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## Yugoslavians pursue peace with talks

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Opening peace talks with stiff handshakes, three Balkan presidents set out Wednesday on a "long journey" in pursuit of peace in Bosnia. If they fail, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said, Europe could be plunged into a wider war requiring American military intervention.

Sitting across a conference table from the leaders of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia, Christopher said "future generations would surely hold us accountable for the consequences."

The aim is a settlement to end a 42-month war that has left tens of thousands of people homeless and sparked atrocities unmatched in Europe since Nazi Germany killed 6 million Jews in World War II.

In a somber speech, echoed by European mediator Carl Bildt and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Christopher said Bosnia-Herzegovina was entitled to be "a

country at peace and not a killing field."

"This will be a long journey," he said, "but it all starts here. Let's all get down to work."

The three Balkan presidents, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, Franjo Tudjman of Croatia and Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, made no opening statements. They shook hands at Christopher's urging, but did not smile at each other.

"The world can and will help you make peace," Christopher told them. "But only you can ensure that this process will succeed."

Shrugging off those who claim the ethnic rivalries are so longstanding and intense peace was unlikely, Christopher pointed to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the ones in Northern Ireland and South Africa as proof "negotiations can work when people are determined to make them work."

The talks, being held at Wright-Patterson

Air Force Base near Dayton, then went into closed session. There is no scheduled windup date, and American mediator Richard Holbrooke, who will be in day-to-day charge, has said he would keep at it until there is some success.

Symbolically, at least, the negotiations were off to a good start. They convened at the Hope Hotel, named after comedian Bob Hope.

"If the war in the Balkans is reignited," Christopher said somberly, "it could spark a wider conflict like those that drew American soldiers to Europe in huge numbers twice in this century. And certainly, if it spread, it would jeopardize our efforts to promote peace and stability in Europe."

He added, "If we succeed, we can make sure that the sons of daughters of Americans will not have to participate in another major war in Europe."

Entering the conference hall, however, Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey said "if it fails it won't fail because of us." He said European Union and the United States "stood on the sidelines and observed" during his country's long period of war and atrocities.

The Clinton administration is confronted with widespread skepticism in Congress about the wisdom of sending up to 25,000 U.S. troops to help enforce a settlement, if there is one. Challenging President Clinton's pledge, the House approved a nonbinding resolution Monday that he should get approval from Congress first and that the negotiations should not be based on the "presumption" there would be U.S. peacekeepers.

Christopher, acknowledging the dissent, said Americans were asking "serious and appropriate questions" about American peace-

keeping troops going to Bosnia.

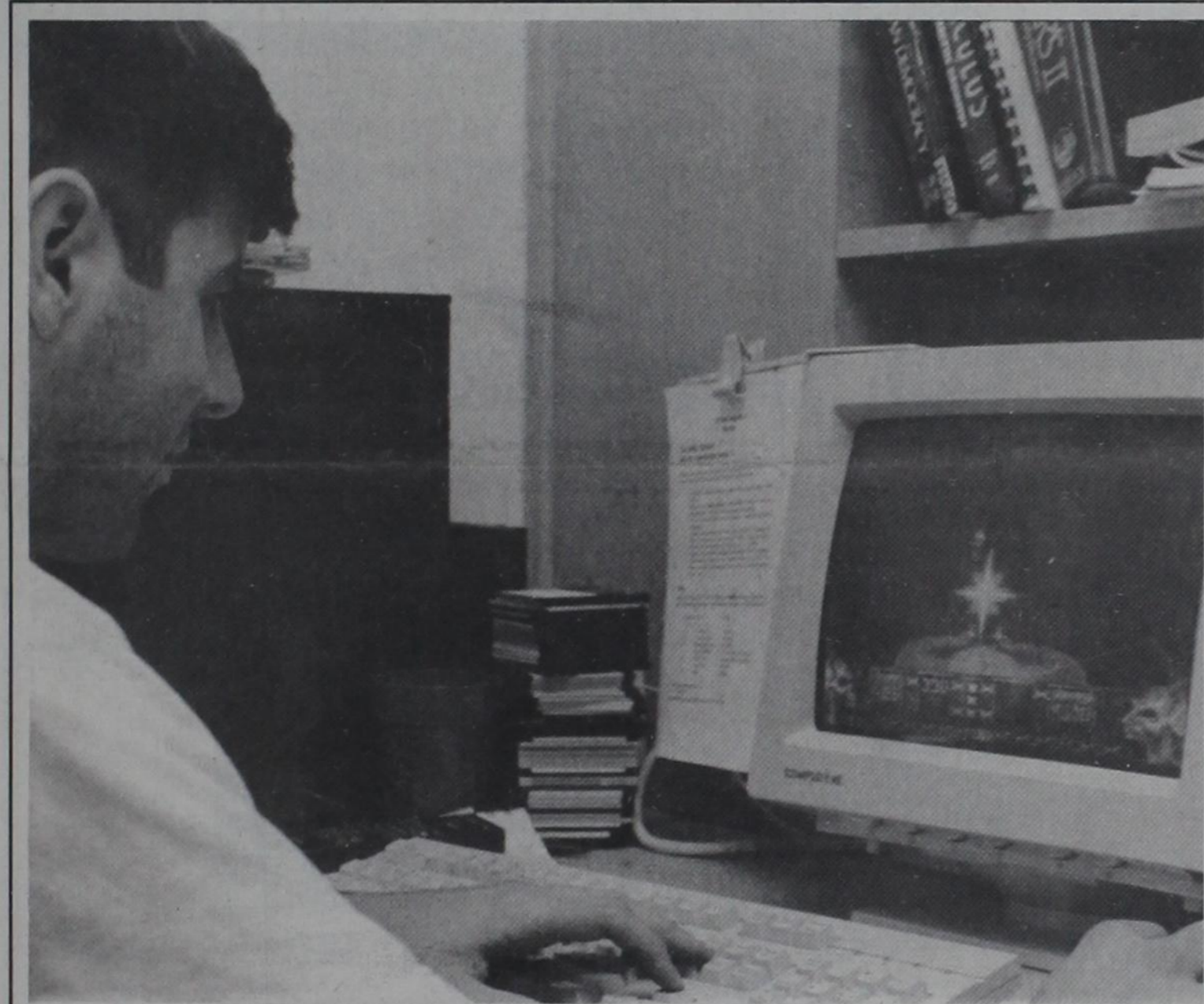
"The United States will not send troops where there is no peace to keep," he said.

But Christopher said the stakes in the negotiations were a choice between "a future of peace and integration or a future of violence and poverty and isolation from the rest of the world."

He told the Balkan leaders: "It's within your power to chart a better course for the future of the people of the former Yugoslavia."

The three sat silently at a small round table covered in dark blue. They then recessed before resuming the negotiations. Milosevic, Tudjman and Izetbegovic are housed in separate but identical buildings.

Holbrooke shuttles among them, seeking agreement on a proposed peace treaty and on refugees, the delineation of two ethnic republics and other issues.



**Mind games:** Warren J. Pattison III, a junior computer science major from Houston, plays Heretic on his computer. Heretic is one of a few games where up to

four players can participate when connected on a network. It also is possible to have two players connect via modem and play against each other.

Patrick Bulteel: *The University Daily*

## Painkillers possible danger Overdose of acetaminophen may prove fatal

by Carrie Kilman

*The University Daily*

Marcus Trunk thought the Tylenol he took for flu symptoms would make him feel better. Unfortunately, he was wrong.

Trunk, 23, who lived in Upper Dublin, Pa., injured his wrist and was prescribed Tylenol with codeine in April 1995 by a physician who told Trunk to take the medicine for 10 days. Within a week, Trunk began having symptoms resembling the flu, so he purchased some over-the-counter Tylenol and flu medication.

Unknown to Trunk, the medicine he purchased contained acetaminophen, a harmless pain reliever unless taken in large doses or with alcohol. The Tylenol prescribed by the physician, which Trunk continued to take, also contained acetaminophen.

The flu-like symptoms Trunk suffered from turned out to be symptoms of acetaminophen poisoning, said Trunk's mother, Kathi Trunk, in a recent telephone interview from her home in Ft. Myers, Fla.

The Tylenol with codeine caused

the poisoning symptoms, and the OTC drugs Trunk purchased to alleviate the symptoms only worsened the problem, his mother said.

Trunk became so ill, he had to be admitted to the hospital. The hospital misdiagnosed Trunk as having hepatitis and administered more Tylenol, increasing the acetaminophen level in Trunk's blood.

Trunk died one week after doctors promised a full recovery, his mother said.

