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Junk e-mailers pollute Tech

GRETCHEN VERRY
UD Staff Writer

Spamming, or sending unsolicited e-mail to large numbers of people at the same time, is one of the most universally hated speed bumps on the information super-highway.

Lately, Texas Tech students and faculty using university accounts have been targeted by spammers peddling a get-rich-quick scheme.

Officials at the Advanced Technology Learning Center said the recent increase in spams sent to those associated with Tech is due to someone selling lists of names and e-mail addresses to bulk mailers.

"We are assuming that somebody sold Tech names," said Rachel McDonald, a systems programmer at the ATLC. "It's relatively easy to do, and a common problem. We get complaints about it all year long."

Faculty with TechNet addresses are particularly affected by this recent commercial blitz. However, students also have been targeted.

Problems arose when the get-rich-quick scheme was sent to TechNet addresses, and people responded asking to be taken off the mailing list. These responses were then forwarded to every student on the original list.

"I returned after being out of

town this weekend to find 39 new messages on my faculty account," Tech microbiology professor Dave Vigerust said.

Students should not reply to spam, McDonald said.

"The worst thing you can do is respond to junk e-mails," McDonald said. "That verifies the address and sets you up for further hassles."

She recommends going to <http://www.acs.ttu.edu/vms/> and reading the users guide. From there, users can set up a program to screen their e-mail.

"With a mail file set-up, you can set it up so that mail from a specific sender or with specific keywords in the title is automatically trashed," McDonald said. "There's no specific way to block all unsolicited mail, unless you block all unknown senders, and that leads to more problems for the user."

University guidelines state that spamming from an e-mail address could lead to the suspension of the address. That address will remain suspended until the completion of the investigation, at which time appropriate federal authorities will be notified.

Usually, spams are altered so the original "send" site can not be identified, leading to difficulties in distinguishing the origins of the e-mail.



Brian White/The University Daily

Come and Get It: Local businesses advertise their alcohol prices on the Strip at 98th and the Short Road. Beer prices in Lubbock fluctuate during the year.

Summer strip prices cheaper

APU NAIK
UD Staff Writer

They are always identical, and when they do change, they inevitably change together. During the summer when fewer students are attending Texas Tech, they are surprisingly low. But in the fall and spring they rise substantially and in unison.

No, it isn't a reference to the number of letters to the editor, it's in reference to the fluctuating prices of beer on the strip.

Tech students have always complained of predictably high prices on the strip at certain times of the year, while others times, they actually drop prices

low enough meet a student's budget.

"It seems like the prices always go down during the summer, and then at the beginning of the fall they jack up the prices when students come back," said Amit Kumar, a senior biology major from Midland.

A study of beer prices over the past year conducted by *The University Daily* shows prices were substantially lower last summer than last fall and spring.

"I've noticed fluctuations during holidays, like around July 4th, where they'll drop prices," said Jim Hall, a senior MIS major from Jackson, Mississippi. "Other than that, you're pretty much going to

be paying the same price for a case of beer no matter what store you go to."

One reason for this stale competition may be the ownerships of the stores on the strip. There are nine liquor stores located on the strip, and only four businessmen representing them.

Doc's, both Double T Discount stores, and The Cellar are owned by local businessman Jimmy Dunlap. The Cellar, however, is also partially owned by Natu Patel.

Raiderland Warehouse, Bob's and Pinkie's are all owned by Austin Keith.

The only independently
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Wind research center receives \$3.6 million federal grant

APU NAIK
UD Staff Writer

Texas Tech's nationally recognized Wind Engineering and Disaster Research Center received a \$3.6 million federal grant Tuesday to enhance its research and technology.

The grant was awarded to the department from the U.S. Commerce Department's National In-

stitute of Standards and Technology, and was supported by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas.

The funding will be used to boost research preventing deaths and injuries from severe wind storms.

"Texas Tech continues to be competitive and widely recognized in the field of wind research

dollars," Combest said. "This grant should guide them efficiently into the next millennium."

A large part of the grant will be used to expand the capability of the center's wind cannon at Reese Center, the former Reese Air Force Base.

The cannon is designed to shoot various forms of debris, such as might be flying around during tornadoes, at building components in

order to determine which types of construction would best withstand damage.

"The Reese Center location will allow us to expand our research by giving us a larger facility and better research equipment," said Kishor Mehta, director of the Wind Engineering Research Center.

Combest also said the federal grant will enhance the ability of

Tech's Wind Engineering and Disaster Research center to show architects, engineers and the public how to build safer, stronger homes and buildings more economically.

