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Bush nominates conservative Thomas

By The Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — President Bush on Monday picked federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas as the second black in history for the Supreme Court, naming an unabashed conservative to replace Thurgood Marshall, one of the major liberal voices of the past quarter century.

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Thomas' nomination must be confirmed by the Senate, where he is certain to face sharp questioning on such divisive issues as abortion, privacy, school prayer and desegregation.

Bush praised the 43-year-old Thomas as "a fiercely independent thinker with an excellent legal mind, who believes passionately in equal opportunity for all Americans."

Yet, civil rights groups have opposed Thomas on grounds he was insensitive to the concerns of minorities and the elderly as chairman of the federal Equal Employment Oppor-

tunities Commission for nearly eight years under President Reagan.

Bush said race was not a factor in Thomas' selection to replace the court's first and only black justice. "The fact that he is black — a minority — has nothing to do with this," the president said at a news conference at his seaside vacation home. "He is the best qualified."

Also considered, according to a senior administration official, were two 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judges from Texas: Edith Jones of Houston and Emilio Garza of San Antonio.

Thomas, who grew up poor in a Georgia tenement with no indoor plumbing, choked in emotion as he thanked Bush. "Only in America could this have been possible," he said.

On Capitol Hill, senators were quickly preparing for potentially contentious confirmation hearings.

"I don't want my vote to contribute to an increasingly large and conservative anti-choice majority on the Supreme Court," said Sen. Alan Cranston. He voted last year to con-

firm Bush's nomination of Thomas to the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia but said the stakes are higher now.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said Thomas has a poor record on civil rights and protecting the elderly. "I will not support yet another Reagan-Bush Supreme Court nominee who remains silent on a woman's right to choose, and then ascends to the court to weaken that right," he said.

However, Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., for whom Thomas once worked, called him "outstanding in every respect."

And Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said Thomas "has impeccable credentials, a man whose very life exemplifies the American dream."

Asked if he expected difficulties getting Thomas confirmed, Bush replied with a quick "nope." Bush added, "I'm satisfied that this man will pass muster."

If confirmed, Thomas would tighten the grip of conservatives on the nine-member high court, where Justices

Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens stand as the last liberals. Marshall, by far the court's most liberal justice, said last Thursday he was retiring because of his age and health. He turns 83 on Tuesday.

Conservatives had a 6-3 working majority on most issues in the just-concluded term. The next term's docket could include cases on emotional issues such as abortion, affirmative action and religion.

Just four days after Marshall's surprise retirement announcement, Bush named Thomas at a sunsplashed news conference outside his shingled home.

"I have followed this man's career for some time and he has excelled in everything that he has attempted," the president said.

Though denying that race was a factor, Bush said "so much the better" that Thomas is black. Bush added that "I don't feel there is a quota" for minorities on the court. "I don't feel that I had to appoint, nominate a black American at this time for the court."

Thomas, asked how he would res-

pond to those he say he was appointed because of his race, replied, "I think a lot worse things can be said. I disagree with that. But I'll live with it."

Bush said he did not know Thomas' view on abortion or other controversial subjects and had not asked. He said complaints about Thomas on civil rights and the elderly were unfounded.

Chief Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. of the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. hailed the appointment as a "pleasant surprise." Robinson praised Thomas as "a very hard-working person."

On a number of occasions Thomas has expressed objections to affirmative action. In a 1985 statement, Thomas said "federal enforcement agencies ... turned the statutes on their heads by requiring discrimination in the form of hiring and promotion quotas, so-called goals and timetables."

On Sunday, Bush called Thomas in Washington and briefly discussed the job and then invited him to Kennebunkport on Monday.



Walter Granberry/The University Daily

Clowning around

Robin Ruggles, a McDonalds clown, paints a child's hand at Maxey Park Sunday. The child was participating in a program designed by Children's Enterprise Inc., a non-profit organiza-

tion which offers support and assistance to the parents and children of dysfunctional families. See story, page 4.

Former dean remembered for contributions to Tech

Jim White, a professor of architecture at Texas Tech, said former interim dean of the College of Architecture Willard Robinson left a great legacy behind that both faculty and students in the architecture department will continue to remember.

Robinson died Friday at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital after a brief illness.

Robinson, a Tech faculty member since 1963, was awarded the Paul Whitfield Horn Professorship in 1987, the highest honor given to Tech faculty members.

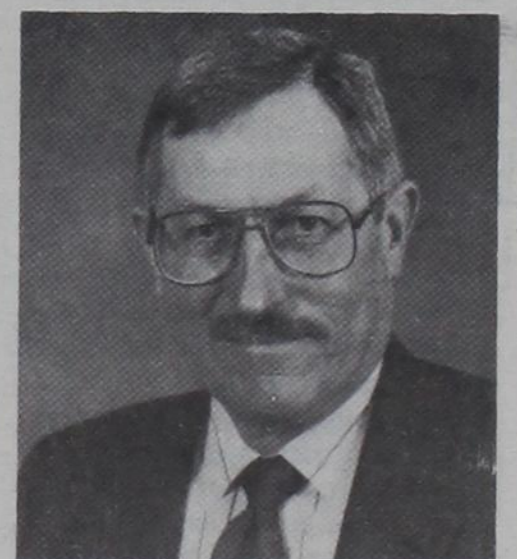
"William's death is a great loss to the College of Architecture and to Tech. He enjoyed his students and, in turn, his students enjoyed him," White said.

White had known Robinson for 21 years and said he had been instrumental in establishing the College of Architecture.

