

Staff senate waits for officials' approval

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UD Staff Writer

has for years had a voice in many of the university's policies. After more than a year, Tech's staff is still waiting for a voice.

Tom Shubert, University Center director and chairman for the Student Affairs Quality Service Committee, said some staff members have formed a

committee trying to form a staff senate since the spring of 1997.

"It would go to the regents Texas Tech's Faculty Senate and it was the chancellor's office that was going to take it to the regents," he said. "We're looking for the ability to proceed with the formation of the staff senate."

Although a vote by the regents is not required for the formation of the staff senate, the subcommittee still wants approval from the Tech adminis-

tration.

Shubert's committee, concerned with quality service issues for students, formed the Staff Senate Subcommittee last spring.

Susan Peterson, student publications advertising manager, leads the committee. Pee Wee Roberson, recreational sports associate director, Sara Solloway, student activities assistant coordinator for UC programs and Mary Lindsey, stu-

dent publications business office secretary III are also on the committee.

The subcommittee drafted a staff senate constitution, which they submitted to the chancellor's office. The office recommended changes, and the draft was resubmitted.

"We haven't heard a word," Schubert said. "It hasn't appeared on a Board of Regents' agenda.

"We're just in a wait and see

mode. I really believe that they think it's a reasonable type of representation for staff."

Peterson said the subcommittee has not met since April.

James Crowson, Tech deputy chancellor, said currently the issue is not being considered by the chancellor's office.

"We really won't know until we get whatever thought the president and his people want to give it," he said. "It wasn't See Senate, page 5

Chemistry benefits from \$500,000 gift

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UD Staff Writer

Tuesday, Texas Tech's chemistry department received a \$500,000 grant from a Houston-based foundation which has been showing the university generosity since 1965.

Tuesday, representatives from the Robert A. Welch Foundation presented Tech's chemistry department with the grant to support the existing endowment of the Welch Chair.

The foundation, which was established in 1954, supports grants for chemistry research, program awards, scholarships and professorships in chemical research in Texas.

The foundation presented Tech with its first endowed the future. chair in 1965, and has continued to support programs over research are imperative to the the past 33 years in Tech's chemistry department.

"The Welch Foundation has been instrumental in the advancement of our department," said Max Roundhill, a Tech professor and the chairman of

the chemistry department. "We're delighted and very appreciative for all the generosity the foundation has shown our department and school."

Also Tuesday, the Welch Foundation was recognized for previously pledging a new \$1 million endowed chair in the department of cell biology and biochemistry at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center

An endowed chair is a fund set aside to create a new professorship in a department. The goal of endowed chairs is to attract top quality professors to the university.

David Smith, president of TTUHSC, said the \$1 million endowment will be instrumental in the department's plans for

"Basic science education an growth and development of a quality medical school," Smith said.

"With the support of the Welch Foundation, we will reach a new level of excellence."



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Summer Relief: Brandy Nichols, a freshman nursing major from Lubbock, prepares a snow cone at Bahama Bucks on Brownfield Highway.

Law grad finds day in court not so funny

CAREN CARNEFIX UD Staff Writer

As a 1996 Texas Tech Law School graduate, Joseph Cheffo imagined his degree would help him practice law from a lawyer's viewpoint, not a defendant's.

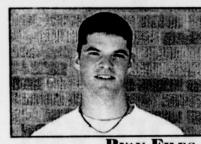
Cheffo recently appealed a restraining order issued in November that requires him to

steer 500 feet clear of actress Kelly Preston, John Travolta's wife. Though Cheffo was never arrested or charged with a crime, a Florida judge issued See Cheffo, page 6

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Dallas Cowboys better than 6-10 record



RYAN FILES GUEST COLUMNIST

The Dallas Cowboys, after an embarrassing 6-10 season last year, are looking at making some drastic improvements. The Cowboys are a much bet-

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ter team than their record indicates. Out of the 10 losses they suffered last year, six of those were by 7 points or less. Since then, Jerry Jones has taken many steps to put the team back into playoff contention.

The first and most important step was to replace Barry Switzer, arguably the worst PR figure in the history of the game. Chan Gailey is the new man in charge who will also be calling the plays of the offensive side of the ball. The Cow-

improve considerably with the addition of Chris Warren as a backup, and an offensiveminded head coach whose previous offense at Pittsburgh lead the league in rushing in 1997.

