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TOP NEWS

NATION

Heat derails freight train, fells cattle; moves east

(AP) A heat wave that scorched the Plains on Thursday for the sixth straight day derailed a freight train in Nebraska with rail-warping temperatures of 112 degrees and felled cattle in Iowa, leaving them rotting — even bursting — in their pens.

At least five heat-related deaths were reported as the heat moved eastward. It was expected to stay the weekend over the eastern half of the nation.

STATE

Newspaper reports TWU regents violated law

DENTON (AP) — The Texas Woman's University student newspaper has reported that the school's board of regents violated the Texas Open Meetings Act in a meeting last month and refused later to make public records from the meeting available.

The *Lasso* said the regents met in Houston without posting the agenda in the county courthouse where the meeting occurs, as required by a new provision in the Open Meetings Act.

House Bill 1664, which went into effect with Gov. George Bush's signature on May 23, requires the governing board of an institution of higher education to post notice of each meeting.



FFA Convention

Cindy Burns looks at brochures for Texas Tech's ag programs at the FFA Convention Thursday.

JASON GRAY: *The University Daily*

Clinton approves base closure list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pounding his lectern, President Clinton denounced a base closing list Thursday for the damage it would do to California and Texas, but then approved the package with a promise to save jobs in those states.

Clinton delayed the outright closing of a big base in each state for five years.

Reese Air Force Base near Lubbock is among the bases slated for closure.

With the White House scrambling to control the political fallout in two big electoral states, Clinton approved a list that closes 79 bases and realigns 26 others across the country.

Unless Congress rejects the package — considered highly unlikely — it will become law by the end of summer.

In terms of numbers of jobs lost, the blow falls most heavily on California and Texas where two Air Force maintenance depots that Clinton originally wanted spared are to be closed down.

California, the biggest electoral prize in next year's presidential election, would lose McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

All told, almost half the jobs lost in this year's base closure round

would come from California even though only 15 percent of the military is stationed there.

Texas would lose Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. Of the 18,000 employees at the base, 61 percent are Hispanic. Clinton said that "could virtually wipe out the Hispanic middle class" in the city.

Because of the impact on local communities, and not for political reasons, Clinton said, he was working on a plan to convert some of the jobs at the California and Texas bases over to the private sector, where workers would continue to do Air Force work under contract.

"Where is the politics?" Clinton said at a Rose Garden appearance shortly before he approved the closure list. "This is about economics."

Clinton accused the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, which compiled the list, of failing to take into account the cumulative economic impact on certain regions hit particularly hard by base closings this year and in the three previous rounds in 1988, 1991 and 1993.

McClellan alone accounts for some 11,000 of the nearly 20,000 military and civilian jobs the state would lose under the base closure plan.

General use fee increases substantially for fall semester

By KRISTIAN KIMBRO
The University Daily

The average Texas Tech student enrolling in 15 hours will shell out an extra \$135 this fall.

That extra money is a substantial amount for students to pay, said Curt Bourne, Student Association president.

Bourne was among the six students who attended the public meeting regarding the general use fee increase.

The only advance notice of the 8 a.m. meeting was a classified ad in *The University Daily*.

Mike Sanders, vice president for governmental relations, said the meeting was held during the summer because the Board of Regents made its decision to raise the fees

in June. He added that the early morning meeting time was necessary to accommodate the participant's schedules. The increase will be enacted immediately.

The majority of the money will stay at Tech providing faculty and staff with merit raises, and providing students with new facilities and improved programs.

"There is a good side to this," said Tech President Robert Lawless. "The positive aspect is the money does, in fact, stay here...students will see results."

About 60 percent will go toward merit raises, Lawless said.

Matt Freeman, Student Association internal vice president, said the money will be distributed to key areas on campus.

Freeman said the breakdown he

initially received concerning the distribution of the money reveals the development of a teaching and learning center, an expansion of

"I don't necessarily think [the increase] is fair or positive. It's a necessary evil."

— Matt Freeman,
SA internal VP

the writing center in the English building providing the students with more equipment, improvement of the transcript and evaluation center, an effort to make studying abroad more accessible, and an increase in stipends for teaching

assistants, an expansion of the Honors Program and more scholarships for undergraduates.

The most money from Freeman's list goes toward scholarships.

