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UT-Austin staff seeks fair work conditions

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of University of Texas at Austin staff workers stayed home Wednesday, saying they are tired of what they call unfair working conditions at the state's largest university.

"I stayed home because I've worked there 20 years and I now see a place where they run a large portion of it like a plantation," said Will Asay, a telecommunications worker who participated in the sickout.

The staff wants wage increases, including an hourly minimum of \$9.16, as well as reinstatement of comprehensive, paid dental coverage. They also want their insurance premiums to remain unchanged.

A count of the number of UT's 17,000 non-teaching employees who stayed home would not be available for several days. Pat Clubb, vice president of employee and campus operations, predicted the number would be about 500, while the University Staff Association said about 4,800 workers agreed to participate.

The university has said it was forced to raise premiums to offset rising insurance costs caused by higher hospital and doctor fees, and more expensive prescriptions.

NATIONAL

Former doctor gets life prison sentence

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A former doctor suspected in a string of poisoning deaths on two continents pleaded guilty Wednesday to killing three patients in a Long Island hospital and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors said Michael Swango killed for pleasure, and they read entries from a handwritten journal in which he mused about "the sweet, husky, close smell of indoor homicide." Another entry suggested that murder was "the only way I have of reminding myself that I'm still alive."

Swango, 45, pleaded guilty to three counts of murder in a plea bargain that spared him the possibility of the death penalty. He was accused of giving lethal injections to three patients in 1993 at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Northport.

WORLD

Hostages to be freed after jungle captivity

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Six Europeans held hostage for months in a southern Philippine jungle will be freed Friday, their Muslim rebel captors said Wednesday.

Their release would leave one foreigner, an American and 12 Filipinos in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf rebels.

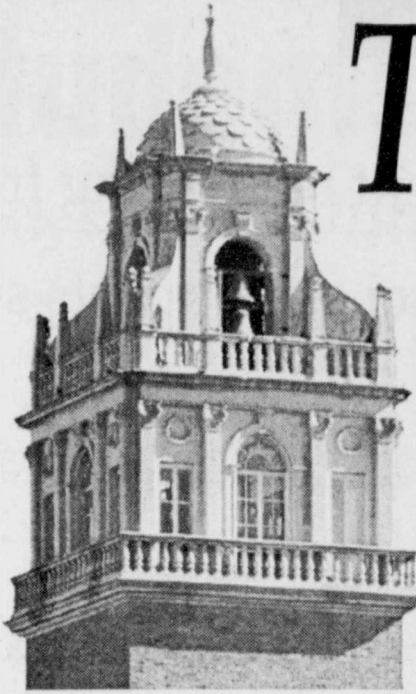
Rebel commander Ghalib "Robot" Andang telephoned negotiators to notify them of the date of the Europeans' release, chief government negotiator Robert Aventura said.

Andang had promised 10 days ago to free all the Europeans within two weeks.

His rebel faction is holding two Finns, a French and a German, all kidnapped April 23 from a Malaysian diving resort, and two French journalists.

Negotiations for the release of American Jeffrey Schilling, 24, began Wednesday.

Schilling is reportedly being held by a separate Muslim rebel faction.



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Lubbock, Texas

Tax hike could affect Tech students

By Jeff Lehr Staff Writer

Since 1998, the Lubbock citizens, including many Texas Tech students, have had one percent of their electric, water and sewer bill go toward the Community Investment Fund.

The CIF fund, according to the city of Lubbock 2000 budget, "was established to provide additional funding for economic development out of current operations." These operations include such entities as the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum and the Buddy Holly Center.

David DeLamar, Lubbock County's Chairman of the Libertarian Party, said many Lubbock citizens, including Texas Tech students, are bearing the brunt of this fund and may experience some other tax increases.

"It's a rip off," he said. "The community development fund does nothing more than punish low-income people

by making them pay for economic development."

According to the budget, economic development is nothing more than job creation and the development of new industries.

DeLamar said this fund is blatantly unfair to everyone involved.

Three operations in particular, DeLamar said, are part of the fund. He said each year these operations lose money and it is Lubbock citizens who pay for their losses.

The Coliseum, Buddy Holly Center and Omnimax Theater have millions of dollars thrown at them every year "and they lose money every year," he said.

Russell King, a Lubbock County commissioner candidate, said he has nothing against operations like the Coliseum or Buddy Holly Center, but he does have a problem with the way they are funded.

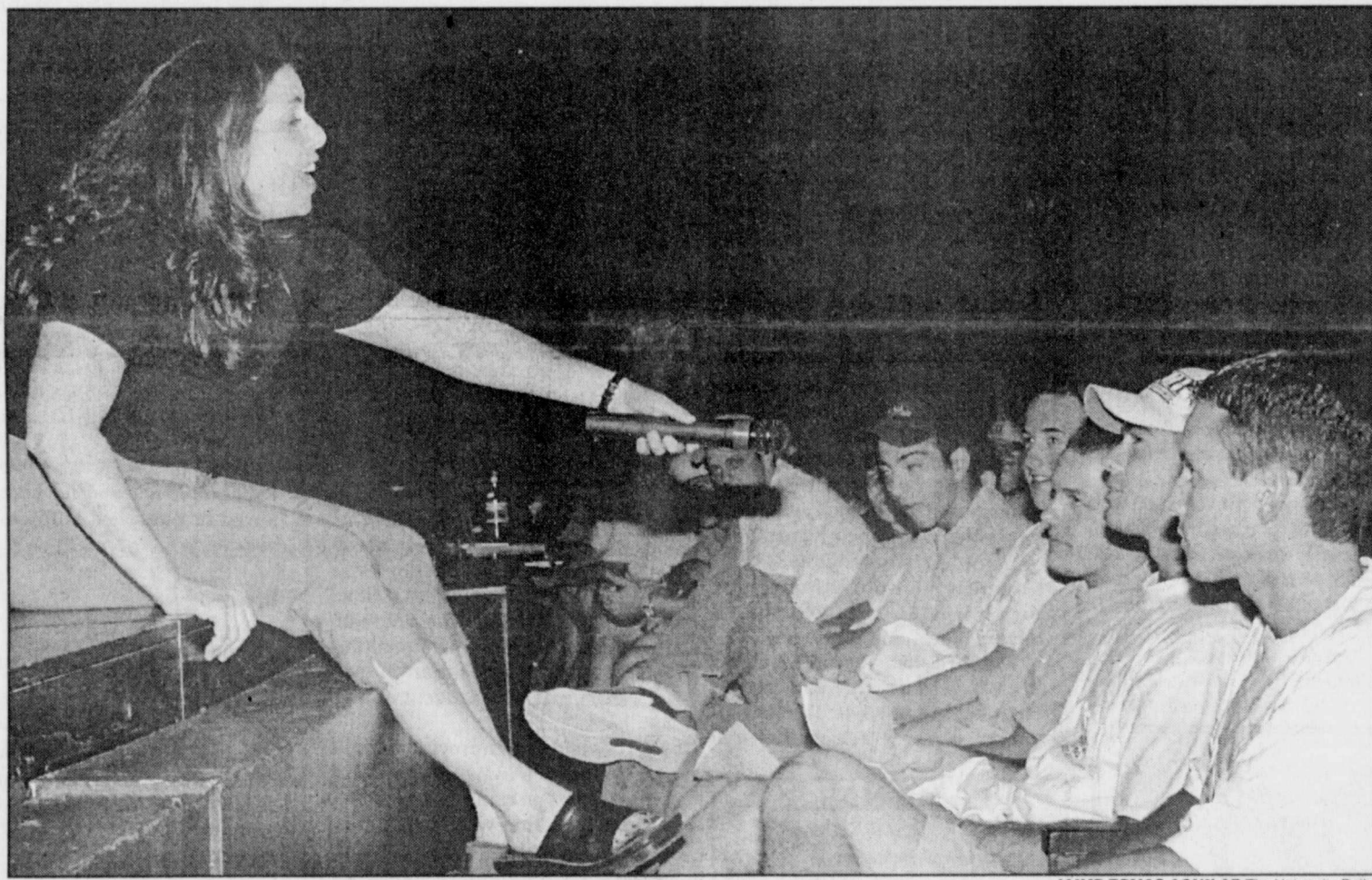
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David DeLamar, chairman of the Lubbock County Libertarian Party, speaks at a meeting held to discuss city and county budget issues recently in the University Center.

