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Merriman receives award

Former Tech student honored for alumni work

by KRISTIE DAVIS
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Dallas businesswoman and Texas Tech alumna Ilah Coffee Merriman will receive the 1993 Ernest T. Steward Award at a luncheon July 12 in Washington, D.C., honoring her efforts as an alumni volunteer.

"I'm very pleased and very flattered," Merriman said. "I'm glad it will bring some recognition to Texas Tech."

Nominated by Ex-Students Association Executive Vice President Bill Dean, Merriman was selected from among several hundred nominations submitted by alumni associations across the nation.

"We feel fortunate that a volunteer from Texas Tech was cited for this prestigious award and are proud for Ilah Merriman personally," Dean said. "This is another positive for our university."

Tech's Ex-Students Association will receive \$2,500 in Merriman's name.

The Steward Award is the highest honor bestowed upon college alumni association volunteers and is presented annually by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

"What set Ilah Merriman above the other candidates was her commitment to gender equality in higher education," Steward Award Committee Chairwoman Chris Franklin said. "That commitment was comprehensive to the whole arena of higher education and her efforts were not limited to Texas Tech."

Merriman, a 1957 Tech graduate, has a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in physics.

She is a former Texas Tech Foundation director and Texas Tech Ex-Students Association national board of directors president, serving as the executive board's first and only female president.

Merriman was named a distinguished alumna at Tech in 1992.

She is the Chief Executive Officer of H&R Block offices in Hawaii and Houston and manages personal investments in Dallas and Amarillo.

Merriman is a major supporter of women's athletics and is a charter member and board member of the Double-T Connection, a support organization for women's sports.

Merriman said she supports women's athletics because she saw that women had very little moral

or financial support in the 1970s when her daughter played sports at Tech.

"It was a very different program than it is now," Merriman said. "My love is Texas Tech. You find the time to do the things you love."

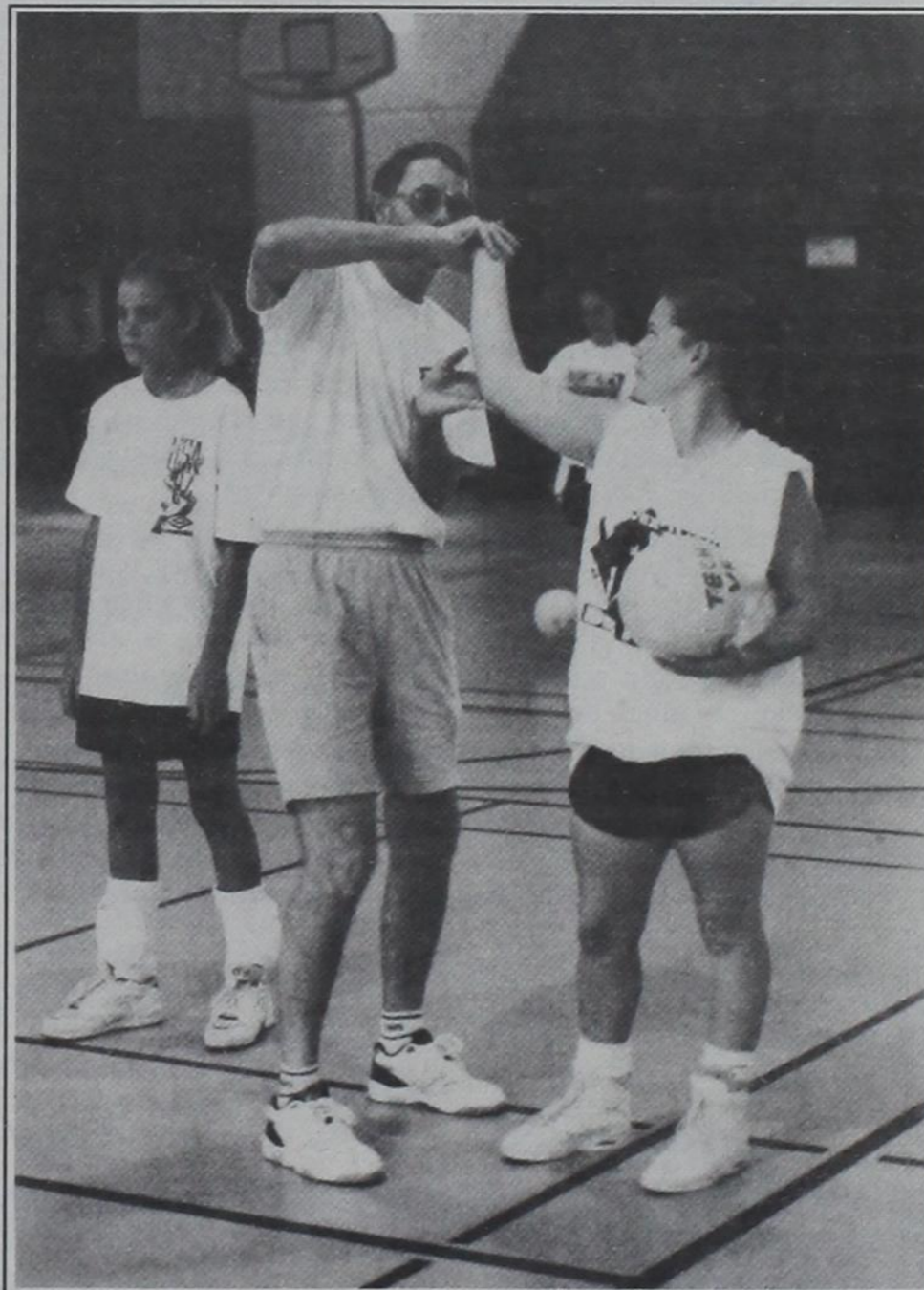
She has been the primary sponsor of Tech's reception at the Southwest Conference Basketball Tournament for the past seven years and was Tech's representative to the SWC Women's Basketball Tournament Board from 1986 to 1990.

