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Administration hikes deficit forecast for '91

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House hiked its forecast of next year's budget deficit to \$168.8 billion on Monday — \$231.4 billion if savings and loan costs are counted — and warned of devastating cuts in programs without a quick budget compromise with Congress.

The new estimate was more than two-thirds higher than the administration's projection just six months ago.

Airport control towers could be closed, student loans canceled, food inspections interrupted and military forces halved by cutting perhaps one million people as the government buckled under what could be over \$100 billion in automatic cuts this October, said Budget Director Richard Darman.

It seemed unlikely that Congress would permit cuts on such a huge scale. And White House officials conceded that easing was needed in the nation's deficit-reduction law, which mandates spending cuts across a broad range of programs if targets for reducing federal red ink are not met.

But administration officials insisted they would support a watering down of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law only if coupled with a

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Ian Halperin/The University Daily

Flag corps drilling

Shannon Deroch, a junior management major from Katy, watches as high school band camp students practice flag drills Monday in front of Weymouth Hall. Deroch is a flag drill instructor for

the band and orchestra camp going on at Tech and also a member of the Going Band Flag Corp.

German unification closer as Soviets drop NATO objection

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union on Monday dropped its objection to a united Germany's membership in NATO, clearing one of the most difficult remaining hurdles to German unification.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced the agreement in a televised news conference from Gorbachev's home region, Stavropol in southern Russia. The area was one of the deepest points of German penetration during World War II.

The announcement capped several months of intense diplomatic maneuvering, during which Germany backed a \$3 billion bank loan to

Moscow and pushed its allies for a comprehensive plan to bail out the crumbling Soviet economy.

The agreement, reached in just two days of talks in Moscow and at a country home in Arkhyz in the Caucasus Mountains, made it likely the two German states could complete unification by December.

"A unified Germany, in exercising its unrestricted sovereignty freely and by itself, decides if and which alliances to which it wants to belong," Kohl said, reading a joint statement.

He said he had told Gorbachev that a united Germany wants to be part of NATO, and that he was sure East Germany agreed.

"Unified Germany receives complete sovereignty," Gorbachev told the news conference. "It has the right

to use this sovereignty to make its choice ... meaning its variant of social development, and meaning what it would like to be a part of, what blocs to support."

In Washington, President Bush praised Gorbachev's remarks.

"This comment demonstrates statesmanship and strengthens efforts to build enduring relationships based on cooperation," Bush said in a written statement.

The British Foreign Office called the Soviet change "an extremely positive development in Soviet thinking."

Kohl and Gorbachev also reached agreement on other contentious issues:

- They agreed to begin negotiations on the complete withdrawal of

Soviet soldiers from what is now East German territory. The approximately 380,000 soldiers should be withdrawn in three to four years, they said.

- The army of a united Germany, during the same period, will be reduced to 370,000 soldiers. Currently, the two Germanys have about 600,000 men under arms, 480,000 in the West.

- No NATO forces will be stationed on the territory of what is now East Germany while Soviet forces still are there. But German soldiers not integrated into the NATO command may be stationed there as soon as unification is completed.

- The rights of the four victorious World War II powers — France, the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union — will cease immediately upon

unification. But Western forces may remain in Berlin as long as Soviet soldiers stay in any part of the country.

Although there are no such guarantees in the agreement, Gorbachev said the Soviet Union hopes that after it withdraws from East German territory "nuclear weapons will not appear, foreign soldiers will not appear, so that the budding trust, the responsibility we have toward each other and toward Europeans, can be preserved."

The Soviet Union says that more than 20 million of its citizens died as a result of the German invasion in World War II, and for years afterwards worries about a new German threat were cultivated in the Soviet media.

Bush conflicts: gentleman or politician

Correspondent tired of reading George Bush's lips, promises

By James Reston

Being tired of reading George Bush's lips, I was reading some of my old newspaper clips the other day, and there in the middle of *The Times's* Op-Ed page of May 2, 1979, was a big headline: "George Bush for President?"

The first paragraph said: "By age (55), appearance (handsome), location (Texas) and reputation (exemplary), George Herbert Walker Bush is clearly justified by experience and character to challenge the older leaders of the Republican Party for its presidential nomination."

It went on to say that there was something reassuring about his past. Always at the beginning of his many jobs, he was praised for being "competent," "intelligent," "experienced" and "decent."

Always too, doubts were expressed about whether he could succeed, but there was "applause for his record at the end."

Well, the doubts remain, but halfway through his first term in the White House, he has convinced more than half the people who answer polls that he knows how to navigate the Potomac, a treacherous stream. Nobody's crazy about him, but nobody's very mad at him either. He knows where the rocks are. He tacks with the wind and he stays afloat.

He's not at all like Ronald Reagan. He works, he reads and listens — but he smudges every line. He doesn't call a spade a spade, but a useful agricultural implement. He didn't say he was wrong and would now "raise taxes." He didn't say that he "required," but that deficit reduction "required," in addition to spending cuts, "tax revenue increases."

This could mean more revenue from existing taxes if the economy grows, or better tax collection or (maybe) more revenue from a cut in the capital gains tax. It speaks for itself, he said, but we're still reading

his lips.

What is going on here much of the time is not merely a clash between the Democrats and the president but a conflict inside the president. It's a wrestling match between the Gentleman from Connecticut and the Politician from Texas.

In the campaign of 1988, the Texas politician prevailed, but lately the conscience of the New England gentleman has been peeping through in one compromise after another, and what has emerged is "Halfway George."

President Reagan didn't respond to criticism — seldom ever noticed it, but that's not Bush's way. He's not impressed by the flatterers who tell him: "Go to it, George. You can do it!" But if he's told he can't do it or won't do it, he does it, even if it's wrong.