During thirty years of research in wind-induced damage to buildings, the department has achieved national and international recognition, and this grant is one of the largest ever awarded to an engineering department.

Letters to the Editor:

Staff underpaid, overworked

To the Editor:

This memo is in response to Ryan Payne's letter published in the July 14, 1998 issue.

First, let me state that I think Mr. Payne is justified in some of his anger. But it is not any malice or apathy toward the students, but the sheer enormity of undertaking that is creating the problem. All the employees, myself included, would love to see the touch-tone registration implemented tomorrow. However, the magnitude of the undertaking dictates that a slower approach is warranted to implement this program properly.

Next, a considerable amount of the money going into the Spirit Arena was donated for that specific purpose by outside sources. Since these people chose to give money for this specific purpose, Tech's only recourse was to take the money and build the arena or decline the money.

Now for the parking, scores of students and employees have stated that the parking is less than desirable on campus. Perhaps, the new multilevel parking garages they plan on building will alleviate some of the problem.

As to the tuition costs, the

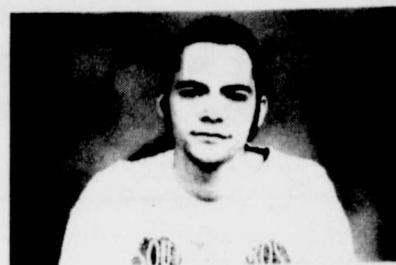
employees do appreciate and understand the amount of money that students contribute in tuition and fees. We are striving to provide the best possible value for every education dollar spent by the students.

My one item of contention with Mr. Payne is his reference to staff and faculty pay. Please do not make the contention that the staff pay is anywhere near on par with the faculty. The staff gets paid on a pay scale that has not changed in 11 years. Our pay would be an insult to any graduating student and on average is less than other Big 12 or Texas universities.

Any job that is considered menial or a waste of the faculty's time gets dumped on us. We get no perks, i.e. a Staff Senate, and are presented annually with diminished privileges. We are the first and last person everyone sees on campus. So please do not insult the 2,500 staff members on this campus by insinuating that the money you pay for our services is in any way excessive. To quote an old saying "Cheap at twice the price." Actually considering what most staff members are paid it is more like cheap at 10 times the price.

Tom Barnett
technician III
mechanical engineering

Fashion not faculty's passion



James Walker
UD Editor

The teaching faculty at Texas Tech University are among the best to be found in higher education anywhere. As a general rule, they are experts their fields of study, interested in students' concerns, and devoted to education.

But as I walked across campus recently, however, watching stu-

dents and faculty intermingling and exchanging knowledge on the sidewalks of our grand palace of learning, I was reminded of a poignant comment a friend once made to me: "You have to have a Ph.D. to dress that poorly."

Granted, I'm a jeans and T-shirt guy myself, but in the faculty lounges of this campus, turquoise polyester pants, leisure suits and blazers worn over flannel shirts are all the rage this season.

The attempts at matching would make any art student burn his color wheel in despair.

And I could write a whole other column on hats.

I am not denouncing such out-

landish attire. In fact, I like it. It makes professors seem rather unworldly, as if their appearance was insignificant next to their quest for knowledge.

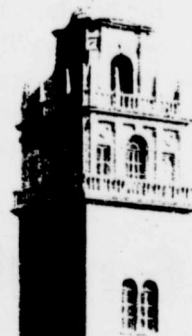
Witnessing the oddities of professorial raiment is one of the unique experiences of college life, and thus should be celebrated.

So I'm having a contest. Students, faculty and staff are invited to e-mail me with their nominations for the "Worst-Dressed Department on Campus." Entries are due next Wednesday, and the winners will get a certificate to hang in their department office.

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Odds

Police comfortable with change

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Officer Bill Max simply ignored the heckling and catcalls from his sweating law enforcement colleagues.

Said Max, 39, patting his new navy shorts: "They're just jealous."

To beat the heat, North Las Vegas police officers on Wednesday showed off the new shorts the department may choose over its regulation wool pants.

"I love them," said Officer Shane Allen, who's been wearing the shorts for several weeks. "They're a lot more comfortable."

While bicycle cops in the department and in other cities have been wearing shorts for years, patrol officers here have had to sweat through triple-digit heat in wool pants.

Now, four officers have been asked to wear the cotton and polyester shorts until September to determine if they like them and if the public approves.

Temperatures on Wednesday had already reached 107 by early afternoon. Plus, the shorts are only \$50 as compared to \$150 for the wool pants.

Some officers aren't too interested in change.

Officer Jesus Prieto had a personal reason: "I don't have the legs for it."