While at Tech, Robinson served from 1972-82 as the restoration architect of 22 historic structures at the Ranching Heritage Center.

Robinson also directed a faculty exchange program, funded by the United States Information Agency, between Tech and the Universidad de Guanajuato in Mexico.

He was also instrumental in attrac-



Robinson

ting more than \$476,500 in grant money to the university.

Robinson wrote four books dealing with American architecture during his lifetime.

His most recent work focused on the preservation of religious buildings in Mexico and the southwest United States from colonial times to the present.

Robinson is survived by his wife, four children, two siblings and three grandchildren.

Robinson's family has established the Willard B. Robinson Scholarship Fund in the College of Architecture.

Letters

Actions speak louder than words

To the editor:

Once again it seems that James Osburn is back on his soapbox. Anything that can be complained about, well here comes James. There are a couple of things that I would like to point out to you since you seem to be unaware of them or did not care to check them out yourself.

First, there is nothing in any rule book or handbook that states you were forced to reside in Gaston for the summer term. Housing and Dining does not have to tell you that the closest you can go to eat will be Wiggins. For goodness sake, that was about ten months ago! You are perfectly free to sign up for a space in Weymouth, but since you probably felt that it was some sort of inconvenience to have to move there, you didn't. But hey, that choice was yours.

Second, it must be a pain to share a large dining hall with those "cheerleaders, campers and sundry rug-rats," but have you ever stopped to think that one of the reasons that they are here is because Texas Tech believes that these people should have the opportunity to gain more experiences through these conferences? Probably not. You have plenty of other choices that are available to you. You can move off campus and save yourself the gloom and doom you seem to earn while living in the halls. This way you could eat all by yourself in your own home, and no one would be there to disturb you.

More than once I have seen people reply to your letters and tell you how if you want something done, you should stop complaining enough to do so. Well, I think I hear an echo... All of the other "injuries" that you listed have been listed in your letters before. Obviously you did not choose to listen to what people have told you or you would not still be complaining. If you want bicycle paths, write to Traffic and Parking, Student's Association or the Vice-President for Student Affairs. These people can help you, but not if you choose to just gripe about it continuously in the UD. If you have a problem with the bus routes, then definitely call the Student's Association (742-3631). They are the ones responsible for the bus service, and they have stated more than once to give them a call if you have anything you want to discuss.

Finally, you jump down the UD's back about their content and their writers. Why do you want more information about the campus? So you can ridicule or cut down something else? Also, once again, there is no one twisting your arm to make you read Kirk Baird-Parks' articles. If you don't like them, don't read them — simple logic

could get you that far. I think it's great that we are even getting a newspaper due to the budget crunch and all — why we would not have gotten one two summers ago.

Mr. Osburn, I suggest that instead of devoting your time to criticism and complaints, why not do something constructive, like study. Wake up from your dream, because this is not your world.

Name withheld by request

Life must be tough Mr. Osburn

To the editor:

After reading your letter in last Friday's UD, I would like to express my deep sorrow. Obviously life has dealt you a series of curve balls that must be very difficult to deal with. You have been tortured by the food gods, persecuted by law enforcement, left to fall through the cracks by the mass transit system and forced to read, "unfunny, unwitty and unfactual writing."

Don't get me wrong. Some of your complaints are valid. Bike paths would be a nice addition. Until then, though, stay off the sidewalk and obey the law. If I drove like some people ride, I'd be captaining an Exxon tanker.

Regarding the bus routes, I guess the big City Bus I almost got hit by yesterday morning next to West Hall was actually several bikes welded together. If you are so worried about bikes, why gripe about the bus route?

The most senseless of your arguments has to be your baseless and unsubstantiated attack on Kirk Baird-Parks. While I don't know you, Mr. Osburn, I imagine that you are a decent human being. With that in mind, I ask why you feel the need to slam a college journalist. Has Mr. Baird-Parks offended you in some way?

I usually find Mr. Baird-Parks' articles to be witty if not actually humorous. As far as being factual, most of what he writes about centers on personal opinion and beer. If he were writing about Yugoslavian dissent, I could see your point. Now if you really want to criticize Mr. Baird-Parks, why not attack that horrible mug shot. Now there's an affront to journalistic standards.

You go on to claim, Mr. Osburn, that Mr. Baird-Parks can't write. This is a bold criticism from a person that does not have to hold their writing up to public scrutiny everyday. Perhaps the UD should publish some of your witty and factual English papers and history essay question responses. I'm sure that would boost circulation 10-fold.

I really hope you get whatever is stuck in you crawl out before you take the life of a moped cop or an unresponsive bus driver. On the

whole, your letter took on the whinnings of a 10-year-old upset with summer camp.

In the meantime, it might serve you well to refrain from making personal attacks on someone you've never met. To weakly paraphrase Mark Twain, "one mustn't criticize other people where he can't stand perpendicular himself."

Ryan Hyatt

Gun control not what people think

To the editor:

There has been a lot of controversy on gun control. Today I would like to address this issue and discuss with you the benefits of increasing gun control. There has been a myth going around that the possible increase in gun control will prohibit citizens from purchasing guns. This is not true. They are trying to extend the waiting period of purchasing a gun in order to extensively screen people. This screening will allow the buyer to be thoroughly checked out, as far as previous criminal violations are concerned. They only want to look out for the safety of innocent bystanders and decrease the possibility of an innocent person getting killed because a convicted killer easily obtained a gun before he was thoroughly checked out. The only purpose increasing gun control has is to prohibit the purchase of a gun to someone that has extensive criminal charges. It's not guns that kill people, it's people that kill people, and by increasing gun control, it will decrease the chances that an innocent bystander will get killed.