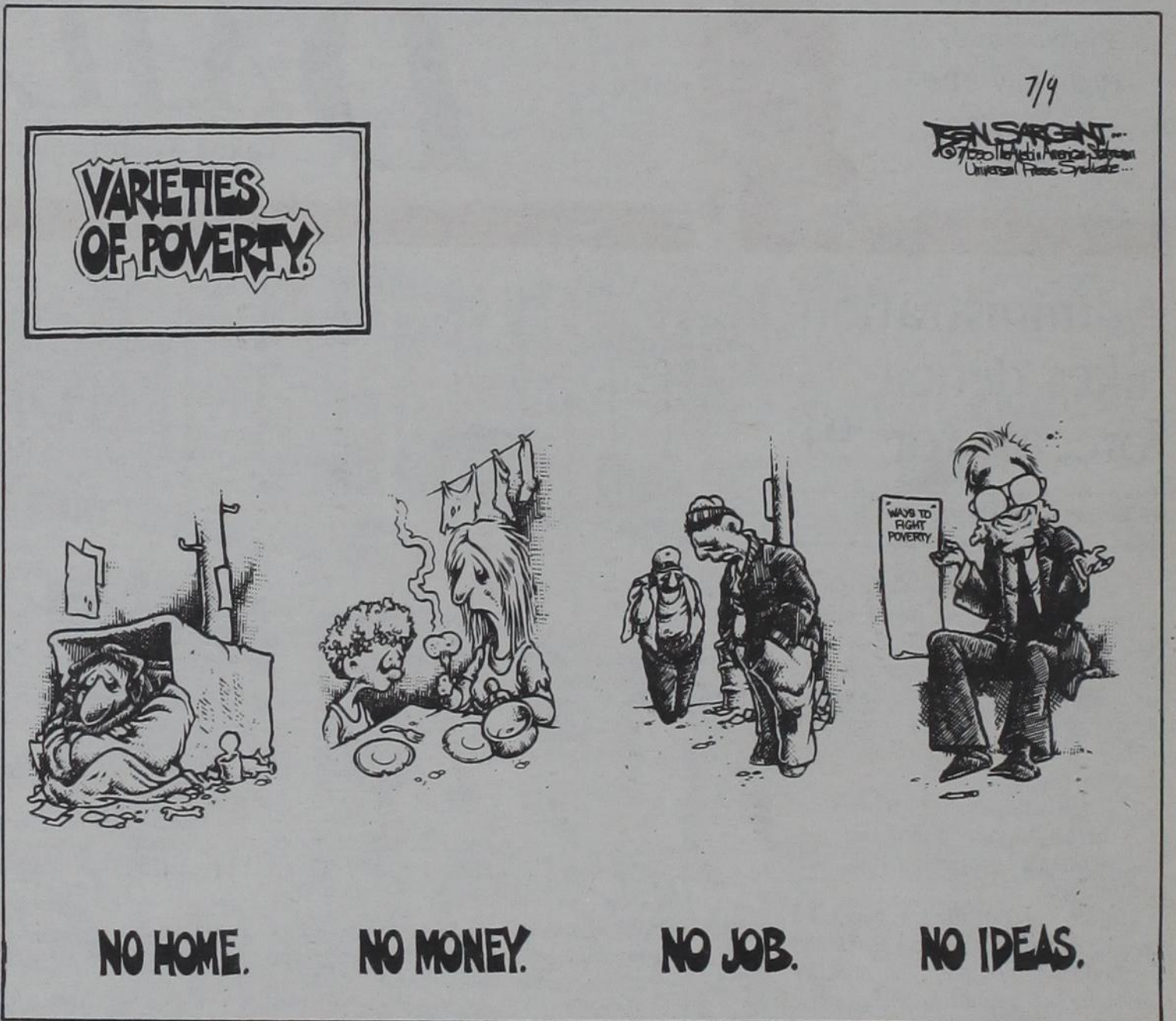
He was charged with being a "wimp" in 1988, so he ran a nasty campaign against Bob Dole in the primaries and then against Michael S. Dukakis.

He was told he was being too easy on Lt. Gen. Manuel Noriega, so he invaded Panama with an army and a rock 'n' roll band. This violated all the principles and treaty commitments he had proclaimed as the U.N. envoy. But he got his man, with casualties and costs he minimized, and now he doesn't know what to do with him.

When the primitives of his party complained that he was ungrateful for their support in the election and that maybe he was a closet liberal, he repaid them by dumping Dan Quayle on the country and insisting that this unfortunate baby-boomer was the best-qualified person to be vice president.

Normally a generous man, he didn't even thank the Democrats for nominating Dukakis.

He is, however, a very good politician. He ducked the press during his campaign, anticipating its questions about his silent partnership with Reagan and his tricky tactics against Dukakis, but once in the White House



he held more press conferences, gave more interviews and appeared on more TV news programs than any president since the last World War.

President Reagan avoided the Democratic leaders of Congress whenever he could, regarding them as obstacles to his dream of cutting taxes and borrowing his way to prosperity, but George sees them all the time.

He listens to their mystifying clarifications. He has them over to the house for dinner, pitches horseshoes with them, takes them sailing and lets them share the blame for the housing and savings and loan scandals. It's quite an achievement, and it's fun trying to figure out who's ahead, George or his conscience.

Either way he has luck, which is the

politician's best friend. He didn't win the cold war; the Communists just came to their senses when he was riding down Pennsylvania Avenue from the inauguration. And in addition to Mikhail Gorbachev as an opponent, he inherited the Democrats just when they had run out of candidates and ideas.

He is also lucky in Barbara Bush, who is the most comfortable and appealing first lady we've had since the foundation of Wellesley's school of manners.

So I don't regret that reckless endorsement of George Herbert Walker Bush in 1979. It wasn't too bad, considering the alternative.

He's not very heroic. He beats around the bush. He thinks half a load is not only better than no bread but

better than a whole bakery, and the American people like him, probably because they're sort of like him: friendly, optimistic, fairly prosperous and not too worried about the people who are left behind.

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Bush comes up with impressive plans for NATO



Flora Lewis
Columnist

there wasn't more finesse, but the underlying agreement is solid.

The Europeans want NATO to continue and they want Americans in Europe, even as they also want to offer Mikhail Gorbachev the assurances he says he needs to accept new German arrangements.

There is strong evidence supporting Britain's foreign minister, Douglas Hurd, when he said in a newspaper interview, "I've never known a time when there was less anti-Americanism in Europe, whether in Britain or on the Continent."

His judgement that "American engagement is absolutely fundamental to stability" is widely shared.

The Soviets are coming around to the same view, but it costs them, particularly in Gorbachev's tense internal politics. There is evident difference between the Foreign Ministry and the military establishment, smarting at Eastern Europe's "loss."

Soviet diplomats are aware that they caused some of their own problems, by arguing too insistently that a united Germany in NATO was unacceptable. Now they need a way to back out, and Bush is providing that. He has widely said or done nothing to humiliate them.

The grievance of most Soviet officers is not leaving Germany but having no housing, no jobs to go home to. The idea of staying on is not as attractive as the military planners claim.

Already there have been attacks on their soldiers, and the East German defense minister said some had been disarmed to prevent retaliation, which could lead to grave incidents.

There is a good chance that the new NATO plan can be the keystone for a series of agreements with the East and adjustments in the West to construct the transition Europe needs after the cold war.

The long term, the ideal of a workable all-European security pact, isn't the problem now. It is getting there.

After floundering, Washington has produced some sensible and sensitive ideas to carry out Bush's pledge of going "beyond containment."

The proposal to send experts, not just a flood of billions, to help the Soviets make their railroads, their grain storage system, their food distribution work is another example of identifying the critical needs of addressing them.

This is the way to proceed, concretely. Leave the grand designs to historians' hindsight. Even with rumbled edges, this is statesmanship.

Just when the noise level of complaints about lack of American vision in response to the new needs of Europe was reaching screech point, the Bush administration came up with an impressive new plan.

Despite allied grumbles, it won warm support because it goes a long way toward meeting problems opened by German unification and collapse of the Warsaw Pact. Presumably, resentment at Washington will evaporate as governments get on with remodeling NATO.

Last year's NATO summit meeting produced the same sense of administration drift, mounting tension and — at the last minute — Bush proposals that brought accord.

This time there wasn't even a quick tour by special envoys to brief allied leaders on what was coming in London. There were just letters and phone calls from the President, which made Europeans feel shut out of the preparations.