"I don't necessarily think [the increase] is fair or positive," Freeman said. "It's a necessary evil."

Freeman said Tech has an option — improve and keep the Tech reputation climbing at a steady rate, or stagnate and watch Tech be bypassed by other universities.

"If Tech doesn't increase fees, we lose good professors to other universities," he said.

"I think students will see the results very soon," Lawless said.

Lawless also emphasized that

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Curt Bourne, SA President

Will Hugh Grant's stardom outshine morality issue?



Matt McKinney

he's not too worried about trying to figure out why he hired a prostitute.

"I think that's more of an American syndrome," Grant said. "One thing I noticed in making 'Nine Months,' every other actor in the cast was in analysis, apart from me."

King pressed again, wondering if Grant wasn't fretting over his actions.

"I might ponder on it but, you

Hugh Grant, star of "Nine Months," which is now showing in Lubbock theaters, said in an interview Wednesday night with CNN's Larry King that

know, there's nothing more I can say than I think it was an atrocious thing to do and disloyal, and I can't beat myself up any more than that," Grant said.

Wow, what a sensitive, caring gentleman. I'd really like to see his reactions when he really does something wrong.

On Thursday, two CNN entertainment analysts in a follow up story of the Larry King interview praised Grant as "being so honest and sincere." They were claiming how the actor from England is getting such a bad rap for "something so minor."

On Tuesday, Grant pleaded no contest in Los Angeles city court to lewd conduct. He was ordered to pay \$1,180, placed on probation and told to participate in an

AIDS education program.

Maybe it was just a Hollywood thing to do—sleeping with a prostitute just to get more publicity.

It's really a sad fact that hardly anyone is going to boycott his movie because of Hugh's one little mistake. On the contrary, the reality may be that people will flock to see "Nine Months" this weekend just to see what all the uproar is about.

Hugh is a pretty smart man, I will give him that much credit. What better timing to get away with something? A week before the nationwide release of a new movie. A time where he is one of the most sought-after, clean-cut comic actors to hit American soil since Benny Hill (Hmmm, what a comparison). A time where he has

the national media wrapped around his finger. A time where America looks to Hollywood to see what is morally right? (I hope not).

When the media starts praising a man for doing something so immorally wrong, then I think America is beginning to get into trouble.

On Tuesday, Grant attended the premiere of his new film with his girlfriend, model Elizabeth Hurley. According to CNN, she was "looking serious," and "was acting like there was something icy between the two." Well, I wonder why? What a revelation.

Frankly, I was surprised that she made it there at all. And why would a guy with such a beautiful girlfriend do such a rotten thing to

her? I'm sure he told her that he was just "practicing his acting." Well, I hope he got his just reward. Not hardly.

Grant will probably receive millions and millions of dollars more for his little "stunt," and then by the time the movie run is completed, America will have completely forgotten this British charmer has done anything wrong at all.

You make the decision on whether to watch this film. I'm not saying you should boycott "Nine Months," only to make the right decision.

Matt McKinney, a mass communications graduate student from DeSoto, is the managing editor of The University Daily

Lubbock, Tech drivers please see the light — it's red



Todd Giles

any unpleasant encounters with irate UD readers.

Once again I have a bone to pick about traffic procedures. This time, however, I write not about the isolated woes of my fellow Tech travelers, but about a problem that affects Lubbock drivers at large. You've seen them, perhaps you're

I'll admit it, I like to gripe. And it's admittedly more fun to complain in print than to scribble on bathroom walls, and decidedly less risky, barring

one yourself—the ever popular driving deviants who find it amusing to run every red turn signal they come across. We are witnessing, my fellow sane drivers, a growing case of Lubbockitus Ignoramus. Hopefully this is an isolated incident, as I'm sure you need no help in recalling the Paducah outbreak of '79 when a team of specialists were flown in with six baboon hearts and highlights from that season's Love Boat.

It's darn impossible nowadays to make it through a stoplight without seeing two or three cars holding up the opposing traffic as they lolly-gag through the intersection.

Oh revelation! You'll show 'em! You carefully monitor the adjacent light out of the corner of your eye, and as it turns yellow you push in on the clutch and begin caressing the accelerator ever so gently.

You count the cars in the opposite turn lane in hopes of identifying your victim.

