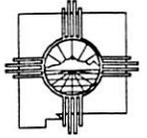


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Campus Post Office Reorganizes

Institute Senate Votes to Split

by Warren Marts
STAFF REPORTER

At their meeting on Tuesday, March 6th the Institute Senate approved a motion which may change the way admission requirements, departmental curricula and graduation requirements are reviewed and approved. State law gives this responsibility to the Board of Regents, and they may delegate it as they see fit.

Under the current system a department would send its desired change to the Council of Chairs, who review the item and pass it on to the Institute Senate with a recommendation. The full Senate would then vote on the matter. There are two major problems with the current system. The first is that the regents have never formally delegated these academic powers to the senate, so the senators have no valid legal basis to act on these matters. The other problem concerns the make-up of the Senate itself.

The Institute Senate has about 200 members: tenure-track faculty, senior administrators, and research staff. Some of the nonteaching members feel that the senate is too occupied with academic business, and some faculty members feel that the nonacademic members should not be deciding academic policies.

The motion passed at this meeting addresses both these issues: it asks the regents to grant academic review authority to a yet to be formed body of College Division faculty and interested others. The Regents will consider the motion at their March 27th meeting, and President Lattman expects them to approve it.

Approval of this motion by the Regents would mean the Institute Senate could concern itself only with interdivisional matters such as long-range planning, budgets, and safety and environmental issues. The new academic body would take over all the curriculum issues that the Senate currently handles.

The structure of this new body was not specified in the Institute Senate's motion, and it would be up to the College Division faculty to set up this new organization as they see fit. The membership will automatically include all persons with faculty appointments; other teaching staff, such as part-time instructors and research advisors, could become voting members by petitioning the new faculty council. Included as nonvoting members would be graduate and undergraduate student representatives, and staff from admissions, the registrar, and other student-related offices.

by Matt Jones
PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

Mention the campus post office to Tech students, and the reply will generally be emotional. When one goes to college, one expects to encounter problems with the administration, grading policies, and social life, but one seldom expects problems with the post office to be a major concern. The truth of the matter is that mail is extremely important to all of us. Goodie packages from home, checks in the mail, and junk mail to read when lectures drag on and on are gold to the average Tech student. It is of little wonder, then, that the campus post office is frequently on our minds.

Sophomore Craig Coeplin says the services is "a little slow," while student Senator Aaron Schnell says "All deliveries are extremely slow, [both] on-campus and regular mail." Senator Seb Thompson is harsher in his evaluation when he calls the post office "a total [deleted] distaster."

Clubs complain about extreme delays in the distribution of important notices. The Math club had over half of a batch of notices never get delivered. The Math club complained, but no reason was ever found for the disappearances.

There are also numerous complaints about the hours that students can get to their mailboxes—the doors leading to the box, until recently, were locked at five PM on weekdays, and all weekend long. This led to busy students having problems getting to their boxes during open hours, and sometimes led to students spending hungry weekends waiting for money or food that was supposed to arrive in the mail. However, as of March fourth, the door to the mailboxes will be open for student access anytime the SUB is unlocked, unless vandalism occurs. "Nearly everyone agreed that more access was needed, so we will try this," said Alex Thyssen, who oversees the post office. Mail can now be picked up on Saturday and Sunday during regular SUB



New Post Office Boxes were installed last semester. While the hours students can access their boxes have increased, window service hours have been cut.

hours, but Saturday window hours will not resume for financial reasons. "Everytime someone worked during Saturday, we had to pay overtime. We just couldn't afford it," stated Mr. Thyssen. "Even the main office in town had to cut off Saturday hours to cut costs. We aren't alone in this.

The most serious complaints deal with opened, lost, or tampered-with mail. Several students have complained about pictures or computer disks, marked "Do not bend," that were folded to fit in the mailboxes. Also, students have complained of opened magazine wrappers and fingerprints inside, which led them to believe that, somewhere along the postal network from the publisher to the box,

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Coming Next Issue...

Spring Fling

What's going on at Tech's spring ritual and how you can be a part.