Bush and Secretary of State James BAKER LIKE THIS KIND OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY, BUT IT HAS A PRICE. It contributes to fears that the new "special relationship" is the Washington-Bonn axis, and that both Britain and France are being left in the cold.

The French sniff that the U.S. is foolishly backing any whim of Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, although it is Paris that has been pushing hardest for Kohl's scheme to buy Moscow's blessing.

President Mitterrand of France didn't want a NATO meeting until late in the year (and there may be another in December) so as to work out what he calls "the European identity insecurity affairs." It's not clear what he means, but Paris has reversed gears for the time being.

For at least six months, France was edging toward formal involvement with NATO's military structure, which would make it much easier to solve problems of reform. Now, miffed, Mitterrand is saying France's defense is entirely independent.

Further, in tart asides, French officials suggest the U.S. is blocking useful change. "The Americans always get annoyed when Europe starts to emancipate herself," Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said recently.

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Beagle is worthless in snake battle



Joe Murray
Columnist

and swaying, pretty as a cow pony. The poor old snake, coiled up at the base of the bush, would try to strike, trying to bluff, but only half-heartedly. The snake was probably smart enough to know that you can't bluff a beagle. Beagles aren't that smart.

All the while, it was upsetting my wife and cats, especially the young tom, standing there wringing his paws and whimpering. "This is bad. This is bad," he kept telling my wife.

So it was that they all voted, and elected me to do something about it. I would have tried to talk reason to the two parties involved, but I knew the beagle wouldn't listen to that. What I ended up doing was loading my pistol.

Indeed, I'm a dangerous man with a gun. The snake could tell you, if it could.

I don't know how many times I shot. I'm not even sure how many times I

reloaded. Not only did I manage to kill the snake, I think I killed the bush.

You probably want to know what everybody wants to know about a snake, how big and what kind.

It was standard size, about six feet long. Of course, that's before I killed it. Snakes tend to shrink once they're dead. This one ended up hardly three feet in length.

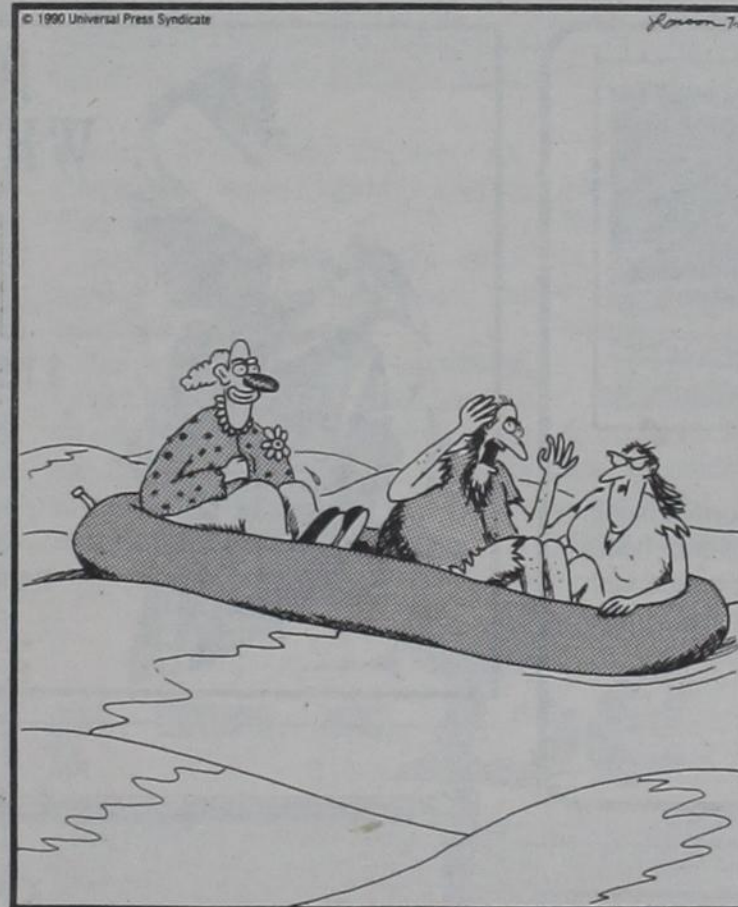
If I had to guess, it was probably the kind of snake that kills only spiders, scorpions and the weeds in your garden, a creature much more beneficial to man than, say, beagles.

Later, I stopped by the hardware store to replenish my supply of ammunition, depleted as it was by the great battle of snake bush. I asked particularly for snake shot, but the closest thing they had in stock was rat shot. I asked, too, about beagle shot, but they didn't have it either.

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



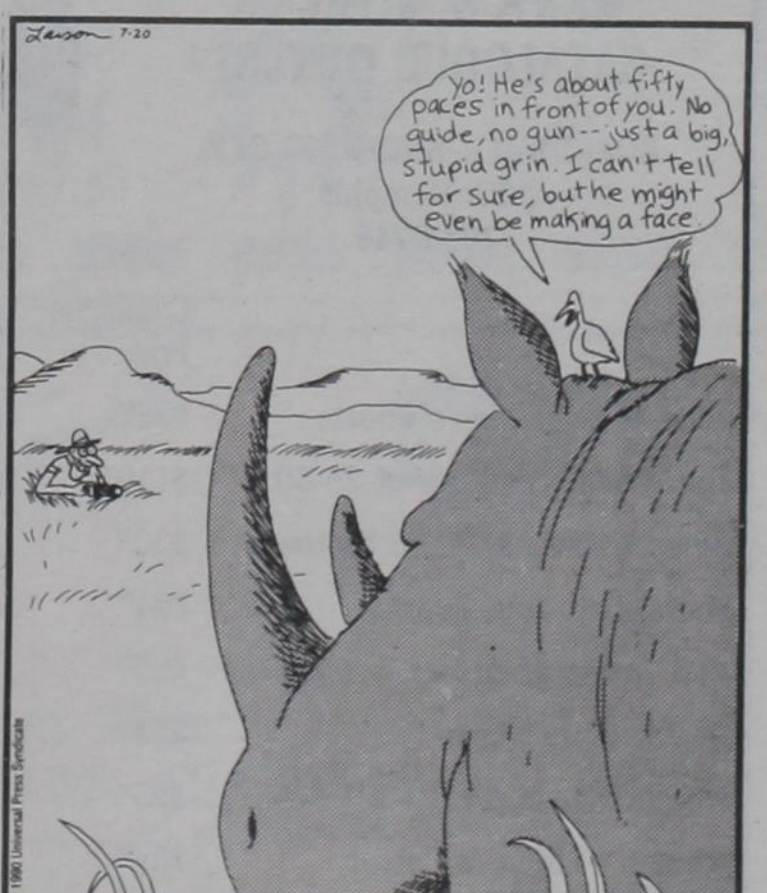
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Reading lab tutors students with reading weaknesses

By CONNIE SWINNEY
The University Daily

Developing more proficient young readers and providing teaching experience for education majors, the Reading Laboratory at Texas Tech contributes to creating more literate future generations.

The Reading Laboratory began in 1972 at Tech and assesses reading difficulties and offers individual tutoring for students in grades kindergarten through 12.

