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Parking garage to be completed mid-August

By APRIL TAMPLIN
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Beginning in the Fall, Texas Tech faculty, staff and students will be able to park their vehicles in a four-level parking garage located on the corner of Flint Avenue and 18th Street.

Max Hinojosa, vice president for operations at Tech, said the first parking garage will be ready for use in mid-August.

"Right now the construction company is working on the brickwork and all the mechanical work," he said. "The structure is pretty much completed."

The garage will feature three covered parking levels, one rooftop level, elevators and handicap access.

Of the 798 parking spots the garage will house, 600 have been allocated for students.

Hinojosa said parking spots are

being oversold by a certain percentage.

"Think of a student who has classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday, his spot would be unused," he said. "By overselling each parking space, we will up the utilization for that space. We do this for all commuter parking lots as well."

Faculty will park in reserve and area reserved parking spots located

throughout the garage.

Hinojosa said on a reserved parking spot, faculty will pay a higher fee to have a set numbered space. Area reserved means there will be a set area of spaces faculty can choose from.

Eric Crouch, manager of Traffic and Parking at Tech, said parking spaces for students and area reserved spaces for faculty and staff cost \$250 each. Reserved spots for faculty and staff are \$400 each.

The total cost of the parking garage is \$11.1 million.

Hinojosa said Tech sold bonds to purchase the garage and will continue to pay for the garage until they are out of debt.

"It is kind of like a mortgage payment or a car payment," he said.

Capt. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech police said the garage will become part of the Tech police patrol.

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Spears concert to be refunded or rescheduled

By KRISTEN GILBRETH
STAFF WRITER

United Spirit Arena officials said Friday's cancelled Britney Spears concert will either be rescheduled or tickets will be refunded.

Kent Meredith, general manager for the USA, said they are still waiting to hear back from Spears' promoters.

"We deal directly with the promoter," he said. "The promoter will talk to her managers who will talk to her."

Meredith said Spears will be performing a concert in Dallas in July and he hopes she will make her way back to Lubbock.

Jim Bush, USA technical director, said the building was up to code with what the Spears show required, but power in the transformer that fed the show failed. This effected lighting and lasers for her show, and it went pitch dark backstage.

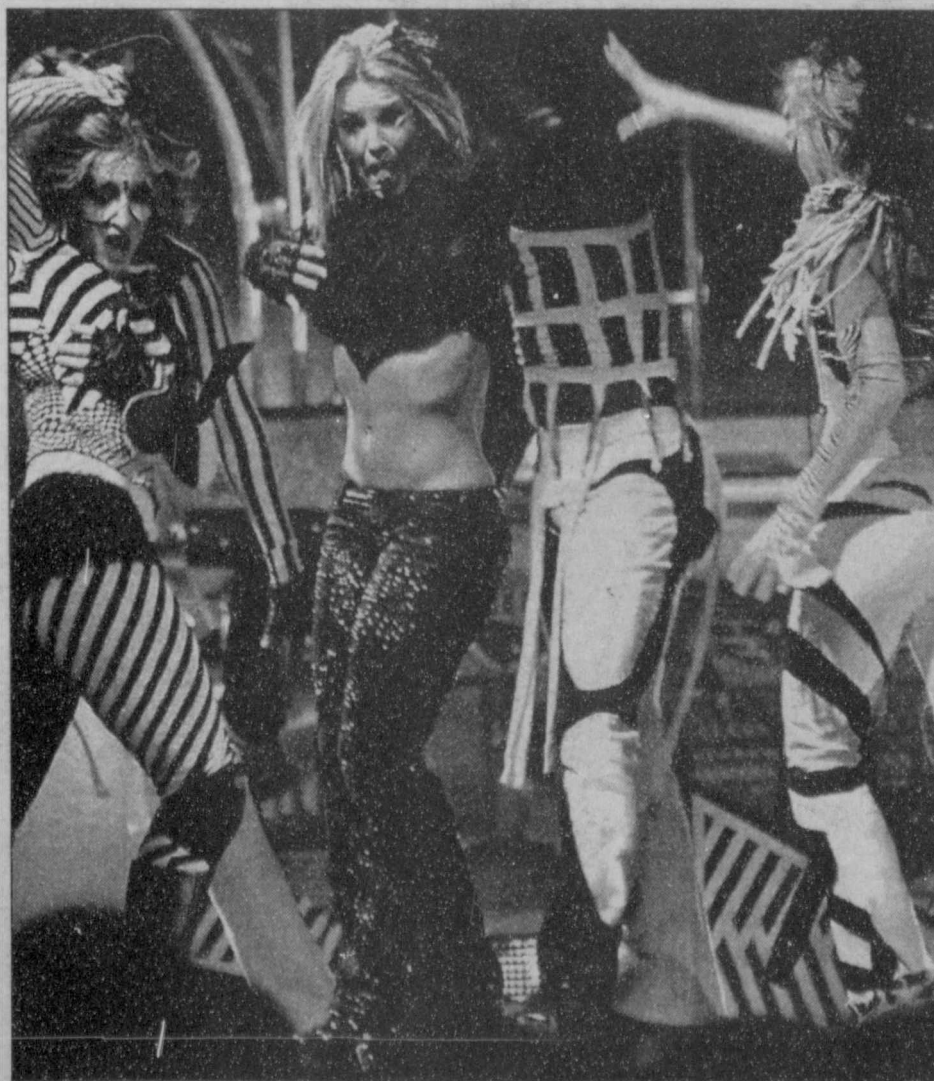
Meredith said the decision to cancel the show was made by Spears' people. He was not consulted before the announcement.

