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All systems go for computerized pre-reg

By Buddy Gibson

Last week UTD was on-line for the first time at pre-registration. The computer system, nicknamed Isis, enabled the registrar's office to enter students' class selections instantly.

Another benefit of the new system is that information concerning closed classes was immediately available. A listing of those classes is provided below to help students who haven't already registered to make their plans accordingly.

Closed classes from Pre-Registration

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BAPA 3302-001
BAPA 3305-501
BAPA 3312-002
BAPA 3341-502
BAPA 3352-501
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BAPA 4353-501
BAPA 4363-001
BAPA 4364-501
BAPA 4380-501
ENG 3305-501
MAS 6348-502

Coming events

UTD's fall commencement ceremonies have been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7, 1984. The schools of Arts and Humanities and Management and Administration will graduate at 9 a.m., and the schools of General Studies, Human Development, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences will graduate at 10:30 a.m.

A reception honoring all of the graduates will be held at 10 a.m. All activities are scheduled for the Conference Center.

The UTD "Twas the Week Before Finals" party is all set for Thursday, Dec. 8 from 8 to 12 p.m. in the Student Union. Admission has tentatively been set at \$1 per student.

A disk-jockey has been hired to provide entertainment, and appropriate refreshments will be available. Take some time away from your rigorous studies to meet some of your fellow students and have a little fun.



Vernetta Goar was among the faculty and staff members helping students with pre-registration last week. 2,788 students registered using computer terminals.

Students unofficially polled If you know UTD like they know UTD . . .

By Drew Carson

Abstract: Since I'm a graduate student in human development and still don't have a publication yet, the *UTD Mercury* appears to be my only outlet. I gave 13 undergraduate UTD students a questionnaire to fill out while standing in line during advance registration. Results indicate that UTD undergraduates in the arts and the social sciences do not know where the campus science buildings are, or even that they exist. Sex differences were found in student attitudes relating to the media, the Cowboys Pro Football team, to opera, and to the success of the computer industry. Results also indicate that students may not know what the Texas state flag looks like.

History: No one has ever done anything like this before, and chances are low that anyone will in the future.

Methods: I hastily wrote out the

questionnaire during the first day of advanced registration. Someone in one of the offices (name withheld to protect the guilty) let me borrow an audiotape so that I could make free copies. Then I passed out a questionnaire—to anyone who would accept it.

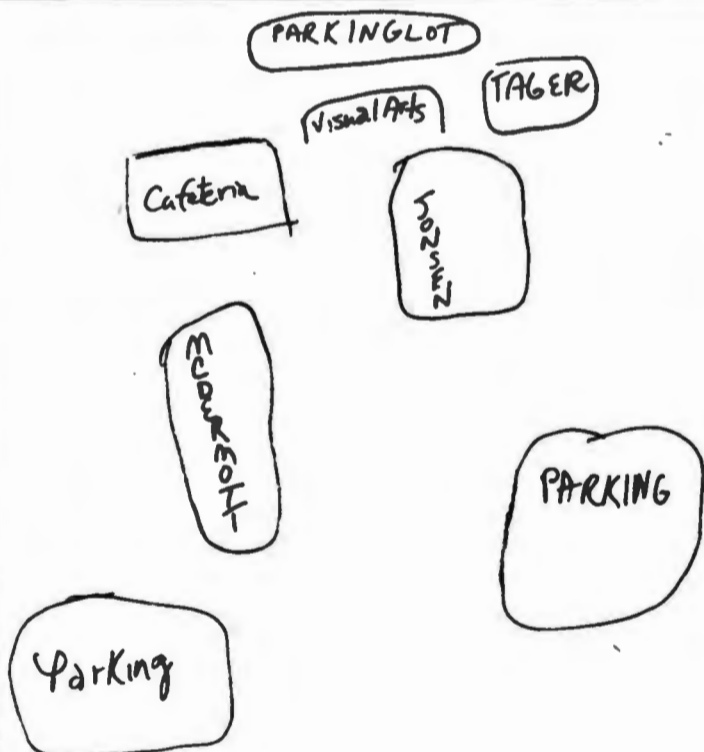
Results and Discussion: 38 percent of the subjects were men, and 62 percent were women. All were undergraduates. The mean age was 23, although there was an 18-year range in age. Eleven subjects were majoring in a field related to economics, one majored in the visual arts, and the remaining subject majored in psychology.

