

Nancy's attitude shows disregard for the less fortunate

Inez Russell

Nancy Reagan is suffering from what public relations experts call a bad image. It's easy to see why. After all, she hasn't exactly been a political boon to her husband during Ronald Reagan's first year as president. During the campaign, fairly or unfairly, her aloof attitude alienated the press and voters alike. Nancy's adoring gaze at

the most meager of Ronnie's utterances became ridiculous after the first million or so campaign speeches. After Ronnie became president, Nancy's demeanor on the presidential platform while the president spoke became even more noticeable and embarrassing. Her obvious adoration was fine and good, critics said, but surely Nancy could cast her gaze elsewhere than Ronnie's face for the duration of the speech. Then came the china episode

and the redecoration of the White House. Poor Nancy. When Jackie Kennedy redecorated the White House in the '60s, she was commended for saving a national monument. Nancy, who admittedly was doing some necessary refurbishing, was immediately criticized for spending such a large amount of money on redecorating when so many people in the country were unemployed. Her protests that the money

was donated went unheeded. In fact, that made the whole matter seem all the worse to a nation suffering from a double dose of inflation and unemployment. With many people having trouble affording food, seeing her toss extra money around for redecoration was hard to swallow. The worst episode, of course, was the china syndrome, not to be confused with the Jane Fonda movie. For the Reagans, the new china was a definite blast of

bad PR. Nancy insisted the White House needed a new set of dishes. That was easy enough to understand. But a lot of people couldn't understand why the dishes had to cost \$200,000. Again, when hard times beset a country, and the leaders say to tighten your belt, many people have trouble understanding a group of leaders that don't seem to be wearing a belt, much less tightening it. Double standards become harder to accept with hard

times, and Nancy Reagan has been the master of the double standard. What Nancy Reagan is practicing is not a return to style or elegance, or a bringing back of the graces Americans want to see. Instead, she practices a callous disregard for the less fortunate. Marie Antoinette told the French peasants to eat cake. Nancy Reagan hasn't been so blunt, but her actions have been speaking as loud as those in-famous words of Marie's.

Letters to the Editor

An answer for Lang

To the Editor: I would like to answer Ivan Lang's question of Feb. 25, Who's to select the creation theory to be taught in the nation's classrooms? The answer is quite simple. Scientific creationism should be taught in public classrooms. John Rogers

Education for rich

To the Editor: In his message to Congress in February 1981, former President John F. Kennedy observed "Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is a fundamental resource." John Kennedy called upon this country to make higher education affordable to the poor and middle class as well as the rich. The commitment

sought by Kennedy has been carried out by subsequent administrations, both Democratic and Republican. This year, in an effort to cover for the huge deficit created by the Reagan-Hance tax cut program, a decade of commitment to higher education has ended. Under Reagan's proposed budget for 1982, graduate and professional students will no longer be eligible for Guaranteed Student Loans. Although some auxiliary loans to assist graduate students will remain available, such loans will bear an interest rate of 14 percent. Graduate students employed part time will be required to repay auxiliary loans while attending school. Reagan also proposes to slash Pell Grant programs for needy students by almost \$1 billion. The American Council on Education estimates that the proposed cut would result in a

36 percent drop in the number of students receiving the grants. Reagan also proposes to kill outright the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants and State Student Incentive Grants. Education should not become a luxury to be enjoyed only by the wealthy. Cutting off assistance to needy students only robs from the future of this country. Sincerely, Celeste E. Scalise

Rah! Rah!

To the Editor: As a Tech alumni I was very proud to see that once again our dedicated and unconceited cheerleading squad doubled in size every time the Tech basketball team appeared on television this season. Sincerely, Leone Caron

TODAY'S POLL: IF PRESIDENT REAGAN SUCCEEDS IN TURNING OVER A GREAT BATCH OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO THE STATES, WILL THE STATE OF TEXAS HANDLE ITS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES...

BADLY, (as in Welfare),



HORRIBLY, (as in Prisons),



OR NOT AT ALL (as in Redistricting)?



BEN SARGENT
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Reagan aid cutbacks to have serious effect on schools

Anthony Lewis

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — It did not generate big headlines at first, but around the country one idea in President Reagan's budget is arousing a new kind of concern and resistance. That is the proposal to cut back drastically — in many cases to eliminate — federally insured loans and other help for college and graduate school students. The impact of the Reagan proposal would be serious at the big universities. It would be devastating at the thousands of smaller private colleges that play such an important role in American education. There is an example here in the old industrial-mining area of northeast Pennsylvania that tells the story. Wilkes College is a non-denominational college that occupies some wonderful old Victorian mansions and good modern buildings in Wilkes-Barre. It has 2,100 full-time students, who pay \$4,200 a year for tuition and \$2,100 more for board and room if they live in a dormitory. More than 1,100 of those students now have federally insured loans. "Many of them could not come without the federal loans," says Dr. Robert S.

