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## Continuing ed handling own book sales

By AMY COLLINS  
The University Daily

The Texas Tech division of continuing education is expanding its facilities by opening a bookstore that will deal exclusively with material and books needed for the completion of correspondence courses.

"The books were previously handled through the Texas Tech bookstore," said Judy Copeland, assistant director for Independent Study by Correspondence in the division of continuing education. "Now, the department of continuing education will be handling the sale of books."

"The bookstore was a response to students' needs," she said.

Tech currently has the third-largest correspondence enrollment among 79 universities offering independent

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study in the United States.

Copeland said the idea for a bookstore dealing exclusively with correspondence was due to a demand for better customer service.

"This new bookstore will save students the trouble of writing two checks — one to the Texas Tech bookstore and one to continuing

education," Copeland said.

The bookstore will be located in the continuing education building and will be available during the second summer session.

The Tech correspondence courses include students from other colleges and universities because "Tech does not charge out-of-state tuition,"

Copeland said.

The current enrollment for Tech's correspondence is 17,949, and the numbers continue to increase, she said.

"The reason why Tech's program is so sought after is because we do not charge out-of-state tuition, we have an 800 number, and we have one of the most helpful correspondence faculty," Copeland said.

A student enrolling in the correspondence courses has nine months to complete the course at a cost of \$114.

A student may only have 18 correspondent credit hours on his or her degree plan at Tech.

"Most students use the courses for an intersession type of classroom," she said. "Students taking this route can complete a course in a month."

"During Operation Desert Storm,

we had many soldiers taking Tech correspondence. Many of those students had enough time on their hands while serving in the gulf to complete a correspondence course."

Copeland said the idea for the bookstore was a sudden surprise.

"Suddenly, we had one room completely filled with books. It was an interesting sight," she said.

The national college credit correspondence program will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in the fall, and Tech will participate in the festivities.

She said that most correspondent students have a good experience and eventually enroll at Tech.

"The correspondence division at Tech can also act as a tool for recruitment," she said. "Students will discover what a great university Tech really is."



Walter Granberry/The University Daily

### Selling shirts

Javier Flores (right), a senior political science major from Sonora, sells a Midnight Milker T-shirt to Marilyn Maxwell (center), an entering freshman from Houston, as her mother Kay

(left) looks on. Flores said the Saddle Tramps will be selling the shirts at all freshman orientation sessions at a booth in the University Center all day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Tech students faced with rise in tuition, service fees Economic situation mandates hike

By JULIE COLLINS  
The University Daily

Texas Tech students will face higher university fees in the 1991-92 academic year, but Tech will still have one of the lowest tuition rates in the state, says Tech Bursar Jim Meiers.

"Anytime you are taking money out of people's pockets, there is going to be cause for concern. Due to the current economic situation, tuition and fees had to be raised," Meiers said.

The bill permits universities to double building fees from \$6 to \$12 in order to make renovations that have been delayed due to funding shortages, he said.

Meiers said compulsory student services fees will jump from \$90 to \$150.

Students in the fall will also be faced with a \$2 increase in tuition, from \$18 an hour to \$20 an hour.

The medical service fee (user fee for Thompson Hall) will jump from \$25 to \$37.50.

Meiers said that despite the fact that many students will never have the need to use the Thompson Hall facilities, there is a need to improve

the quality of care given to students. One way to achieve that is through an increase in the fees.

"There comes a time when services need to be revamped and funds are needed to support the kinds of services given," Meiers said.

The fee for student identification cards will rise from \$2 to \$2.50, and an application fee of \$25 will be mandated for undergraduate and graduates entering Tech, he said.

Robert Fisher, supervisor of student customer services in the bursar's office, said even though tuition and fee raises were necessary, students may question why all the fees were raised at once and not over a period of time.

"From a student's standpoint, raises in tuition fees should have occurred over a period of time so that students aren't besieged with higher tuition fees," Fischer said.

According to the 72nd Legislative Session Analysis Sheet for Senate Bill 2306, an increase of more than 10 percent in student services fees would have to be approved by a student government election.



# Committee makes sense of budget mess



Andrew Harris  
Editor

In recent issues of *The University Daily*, we have focused on the passage of Senate Bill 111 and how the statewide budget cuts have affected Texas Tech.

The cuts lessened Tech's financial budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year by \$1.4 million.

And along with these cuts may come the cutting of classes at Tech because faculty-to-student ratios are becoming larger.

Gov. Ann Richards has even called a special session of the Texas Legislature for July 8 to discuss budget cuts for higher education, that would obviously pertain to Tech.

So just when things look their worst — when Texas higher education institutions are faced with the tightening of the belts to accommodate these cuts — along comes a light at the end of the tunnel.

Well, I wouldn't exactly call it a

light — more of a dim flicker perhaps. Look, up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's the House Appropriations Committee.