The second major change the Cowboys made was the free agent signing of Chris Warren, whose role will not be to replace Emmitt, but to provide a dependable backup tailback who will have more yards than fumbles. In 1997 Sherman Wil-

boys' running game should liams, although he ran well at times, fumbled twice as many times as Warren, on 79 fewer carries.

Heading up the receiving core is Michael Irvin, who, whether you love him or hate him, is still one of the best receivers in the game. Anthony Miller will most likely not be re-signed, and the man who might replace him is wide receiver Billy Davis, a four-year pro out of Pittsburgh. The tight end spot will be the Cowboys first-round draft pick last year David LaFleur, who is a tremendous target for Troy Aikman. The offensive line looks terrific with Larry Allen (\$4 million a year), Nate Newton (who has slimmed down to almost duck the 300-pound mark), Everett McIver (ex-student of Elizabeth City State), and Erik Williams, who could be challenged for starting job by monster 6foot-7-inch, 335-pound draft pick Flozell Adams.

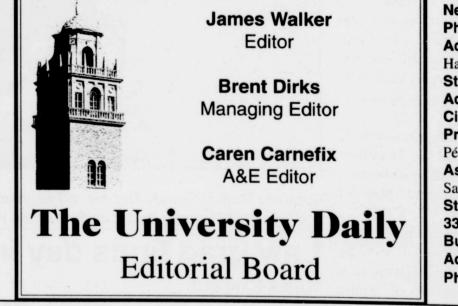
The most significant change on the defensive line will be first-round draft pick Greg Ellis, who should start after breaking Lawrence Taylor's career sack record at North Carolina. The linebackers will consist of Dexter Coakley, who had a tremendous rookie year, Randall Godfrey and the 11year veteran from Purdue, Fred Strickland.

The strength of the team lies in their secondary. The reason is simple: Deion Sanders. Along with Deion, who completely takes his receiver out of his game, are Kevin Smith and Darren Woodson. The loss of Brock Marion is expected to be replaced by either Omar Stoutmire or George Teague, who returns to the team after a brief stint in Miami. The Dallas secondary was extremely effective last year and with at least 26 years of experience between them, they should shut down opposing receiving threats again this year.

The bottom line is that the Dallas Cowboys should never have had a 6-10 season, or even a losing season last year. In the off season they have made some smart and necessary changes to the ball club. Any team with ability and experience of Michael Irvin, Emmitt Smith, Deion Sanders and Troy Aikman poses an enormous threat. Look for this team to make a major improvement from last year and end up on the top of the NFC East.

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State Briefly

Senator wants tougher hate law

HOUSTON (AP) — State and city officials, pointing to the grisly slaying of an East Texas black man, called Thursday for a tougher Texas law against hate crimes.

"Nothing can erase the Byrd family's pain," State Sen. Ellis Rodney Ellis said of the June 7 slaying of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper.

"We can, however, work together to pass a stronger, more effective hate crimes law that sends hatemongers a clear and early signal that violence and abuse will be harshly punished."

Thursday, Ellis and Houston City Councilman Jew Don Boney hosted a public forum on the state's hate crime statute. Invited to speak were three of Byrd's sisters.

Police say Byrd was dragged to death behind a pickup truck only because he was black. The three white suspects in the case have been charged with capital murder and could face the death penalty.

But early in the case, there has been debate over the state's hate crime law, which some critics, including Ellis — who crafted the 1993 Texas law — say is too vague.

In 1995 and 1997, Ellis' efforts to strengthen the statute failed. The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that in 1997, 331 hate crimes were reported.

UT stadium project over budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The cost of lowering the football field as part of a stadium renovation and expansion at the University of Texas has escalated, shooting up 28 percent, UT officials say.

The jump, from \$2.5 million to \$3.2 million, is the result of rising Austin construction costs and changes in the project, said Jim Broaddus, director of facilities planning and construction for the UT System.

Foremost among the changes, Broaddus said, was the decision to lower the field by about 8 feet instead of 4 feet, as previously planned.

Overall, he said, the project "will be a marked improvement in the first 16 to 17 rows because you can't see over the players right now."

Broaddus outlined the changes to a committee of the UT System Board of Regents Tuesday. The full board will be asked to approve the project next month.

Committee members did not express concerns about the additional \$700,000 cost, but UT Faculty Council Chairman Jack Gilbert was not happy to hear about it.