"We could have thrown around ideas and seen how long it would have taken to put on another transformer for example," he said. "Why could they have not given us the chance to continue the show? The house lights, spotlights and sound were still working."

After performing "Oops I did it again" and "You drive me Crazy," Spears appeared on stage with a new costume and an announcement.

"This is the best crowd I have had so far," she said. "I would give anything to go ahead and do the show for ya'll. I am so sorry."

Some of the fans in the 14,000-member audience began to boo the decision. Spears said, "Please don't boo," and exited the stage.



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Sarah Becker, currently on tour with Spears and decorates the star's dressing room said Spears wished the show could have continued.

"She knew she had a hot crowd and that things were going well," she said. "She was bummed about canceling. But she wants to give

you guys the same show everyone else in America gets. (Lubbock) is a beautiful place and I like the people. But this building is kind of rinky dink. This is a big production. This

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Bush proposal could require service work

By BRANDON GUINN
STAFF WRITER

A proposal from President George W. Bush's administration could require Texas Tech work-study students to perform more community service.

This could leave open many employment positions located on campus and force the university to pay to fill the vacated spots.

The Bush proposal would require 50 percent of all federal work-study dollars to go to students who serve in community service positions, such as tutoring or mentoring children. Currently, 7 percent of the money must be designated for that purpose.

Earl Hudgins, director of financial aid at Tech, said Tech has an average of 600 to 700 work-study students comprising a payroll in excess of \$1 million. Most of the positions are located on campus, but the Bush proposal would reduce the number of positions in campus work.

"We're already doing community service with our work-study program," Hudgins said. "We currently have about 10 percent of our work study money allocated towards community service organizations."

Hudgins said if this proposal

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Tech receives grant to teach visually impaired students

By APRIL TAMPLIN
STAFF WRITER

The College of Education at Texas Tech received a \$1.3 million grant to provide classes for stu-

dents who want to be teachers for the visually impaired or specialists in orientation and mobility.

The grant was given by the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped. The classes for

the New Mexico vision Professionals Outreach Program will begin in the Fall.

Pat Kelley, co-principal investigator of the grant and research associate professor for education

at Tech, said only students who agree to work in New Mexico after they graduate will be offered this program. New Mexico does not offer a teacher preparation course in the state, forcing them to hire teachers from out of state.

"Right now, in the state of Texas, there are 6,000 visually-impaired students in public schools and 400 teachers (to teach them)," she said. "New Mexico has less children, but they do not have trained teachers. The proposal is to prepare 100 visually impaired teachers and 24 orientation and mobility teachers for New Mexico."

The grant offers funding to 26 graduate students for five years. Students take classes online, on campus and for two weekends in Alamogordo, N.M.

Students will learn how to teach Braille and orientation and mobility skills. In addition, they will learn about methods and materials and anatomy of the eye.