That one's good. No, no that one's even better. As the light turns red you apply the gas and lift the clutch to just the position so you can take off with lightning speed.

A big sun-worn brown Caddy is the first to make the trek through the intersection. Hold it man, there'll be more. The light's hardly even changed yet. E-a-s-y old boy. There she is! A brand new forest green Ford Ranger. You're off with a scratch to tear right into the rear of this post-yuppie beauty when the driver gives you a look that you'll never forget.

Her eyes bug out over the passenger's seat, and you fancy you hear her scream as her jaw falls to the soft tan leather seat.

You just make it through the

intersection when you begin laughing uncontrollably with glee.

Weeks Later: You take your seat in the front row to brown-nose just like you used to in school. Sitting patiently you watch the assortment of people stream into the room as you fantasize about the chicken-fry that awaits you at home.

A pleasant middle aged woman takes the seat next to you, and you can't help noticing that she is staring in your direction.

"Good day," you offer with a smile. "Is that your little red sports car parked out front?"

"Yes."

Just as her eyes bug out and her jaw slowly recedes southward you see her reach for her purse. Next thing you know you're laying belly-up on the cold linoleum with a most disturbing welt on your noggin.

"Welcome to comedy defensive driving," you hear from the lighted stage at the front of the room.

Todd Giles is a graduate student from Dallas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

For the past 30 minutes I have been staring in a sort of morbid fascination at the editorial that recently appeared in The UD about gangs.

I feel ashamed of myself for expending so much thought on something of such little merit.

I might excuse myself by explaining that, while reading the musings of this up and coming journalist, I had the same feelings one has when passing a horrible accident, the same sense of nausea fighting with interest piqued.

Most disconcerting is the fact that the writer is not only on the staff of the paper, but a senior in the journalism department and, no doubt, planning to make a career of expressing himself in print.

While he is awfully good at calling gangs stupid, he might do well to explain why it should be considered stupid or abnormal for teens to seek acceptance and self-esteem.

I was under the impression that

that is what teen-agers do and, albeit in a dangerous and often illegal manner, that is what these "stupid" gang members are doing.

This "bunch of losers who drive by houses, shoot(s) them up, all the while selling illegal weapons and drugs" are really people in need of help, compassion, friendship and the other facets of happy, law-abiding life the author and his readers enjoy.

Of course, Mr. Black feels that, because he doesn't understand the gibberish of their markings, the violence of their rituals or any other part of their lifestyle, they ought to be filed away as losers and idiots, dangerous and asinine.

Perhaps the author doesn't read Sanskrit or understand the honor Native American warriors felt when scalping an enemy or the lifestyle of Eskimos either, but I would venture to assume that he doesn't feel that these people are or were deserving of such ungracious calumny for the simple fact that they are different than he is.

The seduction of Lubbock's youth

into a life that is both immoral and dangerous is a problem that each citizen of Lubbock must acknowledge and address; however, shouting trite phrases and unkind epithets will hardly convince teens that what they are doing might be wrong or unintelligent.

The only answers to such a problem are education, understanding, compassion: all the things missing from Mr. Black's editorial.

The writer feels that those who most need his column will never bother to read it.

The truth is, sir, that no one needs that type of sensationalist hatefulness, that no one needs to read about how much you dislike them, that no one needs to see such biased garbage poured out in a fit of uncontrolled nastiness. The truth is that gang members and everyone else are simply too good for it.

Elizabeth Ellis, incoming freshman pre-med major from Lubbock

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, July 14

- State Future Farmers of America Convention, civic center.
- Prairie Highlanders, J&B Coffee, 8:30 p.m., free
- Jane Begley, Daybreak Coffee, 9-11 p.m., free

Saturday, July 15

- "Concerts in the Park," Children's Play at Clapp Park, 46th and Ave. U, 1:30

p.m.

- Blue Tonto, J&B Coffee, 8:30 p.m., free
- Jim Morris Band, Daybreak Coffee, 9 p.m.-midnight, free
- Texas Tech Band and Orchestra Camp — Final Band Concerts — 8 a.m., Hemmle Recital Hall, free
- "Glenna Goodacre: The first 25 Years" exhibit opening party. Tickets cost \$75 per person. To purchase tickets call 742-2443.