"The lab is also very beneficial for students who are specializing in the teaching of reading," said Lester Butler, director of the program.

Tech students involved in the program are teacher education students working on elementary and secondary education degrees.

The program, which will take place July 18-Aug. 16, is designed to prepare better teachers of reading and gives

college students the opportunity to work with children in a realistic tutor/student relationship, Butler said.

College students can learn and use new techniques and strategies for improving reading skills as well as motivating children to read.

"There are a number of teaching strategies used that prove to be quite effective," he said.

A technique called semantic mapping involves taking a key term such as "farm" and children drawing a clustering of terms that associate with that term.

List group labeling teaches to categorize which becomes the basis of higher level comprehension.

"We're using computer aided techniques to teach college students to utilize these types of strategies," Butler said.

"Because the computer helps a lot, tutored children can actually produce

a book on their own which is bound and structured with its own illustration," he said.

For tutored students who have reading disabilities such as dyslexia, an initial evaluation is performed to determine strengths and weaknesses of that student.

Next, the best approach to helping that student is found and structured to meet his or her needs.

"Success experiences are crucially important for the disabled students because they often come from a long history of a lack of successes," Butler said.

"We have found that a language experience approach has been extremely effective in teaching reading where instead of children writing what they learned, encouraging them to dictate what they experience," he added.

Other techniques such as echo-reading, where students read along with a teacher and the use "predic-

table books" like Dr. Seuss have proved to add to teaching effectiveness, Butler said.

"An observation about students who have been labeled as dyslexic is that they are slow and labored, and that if they are given simple material many times, the fluency of those materials becomes automatic," he said.

"A lot of informal feed-back about positive results of the students once they put newly-found skills to use has been very positive," Butler added.

Most students in the program are elementary students, but it is not uncommon to see many older students in the program who have had younger siblings in the program with notable success.

The lab, originally started for graduate students, has allowed for undergraduates reading specialization since 1975.

"Undergraduates became involv-

ed, and it gave them better experience, most importantly, in working with children with reading disabilities," he said.

"We've gotten the best feedback from student who have said they could take their skills into their first job and have some success with it," Butler said.

Any child can be admitted into the program at a parents request.

Referrals from counselors and parents are the lab's main medium for getting the information out about the benefits of the programs results.

"Our main goal is to create an interesting, supportive success-oriented climate," he said.

Because the program's title contains the word laboratory in it, most would perceive the teaching atmosphere to be formal and distant, Butler added.

Yet the program's intent is to make sure that children feel completely comfortable to an area they associate with reading, he said.

The laboratory holds important facets of a pleasurable learning atmosphere with aquariums, mobiles and bright colors conducive to sparking motivation.

According to Butler, the children have opportunities to visit areas of the campus to soak up the exciting aspects of an academic setting.

Students visit the agricultural sciences and biological sciences facilities along with the library and University Center.

Encouraged to write about all new experiences they encounter at Tech, the children in the program can also be taught about improving writing skills.



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Bush administration orders review of NASA

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a spate of recent NASA embarrassments, the Bush administration Monday ordered a review by outside experts of the nation's long-term space goals.

"Space continues to be a top priority for the administration," said a statement released by the office of Vice President Dan Quayle, who heads the National Space Council. "We all want the best ideas on how we can move into the next century maintaining our leadership in space."

The review by an outside task force was not as drastic a measure as the complete restructuring of the space agency, which had been forecast by some news media over the weekend.

"Contrary to some published reports, there is no White House investigation of NASA," the statement said.

Quayle met for an hour Monday with NASA Administrator Richard H. Truly, their third meeting in a week.

"Adm. Truly and the task force will report their recommendations to the vice president," the statement said, but it was not clear whether Truly would head the panel or merely appoint it.

The space agency's most recent embarrassments — the myopic Hubble Space Telescope and a grounded space shuttle fleet — have focused both public and congressional atten-

tion on NASA.

Not since the Challenger accident of 1986, which claimed the lives of seven crew members, has the space agency been so under siege. Investigations so far have shown that the mistake in grinding the lenses of the \$1.5 billion telescope would have been caught with proper testing.

After Challenger, NASA appointed an internal investigating board. But President Reagan also appointed a 13-member commission of experts, headed by former Secretary of State William P. Rogers, which held hearings and published its voluminous findings.

The commission called the Challenger explosion "an accident rooted in history," and was highly critical of NASA for lax oversight, poor internal communications and pressures to launch.

Nearly all the officials who ran NASA at the time of Challenger are gone from the agency.

There were a number of outside investigations by Congress and by a panel of the National Research Council, which also oversaw the redesign of the shuttles' faulty booster rockets.

Congress has been upset by the Hubble fiasco and by the concurrent hydrogen leaks that caused NASA to halt all shuttle flights.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., chairwoman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee that has oversight responsibility for NASA, sum-

Students critique writing through computers

By MARK LACK
The University Daily

Some Texas Tech English instructors are using a computer based learning system that enables students to write better.

The system is being used in the English Department's computer lab to facilitate writing between students who need help, said Fred Kemp, assistant professor of English and director of the writing program for Tech.

The Daedalus Instructional System computer program is a network of computer terminals that allows students to write essays and mail them to other students across the room via a central computer, Kemp said.

This enables the students receiving the information to read the work and to criticize it on a split computer screen and send the critique back to the original writer, who can take those criticisms and revise and rewrite the essay, he said.

"This process can go through several stages, with the same sort of thing — new draft, send it, receive criticisms on it, send it back," Kemp said.

Overall, the use of the program is designed to help students in developmental writing and prepare them for writing on a college level, Kemp said.

"One of the principal ways to facilitate writing among students is to have them write to each other, because it allows them to write a lot more when they write to their peers," Kemp said, "they feel like they're writing to an audience that is more interested in what they have to say perhaps than just a teacher."

Kemp describes the computer lab as a collaborative classroom in which all the different essays and works go to the students, rather than just to the teacher. This generates a lot more writing and it generates a lot more interest, Kemp said.

The program works through the interaction of peer to peer in evaluating and critiquing the work of others, he said.

As a result from using this program, the students tend to want to try more, because they have peer pressure to try harder, he said.

When the students are constantly critiquing the work of others, and are critically reading people's writing, they eventually are able to use those skills to critique their own work, said Greg Ash, a teaching assistant in the English Department.

moned Truly and former administrator James Beggs to a hearing Wednesday.

Beggs had charge of the space agency a decade ago when the telescope was built.

The problems come at a particularly bad time for NASA, which has had 10 successful shuttle missions since the Challenger explosion and a spate of spectacular successes with probes to the planets.

"Their plate is quite full, and it's a very stressful time for NASA," said Rep. Bob Traxler, D-Mich., chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees the space and science budget.

NASA needs congressional support to continue the \$32 billion space station scheduled for a critical design review this year, a planned earth study called "Mission to Planet

Earth," and the president's announced goal of a permanent manned base on the moon and an expedition to Mars.

Quayle discussed the problems with Truly twice last week, once aboard Air Force Two as he returned from the economic summit in Houston. White House Chief of Staff John Sununu took part in the airborne talks.

