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## Professors worry about AP validity

**ANJELA ANAYA**  
*UD Staff Writer*

Every high school student in the state will soon have the opportunity to earn college credit in high school. But while the credit may be equivalent, some college professors wonder if the experience is really the same as a college class.

A new law passed by the Texas Legislature requires all Texas high schools to offer advanced placement courses. After completing the AP courses, students can take the AP exam and receive college credit.

Last week, the College of Education at Texas Tech and Region 17 Education Service Center sponsored an Advanced Placement Institute on the Tech campus. The purpose of the institute was to show teachers how to teach AP courses at their high schools.

Lisa Leach, coordinator of curriculum and instruction at Region

17 and co-organizer of the institute, said 216 AP teachers attended.

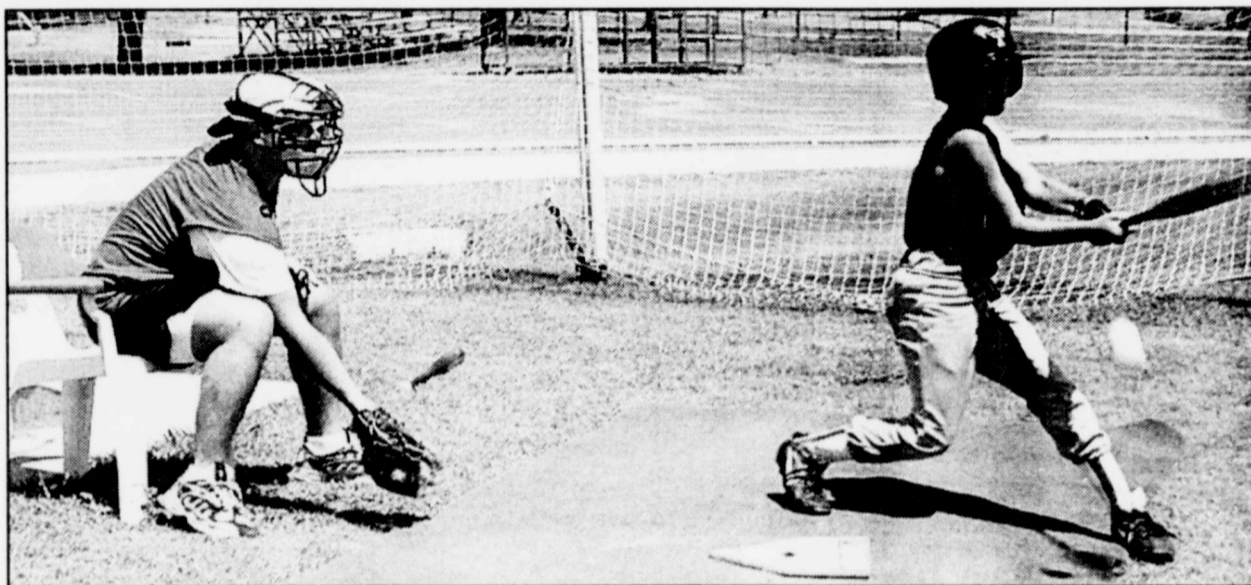
"This is a national program for advanced high school students and is part of the new Texas state high school curriculum," Leach said. "Any student who is taking advanced courses at their schools will now be taking AP courses. For example, what used to be Biology II is now AP Biology."

David Mills, an economics professor at the University of Virginia told the *Chronicle of Higher Education* last month he believes AP courses are tailored to the exams and high school instructors in part stress test-taking strategies instead of writing and critical thinking.

"I've seen students who have come in with real good AP scores struggle at the next level," he said.

AP courses do not always represent the equivalent of actually taking a college course, Leach said.

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**Practice Makes Perfect:** Former Texas Tech baseball player Jose Padron watches as Matthew Thomas, a 10-year-old student from Clovis, N.M., hits the ball during Red Raider summer baseball camp Monday at R.P. Fuller Track Stadium.

## Sidewalks to help traffic flow

**ANJELA ANAYA**  
*UD Staff Writer*

Texas Tech students who ride a bicycle and pedestrians frequenting the east side of campus will be able to get to class a little easier this fall.

Dewey Shroyer, director of

grounds maintenance, said plans are under way to extend a wide sidewalk that currently extends from 4th to 8th Street.