* Long course swimming, 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 16

- "Concerts in the Park," Westwinds Brass Band at Clapp Park, 46th and Ave. U, 8 p.m.
- Texas Tech University Guitar Ensemble, 5 p.m., Hemmle Recital Hall, donations accepted at door
- Arla Jo Anderton, carillon, 8:15 p.m., West Bell Tower, adminis-

tration building, free

Tuesday, July 18

- Atomic Jazz Trio, Jazz Louisiana Kitchen, 9 p.m.-midnight, free
- Community First Aid & Safety Course, Tech Rec Center, 6-10 p.m., registration required, 742-3896.

Wednesday, July 19

- "Concerts in the Park," Andy Wilkinson and Friends, 89th &

Chicago, 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 20

- "Circle of Friends," UC free summer film, 7 p.m., Allen Theatre
- Community First Aid & Safety Course, Tech Rec Center, 6-10 p.m., registration required, 742-3896.

Friday, July 21

- Heart and Soul, Daybreak Coffee, 9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., \$3

Fiercer Rio Grande blamed for more drownings

EL PASO (AP) — Higher than usual snow runoffs in the mountains have made the Rio Grande faster, fuller and more fierce, and it's showing in increased drownings and river rescues.

The river has claimed nineteen lives so far this year, compared to roughly 15 during the same period in 1994, according to the El Paso Emergency Medical Services and the Ciudad Juarez Fire Department. Officials are also recording an increase in rescue operations.

"This is the highest I've seen it (the river) in nine years," said Bor-

der Patrol Agent Michael Boone, who has pulled several people out.

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Increase

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Tech has one of the lowest fee rates in the country. Of 50 states and the District of Columbia, Tech is number 49. "North Carolina and the District of Columbia are the only ones lower than us," he said.

Even with this increase, Lawless said he believes Tech's position should not be altered much.

Sanders emphasized that this fee increase is not the last. He said it is part of a political trend.

"The Legislature basically made a policy system...that moved toward a system that is 'user driven.' Texas' increase is low compared to other states," Sanders said.

"As for the make-up of legislative changes—you ain't seen nothing yet," he said. "What happened this session is nothing like what will happen in the next two to three sessions."

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1:05-3:05-5:05-7:20-9:30

DON JUAN DEMARCO (PG-13)
7:15-9:25

MAJOR PAYNE (PG-13)
1:15-3:15-5:15-7:25-9:40

GORDY (G)
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SUMMER KID SHOW
JULY 18th
Hey There. It's Yogi Bear

Flag burning amendment on-fire issue for Tech

By GARY BLACK
The University Daily

An amendment prohibiting desecration of the United States flag passed the House by a vote of 312-120 and now goes before the Senate for approval.

If passed, the measure would allow Congress and the states to set up flag protection laws.

"If the amendment passes, the Supreme Court will be the first to enforce it," said Nelson Dometrius, chair of Tech's political science department.

Dometrius said he could not speak for the political science discipline as a whole, but only for himself.

"When you try to define desecration, you end up saying that Barbara Bush wearing a flag scarf around her neck is not desecration but someone waving an old, torn up flag is," Dometrius said.

Whether the flag is used for positive symbols or negative symbols will help interpret the definition of desecration, Dometrius said.

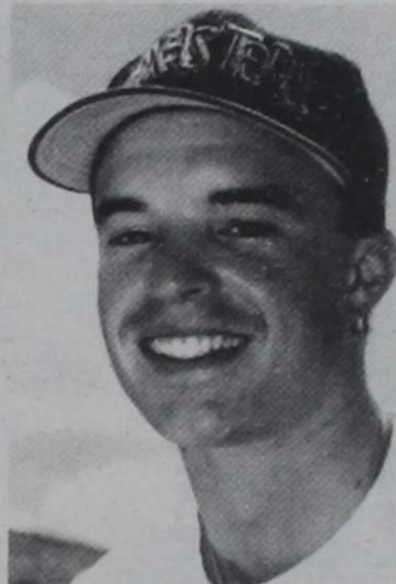
Wearing the flag on clothing is



Brown



Potter



Taylor

generally considered a positive sign, he said.

"But if you turn it upside down, someone could say you're making fun of it," he said.

The amendment is trying to get at the motives behind flag desecrating behavior, Dometrius said.

Hester Brown, a junior elementary education major from Killeen, said she supports an amendment protecting the flag from desecration.

