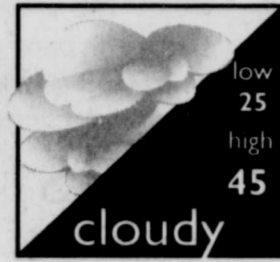




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Parking lot opens to Tech commuters

■ Tech students gain more than 300 spaces

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

Texas Tech students once again can park in the commuter lot at Indiana Avenue and 18th Street with the re-opening of the law school reserve lot.

Gail Wolfe, manager of the Department of Traffic and Parking, said the commuter lot will return 325 commuter parking spaces to students.

The commuter lot was used temporarily as a reserve lot for those who normally would park in front of the law school during construction to reconfigure

and resurface that lot.

With concrete now being laid, the United Spirit Arena still is in its second phase of construction, and workers are expected to begin work on the parking deck next to the arena site in the next couple of months.

John Opperman, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs and administration, said a few bad weather days have interrupted construction, but the arena is proceeding on schedule and is expected to open in the spring of 1999.

Officials hope the parking deck of about a 1,000 parking spaces will open

before the arena, Opperman said. Although the exact allotment of spaces has not been determined, commuters and arena event spectators will have access.

Wolfe said parking for the Student Recreation Center now is available just north of the center, with a two-hour limit for patrons. This section of parking is expected to be closed again in May for further construction of the arena parking deck.

"We've not had any problems with parking so far this semester," Wolfe said. "Tech students are cooperating, but they are frustrated with the inconvenience."

Opperman said Tech's facilities, planning and construction department along with architectural consultant firm, Hellmuth Obata Kassabaum, are finalizing plans for future parking on the Tech campus.

But more analysis of details may postpone the March presentation of the plans to the Board of Regents.

Previous plans included four parking garages next to the arena, between residence halls, Hulen/Clement and Wall/Gates, next to Dan Law Field and across from the University Center on the corner of 15th Street and Akron Avenue.

Opperman said another development with the arena is the Tech Athletic Department's discussion of privatizing the management of the arena.

Nothing more than discussions have occurred with the arena, except that with the city possibly privatizing the management of the Lubbock Coliseum and the Municipal Auditorium, it may be cheaper to use the same company to privatize all three together, Opperman said.

Athletic Director Gerald Myers said no decisions concerning the arena's management has been made, but it is time for considerations.

Gaining insight

Lack of sight gives student window to world, people

BY MELISSA WILLIAMS
The University Daily

Mountains and valleys or darkness surround him. He only can sense the unsteadiness of the metal ladder shift with his weight beneath him. As he slides his fingers across the wooden ceiling of his carport, he only can feel the splinters that tease his wrinkled, weathered hands.

His baby blue eyes do not blink, and he only can hope he does not put a nail through one of his fingers as he works diligently to provide lighting for his friends. This is no small task for 55-year-old Dale Mooney. He is blind.

He wipes his hands on his Big Ben blue-and-white overalls and smiles through his salt-and-pepper beard as he makes his way down the ladder. His brown hair is tasseled from his cowboy hat.

"I can't be serious but for two minutes an hour," Mooney said in a strong Texas drawl. "After that it's all jokes."

Mooney, a senior human science major from Lubbock, is a retired plumber and construction pourer who was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa in 1968, which caused him to lose his eye sight. He lives by himself with his 100-pound black Labrador retriever, Kramer, and a 9-pound white poodle.

"One of the things I learned when I started losing my eyesight is that if people have the option to have cancer or go blind, they will pick cancer first because there is a ray of hope that it is curable," he said.

Mooney said there are advantages

to being blind.

"I have an advantage because I have grown leaps and bounds because of my eyesight," he said. "I have gone places that I would have never gone if I hadn't lost my eyesight. You have to find a jewel in every adversity that you can focus on."

Mooney said he was angry when he first lost his sight because he knew that his lifelong profession would no longer be useful to him. He had to give up many things, such as his driver's license, which caused a major inconvenience. He said the hardest thing to him about being blind is transportation, and being an independent person he found it hard to ask for help.

At times Mooney said he became lonely and scared because he felt he had driven everyone away by being a burden. He then knew that he had to make some changes and necessary adjustments.

In January 1993 he began using a cane to help him walk, but by January 1994 he felt he needed a faster way to get around. He then went to the Seeing Eye Corp. in New Jersey and received a specially trained guide dog, which gave him back his independence. In the fall of 1995 he began his life as a student at Texas Tech.

Mooney learns daily by trial and error, but said he still is capable of everyday activities such as cooking and doing laundry. He also uses a tape recorder for class assignments, to make appointments or to make a grocery list. Staying active and getting an education are important to him.

"If I hide from you and not par-

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Eyeing the right path: Dale Mooney goes to class with his seeing eye dog Kramer. Mooney began classes at Texas Tech in fall 1995.

Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Tobacco trial has little impact on Wall Street

DALLAS (AP) — Talk of a settlement between the state of Texas and the tobacco industry is having little impact on the stock market, primarily because Wall Street is already expecting a national deal, analysts said Monday.

"Everybody's sights are set on the national settlement. Settlements in Texas will be viewed in light of what they mean to the national settlement," said Marc Cohen, an analyst with Goldman Sachs.

Philip Morris Companies had the best showing at midday, trading at \$45.39 on the NYSE, up 44 cents. B.A.T. Industries, the parent company of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and American Tobacco Co. Inc., and Brooke Group, parent to Liggett Group Inc., were both down slightly.

"The bigger move will be when the national settlement might occur," said Martin Feldman with Smith Barney.

The national pact, which requires congressional approval, would eliminate most pending class-action lawsuits against Big Tobacco and give the industry some protection from future lawsuits in exchange for \$368.5 billion and new restrictions on nicotine and cigarette marketing. The states would split the money over the next 25 years, divided according to each state's share of Medicaid expenditures.

But until Congress decides whether to approve the national pact, the states are continuing their own battles with the tobacco industry.

The fight between the Lone Star State and Big Tobacco is mostly over, sources say. According to insiders, a settlement is likely to be announced Tuesday, a day before jury selection is scheduled to begin in U.S. District Court at Texarkana.

