

Campus Briefs

• A 59-year-old Texas A&M University Aggie Band member suffered a heart attack while marching in the 100th anniversary performance of the Aggie Band at the A&M-Southern Mississippi football game.

Jack Jerigan, from the Class of 1956, collapsed in the middle of the field three-fourths of the way into the performance.

After someone finally realized the problem, emergency crews were called and attempted to revive Jerigan.

Fans and football players said they found it difficult to get back into the right frame of mind for the game.

• The University of Oklahoma Student Association's general counsel, George Mullican, was asked to resign by the president of the Black Law Student Association for making a racial slur.

Russell Wilson, BLSA president, said he overheard Mullican ask a white companion to take his "nigger lips" off of a cigarette at a recent football game.

Mullican admitted he made the statement and posted a letter of apology next to Wilson's letter asking for Mullican's resignation, but said he will not resign.

Wilson said he feels Mullican could not fairly represent African American students at OU in light of perceived racial bias.

Mullican offered the explanation that he had been drinking and that his remarks were not "hateful or mean-spirited" or directed toward Wilson.

• A letter mailed from the University of Texas-Arlington was returned to sender 11 years later.

The letter, mailed in 1983, was found Sept. 15, behind the dashboard of a surplus mail vehicle in Wichita Falls.

The letter was stained with coffee and dirt, and postal services tried continually to



reach the addressee.

Postal services said since the customer paid for the service, the product should be delivered, no matter how late.

• Resident assistants at Penn State University may have trouble finding jobs in the future because of their role in underage drinking on campus.

The resident assistants' records will reflect the violation until their senior year.

The violation may interfere with their future.

If the students leave school before graduation, the violation will remain on their record for a period of five years.

Xavier Minakawa, one of the resident assistant's disciplined, said the school just decided to make examples of them.

• Two Interfraternity Council members from the University of Florida were arrested for swimming in a boat designated area of a local river while under the influence.

The students, one of which was wearing only his underwear, were charged with disorderly intoxication after Jacksonville police found them in the river.

Police said there was potential danger because of the very swift and dangerous currents in the river and because the students had been drinking.

Meat used for learning, dinner

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If pork chops are served for supper in Texas Tech's dining halls, the meat may very well have come from Tech's Meats Lab.

The Meats Lab, a part of the department of animal science and food technology in the College of Agriculture, is located on Indiana Avenue and Brownfield Highway.

Mark Miller, Meats Lab director and animal science associate professor, said meat from cows, pigs and lambs, which is used as teaching tools, are sold to anyone needing to buy meat.

"We merchandise meat products to the general public," Miller said. "We sell such cuts as t-bone and rib-eye steaks, hamburger patties, ground beef, pork chops, sausages and bacon."

He said their customer base of 1,500 people consists mostly of Tech faculty and staff.

The Meats Lab also sells to Tech Housing and Dining Services, which uses the meat, such as pork chops and smoked German sausage, to serve in campus dining halls.

Miller said the lab sells meat at competitive prices.

"Our prices are very competitive or cheaper than the meats at your local supermarket," he said.

He said a New York Strip steak sells for around \$6 a pound at a local supermarket, while the Meat Lab sells it for \$5.25 a pound.

He said the Meats Lab sponsors sales during the holidays, and the next sale is scheduled for the week before Halloween.

"We have the best meats," he said. "They're aged for 21 days, and all meats are lean with only a quarter inch of fat and are 90 percent fat-free."

The Meats Lab buys about 25 to 50 beef carcasses a year for students to work with.

"We buy our beef carcasses in Plainview, and they're shipped to us on a refrigerated truck," Miller said.

About 300 hogs are brought in from Tech's pig farm in New Deal. Animal science students learn to slaughter and prepare the hogs for retail sale in their classes.

Miller said the Meats Lab sells at break-even prices.

"All the money we make goes back to purchase more animals to be used for teaching purposes," he said.

Eddie Behrends, Meats Lab manager and



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Teaching tool

Joey Hamill demonstrates how to prepare a slaughtered pig at the livestock arena kill floor Monday afternoon.

animal science graduate student, said it takes about an hour to process a pig for retail.

He said a pig usually is used over several days to teach students the different stages from slaughter to parts cutting.

