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Parking melee

Students struggle to find spaces in congested commuter lots

by Michelle Elizardo

The University Daily

The vigorous search for a parking space has become a driving force of frustrations for many Texas Tech commuter students.

"This is ridiculous," said Julie Dixon,

a senior biology major from Lubbock. "We paid \$39 for a parking space and they can't even provide adequate parking."

These sentiments have become the core of what many students think about Tech's parking problem.

The beginning of the semester seems to bring an overflow of commuters and not enough commuter parking spaces.

Many students are parking beyond the KTX-TV station in order to get to campus.

Some commuters said they allot an hour and half or more to park and walk or ride the bus into campus.

"It's 9 a.m. and there's already no parking spaces on campus," said Cole Webb, a senior environmental engineering major from Amarillo.

"Except for the overflow (lots), there is not enough commuter parking."

Webb, a four-year commuter, suggests

there should be a designated spot off campus where students can be shuttled into campus.

Webb adds he has seen the parking problem get worse throughout the years and said the construction is a major contributor to the problem.

"This is the worst I have seen it since I've been here at Tech," Webb said.

"But, it will get better after about a week or two."

Along with the construction, Webb said the police personnel stationed near the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum to direct traffic do not aid the parking problem.

"The police people are rude," he said.

Jason Sidlo, a senior food technology major from Fredricksburg, said

he doesn't bother scanning the lots near campus for a space.

"There is no use driving around in the big lots because you know you will not find anything at this hour," he said. "The best thing to do is to drive over here to the overflow."

Commuters suggest that to relieve the problem more commuter lots should be constructed.

Barbara Airhart, a senior biology major from Lubbock, suggests Tech build parking garages similar to Texas A&M's lots.

“This is ridiculous. We paid \$39 for a parking space and they can't even provide adequate parking.”

Julie Dixon, senior biology major from Lubbock



Shanna Sargent-Milnor: The University Daily

Car troubles: Finding an empty parking space in the commuter lots has been difficult for many students during the first week of school. The University Police Department and traffic and parking

have staff members directing commuters to empty lots during the peak hours of congestion. Wednesday is the least active day in Tech parking lots, said Gail Wolfe, director of traffic and parking.

Airhart said she understands parking garages are expensive and the cost will exceed the efficiency of them.

"It seems pretty ridiculous to pay that much for having to park all the way out here," she said.

Sarita Smith, a junior physics major from Lubbock, said the problem can be

nipped in the bud long before the semester begins.

"I don't understand why they have to sell so many more permits than there actually are spaces in the lots," she said. "They shouldn't sell as many permits — it should be on a first-come, first-served basis."

Not every student is sweating about the

parking problem though.

Robin Stehman, a senior education major from Tyler, said she doesn't give it a thought.

"I haven't had a problem (with the parking)," she said. "I don't mind walking; that's why I don't have a problem with it — it's good exercise."

Freshman Council applications ready

by Carrie Kilman

The University Daily

Applications for the Texas Tech Freshman Council are now available in the Student Association Office, located on the second floor of the University Center.

Intent forms must be returned to the SA office by 5 p.m. on Sept. 8. Elections will be Sept. 19 and results will be posted outside the SA office on Sept. 21.

Yanci Yarbrough, a junior public relations major from Childress and freshman council sponsor, said she believes the council provides good experience for students hoping to run for Student Senate.

"In my experience (on the freshman council), I got to know 24 other freshmen that I would never have a chance getting to know anywhere else," she said. "I still remember where they're from, their hometowns."

All candidates must attend one of two seminars on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12

from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Room located in the UC, she said.

During the seminar, candidates will draw for ballot positions, she said.

Poll locations are the UC main lobby and all residence halls housing freshmen, she said.

The freshman class elects about 25 students to the council, Yarbrough said.

The council then conducts an internal election to decide officers. The Freshman Council chooses a project each year. Last year, the council participated in the U-CAN-Share food drive, and two years ago, the group registered to vote more than 1,000 students on the Tech campus, she said.

The council's meetings, held every other Thursday, are open to the public, Yarbrough said.

Freshman Council members are

Freshmen running for a position must:

- have less than 30 credit hours
- be enrolled in at least 12 hours
- have a 2.0 GPA

required to attend one Student Senate meeting every month.

Dan Burns, assistant director of the UC and adviser to the election commission, hopes more freshmen will run this year.

"We always want to encourage people to run (for Freshman Council)," Burns said. "Seventy-five students ran last year, but the number was higher in the past."

To determine the number of seats on the council, the election commission divides the number of freshmen enrolled at Tech by 250, he said.

If the remainder is higher than 150, a seat is added.

Candidates are limited to using less than \$35 in campaign money so the

election "doesn't turn into a race between who has the most money," he said.

Students can campaign by means of flyers, through speeches at residence hall meetings and in class and by posters placed in designated areas, Burns said.

"Campaigns are basically up to the student's creativity," he said.

Burns said he thinks that running for council election is as important as voting.

"I think everyone needs to vote," Burns said. "In college, you establish habits you will carry with you throughout life. If you don't vote now, you probably won't vote later. (The council) is the only voice the freshmen have."

Belonging to the Freshman Council is a good way for freshmen to get involved with Tech, he said.

"(Freshman Council members) are initiated into the procedure of introducing legislation," he said. "They basically learn the ropes."

Committee forms to champion for Tech academics, sports

Group hopes enthusiasm spreads

by Kirk Baird

The University Daily

The Committee For Champions, an organization dedicated to creating a positive awareness for Texas Tech academics and athletics, met Wednesday to kick off the new academic and athletic year.

In an hour-long press conference, several committee members spoke about specific committee plans and the work involved in the various projects.

The committee, which is comprised of regional business people and individual supporters, plans several activities centered around Tech home football games.

Some functions planned by the committee include a concert featuring country music singer Bryan White, performances by area high school bands, numerous contests and the return of tailgating.

The committee members said they hope their enthusiasm spreads throughout the community and state.

"We've joined together to create awareness, excitement and a positive attitude in the upward move to the Big

12," said Ronnie Hill, committee member. "We want to draw attention to the many accomplishments in academic, band and athletics at Texas Tech, and to create a positive attitude."

Gwynn Stafford, a committee member, said there are plans to involve Tech students in a program similar to Big Brothers and Sisters for the Oct. 14 game against Arkansas State.

Stafford said 300 to 400 tickets will be given to children between 6 and 14, who have never been to a Tech football game.

"It's a wonderful community effort," Stafford said. "The whole focus of this is to let the children see what a

magnificent school Texas Tech is.

"The greatest thing a young person can have is an education," she said. "If we can encourage them to be a part of this, to study hard and be a Texas Tech Red Raider, then everybody wins."

Robert Lawless, Tech president, praised the committee and said Tech's successful athletic season produced a contagious spirit that moved into the community.

"This group really became the nucleus for making a major difference," Lawless said. "The Committee For Champions are champions themselves. They brought us to this point of moving ahead."

Combest vows military will clean up seepage before base closes down

by Donald Gillilan

The University Daily

A funding shortage will not prevent the removal of a cleaning solvent that leaked into the soil surrounding Reese Air Force Base during past base operations, said Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas.

Reese is expected to receive \$2.5 million to spend in the 1996 fiscal year for cleanup of soil contaminated by trichloroethylene, a solvent used to clean jet engines.

"It appears Reese may receive approximately \$2.5 million, but I do not believe that will be enough to meet immediate cleanup needs," Combest said. "More must be done by the Defense Department to vigorously attack and resolve the cause."

When the announcement was made to close Reese, Combest put the Defense Department on notice that its duty to remove solvent residues does not end with the Air Force vacating the base.

"I can assure the people of the surrounding communities that these solvent residues remain a priority for me," Combest said. "The Air Force clearly understands that I expect the Defense Department to follow through on the work now underway."

