

Christmas Happenings make Thursday busy night

A mix of four separate holiday events are planned on the WTC campus this Thursday evening, Nov. 18—culminating at 8 p.m. with the opening performance of the drama department's holiday comedy "Inspecting Carol."

Included in the evening will be a Christmas-related exhibit and opening reception at the Scurry County Museum; a Christmas show at the WTC Planetarium; and the traditional Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in the central courtyard.

Similar events on the campus last year attracted a crowd numbering in the hundreds from

both the student population and the community. With the exception of the drama department performance, all events are free to the general public.

The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a visit from Santa Claus, who will be posing for pictures with youngsters. A \$3 fee will be charged for the photos.

Also at 5:30 p.m., the holiday display at the Scurry County Museum will open to the public.

The museum will feature "Christmas A to Z" from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

Toys representing each letter of the alphabet

will be on display, along with the museum Christmas tree.

Visitors will be able to buy Christmas collectibles also through the Museum Gift Shop.

Featured this year is a red Christmas ball imprinted with the likeness of the Hermleigh Hotel, a building dating to the 1930s and 40s which was razed sometime after 1959.

Visitors to the museum may view "Christmas A to Z" through Dec. 15.

At 6 p.m., the WTC Planetarium will present "A Christmas Story" free to the public.

The program speculates on how the heaven's might have looked some 2,000 years ago on the night of Jesus' birth.

In part, the program proposes that a conjunction of two stars or a star and planet might have been the "Star of Bethlehem" which legend tells us led the three wise men to the baby.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. and will include again this year a talent show. Entrants will receive prizes.

At 8 p.m., the first performance of "Inspecting Carol" will be held. See **CHRISTMAS**, page 6

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Millennium Day looks at future, past

By Reid Johnson
Texan Staffer

The importance of history was the primary focus for the opening address Nov. 3 at WTC's Millennium Day.

The speech was presented by Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of instruction. His address followed the opening remarks from WTC President Harry Krennek.

Palmer opened his slide show presentation by saying, "The Past: Why Bother? Clichés that Say It All."

Throughout his presentation, Palmer would quote famous clichés that confirmed the importance of history.

He began his list with the cliché "Experience is the best teacher."

"There is no substitute for experience," he said, "because experience is the only teacher."

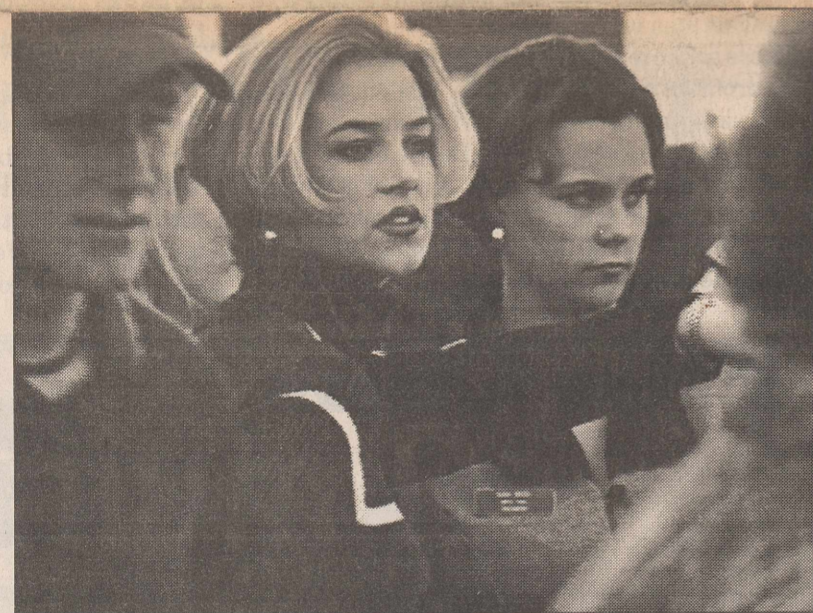
The Dean of Instruction then moved to the familiar cliché "Live and learn."

Does this mean if we are not learning we are not living? he asked the audience.

"If that's true, then I've had students that were just dead," says Palmer as a stretch of comic relief.

Do you have to live an experience to learn from it?

"Not necessarily," quotes See **HISTORY**, page 6



Once in a lifetime event . . .

A balloon launch, with participants attaching notes which held their thoughts and dreams about the future, ended Millennium Day activities here Nov. 3. The day-long event featured nine speakers addressing a variety of topics, from religion to financial planning, from privacy to the role of society in the twenty-first century. Dean of Instruction Jim

Palmer, who was the leadoff speaker, writes his "hope for the future" (upper left). The day was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Government Association, and two of their leaders, Mandy Heaton, PTK, and Kara Wood, SGA, are shown at left. Above, Phi Theta Kappa officer Jamie Ellis spoke just prior to the balloon release. (Texan Photos)

Society's future considered

By Sarah Martin
Texan Staffer

A panel discussion, titled "Perspectives, Predictions, and Politics of Social Control," covered many topics pertaining to the concerns of society and their relationship to the coming millennium.

Participants included Jim Clifton, criminal justice instructor here at WTC for the past two years; Jack Price, who has taught government and management at WTC since 1989; and Dr. James Durham, professor of history and sociology here at WTC.

Approximately 100 students, faculty and guests attended the discussion, which was held in the Fine Arts Theatre as part of the millennium celebration organized by the WTC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the WTC Faculty Association and the Student Government Association.

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2nd Coming one fear with 2000

By Reid Johnson
Texan Staffer

The Millennium and the possibilities of the Second Coming were among the religious topics addressed during a two-person panel discussion on campus Nov. 3.

Tom Holcomb, min-

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Students advised 'invest now'

By Sarah Martin
Texan Staffer

It takes an investment of only \$100 a month starting at age 18 to retire a millionaire, according to Tim Riggan, an investment adviser who spoke as part of the day long millennium observa-

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Personal privacy is concern

By Candace Meares
Texan Staffer

"You won't know as much when we're through as you do when we start," said Robie Robinson, Fisher County Attorney and a speaker at the Nov. 3 Millennium event at WTC.