What? Friday, the committee recommended an almost \$5.8 billion budget for higher education over the next two years — about \$339.9 million more than colleges and universities currently receive.

The proposal, which still has to gain approval from the House during next month's special session, would provide Tech about \$166.7 million for the two-year period. That amounts to about a \$3.7 million increase over Tech's current funding level.

And wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that Tech president Dr. Robert Lawless was saying how much Tech was suffering from current budget cuts?

What gives? This seems to be a case where the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. These guys don't know whether to scratch their watch or wind their butt.

How can the committee recommend such a tremendous budget hike when we have already been strapped by earlier budget cuts. If we were in

such dire straights before, how come this hike wasn't thought about before the hatchet came down on Texas higher education institutions?

A proposal by Rep. Rob Junnell, D-San Angelo, called for a trim of higher education funding by about \$731 million through across-the-board cuts. This reduction in state aid would deprive some students of an education and mean higher taxes for residents of community college districts.

Come on folks, make up your minds.

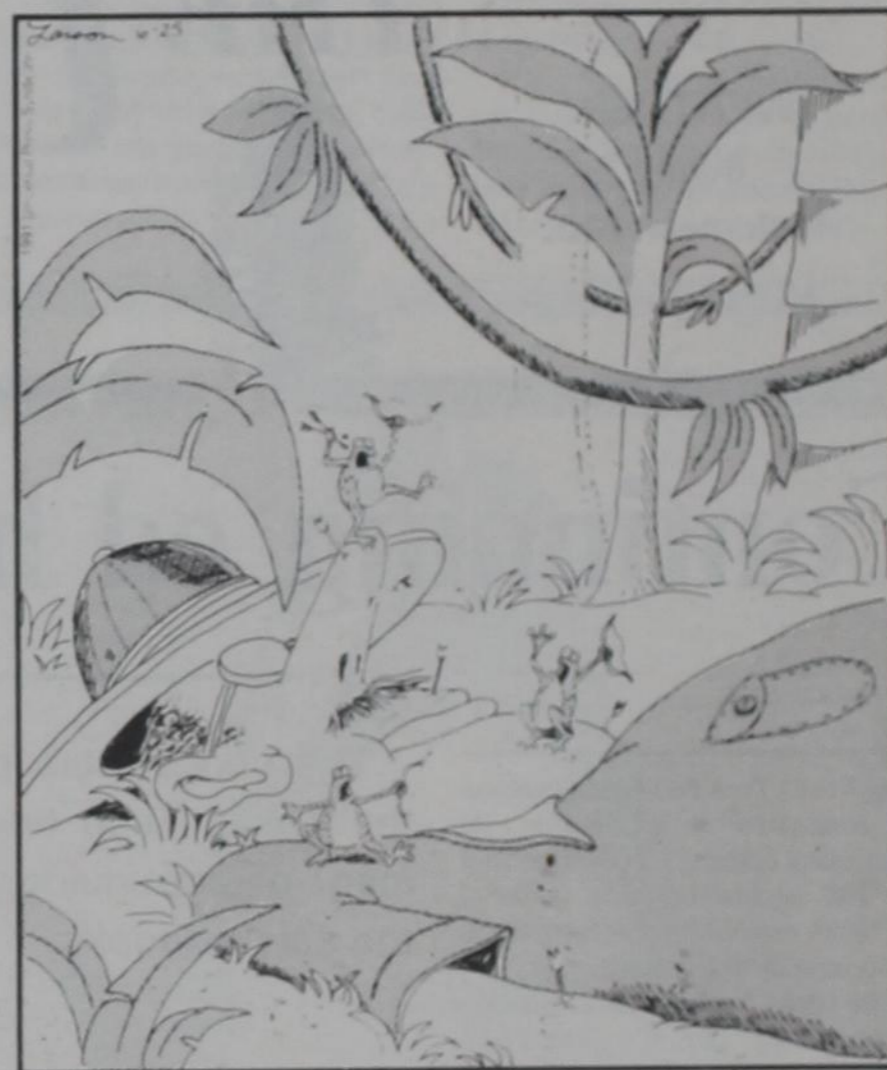
Any sort of budget cuts in higher education would mean less of an education for college students. College graduates are the backbone of business everywhere. How can the Texas Legislature expect to better the education of every student in the state if funds are cut — thus hindering the learning process by cutting classes and faculty numbers?

I applaud the House Appropriations Committee for its efforts to restore higher education to where it should be. At least now we know that someone cares about how important the quality of education in Texas is.

Now all we have to do is convince the House of the same thing.

## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Proving once again that the most dangerous animals in the jungle are not always the biggest, the arrow-poison frogs dance victoriously on Steinberg's face.