"She's very, very much a Tech supporter," Associate Athletic Director Jeannine McHaney said. "She has given us money to build dressing rooms. She's helped the coaches in Dallas with rent cars. She's involved in all of our women's programs and sports in general."

Merriman also has served on the Cotton Bowl Board since 1989 and is in her second year as one of nine national members of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Corporate Board.



Merriman



This is the way it's done SHARON STEINMAN: THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Lubbock Christian University volleyball coach David Carter shows Michelle Alexander from San Antonio Clark High School the correct way to serve during the Texas Tech Volleyball Camp at the Rec Center earlier this week.

Iraqi Parliament promises retaliation if attacked again

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Defiant lawmakers, meeting in a tense Iraqi capital, said Wednesday that Baghdad was not seeking another international confrontation but promised it would retaliate if attacked again.

In an emergency session, Parliament also said it would not bow to U.N. terms for long-term video monitoring of missile sites unless the international community offered something in return.

The session came hours before air raid sirens sounded in the capital, followed by an all-clear signal about 20 minutes later. State-run television said Iraqi air defense "suspected a hostile air raid."

The alert sent hundreds of residents, hardened by years of confrontation with the West, into

the streets to see if there were any signs of attack. Many vehicles took cover.

Tension has been building in the city since the June 27 U.S. missile attack on Baghdad. On June 29, anti-aircraft guns in Baghdad fired at a target that apparently turned out to be an Iraqi military plane. In Washington, Pentagon officials would not comment on the alert.

Assembly Speaker Saadi Mehdi Saleh, addressing Parliament, said Iraq was not seeking another confrontation with the United Nations or the United States. All 250 members of the National Assembly raised their hands in support, but some members warned that the U.S. was trying to force Baghdad into a new conflict.

Flood waters hit north of St. Louis

(AP) — The Mississippi River sprawled 7 miles outside its banks Wednesday north of St. Louis and threatened to breach levees protecting West Alton, Mo. A levee on a small river failed in Iowa and forced 800 people from their rural homes.

Still more waves of thunderstorms pummeled the region with heavy rain, and federal officials estimated crop damage alone across the upper Midwest would be about \$1 billion.

In Davenport, Iowa, residents watched in vain for the Mississippi to crest and begin draining out of their city. The river, fed by heavy rain, rose above flood stage on June 11 to start the worst flooding since 1965. River officials said it should crest Thursday.

In Illinois, most of Pontoosuc was under water and few people were left in town, officials said. And the Illinois and Mississippi rivers combined to flood Grafton — the city operated a boat shuttle service to the only major road out.

Some 7 inches of rain overnight flooded streets in Jefferson City, Mo. Rain also helped collapse part of a bridge in Nebraska and flooded out residents along Iowa's Des Moines and Iowa rivers.

Flooding on the Mississippi and its tributaries throughout the Midwest has been blamed for 15

deaths and billions of dollars in damage to property and crops. In Washington, federal officials pledged comprehensive assistance for the Midwest.

Hundreds of National Guardsmen were on duty in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri to help with sandbagging and evacuations, and Illinois also had mobilized 400 state prison inmates to help.

Rising water in southeast Iowa forced about 800 people from a 4-square-mile area south of Wapello out of their homes Wednesday after one Iowa River levee failed.

Another Iowa River levee in nearby Oakville was holding but people in the city and surrounding areas were told to leave because of rising water, said Mary Gieselman, the county emergency management coordinator.

"We just want people out because they won't have a lot of time if anything should happen," Gieselman said.

Some 500 people already had been evacuated from West Alton, after the National Weather Service decided the river would crest 2 feet higher than first thought and county officials warned that the levees were close to failure. But some people ignored the evacuation order. As many as 1,500 people in and around the town were expected to be affected.

