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Texas colleges soon may consider race

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas colleges and universities could once again consider race in admissions under a bill considered by a House committee Tuesday.

The bill adopts language from a court decision in a case known as *Hopwood*, which resulted in Texas universities being prohibited from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies.

The court's ruling said race could be considered as a factor in admissions only if last-

ing effects of past discrimination could be shown at a school.

The measure, by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, tracks that language and sets varying degrees for race to be considered.

The bill, which was left pending Tuesday night in the House Higher Education Committee, had received the endorsement of Attorney General Dan Morales.

Gisela Gonzales, a spokeswoman for Rangel, said she did not know when the mea-

sure would again be considered.

Morales' contested interpretation of the *Hopwood* ruling has prohibited Texas institutions of higher learning from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies and has drawn fire from the U.S. Department of Education as being too restrictive.

"I think this bill meets the constitutional requirements laid out in the *Hopwood* ruling," Morales said.

The bill was also praised by Al Kauffman,

regional director of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund who has represented minority interests in lawsuits against the state.

"I think this bill sends the message that the Legislature is doing everything it can to maintain diversity," Kauffman said.

Rangel, chairwoman of the Higher Education Committee, said her bill satisfies the concerns of Morales, the U.S. Department of Education and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Ap-

peals, which handed down the *Hopwood* ruling.

"We want to make sure that we are not being defiant with this bill," Rangel said. "We want to make sure we are going with the language of the court opinion in the legislation so that race is used as a factor."

Under the bill, the Legislature would have to find that there are lasting effects of past discrimination in the admission of minorities at Texas public colleges and universities.

Air Force jet suddenly disappears over Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — Skies over southern Arizona were clear and blue as Capt. Craig David Button belted himself into the heated cockpit of the \$9 million attack jet he'd been training on for six weeks.

Button and his A-10 Thunderbolt jet, nicknamed the Warhog, were bound for a training mission at a bombing range one week ago when the jet vanished about 90 minutes after taking off.

The search that began in Arizona shifted three days later when authorities, acting in response to witness sightings, checked radar records and spotted the plane in Colorado — nearly 800 miles off course. Theories of theft, sabotage and alien abduction abound.

How could the Air Force lose a jet loaded with four 500-pound bombs?

"Anything you can think of has probably been looked at, but the evidence so far doesn't indicate any of these wild hypotheses, like he was trying to steal it, or he went off to Telluride to go skiing," said Staff Sgt. Rian Clawson, a spokesman for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, where the A-10 was based.

The Air Force rebuffs the idea that Button purposely veered the plane off course, despite radar and witness accounts that show the plane was being maneuvered — rather than gliding on autopilot — over southwestern Colorado.

The other two A-10s flying with Button realized he was missing when he failed to respond to a radio message; one of the pilots had seen him a minute earlier.



Stacey C. Brooks/UD

Architectural genius: Steve Murrah, a sophomore architecture major from Spring, receives advice from his colleagues while applying the final touches to his group's final project. The students collaborated on building the structure as an assignment for their building systems II class.

Lubbock CPAs offer reward for slain teacher

by Laura Hensley/UD

Members of Lubbock's Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs donated \$3,600 to the reward fund to capture the person or people responsible for the Oct. 29 murder of former Texas Tech professor Haskell G. Taylor.

Carrol Blackwell, president of the Lubbock CPA chapter, presented a check to Tech President Donald Haragan at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Board of Regents Room in the administration building. Taylor, who died at age 83, was a CPA and a former president of the Lubbock chapter.

"We hope this will increase awareness about the fund," Blackwell said. "And maybe we can get this solved."

Tuesday's donation is an addition to the existing award fund, which was established in November by Tech officials. The reward will be administered through Crime Line, a service that has offered an additional \$1,000 for information in the case.

"He (Taylor) was not only a great contributor to Texas Tech, but he also was a good friend," Haragan said.

Taylor's body was found about 2:45 p.m. Oct. 29 in his home in the 3400 block of 54th Street, according to police reports.

His home, which showed no signs of forced entry, was found in disarray, and a television and VCR were stolen.

Taylor began teaching in Tech's College of



Darrel Thomas/ Student Publications

Unsolved mystery: Carrol Blackwell, president of the Lubbock chapter of CPAs, presents Texas Tech President Donald Haragan with a check for the Tech professor Haskell Taylor reward fund.

Business Administration in 1936 and retired in 1978.

During his time at Tech, Taylor was interim dean of the College of Business Administration for two years. He also founded the Tech Accounting Society.

Blackwell said if no one comes forward and is rewarded after five years, the money will be used for scholarships.

"By raising donations and increasing awareness, we are hoping this will prompt people to come forward," Blackwell said.

The fund was established at Plains National Bank. Anyone with possible information about the crime can call Crime Line at 741-1000.

Search committee names agriculture dean candidates

by April Castro/UD

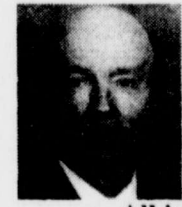
Eight candidates for the position of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources dean were announced this week.

The candidates are being considered by a Tech search committee to fill the position vacated by former dean Sam Curl, who left to pursue a similar position at Oklahoma State University in December.

The position currently is occupied on an interim basis by Robert Albin, former associate dean for research in the college.

Albin is the only candidate for the position who works at Tech.

The other candidates are John Abernathy, professor and resident director of research at the Texas Agricultural Experiment



Albin

Station; David Bryant, dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University; Gary Cunningham, associate dean and director of the New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station; John C. Malechek, head of the department of rangeland resources at Utah State University; Donald L. Snyder, professor of economics and assistant director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station; and Joe D. Townsend, associate dean for student development at Texas A&M University.