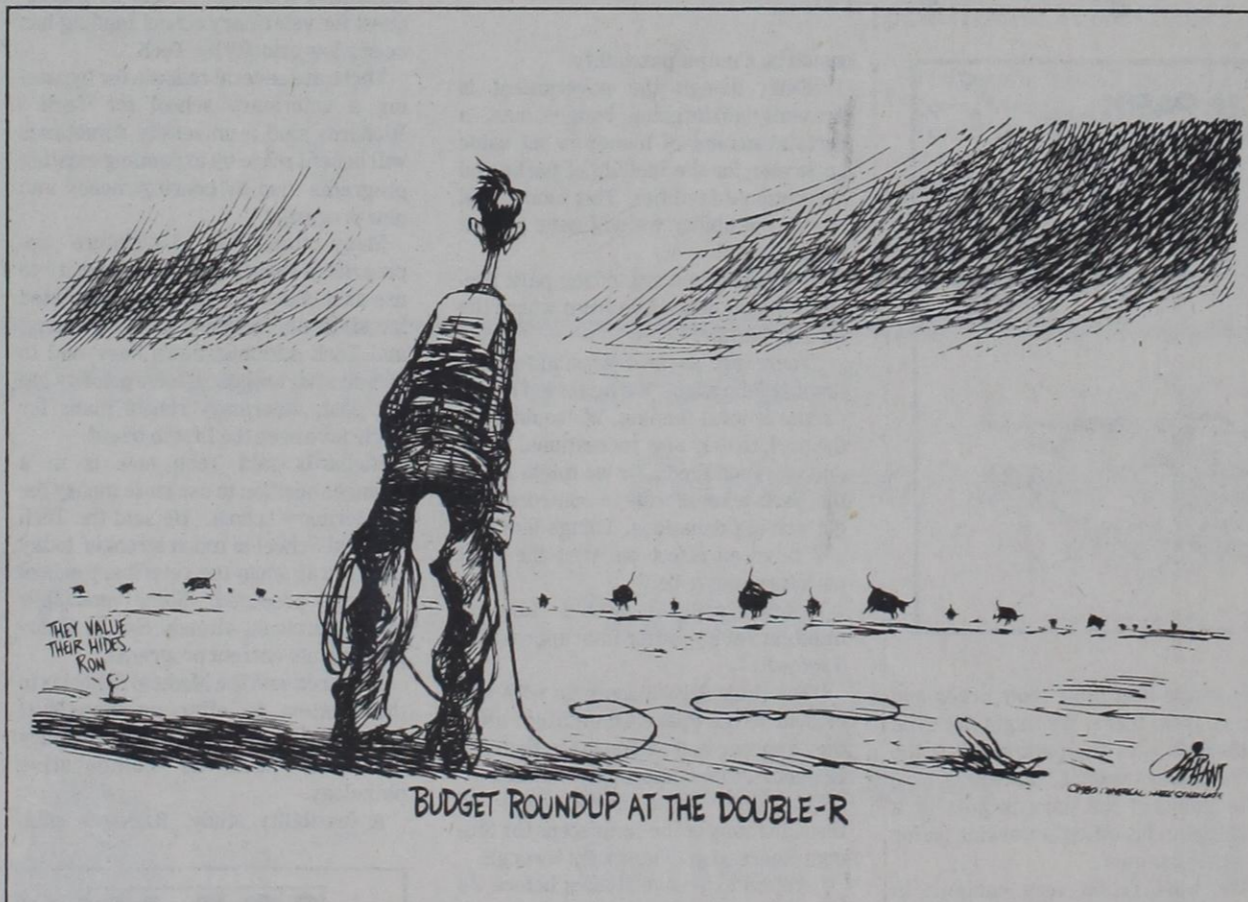
Capin, president of the college. "They would postpone college, or try to come part-time. But part-time jobs are scarce nowadays — that's another problem." The college has balanced its budget for years, but a big drop in the student body would sharply change the picture.

Capin said it would be hard to cope with "the loss of even 100 students — and that's a modest estimate of what could happen." President Reagan's secretary of education, T. H. Bell, defended the budget proposal by saying the federal government could no longer af-

ford "posh student aid." But no one looking at the facts here on the ground could believe that either the present loans or their recipients are "posh." Wilkes was founded in 1933, as a junior college, in part to educate the families of miners. It became a regular four-year school in 1947. The students now

come not only from this area but from New Jersey and New York. And 75 percent of them get financial aid, through federal or Pennsylvania programs or modest amounts the college has available for scholarships. Last year Reagan proposed, and Congress passed, legislation to limit the federal loan program to students who really need help. That was a wise change. The previous system, where someone from the wealthiest family could get a loan and have Washington pay the interest while he was in college, could not be justified either economically or morally. But this year's budget proposals are very different, removing various kinds of support from students who are not able to pay their own way. The budget would eliminate \$625,000 loans for graduate students and several hundred thousand — no definite figure is available — for undergraduates. It would also make drastic reductions in other federal aid for higher education, eliminating as many as 2.4 million awards to needy students. Many colleges and universities, small and large, are criticizing the Reagan proposals. This is one issue on which students and administrators, faculty and

parents are likely to agree. The resistance could become politically significant. Of course there is an element of selfishness in the criticism, whether from the colleges or the families that may be affected. But over the last 25 years federal student loans and other aid programs for higher education have become important to American society, and there is no visible way for states or private institutions to replace them. The aid is especially important in one respect that might have been expected to appeal to the Reagan philosophy: in increasing social mobility. Education is a crucial way for individuals to escape from a background of poverty. For the Reagan administration to make such proposals is peculiar in another sense. The central theme of the president's domestic policy is that the United States must become more productive, modernize its economy, compete more vigorously in the world. Are we going to do that while reducing our people's opportunity for education? Looking at the world, there is no reason to believe that ignorance is going to make the United States thrive.



