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Murrah resigns after guilty plea

by Carrie Kilman and Charles Melton
The University Daily

The Texas Tech official who pleaded guilty last week to two counts of indecency with a child resigned Friday after serving 13 years as director of Tech's Southwest Collection.

David Joe Murrah, 54, was sentenced to 10 years of deferred adjudication April 2.

Murrah admitted to fondling two

girls, ages 8 and 9, in August 1995.

Under the 10-year probation, Murrah cannot be around children under the age of 15 without adult supervision, must pay for counseling for the two girls and must seek counseling for himself.

Although Tech officials made no public statement concerning Murrah's future at Tech until Friday, the Tech Board of Regents approved Wednesday Interim President Donald Haragan's plan to terminate Murrah if

he did not resign by the end of the week, said Director of News and Publications Margaret Lutherer.

"Please be advised that I have chosen to retire, effective immediately, from my positions as director of the Southwest Collection, associate director of libraries, professor of history and adjunct professor of museum science,"



Murrah

Murrah said in a public statement released Friday.

Lutherer said she expected Murrah to resign, but that if he had not, he would have been dismissed.

"The Southwest Collection was a vital part of Texas Tech for many years before David became its director," she said. "I think it will continue in the future."

Lutherer said the delay in announcing Murrah's future at Tech was caused by "processes of university

business that I am not going to discuss."

Haragan said the matter was closed and declined further comment Monday.

"It comes as a shock in any academic community," said Tech Faculty Senate President Murray Coulter. "I think it is a disservice to amplify it more than it is already."

Coulter, a professor in the biology department, declined further comment.

Murrah began his career at Tech in 1971 as assistant archivist at the Southwest Collection, a compilation of historical documents recording the history of West Texas, Lubbock and Tech.

After repeated unsuccessful attempts to contact him by *The University Daily*, Murrah was unavailable for comment Monday.

Tech Director of Libraries Dale Cluff also was unavailable for comment Monday.

Three Lubbock men guilty of hate crimes

by Carrie Kilman
The University Daily

Three Lubbock men convicted of nine counts of federal hate crimes in November were sentenced Friday to life in prison plus 50 years.

Eli Trevino Mungia, 20, Ricky Rivera Mungia, 24, and Roy Ray Martin, 19, tried to launch a race war Oct. 16, 1994, targeting black men on the streets of downtown and east Lubbock.

Using a short-barrelled shotgun, the trio shot and killed one man and injured two others in a 30-minute shooting spree.

After deliberating about 2 1/2 hours, a jury convicted the three men Nov. 14 of violating criminal civil rights and gun laws.

Because the case dealt with hate crimes, the trial and sentencing were handled by the federal courts, said assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Pierce.

"Life means life, unlike in the state system," Pierce said.

"They will have no chance for parole. The victims' families felt like justice has been served — that's what we needed."

The prosecution not only had to prove the trio committed the shooting spree, but also had to show the crimes were racially motivated, she said.

The defense countered the prosecution's claim the three men had ties to neo-Nazi supremacist groups.

"Their attorney tried to say he (Martin) wasn't a skinhead because he had long hair," Pierce said.

"But when you have a Nazi flag and other skinhead paraphernalia in your house — well, I think that speaks for itself."

Defense attorney Mike Carper was unavailable for comment Friday afternoon.

One of the two surviving victims, Autry Morgan Vaughn Jr., 32, appeared in court Friday to witness the sentencing.

Vaughn had been shot in the face at close range at the corner of Eighth Street and Av-

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Pam Stephenson, victim assistance director

enue U during the October 1994 shooting spree.

The second surviving victim, Stewart Triellis, 20, was not in court Friday. The trio had shot Triellis in the hand, causing him to lose a finger.

Victim Assistance Director Pam Stephenson, who counseled the two surviving victims, said she was satisfied with the sentence.

"I thought justice was done," Stephenson said.

"It's scary to think that you can be shot walking down the street just because of the color of your skin."

The crime, investigated jointly by Lubbock Police Department and the FBI, prompted a response by Attorney General Janet Reno, whose office investigates about 450 hate crimes every year.

"This sort of crime is totally repugnant to a civilized society," Reno said in a statement released by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"The results in this case demonstrate the high resolve and effective working relationship between U.S. and Lubbock police and prosecutors whose combined efforts brought these individuals to justice."



Classy: Texas Tech student Kyle Kenmore, a junior biochemistry major from Muleshoe, watches as Tech registration employee Haila Ries types in his schedule request Friday in the University Center. Registration continues through this week.

Fighting leads Liberians to embassy

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Shelling and gunfire raged in the capital Monday, destroying the international airport and sending U.N. observers and more than 10,000 others fleeing to a U.S. Embassy compound.

The fighting between government troops and rebel factions that broke out Saturday in Monrovia is the worst in three years.

Tens of thousands have fled the seaside capital.

"We hear rocket-propelled grenade fire, mortar fire, heavy-arms fire," Dudley Sims, a

spokesman for the U.S. Embassy, said by telephone. "It's pretty bad."

Paul Koulen, deputy representative of the U.N. Development Program in Monrovia, said the country's only international airport was ruined. He said three U.S.-donated helicopters and a passenger airplane of Weasua Airlines, which flies in West Africa, had been destroyed.

"The airport has been destroyed, if you can really say that an airport already destroyed could be even more destroyed," he said, re-

ferring to the severe damage already inflicted on the airport throughout Liberia's 6-year civil war.

Koulen, speaking from his office in the seaside diplomatic district of Mamba Point, said people were fleeing in all directions.

"We've seen these people with all their belongings on their heads — beds, sheets, everything — running up and down Mamba Point, depending on where the gunfire is coming from," he said.

"It has been a pathetic sight."

Concerns cause transfer of Childress clinic

A federally funded clinic in Childress County formerly managed by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has been turned over to the Childress Regional Medical Center.

Childress County Judge Dean Decker wrote a letter to Gov. George W. Bush in February expressing concern that TTUHSC's management of the clinic might take income away from the local hospital.

"I had spoken to Francis Smith, the hospital administrator, and she told me she was afraid this would take income away from our doctors," Decker said.

Physicians and hospital staff also had expressed concerns, he said.

Based on these concerns, Decker contacted the Governor's Office, Decker said.

"For a community as small as ours, we have excellent medical fa-

Why Texas Tech left Childress

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The situation now has been resolved satisfactorily, Decker said.

Tech had taken the clinic over from the Texas Department of Health, said Francis Smith, administrator of the Childress Regional Medical Center.

The hospital has an agreement with Tech to take over the services which were provided in the clinics, Smith said.

"Tech contracted with TDH last fall to provide Title V services," said Margaret Lutherer, director of news and publications at Texas Tech.

"The agreement was made with the understanding we would subcontract or make agreements with local health

care providers as much as possible," Lutherer said.

Title V services consist mainly of pre-natal and child care services for patients without insurance or other means of receiving treatment, she said.

"We signed a letter of agreement with the Childress Regional Medical Center to transfer management of the Title V programs to them," she said.

The last patients at the Childress facility were seen by Tech staff on Friday, March 29, she said.

TTUHSC did not have any physicians at the Childress facility, Lutherer said.

TTUHSC planned from the beginning to contract out the services as quickly as possible, she said.

"Our intent never was to interfere with any local hospitals," Lutherer said.

State files motion for stay of anti-affirmative action ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas asked a federal appeals court Monday to block an anti-affirmative action ruling and allow universities to consider students' ethnicity in admissions while the state appeals the decision.

In documents filed with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, the state argued the importance of the decision — and its effects — warrant a stay while Texas takes the legal battle over affirmative action to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit last month struck down the University of Texas Law School's admissions policy. The court said UT failed to justify favoring some racial groups. The decision came in a lawsuit filed by four white law school applicants.

"The decision in this case is the first by any federal court to hold that institutions of higher learning are prohibited from considering race in any manner in their admissions pro-

cesses," Attorney General Dan Morales and other lawyers told the 5th Circuit on Monday in seeking a stay.

Morales has said he expects the U.S. Supreme Court to agree to consider the case and predicted that arguments would be scheduled for this fall.

The 5th Circuit by its decision has "effectively overruled" the Supreme Court's 1978 Bakke decision allowing race to be considered as a factor in university admissions decisions, the state said.

"Even if one were to assume that a majority of the current Supreme Court would in the end overrule ... Bakke, it is unlikely to permit a court of appeals to do so," the state said.

"Bakke is a landmark decision, in a highly charged area of the law where it is particularly critical to ensure that changes in the interpretation of the 14th Amendment are not simply products of changes in the composition of the federal judiciary," it said.

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TASP scores reveal schools are not teaching basic skills



MEGAN CLARK
UD editor

It's a proven fact that today's college freshmen are entering Texas colleges and universities with little to prepare them for the next four years of their schooling.

Texas Academic Skills Program Test scores, which rate basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills, have been falling dramatically at Texas colleges and universities during the last two years.

Almost half of entering freshmen at Texas schools failed the TASP test last year.

Students who cannot pass the test by the end of their sophomore year are required to take remedial college courses and are not allowed into upper-level classes.

It seems the TASP test is alerting students and parents about the state of public education in Texas.

Students who cannot pass the exam are not as well prepared to succeed in college courses as their counterparts. It's obvious that educators are spending too little time concentrating on basic skills students need and too much time trying to "prepare" them for college.

Students who don't know how to spell, read critically, complete basic algebra problems and write a paragraph in basic form should learn how to do those things before moving on to research papers and scientific problems.

Students who graduated in the lower half of their class are not the only ones doing poorly on the TASP test. The University of Texas-Austin and Texas A&M University also reported declining scores during the past two years.

So, average and above-average students are not reaching competency levels on the TASP exam, as well. That's an indication of the public education system across the board — below-average students, average students and honors students are not being taught the necessary skills to achieve in college.