# Democrats lacking take-charge candidate



Tom Wicker  
Columnist

They're off, at last. Leading Democrats took 21 major contributors and a gaggle of real and imagined presidential contenders to a "strategy" session in the Virginia hunt country last week. Then the Wisconsin Democratic convention staged the first candidate "cattle show" of the 1992 campaign.

Answering the siren song in Milwaukee were former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, who has confessed his candidacy, plus three possibles: Sens. John D. Rockefeller IV of West Virginia, Tom Harkin of Iowa, and Gov. Bill Clinton of

Arkansas. Attending in Virginia were all of the above and Sens. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, George Mitchell of Maine and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri. Notably absent were Govs. Mario Cuomo of New York and Douglas Wilder of Virginia, Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee and Jesse Jackson.

These 13 — count 'em, 13 — are the most mentioned Democratic possibilities for 1992, which doesn't mean any of them will be nominated. But it now seems possible to talk about a presidential campaign that's actually happening — a dubious advantage.

At both meetings, Democrats made it clear that they have a theme for that campaign, viz., President Bush has no domestic program and no interest in domestic problems. The party chairman, Ron Brown, went so far as to declare Bush "very vulnerable

in 1992" — an insight not generally shared inside or outside the beltway — "because this administration has absolutely no domestic agenda."

This approach may run afoul of two substantial problems:

- Americans count on their president to walk tall abroad and keep taxes down at home, while all those Democratic mayors, governors and members of Congress take the blame for domestic shortcomings.

- The Democratic domestic agenda is widely perceived to consist of quotas, welfare, taxes and spending, mostly for the poor and the blacks, coupled with a lack of interest in smart bombs and Patriot missiles. This does not appear to be the best route to 270 electoral votes.

At the Virginia meeting, much was made of the need to plot a winning strategy. That can't hurt, and might help, provided it's a good one, and that those who make it find a can-

didate who can persuade voters to accept it. Neither is guaranteed.

Take the apparently splendid issue of health care — which millions of Americans don't have and can't pay for. It's hard enough to devise a plan to meet these real needs. It will be just as hard to make a vast, complex and costly program not only comprehensible but attractive to American voters.

Many who already have medical care will not want to foot the bill for others less fortunate; many employers won't want to pay insurance premiums out of profits.

In a political climate that rewards sound bites, bumper stickers and shootout debates rather than position papers and manifestoes, the health-care issue therefore will require a convincing and articulate candidate, rather than early-bird strategy sessions.

And anyway, what makes the

Democrats think the 1992 presidential campaign will be fought on serious issues like health care and education, rather than on an update of the Willie Horton ad, a reshuffle of Desert Storm and a nationwide adaptation of Jesse Helms' quote commercial?

If Bush has no interest in domestic issues, who can believe that he will stand silent in the bully pulpit and let the Democrats dictate the domestic arena as the 1992 battleground?

There again, what the party of FDR needs is not so much deep-think strategy sessions as a modern version of FDR — a candidate who knows where he or she wants the country to go, and how to get there, who can persuade the public to go along, take the blows of a campaign and hit back harder. No amount of advance planning can give a candidate the ability to do any of that, if he or she doesn't have it to begin with.

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## Letter

### Bicycle paths needed at Tech

To the editor:

I suggest that bicycle paths be built to facilitate campus travel and improve traffic safety. I have been riding a bicycle everyday to Texas Tech since the fall of 1989 and feel that having a dedicated bike-way would be very cost effective and would improve the most efficient means of travel to and from the campus. Addi-

tionally, the bicycle racks on campus have been rusting out and are being removed, but they are not being replaced. Why is this?

I received a ticket from the moped cop for riding on the sidewalk, when there isn't one sign on campus indicating that sidewalk riding is against the law. Incidentally, in Lubbock it is legal to ride on the sidewalk, the exception is Texas Tech. The ever-diligent police post signs for the motorist, but not one indication of the law for the bicyclist, except a ticket.

Bruce P. Bethke

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## Maintenance department must improve image, director says

By JULIE COLLINS  
The University Daily

Communication seems to be the biggest problem between Texas Tech faculty and staff and the building maintenance and utilities services on campus, and Gene West, director of building maintenance and utilities said it is up to him to solve that problem.

"The maintenance department does not sell themselves as well as they should, but that does not mean we don't have a great reputation to sell," West said.

West said he tries to run the physical plant like it was a business and treats faculty and staff as if they were customers so that they can receive better service.

"I don't want the parents of Tech

students to have to pay more tax dollars than they already do, so we try to be as efficient as possible," West said.

The building maintenance and utilities department issues Building Maintenance Work Order Status cards (quality control cards) to be filled out on a regular basis that evaluates the work of the maintenance crews on campus, he said.

Evaluating the quality control cards helps the maintenance department to determine where improvement of maintenance performance is needed, he said.