The Defense Department's response to Combest's inquiry on Reese emphasized the Air Force's commitment that "projects necessary to protect human health and the environment comply with legal

requirements and make property available to reuse be given priority for funding."

"The bottom line remains that I will see to it that the Air Force does not consider Reese as 'mission accomplished' until the Defense Department fulfills its commitments," Combest said.

Ken Rainwater, associate professor of civil engineering, said the money that Reese is expecting for the cleanup project is not enough.

"It's quiet a dilemma to say they (Defense Department) want to close a base for redevelopment, but they won't put up the funds to make the base clean for redevelopment," Rainwater said.

Reese is trying to do a good job of cleaning the site, but the people in charge of distributing the funds are not letting them do their job, he said.

"We're glad Combest is getting involved," he said. "The Department of Defense will listen to him."

The seepage of TCE into the ground areas surrounding Reese was reported in 1983.

The contamination is two and a half miles off the base and is being monitored by both federal and state authorities.

In June 1993, the EPA and Reese agreed to corrective steps to remedy the TCE presence.

"The Air Force made the misguided choice to abandon Reese, but they are duty bound by legal agreement not to leave this problem behind," Combest said.

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Northern neighbors are really quiet spies



KIRK BAIRD UD staff reporter

Neighbor. It lurks so close it's almost invisible. Quiet. It lulls us to a comfort-induced slumber. Harmless. It raises not a violent hand or throws threatening glances our way. Friendly. It beckons us to join it in an amicable embrace.

Sounds like an exemplary noun (you know, a person, place or thing). I guess that's what frightens me.

What's the line from one of "The Godfather" films: "Keep your friends

close and your enemies closer?" There might be more truth in this maxim than anyone realizes.

I'm not referring to some new designer drug that has up-and-coming and has-been celebrities alike, in new found states of euphoria. My fear is not directed to an aspiring political figure, who, in his or her quest for power, has secretly laid waste to any insurgents. Nor am I writing about a new cult that is quietly amassing an arsenal powerful enough to stop an army 'neath its isolated headquarters.

If only any of these were the case.

No, I am writing to you about our friend and neighbor to the north, Canada. With its William Shatners, Neil Youngs, former SCTV comedy troupes, and even Paul Schaefer, it has quietly infiltrated our country.

Yes, Canada has taken full advantage of the world's largest unguarded border and sent spies to live, work and make movies among us.

How else can you explain Michael J. Fox and his success, or what's left of it? Marty McFly, indeed. He's a clever spy, and a diminutive one at that, for the intelligence office of the Canadian prime minister.

And what kind of name is prime minister for the country's highest political position? What's so prime about Canada?

Canadian League Football? Back-bacon? Anne Murray? Surely, you jest. OK, they have hockey, but most of their great players suit-up for American teams.

Still, there's another reason to fear Canada, besides its spies, bad movie actors and reigning hockey kings. Something so sinister it scares me.

I have secret documents showing Canada was in cahoots with the then Soviet Union. Why?

To get back its long, lost prize, Alaska. The Soviet Union didn't like America so close to its borders; Canada just wanted Alaska back to feel whole again.

Can you imagine if Oklahoma was a Canadian province? Ok, maybe that's not so bad...

Still, Canada has always been miffed about America's purchase of Alaska from Russia. Canada wanted Alaska for itself, but couldn't scrape the money together to get it (Canada had about 500 dollars, five beers, two fish and a cat between its citizens, unofficially).

Not only did America buy Alaska, but it had the audacity to rub its ownership in Canadian faces by granting Alaska statehood. And to name an Alaskan mountain after one of our presidents? Come on, that's just adding fuel to the inferno.

Speaking of inferno, that brings us to the biggest reason for Canada's lust for Alaska.

Oil. Precious oil.

Beneath Alaska's white mountains and icy covering lurks untold volumes of black gold. Eventually America builds a huge pipeline connecting this gold to its greedy wallet, known as middle class America.

But wait, I digress.

But what about Canada, you ask? What does Canada have that America doesn't?

Irritated Canadians, that's what.

People who have to look at that stupid pipeline running across their front yard day after day.

And what do Americans give them in return for owning land that, if glancing at a Rand McNally map, you would swear was part of Canada?

A few sports franchises, fast food, and entertainers like Madonna and Michael Jackson.

No wonder Canada's upset, I would be, too.

That's what's got me so scared. Canadians are simply fed up.

Americans boo during the Canadian national anthem, Americans send Canada acid rain, Americans make fun of Canadian culture (remember, "Take off, eh. You Hosehead?"), and, most importantly, Americans don't take Canadians seriously. (If Canada declared war on America today, would Americans really lose any sleep?)

Canada's a time bomb waiting to explode.

In fact, every time Americans pass over a Canadian beer for one of their own, every time Americans laugh at a Triumph record, every time Disney (which is as American as a dysfunctional mom, a recalled Chevy, and a frozen apple pie) passes over Canada for an amusement park, I can hear tick... tick... tick.

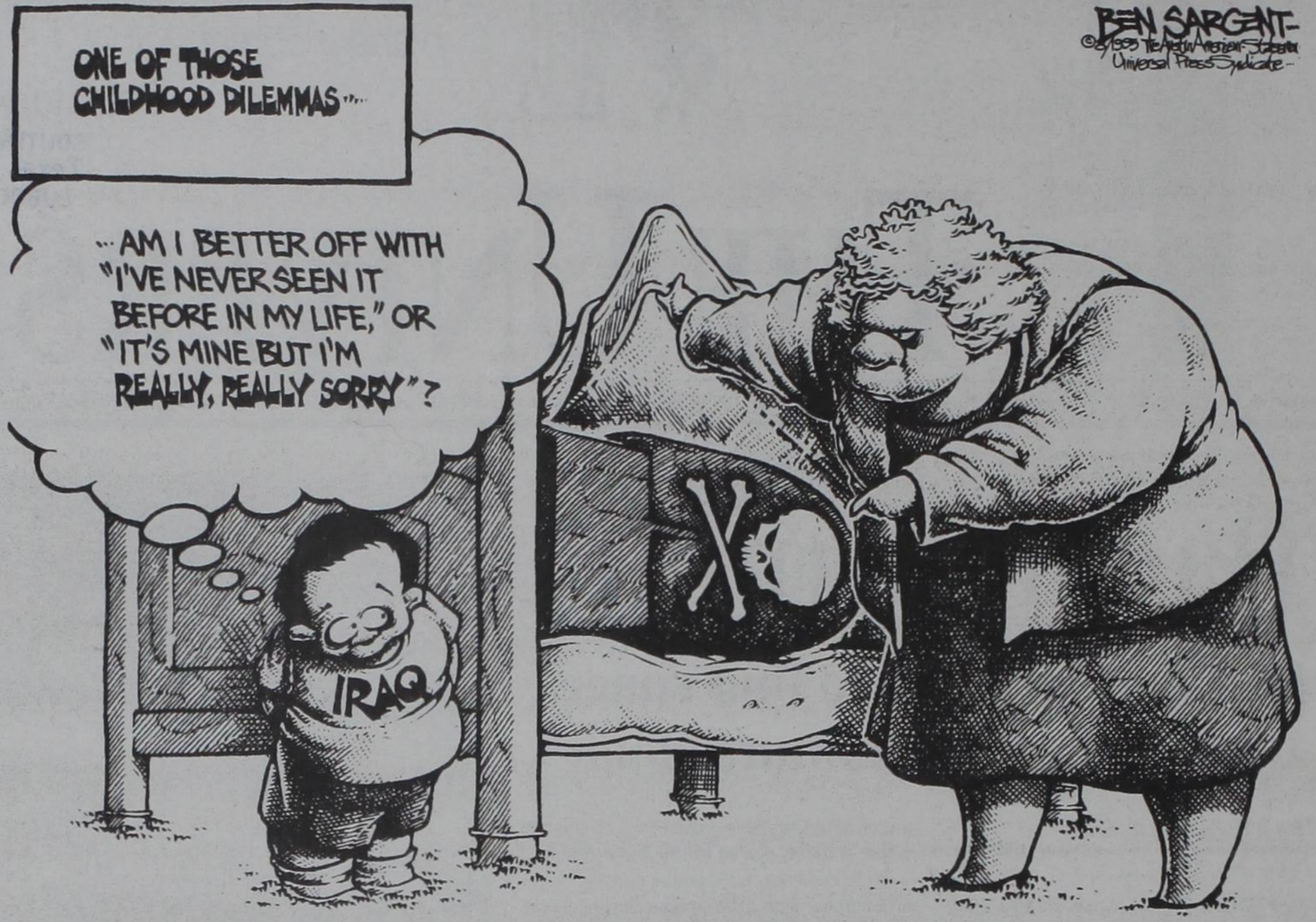
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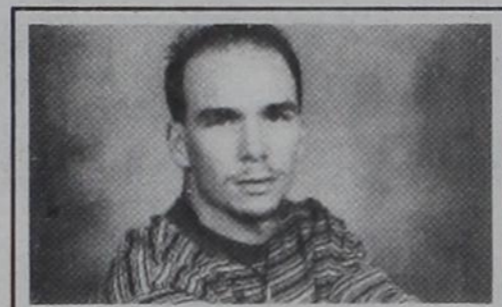
To the editor: Is the university under so much mayhem and confusion or does the new construction taking place around campus include removal of rooms within departments? Maybe all the departments are playing musical chairs or, in this case, musical rooms. Why all of sudden are all my classes scheduled in different buildings? The math situation at the animal science building was a bit more excit-