Amy Johnson



THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"And so please welcome one of this cartoon's most esteemed scientist-like characters, Prof. Boris Needleman, here to present his paper, 'Beyond the Border: Analysis, Statistical Probability and Speculation of the Existence of Other Cartoons on the Known Comics Page.'"

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



The Blob family at home

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Faculty view Thomas' nomination as minority pressure to retain diversity

By ANDREW HARRIS
The University Daily

With President George Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court as a replacement for retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall, the Court's conservative stand is strengthened and it gives hope to anti-abortion factions, said Lawrence Mayer, a professor of political science at Texas Tech.

"Obviously it reinforces the already fairly solid conservative majority and increases chances and hopes of anti-abortion forces for an overturn of *Roe v. Wade*," Mayer said.

Thomas, a black federal appeals court judge from Washington, D.C., could join the increasingly conservative court if he is confirmed by the Senate.

"If they (the Senate) accept him, then pro-choice forces will have to look to other avenues for protection of abortion," Mayer said.

Mayer also said he was surprised at Thomas' nomination and that he did not see President Bush's political motives behind the nomination.

"There was obvious pressure there to appoint a minority member, and I am surprised in a way because Bush is not going to get substantial support from the black community," Mayer said. "It is hard for me to envision a large black vote (for Bush), and I'm



Newton

not sure what his political gain is, unless it would make it easier for a conservative who is black to be confirmed."

W. Frank Newton, dean of Tech's School of Law, said there would have been substantial backlash had Bush not nominated a minority.

"Clearly there was a great deal of pressure for a minority," Newton said. "The Supreme Court needs to represent ethnic diversity that it otherwise wouldn't without his nomination. It would have created major difficulties had a representative of minorities not been nominated."

Newton also said one reason Justice Marshall decided to step down was the fact that he could no longer in-

fluence the increasing conservative majority.

"This nomination doesn't make much difference in the conservative majority. One reason Marshall chose to step down, even with his personal references and past experience, was that he could no longer make a difference," Newton said. "This appointment won't change the conservative majority — it was already there."

Mayer said liberal response will obviously not be favorable.

"Of course the liberals' gut reaction is that this is not the person they want to see," Mayer said. "But liberals will be opposed to conservatives no matter what."

"Liberals in the Senate would not like it, but since there are no black marks or problems on his record, I think it will be hard to oppose him."

Newton said Thomas has credible credentials that qualify him for the job.

"The American Bar Association is asked to comment on all circuit judge nominees, and it gave him a unanimous qualified vote as a circuit judge for Washington, D.C.," Newton said. "Although he has only served in that position for one year — and that is a short time to evaluate someone."

"He is generally viewed as taking a conservative position," Newton said. "He will probably be criticized by some minority groups."

Tech holds vast collection of Spanish plays

By AMY COLLINS
The University Daily

Donald T. Dietz, professor of Classical and Romance Languages at Texas Tech, is the founder and president of the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater Inc.

The Association for Hispanic Classical Theater Inc., is an organization which features "Spain's Golden Age of Theater."

Dietz became interested in founding such an organization while judging the "Siglo de Oro Drama Festival" held at the Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso.

Tech maintains an exceptional collection of Spanish Renaissance plays on film and videotape, Dietz said.

There are more than 150 videotapes available in the association's visual library located in the foreign language building, room 256.

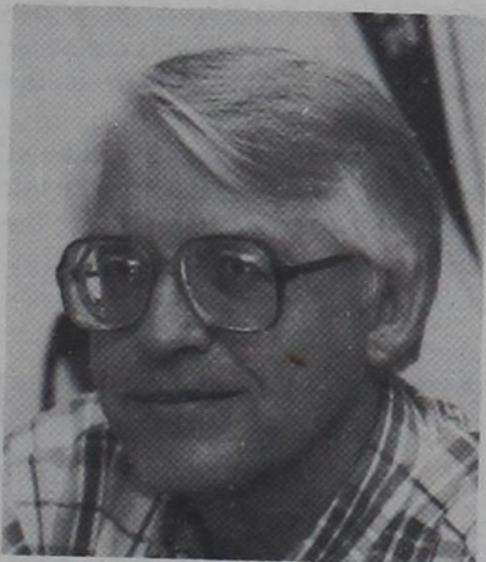
"Our organization is working toward making Spanish classical theater appreciated and known throughout the world," Dietz said.

Dietz said he believes Texas has a firm seat in the world's Spanish classical theater.

"It is amazing to realize that we get calls from around the world by people who are interested in viewing some of our tapes," he said.

Dietz said he has received \$40,000 from the Spanish government in order to sponsor these plays.

"I would eventually like to get



Dietz

Hollywood interested in producing these great plays on film," Dietz said.

Dietz has taught in Ecuador, Spain and Mexico and said teaching in Ecuador was the most adventurous.

He has received a Fulbright scholarship to Quito, Ecuador, where he researched the histories of Spanish baroque theater and religious drama.

"Ecuador is the diamond of South America because it is the center of colonial culture," he said. "I found the people of Ecuador to be very receptive."

Dietz said he believes a common misunderstanding between the people of the United States and South America is that South Americans do not understand what a real political party is.

"The Latin Americans have great

respect for the United States, but there are bitter feelings between us which might stem from our political actions," Dietz said.

Dietz said he believes that students who use their Spanish outside of the classroom can correct many of the cultural misunderstandings.