Texas has sued eight tobacco companies and three trade groups for about a total of \$14 billion in reimbursement and damages involving Medicaid funds spent on smoking-related illnesses.

The settlement is likely to be between \$14 billion and \$15 billion, paid over 25 years, sources say. The tobacco industry also would fund new anti-smoking programs under the deal.

The deal, which would cost the tobacco industry about the same as its combined payout to Florida and Mississippi, is more than the \$13 billion that Texas would get under the national deal.

Ranchers prepare case against Oprah

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

Several Texas cattlemen claim that entertainer Oprah Winfrey and one of her talk-show guests hurt their business by making false statements about hamburgers and mad cow disease on her talk show.

The trial, slated to begin Jan. 20 in Amarillo, is expected to test the "veggie libel law," a 1995 state statute that protects Texas farmers, ranchers and other agricultural and livestock producers from false statements that adversely affect their business.

"What the laws are trying to imply is unless you have some sort of basis, you can't go out there and literally destroy an industry," said Joseph Conboy, associate dean of the Texas Tech School of Law.

"A scare like that can really devastate the industry."

Critics of the law say it hampers First Amendment rights to free speech.

"There's always the danger that if you are too strict about something you can stifle free speech," he said. "There are certain tradeoffs with free speech."

"Veggie libel laws" were prompted when Washington apple growers failed to win damages for losses attributed to a "Sixty Minutes" broadcast in 1989. The courts decided food could not be defamed, only the producer.

"If the cattlemen win, it will show that the law was upheld," Conboy

said. "It's not permissible to make public statements without proof."

On the April 15, 1996, broadcast of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that

“It's not permissible to make public statements without proof.”

Joseph Conboy, School of Law-associate dean

spurred the lawsuit, guest Howard Lyman, a vegetarian activist and former Montana rancher who directs the United States Humane Society, reportedly stated that 100,000 cows per year in the U.S. are fine at night, but dead

in the morning. The majority of those cows are rounded up, ground up and fed back to other cows, he said, adding if only one of them has mad cow disease, it has the potential to affect thousands.

Mad cow disease, first discovered in 1986 in the United Kingdom, kills nerve cells in cattle.

To this Winfrey said: "It has just stopped me cold from eating another burger."

Dr. Lee Jan, director of the meat safety division of the Texas Department of Health, said although the Food and Drug Administration drafted a proposal to stop the use of cattle byproducts in cattle feed in 1994, it was not implemented until 1997, when the United States also banned the importation of all European beef.

"The ban was proposed as a safeguard to prevent this from occurring in the U.S. or to prevent an outbreak from occurring," Jan said. "Even though the ban of importation of European beef is in place, there is no such thing as a 100 percent inspection."

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Iraq to block inspection led by American inspector

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq will block any arms inspections by a U.N. team led by an American, the government said Monday, setting the stage for a new confrontation with the United Nations.

An Iraqi government spokesman said the presence of too many Americans on the teams was prolonging the inspections program and delaying the lifting of U.N. sanctions on Iraq, the official *Iraqi News Agency* reported.

The targeted inspection team is led by Scott Ritter, a former Marine captain during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Iraq has criticized Ritter, claiming he is a spy for the United States. Ritter denies the charge.

The agency's statement came after Ritter and a team of U.N. inspectors reportedly visited a hospital and a prison in Baghdad.

It said the ban on Ritter would begin Jan. 13.

Other U.N. inspection teams will be allowed to continue their work, said Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun.

The inspectors are trying to verify that Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction, a condition that must be met before the United Nations will lift trade sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

In Washington, President Clinton said the United States has had "nothing whatsoever" to do with choosing members of the U.N. teams.

"Certainly Saddam Hussein shouldn't be able to pick and choose who does this work," Clinton said.

"That's for the United Nations to decide."

Florida nightclub sues CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — A Florida nightclub has sued CBS for \$3 million, claiming the network news wrongly suggested the restaurant and club was a hangout for the Russian mob.

The owners of the Miami Beach club La Luna claim they were told it would be photographed for a segment on night life, but the footage appeared in a story on the mob.

Kenneth Wasserman, lawyer for La Luna's owners — immigrants Vladimir and Dina Edelstein, said the business has been losing money ever since the

Oct. 29 broadcast on the "CBS Evening News with Dan Rather." "The word of mouth is negative," Wasserman said. "The piece put them in a false light."

The report opens with footage of La Luna — although its name is not revealed — and shots of its patrons and employees.

"Who are these people?" Rather asks, according to the lawsuit filed Thursday. "Are they hard-working immigrants or from Russia's violent underworld?"

What follows is video footage of blood-covered murder victims on a street.

Center opens doors to students' futures

BY CAREN CARNEFIX

The University Daily

Graduation is approaching for many Texas Tech students.

For most, graduation means facing the career world — and that can be scary.

Tech's Career Planning and Placement Center can help students ease their fears and tackle the job market.

With February and March being the prime visiting months for recruiters, officials at the center will offer seminars and orientations to prepare students for what's to come.

From Jan. 12 to Feb. 6 the employees of the Career Planning and Placement Center will provide orientation sessions to familiarize students with the center's services.

"The whole job hunting process is a whole different process from what they've done before," said David Kraus, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center. "We started the

orientation programs to help ease the transition and to get students to recognize we're friendly people."

The sessions will be at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily except for Jan. 19.

For more specific aspects of job hunting, the Career Planning and Placement Center offers specialized seminars and workshops to help students learn about or brush up on interviewing techniques, resume and cover letter writing skills and job searching strategies.

Career Planning and Placement Center counselors will critique students' resumes between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 21, Jan. 27 and Feb. 5. Each critique session will be about 20 minutes.

Resume and cover letter writing

seminars will be Jan. 20 and Feb. 6 in the Career Planning and Placement Center office at 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

More than 300 companies submitted videos or CD-ROMs to the center's multimedia library to educate students about career opportunities offered.

Students can come in any time during office hours to view these videos.

The Career Planning and Placement Center website provides information to students even after office hours have ended.