ing to say the least. I walked into a room crammed with fellow Techsans waiting for our instructor to show up. Three instructors appeared, one instructor for English, one for German, and one for math. All three instructors were assigned to teach in the same room. Let's put all classes back in their proper buildings and schedule them more effectively.

Carlos Medrano



Goofing off not part of the plan for first-year students



DARCY ROSIE UD guest columnist

Education. It's the reason we chose to attend this university, isn't it? Freshman, beware of falling into the social cellar from which many students do not surface.

Your first year in school is not an opportunity to goof off.

It is an opportunity to build solid skills. Don't be fooled by people who tell you your first year is unimportant. On the contrary, it can make — or break — your college career.

Some people advocate that social interaction is as important, if not more important, than attaining a quality education.

To those people I say: Get a clue!

It takes students at least four years to complete a bachelor's program.

With all of that time, it should seem logical that freshmen spend the bulk of their first year developing good study habits and then venture into the social realm.

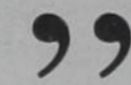
It is easier to make the transition from scholar to social butterfly than vice versa. I know, I've been at both ends of the spectrum.

Social interaction is necessary to develop into a well-rounded person, but not at the expense of an education.

When socializing becomes the main reason a student continues his education, then it has lost its use.

It is detracting from, instead of enhancing, the educational process.

Freshman, beware of falling into the social cellar from which many students do not surface.



The consequences of wasting your freshman year can be devastating and could haunt you the rest of your college life.

I transferred to Texas Tech from Mount Royal College, a two-year college in western Canada.

At both schools I have addressed new students about taking the initiative to do well in their freshman year.

Dr. Jim MacNeil, a mentor of mine from Mount Royal, said in our first meeting, "You are the master of your destiny, but also the architect of your own destruction." You have the chance to create your own educational experience. Don't blow it! Envision your graduation and ask yourself how you want people to re-

member you.

Of course, being the king or queen of partying would be a unique title, but what about being named class valedictorian or making the President's or Dean's List?

The latter titles would probably look better on your permanent record or resume.

As I type this into the computer I can hear your cries, "But, I'm not smart. I don't test well. My teacher is hard to understand. My class is too big. I have a heavy course load. Yakety-yak, blah, blah, blah..."

There is no excuse good enough to defend not applying yourself in your studies.

The fact is, if you want it bad enough and you are willing to work, you can get any grade you want. When you look at your final marks remember your professors didn't really give you those grades, you did.

You earned them, high or low.

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Wine-loving professor shares knowledge

by Charles Melton

The University Daily

In Texas Tech's plant science building, a professor is committed to teaching the science of wine.

Roy Mitchell, associate professor of plant and soil science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, teaches the introductory class about wine.

"The class teaches the history of wine throughout civilization and gives students an appreciation of wine," Mitchell said.

The class covers such topics as ripening and harvest dates of grapes, the different international regions of wine and wine styles, he said.

Students learn how to judge wine by using its taste, aroma and color and learn to differentiate between the different types of wine, Mitchell said.

"I hope students will come out with knowledge about wine and how to enjoy it," he said. "I believe a fundamental knowledge of wine is a part of a broad education."

The class is largely unheard of by many students and is comprised mainly of agricultural sciences majors, Mitchell said. There are no prerequisites needed for the class, Mitchell said.

The class has a certain romance about it and adds a different aspect to the department, said Dick Auld, chairman of the plant and soil science department in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

"The Texas wine industry is a baby about to be born," Auld said. "We're investing in the future because the growing Texas wine industry will need technical assistance."

The wine industry is not producing

enough to make it profitable and the way to make it profitable is grow more grapes, Auld said.

Mitchell said he focuses on wine as an agricultural product and tries to show how it has led to agricultural developments.

"I use empty bottles to illustrate wine and tell the story about wine in the context of the agricultural producing region," Mitchell said.

Mitchell's bottle collection includes bottles from all over the world, including a bottle of La Bomba Grande, a 50th anniversary commemoration of the atomic bomb, from a winery in Los Alamos, N. M.

Mitchell, who taught chemistry in the past, admits the change from being a hard core physical scientist to life as a wine maker has been slow.

"Temperance is the way to live," Mitchell said. "Moderate wine consumption adds to the enjoyment of life."

The chemistry involved in wine first sparked his interest in the wine making process, Mitchell said.

"In 1973, at the national chemistry meeting in Dallas, a symposium on the chemistry of wine-making was presented," he said. "At the time, people around Lubbock were experimenting with grapes, so I set aside a part of my lab for research (of wine)."

Mitchell is planning a symposium on the art and chemistry of wine making for the American Chemistry Association in Joplin, Mo.

The symposium will focus more on the art of wine making than the 1973 symposium, Mitchell said.

Mitchell, who is semi-retired, plans to teach students about wine making and continue his research about the art and science of wine.

Tech ag student dies in four-wheeler crash

by Tara McQueen

The University Daily

More than a thousand people attended funeral services for Texas Tech student Stephen Kyle Everett Monday in Bellmead.

Everett was a few hours shy of his 21st birthday when his four-wheeler crashed into a chain along a dirt trail near John E. Long Lake near Austin late Friday.

Everett, a junior agriculture education major from Lorena, was airlifted to Breckenridge Hospital in Austin where he died just after 11 p.m. from internal injuries, an Austin police department spokesman said.

Everett, his family and his girlfriend, Amy Trlica, were in Austin for drag boat races.

"We were killing time before the races and went driving along this trail," Trlica said. "We had just gone over a hill when we saw a 1-foot high chain across the road. He tried to stop but we both hit the chain, and it went across his stomach."

Trlica said Everett stopped breathing, and she administered CPR.

"He was a daredevil from the beginning," she said, playing with the black and gold watch she bought for his birthday.

"It has been a year since I met him and we have ridden so many times — popping wheelies — with me on the back."