"I have always tried to get students involved in the community," he said. "Students can learn a lot from the community."

Dietz has founded an outreach program which works in conjunction with the Catholic Family Services organization and the immigration department.

"Students can earn three hours credit with this particular program while helping the Hispanic community in Lubbock," he said.

Dietz recommends that all Tech students who can handle Spanish on a senior conversation level take Spanish 4332, "Civilizacion Hispanica."

"This course is unique because students study the problems that the Hispanic community encounters, such as politics, religion and education," Dietz said.

Dietz said he invites Hispanic leaders from the Lubbock community and from across Texas to speak to students and act as consultants.

"This particular class has proven very successful," he said. "The last count for enrollment in this course was 20 (students)."

Auditors review management, will offer improvement ideas

By JULIE COLLINS
The University Daily

A team of 10 auditors from the State of Texas Auditors Office are currently looking into ways Texas Tech can improve the level of identification of needs for the passage and implementation of legislation.

State auditors Michael Gray and Toni Roth, two of the 10 auditors at Tech, have been reviewing the running of the campus since June 3. The auditors will remain at Tech until August 1.

At the end of the audit, the team will compile the information for Tech administrative use as well as for public access, Gray said.

The audit is being conducted on two levels — a financial audit division and a performance evaluation division, he said.

The financial audit division is the traditional audit that looks into the financial aspects of running a state-run institution, Gray said.

The performance audit division is a new program implemented by the state auditor's office that deals specifically with evaluation of management processes and control at state-run institutions.

The auditors are currently evaluating the relationship among Tech's goals, objectives, measurement criteria and management cycle as a whole.

Gray said so far, the audit has run very smoothly with the help of the internal auditor's department at Tech.

"It has been real interesting, and we are learning a lot as we go along," Gray said.

The audit program will take three years to complete, with Tech being the first state-run institution to be audited by the two-division audit system, he said.

Approximately 30 other institutions across the state will be

audited during the three years. Through the audit, Tech will not only learn how to improve various functions within the university, but will be acting as a role model to other institutions dealing with proper financial and management systems, Gray said.

Dr. Robert Lawless, president of Tech, meets weekly with the auditors to discuss the progress of the audit and also for the auditors to answer any questions the administration might have concerning the audit.

"We meet weekly with Dr. Lawless concerning the projects dealing with the Health Sciences Center and Tech. By meeting weekly, we don't have to surprise him with anything," Gray said.

"Accountability is increasing all the time, and that is one of the reasons why an audit like this is needed," Gray said.

Roth said approximately 50 interviews with administrative officials and their assistants at Tech have been conducted in the hopes that institutions in Texas will be provided with ideas for improvement.

"The auditing process will also make available to various institutions a framework of how they can conduct financial and managerial projects effectively," Roth said.

Roth said audit reports do not always have to be negative.

"With the help of this audit, other universities in Texas will look at Tech and see its strengths in dealing with financial and managerial processes, then universities can run their financial and managerial processes more effectively," Roth said.

Gray said the state auditor's office has a responsibility to the taxpayers when dealing with the question of how their tax money is being used.

Fort Worth plans for Carswell closure

By The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — City leaders Monday began mapping their strategy for the future of Carswell Air Force Base following confirmation that the base will be closed.

On Monday, U.S. Rep. Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, asked the General Accounting Office to determine the cost-effectiveness of keeping the base's Thompson Hospital open for military retirees.

Geren has argued the hospital's closure would cost the federal government an additional \$34 million in medical costs for military retirees and related expenditures.

Meanwhile, nervous business owners who depend on the Carswell facility wonder how they will get by.

"We will be majorly affected," said Jody Simpson, a sales representative

at an appliance rental store near the base. She estimated about 30 percent of the store's business comes from Carswell.

"If it gets bad enough, I'm sure we'll be forced to relocate, like everyone else around here."

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission Sunday recommended that the 50-year-old base be closed along with Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin and Chase Field Naval Air Station in Bee County.

Kingsville Naval Air Station was the only Texas military base winner as the independent commission voted to keep it open.

Gov. Ann Richards said Monday she is disappointed in the loss of the three Texas bases and is asking a state task force on economic transition to coordinate local, state and federal assistance to those targeted communities.

Local group aids dysfunctional families

By AMY COLLINS
The University Daily

Children's Enterprises Inc. of Lubbock sponsored a picnic at Maxey Park Sunday for the children of abused families.

Children's Enterprises Inc. of Lubbock is a non-profit organization which offers support and assistance to the parents and children of dysfunctional families.

The Crime Victims Assistance Program is a six-month therapeutic program which deals with the stress of parenting in the 1990s.

"This is the first time the Crime Victim's Assistance Program has tried to have such an event," said Cynthia Llanes, director of Children's Enterprises. "It seems to be a huge success with the children and their families."

Llanes said she believes the picnic was a success because it gave parents

the opportunity to observe volunteers interacting with children in a positive and constructive manner.

"Many of the families who enter our program are unaware of the proper way to discipline their children," Llanes said. "We want to offer parents an alternative form of discipline."

Jayne Geissler, professor of home economics at Texas Tech, coordinated many of the volunteers who participated in Sunday's picnic.

Students of Geissler's class volunteered for the picnic as a class project.

"I have always urged my students to be community conscious and to stress volunteerism whenever it is necessary," Geissler said.

Jeff Champlin, a senior restaurant, hotel and institution management major, said he believes the experience of working with abused children and their families was very

satisfying.

"Our class chose this particular community organization because it involved working closely with children," he said. "Children are always grateful and fun to work with."