Construction will start at the corner of 8th Street and University and continue to 17th Street.

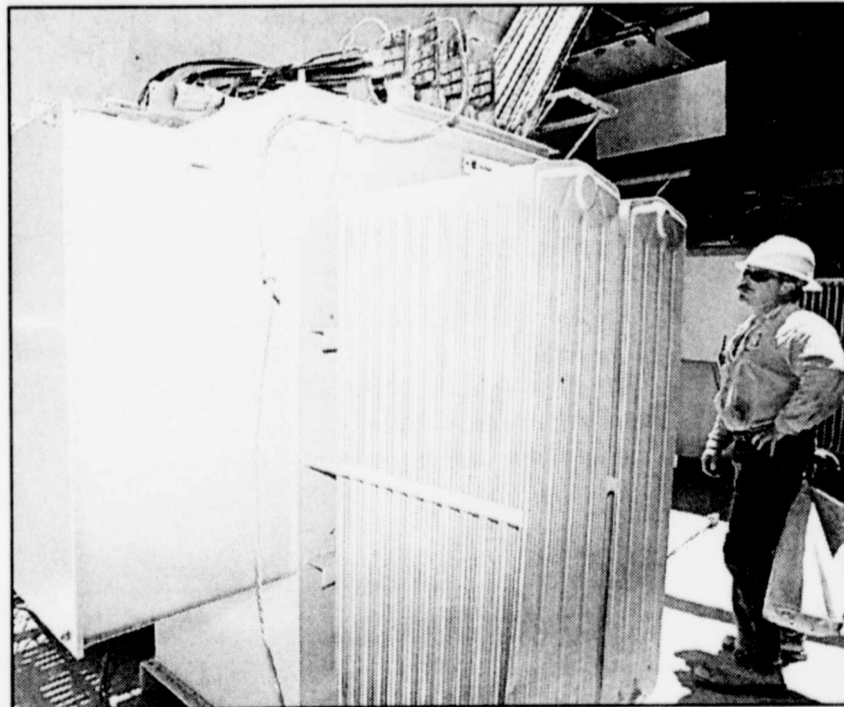
"We're currently planning (to take) bids mid-July, from there we

have a contractor ready to go the first of August," he said. "But it probably won't take that long."

The contractor is severely penalized if construction is not done on schedule, which is the reason for the three-month window for sidewalk completion, Shroyer said.

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## Blown fuse cause of early morning Tech power outage



Brian White/The University Daily

**Checkup:** An LP&L worker looks at a blown fuse after an early morning power outage on the campus.

**APU NAIK**  
*UD Staff Writer*

Students on campus Monday morning may have noticed Texas Tech was missing something: its electricity.

A circuit from Lubbock Power and Light, which supports the campus, was lost around 6 a.m., causing the entire campus to lose power.

Gene West, director of Tech's Physical Plant, said the circuit took about three hours to reconnect.

"The generator was back up around 9 a.m.," said West. "Everyone here worked hard to get the power restored."

But even though the electricity was salvaged, air conditioners

around campus weren't able to begin cooling until after 11 a.m., and most buildings weren't able to return to their regular temperatures until later in the afternoon.

"This is normal of any outage situation that affects an area as large as this campus," said West of the situation.

"The cooling tunnels underneath the campus take a considerable amount of time to cool after they have been shut down."

LP&L, which has recently been plagued with a number of outages, supplies Tech with all of its electricity.

But West said that LP&L's outages usually do not affect the campus because Tech has two backup generators for emergencies such as this, and another is currently be-

ing built. This particular outage was the result of an internal malfunction, and therefore had to be fixed before power could be restored.

William Kirby, plant foreman at Tech's heating and cooling plant, said a blown fuse in a transformer was the root of the power loss on the campus, not the overflow of energy usage which has been LP&L's problem over the past couple of weeks.

"During a transfer of energy between two transformers, a fuse was blown and as a result, power was lost for a couple of hours," said Kirby.

"This could have happened at any time, it was just a coincidence it happened during LP&L's other outages."



## Letters to the Editor:

### Officials break students' trust

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the university's broken promise regarding touch-tone registration for students, which was supposedly beginning this summer.

It is outrageous to look around and see a new million-dollar arena under construction, new buildings under construction, roads under construction, etc., yet the university fails to do a simple yet necessary service to students.

