Saturday with a \$3 cover charge. **Caprock Allstars** play at 10 p.m. Sunday with a

\$2 cover charge.

● **Reed Boyd** plays at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Chelsea Street Pub, South Plains Mall. There is no cover.

● **Panic Club** plays at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Kitchen Club, 2411 Main.

Comedy:

● **John Heinz** headlines Joe's Froggy Bottoms Comedy Club, 6602 Slide Road, in a show featuring **Mike Robbins** and **Robert Hawkins**. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 p.m. Friday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$7.50 for Friday through Saturday and \$5 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

On Campus:

● Lubbock Summer Rep presents **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** and **Little Red Riding Hood** at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There is a 2 p.m. presentation Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$3 for Texas Tech students.

HUB CITY HAPPENINGS

Crystal, Stern, Kirby shine in rare comedy/drama combo 'City Slickers'

By KIRK BAIRD-PARKS
The University Daily

A Billy Crystal who cannot laugh, a Daniel Stern who is quietly depressed and a Bruno Kirby who is struggling with his machismo. Middle-age can do some crazy things to people.

When middle-age strikes Mitch Robbins (Crystal) and his two best friends Phil (Stern) and Ed (Kirby), the three want to do something about it; to get their lives out of the rut it is in. But the question is how?

When Ed and Phil suggests to Mitch the three take a two-week vacation, Mitch is hesitant. Finally, after his wife's encouragement and insistence he go, Mitch gives in to his friend's request — a two week cattle drive.

City Slickers is one of the rare species that is billed as another type of film (in this case a comedy) but in actuality succeeds on quite a different level (it's more of a drama). Not that it doesn't work as a humorous film — it would be difficult not to with the three lead roles being well-versed in the art of the comic-film — but it becomes apparent that this film is more in dealing with human emotions than slapstick.

Thus the film *City Slickers* is able to present not only the comedic escapades of the friends but the heart-felt scenes as well. It's the type of comedy/drama movie not seen since *Parenthood*, which should come as no surprise since both films share the same screen-



writers — Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel.

The road to self-worth and coming to grips with age is a well-worn path. But the journey the three friends take is both fulfilling and eventful.

It begins with a get-acquainted session in which they meet others with supposedly similar problems — none of which are really explored in the film.

Mitch is worried about his life, his job and getting the zest for living he lost along with his smile. Phil is trying to begin his life from scratch again (after his wife learned of an affair Phil had, she left him and cost him his job with her father). Ed was recently married, but now he wonders about monogamy and about the possibility of having children.

Through the course of their rugged trip, they'll fight for their lives, for each other and in the process grow older gracefully while capturing some younger spirit to hold onto.

What *City Slickers* does best is allow itself to make you both laugh

and think. This is rare in modern movies.

Under the skilled hand of director Ron Underwood, the film moves along at a medium pace — neither at the bullet speed of a zany comedy nor at the meandering speed of a drama — rather a subtle combination of both, which is what this film wants.

This is not a masterpiece by any means, and while it lacks the true sentiment of *Parenthood*, it does contain some generally warm moments. And during a summer when action/adventure films appear to be the big draws, that's all one can ask for. \$\$\$½.

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Five-time All-American eyes U.S. Olympic team

By CHARLES POLLET
The University Daily

At one time or another, most Americans dream of becoming an Olympian.

Texas Tech junior long jumper Tony Walton is about one foot short of reaching that dream after a career-best 26-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in May to capture the Southwest Conference Outdoor long jump title.

"I figure 27-5 will be the cutoff for the Olympic team," he said. "It all depends on what kind of day it is. At the least, I think the cutoff will be 27."

While making the U.S. Olympic team is within Walton's grasp, he has accomplished what no other Tech athlete ever has — Walton is the first five-time All-American in the school's history.

He began his record-setting All-American honors collection in 1989 as a freshman. He was a member of Tech's All-American 1,600-meter relay team. In 1990, Walton garnered two titles; one in the outdoor long jump, and one as a member of the

400-meter relay team. This year he made All-American in the indoor and outdoor long jump, with the fifth honor coming in June, when he placed seventh at the NCAA Track and Field Championships with a jump of 25-11.

To compliment five All-American honors, Walton was the 1991 SWC indoor and outdoor long jump champion.

Walton said the five All-American honors are a great accomplishment for him, but he has a higher goal.

"It's a blessing and an honor, but I don't want to stop at that," he said. "I want to bring Tech an NCAA championship."

Tech head track coach Corky Oglesby said he is proud of Walton's achievements and that he would like to have more athletes like him.

"Obviously, you want to have a kid like that, and it brings attention to your school," he said. "You want all your kids to be All-Americans; that should be everyone's goal if they are interested in track and field."

Walton is competing at the United States National Track and Field Championships today and Saturday in New York City in the long jump. While a first-place finish is his main

goal, Walton said he wants one more chance to break the 27-foot mark.

"My last jump at the NCAA meet was a winning jump, but I scratched by about one-eighth of an inch. I think it was 27," he said. "I've had a good year, but I know I can do better, and this meet is my last opportunity this year."

Oglesby said the meet is the perfect opportunity for Walton to establish himself as a potential world-class athlete.

"It's a pretty important meet for a guy like Tony who's trying to make a name for himself on a national and international level," Oglesby said.

Although Walton was disappointed with his performance at the NCAA Championships, he said it is driving him that much harder to perform well in the meet today and Saturday.