"Students' hours don't always fit ours, but we can't be there 24 hours," Kraus said.

"There's a lot of information to be obtained on the Internet."

The Career Planning and Place-

ment Center website will include career opportunity bulletins and updates of visiting recruiters.

View Net and virtual job fairs allow students to send out resumes to and interview with companies over the Internet.

"(The virtual job fair) is brilliance in its infancy," said J. Casey, the assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

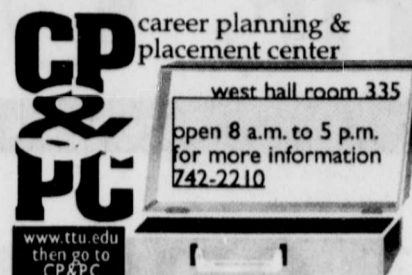
"It's the thing of the future and companies are using it more and more."

Casey estimated about 150 companies recruit through the virtual job fair including school districts.

"We've had virtual job fair for about a year," Casey said. "It's a neat technology, and it will be here for the future."

The Career Planning and Placement Center is not just for seniors.

"Get started early," Kraus said. "That's probably the biggest thing students need to know."



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Former presidents receive lifetime gift from Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a reprieve for America's four ex-presidents, Congress quietly extended lifetime staff and office space allowances that were due to be cut off.

Lawmakers inserted the item into a huge spending bill, essentially reversing their decision in 1993 to end the subsidies of the former presidents because of numerous concerns about the costs.

Former President Ford had lobbied members of Congress during a visit to Washington and later made calls to lawmakers in an effort to keep his \$300,000-a-year office in Rancho Mirage, Calif., in operation.

"We get 1,000 letters a week, 90 percent of them relate to my being president, and something has to be done about them," Ford said.

Ford, 84, said he had been preparing to shut down his presidential office when he got the word that his subsidy had been saved.

The government will pay \$2.2 million in allowances for Ford, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Jimmy Carter.

The total includes a \$151,800 pension for each ex-president; the rest is for office expenses. The Secret Service pays separately to provide security for them.

The office money includes rent, staff salaries, travel costs, postage and other items.

The biggest job, according to aides, is answering mail. But there are other matters, such as giving speeches and appearing at events.

In 1993, a budget-minded Congress decided that the costs of maintaining the nation's former chief ex-

ecutives were getting out of hand. There were five living former presidents at the time — Richard Nixon was still alive — the most since the Civil War.

Lawmakers voted to end the office subsidies for the five on Oct. 1, 1998, and to limit the allowance for future ex-presidents to four years and six months after they left office.

Security and pensions weren't affected.

With the cut-off looming, Ford paid visits to several members of Congress in 1996 and urged them to restore the lifetime allowance. Nothing came out of it that year. Ford said he made a few calls in 1997 to check on the status.

Last year, a provision to repeal the

five-year limitation was included in a \$25 billion Treasury spending bill. The bill became law in October.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chairman of an appropriations subcommittee that handles presidential allowances, said the extension was justified.

"It was our considered judgment that former presidents have substantial responsibilities that flow from their positions as president and it is appropriate to support them," he said.

The allowance dates to 1958, when former President Truman told the government that he was going broke paying for postage to answer letters from citizens.

Critics say the allowance is unnecessary.

"It's ridiculous," said David Keating, executive vice president of the National Taxpayers Union, which advocates lower taxes.

"There are no 'official' duties of a former president. Anything they do is out of their own interest and involvement in politics."

“ It is appropriate to support them (former presidents). ”

U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz.

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AOL files suit against 3 bulk e-mail companies

NEW YORK (AP) — America Online sued three bulk e-mail companies, seeking to halt their practice of bombarding the online service's members with unsolicited messages.

AOL, the nation's largest online service provider, filed the suit Jan. 6 in federal court in Alexandria, Va., seeking an injunction and damages from the companies.

The three firms are IMS of Knoxville, Tenn.; Gulf Coast Marketing of Baton Rouge, La.; and TSF Marketing and TSF Industries of Riverside, Calif.

The suit follows a victory for the online company last month against Over the Air Equipment Inc., which

was enjoined from sending similar bulk e-mails to AOL members and forced to pay the company damages. AOL also has won injunctions against several other bulk e-mailers.

"We expect to continue to win injunctions, we expect to continue to win damages," said George Vradsburg, general counsel for AOL. "We expect to build precedents that show spamming is illegal."

No one from the three companies could be reached for comment, and only TSF Marketing had a telephone listing.

According to the suit, the three companies sent thousands of unsolicited e-mails to AOL members, a prac-

tice known as "spamming."

They refused to halt their activities and used bogus e-mail addresses to evade AOL's filters designed to block such e-mails.

Vradsburg said AOL was seeking "substantial damages" from the three firms. "Enough to deter these people," he said.

AOL is the nation's largest online service with about 10 million members.

Mass unsolicited e-mail makes up a significant portion of the 17 million daily e-mails the company handles. The mass e-mails often offer ways to lose weight, make money quickly or locate pornography.

School's name sparks heated debate

GADSDEN, Ala. (AP) — A black school board member is campaigning to rename a school that bears the name of a Confederate general who became the first grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

General Forrest Middle School is named for Nathan B. Forrest, whose raiders chased Union troops in 1863.

Roberta Watts, one of two blacks on the seven-member city school board, describes Forrest as a slave-owning, uneducated Klan leader, and said she will ask the board next month to rename the school.

"Public education is not a choice. Those children and their parents are required to attend that school," said Watts.

"I've brought it up before in a

board work session. They said, 'No, we can't even think about that.'"

About 35 percent of the school's 500 students are black.

The longtime superintendent of city schools, Fred Taylor, said the board won't change the name just because of the Klan, which Forrest left in 1869 because it had become too violent.

"He had a right to be in the organization as much as these (black) folks have a right to be in the NAACP," said Taylor, who is white. "That doesn't mean he wasn't a hero in the war."

Taylor said black activists are using the media to create controversy for their own ends.