Finding a doctor proves to be a 'hair-raising' experience



RUSSELL BAKER

Like everybody else in America, I want the right to choose my own doctor. What I'd like from the government, however, is some good advice on how to do it.

When I was fresh out of school it was easy. Having attended college with several people who went on to medical school, I simply phoned one or two and asked them which doctors to take my troubles to and which ones to avoid. Being young, therefore gossipy and indifferent to the discipline of the medical lodge, they told me.

Life separated us. After 10 years practicing in the Texas Panhandle and points west, old school pals were no longer much help when you had to choose a doctor in New York. Moreover, they were succumbing to the mystic code of the medicine man.

The fractious intern who had

once warned you not to let a certain surgeon work on your appendix because incisions left him too confused to tell kidneys from islets of Langerhans was becoming suspiciously discreet. After allowing that Mengele was a disgrace to the profession, he never spoke ill of another doctor.

As a matter of fact, how often do you hear a patient speak ill of his doctor? When my old medical-school pals became too gray and calcified to divulge the straight dope in which doctors to choose and not choose, I turned to friends and colleagues who were sick a lot.

Would they recommend their own doctors? They would, and they did. And with that glowing praise! Listening to these frequently treated patients, you would have thought we were in a golden age of competence.

These people, always ready to denounce their fellow workers and colleagues as too incompetent to pour bilge water out of a

boot, were almost universally awed by the high quality of their own doctors. Since none of them knew any more medicine than you can learn by subscribing to the *Reader's Digest*, I was puzzled about the enthusiasm with which they recommended their doctors. Surely incompetence among doctors must occur at the same rate among others — carpenters, say, or journalists. Statistics would demand it, wouldn't they?

The medical field might even have a higher percentage of incompetents than most because of all the money and time it takes to become a doctor. When you've made an investment that big, discovering that you're not very good at your job isn't likely to make you throw it all up and try a new line of work.

Yet, when trying to choose a doctor from among those treating your friends, it seemed you couldn't go wrong picking one at random.

All apparently were in a class

with Welch, Osler, Halsted and Kelly.

Gradually I realized that the friends dispensing this praise all had one thing in common: They were alive. Being habitués of doctors' offices, I reasoned, they worry excessively about being told their time is up. Something about going to the doctor promotes this particular worry.

It is why I never go near a doctor's office until it's obvious I have only a few minutes left to live. At these times, blessedly, I don't have to grapple with the insuperable problem of deciding whether the doctor is competent enough for me to choose him as my own. For pronouncing me officially dead, any boob will do.

Leaving a doctor's office alive always makes my day.

I assume my friends who can't get enough of doctor's offices come to believe it is medical genius that keeps them available to sunlight and bill collectors.

The truth, I fear, is that most of

their doctors are only moderately competent while two or three may be highly dangerous bunglers, like those about whom my medical-school pals of long ago used to tell hilariously hair-raising tales.

These hair raisings no longer seem hilarious, now that I have to exercise that great American right to choose my own doctor without anyone reliable to guide me.

Come to think of it, why did I ever think those old medical-school pals were reliable? If one had settled nearby I would probably choose to make him my own doctor and make threats against Hillary Clinton if she tried to stop me.

Yet, for all I know he could well be that nightmare imagined by the comedian George Carlin: the statistically inevitable worst doctor in the world, with whom somebody has an appointment tomorrow morning.

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By GARY LARSON



"Now remember, Cory, show us that you can take good care of these little fellows and maybe next year we'll get you that puppy."

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Clinton enjoying time in Tokyo at economic summit

TOKYO (AP) — Wherever you looked, there was Bill Clinton — giving a speech, holding a news conference, mixing with shoppers, meeting with world leaders. The blur of activity was intended to erase doubts about Clinton's global leadership and strengthen his politically shaky hand at home.

"I'm having a good time," the president said Wednesday after his debut at the seven-nation economic summit.

No wonder. He was doing what he loves best: meeting people, shaking hands, and discussing complex issues that leave most people scratching their heads. The subjects were trade and macroeconomic coordination and microeconomic problems of job creation and structural unemployment.

All day long, the president starred in a stream of photo opportunities with the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

His partners seemed content to quietly share the limelight.

"Anytime the president is leading on the

world stage, it helps him," said Clinton adviser George Stephanopoulos.

A good summit performance could improve Clinton's standing when he returns from Japan and South Korea to referee final action in Congress on an ambitious deficit-reduction plan.

With his eye firmly fixed on problems at home, Clinton repeatedly talked about how the summit's results could bring jobs and higher incomes for Americans.

Intent on stamping Clinton's imprint on the summit, American officials made sure that the U.S. side of the story was loudly heard. Even by summit standards of heavy "spinning," it was a remarkable performance.

Trade Secretary Mickey Kantor gave a press conference. So did Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Presidential counselor David Gergen held two news conferences. There were background briefings.

And Clinton held his own news conference — after being exempted from

restrictions on discussing the summit while it's underway. The meeting with reporters came just in time for morning television shows.