Tech Budget a New Pawn in Santa Fe Politics

by Warren Marts
PAYDIRT STAFF REPORTER

Governor Gary Carruthers wants a special legislative session, and Tech may suffer unless he gets it. On March 7th, he vetoed several items in the proposed state budget, including some important items in the Tech budget. The Governor later indicated to Tech's President, Dr. Laurence Lattman, that most or all of the vetoed budget items could be restored if another session is called to work on other matters.

At stake is \$100,900 in equipment

replacement funds, the entire \$52,000 athletic budget, and approximately \$33,000 in salary money from the core-level funding.

By vetoing critical budget items, Governor Carruthers hopes to force the state legislature into another session. At this new session, another budget bill could be sent up with the same budget requests, which Carruthers has indicated he would approve.

Dr. Lattman reports that all efforts will be made to ensure this funding is returned to Tech, and he is optimistic about Tech's chances for success.

Lattman Revises Retirement Plans

by Kimberly Eiland
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

New Mexico Tech President Laurence Lattman announced at the March meeting of the Tech Board of Regents that he will not retire in June, 1991.

Lattman had disclosed a tentative retirement date of summer 1991 at a recent meeting with Tech students. Lattman says he has delayed his plans because of recent harassment. To continue with those retirement plans would be tantamount to being "driven off," according to Lattman, a move which would not be beneficial to either Tech or himself.

Steve Torres, president of the NM Tech Board of Regents, supported Lattman's statement and commended him for his leadership of Tech.

Lattman assured the Regents that he would give 12 months notice when he does set retirement plans.

postal workers had read their mail. However, no evidence links this act to our postal workers, and it is unlikely that such acts occurred here. This particular problem is especially serious, as tampering with the U.S. Mail is a federal offense, and would result in an employee being immediately fired at the very least.

What is being done about these problems? Stephanie Towner, acting manager of the campus post office says they are being taken of.

During January, a major shakeup occurred in the lineup of the workers, which Ms. Towner says has had a positive impact. "We are running better on two full-time employees than we were with four," she says proudly, referring to the two full-time positions that were eliminated in January. Right now, the post office has two full-time employees, with an opening for a third, and also hires five Tech students part-time.

Ms. Towner also adds that she, unlike her predecessor, has posted a work schedule of when certain jobs must be finished. She feels that this makes her office much more efficient and able to deal with problems, such as the extra mail on Mondays. Since the campus station no longer has Saturday hours, the mail that would have been delivered on Saturday gets distributed on Monday, causing a pileup of mail and additional work

for the postal employees. This can result in late mail delivery on Monday if the workers do not work in an ordered fashion.

Ms. Towner addresses the problem of mass club mailings by suggesting that clubs presort the mail into sequential box order to speed delivery. If the notices are already in order, it takes much less time to deliver them.

Alex Thyssen, Tech's Director of Budget and Analysis, oversees the campus station. The Tech campus station subcontracts mail delivery from the U.S. Postal Service, and is in most ways a separate entity. One result of this status is that, when new mailboxes were bought when the station moved from Brown Hall to the SUB, the regular post office did not help pay for the new boxes. Our new boxes were the "best our money could buy," said Mr. Thyssen, despite complaints that they are of inferior quality, even from the postal workers. "We couldn't get \$80,000 top-of-the-line boxes."

When asked about the increase in the postal service fee last year, Mr. Thyssen explained that even the present fees do not come close to covering the cost of the station. The fees do not even cover the wages of the five student workers. "We are still very competitive with the prices for an in-town box," adds Mr. Thyssen. The campus station does not receive any of the money from the sale of postage stamps or money orders.

Students do not uniformly condemn the campus station. "The window staff is always very friendly and nice," compliments junior Sam Meyers. "I think that they are doing the best job they can," adds another student.

In the future, the campus station hopes to add more services to help out Tech students, like a public-use FAX machine and an overnight delivery service, both of which are unavailable on campus right now.

Comments on the quality of service and suggestions on how to improve campus mail can be sent to Stephanie Towner at the campus station. Mr. Thyssen would like to compliment Stephanie on her performance. "Under Stephanie, the employees work harder, and the campus station is better than ever before."



DR. STRANGELOVE OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE BOMB

The President of the U.S. and the Soviet Premier join forces to save the world from nuclear destruction in Kubrick's comic masterpiece that's more relevant now than ever.