"Blacks will get on anything,"

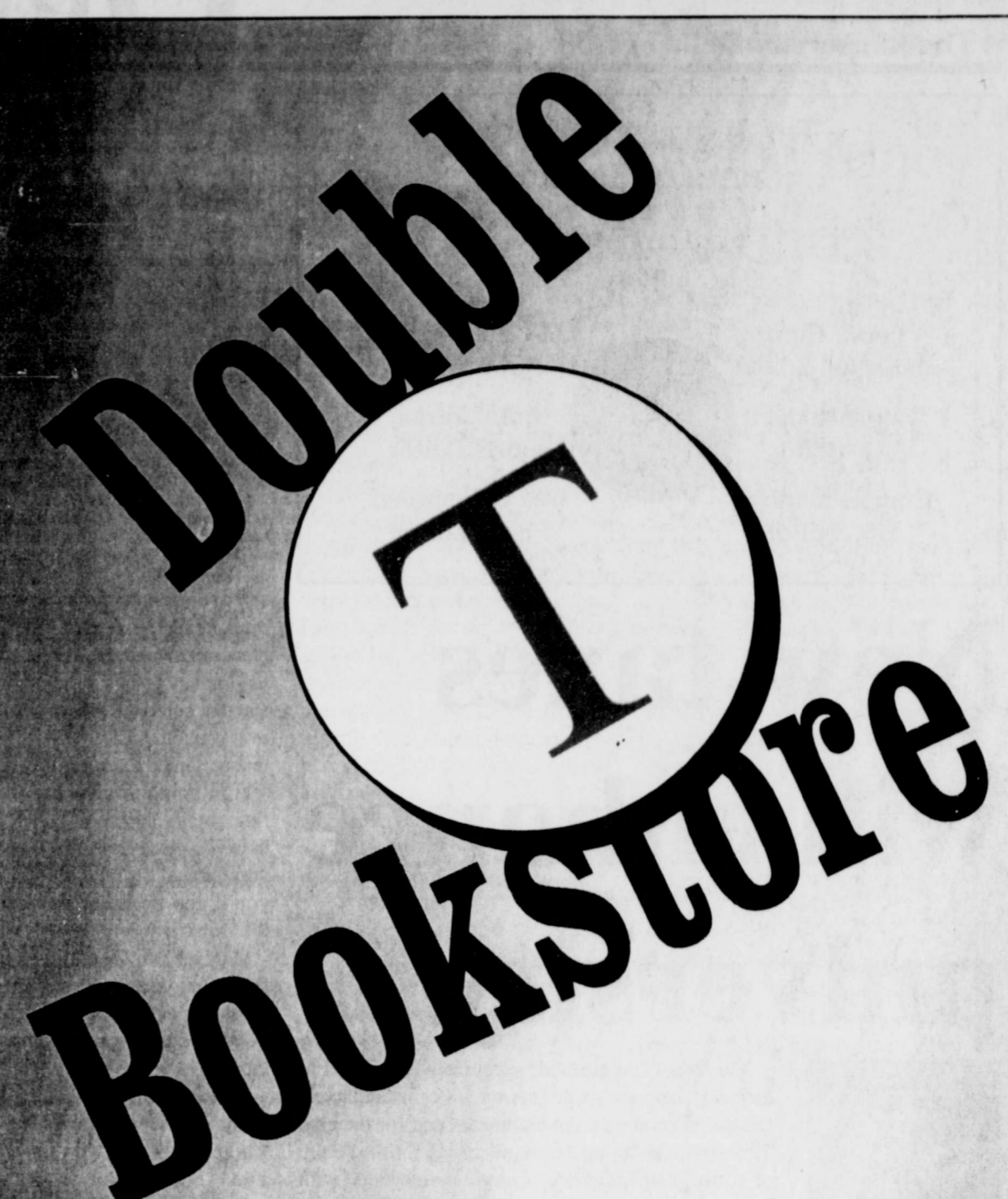
Taylor said. "It helps to create membership in their organizations and such."

Blacks aren't the only people complaining.

A white couple, Alfred and Carol Faulkenberry, recently sent letters to about 70 civic leaders asking to rename the school.

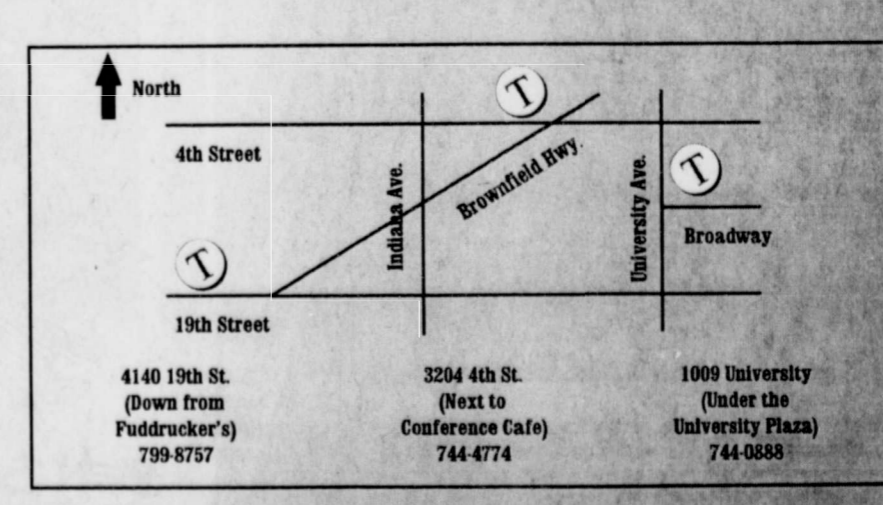
"No one seems to care except for a couple of people who called to tell me Nathan Bedford Forrest was a great Confederate general who founded the KKK to protect Confederate widows," said Faulkenberry.

Forrest, widely credited with creating modern guerrilla warfare tactics, is revered by many Southern whites for his tenacious pursuit of Union forces throughout the South.