JOE MAYS/The University Daily

Sex and the city



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

Sex columnist River Huston looks for input from the audience Wednesday night in the University Center Allen Theatre. Huston lectured on topics such as sex, alcohol and her experiences with both in her personal life.

Columnist speaks from experience

By Cory Chandler Staff Writer

Speaking to a mostly Greek crowd, comedian and lecturer River Huston managed to draw laughs while delivering a serious message to Texas Tech students Wednesday night.

Using jokes, cucumbers, condoms, blindfolds, free T-shirts and even her pet dog to keep

the audience entertained, Huston managed to keep the 400 young adults attentive while lecturing on subjects such as alcoholism and safe sex.

Huston did not advocate abstaining from drinking and having sex, but emphasized the importance of doing these things safely instead.

"You don't want to drink too much and then have sex," she said. "Because you want to re-

member you had it. You don't want to wake up the next morning and say 'Did I spill something or did I have sex?'"

Huston admitted that she might not help most binge drinkers drink more responsibly but said she hoped to give them information so that they could make the right choices.

"Most of the time, people have to hit bottom

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Free speech locale designated for gazebo

Revisions to Tech handbook assign a new area to voice public opinions.

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

Under the First Amendment and by provisions set forth by Texas Tech University, students have the right to free speech in designated areas of campus. But those who wish to voice their opinions on the Tech grounds this fall will have to move to a different location than in the past.

On August 1, the site for the Free Speech area was officially moved from the corner of the University Center to its new location, the outdoor Gazebo east of the Southwest

Collection building near the corner of 15th Street and Boston Avenue.

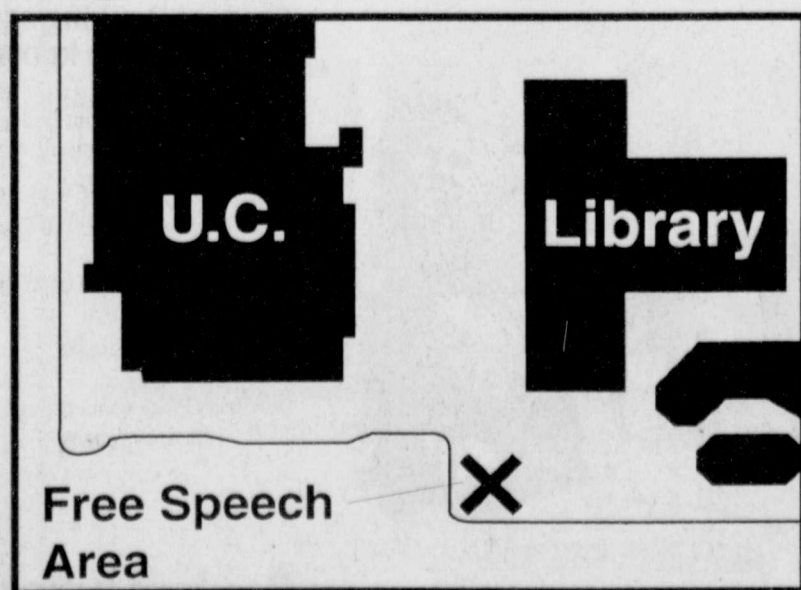
Tom Shubert, director of the University Center, said the move was necessary due to the UC expansion project construction, which is scheduled to begin in March 2001.

Shubert said once construction begins, the free speech area of the past would be impossible to use.

Shubert said students have the right to free speech as American citizens, but provisions allow the university to reserve the time and place for it to occur. He said at the place is reserved at Tech, but the time is not delegated.

The university decided to change the free speech location now instead of in March after construction begins because they wanted to avoid future conflicts with the Student Affairs

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The outdoor Gazebo, located in front of the library, has been designated as the free speech area.

Pan-Hellenic schedules formal rush

Black fraternities and sororities begin new tradition at Tech.

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

For the first time, the Texas Tech National Pan-Hellenic Council will be conducting a formal fall rush.

Traditionally, each black fraternity and sorority at Tech would set up their own parties and invite interested students by word of mouth. But this year the council will conduct a unified rush at 6:30 p.m. today in the lobby area of the University Center Allen Theatre.

"Previously, the NPHC fraternities and sororities had used a traditional intake process," said Ethan Logan, assistant Dean of Students. "They held mixers and invited students out. This year, they will all be meeting together so that the students have an opportunity to see everybody."

Students will be asked to sign in at the UC Allen Theatre lobby and will then be moved to the Allen Theatre for a presentation from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Logan said the presentation will allow black fraternities and sororities to come together and present their values and commitments to interested students.

"This is a big, exciting step - they are breaking from the traditional process," Logan said.

Trusfaint Ward, a post-graduate student from Providence, R.I., and a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said the new formal rush is an "evolutionary idea for the multicultural students on campus."

Sofia Rodriguez, assistant dean of students, said the evening will be an opportunity for students to obtain information regarding the opportunities afforded to them by the black fraternities and sororities.

"The formal fall rush will also give the students the opportunity to attend further information sessions throughout the semester," Rodriguez said. She said students are allowed to join at any time throughout the semester.

Rodriguez also said while all students are welcome at the event, they cannot join the groups until they reach sophomore status.

"We don't take freshmen, but they are welcome to come to learn about the opportunities that will be available to them later on," Rodriguez said. "And students do not have to be African-American to join - we accept all students."

Fraternities involved are Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma. Sororities include Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta.

Interested students may contact Sofia Rodriguez in the Dean of Students Office at 742-2192.

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Architecture lends hands

By Heath Cheek
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students and administrators in the College of Architecture are lending a helping hand with Habitat for Humanity's "20 in 2000" homebuilding event.

The program, which begins Saturday and will run through Sept. 15, will provide 20 new homes for 20 underprivileged Lubbock families.

James White, dean of the College of Architecture, has worked with Habitat for Humanity for 15 years and serves as the chairman of the building committee. White, along with assistant professor Phil Mead and many architecture students, have designed, drafted and will help build the homes.

Mead said 10 to 15 students have helped with the design, pre-building and drafting of the homes, and about 100 to 150 architecture students will help build the homes next week.

An effort was made to make each house look different from one another.

"We could have a simple design, but we decided to go one step further and make the houses look better."

Phil Mead
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE

other Mead said.

"We could have made a simple design, but we decided to go one step further and make the houses look better," Mead said. "No two homes will look alike."

The main difference between the homes is the outside appearance and porch designs, Mead said.