See **PRIVACY**, page 6

Technology isn't only answer

By Josh Burney
Texan Staffer

We will need more than technology to be successful as human beings in the next century.

That opinion was expressed by Ron Elkins of Dallas in his address "The Effect of Turn of

See **SOCIETY**, page 5

Ecological issues addressed

By Lisa Moore
Texan Staffer

"Do your part to save the environment."

This was the main point Britt Canada and Sue Freemyer returned to several times while addressing environmental issues at Millennium Day Nov. 3.

Canada talked about the near extinction of certain animals and the importance of protecting those animals before they reach extinction.

He also talked about natural disasters that have happened in the past. Some examples he gave were droughts, oil spills, the big U.S. dust storm, and in 1978 the Love Canal incident involving pollution.

"We need to learn from all the past disasters we've had and plan in advance on how to deal with future disasters," Canada advised.

He discussed natural disasters and he told of ways we can help pre-

See **ECOLOGY**, page 5

Medicine past 2000 promising

By Candace Meares
Texan Staffer

Life expectancy, infant mortality and gene therapy were just three of the topics covered during the Millennium day seminar "Health care—2000 and Beyond," presented by Dr. Bob Rakov.

Dr. Rakov is part of St. Mary's Medical Group in Snyder and has lived in Snyder for 14 months.

He began his presentation by telling how change is constant in medicine.

"Medical volume information has doubled twice since I graduated medical school in 1986," Dr. Rakov said.

"The past 100 years have been pretty much trial and error in the medical profession," he explained.

He pointed out the life expectancy for men and women has drastically improved since 1900.

The average man's See **DOCTOR**, page 6

Historical lookback ends day

By Kacy Henard
Texan Staffer

The history of Scurry County—named after a Confederate General—and its county seat Snyder—named after a Union private—were related as part of Millennium Day activities here Nov. 3.

Charles Anderson, who noted he was "born in a tent" and raised on an Indian reservation, offered these and other details about the history of both Scurry and Snyder.

Anderson, a former Snyder Middle School principal and Snyder school board member, is a well known historian and author. His latest book is entitled "Confederate General: Dirty Neck Bill," after William Scurry.

It was Scurry, a Confederate general, for which the county is named. Anderson pointed out that it was unusual the county was named for a Confederate. See **PAST**, page 5



Social issues discussed

These three faculty members fielded questions from the audience during Millennium Day as part of their panel discussion "Perspectives,

Predictions, and Politics of Social Control." From left to right are Jack Price, Jim Clifton and Dr. James Durham. (Texan Photo)

WTC music reviews

by Chris Halbert

Rage works mean music; STP is 'decent'

There are plenty of good new releases to look forward to in the coming weeks. Korn's highly anticipated new album, *Issues*, hits stores tomorrow, November 16th. On the 23rd, look for a two CD set from the Beastie Boys. This compilation includes forty-two songs, among which are greatest hits, B-sides, unreleased material, and their new single, "Alive," and is entitled *The Sounds of Science*. Also, Marilyn Manson will release a live album, *The Last Tour on Earth*, and an accompanying video recorded during his last world tour sometime later in November. I've also run out of reviewable summer discs, so the next two issues will feature all new releases.

Stone Temple Pilots - No. 4
With the millennium fast approaching, the music industry has seen a resurgence of many different genres of music. Swing and Big Band have made a comeback, thanks to bands like Squirrel Nut Zippers and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Eighties "hair" rock has also resurfaced with bands such as Slaughter, Motley Crue, and Def Leppard releasing new albums and announcing tours.

Now enter Stone Temple Pilots. This band hit the scene in 1992 and instantly earned comparisons to, who else, Pearl Jam. With this, and the heightening popularity of the grunge scene at that time, STP were instantly taken to the bosom of the American public with the breakthrough hit, "Plush," included on their extremely successful and genuinely good debut album, *Core*. Follow that with an almost-as-successful sophomore disc, *Purple*, and a not-nearly-as-successful third CD, *Tiny Music Tales from the Vatican Gift Shop*, and that brings us to No. 4, STP's first new release in almost four years. Is this the return of grunge for the millennium? Hardly. But in a market dominated largely by rap-metal acts, alterna-pop "radio bands," and teen sensations, No. 4 does offer a nice "alternative." The first single, "Down," and other tracks like "Pruno" offer a nice reminder of grunge in its heyday. "I Got You" is a standout track also, giving us reminders of The Beatles. Then there are some songs that only Stone Temple Pilots could write. Good examples are "Heaven and Hot Rods" and a stereotypical STP acoustic number, "Sour Girl."