All subjects were asked to draw a map of UTD. 85 percent of the subjects included the library, where the subjects were then standing. 77 percent of the subjects included the Jonsson and Green centers, and 69

percent included the Student Union. Undergraduates appear to be at chance in remembering that UTD has parking lots. Performance on the geography of the rest of the campus was significantly worse. 23 percent of the students knew of Founders and the Large Theater. 15 percent knew of the Visual Arts building and the guard station at the entrance to the central parking lot. 8 percent of the students included the cafeteria and the TAGER complex. That was the extent to which the students demonstrated their knowledge of the campus.

In most students' maps, there was a void where the large science buildings should have been, suggesting that they had an inkling that something was "there" but they didn't have a clue as to what it was. These

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When Drew Carson polled UTD students recently, one of the things he asked them to do was draw a map of the university. Most students included only the building they use regularly; the map above is an example. In case you can't tell by looking, it's not very accurate. Compare it with maps in the college catalogs and class schedules.

J.W.'s Jabber Wocky

How about some food for thought? Food seems to be an interesting topic on campus the past few weeks. Or should I say that the scarcity of food has been discussed recently?

First of all, let me clarify a quote that appeared in the Mercury last issue. At a recent student forum, Dr. Rutford commented upon the campus food service. His statement that the best thing would be to close the food service was made in jest, and I apologize that the levity of the comment did not show through in the story. President Rutford was not proposing that the campus food services should be terminated.

Quite the contrary, Food Services is beginning to turn the corner financially. Charles Blackwell, Food Services director, reported that sales were up 20 percent for the fall semester at UTD.

As you are probably already aware, the grill in the Student Union is closed, and has been since Dec. 1. You may not know that it will remain closed until Jan. 9, 1984.

Now, before you get all upset and go running off to the Golden Arches let's look at the subject a little closer. As you read this, the grill is beginning a renovation that will take between 30 and 45 days. This time period was the obvious choice for the remodeling.

As part of the remodeling the front wall will be extended to make the grill into more of a cafe. More of the facilities will be made self-service to help expedite the preparation of your meal.

As a concession to night students Blackwell announced that there will be deli-cart in the lobby area of Green Monday-Thursday, 4-8:30 p.m. The cart will feature hot dogs, sandwiches, and deli type items.

Blackwell also said, "Some prices will come down in the spring on an experimental basis. We're trying to improve the volume of people served so that we can bring prices down even more."

Since the weather has turned rather messy, the fact that you can reach the cafeteria without going outdoors should make it an even more attractive place to eat.

Regarding the timing and announcement of the grill closing, Blackwell said, "I take responsibility for that. A move needed to be made, and I made the decision to close during the holiday period since traditionally we have the least business at that time."

Now that you know the whole story you can put your mind at rest and make a pig of yourself munching on assorted holiday treats. The Mercury will be taking a few weeks rest, but fear not, the staff will be diligently working behind the scenes to find those stories lurking around UTD.

—J.W. (BUDDY) GIBSON

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Life after Nuke

Or: How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Hate the Bomb

By Scott Perdue

You can't blame ABC for trying to make the movie "The Day After" the biggest thing to hit TV since the last episode of MASH. They tried everything in the book; the administration was so worried that Reagan himself was going to go on the air to forestall political disaster. The anti-nuke movement was overjoyed with a PR victory on prime time. In the final analysis, however, ABC sold us all down the river.