"When there are a lot of financial pressures on the university, the faculty would certainly not find it heartening to see an increase in expenditures on intercollegiate athletics," Gilbert told the Austin American-Statesman for a story published Wednesday.

By law, no tax money can be used to finance the athletics projects.

To pay off bonds being issued for the projects, the school will rely on revenue generated by ticket surcharges, which have gone up from \$5 to \$8 per ticket, and by leases on 66 luxury suites, or skyboxes.



CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

July 2

• A UPD officer investigated an assault which occurred in the engineering building.

• A UPD officer investigated a theft at the plant and soil science building.

• A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief which occurred in the R-8 parking lot.

• A UPD officer investigated a hit and run accident without injuries which occurred in the R-18 parking lot.

• A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred on the third floor of the HSC.

July 3

• A UPD officer responded to a welfare check at Gaston Hall.

• A UPD officer responded to a restraints call in the UMC emergency room. The individual was placed in four-point restraints.

• A UPD officer responded to a request for an emergency detention at the UMC emergency room.

• A UPD officer investigated a theft which at 3600 10th St.

occurred at the industrial engineering building.
A UPD officer made an arrest for driving while license suspended in the 1700 block of Indiana Avenue.

July 6

• A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred at the bike rack northeast of Knapp Hall.

• A UPD officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred in the Z-3E parking lot.

• A UPD officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred in the R-3 parking lot.

• A UPD officer investigated a traffic accident with no injuries which occurred at Drive of Champions and Red Raider Avenue.

• A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred on the fifth floor of the HSC.

• A UPD officer investigated an on duty injury sustained by another UPD officer which occurred at 1800 Boston Avenue.

July 7

• A UPD officer responded to a 911 medical call which occurred at Drane Hall. A staff member complained of feeling faint. The member was transported to Methodist emergency room by EMS.

• A UPD officer investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident without injuries which occurred at 3600 10th St.

Clinton unveils anti-drug ads

ATLANTA (AP) — Updating "just say no" with images to "knock America upside the head," President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced an anti-drug campaign aimed at bombarding the nation with \$1 billion in hardhitting ads over the next five years.

Starting Thursday night on network TV, the government campaign — bigger than last year's huge Nike and Sprint campaigns for comparison intends to hit both parents and kids at least four times a week with graphic images of drugs' destructiveness and children's vulnerability.

"These ads were designed to knock America upside the head and get America's attention and empower all of you," Clinton told an audience of mostly chil-

dren, clusters of them sporting Boy Scout and Girl Scout uniforms.

Gingrich pledged to try to win congressional approval for expanding the \$195 million oneyear campaign into a five-year, \$1 billion taxpayer investment in stopping youth drug us. And the government will ask media outlets to match the federal money dollar for dollar.

In a 1997 national survey, half of high school seniors and nearly one-third of eighth-graders reported using drugs.

"I wanted to come here today to stand with the president to say that on a bipartisan basis — Democrats and Republicans, the legislative branch and the presidency — we're all trying to reach out to every young American and say, 'Don't do it," said Gingrich, R-Ga. The president recalled his younger brother, Roger, battling cocaine addiction. "What kind of fool am I that I didn't know what was going on? ... There's somebody like my brother back at your school who's a good kid, just a little lost," Clinton said.

Politics were only on temporary hold. From the ceremonies in the Georgia World Congress Center, Gingrich headed to a Republican fund-raiser in New York.

Clinton headed to Democratic events in Atlanta and Miami that would raise \$1.3 million for the effort to oust the GOP from control of Congress.

The president also was stopping in Daytona Beach, Fla., to meet with those who have been fighting the state's raging wildfires.

Schulz brings fresh perspective to Greek system

GRETCHEN VERRY

UD Staff Writer

Bernard Schulz took over as assistant dean of students for Greek life July 1, bringing with him a fresh perspective on the Greek system.

Change is an important part of Schulz's vision for the office, he said.

Some national problems inherent to Greek life across the country will the focus of new programs at Tech.

"Two major problems that we

have on a national level are alcohol and hazing," Schulz said. "They will definitely be addressed, due to recent national problems," Schulz said.

The position has been vacant since Patti Honacki left Feb. 2.

"Bernie Schulz was hired to create a vision of Greek life programs for the future of the university," Associate Dean of Students Gregory Elkins said.