The search committee hopes to have the position filled by the beginning of the fall semester.

"Our goal is to have him here and ready to assume the position by the first of September," said search committee chairman Davud Schmidly, Tech vice provost for research and graduate students and dean of the Graduate School.

"If it is the internal candidate, that won't be a problem, but if it is an external candidate, hopefully three months is ample time to make the transfer."

Alda Ingram, assistant to the Graduate School dean, said the candidates will send Tech a letter of reference to be placed in a file and looked at individually by the members of the search committee.

Then, some candidates will be eliminated, and after interviews, a recommendation will be sent to the provost and president.

Lubbockites plead for Battie, Carr to stay

by Heath Robinson/UD

For Texas Tech basketball fans, the outlook for next season is pretty simple.

If juniors Cory Carr and Tony Battie leave for the NBA draft, Tech could be in serious trouble. But should the juniors return for their senior seasons, the Red Raiders could be looking at a long trip through the NCAA tournament.

In an effort to persuade the intentions of Battie and Carr, Lubbock businesswoman Nancy Patton, a 1977 Tech graduate, and several other Red Raider fans joined together to buy billboard space at the intersection

of 19th Street and the Tech Freeway. The billboard, which was designed by Phil Price Advertising and paid for by Methodist Hospital, reads: "Tony Battie and Cory Carr: We Love You Guys! Don't Leave!"

Patton said the idea spawned from Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, who turned down the opportunity to be the No. 1 draft pick in the NFL to return for his senior season. After announcing his decision, several Volunteer fans bought a billboard in Knoxville, Tenn., thanking him for his decision.

"I think if they came back we could go to the Final Four,"



Battie/Carr Billboard

Wes Underwood/UD

Patton said. "But I don't really think the billboard will influence their decision either way.

"Really I just wanted them to know how much we appreciate

having their caliber of athlete at Texas Tech, and how much we appreciate that coach (James) Dickey can recruit that caliber of

See Billboard, page 8

McVeigh letter blames FBI for Branch Davidian compound fire

DENVER (AP) — In a letter to an Oklahoma City newspaper made public Tuesday, Timothy McVeigh blames the FBI for the 1993 fire that killed more than 80 members of the Branch Davidian cult near Waco.

"The public never saw the Davidians' home video of their cute babies, adorable children, loving mothers or protective fathers," McVeigh wrote in a letter excerpted for

Thursday's edition of the weekly *Oklahoma Gazette*.

"Nor did they see pictures of the charred remains of children's bodies. Therefore, they didn't care when these families died a slow, torturous death as they were gassed and burned alive at the hands of the FBI."

McVeigh's anger at the federal government over the Waco standoff is well-documented,

and prosecutors have suggested that rage as a possible motive for the Oklahoma City bombing, which occurred on the second anniversary of the siege. An amateur videotape shows McVeigh at the Waco site distributing bumper stickers critical of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — one of the agencies involved in that case.

Cult leader David Koresh and 80 of his fol-

lowers died by fire or gunshots six hours after the FBI started filling the compound with tear gas during a raid that ended a 51-day standoff. Davidians and their attorneys blame the government for starting the fire.

FBI officials said the blaze was started by sect members.

McVeigh wrote the letter to *Gazette* reporter Phil Bacharach in November, several months

after Bacharach interviewed the suspect in prison.

Bacharach told *The Associated Press* on Tuesday that the letter referred to details discussed during that interview. McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said the letter was authentic.

In the letter, McVeigh referred to the FBI as "wizards of propaganda."

Readers Ask

Tech students should exercise proper choices

University Daily editor Megan Clark wrote an editorial on sex education (Their View 4/1/97) in public schools. Some interesting letters followed in the Your View section of the editorial page (4/3/97 and 4/4/97). Since this is a column regularly compiled by Student Health Services on health and safety issues, it seems appropriate to take this column, just this once, and address the issues raised in last week's column and letters.

The week of Valentine's Day was National Condom Awareness Week, and Student Health Services had a table at the University Center where staff members handed out printed materials on sexually transmitted diseases, correct use of condoms, abstinence, how to talk about condoms with a resistant or defensive partner and the offer of free condoms for those who wanted them. Today, during National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Week, we will celebrate Abstinence Day. This is not a national awareness day, but a day suggested by one of our peer educators in our Impact Tech student group. Those of us in the business of health education (both staff and students) agreed that this was a great idea and one we hoped would catch on with other universities.

With Tech enrollment figures at 24,717 students for fall and with 13,797 of those students in the 18-to-21-year-old age group, it's no wonder that we seem to spend an inordinate amount of time talking to students about sexual choices. Figures from the textbook *Human Sexuality* indicate that in 1965, 65 percent of college men and 28 percent of college women were having premarital intercourse. By 1980 that figure had jumped to 77 percent of the men and 63 percent of the women. Imagine where we are today, 17 years later. There is a great deal of speculation as to why this happened. Without a doubt, the sexual revolution of the 1960s and 1970s shifted the pendulum. As I say in many of my programs, "Virgins were in style when I was in high school and college" and then the general public attitude shifted to, "If it feels good, do it."

I personally feel that the way we were reared in the 1950s and early to mid-1960s with regard to morals and values has not drastically changed today. I still think parents, by in large, encourage abstinence for their girls and expect their boys to practice abstinence or be careful with sexual choices. The problem is that in the "old days" your peers looked down on you if you were sexually active. A girl's reputation was "ruined" if she was having sex. Boys were having the same expectations then as they have today, but were not expected to be nearly as "successful" as they are today.

In 1997, the majority of a student's peers don't shun them if they are sexually active, don't figure that someone else's sexual activity is any of their business and don't care what they are doing as long as it doesn't affect them personally. I sincerely wish we could return to the old peer pressure not to do it.