"The one-on-one interaction with the children is the best aspect of working for an organization such as Children's Enterprises," said Chuck Wayland, a senior restaurant, hotel and institution management major from Dallas.

Llanes said she believes that picnics such as this offer lower income parents an opportunity to socialize with individuals whose main concern is for the proper care and treatment of children.

"Lack of funds and isolationism can eventually cause serious family problems," she said. "Parents need to get out of the house and enjoy themselves just as much as their

children do."

Kevin Galloway, a senior family studies major from Abernathy, is completing his practicum with Children's Enterprises Inc.

"I have always been interested in helping children," Galloway said. "I also enjoy working for Children's Enterprises Inc. because it is non-profit organization. This signifies to me that they are in it solely for the purpose of helping these children and their families."

Galloway said he believes that many of the kids are not getting proper role models, and this type of event helps them behaviorally.

Despite this being the first picnic involving both the children and their parents, Llanes said that the success of the all-day event signals the need for more parent and children outings.

"Parents of teen-agers tend to be more cooperative than parents of smaller children," he said. "Parents

of smaller children tend to deny the problem within the home."

Petey Walenta is a special friend to one of the families who is currently undergoing therapy through the Children's Enterprises Inc. organization.

A special friend is a person who works closely with the family while they are undergoing therapy and monitors their improvement.

"I have seen a lot of improvement with this particular family and the relationship they have with their children," Walenta said.

"Parenting is a difficult job. We want to relieve some of the stress and questions that parents might have concerning proper discipline for their children," Walenta said.

Children's Enterprises Inc. receives government grants which fund many of the programs offered by the organization.

Pro/Celebrity Golf Scramble

Tournament to benefit Rotary Cerebral Palsy Center

By ALICIA ALLEN-PEARSON
The University Daily

It's time to prepare yourself for hitting that hole-in-one. Now is the chance for avid golfers to meet their competition by entering a Pro/Celebrity Golf Scramble benefiting the Rotary Cerebral Palsy Center at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

There will be many entertainment and athletic celebrities, such as former Tech All-American and Green Bay Packer Donny Anderson, former

lightweight contender Rockin' Robin Blake, country and western star Earl Thomas Conley and former Dallas Cowboys Billy Joe Dupree, Robert Newhouse, John Dutton, John Fitzgerald and Kurt Petersen.

"We want to make money for the children with cerebral palsy," said Debbie C. Ruddle, chair for the pro/celebrity benefit committee. "We are hoping to raise public awareness about the clinic at the TTHSC for indigent care."

She said part of the funds would be used for medical supplies for cerebral

palsy victims. The funds will provide the victims with diapers, wheelchairs and formula, a nutritional supplement to help cerebral palsy victims swallow.

"We want to try to keep them (the patients) out of the hospital and to keep them from suffering from malnutrition," Ruddle said.

"Many men and women like to play golf, and we feel that through this tournament we can get a lot of support for the children."

Ruddle said there are 36 teams who will be playing in the shotgun tee-off and that they are planning to have at least one celebrity playing on each team.

"Billy Joe Dupree is one of the

nicest men that I have ever worked with," Ruddle said. "He has played a big part in getting a bunch of the celebrities together for the tournament."

"Earl Thomas Conley doesn't know us, and he isn't getting paid to play golf in the tournament. He is doing it for the children."

"Evan 'Big Cat' Williams, (the long drive champ), can drive a ball further than anybody," she said, expressing appreciation that he will be in the tournament.

The first shotgun tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m., and the second tee-off will begin at 1:30 p.m., August 19 at the Lubbock Country Club.

The cost for spectators will be \$10,

and the entry fee for the tournament is \$150 per player.

"There will be 216 total entries (playing in the tournament), and 80 places have already been filled," Ruddle said.

After the tournament there will be an evening celebration to honor the winners, and the cost is \$25 a ticket.

"This 'Le Bon Ton Roulette' (Let the Good Times Roll) — the celebration after the tournament — will have a Cajun theme, and it will feature the band Jazz Alley," she said.

"We hope to generate a lot of interest (for the children with cerebral palsy), because the eyes of Texas Tech are upon us," she said grinning.

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Friends can come and go, but the memories shared linger on throughout your life.

Or at least that is the way it is supposed to happen. But several years after my high school graduation, both seem to be drifting off into the sunset.

But with those fading memories comes the stark realization that maybe life was better than I thought it was at the time; that

maybe life wasn't nearly as tortuous as I thought.

I can still remember sitting in those god-awful high school classrooms screaming inside my head for the class to end. The teachers in the polyester suits, the endless hours of grading each other's meaningless homework assignments. Oh yeah, those were the days.

But maybe they really were.

It seems like the good ol' days are all that guys want to remember. Guys, as a general rule, spend their whole life looking at what used to be in their lives, never what is going on around them or what could potentially happen to them.

Girls, generally, seem to look

toward the future, never thinking about the past or what is going on around them currently.

Is it that everyone is dissatisfied with their present surroundings?

But as much as I would like to go back into the past, I would never want to relive it. That's the paradox. People generally seem to play up either their past or future, obscuring the painful moments with some slightly fabricated good ones. The result is a sort of brainwashing where you convince yourself things where either a lot better or will be a lot better than they are now.

But what about the present? Why don't people come to terms with their surroundings, learn and enjoy their past successes and work to a

bright and contented future?

Simple. Nobody is happy with their present. No matter how much you might have, who you might have, or what you might have, there will always be something you thought would or think will be better. It's a vicious circle that really has the human race reliving past or chasing future glory that usually proves elusive.