"We designed the homes to make them part of a strong community," he said. "We made the outside areas more luxurious and comfortable."

The homes will be an average of 1,200-square feet and will cost about \$35,000 each. Various sponsors have

donated time and money in order to make the homes a reality.

To be handicap accessible, the homes have been designed to meet all ADA requirements. The homes will be built in Lubbock's Canyon View area, north of Avenue U.

Although the families have chosen the colors they want for their homes, the designers have not had an opportunity to interact with the families, Mead said.

However, he said, during the next week designers will be able to talk with the families.

The architecture students who

worked on the project have either donated their time or have received class credit for their work. White and Mead have personally donated close to 300 hours of their own time on the design and pre-building of the homes.

Mead called the project, "a good opportunity for service."

Jennifer Adams, president of the Tech Habitat for Humanity student chapter said that the project would be a great opportunity for service for individuals or student organizations.

She said students would be able to participate even if they did not have construction skills.

Jobs are available such as serving food, delivering supplies and registering participants.

Tech students are eligible to work as little as two hours on the project. If you or your student organization is interested in participating in Habitat for Humanity's "20 in 2000" event, contact the Tech student chapter at 767-9828 or the Lubbock chapter at 763-4663.

Freshman Council deadline looming

Welcome to another exciting year at Texas Tech! This year promises to be fun and exciting and one of the best ever! As we begin our second week of the new school year, each of us will face many new opportunities. It is our responsibility as students to take advantage of our opportunities and to be leaders of our campus and community.



Brenda Schumann

As Student Government Association internal vice president and president of the Student Senate, I would like to invite freshmen to become involved in the SGA by running for Freshman Council. Freshman Council is an organization comprised of mem-

bers of the freshman class that serve as a liaison between the freshman class and the Student Government Association. Sign-ups to run are being held today through Friday in the SGA office, 230 University Center. Elections will be Sept. 19 and Sept. 20.

In addition to the Freshman Council, the SGA is anticipating the addition of a freshman advisory board that will allow students to become more involved within the Texas Tech campus and the SGA. This select group of students will serve as members on the various Freshman Council standing committees and will play an integral role in carrying out the goals and objectives of the Freshman Council. Please watch for details about this new opportunity for you to get involved or stop-by the SGA office for more details.

Good luck this year and feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have.

Brenda Schumann is the internal vice president of the Student Government Association.

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is not," he said.

King said there is definitely a moral issue in the way the operations are funded. According to the budget, there is also a proposal to increase total tax revenues from Lubbock properties by 3.37 percent. This may mean an increase or even a decrease in individual taxes, but all city property taxes will remain the same.

The proposal states that all changes in the tax rate will depend on the "change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted."

This will be the topic of discussion at a public hearing Wednesday of the Lubbock City Council.

DeLamar said this proposed increase affects renters just as much as it does property owners.

"If property taxes go up for the

landowners, that increase is then passed along to renters in the form of higher rent," he said. "I own rental property, and I can attest to that."

DeLamar said he believes this increase will have a large affect on Tech students because of the "bigger percentage of their disposable income that is spent on housing."

Besides tuition and fees, he said, it is very likely that Tech students spend more on housing than anything else.

John Turnbow, Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Congress, said this increase will affect "anybody that does not live in a cardboard box."

DeLamar believes increased taxes will end up having an effect on the lower-income renter.

"Why, as a low-income person who struggles to put food on the table, will you have to pay for economic development out of your own pocket," he said.

For 2000-2001, transfers to the CIF total \$3.7 million, which is more than \$500,000 more than last year's approved budget.

FREEDOM

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Handbook. If the university had waited until March to move the site, they would have had to amend the handbook in the middle of the semester and then notify all students of the change.

The free speech area will be located at the new site for at least four and a half years, Shubert said, until construction on the UC is complete. Depending on how well the site works, he believes it may become the permanent location.

"The new location is in a gazebo, which is a defined area," Shubert said. "When the sight was at the UC, people tended to deviate as much as 20 yards away from the free speech area."

Another advantage Shubert credits the new site with is it gives the people voicing their opinions a higher profile to surrounding students.

"Where the free speech area is now it is blocked by a corner and covered by a bus stop," he said. "The new location provides a 360 degree view and

a higher profile."

Greg Elkins, associate dean of students said it is typically individuals who use the free speech area, although many student groups do take advantage of it.

"We do have several groups, such as the pro-life groups, that use the free speech area," he said.

Of those people that do, Elkins said most of them were typically outside individuals and groups who wanted to voice a particular message to Tech students. He said anyone is allowed to use the area as long as they stay in the parameters stated in the Student Affairs Handbook.

According to the handbook, "amplification equipment or loudspeakers may not be used and structure(s) may not be erected." Additionally, the book states "the free expression of views and opinions, whether by individuals or by groups, must not violate the rights or endanger the safety of others, disrupt the normal functions of the University, or violate any provisions specified in the Student Affairs Handbook."

Elkins said "other provisions" apply to items such as handing out flyers to students on campus. Any group or individuals that want to use free speech area can do so on a first come, first serve basis without reservations.

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Tech students 'in the know'

Alternate survey reveals University Daily findings skewed

Group feels their results more adequately represent the student body.

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

American history and popular culture are just two of the things Texas Tech students should know about.

Or should they? On March 23, *The University Daily* published survey results of 14 questions asked to 250 random Tech undergraduate, medical and law school students. The questions ranged from "Who was the first president of the United States?" to "What actor played Austin Powers?"

The results of the survey showed only 40 percent of students surveyed knew George Washington was the first president, while 98 percent knew Mike Myers played Austin Powers.

Several Tech students in Nelson Dometrius' Spring 2000 Political Analysis (POLS 3310) class suspected the results of this survey inaccurately represented the student body, and the class decided to conduct a survey of their own to "reject the impression of widespread ignorance given by *The UD* survey."

One of those students, Scott Bollinger, a junior political science and English major from Fort Worth, said he and 13 other students in Dometrius' class did not understand the survey method used by *The UD*, so they came up with their own method and their own questions.

"It didn't make sense to us," Bollinger said. "We felt that to accurately represent the student body, we needed to conduct a different type of survey."

The survey by *The UD* was conducted over the phone and represented a "cross section" of students, which, according to a report of Dometrius' survey, "in no way eliminates such possible sources of bias."

These sources of bias may have included time of day, emphasizing some sections of campus over another and subconsciously selecting

participants from certain age groups or with certain clothing styles, he said.

Bollinger said, for their survey, which was conducted on paper, the class used two sections of Tech professor Alan Arwine's introductory political science course, American Government Organization (POLS 1301), because it more accurately represented the Tech student body. There were a total of 110 students surveyed in these two sections.

Jason Ruiz, a senior political science major from Corsicana who participated in the student panel, said "we didn't think Tech students were that dumb. If you are a high school graduate, you should know the answers to these questions."

The panel of students came up with questions that examined different aspects of American and Texas culture, as well as some questions on pop culture.

The class' report stated *The UD* only used two questions to evaluate historical knowledge and only asked eight questions on pop culture.

"We know that our sampling technique was much more reliable than that used by *The UD*, at least as described in their article," the report stated.

Megan Abram, a senior political science major from Plano, also participated in the conduction of the survey and said the group of students questioned whether *The UD's* survey was accurate.

"We were curious," Abram said. "We didn't know what *The UD* considered a correct answer and what they considered incorrect."