Sex education is about saving lives, not about having fun or encouraging careless behavior. If we wanted to talk about the "joys" of sex, we would have "Sex Awareness Week." Instead we have condom awareness, STD awareness and abstinence awareness events. The frank education about condom use and sexual activity was not the impetus for the move away from abstinence as the norm, it was in response to the move after pregnancy increased and STDs began having fatal and/or lifelong implications. It's been many years since I was a teen-ager in college, but I can still remember what I believed and how I felt about sex. If you had placed bowls or even barrels of free condoms around campus, it would not have made a bit of difference about my sexual choices. I had a very strong set of morals, values and beliefs. I believed that you did not have sex until marriage. If placing a bowl of condoms on a table encourages someone to be sexually active, then they don't have a reasonably stable set of values or morals anyway.

We recently sat down and wrote a new brochure brainstorming 25 reasons to choose abstinence. If we are going to talk about sex we have to talk about the smartest and healthiest choice — abstinence. Our education must deal with safety and health issues, responsibility and choices and about all the bad things that can happen to you if you are sexually active and not using a condom. Sexual values, morals and ethics on college campus must get their strongest challenge in the bedroom where none of us educators, friends, clergy or parents can be when the moment hits. We have to hope that education about health and safety, about what is the right thing to do.

Statistics today indicate that the primary source for information on sex for students breaks down as follows: 14 percent from school, 9 percent from parents, 17 percent from their sex partner, 26 percent from friends, 32 from books/media and 2 percent from their siblings. I recently read where "life doesn't come with an instruction book — that's what parents are for." Gee, that's great unless the parents can't bring themselves to talk to their offspring about sex and what is wrong, good and bad. If the students at Tech were so well-informed about sex, then why do I get questions in this column like: "Can you get AIDS from a toilet seat if someone has bled on it?" or "What exactly is gonorrhea and what are the symptoms?" or "Can birth control cause infertility or birth defects?" or "Can masturbation over a long period of time be physically harmful?"

Student Health Services certainly sees its share of students who are either worried that they have contracted a disease or are pregnant, or they come in for treatment and are shocked when they find out that they have an STD or are pregnant when they have no idea. I work with people who can testify to the traumatic experience of having to sit down with a 19-year-old college female and tell her she has cancer, will lose her uterus and not be able to have children because she had unprotected sex with her boyfriend. I cannot in good conscience lean to the far left or to the far right. It is my strong set of values, ethics and morals that require me to speak to the middle — those who practice abstinence to continue, those who are not to consider a return to abstinence and those who will not change their mind to practice safe sex and use a condom.

Jo Henderson is student health education coordinator in Tech's Student Health Services at Thompson Hall.

THE BATTLE OF THE HOLLYWOOD disasters!



Campuses need more environmental awareness



Zach Dealey/guest columnist

College: an expansive period of life encompassed by infinite experiences and opportunities. Regardless of our individual perspectives of college, I know we can all agree that it is a time of progression.

However, when I see people casually discarding their aluminum or plastic containers into a trash can, when a bin labeled for recycling is 2 feet in front of them, I am disturbed. Are we to approach the next century committing the same subtle, but detrimental acts as our parents and grandparents did? No.

As inhabitants of planet Earth, it is our daily duty to ensure a healthy planet for, not only our descendants, but for all of Earth's diverse species. Now look, I'm not on an environmental rampage, and like you, I'm certainly busy at this time of year. I simply want more people to recognize a need for recycling and actually do it.

Last semester *The University Daily* conducted a phone survey that enquired how many students were avid recyclers. As I was questioned for this survey, I was thrilled to see that 65 percent of the students claimed they recycled. Yet, I still observed a multitude of paper, cans, cigarette butts and other bits of litter scurry across the campus with the West Texas wind. In turn, I decided to conduct my own

survey for Students for Ecological Awareness, the only environmental organization on campus. Oddly, of 50 students surveyed, 84 percent said they did not recycle regularly. On a more optimistic note, 82 percent of the non-recyclers said they would if it were more convenient. Do you think Texas Tech should have a greater emphasis on recycling and other environmental issues?

Do you agree that a bit of Tech's budget should be directed up the environmental alley? Sure, we all see the various recycling bins for aluminum, but can't we do more to aid the environmental cause. Besides, try looking through one of those bins that distinctly displays a "cans only" sign, and you'll see plenty of litter that does not belong in the bin.

Recently, March 5 to be precise, *The UD's* headlines displayed an awkward message: "Survey shows conservative side of students." This headline conflicted with my own perceptions of Tech students in that it declared that "Respondents indicated that the environment will be the most serious problem facing the next generation." Sure, we all may be "environmentally aware," but we also must nullify our polluting practices to avoid an unwelcome regression.

Furthermore, this response stresses that we all may be informed, to some degree, of environmental problems. However, this indicates the unfortu-

Tech group encourages students to use recycle bins

Do you agree that a bit of Tech's budget should be directed up the environmental alley?

nate fact that many of us realize the hazardous effects of environmental carelessness, but we are not doing much to correct the problem.

You may have the typical conception that your recycling measures are not going to benefit anyone. You're wrong! I completely understand how absorbed many of us are trying to master the juggling act of classes, work, relationships, and so on, but contributing to recycling programs isn't difficult at all. Somehow, we are being disillusioned of the degree of environmental problems. More specifically, we are not the persons treading through the dumped trash that mysteriously arrived in the neighborhood. Moreover, we are not the young dolphins and seal lions suffocating on

the plastic rings that linger like land mines in the ocean. Yet, we are the exclusive cause of such common atrocities. My ramblings may sound cheesy, but they are hardly fictitious. Definitely, pollution and other associated problems are a frightening reality and are a direct result of throwing aluminum or plastic soda containers in the trash.