"Bye," Clinton said as he was steered off stage by Christopher, who didn't want the president to break summit protocol rules.

Clinton sprinkled the day with diplomatic meetings. He conferred with President Suharto of Indonesia and met with Italy's prime minister, Carlo Ciampi. He invited British Prime Major John Major for a talk, but then put off the meeting for hours to allow time for the news conference.

Gergen credited leaders of Britain, Germany and Japan with helping produce a long-sought agreement on trade.

But, Gergen said, the trade pact and an expected aid package for Russia where two areas where Clinton felt "he could make a special difference in this summit if he exercised his leadership, stepped into these two issues and tried to give them both a lift."

"I think he's taken a forceful stand and

initiated much of the agenda here," Gergen said.

Risking charges that he was interfering in Japanese politics, Clinton began the day with a speech telling Japanese consumers that they were being hurt by their government's trade tariffs. You're paying too much for products because your government restricts imports, Clinton said.

In a nation soon to hold parliamentary elections, he spoke of the need for a change of direction in Japan's economic policies.

Clinton pointedly said that Japan's policies were fueling resentment in America. At the end, the audience of college students stood in ovation. From his speech, Clinton and his wife went hand in hand to a shopping area for a campaign-style tour. He knelt to talk with a five-year-old girl. He stopped in a restaurant and shook hands.

"I just wanted to get out and see the people where they live," the president said.

The whole event was put together by Hollywood producer Mort Engelberg, who also orchestrated Clinton bus trips.

Hemp supporters forced to end four-week protest

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Ginsburg promises freedom for media

WASHINGTON (AP) — Judges must make sure legal protections for the news media in libel cases are not merely "mythical," Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg once wrote as a federal appellate judge.

Legal experts say Ginsburg, if confirmed by the Senate, likely would take to the high court a greater sensitivity to free speech and public access to government records than Byron White, the man she seeks to replace.

"I think she could only be a benefit to us," said Jane Kirtley of the Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Ginsburg is not viewed as an activist on media-related issues, but she also has expressed none of the animosity toward the media occasionally shown by the retired White, Kirtley said.

"She seems to come down consistently in favor of the press or others who are requesting information from the government," added Rodney Smolla, a College of William & Mary law professor.

As a judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Ginsburg has ruled that:

- Prosecutors must show a compelling reason to withhold from public disclosure a plea agreement in a criminal case.

- Television networks were entitled to copy videotapes, introduced as evidence in former Rep. John Jenrette's "Abscam" trial, of FBI agents posing as Middle Eastern businessmen and offering Jenrette a bribe.

- Columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak did not libel a

college professor when they criticized his Marxist ideology.

The Freedom of Information Act, a 1966 law aimed at curtailing government secrecy, should be read with its "dominant disclosure direction always in view," Ginsburg said last year. She ruled that the Bureau of Land

Management could not deny public access to computerized public land records.

Kirtley said Ginsburg's opinion in a 1987 libel case "shows a very practical person who obviously understands that what happens in a trial court can be the last chance for a news organization."

Police blotter

July 2

- University Police Department officers had one car towed.

July 3

- UPD officers investigated criminal mischief at the University Center. Amount of loss was \$90.

- UPD officers investigated a juvenile unlawfully carrying a weapon in the 300 block of Ave. X. The suspect was referred to the Lubbock County Youth Center and was released to his parents.

July 4

- UPD officers arrested a non-student for not having a driver's license and for disregarding a red light. The suspect was transported, booked and taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

- UPD officers responded to a fire alarm in Murdough Hall. A smoke bomb activated a smoke detector. No damage was reported.

- UPD officers investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Z5-A parking lot. The amount of damage was \$1,500.

July 5

- UPD officers had one car towed.
- UPD officers investigated a burglary of a building and unauthorized computer access at the business administration building, room 615 B.



- UPD officers investigated a theft at the human sciences building. Amount of loss was \$75.

- UPD officers investigated a burglary at the Agricultural Pavilion. Amount of loss was \$70.

- UPD officers investigated a theft in the administration building, room 326. Amount of loss was \$50.

July 6

- UPD officers had two cars towed.
- UPD officers gave a criminal trespass warning to a subject at the UC for causing a disturbance.

- UPD officers investigated a burglary at the X-46 building. Amount of loss was \$100.

- UPD officers investigated the burglary of a motor vehicle in the R3 parking lot. Amount of loss was \$3,700.

News brief

More people using Texas transit systems

More than 250 million passengers used Texas municipal transit systems in 1992, according to the latest statistics released by the Texas Department of Transportation.

One rural transit system, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments, provided 62,374 more rides in 1992 than in 1991.

The one-way passenger trips were provided to Texans and Texas visitors by the state's 29 urban transit systems, 40 rural transit systems and more than 200 private non-profit agencies that transport the elderly and disabled.