The UD asked in their survey, "Who is the current governor of Texas?" Abram did not know if "Bush" or "George Bush" or "George W. Bush" would be the acceptable answer to question.

The report stated, "unless survey respondents are told beforehand that

each answer must be full and complete, a response of "Bush" may reflect the student's communication style, not necessarily her/his lack of knowledge." *The UD* accepted "George W. Bush" as the correct answer in this case.

The student-conducted survey accepted several appropriate answers for their questions and, according to the report, they received some very "astute" answers that are just as reflective of student knowledge.

Overall, the report stated, "none of the 110 students in our survey missed all of either the U.S. history or Texas culture questions."

Furthermore, the report stated, 95 percent of the students answered at least half of the U.S. history questions correct; 65 percent of the students correctly answered questions concerning American history; 73 percent correctly answered both questions on Texas history; but only 59 percent of the political science students correctly answered both of the pop culture questions.

In the survey given by *The UD*, nearly 100 percent of students surveyed answered the two pop culture questions correctly, while only 66 percent gave correct answers about Texas. On questions about American History asked by *The UD*, 41 percent of students answered correctly.

Ruiz said no one expected the results of the political science survey to turn out the way they did, but, according to the report, their results provide a different and more valid representation of the Tech student body than presented in *The UD* survey.

"This just proves that Tech students are more knowledgeable than *The UD* showed," he said.

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Jason Ruiz
SENIOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

The survey says:

*From the March 23 issue of *The University Daily*, a poll of 250 Texas Tech undergraduate, medical and law school students.

- Who was the first president of the U.S.? 40%
- Who is Bill Clinton? 93%
- Who is the football coach at Texas Tech? 63%
- Who is the men's basketball coach? 82%
- Who is women's basketball coach? 87%
- Who is the new head football coach for the Dallas Cowboys? 31%
- Finish the saying, "Remember the ..."? 61%
- Say the first line of the Tech fight song. 50%
- What is the state flower of Texas? 48%
- Who is the current governor of Texas? 85%
- Who is the daughter of the president of the United States? 91%
- Who is Betsy Ross? 42%
- What actor played Austin Powers? 98%
- On what network did Beavis and Butthead appear? 99%
- *Taken from a report compiled by Tech professor Dometrius' Spring 2000 Political Analysis (POLS 3310) class.
- What U.S. president was assassinated in the 1960's? 81.7%
- Who gave the Gettysburg Address? 91.2%
- In what decade did the Great Depression occur? 79.8%
- How many world wars have there been? 97.2%
- Who was Francis Scott Key? 90.6%
- What countries border the U.S.? 70%
- What is the U.S. national bird? 72.5%
- Who was the first man to step foot on the moon? 79.8%
- Who is the chancellor of Texas Tech? 72.5%
- What is the state capitol of Texas? 90%
- On what network does South Park appear? 59.6%
- Who is the host of 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'? 90.8%

Student faces long road to recovery

By Will Frederick
Contributing Writer



Shaw

A Texas Tech student faces a long road to rehabilitation from a July diving accident that almost left her unable to walk.

Summer Leigh Shaw, a senior exercise and sports science major from Dallas, injured her C-5 vertebra in a near-paralyzing diving incident while working as a lifeguard at Lakeridge Country Club this summer.

Shaw, who is recovering at St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital in Austin, spent the summer attending summer school and teaching children how to swim while working as a certified lifeguard. She planned to become a personal trainer after she graduated in May.

Paul Smith, managing lifeguard and close friend of Shaw, said her accident is truly a tragedy.

Smith said the accident happened when Shaw dove off of the lifeguard stand to swim with a girl she had been teaching swimming lessons to earlier that day. Shaw entered the water at a steep angle and hit her head on the bottom of the pool, fracturing her vertebra.

"It's been rough on her, but we have to stay strong and continue praying for her," Smith said.

Karen Fava-Brunson, a close friend of Shaw, said Shaw's spirits are high and the doctors are pleased with her progress.

"The doctors originally thought Summer might be permanently paralyzed, but she now has feeling in her left leg," Fava-Brunson said. "She is progressing better than the doctors had originally anticipated."

Brunson said Shaw is unable to have visitors, but the family will announce when visitation is allowed.

Tech student Rebecca Buchanan, a speech pathology graduate student from Midland, knows Shaw well and said medical bills are piling up and have become a burden on the Shaw family.

"We're trying to raise support and financial assistance for the family in any way possible," Buchanan said.

Dr. David Harris, Shaw's treating physician, said medical expenses are extremely high in spinal injury cases.

"Often in cases like this, the medical bills are very expensive for the patient," Harris said. "She is doing better and is experiencing less pain every day."

Although no amount was specified Michael Samihi, general manager of Lakeridge Country Club, said the majority of Shaw's medical bills will be covered by Workmens Compensation benefits, provided by Lakeridge Country Club.

"Because it happened on our premises, we will be paying for most of Shaw's medical expenses," Samihi said.

"Hopefully the family will receive the extra donations needed to cover some of the extra expenses."

Anyone interested in helping the family may make contributions in Shaw's name at any Wells Fargo Bank in the Lubbock area.

A phone message is set up each day giving daily updates on Shaw's condition. Information on her progress in the coming weeks can be accessed by calling (214)757-4273.

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Programs which might be eligible to receive Student Service Fee support and do not now do so from either the Student Service Fee appropriations or the Student Government Association should submit budget requests to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs no later than Tuesday, October 3, 2000. Forms for submitting requests are available in the Offices of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 213 Administration Building and the Student Government Association, 230 University Center.

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Editorial

Store discounts students' needs

Once again, the students of this campus have been suckerpunched from the administration at Texas Tech.

In Wednesday's edition of *The University Daily*, it was reported Barnes and Noble brass signed a contract during the summer with Tech to manage the campus bookstore. In what appears to be a good-will gesture, the company is offering a 10 percent discount to full-time faculty and staff members of the Tech community.

Barnes and Noble Regional Manager Monti Eddins said this is a chance for her company to meet faculty members because she "would really like to get to know them."

What about the students? Does anyone want to get to know us and find out how we feel about ways our needs could be better served? We guess not.

Here's the scenario. There are nearly 23,000 students who attend Texas Tech. In a conservative estimate, each student (assuming they purchase all the books they are required to) will spend about \$300-\$350 each semester. If you do the math, students could possibly provide \$7 million to \$8 million in revenues each semester at a bookstore like Barnes and Noble.

Also, Barbara Burrier, manager of the campus bookstore, said she wants to alert faculty each time a new edition of a textbook is released. Fantastic! Now students can pay full price for a new book each semester.

The previous bookstore management, Wallace's, was consistently maligned for not having textbooks in stock. However, now it seems students must choose between the lesser of two evils. Some students probably would prefer to have their

books, but at what price? We don't expect Barnes and Noble to provide a discount for students on textbooks. That would be a bad business strategy. However, with as much money as students pump into their company, it would be reasonable for Barnes and Noble to provide discounts on other merchandise in the store.

As a matter of fact, it is not out of the question to offer textbook discounts to students. In the Aug. 25 edition of *The Daily Evergreen*, Washington State University's campus newspaper, a front-page story appeared about the campus bookstore offering a 10 percent discount on stu-

dents' textbooks. The store was able to offer this discount since 1984.

Although the discount has been reduced to 7 percent, bookstore officials said they plan to have the figure back to 10 percent in two or three years.