Just one more comment and I'll get off of my soap box. If you are interested in recycling plastics, you can place your recyclables in the receptacle located by the vending machines and ATM machines as you exit the University Center. Ashley Martin, vice president of Students for Ecological Awareness, and I have been voluntarily emptying these bins. We must say thanks to those of you who have been participating in the program, and especially to those who have been collecting recyclable materials at home and then placing them in the bins. To those of you who have been using the plastic recycling bins for garbage, please attempt to make the discrimination between trash cans and recycling bins that are obviously labeled for this purpose.

Also, if you have any questions or concerns about Students for Ecological Awareness, please contact Michael Lucid at 762-2862 or myself at 742-6708.

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Texas chief justice visits, teaches Tech students

by Ginger Pope/UD

A group of Texas Tech students reached a level that takes most people a long process to achieve — they appeared before the Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Phillips as he spoke on campus Tuesday.



Phillips

Phillips spoke to students in a political science honors class taught by Chancellor John T. Montford and John Burnett, associate professor of political science, and an international law class taught by Tech School of Law Dean Frank Newton.

Phillips was elected as Supreme Court Justice in 1988 at age 38 — the youngest justice ever elected in the state of Texas.

Phillips spoke to the classes about the duties and responsibilities of his position and the Texas Supreme Court. He also explained the history

of the debate of whether Texas Supreme Court judges should be elected or appointed.

"I think an election is a good way (to select judges), but it needs to be nonpartisan," said Phillips, who was honored Monday during a reception in the Market Alumni Center.

"It should not be a decision based on whether they are a Democrat or Republican. It should be a yes or no vote."

Montford said Phillips was a key instrument in developing a limit on the time frame in which lawyers can contribute to a judge's campaign, prohibiting judges' opinion from being swayed by contributions.

Newton said Phillips is responsible primarily for Texas leadership in the court system.

"If the Texas Supreme Court judge had not acted under the leadership of Phillips, it would be harder for the development of law," Newton said.

"He is a leader in bringing Texas forward in a leadership role of other states."

Phillips graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor's of arts degree and received his law degree

“He is a leader in bringing Texas forward ...”

Frank Newton, dean of Tech's School of Law

from Harvard Law School.

Before he began serving as chief justice, Phillips was a district judge in the 280th District Court in Harris County. He also was an attorney for the law firm Baker and Bots of Houston.

The Texas Supreme Court consists of nine justices and is the statewide final appellate jurisdiction in civil and juvenile court cases.

Phillips' responsibilities include

assigning active, former and retired judges to serve on other courts, supervising the Office of Court Administration and calling and presiding over meetings of regional administrative judges.

He also chairs the Judicial Districts Board and assigns active and retired appellate judges to serve on appellate courts.

He also can assign them from one administrative judicial region to another.

Phillips said the Texas Supreme Court receives about 1,500 appeals every year, but it only hears about 150. Half of the court's cases are heard orally, and the other half are written decisions.

Much of the Supreme Court judges' time is taken by administrative duties, Phillips said.

"I assign each (judge) 33 administrative tasks to take care of," he said.

Most of the cases heard by the Texas Supreme Court deal with family law, tort law, land law and contractual disputes, election contests and disputes dealing with government agencies, he said.

"Family law cases often get difficult when parents are moving around a lot and when deciding how much proof is necessary in determining which parent is suitable," Phillips said.

Burnett said Phillips' discussion Tuesday helped students understand the way the real world works and gave them a better understanding of the Texas Supreme Court system.

Montford said Phillips made an impression on the class, which added to their academic experience.

Students, faculty announce Abstinence Day

by Hollye Hodges/UD

To help Texas Tech students avoid joining the one-third of college students with sexually transmitted diseases, Tech's Student Health Services and Impact Tech students declared today Lubbock Abstinence Day.

The day will be officially announced at 9 a.m. today in the University Center Courtyard, and the interactive educational session "Let's Wait Awhile" will occur at noon today in the UC Senate Room.

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Ewalt will read the proclamation on behalf of Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton declaring today Abstinence Day, making Lubbock the first city in the United States to devote a day to abstinence.

"With the large number of STDs among college students, abstinence is not a choice, it's a necessity," said Deanna Summitt, a junior nursing major from Plano who first suggested Abstinence Day. "We hope this campaign will make people aware of their options."

Ewalt said he hopes the campaign will focus student attention on abstinence as an obvious alternative.

"Abstinence is an obvious choice," he said. "Maybe this will help people make more healthy, responsible choices."

This week is National Sexually Transmitted Disease Week, and organizers said they want to make a bigger impact than in previous years.

"We didn't want to sit at a table

with brochures," said Jo Henderson, health education coordinator for Tech's Student Health Services. "We wanted to take a more active role."

Their role in National STD Week includes more than educating about protection from STDs.

"During this week, we usually talk about protecting yourself from STDs," Henderson said. "This time, around, we decided to talk about not doing it at all."

The Abstinence Day campaign includes programs about sexual choices, panel discussions in the UC and flyers with one-liners taken from publications designed to make abstinence an easier choice.

"Impact Tech sent out surveys in which people replied that they didn't

want STDs, heartache and all the problems associated with sex, but they continue to choose to do it," Summitt said. "People need to know that abstinence is a choice."

Organizers want people to realize this choice always is available.

"If you are doing it and you are not happy where your life is going, you can choose to stop," Henderson said. "Do it for the sake of how much better you can feel."

Summitt related the choice of abstinence to buying a car.

"When you make the choice to have sex, look at the person as a whole — if there is no common bond, and sex is all they are selling, it is not a good deal," Summitt said. "No one wants to buy a car with high mileage."