"This was a kid who had never been sick in his life," Trunk's mother said. "He thought he was taking the medication correctly. Most people don't know that flu symptoms are the same as the symptoms of acetaminophen poisoning."

Many patients unknowingly consume medication containing acetaminophen, according to a recent study by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The TTUHSC Department of Anesthesiology conducted a study of 100 patients suffering from large amounts of pain who were unable to find relief, said Dr. James Heavner, director

of anesthesia research at TTUHSC.

Trunk said she discovered the research of Dr. Heavner through a local news report about acetaminophen.

"You can read and read and read," she said. "But it's nice to talk to somebody. That's why I got in touch with Dr. Heavner."

Researchers at TTUHSC discovered that 56 percent of the patients took medicine on a regular basis containing acetaminophen, Heavner said. Fifteen percent of the patients took two or more kinds of medications containing the drug.

"These agents can be dangerous," he said. "People should read labels and know what's in their medicine so they don't inadvertently take too much of the same kind."

More than 44 brand-name drugs contain acetaminophen, Heavner said. Consuming too much acetaminophen could result in liver failure, kidney failure or death.

"People with hangovers will take a Tylenol to feel better," he said. "This is not a good combination. People who

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## Texas land commissioner supports bond proposition

by Brent Dirks

*The University Daily*

Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro and local officials addressed their support for Proposition 5 on the Nov. 7 ballot Wednesday afternoon at Lubbock Aero located at Lubbock International Airport.

Proposition 5, if passed by Texas voters, would allow the Veteran's Land Board to issue \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance low-interest homes for Texas veterans.

The Veteran's Land Board makes low-interest home loans to veterans of foreign wars.

"We want that proposition to pass because we want to keep the best veteran's program in the United States of America.

"It has a 47-year history of never costing the Texas taxpayer a penny," Mauro said.

He said the program would never cost taxpayers money.

"The land board also creates jobs and economic stimulus for the economy," he said.

"For every dollar we loan to a Texas veteran, it creates \$6 of economic growth and Texas jobs."

The program has the highest return for any economic development program in Texas, Mauro said.

The bonds would be a \$3 billion



Mauro

economic stimulus package for Texas, he said.

Locally, the Veteran's Land Board has made \$24.2 million in loans to 20,000 veterans in Lubbock County.

"This is a program that is supported at the local level, and that's where it works, the local level," Mauro said.

Mauro said more than 1,000 elected officials in Texas have endorsed the proposition.

"We have a sign over the general land office that says we don't do Texas veterans a favor, we just repay one," Mauro said.

"That's what the Texas Veteran's Land Board is all about."

Lubbock City Councilman Victor Hernandez supports the proposition.

"I'm a veteran, and the veterans land board is a very nice program to have out there if you ever need it," he said.

The loan program has made a big difference in veterans' lives by giving them a house to own, Hernandez said.

Winn Sikes, Lubbock Board of Realtors president, also endorsed the proposition.

"Finding funding, financing and home ownership is what this program is all about," she said.

## Connick brings funk sound to Hub City

by Brian Lacy

*The University Daily*

"Let's play some more funk, what the heck. We're at the baddest campus in the land — Texas Tech!"

With these words, a muscular Texas Tech tank-topped Harry Connick Jr. ignited more than 2,800 screaming fans as Lubbock's favorite son-in-law and his Funk Band made their Hub City debut at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Connick, with his new sound and compact disk "She" sweeping the nation, did not disappoint.

From his opening number "Love the Language" to his new Orleans Jazz rendition of several church spirituals, Connick had the crowd at his fingertips.

"This is incredible," said Rob Wright, a freshman vocal music education major from North Richland Hills. "I saw him in Dallas, and this is even better."

Many fans could not believe the musical ability of Connick, who not only sang every range of vocals but also played the guitar, the piano, the trumpet and the synthesizer.

"He is so awesome, I could listen to this music forever," said Holly McLain, an elementary edu-

cation major from Weatherford. "If he comes off stage and shakes my hand, that would really make my day."

But music was not the only attraction some concert goers came after.

"He's so incredibly good looking," said Jana Allen, a sophomore pre-physical therapy major from Grand Prairie. "I have backstage passes so I'm very excited. I told my friend that he'd have to hold me or I'll jump on stage."

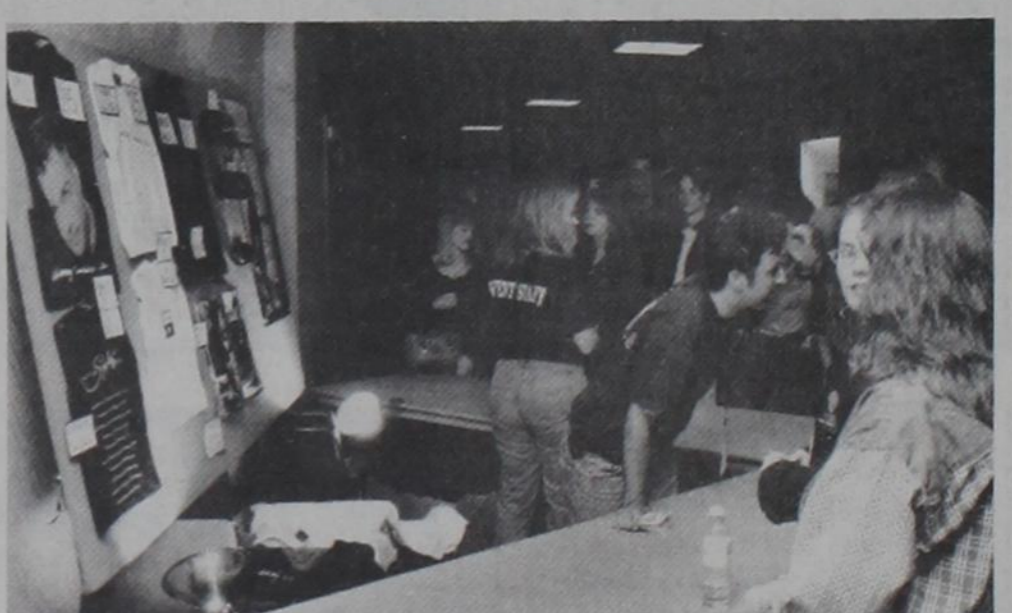
The auditorium, which reached maximum capacity 30 minutes before the start of the show, was filled with lifelong fans of Connick.

"I love Harry, and I've loved him since he was in 'When Harry met Sally,'" said Rebecca Webb, a freshman music major from Lubbock. "I couldn't believe he was coming here, and now I'm so excited."

Connick, whose wife Jill Goodacre was raised in Lubbock, expressed how glad he was to visit his wife's home town. Many of Connick's relatives, including his aunt-in-law Carla McNeill, were just as happy.

"He's the life of every party," McNeill said. "He plays a lot of the time with our grandchildren, and he's quite the showman. He is so much fun."

Many of Harry's acquaintances agree that his casual stage style is a reflection of his true personality.



Jason Lockwood: *The University Daily*

**Connick mania:** Thousands flocked to the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium Wednesday night to enjoy Harry Connick Jr. perform his new funk-style sound instead of the big band tunes that made him famous.

"Harry is a very down to earth kind of guy," said Ted Jonas, owner of Jonas Productions in Lubbock who has been on tour with Connick for four shows. "He treats us all very well. He's a normal person, and he's not the prima donna type."

A pair of Tech students found out first hand that Connick was a normal person.

John Sohel, a junior broadcast journalism major from Fort Worth, and Kayce Bingham, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Fort Worth, met the singer before the show.

"We thought he was playing at the Civic Center, so we tried to get his autograph before his sound check," Bingham said. "He wasn't there but we saw tour buses in front of the Holiday Inn. After waiting for an hour and a half we found him playing roller hockey with his dog."

Connick gave the two Tech students seventh row seats to the show. Sohel said he had a good time.

"It was very impressive," he said. "It was the second-best show I've been to — second only to U2. I wasn't a big fan before the show but tomorrow I will buy his CD."

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NOTHING *OR* the TUBE



PETER WILKINS  
UD Guest Columnist

And yet people spend hours every day watching it.

Some people will make the excuse that they watch TV from a sociological point of view — that TV is interesting. It's not interesting. Try embarrassing or repulsive.

Take those two staples of daytime TV — soap operas and talk shows. (Please.) Once again: crap.

And do you know who I really feel sorry for? All those pinheads I see over at the U.C. every day, glued to the big screen TV.