Trlica, a junior management in-



Everett

formation systems major from Beeville, met Everett on the second day of class last year.

"He was playing tricks on me by the next class," she said. "I wanted to sit by him but I couldn't remember what he looked like and he couldn't remember my name, so we were both up a creek."

Trlica said Everett used to purposely fall down stairs just to make her laugh.

"He was such a joker," she said. "You can't remember Kyle without laughing."

He loved history and he loved Native Americans — how they explored the unexplored frontier, she added.

"He told his parents the reason he came to Lubbock was to explore the unexplored frontier and that he needed a mountain bike," she said. "His parents said, 'But Lubbock is flat.'"

Turner debating takeover bid from Time Warner

NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Turner is weighing a takeover bid from Time Warner Inc. in what sources said would be an \$8.5 billion deal making the brash and fiercely independent Turner second-in-command of the biggest media and entertainment company in the world.

Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting System Inc. confirmed Wednesday that they were talking about a stock swap that would bring together Turner's cable networks, including CNN and Headline News, with Time Warner's publishing, music and film businesses.

Sources said Time Warner offered \$8.5 billion in stock to make Turner

Broadcasting a wholly owned subsidiary. Ted Turner would become a vice chairman of the new company, said one source close to the deal.

"Ted would not be the kingfish but he'd still be a very significant fish in a much larger pond," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Such a deal would continue a merger frenzy in the media and entertainment industry this summer. Many program producers and distributors are teaming in the belief that bigger is better.

Just weeks ago, Walt Disney Co. struck a \$19 billion deal to buy ABC, and Westinghouse Electric Corp. bid \$5.4 billion for CBS.

Turner, a showman who built his father's billboard company into the cable industry's showpiece property, is said to support the deal. That suggests he has abandoned his desire to own one of the Big Three networks, such as CBS.

Some analysts said Turner, a brash businessman dubbed the Mouth of the South, would have a hard time being second-in-command.

"I don't see Ted Turner being interested in sitting through four-hour board meetings at Time Warner in New York," said John Reidy, a media industry analyst at Smith Barney. "You can't work for a company after you've owned it."

Before the deal goes through, Turner must persuade Tele-Communications Inc., Turner Broadcasting's No. 1 outside shareholder, to approve the deal. The Englewood, Colo.-based company, headed by John Malone, wouldn't comment.

Turner holds a majority of the stock in Turner Broadcasting.

But TCI owns about 21 percent, and Time Warner owns about 18 percent. They each have three seats on the 15-member Turner board and individually can veto major deals.

Time Warner had until recently been negotiating to sell its Turner stake back to Turner Broadcasting in an effort to reduce its \$15 billion debt.

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Minority scholarships offered for drug counselors

by Brian Lacy

The University Daily

Minority students interested in substance abuse counseling now have an opportunity to receive scholarships in the area of substance abuse studies.

The Texas Tech Center for the Study of Addiction is accepting applications until Oct. 31 for partial and full scholarships.

The scholarships are designed to help increase the number of minority counselors in proportion to minority inmates, and they pay two years of college tuition and books, said Debbie Frapp, director of the Center for the Study of Addiction.

"There is a large gap between minority counselors and prison inmates," Frapp said. "The goals of

this project, called the Substance Abuse Studies, is to provide training to increase the number of minority counselors because there is an under-represented amount.

"When the training is complete, they will perform rehab and treatment on inmates while they're in prison in an effort to reduce the rate of inmates returning."

It is important to increase the amount of minority counselors in order to reach many of the minority substance abuse victims, Frapp said.

"The majority of those coming out of the addiction field are minorities," Frapp said. "There are certain cultural and ethnic issues that need to be addressed by the counselors."

"I'm not saying that a black person could not be counseled by a white person, but it will improve the whole addiction field if we increase minority

counselors."

The program assists the potential counselors as well.

"Many of the participants in this program did not have the financial necessities to attend college or thought college was even feasible," Frapp said.

"There are currently 24 students in the program, but we just don't hand them money, we want them to become successful students as well."

The students will take 270 hours of training before they will be allowed to counsel individuals concerning drugs and alcohol, Frapp said.

Gilbert Herrera, a sophomore family studies major from Albuquerque, N.M., is a recipient of the S.A.S. scholarship.

"There's nothing I would change about the program," Herrera said. "A lot of the minority students come from very different backgrounds, and this

program allows us to support each other, study together and work together. I enjoy working with people and making a difference in the community and with the youth."

As of today, eight universities in the United States have the Substance Abuse Studies program, and Tech is the only one in West Texas, Frapp said.

"This is a five year project, but funding is only available for two years," Frapp said.

"There is a job bank in Austin which will try to place as many graduates as possible in the immediate job market."

"However, we have not had the program long enough to determine the rate of placement for Tech students by this job placing bank."

Engineering program honors minority students

by Charles Melton

The University Daily

Texas Tech's Minority Engineering Program sponsored a reception Tuesday recognizing the 1995 Junction Experience participants.

The Junction Experience is a free week-long orientation program for minority students pursuing degrees in engineering and science.

William Gamble, an engineer at the Los Alamos National Laboratories in Los Alamos, N. M., was the reception's featured speaker.

Gamble said he spent 18 years in minority affairs-type positions before going to Los Alamos.

He gave a presentation titled "Make It Happen: Transition from High School to College," which was directed at the incoming freshmen in MEP.

This presentation is the result of 20 years of working with MEP type programs, Gamble said.

"These programs stress self-reliance from day one and are about trying to improve the numbers of minorities pursuing higher education," Gamble said.

The program's philosophical viewpoints include higher education, recruitment and graduation and diversity in educational institutions, Gamble said.

Gamble talked about the three phases of minority/majority interaction, which are assimilation, isolation/alienation and interaction.

"In the future, you will want to be Texas Tech alumni and Tech only gives one degree, not a minority or affirmative action degree," Gamble said.

Cornelius Griffin, director of the Minority Engineering Program, said this past Junction program was the best program conducted so far because of the counselors and the participants.

“...Tech only gives one degree, not a minority or affirmative action degree”

William Gamble, engineer at Los Alamos National Laboratories

Griffin emphasized the importance of the students getting off to a flying start in their classes and expressed his high expectations for them.

The Minority Engineering Program has two student organizations under its umbrella, Griffin said.

The organizations are the National Society of Black Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, he said.

The NSBE is divided into regions throughout the United States.

Tech's NSBE chapter had an overall GPA of 2.96 last year.

The chapter's GPA was the second highest in their region, Griffin said.

The president of SHPE, Jesus Miramontes, a senior engineering major from Lubbock, announced a plan to tutor eighth and ninth grade students on Saturdays.

Miramontes also plans to attend the SHPE national convention in Seattle.

An outstanding student award was presented to Jennifer Richards, a freshman business major from Amarillo, for business.

Marcus Gomez, a freshman electrical engineering major from Lubbock, received the outstanding student award for engineering.

Farming-area waterwells contain more nitrates than EPA previously thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Water wells in farming areas have more nitrate contamination than previously thought, a government survey of pollution from fertilizers and other nutrients suggests.

In a just-released report, the U.S.

Geological Survey found that 9 percent of the 3,351 home wells it surveyed had more than the amount of nitrate set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The figure is higher than the 2.4 percent found by EPA in a 1990 sur-

vey of 783 wells that included those outside farming areas.

Fertilizers and manure both add nitrates to the water. Excess nitrates in drinking water can cause fatal oxygen deprivation in infants.

Nitrates also can cause algae buildup that chokes fish and clogs pipelines.

Only 1 percent of the public water supplies in agricultural areas had nitrate levels above the safe level, even though the water was drawn from wells, the Geological Survey reported.

Those wells tended to be deeper. Wells shallower than 100 feet, including those used to water livestock and irrigate cropland, tended to have

more contamination.