Where did the movie go wrong? The answer is at once simple and complex. The movie played to an emotional reaction without providing any lasting insight into the reality of nuclear destruction. From a scientific standpoint, it was a flop—it didn't go far enough. Perhaps this is an unjust accusation, considering the difficulty in filming total destruction. More likely, however, total disaster has no plot twist, no emotional involvement, no appeal.

The movie did not portray a factual depiction of a nuclear holocaust. The reality of a nuclear exchange is that, over a certain megatonnage, there will be no survival—by anyone. By denying this truth, "The Day After" has added to the confusion and misunderstanding surrounding the nuclear weapons problem.

The issue of nuclear weapons and their use is best described by former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara in a recent article in *Foreign Affairs*

magazine, "... nuclear weapons serve no military purpose whatsoever. They are totally useless—except only to deter one's opponent from using them."

The primary issue surrounding this show, however, concerns the controversy generated by the movie and not the technical details. For those interested in learning what would actually happen in a nuclear exchange and the resulting horror, I refer you to the prolific Carl Sagan who has recently completed a study of this phenomena. (Specific references and other articles will be available in the UTD Mercury offices).

The controversy leading up to the broadcasting of the movie was centered on the doctrine of fair time; the administration felt that the exposure would be one-sided. In response to this charge ABC set up a discussion panel after the show in which both "sides" would have equal time. The meaning of what these people said takes some thought.

The issue was discussed in a cogent manner, albeit in too short a time to do anything more than to present the major viewpoints. The net effect of the movie and to some degree the discussion panel was to obscure reality—the reality of the United States' nuclear policy.

The Reagan administration is subtly changing our nuclear policy by inducing the military to train and prepare for the use

of strategic nuclear devices. The value of nuclear weapons in waging a wide range of limited wars has been espoused by current Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, in total violation of the "no first use" policy.

There can be no such thing as a limited nuclear war, and there can never be a first use policy. Ignorance or wishful thinking can be the only explanation for the belief that the use of nuclear weapons can be restrained. The policy of the United States regarding nuclear war has, from the very first, been deterrence and it cannot be anything else.

The United States is building, or planning to build, 15 different types of nuclear warheads from missiles, to bombs, to artillery shells. In nine years the United States will have 17,000 nuclear warheads, 6,000 more than today. What is the limit? How many are needed for deterrence? And what of the Russians, and the French, and the British, and the Israelis, and the Indians, and the South Africans? Where is the end?

Herein lies the real tragedy of an emotional appeal in nuclear issues. The world is not a peaceful place, nor will it likely be so in the foreseeable future. Nuclear weapons exist. We cannot wish them away, nor can we unilaterally disarm. We must not let emotion displace judgement, for judgement is the only tool that can show the way to survival.



Students

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may have been first semester students, so a follow-up study needs to be performed to see if second-year students in the Social Sciences know where Founders North and the Cafeteria are.

Only 23 percent of the students knew the color of the top bar of the State Flag of Texas.

Students also ranked in order their interest in the Dallas Cowboy's football team, whether the UTD computer crashes, how good the Dallas Opera's performance of "Carmen" was, that Texas Instruments lost money in their home computer business, and ABC news' "Nightline." Most of the people thought that the Cowboys were the most important. Two people thought "Nightline" topped the list, and "Carmen" and the campus computer each got one vote. The Cowboys were more important to the men, and the fate of Texas Instruments was much more important to the men. "Carmen" was less important to the men, and "Night-

line" was much less so.

People who thought that the Cowboys were most important couldn't have cared less about "Carmen," and vice-versa. People who thought "Nightline" was most important couldn't have cared less about Texas Instruments. That company should boycott the show. The person who thought that the campus computer was most important couldn't have cared less about everything else.

What this means is that UTD might be, as C.P. Snow once put it, a land of "Two Cultures." This campus is split between

those who know where Founders North is and those who major in the social sciences. This could have nasty consequences, especially in a school that prides itself on being interdisciplinary.