Statue of giant boll weevil stolen

ENTERPRISE, Ala. (AP) — Don't expect this face on milk cartons any time soon.

The Boll Weevil Monument in downtown Enterprise has been torn apart by vandals, who stole the 16-inch metal bug that represents the agricultural revolution of southeast Alabama.

In a gruesome twist, police said whoever stole the long-beaked bug Saturday also swiped the hands of the 4-foot metal woman holding the bug over her head.

The city dedicated the Boll Weevil Monument in 1919 to thank the critter for wiping out cotton crops and forcing farmers to switch to peanuts — which still fuels the economy of southeast Alabama.

Greg Swim, a maintenance technician, said the city would use casts from a replica to replace the damaged and stolen parts. The worst previous assault occurred in the 1970s when someone stole the whole statue and dumped it along a road, local historian Roy Shoffner said.

Asbury Park arcade a death trap

ASBURY PARK, N.J. (AP) — A giant, neon-studded arcade immortalized in a song by Bruce Springsteen has seen the last of its glory days. To quote The Boss: It's a deathtrap.

The 103-year-old landmark Palace Amusements building, which closed for good 10 years ago, has been deemed structurally unsound and must be demolished, according to the city.

The building's gradual decline mirrored that of the city itself, which fell into hard times as other shore towns grew in popularity. Aqua paint peels from its walls now, and the sidewalks outside are strewn with broken bottles and crack vials.

Built in 1895, the block-long structure once housed a Ferris wheel, carousel and shooting gallery. For generations of local residents and tourists who flocked to this central New Jersey resort, it was Asbury Park.

The Palace earned a measure of pop culture fame when Springsteen mentioned it in his breakthrough 1975 hit "Born To Run." Of the city, Springsteen wrote: "It's a death trap, it's a suicide rap. We gotta get out while we're young."



CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

July 8

- A UPD officer made an arrest for resisting arrest and aggravated assault. The suspect's vehicle was first observed in the 1500 block of University Avenue where he drove across the center median.

- A UPD officer issued a citation for failure to identify at the student recreation center.

- A UPD officer investigated a report of two run away juveniles who ran away while attending a baseball game at Dan Law Field.

July 9

- A UPD officer made an arrest for an outstanding Lubbock Sheriff's Office warrant.

- A UPD sergeant documented information that he received from LPD concerning a sexual assault which occurred at Horn Hall.

- A UPD officer responded to a 911 call at the HSC credit union in reference to two subjects who were in the hallway near the pharmacy.

- A UPD officer investigated a hit and run accident which occurred at the Dan Law Field parking lot.

- A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief which occurred at the R-13 visitor parking lot.

- A UPD officer responded to a medical emergency which occurred at ICC. A student was suffering from acute abdominal pain. The student was transported to the UMC ER by EMS.

July 10

- A UPD officer responded to a 911 medical emergency on the third floor of the library. A staff member was transported to Methodist Hospital by EMS.

- A UPD officer responded to a request for emergency detention at the ER of the UMC.

- A UPD officer investigated a traffic accident which occurred at the service drive of the Univer-

sity Center.

- A UPD officer responded to a small grass fire located on the south side of the art and architecture buildings.

- A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred at the United Spirit Arena construction site. During the investigation, the suspect was arrested for an outstanding LPD warrant.

- A UPD officer responded to a medical call which occurred on the north side of the HSC. A visitor had an allergic reaction to a medicine, but refused treatment from EMS.

- A UPD officer investigated a traffic accident in the R-1 parking lot.

July 11

- A UPD officer made an arrest on the 1800 block of Flint for an outstanding Lubbock Sheriff's Office Warrant.

- A UPD officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred in the UMC B-1 parking lot.

- A UPD officer investigated a criminal mischief in the UMC.

July 12

- A UPD officer investigated unauthorized use of a vehicle in the Z2-D parking lot. Vehicle was recovered off campus by LPD

- A UPD officer made an arrest in the 1100 block of Indiana Avenue for an outstanding LPD warrant.

- A UPD officer made an arrest in the 3300 block of 22nd street for failure to identify and outstanding LPD warrant.

- A UPD officer responded to a request for emergency detention at UMC ER.

July 13

- A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief at Knapp Hall.

- A UPD officer responded to a request for emergency detention at the HSC family practice clinic.

July 14

- A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief which occurred in the Z2-B parking lot.

- A UPD officer investigated a traffic accident on the 400 block of Memphis Street

Speed-trap town pays price

MACKS CREEK, Mo. (AP) — This is the story of a little town that lived by the speeding ticket and died by the speeding ticket.