Schulz served as the program coordinator for Greek life at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., prior to his appointment at Tech.

Schulz said the main thing that sets Tech apart from other schools he has worked at is consistently rising numbers of students wanting to be involved in the Greek system.

"The number of students interested in joining (Tech's Greek system) continues to rise in a time when most other schools are on the decline," he

cus on recruitment. said. "I view this as the greatest strength of the current pro-

"Recruitment can always be improved." Schulz said. "We constantly have to be asking ourselves, are we doing as much as we can to maximize the Greek experience?"





Brian White/The University Daily

Looking for Change: Bernard Schulz hopes to address major Greek issues at his new position at Tech.

gram."

Despite high numbers of stu-

dents rushing for fraternities

and sororities every year,

Schulz said he also plans to fo-

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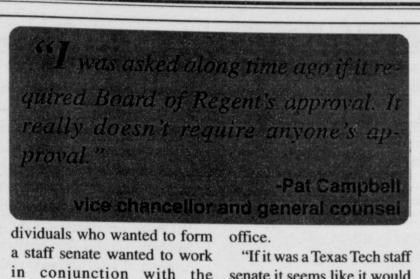
Chancellor John Montford was unavailable for comment.

Pat Campbell, vice chancellor and general counsel, said the staff does not need administration approval to form a senate.

"I was asked a long time ago if it required Board of Regent's approval," he said. "It doesn't really require anyone's approval. The in-

Comedy DEFENSIVE

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in conjunction with the university's administration."

Campbell said the possibility of a staff senate at Tech seemed like a matter for the president's senate it seems like it would have gone to the president's

Judge awards director \$80 million in 'Pinocchio' suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Francis Ford Coppola, already awarded \$20 million in compensatory damages by a jury, was granted another \$60 million in punitive damages Thursday in his lawsuit that accused Warner Bros. of thwarting his chances to make. about

a feature film "Pinocchio."

Coppola's screenplay from one of his collaborators, then threatened to sue any other studio that tried to produce it even though it refused to pay Coppola to develop the film.

The studio said it planned to appeal the judgement.



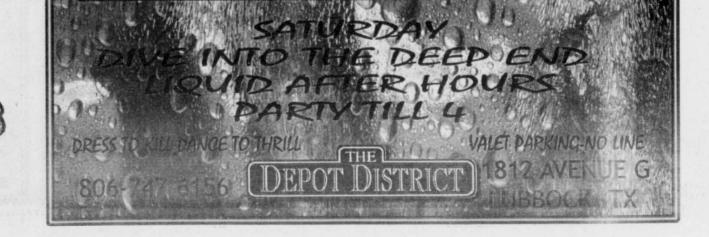
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the order to protect Preston from being stalked by Cheffo after he sent a letter to the actress on the set of Disney's movie "The Holy Man" and later returned to the set.

"I think there is enough (in the letter) to clue someone in it's a joke," Cheffo said. "When you hear the word stalking, I think most people think you were following a person, or at least near them. Mrs. Preston said herself in court ... that she had never seen me in her life. I simply dropped off one satirical letter at the set, which I told the crew was a joke, and left. I was just trying to get my book and possibly my movie script to John

Travolta, her husband. I had no desire to see her personally." Cheffo, originally from New

York, left Texas to pursue a comedy career. Although he performed stand-up routines at Froggy Bottoms and opened for Ellen DeGeneres when she came to Tech in 1994, Cheffo focuses his comedy endeavors on writing plays, books and movie scripts, he said. During his stay at Tech, he wrote a book titled "He Came on a Horse and Other Book Titles to Avoid," which led to his break into show business. The book landed a place as a prop in the movie "The Holy Man" through Cheffo's contact with actor Jeff Goldblum. The movie, which was filmed in Florida. stars Preston,

Goldblum and Eddie Murphy. But because of the restraining order, the book is no longer in the movie, Cheffo said.

Cheffo said he intends to sue Preston for malicious prosecution after he appeals the restraining order.

"This essentially destroyed my career and reputation," Cheffo said. "At this point you have to sue for money because there's nothing left to sue for."

Preston's attorney, Edward Shohat, would not comment specifically on what the actress found offensive in the letter.

"Both sides had their day in court, and the judge ruled that Mr. Cheffo was in violation of Florida's anti-stalking law," said Shohat. "We are confident that the court of appeals will rule in our favor."

