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VANDALISM: More common this semester, but now declining; SUB access likely to be restricted soon

by Thomas Jones PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

From smashed car windows and vending machines to graffiti on buildings, vandalism at Tech is much more frequent this semester than any time in recent history. However, such activity is now on the decline, according to Campus Police Director Tom Zimmerman

Proposals being considered by various campus agencies in response to the increase in the past year range from requiring non-Tech students to have passes to use the facilities in the Student Union Building (particularly the gameroom) to fencing off the entire campus, although the latter seems unlikely.

The recent activities have included gang graffiti on the SAC, and South and Baca dorms, smashing windows of "about a dozen" vehicles in Tech parking lots, and repeated attacks on vending machines at various sites throughout campus

However, according to Mr. Zimmerman, the frequency of vandalism is currently undergoing "somewhat of a after Campus Police have decrease embarked on a crackdown. Four individuals have been arrested in connection with destruction of car windows, and are currently facing

charges. Campus patrols have increased, and Socorro city police have been invited to drive through campus to further increase police presence. Some students have been relocated from one dorm to another to avoid providing a harbor for individuals suspected of vandalism. During the 2-week pay period prior to Spring Break, Campus Police Officers logged approximately 60 hours of overtime, although part of this was routine security operations at student dances

The vandalism reached a peak over the December-January semester break. During that time, the building graffiti was painted and several vehicles were vandalized or stolen from. This prompted Dr. Etscorn to investigate the possibility of allowing students to place their personal cars in a more secure area up the hill near Campus Police, although he was procedural difficulties at the time of this writing.

Vandalism and gang-related violence are increasing in the entire state, including the city of Socorro.

Mr. Zimmerman, Dean of Students Frank Etscorn, Auxiliary Services employee Rhonda Savedge St. George and Acting Director of Auxiliaries Bill Continued on Page 3, Column 1



by Leann M. Giebler PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

The Student Association will be holding an election asking students to select ten senators, an SA President and Vice-President, and to ratify three amendments to the SA constitution on Wednesday, March 27, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Those who are elected will serve a one-year term in office beginning with the summer session and ending with the spring semester of next year. Any senators who will not be available to work for a semester (such as those who will not be present during the summer) will select proxies to temporarily replace them.

This election will determine ten senators out of the twenty total Senatorial position. The deadline to register to run for a position in the SA is Wednesday, March 20. Those who are interested in running should obtain registration forms, available at Student Services, the SA office, and from the SA Supreme Court, which is the organization that is running the election.

If no one candidate for President or Vice-President receives over half of the votes, a run off election will be held on Wednesday, April 10. Only the two candidates for each position that received the most votes will be eligible for that election

Candidates were asked in the last issue of Paydirt and by signs posted on campus to contact this newspaper. Those who did were provided a format for statements that are printed in this issue, on page six.

Three Presidential candidates, two Vice-Presidential candidates, and no Senatorial candidates submitted responses. On page six are listed those candidates, their responses, and why each feels prepared for office. The responses have been edited to correct spelling errors only.

When students receive their ballots, there will be three constitutional amendments to vote on. Two amendments change typographical errors, a repeated phrase and the removal of an ambiguous phrase, and the third amendment reads as follows: "The Student Association shall not discriminate against any person or organization on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual preference, national origin, age, or political affiliation, except as provided for in Article IX Section 5.

Regents ban alcohol at Spring Fling and 49ers Legal concerns paramount, "Something has to be done."

by Thomas Jones PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

The Board of Regents unanimously approved a motion banning the serving of alcohol at most school events, including 49ers and the upcoming Spring Fling celebration

At their meeting on March 5, the Regents quickly reached a decision after hearing testimony from Tech President Laurence Lattman, SA Alcohol Committee Chair Bobby Kehrman, Dean of Students Frank Etscorn, Campus Police Director Tom Zimmerman, and Graduate Student Ed Dunbar.

Only three of the five Regents were present at the meeting; Carol Rymer was on active duty with the military, and Leo Marquez was absent due to "important business.

The motion, which passed 3-0, was proposed by Dr. Lattman. It read "No alcoholic beverages will be dispensed or served at Institute-sanctioned functions. An exception may be made for a function held at Macey Center and only with the recommendation of the Dead of Students and approval of the President of the Institute." Dr. Lattman stated that, should Dr. Etscorn recommend such an exceptional event during 49ers or Spring Fling, he would have no inherent objections.

The current Student Alcohol Policy rules against students bringing their own alcohol to events: "Students who are 21 years old may consume alcohol only in private residence hall or in licensed facilities. . No person (vendors excepted) may bring an alcoholic beverage into a licensed facility or area nor may any person take.



area." It also includes a reference to the state open container law prohibiting consumption or transportation in open containers in any public place.

Dr. Lattman addressed the Regents, stating that the recent history of alcohol problems began with St. Pat's, a former spring festival, which became "rather rowdy, [with] drinking and streaking [that] caused a great deal of upset" before being banned by the Institute Senate in the 1980s. He made the analogy that Spring Fling is becoming like St Pat's. In light of the violence and lack of security at the 1990 49ers, he stated that the school would be "likely to have a Tech student seriously... injured," and that "with record of what happened at 49ers,... in a forthcoming festival Tech would be very open to a lawsuit charging negligence.'

SA Alcohol Committee Chair Bobby Kehrman stated that his committee "agrees with Dr. Lattman to a point,... but 49ers problems will not be solved by banning alcohol." He added that he felt that alcohol could be served in a safe manner, that the company providing the alcoholic beverages may be willing to accept legal liability, and that a ban might increase the likelihood of tragedy because some students might drive between a source of alcohol and the festival, and might do so while alcoholic beverages out of the licensed campus facility or - intoxicated. He proposed that alcohol be served in a

"secure area," only to Tech students over the age of 21, in a bar-like environment, rather than the open distribution system that has prevailed. He added that, according to the Registrar, 85% of full-time students are age 21 or above.

Campus Police Director Tom Zimmerman stated that the distribution "is illegal under [past] conditions, and that it is against the law to serve alcohol without ensuring that underage persons do not receive any.

Dean of Students Frank Etscorn stated that he agreed with Mr. Zimmerman, and that attempts had been made in the past to accommodate alcohol consumption, but that Tech students were quite ingenious at circumventing those attempts. He added that Tech students were still in need of some sort of outlet, "studying hard and partying hard," especially due Tech's social and physical isolation. 10

Ed Dunbar, a GSA representative on the SA, stated that a complete ban on alcohol would make the job of Campus Police more difficult, as students would bring and consume hard liquor rather than beer because of its smaller volume, and that enforcing laws is easier when the source of the alcohol is known than when individuals provide their own.

The Regents' discussion of the topic started with Robert Anderson's statements that "I doubt there's any policy . . .that would make everyone happy. We have to have some formal policy; I don't think we have any

Regent Charles Zimmerly stated that, while he realized that alcohol is a tradition at student festivals, he felt that the legal aspects required the ban, "Something has to be done.'

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SA Senate addresses vandalism, alcohol policy; awards money

by Eric Wagoner STUDENT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The SA Senate met Monday evening, March 4. The meeting was brief yet action packed, as several controversial topics were discussed. The meeting see him or one of his managers, and they was run under suspended rules, meaning that quorum was not needed to conduct business, because a senator had to leave early, bringing attendance below quorum.

ing in gameroom: In response to many complaints about second-hand smoke in the SUB. Dean Frank Etscorn contacted several other colleges to see how our (nearly non-existent) smoking policy compared with theirs. The finding was that most schools allowed smoking in the gameroom. Thus, it was recommended to Auxiliary Services that a ceiling fan be installed to blow away the offending smoke. This has been brought up before, but maybe now the ball has begun rolling.