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by Garry Trudeau



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Lubbock unaffected by ruling

By **TERI BRYCE**
UD Reporter

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling Wednesday that communities may restrict and regulate the sale of drug paraphernalia apparently would have little effect in Lubbock.

"We do have a state law totally banning the sale of drug paraphernalia and that is what the city law in Illinois essentially did," Don McBeath, chief administrator of the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office, said.

The Texas Drug Paraphernalia Act, which went into effect Oct. 1, 1981, considers the sale and use of drug paraphernalia a criminal act punishable by a small fine to 10 years in prison.

"We are pleased with the Supreme Court's decision as well as other court decisions upholding drug paraphernalia laws," McBeath said.

Gary King, owner of Buffalo Beano Co., said, "The Supreme Court ruling said that smoking articles could be regulated, not restricted, regulation includes restricting sales to minors."

The regulation of such sales is no different from regulating the sales of alcohol and tobacco, King said.

"We agree with the ruling and comply with it 100 percent; the right for communities to regulate sales is a right they should have," King said.

Jurors' dismissal denied

GALVESTON (AP) — A state district judge denied three written requests Wednesday from jurors in the capital murder case of prison inmate Eroy Edward Brown who said they were "hopelessly deadlocked" and asked to be dismissed.

Jury foreman Joetta Warden, 46, told Judge Henry Dalehite the jury was stalemated 11-1, but she did not indicate whether the vote favored conviction or acquittal.

"He won't change his mind," defense attorney Craig Washington quoted the third juror as saying. Seven men and five women make up the panel.

Dalehite sent back a third note ordering jurors to continue their deliberations, which began Monday afternoon.

NEWS BRIEFS

Candidate platforms due Friday

Student Senate candidates who want to have their platforms printed in *The University Daily* should bring them to 210 Journalism Building by 5 p.m. Friday.

The UD will run the platforms in Monday's paper. Platforms will not be accepted after 5 p.m. Friday.

Only senate platforms will be accepted Friday. Candidates for executive offices will be interviewed by a staff reporter, and those platforms will appear in Tuesday's UD.

Platforms must be no more than a page in length, must be typed on a 65-character line and must be double-spaced.

Candidates should limit platforms to campaign claims and promises, proposals for campus improvement, and proposals for Senate or Student Association programs.

The UD will edit material that is libelous and obscene and reserves the right to edit a platform for length.

Will U.S. senator be expelled?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Wednesday began considering whether Democrat Harrison A. Williams Jr., a member from New Jersey for 23 years, should be expelled for his conviction in the Abscam undercover investigation.

Declaring his innocence, Williams said he had been the victim of the "outrageous conduct of government agents."

"The government was not investigating crime, it was manufacturing crime," Williams told reporters outside the Capitol. The senator was charged with bribery and conspiracy after he met with an FBI investigator posing as an Arab sheik seeking favors in return for cash.

Drug conviction upheld; fine cut

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A convicted drug smuggler who also is under investigation in the murder of a Texas federal judge lost his plea in a federal appeals court Wednesday.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of Jimmy Chagra and his 30-year prison term but ruled that his \$125,000 fine had to be cut to \$100,000.

In his appeal, Chagra claimed he was the target of government vindictiveness because of his "attempts to avoid trial before" U.S. District Judge John Wood of San Antonio.

Court upholds 'head shop' law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Communities trying to curb illegal drug use won Supreme Court permission Wednesday to regulate the sale of drug paraphernalia at so-called "head shops."

But the unanimous decision appeared to leave unresolved whether the courts will allow an outright ban of such businesses.

The justices resurrected a Hoffman Estates, Ill., ordinance that requires such shops to obtain licenses for selling items "designed or marketed for use with" illegal drugs, such as marijuana or cocaine.

A federal appeals court had ruled that the ordinance was unconstitutionally vague. The Supreme Court disagreed.

"Many American communities have recently enacted laws regulating or prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia ... We hold only that such legislation is not facially overbroad or vague if it does not reach constitutionally protected conduct and is reasonably clear in its application," Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote for the court.

Whether Marshall's mention of

laws "prohibiting" such sales is a hint as to how the court would view a total ban likely will be the subject of future legal fights.