These students, in case the university forgot, are the reason the university exists. Without them, the university would become extinct. So we can afford a new arena and new classrooms, but we can't afford to give students a break from standing in endless lines waiting to register?

Last time I checked, the students paid Texas Tech to attend the university. It's not the university paying the students to attend Texas Tech.

Here we have all these projects to renovate and remodel the campus and talk about a golf course and a hotel, yet the university tends to ignore the students in spite of all the fees we're paying while we attend this university.

The United Spirit Arena took up a whole parking lot, and now students are parking in overflow parking and by Jones Stadium. All because the university has failed to acknowledge that we could use another parking lot. The arena took over the one we already had.

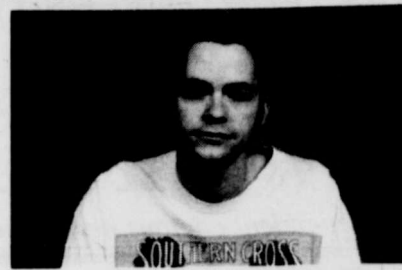
An outdated registration system and inconvenient parking for students? What next?

Full-time students pay over \$1,000 a semester in tuition and fees, and we haven't even spent our money on books yet. Multiply 20,000 by 1,000. Where is all this money going? Oh, yeah, to the arena and remodeling the campus. That's on top of the salaries of faculty and staff. If you're going to take our parking lot away, please give us another one. And if we're going to have to stand in line to register because touch-tone telephone is just not necessary until the year 2000 or later... What are the university's priorities?

Oh, don't mind me. I'm just an insignificant student, just a number on file. I'm just one of many who have to put up with all the inconveniences caused by university politics. Never mind. Stand in line and take a number. Next?

Ryan Payne  
senior,  
English literature

## AP class quality depends on teacher



James Walker  
UD Editor

Across the nation, professors are questioning how well high school Advanced Placement classes cover the college material they are designed to cover.

Having taken quite a few AP classes in high school, I can say

that the answer is unsatisfyingly simple: it depends.

Like everything else in education, it depends on the student, and the teacher.

Critics say that AP classes are geared too strongly toward the final test, much the same argument made by opponents of the TAAS tests.

This is entirely possible, as evidenced by my AP economics class. My economics teacher taught economics like he was coaching an athlete for a big event.

If it wasn't on the test, it didn't matter. I didn't even try to take the

test after that class, because I knew even if I passed it, I hadn't learned anything.

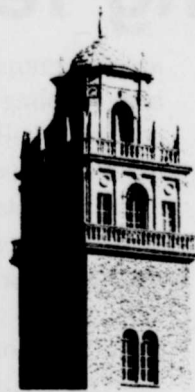
My AP physics class was different. I was the only one in that class not bound for a career in engineering or the hard sciences, so Mr. S didn't give a damn about the test. We all learned our physics in that class, because that's what we were there for.

AP classes can be valuable, but only if they are taught as classes, not review sessions.

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## Odds & Ends

### Champion clucker keeps roost

WAYNE, Neb. (AP) — If it clucks like a chicken and runs like a chicken, it must be ... this year's National Cluck-Off Champion.

Joel Vavra won the Wayne Chicken Show in Wayne, Neb., for the second year in a row Saturday with a performance that included jumping off the stage and running around like a chicken with its head cut off.

"I flew the coop. That's what chickens do," said the 48-year-old champion, who won \$140 for his antics.

Contest chairwoman Paula Schwarten said Vavra, who's won the national contest seven times before, usually just scratches around in a pile of corn kernels and struts his stuff.

But this year, with the title on the line, Vavra started his cluck from a roost high atop the grandstand and ended it by running around like a decapitated chicken.

There was also pride on the line for Vavra. Last year, an imposter appeared on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show" claiming to be the National Cluck-Off Champion. When Leno learned of the hoax, he invited Vavra to appear on the show, where Vavra did a peacock impression instead of his trademark chicken dance.

"I grew up on farm. When I was a kid I used to crow at the roosters," Vavra said. "I don't practice. I'm a natural at this. Any barnyard animal, I can do it."

### Ocean concert is sink or swim

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. (AP) — There were a few crabs in the audience for a local concert. And some fish, lobsters and whatever other sea life decided to float by.