Kelley said this summer students will be wandering around on campus and around town blindfolded and using a cane to learn orientation and mobility skills.

"This teaches the students how to teach others how to maneuver through their environment," she said. "Earlier students

went blindfolded to United Supermarkets and will go to places like the mall to learn how to maneuver."

Tech and Stephen F. Austin University are the only colleges in Texas that offer classes for orientation and mobility classes.

Kelley said there are 32 programs in the United States that train teachers to work with individuals with visual impairments and 16 programs that train for mobility professionals.

Fifteen students have applied for the New Mexico program for the Fall 2002 semester.

Nora Griffen-Shirley, co-principal investigator for the grant and director of the Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment, said the program with New Mexico is replicated from the Reach Across Texas program. The Reach Across Texas program is based at Tech and trains teachers to work with the visually impaired in Texas.

"The Reach Across Texas program pays the students' full tuition in the primary distant programs," she said. "Basing the New Mexico program on the Texas program provides us with the resources to train for visual professionals for New Mexico, and that is a great need."

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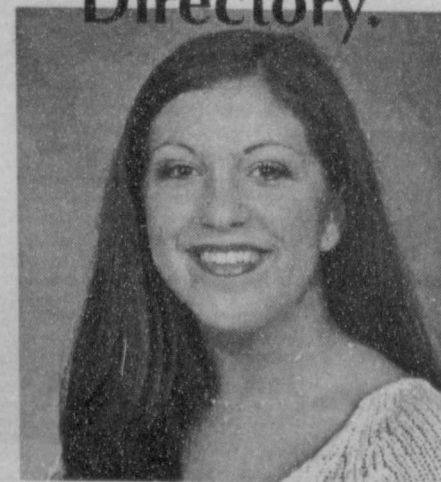
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Incoming freshmen get taste of Tech life

KRISTEN GILBRETH
STAFF REPORTER

More than 500 students are part of the first round of new student orientations known as Double-T days.

Throughout the summer, there will be seven freshmen sessions, two transfer sessions and a catchall session held in August for anyone who could not attend the earlier sessions, said Megan O'Brien, director of orientation.

"The goal is to give students as much information as possible," she said. "We want to answer any questions we can before they get here. We like to

prevent the lost freshman walking around campus with a map."

This first session began Sunday and ends today.

In the last couple of days, students have developed schedules and degree plans, met fellow students who are living in the dorms and learned more about the Texas Tech campus.

Sunday night the visiting students were involved in a pep rally and barbecue where they

met the Tech cheerleaders, Raider Red, the Masked Rider and learned about the spirit of Tech, O'Brien said.

Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs, said the program is fun and informative.

"It is certainly an important part of the overall," he said. "It is an opportunity for us to showcase our university and more importantly, to provide help with transitions."

Double-T stands for transitions and traditions, which are two of the purposes for the orientation, Shonrock said.

Candice Troke, asso-

ciate director for the center for campus life, said being involved in orientation has the positive effect of helping students getting more involved when they become Red Raiders.

"I think it gives students an advantage," she said. "They make new friends and register for classes all at the same time. I would highly encourage any new student to attend."

The center for campus life has given presentations to in-



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Karen Pritchard (left), mother of incoming freshman Kristin Pritchard (right), and Tara McClure, center, receive information about different Texas Tech sororities in the Student Union Building during Double T days on Monday afternoon. All three are from Fort Worth.

form the students about Tech traditions, Greek life, multicultural issues and Red Raider Camp.

Celina Lopez, a sophomore music performance major from Friendswood, is on the Double-T crew.

"We try to make freshmen feel comfortable," she said. "We want to get them associated with everything that goes on here. I wanted to help out because we are the first impres-

sion the students and parents have of the university."

Russell Synder, an incoming freshman from Amarillo, said the last couple of days have been helpful, and he has already changed his major.

"I just found out a really good degree plan," he said. "I think it's cool."

He said he cannot wait to

come to Tech because he wants to get out of the house.

His mother, Cheri Synder, said this is her third time to come to an orientation session because she has two sons who already attend Tech.

"Every time I come (to Double T days) I learn something new," she said. "It is very helpful to our family."