"Today's decision is not of much importance," said Kevin Zeese, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Nevertheless, the decision stands as an important, if preliminary, victory for communities seeking total bans of head shops. If the court had ruled against the Hoffman Estates ordinance, more stringent measures would have been in legal jeopardy.

Almost half the states and dozens of local communities have gone beyond the Hoffman Estates ordinance by enacting laws that totally ban such shops and make it a crime to sell items intended for use with illegal drugs.

Hoffman Estates, a Chicago suburb, adopted its drug-paraphernalia ordinance in 1978.

It requires that the shop owners obtain a license, priced at \$150, and make all sales records — including the names and addresses of customers — available for police inspection.

Bomb passes through airports, FBI says

BALTIMORE (AP) — An Air Force enlisted man allegedly planted a bomb in his wife's suitcase, and the device passed undetected through security at two airports as she flew from Washington to a Texas air base, the FBI said Wednesday.

"There's a lot of lucky people out there, that's all I can say," FBI spokesman John Kuntz said. "The Lord must have been looking out for us, I guess ... It was a real bomb, no doubt about it."

Edward D. Hegarty, agent in charge of the Baltimore FBI bureau, said Airman 1st

Class Martin Thomas Bradley, 27, of Morningside, assigned to an organizational maintenance squadron at Andrews Air Force Base, was arrested Wednesday on two federal charges.


The FBI and Air Force Office of Special Investigations were called in on the case

after Bradley's wife, Staff Sgt. Mary Jo Bradley, flew to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, on Tuesday and found a bomb in her suitcase when she arrived, Hegarty said.

Mrs. Bradley was also stationed at Andrews Air Force Base but had been temporarily

assigned to the Texas base, the FBI said.

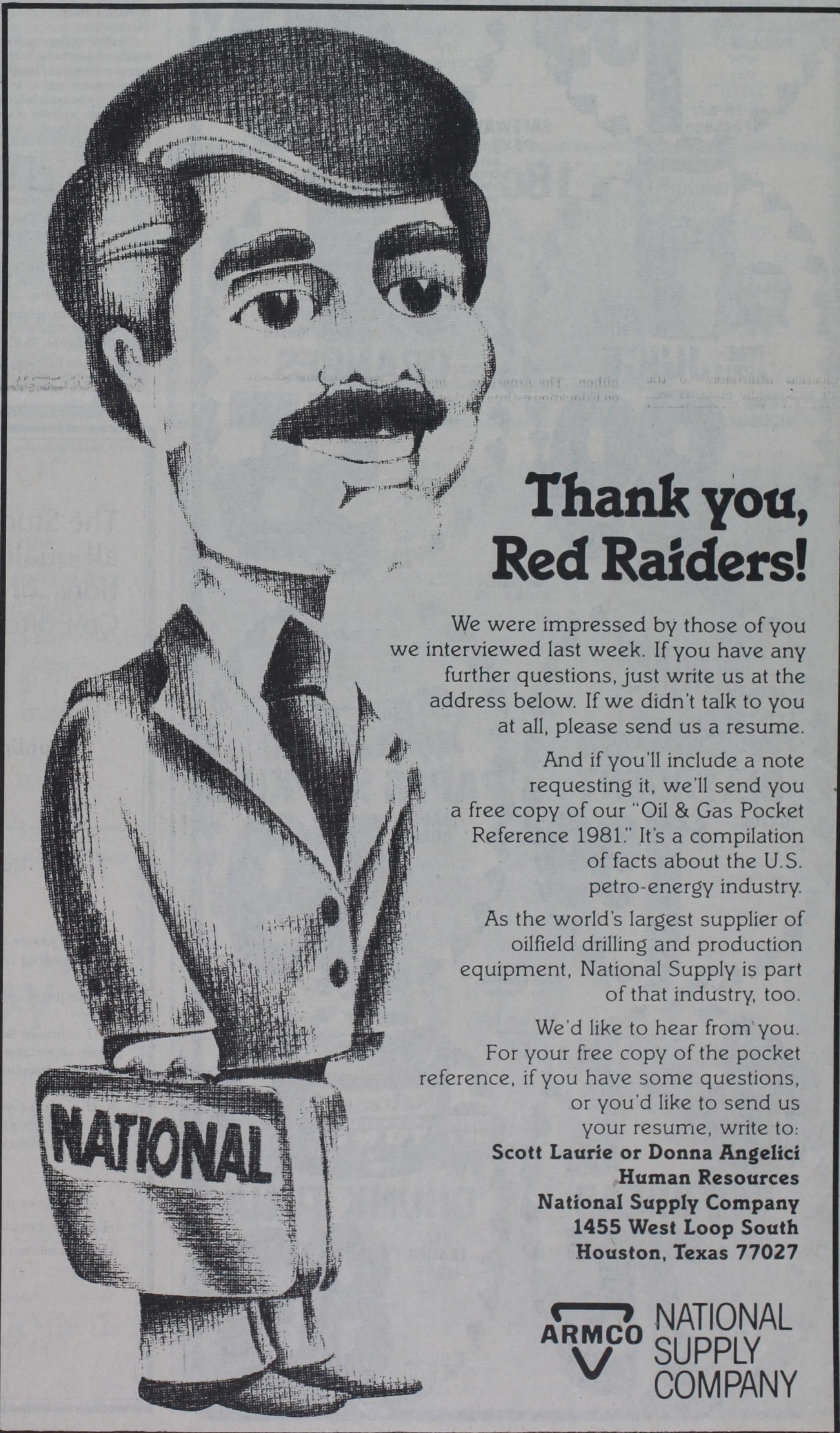
Hegarty and other agents said Mrs. Bradley flew out of Washington National Airport and changed planes at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for a flight to Wichita Falls. The bomb escaped detection at both airports.