"If we receive a complaint from a faculty or staff member, we try to look into the situation and decide how we are going to solve that particular complaint," West said.

There are two types of buildings located on the campus that building maintenance and utilities conduct maintenance checks upon, he said.

Educational and General buildings include buildings such as the mass communications building and the business administration building that receive funds annually from the state for building maintenance, West said.

Auxiliary buildings include all buildings on campus that are revenue-inducing, such as the Tech bookstore and all dorms located on campus.

West said the maintenance department not only maintains the Educational and General buildings but the Auxiliary buildings on campus as well.

The physical plant employs 500

people for the job.

There are 150 maintenance employees, 165 custodial employees and 50 central heating and cooling employees currently on the campus, he said.

Due to a limited budget, West said it is difficult to attract highly qualified individuals to work for the maintenance department at Tech. Every building maintenance and utilities employee must go through a three-year apprenticeship training program sponsored by the Department of Labor while they work at Tech, West said.

"That program helps to improve the kind of quality work we want to see on the campus," West said.

West said that kind of on-the-job training has enabled the physical plant department to win the Central

States Region Award for Excellence in Facilities Management in 1989 and 1990.

The physical plant also won the International Award for Facilities Management in 1990.

Tech is the only state-supported school in the country that has won the international award.

"It makes you feel very proud to see Tech win an international award for facilities management, and that is what it is all about — feeling proud about the kind of job the maintenance department does on campus," West said.

Other winners of the international awards include Vanderbilt University in Tennessee and Brigham Young University in Utah.

Staying fit begins early

## Healthy habits necessary to avoid disease, doctor says

By ALICIA ALLEN-PEARSON  
The University Daily

Staying healthy is a life-long process which begins in the adolescent years, yet many people wait until middle age to begin healthy habits, said Dr. Mitch Jacques, an associate professor of medicine at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Jacques said the five leading causes of death for the U.S. population are:

- heart disease,
- cancer,
- lung disease,

- strokes
- and automobile accidents.

Jacques said AIDS is the the fourth-leading cause of death in males between the ages of 18 and 25 and the fifth-leading cause of death in females in the same age bracket.

"The diseases which are killing people are the ones which are related to people's lifestyles," Jacques said. "Some people have not been trained on how to prevent these diseases."

He said sometimes people do not know how to prevent a disease, and they wait until the disease is too advanced before they seek medical

attention.

Taking proper precautions will greatly reduce injuries and the contraction of diseases, Jacques said.

"Forty to fifty percent of (automobile) accidents are caused from alcohol consumption," he said. "Don't drink and drive and wear your seat belt."

"AIDS is a preventable disease also by using safe sex for one who is sexually active."

Jacques said heart disease causes twice as many deaths as cancer, and that people should cut curtail their consumption of fatty foods.

"Some people think that it is easier to get a pill for heart disease than it is to cut down (on cholesterol)," he said. "It is too late to fix the disease once it shows up because the damage is already done."

He said the best way to prevent heart disease is by eating a balanced diet, exercise regularly, do not smoke and have regular cholesterol checkups.

"It's important how you feel. It's not just a matter of life and death," he said. "Smoking causes damage to the blood vessels which supply oxygen to the skin. This can cause heart

disease, strokes, vascular and circulation problems and lung cancer.

"Lung cancer has a very low survival rate. Entering a smoking cessation program can be helpful for those who are having difficulty stopping on their own. In these types of programs a person can take medication for the withdrawal symptoms, have their lung functions checked and their cholesterol measured to see if it is too high.

"I would rather see 50 people and help them to stop smoking than to have to treat someone who has had a heart attack."

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## Fluids key to avoiding heat exhaustion

By ALICIA ALLEN-PEARSON  
The University Daily

Soaking up the sun, exercising and enjoying favorite outdoor activities are enticing, especially during the hot summer months.

But Cyndi Rohrer, director for the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Fitness Center for Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, said heat exhaustion can result when the body fails to lose heat through radiation, convection and exhaustion.

Factors such as drugs or high humidity can affect the body's ability to control heat, she said.

"If you start to feel dizzy, stop exercising, rest and replenish fluids," Rohrer said. "If someone collapses due to heat stroke, then call an ambulance immediately and get some fluids into them."

She said to cool down heat exhaustion victims with cold towels or cold wet rags on their face in the event of heat stroke.

Rohrer also said, for example, that often during two-a-day football prac-

tices, athletes suffer from heat exhaustion or heat strokes.

"Listen to your body," she said. "If someone feels cold, clammy, weak, and they are dizzy, then it is time for them to stop (exercising). Then they should drink ice water."

Rohrer said people who suffer from heat exhaustion often suffer from the following symptoms:

- elevation of body temperature,
- headache,
- chills,
- nausea or vomiting,
- unsteadiness,
- pale skin color
- and fatigue.