And then there's the bit about the Texas flag. How patriotic can someone be if they don't even know what our flag looks like. My suspicion that our culture is in trouble was confirmed by the fact that there was a negative correlation between love for the Cowboys and the products of a decadent French composer. Bizet over Landry? C'mon!

Peer volunteers sought

Students willing to help other students are being sought for a new program, Peer Advising in Student Services. The program, which will begin in March, is being developed to encourage academic success.

Research indicates that the influence of one's peer group is the single most potent environmental factor affecting students' development and academic success in the college setting.

A full training program will be held in January and February for student peer advisors. Basic requirements are willingness to help, good academic standing, good communication skills, and awareness and sensitivity to differences in cultures and with students who have special learning needs.

For further information, contact Darrelene Rachavong, (690)2281.

Turkey winners

This year's Turkey Trot had 27 entrants (no turkey jokes please) and the best overall time for the two-mile event was 10:14 by Tommy Tilden. Best student times were turned in by Steve Ogden, 10:32, and Mary Chaffin, 13:14.

Fred Schwall, 12:28, and Kay Keck, 15:51, turned in the best times for UTD staff members. Participants from the public were best represented by Tommy Tilden and Mary Kennard, 13:30. Thanks to all those who put their legs and good names on the line for this event.

US official lectures UTD

Dr. Robert Kahn, deputy director of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, will speak at UTD Wednesday, Dec. 7 at a luncheon meeting of the IEEE Computer Society. His topic is "The U.S. Thrust in Next Generation Computers."

The meeting and luncheon will be in the Texas Room, third floor of Founders North building.

Choeur d'Ami performs Christmas carols

Choeur d'Ami, a 20-voice adult choral ensemble, will present a concert of Christmas song Sunday, Dec. 18 beginning at 4 p.m. in University Theatre.

Tickets, available at the door, will be \$2.50 each for adults, \$1 for children.

The group will perform a variety of works, ranging from 20th-century pieces like Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" and Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Wassail Song" to earlier music including Palestrina's "Ala-medremporis Mater," Kodaly's "A Christmas Carol," and Healey Willan's "Hodie Christus Natus Est."

Comprised of UTD personnel as well as community singers, Choeur d'Ami is directed by Albert Clark. "We will include music for almost every age," said Clark. "We see this as a family concert for a cool Sunday afternoon during the Christmas season. Our group is working hard to prepare an enjoyable afternoon celebration."

For further information on the concert, call Clark at 385-1658.



UTD kittens

Aren't we cute and lovable? We were born right here at UTD about 12 weeks ago. Although we're not sure yet what sex we are, our general education is coming right along—after all, we live and study at UTD.

We are in good health and getting fat and saucy, thanks to a large bowl of milk we're given each day and plenty of TLC from a few good Samaritans on campus. But we're worried. That cold north wind is beginning to blow and we'd really feel better if we could have a nice, warm lap to cuddle in this winter.

One of us looks like our mother, Lucille—black and brown—and two of us are jet black with some white spots (to let the devil out, they say). Our mother has a date with the vet as soon as we are adopted and we think someone should adopt her, too. She has been a wonderful, gentle mother and would make someone a lovable pet.

Really, you can't go wrong with any one of us—we'd all make a perfect gift of love and companionship—for you or someone you care about.

Lecture Rutford speaks on Antarctica

The UTD Environmental Colloquium Lecture Series presents Dr. Robert H. Rutford, university president, delivering the lecture "Antarctica—The Fragile Continent" on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in GR2.302.

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"Mimepeace" views nuclear war

Mimepeace, a benefit for the Nuclear Weapons Education Fund, will be presented at the Greenville Avenue Theatre Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 12 at 8:15 p.m.