Invariably, they're watching soap operas or talk shows. For that they went to college? Are their lives so pathetically empty that they must become voyeurs to the asinine problems of morons and self-proclaimed victims? Apparently so.

Prime-time TV isn't any better. It is filled with dreadfully, unfunny sitcoms. Who watches this stuff? People with an amazingly low threshold of humor — I believe the term is "easily amused."

The so-called "news magazines" are only slightly more respectable-looking versions of their daytime talk-show counterparts.

I would also venture to say that the local news programs are, for the most part, terrible. I've seen more in-depth

“What's wrong is the stuff coming out of my TV, which can generally be summed up in one word — crap.”

reporting in high school newspapers.

Ironically, the only channel with consistently top-quality programming, PBS, is probably the least watched. A further irony is that PBS, which is the only network to offer truly educational programming, is under attack by certain U.S. senators who argue that it is "too liberal."

Presumably, they'd rather support stations with more conservative approaches — like FOX.

These senators have nothing to worry about. Parents know enough about that "liberal" stuff to keep their kids away from it. Which program do you think parents turn on for their kids more — "Sesame Street" or "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers?" I daresay the latter.

None of that liberal crap for my kid! I'll just plop him down in front of the ol' electronic babysitter for a few hours and let him absorb some tradi-

tional American values, like how to beat the snot out of someone.

Speaking of traditional American values, I actually stumbled across the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on one of my recent late-night forays.

Have you seen that show? Whew.

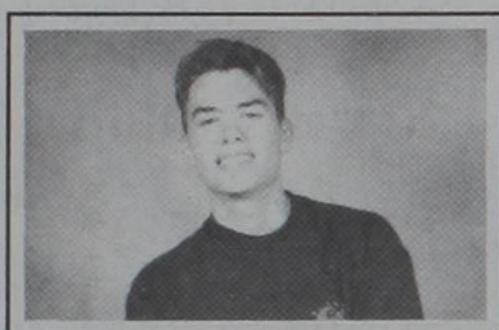
The thing that cracked me up about that program was the audience. Now there's a hip, party crowd. They look as if the only thing holding the fabric of the universe together is the combined force of their sphincters. I may be white, but I feel like James Brown watching those guys.

Anyway, I could criticize television programs all day, but it would take up the entire paper.

The point is, as long as we enjoy freedom of speech, TV will continue to spew out garbage, and jerks like me will continue to gripe about it.

Peter Wilkins is a junior social work major from Lubbock.

Signs of life — or lack thereof



BRIAN LACY  
UD TechLife reporter

Well, it is time for yet another public service announcement. But this one isn't about driving safety or proper techniques for the Heimlich Maneuver. It encompasses a far more serious topic: getting a life.

Not that there is anything wrong with not getting out much, but there is extensive research on what employers out in "the real world" are looking for, and not having a life is a definite drawback.

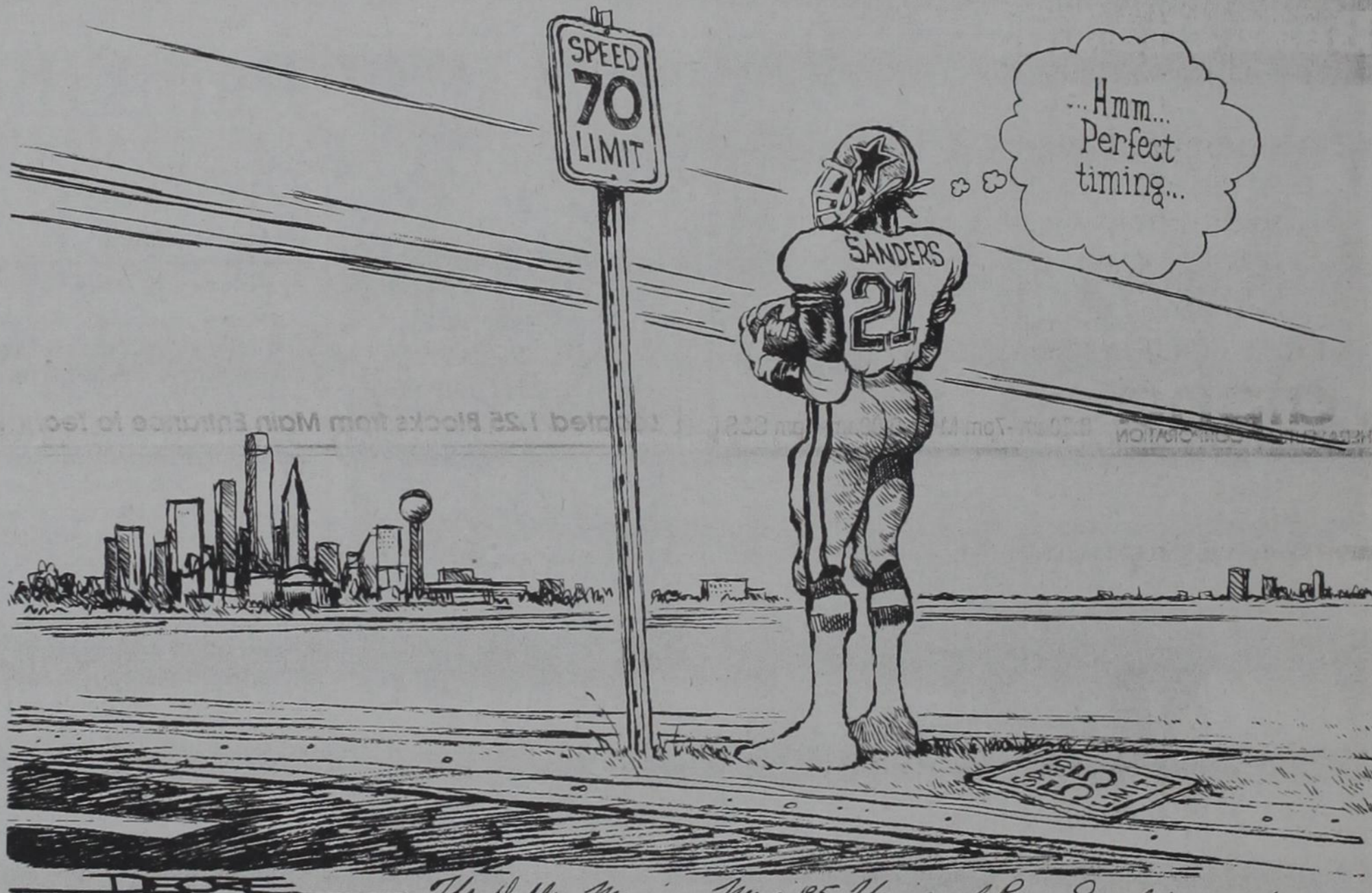
So, in the spirit of Jeff Foxworthy's "You might be a Redneck," let's begin. Only here we simply state, "You might need to get a life." Ready. Here we go. YOU MIGHT NEED TO GET A LIFE...

- ...If your idea of a good time is playing strip solitaire.
- ...If you put a Metallica tape in a Teddy Ruxpin doll just to see how fast its mouth can move.
- ...If your personal video library consists of "New Kids on the Block Live in Concert" and "Best of the Weather Channel".
- ...If you wear that stomach strap thing on your backpack.
- ...If you time-record the fishing channel.
- ...If the phone number for Latoya Jackson's Psychic Friend's Network is programmed into your memory dial.
- ...If you actually know how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll tootsie pop.
- ...If you wear your high school letter jacket around campus.
- ...If you are able to translate the Klingon language without reading the bottom of the screen.
- ...If you have a life-size portrait of Vanilla Ice in your dorm room.
- ...If you own the entire "Chia" Pet collection, including the tree.
- ...If parachute pants and zipper jackets still tickle your fancy.
- ...If you get into heated arguments over who has better on-camera performances, Mr. Ed or Francis the Talking Mule.
- ...If you take notes during re-runs of "Scooby-Doo" because you are determined to crack the case before Fred and the gang.
- ...If you are waiting with baited breath for that fifth dentist to come around and agree that Trident is good for your teeth.
- ...If you drive to every McDonald's within a 50-mile radius just to collect all four Happy Meal toys.

Individuals showing any of these symptoms should be beaten on the head profusely with a big stick.

This concludes our public service announcement. Thank you.

Brian Lacy is a sophomore political science major from Weatherford.



Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



MAILBAG

Law prohibits shops from taking stolen items

This letter is to inform you on an article (9/27/95) about bicycles being brought to pawnshops.

I am the manager of E-Z Pawn. All of the pawn shops in this town have to work together to achieve fairness and opportunity for one another.