For years, Macks Creek was a notorious speed trap along the back roads of Missouri.

In the past few years, the police wrote an estimated 2,900 traffic tickets a year, or an average of eight a day, every day. By 1994, more than three-quarters of the town's annual revenue — or about \$165,000 — was coming from

municipal court fines alone.

"Oh, I'd hear a lot of complaints, from people all over the country," says Bonnie Evans, a friendly, white-haired woman who runs Bonnie's Restaurant. "A lot of people didn't even want to come through here because they'd already gotten a ticket or they knew someone who had."

In 1995, however, the state passed a law proposed by a legislator who got stopped by Macks Creek police. It limited the amount

of income a city could generate from traffic tickets to 45 percent of total revenue.

Three years later, Macks Creek is broke and about to file for bankruptcy protection. The town is around \$160,000 in debt.

The town's police officers were laid off more than a year ago. The radar guns and police cruisers they used to nail anyone who didn't slow, almost immediately, from 65 to 45 mph as they came into town have been sold or repossessed.

Prices

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 owned store on the strip, Crossed Keys, is owned by John Broome. Last summer, this limited ownership resulted in what beer stores like to refer to as "price wars." Throughout the summer, businesses dropped the prices of Bud, Miller, and Coors 30-packs from the normal \$16.95 to as low as

\$11.95 or even \$9.95 at Raiderland Warehouse.

But while students may be convinced that these low prices only exist during the summer months when the majority of students have gone home, the local business owners will tell you differently.

"Prices drop during the summer months because of a lack of demand, and as a result, we'll drop our prices, and everyone else soon

follows," Broome said of the prices.

Business owners said wholesale prices set by the distributor always remain the same for all stores, and during summer months, when sales plummet, price wars are inevitable to remain competitive.

Other college cities have the same high prices, but due to a more stable population during summer months, their prices remain the same all year. Sales prices are also almost unheard of in other cities such as College Station, Austin and Waco, where prices remain around \$13.99 for a case of beer.

North Texas tops 100 for 11th straight day

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — in Wichita Falls, about 130 miles northwest of Dallas, as the Cowboys opened training camp for the upcoming season.

Seven spectators were treated for exposure to the heat, and players worked out in helmets but no pads.

"Most of our players live in Dallas and take part in our off-

season conditioning program so we stay in year-round condition," team owner Jerry Jones said. "So that's why the heat doesn't really bother us."

It was the 11th straight day temperatures climbed over 100 in north Texas. The heat wave has claimed 27 lives across the state and caused \$1.5 billion in crop damage.

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Tech geology receives \$10,000 donation

ANJELA ANAYA
UD Staff Writer

Texas Tech's geology department received a \$10,000 donation Wednesday from Denny Kincer and family.

The donation will enable the department to establish the Michael Louis Kincer Memorial Scholarship Endowment in Geology. Michael Kincer, son of Denny Kincer, was a Tech alumnus.

The idea for the memorial endowment seemed natural, Kincer said.

"We were thinking of what Mike would like," he said. "We knew that his No. 1 love was Texas Tech, and we just felt that it was appropriate."

Michael Kincer always knew what he wanted, he said.

"He was a good student in his high school years, but when he got to Tech he realized it was a little bit tougher," Kincer said. "He knew geology was what he wanted to do, and he never wavered from it."

Geosciences Professor Calvin Barnes said the endowment will greatly benefit the department.

"Anyway that we can assist deserving students is a big plus for the department and Texas Tech," he said.

"Having support like this helps in recruitment and retention because we want to find the best students that we can."

The geosciences department is

one of the few departments which requires undergraduates to perform a lengthy, out-of-state field study.

"We always would prefer to have more money," he said. "Endowments are sort of fixed income things, and the cost of education isn't."

Having a named scholarship is also important because students know who preceded them in the department and the university, Barnes said.

Jane Winer, dean the College of Arts and Sciences, established a memorial endowment for her own mother.

"From my own experience it's a very helpful thing for the family to mourn in this way and to me-



Artie Limmer/News and Publications

Thank You: Jane Winer, College of Arts and Science dean accepts a donation from Denny Kincer Wednesday.

morialize a lived one," Winer said. "You expect to memorialize your children."

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ABC: not shunning controversy

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Although ABC canceled "Ellen" and "Nothing Sacred" in favor of fluffier new shows like "Fantasy Island," the network is not shunning controversy, ABC executives said Wednesday.

"We don't have a rule book. It's not like it's 'No this, no that,'" said ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses.