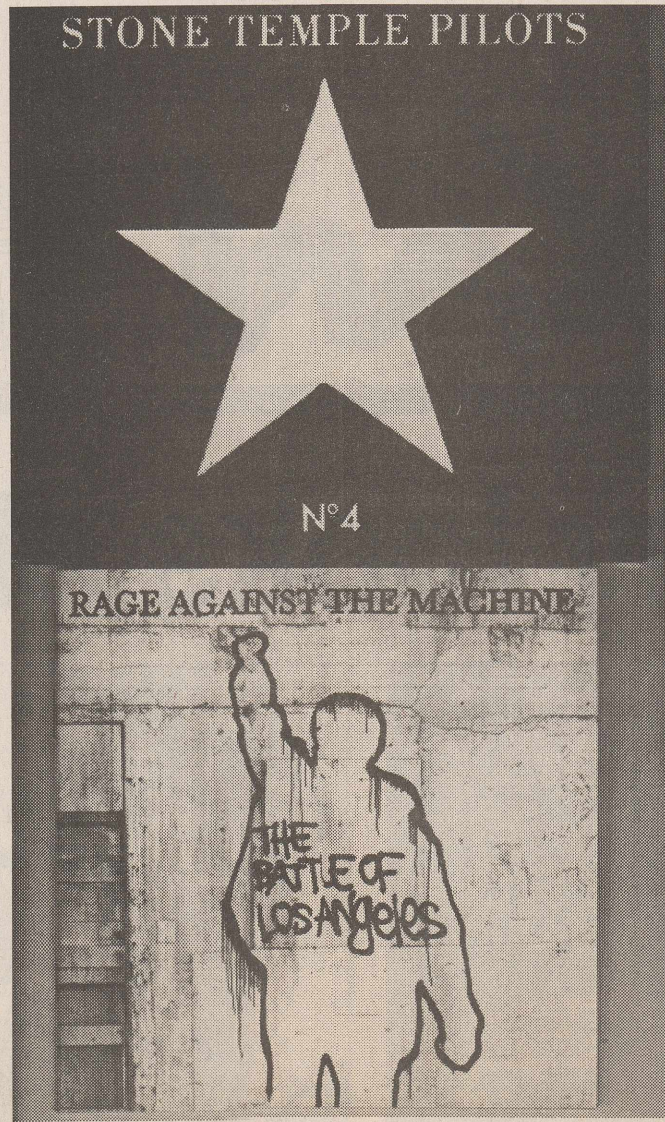
I really don't feel as if this album is as good as some of STP's previous works. This is probably due in part to the turmoil-ridden rehearsals and

recording that went into this album. Reportedly, the band did not get along well during the sessions, and this friction made the entire process strenuous, at best. The guys went in having written fifty songs, and were "glad we got eleven tracks done." Also, singer Scott Weiland has had a history of drug problems, and while on probation was arrested again, therefore landing him in jail for one year. Luckily, all the recordings had been completed, but obviously now the band cannot tour in support of this latest effort. If you were expecting to see them live in a town near you, forget it.

Overall, I'd call this merely a decent disc. I really think it sounds out of place in today's music world (but that's part of its uniqueness), and it certainly will be interesting to see how the music is received by today's audience. No. 4 probably won't earn Stone Temple Pilots any new fans, but might satisfy those of you who are already among the ranks of their fans.

Rage Against the Machine - The Battle of Los Angeles

Rage Against the Machine is without a doubt one of the most influential bands around today. From the very beginning, they have emerged as some of the leaders of the current musical revolution. Their debut album, 1992's *Rage Against the*



Machine, is regarded as a landmark release for a couple of reasons. First, it was one of the first albums in the style of what has now become the very popular rap-metal, a radically different change from everything else in '92. Secondly, and probably what the band is most noted for, the album is filled with strong political messages and standpoints. Today, this is another common occurrence among rock bands. It is apparent that from their outset, RATM was pushing the limits and changing the face of modern rock.

The *Battle of Los Angeles* should allow *Rage* to continue to lead the way in the modern music scene. *Battle* is absolutely *Rage*'s best effort, and probably one of the best albums of 1999. 1996's *Evil Empire* was rushed under pressure from their

record label, and was not as well received as their previous debut disc. This time around, they made sure they took their time and got it all right. I've been anticipating this album for a while, and the extra wait was well worth it.

There are so many great songs here. That's part of my problem with *Evil Empire*; I like it, but I find myself skipping around a lot while listening to it. Such is not the case with *The Battle of Los Angeles*. Every single song is good, but the standouts are "Calm Like a Bomb," "Born of a Broken Man," "Maria," and "New Millennium Homes." "Guerilla Radio," their chosen first single, is also making a

big impact on radio and MTV.

Despite this wide exposure, *Rage* doesn't want to just be rock stars. They want to use the popularity they have for a good cause and to get their political messages out. This latest album includes web addresses for several worthy causes (The National Committee for Democracy in Mexico, Women Alive, Amnesty International, etc.), and the Zapatista Movement in Mexico is another frequented topic for de la Rocha's lyrics ("War Within a Breath" and "People of the Sun").

Rage shows are a mix of social activism from the sixties with baggy jeans and mosh pits of the nineties. Often times, some sort of protest occurs. At Woodstock '99, bassist Tim C. draped an American flag over his bass cabinet and proceeded to torch it during the show as a show of his right to express himself and the fact that the flag represents that right.

While we're on the subject of political views, *Battle* originally had the sarcastic title of *We're Prepared to Fight and Die for Our Country Because We Love Our Elected Officials*. All of this goes to show, if you're a conservative, *Rage* might not be your band.

One final note-worthy piece of information about one of their players. Guitarist Tom Morello is constantly being hailed as "The Guitar Hero of the Nineties" (taking his place behind Jimi Hendrix in the sixties, Jimmy Page in the seventies, and Eddie Van Halen in the eighties). He's an intellectual Harvard graduate that focuses that intellect on making the craziest noises on a guitar imaginable.

Many times he is almost playing the role of a club DJ, making the "scratching" sounds on his guitar. The solo in "New Millennium Homes" sounds like a sped up game of Pong, for those of you who recall the Atari system. Most of the time, though, his unique style just leaves you there thinking, "How does he possibly do that!?" He is truly the most inventive and creative guitarist of this generation.

The Battle of Los Angeles is *Rage*'s best work to date. Their two previous releases are worth picking up as well, but this new one is so complete. They do the rap-metal style as only *Rage* can, and they prove that they are still leading the musical revolution. Give *Battle* a listen; it's definitely worth your while.

Film Clips

FILM REVIEW: "Dogma" 2-1/2 stars
By Mark Caro
Chicago Tribune Movie Writer

One mark of a good writer is his willingness to tackle topics with which he's still struggling. "Chasing Amy" (1997) is Kevin Smith's best film because he's using his sharp sense of humor and canny ear for dialogue successfully to explore thorny issues such as sex and sexuality, companionship and commitment.