U.S. government to apologize for syphilis experiment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will formally apologize to the black men in Tuskegee, Ala., whose syphilis went untreated for years as part of a federal study, the White House said Tuesday.

President Clinton will issue the

apology soon, said White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn.

The decision was announced as four survivors of the experiments came forward in Alabama to demand an apology. The White House did not say whether that was a factor.

"The president feels it's a blight on our record and it should be rectified," Glynn said.

The government has moved toward an apology for the Tuskegee experiment in recent weeks, spurred in part by Clinton's 1995 apology to

victims of secret radiation experiments during the Cold War.

In the Tuskegee experiment, the U.S. Public Health Service withheld treatment from 399 men between 1932 and 1972 to study how syphilis spread and how it killed.

Hoechst gives away rights to abortion pill

PARIS (AP) — Threatened by boycotts from American anti-abortion groups, the European pharmaceutical giant Hoechst Tuesday unloaded its remaining rights to the abortion pill RU-486.

The company gave the rights to one of the drug's creators, Dr. Edouard Sakiz, who plans to form a smaller company that will be less vulnerable to consumer pressure.

The move was a further attempt by the French drug company Roussel-Uclaf — a Hoechst subsidiary — to distance itself from the controversial drug. Just two years ago, in the face of boycotts, it ceded U.S. rights to RU-486 to a nonprofit American group.

Sakiz said his new company will have nothing to do with the U.S. market.

The \$3.5 million in annual sales of RU-486 — also known as mifepristone — was not worth risking Hoechst's \$1.63 billion in

U.S. business, Hoechst spokeswoman Catherine Euvrard said.

"Roussel-Uclaf no longer has the means to be able to withstand the boycott threats" from American anti-abortion groups, she told reporters in Paris. "This product can no longer be part of the strategy of an international company."

An American anti-abortion group last week threatened to boycott Allegra, a Hoechst anti-histamine, Euvrard said.

The Washington-based National Right to Life Committee, who threatened the boycott, had no comment on the transfer of the rights.

About 200,000 women have ended pregnancies with the RU-486 since it debuted on the French market in 1988, and it is also sold in Sweden and Britain. In the United States, RU-486 is expected to receive full approval and begin distribution by the year's end.

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Generator problems force earlier landing of shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Flying on only two-thirds power, space shuttle Columbia returned safely to Earth on Tuesday after a research flight that was cut to just four days because of a dangerously defective generator.

NASA brought the seven astronauts back 12 days early. Commander James Halsell Jr. guided the 235,500-pound shuttle—the heaviest ever because of all the unused fuel—to a neat landing on the concrete runway. The two remaining generators evidently worked fine.

There were none of the usual congratulations or chatter after Columbia rolled to a stop, only a compliment from Mission Control for the “great” landing.

Halsell thanked everyone “who helped us get back home safe and sound.”

“We think the team did the right thing, got the vehicle back safely and ready to return for another mission,” he said.

It was only the third time in 16 years of space shuttle flight that NASA brought astronauts home early because of equipment failure.

The crew did not make much headway in completing \$100 million worth of experiments involving fire, metal, crystal and plants. The astronauts were able to ignite just 14 of 142 fires that should have been set to see how flames

spread in weightlessness.

Minutes after touchdown, however, Kennedy Space Center director Roy Bridges Jr. said Columbia might return to orbit with the same crew and the same experiments in July. NASA may keep the scientific equipment on board until then to save time.

Some scientists had been working on the mission for more than three years, and began petitioning for another shot as soon as NASA decided on Sunday to cut short the mission.

Columbia might have been able to fly the full 16-day, \$500 million-plus mission if NASA had delayed the flight and replaced the faulty generator, called a fuel cell.

NASA detected a problem with the fuel cell 12 hours before Friday's liftoff but decided the brief jumps in voltage were no reason to delay the flight.

The fuel cell continued to exhibit wide swings in voltage in orbit, forcing the astronauts to shut it down Sunday.

The three fuel cells on each shuttle use hydrogen and oxygen to produce electricity to power virtually all systems. NASA feared the defective unit might overheat, causing the hydrogen and oxygen to mix and explode.

NASA plans to remove the failed fuel cell and send it for analysis to the manufacturer.

Sorority Spotlight gives rush information

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

Texas Tech students interested in joining a sorority learned more about the rush process at Sorority Spotlight, a presentation Tuesday aimed at informing students about what to expect going through Greek Rush.

Presented at the Godbold Cultural Center by Tech's Panhellenic Council, the event gave prospective sorority members an opportunity to learn about important dates, tips on dressing for the week as well as what will be required prior to the week.

“This is a great way for them to get involved,” said Panhellenic Council President Stacy Sawyer, co-rush chairwoman and a senior family studies major from Midland.

“A lot of girls don't want to go through rush their freshman year. Some may want to do it their junior year, and this is a good way to target them.”

Fall rush occurs Aug. 25 through Aug. 30, and the deadline for registration is Aug. 4.

Students are required to pay a \$70 fee for the week, which includes food for the week, transportation from the

university to Greek Circle and helps the council pay for the week's activities.

Along with their rush application,

students are asked to provide 14 resumes, high school transcripts or college transcripts if more than 60 hours have been completed and pictures of themselves, which will help those involved better identify the women.

Stefani Williams, a sophomore public relations major from Carrollton and co-chairwoman for the Panhellenic Council, stressed that the pictures provided are not about looks, but to help with identification, and said many students have misconceptions about the Greek system as a whole.

“So many people think the Greeks

are so materialistic and think it's an elitist organization, but the emphasis is on leadership, scholarship and service,” Williams said.