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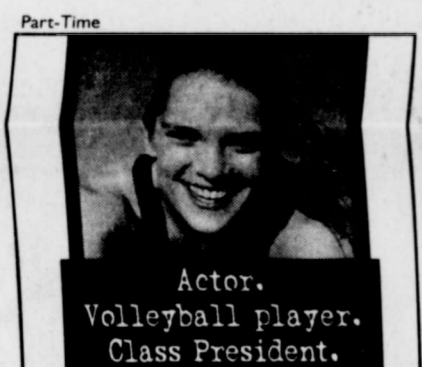
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On Jan. 17, a citywide election will be held to increase Lubbock's sales tax by 3/8 cents and to establish an economic development fund for the city. This vote has important implications for the future of Texas Tech, and I urge everyone associated with the institution to vote for passage of this referendum. Everyone associated with the university will benefit from progressive economic development in Lubbock. We have entered an era where industry needs universities more and more because of the increasing influence that technology plays in business. At the same time there is pressure on universities to

become more relevant by transferring knowledge and putting research to work in the marketplace for the benefit of local and regional economies. Therefore, economic development has become a new role in university research and education, with areas of high-tech industry having emerged in proximity to many major research universities.

A win-win situation exists in this type of economic growth. The local community benefits by having quality jobs and a well-trained, tax-paying work force. The university benefits from enhanced faculty and student recruiting and by generating business revenue. Private business gets to interact with the university and hire its students, gain access to research faculty and staff as well as specialized equipment and libraries, all of which aid technology-based business development.

Some of the best examples of this type of economic growth have taken place in geographically remote areas like Lubbock. Examples include Cornell in Ithaca, N.Y., Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and, closer to home, Kansas State University and the city of Manhattan.

Lubbock can capitalize on this type of economic development. It has abundant and relatively cheap land, a major airport and the educational resources to provide work force development. Most importantly, there is Texas Tech with its comprehensive and rapidly expanding research programs. The trump card is the Reese Center which has all of the necessary infrastructure to house high-tech businesses. Most communities have to build research parks and facilities to attract high-tech companies. Lubbock does not have to do this.

An essential ingredient for this type of business development is seed capital to use in attracting high tech industries. Seed capital typically flows from economic developers, local foundations or from the general public in the form of tax revenue dedicated to economic development.

Many progressive cities in the country have dedicated a portion of the local sales tax for this purpose. Lubbock will have the opportunity to do this in the upcoming election Saturday. If we vote to dedicate a portion of our sales tax to establishing a growth investment fund we would have the necessary capital to entice new industries to Lubbock and the Reese Center.

The process of bringing new technologies to market, through the start-up of new enterprises and the expansion of existing ones, is a proven path to regional economic prosperity. This is particularly true when that process is coupled with the means to efficiently access and transfer technology from a major research university. That is why so many regional communities around the world seek to harness their technological resources for economic gain.

If we think big enough and work together, we can have successful high-tech economic growth in Lubbock.

For Texas Tech's future, we need to have very high quality jobs in the region, in part to provide better educational opportunities for our students, but also to help attract faculty and staff members who often are part of dual-career couples.

Think about it this way. We can stress the "technological" aspect of Texas Tech and create a more entrepreneurial university for the benefit of students, faculty and staff, as well as the local and regional economy.

David Schmidly is vice president for research and graduate studies at Texas Tech.

Dear Abby, uh er, Julie



JULIE MITCHELL/
COLUMNIST

If you have questions about yourself or current relationships, then you must read the rest of this column. Now, most people would make you pay money to buy a magazine with a test that could tell you everything you ever wanted to know about everything that pertained to anything, but not me. I'm going to give you the totally free, totally unscientific test that will help you discover yourself, your love, your sexual orientation and whether you'll end up at the monk house or the Bunk House.

Just answer these three questions, figure out your score and live a more knowledgeable life.

1. The first time your boyfriend introduces you to his parents he leaves you alone with them, and a very explicit sex scene comes on the TV while the three of you are watching. You:

A. Exclaim honestly "Oh, this is my favorite part of the movie."

B. Jump up and swear you're almost a virgin, and the birth control pills in your purse are for acne.

C. Ask the parents why they didn't teach little Johnny to do that.

D. Confess sadly that the video you made with their son was very low budget compared to this one.

E. Pretend not to notice the two naked grunting people on the big screen TV with surround sound that is three feet directly in front of you, and take great interest in the floor.

2. Your fiancée tells you she's having second thoughts about marrying you. You:

A. Ask "Are you going to throw up the fact that I slept with your mother for the rest of this relationship?"

B. Ask her if she's PMSing again.

C. Swear that the handcuffs and whip you gave her for Christmas were a joke, and that you didn't mean to saw off her favorite Teddy Bear's head.

D. Think that it's because you bought her a cookbook and a sub-

scription to "Good Housekeeping" as a wedding gift.

E. Pretend not to notice the girl with the loud voice standing three feet directly in front of you, and take great interest in the ceiling.

3. You see some very attractive people at the end of the bar, you approach them and:

A. Convince them that they're so drunk they're just imagining the wedding band on your finger.

B. Tell them that the only pick up line you use is the one on the end of a fishing pole, and add a "Speaking of which, you've got great bait. I know I'm hooked."

C. Ask them if they're a couple, and if so would they consider becoming several.

D. When one of them asks if you're interested in having a one night stand, you tell him or her that you'd much rather having meaningless sex — standing for too long makes your knees hurt.

E. Pretend not to notice their demands for your money or the guns

they're pointing at your head while standing three feet directly in front of you, and take great interest in their pretty eyes.

Give yourself one point for As, two for Bs, three for Cs, four for Ds, five for Es, and six for any creative answers you might have come up with.

If you scored between one and eight, excluding the numbers 4 and 3 1/2, you are absolutely crazy.

You should run to your nearest psychiatric ward. Your list of maladies include schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, looniness with a capital L, and probably gonorrhea and syphilis as well. And the person you're dating is an undercover heterosexual.

If your score was 3 1/2 or nine to 18, you have problems and need a good haircut.

You should consider cabinet making as a career, and your significant other likes it when you crochet. Your hands are always sweaty.

If you scored an 18 or above or a four, you need to enroll in some math classes, and your dog is lonely.

Well, hope your questions are answered.