In "Dogma," the 29-year-old filmmaker is taking on a subject that, if anything, is even more personal, complicated and touchy: his relationship with the Catholic Church.

Not many films address religion and faith, and given the uproar that greeted "Dogma" and "The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988), you can understand why. (Miramax sold "Dogma" to Lions Gate after the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights threatened Miramax's parent company, Disney.)

Yet few topics are as universal as the struggle to maintain faith amid the world's horrors and mysteries. And as Monty Python showed with "Life of Brian," religion and its surrounding, not always logically consistent, lore can be a comic treasure trove, provided the filmmakers aren't just doling out easy ridicule.

Smith, who still considers himself a prac-

ticing Catholic, has chosen to work out his conflicts with the Church in lampoon mode, by literally applying Church teachings to what he sees in the modern world.

"Dogma" is part Mad Magazine, part Sunday school as it interweaves various celestial and earth-bound characters at the brink of the apocalypse.

From the introductory on-screen notes - perhaps the funniest since "Monty Python and the

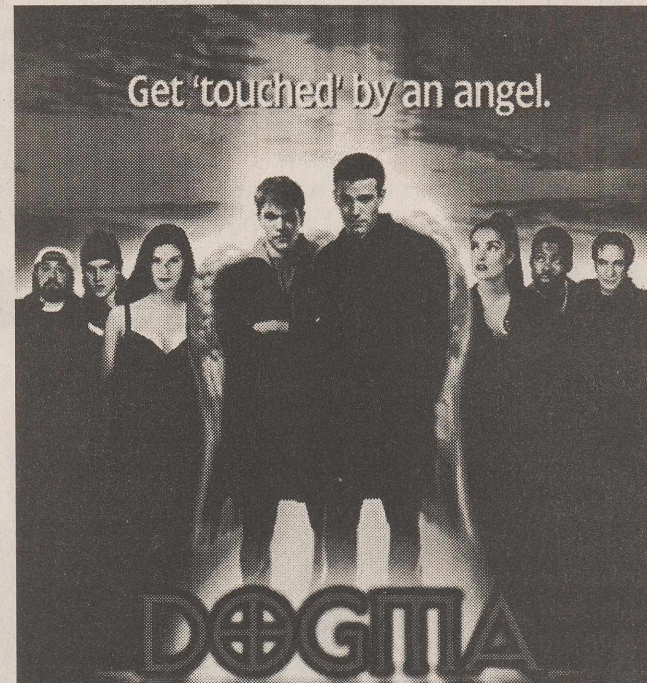
Holy Grail" - you're reminded that despite all of the heady debate, "Dogma" is a comedy. How seriously can you take a movie that begins with George Carlin as a cardinal?

"Dogma" is not for viewers who object to excessive profanity or to Catholic dogma being questioned and spoofed. Those issues aside, the movie is a mess.

Yet its subject isn't likely to be contained in a neatly wrapped package, so Smith deserves credit for a good-faith effort. "Dogma," after all,

remains more entertaining and probing than your average Charlton Heston movie.

The movie's saving graces are its pointed humor, which cuts both ways - it's equally critical of the Church and people who know their Bible stories mostly from Charlton Heston movies - and Smith's dogged quest to make sense - and non-sense - out of his notions of religion, faith and everyday living.



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Church and change addressed

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ister of East Side Church of Christ, and Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, took part in Millennium Day activities.

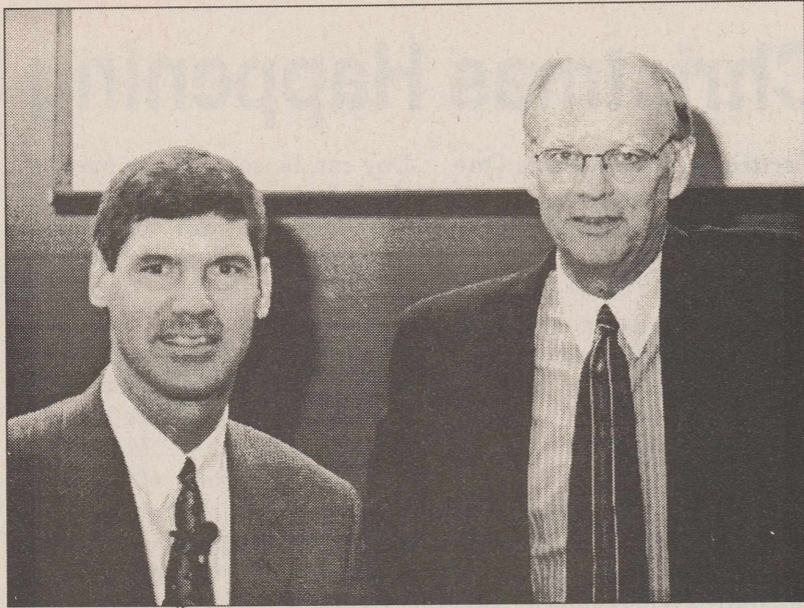
Their overall topic was "Searching for God; the Journey of Faith, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

Both spoke on the history of religion and present day religion, before finally turning their thoughts to the future of religion.

"Obviously the new millennium is coming up and there's a lot of talk about Jesus coming back, and there's even some churches in our community saying, 'He will come back within the next few years.' What do you guys think?" asked a concerned audience member.

"The Second Coming is a question that has challenged our thinking all throughout the century, and it follows a pattern that around the turn of a millennium or the turn of a century, there is a lot of talk about the end of the world and Jesus coming back," responded Holcomb.

"When we went from 999 to



Marty Akins, Tom Holcomb at Millennium Day

1000 A.D., there was an awful lot of talk around this once again, so it's pretty common," he continued.

"I think that there are two things that we need to keep in mind. One is as far as trying to predict, the scriptures turn us away from that. When Jesus's disciples tried to pin him down and say 'When are you coming back,' his answer to them was 'The son of man does not know, not even the angels in heaven; only the Father knows that,'" quotes Holcomb.