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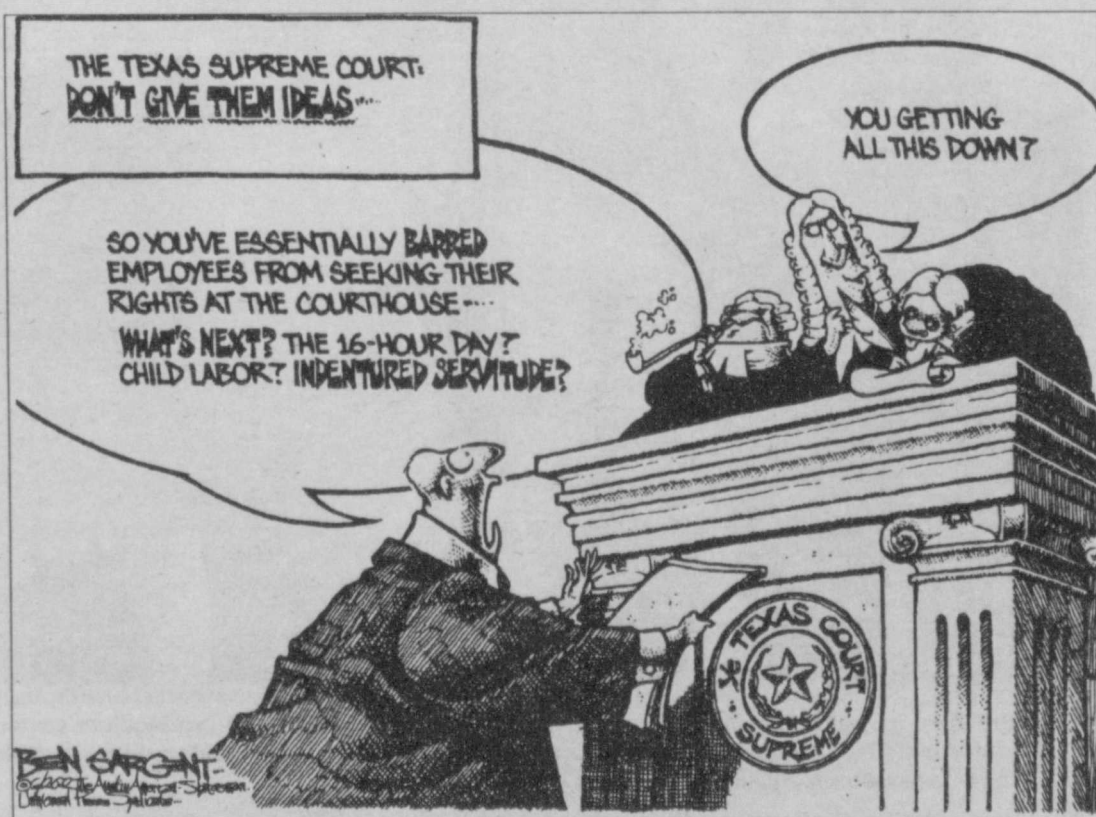
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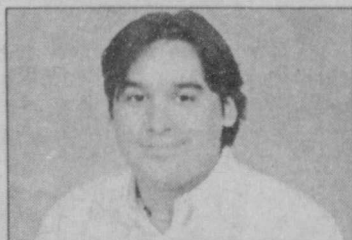


Spears deserves credit where due

It seems like since it was announced that Britney Spears would be in Lubbock, that more people have been bashing her than people who actually deserve it like Osama bin Laden or Mike Tyson. All weekend after her little, "don't boo me!" mishap, the all out dissing of Spears has only intensified. People, especially guys, seem to feel genuinely vindicated that the concert this weekend went away, as if some horrible injustice to the world has been righted.

I say Spears-trashing should end right here. I like 'pop' about as much as I like being kicked in the crotch but some of it deserves our respect.

First of all, pop music is a label that has been erroneously tacked on to the likes of Spears, N'Sync and J-Lo. Real pop music is embodied more fully by such groups as Limp Bizkit, Weezer, and No Doubt (I mean Nirvana was even pop for God's sake). Spears music is quite pop-like, but to call it "pop" is to ignore the bigger picture. Spears is not a musician, she's an entertainer.