Why are the students on this campus consistently treated like our needs are secondary to everyone else's at Tech? From parking to textbooks, students' needs are ignored or seem insignificant to the policy makers on campus. Administrators have tried to convince the student body that they care and are concerned about our needs. Do they really expect us to believe they care about us when we are excluded from discounts or when commuter parking spaces are taken and not replaced?

It's time administrators re-evaluate their priorities and stand behind their students when this form of discrimination occurs. If Texas Tech is to rise among the ranks of the elite, students absolutely must have the feeling they attend a school that cares about them and their education.

introduced. The event will culminate with the wrapping of Will Rogers and Soapsuds by the Midnight Raiders.

Rowdy Raider Rally is a great way to set the tone for a semester full of spirit! I encourage everyone to dress up, paint your face, and show your spirit at the rally. I understand other rallies are planned before the Homecoming game and before the University of Texas and Oklahoma State games.

I hope to see a sea of red tonight as hundreds of Red Raiders join the SGA to begin this great new tradition.

Go Tech!

David Schmidly
Tech President

Quality not quantity

To the editor: The UD's recent article (UD, 8/29) on the 35 percent increase in enrollment at the law school left a number of questions unasked and unanswered.

First among those must be whether the law school compromised standards in order to in-



Column

Democrats speaking tax cut rhetoric

For several months now we've been hearing conflicting discussions on tax cuts. How will tax cuts affect the budget surplus, and will those cuts be targeted or across the board? These have been the questions candidates have focused their attention on.



Dustin Mundorf

First, you may be able to convince me that the Yeti and the Tooth Fairy exist, or even that James Carville isn't an alien, but you're not going to convince me that a federal budget surplus actually exists. According to U.S. Treasury numbers, a \$1-billion deficit actually existed in 1999.

"Only by combining the on-budget and off-budget, namely social security, numbers into a 'unified' budget figure can it be claimed that the federal government ran a surplus for fiscal year 1999," said Executive Director Robert Bixby. "Although the Social Security program is legally and officially off-budget, politicians on both sides of the aisle continue to use its surplus to make the budget appear balanced."

Strange as it may sound, in the discussion of tax cuts, budget surplus figures are really inconsequential. Contrary to the political rhetoric out there, a tax cut isn't a gift the government gives its citizens. Uncle Sam isn't paying the American people with the government's money. Instead, the American

people are keeping more of their own money in their pockets safe from Uncle Sam's anxious grasp. The reason many bureaucrats want you to believe tax cuts are coming out of a budget surplus is because they feel government revenues belong to the government not to the taxpayers. Washington politicians, the Democrats in particular, would like the American people to feel that a tax cut is a privilege. This rhetoric of the left is intended to make us feel responsible for balancing the budget.

Well, it's about time for the government to cinch its belt and use our tax dollars more responsibly - our elected officials are accountable for making the budget work, not taxpayers. All Americans are paying too much in taxes. Tax relief for our overburdened citizens is not a privilege - it's our leaders' moral obligation.

The largest issue in the tax discussion seems to revolve around the question of who should get these tax cuts. Gore argues that targeted tax cuts would best serve the nation, while Bush is endorsing an across-the-board tax benefit. Under Bush's plan, an individual making \$30,000 would pay no income taxes, yet Gore claims Bush's plan would give the majority of tax relief to the wealthy, who Gore claims need it the least.

Well tell me this. Who put Gore in the position of deciding individual's needs? Although many facets of our economic system continue to move in the direction of socialism, we are, for the time being, still clutching onto capitalism and a free enterprise system. Fortunately, in our economic system, the individual has the right to determine his indi-

vidual needs and to determine how to satisfy those needs. The individual and the free markets determine how much is "enough," and that's the way it should be. Politicians determine "who needs what" in socialist and communist states - that won't fly here. If the time comes that we support centralized government in deciding our individual needs, many people likely will be disappointed in the outcome. They may find that their government determines their needs as an 80-hour work-week and a few pounds of rice.

Why today are we so resentful of others' success? Why do we feel that we would be cheated if we do not increasingly gouge taxpayers in proportion to what they produce? The answer lies in the message of the left. The leadership of the left has long used class warfare language to drive a wedge between the poor, middle class and wealthy. This kind of divisionary speech isn't even difficult to spot.

Pay attention to candidates' speeches and you will repeatedly hear Bush optimistically speak of opportunities for people of all classes. At the same time, however, Gore proudly proclaims that he's "fighting for the people, not the powerful." I suppose the "powerful" Gore refers to are not people as well. Gore is just continuing the same divisionary language of the Clinton administration - claiming to fight for those who position themselves as victims while openly declaring war on those who do not.

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Letters to the Editor

Rally for the rally

To the editor: Put on your Red and Black, get your "Guns Up," and come show your spirit for the Red Raiders!

The Student Government Association's Spirit Coordinating Committee is giving all Texas Tech students, faculty, staff and members of the Lubbock community a great opportunity to show their Red Raider spirit at this year's first Rowdy Raider Rally today at 8 p.m. The spirit rally will take place near the Will Rogers statue on the Texas Tech campus east of Memorial Circle.

I especially urge each and every student to put down your books and make your way to the rally on this evening. You'll be greeted by cheers and yells led by the Goin' Band from Raiderland, the Saddle Tramps, the Gunfire Kickline and the cheer and pom squads. Also, Tech coach Mike Leach will speak to the crowd and the Tech volleyball team will be

Out of the Past

From the Dec. 5, 1925, issue of *The Toreador*:

The final exam schedule was announced. The exams would be done a day earlier than expected and that the grade would count for one-third of the students' final grade.

In men's basketball, coach Freeland faced difficulty in selecting basketball players from hundreds of candidates.

From the Dec. 12, 1925, issue of *The Toreador*:

Plans were being made for the first Christmas pageant.

The 1926 football captain was announced, and 23 Matador football players received their letters.

Progress was being made toward the beautification of Tech.

From the Dec. 19, 1925, issue of *The Toreador*:

Hurley Carpenter, the star tackle for the Matadors, was named team captain for the 1926 football team.

From the Jan. 9, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

Student enrollment for the Fall semester increased with 62 new students enrolled, bringing student enrollment for the academic year close to 1000.

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Three Car Garage has a jam session Wednesday night in the campus radio station KTXT-88.1.

Band's dream graduates to new level

Lubbock boys play local circuit in hopes of entering competitive music industry

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

It all started back in 1996—just three Lubbock High School boys, a couple of guitars, a set of drums and a rock 'n' roll fantasy.

Though many do not have the courage to take on the adversity of making it in the music industry, Rich Williams teamed up with best friends Doug Wilkinson and Travis Jaquess and dared to make their dream a reality when they formed a three-man acoustic funk band called Three Car Garage.

Williams is the lead vocalist for the

group, while Wilkinson is on drums and Jaquess is on bass guitar.

Although Williams left the band in 1997 to attend the fine arts theatrical college at University of Texas-Arlington, he continued to play bass for several Dallas-based bands such as Hudson Taylor, Lachrymethod and the Charlie West Band.

Williams later returned to Lubbock to attend South Plains College and now plays bass at Live Oak Community Church, while he remains guitarist and lead vocalist for Three Car Garage.

Lubbock-born Jaquess, who is an original member of the band CR&R,

played guitar for the CR&R and later switched to the drums. He joined Three Car Garage as a drummer, anticipating a switch to the bass.