But, then again, standardized tests don't measure everything. Tests certainly don't measure common sense, and common sense is a necessary trait in any academic atmosphere.

Common sense helps college students organize time, manage schedules and learn study habits.

Common sense can lead to as much of a successful school-career as a standardized test and then some.

It's really up to the individual and how much time, responsibility and work he or she is willing to put into their schoolwork, not a test score, that determines the outcome of his or her life.

But it seems there is still a gap in the educational process in correlation with graduating seniors' TASP scores.

The future doesn't look so bright when only 50 percent of students pass a standardized exam about skills that should have been ingrained by the ninth grade.

Megan Clark is a junior journalism major from Katy.

NASA deserves boost in economic support

NASA's budget has dropped substantially in recent years, and the Clinton administration's budget envisions further cuts as the turn of the century approaches.

Members of the Texas congressional delegation are right to express concern about the declining budget numbers, but the American public needs to have a better idea of why those numbers should go up or down or stay the same.

At a recent Senate hearing, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said she was dumbfounded at the administration's new, eroding budget figures for NASA at a time when the space agency is gaining support in Congress.

Hutchison, a member of the party most closely associated with demands for reduced government spending, could make a stronger case with the public in explaining why tax funds for space exploration should be protected from cuts.

NASA Administrator Dan Goldin,

who deserves credit for restoring much of NASA's "can-do" spirit while having to make economies along the way, did little to clarify the administration's priorities when he advised Hutchison to ignore NASA's budget projections as all but meaningless.

Goldin's candor regarding the fictional nature of out-year budget numbers is admirable, but cannot substitute for a clear statement of what the administration wants NASA to work on over the years, and at what price.

NASA's budget deserves to be judged not by its size, but by its ability to sustain the orderly march of progress and the essential advance of human knowledge.

If officials at the White House, at the space agency and in the Congress can agree on that assessment, then the nation can continue to reap the scientific and economic benefits to which it has become accustomed.

— *Houston Chronicle*

Average-thinkers need intelligence club



BROOKS BOYETT

UD columnist

I recently read a newspaper article about Mensas located in the Texas Panhandle.

For those of you who don't know, Mensas are an elite group of people who are really smart and quite proud of it. They score in the top 2 percent of the U.S. population on standardized intelligence tests. The test, which, according to the article, is administered by The High IQ Society, is given in two parts and takes a total of three hours.

The article discussed how Mensas meet monthly at a social gathering and conduct meetings and stuff. I guess they must just sit around and say, "Wow, we're all really smart, huh?"

Anyway, as I read all about the Mensas, I thought to myself, "Self, this just isn't fair!" Why did this cross my mind? Well, it's simple. Mensas discriminate. It seems to me that people of average intelligence should have their own intelligence club.

It's time someone took the initiative to change this and that someone is me. So I'm forming an average intelligence club, only we won't have some strange name like Mensa to describe our organization. We need to call ourselves something cool, like Cougars. Now that's a good name. I've been working on a test which determines whether or not one can become a Cougar. The test relies on an eclectic set of questions that determine a person's

“ Well, it's simple. Mensas discriminate. ”

knowledge on a variety of skills and subjects. Scores are based on an extremely scientific formula in which I divide the number of correct answers by the total number of questions and multiply by 100. If your score is above 85, then you're just too darn above average to be a Cougar. If you score below 60, you're too darn below average. Here are some sample questions:

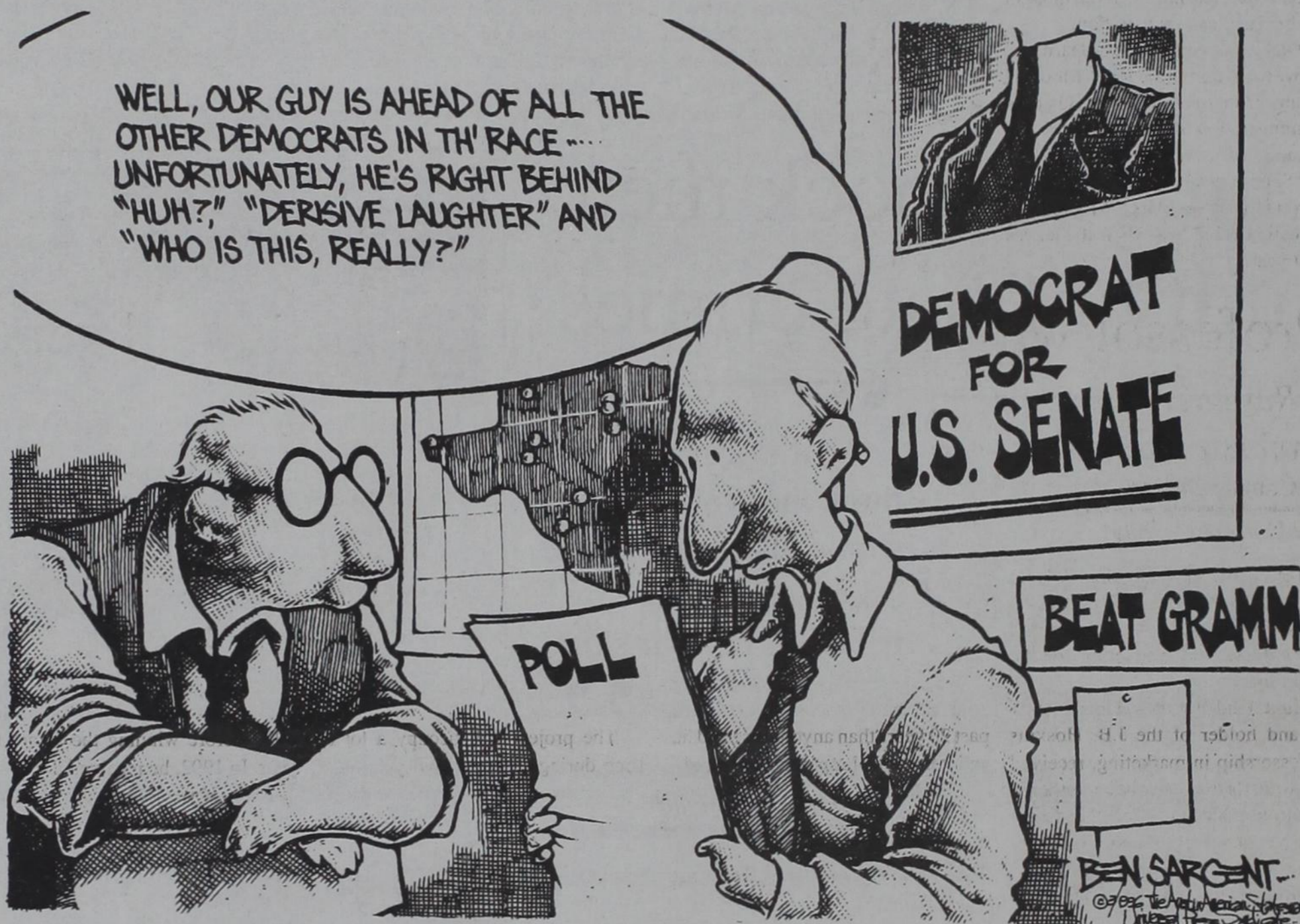
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- Who won Super Bowl XXX?
- I'm thinking of a number between one and 10?
- What is the capital of Montana?
- Train A, driven by a 37-year-old engineer, is traveling west at 30 miles an hour. Train B is traveling east at 63 miles an hour. Its engineer is a 55-year-old woman. How much older is Train B's engineer than Train A's?

Answers:

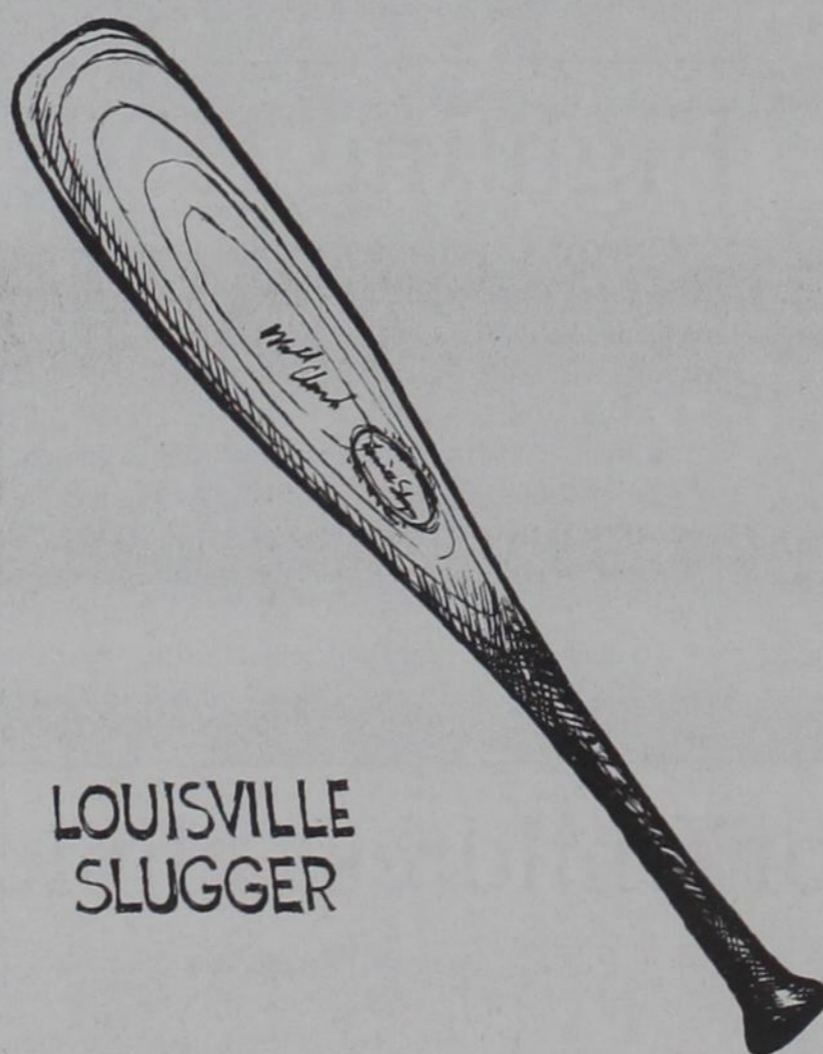
1. 11
2. The Dallas Cowboys
3. 4.7
4. Helena
5. 18 years

Calculate your score. If it is between 60 and 85, you just might have the potential to be a Cougar. Congratulations. Being average isn't so bad.