The sea creatures were joined by about 600 snorkelers and divers who submerged at the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary on Saturday for WWUS' Lower Keys Underwater Music Festival.

It featured a six-hour, commercial-free broadcast programmed with tunes specially selected for the undersea experience.

The aquatic symphony, piped below via special underwater speakers suspended from five boats, featured a variety of selections including Handel's "Water Music," the theme from "The Little Mermaid" and the Beatles' "Octopus' Garden."

"The sound comes at you from everywhere," said WWUS news director Bill Becker, who coordinates the annual event. "Not only do you hear through your ears, you hear it through your entire body. But the fish don't seem to react to it, even when we played the theme from 'Jaws.'"

Some festival attendees came with old musical instruments to buoyantly perform for friends with cameras. A trio dubbed "The Seapremes," dressed in mermaid outfits, danced and swayed on the bottom.

"It was our tribute to Motown and the fish had a chance to groove, move and have a fintastic time," said Nancy Herlehy of Cudjoe Key, Fla., who conceived the act.

### Patriotic cherubs give to church

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Who were those masked angels? Two men, disguised and dressed in red, white and blue hats and patriotic garb, entered a church, handed the minister a can filled with money and then fled.

"Everything happened pretty fast and there was a lot to take in," said the Rev. David Twedt of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Twedt said the pair, walked into the church July 5 after the congregation finished singing a hymn. Then, telling him they were "angels sent from God," they gave him a coffee can filled with \$120 worth of Susan B. Anthony silver dollar coins.

## Bush, AG reach tobacco deal

DALLAS (AP) — A dispute over lawyer fees in Texas' \$15.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry is all but over.

The objection to \$2.3 billion in legal fees awarded to the private lawyers who sued tobacco companies for Texas is one of two legal challenges delaying the settlement. The other seeks a share of the settlement for certain Texas counties and public hospital districts.

"There is a document where there is an agreement fleshed out that I'm comfortable with," Gov. George Bush said Monday in Austin about the lawsuit filed by himself and seven legislators protesting the 15 percent attorneys' deal.

"... I said let's get the resolution to the suit that I filed done," he told reporters. "This is what I want to see done. This is something that I am comfortable with. I know the legislators are comfortable with it as well. I think most parties are comfortable with it. I'd like to see the agreement reached, get it behind us and move on."

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, confirmed that the attorney fee issue only has some minor matters to be settled. But he said that Morales' will not allow the deal to be completed piecemeal.

"An agreement with the counties and hospital districts is a big

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-Texas Gov. George W. Bush

part of what is still outstanding in resolving these issues," said Dusek, adding that Morales is headed out of state on Wednesday to meet with tobacco industry representatives.

Since Texas completed a deal with Big Tobacco in mid-January, the state of Minnesota reached its own settlement with the tobacco industry. Texas has since been seeking to add elements of Minnesota's deal to its own.

Morales recently estimated that Texas could reap about \$17 billion from a revised settlement incorporating aspects of the Minnesota deal.

"Once all of that is accomplished we'll have a complete package," said Dusek. "It'll be all tied up with a tight little bow on it and presented to the taxpayers of

Texas."

According to those involved in the negotiations, the plan involving attorney fees would separate that issue from the overall settlement, permitting the state to start using the money.

In exchange, Bush would allow the trial lawyers to go before an arbitration panel later this year to present their arguments for how much they should be paid.

Those legal fees would be paid by the tobacco companies and not come from the state's settlement, Morales has said.

"The key for me is to sever the main body of the lawsuit from the legal fees and that there be an arbitration panel that would make a decision," said Bush. "I would agree to accept that. I don't want the state on the hook though for the balance, and therein lies part of the issue. It's one of the reasons I filed suit."

Lawyers for the state, the legislator, the attorney general, the tobacco industry and the state all met before U.S. District Judge David Folsom in Texarkana on Monday. Folsom had called a status meeting, saying he always tries "to get the parties to work out their differences."

Nothing was immediately filed with the U.S. District Clerk in Texarkana showing that an agreement was reached.

## Navy napalm dumped in Texas

### Houston company to recycle Vietnam-surplus jellied gasoline

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After searching three months for a company willing to take and recycle the nation's supply of napalm, Navy officials prepared Monday to load the first shipment on a train bound for Texas.