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Tech museum OK'd by AAM

By CONNIE SWINNEY
The University Daily

Maintaining standards deemed acceptable by the American Association of Museums (AAM), the Texas Tech Museum received an accreditation that adds it to a list of quality museums in the nation.

Nationwide there are more than 6,400 museums and 700 have reached accreditation status.

According to Gary Edson, Tech's museum director, by receiving the accreditation the AAM has held Tech's museum in high status because it manages collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public.

"People across the Southwest as well as Lubbock citizens should share the pride in earning such a prestigious honor," he said.

"Reaching accreditation status was an exhilarating experience for all here who had a part in making the museum a quality operation," Edson said.

The AAM visited the museum and rigorously examined every aspect of its operation which proved demanding at times, but well worth the accreditation.

In 1982 museum administrators set out taking steps necessary to gain the status which allows the Museum to compete favorably for grants and traveling exhibits.

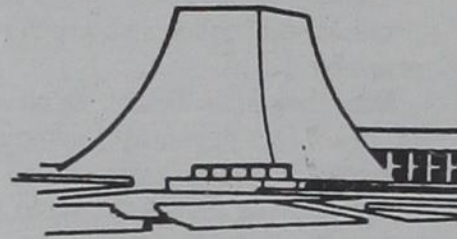
Basic standards have been met emphasizing care in collections and utilization of the museum's facility.

"We are doing a proper job of taking care of the objects that are entrusted to the Museum," Edson said.

The museum science program will experience a boost because of growing support which will be a result of the newly acquired status, he said.

With Tech students leading the field of research involving museum science in this area, Texas Tech will be regarded more importantly as an attractive institution for museum science, Edson added.

"We are moving in the right direction of quality improvements which motivates us to continue to work and not just meet standards, but set standards for the future," he said.



The AAM is a national organization in Washington D.C. that for the last 80 years has offered several programs to help museums achieve standards of quality and professionalism.

The museum is on Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue exhibiting both permanent and temporary exhibits demonstrating all areas of science and culture.

Redrawing of districts gives more people voice

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — In 1991, the redrawing of political districts by the Legislature could be more complicated than ever before. But it also could be more open.

Not only are state and federal courts looking over the Legislature's shoulder, but computers can quickly calculate the demographic effects of moving a district's lines. This has given more people a voice.

In 1981, "if you wanted to draw a plan, you went down to the Legislative Council and they said, 'Yeah, we can get you a plan in three or four weeks,'" said state Sen. Bob Glasgow, who heads his chamber's redistricting panel. Now the information is available within hours.

Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said it will be possible for many computer terminals to have access to redistricting data. He wants to ensure that every senator has a staff member trained in operating the computer.

"We're trying to open up the process as much as we can," Glasgow said, "and computers are the way to do that."

Over the past decade, Texas' population has grown by about 20 percent, double the national average, but growth has not been even. While 15 of Texas' 254 counties grew by 50 percent or more, 108 counties lost population.

As population increased in South and Central Texas and in the suburbs,

it decreased in East and West Texas and in central cities.

This has caused wide variations in the populations of political districts in Texas.

Redistricting is done every 10 years, after the federal census, to correct such imbalances. In Texas, the Legislature will redraw districts for congressional seats, for the Texas House and Senate and for the State Board of Education.

If the Legislature fails to redistrict itself during the first regular session after census data become available, the task falls to a board composed of the House speaker, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller and land commissioner.

Under the federal Voting Rights Act, redistricting plans must be approved by the U.S. Justice Department. They can be challenged in court.

To get ideas from public officials and private citizens, Glasgow and his House counterpart, state Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, are holding hearings around the state. They will conclude in Austin in early September, Glasgow said.

At the outset, he has a warning for elected officials: No one is safe.

Legislators whose districts grew in population by exactly 20 percent may think their lines won't change, Glasgow said. "If they're operating by that criteria, they're going to be really shocked," he said. That's because the ripple effect caused by population loss or gain in adjacent areas can cause the lines to move.

It will be easier to draw new congressional districts than state legislative districts. That's because Texas probably will gain three congressional seats. Adding new districts will help protect incumbents.

The number of legislative districts won't change. There are 150 in the Texas House and 31 in the Senate.

Budget deficit hiked by S&L bailout

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\$50 billion package of spending cuts and new taxes.

Two-month-old "budget summit" talks between the administration and congressional leaders on a deficit-reduction package have seemed bogged down despite President Bush's reversal of his "no new taxes" pledge

three weeks ago.

House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said the consequences of a \$100 billion Gramm-Rudman cut would be so severe that the budget negotiators must somehow work out a deal.

"The crisis is real," Panetta told reporters. "These numbers should hit the White House, Congress and the

summit like a fire alarm in the middle of the night."

In fact, Panetta said congressional leaders had urged Darman to release details of how the automatic cuts would affect individual programs "to convey a sense of crisis ... to show both our colleagues and the country that there is no choice here."

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Six Flags' new roller coaster a must ride despite long lines

By IAN HALPERIN
UD Travel Writer

So the summer is half over and you still haven't made it to Dallas to ride Six Flags' new roller coaster, the Texas Giant. Don't worry, there are still plenty of days left this summer to ride "the tallest roller coaster in America."

I have had the chance to visit Six Flags twice this summer and both time I have made it a point to ride the Giant several times. It is worth the hype and the wait. To get the full effect of the Giant, ride in the last car.

The ride lasts over two minutes and contains two large drops and several sharp curves. With all three trains running, 1,800 people per hour can be moved through the ride, though it is still one of the longest lines in the park.

I'm not an expert on Six Flags but have noticed a few things that might make your trip a little better.

First, don't go without a coupon. Regular admission is now \$19. Several businesses offer special discounts, most notably McDonald's around the Metroplex. Six Flags also offers half price admission after 5 p.m.

If you must go on the weekend, try for Sunday. It is usually less crowded and with the McDonald's coupon, you can save \$5 off the ad-

mission price. We waited an average of 20 minutes for each ride on Sunday compared with almost 2 hours on Saturday.

Try not to eat a meal in the park. Six Flags food is usually not very good and always expensive. Try Pancho's just across from the park. All you can eat Mexican buffet for under \$5. You can get your hand stamped for return entrance and eat at any of the many restaurants just outside the park. And the stamp is not the usual big black brand most college students are used to. This stamp is only visible under a black light.

Dress in light colored clothing. It's cooler. But remember, it's a family park, not a wet t-shirt contest, so if you are planning to ride one of the three water rides, caution needs to be taken in what color you select. The most popular shirt seen at the Park — anything with Bart Simpson on it.

While all the water rides will get you wet, if you really want to get soaked, ride the Splash Waterfalls. It is the most boring and simplest rides in the park, but the exit ramp takes you into the wave generated by the next car. You will get soaked!

All in all, the lines though long, seemed to move quickly. The Giant is worth waiting for and for some, twice.

Dice's role craps out, 'Quick Change' cashes in



Mark Lack
News
Writer

I saw the new Andrew Dice Clay movie, "The Adventures of Ford Fairlane." Let me just tell you right off hand that I'm a big fan of Dice's stand-up routine and I find the subjects he covers and his use of profanity to be quite hilarious.