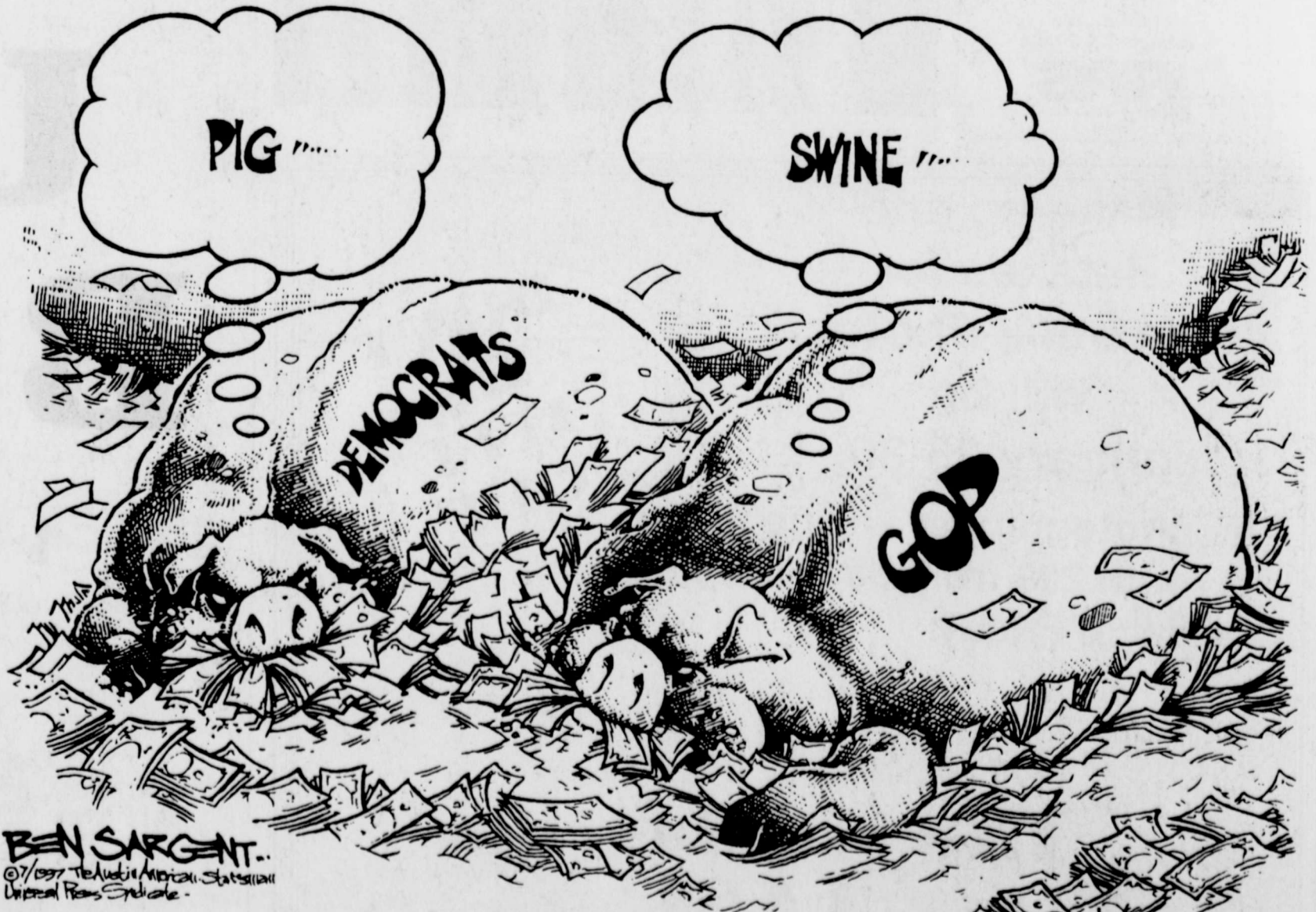
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Nightlife brings variety to Tech

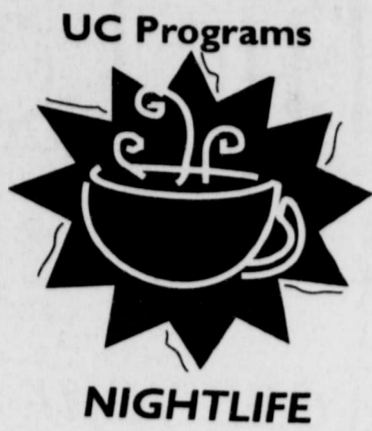
BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
The University Daily

After a strong fall semester, the University Center Programs Nightlife Series will bring magicians, actors, ballet, jazz and a Holocaust survivor to present unique opportunities for exposure to various educational and entertainment programs.

"We have a very diverse array of different programs we've scheduled," said Sara Solloway, assistant coordinator of student activities for UC Programs. "All of them are going to be really good."

Jonathan Kozol, the author of several books about America's children, will speak Jan. 27.

All the events of the Nightlife Series begin at 8 p.m. in the Texas Tech University Center Allen Theatre. Tickets can be purchased from the ticket booth upstairs in the UC.



The Spencers will present a high-tech magic show Jan. 28.

"We have not done too many programs like magic or illusionists, so this will be unique," Solloway said.

Dael Orlandersmith will perform a one-woman production of "Monster" Feb. 10. In "Monster", Orlandersmith portrays Theresa, a girl growing up in East Harlem with aspirations of being somebody.

On Valentine's Day, a special jazz concert will be performed. Musicians Ramsey Lewis and Billy Taylor will host an evening of jazz piano for the special night.

From love to hate, Holocaust survivor Zev Kedem will speak Feb. 17 about his experiences with darkness and evil in a Nazi concentration camp.

Kedem's story became popular through the movie "Schindler's List." He was freed at age 11 because his name was on the list. Kedem appeared in the movie and consulted during the work on it. "Schindler's List" will be shown Feb. 17, the day before Kedem speaks, Solloway said.

World famous actor James Earl Jones will grace the Allen Theatre stage Feb. 24. His voice has been heard in "Star Wars," "The Lion King," "The Great White Hope" and "Hamlet."

"That one has been really popular with sales," she said. "That one is

close to selling out."