"I am from a military town, and

that's a big symbol," Brown said. "It's like someone going into your house and burning something that's a symbol to you. The flag is a symbol of America."

Brown said her father, a lieutenant colonel stationed at Fort Hood, influenced her heart, I know it's wrong."

However, banning flag burning is a violation of the First Amendment, said David Taylor, a senior psychology and English major from Amarillo.

"It would be a double standard to say the flag represents freedom and then not allow us the freedom to burn it," Taylor said. "It should be OK to desecrate the flag. I don't think the flag should be protected."

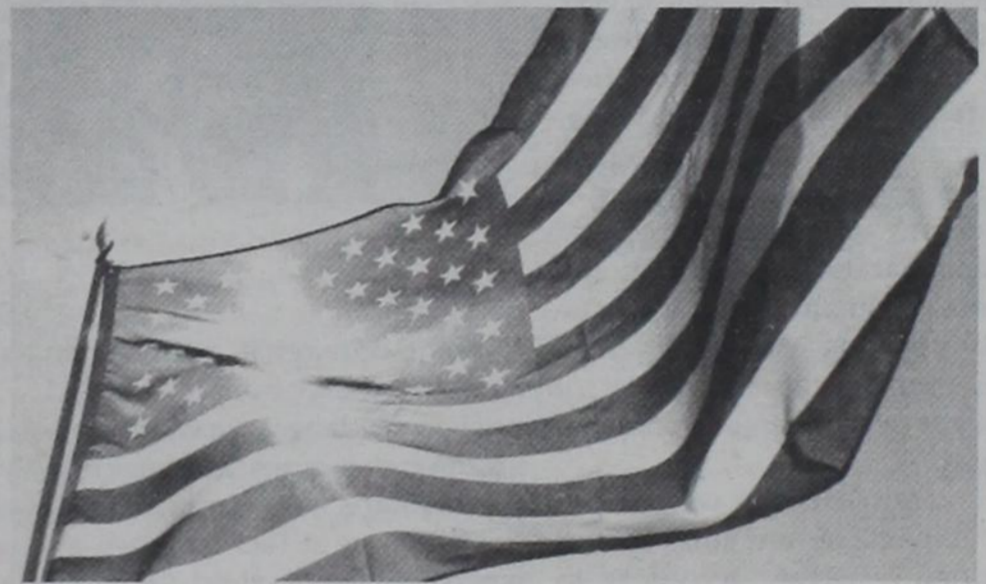
Taylor likened the flag to a cross

— as a symbol of something to believe in.

Since the flag is a symbol of freedom, it could be burned, Taylor said.

Crystal Potter, a pre-med freshman from Rockwall, said although an amendment protecting the flag from desecration might be a violation of free speech, there are certain things that Americans should stand up for.

"The flag represents our country and we should not burn something that stands for us," he said.



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University complies with ADA requirements

By ALEESA MILLER
The University Daily

Trudy Putteet, an associate dean of students at Texas Tech, believes that change is constant.

She also believes it is easy to be an advocate for students' needs.

Under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), it is required that architectural barriers be removed in existing facilities and that all new construction be completely accessible for the disabled.

Putteet said this is a three-year transitional plan that began in 1992.

The Facilities Subcommittee of the ADA Planning Committee, composed of Putteet; James Burkhalter, director of housing and dining; Kay Dowdy, manager of academic affairs; Arthur Glick, campus landscape architect, and Andrea Holman, architect with facility planning and construction, prepared a preliminary list of changes required in university facilities.

Structural changes were classified into one of four areas recommended by ADA, according to Putteet.

The areas include: Area 1, access from public sidewalks, parking or public transportation stops to a building entrance;

Area 2, access to any areas where services, programs, goods, etc. are made available to students, staff, faculty or the public;

Area 3, access to rest room facilities;

Area 4, access in remaining ways to programs, services, goods, etc.



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provided;

Brent Spraggins, a freshman journalism major from Austin, said he chose Tech because while driving through campus the wheelchair access ramps were very visible.

"Everyone at Tech has been eager to help out," he said. "This is a top priority of the university."

Spraggins also said the Tech campus and buildings are fairly accessible overall.

"The ramps are good, but when it rains they fill up with water," he said. "This is a big problem."