Jaquess is known for his wide range of musical talents, playing almost every "contemporary and classical style instrument there is."

The group has released two CDs in their four-year history. The first CD's title, *Http://listen.to/3CG*, is also the URL address for their Web site and is only available on MP3.com. The three-song debut offers a folk-style remix of Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby."

Three Car Garage's second CD was a live version that was never released.

"It was kind of an experiment," Williams said. "The CD came out of a great recording from a concert last March with folk artist Chris Rice. We only printed about 100 copies."

The set release date for Three Car Garage's full-length CD, *This is How You Felt*, is set for January. The disc will include a compilation of the band's best songs during its four-year history.


Williams credits his influences to Caedmon's Call and Dave Matthews Band. Three Car Garage's song, "Weather or Not," was written by Williams and Caedmon's Call member Derek Webb.

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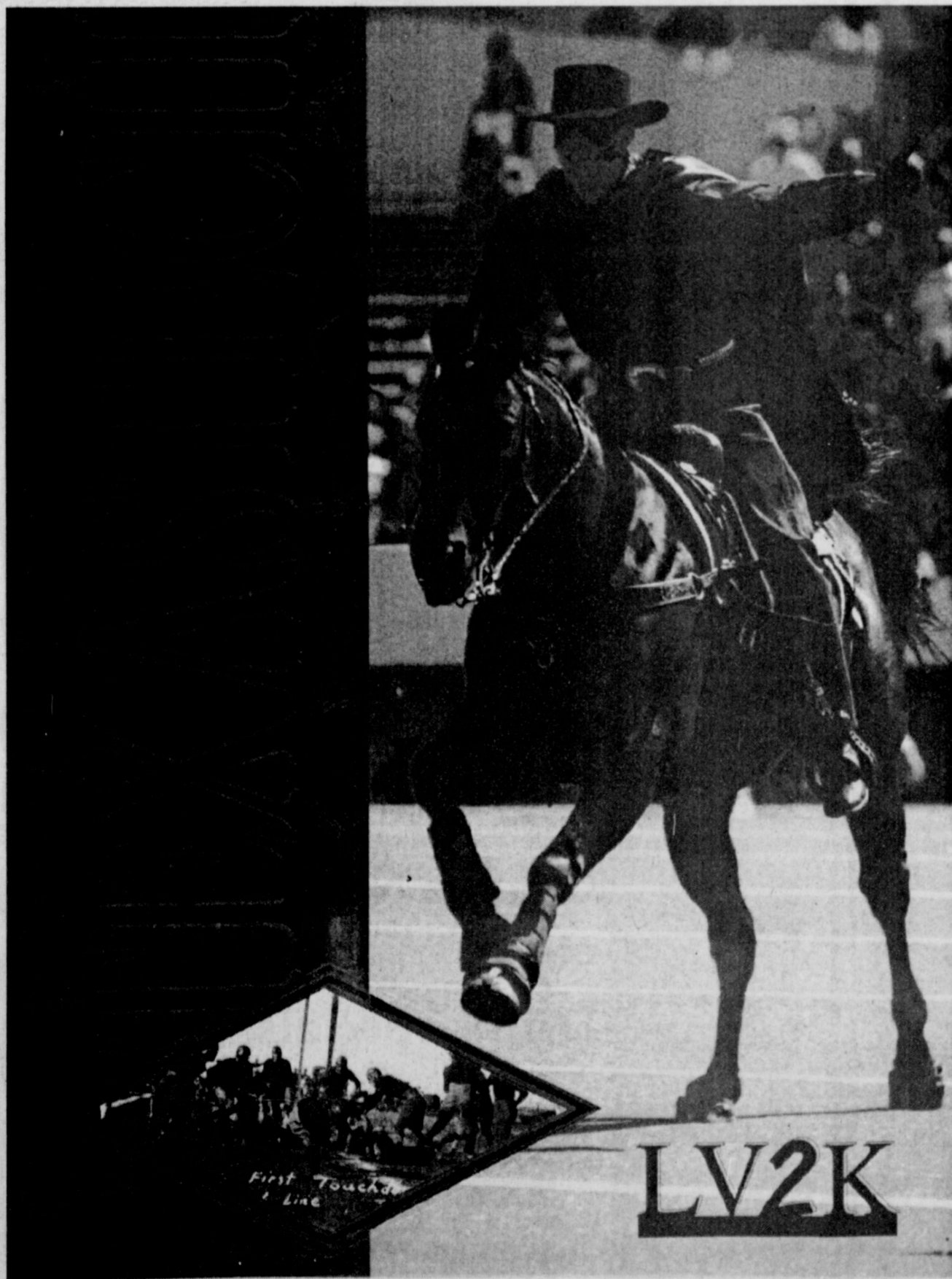
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before they decide to make a change," she said.

Huston did not push an anti-alcohol campaign, but, instead, told the audience how to drink safely and responsibly.

Huston advised students to eat before drinking and to plan parties so that no one has to drive to get more beer.

"It's important to know how to drink," she said. "Alcohol is a powerful drug. If you take it in, something is going to happen."

She said the important thing about drinking is having common sense and knowing when to stop.

"The real suffering starts when you have the dry heaves," she said.

She also spoke about alcoholism, telling the crowd that she has now been sober for 15 years after dealing with her own drinking problem.

She said most people have trouble admitting they are alcoholics. She also related alcoholism to having diarrhea.

"If you have diarrhea," she said. "You don't think 'Oh, I might try to hold it... you are powerless over diarrhea, just like you are powerless over alcoholism.'"

She also told the audience to avoid having sex after drinking, suggesting they wait until they saw the person they wanted to have sex with outside of a party setting.

She also mentioned the fact that some people get bolder when they drink.

"When I'm drunk, I'm tall and blonde with huge knockers," she said.

She also said most people have problems with binge drinking when they are out with friends.

"You don't take a shot for every day since you were born sitting alone in your room," she said. "When your doing it and people are egging you on, you are getting the love. You might not want to admit it, but you enjoy being the center of attention."

She also encouraged those who choose not to drink to "stick to their guns" and suggested ways to avoid peer pressure.

"If some guy is pressuring you, just

say your on medication," she said. "Coming into a room full of people who are drinking and saying 'I'm not drinking' is like walking into a room full of heterosexual males and saying you're a lesbian. Suddenly you are surrounded by people saying 'I'll fix her.'"

At the end of her program Huston offered to have her dog do tricks for every question she was asked, but there was little need for that.

After the show, the crowd was very participatory. She said she has had times on stage when she felt like she was trying to "animate lead," but she gave this crowd a "10."

She also said she was impressed with the turnout of students.

Angie Dunlap, activities adviser for the Texas Tech's Student Activities Board, said the crowd was unusually large for a lecture on responsible drinking.

"This is a hard topic to get people to come to," Dunlap said. "They don't want to hear the same old lecture."

Huston is a sex columnist for POZ magazine and has had five books of poetry published. She also lectures on sex, self-image and living with HIV.

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The song talks about losing focus in a busy world:

"But if only precipitation was communication/The storm cloud psalms and the hail proverbs/ But in this traffic jam the F.M. drowns out your still, small voice."

The band appeared on campus ra-

dio station KTXT-88.1 Wednesday night and performed two songs live, "Java Weather" and "Jimmy Blue."

Although the years touring and playing shows seem to add to a musician, members of Three Car Garage are still relatively young musicians - Jaquess and Williams are both 20 years old.