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Entertainers may use pop music as a tool, but to label them by that genre is to miss the forest from the trees.

If I were to make an analogy of Spears' genre, I would make it in conjunction to Sammy Davis Jr. Davis Jr. was all about entertainment. He didn't write most of his music, nor was it brilliant in any way. What made Davis Jr. great was he was a dancer who worked his butt off on stage. In his time, he was called the world's greatest living entertainer. No one hates on Sammy just because he was popular and could dance — so why the grief for Spears?

In today's music world you need a little more than a song and dance.

You need sex appeal, cultural relevance, boisterous production and state of the art videos — on top of which you have to be a great dancer. All those things together form a genre much more in-depth than just pop.

If Spears was purely a singer in the pop music genre, then yes, based only on her music alone she's nothing special. But if you look at the entirety of her real genre, Spears is at the top of her field and deserves some respect.

The real reason people have a negative attitude about Spears is because they are jealous of the attention record companies pay to her audience. It used to be the case that we were the target group. Now we are no longer as relevant since we are poor college kids who have no money to spend on CD's. We resent all the attention paid to kids who dig Spears, and so we take that resentment out on her. I say its time to end that resentment and respect Spears for what she is, our greatest living entertainer.

Who, what determines measures of success?

As the job market continues looking bleak for college graduates, many of us are giving up hope of succeeding in today's economy.

But what does it mean to succeed anyway?

Will you have reached success when you have tagged one more prestigious title to the tail end of your last name? Decker one more degree to your wall? Exponentially expanded your bank account?

Are you truly successful just because other people think you are?

Throughout this town we show respect to the big names by splashing billboards with Bob Knight and boulevards with Marsha Sharp.

Texas Tech President David Schmidly's power and Lubbock mayor Mark McDougal's money gain them recognition others will never know even 15 minutes of their lifetime.

As I try to make my own place in this world I can't help but try to dig around and decipher the true definition.

Most of us choose to live in the rat race where we continuously cannot get any satisfaction. We accomplish one thing, only to strive for something bigger and better.

Inevitably we end up chasing our own tails, living lost and lonely, looking for something more.

Perpetually tired of trying to please everyone, we lose sight of what and who really matters.

Which leads to another question — what is it that matters anyway? Why are extremely rich and high profile people unhappy? Don't they have it all?

I'm a high-achieving, high-stress person, and I cannot lie



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and tell you that notoriety isn't something I seek. Sure status matters. But how much?

What do we all sacrifice for the fleeting flickers of the spotlight?

If we continue to seek material and worldly success will we lose ourselves? Will we become too busy to love those who matter to us? Will we begin to forget when it's Father's Day or our best friend's birthday? Will we forget the deeper meaning of life?

Many of us will go beyond that. While clawing our way through life, we will not only forget to lift up others with love, we also will push down those who get in our way.

Our competitive society screams out to us that there is no way to climb to the top unless we toss others down the ladder.

Right now, we strive to be the smartest in the class, the sexiest at the pool or the strongest on the team. But if we continue to measure ourselves using someone else as a standard, we will either fall down or shove someone else into position perfectly beneath us.

In the end, is life about how smart standardized tests say we are? Is it about how well we are represented on a sheet of paper? How well we compete at our sport? Or how beautiful everyone thinks our bodies are? And if life is about all of those things, is it only that way because we allow it to be?

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passes it would move a lot of the student jobs off campus.

"Right now this is just a proposal, and as far as I know it is not going anywhere," he said.

The Federal Work-Study Program is designed to help students earn money to pay for their education. The program promotes

community service and work related to students' course of study. Under Bush's plan, 250,000 to 300,000 college students nationwide would be required to spend about 10 hours a week in community service related jobs.

Hudgins said the biggest problem is finding enough positions within the community that would qualify for the work program. Many of the Big 12 Conference universities already have a lot of

community service, but they are in smaller communities that are saturated, he said.

"Many community service organizations aren't terribly thrilled, because it would add significantly to their burden by increasing the required paperwork regarding the student," Hudgins said.

Jerry Thomson, Texas director of the Corporation for National and Community Service, said

community-based organizations might have a hard time coming up with costs associated with the placement of students in these positions. It should be noted, Thomson said, that guidelines would be required to determine what positions would meet the criteria set forth by the Bush proposal.