The pawn industry is regulated by the state of Texas and has many laws that we all have to abide by. Identification of individuals pawning or selling merchandise is a very important part of the business. Only valid driver's licenses, I. D. s issued from the state they live in, passport or military identification is allowed. Therefore, very seldom is there merchandise that is stolen brought into pawn shops.

My family was in the pawn business for 13 years, so I grew up very involved in the business.

There are many walks of life that visit pawn shops and that is what makes

it so interesting to be a part of it.

Please understand that the pawn industry is here to help people financially for any unexpected emergencies and to resell all types of merchandise at great savings. Visit any pawn shop and you'll find a friendly welcome and hospitality that will keep you coming back.

Troy Flowers

White male minority perceived real in states

Trent Fielder expressed the thoughts of many white men in his column headed "Male Minority: White heterosexual men left without support from special-interest groups" (10/24/95). Liberals like myself are liable to feel our blood pressure rise when we read statements like "The efforts of the gays, women, blacks, Hispanics and other groups are seen as noble...but anytime a white male decides to fight for what he believes to be right, he is

shunned or persecuted by many of those same interest groups." Tempting as it may be to lampoon him, we should put Fielder's thoughts into perspective and consider the implications.

First, the perspective. Fielder is right only in the trivial sense when he calls white, heterosexual men a minority. (Any combination of race and gender will yield a minority.) Functionally, white men are the mainstream, the powerholders in society. Yet there can be no doubt that whites, especially white men, do feel besieged. A recent national poll, conducted by *The Washington Post* and Harvard University, found that whites believe themselves to make up only 49.9 percent of America's population. In fact, according to the 1992 census, whites are 74 percent.

Most interesting, the poll found that an overwhelming majority of all races "agreed that merit—not diversity—should decide who is hired, promoted and admitted to college."

Yet 58 percent of whites believe that blacks already have jobs of equal or better quality than whites. The reality is that whites earn roughly 60 percent more than blacks on average and have much lower unemployment rates.

What accounts for the unrealistic views of so many whites? Part of it, surely, can be attributed to the lies and distortions of right-wing talk show hosts and politicians. But left-wing advocates of group empowerment must also take some blame. Racial, ethnic and gender separatism has become the hallmark of what began as an egalitarian civil rights movement. Though special-interest civil rights groups have not succeeded to nearly the extent white men believe, there can be no denying that what some of them seek are special, rather than equal, rights.

This quite naturally engenders cynicism and paranoia among members of other groups, and not just whites.

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# Therapy offers hands-on relief

by Emily Elsen

The University Daily

Hot oil rub-downs and pressure points can be used through massage therapy to relieve the stress of college life.

Somatouch Therapeutics, located near Tech campus, offers a variety of therapies that can deeply benefit a person, said owner Averett Lidzy.

"I have a deep, broad sense of what massage therapy can do for society," Lidzy said.

"Ultimately, the purpose of it is to take people to higher levels of performance."

Massage therapy can take average, healthy people to higher levels of performance, he said.

Somatouch Therapeutics evolved as a concept because in Greek, "soma" means body and mind as a duality and the term is used in various medical technology today, he said.

"Practicing massage therapy does not mean I am trying to detract from the validity of modern medicine," Lidzy said.

"I would simply like to enhance what we mutually practice."

Health care is about optimizing the way people function, he said.

"Emotional release therapy, for example, will bring a patient back to their somatic memories which often

## General benefits

- increases circulation to all parts of the body
- improves flow of nutrients to body tissues
- promotes elimination of waste products
- relieves stiffness and soreness
- relieves tension and promotes relaxation

source: SomaTouch Therapeutics

produce profound weeping and anger," Lidzy said. "This aspect of massage therapy, in conjunction with the use of a therapist, creates a catharsis of emotional relief."

More and more athletes are using massage therapy to enhance their sports performance, he said.

"Athletes use therapy before an event to smooth out their muscles and energize them," Lidzy said.

"Afterwards, they get a massage to relax and minimize injury."

To find the correct mode of massage therapy, clients must answer questions about their pain, he said.

"I always try to focus on the problems of immediate concern, and then take care of other concerns the client may be experiencing," Lidzy said.

Vernon Farthing, a local internal medicine practitioner, said massage therapy increases regional blood flow and provides muscular therapy.

"Massage therapy is not a traditional aspect of medicine, but when used in conjunction with a program tailored by a physician, it can provide beneficial relief to patients," he said.

"Massage therapy is also helpful for those who are experiencing stress or a regional injury, especially tension," Farthing said.

Somatouch Therapeutics provides a professional and clinical environment where clients can reduce stress and alleviate pain, he said.

"Massage therapy is not a miracle cure, is not magic, but it is an instrument which the medical community can use to help implement treatment," Farthing said.

# Tillage possible answer to erosion problem

by Charles Melton

The University Daily

Plows could join cover crops and wind strips as a wind erosion control measure on the South Plains.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service recently approved the Revised Wind Erosion Equation that allows producers to use tillage in certain areas to control wind erosion.

"There are roughly 3 to 4 million acres of potentially highly erodible land on the South Plains," said Monty Dollar, a conservation agronomist with NRCS in Lubbock.

Farmers typically use small grains, wind strips and high residue crops to control wind erosion, he said.

"This (tilling) gives farmers the possibility of controlling wind erosion with clods instead of crop resi-

due," Dollar said.

The 1985 Farm Bill set up the Conservation Compliance program requiring farmers who receive government benefits to control erosion to a certain level set by law.

As part of the program, farmers are required to have a plan to control erosion.

"The revised equation gives producers an opportunity to prepare land earlier than the first of April," said Dan Krieg, Texas Tech professor of plant and soil science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

The revised equation will probably be a big advantage to producers in the sandier lands south of Lubbock, he said.

"It gives producers a chance to put up their land in the winter and take advantage of moisture accumulated from snows or rains," Krieg said.

"We think it is going to have appli-

cations in parts of the South Plains where we have soils where we can bring up clay material," said Norman Batey of the Texas NRCS state office in Temple.

The revised equation is soil specific and site specific and depends on the climate and amount of rainfall, Batey said.

It also allows for a combination of clods and ridges to control erosion, he said.

The Agricultural Research Service in Big Spring conducted wind erosion research in Martin County to develop a model to predict the amount of soil loss at any given time based on several conditions, Batey said.

The model has not yet been presented to the NRCS, but the NRCS is using the research and specifications from the model in combination with its own specifications, Batey said.

## Tech faculty member to speak today

Walter McDonald, director of Texas Tech's creative writing program, will appear in an "Authors' Series" at 7:30 p.m. today at the First

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, located at 2801 42nd St.

McDonald will read new and favorite poems. The event is free.

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# Engineering department nuts about grant

by Charles Melton  
The University Daily

Texas Tech mechanical engineers are nuts about a \$238,000 grant for the development of a new peanut-drying system.

"This project is a partnership between government, Texas Tech and the peanut industry," said Atila Ertas, Tech professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

Funding for the two-year project comes from U.S. government, state government and Long Shot Inc., a peanut-drying firm in Seminole.

The project involves five investi-

gators, two graduate students and six undergraduate students.

"The project will provide hands-on experience as part of a real-life project students are designing," Ertas said.

The research proposal predicts a 25 percent savings in capital expenses on the drying process, and a 70 percent savings in operating costs.

A 75 percent decrease of noise levels inside peanut-processing plants is expected as well as better peanut quality and an energy savings of about 30 percent.

"The object of this project is to create a more efficient drying system," said William Fair, co-owner of

Long Shot Inc.

Fair said his company has handled as many as 25,000 tons of peanuts but will likely handle half of that this year because of high cotton prices.

Long Shot Inc. has worked with Tech in the past, Fair said.

"We've had a great working relationship with Tech's engineering department and students as well," he said.

Long Shot has used designs from Tech mechanical engineering students during the past two years, he said.

"We think we'll benefit from having a more efficient system," Fair said. "Students will benefit from work-

ing on a hands-on project that becomes reality."

One of the project's objectives is to design, develop and construct a new automated peanut-drying system for use in dry climates.

Another objective is to develop a design specifications package for humid climates, which includes a liquid desiccant dehumidification system that takes the moisture out of peanuts.

The final two objectives of the project are to collect detailed performance and cost data on the drying unit for two seasons and to conduct a detailed extension effort designed to disseminate the results of the project.

# Food stamps phased out

AUSTIN (AP) — Food stamps have joined bell bottom jeans and earth shoes as things of the past in Texas.