Judge Deborah White-Labora said she granted the restraining order because evidence in the case pointed to Preston's genuine fear of Cheffo.

"There were not Earth-shattering incidents, but the whole point of a restraining order is not to punish, but to prevent further activity," said White-Labora, assigned to the domestic violence division of Miami's Dade County Court. "There were numerous opportunities to settle the case without having

Cheffo's letter to Preston

I have been acting like your husband John Travolta for 15 years. And yet, I have not been able to develop an intimate and meaningful relationship with a beautiful and intelligent woman such as yourself.

Now we all occasionally go a few years without being able to obtain sex, I realize that, but still I feel there is a missing component here that I am not picking up on. Perhaps it is because I do not look like John Travolta? But why should that matter? After all, it is much more important who you are, rather than what you look like, don't you agree?

I admit that I sometimes get the characters confused. For example I'll say "Git atta hea!" or "Wha" while wearing a white suit, or I'll throw people down stairs when I'm "Michael." When I'm in my plastic bubble, frankly, I don't know what to do.

Do you have any advice? Is there another character that I don't know about that John did for you that really caused you to fall for him? If so, can you do it for me? (If you are uncomfortable with this, why don't you do it for Eddie Murphy and have him do it for me when you guys are on break, although I fear it may lose something through these multiple translations.)

Please leave any helpful advice on my answering service ... I am sorry, but I do not give out my home number. I am sure you understand.

a permanent injunction filed against him. Somehow he derives pleasure in the way he conducts himself in that the need for publicity overrides any common sense."

Cheffo said he was disap-

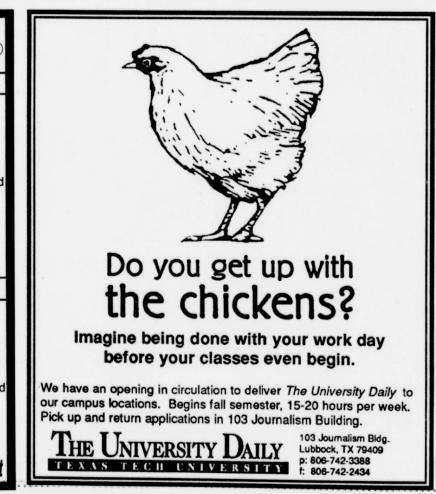
pointed that Judge White-

Labora did not make a strong effort to protect his First Amendment rights to write the letter.

"I concede this probably was not my finest work," he said. "But if flopping or bombing is a crime, every comedian is a criminal."







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Flair should reign in 1998 World Cup Final

walling soccer of the last two World Cup finals should yield to free-form play this time. How refreshing that would be.

Brazil attacks. France attacks. Brazil runs the flanks. France goes wide, too.

Brazil penetrates quickly through the middle. Ditto for the French.

"Brazil-France. The sound alone is already beautiful," said French defender Lilian Thuram, who scored both goals

PARIS (AP) — The stone- in the semifinal win over vored Brazilians to get it? Or Croatia. "This final is such a dream and it can lead us to something beyond that."

> Yes, it could lead France to its first world championship. Or it could lead Brazil to its fifth; nobody else has more than three.

"The penta," Brazil coach Mario Zagallo said, referring to the Portuguese equivalent of one for the thumb. "We are one victory away."

for the host French?

Brazil isn't likely to change much of anything at Stade de France Sunday. Certainly, it would like to score more than the one goal it got against the Netherlands in the semifinals. And that is a possibility, because France doesn't have the strong midfield the Dutch possess, meaning the Brazilians should control the ball.

"They haven't faced a team What will it take for the fa- with a strong attack," Zagallo

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noted quite accurately of French opponents South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Italy — which can press on offense, but didn't bother to in the quarterfinals — and Croatia. "France plays offensively.

It's the team that has shot more than any in the Cup. So it pays a price on defense," Zagallo said.

When a Brazilian midfielder has the ball on his foot, he almost always is in position to attack.

The creativity of Roberto Carlos, Rivaldo and Cesar Sampaio has been demonstrated time and again when the opponent doesn't play in a defensive shell.

France figures to be more cautious than the Netherlands. It won't play man-to-man defense as the Dutch did, particularly with key inside defender Laurent Blanc suspended.

But the French won't lay back and say, 'Come and get us.' It isn't their style, and it wouldn't go over very well with the 76,000 fans in the stands — or the millions more watching on television throughout the nation.



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