Finance Committee gives more money, loans: The Finance Committee met on the 25th to hear appeals to club budgets. Several clubs came away richer, and two others were loaned money to help money-raising projects. \$100 was given to the Climbing Club and to the SCA, \$150 was given to SHPE, and \$284 was awarded to the International Student Association. \$114.75 was loaned to Gays and Friends for their 'bar' at the Beach Bash, and \$155 was loaned to the Astronomy Club for a Spring Fling T-shirt money raiser. Loans must be paid back in full by a date set by the Finance Committee. Other clubs needing seed money for a project should also apply for a loan from the SA. Watch for the next Finance Committee meeting

Spring Fling, 49ers described: Spring Fling plans are well under way, and 49ers is beginning to be discussed. The Spring Fling schedule is being hammered out now, and letters are on the way to clubs. Since the Board of Regents has just banned alcohol from the event, alternate events are being planned. A rumor has been heard that the Jeff Healy Band will make an appearance. 49ers is still very fuzzy, but it is being seriously proposed to include jello wrestling as an official event. Stay tuned for further bulletins.

Food Committee meets: The Food Committee had an open meeting on Friday, March 1, with Dean Etscorn, Campus Dining Manager Mo Hossain and his managers, and interested students. It was a very productive meeting, as all the complaints heard recently were brought up. Mr. Hossain responded to all of them, and promised

to take action. He also announced the upcoming addition of a flame-broiling grill to the burger line in the cafeteria. His main comment was this: If you have a complaint, question, or request, ask to will try to accommodate you. Also talk to me or one of the other Food Committee members and we will also talk to ARA on your behalf.

Alcohol Committee reports: The Dean Etscorn reports on smok- Alcohol Committee drafted an alternative to President Lattman's proposal to ban alcohol at Tech sponsored events. SA Treasurer Bobby Kehrman presented the proposal to the Board of Regents at their meeting on March 5, but to no avail. The Board decided to ban alcohol, citing liability and other reasons. A more complete description is on the front page of this issue.

> Campus Space Committee reports on SUB closure: The Campus Space Committee also held an open meeting March 1. Dean Etscorn was in attendance, and the main topic of discussion was the proposal to allow access to the SUB by only students, staff, their families, and registered guests. This is in response to recent violence and vandalism by non-students. The plan to enact this procedure is described in the article on campus vandalism. As Dean Etscorn put it, "We have to change the TUB (Townie Union Building) back into the Student Union Building." Also discussed was a campus neighborhood watch to discourage vandalism, the removal of gang graffiti on campus, and the implementation of a campus poster policy. If you have any other comments on any of these important subjects, contact me or any of the other members of the Campus Space Committee.

Microwave project on hold?: Rhonda Savedge St. George in Auxiliary Services has officially come out against the proposed SA plan to rent microwave ovens to students. The project, now in late planning stages, will continue for now, but the Senate is trying to compromise on the issue. The current plan calls for the renting of microwaves for a nominal fee to students beginning in the fall semester.

Meeting Set: The next SA meeting was set for March 25 at 7:00pm in the SAC conference room As always, everyone is encouraged to attend. Also remember that elections will be held two days later, Wednesday March 27, in the SUB. At stake are the Presidency, Vice-Presidency, half of the Senate seats, and the fate of three constitutional elections. This will be the most important election of the year, so be sure to express your voice.

State budget crunch may cause loss of Tech's tax exemption

by Thomas Jones PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

In order to raise tax revenue without raising taxes, the state legislature is considering eliminating many sales tax exemptions throughout the state, including many of Tech's various exemptions.

Currently, when Tech purchases anything in-state, or when others purchase things from Tech, the sales tax does not usually apply. (It is technically called a gross receipts tax because it applies to almost everything,)

State budget crunch may cause tuition increase, faculty freeze

by Thomas Jones PAYDIKT STAFF REPORTER

The State Legislature is considering several bills that will substantially affect Tech, including low salary increases for Tech professors and no equipment and replacement fund for any New Mexico colleges, Tech President Lattman told the Regents and Faculty Council at their meetings on March 5.

Current indications are that faculty and staff will receive raises of approximately three percent, if at all. (This three percent is likely to include similar raises in fringe benefits.) Tech faculty are paid substantially less than their peers at other institutions throughout the Southwest. If a small or non-existent raise is granted, one option that Dr. Lattman stated he would consider was raising tuition.

Last fall, tuition was raised 10% for in-state students and 5% for out-of-state students in order to increase the faculty pay raise to five percent. Dr. Lattman stated that a large tuition increase is not being considered, if for no other reason than that it would reduce the enrollment, and consequently reduce the funding that Tech receives from the state that is indexed to the number of students.

An eduction at Tech costs the state and students more than twice as much per student than at any other institution in the state. However, this is due principally to Tech's laboratory concentration; liberal arts majors cost far less to educate than science majors because no costly equipment is needed and classes can be larger. A study several years ago indicated that Tech education costs are comparable those of science and engi-neering majors at the two largest schools in the state, UNM and NMSU.

Another alternative would be to provide faculty with a raise would be to freeze currently unoccupied faculty positions, not allowing them to be filled until the budget crisis is over. The money that would have gone to those professors

salaries could be distributed among all the remaining professors.

In the unlikely event of extreme cuts in Tech's budget, Dr. Lattman stated that he would prefer to eliminate entire academic departments rather than wounding them across the board.'

Tech is particularly hurt by the legislature's elimination of the equipment and replacement fund for all state schools, as Tech is more equipment-intensive than the others.

Also rejected was an increase in library funding.

Tech did manage to acquire core-level funding, which relieves the effects of the three-year rolling enrollment average used to calculate the funding Tech receives.

Tech's enrollment leap by more than fourteen percent this academic year, and preliminary indications are that there are more people interested in attending Tech than last year at this time.

Since Tech's enrollment is increasing, the averaging slows down increases in funding. Dr. Lattman credited state Representative Michael Olgine with preserving the core-level funding, which provides approximately \$140,000 more than Tech would otherwise receive.

AAUW awards scholarships to **Fisher and Ward**

AAUW PRESS RELEASE

The American Association of University Women, Socorro Branch, has selected Pamela M. Fisher and Marjorie S. Ward as the recipients of a \$500.00 scholarship each for the 1991 fall semester at Tech. AAUW is a national organization that encourages higher education for women. The Socorro branch has given scholarships to Tech women students annually since 1966.

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Physical Plant Correspondent Jason Coder



Likely to be included among the

newly taxed charges are all scientific purchases and office supplies, and

possibly even dorm rent. Specifically

exempted from tax would be tuition.



Vandalism on Campus: Anti-Lattman graffitti in central campus last semester was cleaned up within hours after it was done. Not so for gang grafitti; these glyphs painted over winter break remain at this writing, after several months. They are located at various locations on South Hall and the Student Activity Center. Photo by Tom Jones

Vandalism on campus may be on

the decline Continued from page 1. Hemmenway have held meetings to discuss measures to take in response to

the problem. One system likely to be implem-

ented before the end of the semester, according to Dr. Etscorn, is restricting access to the gameroom and other parts of the SUB to students and those who have paid \$5 to \$10 for an "activity card," a photo ID that would grant access to the facility much like passes now grant access to the gym and swimming pool. Provided with the ID would be a set of guidelines for use of those facilities, and failure to abide by the rules could result in a loss of privileges. Student activity fees are the main source of maintenance revenue for the SUB. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he would also like the tennis and basketball courts on campus added to such a system.

Dr. Etscorn addressed the Student Association on the topic at their March 4 meeting, and stated that, if the situation continued to worsen, fencing the entire campus and enacting access restrictions might have to be considered. He suggested that a "campus watch" program be created, and that rewards for those providing information leading to a conviction be established. A campus watch could include volunteer patrols around campus looking for problems.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that students could assist a great deal in the campus by reporting suspicious actions

emergencies by dialing -5555, or at -5434 for non-emergencies.

Some students have complained about long durations between campus patrols. Mr. Zimmerman said that there is almost always at least one patrol on the campus overnight. Sometimes, these are conducted by car and sometimes on foot. However, police should visit each parking lot every to hours at least, and if anyone has any particular complaints, they should contact him with specific information. He also stated that maintaining security at dances and other student events throughout the duration of those events would help. He said that some individuals wait until several hours after an event starts and student-run security has become lax before they enter, and that, without paying an entrance fee, they feel no loss if they are ejected for improper behavior.