Tarses and ABC Entertainment Chairman Stu Bloomberg, who share programming duties for the Walt Disney Co.-owned network, told the Television Critics Asso-

ciation that low ratings forced cancellation of both "Ellen" and "Nothing Sacred."

"I don't think we will ever shy away from controversy," Bloomberg said.

But he said ABC is going for programming that is "a little lighter" and "a little blue sky" this fall.

Ellen DeGeneres had contended that ABC failed to support her "Ellen" sitcom after she declared her homosexuality and brought her TV character out of the closet as well.

"We think Ellen's incredibly talented and would welcome the opportunity to do another show," Tarses said. "We gave it our best shot."

The ABC executive noted that several upcoming fall series on other networks include homosexual characters in prominent roles.

NBC's "Will & Grace," for instance, is about a gay lawyer and his best friend, a woman.

"It will be interesting to see how, and if, the public embraces (the shows)," she said.

Christians using comics to minister

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. (AP) — Across the land, they turn up in the oddest places, tucked away at highway rest stops, atop pay phones, on buses and at motel front desks — tiny comic booklets the size and shape of baseball cards, pointing the way toward salvation.

The titles are the first attraction. "Where's Rabbi Waxman?" "Gomez Is Coming." "The Death Cookie." "Somebody Goofed."

Inside, black-and-white drawings that seem a stylistic cross between "Mary Worth" and Mad magazine chronicle people battling to beat back evil, repent and accept Jesus Christ.

This is the life's work of Jack T. Chick.

For nearly 40 years, from a small office-warehouse in this foothill community of the San Gabriel Mountains, he has blended pop culture and popu-

list religion into a blunt, sometimes downright intimidating evangelical Christian message — that only by receiving Jesus in the exact way the Scripture dictates can humans avoid being cast into the lake of fire.

The 13-cent tracts, with dozens of titles, have been translated into 43 languages, from Estonian to Tagalog, and distributed free throughout the world, often by missionaries.

But it is in the United States where they seem omnipresent, part of the background noise of the culture; anyone who's taken a cross-country trip has probably seen them lying around, left by local church members to be picked up by passers-by.

Chick keeps a low profile. He gives no interviews; his staff responded to a list of e-mail questions.

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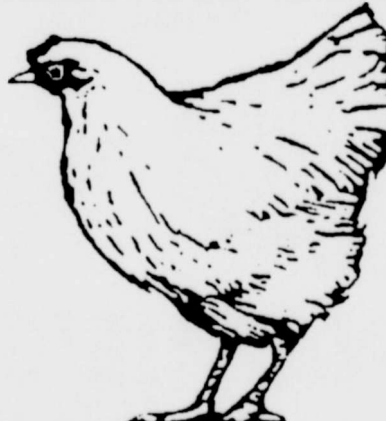
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CBS approves second "60 Minutes"

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS has given the go-ahead to a second "60 Minutes" edition to start early next year, the first time the network has tried to clone the pioneering newsmagazine since the show began in 1968.

The network Wednesday appointed Jeff Fager, now producer of Dan Rather's evening news broadcast, as executive in charge

of the second edition.

Questions about what night it will air and who the correspondents will be were left unanswered.

The new show's working title is "60 Minutes II."

"There's a real tradition here of quality storytelling and that's what '60 Minutes' lives up to every week," said Fager, who spent six

years as a producer on the show. "There's room for more of that."

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Woods ties for lead at British Open

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — As a boy, when Tiger Woods studied his handmade chart of all that Jack Nicklaus accomplished, he must have wondered what took him so long to win the British Open.

It started to sink in last year, when the nuances of links golf took a toll on the 21-year-old Masters champion. On Thursday at Royal Birkdale, Woods showed he learned his lessons well.

With play that was as steady as it was brilliant, Woods steered clear of trouble for a 5-under-par 65, giving him a share of the first-round lead with John Huston on an unusually warm, sunny day.

"It's just one of those things where I think I learned to play smart golf," said Woods, who hasn't been in the lead at a major since winning at Au-

gusta National last year.

Nick Price, the best player in the world from 1992 to 1994 when he won three majors and nine PGA Tour events, finally made some putts in his round of 66 that left him one stroke back, along with Fred Couples and Loren Roberts.

Couples adjusted his game for the calmer winds off the Irish Sea, then surged up the leader board by hitting fairways and holing a 15-foot eagle putt on No. 15.

"It really wasn't that hard if you kept the ball in play," Couples said. "You're not going to shoot 66 out here every day, but it gives me a chance to have a poor round."

PGA champion Davis Love III, his first tournament since missing the cut at the U.S. Open, after a tough back nine finished at 67.

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