"In my book, that puts an end to too much speculation, and I think you need to be extremely wary of those who think they've got it all figured out."

"My response to you is that the return of Jesus Christ is the same for us as it was for the people of Jesus's day in that it is just over the horizon," summed up Holcomb, "We need to live more fully in the expectation of Christ's return."

Akins emphasized the same message with fewer words, "Be ready and be busy."

"If you're ready and you're busy, let it be today," finished Akins.

Both pastors also pointed to the growth of so-called "Megachurches" as a future trend in religion. These churches are fast growing non-denominational churches primarily in larger metropolitan areas.

Social issue inequalities identified

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The panel discussed topics put before them by the audience in a question and answer style.

One question asked by an audience member pinpointed the "inequality between the rich and poor in the criminal justice system."

Clifton explained that while it may seem that the criminal justice system favors richer persons, it actually does not.

The system is equal, he said, but justice "usually falls to the ability of an attorney to get his client proven innocent."

"The value goes beyond the right," he said, explaining that the abilities of an attorney are not guaranteed but the right to an attorney is. According to Clifton, an attorney will invest as much time in a case as that attorney sees as necessary to make it worth his time monetarily.

Another question posed by the audience asked about the impact of favorable presidential polls during the recent impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton.

Price said, "We like to think of impeachment as a constitutional legal process but it has political ramifications as well." According to Price, the impeachment of the president needs to be understood as a political tool with the potential for abuse.

A question was posed about how technology, specifically the Internet, will affect the future.

Durham said, "I am more dismayed by the possibility of the Internet." He expressed concern that the computer will isolate the population as opposed to the socialization process that is necessary in society.

In relation to the field of criminal justice, Clifton stated, "If you had any idea what was coming, it would scare you to death."

Ecology begins with individuals

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He recommended we stay informed, ask questions, go to the polls and vote.

Another approach is to "vote with your dollar" by buying products that are good for the environment.

Canada closed with this advice, "Be a part of the solution not a part of the problem."

In her discussion related to ecology and the environment,



Elkins is speaker

Ron Elkins of Dallas spoke on "The Effect of Turn of the Century Technology on Social Interaction" at the Millennium Day event held on campus Nov. 3. He is shown with instructor Dani Day, a friend who suggested his name as a speaker during planning. (Texan Photo)

Society needs more than 'just technology'

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the Century Technology on Social Interaction" at the Millennium Day event held on campus Nov. 3.

Millennium Day was a special event conducted by Phi Theta Kappa, the WTC Faculty Association and Student Government Association.

The event had numerous speakers and projects all centered around the theme "Millennium: Reflections and Beyond."

"Technology brings us efficiency, but not necessarily effectiveness," Elkins explained.

Throughout the speech, Elkins pointed out that although technological "know-how" is important for a student's future professional career, one shouldn't lose sight of basic social skills that will make an employer choose one person over another for a position.

"Don't think that I'm ragging

on technology, but it may be partially responsible for an emotional atrophy and loss of social skills in young people."

Elkins imparted that communication skills outweigh efficiency in the job market, and that it is the "art of listening" that will separate the exceptional employees from the mediocre.

According to Elkins, dialo also plays an important role in dealing with interviews. "Listen to understand," he said, "before you speak to be understood."

Elkins, who holds degrees from both the University of North Texas and the Southwestern Theological Seminary, is an author, counselor and educator.

He operates a private business in the Metroplex, Research and Training International, and has worked with both private and public institutions in a broad spectrum of human service projects.

Invest now is advice to students

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tion on Nov. 3.

"Don't set a goal to get rich quick, because it won't happen," Riggan said. Instead, he explained that with the right planning and investments a person could retire with plenty of money to live on.

Riggan stated that "ninety-five percent of the population retires financially unsuccessful."

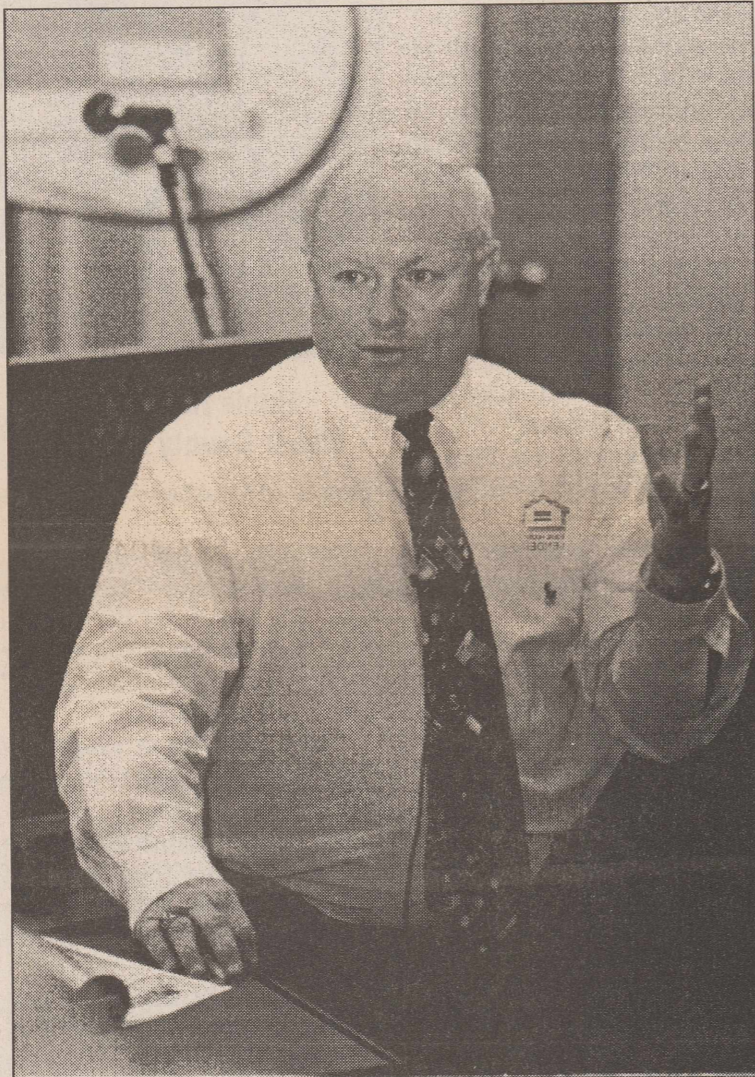
With this figure in mind, he then explained that the most important thing to remember when investing is "have the time to let your investment work for you."