"It will be challenging for agencies to identify job descriptions for students seeking work-

study positions," he said. "We have to be sure the community-based organizations have the infrastructure to support student employment, which includes having a flexible program that meets the demands of the students' schedule."

Thomson said most university presidents are not going to buy into the plan because of the numbers of positions filled through campus work.

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"I believe, last I heard, there will be video cameras to help monitor the garage," he said. "Security is our business, and if Tech builds a new building, we have the obligation to make and keep it secure and safe."

Hinojosa said there are plans to build a second parking garage. When the master

plan for both garages was made five years ago, the second garage was to be constructed where the Tech Barnes & Noble bookstore is now located.

Hinojosa said if the first garage is successful, operations will look at different areas on campus and evaluate where the second garage would best serve the students.

"Five years ago, the bookstore location might have been the best place for the second garage," he said. "But now things may be different, and the demand for parking may be somewhere else."

■ SPEARS

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wouldn't happen in a place like the Alamodome."

Meredith said they are working on bringing in extra power if Spears does return.

Sondra Thorne said she drove from Dallas to take her daughter to the show.

After the announcement, she held her five-year old in her arms as tears strolled down both of their eyes.

"We came all the way from Dallas. She has told all of her friends," Thorne said. "I think it's all the pyro and stuff. We can hear

her on the microphone, we don't need all the flames and the changing of clothes."

Rachelle Drobeck, a junior human development and family studies major from Southlake, said she flew in town for the concert.

Wearing a sparkling white T-shirt pained with the words "I love Britney," she said she would continue to adore the star, but she was upset with the arena not being prepared.

Marlowe Malouf, a native of Lubbock and a freshman English major at the University of Texas, said she regretted traveling from Austin for the show.

"Well, the fact that she was like, 'oh, I am sorry,' and then skipped out, upset me," she said. "This is ridiculous. I personally don't care if she comes here again. She used to be my absolute favorite singer. But she was so fake; she was not truly apologetic."

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Tech students use summer to relax

By Keli Johnson
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For some Texas Tech students, summer means relaxing by the pool, getting a tan and traveling. Others use summer as a means to get ahead, both academically and financially.

For the latter, a typical day may consist of a few classes, work and relaxing or drinking afterward. While some students party, others study.

The aquatic center is full of Tech students swimming and sunbathing

on sunny Saturdays and Sundays.

Jennifer King, a sophomore pre-communications disorder major, said she has more free time in the summer than during the regular school semesters.

"Since there aren't as many classes during the summer, you don't have to worry so much about grades. You can just work and relax," she said. "Basically, I go to work at El Chico, go to class and hang out with friends."

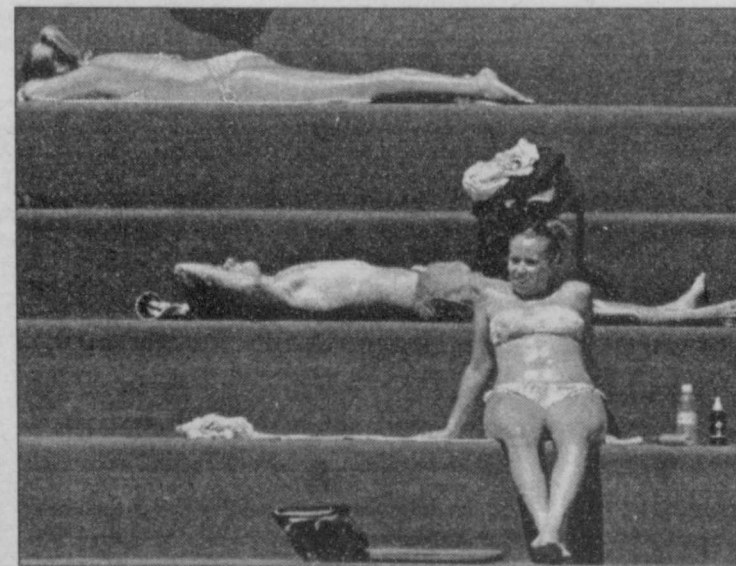
Traveling is one thing some students have in common during the summer. King said she will soon leave for Ireland on a mission trip. She said she is excited about the trip and cannot wait to get away from Lubbock.