However, the band member's youth and minimal experience in the music industry have not discouraged them in their efforts to make it in the

world of music.

Since Three Car Garage is fairly new to the music scene, Williams said, the band is sort of jumping at every opportunity to perform.

Three Car Garage is set to perform at 10 p.m. today in the Depot District at Frank'n'steins, 1720 Buddy Holly Ave.

"Right now," Williams said, "we are taking any gigs we can book to get our name out and make a run at the big time."

Entertainment Web site to close

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pop.com, the much-awaited Internet entertainment site backed by such Hollywood powerhouses as Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard, is calling it quits before ever opening for business.

Most of the company's 80 workers, based in Glendale, Calif., will be laid off by the end of the week. Executives at DreamWorks and Imagine Entertainment, partners in the site, decided over the weekend to cease operations after they failed to find a buyer.

Last week, it looked as if Pop.com would be sold to independent film portal IFILM, but those talks ended Friday.

"Although the Internet continues to represent an exciting, creative op-

portunity for us, the market has shifted dramatically since our original announcement, resulting in this being a less viable business for us," said Vivian Mayer, a spokeswoman for DreamWorks.

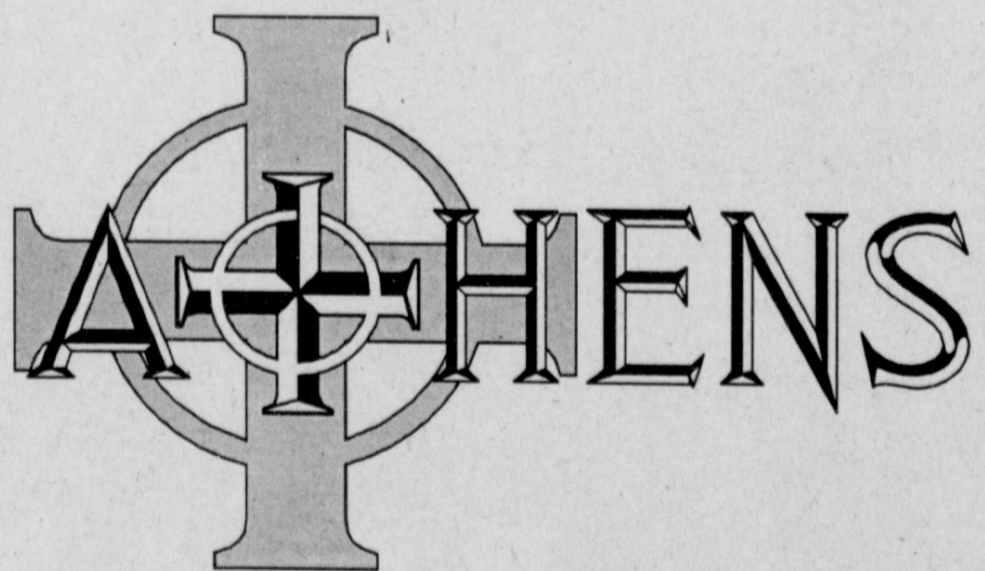
She said a small staff will be retained "to support our creative endeavors." Executives have not decided what to do about distribution of the original content produced or acquired for the site, she said.

The demise of Pop.com could ripple through an Internet entertainment community already reeling from layoffs, stock market jitters over dot-com companies and the failure earlier this year of another high-profile contender, the Digital Entertainment Network.

"We're disappointed that things don't appear to be going well for Pop.com," said Bruce Forman, co-chief executive officer of The Romp, a Web site featuring original short programs. "We were rooting for their success."

Pop.com's failure could be especially problematic for small companies that are seeking financing for Internet entertainment sites but lack the star power of backers such as Spielberg or Howard.

"Despite the big names and the backing, the overall feeling was they never had a cohesive and decisive business plan," said Sanjay Malhotra, a partner at BrandWidth Capital, which describes itself as a "nurture" capital firm.



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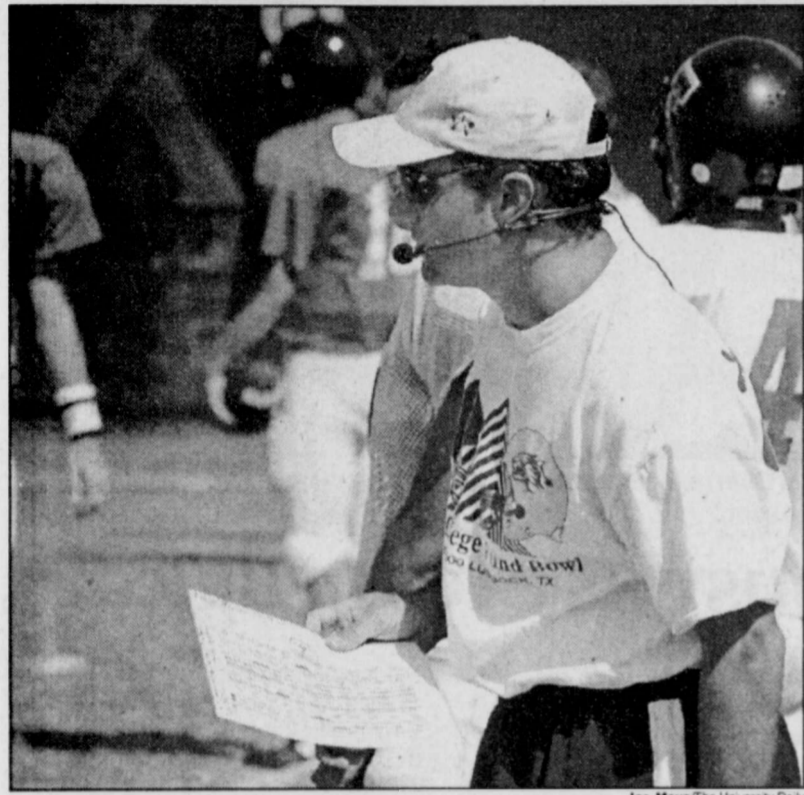
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Raiders rock to prepare for field situations



Tech special teams coach Manny Matsakis instructs his players during a Red Raider practice. Matsakis plays music during Tech practices to help his special teams players key in mentally on what they are supposed to do in any given situation on the field.

Tech special teams use modern music for old-school gridiron play

By Patrick Gonzales
 Staff Writer

You won't ever find them listed on the team roster, but the voices of Mick Jagger and Warren G have played an important role for the Texas Tech football team this season.

Their songs are part of a psychological learning system developed by Tech special teams coach Manny Matsakis.

Matsakis, who also serves as associate head coach for the Red Raiders, has labeled each of the six special team units with a specific name and assigned them a corresponding song.

"Each special team's name symbolizes what we want that specific group to accomplish," Matsakis said.

"The music just helps lock in the identity when they are out on the field. We play the songs over and over during special teams practice, and it helps the player link the song with their assignments."

Here is the breakdown: The kickoff coverage team is known as the "head-hunters" and uses Metallica's "Seek and Destroy."

The kickoff return squad, known as

"showtime," practices to the tune, "Start Me Up" by the Rolling Stones.

The punt return team members call themselves the "sharks" and use the theme from "Jaws."

The "bomb squad," or the punt team, is designated by the theme from "Mission: Impossible."

Other songs include "Regulators" by Warren G for the field goal blocking unit that shares the same name as the song's title.

"Rock and Roll Part 2," which corresponds with "Score," is used by Tech's field goal attempt team.