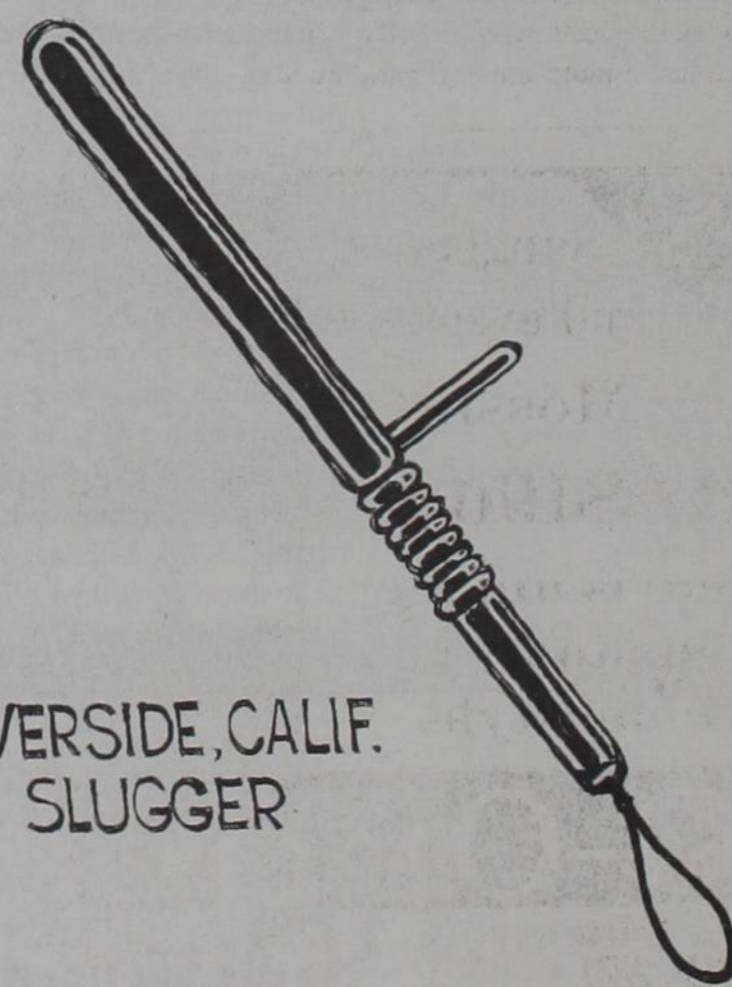
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Legislation best part of SA officer's job

by Laura Hipp

The University Daily

Since choosing to attend Texas Tech, Deana Otts, Student Association external vice president, has worked hard to make her mark.

At Tech, Otts had jobs in the office of executive vice president and provost and as a student assistant in the College of Education at the same time.

"That and school became too much," said Otts, a senior agricultural communications major from Throckmorton.

"It was the only time I felt overwhelmed."

Otts joined the Student Association when she was elected to Freshman Council. She also served as a senator from the College of Agriculture.

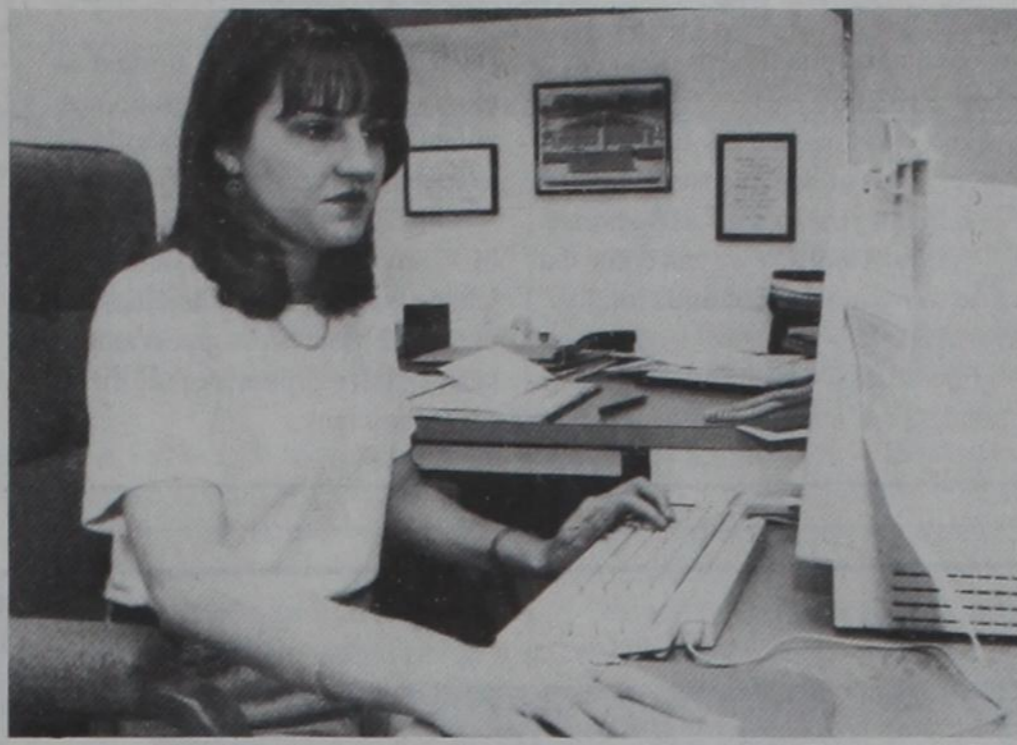
The issue of class redistribution in the fall of 1995 is legislation Otts is proud to be involved with, she said.

The Student Senate researched the class redistribution and found unanswered questions in the plan presented to them.

Otts said she felt the presented plan to the Senate had not been well thought out by Tech's administration.

Otts helps new senators learn and answer questions, said Brian Moore, a senator from the College of Business Administration and a sophomore accounting major from Dallas.

"She is always working and going beyond the call of duty," Moore said. "It will be a big loss when she leaves next year."



Michael Lett: The University Daily

All in a day's work: Deana Otts, Tech's Student Association external vice president and a senior agricultural communications major from Throckmorton, believes the job never ends for some SA officers.

Otts' school involvement did not begin at Tech. Growing up in Throckmorton gave Otts the chance to commit to everything from band to basketball, she said.

"I was really encouraged to get involved," she said.

"It gave me the self-discipline which helped in college."

Otts' mother, Beth Otts, said she was concerned her daughter was participating in a lot of activities and would find it difficult to find one interest in life.

"In a small town, you get the opportunity to be part of everything," Mrs. Otts said.

"Going to Tech has been wonderful for her."

Deana Otts received her first taste of competition in the West Texas Junior Miss Pageant, Mrs. Otts said.

Otts' grandmother, Ima Otts, was a great influence on her life, Deana Otts said. Ima Otts gave her grandchildren good advice.

"She kept me grounded in my values and never let me forget where I came from," she said.

Another person Deana looks up to is Ross McKnight, a businessman from Throckmorton, she said.

She babysat his children throughout junior high and high school.

When Otts left her home for Tech, McKnight told her, "If you get into something that you can't get out of, call me. If I can't get you out, I'll get in with you."

Otts said she was told not to let anything keep her from doing what she wants to do.

Tech was not Otts' first choice for a university, she said.

She was offered a full scholarship to Angelo State University.

In April of her senior year, she came to Tech to compete in a University Interscholastic League regional competition.

Otts met with professors and toured the campus.

"On the way home from that trip, I made up my mind. That's where I want to go and belong," she said.

After graduation in May, Otts wants to enter the marketing and public relations industry and later enter the political realm, she said.

Otts served as an intern for Rep. Charles Stenholm in the summer 1994, she said.

There, Otts researched legislation and tracked it through Congress.

"You can read in history and political science books and listen to professors talk about government, but for the first time I was able to watch bills become law," she said.

Otts said she hopes to work in legislative staffing or lobbying on the state or national level.

"I gained an appreciation and understanding for the way that government works," she said.

Professor wins with article about competitive theory

Research earns professor honors

by Charles Melton

The University Daily

Texas Tech professor Shelby Hunt has received the Harold H. Maynard Award from the editorial review board of the Journal of Marketing for the third time.

Hunt, Paul Whitfield Horn professor and holder of the J.B. Hoskins professorship in marketing, received the award for the article he co-authored with Robert Morgan titled "The Comparative Advantage Theory of Competition."

Morgan received a doctoral degree

in marketing from Tech in 1981 and is currently a faculty member at the University of Alabama School of Business.

"It is unprecedented in the history of marketing education to receive three of these awards," said Carl Stem, dean of the College of Business Administration. "It is interesting that each award is for research in three different areas."

Hunt probably has had more impact on marketing education over the past 20 years than anyone else and has an international reputation, he said.

"Each year the editorial review board selects one article that makes the most significant contribution to marketing theory," Hunt said.

"It is one of the most prestigious

awards a person can win."

The theory presents a new way of looking at how competition contributes to productivity and economic growth. Hunt said the theory could have a significant impact on the field of marketing, but only time will tell.

The theory is the culmination of several research projects and is in the beginning stages, he said. The article will appear in the Journal of Management Inquiry and the Journal of Economic Issues.