Director: Stanley Kubrick Screenplay: Stanley Kubrick, Peter George and Terry Southern
Cast: Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Slim Pickens
93 min. 1964 PG B/W Columbia

Arco Donates \$50,000 to Minority Student Program

by George Zamora
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The ARCO Oil and Gas Company recently granted \$50,000 to New Mexico Tech to help the college establish a new minority student program aimed at improving retention and performance of underrepresented minorities at the school.

The ARCO grant, earmarked for the Minorities in Engineering and Science Program, will fund a majority of the new program's yearly operating budget, with the balance being provided by New Mexico Tech.

"Tech's new program is designed to address the specific needs of new minority students and promote the development of a community of students at the college who can support each other academically, socially, and emotionally," says Merton Sandoval, Tech's Coordinator of Academic Support and Minority Programs.

Immediate goals of the new minority student program are establishing a freshman orientation course; clustering freshman students in math and science classes; providing a campus study/tutoring center; and fostering the development of minority student organizations at New Mexico Tech.

"ARCO's generosity will make it possible for Tech to initiate a comprehensive minority retention program. This program will not only help with retention but with overall student performance, and we are very appreciative of the ARCO Foundation's assistance," Sandoval relates.



SA Movie Schedule Spring 1990

- March 30 Dr. Strangelove
- April 20 Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
- April 27 Tootsie

All movies start at 8:00 PM in the SAC.
Tech Students and one guest: Free
All others: \$1.00

Movies selected by the SA Movie Committee

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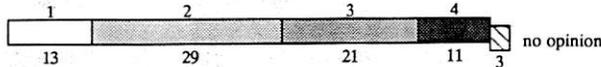
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Quality of Life Survey

Paydirt conducted a telephone survey of 105 randomly selected students with telephone numbers appearing in the student directory. The survey was conducted from March 6 through March 9, and the following five questions were asked. For each bar, the category is stated above the bar, and the number of students answering in that category is shown underneath the bar.

1. (Asked only to individuals living on Tech campus.) Please rate the overall food quality in the Tech cafeteria from 1, meaning poor, to 5, meaning excellent.



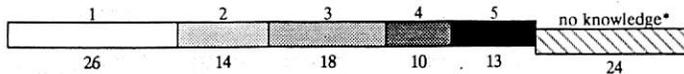
2. (Asked only to individuals living on Tech campus.) Would you be willing to pay increased board fees for better food quality?



3. How do you rate the overall academic quality of Tech, from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent)?



4. Rate on a scale of one to five the importance you currently assign to the incident of November 14. One means the issue has no importance, five means that the issue is very important.



5. How would you rate the overall quality of life at Tech? Once again, 1 means poor and 5 means excellent.



* Those who initially expressed "no knowledge" of the incident of November 14 or asked for clarification regarding what it was were told "The incident in which Dr. Lattman lost his temper in Brown Hall." At this point, those who still stated that they had no knowledge of the event were counted in this "no knowledge" category.

This survey was conducted by Paydirt staff calling from the Paydirt office. Only students with telephone numbers published in the Auxiliary Services Student Directory of 1/20/90 directory were contacted. If the call was answered, the person answering was not verified to be the person listed in the directory. To reduce any potential bias relating to when students were home to answer the phone, calls were made at various times throughout the days: in the morning, early afternoon, and evening. Persons with telephone extensions beginning with "6" were identified to be campus residents and were asked the first two questions. Persons with telephone extensions beginning with other numbers were identified as off-campus residents and were not asked those questions. Numbers outside Socorro, or beginning with "5" or "7" were not called, as these are Tech offices. Some individuals may have been contacted more than once, if there were others listed in the directory with the same telephone number, but these presumably identified themselves as such. No students reported a value of "5" for the first question, nor did any report a value of "1" for the third question.

Student Life Committee Formed

by Laura Buxton
STAFF WRITER

Declining enrollment is one of the most serious problems currently facing Tech. Few people are more aware of this than President Lattman. He has recognized that student life (or lack thereof) is a contributing factor to this problem, and has formed a new Student Life Committee. The purpose of this committee is to submit to Dr. Lattman a list of recommendations for improving the lives of Tech students.