There have not been any violent crimes such as rapes or hold-ups reported to Campus Police in the past several years

Construction of new library continues, old one repaired

by Leann M. Giebler PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

You may have noticed the new library is nearing completion. As of this June, Tech will take possession of the new building and the staff can begin to move materials in. At this time, it is hoped that funds will appear so that a professional "library moving company" can be hired to move the library; if not, the library will be moved by P-Plant.

On March 6th, library staff members toured the new building. The staff was very enthusiastic about the progress and the building itself saying that it "looks great" and is "coming along really well." The staff saw the lay out for new offices (which will have windows facing the rest of the library), equipment room, and the part of the basement where the time capsule and staff member signatures are hidden. In the newest edition of Scope is a listing of the material placed in the time Staff members saw that capsule. students will be able to access one of the patios from the outside of the building, but the remaining patios will be closed to students.

Recently, the library staff requested vandalism problem and other crime on student help in the selection of furniture for the new library. Several styles of they see. "The more students we can get library-type furniture were available. helping us curb this, the more we can allowing you the chance to help the staff prosecute [the perpetrators]." Students choose the color and style of the can reach Campus Police on-campus for furniture-to-be. Three study carrels. three chairs, and a table were set up, and questionnaires supplied at the front desk

and on the table for responses. Responses were placed in a box on the reference desk to be tallied by a staff Those who did not take member. advantage of this opportunity will soon get another chance for some great fun abusing chairs and desks all in the name of academic progress once more furniture has been delivered. Though the numbers are not yet in, one brand of furniture will definitely not be used. As company representatives disasthe sembled the mock-ups, the furniture fell apart.

Though you might not have noticed, the elevator underwent extensive repair a few weeks ago. However, the elevator is now stuck open, and does not operate at all. It seems that one night a patron complained that the elevator was stuck on one floor and would not close. The student worker that tried to fix the problem found that the call button was fused in place and smoking. Calling his supervisor and finding that there was no immanent danger, the elevator has been left as it was. Soon, we will again be able to ride from floor to floor in ease.

If you photocopied material from a friend's text book, or from a text book on reserve, you may have broken federal Posted above each copyright laws. photocopy machine in the library is a message warning you about possible copyright infringement, but this may not be enough. An upcoming article will go into detail about the problems associated with photocopy theft.

Another study indicates collegians are using less drugs

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Yet another school has offered evidence that college students nationwide are cleaning up their acts.

On February 20, University of Cincinnati officials released a poll indicating that today's collegians now feel less peer pressure than their predecessors to drink alcohol and use drugs.

The announcement comes on the heels of two other reports on drug use that had similar conclusions.

A February 6 study by University of California-Los Angeles Professor Rodney Skager declared that drugs and alcohol use declined slightly last year among school kids in California.

Just 13 days earlier, an annual survey by the National Institutes of Health and the University of Michigan found that the number of college and high school students using illicit drugs dropped sharply in 1990.

The Cincinnati survey compared current student attitudes with those of students in 1987.

"The most marked differences were found in student attitudes toward drugs, the report stated. "For instance, in 1987, 28 percent of the surveyed students believed that the campus setting and student culture encouraged the use of drugs.'

Since then, of course, politicians have declared a "war" on drugs. In 1990, the study found, only 1 percent thought the campus setting and student culture encouraged drug use.

"Students are deciding not to use or experiment with drugs, and there is less peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol," said Tom Hadley, Assistant Vice-Provost of Student Affairs.

Hadley attributed the decline to a variety of things, including assertive educational programs about the dangers of substance abuse and the raising of the legal drinking age.

"Students are getting the message from pop culture, their schools, their churches and other institutions. They've seen drugs destroy family members or peers.'

The new poll showed that 49 percent considered drug testing an appropriate step to prevent drug abuse in the workplace, up from 44 percent in 1987.

Also, 74 percent said they would submit to a drug test if required to secure a job, up from 68 percent in 1987.



Financial aid info for Stafford loans and summer students

by Jeanna Shields FINANCIAL AID CORRESPONDENT

One of the secrets of having your financial aid all set and read for you when you enter school next semester is meeting early deadlines. Here are some deadlines of which you should be aware.

If you want to take out a Stafford Loan for this Spring, you should have all of your paperwork into the Financial Aid Office no later than March 31. This allows time for processing and makes it so your check will arrive before the end of the semester. Checks that arrive after the semester ends are a real hassle for everyone involved! If you do find that you need a loan, come by the office to see if you are eligible. If you are, we'll get you started with all the necessary paperwork.

If you are planning to attend school in the summer, you should mail your

Singlefile Form now. This allows plenty of time for processing and corrections, if any are necessary. It would be a good idea to have your Singlefile mailed now even if you are not planning on summer school. Why? A percentage of all financial aid applications are randomly selected for a a verification process. If your application is selected for verification, mailing it in early would allow you to get the extra paperwork in before the last minute. You'll whiz through the registration line while those who waited are finding that their financial aid is being held for missing information. Remember, the early bird gets the money!

Singlefile forms were mailed to all undergraduate students; but, if you don't have one or you need another, you can get one from the Financial Aid Office. Also, if you need help filling out your form, come by the office. We'll be more than happy to help you.

When work-study students run out of funding

by Meiko Haushalter PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

On January 27, a number of students were notified that they had run out of federal work-study money. For some students, this meant the loss of their jobs since some campus employers do not have the funds to cover them without work-study assistance. Other employers had to scramble to find money in their budgets to pay for part-time (non-workstudy) student workers.

The simultaneity of the loss of work-study traces its roots to December and January, when the Payroll office sent the updated listing of the earnings of work-study students to the Financial Aid Office. Each work-study student's file was reviewed, and those who had met their limit were sent a notice a termination of work-study funds notice, dated January 27.

The Financial Aid Office is hoping that in the near future they will have a computer program to keep track of each student's earnings, updated with each paycheck. The program will then be used to notify students when they are nearing their limits. For now, though, students will have to keep track of their own earnings and estimate when they will run out of work-study funding. They can also go to the Financial Aid office to find this information. Recently, that office has started to approximate when students will be running out of funding and sending notices to prepare students for the transition from work-study to part-time.

Physical Plant Report

by Jason Coder PHYSICAL PLANT CORRESPONDENT

The most major happening in the realm of Physical Plant was the rupturing of one of the main water lines on Wednesday March the 6th. This caused several of the buildings on campus to be without water for about 12 hours, (Campus Dining made do by melting their stores of ice.) Repairs were made and water was restored by 8:30 that night.

Work on the Centennial Plaza/ Fountain continues, with the engraved bricks being installed at the present time. This project should be done in the near future. Work also is continuing on the new library. It is about 60% constructed. Completion time is calculated to be at the end of July. So it should be finished in time for next fall's semester.

The renovation of Turtle Bay is ongoing as well. Physical Plant has begun to fill the areas that were drained to dredge out and make repairs. A new fountain has been installed in the section on the right hand side on the road. as you go up the hill. This should help to improve the water quality by providing additional aeration capabilities. A new nozzle has also been placed where the previous one was located.

Construction of the new boiler plant next to Fitch Hall has been temporarily suspended due to a lack of available manpower.

The sidewalk between the SUB and the gym has been repaired, although a portion of the interior of the SUB is still under construction, at the time of this writing

Vandalism continues to be a problem on campus, with various objects and building being marked. Locations of of objects that have been vandalized should be reported either to an RA, if it's a dorm, or to Physical Plant. Damage to personal property should be reported to Campus Police.

Police Blotter

by Taige Blake CAMPUS POLICE CORRESPONDENT

On February 6 a motorcycle was tampered with while parked near Driscoll Hall. On February 15 a CD player was found missing from a vehicle in the SUB parking lot. On February 14 a vehicle's window was broken while parked at the Swim Center; nothing was taken. On the afternoon of February 14, a two vehicle accident occurred in the Acrojet ordinance offices parking lot. No injuries were reported; citations are pending. On February 16 an individual's wallet was taken while he was playing racquetball. On February 16 the front dash was removed from a golf cart/van while it was parked at the cafeteria. On February 18 the thirteenth green was found vandalized. The damage to the green is estimated at \$300.00.