The information in the TxDOT report is based on data compiled from public transportation providers that receive state or federal assistance through TxDOT.

Tech professor helps USDA with materials research

by LARA M. CAMPBELL
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Texas Tech chemical engineering Professor Harry Parker helped complete a situation and outlook summary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture describing how agricultural product use can create industrial materials.

"We need to be accomplishing research on this topic," Parker said.

One need for more research is so that industries can reduce the

use of gases that contribute to the greenhouse effect, he said.

Parker was asked in March to participate in the project because of his interest in non-food uses of agricultural products.

Tech participated in the project with other universities, including the University of Missouri. The project was completed in June.

Parker created six flow charts outlining the chemical process used for agricultural products to produce industrial products such

as plastics, paper, drugs and alternative fuels.

The six agricultural product categories used are fats and oils, animal products, forestry products, starches and sugars, natural fibers and rubber.

Animal products include fats, glands and waste products.

The USDA intends to use the situation and summary to inform industries and the technical community about how agriculture can provide the materials for many end

products.

Many agricultural products can produce items used every day, such as soaps and detergents.

Derivatives made from oilseeds, such as crambe and rapeseed, can be used to make plastic films, lubricants and automotive transmission fluids.

Parker said the USDA publication also will improve the farm economy by showing how agricultural products can provide industrial materials that are not destructive to the environment.

"There is too much land in this country to grow food on," Parker said. "Farmers need other uses for

their products."

Parker said the industrial uses of ethanol, adhesives and biopolymers have created a need for production of additional corn.

The USDA estimates that the amount of agricultural products used in industrial materials, not including paper and natural rubber, could increase by more than five million tons in the next three years—almost double the amount of agricultural products used in 1990.

Copies of the summary, Industrial Uses of Agricultural Materials, will be available from the USDA later this month.

Texas shrimper boarded by Mexican patrol boat

PORT ISABEL (AP) — A Mexican Navy patrol boat stopped three American shrimp vessels off the Texas coast on Wednesday, the first full day of the Gulf of Mexico shrimping season, but a Coast Guard cutter approached to tell the Mexicans they were in U.S. territory.

Armed Mexican crews boarded the ships off Port Isabel, about 10 miles north of the international line, officials with the Texas Shrimp Association said. The shrimpers radioed for help.

After the Coast Guard informed the Mexican Navy boat it was 11 miles into U.S. waters, the Mexican crews reboarded their own vessels and headed south, Coast Guard officials said.

The Coast Guard said it had an unconfirmed report from one of

the American shrimpers alleged the Mexicans fired one or more shots.

The shrimping season began 30 minutes after sunset Tuesday.

It had closed May 15 to give shrimp time to grow and reproduce.

Shrimpers had a long list of gripes even before the season got under way.

Rains in May and June forced officials to release more than 5 billion gallons of fresh water from rain-swollen Lake Corpus Christi, and it flowed into Corpus Christi Bay last week.

The large amount of fresh water could reduce the salinity of the bay water and decrease the shrimpers' profits, said Danny Duzich, director of the Texas Shrimp Association.

"The water releases they had probably killed what shrimp was in the bay," he said.

"If I can't make some money this year, I'm going to paint the boat up, fiberglass it and sell it," shrimper Fred Cramer Jr. said. "I'll get out of the business."

Duzich said a good year is needed because last year's first crop was wiped out by rains.

"We can live with an average year. But we really need a super year because of last year, when the industry was down about 10 million pounds," Duzich said.

Another burden shrimpers say they face is the turtle excluder devices — trap doors on nets that allow turtles to escape.

In bay areas, shrimpers aren't required to have the devices on their nets until September, though they have had to use them in the Gulf of Mexico since 1987.

Shrimpers say about a third of their potential shrimp catch escapes through the devices.



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Newspaper granted information request

COLLEGE STATION, (AP) — A&M University officials must turn over the results of a rape and sexual harassment investigation to the school's newspaper, according to the state attorney general's office.

In March, *The Battalion* filed an open records request for the information after the school announced it would not release reports on the university's hearings.

Officials said the investigation is protected by the Buckley Amend-

ment, a federal act that makes educational records private and the property of the university and students.

The newspaper said it did not want the students' names, only the records of the hearings and investigation.

Scott A. Kelly, a university spokesman, said the people involved in the case would be identifiable even if their names are not released.

"I think those things in the re-

port are prohibited by the Buckley Amendment," Kelly said.

Celeste A. Baker, assistant attorney general, wrote in a letter to Texas A&M that as long as the students' names are not released, they must provide the records.

The university has 10 days to appeal the decision or release the documents to *The Battalion*.

In December of 1992, a female cadet in the school's Corps of Cadets told university police that she had been raped and harassed by a

male cadet earlier in the year.

She told university police but said she wanted the matter handled administratively, with no criminal charges.

James Bond, general counsel for Texas A&M, said the delay in the release of the records is only because the school moves slowly to avoid possible lawsuits.