This is not to suggest that people should forget about the past. In fact, they should exam it closely — learn from their mistakes (people who don't learn from history are bound to repeat it). The key is not to fabricate it to the degree that you are always trying to live up to past glories — one's you believe you can

never top.

As for the future, it should be thought out, but not dwelled upon. Think about where you might want to be and work toward that dream, but don't lose sight of where, and who you are now.

These seem like such simplistic and almost trite beliefs, but if people followed them, would anyone really care about how they single-handedly won a football game eight years ago, or how far along financially and socially they will be in 30 years?

And so the human race moves on — but where to and what it did to get there seems paramount to where it is now.

'Little House', 'Highway to Heaven' star Landon dies after lengthy illness

By The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — Michael Landon, the boyishly handsome actor who battled cancer with the same affability he brought to roles in "Bonanza" and "Little House on the Prairie," died Monday. He was 54.

Landon, who also starred in the TV series "Highway to Heaven" and whose career was jammed with writing, producing and directing credits, died shortly about 1 p.m., said Ronne Schmidt, a receptionist for Landon's attorney and friend, Jay Eller.

Schmidt said details of Landon's death, including where he died, were not being released immediately.

Landon was set to start work on the new CBS series "US" when he was diagnosed with liver and pancreatic cancer on April 5.

"I think every little moment gets more important after something like this," a stoic but congenial Landon said after he learned he was terminally ill. "It's not like I've missed a hell of a lot. I've had a pretty good lick here."

He joked that he didn't want to lose his trademark curly locks during cancer treatments. "I certainly hope I don't lose my hair, since everybody has been reviewing my hair for 35 years."

Born Eugene Maurice Orowitz to show business parents Eli Orowitz

and Peggy O'Neill in New York City, Landon spent much of his childhood coping with a suicidal mother and fighting in and being kicked out of school.

He graduated second from last in a high school class of 301 students.

A national high school champion javelin thrower, with a record toss of 211 feet, seven inches, Landon was offered several dozen collegiate scholarships, selecting the University of Southern California.

Forced to drop out of school after a ligament tear, Landon took a variety of odd jobs.

While unloading freight cars, a co-worker who happened to be an aspiring actor asked Landon to help him prepare for an audition.

When the filmed audition was held, it was Landon who was asked to join the Warner Bros. acting school.

Landon wanted to scrap his given name of Eugene Orowitz for Mike Lane, but the Screen Actors Guild told him the name was taken. After scanning a telephone book, he picked Landon.

After four months of study, Landon was cast in a starring role in television's "Telephone Time."

Other early roles came in "G.E. Theatre," "Dupont Theatre," "Schlitz Playhouse of Stars," "Studio One," "Playhouse 90," "Tales of Wells Fargo," "Wanted Dead or Alive," "Texan," "Trackdown" and "Cheyenne."

Landon made his movie debut in the 1957 schlock film "I Was a Teen-Age Werewolf." He appeared in the police drama series "The Sheriff of Cochise" in the late '50s.

After several of these smaller television roles, he was cast as the romantic, spontaneous Little Joe Cartwright in the long-running series "Bonanza."

With Landon's passing, the only original cast member still alive is Pernell Roberts.

The NBC Western ran from 1959-73, and for most of the 1960s, "Bonanza" was the most popular show on television, and was No. 1 from 1964 to 67. At the time, it was seen weekly in some 87 countries by an estimated 400 million viewers.

Landon began writing in 1963 while in the "Bonanza" cast.

He later wrote and directed other segments of the popular family Western.

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'Naked Gun 2 1/2' one of summer's best

By KIRK BAIRD-PARKS
The University Daily

Perhaps the ultimate compliment that can be paid to a comedy film is that after the movie is over, the sides still ache from laughter and the mind is still abuzz with the gags and one-liners.

Such is the case with *Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear*. The sequel to the 1988 hit, *The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad*, is every bit as funny as its predecessor. The bad puns, the quick sight gags, the physical comedic shtick — all trademarks of the David Zucker, Jerry Zucker and Jim Abrahams style — are all here, as is the champion of police causes, Lt. Frank Drebin (Leslie Nielsen). The summer is saved.

With *The Naked Gun 2 1/2* the silly, slapstick adventures of the Police Squad (what is a police squad, anyway?) are more important than any plot. In fact, the plot is actually part of the hilarious



escapades.

This time Drebin faces a greedy band of energy mongers who are out to control the energy resources of the United States. This means tampering with the White House adviser, Dr. Meinheimer (Richard Griffith) and his policy leaning toward using safer, more abundant energy — i.e. solar powered cars, thicker glass for windows, etc.

The head of this nefarious gang is a villain played by none other than Robert Goulet (yes, Robert Goulet). Goulet seems set on

creating too much of a character, rather than just jumping into the insanity and letting his character go with the pace. But this is nitpicking.

While Drebin is in Washington, D.C., as a presidential guest for killing his 1,000th drug dealer (the last two were by accident as he backed over them with his car), he begins to unravel the mystery.

Meanwhile Drebin is still reeling from his failed romance with Jane Spencer (Priscilla Presley) and is determined to win her back. This leads to an encounter with her at the Blue Note Club where various romantic film sequences are spoofed — including the "play it again Sam" routine which leads to the pianist playing their song — "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead."

The humor is unceasing in this film: the style of Zucker, Abrahams and Zucker has always been to assault the audience with a barrage of jokes. When one joke doesn't work, wait 10 seconds for the next one. This formula has served them

well. Films like *Airplane!* and *Ruthless People* enjoyed substantial success while the often overlooked *Top Secret!* has become a cult classic of sorts.