"It still was a letdown (finishing seventh). I just couldn't get to the board, and when I did I would scratch," he said.

"I want to do my best. If my best isn't good enough to win, I'll have to come back and work that much harder."

Oglesby said that Walton's seventh-place finish is not disappointing at all.

"You're never satisfied unless you win it," Oglesby said. "I think he felt like he could have done a little better."

"But to finish seventh in the nation in anything is quite an accomplishment."

The most pleasant surprise for Oglesby is Walton's improvement in

the long jump. Oglesby said Walton was recruited from Jesus Chapel High School in El Paso first as a 400-meter athlete and second as a long jumper.

"We thought he had potential as a

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Walter Granberry/The University Daily

Come fly with me

Tony Walton, a Texas Tech long jumper from El Paso, practices his specialty in preparation for the United States Track and Field Championships in New York City today and Saturday. Walton, a five-time All-American, hopes to make the 1992 U.S. Olympic team in the long jump.

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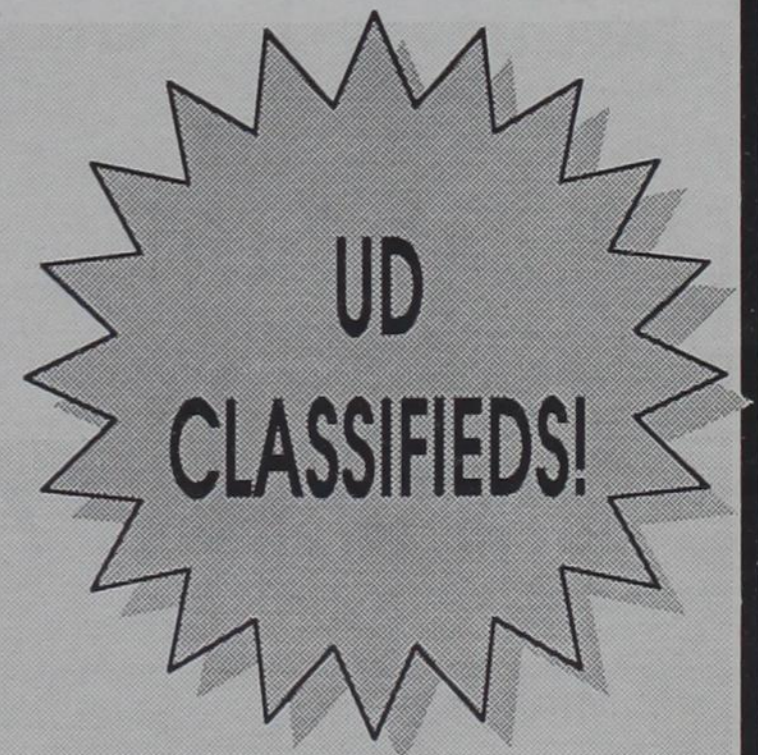
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National League owners against Astros' move

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — At least three owners of National League teams say they do not support a plan by Houston Astros owner John McMullen to sell his team to out-of-town buyers who could move the team to another city.

"I can't see going along with that," Pittsburgh Pirates owner Doug Danforth told *The Houston Chronicle*.

Bill Giles of Philadelphia said he would not approve of moving the Astros from the Astrodome "unless

they could prove it was an extreme situation."

Bob Lurie of San Francisco said he would not vote for such a move.

"You can't say it isn't a possibility that somebody will buy a franchise and move it — anything is possible," Lurie told *The Houston Post*. "I just don't think it is probable."

McMullen and Louis Sussman, a former St. Louis Cardinals official who now works for Salomon Brothers, the investment banking firm retained by the team, met Wednesday with the eight-member major league owner-

ship committee in Santa Monica, Calif.

McMullen wants to test the interest of the four cities who failed to earn expansion teams. He has already contacted groups in Washington, D.C. and Orlando, Fla.

One committee member who asked not to be identified told the *Chronicle* that McMullen and his associates requested permission to sell the franchise to an out-of-town buyer.

Sports Brief

Tech's track team signs Haner

Melissa Haner, a graduate of Amarillo Tascosa High School, signed a track scholarship agreement with Texas Tech Monday, announced track and field coach Jarvis Scott.

Haner, who was recruited by Tech, Houston, TCU, UT-Arlington and UT-San Antonio, holds the Amarillo Tascosa 400-meter record with a time of 57.62 seconds. Scott plans to have Haner compete in the heptathlon and the 400-meter dash.

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quarter miler; he hasn't disappointed us that way," Oglesby said. "But the improvement in the long jump has been a major surprise for us."

Oglesby said since Walton has had to concentrate so strongly on the long jump, he has participated in the 1,600-meter relay and not the individual 400-meter dash.

"We're really letting him concentrate on the long jump," he said. "I

don't think one (long jump) distracts from the other (1,600-meter relay), because speed is the key element. The relay/long jump combination is not uncommon."

Walton said he no longer runs the 400-meter dash because it hindered his long jumping.

"The field event takes a lot of concentration and strength," he said. "The running event takes a lot of energy. Then I can't concentrate on the field event."

Walton and Oglesby said that performing well under pressure is the key to being a world-class athlete.

"Tony is a good competitor; he is one of those guys who can put his ability on the line and come through for you," Oglesby said. "The faster you can go under control and hitting the board right are the most important factors. Tony improved five inches this year. If he improves another five inches by next year, he'll be a world-class athlete."

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