Frank Etscorn, Dean of Students, is chairman of the committee. Rhonda Savedge-St. George, Bill Chavez, Jim Corey, and Bill Lyons are other staff members. The SA Senate has appointed three student representatives: Ash Walker, Laura Buxton, and Mike Bannister. David Griffin was also selected to serve as an additional representative of campus residents, as it was felt that Ms. Buxton, an RA, would not see problems other students might have.

The committee has met three times this semester. Topics discussed have included sand volleyball courts (hopefully by Spring Fling), a late-night coffee shop on campus (possibly in the eastern entrance of the gym), varsity sports, and free Tech busses to Albuquerque and downtown Socorro. Bookstore prices and food have also been discussed at length. New topics are always welcome, especially from students. If you have a brilliant idea (or even a half-baked idea), please send it to the Student Life Committee, Dean of Students, Campus Station.

Career Services Calendar

FROM CAREER SERVICES

- 26 March: 4 PM; sign-up for April 4 Hidalgo Smelter interviews; Metallurgical interviews.
- 26 March: sign-up for April 5 BHP Utah International interviews

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CORRECTION

Several SA senators who were absent from the meeting of February 19, and consequently we also not shown in the photo on the front page of the previous issue were not included in the caption. These senators are Sebastian Thompson, Elizabeth Bizardi, and Ash Walker.

No Exit by Erik Andresen

WHERE TO GO DURING SPRING BREAK!

- MAZATLAN, MEXICO OR FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**
ADVANTAGE: INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES AND/OR LOOSE SERIAL BEHAVIOR.
DISADVANTAGE: RISK OF DEATH, DISEASE AND/OR ETHERNAL DAMNATION.
- HOME**
ADVANTAGE: FREE (OR REASONABLY PRICED) FOOD.
DISADVANTAGE: FINDING OUT MOM HAS SUBLET YOUR ROOM TO BUSLOAD OF JAPANESE TOURISTS.
- GILLIGAN'S ISLAND**
ADVANTAGE: NONE.
DISADVANTAGE: GILLIGAN KEEPS DROPPING COCONUTS ON YOUR HEAD.
- DAN QUAYLE'S PAD**
ADVANTAGE: LOTS OF TWINKIES & KOOL-AID.
DISADVANTAGE: WHEEL OF FORTUNE GETS TIRESOME AFTER A WHILE.

CHILDREN vs. HAMSTERS: WHICH ARE BETTER?

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- CHILDREN:**
 - CHews WITH MOUTH OPEN.
 - GETS GUM IN HAIR.
 - LEARNS RAP SONGS AND SINGS THEM IN CHURCH.
 - COMPLAINS IF LOCKED IN CAGE, EVEN WITH HEALTHY EXERCISE WHEEL.
 - WATCHES "RAMBO" OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER.
- HAMSTERS:**
 - CAN'T OPERATE CHAINSAW.
 - IF PREGNANT, SO WHAT?
 - CAN ALWAYS FEED TO DOGS OR FLUSH DOWN TOILET.
 - OVERBITE CUTE - NO NEED FOR EXPENSIVE BRACES.
 - CAN BREED 'EM FOR FUN AND PROFIT.
 - SOFT & FURRY.
 - WON'T USE PHONE.
 - MICROWAVABLE.
 - BY THE TIME IT'S A TEENAGER, IT'S DEAD.

A Night at the Beach

by Steve Legate
Staff Reporter

A NIGHT AT THE BEACH: CLUB NMT GETS TUBULAR

I bounced down the stairs from KTEK, the "Saturday Night 69'er" (my radio show) dutifully completed. It had been a slow night, and I was looking forward to shaking my bootie (so to speak). I walked into the cave and glanced into the SAC's main odditorium (tm).

In retrospect, I really wish I had had my glasses. I didn't, and it appeared to me that the SAC floor was covered with some fluffy yellowish-white substance. Feathers? Cotton? Those little styrofoam pellets you pack your Hyperspatial Microgyroscopes in before you hand them over to the haven for blundering mongoloids that is the US Postal Service? I do not live on campus, and long ago I learned not to trust xeroxed postings any more than you can digest them, so I was aware of only one fact for certain: there was a dance.