I was filled with jocular excitement when I found out he was coming out with a new movie. I was expecting something wild, funny, and entertaining, but I was never expecting the movie to turn out like it did.

Clay was not at his best. His one-liners were ridiculous and didn't come off as I thought they would. He had one big problem that followed him throughout the entire movie. He wasn't funny.

His character was that of a detective that worked to solve problems for entertainers and members of rock-n-roll groups, who only paid him in rock memorabilia, including jewelry, guitars, and even a koala bear.

The movie contained big name stars such as Wayne Newton and Priscilla Presley, but their roles and lines were even more stupid than those of Clay.

Aside from the unfollowable plot and stupid lines Clay says, the movie did yield some enjoyable scenes that made the movie bearable.

There was a good shot of a sorority sister bending over as she lead her sisters in their daily exercises.

There were two good car explosions that added some flash to the screen, a couple of women that got smacked around during the action fight scenes, and a koala bear that was hung from the ceiling fan.

These were the only entertaining parts of the movie, and all together these scenes lasted about 15 minutes of the movie's length. The movie is rated R.

I also had the pleasure of seeing "Quick Change," starring Bill Murray.

In this movie, Murray plays a bank robber who dresses up like a clown, and heists a million dollars from a big New York Bank.

He is in cahoots with Randy Quaid and Gena Davis, who pretend to be bank customers, but actually help Murray smuggle out the money right from under the noses of the police.

The movie contained mostly the hardships that the trio encountered when they tried to escape to the airport, keeping the viewer in suspense as to whether or not they'd get out of their situation.

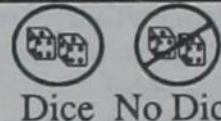
The film had many surprises that made the movie both interesting and

entertaining, and there was never a moment of boredom.

Once again, this movie contained no bare chests, and very minimal cleavage.

There were several good chase scenes, most notably from the mob, which Murray also had ripped off. No dead animals to be found, but plenty of Bill Murray humor. Rated R.

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Gilley's ashes still packs 'em

By The Associated Press

PASADENA — Gilley's, the honky-tonk made famous by the movie "Urban Cowboy," is becoming a tourist attraction again, even though it's a mere shell of its former self.

The club, closed for a year, burned last week. Nonetheless, gawkers and former "Gilley's rats" are flocking to the bar much like Elvis fans gather at Graceland.

Some are sifting through the club's sooty rubble hoping for souvenirs of nights lookin' for love and two-steppin' to the tunes of Mickey Gilley, Willie Nelson and Tammy Wynette.

After risking injury under the club's sagging roof, Larry and Pat Garrison of La Porte emerged waving undamaged "Sounds Like Love" albums by Johnny Lee.

"I think I'll have to give these a whirl — just for the heck of it," said Larry Garrison, 44, a construction worker. "We never came by while it was still going on. It's a shame."

As he stood at the club's entrance with classmates, Derrick Robbins, 16, said, "There's a lot of history in there. My mother used to party here."

Molly Hernandez, 39, said she isn't saddened by the club's fate even though she has fond memories of Gilley's.

"I spent a couple of nights here. But then too many people started coming, and it got to be a big old honky-tonk," she said.

'One Nation' creatively combines reggae, jazz

By Kirk Baird-Parks
The University Daily

One Nation is a high-energy reggae band that uses undercurrents of jazz to create flavor while still staying true to the reggae roots, a band member said.

One Nation performed in Lubbock this weekend at The Depot Beer Garden.

In a recent phone interview, Mike Franklin, guitarist, keyboard player and a vocalist of the band, said One Nation is innovative in being the only reggae band he had heard of that fused-in jazz.

"I have heard of jazz bands that play jazz and do one or two reggae tunes, but we play all reggae. It's real minute. It's not real noticeable unless you're listening closely, but if you listen to it a while you can tell the influences we have," Franklin said.

"I think people will be surprised and impressed by the innovative sounds we create. It's not like the Killer Bees. They're a little bit more poppy than we are. I think our stuff is a little bit fresher than what you hear or are used to hearing," he said.

One Nation features a classically trained trombonist which is unusual for a reggae band.

"It gives us a different twist than the normal reggae bands. He blends in with the vocals giving it a real mellow sound," Franklin said.



'One Nation'

'One Nation', who performed in Lubbock this weekend, has adapted one of the most original styles ever — reggae with undertones of jazz.

The band also has four separate vocalists who sing individually or as an ensemble.

Members are from left I-Life, Mike, Louis, Chuck and Ijinga.

Franklin said the band has been together for eight months.

"We're still struggling like the other bands," Franklin said. "It's not by any means a lap of luxury."

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Hogs not moving a 'strong possibility'

By The Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles emerged from a Southwest Conference meeting Thursday sounding as if the Razorbacks will remain in the league rather than accept an invitation to jump to the Southeastern Conference.

"It's not just a possibility we'll stay. It's a strong possibility," Broyles told reporters waiting in a hallway outside the airport hotel meeting room. Representatives from all nine SWC schools met for several hours Thursday to discuss new approaches for the league in the 1990s.

"Other conferences are moving toward change, to get prepared for what might be happening in the '90s, and the Southwest Conference is not going to sit still. It's going to be moving, and that was exciting for not just Arkansas but everyone who was in the room," Broyles said.

"The movement toward change was realistic, it was enthusiastic and it was encouraging," Broyles added.

SWC president Dr. James Vick called the session "a constructive, productive meeting" in which league schools talked seriously about expansion or merger with another conference to create more exciting games from a television or fan standpoint.

"We discussed the possibility of expansion of the conference. There has been some interaction between our conference and other institutions and our conference and other conferences," said Vick, the faculty representative of the University of Texas.

"I won't say specifically which

schools or which conferences. All of these items are under active consideration and will be pursued as we go into the next couple of months."

There was talk of doing away with the current round-robin schedule, in which each team plays the eight other league members each season, in order to free room on football schedules for games with other major teams across the nation.

"A lot of the problems that universities all across the country face are economic — the competition from other sports and from other distractions. You can see it in the decline in attendance at sporting events," Vick said.

"We need to find a way to rejuvenate that interest in college athletics and increase the attendance and thereby the interest and economic health of all our programs," he said.

Although some schools had complained about the way gate receipts are split, Vick said there is little move in that direction.

"There was no move to make changes in the gate splits as they now stand," Vick said.

"The gate receipts as they are split would be a back issue right now, as opposed to the gate receipts in their size. I'm talking about the size of the crowd. Just increasing the gate receipts is more of a concern than how they are split."

Vick said the meeting also concerned legislative proposals that will come before the NCAA next year.

"Specifically, we discussed reduc-

tions in coaching staffs, phasing out athletic dorms, elimination of training tables, and reduction of grants in aids," Vick said.

Vick called the session an active meeting.

"There was a great deal of discussion. Arkansas was a very full participant in that. We're optimistic that some exciting things can happen," he said.

SWC commissioner Fred Jacoby echoed Vick's upbeat feeling about the Razorbacks and chances they will remain in the league.