When she returns, she said she intends to become a camp counselor for the remainder of the summer.

Mason Addy, a senior business management major and student employee at the Robert H. Ewalt student recreational center, said his average day consists of classes, work, studying and relaxing.

Some hot spots for students include Bleacher's, Cricket's and Bluelight.

Marks Lanhan, manager of Cricket's grill and draft house, said business slows down considerably



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Tech students work on their tans at the Aquatic Center Monday afternoon.

during the summer.

"Quite a few of our customers are Tech students," he said. "Friday and Saturday nights pick up and we have a lot of people here, mostly at the bar."

Ashley Hill, a sophomore business major and employee at Bleacher's Sports Cafe, said she likes to swim and sunbathe during the summer.

"I'm not taking any classes this summer. I just got back from a cruise, and I am just relaxing and

working at Bleacher's," she said.

Hill said Bleacher's offers more entertainment during the school year simply because there are more students and there is more business during that time.

"We have karaoke, many different cover bands, and this weekend we'll have a hypnotist," she said.

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Tech Library hours increase two hours

By Keli Johnson
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech library will now remain open for two more hours each day. The idea was formulated six months ago, when it was brought to the attention of the Student Senate.

Donald Dyal, dean of the Tech libraries said the staff found current library hours are not sufficient for students.

"Closing early simply was not meeting the students' needs," he said.

Monday through Thursday the library will open at 7:30 a.m. and will close at 1 a.m. The library is open from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. on

Saturday, and from noon to 1 a.m. on Sunday through the end of the summer.

Dyal said the cost associated with the extra hours is \$1,560. The estimate accounts for the wages of students who work those hours as well as maintenance and electricity for keeping the building open.

This past year, the student budget for the library was cut 10 percent and expenses increased with the higher cost of books, journals and other library supplies, he said.

"Because the budget was already set, we had no extra money to implement this new policy for the summer," Dyal said. "So we re-allocated money from projects we never completed or from areas where we overestimated the costs."

Alan Burke, a graduate student studying history from Houston who is a student assistant at the library, said gate counts were used to determine whether the extra hours were necessary.

Gate counts are taken every morning by adding up the east and west gates to ascertain the number of patrons. Occasionally hourly gate counts are taken.

"Last week an hourly gate count was taken and it showed we could keep the library open for a couple of extra hours to accommodate students," he said.

A memorandum was sent out within the library that stated the notice of new closing hours and the additional work for students who currently work until close.

The hours are based on the number of students who use the facility compared to the cost of keeping it open, Dyal said. After a certain time, the number of students dwindles, so there is no need to keep the library open, he said.

"There is a pattern of students who study or make use of the resources in the library until about 2 a.m.," Dyal said. "We want to meet student needs without unnecessary spending."

Dyal said he plans to have the library open 24 hours during finals next Fall.

"During finals is the most important time for students to have full access to the library," he said. "During the Fall, we have decided

to extend the 24-hour library access to the week before finals to help students who need to study or complete term papers."

For each summer session, there has been discussion to extend hours two days before finals to 24 hours daily, but nothing has been decided, Dyal said.

Connie Kitten, a senior library specialist, said the reference desk will not extend its hours, but the computers will remain turned on for student use until the library closes.

"It hasn't really affected us so far. We don't staff the desk that late, but the circulation desk has one student who works the additional hours," she said. "I think it's a great idea."

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Border town split over U.S. World Cup victory

McALLEN, (AP) — German Garcia, a photographer from Mexico City, was clearly disgusted with the United States' 2-0 victory over Mexico in a World Cup soccer match that he stayed up late to watch.

Garcia, wearing an autographed Mexican soccer jersey, joined other soccer fans in bars for televised cable coverage of the game in Jeonju, South Korea, that didn't begin until 1:30 a.m. CDT.

"This is the worst thing in the world that could happen," he said. "You don't understand. Mexico's not supposed to lose with the U.S."

Garcia said he could under-

stand if Mexico lost to anyone else, he said, but not the United States.

Soccer, he said, "is one of the few things that Mexico can feel superior with the U.S."