Nielsen again is the definition of dead-pan understatement. His droll, but comical facial looks, serve as understatements to the ongoing hilarity. His years of serious work have definitely aided in him in this role.

Presley is adequate in her role: though not outstanding, she does serve a simple purpose as a female role to bear the blunt of Nielsen's shenanigans.

George Kennedy and O.J. Simpson also return — both roles are brief but do contain their moments. Simpson's role endures the most tortuous sequences since Steve Martin decided to appear in *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

Naked Gun 2 1/2, directed by David Zucker, from a script co-written by he and Pat Proft, is not subtle and is probably not suitable for the weak

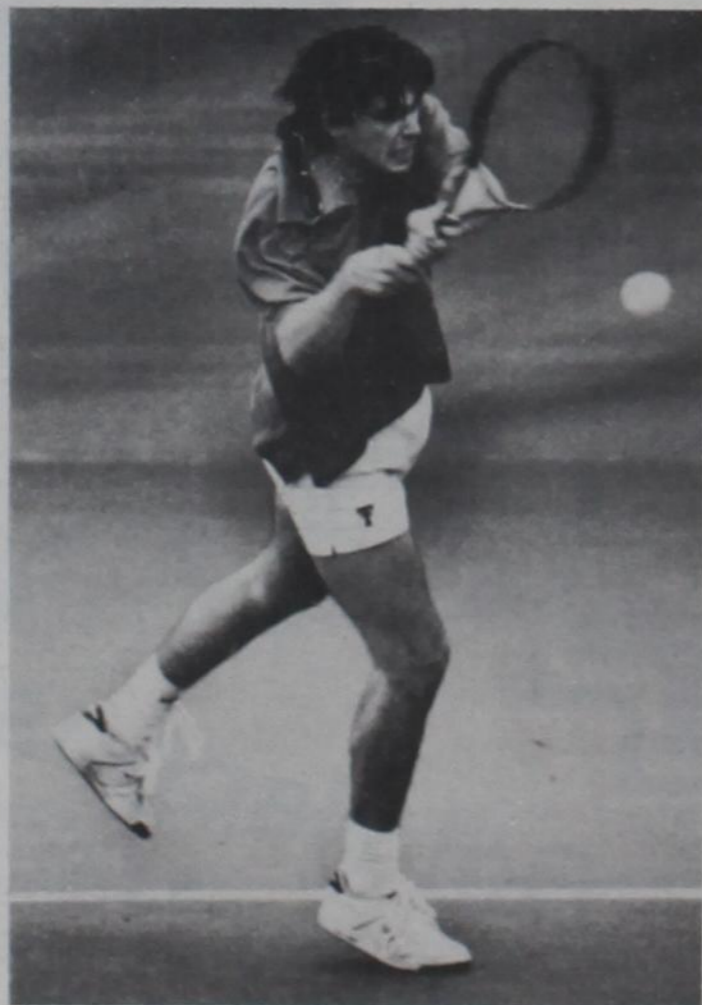
of heart. It is, however, the funniest film since the last *Naked Gun* film. A perfect summer film for those wanting a lighthearted time. \$\$\$\$ 1/2.

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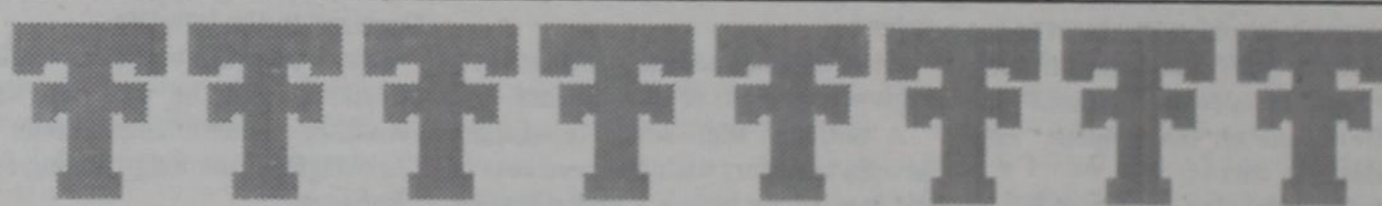


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Hawks replace veterans Malone, Webb, Rivers with youth

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks made room on their roster for newly acquired Blair Rasmussen Monday by putting him on the team's roster in place of veteran center Moses Malone.

In return for acquiring Rasmussen, the Hawks sent the rights to first-round draft pick Anthony Avent of Seton Hall to Denver, which immediately traded his signing rights to Milwaukee for the rights to Bucks first-round pick Kevin Brooks. The Nuggets also got the Hawks' second-round draft pick in 1993.

In another deal, 5-foot-7 guard Spud Webb was traded to Sacramento for Travis Mays, along with a second-round draft selection in 1994. Last

week, veteran guard Doc Rivers was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers for a first-round pick the Hawks used to draft Stacey Augmon.

"It's always difficult to trade away veteran players — especially those who were active in the community like Spud and Doc," Hawks general manager Pete Babcock said. "I think the fans by and large understand that the time was right to make these moves. We just needed to get younger as a team."

The Mays and Rasmussen trades were made after the NBA draft last week, but couldn't be finalized until Monday so Atlanta could remove enough money from its payroll to fit both Rasmussen and Mays.