More than 42 million Americans got water from private wells in 1990.

"What people drink does depend on what's right around them," said Dennis R. Helsel, a hydrologist and coordinator of the EPA report.

"I'm sure that it has been, but it should continue to be a concern for folks in agricultural areas," Helsel said.

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Serial killer Lucas' execution date changed

HUNTSVILLE (AP)—Henry Lee Lucas insists he's not fazed by his new execution date.

"This ain't going through — ain't no way," Lucas, one of Texas' most notorious death row inmates, said Wednesday, a day after a judge in Georgetown set Oct. 2 as the date Lucas should be put to death.

"That's the most dumb thing the state could have done. It's just a waste of time. It's a waste of money."

State District Judge John Carter, who presided over the trial that resulted in Lucas' death sentence, set the date at the request of Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson.

"He has no business being a judge," Lucas said. "They should kick him out of office and let him go out on the street and earn his living. I wouldn't speak to him if he was the last man on earth — him or Anderson."

"That county shouldn't even exist. I wish that guy would have come from Oklahoma and blown it away."

"I've never talked to the man," Anderson said of Lucas. "I have nothing to say to him."

Carter could not be immediately reached for comment.

Lucas just turned 59 and is the oldest of the state's 408 condemned killers.

He once confessed to as many as 600 murders across the country.

Last week, a state appeals court rejected Lucas' latest appeal and Anderson promised he quickly would seek an execution date.

"It wasn't disappointing. I knew I wouldn't get justice," Lucas said of the appeals court ruling.

According to Texas law, a condemned inmate must have at least 30 days notice of an execution date.

"It don't mean anything," Lucas

said of the date, his second this year. "It just means extra money for the county and the state to pay."

Known as the one-eyed drifter be-

Georgetown, about 30 miles north of Austin.

The case became known as "Orange Socks."

That was the only clothing on the woman's sexually assaulted body when she was found in October 1979.

Lucas still has appeals to take to the federal courts and his attorneys have promised they will pursue them.

It's Lucas' only death sentence, although he has received prison terms for 10 other slayings, most of them in Texas.

He has denied any involvement in any murders and has recanted his confessions.

"I'm not looking to get out (of prison)," Lucas said Wednesday. "I've got life sentence on top of life sentence."

"If honest people look at this case, people who believe in justice ... this case will be put off — no doubt."

“That’s the most dumb thing the state could have done.”

Henry Lee Lucas, convicted serial killer

cause of a glass left eye, Lucas was condemned in 1984 for strangling an unidentified woman hitchhiker near

Kevorkian murder charges dismissed

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A judge dismissed murder charges Wednesday against Dr. Jack Kevorkian in the 1991 deaths of two women, then ordered him tried for assisted suicide.

Circuit Judge David F. Breck ruled that Kevorkian could not be tried for murder because there was no evidence he committed a direct act that caused the deaths of Marjorie Wantz and Sherry Miller. But the judge said there was ample evidence that Kevorkian assisted in their suicides by buying the supplies and setting up the apparatus that killed them.

Assistant Prosecutor Gregory Townsend said he thought Breck's ruling was wrong but that charges against Kevorkian would be refiled, probably by Friday.

"The law is quite clear. ... If one actively participates in the death, then they're liable for murder. But at least the judge has indicated we'll be proceeding to trial on assisted suicide charges," Townsend said.

In 1992, Breck dismissed murder charges in the case and ruled that there was no law in Michigan against assisted suicide.

A state appellate court reinstated the murder charges and threw out a ban on assisted suicide the Legislature enacted after the women's deaths.

In December, the state Supreme Court upheld the law against assisted suicide — which by then had expired.

The state's highest court went a step farther and said that assisted suicide could be prosecuted under the body of legal customs known as common law.

Over the past five years, the 67-year-old Kevorkian, an advocate for physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill, has been present at 25 suicides that were reported to authorities. His lawyer has suggested he may have been present at others.

The bodies of Wantz and Miller were found together in a remote cabin on Oct. 23, 1991. Miller, who was 43, had multiple sclerosis; Wantz was 58 and had severe pelvic pain.

In his ruling, Breck noted that Kevorkian had counseled both women to seek alternative relief from their pain. The judge also said there was no testimony that Kevorkian started the device that injected lethal drugs into Miller or opened the canister from which Wantz inhaled carbon monoxide.

Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger had argued that the state Supreme Court ruling making assisted suicide a crime under common law was too vague.

Caribbean volcano turning patch of paradise into wasteland

CHANCES PEAK, Montserrat (AP)—A 90-minute hike to the rim of a rumbling Caribbean volcano starts in a paradise of orange mangoes and green bananas and ends in a wasteland of heat, steam and ash.

When the Soufriere Hills volcano began venting last month, muddy ash coated the rain forest's huge emerald ferns and royal palms. Sulfurous gas now seeps through wisps of cloud.

For the first time in 20,000 years, the volcano on this small British colony in the Caribbean is threatening to blow its top.

Taking the warnings of scientists seriously, the government has evacuated all of southern Montserrat, including the capital of Plymouth, and

4,000 of the colony's 11,000 people have fled the island altogether.

Capt. Paul Mansell, two other British Marines and some reporters climbed up Chances Peak, the dome, on Monday, hacking a path with machetes through dense vines and broad, flat leaves called "elephants ears."

As one climbs higher, the noise at Chances Peak grows to a deafening roar, the magma below the surface sounding like big jets taking off at a busy airport.

"We're standing on the edge of an extremely active volcanic crater," Mansell snapped into his radio as the team struggled to install equipment to monitor the volcano. "We can't afford to spend another half hour up here

fiddling with computer equipment."

The aim is to be able to predict precisely when that might happen. John Sheppard, a geophysicist from Britain's Lancaster University, said there was a one-in-three chance of "a very big bang" while the team was doing its job.

The laser range finder they installed "can measure to the millimeter ... and tell if the crater is bulging," Mansell explained. "If it bulges, that means the volcano is ready to explode."

Since November, scientists have watched the magma — molten broken rock — rise from 10 miles to 2.5 miles of the surface.

Sheppard said a range finder stuck in a volcano crater helped save hun-

dreds of lives when Mount St. Helens blasted 1,300 feet from its peak on May 18, 1980, killing 57 people and devastating 230 square miles of Washington state.

Montserrat faces a similar fate. After a third vent blew on Aug. 21, scientists said they could not give advance warning of a major eruption.

Another three vents cracked open since then, and minor earthquakes are numerous — including six this week, Gov. Frank Savage said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, some 6,000 of the remaining 7,000 islanders are living uncomfortably in churches and schools on military cots and mattresses, or crowding into the homes of friends and relatives.