"The University of Arkansas was very active in the discussions, and they were very supportive of the areas discussed. So we were encouraged. The University of Arkansas is a full participating member of the conference, they're a very valued member of the conference, and we have every reason to believe and hope that they will remain a member of the conference."

The league's presidents meet next week in Dallas, and Jacoby said the items discussed by the faculty representatives will be forwarded to them for their consideration.

Vick declined to say whether the faculty representatives came up with any recommendations for the school presidents regarding expansion or any other matter.

"I wouldn't want to go into that kind of detail. We will have some things to pass along to them, although it won't be as specific as some people would like it to be," Vick said.

SEC officials say expansion not an 'overnight' decision

By The Associated Press

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The commissioner of the Southeastern Conference said that because serious decisions are involved, any SEC expansion will not be done hastily.

Eventually, Roy Kramer said, the conference has to take a final vote on whether to admit new members, "but we have not set any meeting or any schedule for that type of meeting."

Kramer said the SEC continues to ask for information from schools such as Arkansas of the Southwest Conference and Florida State, an independent, and provide those schools with information they need in deciding whether to join the SEC.

"These are serious decisions and they're not going to be made overnight," Kramer said. "If it doesn't happen by the start of football season, that doesn't mean discussions are not continuing."

Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles recently said the possibility is strong that Arkansas will remain in the Southwest Conference, which also is considering expansion.

Florida State Athletic Director Bob Goin said an expanded Metro Conference, which would add football as a league sport, "sounds like a great concept," but that "it would be a mistake to put a timetable on

"We only heard 30 days ago from the SEC. You don't give up 30 years of athletic history in 30 days."

FSU President Bernard Sliger has visited Louisiana State, where he worked for 19 years, and spoken with officials there about the SEC. However, Goin said the SEC has yet to tell Florida State "we want you," and we haven't said we're ready to give up our bachelorhood. I haven't seen too many successful marriages by shotgun."

Alabama Athletic Director Hootie Ingram spent eight years as the AD at Florida State, which is a football independent but a member of the Metro Conference in other sports.

"It very definitely would be a plus for Florida State to join the SEC and for the SEC to get Florida State," Ingram said. "I think from my experience that any independent school in this day and time would welcome the opportunity to get into a solid organization. You've got a base of consistency to operate on."

Current and potential Metro Conference schools are to meet this week to discuss a 16-team football league and a 12-team all-sports league. Miami, East Carolina, Rutgers, Pitt, Syracuse, West Virginia, Boston College and Temple have been invited to join the eight-team Metro.

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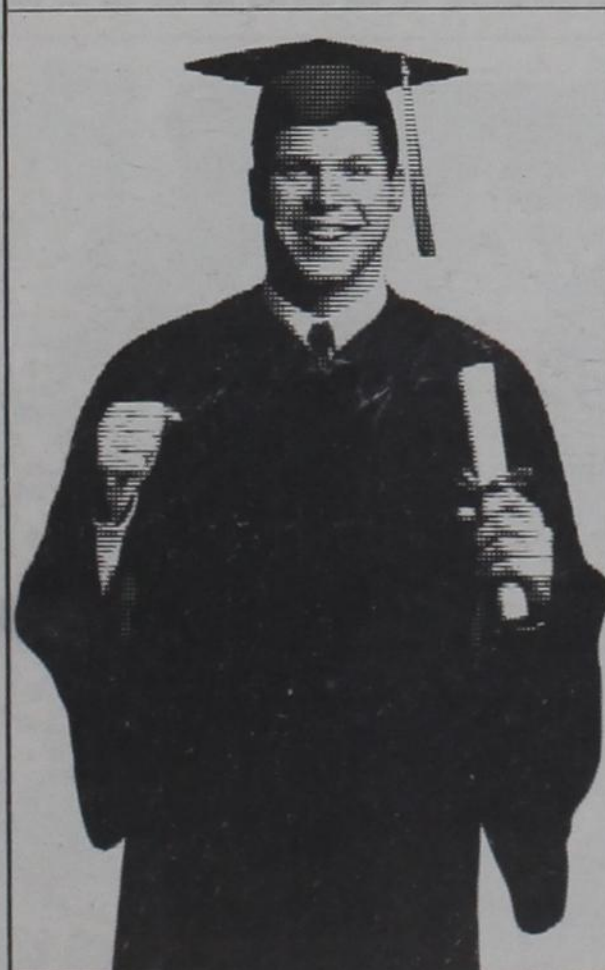
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Pirates still alive in NL East

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Fizzle. Sputter. Thud.

Those are the sounds the Pittsburgh Pirates were expected to make by now as their pennant ship capsized and the New York Mets cruised to the NL East title they were supposed to win all along.

Don't look now, but the Pirates have withstood the Mets' pre-All-Star game surge and still lead the division as the dog days of August approach.

The Pirates? The only NL East team that failed to win a division title in the '80s? Maybe they ought to be told they weren't supposed to challenge for their first division title in 11 years.

"That's all you hear is the Mets, the Mets, the Mets ... and I'm getting tired of hearing it," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said. "We're

in first place and they're in second place ... they're chasing us, we're not chasing them."

"We're for real," Wally Backman, the former Met, said. "We're not going to collapse. We're going to win more than 90 games."

Even when the Mets won 26 of 31 games, they didn't overtake the Pirates, who have led the East for all but three days. The Mets sliced nine games off their 9½-game deficit of June 8, but they're still pursuing the Pirates, the Pirates aren't trying to catch them.

"People thought that once the Mets got hot that would be it," outfielder R.J. Reynolds said.

"Why are we in first place? We're in first place because we've earned it and we're a good club," Leyland said. "We've played more consistently than any team in the league."

The Pirates have been a model of consistency, never losing more than

five in a row, never winning more than six in a row.

And, rather than torching Pittsburgh as they sizzled before the All-Star break, the Mets only seemed to light the Pirates' competitive fires. More than one Pirate heard the prevailing talk at last week's All-Star game that the Mets were ready to bury them.

The Pirates took three in a row after the break and have won 10 of their last 13, 14 of their last 19 and 16 of their last 21 at Three Rivers Stadium, where their 26-11 home record is the best in baseball.

No wonder that stadium organist Vince Laschied has dusted off his sheet music and revived "Beat 'Em Bucs," the Pirates' theme song during their championship season of 1960.

The Pirates' unrelenting grip on first has been a result of more than consistency, of rarely losing at home or of the Mets' slow start.

Champ Douglas, promoter King still battling it out in court

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — James "Buster" Douglas and his lone post-Tyson opponent, promoter Don King, finally agreed on something Monday: they have not settled a lawsuit which would get the heavyweight champion back in the ring.

Douglas' comments to The Columbus Dispatch about a done deal in the federal case were premature, said John Johnson, the fighter's manager. Douglas reportedly said Sunday there was an agreement severing his ties with King and permitting a title defense against Evander Holyfield.

Douglas has not fought since his stunning Feb. 10 knockout of ex-champion Mike Tyson.

"Basically, it's still being talked about. If and when it's settled, it will be something we are happy with," said Johnson. "The one thing to remember is that Don King was

wrong, he is wrong, and he always will be wrong in this case."