The project will occupy a lot of time during the next two years and will involve working with doctoral students at Tech and faculty in Australia, he said.

"The initial idea that led to this theory came from my doctoral stu-

dent, and that is why a doctoral program is important for those interested in research," he said.

Hunt said he enjoys working with students, teaching and doing research.

"As a professor, first I want to be a teacher and second, I want to do research," he said. "I would not accept a job for full-time research, because I always want to be involved working with students."

Hunt first won the Harold H. Maynard Award in 1976 and again in 1983 before winning the award this year. In 1992, he received the Distinguished Marketing Educator Award from the American Marketing Association, which is the highest award a person can receive in the field of marketing.

Congressional budget cuts part of U.S. diplomats' 'heartburn'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cream of Peru's political society was invited to the U.S. ambassador's Lima residence to honor three traveling senators and their spouses.

The appointed hour last Feb. 6 found U.S. diplomats dispensing a dose of undiplomatic news to guests who missed the frantic, last-minute em-

bassy phone calls: After weeks of embassy preparation, the reception was canceled. A vote in Washington caused the delegation led by Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, to touch down in Peru, gas up, then fly away without setting foot outside the airport.

It's a situation that occurs with a frustrating frequency, according to

interviews with U.S. diplomats, memos and cables obtained by *The Associated Press*. They say they're tired of dealing with schedule snafus, shopping trips, sightseeing tours and hospitality rooms for congressional delegations and other officials.

The frustrations — "heartburn" to one diplomat — are boiling over now,

because of congressionally ordered budget cuts, layoffs and recent government shutdowns.

The diplomats, who would discuss the situation only on condition of anonymity, produced documents, gathered information from records and discussed their personal involvement in events described.

World briefly

Irish group aims marches at police

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Protestant marchers, blocked from parading through a Roman Catholic area, hurled firebombs and bottles at police on a Belfast bridge Monday. At least five people were injured.

The violence broke out during a day-long standoff that marked a tense start to Northern Ireland's season of sectarian marches. Police had ordered the Apprentice Boys' parade to avoid the Catholic enclave on Ormeau Road. But some 200 marchers, wearing black bowler hats and purple ribbons with the slogan "No Surrender!", dug in for a standoff punctuated by periodic scuffles with police and TV crews.

A marcher hit by a bottle was taken to a hospital, but police said he and another injured marcher were not seriously hurt. Three policemen also suffered moderate injuries in the clashes.

Police in riot gear then moved in to reinforce a line of officers and police vehicles barring marchers from entering the enclave.

As the violence intensified, drunken youths among the marchers attacked police.

Suicide, queries emerge after crash

DUBROVNIK, Croatia (AP) — A U.S. team investigating the plane crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown focused on the Dubrovnik airport's navigation system Monday, and ruled out any link between the crash and the suicide of the system's maintenance chief.

Niko Jerkic shot himself in the chest at his home Saturday, three days after Brown's plane slammed into a hilltop near Dubrovnik in a windy rainstorm, killing all 35 people aboard. Brown and a group of U.S. business leaders were looking into business and investment opportunities in the Balkans.

The Croatian Interior Ministry issued a statement Monday saying Jerkic was not working Wednesday, the day of the crash.

He "neither had any connection with the operational service of the control tower, nor did his death have any connections with the tragic crash of the U.S. aircraft," it said.

Local elections on ticket today

Lubbock voters can turn out to vote in today's run-off elections from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the polls.

The Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate seat is between Rep. John Bryant and Victor Morales, a high school teacher from Mesquite.

The winner of today's run-off election will run against incumbent Texas Sen. Phil Gramm in the November

general election.

Gary Taylor and Charles Holcomb are vying for the State Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2 position.

Gary Newburn and Dwight Lusk are contesting for Precinct 4 Constable in the Republican Party.

Place 1 of the State Criminal Court of Appeals runoff is between Sue Holland and James Boone.

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Ambulance demand creates shortage in Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—A dramatic jump in the demand for ambulance service has created a potentially dangerous shortage of the emergency vehicles in Houston, a city official says.

The number of runs made by city ambulances each year is up 20 percent since 1990, from 160,000 to more than 190,000, and the num-

ber of people transported by ambulance has jumped 48 percent, from 67,000 to 99,000.

During that same span, however, the city has added only two ambulances.

"This is a very serious ongoing problem," said Paul Pepe, director of emergency medical services for the city. "As a person with a family here,

yes, I'm concerned."

Pepe said the city has made a good-faith effort over the years to meet ambulance needs, but the continuing increase in demand for service makes it important that Houston buy some new ambulances. Wes Warnke, the new assistant chief in charge of the Houston Fire Department's EMS division, said the department is request-

ing five new ambulances at a cost of about \$133,000 each.

The division has 52 EMS ambulances, each of which costs more than \$300,000 a year to staff and operate.

"Almost any day we can come real close to running out of units totally," Warnke said.

Fire trucks, identified as first-responders to emergency scenes, are

staffed by firefighters trained as emergency medical technicians, but those vehicles are not equipped to transport patients.

Dispatchers also can send one of 30 advanced life-support ambulances, staffed by paramedics, or one of 22 basic life-support ambulances, staffed by emergency medical technicians.

Fish test scores sink in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Scores on the basic skills freshman exam have been falling over the past two years, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Results released by the state agency reveal that nearly half of the Texas college students who took the test last year failed it.

Officials said the test scores show across-the-board reductions in passing rates at Texas' 29 state universities and 70 community colleges have declined over the past two years.

About 132,000 college students took the test in the 1994-95 school year.

Overall, 51.6 percent of all higher education students passed the Texas Academic Skills Program Test.

The passing rate was 62.3 percent at state universities and 46.2 percent at community colleges.

In the 1992-93 school year, the overall passing rate was 65.1 percent.

At the University of Texas at Austin, 89.1 percent of the students passed the exam.

At Texas A&M, 84.2 percent passed.

Those figures were several percentage points lower than in the past two years.

The lowest passing rate was at Texas Southern University, where 28.5 percent passed.



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Nation briefly

Oldest senator seeking another term

AIKEN, S.C. (AP) — Strom Thurmond, at 93 the oldest person ever to serve in the Senate, kicked off his bid for an eighth term Monday, saying he has "unfinished business" to complete.

"We cannot and I shall not give up on our mission to right the 40-year wrong of liberalism," the Republican senator said at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. "The people of South Carolina know that Strom Thurmond doesn't like unfinished business."

If re-elected, Thurmond would become the longest-serving senator ever in May 1997, breaking the record set by Carl Hayden. Hayden, an Arizona Democrat, was in the Senate for 42 years before retiring in 1969 at age 91.

Thurmond may face his strongest re-election challenge in almost two decades from Democrat Elliott Close, a 42-year-old heir to the Springs Industries textile fortune. The senator faces token opposition in the GOP primary.

Recent polls have found that Thurmond's age and length of service — he took office in 1955 — could be issues in the fall.

In a survey in February, 43 percent said they wanted to re-elect Thurmond. Twenty-seven percent said they would consider another candidate, while 30 percent said they definitely wanted to replace him.

Last month, Thurmond became the oldest person ever to serve in the Senate, surpassing Democrat Theodore Greene of Rhode Island, who retired in 1961 at the age of 93 years, 3 months and 1 day.

Airline to end popular ticket offer

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines will end its free companion ticket offer, five years after it was first instituted.

Airline spokesman Ed Stewart said Monday that the last purchase date to buy tickets under the "Friends Fly Free" program will be April 11 with flying through Sept. 5.

The free companion ticket had been available when a passenger bought an unrestricted fare.

Stewart said that the free companion ticket fare was instituted on Sept. 19, 1991, as a "Kids Fly Free" program, but then was expanded to cover all passengers.

"Friends Fly Free" possibly could resume at a later date. "It's just a matter of when we think we'll need to resurrect it," he said.

Dallas-based Southwest is a short-haul carrier with fares that other airlines have been trying to match through similar short-haul services.

Arlington, Va.-based USAir and Houston-based Continental Airlines currently offer the companion fares, but said they would not talk about price moves in advance of changes.

Teacher charged with child assault

WASHINGTON (AP) — A first-grade teacher was charged with cruelty to children Monday for allegedly pinning a 6-year-old boy's arms behind his back while his classmates beat him.

Allison York, 25, pleaded innocent to the felony charge in an appearance in District of Columbia Superior Court. She was released on her own recognizance for a preliminary hearing April 30. If convicted, she could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

York, a teacher at the city's McGogney Elementary School, originally was charged with simple assault, a misdemeanor, but the charge was toughened after prosecutors reviewed the case.

She has been on administrative leave with pay since the March 29 incident.

According to court documents, a 6-year-old boy told police that York grabbed him, held his arms behind his back and called for other children to beat him.

The boy, who was not identified, was treated at a hospital for minor head injuries. No motive for the alleged assault was disclosed.

York told police she had grabbed the child but said she did not strike him or call for the other children to attack him.

A source in the prosecutor's office, who spoke anonymously, said allegations involving other children were also under investigation.

Tech researcher examines Chernobyl life

Radiation's effect on mice DNA studied

by April Castro

The University Daily

As the 10th anniversary of the Ukrainian nuclear power plant disaster Chernobyl approaches, a Texas Tech researcher has seized the opportunity to study the effects of radiation on the animal life in the area.

Reactor four blew its 500-ton concrete top April 26, 1986, releasing about 10 times as much radiation as the atomic bomb at Hiroshima.

Robert Baker, professor of biological sciences at Tech, has earned recognition from media such as CNN, *Newsweek* and the *Austin American-Statesman*, in their coverage of the disaster's anniversary.

Baker has made several trips to

Chernobyl to document the effects of radiation on the mammals, amphibians and plants surrounding the reactor.