State Comptroller John Sharp announced Wednesday the state's new "credit card" system for basic state aid is now available across Texas. The system was phased in over the last 13 months, starting in metro areas like Houston and Dallas, and replaces the paper food stamp system as the primary form of state assistance for food purchases.

"As promised, the Lone Star

card is delivering taxpayer savings, increased food sales and an effective new tool against the black-market traffic of public benefits," Sharp said.

The Lone Star card, issued to some 1.3 million Texas families, allows benefit recipients to "charge" their grocery purchases against their state aid accounts. Benefits are electronically credited to the card accounts rather than delivered in paper form to the recipients.

Some 16,000 Texas retailers accept the new system.

## Research

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drink on a regular basis are at an increased risk of health problems."

Heavner stressed that when taken properly, acetaminophen is not dangerous. Acetaminophen is one of the safest drugs prescribed to children with kidney problems, he said.

Trunk has spent the past five months researching the risks of acetaminophen and cases similar to her son's involving the pain reliever, she said.

Trunk said many over-the-counter and generic prescription drugs contain acetaminophen and when taken together can have deadly results.

"Most people don't know these

medications contain the drug," she said. "So if the medication isn't doing all you want it to do, you take a couple Extra-Strength Tylenol, and that increases your risk."

Trunk said she hopes the time she spends researching the drug at the University of Southern California/Edison Community College campus will help keep someone else from suffering the way her family has.

"Any time I have a quiet minute, I drag out the papers and go over them," she said. "Discussing grams and kilograms has become our dinner-time conversation. Sometimes I wake up at 2 a.m. rehashing everything I've learned."

Losing her son to a wrist-injury-gone-wrong has left Trunk looking for answers, she said.

"I need something positive to come

out of something so tragic," she said. "I'm not out for revenge. I get really angry sometimes, but you can't go around whacking people. Anger is just energy being wasted."

Trunk said she will wait until the family has had time to heal before she begins speaking to groups about the potential dangers of acetaminophen.

"I'm not emotionally to that point yet," she said. "Marc's father is the love of my life, and I see what this had done to him. You don't want to see someone you love hurt like that."

Trunk said she recalls her son as being popular and funny, with the tendency of falling down stairs.

"He had these big brown eyes and eyelashes that didn't quit," she said. "I wish you could see that."

# Immigrants ask for English as official language

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigrants from India, Chile and Hungary asked Congress to declare English the nation's official language Wednesday, saying it promotes unity, teamwork and respect for others.

Learning English was a small price to pay for the freedom and economic success they have enjoyed, they said.

"We did not come here so that we could maintain our native tongue or culture at government expense," said former pro football player Charles Gogolak, who fled Hungary with his family in 1956 after a revolution.

"This is not to say that we wished to forget our native tongue or heritage," said Gogolak, 50.

The House Economic and Educational Opportunities' subcommittee on early childhood is considering four

bills that would make English the country's official language. Each would require the government to conduct business and print forms only in English, with some exceptions.

Two would reduce or change bilingual education and the remaining one, written by Rep. John T. Doolittle, R-Calif., calls for a constitutional amendment.

The lone opponent during Wednesday's public hearing, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, urged subcommittee members to reject the bills. They would violate the civil rights and liberties of Americans who don't speak English fluently, said Edward Chen of the ACLU.

He said the bills would deny many people equal access to government and restrict government's ability to

provide them services, Chen said.

"English-only laws are based on assumptions predicated on false and disparaging stereotypes about today's immigrants," he said. "Thus, they foster anti-immigrant bigotry and intolerance and exacerbate ethnic tensions."

Others disagreed, saying English enriched their lives.

"Individuals who are not English-proficient are more often than not relegated to second-class citizenship, and vulnerable to being isolated by language barriers that render them dependent on the government for assistance," said architect Mauro Mujica, a Chilean immigrant and president of U.S. English, a 650,000-member group lobbying to make English the nation's official language.



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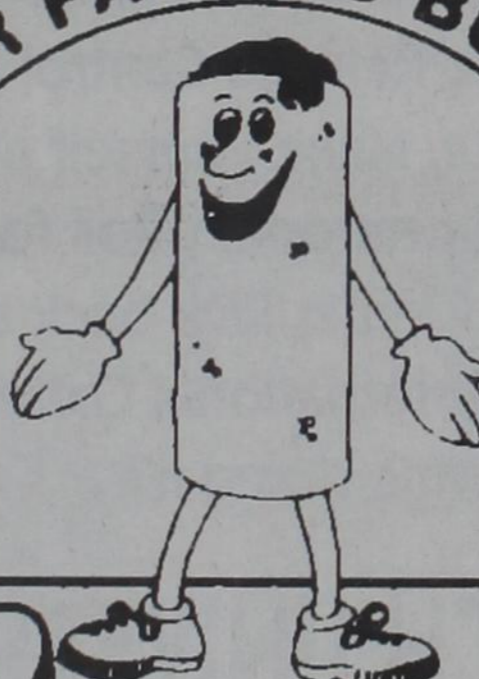
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# Real-life 'Rudy' to share inspirational story with Lubbock

by Leslie Weeks

The University Daily

In less than 30 seconds, the life of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger changed forever.

However, he had been working, sweating and sacrificing for those few precious seconds for most of his life. On Thursday, he will be in Lubbock to share his story.

Ruettiger, the man the movie "Rudy" was based on, will speak at a noon luncheon at the Merket Alumni Center and at 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

He will share an account of his life as a student who overcame overwhelming obstacles to accomplish his life-

long goal of playing for Notre Dame.

"The dream of every Catholic boy was to go to Notre Dame, and I was no different," Ruettiger said. "I decided I would go there."

But Ruettiger faced what many may have considered overwhelming obstacles. He had a learning disorder that resulted in low grades, and his parents did not have enough money to help him pay for school.

Rather than becoming discouraged, he simply postponed his dream. He joined the Navy for two years then returned to his hometown.

It was not until a friend of Ruettiger's died in a conveyor accident that he made the decision to risk everything and apply to Notre Dame.

"It made me realize there is a God, and sometimes we take life for granted," he said. "I decided to take a chance at a dream."

Ruettiger's grades were still too low to get into Notre Dame. Instead, he attended Holy Cross Junior College.

After graduating with a 'B' average two years later, 25-year-old Ruettiger was admitted to Notre Dame.

"I worked in the maintenance department and lived in the basketball arena," he said. "I had a little apartment there and I was a security guard at night."

Ruettiger also played football. However, most of his career was spent in training, not on the actual field.

"I never thought I would suit up," he said. "You would get beat up, intimidated, and you would be playing All Americans. I just kept hoping they wouldn't have me on the training list."

However, Ruettiger's name continued to appear on the list, and he gained recognition not through football but through boxing.

"I was a good little boxer," Ruettiger said. "I wasn't Mohammed Ali or anything, but I was an intramural boxer for the Bengals."

A reporter at the student newspaper decided the "little boxer" was newsworthy enough to merit a profile.

In the interview, Ruettiger revealed his desire to play for the Fighting Irish. Soon after that, four senior football players sacrificed their positions and allowed Ruettiger to live out his dream.

"They didn't see my name on the dress list, so they gave up their uniforms," Ruettiger said. "I didn't know they were going to do it."

Ruettiger suited up for the first time in his four years at Notre Dame. He was on the sidelines throughout most of the game against Georgia Tech.

However, with 27 seconds left in the game, a murmur began to run through the crowd. People began chanting, "Rudy, Rudy."

"It was magic," Ruettiger said. "Everybody started screaming, not because they knew me, but because they got caught up in it."

"The coaches put me in the game," he said. "I got in, got the tackle and they carried me off the field."

But Notre Dame's triumphant victory and Ruettiger's first and last 27 seconds of his football career were not the end of his story.

He graduated with a degree in sociology in the spring of 1976, and more than 10 years later, he took his story to Hollywood.

The result was the movie "Rudy," starring Sean Astin.

Though Ruettiger did not profit from the movie, he "had a hand in everything" dealing with the movie.

"There was no fictional stuff," he said. "We left some things out, but that was only because we didn't have time to put it in."

Ruettiger said the message was the

most important part of the movie.

"You can be anybody if you conform to the reality of your dreams," he said.

This message also has prompted Ruettiger to begin speaking across the country.

"They see me and they say, 'Him, I could be like. If that bonehead could do it, I could do it,'" he said.

The National Center of Parenthood Enrichment is the group responsible for bringing Ruettiger to Lubbock.