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Police recover property stolen in car burglaries

By PETE McNABB
UD Reporter

Bill Daniels' desk Wednesday looked like a lost-and-found department.

The University police chief's desk was covered with the usual assortment of items — jackets, gloves, checkbooks, calculators — that could be found at any lost-and-found department.

Six car stereo units and a large tool box, however, gave it away.

Nearly \$3,000 worth of stolen student property has been recovered this week after campus police Tuesday morning stumbled onto one of the biggest automobile burglaries in recent Tech history.

Ten recent car burglaries reported near the Wiggins Residence Hall Complex may now have been solved, Daniels said.

Two Lubbock men have been arrested in connection with two of the burglaries.

Reynaldo Aguirre Rey, 18, of 2608 Bates St., was arrested Tuesday and charged with two complaints of burglary of an automobile, a third-degree felony. He was released Wednesday on \$2,000 bond, a Lubbock County Jail official said.

The other suspect in the burglaries, 19-year-old Benjamin Martinez, of 3102 Baylor St., was arrested Wednesday and charged with one com-

plaint of burglary of an automobile.

Martinez was still in jail and the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's office had not recommended bond on Martinez by late Wednesday afternoon.

Daniels said UPD Officer Rick Divitt was on patrol around the Wiggins Complex around 5 a.m. Tuesday when he heard the alarm on Coleman resident Bob Harris' van go off.

Divitt chased the startled suspects, who officers reported later led five police cars on a reckless chase through the city.

The car in which the two suspects were riding went the

wrong way down 19th Street, running a bus off the road. Later, the car collided with a bakery on 19th Street, Daniels said.

The chase ended in a residential area north of the campus as police arrested one of the pair. The other man, however, jumped out of the car before the chase ended, Daniels said.

Police Tuesday recovered the stolen property, much of which has been stolen during the last three days, after obtaining search warrants and searching the homes of the two suspects, Daniels said.

"They intended to sell some of this stuff," he said.



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Skeleton found at Lake Ransom

By DARIA DOSS
UD Reporter

A Tech archeology professor Wednesday was examining a skeleton discovered at Lake Ransom Canyon Tuesday by two canyon residents and one of their friends.

The remains appear to be those of an Indian woman, preliminary analyses indicate.

Pat Lamb, professor of archeology, said the skeleton was brought to him Monday, but he has not had time to carefully examine it yet.

The amount of time the skeleton has been buried is unknown, Lamb said.

"The skeleton is not extremely old. It's not a Paleo-Indian, but it's not yesterday's child either," Lamb said.

The age cannot be determined without expensive testing because no artifacts were found around the excavation area, Lamb said.

The skeleton was found in a small cave not tall enough to stand up in, said Jamie Walker, one of the persons who discovered the skeleton.

"We were hiking and saw in the cave the end of a knee bone sticking up out of the dirt," Walker said. "The skeleton was in pretty good shape. Most of it was there."

Lamb said the ligaments and tendons are gone and some of the lower leg bones are missing.

MOMENT'S NOTICE

CAMPUS CRUSADE
The weekly meeting of Campus Crusade for Christ will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the Chi Omega Lodge on Greek Circle.

NSSLHA
The Tech chapter of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association will conduct a conference on communicative disorders today and Friday. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Locke. The itinerary is available in 280 Foreign Language Building. For more information, telephone 742-3908.

SAILING CLUB
The Tech Sailing Club will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Student Recreation Center. Spring activities and the spring schedule will be discussed.

WICI
WICI will not meet today.

AICHE
AICHE will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in 204 Chemical Engineering. Mark Moshell of Diamond Shamrock will be the speaker.

ANGEL FLIGHT
Angels will meet at 6 p.m. today. Check the board in the Detachment for the room. Everyone please wear uniforms.

AMA
AMA will meet at 7 p.m. today in 352 Business Administration Building. Bruce Locke of United Marketing Services will be the guest speaker.

ASAE

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in 102 Agricultural Engineering Building. The speaker will be Mr. Ott from Pantex.

CONCERTS
The UC Programs Concert Committee will meet today in 209 UC. A workday and promotion decisions for the remainder of the semester will be discussed. New members are invited.

PHI GAMMA NU
Phi Gamma Nu will have a happy hour at Grand Central Station at 5 p.m. today.

FENCING CLUB
The Tech Fencing Club will meet today for instruction and free fencing in the basement of the Women's Gym.