Written and performed by well-known Dallas actor and mime, David Ellzey, the show views the life and death question of nuclear war and its potential destruction through the eyes of the "Silent Fool." *Mimepeace* will travel, with humor and wisdom, through evolution, romance, war, advanced technology and the joys of Christmas, and even consider the question, "What do we tell our children if the button is pushed?"

While entertaining audiences of all ages, the show has a serious purpose. Funds raised will go to Texans for a Bilateral

Nuclear Weapons Freeze/Dallas for use in providing speakers and educating the public of the dangers of a continuing nuclear arms race. The goal of this campaign is an end to the nuclear arms race through a bilateral, verifiable freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons.

David Ellzey is donating his mime talents to the movement for several reasons. "As an artist I simply hope to entertain and unite people who value life as something sacred and who wish to preserve it by working for peace. It seems clear that we must change our priorities from war to peace and funnel our financial and human resources into solving the near catastrophic problems here at home. . . . a nuclear weapons freeze is a most important first step in the right direction."

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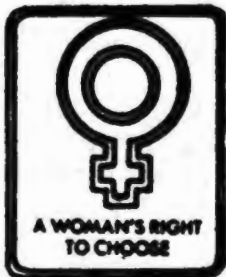
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Simply circle the team you favor to win each bowl game, then clip the form and return it to Student Activities by Friday, Dec. 16 at noon. For those of you who haven't taken Geography yet, Student Activities is in the Student Union.

Prizes include gift certificates from food services and the bookstore, and free passes to The Comedy Corner nightclub.

HOLIDAY

Dec. 23, 8 p.m., ESPN **BYU vs. MISSOURI**

SUN

Dec. 24, 2 p.m., CBS **SMU vs. ALABAMA**

ALOHA

Dec. 26, 7 p.m., ESPN **PENN ST. vs. WASHINGTON**

LIBERTY

Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m., Ch. 11 **BOSTON COL. vs. NOTRE DAME**

GATOR

Dec. 30, 7 p.m., ABC **FLORIDA vs. IOWA**

HALL OF FAME

Dec. 30, 1 p.m., WTBS **KENTUCKY vs. WEST VIRGINIA**

PEACH

Dec. 30, 2 p.m., CBS **NORTH CAROLINA vs. FLORIDA ST.**

BLUEBONNET

Dec. 31, 7 p.m., ESPN **OKLAHOMA ST. vs. BAYLOR**

COTTON

Jan. 2, 12:30 p.m., CBS **TEXAS vs. GEORGIA**

FIESTA

Jan. 2, 12:30 p.m., NBC **PITTSBURGH vs. OHIO ST.**

ROSE

Jan. 2, 4 p.m., NBC **ILLINOIS vs. UCLA**

ORANGE

Jan. 2, 7 p.m., NBC **NEBRASKA vs. MIAMI**

SUGAR

Jan. 2, 7 p.m., ABC **MICHIGAN vs. AUBURN**

Physical Instruction Building Exam and Holiday Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 10, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 11, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Monday-Friday, Dec. 12-23, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.*
 Saturday-Tuesday, Dec. 24-27, closed
 Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 28-30, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.*
 Saturday, Dec. 31, closed
 Sunday, Jan. 1, closed
 Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 2-11, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.*

*Court reservations are accepted the last working day prior to these dates.

Fall semester I.D.s are valid through Jan. 11.

UTD faculty and staff may renew for the spring semester by paying a user fee prior to Thursday, Jan. 12. Fees for first time facilities users will be accepted beginning Monday, Jan. 2.

UTHSC students, faculty and staff are also eligible to use the facilities and can make payment beginning Jan. 2.

Anyone currently renting a Physical Instruction locker will have until Thursday, Jan. 12, 1984 to renew it for the spring semester. A UTD student may renew his/her locker after the I.D. card has been validated for the spring 1984 semester. Lockers not renewed by this date will have the contents removed starting Friday morning, Jan. 13. The office of Sports and Recreation is not responsible for items not claimed 60 days after the clearance date.

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