On the afternoon of February 21, four flags were taken from the ninth hole. On the evening of February 21, the candy machine at South Hall was broken into; candy was taken from the machine. On March 6 a second bicycle was stolen from the NARO building. On February 22 three juveniles were seen going in and out of the fire escape at Fitch Hall. One ran from officers, while the other two juveniles were apprehended and later released to their parents.

On March 1 a two vehicle accident occurred in the NARO parking lot. No injuries were reported; one citation was issued. On March 15 an alarm at the Mineral Museum sounded; no items were found missing. The area was resecured by the responding officer.



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If you thought that finding a color Macintosh* system you could afford was just a dream, then the new, affordable Macintosh LC is a dream

come true. The Macintosh LC is rich in color. Unlike many computers that can display only 16 colors at once, the Macintosh LC expands your palette to 256 colors. It also comes with a microphone and new sound-input technology that lets you personalize your work by adding voice or other sounds.

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Take a look at the Macintosh LC and see what it gives you. Then pinch yourself. It's better than a dream-it's a Macintosh.

For further information visit Mike Ames at the Computer Center 835-5735



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Waste management scholarships and fellowships available

by Thomas Jones PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

Tech students are encouraged to apply for the Waste Management Education and Research Consortium program The undergraduate version includes a yearly scholarship of between \$500 and \$1500, and the graduate version is a fellowship in the field with variable funding. The program is in addition to the regular degree programs of the various departments.

According to Carl Popp, Vice-President for Academic Alfairs, twelve Tech students are currently enrolled in the program. It requires students to complete eighteen hours in waste management courses from a selected list of biology, chemistry, environmental engineering, geochemistry, geology, hydrology, mining, petroleum engineering, material engineering, and math courses.

While in the past only students in fields of engineering could enroll in the program, it is now open to students with any major.

Students must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and be in good standing, as well as being US citizens or permanent residents.

Those completing the program as well as their major will receive a WERC Certificate in Hazardous Waste Management. The project is funded by the US Department of Energy, and Los Alamos and Sandia Labs are also involved.

Students at Tech, the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and New Mexico State University in Las Cruces

are all enrolled in the program. An innovative Interactive Instructional Television (ΠTV) system is used to allow students at each location to take classes offered at the other two, and in fact, each student completing the program must take six of the eighteen credit hours at other institutions' instruction.

The amount of the undergraduate scholarship will depend on the number of applicants accepted; the fewer applicants accepted, the greater the scholarships will be, although they are guaranteed to be between \$500 and \$1500 per year.

The scholarship will be renewed provided that recipients complete 12 or more credits per semester with a C average, maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and makes "satisfactory progress" toward the WERC certificate and the student's major degree.

Tech expects to award six to eight new scholarships for the 1991-1992 academic year.

The program is designed to increase the number of persons educated in the field of waste management. Due to the present lack of qualified persons, those who complete the program will probably have little difficulty locating jobs upon graduation.

Current undergraduate enrollment is 115 males and 46 females. While the vast majority of those enrolled are in various fields of engineering, other fields are represented, including biology and geology.

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A history of the Tech library, 1889–1991

by Phyllis Reiche PAYDIRT STAFF-COLUMNIST

One result of spending a lot of time in the archives is that after a while, anything new tends to remind you of something old. The new library building is no exception. In the last hundred years, the school has housed its share of new libraries, and new buildings.

The first library occupied almost the whole third floor (the attic) of the first building, Old Main. Old Main was about two percent of the size of the new building, and was the only building on campus for the first fifteen years of the New Mexico School of Mines' existence. It held all of the classrooms, laboratories, offices, and even the museum. The next building, finished in 1908, was a very small combination of dorm and dining room. It was later enlarged and named Driscoll Hall for the first "matron." (That unfortunate title meant that she was the cook, dishwasher, housekeeper, and substitute mother.) The students arriving in the next few years felt fortunate to find these two buildingsthey had to build the next three themselves. (The state did pay for the materials.) The three new buildings included a power plant, metallurgy building, and gymnasium. The metallurgy building was the last of those to be leveled. It made way for Eaton Hall which, in turn, was razed for the new library.

Getting back to libraries—the fact that the first library was so small was really no problem; it was large enough to hold the mining journals and proceedings of the AIME meetings. Since the library remained in the attice until 1928, the space apparently proved adequate. This was, after all, the New Mexico School of Mines; so frivolous books on other subjects would have to wait for appropriations. At that point, a raging fire destroyed everything except the small quantitative lab, and both the library and Old Main ceased to exist. That piece of Old Main that survived now serves as the annex of Brown Hall, which was built within months on the same site.

The next library was housed in basement of Brown Hall. This one was considerably larger, and greatly improved. It even had a librarian, Captain Tom Wooten. By 1932, there were enough books to warrant importing Mrs. Kramer from Wisconsin to classify them according to the Dewy Decimal System. she was assisted by a student who, after she left, gave up his \$25/month basketball scholarship to become the assistant librarian for the same salary. In 1937 an alumni of the Class of '31, Martin Speare, gave up his career in pharmacy to return to the New Mexico School of Mines to assist Wooten, and in 1941, to become the librarian.

Between 1941 and 1951 the library moved twice. The second move placed it in Wells Hall. By then, the New Mexico School of Mines was in the process of becoming the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology; a separate research library was needed. In 1968 the collection moved into the Martin Speare Memorial Library. Its octagonal design was an award winner—probably because librarians did not get to vote. By this fall it is hoped that Tech will have the newest, biggest, and best library yet. At least the latest doesn't have eight sides.



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andidates' Statement The electorates for the SA election on March 27 were asked to give their qualifications and to address three issues that affect student life. Those questions were:

what is your positition on the proposed banning of alcohol on Tech campus, the increased vandalism on campus, and the present method of SA club funding. One-hundred words were allowed for each answer. Below are listed the cantidates, the positions they are running for, and and their responses. Vice-Presidential Candidates

Presidential Candidates



Jarrett Airhart

Experience:

I am both eager and qualified to bring new energy to the Student Association Presidency. My qualifications include the following: SA Senator

- KTEK General Manager
- Asso Representative, • Tech ciated Students of New Mexico

· Registered Lobbyist for the SA

My work as a senator includes participation developing SAC policy and advising production of the Tech TV commercials, and my position as KTEK general manager has required me to learn how to manipulate the Tech bureaucracy. Furthermore, my work in student lobbying efforts through Associated Students of New Mexico, and the SA Lobbying Committee have given me the skills and the contacts to take student issues directly to the regents and our legislators in Sante Fe.

Alcohol:

It is sad that the regents banned alcohol at student celebrations. In order to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future, the Student Association must make an effort to brief the regents of student concerns. This way a solution can be worked out by the students and the regents before a problem gets out of hand to the point that the regents take drastic actions. This could be accomplished by sending the minutes of the SA meetings directly to the regents. Also, I promise to address the regents at every meeting to tell them what the students are doing on campus, and what they are concerned

Vandalism:

The best solution for vandalism is better security and lighting. I feel that the vandalism problem should be studied by the student associ-ation, and a recommendation should be made to the regents.

Club Funding:

The main problem with club funding is lack of money. I would implement SA fundraising efforts; possibly running vending machines on campus, or renting microwaves to dorm students, or maybe even installing coin operated condom machines in campus restrooms. The profits from these ventures would be directed into club funding.





Tom Jones

Experience:

I have been involved with Tech student government since August 1989 when hired as SA Secretary. From that time, I have attended all SA meetings, all Finance Committee meetings, and assorted other SA committee meetings. I helped orga-nize KTEK dances while KTEK Secretary and Treasurer from August 1989 to October 1990. From all this experience, I am very familiar with the paperwork and processes needed to run the SA effectively. Tom Jones, who is running for President as my running mate and I can work together effectively and will try our best to have the student government run smoothly.