He said as long as Tech continues trying to maintain and improve accessibility, there will be no major problems.

"Trudy (Putteet) is very open and responsive to students' needs,"

Spraggins said. "She will help in any situation."

Putteet, who has been with the Dean of Students Office for 17 years, works closely with the Disabled Student Services Program and she feels the students are the masterminds behind the success of the program.

"All the credit goes to the students," she said. "They are the ones who go to class every day."

She said she is glad students take advantage of the services the program has to offer.

"The university cannot afford to overlook any problems," she said. "I think they have done a great job."

All of the hard work of the university did not happen overnight,

although it may appear that way, Putteet said.

"Doing things bit by bit paid off in the long run for Tech," she said.

Putteet said Tech is ahead of the city of Lubbock because Tech made changes gradually when they were having to make changes anyway.

"In a sense, Tech put things back (that the university was repairing) better than it was originally," she said.

This is a big plus for Tech because Lubbock is trying to implement all of these changes throughout the city at one time, she said.

A key way to promote awareness about disabilities is through communication, Putteet said.

"Word of mouth is our best recruiter," she said.

Putteet said the students involved in the program have creative ideas concerning increased awareness. She said they have hosted role-playing seminars, performed skits and visited classes.

Building accessibility is not as big of a problem on the Tech campus as it is throughout Lubbock, she said.

"The building we get the most complaints about is Holden Hall," she said.

Putteet said she is never going to be satisfied with the level the program is on right now.

"To me, the quest for excellence means just that—a quest for excellence," she said. "We will always have a long way to go."

Many students heard of the benefits from other students who were involved in the program, she said.

Literary magazine accepts submissions

The *Elysium* is now taking submissions for its upcoming publication. The *Elysium* committee is now accepting original short fiction, poetry and art work.


Subject matter and form can vary.

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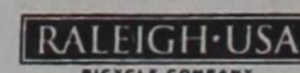
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played by Julia Ormond, is beautiful, intelligent and persevering, analogous with the Pictish royal Lady of the Middle Ages.

The alleged love affair that occurred between Guinevere and Lancelot, played by Richard Gere, was a romance well-suited for Camelot—breath-takingly passionate.

While the affair is a romantic interpretation initially started by Chretien de Troyes during the age

of chivalry, when love triangles were hot topics among authors of that day, it is very unlikely that such an affair actually occurred.

Nonetheless, the romantic interpretation was beautifully portrayed by Connery, Gere and Ormond.

The film was lengthy—more than two hours long, but it definitely did not drag over slow periods.

There were no slow times

throughout the entire movie.

There was action enough with sword fights and surprise ambushes to appease my male friend who went with me, and there was enough Gere on the screen to appease my girl friends.

For those who know the romantic interpretation of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, as popularly known by the Sir Thomas Malory version, the movie will seem a pleasant companion to en-

visioning the land of Camelot and the life within its gallant walls.

For those who aren't familiar with the story, it doesn't matter.

You'll love this movie, regardless.

Perhaps the movie will inspire you to pick up Malory's book and explore the life of Arthur and Guinevere, the popular royal couple of the Middle Ages caught in a web of power, battles and passion.

'Apollo 13' benefits from outstanding team performance



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"Apollo 13" depicts the "successful failure" moon mission, which launched on April 11, 1970. The film is based on the book "Lost Moon," penned by Jim Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 mission, and Jeffrey Kluger.

Not until the astronauts met

electrical problems on board did the media have microphones in every corner for breaths of sensationalism. (Doesn't it just want to make you SCREAM?) Thus, Houston mission control struggles to ensure the astronauts' reentry (return to earth.)

That said, Tom Hanks portrays Lovell, who was accompanied by two other astronauts: Fred Haise portrayed by Bill Paxton, and Jack Swigert, portrayed by Kevin Bacon.

Two days before launch, Swigert replaced Jim Mattingly, portrayed by Gary Sinise ("Forrest Gump"). Mattingly had been exposed to the

measles. NASA officials believed that Mattingly would become ill on board. Moon missions have "no go" for illness. Ironically, the glitches on the mission made the measles look like a mere paper cut.

Let's make a "burn" toward the film's launch and landing. The initial launch sequence is spectacular. The special visual effects combined with digital sound makes hearts race and roar to the STARZ.