"People who overdo it in the heat are the ones who suffer these symptoms," she said. "Climatize yourself to the heat."

Rohrer said because heat exhaustion can result in death, people should seek medical attention immediately if any serious symptoms occur and that most symptoms can be treated at home.

Rohrer also added tips to prevent heat exhaustion.

"Dark clothes hold in more heat, so wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothes and a hat will help prevent heat exhaustion," she said. "Dry, hot skin is a serious symptom because it indicates that a person's heat regulators have shut down."

She also said that a trip to the emergency room can be avoided if fluids are replaced immediately after the symptoms occur. During exercise, people should start replacing fluids before the workout is over, especially when exercising outdoors.

Rohrer said it is better to drink more water than it takes to satisfy your thirst.

"If someone's face is red and flushed, and their skin is hot and dry, and if they can't think straight, then they should get out of the sun and into the shade. (One should) reduce alcohol consumption, which dehydrates the body," she said.

"When exercising, use some common sense and start out at a lower intensity, know when to quit and be aware of the symptoms (of heat exhaustion)."

## School districts may opt for year-round schedule

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — At least two dozen Texas school districts are likely to try year-round classes in elementary and middle schools this fall, an assistant education commissioner said Monday.

The number may be as high as 50, out of 1,065 total school districts, said Julian Shaddix, Texas Education Agency assistant commissioner for school administration.

School districts across the state have expressed an interest, he said. Currently, only Conroe offers year-round classes.

There are financial advantages to using school buildings all year long, especially for fast-growing districts running short on space.

But most officials examining year-round school are attracted by the touted educational benefits of giving students several short breaks, rather than one long summer vacation, Shaddix said.

For example, experts say that students retain more information when they don't have a long layoff, and that attendance is better.

"That's what most of the districts in Texas are looking at it for. They believe that there are some educational advantages," Shaddix said.

Charles Ballinger, executive director of the National Association for Year-Round Education, cited several advantages to a year-round class schedule.

"We have less forgetting over the summer. We don't do students any favors by giving them a long period of time away from school," he said.

Students and teachers have better attendance rates, and vandalism is down because schools are

occupied for more of the year, Ballinger said.

Dropout rates go down in high schools in other states with year-round classes, he said. Shaddix said he does not know of any Texas school districts planning year-round high school classes.

"Tension between pupil and school is lessened because of those frequent breaks," Ballinger said. He and Shaddix participated in a conference on year-round education.

Ballinger said year-round classes also can help school districts better use their buildings, when groups of students are put on staggered schedules and take their vacations at different times.

"We're talking millions and millions of dollars of savings to the taxpayer," he said.

Parents at the conference who support year-round school said opponents often are loathe to give up the summer vacation tradition. They also may express concern about having a child in a traditional program in high school, and a younger child on a year-round schedule.

Shaddix urged school districts considering year-round classes to work closely with parents. Conroe planned for a year before starting its pilot program in 1989, said Principal Doris Phillips.

Kathie Wolford, who lives in the Conroe school district and has two sons in year-round classes, praised the program.

She quoted her nephew as to its benefits: "Just about the time your brain gets tired, you get a break."

## Bush continues to support Sununu

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave another vote of confidence Monday to his embattled chief of staff, John Sununu, as the White House dampened speculation that his job was endangered by embarrassing new disclosures over free-wheeling travel.

For the first time, though, Sununu said he envisioned leaving his job sometime after the next presidential inauguration in January 1993. He had said he would stay as long as Bush wants him.

The often-abrasive Sununu shrugged off the latest episode in the capital's uproar about his use of

government and corporate transportation.

"Look, I've been in Washington for awhile now to realize that it's all part of the process," Sununu said. "It's part of being chief of staff."

Still, Sununu added in jest, "I don't have any travel plans now."

Sununu, in an uncharacteristically apologetic statement, said Saturday he had made mistakes in his travel and they had created the appearance of impropriety.

"I think I made my statement on Saturday. I think it speaks for itself," he told reporters after a speech in nearby Arlington, Va.

Saturday's public act of contrition, after weeks of defiance, was widely seen as an attempt to save his job.

One administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, suggested that Sununu was on a form of probation and that his future would depend on his behavior in the coming weeks.

Even if Sununu remains, the continuing affair has raised questions about his effectiveness and relationship with Bush.

Bush offered support for Sununu, but it was less than a ringing endorsement.

"Yeah, I'm going to support him," Bush told reporters as he left a ceremony in the Rose Garden. A day earlier, Bush had given a thumbs-up sign and answered "yes" when asked if Sununu would keep his job.

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# Remembering the golden days of TV



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This summer, CBS decided to bring back the first six episodes of "All in the Family." The classic TV series emerged as a forerunner to future sitcoms such as "Mary Tyler Moore," "M.A.S.H.," and more recently "Cheers" and "Murphy Brown" — shows that induced mental stimulation as well as inspired laughter.