Alcohol:

The Regents have shot down any student hope of keeping alcohol at school sponsored events. Holding events at the Capitol Bar would solve some problems but would certainly create others. There would be more potential for D.W.I.s and students under 21 would be excluded. Alco-hol will probably not disappear from 49ers or Spring Fling just because it is outlawed; people will bring their own or drink elsewhere. Taking the money usually allocated for beer and using it instead for famous bands may not be the same, but I feel that will allow all students to particinate.

Vandalism:

Here lies a problem that, like the alcohol issue, is getting out of hand. Solutions must be found soon to avoid drastic steps like closing cam-pus. Much of the vandalism has been done to student vehicles and campus buildings. Police patrols are now more frequent, but are not enough. The SA needs to start a neighborhood watch involving volunteer student patrols. Students should also report crimes they see, so Police can actively prosecute more vandals. Closing campus would dramatically increase the tension be-tween Tech and Socorro, and would be quite expensive. It should only be done as a last resort.

Club Funding:

Club financing was better this se-mester than it has been for some time. While there is no way to please everyone with limited funds, money should be distributed as equitably as should be distributed as equilably as a finite indefective related visitors on possible. This semester, clubs were campus, as long as they realize they budgeted in direct accordance with are guests. But their is a problem budgeted in direct accordance with are guests. But their is a problem what they legitimately deserved, ac-right now, and I agree that some-cording to their proposed budgets, thing has to be done. The game-The only rough spot in the system is room and study areas are for the that clubs need to know how to most students. effectively prepare their budgets be-fore the budget process begins-guidelines must be prepared explain-ing that clubs must provide reason-*Paydin* was unable to contact Bobby able explanation for their expenses. Kehrman for clarification on this as well as explanation of how they topic. as well as explanation of how they topic.

benefit the student body.



Bobby Kehrman

Experience:

After a year and a half of being After a year and a half of being SA Treasurer and a term as a Sena-tor. I feel I know what the job of being president *should* involve. Things like staying in touch with what is the student body opinion, and consistently representing those opinions to the administration and community. As far as my qualified community. As far as my qualifica-tions, I have been involved in Student Association for more than three semesters, and a student here at Tech since 1987. I am a senior at tech since 1907. I am a senior mining engineering student with a 3.75 GPA in my major. As an eagle scout, I am still very active in the Scouting program, as a Cub Scout Den Leader here in Socorro and as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Carls-bad. I have complete over 120 hours of leadership training courses in the last seven years.

Alcohol:

At the March 5 Board of Regents Meeting, I presented several alterna-tives to the Alcohol Ban at 49ers and Spring Fling. I believe that alcohol service can be done in a safe and effective manner at these festivals. effective manner at these festivals. The alcohol was not the primary cause of the problems at last 49ers, the lack of control over who was at the festival was the problem. The drinking will continue, and now, due to the alcohol ban, the partying will be moving off-campus into situa-tions where students are going to get seriously hurt. I buried enough of my friend from high school for alco-hol related accidents- I don't want that to happen here. During Spring Fling, and maybe on a permanent basis we will be running a dial-a-risafe.

Vandalism:

This campus is my home, and I will not tolerate the vandalism or the violence against the students or their property. I support the ideas that have been presented, such as the 24 hour escort service and the student "neighborhood watch" program, and plan on actively taking part in

The Student Union Building was built for the students. I'd like to to see a tighter control of who has access to the facility, and the idea that was presented to the SA last meeting seems like it might work. I don't mind non-tech related visitors on



Amy Koerner

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Vandalism:

Dr. Etscorn's suggestion of start-ing a campus watch to help stop the vandalism is one that I agree with. This is an issue where students need rung, and maybe on a permanent runs is an issue incertation incom-basis we will be running a dial-a-ri- to get involved to benefit them-de/shuttle service to help keep us selves. I am disappointed that the gang graffiti on South Hall and other Tech buildings has not been re-moved. While this is our school, I am not in favor of making Tech a closed campus. It would add to the tension sometimes felt between Tech and the town of Socorro.

Club Funding:

I have seen the method of club funding in the SA improve over the past year. Fortunately, clubs are no longer given a random amount of noney, but rather are judged by a number of guidelines set by the Fi-nance Committee. The Finance Committee also holds the club allocation meetings open to all students so people in clubs can have a direct influence on their funding and a clear explanation of their budget. A bit more clarification on guidelines is needed and that will most likely be out to clubs by the end of the semes-



Eric Wagoner

Experience:

My name is Eric Wagoner, and I would like to be your next Student Association Vice-President. I am a current SA Senator, SA Chairman pro temp, chairman of two Senate committees and member of five. committees and member of. Ive, president of two SA clubs, and vice-President of a third. I have proven that I will work very hard for my employer (was selected "ARA em-ployee of the month" first month on the job), and I will do the same for you, my expertisial employers, as your the job), and I will do the same of you, my potential employers, as your Vice-President. You expect some-one to hear your comments and ac-tually do something, and that I promise to do.

Alcohol:

I strongly support the right of campus residents to possess alcohol in compliance with all state and fedin compliance with all state and fed-eral laws. I strongly object to any proposal to eliminate alcohol on campus. However, I favor tighter control over alcohol distribution at Tech-sponsored events as long as the rights of those over 21 are not infringed upon

Vandalism:

A dorm resident, I am particularly aware of the violence problem. As chairman of the Campus Space com-mittee. I have worked with Dean Etscorn on the problem of non-stud-ent have to aver comput. Curr ents trying to own our campus. Cur-rently being addressed is a plan to limit sub access to students, staff and their families, and registered guests. Pains are being made to to insure that there will be no inconvenience to those allowed access. We are also to mose allowed access. we are also working on a campus watch, to dis-courage the incidents of vandalism that are on the rise. I will continue my efforts to end these problems as your View-Descident your Vice-President.

Club Funding:

I have served on the Finance Committee as Senator, and have been greatly involved in awarding clubs money. I am pleased with the current guidelines, and helped draft them. clubs should not be awareded a flat amount as that discourages a flat amount, as that discourages a flat amount, as that discourages productive activity, why set high goals if you know you will only get \$150? The current system awards those clubs who promote the school, try to raise money on their own, and intelligently entress their plans for try to raise money on their own, and intelligently express their plans for the upcoming semester. The money we give you is really yours, and it should go to those who show they will use it best will use it best.



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International Fair featured displays from 23 countries

by Nik Chawla PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

The annual International Fair was held at the Tech gymnasium on February 27. Representatives from 23 countries displayed items and sold food from their origins and judges determined the best three exhibits. India, which received first place, had milk carpets, jewelry, and clothing, and sold Indian food. China received second place, showing oriental

Pakistan and France tied for third place, with the Asian country exhibiting clothes and jewelry and sports equipment such as cricket bats and balls and field hockey sticks. The most notable item displayed by France was a giant poster of the play *Les Miserables.* The Unites States also had an exhibit, portraying such all-American items as blue jeans, a rifle, and a Girl Scouts of America yest.

paintings, clothes and post cards.

EE department acquires grant <u>for DSP lab</u>

by George Zamora PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Electrical Engineering and Physics departments are planning to acquire a new computing facility with monies provided by a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant and matching funds provided by Tech.

Dr. Timothy H. Hankins, Physics Professor, as well as Adjunct Professor with the EE department, recently announced that at an NSF Improvement of Laboratory Instruction grant of \$29,300 would be used to purchase equipment for a Digital Signal Processing (DSP) Laboratory. The lab will be based on a network of interactive computer workstations which will be used to augment undergraduate classroom instruction in discrete systems and DSP courses.

"We expect to have a computing facility in place by the fall semester that would be useful for the Electrical Engineering and Physics departments, as well as for its original purpose of DSP instruction," Hankins says.

In the original proposal for equipment through the NSF grant, Hankins wrote "We perceive that, for all areas of modern experimental science, digital signal processing is one of the fundamental areas in which students should be competent."

U-California tuition up 40%

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

In what was perhaps the biggest single tuition increase imposed on any students anywhere, the University of California's Board of Regents voted February 15 to raise in-state "registration fces" by 40 percent.

"We are disappointed," said Susan Polan of a statewide student lobbying group that had asked the regents to hold to their previous promise to keep tuition hikes to a maximum 10 percent a year.