Ten thousand gallons of the jellied gasoline left over from the Vietnam War were taken by truck from the Fallbrook Naval Weapons Facility to nearby Camp Pendleton and put on a railcar.

The shipment was supposed to leave late Monday night for Houston, where it will be recycled into fuel, said Lee Saunders, spokesman for the Fallbrook Naval Ordnance Center.

"We're glad to see it going," said Robin Yocum, spokesman for Battelle Memorial Institute, the

Navy's contractor for the disposal. "We knew all along that we would get to this point, but nothing in life comes easy, I guess."

That shipment had made it by rail from Fallbrook, 55 miles north of San Diego, to Kansas City, Kan., before it was ordered back to California.

The East Chicago, Ind., company cited public and political pressure in backing out of its contract. The three runners-up for the job then said they were no longer interested.

The Navy, facing a July 16 deadline set by the Environmental Protection Agency to remove the China Lake napalm, embarked on a search to find a company and a community that would accept the contract.

Napalm is often associated with images of Vietnamese villagers who ran screaming as the jellied substance burned the skin from their bodies.

Three Texas companies vied for the \$10 million contract, and last week it was awarded to GNI Group Inc. The first shipment is due to arrive at the company's Deer Park facility, just east of Houston, on Thursday, traveling the last 22 miles by truck.

Some Houston-area residents have objected to importing the napalm, arguing that the petrochemical-intensive area around the Houston Ship Channel has enough dangerous cargo. Last week, Assistant Navy Secretary Robert B. Pirie Jr. traveled to Deer Park to try to ease their concerns.



### Departments offer "Kiss and Make Up" day on Tech campus

Texas Tech Student Health Services and Department of Housing and Dining are sponsoring a Kiss and Make Up Day for students to learn how to resolve conflicts with other people Wednesday. There will be two "how to" booths on campus for students at the UC and Rec Center. At 7 p.m. at Horn Residence Hall there will be the "The Roommate Game" where students can win free prizes answering questions about their roommates.

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## Med students making grade

GRETCHEN VERRY  
UD Staff Writer

A recent study revealed that students at Texas Tech's School of Medicine are performing at levels above their peers in a number of areas.

Statistics remaining consistently higher than the national average include entrance criteria, Medical Aptitude Test scores and licensing exams.

Researchers at Tech gathered the information in honor of the 25th anniversary of the medical school's first graduating class.

"These figures show that Texas Tech is taking its place as a leader in health care," said Dr. David Smith, president of the Tech Health Sciences Center. "We've seen proof positive that Texas Tech is making a difference in education, patient care and research that benefits the people of

Texas and the Southwest."

More than 45 percent of Tech graduates responded that they were "very satisfied" with the quality of education they received, in comparison to 35.7 percent nationwide.

According to the data obtained, Tech medical students showed a 100 percent pass rate for first-time takers of United States Medical Licensing Exam Step 2, as well as consistently higher grade point averages upon entrance than both the state and national averages.

MCAT scores for the total applicant pool in 1997 averaged 26.26, compared to Texas average of 25.9, the study revealed.

Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of Tech's medical school, said he attributes the statistics to the high caliber of students and curriculum, as well as a student-focused program at the school.

The data was collected as a ba-

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**-Dr. David Smith  
HSC president**

rometer to gauge how the school has grown, and if it has succeeded in its mission, said John Walls, head of HSC's department of news and publications.

The anniversary celebration will last through the academic year, acknowledging the school's beginnings.

Other events planned for the celebration are alumni dinners and videotaped commemorations.

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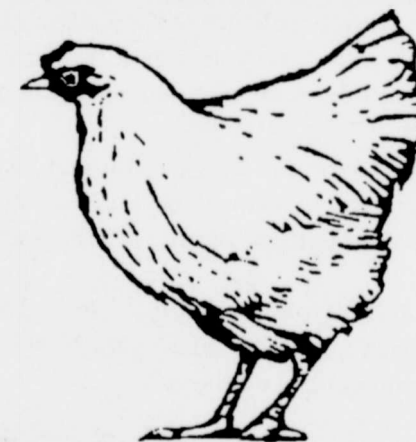
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"Anytime that you get credit based on a test you run that risk, but the AP course is very challenging," Leach said. "They are the most demanding and rigorous courses offered in high school. What we're really doing is raising the standard of expectation for our kids, for our students."