Well, I figured that was all I needed to know, so I went home to change. I changed out of my shorts and T-shirt and into my jet-black long sleeved shirt and my best (read: most recently washed) pair of jeans. I slapped on my Earth, Wind, and Fire vintage 1970's denim jacket. I was ready to boogie. I hopped in the car (also vintage 1970's, but not Earth, Wind, and Fire denim) and arrived at the SAC shortly thereafter.

I walked in and stood in the ID line. When I reached the front, the ID checker recognized me and wrote "go, Spot, go" on my hand with a magic marker. "I like it-it's surrealistic," I said. As I wandered in to the odditorium (tm), I wondered if maybe the white substance wasn't some new and marvellous hallucinogen.

I stepped into the SAC and almost fell over. The concrete floor

had turned to mush. I looked down and noticed for the first time that I was standing on sand. I gazed around the room and realized that everybody who wasn't on the stage or in the lounge or in one of the hot tubs-HOT TUBS?!

I did a double-take to the right and sure enough, there were three smiling souls sitting in a large tub of what appeared to be fairly warm water. One had a fishing rod. I stared past the palm trees (palm trees?) at the cartoon screen and I wondered if I had crossed into the Twilight Zone.

"Gee, Steve, you're kinda overdressed for the beach," said a nearby friend.

"This is what I always wear to the beach," I said in a slightly bewildered tone.

Eventually I "got the lead out" and danced. I quickly decided that my shoes were an unnecessary hindrance, so I chucked them under a chair in the lounge and danced with my toes in the cool sand.

The rest of the night was a hot, humid, gritty blur (most dances end up being blurs, but this was the first one that was gritty). People danced in the sand. People limboed in the sand. People sat in the sand. People tried to lean against the paper palm trees and ended up with their faces in the sand.

People sat in the lounge, drank non-alcoholic margaritas, and watched that cheesy and yet imminently forgettable beach epic "Spring Break" on the big screen TV. Some watched it twice. Without sound. Perhaps it was better that way. Some people were grabbed by other people and unceremoniously lobbed into the hot tubs.

In short (yeah, I know-too late), a fantastic time was had by all. There were only a few sticky points. It was indeed as hot as the beach, but I have yet to be at a beach that was as humid (and I've been

to Galveston, y'all). Towards the end of the dance, the water in the tubs cooled off and looked more like the runoff from the Mississippi than the waves off Bermuda. Also, the areas around the tubs started to look like monster-truck racing grounds: "We've turned the floor of the SAC into a gigantic MUD BOG!!" I don't even want to think about what it was like to clean up.

The Club NMT beach-dance was the first time I ever washed my feet in a public lavatory (and no, I did not just dip them in the toilet). But I went to sleep that night with the surf and the Beach Boys in my ears... the sun and the bikinis in my eyes... and the sand in my toenails.



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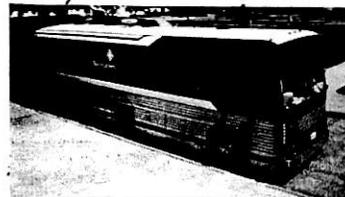
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Your Paydirt Staff: Front row: Melinda Bailey, Laura Buxton, Meiko Haushalter, Jen Johnson, James Gilson; Middle row: Warren Marts, Matt Jones, Taige Blake, and Bob Hall; Back row: John Goshy, Tom Jones, Bobby Kehrman, and Stephen Smoogen. Not shown are Shawn Clever, Stephen Legate, Jason Coder, Jason Errett, and Brett Palmer. Photo by Bob Hall.

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Police Blotter

by Taige Blake
CAMPUS POLICE CORRESPONDENT

[This article cites incidents that occurred during January and February 1990. All names and other pertinent details have been omitted to satisfy legal and insurance requirements.]

There were four arrests involving alcohol during January and February. January 17th at 11:15 am, three individuals were arrested for DWI after attempting to elude police. An individual was arrested on February 17th at the intersection of Olive Lane and Golf Course Rd. after he was observed staggering.