Matsakis, who came to Tech after serving as offensive coordinator at the University of Wyoming in 1999, said he is a music buff and picked all the tunes the team uses.

"I tried to pick something that is pretty cross-cultural," he said.

"But I've gotten to hear a lot of different types of music from the players."

The tunes are played daily at Red Raider practices on speakers surrounding the practice field, east of the Athletic Training Center.

Tech freshman running back Wes Welker is on the kickoff coverage and

punt return teams and has tallied two tackles this season.

"I think it's a neat idea because it helps remind us about what we are supposed to do," Welker said.

"Music can only do so much, and then you have to do the rest. But when I'm on the field, you can hear that music in the back of your head. It can get you pumped up."

The songs also were played in Tech's season opener against New Mexico, but because of various complaints from fans, all the recorded songs were removed in the Red Raider's contest against Utah State last weekend.

Instead, the Tech Goin' Band played four of the six songs—"Start me up," the "Jaws" theme, "Mission: Impossible" and "Rock and Roll Part 2."

Metallica's "Seek and Destroy" and Warren G's "Regulators" were left out.

Matsakis said the decision was part of an agreement formed by himself, Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers and Tech band director Keith Bearden.

"We have an awesome band, and I think they did a good job playing the songs on Saturday," Matsakis said.

However, Matsakis said "Seek and Destroy," which is popular with the team and cannot be duplicated by the Tech band, will be back for the Red Raiders' contest with North Texas at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"Metallica is back," Matsakis said Wednesday. "That was one all the players wanted back, and it happens at a time when players are already on the field. So it doesn't really interfere with personnel changes."

Carmody leaves Princeton for Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Bill Carmody pulled an all-nighter, fired up the VCR and let his early morning viewing help him make one of the biggest decisions of his life.

After 18 years at Princeton, the last four as head coach, it was time to leave and take on one of college basketball's biggest challenges at Northwestern.

"I came out Saturday night for about five hours, took a flight back to New Jersey and got back about 1 in the morning. I took about four game tapes with me and I looked at the team from

2 till 5:30 in the morning," Carmody said Wednesday when he was introduced as Northwestern's new coach.

"What I saw was a bunch of hard-working guys who I thought were overmatched physically," he said.

"But they were trying to do what their coach was trying to have them do."

"Right there I sort of knew they were the type of guys who will listen and get better. That sort of made my decision right there. I knew we had good kids and that's important."

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Tech women's tennis squad returns to action

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

When Texas Tech tennis coach Virginia Brown ended her first season in the cellar of the Big 12 Conference standings, she said the team was like a puzzle missing its final piece.

Now, as the squad opens its 2000 campaign, Brown realizes last year's squad did not understand the "team concept" and that final puzzle piece she missed last season was simply a team with good attitude.

"I am really excited to start this season because this team is such a different group from last year," Brown said. "We have more talent and better attitudes."

Despite having just three returning players for the new season, Brown feels confident this year's squad can finish in the top six in the Big 12.

"No one had a good year last year, and I know we can do better this season," she said. "As for the young players, I am not worried about their experience at the college level because they have been playing in tournaments since they were 12."

One player Brown said she is happy to have back is junior Alenka Ovin whom Brown credits with having the most talent on the team.

"She has a great attitude, and she is always smiling," Brown said. "Even if it is the worst day of her life, she still has a smile on her face."

Although she missed all of last season because she was academically ineligible, Ovin said she is glad to be back playing in practice and being part of the team once again.

"I am pumped up for this season and I have been really looking forward to playing again," said Ovin, who hails from Slovenia. "Everything is so positive right now in school and tennis."

Ovin, along with junior Noel Ruiz, was named one of the team's co-captains on Wednesday.

Brown said she chose the pair because of their experience and the vocal leadership they possess on the court.

Both captains said they like being designated as captains because it shows Brown believes in them.

"It feels old to be a captain because we are the oldest," Ovin said. "But on the other hand it is good because we have responsibility."

Unlike Brown, Ovin thinks inexperience is the weakest part of this year's team.

Ovin said it is not a big problem but said she hopes the new talent can realize tennis is a team sport.

"Most freshmen come in thinking tennis is all individual and don't really know how to handle it as a team sport," Ovin said.

Ruiz said she knows this year's tennis squad is inexperienced but she tries not to worry about it.

"On the court, I just play with them and don't think about how young they are," said Ruiz, who is from Paraguay. "I think the main problem right now is we need to get in shape."

Ruiz and Ovin are two of Tech's five foreign players on the squad.

Because it is difficult to recruit in the United States, Brown said she guarantees every team in the Big 12 has at least four foreign players.

"Every team I have ever seen that won the national championship has a foreign player on the team," she said. "Every tennis team needs them."

The team opens the 2000 campaign with a six-tournament tour around Texas, beginning Sept. 22, at TCU.

The team's new tennis complex behind University Medical Center is scheduled to open in January.

"We are really pumped up about everything," Ovin said.

"I think this year's team has the potential to be the best Tech has ever had."



Tech women's tennis co-captain Alenka Ovin reaches for a shot at a Tech practice. Tech finished last in the Big 12 last season.

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Earnhardt busy as ever at age 49

(AP)— Life used to be simpler for Dale Earnhardt.

If he wasn't racing, he could spend his time driving a tractor around his farm or fiddling with a car in his garage.

It's not like that any more for the 49-year-old intimidator, business owner and superstar. But his gotta-do-it-all approach and his goals remain the same as his early days.

At an age when others are retired or thinking the time is near, Earnhardt's still running hard and deep into corners. There's just a business ledger or a pending contract on the seat next to him.

"As you get more involved and get more things going on in your life, things get more busy," said Earnhardt, who is third in the Winston Cup standings, 205 points behind leader Bobby Labonte. "To focus on a championship and focusing on racing is a lot different than we used to do it."

There are sponsors to court, crew chief Kevin Hamlin to plan with, the Dale Earnhardt Inc. race teams of his son Dale Jr. and Steve Park to manage, and a life to lead.

"I guess that's the price you pay to make \$40 million," racing Hall-of-Famer Buddy Baker said, joking.

Earnhardt hasn't slowed any part of his crowded life.

"I'm the kind of guy, I want to know everything," he said. "I want to know if there's an unhappy employee somewhere. I want to know what the balance is at the end of the day. If I know what's going on, then I can help in some way or control it."

After finishing fourth at the Goracing.com 500 in Bristol, Conn. on Aug. 26, Earnhardt flew to Florida the next morning to tend to the sale of his 74-foot fishing boat and check on a house he's building in southern Florida.

He and his wife, Teresa, returned to

Mooresville, N.C., the next day to get 11-year-old Taylor ready for school. Earnhardt had to check his car dealerships and hold a manager's meeting, discuss his Darlington race set-up and plans for the No. 3 Richard Childress Chevrolet with Hamlin, and talk to officials with Park's and Dale Jr.'s teams.

"You may get to bed by midnight, and then you're up at 5 a.m. to start the whole thing again," Earnhardt said.

And what about Sundays?
"That's about the most fun you have, the kind of time you work for," he said.

Earnhardt is a capable boss who can be intimidating yet also understanding, Park says.

"Sometimes if you get a half-smile from him, you know you're doing good," Park said. "If you do something wrong, you're out on the farm on a tractor baling hay in the hot sun."

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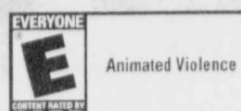
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