Of course, this is not to say that shows in the olden days weren't of

the highest caliber — look at "My Mother the Car," "Charlie's Angels," "The Love Boat," "Three's Company," "Misfits of Science," "Mr. Ed," etc. But it is refreshing to see a 20-year-old show return, if only briefly, and rekindle the same spark.

In fact, some of the issues "All in the Family" touched on have never really been dealt with again, or at least in the same way, since the show went off the air. Oh, the networks would like to think that they are serving the public's best interest. The PC movement is accounted for by putting lesbians on "L.A. Law," homosexuals on "Thirtysomething," and the usual made-for-TV disease-of-the-week movie.

But the shows no longer attack

skewed social attitudes with any zest. "Cosby" deals with pre-marital sex. It's a show for the entire family to sit back and watch. Don't miss it!, the commercials say.

Great. We get to see a comedian, whose career needed a jump-start from a sitcom to be revived, lecture his children on pre-marital sex.

"Well, Theo, if you're going to do it, make sure you take precautions. Now go and sneak me a sandwich from the refrigerator and don't let your mom catch you. I'm on a diet and if she catches me ..."

Or how about the episode of "Growing pains" where the issue of drugs was of paramount importance.

"You are cool aren't you? C'mon, everybody's doing it," the misguided

teens on the show said.

This sounds like something from the Leave It To Beaver age.

If the shows are going to have a social conscience, at least make the message somewhat believable. In my 22 years, I have never once heard someone utter, "You are cool aren't you? Everybody is doing it."

But at least the shows are trying, which is more than can be said for shows like "Full House," and "Family Matters."

This is not to say every show should have something to say to the masses. There will always be mindless shows strictly for entertainment, i.e. "Knight Rider," "The A-Team" and "America's Funniest Home Videos."

But when a failing sitcom ("Family Matters") with absolute-

ly nothing but worthless and unfunny writing to its credit, revamps its character focus on a neighborhood nerd and suddenly is a ratings hit, something needs to be said.

And if that's not bad enough — and don't you think it ought to be — networks have apparently run out of bad sitcom ideas.

So far, "Gilligan's Island," "The Love Boat," "The Six Million Dollar Man," "Eight is Enough," "The Andy Griffith Show" and most recently "Knight Rider," have all returned as made-for-TV movies.

Does this mean in 10 years we can look for "Major Dad," "Who's the Boss?," "A Different World" and frighteningly "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," reunions?

And the networks wonder why cable is becoming so popular.

## Entertainment notes.....

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor George Kennedy, the late rock star Jimi Hendrix, and television's Mary Tyler Moore are among the 22 entertainers selected for stars next year on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The star recipients were chosen from about 200 nominees by the five-member Walk of Fame Committee. After an honoree is selected, a sponsor pays the \$4,800 cost of the star.

Getting stars for their film work are

Kennedy, the late Bruce Lee, Frankie Avalon, Louis Gossett Jr., Tom Hanks, Dean Stockwell and the late Dr. Clarence Muse.

For television, star recipients are Miss Moore, Debbie Allen, Peter Falk, Jester Hairston, Nichelle Nichols and Edward James Olmos.

Recording artists receiving stars are Hendrix, Tex Beneke, the group Chicago, Dizzy Gillespie and Donna Summer.

SHINNSTON, W.Va. (AP) — Miss West Virginia Leah Lasker believes good fortune, like the kind you find on a bubble gum card, may have played a part in her winning the state crown.

Her mother and younger sister were chewing gum to calm their nerves before the pageant Saturday when her sister's eyes grew wide as she read the enclosed fortune: "You will be Miss America."

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# Costner falls short of good-guy status in 'Robin Hood'

By KIRK BAIRD-PARKS  
The University Daily

How the mighty king of the forest hath fallen.

Kevin Costner has gone from prince o'er Hollywood — he was steadfastly becoming a living cultural icon after his phenomenal *Dances With Wolves* success — to a common man with this half-hearted remake of a legendary character.

**Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves** represents Hollywood at its best and worst: the grand ol' storytelling at an extreme scale with elegant stars and locations. Unfortunately, someone forgot to remind them that those types of films are never remembered for their cinematic qualities, much less their approach to coherent screenplays. Thus this film fails in its updated version of the 1938 Errol Flynn classic, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, although Costner thankfully doesn't don those ridiculous green tights and feathered hat.

He does, however, lack the spark needed to lift this leading role and carry the film, which is what the screenplay, written by Pen Densham and John Watson, allows for.

That's not to say this film is without its moments — some action scenes are as intense as anything so far this summer but in the normal storyline it drags and fails to generate anything of substance to the story.