In order to make room for Rasmussen under the NBA salary cap, the Hawks put Rasmussen on the

roster in place of Malone, making him an unrestricted free agent ineligible to sign with the Hawks next season. That move gave Atlanta full use of Malone's \$2.4 million contract on its salary cap.

Although the Hawks lately have been wheeling and dealing for youth, coach Bob Weiss said it wasn't a house-cleaning effort.

"I wouldn't say cleaning house," he said. "That implies that we didn't like what we had, and that's not true. We see a need to get younger without making the talent base deteriorate."

The Hawks' move toward youth is evident. Rasmussen, 28, replaces Malone, who is 36. Augmon is 25 and Mays 24. The Hawks also drafted Rodney Monroe of North Carolina State, 23. Gone are Rivers, 29, and Webb, 27.

John Battle, 28, also became an unrestricted free agent after the Hawks were unable to reach a contract agreement with him, Babcock said. Battle wanted \$1.5 million a season for the next four years.

Rasmussen averaged 12.5 points and led Denver in rebounding (11th overall in the NBA) and blocked shots (16th in NBA). Over his six-year career, the 7-foot center has averaged 10.1 points and 6.0 rebounds.

"The move to pick up Blair Rasmussen is a move to give us more offense in the pivot," Babcock said. "While one of his strengths is his shooting ability, he has great work habits and he comes to produce every night."

In Mays, the Hawks are getting a perimeter shooter. His .365 three-point percentage was 13th in the NBA

last season and he ended the season as the fourth-leading scorer among rookies with a 14.3 average, behind Derrick Coleman, Lionel Simmons and Dennis Scott.

"Mays plays very well in the wide-open system and the passing game," Babcock said, "and we would like to move more in that direction."

"We're trying to get younger and more of a perimeter game. Each player has had experience in a wide-open system."

Sacramento Kings officials hope Webb will be able to play a leadership role on the team.

"Our needs were for a veteran point guard — a young, quick point guard. Spud fills that criteria. He has tremendous speed and quickness," Kings player personnel director Jerry Reynolds said.

UTEP officials criticized for firings

By The Associated Press

EL PASO — University of Texas-El Paso officials are being criticized for the way they handled the dismissals of two assistant coaches, fired in response to an NCAA allegation that the basketball program lacks institutional control.

An El Paso Herald-Post columnist said in Monday's editions that officials should be embarrassed by the way they fired coaches Greg Lackey and Rus Bradburd.

El Paso Times sports editor Ray Hagar asks in a column why UTEP President Diana Natalicio waited so long, leaving Bradburd and Lackey little time to look for a new job and UTEP Coach Don Haskins little time to look for new assistants.

Assistant coach G. Ray Johnson, who the NCAA accused of enrolling recruit John Stagers in a program designed to help migrant farm

workers get high school diplomas and falsely certifying him as eligible to take a high school equivalency test, was not fired.

The NCAA has accused UTEP of 13 rules violations and another violation was uncovered during UTEP's internal investigation. The university has responded by mail to the allegations.

UTEP President Diana Natalicio said in a statement that the investigation uncovered no widespread abuse of NCAA regulations, but some violations did occur.

She defended the timing of the firings.

"I think that everyone has been well aware that this investigation has been going on," Natalicio told the El Paso Times. "I would be very surprised that there was no inkling (of trouble)."

She said she thought it would be more appropriate for the news of their firings to come from Athletic Director Brad Hovious and

Haskins.

According to the Times, Natalicio called Haskins into her office on Friday and told him Lackey's and Bradburd's contracts would not be renewed when they expire Aug. 31.

She left it up to Haskins to tell Lackey and Bradburd.

Bradburd was in Denver and received the news via telephone Friday night. He has been accused of lying to the NCAA.

Bradburd was a key recruiter for UTEP. He left before the 1990-91 season to take an assistant coaching job at Ball State University for more than \$40,000 annually. But he then returned to UTEP as a part-time assistant.

Haskins reached Lackey late Friday afternoon at a golf course.

"I'm numb right now," said Lackey, a UTEP assistant for five years. He assumes he was fired because he gave UTEP player Ralph Davis a ride home from work last summer.

Doc looking for new medicine

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dwight Gooden won't be going to the All-Star game next week. Getting through six or seven innings in his next start will have to do for now.

Gooden made two starts during the New York Mets' recent homestand, giving up 12 runs and 18 hits in 12½ innings. The boos he heard last Tuesday at Shea Stadium turned into sympathetic silence on Sunday.

It's almost hard to comprehend how one of the most dominating pitchers in baseball could give up home runs to Steve Lake, Sil Campusano and Dickie Thon in 4½ innings. The Philadelphia trio entered the game with three homers between them this year.

Longtime Mets broadcaster Bob

Murphy told his radio audience that it was sad to watch Gooden getting tagged like a journeyman reliever in his final days. The last-place Phillies used Gooden for batting practice, seven runs on nine hits before manager Bud Harrelson mercifully replaced his ace.

With a career record of 126-52, Gooden's .708 winning percentage is the best in major league history for pitchers with 1,500 or more innings. With every start, Gooden expects to recapture his magic.

In his last nine starts, he has given up 8.7 hits and 4.7 runs per game. He has allowed 127 hits in 119 innings, and his earned-run average has soared to 4.39.

"Some days you go out there with your best stuff and you get hit," Gooden said in almost a whisper. "I have no answers."

Sports Brief

Walton to compete for South Team

Texas Tech junior long jumper Tony Walton of El Paso has been named to the South Team in the U.S. Sports Festival July 18 through 21. The event will be held on the University of California at Los Angeles campus.

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