

UTD 1986 Predictions

Predictions are part of January in most newspapers, especially *The National Enquirer*. In keeping with the tradition of the better newspapers in the country, *UTD Mercury* offers the following as its forecasts for 1986.

- The new crop of students in the School of Business will be stunned to learn that their school is not yet accredited. (This is an easy prediction; it happens every semester.)
- In June, formal attire will become the standard in the administration building. This is in response to an influx of well-dressed penguins—the administration figured they would feel more welcome surrounded by familiar sights, and tuxedos are more available than tons of ice in Texas.
- A Honda Civic will disappear completely into a pothole in the Green parking lot. The lot will then be resurfaced, right over the car. An intermittent short in the Honda's wiring will cause the horn to beep occasionally, giving rise to yet another UTD ghost tradition.
- "No parking at anytime" signs will cover all streets within a two-mile radius of the UTD campus, giving rise to a new industry. Entrepreneurs from the School of Business and early registrants in the Engineering program will operate a high-tech Synergy Park body shop where, at the touch of a button, cars and trucks will be camouflaged as shrubs or trees. This will lead to UTD receiving a special award for innovative landscaping as the trees and shrubs will be in different locations every day.
- An astronomer studying music at UTD will announce that she has figured out what BL Lacerta is. (It's the resident musical company.)
- UTD Food Services will introduce a new Antarctic pasta dish. *Penguini*, as the new dish will be called, will become a nationwide fad. The increased fame brought thus to UTD will lead to several new endowments.
- The innovative library check-out system will become even more progressive by having patrons fill out duplicate cards with name, address, social security number, telephone number, most recent past address, reason for checking out book, and instructor's name, address, and telephone number. If another money is available, cameras will be installed to take continuous pictures as books are checked out.
- Grants and loans will be available to UTD students BEFORE semester payment is due.
- A student from last semester will be found still searching for his classroom; but a logical room numbering system will still not be introduced.
- A pair of old, used sweat socks hidden in a locker will attack an unsuspecting racquetball player in the P.I. locker room.