The film essentially is a revisionist's idea of how life could have



been in the dark days of England. A time when religious freedom could have begun to grow as well as equal rights between all races and sexes. While this might seem an enchanting idea, the thought of trying to place societal morals and beliefs that the 20th century is just beginning to come to grips with on the heads of 12th century England is a bit preposterous, as well as simplistically naive.

The film opens with a dungeon sequence in which Robin (Costner) proves his cunning and valor in a daring escape, one in which he garners the pledge of Azeem, a Moor (Morgan Freeman), whether Robin likes it or not.

The two return to Robin's castle where they find all has not gone well while Robin was away in the Middle East fighting for the Crusades. His father was killed for defying the new movement against King Richard, perpetrated by the evil Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman). It seems

the sheriff wishes to take over the land in the king's absence. Robin, left without a home, and with a price on his head after killing some of the sheriff's men, flees to Sherwood Forest where he encounters a band of outlaws. He soon takes command of this motley group, and begins the raids on the rich, looting all he can for the poor and the oppressed.

The sheriff is none too pleased at this news, and begins a quest to hunt down and kill Robin.

Along the way, Robin manages to begin a romance with Marian (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio) as well as discover a strength and inner-resolve he so deperately sought but never found in the Crusades.

**Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves** is a victim of its own maker. The studio, realizing the name-value of Costner, simply put him in this film and billed it as 'Costner does Hood', never thinking about what has made him successful in the past.

Costner has a Jimmy Stewart appeal, in that his quirky, almost awkward, mannerisms make him an amiable screen-persona. An appeal that is sometimes suave, always down-home, but never swashbuckling — this is why a film like *Field of Dreams* became so successful. Costner can transcend disbelief. But he cannot overcome physical limitations, imposed on him, partly by the script and partly by himself.

Costner seems confused by his role. His English dialect often disappears,

as well as the rebellious air that the character of Robin Hood needs. Costner seems more interested in shooting arrows, riding horses and making merry than he does in saving the oppressed English townfolk.

Freeman, in a character that is too well-written to be believable, does his best. He manages to impart some sense of reality to his character, but how much can you manage with a character that says and does all the right things, including speaking on religious and ethnic persecution? His role is a bit of an anachronism to this film.

Mastrantonio is a novelty of the film. Her quiet Marian is both approachable and unintentionally sensual; she frequently steals scenes from Costner, especially during their romantic interludes.

Rickman proves to be part of the problem with this film. His role often has him mugging to comic perfection, reeling off one-liners and making his nemesis of a character more of a slapstick role than of twisted villainy. Did the writers want a comedic sheriff or an evil one? Apparently they did not know, so they combined the two personas together and created a funny bad guy, ala Mel

Brooks. His role, while perfect by itself, does not really fit in with the overall theme of this film. But what is the theme? Is it a comedy? Action/adventure/Revisionist folktale? A chance for Costner to appear in a summer film and take bounty from the public and give to the rich studios

Therein lies the problem with this film: it is simply too complicated. Perhaps a few more months on the drawing board as well as an editing room might have helped. But then again maybe not. \$\$\$.

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## Black market fireworks increasing due to war

By The Associated Press

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Black market fireworks manufacturers already have produced the latest in high-powered fireworks containing up to one ounce of explosive powder, said Jim Cavanaugh of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"With all the victory parades and great patriotic feelings out there, the

Fourth of July obviously is going to be a big celebration," Cavanaugh said. "And the bootleggers will want to cash in on that.

Legal fireworks cannot exceed two grains of powder, the amount used in firecrackers. Some of the illegal fireworks, such as the M-80, Cavanaugh said, may contain many times that amount and use a much more volatile powder, known as "flash powder."

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# Daugherty's DL status improves Palmer's chances

By The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dean Palmer wonders what more it will take to earn a promotion to the Texas Rangers.

The slugger for the Oklahoma City 89ers of the American Association is leading professional baseball in home runs heading into Monday with 22, belting them at a pace of one every 10.6 at-bats, but has yet to receive a call from the parent Rangers.

"Sooner or later, I know I'll get my shot," Palmer told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "That makes it easier. But it's hard not to get frustrated."



Palmer's chance might be coming soon in left field for Texas. Outfielder Jack Daugherty had his appendix removed Monday in Chicago and is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Texas placed Daugherty on the 15-day disabled list, but did not immediately announce a roster replacement.

It's the third ailment for Daugherty this season.

Palmer, a third baseman, has played just one game in left this year.

And now he is bothered by a strained muscle in his neck that has his status day-to-day.

"I don't want to go up there and embarrass myself," Palmer said. "If that's what they want to do, I wish they'd let me play out there (in left field) while I'm still here. I like third base. I think I've come a long way there. I think my long-term future is there. But I wouldn't mind going to left field."