Hanks, Paxton and Bacon create an authentic ambiance in closed quarters. Add the obvious tension of constantly being together and all three simultaneously retreat for

inner strength. Many viewers have their eyes on Hanks' performance due to his recent back-to-back Oscar awards for "Forrest Gump" and "Philadelphia." However, the film relies more on ensemble support than on a sole, superstar. Hanks fits the astronaut suit convincingly. Yet, both Sinise and Ed Harris, who portrays mission control commander, deliver excellent performances.

When Sinise (as Mattingly) is told he cannot partake of the mission, he controls emotion like a water dam on the verge of breaking, but inherently maintains composure.

Finally, Howard's direction may have just delivered moon rock to next year's Oscar race. Riveting scenes marked by silent dialogue make for breathtaking story telling.

Overall, it's not THE best film of the year, but well worth the mission. Watch it when in search of inspiration. You won't be disappointed.

4 STARZ (1 being poor—5 being excellent)

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Howard coach asked to repay money

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Howard College basketball coach has been asked to repay the \$303 in scholarship money he used to pay for a summer school course for a student trying to become academically eligible at Texas Tech.

Jeff Kidder, who coached at the Big Spring junior college during the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons, misused Howard's money to help player Nate Jackson in the summer of 1991, according to a report by Howard officials.

The report said Kidder was trying to help "a coaching friend with his program." Kidder was a student manager for the University of Kentucky basketball program when Texas Tech head basketball

coach James Dickey was an assistant coach there.

The document, made public by the college Wednesday, cites Kidder's "inappropriate use" of scholarship money to pay for the work of a student-athlete "who would never play basketball at Howard College."

Kidder, currently an assistant coach at Nevada, could not be reached for comment. Howard officials said the report would serve as the school's comment.

Howard officials took up the case following a story by the Houston Chronicle that said Jackson, a 6-foot-9 forward, took a correspondence Spanish course at Howard even though the school typically

doesn't offer such classes.

The credit-enabled Jackson, who said he never was required to pay tuition or fees at Howard, to become eligible at Tech for the 1991-92 season, Dickey's first as head coach of the Red Raiders.

NCAA rules prohibit coaches and other school representatives from helping recruits obtain special academic arrangements not generally available to others.

The NCAA also bars coaches and school representatives from paying for, or arranging to pay for, recruits' pre-college educational expenses.

An internal review by Tech concluded that its coaches didn't break any NCAA rules.

Denver drops Big 12 bid

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Denver apparently has dropped its bid to host the Big 12 Conference football championship game next year.

Conference Commissioner Steve Hatchell said Wednesday he didn't think Denver planned to enter a bid before Friday's deadline.

"Nobody has contacted us, and nothing has happened there," Hatchell said. "I can't see them in the loop."

The game is tentatively planned for the first week of December 1996.

Kansas City, Dallas and Irving submitted their bids long ago. Houston, San Antonio and St. Louis haven't yet submitted final bids.

Hatchell wouldn't reveal the specifics of any bid.

He was in Kansas City for meetings with television sports programmers, Big Eight officials, city officials and attorneys.

Lady Raiders finish fourth in nation in home attendance

For the fourth consecutive season, the Lady Raiders finished among the nation's Top 10 in home attendance.

According to a report released by the Tech athletics department, Marsha Sharp's crew finished fourth this year — the highest ever for a Tech team, averaging 7,386 fans per game.

Overall, Tech was third nation-

ally when counting home, road and neutral-site games. Tech played before 216,626 fans in 1994-95, according to the report. Tennessee was first with 290,410 and Connecticut second at 227,728.

Twice in the last four years, the Lady Raiders have had increases of more than 2,000 in a year. In 1993-94, Tech's attendance climbed from 4,412 to 7,014.

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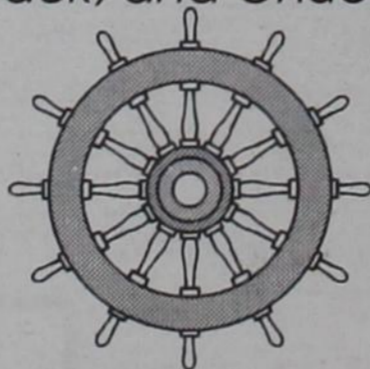
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