Ballet Hispanico first performed in Lubbock 10 years ago and returns March 12. Since the troupe first danced across a Lubbock stage, they have performed on the stages of the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center.

"This will be another really memorable event," Solloway said.

Students pay half price for all of the events.

"These are good, quality programs at a good price," Solloway said.

The variety of entertainment and educational programs will last all semester.

"It is a real good variety of stuff this semester," said Jeff Blackwell, a senior marketing major from Sunnyvale and president of UC Programs.

"One thing the Nightlife Series is built on is that you can be entertained and educated at the same time."

Eagles, Fleetwood Mac receive 'Hall' honors

NEW YORK (AP) — The Eagles and Fleetwood Mac, whose harmonies on stage and excesses off stage defined 1970s popular music, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Monday night.

Other inductees included the group Santana, led by Carlos Santana's fiery guitar and dedication to Latin music and experimentation; the Mamas and the Papas, folk icons of the late '60s; rockabilly legend Gene Vincent; and Lloyd Price, one of the early practitioners of New Orleans rock 'n' roll. The induction ceremony was at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan.

The Eagles, formed in 1971, created a distinctive country sound using traditional rock instruments.

The group, led by drummer Don Henley and guitarist Glenn Frey, and later guitarist Joe Walsh, scored hits with "Tequila Sunrise," "Best Of My Love," and "One Of These Nights." Their biggest hit was the 1976 album and single, "Hotel California."

Fleetwood Mac, started in 1967 by two former members of John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, became an enormously popular pop-oriented group in the late 1970s.

Stevie Nicks' haunting vocals and Lindsay Buckingham's distinctive guitar work helped propel the band's 1976 album "Rumours" to multiplatinum status. Problems with alcohol and drugs, as well as well-publicized fights between band members, led to the breakup of both bands.

Mooney

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participate in the world and society. I am doing myself as well as others a serious injustice because the world is sighted," Mooney said. "I need to be out among a society of people, to meet people, to be exposed to them and them to me."

Mooney said he learns something from everyone he meets.

"I have an advantage that others don't," he said.

"I get to see inside of them, not what they look like, so I don't get the halo effect."

"I get to see them for who they are. I don't know if they are Native American, black, Hispanic, Oriental or Caucasian."

This country man said he is just as capable as sighted people in almost all the everyday tasks he usually performs.

One of the things he asks his

professors is to challenge him.

"Don't limit me," Mooney said. "Don't think that simply because I am a non-traditional student I should be limited."

"If you limit me, you're limiting yourself. Teach me, learn to teach me because I am out here to learn."

As Mooney aims toward a professional counselor's license in order to help other disabled people get through life easier, he also wants to educate sighted people on the adversities of being blind.

He and guide dog Kramer follow a regular route around campus to his classes.

Even though Kramer never leads



campus, and I've got this 100-pound black Labrador retriever on a leash, my beard is gray and my face is bashed in from horses."

Mooney does not feel that Tech does a good job accommodating disabled people

because he has to do all of his work for school at home on his own computer.

He has a scanning device which allows him to scan his syllabuses and other work, and it verbally repeats what it reads.

His computer is loaded with a special software and a voice synthesizer that talks and spells out each individual word he types.

"Tech is behind on technology," he

Mooney to danger, he has embarrassed him several times by pointing out an empty seat when it was actually taken. Mooney said it is not uncommon for him to sit in a student's lap because they usually are too afraid to say something to him.

"You know that old saying, 'Don't judge a book by its cover,'" he said, laughing jovially. "It is more true than anything you've ever seen."

"People see me coming across

of meeting individual needs of each student," Dolven said.

"We are always trying to improve, but I think we put in reasonable accommodations for each student."

Mooney's positive attitude about being blind stems from his motto in life.

"Laugh a lot," Mooney said. "Make a lot of good memories, take a lot of pictures to reflect back on later in life."

Mooney's friend, Elane Saffel, said the best thing about Mooney is his laughter, his friendship and his willingness to try new things.

"To tell you the truth," Mooney said.

"I don't want my eyesight back, and I mean that sincerely. I have to re-adapt to everything, and I might lose that ability to see deep inside of people because I would have to go back to looking at the outside of people."

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Pepsi-Cola plans to test lemon-lime rival to Sprite

NEW YORK (AP) — Pepsi-Cola Co. is getting into the lemon-lime wars with a soft drink it hopes will steal some of the fizz from Sprite and 7-Up.

Pepsi, the nation's second-biggest soft drink company, is calling its new drink Storm and will test it early this year in Denver.

Storm would effectively replace Slice, sales of which have been flat against Coca-Cola Co.'s Sprite and Cadbury Schweppes PLC's 7-Up.

Coca-Cola has been dominating the market with Sprite. Sales have been growing rapidly, fueled by an irreverent advertising campaign called "Obey Your Thirst" that appeals to teens by poking fun at commercials that suggest a soft drink can change your life.

"Sprite has enjoyed tremendous success in recent years," said Polly Howes, spokeswoman for Atlanta-based Coca-Cola. "It's really not a surprise that others would want to try to capitalize on that."

Some industry watchers said a stronger lemon-lime entry would also help Pepsi get more fountain customers, such as restaurant chains that often carry the whole range of Pepsi or Coca-Cola products. Coca-Cola has long dominated that section of the business.

There have been reports that Pepsi may include caffeine in Storm as a way to distinguish it from Sprite and 7-Up, which don't have caffeine.

CBS president does not believe parents heed child rating system

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Few parents bother with the new ratings system designed to help them decide what television shows their children should watch, the president of CBS Television said Monday.

"I generally think that people are not changing their habits whatsoever," CBS chief Leslie Moonves said. "I don't think that a mother in Peoria is saying, 'The Magnificent Seven' has a TV-14, you're not watching it. I think that rarely happens."

Most of the TV industry began using a ratings system Oct. 1, giving programs one of several labels that alert parents to shows that have bad language, sexual content or violence.

NBC has refused to go along with the system, in which a network determines the show's content rating. CBS is participating, but Moonves thinks the system has little effect.