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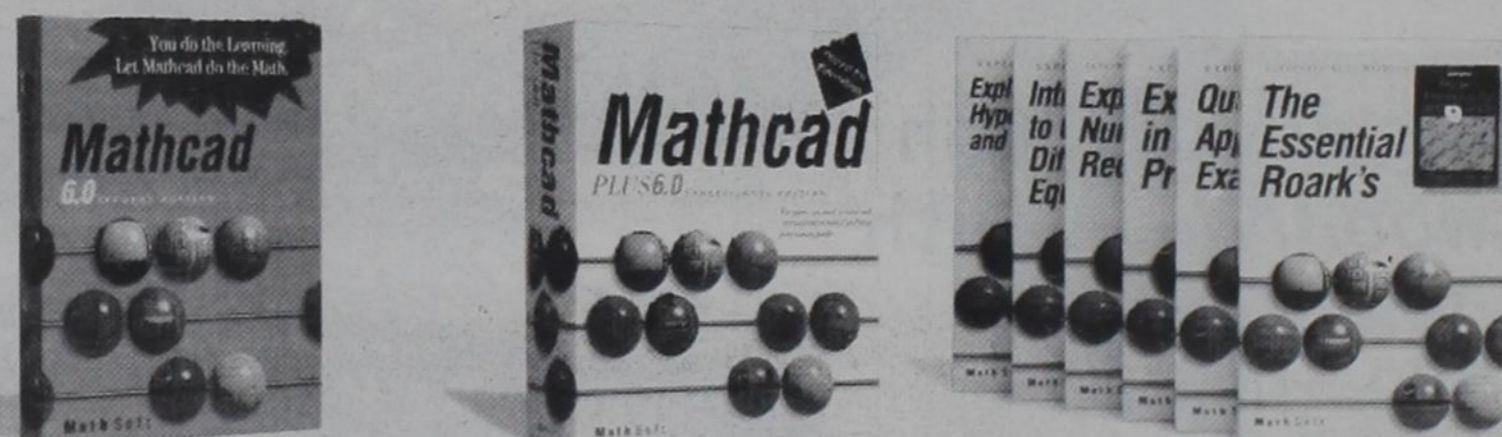
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Lasertag offers Lubbock entertainment alternative

by Leslie Weeks

The University Daily

Florescent strobe lights, mirrored globes, throbbing music and a large room distorted by fog and moving bodies — it's no drug-induced '70s flashback, it's Lubbock's newest entertainment alternative.

Laserport of Lubbock, one of the largest laser arenas in the United States, will host a grand opening Sept. 7-9. Laserport features a small video arcade, restaurant and a 6,000 square foot arena.

"The arena features state-of-the-art equipment," Laserport president Kevin White said. "It's basically a

large room with barricades, obstacles, small rooms and walls that you hide behind."

White said as many as 40 people can participate at a time. Individuals or teams can participate.

"You set up two teams," White said. "The object is to get down to the other team's base and score by tagging their target."

White said Laserport is more advanced than previous Lasertag activities. It does not have the equipment problems, he said.

"The equipment was always breaking down," he said. "It was really heavy and players had to wear heavy vests, headsets and helmets."

Laserport participants will have to wear a vest, but White said the vests are very light.

"You slip on a hard plastic vest that goes over your head," he said. "It has four sensors. When you get tagged the sensor that was hit will vibrate, that way you will be able to know what direction it came from."

David Coiteux, director of sales and marketing for Laserport Corporate, said each player is monitored by a computer.

"It gives you your team scores and your total base hits," Coiteux said. "It prints out all the percentages and variables."

Coiteux describes Laserport as

"friendly, nonviolent and a great workout."

"It's very aerobic," he said. "There are people inside the arena, listening to music, constantly moving. Your body gets a real workout."

Coiteux said the game is marketed very positively.

"You will never hear the word 'gun' or anything like that," he said. "They are headsets. There is never any 'shooting,' there is 'tagging.'"

Laserport is open Friday through Sunday until 1 a.m. Admission costs \$7 for the first game and \$4 for each additional game. Monday through Thursday admission is \$6 for the first game and \$3 for each additional game.

Researchers in Spain discover remains of dinosaur eggs

NEW YORK (AP) — Dinosaurs repeatedly nested at an ancient seashore in what is now northeastern Spain, leaving the remains of perhaps 300,000 eggs, scientists say.

Egg sites in the area represent the first firm evidence for dinosaur nest-

ing at a seashore, researchers from Spain and France write in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The eggs date from the last days of the dinosaurs, the Upper Cretaceous period.

This period lasted from 73 million

to 65 million years ago.

The researchers sampled several areas of sandstone near Lleida and estimated that the entire sandstone deposit contains remains of some 300,000 eggs.

"It really is an impressive num-

ber," commented Mark Norell, associate curator of vertebrate paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Further study of bones found with the eggs may reveal what kind of dinosaurs did the nesting, he said.



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Lunch bunch: Ben Hamilton, a junior marketing major from Bowie, and Tiffany Kuchar, a senior psychology major from Houston, eat lunch at the University Center. Due to overcrowding, seats were scarce.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A deal with a company that puts Pablo Picasso's work on everything from boxers to ties tightens his heirs' control over reproduction of his art.

The deal announced Tuesday ends a 12-year dispute. The dispute began after Pablo Picasso's granddaughter Marina sold the right to reproduce images of 234 of his works.

The majority of those rights ended up with Museum Boutique Intercontinental Limited of New York.

In 1980, the museum began putting Picasso images on glass, porcelain, clothing and home accessories.

"At the time, this was a new concept within the art world," the company said in court papers.

"The art merchandise available previously consisted of postcards, posters and art catalogs."

But the proliferation of Picassos on rings, watches, handkerchiefs, shoes, rugs, paper bags, scarves, mugs and coasters did not sit well with heirs.

The estate's lawsuit was scheduled for a June trial, but the agreement was reached and approved by a federal judge.

While terms are confidential, court documents outlining the deal are public.

It calls for the company to sell off its inventory of Picasso products over the next 18 months.

The products will have stickers on them saying, "This product has not been approved by the estate of Pablo Picasso."

of Pablo Picasso."

Estate lawyer Dorothy Weber said the agreement was necessary in part because of the demand for Picasso merchandise.

The artist produced 7,000 works before his death in 1973.

"There's probably no other name of the 20th century that's as well known for an artist," she said.

"He was so prolific and had such a vast body of work that really lends itself to being used on a variety of products."

Museum Boutique officials did not return a call for comment.

As part of the deal, Museum Boutique acknowledges that all rights to the Picasso name are controlled by the Societe de la Propriete Artistique et des Dessins Et Modeles.

It is now commonly known as the Society des Auteurs des Arts Visuels or SPADEM.

The French organization protects the intellectual property rights of individual artists worldwide.

Museum Boutique will now only have the right to sell towels, handkerchiefs, tote bags, pillows, paper products and leather jackets in the United States.

They must renegotiate for rights to all of its products worldwide with SPADEM.

In return, SPADEM agreed it will not license to anyone else the right to manufacture products containing the images from Museum Boutique's collection.

This excludes art books, bibliographic editions, educational uses, CD Roms and exhibitions.

Designer owes \$1.5 million to former assistant

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas fashion designer Victor Costa must pay \$1.5 million to a former fitting model and assistant who accused him of sexual harassment, a bankruptcy judge has ruled.

Lorna Pilgrim sued Costa in November 1993, alleging that he had made abusive and sexually degrading comments to her during the seven years she worked for him.

Costa denies the claims, said his bankruptcy attorney, Chris Hudson.

"At this stage of the game, Lorna's litigation is meaningless," Hudson said.

"Victor doesn't have any money. It makes no difference to Victor whether she earns a dollar or 10 million dollars."

It's all in the hands of the lawyers and the bankruptcy trustees," he said.

The Aug. 23 ruling by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson means Pilgrim will be added as the largest creditor in his personal bankruptcy proceeding.

"Her comment to me was that she sees this as a vindication of her position in the lawsuit," said Pilgrim's attorney, Steven Stodghill.

Stodghill said Costa's personal bankruptcy, which was originally filed under Chapter 11, was intended to reorganize all of his assets.

It was recently converted to Chapter 7, to liquidate these assets.

The designer's Dallas business, Victor Costa Inc., also is in liquidation.

Costa became known in the 1980s as the "knockoff king."

This nickname was given to him because his of replicas of expensive designer evening and bridal wear.

He then sold the clothing for lower prices than the originals.

He filed for bankruptcy in January.

Actor plays roles from wheelchair

DALLAS — It's the opening of Hamlet: fog, night and nervous guards. Actually, in the Dallas Shakespeare Festival's current outdoor production, it's fog, daylight and nervous guards. Not as much atmosphere this way, but the festival hasn't figured a way to get the sun to set earlier.