A spokesman for the shock-haired promoter said Monday that while there could be negotiations involving King, there was definitely no deal.

"The situation remains this: I've talked to our attorneys, and there is no settlement signed. There is no agreement. And we are ready to go back into court tomorrow," said John Solberg, a spokesman for Don King Productions.

Even Douglas' attorney, Stan Hunterton, had refused to confirm his client's remarks. "I have no comment. Everybody's working hard until it's finished," he said.

Douglas, Johnson and The Mirage hotel and casino in Las Vegas are suing King in Nevada for breach of contract, asserting that King tried to overturn Buster's defeat of Tyson in Tokyo.

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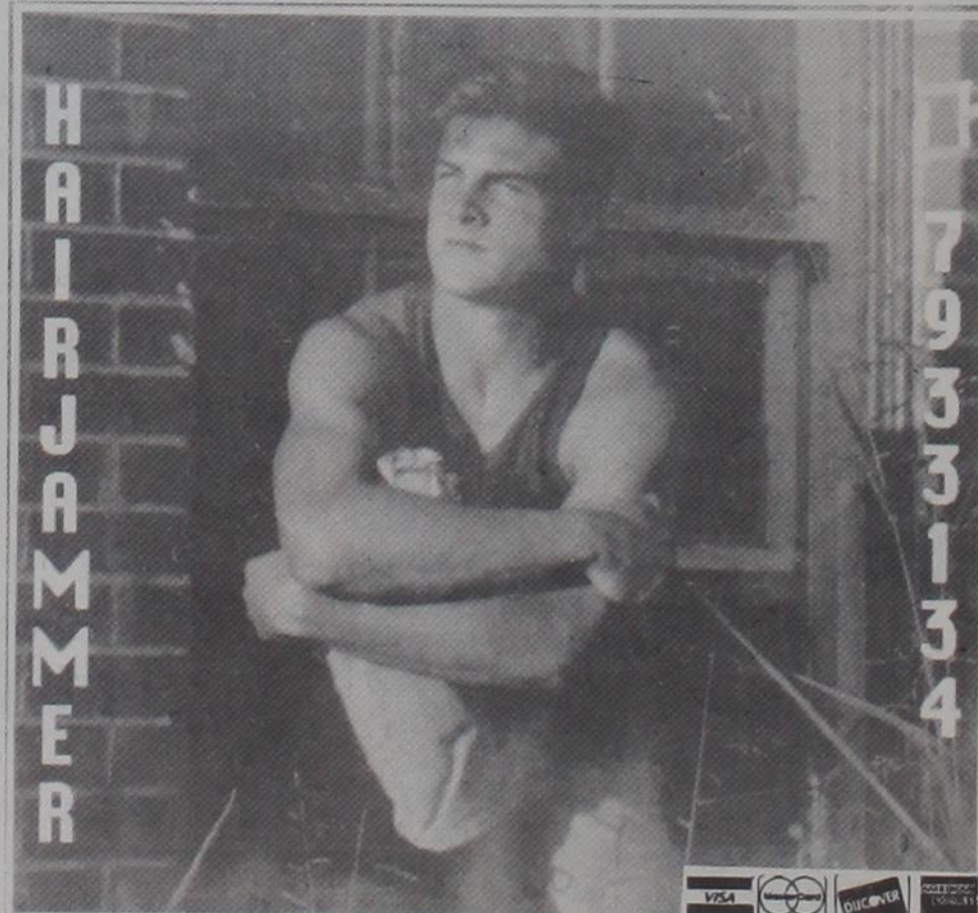
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LeMond still pedaling after Chiapucci

By The Associated Press

REVEL, France — Greg LeMond is after Claudio Chiappucci's yellow jersey. So is Eric Breukink. And Pedro Delgado.

But Chiappucci, the current Tour de France leader, isn't quite ready to give up the chase.

"For the past three days I'm asked when I am going to lose the yellow jersey," Chiappucci said. "I still have

it on my back. I still have chances and I have nothing to lose. It's up to the others to attack and take it from me."

That attack will take place Tuesday on the slopes of the Pyrenees leading up to Luz Ardiden. Monday's 15th stage resolved little as the leaders again spent a day back in the pack, unconcerned about the activity up front.

LeMond, Breukink and Delgado conserved their energy as Frenchmen Charly Mottet won the

105.5-mile leg from Millau to Revel in a time of 4 hours, 13 minutes and 56 seconds.

Chiappucci leads the Tour by 1:52 over Breukink, 2:24 over LeMond and 4:29 over Delgado. In Monday's leg, they finished almost five minutes behind Mottet with a slight change — Chiappucci added three seconds to his lead by sprinting away from the pack to finish 22nd. LeMond was 36th, Breukink 39th and Delgado 51st.

Temperatures cooled slightly to

about 80 degrees with a gentle breeze as the Tour headed southward for the next leg. For the first 100 miles of the 133.5 mile 16th stage, the course will be relatively flat.

Then the real race begins.

Over the final miles, three of the most difficult peaks are scaled. One is rated first category and the other two are rated "out of category" on a ranking measuring steepness, length and difficulty.

King takes women's open

By The Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — Betsy King overcame an 11-shot deficit over the final 33 holes to win her second consecutive U.S. Women's Open Sunday as Patty Sheehan let an eight-shot lead slip away over the final 23 holes.

Rain forced a final day with 36 holes of play and King shot 71 and 70 for a 4-under-par 284 total and the one-shot victory over Sheehan, who had rounds of 75 and 76 on Sunday.

King became just the fifth player to win consecutive Opens.

"I don't think you'll see Patty falter that badly very many times," King said as she watched Sheehan play the last two holes needing a birdie to force an 18-hole playoff on Monday.

"I just didn't feel well all day," Sheehan said, breaking into tears during a television interview just after she finished. "I figured if I played like this on the first two days I'd have missed the cut, so I can look at it in a positive light."

It was the 22nd LPGA Tour career victory and the second this year for King, the other coming in another major — the Dinah Shore.

"Going into the week I didn't think I was playing that well," she said.

The others with consecutive Open titles are Hollis Stacy, 1977-78, Susie Maxwell Berning, 1972-73, Donna Caponi, 1969-70 and Mickey Wright, 1958-59.

King took the lead when Sheehan, who started the day with a six-shot lead, bogeyed the eighth and ninth holes in the final round to fall one shot behind.

King built a two-shot lead with a birdie on the 11th, then bogeyed the 12th before parring in on the 6,298-yard Riverside Course at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Sheehan fought back to get even with birdies of 20 feet on the 14th and 4 feet on the 15th, but a bogey-4 on No. 17 ended her chance at a playoff.

While most of the gallery was watching the King-Sheehan battle, Dottie Mochrie was closing in on them.

Mochrie tied for third with the best round of the day, a 6-under-par 66. She played the back nine first and put together birdies on Nos. 5 and 6 to get within two shots with three holes to play, but never got closer. She had a 72 in the third round.

Danielle Ammaccapane shot 70 and 71 Sunday for her share of third.

Another shot back was Mary Murphy, who had rounds of 69 and 74.

The field was forced to a 36-hole final day when six suspensions of play for rain showers required three days to finish the first two rounds.



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