"My job isn't to tell people how to get rich overnight," Riggan said, "but to tell people how to accumulate wealth over a matter of time in their lives."

According to Riggan, if a college-age person could save and invest \$100 a month in long term mutual funds, theoretically, that person could retire with over \$4 million.

"It doesn't take much money to get started," he explained. The initial investment for some mutual funds is as low as \$50.

"If you have a goal, you've got to develop a plan," said Riggan. This is where he and other financial counselors come in, he



Investment speaker Tim Riggan

said.

According to Riggan, the public in general does not know what, where or how much to invest. Guidance in these matters comes in the form of planners who help individuals decide the best route

to take when investing.

"Anything worth doing well is worth planning well for," he told the audience.

He also suggested that if an individual wants to begin investing, the best place to start is to seek the advice of a professional.

Past recalled for city, county by Anderson

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ate soldier and the city Snyder for a Union soldier, Pete Snyder.

William Scurry settled in East Texas and became a Texas Legislator in 1850. He was killed during combat in the Civil War in 1864 and likely was never in Scurry County, Anderson noted.

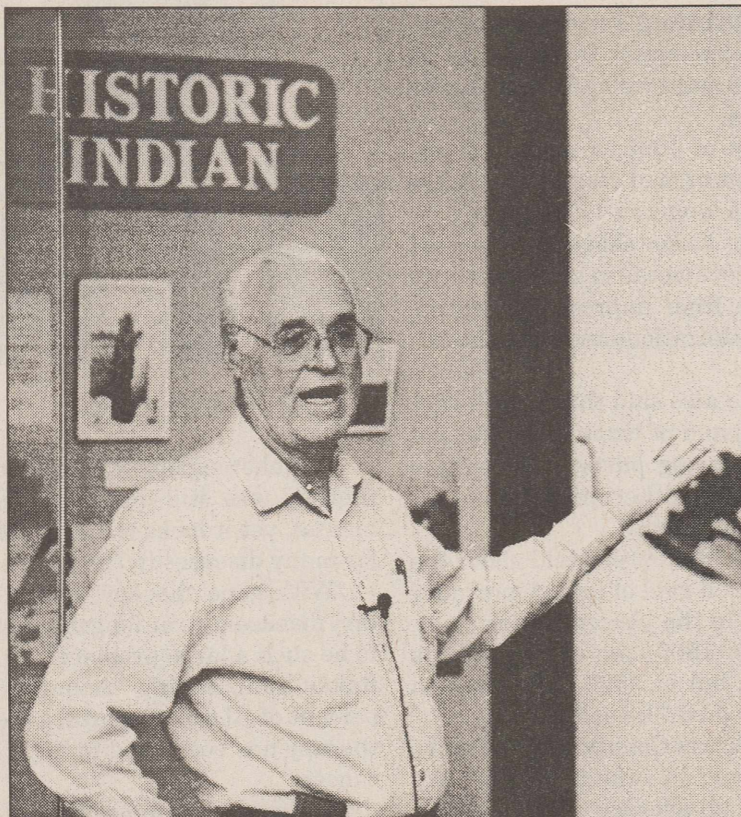
He pointed out that many Texas counties are named after Civil War generals as a form of tribute.

The city Snyder was initially referred to as "Snyder's Place" after the store built on the banks of Deep Creek by Pete Snyder.

In its early days, the community had other names also, "Hide Town," because of all the buffalo and buffalo traders, and "Robbers Roost," because of the outlaws that stayed in the area.

Pete Snyder arrived locally as a buffalo hunter before starting his trading post which shipped furs and hides to Fort Worth.

Snyder moved to Colorado



Local historian Charles Anderson

City and bought 12 sections of land. In 1916, he died in Colorado City.

After his discussion, Ander-

son guided audience members on a tour of the Scurry County Museum, where his presentation was held.

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Britt Canada

Freemyer noted, "You can't disturb the environment without disturbing the eco system," saying how both go hand in hand.

Freemyer spent much of her time talking about rain forests, water and the ozone layer.

She talked about the importance of preserving the rain for-



Sue Freemyer

ests and the water.

What will we do when we finally run out of these things? She asked her audience.

"It's not hopeless but it is going to take a lot of work, time and dedication. We're all going to have to get busy and give up some of our lifestyle," she said.



This group of Lady Duster sophomores will play in the WTC Gym tonight at 7 p.m.

Western Texas golfers finish off fall season

The Western Texas Golf Team finished off its fall season with a fifth place finish at the Gaines County Invitational.

Both rounds for the golfers ended with a score of 296 to finish out with a total of 592.

Martin Gustafson of Sweden carded a total of 146, leading his team. Michael Hanson of Denmark also scored well with a total of 148. Scott McLauchlan of Scotland and Jason McGrath of Canada both brought in a score of 149, and Jeremy Jones of Lamesa finished with a score of 157.

Earlier, the golfers brought home a fifth place finish at the New Mexico Military Institute Invitational. WTC closed with a score of 277. In total they carded a score of 858.

Scott McLauchlan of Scotland finished second in the medalist standings.

Midland won the tournament with a score of 839. Second place went to the University of Colorado, third went to New Mexico Junior College, and fourth went to Odessa.