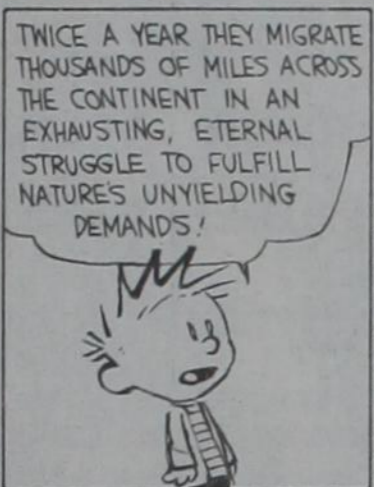
"This guy gives folks hope," director Terry Groves said. "We feel like Rudy has a message for anyone who has ever had a dream."

"There is nothing like the strength of a person's spirit who believes in a cause or in himself," he said. "Rudy has the passion to put that into practice."

Tickets to the noon luncheon at the Merket Alumni Center cost \$20 and can be obtained by calling 785-6273.

Tickets to his 7 p.m. presentation at the Municipal Auditorium cost \$5 with a Tech I.D. They are available at all Select-A-Seat locations.

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by Bill Watterson



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## Elderly live one year longer than those in other countries

BOSTON (AP) — The United States may be the healthiest place on earth for old people, a study suggests.

The report found that Americans who reach age 80 can expect to live about a year longer than elderly folks in four other industrialized countries.

Experts say the findings were unexpected, since the United States trails many other countries in life expectancy when measured from birth.

However, it appears that if Americans make it to old age, they do as well as — or better than — elderly people anywhere.

"I think it will be a big surprise to the Europeans, who always argued that they are doing so much better than the U.S.," said Richard M. Suzman, head of the Office of the Demography of Aging at the National Institute on Aging.

One likely explanation for older Americans' longevity is the quality of their health care.

"When people turn 65, we become a country with universal health care," said Kenneth G. Manton of Duke University, the study's principal author. "Other countries have it from birth, but they cap expenses, and that translates into delays."

## Study offers explanation for male transsexualism

NEW YORK (AP) — Men who want to become women may have key brain structures that are biologically female already, a small study of male-to-female transsexuals suggests.

"It might be an explanation for the fact that those people feel female although genetically they are male," said researcher Dick F. Swaab.

The cause of transsexualism is a mystery that scientists have sought to attribute to psychology or biology. Experts say that the condition is rare but that there are no reliable figures on how common it is.

Swaab and his colleagues examined brain samples from dead people. They reported that on average, the size of a certain brain structure in six male-to-female transsexuals was about the same size as what they found in women, and smaller than what they found in gay or heterosexual men.

Other scientists cautioned that the

result may have been produced by the sex-change treatments the transsexuals went through.

Still, the study is "opening up a whole new area of questioning and it's adding to all the studies that have come out in the past 10 years pointing to biological factors that influence human sexual behavior," said Sandra Witelson, a professor of psychiatry and biomedical sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Swaab is director of the Netherlands Institute of Brain Research in Amsterdam and a professor of neurobiology at the University of Amsterdam. He and Dutch colleagues present the work in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Roger Gorski, a professor of neurobiology at the University of California at Los Angeles, said that going from the finding for one tiny brain structure to an explanation for a

person's sexual identity is "a big leap." But the study is "a step in that direction, and I think an important one," he said.

The study focused on a brain structure called the BSTc that plays an important part in rodent sexual behavior and may do the same in people.

Researchers found that on average, the structure was 31 percent smaller in 11 heterosexual women than in 12 heterosexual men.

The BSTc in transsexuals was on average about the same size as it was in the women's brains. Nine gay men had about the same average size as the heterosexual men.

Swaab said he doubts the BSTc itself is responsible for transsexualism. Instead, it appears to be part of a larger brain network that makes a man feel like a woman, he said.

Thomas Wise, director of research at the sexual behaviors unit at the

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said he is not convinced that the study showed an innate difference in transsexuals.

The reduced size of the BSTc might be due to the estrogen treatments they took to expand their breasts and otherwise feminize their bodies, or from the drop in their testosterone due to sex-change surgery or medication, he said.

Swaab and colleagues argued against that, saying data from several of the brains in their study indicated that varying sex hormone levels in adulthood don't affect BSTc size.

They cited data from two postmenopausal women, two people with tumors that raised hormone levels, two transsexuals who had stopped taking estrogen before death and two men castrated because of prostate cancer.

Wise said the hormonal explanation still can't be ruled out.

### THE Daily Crossword by Wilson McBeath

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## Vince Neil spars with neighbor

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Former Motley Crue frontman Vince Neil and a neighbor are having a little trouble with socks and slugs and a rock and a Rolls.

Neil and Gregory Cassidy are pointing fingers at each other in a two-day feud that started Sunday, when several of Neil's friends parked in front of Cassidy's house.

Cassidy confronted Neil at his house, they argued, and Cassidy allegedly tried to hit Neil, who then

punched him in the face, said sheriff's Deputy Benita Nichol.

The next morning, Neil heard glass breaking outside his house.

He went outside and found a rock had been thrown through the windshield of his Rolls-Royce, Nichol said.

Cassidy was seen walking away from the car, Nichol said.

He followed Cassidy to his house, kicked open his front door and threatened him, the deputy said.

## 'Mademoiselle' brings college tour to Tech; games, prizes available

by Leslie Weeks

The University Daily

Students will have the opportunity to win coffee, boxer shorts, T-shirts and more at the Mademoiselle Life-O-Matic Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday.

The two-day outdoor festival will be set up between the University Center Courtyard and the Texas Tech University Library.

The college tour features several events including: sumo wrestling, velcro olympics, remote control car

games and other interactive games.

Various sponsors will have tents with giveaways, games and presentations, assistant project manager Allyson Perry said.

"Details" magazine will be distributing gift bags filled with free products, and General Foods will give away free coffee and coffee mugs, she said.

Students also can visit a decorated model dorm room furnished by Pier 1 Imports, she said.

"It's a great chance for students to get out there and have some fun in a relaxed environment," Perry said.

"They can play some games, get together with friends and completely not think about school for a while," she said.

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# Turnovers key for Tech defense



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**Forcing fumbles:** Sophomore defensive end Allen Wallace tries to strip the ball from New Mexico's Scott Peterson during the Red Raiders 34-7 win over the Lobos. The Tech defense caused five turnovers opping their 1995 total to 21.

by Jared Parcel

The University Daily

Forcing the issue, opponents' turnovers specifically, has been one of the keys to Tech's 5-2 overall start and 2-1 in Southwest Conference action.

The No. 23 Red Raiders are fourth in the nation in turnover margin with 21 takeaways and have scored 75 points off turnovers, including five defensive scores. Tech has 11 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries.

"Our defensive kids take a lot of pride in forcing turnovers," said Tech secondary coach Dean Campbell, a former secondary coach at Texas. "We emphasize turnovers and practice stripping the ball, recovering fumbles and intercepting tipped balls. Turnovers can be the difference in a ball game."

Texas, (5-1-1, 2-0) and ranked 13th in the nation, is 79th in turnover margin.

The Longhorns and Red Raiders will collide at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Austin. The game will be televised by ESPN (Cox cable channel 31) and broadcast by CBS radio. Tech's run of defensive touchdowns started Sept. 9 when linebacker Shawn Banks recovered a Penn State fumble in the endzone for the Red Raiders first points of the '95 campaign.

Linebacker Zach Thomas may have made the most important defensive play for Tech when he returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown against Texas A&M that lifted a Penn

14-7 victory. Safety Dane Johnson raced 66 yards with an interception against Arkansas State before flipping the ball to Allen Wallace for a 76-yard defensive touchdown.

Against New Mexico Saturday, Raider Marcus Coleman scattered 92 yards with a Lobo fumble for his first touchdown of the season. Johnson raced 23 yards for the fifth defensive score.

"Every weekend we go out and try to force turnovers," Johnson said. "It's just part of our defense. If you force turnovers, you force big plays. It all goes back to preparation during practice."

The Texas offense, under the direction of quarterback James Brown, has turned the ball over 17 times this season. The Longhorns had 14 turnovers in its first four games, but only three in its last three contests.

Brown leads all conference quarterbacks in total offense with 108 completions in 206 attempts for 1,661 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also has 47 rushing attempts for 73 yards. Flanker Mike Adams leads the conference with 38 catches for 616 yards. Tight end Pat Fitzgerald has 20 receptions for 283 yards and six touchdowns.

"They have a very high profile of offense," Tech cornerback Verone McKinley said. "We have a good game plan ready. This is the biggest game of the year. It's all you can ask for with two nationally ranked teams on ESPN for what could be the Southwest Conference championship."