"Some people are surprised to learn that there are animals living here, but that course there are," Baker said. "You think of a mutated desert and mutated monsters, and neither of those are quite true. It's quite a vibrant ecosystem."

The nuclear fallout presented an excellent opportunity to study the survival of an ecosystem, Baker said.

In his research of how the animals' DNA were affected by radiation, his studies have brought him to collect about 200 field mice living in close to the site of the nuclear disaster.

Baker concluded that exposure to the radiation prompted the mice's ge-

netic code to construct evolved defenses that would enable them to live and reproduce in a nuclear hot zone.

The conclusion came with the discovery that the DNA of the mice evolved rapidly after the exposure to radiation.

"There are more mice living in the area per acre than there are outside of the radiation," Baker said. "It's easier for them to live among the world's worst nuclear radiation than it is for them to compete with humans."

The 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl incident and the research now being conducted there was the topic of a documentary on CNN, in which Baker and Tech were mentioned, Sunday night, he said.

The mice are all at Tech in the museum, where most of the research has been conducted, Baker said.

The biological science department at Tech is planning another trip to the Ukraine to continue the research now being conducted in the area.

"It's awesome to go there," Baker said. "It's impressive enough to go back this summer and continue the research we've been doing."

The studies conducted by Tech occurred in an 18-mile radius that has been evacuated since the disaster.

The research and discoveries by Baker have benefited Tech's science department, said Michael Willig, professor and chairman of the department of biological sciences and director of the Institute for Environmental Science.

"This research will bring Texas Tech to the forefront of being on the cutting edge of the scientific world," Willig said.

national notes Campus

• A newly renovated auditorium in the School of Business at Southern Methodist University now provides some of the most high-tech teaching facilities in the world.

The computer system is run by a 100-mega-hertz Pentium chip.

It is hooked up to a CD ROM Audio, a high-end VCR, a Digital Camera replacing the overhead projector and a SoftBoard, which is a digital color chalkboard capable of sorting presentations and notes.

The desks in the auditorium have been wired with outlets so students may use their laptop computers and take notes. The high-tech system cost more than \$125,000.

• Texas A&M University's stu-

dent government adopted a constitution in March 1994 with a two-year expiration date.

The constitution technically expired March 31, so the student government is now operating without a constitution.

The student government failed to pass the constitution during the previous week's election as a result of a conflict with the constitution itself, and it could not be included in run-off elections.

The constitution states it should be placed in the general student body elections for approval by the student body.

• *Playboy* magnate Hugh Hefner donated \$1.5 million to the University of Southern California's School of Cinema-Television.

Hefner has supported a class on censorship at the school for the past three years and made a presentation to the school on his 70th birthday.

The donation guarantees funding for a professor of American film. The endowment ensures the study of film at USC.

• The University of Texas at Austin approved a \$20 per credit hour fee increase scheduled to take effect next fall.

The fee increase will raise more than \$23 million. The money will go to salary increases for faculty and staff members and capital improvements such as building renovations.

The increase will cost students taking 15 hours \$600 more in the 1996-1997 school year.

The general fee also was increased to \$32 per credit hour, and the Student Services fee was increased by 4.6 percent.

• Six letters were reported stolen from the University of Kansas Spencer Research Library. The KU police later recovered all six from a man

from North Little Rock, Ark.

He had replaced the letters with copies he had requested earlier that week. Since then, nine other letters have been reported missing.

A KU sergeant said police could not find a connection between the two occurrences.

The missing letters, written by James Denver, are worth \$150.

• A University of Oklahoma freshman was stalked and almost kidnapped from a local gas station. She noticed a man watching her, and he followed her to the gas station.

The man forced her to walk around the gas station used some apartments when the girl used her stun gun to shock her attacker's right hand, allowing herself enough time to get away.

She ran to her car, drove home and called the local police department to file a report.

Poll finds Americans think television contributes to violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than two-thirds of Americans believe television contributes to violence, erodes family values and fosters a distrust of government, according to a new poll.

The public also is deeply troubled about increasingly graphic portrayals of sex during prime time, according to the poll, which appears in the latest issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

Nearly 80 percent of Hollywood executives questioned by mail in a separate survey agreed there was a link between TV violence and violence in real life, but they were not nearly as concerned about TV's role in other social problems.

Fifty-three percent of the executives said TV contributed to distrust of government, and 46 percent thought it contributed to the decline of family values. Thirty-four percent believe TV played some role in America's divorce rate.

One thousand adults were interviewed for the poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent. *U.S. News* said 570 of the 6,500 Hollywood executives who received the mail surveys responded to them.

"It is not a scientific survey, but the total number of responses was significant and suggests that many Hollywood leaders are concerned about trends in the television busi-

ness," the magazine said.

Eighty-four percent of the general public said they were concerned about the relationship of extramarital sex on TV and real-life problems. In contrast, 43 percent of the Hollywood executives said they were concerned.

Seventy-five percent of the public said they were concerned about the portrayal of passionate encounters and heavy kissing on TV, compared with 28 percent of Hollywood leaders.

When asked about solutions, 95 percent of both groups agreed that parental supervision was the most important step, the magazine reported.

"Strong majorities also supported the installation of a V-chip on TV sets

to allow parents to block out shows to which they object," the magazine reported. "Eighty-three percent of the public backed the V-chip, and 62 percent of the Hollywood elite did."

To examine the kinds of messages the public receives over TV, the magazine looked at a week's worth of prime-time programs on ABC, CBS, NBC and the Fox networks in mid-March.

Of the 58 shows monitored, almost half contained sexual acts or references to sex, *U.S. News* reported.

"Sexual innuendo and scatological humor are rampant even during the 8 p.m.-to-9 p.m. slot that used to be reserved for family-friendly programming," the magazine said.

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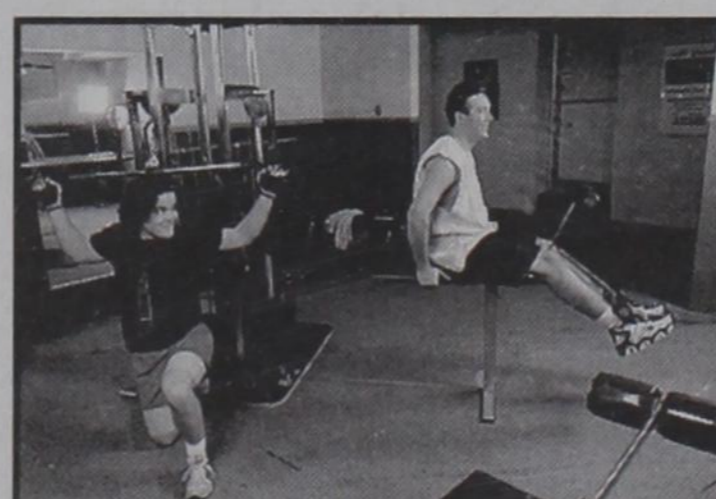
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'Primal Fear' scares up bad plot twists

by Peter Wilkins

The University Daily

Viewers of Richard Gere's latest film, "Primal Fear," may leave theaters wondering what the title refers to.

It certainly does not have anything to do with the movie, unless it refers to viewer's deep-seated fears of hokey plot twists.

Which is not to say "Primal Fear" is a terrible film — it has its moments. The problems arise from a sort of cinematic identity crisis. "Primal Fear" doesn't know if it wants to be a slick action thriller or a gripping courtroom drama. So it settles for a little of both — very little.

Gere stars as Martin Vail, a high-profile defense attorney who epitomizes every common stereotype about sleazy lawyers. When the Chicago archbishop is murdered and a blood-spattered alterboy (Edward Norton) is arrested while fleeing the scene, Vail grabs the chance to defend him in

what will surely be a highly publicized trial.

At first, Vail is only concerned with establishing a reasonable doubt that his client committed murder, but after spending time with the vulnerable, stuttering Norton he becomes convinced of his innocence. Meanwhile, prosecuting attorney and Vail's former lover Laura Linney is busy piling up evidence against the young man while Vail struggles to put his case together. To make things even more complex, the psychiatrist Vail hires to examine his client (Frances McDormand) turns up a nasty secret with political implications.

The plot is jammed with a plethora of relevant issues — celebrity lawyers, unethical legal techniques, sex-abusing priests, you name it. At times, "Primal Fear" provides insight into some of these issues, other times it merely exploits them.

When the story works, it works well. There are several scenes that are taut with suspense and should keep

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Ann Biderman
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Directed by: Gregory Hoblit
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viewers on the edge of their seats. Some of the courtroom scenes, however, are dull enough to just barely keep viewers on the edge of wakefulness.

Gere does an adequate job as the conniving Vail, which is to say he moves and breathes and recites his lines. Edward Norton is convincing as the pathetic suspect with a dark side, and John Mahoney ("Frasier") turns in a fine performance as a vile public official. Perhaps the best performance

of the film is Laura Linney's portrayal of a prosecuting attorney who is just trying to do her job.

Ultimately, it is the story itself that provides the most interest and the biggest letdown. The final plot twist will come as no surprise to astute viewers while the more gullible among us will be caught pleasantly off-guard. For those willing to suspend disbelief, the ending should prove satisfying, while more critical viewers will be dismayed with the final hokey twist. **\$\$/2**

Wahoo, Neb., residents hope to bribe Letterman

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Can David Letterman be bought for a frozen enchilada?

Maybe.

Folks in Wahoo, in Nebraska, hope so.

CBS-TV's "Late Show" host Letterman is counting up the bribes he's received from the town of Wahoo, which wants to replace Grand Rapids, Mich., as the home office for his Top 10 list.

"Grafteroo. That's what it's all about," said Late Show spokeswoman Donna Dees, ticking off the following bribes:

— Letterman gets a full golf membership to the Hilltop Country Club.

— Free meals for everyone on Letterman's staff at the Wahoo Hardee's.

— T-shirts with "WA" on the front and "HOO" on the back.