Other high shooters were Jason McGrath of Canada, who carded a total of 215; Michael Hanson of Denmark, 217; Martin Gustafson of Sweden, 218; Cory Mahaney of Tulia, 221; and Brandon Hicks of Loop, 230.

Tailgate party set for Dusters home game

A tailgate party will be held November 15 before the Lady Dusters first home basketball game.

The party will be held in the East Courtyard from 5-6:30 p.m. before the game at 7 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, barbecued brisket and baked beans.

The dorm and apartment students will eat free, while off-campus students, faculty, and staff will be charged \$3.50.

**Next Texan
Nov. 29**

Christmas Happening scheduled

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"Carol" is slated. Rehearsals have been underway since early October.

"Inspecting Carol" is a comedy with a Christmas theme involving an "overly rambunctious" theater group in the Midwest that runs into financial problems with the National Endowment Association (NEA).

In the play, a "wannabe actor" is mistaken for an inspector from the NEA that has come to examine the theater and its Yuletide play, "A Christmas Carol," thus the play's title "Inspecting Carol."

Play performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Nov. 21.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and public school students. All WTC students, staff and faculty are admitted free with their college I.D.

WTC English instructor Dani

Day can be seen in the play as "Betty" and adjunct faculty member Carolyn Girard, formerly a professional actress in Quebec, Canada, will portray "Zorah."

Two of Mrs. Day's sons are also in the production, Duncan as "Bart" and Daniel as "Luther."

Others in the cast are Tiffany Britton of Hawley ("MJ"); Tiffany L. McAdams of Abilene ("Dorothy"); Rick Freeman of Snyder ("Sidney"); Dallas Martinez of Breckenridge ("Larry"); Brad Williams of Roscoe ("Phil"); David Olson of Hawley ("Wayne"); Kris Hollis

of Sweetwater ("Walter"); and Turney Coulter of Jayton ("Kevin").

The playwright is Daniel Sullivan and the production was first performed by The Seattle Repertory Company

Drop date is Monday

Monday, Nov. 15, is the final day to drop a class for the fall 1999 semester.

To drop a class, students must first go to the WTC Counseling offices located in the Student Center. There is a \$5 fee.

PTK award recognizes service

The WTC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Zeta, will present its annual Founder's Day Award Thursday, Nov. 18, in the Student Center at 10:45 a.m. during activity period.

The honor is given to a member of the WTC staff, faculty or administration who "represents

to an outstanding degree one or more of the four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa: scholarship, leadership, service or fellowship."

A plaque in the Student Center commemorates past recipients. The honor went to Dr. Ed Barkowsky, English instructor, last year.

Privacy beyond 2000 may be shrinking

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He was referring to facts related to privacy laws in the U.S., his topic for the day.

"A wheel is round and that's something that hasn't changed in forever," Robinson said. "Privacy laws change daily."

His seminar, "The Death of Privacy and Individual Freedom," addressed the limits of privacy today and also what boundaries will surround privacy in the future.

Robinson explained that privacy is created by individual's perspectives.

"Just think," Robinson said, "Superman changed clothes in a phone booth and that was certainly not very private."

"Just because it was Superman, privacy wasn't a real concern."

He explained that in 1960, guidelines for privacy were created.

These guidelines basically relate to unreasonable intrusions into your privacy; any use of another individual's name; publication of private facts; and publicly placing an individual in a false light.

Robinson illustrated that these were the basic guidelines used today, but sometimes they were not very effective.

He told the audience that technology is moving too fast for the laws to catch up with the potential for invasion of privacy.

Robinson stressed that technology was one of the biggest trespassers of privacy limits.

As one example, he noted,



**Robie Robinson
Fisher County Attorney**

"People can gather almost anything off of a computer."

Privacy is also violated by businesses who are "free to use videotaped material that comes from their business, no matter what might be on the tapes," Robinson explained.

"They do not have to have the permission of the parties on the tapes."

Robinson enlightened the crowd by telling them some of the most unsafe things people use to invade the privacy of others.

He explained that all trash, credit cards, and mail should be properly disposed of, because "you may not know who will be looking at your name and important numbers next."

"People were actually filling out old credit card applications

that came to my wife's old apartment in her name," Robinson said.

"The only way that the companies realized that it was a kind of fraud was that the people filling the application out didn't know her [my wife] mother's maiden name."

He pointed out how Social Security numbers, a system implemented in the 1930s, have now grown to a nation-wide method of identifying individuals.

"These little cards were supposed to be used to collect money when you reached a certain age," he said.

"I really don't think that the people that thought up this system in 1935, would realize how often these little cards and their numbers are actually used."

"Almost all colleges and universities in the United States use them to identify students."

He explained how Social Security numbers hold more information about every U.S. Citizen than anything else.

"If someone knows that number, all the privacy you had is gone," Robinson illustrated.

"Privacy and its laws are always changing," Robinson repeated to his audience before his seminar's close.

"Privacy is just like Niagara Falls," he said.

"The water runs over all those rocks and with time, it erodes."

"At some point, you just have to somehow stop the water, look at the rocks, and see what can be done from there."

Doctor sees improvements in health care

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life expectancy in 1900 was 49 years and a woman's was only 46 years.

As of 1990, a man's life expectancy had risen to 72 years and a woman's to 79 years.

Dr. Rakov said that these vast improvements in life expectancy were from improved nutrition, immunizations and better health care.

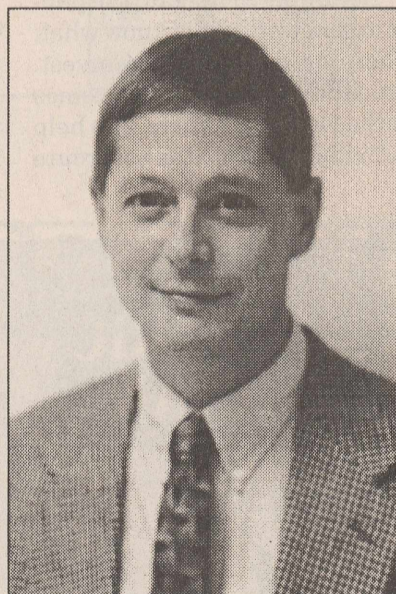
He also said that health care consisted of three different, yet influencing parts: cultural, political, and therapeutic elements of health care.