Although the university does not require rushees to submit recommendations, many individual sororities may request at least one.

Students are encouraged but not required to register with their hometown Panhellenic Council, which will help students become better acquainted with members and alumni and help with recommendations.

Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton, an alumni of Alpha Phi, spoke Tuesday about the confidence being part of a sorority can build.

“The one aspect of Greek life I felt

was most beneficial was its helping me to develop self-confidence,” Sitton said.

“By being a Greek, it's giving you the opportunity to see things you might not ordinarily see.”

Sitton also spoke about leadership skills members acquire which help students to become more well-rounded.

“Being a Greek provided me with an opportunity to be a leader,” Sitton said.

“Once you develop those leadership strengths, you can develop them throughout your whole life.”

Robin Smith, a freshman elementary education major specializing in theatre from Texarkana, said Tuesday's presentation put her more at ease and said becoming involved in the Greek system after her freshman year may have benefits.

“It gives you a chance to know more about the people and gives you a better idea of what to expect,” Smith said.

Students interested in information about the fall rush can contact Tech's Panhellenic Office at 742-2403.

“...it's giving you the opportunity to see things you might not ordinarily see.”

Windy Sitton, Lubbock mayor

Newly released documents show tobacco companies cut slogans

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Newly released documents show tobacco lawyers have for decades weeded out advertising slogans that could get them in trouble in court, such as “Because you enjoy smoking too much.”

The slogan sounded like “an invitation to cancer litigation,” Liggett Group attorney Joseph Greer wrote in a 1975 memo released Monday as part of the company's settlement with

Florida and 21 other states suing to recover the costs of smoking-related illnesses.

“This company is, in effect, admitting against its interest that a person can ‘enjoy smoking too much’ and, in fact, can smoke too much,” Greer wrote.

“The statement itself is negative and implies that an excessive enjoyment of smoking is undesirable.”

Liggett, maker of the Chesterfield,

Lark and L&M brands, agreed in its settlement last month to label its cigarettes addictive, admit they cause cancer and pay \$25 million now and 25 percent of its pretax profits for the next 25 years.

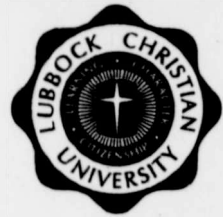
The company also agreed to turn over thousands of internal documents.

In North Carolina Tuesday, a judge ruled that hundreds of other internal documents that Liggett wants to release must remain sealed indefinitely.

The nation's other major tobacco companies had fought the release of the documents.

The Liggett documents released in Florida show the company knew as early as 1957 that its cigarettes contained harmful chemicals.

One entry in a 1988 report on additives and pesticides shows that, in 1964, Liggett executives discovered that the company's Chesterfield cigarettes contained polonium 210.



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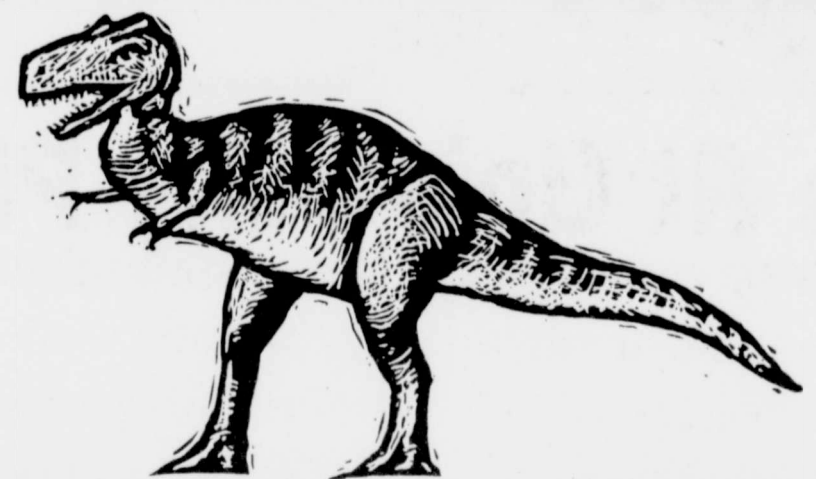
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Russian rebirth

Texas Tech Museum features exhibit showing nuclear disaster aftermath

by Sebastian Kitchen/UD

The Chernobyl nuclear power plant, named for a nearby Ukrainian town, left its mark on an entire continent after its catastrophic meltdown April 26, 1986.

This month marks the 11th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster that spread clouds of fallout over large portions of Europe.

The Texas Tech Museum, Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue, has opened an exhibit about the event titled "MELTDOWN: The Significance of Chernobyl."

The exhibit discusses Chernobyl and the work of Robert J. Baker, Horn Professor of biological sciences and director/curator of the Museum's Natural Science Research Laboratory.

Baker and many of his associates at Tech and other universities have made trips to the area to study the effects of the disaster.

The research group studies the effect the radiation has had on the animals and plants in the environment around the site of the explosion. Both still exist in abundance in the area. Many plants and wild animals have grown in number since the event more than a decade ago.

"I got a chance to go with Dr. Ron Chesser, a professor at Georgia University, and I jumped at the chance," he said how he became involved.



Wes Underwood/UD

Childlike wonder: Five-year-old Garrett Renfro and Sheri Aberle of Lubbock look at mice in the Chernobyl exhibit at the Texas Tech Museum.

Baker now has gone to Chernobyl four times, and each time the research group stays two to four weeks. The research team will return again in July.

"Each time we analyze our data, try to answer questions and find a more specific area to study," Baker said about his research.

The animals in the area of highest radiation have higher populations than in other places, he said.

They do better because the land is not plowed or hunted and cows do not overgraze.