There were six auto accidents reported in the last two months, all without injuries. On January 9th at 11:40 am, there was a one vehicle accident at CETR, on CETR Road. A two vehicle accident occurred on January 12th at 8:56 am at the Honeywell lab site. February 2nd, a one vehicle accident at the 3,000 meter West Range parking lot was reported at 9:00 am. On February 5th, A two vehicle accident occurred at 6:30 pm in the SUB parking lot, and a one vehicle accident was reported on Blue Canyon Rd. at the CETR Eagle Nest site. On February 16th at 9:14 am, a two vehicle accident occurred on the access road between MSEC III and Weir Hall.

Four missing or stolen items were reported during January and February. An individual's keys were reported missing from the gameroom on January 30th. On February 2nd an individual reported his calculator missing from his lab desk. A backpack was reported missing from the SUB on February 7th; the backpack was later recovered in the cafeteria. A bicycle was reported stolen from Fitch Hall on the evening of February 13th.

During the dance at the SAC on January 28th, a shoving match occurred between two individuals because of a previous argument. On February 11th, a glass door at the SAC was broken by an individual during an argument.

During January and February five cases of vandalism were reported. Early on January 14th, an officer discovered an electrical box outside Weir Hall had been damaged. On January 29th, display cases at the Bureau of Mines were damaged. January 30th, a door at the Waldo Mine was reported vandalized. The incident occurred the 27th or 28th of January. On February 15th a vehicle was reported vandalized in the Swim Center parking lot. The door to the KTEK studios was vandalized on February 28th.

Attention Paydirt Staff

Checks will not be issued for work on the second issue until *after* spring break. Payroll states that forms for Paydirt pay must be turned in a full week before normal time-cards are due. While we are working on reducing the paperwork involved in staff pay, this will not happen immediately. Hopefully, with the extra week, though, payroll will not lose any more of the pay forms in the future. We apologize for any financial problems the lack of pay will cause staff, and for those in particular straits, please talk to the editor about a short-term loan if you need one.

Student Government Chronicles

by Shawn Clever
STUDENT GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

Greetings, fellow Student Association Members. Who's that? Why We all are! This is the point I will be trying to emphasize in this issue of the chronicles.

In the March 5th SA Senate meeting, information was presented on the installment of an Institute Senate version of the Campus Space Committee. This version of the SA senate committee will be represented by Laura Buxton, and will look present information about some of the problems with campus buildings, grounds, and facilities and present that information to the Institute Senate. John Osowski, chair of the SA Financial Aid Committee said that in the upcoming months the Financial Aid Department will be establishing a database for different types of Financial Aid available to Students, and a list of procedures for acquiring aid. This would be available by computer modem. There will also be a few articles in *Paydirt* concerning upcoming deadlines and such. Dr. Etscorn talked a bit about an invitation by a Santa Fe art museum for the submission of material from Tech students. Sec Dr. Etscorn for details on this. He also talked about the newly formed Student Life Committee and their list of priorities. Some of the ideas they are seriously considering (not necessarily in order of importance) are the following: 1. An Activities Coordinator, directly responsible to the Students; 2. A recommendation that the SUB conference room be scrapped, and possibly converted into a student lounge; 3. Poor quality of Tech Food; 4. Bookcosts; 5. More washers and dryers for the dorms. 6. Making part of the gym into a late-hours lounge and snack bar; 7. The Club Fair at the beginning of next semester; 8. Shuttles between Socorro & Albuquerque and Dorm to downtown shuttles; and 9. The upgrade of vending machine food. In other news of the meeting all club budgets are now in and approved, and are printed elsewhere in this issue. The *Paydirt* budget was also approved. And it was decided that organizations that put on dances and took care of all details would be entitled to collect the door money for their club accounts.

And now for something completely different—the current SA constitution is a pretty worthless document. The SA constitution committee, chaired by James Gilson, has gone to great lengths to write a complete and effective new constitution that will cover contingencies such as special elections, simultaneous resignations of SA President and Vice-President, committee formation, creation of legislation, and the authority of the SA. It is extremely important that as many people as possible read and become somewhat familiar with the new constitution (a copy is on reserve in the library) over the next couple weeks because as soon as it is approved by the SA Senate it will be turned over to *you*, the Student Association for a vote. The previous document is tremendously outdated, weak, and does not cover many of the difficult problems that have arisen in student government over the past semester. Read the thing. Understand what it is trying to accomplish. (Just ask any SA senator!) Discuss any problems you may have with it with a senator or significant other. Show your support of student government by getting involved with the document that sets the foundation for your student government and *vote on it*.