In a press release, the Regents said they felt they had no choice amid drastic cuts in state funding of the nine-campus UC system.

Besides raising in-state fees by \$650 to \$2,274 and out-of-state fees by \$1,282 to \$9,973, the board also voted to cut 1,000 non-teaching employees from the campuses' workforce and to delay the building of a new UC campus in the San Joaquin Valley.



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International Fair: The Pakistan exhibit at the Fair was one of many present. Photo by Nik Chawla.

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Yale's Skull and Bones Club may admit women

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Less than a month after college women finally won membership in a male-only Princeton club, Yale University's "secret" Skull and Bones club said it might let women in, too.

In late February, members of Skull and Bones, a 150-year-old club that counts President Bush among its members, were urged to voice their opinions about letting women join their "society" at a series of meetings around the country. The groups Board of Directors will vote on the issue in April.

Such men-only Ivy League clubs long have been a cornerstone of the "old boys' networks" that provide students with terrific corporate contacts and opportunities long after graduation.

"As long as the issue remains unresolved, the uncertainty will become increasingly detrimental to our organization," Muhammad A. Saleh, president of the Russell Trust Association, the name under which Skull and Bones is incorporated, wrote to the society's alumni.

In early February, the Tiger Inn, the last of Princeton University's all-male "eating clubs," initiated 27 women, about half of those who sought admission.

But the Tiger Inn opened its doors only after the US Supreme Court in January refused to hear its appeal of a New Jersey decision that it was violating anti-discrimination regulations.

The battle began in 1979 when Sally Frank, then a Princeton undergrad, applied for admission to several male-only clubs. When she was turned down, she filed a state discrimination complaint.

By the time the case hit the New Jersey Supreme Court, Frank was a lawyer and helped argue her own case.

Yale's Skull and Bones, surrounded by legends of arcane rituals and fanatical secrecy since its founding in 1832, is one of only two secret societies at Yale that have not moved to admit women since the university went coeducational in 1970. The other is Wolf's Head.

Fifteen Yale juniors are tapped each year for membership in Skull and Bones. Initiates must make a pledge of secrecy and bare their souls in a rite designed to build lifelong bonds.



Sand volleyball, softball, and other exciting athletic events

by Leann M. Giebler PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

Have you noticed that the volleyball sand-pits have been finished? I wondered why no nets were up, and asking Jim McCarthy at the gym, I discovered that the funding for the nets comes from P-Plant via Paul Bower. Once Paul Bower chooses a net from the gym's catalog, the order will go through and Tech will have nets. These nets will have to be taken down after each game due to possible theft and vandalism. (Presently, students who wish to use the sand pits have to make due with old nets that have been hiding in the gym for a few years.)

A suggestion was made that the RAs be given volleyball nets so that students would be able to use the pits when the gym was closed. That idea was shot down as was a suggestion that a few nets be held at Campus Security where students could check them out when the gym was closed. (I doubt that the average student would want to walk all the way up to Campus Security to collect a volleyball net, walk back to campus, set up the net, play a game, and then have to return the net.)

If you are the sort of person who likes volleyball and its related kin, then you may be interested in a proposed tournament at the gym that would include competition in indoor volleyball, walleyball, sand-pit volleyball, and grass volleyball. A team of six would enter and be required to play all four sports to achieve ranking, and then play one game of a randomly selected sport in either the winner's or loser's bracket to place. Jim McCarthy, Dan Church, Curtis Fuehr, and Paul Bower are tossing this idea around; so if you are interested, you should contact the gym with your comments and suggestions.

April will begin Tech's "fun time on the field." This "fun time" includes scheduled volleyball and softball games, as well as other field sports, to be held on the field. (The rugby team may have to reschedule practice or rearrange their practice field to make space when the other games begin.) The softball games that are usually played at Sadillo Park will have to be played at Tech's field due to the Park's renovations. Some students have suggested that, because of the open space and available bleachers, the games could be played at the Amphitheater. I am not sure that there would be enough room for a team out there, but that may still be a possibility.

Joel Dolinski, in cooperation with P-Plant, will be installing new carpeting in the weight room. This weight lifting club sponsored god send will occur only because a used carpet is available and because the Joel and the club are willing to put out the effort to improve the weight room for them selves and for the rest of us. For that act of kindness, I wish to thank you.

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Editorials, Commentary, and Letters to the Editor

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Bigotry is not "a part of life"

Editor:

As I read the February issue of Paydirt, I found myself appalled by the letter written to the editor by Mike Latham.

Mr. Latham is entitled to express his opinion-that [is] part of what being free means. I may not agree with him, but he is allowed to have his beliefs.

What I object to is the fact that Mr. Latham feels that it is permissible to call someone names simply because someone once called him names. He states in his letter, "If our opinion hurts the feelings of others, then I suggest they grin and bear it. . . . Being insulted and made fun of is part of living. I had my fair share, too." If John Doe was physically abused as a child, then it is okay for John to beat his daughter, because in John Doe's mind, being beaten daily "is a part of living."

Mr. Latham excuses his opinion by saying that because it happened to him,

he is entitled to do it to someone else.

It is because of this line of reasoning Blacks enslaved, that people in South America, Asia, Africa, Europe, Russia and the United States have been denied parts of the American South. Prejudice is something that is handed down from parent to child, and if you happen to be privileged to be born a white. Anglo-Saxon, heterosexual male, then you have inherited the right to be prejudiced against anyone who is not also white, Anglo-Saxon, heterosexual male.

Webster's New Colligiate Dictionary defines a bigot as "one obstinately or intolerantly devoted to his own church, party, belief or opinion.'

Meiko Haushalter

Homosexuality is not a choice; nor is it "right or wrong"

Editor:

I would like to express my respect for Mike Lantham in his recent letter to the editor about his opinions on homosexuality. I can certainly verify Mr. Lantham's statement that "being insulted and made fun of is part of living" and I agree that what makes this country great is that each person may express his or her opinions openly. However, I find flaw with what subject matter Mr. Lantham considers opinion.

Certainly music preference and religion are choices that each of us make, and therefore, qualify as opinion. However, homosexuality is not an issue of opinion. Homosexuality is as much a part of someone as is being tall or having brown hair or as skin color. Thus, when you indicate that being homosexual is a matter of choice, you are sadly mistaken.

There is a fine line between expression of opinion and discrimination. I doubt very seriously that anyone would get away with putting up anti-Black or anti-Asian posters for very long. Even slanders on clear issues of opinion, like religion, would certainly give most [of] us reason to be upset. So you see, anti-homosexual posters, particularly ones that single out individuals, would seem to be, in this day and age, truly tasteless.

Regardless of how the subject of homosexuality makes you feel, there should no longer be an issue of whether it is "right or wrong." The issue today should be about all the people in the world joining together as humans. Because if we can't all show a little, if not compassion and understanding, at least tolerance, the world is in a sorry state indced.

Marjorie Ward

Baptist Student Union's views on gay-bashing

Editor:

Due to our beliefs and our foundation on the Bible, we (the Baptist Student Union) are opposed to the lifestyle and morality that the Gays and Friends group supports. However, as students they have the same rights to peaceably assemble and organize as any other group on campus.

On this basis, we do not condone and do condemn the cruel actions of those opposed to this group. These actions have violated this group's rights of free speech and privacy. We request that the people involved should cease from such discriminatory action. If protest is necessary, we ask that it be done in a peaceable, civilized manner such that no slur be put on the group of any of its members.

If there any questions regarding our stand on this issue or our beliefs in the matter, please contact the BSU.

Respectfully, **Russel Goering Baptist Student Union** CREW AN

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Those of you who pay attention to such things have probably noticed that there have been a lot more articles in Paydirt about places you've never been to. No, not the Bureau of Mines or the Personnel office, but weird places like Virginia Tech, the University of California and Oregon State University. Most of these articles, and those about national trends of interest to college students, come from the College Press Service (CPS), as you can see in the byline. *Paydirt's* membership in CPS is the latest improvement in the current era. (Back in 1984, *Paydirt* was also a member of CPS, but that was before the Publishing Dark Age of the 1980s.) Your college newspaper is pleased to bring you articles of interest to you that we certainly could not have obtained by ourselves.