"We try to avoid untimely or unfair release when there are valid exceptions to the open records act," Bond said.

Governor honored

AUSTIN (AP) — The "Mr. South Texas" award gets a new name and a new honoree for 1994: Gov. Ann Richards.

Richards is one of the few women to ever receive the annual award, first given in 1952, from Laredo's Washington's Birthday Celebration Association.

The 10-day celebration, held in February each year, includes a tribute to the person chosen by the association as helping the South Texas area.

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Death of East Texan linked to hantavirus

LUFKIN (AP) — Federal and state health officials on Wednesday tested rodents for a mysterious and deadly virus suspected in the death of an East Texas woman.

A 58-year-old registered nurse who died June 23 is a suspected victim of hantavirus, which has killed 11 people in the Four Corners states of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

John Bautch, district administrator at the Angelina County and Cities Health District, on Wednesday said preliminary lab results back up the suspicions.

"They found the presence of (hantavirus) antibodies," Bautch said.

"In talking with TDH (Texas Department of Health) yesterday, they said it was highly suspected that it was the virus," he said.

Final tests, being conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, should be completed in about two weeks, officials said.

A rodent trapped at the woman's home in Zavalla, about

22 miles southeast of Lufkin, was also being tested for the virus.

In the Four Corners cases the disease was found to have been spread by rodents.

Bautch said investigators from the CDC and the state health department were setting up shop in Zavalla on Wednesday to trap rodents there.

Samples will be analyzed in Atlanta, officials said.

No other cases are being investigated for hantavirus in Angelina County, Bautch said. However, health officials say there are at least nine other unconfirmed cases in Texas.

The Zavalla case, if confirmed, would be the state's first.

CDC figures show that 15 cases of hantavirus have been confirmed, mostly among Navajos and Hopis in the Four Corners area. Of those, 11 have died. Officials are investigating 23 other suspected cases, 10 of which have resulted in death.

The disease, to researchers' best knowledge, cannot be passed from one human to another.

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'God's Country' tells story of local county

by JULIE HARRIS
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Many regional areas preserve their early history through museums, historical markers or simply through tales that are passed on from generation to generation.

Each summer, Crosbyton residents present Crosby County's early settler history through the outdoor musical drama, "God's Country."

The drama is presented by the Rio Blanco Heritage Foundation and uses community-based volunteer talent to tell the joys and hardships the county's early settlers faced.

Tech student Connie Bertrand,

a theater arts major from Floydada, portrays Elizabeth Smith, one of the main characters in the drama.

Bertrand, whose husband farms in Floydada, said being involved with the production makes her appreciate her heritage.

"We are close to the land and feel close to our heritage," she said. "That, along with my interest in theater, are two of my favorite things."

Bertrand and her 16-year-old daughter have been actively involved in the production for the past five years.

"This is the first year my daughter has had speaking parts, and she plays her fiddle in one scene," Bertrand said.

Bertrand's character, the family matriarch and narrator of the drama, is based upon an actual early settler.

"The show is performed in the same canyon as the original home of Hank and Elizabeth Smith," she said.

"You can still see the remains of the house from the canyon."

"God's Country" is performed in the Blanco Canyon Amphitheatre, an outdoor facility along the White River. The amphitheatre was designed, built and is maintained by Crosby County volunteers.

The musical will be performed two weekends this summer, July 29-31 and Aug. 5-7.

"Using volunteers, it is really hard to ask them to give more time than two weekends," Bertrand said.

"It just about takes the whole summer to put the show together."

Tickets to "God's Country" cost \$7 and can be ordered through the mail by writing the Rio Blanco Heritage Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 386, Crosbyton, Texas, 79322.

Bertrand said the show usually sells out, but people can bring lawn chairs and see the production from a grassy area.

"The weather is a little unpredictable," she said. "That is one element we encounter that indoor theaters don't have to worry about."

Vaughn takes comedy role in 'Danger Theatre' series

NEW YORK (AP) — There's an unexpected treat awaiting viewers in "Danger Theatre," the yock-riddled Fox Broadcasting Co. action-adventure spoof debuting Sunday: seeing Robert Vaughn doing comedy.

We associate Vaughn with drama, in movies like "The Young Philadelphians" and "The Magnificent Seven," or his light-hearted TV hit, "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," as secret agent Napoleon Solo on NBC from 1964-68. Not comedy.

"They've used me fairly often in 'Murder, She Wrote,' because I can throw everybody off. They always think I'm the killer. I never am," Vaughn said.

"My film work has been limited to my three-piece suit persona, which you've seen a million times, from 'Bullitt' through H.R. Haldeman," he said. (His Haldeman won him a 1978 Emmy Award in ABC's "Washington: Behind Closed Doors.")

Ah, but it's that three-piece suit

persona that Vaughn plays against so well as host of "Danger Theatre," a half-hour split between two running parodies: "The Searcher" and "Tropical Punch."