Along the Texas-Mexico border, where population is more than 85 percent Hispanic, World Cup allegiances were tilted toward Mexico.

"I don't think anybody's in a quandary down here," Cameron County Judge Judge Gilberto Hinojosa of Brownsville chuckled before the match. "Everybody's going to be supporting Mexico. For them, it's 'those are my mother's and father's countrymen.'"

Like other cities in the four-county Rio Grande Valley, McAllen is a place where sentences are begun in English, finished in Spanish. Red lights present a blur of music — Tejano here, country and western there. Families have some children that are U.S. citizens, others Mexican.

"This is a pretty important game here, this being a border town," said David Lozano, 44, who drove around frantically in McAllen after the bars closed while the soccer game was still in progress. He finally found a television set at a 24-hour taqueria. "There's a lot of rivalry around here," Lozano said.

Mexican team jerseys sold out at the sports stores while U.S. jerseys went untouched. Cars sported Mexican flags. Some families made plans to watch the match with relatives on the other side of the border, where victory parties were sure to be spilling out into the streets.

"Tradition, I guess, the roots ..." said Ana Flores, who was watching the game before beginning her shift in a hospital lab at 4 a.m. Andre Flores, her Mexican-born husband, pushed his chair in quietly, eyes glistening, at the end of the match.

A table of police officers argued playfully over which team

they should be yelling for.

"Mexico, man," said Sgt. Marisa Guerra. "Because I'm Mexican, I was born in Mexico."

Lt. Francisco Durango, likewise born in Mexico, differed. "I'm 100 percent gringo," he said. "I served in the Army, this is my country."

At the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which bent the rules and kept the television sets on, 90 percent of the inmates cheered for Mexico no matter where in Latin America they were from, said David Valdez, a security guard.

"Soccer is more of a Mexican sport, Hispanic," Valdez said.

NBC's U.S. Open posts best ratings ever during Tiger Woods' win

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiger Woods' victory at the U.S. Open on Sunday delivered the highest overnight television ratings ever for the second of golf's Grand Slam events.

Woods' riveting win by three

shots over Phil Mickelson at the Bethpage Black course in Farmingdale, N.Y., was seen in more than 9 million homes, and had a record 9.3 rating and a 21 share for NBC.

The rating, a 33 percent in-

crease over last year's U.S. Open won by Retief Goosen, was the highest for the U.S. Open since Nielsen Media Research began tracking overnights in 1975.

Woods and his playing partner, Sergio Garcia, teed off at 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, and the round was interrupted by rain for 50 minutes. Still, the ratings peaked at 14.0/26 from 8-8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Woods and playing partner Pdraig Harrington teed off for the third round at 2:50 p.m. While Sunday's round fin-

ished in twilight, the later start enabled NBC to get the final 1 3/4 hours in prime time, which starts at 7 p.m. Eastern time on Sundays.

"Every hour there are more people available to watch," NBC spokesman Kevin Sullivan said. "We work with the USGA to bring the competition to the largest possible audience. We went off with plenty of time, even with a 50-minute rain delay."

NBC's telecast went from 1:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Williams sisters seeded No. 1 and 2 at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP) — Venus and Serena Williams were seeded 1-2 for Wimbledon on Monday, setting up the chance of another Grand Slam final between the two sisters.

Seven-time champion Pete Sampras, meanwhile, was installed at No. 7, his lowest seeding since 1991 when he was No. 8. Australia's Lleyton Hewitt was seeded No. 1.

It's the second year that Wimbledon has seeded 32 players instead of 16. But the All England Club continues to take into account a player's grass-court credentials rather than strictly following the tour rankings.

Venus and Serena Williams are Nos. 1-2 in the latest WTA rankings, the first sisters to hold the top two spots.

Venus, the two-time defending Wimbledon champion, will be at the top of Tuesday's draw and Serena at the bottom, meaning they can't meet until the final.

If they both get there, it will be the third all-Williams Grand Slam final in 10 months. Venus beat Serena for the U.S. Open title in September in New York, while Serena won the French Open in straight sets in Paris last month.

Either Venus or Serena has won six of the last 11 Grand Slam titles, while Jennifer Capriati has three majors in that span.

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