"What," calls out a jittery watchman, "is Horatio there?"

"A piece of him" is Horatio's reply, a complaint about the biting cold.

But as if to underline the remark with a morbid sight gag, the actor playing Horatio rolls onstage — in a wheelchair.

A piece of him, indeed. At first look, the festival audience doesn't know what

Or during last season's A Christmas Carol, when he was the street-beggar narrator.

"What happens," the 36-year-old actor declares happily, "is that it disappears."

Every theatergoer has a different response to the chair, he says, but he can sense the immediate double-take when he wheels onstage.

"America is very body-conscious, youth-conscious country. People in chairs represent something — something unacceptable," he says.

"But over and over, people tell me, 'After a while, I don't see the chair.'"

This is perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Moreno's stage performances.

There are a few companies dedicated to championing theater for the physically impaired.

The National Theater for the Deaf in Connecticut or Access Theatre in California are examples.

But Moreno is one of the very few actors in America who come equipped with a wheelchair as standard.

He is also one of the few who work in mainstream productions with performers who are "wheelchair-optional."

What has been even more unusual has been the general response of area theaters and audiences.

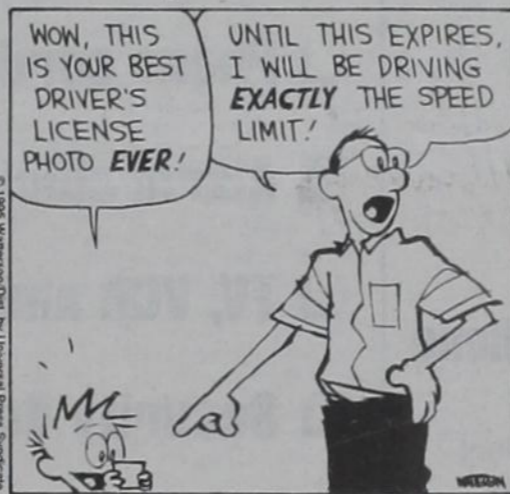
Moreno has not been confined to disabled roles — the way Marlee Matlin has carried the standard for the hearing-impaired.

She has played deaf characters in such TV programs as "Reasonable Doubts" and "Picket Fences."

““ People in (wheel) chairs represent something — something unacceptable. ””

Rene Moreno, actor

Calvin and Hobbes



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- Candid
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- Merrymaking
- Fencing position
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- Aries
- Long periods
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- Stack
- Agree, in a way
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- Eyre and Fonda
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Women's golf hopes for return to NCAAs

by Jared Parcell

The University Daily

One year ago, the Texas Tech women's golf team had a preseason goal of reaching the NCAA Championships.

Despite failing, the dream has not changed heading into the 1995-96 season.

"This is a team I feel confident can make the NCAA West Regional," coach Jeff Mitchell said.

"If they work hard, they can make it to nationals."

Mitchell's prediction is based on the depth of this year's team.

Returning after a one-year absence is redshirt senior and two-time All-Southwest Conference golfer Tracy Thomson.

Along with Thomson, senior J.J. Rorie, junior Tamara Parker, and sophomores Kristin Kight, Leanne

Jones and Amy Marsh are back.

The newest members of the Red Raiders are junior Robyn Phillips, a transfer from Southern Mississippi and freshmen Brooke Lowrance and Beth Covington.

"With more people on the team there will be more competition," Parker said. "Everyone is capable of qualifying for tournaments which will raise our competitive nature and make us better."

Mitchell said the hardest thing at the start of the year will be replacing Stacey Kolb, who qualified for individual competition in the regional tournament last year. He is looking to his upperclassmen for support.

"Stacey was a consistent contributor," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if Tracy ended up a three-time all-conference golfer. J.J. had a good spring and is on the brink of shooting some great scores. Tamara had a good

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summer of golf and will be a key element of the team.

"We have a lot of depth on this team. As a coach, it will be hard to decide who goes to tournaments, which is what any coach wants."

Mitchell said the key to the Red Raider golfers' success will be learning how to have players consistently shoot in the 70s during tournaments.

"We have more players with the ability to shoot low scores which will make all the difference in the world."

Rorie said there is a difference between this year's team and the one last season.

"Last year was hard because we only had six people," she said. "That put a lot of pressure on our freshmen, which we didn't need. This year, we have a lot of good players. We need to take everything we have and not shoot for second best."

The Red Raider linksters will take their first step toward the 1996 NCAA National Championship in Palm Springs, Calif., Sept. 11-12 at Firethorn Country Club in Lincoln, Neb.

"We haven't played this tournament, but I don't think we'll have a problem," Mitchell said. "There is a practice round so players can come with a good strategy. Good players adapt to the course."



Jim Cawthon: The University Daily
Putter Power: Sophomore golfer Kristin Kight of Odessa checks her lie before putting during practice Wednesday at the Hillcrest Country Club.

NBA players vote on decertification of union

(AP) — Some arriving in limousines, NBA players around the country went to the polls Wednesday in a referendum on a proposed labor agreement that will determine the fate of the union and possibly the coming season.

Players, locked out since July 1, could either vote to continue their union, and in effect accept the labor deal, or abolish it, and send the labor dispute into federal court.

Results of the vote, conducted at 47 National Labor Relations Board of-

fices Wednesday and Sept. 7, will be announced Sept. 12 in New York.

NBA commissioner David Stern has said if decertification wins, the lockout will delay the start of the season. Regardless of which side they were on, players said their chief con-

cern was playing on Nov. 3 as scheduled.

"For 12 years, there was never a question about what I'd do in October," when training camp begins, said Atlanta's Craig Ehlo, who kept his vote a secret.

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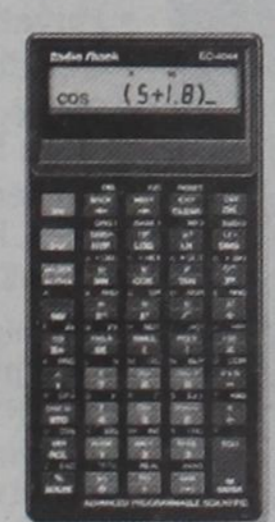


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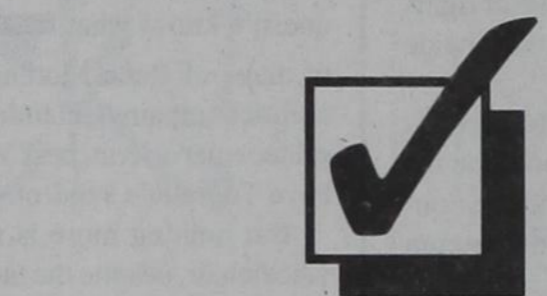
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Astros still hold wildcard hopes



CHRIS PARRY
UD Sports Reporter

Here are a few things that are bugging me. First, what is wrong with the Houston Astros?

Can you believe that during the All-Star break, Houston residents were already imagining an National League Championship clash or maybe even a World Series bid.

In one month, the Astros went from division contender to just being happy they are still in the wild card race. I am a die-hard Astros fan and I still can't believe it. I held stock in the theory that a team is not made up of one player, but the Astros have proven it wrong. Since losing Jeff Bagwell because of a broken wrist, the Astros have managed to win three of their last 22 ball games. The frustrating thing is the Astros were in most of these games until the final innings when someone pulled the rug out from under them. I can't believe the team has fallen so hard, so fast.

Thank goodness Bagwell is playing games in Jackson and trying to rejoin the team. He better hurry or instead of playing in a playoff series, the Astros are going to be on a golf course wondering what went wrong. Second, Tech football is ready to go, but how are they going to do? I'll make a bold prediction on Tech football this year. I think the team will finish 9-2 and go to a bowl game for the third straight year.