"The Searcher" stars Diedrich Bader as a clueless, Harley-riding hero in boots and leathers who recovers lost loved ones. He always prevails, but only after being variously squashed, torched and smashed. He never gets the girl.

The second parody, "Tropical Punch," stars Adam West (star of TV's "Batman" series) in a dead-on lampoon of "Hawaii 5-0."

West plays Capt. Mike Morgan, a fundamentally stupid detective, whose crime-fighting team includes a wise-cracking aide (Billy Morrisette) and a 300-pound ex-sumo wrestler (Peater Navy Tuiasosopo).

As host, Vaughn holds this melange together, introducing each piece in his "Robert Vaughn" persona, the kind of officious, self-important chap who'd say, "I'm

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Robert Vaughn on his new character

not an actor but I play one on TV."

Vaughn sits at a desk beneath a U.S. Department of Justice seal, flanked by a grinning, waving portrait of President Reagan and the classic photo of President Nixon shaking hands with a visibly wasted Elvis Presley.

Vaughn said he read the script, sat down with the producers and said, "Now, the way I see what you've written here is somewhere between Robert Stack on 'Unsolved Mysteries' and Peter Sellers as Inspector Closeau. You go along with that?"

"They said, 'That's exactly what

we want. First half Stack, second half Closeau.' And that's what we tried to do," Vaughn said.

Fox has eight shows in the can, Vaughn said. "If the response merits it, they'll do eight more, or 80 more, or 800. I'll be there for the whole haul." To date, one of Vaughn's more interesting career choices was to leave Hollywood.

"I moved here 12 years ago," says The Man from Connecticut, "with the intention of raising my children in seasons, No. 1, and in the best private schools I could get them into."

Mission accomplished. He said his 17-year-old son is a top-rated goalie in prep school ice hockey, "something he would not have achieved in Beverly Hills."

Pop Poppins to perform at 'Five in July'

by LARAM. CAMPBELL
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The Kitchen Club and KTXT 88.1 are sponsoring "Five in July," every Thursday this month, featuring five bands from Texas and Arkansas.

Last Thursday, Fort Worth's Tabula Rasa, voted "Most Original Band" by the Dallas Observer, played its brand of alternative rock 'n' roll for a crowd of about 150.

Pop Poppins, promoting its self-titled fourth album, will play its alternative pop sound Thursday. Cover charge will be \$4.

The band's second album, "Delight and Disorder," produced the song "On A Moving Train," which was voted No. 38 on Dallas' KDGE's Top 94 songs of 1991.

"Be Patient," also from the "Delight and Disorder" album, was No. 42 on KDGE's Top 94 of 1992.

The band's video album, "Art In Chaos," won first prize in Videomaker Magazine's 1992 Videomaker/Panasonic Music Video Contest.

Pop Poppins performed to a sold-out crowd at Dallas' Starplex, along with Gumball, Dinosaur Jr., The Tragically Hip, Gene Loves Jezebel, Belly, Dada, Jellyfish and 808 State.

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JFK Jr. to leave New York law firm

NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Kennedy Jr. is throwing in the towel at the Manhattan district attorney's office, and no one seems to know where the "sexiest man alive" is going next.

Kennedy will leave after he disposes of his cases, which could take several weeks, District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's office said Wednesday.

Kennedy, 32, declined to comment on his plans and neither would his confidants. He has said he might run for office one day.

The Daily News reported Wednesday that Kennedy is rumored to be taking a job in the Labor Department.

Newsweek said this week that he would be attending the John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass.

Kennedy joined the DA's office in 1989.

He failed the New York bar exam twice, passing in 1990. The test is considered one of the nation's toughest.

People magazine once dubbed Kennedy, the only son of the late President John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Onassis, "the sexiest man alive." Lately, he has been seeing actress Daryl Hannah and recently took her to his 10th reunion at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

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All-Star break analysis

Rangers hope to stay in hunt

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Without Jose Canseco, the Texas Rangers have done all right the past week and a half, climbing back into the American League West race.

Texas Rangers first baseman Rafael Palmeiro has just been named the American League's player of the week.

And third baseman Dean Palmer had a career day on Tuesday, hitting a 3-run homer and a 3-run double and also making a stellar defensive play in the Rangers' 11-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The victory gave the Rangers a 40-41 victory at the season's halfway mark — considerably better than being eight games under .500 as they were two weeks ago — and left them just two games out of first place.

Before the Rangers' last homestand, rookie manager Kevin Kennedy bemoaned the club's state of affairs.

They had been hammered on the road, he held a mandatory practice on an offday, and slugger Canseco went onto the disabled list for the rest of the season because of an elbow injury that will require surgery.

Without Canseco, would a bad situation get even worse?

Evidently not. The Canseco-less Rangers went on a stunning 9-2 roll to Tuesday's mid-season point. And Palmer, if he performs the second half as he did in the first, would finish with 38 home runs, 114 RBIs and 130 hits.