Students who take AP courses in high school can have an easier

time with the college application process, she said.

"The more AP courses that a student has taken, the more favorably they (the college) look at that student's admission," Leach said. "It's an indication that a student is a high-achieving student."

Melisa Dorsett, senior English AP teacher from Plains High School in Plains, said students who take AP courses in high school are more likely to do well in college.

"It gives our kids the chance, the opportunity to know what college is like," she said. "I feel like the kids that take the AP course will not only go to college but graduate from college."

Elaine Jarchow, dean of the College of Education, said although students learn from AP classes, it is not the same as taking a college course.

"There are many facets to this issue," she said. "Some college professors think that students are

short-changed because they are not exposed to our libraries or our professors."

There is still value in taking a college course because it offers the exact prerequisites for the next course, Jarchow said.

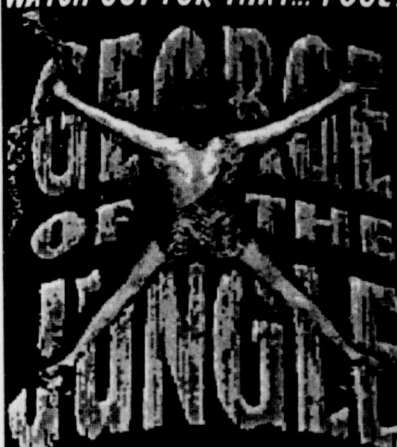
Despite AP drawbacks, the program has merit, she said.

"I don't want to generalize," Jarchow said.

"I certainly support the AP program. It's very beneficial to students."

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-Elaine Jarchow  
College of Education dean

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"It shouldn't take more than four weeks," he said. "Probably not by when school starts but by the end of September."

The sidewalk, about 10-feet wide and about two-thirds of a mile long, should be wide enough to accommodate at least two pedestrians with room for a cyclist to pass, he said.

Shroyer said that the sidewalk construction will not get in the way of students walking to class.

"There's no sidewalk now," he said. "The path would just be moved over a little bit further west. It should go very rapidly."

Doug Mann, vice chancellor

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**-Doug Mann  
vice chancellor for facilities, planning  
and construction**

for facilities, planning and construction, said the sidewalk construction should be started sometime this month by grounds maintenance.

"The Campus Caregivers Committee the feeling has been for some time that a perimeter sidewalk is needed," he said. "The ultimate goal is to get it to hook all the way up to the law school."

The chairwoman of the commit-

tee, Debbie Montford, presented the sidewalk plan to Chancellor John Montford. Montford presented the sidewalk plan to the Board of Regents chairman, Jim Sowell, who approved it as part of the Master Plan as a priority safety issue.

The sidewalk will provide a place for pedestrians and cyclists to travel north and south on University Avenue.

"The goal is to make it a little bit neater and not just a straight line," Mann said.

The sidewalk will cost \$80,000 and should be completed by the fall semester, Mann said.

The south side of Memorial Circle and Broadway should be finished by August 15th, Shroyer said.

The road from Akron to 15th Street also will be resurfaced, Shroyer said. Shroyer said although bus traffic from the Tech commuter bus system has increased wear, both roads have simply needed upgrading for a long time.

"We just received funds (from Tech administration) and we're doing all we can with the funds received," he said.

**Boy survives  
3-story fall**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 3-year-old boy fell out a third-floor window, bounced off an air conditioner and landed on the grass, suffering only minor cuts and bruises.

Lateef Wise had been left unsupervised in his apartment Sunday because of a mix-up between his mother and her boyfriend, police said.

The youngster pushed the screen out and fell.

On the way down, he hit an air conditioner protruding from a second-floor window, police said.

After landing on the grass, the boy walked to a curb and sat down, and a neighbor found him crying.

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The 45-minute video, which carries a \$19.98 suggested list price, consists of a 40-minute preamble and six separate showings of the digitally enhanced clip of President John F. Kennedy's head exploding when hit by a bullet.

The family of the late Dallas dress manufacturer who filmed Kennedy's murder and the video producer dismissed suggestions that they were profiting from the crime.

Abraham Zapruder's family wants to make a copy available to historians and others who frequently request access. They also hope to recoup the estimated \$350,000 cost of enhancing and preserving the film, said James Silverberg, the family attorney.