# Tech faces TCU in first round of SWC tourney

by Brent Ross

The University Daily

The Texas Tech women's soccer team will ride the wave of a three-game winning streak into the Southwest Conference Tournament.

The Red Raiders, 12-6-1 overall and ranked ninth in the final Central Region Top 10 poll, face TCU at 3 p.m. today at SMU's Westcott Field.

The Tech winning streak began with the win over Texas 3-2 Oct. 25. After that win, Tech shut out Arkansas-Little Rock 3-0 Saturday. Freshman forward Jennifer Benat scored a goal and added an assist in the victory.

"We came out flat," Tech assistant coach Felix Oskam said.

"We did not play well, and the girls know it."

Sunday, Tech looked to improve as

they played a Centenary team that beat them 4-2 Oct. 1 in Lubbock. The Red Raiders used the earlier loss as motivation posting their seventh shut-out of the season against the Ladies 2-0.

"Sunday was a lot of fun because we got to avenge our loss to Centenary," Tech coach Diane Nichols said.

Tech now looks toward its first-round game with the Horned Frogs.

The Red Raiders, who ended the season tied with TCU and Texas for third place in the SWC, won a coin flip that decided who would be the fourth seed.

This will be the second meeting between the two teams this season. The Horned Frogs defeated Tech in overtime 3-1 Oct. 4.

Oskam said Tech must be on the ball if they want to beat TCU.

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**Time:** 3 p.m. **Day:** Today  
**Place:** Westcott Field  
**Series record:** TCU leads the series 2-0-1  
**Last Meeting:** TCU beat Tech 3-1 in overtime Oct. 4 in Lubbock.

**Radio/TV:** None  
**Key Matchup:** Red Raider freshman forwards Jennifer Benat and Katie Woodburn need to play well against a stingy Horned Frog defense.  
**UD Prediction:** Tech 2, TCU 1

"We're going to have to play one of our best games of the season," he said. "Our intensity and our passing has to be better."

Oskam said the Red Raiders are confident about their chances as they head to Dallas.

"They're going to be fired up to play TCU," he said.

"They know they should have beaten them. Personally, I'm confident we can do it."

## NCAA suspends Davis for four games

DALLAS (AP) — The NCAA suspended star TCU running back Andre Davis for four games on Wednesday for accepting illegal benefits from an agent through his former roommate.

Meanwhile, the Texas Secretary of State's Office is investigating the matter to see if the agent violated state law.

"Were definitely making inquiries trying to determine what the facts are," said Guy Joyner, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's office, which regulates sports agents in Texas.

TCU appealed Wednesday's decision to the NCAA's eligibility committee, athletic director Frank Wiedegger said. The school has said it "has reason to think that Davis was not aware that these actions were violations" and wants the NCAA restore his eligibility.

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## Generation X finds its newest sports standout



ARNI SRIBHEN

UD sports editor

But in a sport like auto racing, where young stars are more commonly found in their mid-30s, young drivers are expected to pay their dues before they reach success.

That's what makes NASCAR Winston Cup point leader Jeff Gordon, the sport's brightest young star, so special.

While Ricky Rudd was winning last Sunday's Dura-Lube 500k, the 24-year-old from Pittsboro, Ind., was getting back on track with a hard-earned fifth-place finish after two near-disastrous races in recent weeks.

Gordon kept seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt, his leading challenger, in sight nearly all the way in the 500-kilometer (312-mile) event at the one-mile oval of the Phoenix International Raceway.

With a nearly insurmountable 147-point lead, all Gordon has to do to nail down his first Winston Cup title and become the second youngest driver to do it — 1950 champ Bill Rexford was 23 — is not finish last in the 42-car field at the season finale Nov. 12 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

All Earnhardt, the two-time defending series champion, can do is try to win the race, earn the five-point bonus for leading the most laps and wait for Gordon to stumble.

As unlikely as that scenario is, Earnhardt said he isn't really ready to give up his chase.

"Never is the word as far as giving up," he told reporters after the race Sunday.

But Gordon, who had lost 140 points to Earnhardt in the last two races, isn't about to let his guard down when the series hits Georgia.

"I wanted to wrap it up here, and we came close," Gordon said after recording his 17th top-five and 23rd top-10 finish in 30 starts in 1995. "We wanted to keep that Black No. 3 (Earnhardt) in sight. I thought that I could keep him in my mirror, but he was pretty tough today. It's not clinched but it sure does make Atlanta a little easier than it was looking."

For Gordon and his Hendrick Motorsports team, just starting to win his first championship isn't enough.

After all, he won one of his three Busch Grand National wins there and the March event at the track.

So instead of taking the week off, Gordon and the Rainbow Warriors spent the week testing on the 1.52-mile oval at the Atlanta track.

Wrapping up the title in the final race is not a bad way to cap a meteoric rise to the top.

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS:** Write to Arni Sribhen, P.O. Box 43081, Lubbock, TX, 79409 or via the Internet at SadlerFan@AOL.com.

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It's not too unusual to see Generation Xers become household names in their given sports.

Football has Emmitt Smith. Baseball has Ken Griffey, Jr.

Basketball has Shaquille O'Neal.

Even golf has its own emerging star in 19-year-old Tiger Woods.

## Senior spikers reflect on careers

by Chris Parry

The University Daily

The Texas Tech volleyball team will honor its seniors at 7 p.m. Friday when it hosts Texas A&M at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Middle blocker Jill Slapper, outside hitter Diane Owens and middle blocker Jennifer Cohn will be honored.

During their four-year careers, the three players have combined for 2,226 kills, 1,694 digs and 704 total blocks. Tech coach Jeff Nelson said these three women clearly put the sock in Texas Tech volleyball.

"They are dedicated to playing well," he said. "I think they have been positive about making the change (new coach) and increasing the work ethic of the team."

Some people see middle blocker Jill Slapper on the Tech campus and think nothing of it. She walks by with her 6-foot frame and blond hair as any other student would on her way to class. Slapper said this is how it is most of the time.

"Sometimes my teachers would point it out in class," she said. "I might go out at night and people say 'Hey, I saw your picture in the paper.'"

Slapper said it feels good for people to ask her how she is doing and to be recognized, but she doesn't consider herself to be like Zach Thomas.

"It's nice when we are doing well," she said. "I kind of like blending in."

Owens is not only Slapper's teammate, but also her roommate. She said she and Slapper get along fine but said Slapper is noticed.

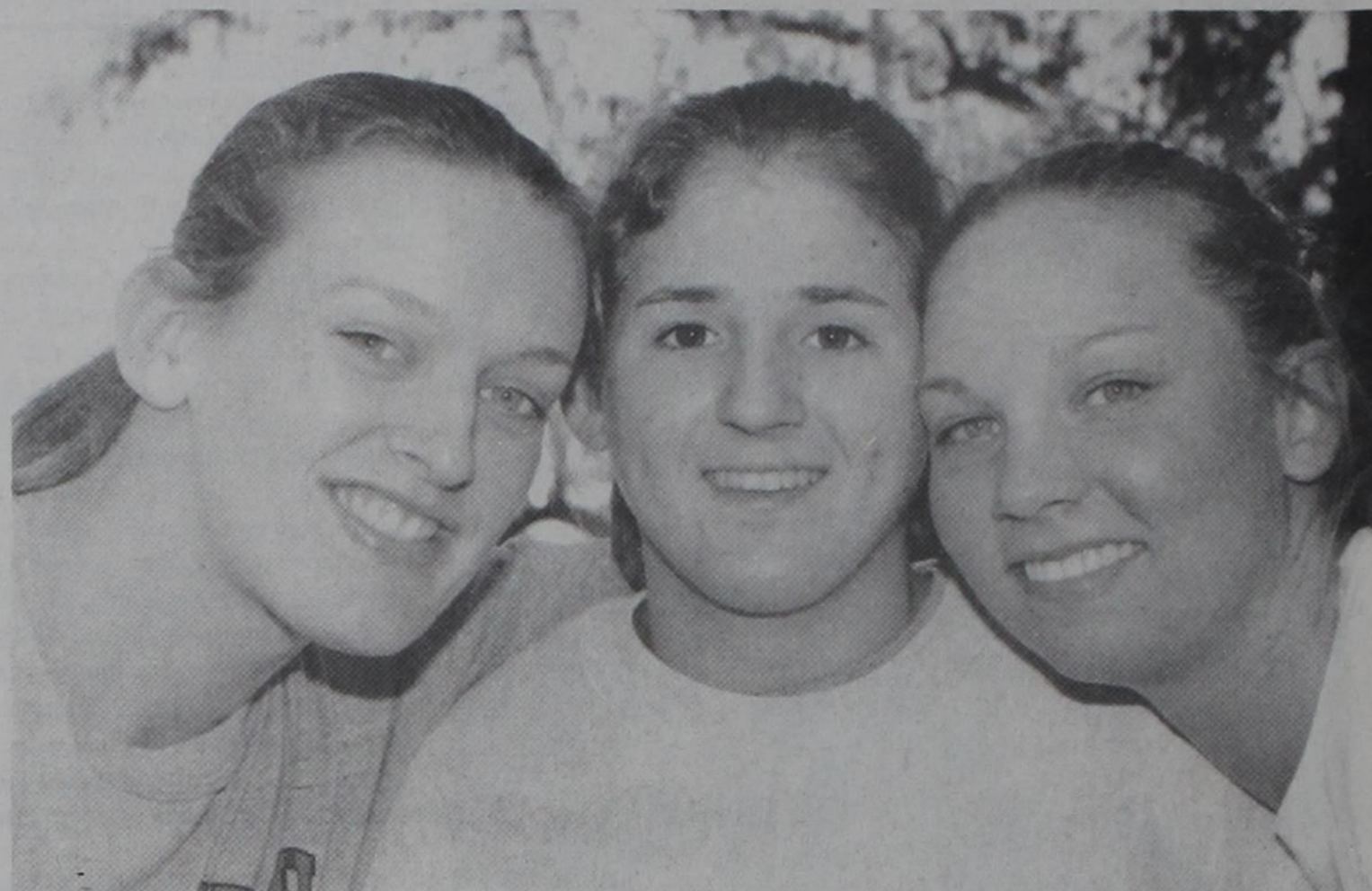
"She drives me crazy because everywhere we go, someone knows Jill," she said. "I'll go to another city and be asked, 'Do you play volleyball for Tech?' and I'll say yes, and they will ask, 'Oh, do you know Jill Slapper?'"