— An admiralship in the Great Nebraska Navy for Dave.

— Some frozen enchiladas. Nebraska isn't necessarily known for enchiladas. Has Dees sampled them?

"I have not," she said.

Was Dave especially delighted

with the enchiladas, or any of the other bribes from Wahoo?

She couldn't say.

What would it take to force

Letterman to drop Grand Rapids like a

rock?

"Graft-eroo," she said.

From Grand Rapids, Letterman has received a fax listing the top 10 reasons the home office should remain there, Dees said. And what were they?

Dees didn't have the fax handy.

The gag began after Letterman commented about how much he liked to say the word "wahoo" and the Wahoo Chamber of Commerce and Gov. Ben Nelson started urging the relocation to Wahoo, 14 miles north of Lincoln.

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Grafteroo.
That's what it is all
about.”

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Donna Dees, 'Late
Show' spokeswoman

Brando gets flack for comment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marlon Brando has come under attack from Jewish leaders for saying in an interview that Jews "own" Hollywood.

"Mr. Brando's comments about Hollywood being controlled by Jews is about as sloppy an anti-Semitism as saying that Jews control banks," said Rabbi Harvey J. Fields of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles.

"Shame on you and shame on the next Jew responsible for giving you a job," Irv Rubin, chairman of the militant Jewish Defense League, said in a statement. "We're going to make the rest of your life a living hell."

JDL members said they will stage protests at Brando's next movie. On Sunday, someone stuck a paste-on swastika on the actor's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

In an appearance Friday on CNN's "Larry King Live," the Oscar-winning star of "The Godfather" said,

"Hollywood is run by Jews."

"It is owned by Jews and they should have a greater sensitivity about the issue of people who are suffering," Brando said.

He enumerated negative stereotypes that he said have been depicted in the movies.

"We've seen the ... greaseball. We've seen the chink. We've seen the slit-eyed dangerous Jap. We have seen the wily Filipino. We've seen everything," Brando said. "But we never saw the kike because they knew perfectly well that that's where you draw the wagons around."

Brando, 72, who has been active in the civil rights movement, denied during the program that his comments were anti-Semitic.

"I will be the first one who will praise the Jews honestly and say, 'Thank God for the Jews,'" he said. "The Jews are amazing people."

Actor Ben Johnson dies from heart attack

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Ben Johnson, a champion rodeo performer who appeared in numerous Westerns and won an Oscar for "The Last Picture Show" in 1971, died Monday of an apparent heart attack.

Johnson, 77, collapsed while visiting his mother at Leisure World, a suburban Phoenix retirement community where they both lived.

"He asked a lady to fix him some breakfast and he went into the bathroom and that's where he collapsed," said Buster Brown, an assistant to

Johnson.

He was pronounced dead at Valley Lutheran Hospital.

Johnson arrived in Hollywood in the early 1940s as a horse wrangler for Howard Hughes' "The Outlaw."

He was working as a double and stuntman in Westerns when he was discovered by director John Ford, who cast him as a cavalry sergeant in two of his films and gave him the starring role in "The Wagon Master." Johnson received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in June 1994.

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Bassett wins NAACP Image Award

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Angela Bassett, whose career has taken her from the projects to Broadway and Hollywood, won top honors at the NAACP Image Awards for her performance as a scorned wife in "Waiting to Exhale."

Bassett was named best lead actress and Loretta Divine best supporting actress for their roles in the film, about the lives and loves of four close friends.

"Waiting to Exhale" was named best motion picture of the year Saturday at the 27th annual awards ceremony, which honors actors, musicians and others who positively portray blacks in the entertainment industry.

The ceremony was taped at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and will be aired April 23 on Fox.

Playwright finds recognition abroad

NEW YORK (AP) — Fans tend to recognize the balding, pudgy Wallace Shawn for his performances in "The Princess Bride," "Manhattan" and 39 other films, but he's less well-known as a playwright.

Perhaps that's because Shawn's plays are given much more attention in Europe than in the United States.

"My plays are not actually performed in my own land," Shawn tells *The New Yorker* magazine in its April 15 issue. "It's very, very hard for your arrow to hit the target here. I'm not that discussed."

So Shawn is heading for London, where his newest play, "The Designated Mourner," is set to debut April 24 at the Royal National Theatre.

"The Designated Mourner" is described in the magazine as a kind of ghost story, in which film director Mike Nichols plays the role of the narrator, Jack.

Shawn's other works have included such plays as "Aunt Dan and Lemon," "Marie and Bruce" and "The Fever."

Sarandon returns to screen as insect

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh from her Oscar win for "Dead Man Walking," Susan Sarandon returns to the screen — this time as a very large insect.

Sarandon, who took best actress honors at last month's Academy Awards, is the voice of Miss Spider in Disney's animated live-action feature "James And The Giant Peach," which opens Friday.

The movie, based on a popular children's book by Roald Dahl, is about "overcoming fear and solving your own problem," Sarandon says in the April 13 issue of *TV Guide*.

"James and the Giant Peach" is about a lonely boy. An angry rhino ate his parents, some huge bugs and of course, a giant peach.

'ER' star says TV fling upcoming

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Edwards' co-stars on "ER" say viewers are ready to see a sexier side of his character, Dr. Mark Greene. "Anthony is the sexy one," Julianna Margulies tells *TV Guide* in its April 13 issue. "I asked all of my friends, 'If you had to sleep with one of the doctors, who would it be?' They all said Greene."

Margulies, who plays Nurse Carol Hathaway, says women are smart.

"They say, 'Oh, I could have a great one-night stand with Dr. Doug Ross (actor George Clooney). But Greene, he is the one I would want to be able to have great sex with — and take home to my mother.'"

As for Edwards, whose character is going through a divorce, he says that he'll soon have an on-screen fling.

Musician's bus accident injures three

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A bus carrying blues artist Delbert McClinton's band struck a street sweeper and overturned on Saturday, injuring three people.

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Girl hopes to make history with flight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — She's 4-foot-2 and needs aluminum extensions to help her reach the rudder pedals.

But size isn't slowing pilot Jessica Dubroff, a 7-year-old girl from a coastal town south of San Francisco who hopes to make history by flying a four-seater Cessna 177B Cardinal airplane across the country and back.

"I can't wait," said Jessica, a student pilot for just four months.

She plans to take off Wednesday from Half Moon Bay Airport with her father, Lloyd Dubroff, in the back seat and her flight instructor, Joe Reid, as co-pilot.

"Joe said, 'I'll sleep; you'll fly,'" said Jessica, who will keep a log book to track her hours.

In order to set the record, she must do all the flying — about 40 to 50

hours during the 6,500 mile trip.

"She wouldn't let Joe get within two inches of the controls unless she really has to," her mother, Lisa Blair Hathaway, said from their Pescadero home.

The youngest person to accomplish the feat so far is Tony Aliengena of San Juan Capistrano, Calif. He flew cross country and back with his flight instructor in 1988 when he was 9 years old. Jessica, who will turn 8 on May 5, is hoping that, if she completes the flight, she'll be able to hang on to the record.

"We don't believe that someone would ever let a 6-year-old break the record," said Jessica, whose pilot lessons are part of her home schooling.

"She's a pretty sharp young lady," Reid said of the youngest student he's taught in five years as an instructor.

Jessica first became interested in flying after visiting the Palo Alto Airport to watch the planes on her 6th birthday.

She and her parents chose Reid because he didn't talk down to her.

"He does it like I'm a real person, not a child," Jessica said.

Jessica, who has racked up about 30 hours of flying time, will fly three to four hours at a time with one or two stops a day.

She'll stop in such cities as Cheyenne, Wyo., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Falmouth, Mass.

She and her passengers also plan a trip to Washington, where Jessica would like to visit the White House. She has written to President Clinton to invite him on a 15-minute plane ride.

Asked what she would tell the president if he were nervous, she said, "It's

just like flying in a commercial airplane, but it's a small one."

"I guess Jess is getting her 15 minutes of fame early," said her father, Lloyd Dubroff. "I'm actually more nervous about her riding horses."

Activities such as flying, riding horses and even helping rebuild a house have been part of home schooling for Jessica and her 9-year-old brother, Joshua. The pair worked their first paper route in Falmouth, Mass., when Jessica was 4.

"They want to be in the real world," their mother said. "They have a great American spirit."

And, while Federal Aviation Administration regulations say Jessica must be 16 years old before she is able to fly solo, she doesn't mind waiting.

"I'm going to fly 'til I fly solo, fly 'til I die," she said.

FDA joins baldness fight with generic drug approval

NEW YORK (AP) — Getting rid of that bald spot just got a lot cheaper. The Food and Drug Administration is allowing two companies to sell generic, non-prescription versions of Rogaine, the hair-regrowth solution.

The FDA decision, announced Monday, comes just two months after it gave Rogaine's maker, Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc., permission to sell the brand-name product without a prescription.

Last Wednesday, the company began shipping the product.

In approving the generic versions of Rogaine, Alpha Inc. and Lemmon Co., the FDA rejected Pharmacia & Upjohn's petition for a three-year monopoly on the product — the government's usual reward to a company converting a drug to over-the-counter use.

Under federal law, drug companies can petition the FDA for the monopoly if they pay for new research that is necessary to convert a prescription drug to non-prescription use. Such petitions are usually

granted, but in this case the FDA said Pharmacia failed to meet the criteria. FDA spokeswoman Ivy Krupec refused to elaborate on the reasons for the rejection.

The decision means consumers will be able to buy generic Rogaine — known as minoxidil — for much less than Pharmacia's suggested retail price of \$30 a bottle.

Generics, which are supposed to be medically equivalent to the brand-name products, typically cost 25 percent to 50 percent less.

Pharmacia denounced the FDA decision.

"Our effort to bring OTC Rogaine to market spanned five years and required an investment of millions of dollars," said Pharmacia & Upjohn spokesman Jeffrey Palmer.