"Humans are more detrimental in hunting, farming and ranching than is the world's worst nuclear power

disaster," Baker said about the damage.

The disaster released 100 million curies of radiation into the atmosphere while the atomic explosion at Hiroshima, in comparison, released 10 million curies.

According to the exhibit, 161,000 people were evacuated from a 30 kilometer (18.6 mile) exclusion zone. Since the evacuation, about a 1,000 of those people have returned to live in the area.

Pripyat, the nearest city besides Chernobyl, had a population of 50,000 people. The entire city had to be evacuated. Major doses of radiation can give people cancer, Baker said.

"They have let some people move back into the areas that aren't so radioactive, especially the older people," Baker said.

"Radiation does not have an immediate effect, so the older people will not be affected much by it."

The exhibit opened this month and will be open through the rest of this year and into 1998, said Elizabeth Locke, director of educational programs for the museum.

The exhibit is open and free to the public and contains pictures of the site, pictures of the research and a video presentation about the disaster and continuing research in the area.

Tiny school waits century for band

EULA (AP) — The baton goes up, backs straight, feet flat on the floor, and the jolting theme from "Mission: Impossible" suddenly blasts through the auditorium.

A year and a half ago, "Mission: Impossible" seemed like an appropriate response to a proposal to put a concert band on the stage for the first time in the school's 105-year history.

But that was before an energetic young band director named Wretha Nystel, whose vocabulary does not include the word "impossible," entered the picture.

Before the fall of 1995, there was no band in the Eula schools, never had been, not since the district began with a one-room school in 1892. But just as if the "Music Man" himself had visited the rural Callahan County district, people suddenly started wanting a band.

The school had had a music teacher, but that wasn't enough for Superintendent Ted Bedwell, who had come from Ira where an ensemble played at basketball games.

Bedwell missed the kind of music that only a band can produce.

"I said, 'let's go for a band,'" Bedwell remembers telling board members. "It's one of the better things we've ever done out here," he said.

It's also one of the most amazing. Nystel, a 1993 Abilene Chris-

tian University graduate, was hired in July 1995 and was expected to put a band program together beginning the next month.

Not only was Nystel facing a school full of kids who had never played an instrument before, she also had to convince people she knew what she was doing.

When she mentioned she would need money for large instruments such as bass clarinets and tubas, she was asked, "Will you really have someone who will play something that big?"

After facing that obstacle, Nystel had to face everything else.

"We did have a room and we did have chairs," she said. But she had no music, no music stands, no instruments

and not many kids who even knew how to read music. That was in August.

By Christmas they were playing three pieces for the school's first-ever tree lighting ceremony.

Christmas tree lights weren't the only things sparkling at Eula, population 125, by the end of that first semester.

When other kids heard what the band could do, they changed their tune. They began saying, "maybe this isn't for nerds after all," said Cassie Cook, a ninth-grade trumpet player.

Now, being in band is so cool that 138 students are participating out of about 380 who are eligible.

“ I said, ‘let’s go for a band. It’s one of the better things we’ve ever done out here.’ ”

Ted Bedwell, Eula superintendent

Committee votes to make salsa official sauce of Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Barbecue sauce never stood a chance.

The House State, Federal and International Relations Committee Tuesday approved resolutions that would make picante sauce the official state sauce, the Texas Sweet Onion the state vegetable and the buckminsterfullerene or "buckyball" the official state molecule.

The measures will next be voted on by the full House.

"This is a very serious day," said Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio. McClendon authored the picante sauce resolution.

"What we're doing is — if it passes — we're going to have picante sauce on the same level as the bluebonnet, as chili as the state dish, as the pecan tree as the state tree ... So this is very significant in the state."

The items passed through the committee unopposed.

But McClendon said a fellow lawmaker had urged her to make barbecue sauce the official state sauce, even sending her a jar of the tangy stuff made by a constituent.

McClendon said the decision was easy. She said barbecue sauce didn't originate in Texas, like picante sauce.

"It's amazing. We have a natural resource that is born, manufactured here in the state of Texas that we have not previously recognized,"

McClendon said about the resolution.

"I think with this, it says that we have a valuable resource here in Texas that we value and we have a great deal of pride in, and no it's not New York City, it's Texas."

The choice of molecule had been the subject of debate because several were discovered or created by state scientists. But Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, said only one was recognized for a Nobel Prize.

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Few sidewalks, short signals make Florida most dangerous place to walk

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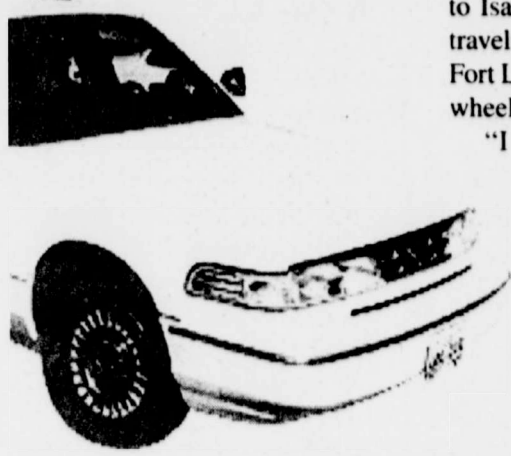
Thomas Flowers already knew what a report Tuesday confirmed: Florida is the most dangerous place to walk.

"They should take the walk signs and change them to 'Take a chance and walk,'" Flowers said, walking near his neighborhood outside Fort Lauderdale. "Nobody's courteous."

Florida is the most dangerous state for pedestrians and Miami and Fort Lauderdale are the most hazardous cities, according to a report by the Surface Transportation Policy Project and the Environmental Working Group.

Atlanta was next on the list of most dangerous cities, followed by Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., and Dallas. The top safest cities are Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Boston, Rochester, N.Y., and New York.