"When a guy like Jose is out, there's a tendency to try and pick up too much of the slack," said Palmer, whose homer Tuesday was his third in six games. "I have to keep telling myself not to try and do too much, not to try and hit homers, because that's when you don't hit them."

Palmeiro said it's possible the Rangers are better without Canseco.

"I'm not sure what it is. I really think we're a better team with him. But we weren't seeing him 100 percent because of injuries. Maybe everyone is bearing down more without him in there," Palmeiro said.

In 70 games with Canseco on the roster, the club hit .256 and averaged 4.89 runs. In 11 games without him, the Rangers hit .308 and averaged 6.55 runs. In Canseco's last 83 at-bats, he hit

.169 with 24 strikeouts.

In the 11 games after replacing Canseco as the No. 3 hitter in the lineup, Palmeiro batted .391 with four homers and 9 RBIs in 46 at-bats.

"I'm happy with the lineup, even without Jose. Not that we don't miss him. Believe me, we do. But I believe we can win with the lineup we have. I feel good about that. We'll score runs," Kennedy said.

"You can't play any worse than we played in June and we're still in a pennant race," Kennedy said after Tuesday night's victory. "That's very encouraging."

"I think we've seen a lot of plusses — No. 1, we've been in almost every single game we've played, even throughout a tough, tough month of June. Sure, it's obviously our division, but it's a credit to the ballclub and the players because they've never quit."

One person who's definitely not a quitter could give Texas a big boost in the second half: Nolan Ryan.

The legendary, though oft-injured righthander has made only three starts so far but is expected to return in a couple weeks.

Zelaya takes South American championship

Former Texas Tech track All-American Rodrigo Zelaya won the javelin competition in the South American Championships last weekend in Lima, Peru.

He won the event with a throw of 240-2, 2 1/2 feet short of his personal record set in 1991.

"I really didn't know how to prepare for that event," Zelaya said. "I had been lifting weights pretty steady, but I didn't know if I was strong enough. I went home to relax and be with friends before the meet."

Zelaya's first toss was 228, but

his next throw was the winning toss which set a new Chilean record.

"It's a privilege to represent both Texas Tech and Chile in these events. Hopefully I can set a personal best," he said. "Would that mean I broke my own school record?"

Zelaya will compete in the World University Games July 8-19 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Zelaya ended his Tech career by taking the Southwest Conference championship in the javelin earlier this summer.

'Pokes looking for punter after Saxon release

IRVING (AP) — Since 1989 the Dallas Cowboys haven't brought any punters into training camp to compete with incumbent Mike Saxon.

This year, they released Saxon without a proven National Football League punter on the roster.

"Mike did a good job for us through the years," head coach Jimmy Johnson said in a statement. "We simply have decided to move in a different direction with the punting position on this team."

Saxon, originally an 11th-round

draft pick of the Detroit Lions in 1985, spent all eight of his NFL seasons with the Cowboys. He has a career average of 41.5 yards per punt and 68 career punts downed inside the 20 yard line.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said Johnson would give no further details about Saxon's release.

Before being cut, Saxon had the longest tenure of all punters in the National Football Conference.

Saxon could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Since 1985, Saxon leads the NFL in dropping punts inside the 20, with 166.

The next closest punter is John Kidd of the San Diego Chargers, who has 153. Last season, Saxon averaged 43 yards per punt, the second-highest average of his career. He had 19 kicks inside the 20 and nine touchbacks.

Free agents Steve Domingos and John Jett will compete for the position when training camp opens in Austin on July 15.

Lewis, Morrison to fight for WBC crown with Bowe bout on line

LONDON (AP) — WBC heavy-weight champion Lennox Lewis will fight Tommy Morrison in Las Vegas this fall and has canceled plans for a defense against Frank Bruno.

Lewis' manager, Frank Maloney, said Wednesday the British fighter has agreed to a two-fight deal that will match him against Morrison in October or November and Evander Holyfield

next spring.

Should Lewis retain the title, he could face IBF and WBA champion Riddick Bowe next summer in a unification bout.

Maloney said the Lewis-Morrison bout will be staged either at Caesars Palace or The Mirage.

He said Morrison, who won a 12-round decision over former champion George Foreman last

month, will receive 50 percent of the purse, with \$8 million guaranteed.

Holyfield, another former champion, will fight on the undercard and be in line to meet the winner in March or April. The split for that fight will be 65-35, in the champion's favor.

Maloney said the two fights could net Lewis as much as \$20 million.

Dan Duva, who holds promotional rights to Lewis, said the question of who will promote the Morrison fight remains to be resolved.

Lewis had been set to meet fellow-Briton Bruno in England in September in a fight that British boxing fans have been longing for.

Maloney and Duva blamed Bruno's promoter, Mickey Duff, for derailing the fight.

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