Despite being "gruesome, shocking and vulgar," it's probably the most important film clip in the nation's history, said Waleed Ali, executive producer for MPI Home Video of Orland Park, Ill., which made the video.

"Parents should be cautious about showing it to children under the age of 11 because it is disturbing, but this needs to be out in the hands of the people," Ali said of the film.

*Life* magazine bought rights to the footage for \$50,000. By the time of Zapruder's death from cancer in 1970, the family had essentially lost control of the

image and hundreds of bootleg copies circulated through the country.

The original copy of Zapruder's film is kept in the National Archives.

The federal Assassination Records Review Board last year declared the film the permanent possession of the American people, and the government and Zapruder family are negotiating over compensation.

The government has offered \$3 million and the Zapruders have asked for \$18 million. Zapruder's son, Henry, said he feels "terrible" about haggling over the price, *Newsweek* magazine reports in its July 20 issue.

Although the documentary traces the film's financial history, that scrutiny has since stopped.

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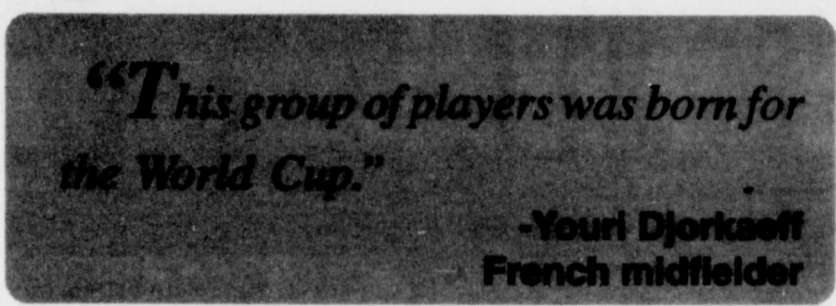
PARIS (AP) — If there is one thing at which the French excel, it is highlighting all that is right about their country.

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"We've been waiting for this for four years," midfielder Youri Djorkaeff said. "This group of players was born for the World Cup."

It is a group that won every



game, including the shocking 3-0 rout of Brazil that gave France its first world soccer championship and biggest sports prize ever. It is a band of diverse talents, from the magic of playmaker Zinedine Zidane — who turned scorer in the final to head in the first two goals — to the fierce determination of bald-headed goalkeeper Fabien Barthez to the smooth alacrity of a defense that allowed two goals all tournament.

It was a team that dealt with criticism throughout the five weeks of play. When the French needed almost all of overtime to beat Paraguay in the second round, they were slammed by the media. When they could not find the net against Italy in the quarterfinals

and won in a penalty-kick shootout, they were condemned.

Coach Aime Jacquet had a running feud with several French newspapers. He didn't miss the opportunity to get back at them.

"We came here to win, we have been working for two years for that and we fully deserved it," Jacquet said. "We all had the same feeling, we were on the same wavelength. We started off with poor press, and I can never forgive that, but now everyone can see France has great players."

The greatest of which from the past, Michel Platini, and the best of today, Zidane, shared hugs after the Jules Rimet Trophy was presented to the first host since 1978 to win the title.

# Jones: Gailey not facing do-or-die year

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey won't have to worry about his future if the team doesn't rebound immediately from last season's 6-10 disaster, Jerry Jones says.

"This is not a make-or-break year for Chan — absolutely," the Cowboys' owner told *The Dallas Morning News*. "Let's be very clear about this."

"We all believe we can compete with the talent we've got, but I'm realistic about the challenges facing this team. In no way am I saying Chan must win X number of games this season or else lose (his job)."

Gailey, 46, is making his NFL head coaching debut this season with the Cowboys, who open training camp Wednesday in Wichita Falls.

Gailey, whose five-year contract is worth a reported \$600,000 a year, is among the

lowest-paid head coaches in the league. But Jones said that doesn't equal a lack of job security.

"Chan will be the first one to tell you that we've got to be successful," Jones said. "We've got to win ball games. But if we go down a road that doesn't work, then we'll regroup with Chan and go down another road."

Jones added that it has never been his philosophy to fire coaches quickly.

"I gave Jimmy Johnson a long-term contract," he said. "In the early years, when we weren't doing real well, that wasn't a win-or-else situation. We all recognize that every part of your plan isn't going to work. We're going to have some down times, some mistakes and some miscues."

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