AED

Alpha Epsilon Dells will meet at 7 p.m. today in 101 Biology. The director of research at the Tech Medical School will speak. All members should attend.

SDA
The Student Dietetic Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in Home Economics 111. Officer elections and a panel discussion with area professionals in clinical dietetics will take place.

THE LODGE CLUB
The Lodge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the party house of the Holiday Trailer Park, located at 4702 4th Street at Toledo.

The Student Publications Committee invites all qualified students to apply for the positions of Editor, The University Daily, and Co-Editor, La Ventana, the Tech Yearbook.

Deadline Friday, March 12, 5 pm

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Call 742-3388 for information

Qualifications as specified in Student Publications Handbook are as follows:

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COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS MARCH 25 (UD) AND APRIL 1 (LV)



German students present unique play

By BROOKS BROWN
UD Entertainment Writer
Marat-Sade, a unique and historical revolutionary play by German playwright Peter Weiss, will be performed in its native language at 8 p.m. today through Saturday and March 8 in the Qualia Room, located in the basement of the foreign language building.

The play is sponsored by the Department of German and Slavic Languages. It is performed by German language students as part of German 437 - "Contemporary German Play" and German 5322 - "Seminar in Modern German Literature."

The students are responsible for every facet of the stage production. Everything from the technical aspect to the physical aspect of theater is performed by the students, many of whom are novices.

The full title of Marat-Sade is "The Persecution and Murder of Jean Paul Marat Presented by the Actors of Charenton Hospital Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade."

It brought international fame to Weiss. His play is considered a tribute to various theatrical movements that include didactic and absurdist.

Marat-Sade was written by Weiss in 1964. The play deals with a fictional meeting between Jean Paul Marat and the Marquis de Sade. The entire play was based on two facts.

Marat was a leader in the French Revolution (1789-1792), which succeeded in overthrowing King Louis XVI. He was killed in a bathtub by Charlotte Corday during France's Reign of Terror in 1793 following the king's execution.

The Marquis de Sade, a French writer, was imprisoned for 13 years prior to the French Revolution in the asylum of Charenton, a hospital for "social undesirables."

During his stay, Sade wrote and produced 17 plays. Sade had the patients of the institution be the actors and even made occasional appearances himself.

In the play, Weiss brings two completely different

characters together to present the extreme conflict between individualism and the idea of political and social upheaval - how two opposing philosophies are unable to reach their common goal of freedom.

Marat is played by Craig Gilley and the Marquis de Sade is played by Bryan Dunn. Others in the cast include Donna Doyle as Corday and Diane Barnes as Marat's mistress, Simone Ervard.

This will be the 36th play presented by the Department of German and Slavic Languages under the direction of Theodor Alexander.

Since its inception, Alexander has sent 23 productions to the annual convention of the Texas Association of German Students. Alexander said that for the past 12 years Tech has become a featured performer during the conference that hosts high school competition and

university performance. This year the play will be performed March 27 in Spring.

Because the play is in German, the audience will be given an English synopsis.

Admission for Marat-Sade is \$2, and tickets will be available at the door. Telephone 742-3282 for reservations. Seating is limited to 150 people for each performance.



'Marat Sade'

'Ghosts' story

Dean Hopper and Sharon Lane perform a scene from "Ghosts," which opens at 8:15 p.m. Friday in the Lab Theatre. Henrik Ibsen's dramatic play will run through Wednesday,

March 10. For reservations and ticket information, contact the University Theatre box office at 742-3601.

Tech to host Jazz Festival

Tech's 15th Annual Jazz Band Festival will be presented Friday and Saturday on the Tech campus.

The festival is a statewide competition involving stage bands from junior and senior high schools.

The competition will begin at 4 p.m. Friday in the Hemmle Recital Hall with Snyder, Denver City and Evans junior

high schools. They will be followed by high schools from Hamlin and Denver City and by Lubbock Cooper.

Activities Friday will conclude with Lubbock's own contemporary jazz band "No Compromise" at 7:30 p.m. The band will perform in the Hemmle Recital Hall at no charge.

Saturday's activities will

begin at 9:30 a.m. with area high school bands from Estacado, Coronado and Brownfield performing.

The competition will resume at 1 p.m.

An awards ceremony is scheduled at 8 p.m. Saturday in the UC Theatre. This will be the only event that has an admission charge. Cost is \$2.

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Taj Mahal

Mahal's music speaks heritage

By BROOKS BROWN
UD Entertainment Writer

Singer, musician and composer Taj Mahal gave a small audience a lot to remember in a classic solo performance of blues and reggae music Wednesday night in the UC Theatre.

Mahal appeared through a joint effort of UC Programs and the Student Organization for Black Unity as part of Black Awareness Month.

Mahal took the stage shortly after 8 p.m. and within minutes had the crowd of 500

amazed by his ability and versatility.

Mahal is an extremely knowledgeable guitarist who can pick out the beat, rhythm and lead at one time.