Cohn said that Slapper is kind of hard to figure out.

"Jill can be real sweet, real shy, and real quiet," she said. "She can also outlast us and out-party us."

Slapper said her senior year is her last chance to prove anything to people.

"It's my last year to play, and I think at times I put too much pressure on myself," she said. "I am just trying



Slapper, Owens and Cohn

Patrick Bulteel: The University Daily

to make it the best senior year ever because it is the only one I will have."

Outside the locker room after a big win, Diane Owens is mobbed by fans all wanting her autograph. She smiles and obliges and makes sure no one is left out.

Cohn said she is happy to have Owens as a teammate and a friend.

"She's great, we have a lot in common, and I think we kind of keep each other sane," she said of her friendship with Owens.

Slapper also echoed Cohn's sentiments about Owens.

"She is honest and determined," Slapper said. "She is real competitive and one of my best friends."

Owens said playing for Tech has produced some interesting memories on and off the court.

"When we were freshman I had this blanket, and Jackie (Bode) would always staple it to the ceiling," she said.

"The worst was when we would go and take a shower and get out and find that our towels and clothes would be gone."

Cohn said her favorite memory with Owens is a trip to South Padre Island together for spring break.

"We had no money, so we ate Janet Lee macaroni and cheese every night," she said. "Every night, we would get home at 3 a.m. and wake up at 10 a.m. and start it up again."

Owens said she likes playing volleyball for Tech, but it has been hard.

"People look at us differently, expect more out of us and judge us a lot more than if we were just students at Texas Tech," Owens said. "It's almost like we have a label on us."

Owens said even with all the sacrifices, playing volleyball for Tech has been a rewarding experience.

"You come here and meet a whole lot of people and don't have to go out and find someone," she said. "There are also a lot of privileges like free meals and going on trips that we don't realize until we are done."

Characterizing Jennifer Cohn is difficult because she seems to be in a league of her own. Cohn is third in the South-west Conference in blocks averaging 1.18 a game, and she ranks fifth all

time for Tech in career kills with 871. Slapper said Cohn is a competitive spirit for the team.

"She's talented, she fights and she wants to do good," she said.

Cohn said her years at Tech have had its ups and downs but have also left some lasting impressions.

"My favorite volleyball memory would be when we beat Texas my freshman year," she said.

Cohn said being a freshman for Tech wasn't always fun.

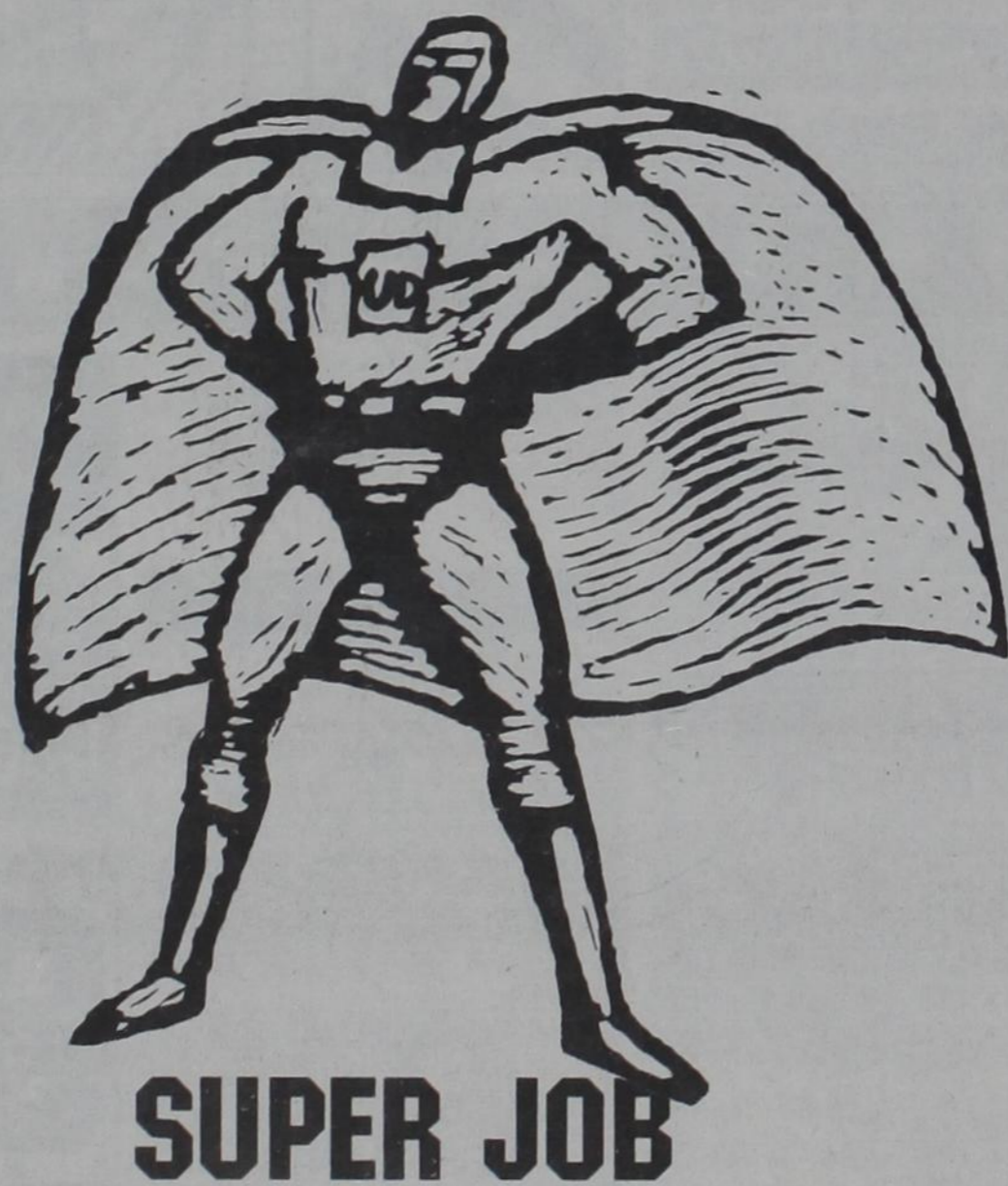
"We always got picked on," she said.

"Once we were practicing on the beach while people were filming us and someone said, 'Let's make a pyramid.' So I got on the ground... I had a string top on and one of the seniors unties it and it falls. I fall and everyone falls."

Cohn said she is ready to "retire" from the Tech volleyball team.

"Next semester we get to come home after school, take a nap and think 'Ha. Ha. They are practicing,'" she said.

"You're excited that it's your last year, but I know I am going to miss it."



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