Meanwhile, Moonves is one of several network executives watching anxiously to see if the hit show "ER" changes networks.

NBC has the month of February to reach a deal with Warner Bros. Television, maker of the show, and if they don't agree, television's top-rated drama becomes a free agent.

LIGHTENING THE LOAD

BY LAURA HENSLEY

The University Daily

There are black ones, blue ones, dirty ones and new ones. Each day they follow closely behind many students lugging the day's supplies within their zippers and buckles.

Like bulging tumors, they hang, pulling on muscles in the neck and back. By the end of the day the load feels like bricks, and muscles are screaming.

Backpacks may seem like harmless accessories, but they can pose injurious physical effects to students.

"Sometimes when I carry a lot of books it feels like my spine is being crushed," said Dustin Foss, an electrical engineering major from Abilene. With an awkward groan and a tug at the strap of his black JanSport, Foss sighed and said, "Like right now I'm ready to collapse."

Heavy loads, improper carrying methods and poor posture while carrying backpacks may lead to several injuries such as back, neck or shoulder problems.

"Based on heavy loads and the wearing of the backpack on one shoulder tends to put weight on one side causing back pain," said Mark O'Keefe, a physical therapist at University Medical Center Sport Med South, 602 Indiana Ave.

O'Keefe said the one-strap method of carrying backpacks is one of the causes of backpack-induced pain.

"In high school you had to carry your backpack on one shoulder to be cool," said Matt Mellinger, a junior management information systems major from Abilene. "Now, in college, people don't care. I think it's a lot easier to carry it with two straps."

O'Keefe said the one-strap method

How do you wear your backpack? Insight offered into college-age question



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Load 'em up and move 'em out: A group of Tech girls demonstrate the variety of ways a backpack can be worn while walking to class. Back pain may be alleviated by carrying a lighter load and wearing both straps.

can cause muscle imbalance by putting weight on one side of the body, which also may cause a curving in the spine.

"It used to be cool to wear your backpack on one shoulder, but now I notice people wear them the correct way," he said.

Overpacking also causes back pain, O'Keefe said. Heavy, cumbersome loads may lead to thoracic outlet syndrome which stretches the nerves in the neck.

"As a student myself I have experienced back and neck pain after carrying books around campus," O'Keefe said. "I know people have to carry their books to class, but it's a good idea to try and reduce the load."

O'Keefe said preventive measures can be taken to reduce the pain caused by backpacks or hours of sitting in class.

"Maintaining a good exercise schedule to make sure muscles are in good shape may reduce the soreness students may experience," O'Keefe said. "They (students) should also try to lighten their load. If they know they can leave a book at home one day, they should."

O'Keefe also said for added lumbar support while sitting in class, students can roll up their sweat shirts and place them at their lower backs.

"If students have severe pain, they should then seek professional medical care," O'Keefe said. Although

backpacks may cause some pain, their presence is a necessary part of college life. Some people grow very attached to their backpacks. "I'm quite attached to mine," said Mellinger, patting his blue JanSport. "It's a part of me."

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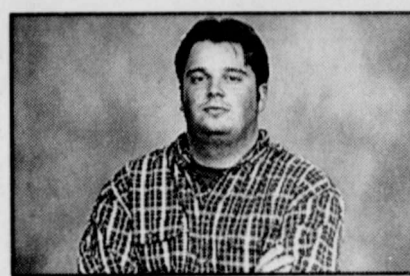
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1997 sports proved to be entertaining, unexpected



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the Bulls—in Chicago.

By winning their fifth NBA title in seven years, the Bulls staked their claim to greatness.

Michael Jordan's finesse coupled with Dennis Rodman's lifestyle and hair, kept America entertained, if nothing else.

Ah yes. And how can we look past the bite?

Mike Tyson's most bizarre stunt yet, took part of Evander Holyfield's ear with him. The most notorious bite in the history of sports allowed Tyson to take a year of due to his suspension. I guess we'll never really know what Tyson was thinking, if at all.

Improbable baseball division champions Houston Astros, San Francisco Giants and Seattle Mariners were all backseat stories to the first-ever Wild Card World Series Champions, the Florida Marlins.

The Marlins were a bunch of savvy veterans playing not for their love of money, but for the chance to win a World Series ring. (It didn't hurt that they accrued the largest payroll in the history of baseball.)

Led by Cuban defector Livan Hernandez, America's pastime had truly experienced its first international flavor on such a large stage.

And then there was Texas. People always say things are bigger and better in Texas, including its sports fiascos. From the disappointing to the extremely disappointing, Texas sports belong in a league of their own.

Earlier in the year, the Dallas Stars were huge favorites in the Stanley Cup Playoffs and even had the 1996 World Champion Colorado Avalanche on the ropes.

But the tides turned and an Avalanche ensued. The Stars were left to gaze and wonder.

On another disappointing note, the national champion contender Texas Longhorns forgot to show up. Their Heisman candidate, running back Ricky Williams, led the country in rushing but failed to lead his coach to victory.

The Longhorns suffered their worst season in years and failed to beat a ranked team.

On the other side of the ball, the Red Raiders played an inspiring season of football that ended abruptly by the all-too-familiar "self-imposed sanctions."

The Red Raiders performed well enough to silence their critics, but weren't rewarded with a bowl game.

When looking at the Dallas Cowboys, postseason play seemed to be something that Shakespeare would have written in the offseason rather than an opportunity to win another title. From Michael Irvin's "poor judgement" to Barry Switzer's gun-toting, it's no wonder that the boys from Big D won only six games.

But the year in sports wasn't about winning and losing. It wasn't about how many millions of dollars the athletes make.

It was about the entertainment and joy provided by the athletes to audiences around the world.

Lets only hope that 1998 in the year of sports is just as entertaining.

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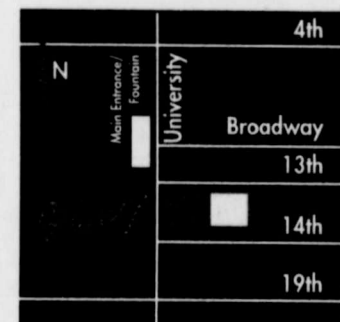
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