Alpha spokeswoman Iris Daniels wouldn't disclose her company's pricing plans for minoxidil.

She said it will be on the market within three months.

Teen poll says school priority for girls, motivation to please also important

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite the popular image of teen-age girls obsessed with boys what they are really concerned about is school, according to a survey released Monday.

About three-quarters of girls now in school say their academic progress is what they worry about most, the survey said.

But an analysis of the survey said that while girls do well in school, they often do so only in an effort to please others.

"I think it's important to point that out, because there is a lot of confusion there," said Marie Wilson, president of the Ms. Foundation for Women. "They keep getting better grades while we say they have low self-esteem."

The survey of 500 girls and 500 boys, by EDK Associates in New York, was commissioned by the

foundation and *Seventeen* magazine.

The girls' motivation to please others shows up again and again in the survey analysis. When it comes to having sex, teen-age girls often do so because boys want them to.

Nearly three-quarters of girls, 73 percent, and about half the boys, 53 percent, cited sexual pressure girls receive from their boyfriends as the reason why girls have sex.

Of the 67 percent of girls who reported having had sex, more than two-thirds, about 81 percent, said they later regretted it.

"Why don't girls just say no? Girls are taught to avoid conflict and worry about other people's needs and desires more than their own — especially boys," said Caroline Miller, editor-in-chief of *Seventeen*. "We need to teach them how to stand their ground."

Brain-damaged policeman gets support

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, Tenn. (AP) — Calls of support flooded a nursing home switchboard Monday after the family of a brain-damaged policeman said they feared a drop-off in visitors was hindering his progress.

"We've been swamped with calls," said Susan Showalter, a spokeswoman for Alexian Village of Tennessee, a mountaintop nursing home near Chattanooga where Gary Dockery is staying. "We're really touched by how much people care."

Doctors for Dockery, however, think too many calls and visits might confuse him more than it would help

improve his condition.

They suggested that people send written encouragement instead.

Dockery, 42, was mute and motionless after he was shot in the forehead when responding to a report of a domestic disturbance in 1988.

In February, after 7 1/2 years of silence, he suddenly started talking. He didn't stop talking for about 18 hours.

Since then, Dockery has spoken only a few sentences, but has been able to read letters, short words and recognize numbers, said Dr. James Folkening, his longtime physician.

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Sports briefly

Tickets available for basketball banquet

The achievements of the Texas Tech Lady Raiders will be honored April 29 when the team hosts its annual banquet at the Lubbock Civic Center.

The banquet, which starts at 6:30 p.m., will honor the members of the 1996 Southwest Conference co-champions as well as award the most valuable player and Fighting Heart awards.

In addition, the Jeannine McHaney Athlete of the Year Award will be presented.

Tickets for the event cost \$10 and are available at the Texas Tech Ticket Office. No tickets will be sold at the door and deadline for purchase is April 28.

Tech athletes make conference honor roll

Texas Tech's success on the field has spilled over to the classroom as 113 Red Raiders were named to the Southwest Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll Wednesday.

Tech was fourth in the percentage of student-athletes on the list with 12.9 percent. Texas led the way with 16 percent, followed by Southern Methodist and Baylor with 13.8 and 13.6 percent, respectively.

In individual sports, Tech led women's basketball with 11 Lady Raiders making the honor roll. Tech's women's track program finished second with 17 members making the list.

Tech softball team meets (win)dy Cyclones

AMES, Iowa (Special) — The Texas Tech softball team dropped three games of a weekend series against Iowa State at the Southwest Athletic Complex.

The Red Raiders dropped the final game of the three-game set 8-0 Sunday.

Freshman hurler Emily Hayes took the loss, dropping her record to 3-9 on the year.

Hayes gave up five runs on four hits in two innings pitched. Sophomore pitcher Jenny Cannon came on in relief of Hayes, but could not slow

Texas Tech	0
Iowa State	8

down the Cyclones, giving up three runs on three hits. Tech was held scoreless in the game and managed just two hits in the loss.

Tech came up on the short end of both games of Saturday's doubleheader.

Tech lost the opener of the series 8-0 as sophomore Danielle Brady picked up the loss. Brady gave up four runs on

three hits in more than two innings of work. Hayes came on in relief and allowed four runs on seven hits runs.

Cyclone pitcher Debbie Nease kept the Red Raiders scoreless, giving up one hit during her five innings pitched.

The Red Raiders did not fare better in the nightcap, falling 11-1. Cannon took the loss for the Red Raiders, giving up 11 runs on 14 hits in five innings of work.

Tech's offense in the series was provided by freshman shortstop Jessica Wimpy, who continued her production by batting .500 in the series

with four hits and a stolen base.

Tech was held at .148 hitting in the three games and committed three errors during the games.

Tech coach Renee' Luers-Gillispie said Tech is concentrating on improving with every game.

"The competition gets tougher for us every weekend, but we don't focus on opponents' statistics or rankings, all we want to do is play better than we played the game before," Luers-Gillispie said.

"If we do that, then the wins will start to happen."

Fraschilla returns to Brooklyn roots to head Red Storm basketball

NEW YORK (AP) — Two days before the signing date for recruits, St. John's turned over its head basketball coaching job to Fran Fraschilla, who brings an impressive resume and realistic point of view to the assignment.

"There are still some quality players out there, but we're in the eighth and ninth innings," Fraschilla said Monday after being introduced by athletic director Ed Manetta. "There are two solid freshmen coming in. We have what we have."

That would include center Zendon Hamilton and forward Felipe Lopez, two of the top recruits in the country,

whose arrival at St. John's two years ago seemed to work in reverse for the program and coach Brian Mahoney.

Manetta dismissed Mahoney following a dismal 11-17 record, the school's worst in 33 years. The AD said he talked to six coaches and settled on Fraschilla, who had a 17-12 record at Manhattan and was 85-35 in four years there.

"I had a short list," Manetta said. "Our top choice sits with us today. I wanted an individual who communicates well and who has a good feeling for student-athletes. He had the attributes I was looking for."

Other coaches reportedly on Manetta's list included Pat Kennedy of Florida State, Jim Molinari of Bradley, Rick Majerus of Utah and Butch Beard of the New Jersey Nets. There also was a brief overture made to UMass coach John Calipari.

Fraschilla, an assistant coach at Providence, Ohio State, Ohio University and Rhode Island before coming to Manhattan in 1992, said he was thrilled to become the 15th head coach in St. John's history.

"To be here as a New Yorker, a kid from Brooklyn, is really a great thrill," he said.

"I grew up watching St. John's. This is an opportunity I'm excited and proud about. I am conscious about what St. John's means, the tradition it represents, the opportunity and obligation to uphold the tradition of St. John's, on and off the court," Fraschilla said.

"I want my team to play hard and play together. What I want to do is create a situation where there is a blue collar mentality, they play hard together, care for each other and know they have a coach who cares for them."

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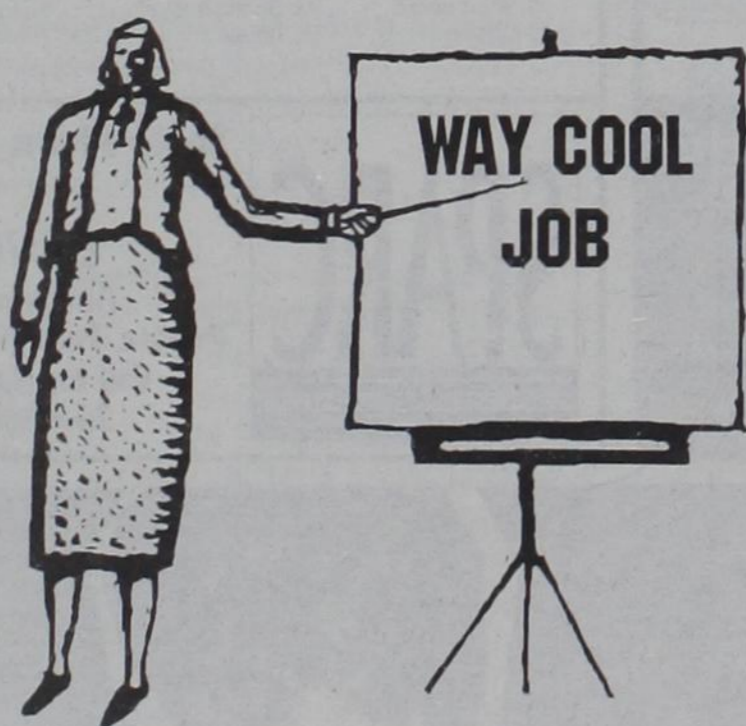
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Some of those who weren't chosen have taken out classified ads offering to buy an official number for up to \$500.

Ann Phillips of Sanger, Calif., will have to watch her husband, brother and best friend run past her. She couldn't get a number in the lottery.

"I was elated. I was just elated. It was just unbelievable," said Petter, who announced his good fortune to his congregation on Easter Sunday.

The first-grade class at Palm Springs North Elementary School in Miami pleaded their teacher's case. "Please let my teacher be in the Boston Marathon..."

Baseball attendance on increase

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Astros end three-game skid

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Hampton allowed four hits and struck out eight in eight innings, leading Houston over the San Francisco Giants 6-2 Monday night and stopping the Astros' three-game losing streak.

Houston, rebounding from a 17-2 loss to San Diego on Sunday, got a strong performance from Hampton (2-0), who didn't allow a runner past second after the third inning and struck out three of his last four batters. Todd Jones finished with a hitless ninth.

William VanLandingham (0-2) walked six in six innings for the Giants, allowing four runs and four hits. He has nine walks in 9 2-3 innings over two starts.

Matt Williams' two-run double put San Francisco ahead in the first after Shawon Dunston doubled and Barry Bonds reached on a throwing error by shortstop Orlando Miller.