"All the pigs are healthy," he said. "And

they have to be federally inspected, so they're good." The U.S. Department of Agriculture,

which has an inspector on-site, must give its stamp of approval on all meats sold, Miller said. To place an order, call the Meats Lab at 742-2882. Cash and checks are accepted.

Researchers working to save endangered gorillas

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Wildlife researchers driven out of war-ravaged Rwanda are counting on space shuttle Endeavor to help save the world's remaining 650 mountain gorillas.

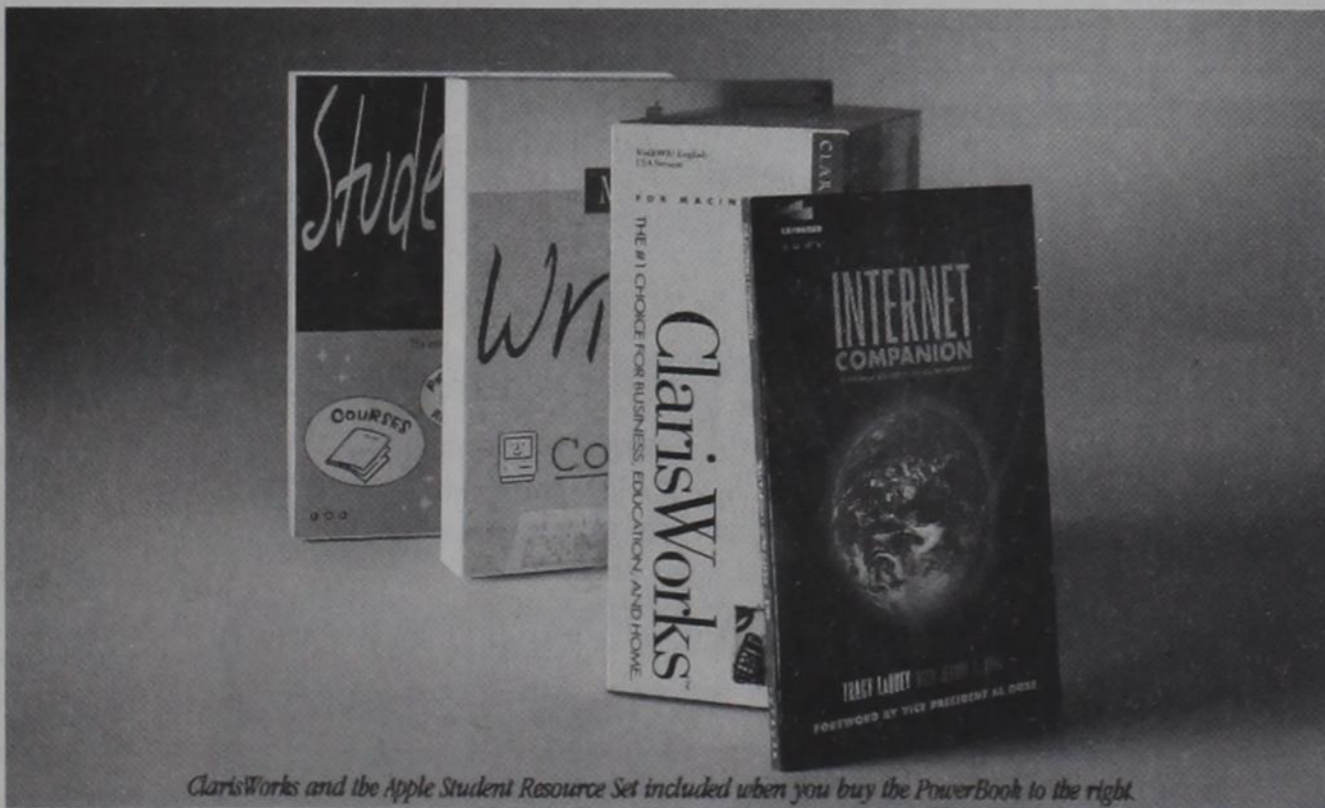
Late Monday, NASA aimed the powerful radar instrument aboard Endeavor at the mist-shrouded volcanoes where the gorillas live.

The radar can penetrate mist, thunderclouds, smoke, sand, ice, even vegetation, day or night. The animals were made famous by Dian Fossey, who was murdered in 1985 after nearly 20 years studying the endangered mountain gorillas and protecting them from poachers.

Her 1983 book "Gorillas in the Mist" was made into a movie.

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