As a keyboardist, Mahal is an experienced pianist who knows what he is doing when it comes to pounding out the notes. And as a banjoist, he is no Earl Scruggs, but he gave a whopping performance that could come close.

Mahal complimented his playing ability by using a wide repertoire throughout the

night, combining his work with others, such as Willie Dixon and Albert King.

From the moment Mahal opened the show with Dixon's "Spoonful of Blues," it was evident the evening would be enjoyable. Mahal had the crowd clapping, laughing and singing along from the beginning and didn't let up until the show was over.

Mahal also performed "Got the Blues" and "Ain't Nobody's Business But My Own."

During "Got the Blues,"

Mahal had the audience whistling along and even broke the music so that audience members could hear themselves. It turned out great.

"Nobody's Business" was one of the finest numbers performed by Mahal. Again, Mahal had the entire audience singing along while he carried out the lead vocal duties and soundtrack.

The tune is a traditional blues number that was spiced with a small amount of reggae flavor. Mahal even included well-done vocal tracks similar to Ella Fitzgerald for Memorex.

Mahal moved over to the piano to play "I'm Going to Chicago Even If I Have to Walk," Albert King's "Cross-Cut Saw," "Statesborough Blues" and the once popular "Rockin Pneumonia" before picking up his banjo and taking center stage.

Once he got that banjo in his hands it was all over. Mahal

gave an incredible performance of "Hold The Woodpile Down."

The song is a folk-blues tune and Mahal manipulated both the song and the audience well. "Woodpile" turned into the most exciting tune of the night as it developed into one giant sing-along.

Mahal then moved back to his guitar for a few more songs before leaving the stage. Included was a reggae piece, but the one that finished the audience off was a fine instrumental blues piece that showed where Mahal's talent and roots lay.

Mahal received a deserving standing ovation at the end of his set for an incredible blues and reggae solo performance that was neither dull nor boring.

That performance, along with his excellent audience rapport and humor made Wednesday night memorable.

Because above all, Taj Mahal made it fun.

"You know, a lot of the people that started the blues are beginning to die off," musician Taj Mahal said during his performance last Wednesday night. "It's my job to keep the blues alive."

For more than 20 years, Mahal has been doing just that, keeping the blues alive and well. He travels more than nine months out of the year pounding the stages across the world. He has recorded 16 albums and traveled to Australia, South America, Africa and Europe during his career.

But things weren't always good for this combination Afro-American-Caribbean descendent who began singing when he was 14 years old.

"I began as a singer and eventually decided that I wanted to accompany myself," he said. "So I borrowed my dad's guitar and one of the kids that I grew up with taught me how to play. I soon found myself learning to play more and more instruments. After 20 years I have developed quite a repertoire of accompaniments."

Mahal eventually put himself through college and got a degree in agriculture.

"When I was younger, I thought that I wanted to be a farmer so I put myself through school and got my degree. That was one of my life's first successes," he said.

But his career in farming didn't last long, as Mahal soon turned to music. "I can't remember a day in my life when I didn't hear at least one song on the radio. My father is Afro-American and my mother is Afro-Caribbean, so there was always music in the house, I mean always," he said.

Mahal got his musical roots from his family, but he found his name somewhere else.

"When I first started looking for a stage name I wanted something with prominence,

not just some run-of-the-mill Joe Doe," he said. "Soon afterwards I had a series of dreams, and Taj Mahal came to me."

Mahal has very strong feelings about his music and has no trouble expressing them.

"When modern music began to develop, it continued through tradition. Today that tradition has been traded off by the people to business," he said.

"Music now lives through the record companies and the radio, not tradition," Mahal said. "Gospel music is the only type that still has its traditions." One must remember, he pointed out, that religious music has been around for a couple of millenniums.

According to Mahal, music is not the only thing for which Americans have traded tradition.

"When this country was first formed, people were basically independent," he said. "Today, most people are ignorant and depend on business to take care of their lives. And education is just making them more ignorant and dependent upon society."

"I'm trying to show the youths of the world, especially my culture, that there is more to their heritage and freedom than they ever dreamed about," Mahal said.

Mahal said that when the blacks came to America they lost their values and had to adapt to the culture here.

"The blacks want to make it in the world, but the majority are scared because they never had the opportunity before," Mahal said.

"But I have traveled the world and have a rather large following. It's a lot different thinking when you have a piece of America. It's a piece of the world that I have and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Mahal said.



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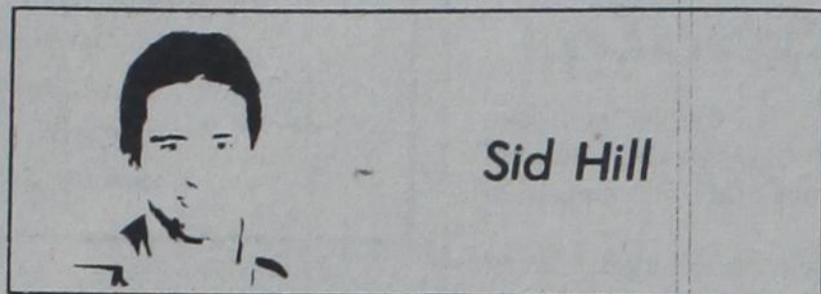
The Tech basketball team, sporting an 8-8 Southwest conference record and a 17-10 season record, plays TCU in the 1982 SWC Post-Season Classic tonight in Dallas.