Of course, that's not the only purpose they serve. Had we not had this CPS membership, we would not be sitting here at midnight on the first Saturday of Spring Break writing this. We would be frantically trying to come up with articles to fill the unfilled two pages that would have existed. CPS articles are sometimes used to fill otherwise unfilled space, and it is presumed that those articles are more interesting to readers than government books public service announcements.

There have been other improvements in the past dozen issues that you may have noticed. Thanks to our new waxer, we no longer have little black globs located randomly in the gutters between columns, and our printer no longer needs to spend bunches of time blotting out those blobs, which actually derived from little bits of dried-up rubber cement. Instead of rubber cement, we use wax, which is infinitely more convenient.

If things went according to plan, this is also the trial issue for spot color. With that women have been oppressed and the layout being less cumbersome as a result of using the waxer, we have the ability to consider such interesting options as blue, red, and green. Hopefully, advertisers interested in color will fund spot-color issues in the future.

With every issue, the staff also gains more experience at putting issues together, equality, that Native Americans have had making them look good and easy to read. You can see evidence of this when their land stolen from them and that comparing the front page of this issue to the issues of a year ago. We make no claims branches of the Ku Klux Klan still exist in about our performance other than that it is getting better. You can decide how good it actually is.

> We also have a few more surprises in store for the upcoming issues this semester; we hope you will notice them.

Objection to SA funding of **Gavs and Friends**

Editor:

I was appalled when I saw how much money that "Gays and Friends" was getting for their club this year. It wasn't only how much they were getting but the fact that they were getting money at all. As a Tech student, I am disgusted that the Senate approved this when the majority of students think that "Gays and Friends" shouldn't receive anything. I guess it doesn't matter what most of us want-the outspoken minority wins another victory. It is so unfair that those of us who believe homosexuality is wrong should have to fund the gay community. I don't believe in violence against the gays but I don't believe I should have to condone, let alone support, their activities. Homosexuality is completely against my moral beliefs and I know that there

are many others on campus who feel the same way I do. In fact, I haven't spoken to one person who is supportive of the Senate's decision. Because I have a family and a job in addition to going to school full time, I rely on the elected leaders to make competent decisions and represent my ideals and feelings. I feel that the Senate has not thought of the people who don't agree with homosexuality. Maybe we need to make ourselves heard-not by gay bashing or other kinds of violence, but by letting our representatives know that we don't want to support the gay community.

Yes, I am prejudiced. It isn't the gays that I hate, it is what they do that I hate. Please reconsider the budget. Dawn Hackett



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The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra playing Popejoy Hall in Albuquerque last season under the direction of Music Director Neal Stulberg. Photo supplied by the NMSO.

New Mexico Symphony Orchestra provided excellent show

by Nik Chawla PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra (NMSO) concluded the last leg of a tour through New Mexico by giving a concert on March 1 at Macey Center as part of the Tech Performing Arts Series. Since 1974, when a statewide outreach program was implemented, the NMSO has increased its touring dramatically. Since then, the orchestra has visited nearly 40 cities, towns, Native American reservations, and schools. In addition to in-state tours, the orchestra has also toured in Texas, Arizona, Colorado, and Mexico.

The NMSO played under the steady baton of Roger Melone, Associate Conductor and Choral Director of the NMSO chorus (see interview below) in a diverse program of works by Beethoven, Sibelius, Strauss, and Sullivan. The orchestra started the program with the popular Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major by Ludwig van Beethoven. Also known as the Eroica, meaning heroic, this piece was dedicated to "the memory of a great This man was originally Napoleon, but Beethoven retracted the dedication when Napoleon upgraded himself from Consul to Emperor. The Eroica is perhaps one of the most important works by Beethoven because it radically changed the form and style of the classical symphony as defined by Mozart and Haydn. To do justice to a symphonic work of this scale, a large orchestra is usually needed, but the chamber-size orchestra of the NMSO maintained good balance and for its small size, produced a sizable sound which was somewhat dampened by the poor acoustics in Macey Center. The firs movement was played with clear articulation and warmth. The second movement, titled "Marcia Funebre," or Funeral March, flowed with great expression especially from the strings that produced a rich sound through the deliberate

through different sections of the orchestra producing a sad echo throughout the movement. In the third movement, the orchestra played with great flexibility in showing different colors although the horn section seemed to be somewhat out of tune in short solo passages. The last movement uses an innocent theme from Beethoven's Creatures of Prometheus ballet and transforms it into a huge drama. here the NMSo produced a sound that would normally come out of an orchestra twice its size; the cello section, made up of only four players, played with boldness, while principal oboist Darrell Randall demonstrated his virtuosity in solo sections.

After intermission, the orchestra played some incidental music by Jean Sibelius written for plays. The first, "Valse Triste" from Kuolema is a short relaxed piece while the second, Pelleas and Melissande is in the form of story. depicting princess Melissande "At the Castle Gate," to Melissande at the Spinning Wheel and finally the Death of Melissande. This was a change from the dramatic Eroica and gave the oboist another opportunity to show his talents. Next was the elegant Kiss Waltz by the "Waltz King," Johann Strauss Jr. Although this particular waltz is not one of his most popular pieces, it fitted well with the instrumentation and size of the Ironically, the regular orchestra. program concluded with an overture (the instrumental introduction to an opera)the popular overture to HMS Pinafore by Sir Arthur Sullivan. As an encore, the NMSO played the Flight of the Bumble Bee, by Rimsky Korsakoff. This last piece spotlighted the virtuosity of this wonderful orchestra and produced a standing ovation by the audience.

Although it was a long tour, and some of the players looked understandably tired, the NMSO presented an excellent show in Socorro, combing the popular with the not-so-popular, but nevertheless playing with class and expression.

An interview with Roger Melone Associate Conductor of the NMSO

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Roger Melone, Associate Conductor of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and director of the NMSO Chorus, arrived in Albuquerque in 1983. Since then he has been credited with the building of the NMSO Pops and chamber orchestra series. Mr. Melone's work as director of the NMSO chorus has brought him critical acclaim and he frequently conducts the orchestra on its tours throughout New Mexico and other westem stales.

Mr. Melone was a conducting protégé of the late Victor Alessandro and because of his skill for opera, was chosen to lead opera star Beverly Sills in her last performance of *Norma*. He has been a guest conductor for the orchestras of Austin, Canton (Ohio), Chattanooga, Dallas, Lubbock, Sacramento, and Savannah.

When the NMSO appeared in Socorro. I had a chance to talk to Mr. Melone in his dressing room. He was suffering from a bad cold but he conveyed his thorough knowledge of conducting and music in a most fascinating and enthusiastic fashion. Here are some excepts of my interview with Roger Melone.

The program you are conducting tonight is quite diverse, ranging from Beethoven to Sir Arthur Sullivan. How did you choose this program?

We take a tour-size orchestra of about 45 players and try to give various towns in New Mexico a kind of program that will mean something to them, something that they will enjoy and which will have some tasteful, good solid music in it. At the same time there will be some people who are not regular concert goers and we want them to also enjoy the concert and have enough of a good time through the weightier things they can sit through. But when we do that, how do we program for 45 musicians? One of the problems I run into is trying to find literature that will turn on an audience but that does not require a large orchestra. The Sullivan overture which unusually we will end the program with tonight, will be recognized by the audience whether they think they know it or not. It will also sound good with a small orchestra since the instrumentation is right. The same thing with the Sibelius and the Strauss Waltz

You are opening the program with Beethoven's *Eroica* symphony. Doesn't this symphonic work usually require a large-scale orchestra?

But all the Beethoven symphonies, and some will disagree with me on this, can function and stylistically were written for a smaller orchestra than we use today so I think it is appropriate for our concert tonight.

As the Director of the NMSO chorus and Conductor of the orchestra, what differences do you see between choral and orchestral conducting?