Between 1986 and 1995 an average of 6,129 pedestrians were struck



and killed each year on America's streets and highways, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data cited in the report.

The study also estimated 110,000 people are injured annually when struck by cars, with the elderly most at risk.

In Florida, cities are built with cars in mind and pedestrians an afterthought, said Steve Murchie, of the Florida Consumer Action Network.

The findings came as no surprise

to Isabel Bustamante, a retiree who travels around her sunny city of Fort Lauderdale neighborhood in her wheelchair.

"I can't tell you how many times I've been skimmed by a car," she said as she prepared to take her Shih Tzu dog named Simon for a walk.

"It's scary for a person who can jump out of the way, but it's even scarier for a person who can't."

Pittsburgh may be safer than other cities because motorists are conscientious, police are vigilant about citing reckless drivers and intersections are clearly marked, said city Police Cmdr. Dom Costa.

"People jaywalk. It's a thing in Pittsburgh," Costa said at a busy downtown intersection. "You come from Pittsburgh, you walk on the wrong side of the street and you jaywalk."

Charles Hill, a 38-year-old machinist in Fort Lauderdale, said he walks to work every day and readily

admitted to being a habitual jay-walker.

"They say God protects fools, drunks and sailors," said Hill, 38, as he strolled through the city's Market Square. "That's why I'm standing here now."

The groups say the answer is more federal transportation spending.

The report advocates "traffic calming" devices such as speed bumps and traffic circles.

In addition, the groups want money provided for more sidewalks, improved design of areas for walkers, handrails for the infirm, altered traffic patterns and increased public education and law enforcement for pedestrian safety.

The groups calculated pedestrian safety based on fatalities relative to the number of people walking.

Because no reliable data was available in the City of Florida on the number of people walking in each city, the groups used Census information on the number of people walking to work as a substitute.

PEOPLE briefly

Liz Taylor now free to marry again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor is free to marry again. She's officially divorced from Larry Fortensky, husband No. 7.

"It's done," the actress' attorney, Arlene Colman-Schwimmer said. The lawyer described the settlement as amicable and refused to reveal financial details. She said reports that Fortensky was getting \$1.5 million were false. "That's too high," she said.

The Oscar-winning star of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "Butterfield 8" met Fortensky in 1988 when both were at the Betty Ford Clinic. They married Oct. 6, 1991, during a ceremony at Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

Taylor filed for divorce in February 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.

The 65-year-old actress is planning a trip overseas in May, two months after brain surgery to remove a benign tumor.

Stallone ready to wed model Flavin

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone will soon tie the knot with model Jennifer Flavin, the mother of his 7-month-old daughter, the actor's spokesman said Monday.

Stallone, who has been married twice before, will wed Flavin within the next several months in an exotic location, publicist Paul Bloch said.

The couple's daughter, Sophia Rose, will be part of the ceremony. She successfully underwent surgery in November to close a hole in her heart.

Stallone and Flavin will have "more children, and sooner than later," Bloch said. He wouldn't confirm or deny rumors Flavin is pregnant again.

Oasis' Gallagher evades paparazzi

LONDON (AP) — Paparazzi weren't a problem when Oasis singer Liam Gallagher and actress Patsy Kensit got married in a secret civil ceremony with just the registrar watching.

The wedding — his first and her third — came two months after the couple canceled planned nuptials because the media was "obsessive and intrusive."

Gallagher, 24, and Kensit, 29, got married at London's Westminster Register Office, said Johnny Hopkins, spokesman for Creation Records.

"They don't want a party because it will be turned into a media circus and they are too busy to go on honeymoon," Hopkins said.

Kensit divorced last year from Jim Kerr, singer with the rock group Simple Minds. Her first marriage to another rock musician, Dan Donovan of Big Audio Dynamite, lasted three months.

Oasis, a Beatles-influenced British group, has had two best-selling albums. In September, the group abruptly pulled out of a U.S. tour because of what its label described as "internal differences."

Today's fajita cookout cancelled

Texas Tech's Hispanic Student Society's annual fajita cookout scheduled for today has been cancelled because of cold weather. The cookout, a part of Hispanic Culture Awareness Week, may be rescheduled.

The week will culminate Friday with keynote speaker Jimmy Cabrera, who will speak at 9 a.m. at Matthews Alternative School about methods to

"Step up Success." HSS also will sponsor "The Hispanic Struggle," a video depicting the social and political struggles beginning in the 1960s to the present.

HSS also will sponsor a reception from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday in the International Cultural center to thank and honor parents of HSS members, with entertainment by Nuestra Herencia.

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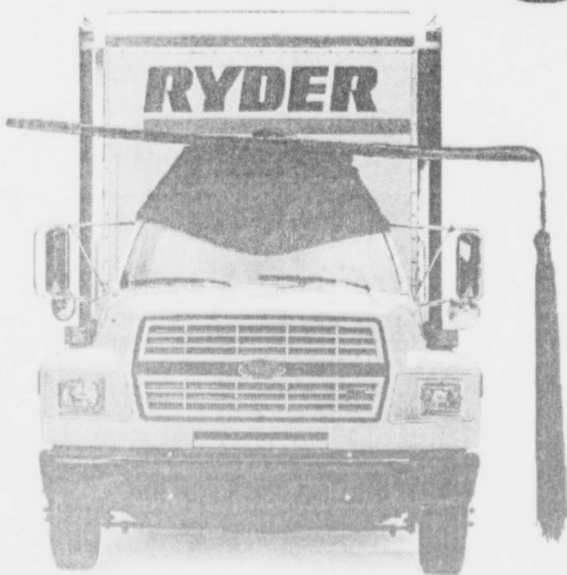
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