But had Tech forgotten to maintain a certain attitude vital to athletes and students alike, the Raiders already would be packing their basketballs and sneakers in mothballs.

If that had happened, the basketball team would have continued the fast developing attitude of mediocrity of Tech athletics.

Tech head coach Gerald Myers explained Tuesday after his weekly press luncheon why the Raiders were victorious in the first round against Rice.

"(Monday) night the players had an intensity or a



Sid Hill

force in their play that they haven't had in all of their games," Myers said. "They were playing a little scared. This team seems to play better when they're a little apprehensive or afraid."

Personally, Myers' quote registered in the back of my tired sports writer's brain. Monday night I had been forced to miss Tech's biggest athletic victory of 1981-82.

You might say to yourself, "I can't believe that Sid Hill guy is a dedicated sports

writer yet missed the Tech athletic performance of the year!"

The reason I missed the game was I had to deal with my own personal intensity, mine having to do with school. I had a major exam Tuesday.

I'm sure the seniors can relate to my apprehension of not being successful in the final 15 hours I have remaining until I can get that diploma in my grubby little paws.

The Raiders Monday night during the all-important Rice

contest realized they had to play well in order to win and keep their season alive.

Had Tech not realized this fact, the 1981-82 basketball season would be remembered as a "Close, but No Taco Year." Fans may have looked back at the 1981-82 squad and referred to the players as "Late-in-the-Game, Big-Time Chokers".

Lackluster performances have been turned in by the Raiders lately, including the 76-56 scalping inflicted by the once "Mighty" Rice Owls Feb. 10 in Houston.

The team also suffered hard-fought losses on the road to Baylor (64-61) and Arkansas (67-61) before returning to the friendly confines of "The Bubble" Monday.

Myers said the entire team

played well Monday against Rice. He praised the efforts of seniors Jeff Taylor, Clarence Swannegan and Steve Smith and the leadership they displayed prior to the contest.

"They just knew what they had to do. Win. And they did it," Myers said. "I was especially pleased with the job (junior forward) Joe Washington did in guarding Ricky Pierce."

Pierce, who entered the game Monday night as the nation's leading scorer (27.3), was limited to a measly 14 points by Washington.

But now the Raiders' intensity must shift to Big D and the TCU Horned Frogs.

"Our intensity won't be a problem in Dallas," Taylor said.

Tankers ready for meet

Facing the grand finale after a long season might be a scary thought to many coaches in the Southwest Conference.

But Tech head swimming coach Ron Holihan is not flinching as he prepares to take his Raiders to the Southwest Conference Championships in Austin.

The Raiders, boasting a 6-5 dual meet record, will be facing some of the toughest swimmers in the nation when competition starts today at the Texas Swimming Center on the University of Texas campus. The three-day meet will consist of preliminaries each day at noon, and finals each day at 7 p.m.

While Holihan is optimistic about his Raiders'

chances of solid finishes in the conference meet, he is nonetheless realistic about the outstanding swimming and diving talent in the conference.

"Texas won the national championship last year, and they have to be the favorite. SMU is, of course, very tough and they have some outstanding swimmers. I would say that Arkansas and Houston will come in third and fourth. It probably will be between us and Texas A&M for the fifth place spot," Holihan said.

Even though Texas A&M beat the Raiders in a dual meet earlier in the year, Holihan is confident the Raiders will contest the Aggies closely in the upcoming meet.

Although Holihan respects the talent of the conference's other squads, he knows that his Raiders, too, have some weapons to fight with.

"I expect Richie O'Neill, Rick Scott, Jeff Beth and Danny Smith to have excellent swims for us in the conference meet. They are the guys who have been most consistent for us all year, so we are looking to them to score some points for us," he said.

O'Neill, Tech's best diver since Jessie Marsh, has already qualified for the nationals, in the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Although he already has a ticket for the NCAAs, O'Neill is not overlooking the conference meet.

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Netters lose match to UTPB

The Tech women's tennis team lost its seventh dual match of the spring to the University of Texas at Permian Basin. UT-Permian Basin won six of nine matches in route to the victory.

Tech managed two singles victories as number two seed Regina Revello defeated the Molley Esterl, 7-6, 6-1.

In doubles action the Raiders won one match as the team of Booras-Stringer defeated UT-PB's Ordoney-Pearl, 7-6, 7-6. Losing in singles action

were Pam Booras, who was defeated by Ali Ordoney, 6-1, 6-4; Jill Crutchfield, who was defeated by Ellen Driebergen, 6-1, 7-6; Joanie Waltko, who was defeated by Diane Kobs, 6-3, 7-6; and Cathy Stringer, who was defeated by Debbie Pearl, 7-6, 6-1.

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