Houston came back in the fourth. Jeff Bagwell doubled with one out, and walks to Derek Bell and Rick Wilkins loaded the bases with two outs. James Mouton, off to an 0-for-7 start, hit a two-run double to

Houston	6	National League
San Francisco	2	

left that tied the score and Miller followed with a two-run single to center for a 4-2 lead.

The Astros got two more runs without a hit in the seventh when Mark Dewey walked Bell with the bases loaded and Sean Berry's groundout to deep shortstop scored Hunter.

After they committed five errors in Sunday's loss, the Astros had only one against the Giants and had a pair of outstanding catches by Bell in right and Brian Hunter in center.


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Red Raiders clip Owls' wings Sunday

Pitching effort keeps Rice at bay

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HOUSTON (Special) — Senior Ryan Brewer took his experience to the mound Sunday and fired a complete game seven-hitter to lead the Red Raiders past the Rice Owls 8-1 Sunday at Cameron Field.

With the win, Tech improved to 36-6 overall and 11-4 in Southwest Conference action and avoided a three-game sweep by Rice (25-14, 4-10), which dominated the Red Raiders twice in Saturday's doubleheader.

Joe Dillon led the attack offensively for Tech, going 2-for-5 with an RBI single in the first inning and a two-run double in the third inning. Stubby Clapp, who set a new school mark with his 54th walk of the season, went 2-for-4 with a double and a two-run home run. Matt Kastelic finished with a pair of singles, a double and scored twice as Tech exploded to an 8-0 lead after five innings.

"We knew we were a good hitting

team," said Brewer, the lone senior starting pitcher. "We scored in the first five innings, and you can't beat that. They were swinging at some bad pitches... and we got things going today."

Brewer (9-0, 4-0) struck out one and walked two en route to his second complete game in conference play. His bid for a shutout was lost when Jacques Landry hit his third home run of the series with two outs in the ninth inning. Brewer then enticed Joseph Cathey to groundout on the next pitch.

Jeff Shaddix (2-3) took the loss for the Owls, giving up six hits and six runs in three innings of work.

Rice helped head coach Wayne Graham celebrate his 60th birthday Saturday by sweeping the second-ranked Red Raiders in a doubleheader.

The opener, scheduled for seven

innings, went into extra innings with the Owls squeezing past Tech, 6-5. William Ford opened the ninth inning for Rice with a single and was walked to second by relief pitcher Jimmy Frush (7-2). A throwing error by Frush allowed Paul Doyle to reach first base and Ford to move to third. Jason Richards followed a strike out by Tim McLaughlin with a safety squeeze bunt to bring home Ford.

Kastelic sent the game into extra innings, hitting a home run with two strikes to even the game at 5-5.

Matt Anderson (4-3) picked up the win in relief of Shawn Onley, by pitching a scoreless ninth inning.

Rice blew open the second game, a seven-inning affair after the first contest went into extra innings, scoring 10 runs in its final three at-bats to down Tech 10-5. Landry blasted a two-run homer in the fourth inning to break a scoreless game. An RBI double by Richards an inning later put the Owls in front 5-1. Tech used five pitchers in the sixth inning as Rice tallied five walks, two hit batters and five runs to stretch the lead to 10-1.

Jeff Peck (6-1) was saddled with

the loss after surrendering six hits and five runs (three earned) in 4 1/3 innings. He walked one and struck out four. Stephen Bess (4-1) was the winning pitcher after allowing five runs on seven hits, three walks and striking out five in 6 2/3 innings of work.

David Lindstrom hit a home run in each game Saturday and drove in five runs during the series to pace the Red Raiders.

Tech will face Texas (27-13, 9-2) in a showdown for first place beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Austin's Disch-Falk Field. The two teams are scheduled to square off in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. Saturday to conclude the three-game series. The Longhorns, percentage points ahead of Tech in the race for the final conference title, defeated the Red Raiders 9-5 in the opener of the First Pitch Tournament.

"We've got a big challenge of course, going to Texas," Tech head coach Larry Hays said.

"They've been the hottest team in the league since the First Pitch Tournament. Hopefully we'll go down and have a great series."

Texas (lone) Rangers' unbeaten start makes history

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Everyone laughed at Texas manager Johnny Oates when he said he expected 60 wins from his four starting pitchers, none of whom had ever won more than 17 games in a season.

A turn and a half through the rotation later, Oates' staff is living up to his lofty expectations.

The Rangers are off to baseball's best start, and the club's 6-0 record ties a mark set in 1979 for the best start in franchise history. Each victory has gone to a starter.

Ken Hill and Roger Pavlik each picked up their second wins Sunday as Texas swept a doubleheader against New York, 7-2 and 4-1.

Kevin Gross and Bobby Witt are each 1-0 heading into starts Tuesday and Thursday in Chicago.

The other 54 Ws may take awhile, but the way the Rangers are playing

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shows that they may finally be headed in the right direction after 24, frustrating summers that have left them as the only AL team never to make the playoffs.

"You never know what this can do," Oates said. "It can start snowballing, and who knows where it can go. It's only six games, but it was six good games. Now we'll go on the road and see how far it goes."

There's no secret behind Texas' success — good pitching, great defense and timely hitting wins every time.

The pitchers aren't walking anyone, and the batters are drawing walks. They're stealing bases and taking early leads, then holding on to them.

"We did a lot of little things right and a lot of big things right," second baseman Mark McLemore said. "When you do that, you've got a good chance to win ballgames."

Consider: —Texas pitchers have allowed only 12 runs, have a 2.00 ERA and have

walked just 18 batters. Starters are averaging nearly seven innings, and the bullpen has given up just six hits in 13 innings.

—The defense, baseball's worst two years ago, has committed just two errors. Neither led to a run.

—The Rangers have scored 40 runs, drawn 42 walks and are hitting .300. They've led in 43 of 46 innings while facing Roger Clemens, Tom Gordon, Tim Wakefield, Jimmy Key, Dwight Gooden and David Cone — three former Cy Young winners and two guys who've come close.

—Texas has been behind for only half an inning: from Bernie Williams' solo homer in the top of the second inning of Sunday's second game until Warren Newson's solo homer in the bottom of the inning.

—The Rangers stole five bases Sunday, making them 9-for-9 this year. The thieves range from speedsters Lou Frazier and Darryl Hamilton to Ivan Rodriguez (two after none last year) and Mickey Tettleton (his first since 1993).

It must be pointed out that all this has come at home and without any adversity. Boston got swept while

opening the year on the road, and the Yankees had two of their first four games rained out, in addition to the distraction of Gooden's first big-league game since June 1994.

Now the Rangers take to the road to play Chicago, and they could be without slugger Juan Gonzalez, who had to leave Sunday's first game after taking a fastball from Gooden on his right forearm.

Gonzalez, fighting to shed a bad-seed reputation, said he couldn't even pinch hit in Sunday's nightcap.

A slow return from this bruise — X-rays were negative — would be the first cloud over the team.

But, hey, when you're hot, you're hot, and that's exactly what happened Sunday night. Newson took Gonzalez's spot and drove in two runs and scored twice in the 4-1 victory.

His two-out single in the eighth off Steve Howe broke open a tie game and began a three-run rally.

When Ed Vosberg stopped a Bernie Williams grounder and threw to Will Clark for the last out, Rodriguez ripped off his catcher's mask, jumped up and down and took off toward Vosberg in celebration.

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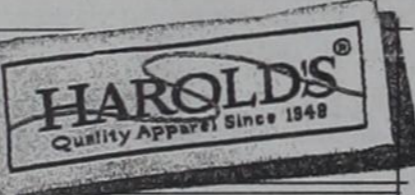
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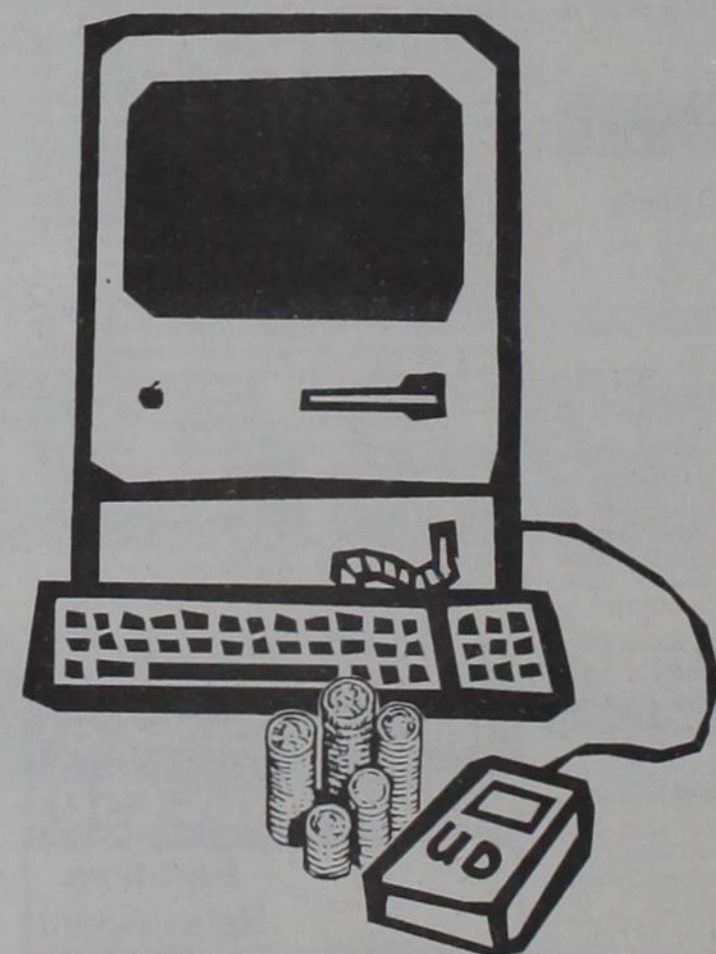
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