You just brought up one of my favorite subjects. I think conducting is conducting. The biggest difference is, for

example if you are going to work with strings, you have to be competent at techniques of working with instruments. I am not talking about the physical aspects of conducting. I am talking about marking bowings and telling the strings at which part of the bow they should play on, et cetera. I was also a string player so that is not so difficult for me. The same when you get a choir. Obviously, you are working with voices so you have to tell them vocally what to do. I enjoy doing both and wearing both hats. When I teach workshops to choral conductors, the first thing that I try to get across to them is that there is no such thing as choral conducting: there is only good conducting and bad conducting.

Recently, there has been some controversy over the so-called "early period instruments" movement which aims at recreating the sound that composers aimed for in their own time, by using ancient instruments. What is your opinion of this?

I love it. I have to admit to you that in the 70s when I became aware of this happening, I thought to myself, "Well those groups cannot play those instruments at the standard today's modern American symphony orchestras can play." And then someone forced me to listen to one of the records, and the first time you hear sounds that you are not used to you do not know what to think, but after some hearings I liked it. I think the biggest reason musicians fight this movement is because a lot of our schooling is in a style and way that is basically the same. The thing wrong with that is that since an instrument has one type of sound, people normally think that the music from all composers should fit in that same sound.

I would like to shift modes a little bit. How does an orchestra like the NMSO, which has large audiences and is well-liked around the state, get into financial programs.

Well, you have to take the total picture in the United States. Orchestras are not profit-making organizations, expenses have escalated, and tax-wise there are less incentives for contributions. In our case, what happened was that we went from a part-time, reasonably good orchestra, to a fully professional orchestra that are auditioned on a national scale. So to keep people of this quality we have doubled salaries, increased their season to give them more work, and our budget went from \$600,000 to \$3 million overnight. This kind of thing would happen to any nonprofit organization but we are getting out of it. Is the orchestra going to be touring

out-of-state any time soon? Any recordings in the making for the orchestra?

Yes, we just did a concert in Arizona last fall. Currently, we are planning a pretty major east coast concert, but I do not want to talk anymore about that, in case we decide not to go through with it. We hope there are some recordings in the future, but no firm plans yet.



STIEPHIEN SMOOGEN[®]S HOROSCOPES

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Hello, again. This is the March installment of my astrology column. This being the semester that we students don't get as many care packages from home, we welcome any mail that comes our way. My first spring semester, I looked forward to the coupons for a free chiropractic visit. Today, I am always happy to receive your mail even if I am unable to personally reply to it. If you wish to write me either e-mail to sissnsr@jupiter or just address it to Horoscopes, Paydirt Box GG C/S. After last month's column, I have been swamped with tons of fan mail that I would like to share with the rest of you.

Dear Stephen Smoogen,

I think your column is wonderful. It's better than sex. I spend hours reading it and comparing your predictions with what what happens in my life. I am a Virgo, but I am constantly finding that Pisces predictions fit my life better. Is there a problem with your setting up your charts? yours truly, Bird,

No, there is no problem with my horoscopes. More likely, you really were born under Pisces but your parents have been lying to you since they are under a witness protection program. They are ex-mobsters who ratted on Mad Dog Maronte.

Aries (March 21—April 30): Concerns about grades go unfounded as you break the curve. A spaghetti dinner may be in order to celebrate your performance. Worrying about life may cause ulcers at an early age. Look to the west for Venus.

Taurus (April 21—May 20): Space travel may be in your future soon as your parents find out what your grades really are. Knowing an Aquarius may bring in some erotic evenings this month. Beware of spending too much money on shoes.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21): Disconnecting from reality could lead to bad consequences this week. Some hot and heavy nights ahead are filled with possibilities of the future. You may need to look into a new place to live as your floor collapses. Cancer (June 22 – July 22): Money is your worst enemy this month, as you find all your funds have disappeared. A change in jobs be in order. Romance may occur if you are willing. Look to an Aquarius for comfort. Grades may improve soon.

Lee (July 23—August 22): Your health may fail if you do not take time out to smell the roses. See friends. Grades hit rock bottom, but an optimistic view will tell you to go onward. The romantic road may be rocky in the future, but have hope. Virgo (August 23—September 22): Your parents' ties with the mob haunt you as several hit-men come to town. However,

they are unable to stomach green chile and leave. An intimate date may be in order; ask an Aquarius for help.

Dear Horoscoper,

I think your column Is wonderful. Its better than sex. I think that you are my best friend and that I can trust you implicitly. I am your number one fan, and have read every column you have ever written. I am in awe of the way that you can see into my future and tell what is going on. Last week, someone in the cafeteria said you made it all up. After I had forced several green bananas down his throat, I realized that you had in fact predicted this fate to this Pisces. I know everything about you. I know that after you have finished each column you drink a bottle of vodka. (Or is that before? I forget.) I find out when the deadline is for the column so I can sit outside Paydint's office for snipits of your next column. Someday I hope to meet you, and maybe something more will happen between us.

yours truly, Annie.

Well, with loyal fans like this, I can hope for years of work from Paydirt.

Libra (September 23-October 22): You may feel discomfort as your ulcer explodes during dinner. Then again, it may seem normal. Mars helps you plan out the next few weeks. Look forward to lots of money coming your way after taxes.

Scorpio (October 23-November 22):A large amount of money leaves your pocket as you pay a large debt. A math test will improve your spirit. Spending a night between the sheets will breathe new life into you. Ask an Aquarius.

Sagittarius (November 23–December 21): A quiet evening alone may not be all your date has in mind. Remember to bring your whips and chains. Classes go about par this month but may get better. Ed McMahon may come through.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): A date may arouse desire in someone new. Mercury brings a message from the South about money. Mathematics may not be the subject to look into this month; try philosophy or the arts.

Aquarius (January 20—February 18): Starting an escort service may bring in lots of money this month. Worrying about dates will not be a problem, either. Grades may suffer if the vice squad is not given its fair cut of the take.

Pisces (February 19—March 20): You have a last moment realization that your major is not for you, and decide to transfer to UNM for underwater basket weaving courses. Working for an Aquarius may lead to problems this month.



NAMES receives IMC funding

IMC NEWS RELEASE

The Native American Mineral Engineering and Science (NAMES) program was recently awarded a \$7,500 corporate sponsorship check by the International Minerals and Chemical (IMC) Fertilizer company, based in Carlsbad.

At a recent meeting of the NAMES Advisory Board, Allen J. Paneral, IMC Employee Relations Manager and NAMES Board member, presented the check to Merton Sandoval, coordinator for minority programs at Tech. IMC Fertilizer, Inc. is one of the original corporate sponsors of the NAMES program which was established in 1979.

An academic and career exploration program in mineral engineering and sciences for American Indian students, NAMES was developed by Tech to address the under-representation of Native Americans in these fields. To date, 271 students have participated in the program. NAMES has served as the model for a parallel program for minority students and women at Tech, Minority Introduction to Mineral Engineering and Science (MIMES).

Paneral has been on the NAMES Advisory Board since 1980 and last year was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Alumni Association for his work.

Recession causes funding problems throughout nation

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Schools as diverse as St. Mary's College in Maryland and Yale University announced drastic new measures to cope with funding crises. St. Mary's unveiled efforts to save about \$600,000 that included disbanding summer programs, laying off 13 people and reorganizing its Public Safety department. Yale laid off half the staffers at its Career Services office.

"It's disastrous," said University of Pennsylvania Vice-President Marna Washington of Governor Robert Casey; 's proposals to halve funding for some state campuses.

"If it comes down to it, I will try to find a place that has the same programs as OSU," student Nancy Thompson told the Oregon State University Daily Barometer in reaction to news that budget cuts had forced the school to drop its Education and Poultry Science programs among others.

Arlo Guthrie played ABQ

by Meiko Haushalter PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

Arlo Guthriew was in Albuquerque on Frinday, March 1. Guthrie, sone of folk legend Woody Guthrie, played for a small and intimate crowd at the Sunshine Music Hall.

Using his unique blend of music, storytelling, and humor, he enchanted the crowd for three hours. Armed only with an acoustic guitar and harmonica, he sang his way through "The Motorcycle Song," "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," and others.

It was a wonderful show, for those lucky enough to be there.

Farmer Maria