Tech has a team that returns with one year's experience on its back, a defense that was phenomenal last year and should be as good if not better this season and an offense that is capable of making big plays and winning football games. The main spur for this team will be the memory of a Cotton Bowl loss that will burn in their souls and carry them through the season. The two losses will happen fairly early in the year.

The first game will be in State College, Pa., where Tech will have to contend with a team that had an argument to be ranked No. 1 at the end of last season. The Red Raiders will be playing in front of the biggest crowd they have ever played against. Beaver Stadium, Penn State's home field, holds a capacity crowd of almost 94,000 people and Tech will have to find a way to block that out if they are to succeed.

The second loss will come three weeks later at home against Texas A&M. I know I will come under fire for predicting this, but the Aggies always find some way to beat us when the game is on the line.

Whether it's a field goal in the waning minutes or a penalty or a fumble, the Aggies always find a way to squeak by. After this game, Tech will be staring at a 2-2 record which will help ignite the team and carry them through the rest of the season without a blemish and end the season with the usual trouncing of the Houston Cougars.

Chris Parry is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Granbury.

Nelson ready to rebuild Tech volleyball

by Chris Parry

The University Daily

The ball is set in the air on a line to a speeding outside hitter. Just as the ball reaches its crest, the hitter slams it down with full force just inside the right sideline.

No, this is not Diane Owens, who as an outside hitter, has amassed 435 kills in her last two years. The hitter is the new coach of the Tech women's volleyball team, Jeff Nelson.

Lacy Nye, a junior outside hitter from El Paso, said she enjoys having Nelson as a coach.

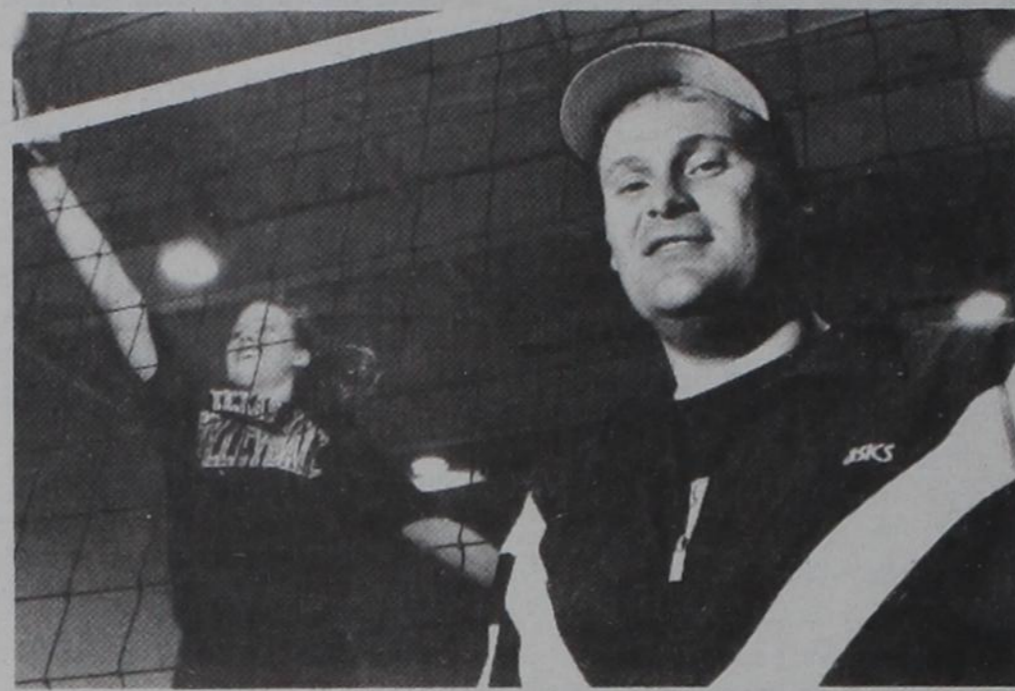
"It's fun to have him on the court," Nye said. "He's a lot of fun to play with."

Senior middle blocker Jennifer Cohn also is pleased with the change.

"It's my senior year and I am happy he came when he did," Cohn said.

Nelson, who came to Tech after serving as an assistant at Arizona State for five years, has been around successful volleyball as both a player and a coach. During his term at Arizona State, he coached the men's club team to three Cactus Region Championships. As an assistant on the Sun Devil women's team, he helped the team earn three NCAA berths in the last five years.

Nelson has fond memories of his coaching years at Arizona State.



Jim Cawthon: The University Daily

Nelson

"It was great," Nelson said. "Actually, it was a real hard decision to come here because I loved living in Arizona. I think looking at the opportunity here and knowing that it is a college town, I just felt like it was a place (where) if you worked hard, you could probably get things done and establish a pretty successful program."

A native of Minnesota, Nelson earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Ball State in 1986. While in college, he participated on the men's volleyball team. As team captain in 1985, he helped lead the

team to the 1985 Final Four.

"It was an incredible experience," Nelson said. "You're playing in front of six or seven thousand people. It's hard to describe really."

Nelson was an assistant coach on the women's North team during the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival and coached them to a bronze medal. In 1994, Nelson did split duty by coaching a men's team and a women's team. He was assistant coach of the men's West team during the U.S. Olympic Festival. He followed that by coaching the Sun Devil Volleyball club to

the U.S. Women's Open Championships.

Nye said she believes the team will do well because that is what the coach expects.

"We are almost forced to be good," Nye said. "He doesn't accept failure and is intense at practice, which helps us do better."

Diane Owens said she enjoys the way Nelson coaches.

"He told us what he expected from us and was real honest and straight forward," Owens said. "He has really helped change the coach-player relationship."

Cohn has a positive outlook on the season as well.

"Things have gone really well," Cohn said. "Both fans and players will be satisfied at the end of this season."

Nelson said he is enjoying every second of his coaching experience.

"The fun thing right now is that volleyball is probably my greatest hobby, but I get paid to make a living doing it," Nelson said. "It's pretty fun and I don't think that most people get that lucky."

Nelson makes his Tech debut at noon Friday at the Doubletree Classic, when the Red Raiders face Cal-Santa Barbara. He makes his home debut against his former team, the Arizona State Sun Devils Sept. 9, at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Muster, Chang have no problems in second round

NEW YORK (AP) — The men of clay ruled the hardcourts of the U.S. Open on Wednesday, French Open champion Thomas Muster enduring the antics of the wildest wild card and runner-up Michael Chang making a joke of his embarrassed opponent.

Muster, a stranger to green surfaces despite his No. 3 seeding, arrived jet-lagged from winning the oddest of tuneup tournaments on clay

in Croatia on Sunday. Every other top player practiced on hardcourts for at least a month before the U.S. Open. Not Muster.

Clay is where Muster makes his living and earns his ranking, and if he could pick up some extra bucks and extra points in Croatia, that's where he was going. That trip close to a war zone paid off in his 10th title on clay this year.

Against Luke Jensen, the clown prince of tennis, Muster didn't need much practice of any kind to walk away with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, 6-0 victory. It wasn't nearly as impressive as Chang's 6-0, 6-1, 6-0 rout of Gianluca Pozzi — the most lopsided men's match at the Open since 1987 — and it did nothing to convince Muster he could actually win this Grand Slam event.

"That would be fantastic," he said. "But being realistic, I am in the second round. I am facing Mark Woodforde, who I have never beat on hardcourt, so it is a very difficult draw for me. Let the favorites be the favorites."

Jensen, his ponytail flying, certainly was the crowd favorite in their match, serving lefty and righty, screaming and pumping his fist and doing his best to rouse the fans.

He changed shirts four times, starting out and finishing up with a No. 42 football jersey in honor of fellow Southern Cal alum Ronnie Lott, but his tennis was hardly the equal of Muster's.

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