Palmer will not rip the Rangers for not calling him up. But rest assured, now that Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez has leapfrogged him on his way to Texas, Palmer is ready to follow.

His statistics seem to agree: A .299 average and 59 RBIs in 61 games for

the 89ers, the third-highest RBI total in pro baseball.

He is on pace to hit 50 homers and drive in 130-plus.

Oklahoma City manager Tommy Thompson said Palmer's homers are becoming the stuff of legends.

"He's hit several between 450 and 550 feet this year," Thompson said.

If only there was an obvious hole for him to fill, as there was for Rodriguez, the Rangers' catcher of the future who was called up when Geno Petralli got hurt.

Rangers manager Bobby Valentine said the time is not right to bring up Palmer. But privately, he has wanted him to be playing enough left field at Oklahoma City to feel comfortable

when he gets to Arlington.

Player personnel director Sandy Johnson does not want to spoil Palmer's defensive development at third base by temporarily shifting him to left field, especially if the Rangers do not re-sign Steve Buechele this winter and the third-base job becomes his. And the idea of interrupting a monster Triple-A season for part-time duty in the big leagues does not appeal to Johnson, either.

General manager Tom Grieve is entertaining trade offers for Buechele. He does not know if the 1992 budget will allow him to re-sign the veteran third baseman who can become a free agent this winter.

## Wimbledon delayed, Seles fined \$6,000

By The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Monica Seles and 26,000 drenched tennis fans were big losers in an opening day Wimbledon washout that ended with a Centre Court bomb scare.

The lush lawns stayed covered and the balls remained canned, but the top-ranked Seles was out six-love-love-love — the \$6,000 fine levied Monday by the Women's Tennis Association for going AWOL.

A dreary day of steady rain ended with the deepening mystery of the missing French and Australian champion and a bomb scare that evacuated the last optimistic fans lingering under umbrellas around Centre Court.

Wimbledon's no-refund policy cost the fans up to \$26 each — more if they bought the tickets from touts. The only consolation for holders of Centre Court and Court 1 passes was the priority they receive to buy seats for next year's opening day.

Despite the familiar "Wimbledon weather," it was only the fifth time in The Championships' 114-year history that opening-day play was completely abandoned. The last time was 1987.

Stefan Edberg, the defending men's champion and top seed, sipped tea and ate scones in the players' lounge while the weather ruined his opening match and 65 others.

Some players never showed up, others just sat around talking with friends or staring at the rain.

The showers began about an hour before the scheduled start of play and, except for a brief pause in the late afternoon, refused to fade. More rain was forecast for Tuesday, with periodic showers Wednesday and Thursday.

About 6:30 p.m., police cleared the Centre Court stadium for the second straight year to investigate an abandoned bag, which turned out to be harmless. A year ago, an IRA bomb exploded in a Conservative club in London on Wimbledon's opening day, and police took no chances during the

tournament, checking out every unclaimed bag. That policy is still in force.

The alleged injury that troubles Seles is still unknown — at least to WTA and Wimbledon officials. Neither received any medical confirmation of her problem or an adequate explanation from Seles, her family or agent when she withdrew as the top seed three days before the tournament.

"I have not spoken directly with Monica, but I have been informed that her injury is not serious," said Gerard Smith, WTA executive director, who spoke with Seles' agent.

He said he's been "led to believe" that she is suffering shin splints and is not going to have surgery.

"We would like her to provide more specifics, absolutely," Smith said.

The \$6,000 fine is mandated by WTA rules for withdrawing from a tournament. Seles used up her one "free medical withdrawal" when she pulled out of a tournament in Sydney before the Australian Open.

## Carter not overconfident by victories against Pirates

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If anyone knows how easily a one-sided season series against a playoff opponent can boomerang, it's Gary Carter of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He saw it happen as a Met when New York beat the Dodgers 10 of 11 times in the regular season three years ago. Then the Dodgers beat the Mets in the National League playoffs en route to their stunning World Series victory over the Oakland Athletics.

So don't expect the easily excitable 18-year veteran to go overboard over last weekend's duel of division leaders at Dodger Stadium. Los Angeles won three of four games from the East-leading Pittsburgh Pirates.

"Sure, it puts a bug in their ear,

and I think it's significant to let them know that we can play with them," Carter said. "But I don't think it's anything to concern anybody."

"It reminds me of '88 with the Mets. We dominated the season series against the Dodgers and they ended up beating us in the playoffs."

It may be premature to determine how the teams will match up in October should both finish first. Both Darryl Strawberry of the Dodgers and Bobby Bonilla were neutralized by injuries in the weekend series.

Bonilla has a career .319 average against the Dodgers. Strawberry — on the disabled list with a shoulder injury — has 34 career homers and 96 RBIs against the Pirates, his best totals against any NL team.

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