Dr. Rakov also told about the reduced rate of infant mortality here in the United States.

"In 1900, one in five infants died, but in 1996 only seven in 1000 died," he said.

"Scurry County is a little above average in infant deaths. We have an average of only five for every thousand," Dr. Rakov pointed out.

Dr. Rakov next turned to gene therapy, which he described as a revolutionary method of altering the structure of genes to combat disease.



Dr. Robert Rakov

Dr. Rakov explained that gene therapy was still quite experimental, yet it looks to be a cure for many diseases in the future.

"With gene therapy, hereditary diseases are no longer going to be such a large problem," Dr. Rakov said, noting "About 75 percent of all experimental gene therapy has been used to (fight) cancer."

He closed his seminar by talking about change and referring to the great change that gene therapy is certain to make in the near future.

"Change is usually evolutionary," said Dr. Rakov. "Only occasionally it is revolutionary."

History points toward future

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Palmer, "You can learn an experience by watching others live it." The next cliché explored each individual, "The beginning of knowledge is to know yourself."

"Why do you speak the way you do?"

"Why do you dress the way you do?"

"What is your potential?"

"Is it possible to know these things without knowledge of your past?" asked Dr. Palmer.

Palmer went on, "Everyone is a product of his or her society; every society is a product of its past."

"Those who do not know the past are doomed to become its prisoner," Palmer continued.

"Hitler should've studied Napoleon's failure in Russia."

"Dallas should've studied Indianapolis's safety blitz."

"What goes around comes around," summed up Palmer.

In closing, he asked how meteorologists could predict the weather, how sports casters predict scores of games, or how historians predict the future.

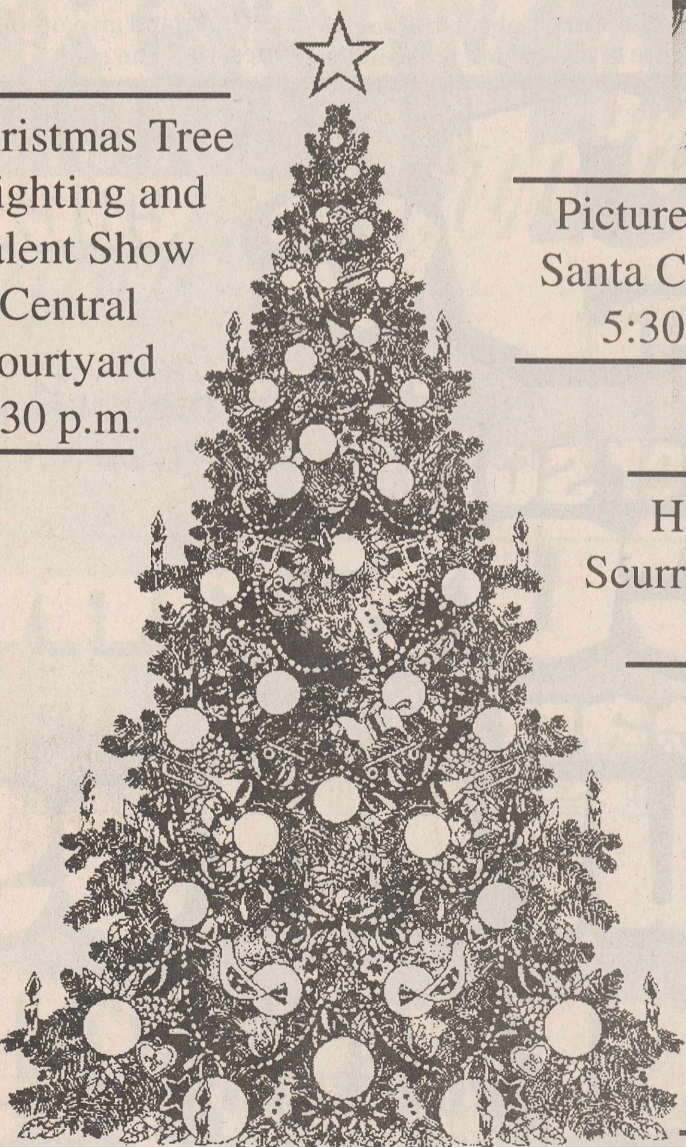
He answered his questions with his key statement, "It is impossible to make a prediction without knowledge of the past."

Christmas Happenings

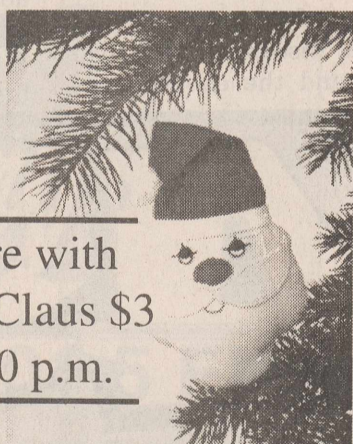
Drama Production
"Inspecting Carol"
Fine Arts Theater
8 p.m.



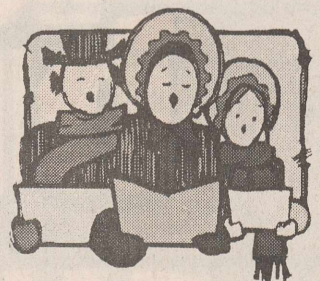
Christmas Tree
Lighting and
Talent Show
Central
Courtyard
6:30 p.m.



Picture with
Santa Claus \$3
5:30 p.m.



Holiday Display
Scurry County Museum
5:30 p.m.



Planetarium Show
"A Christmas Story"
6 p.m.