Socorro's Past Maintained by Historical Society

by Melinda Bailey
STAFF REPORTER

It was a typical Sunday in Socorro. As usual there seemed to be nothing to do. So myself, Warren, Leila and Tom decided to drive around Socorro and attempt to find something to occupy ourselves. In our meanderings along California Street, Tom noticed a small, brown sign directing one to the "Hammel Museum." With nothing else to do, we headed down 6th street to find out just what the sign was referring to. What we found was a fenced in, boarded up old stone building which did not even closely resemble a museum. A sign on the fence stated that this "museum" was run by the Socorro County Historical Society. I began to wonder what this Socorro County Historical Society was and why they called this building a museum. Armed with my curiosity and a notebook, I began my search for the elusive Historical Society.

After a week of being frustrated by local bureaucracy, my search led me to the Public Library. A local resident, whom I met in the parking lot of the Police Station, told me that maybe he thought that he had once seen some pamphlets on the society in the library once "or maybe it had been city hall or something..." As it turned out this "informed citizen" was right. Not only is there a table with pamphlets containing information on the society, the current historical society president works for the library.

Sherry Krukowski, the aforementioned president, turned out to be a very informative lady. She gave me a pamphlet outlining a walking tour of Socorro and began to talk with great enthusiasm about the society and the history of Socorro. Contrary to popular Tech belief, Socorro has a colorful history. Ever notice that there's a dentist buried in the Plaza? Or that the first female pharmacist in the state, who was also a relative of Conrad Hilton, started Hilton Pharmacy? Did you know that all the original inhabitants of Socorro fled to Texas in 1680 and their descendants live in Socorro del Sur, Texas?

The walking tour outlined by the Historical Society is extremely informative about the history of Socorro. And if it wets your appetite, the Public Library has

many books on the history of Socorro and the surrounding areas. Some of these books are rare and must be requested through the circulation desk and read in the library. Even if you don't have an intense interest in history, especially Socorro history, taking a visitor, friend, or family member through the walking tour is certainly more impressive than telling them, "There's nothing in Socorro. How 'bout a beer?"

The Historical Society does more than just the walking tour brochure. They also run the Fiesta de October which is held the first Saturday in October. The festival centers around the Hammel Museum (that building on 6th street that started this whole thing), otherwise known as the Illinois Brewery. This brewery was built by the Hammel brothers in the 1800's and produced Illinois Beer until prohibition, when it became an icehouse and a softdrink bottling plant until the 1950's. The Society is attempting to complete restorations on the brewery, but an additional \$100,000 in funds is still needed. Until the renovations are complete, special tours can be arranged through the Historical Society. Once the brewery is restored, it will be opened as a real museum.

Another interest of the Society is the collection of historical photos of Socorro County. They are trying to obtain donations of old photos of Socorro County for publication.

The Society would like to encourage Tech students to join. They are always in need of volunteers, to help with everything from paperwork to actual research. The Historical Society can be contacted through PO Box 923, Socorro NM 87801.

Distinguished Teacher Award

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Nominations are now being taken for this award, which is the one award intended to recognize outstanding contributions to teaching at Tech. Nominations are encouraged from faculty and students, and should be submitted with supporting documentation by Monday, April 16 to William Chavez, Jr., MSEC 296. A committee comprising faculty and students will select the Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, with the award to be announced at the Spring 1990 graduation ceremonies.

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Applications Up from Last Year P-Plant News

by Thomas Jones
STAFF REPORTER

The Admissions office at Tech reports that applications for new students are up slightly from last year, with paid acceptants up 8 percent.

Last year, as of February 28th, there were 465 applicants, and 53 prospective students who have been accepted and paid their enrollment deposits. This year, on the same date, there are 470 applicants, and 57 acceptants who have paid the deposit.

The Electrical Engineering program, which started last semester, is doing quite well, with 19 un-processed

applications, 23 admitted applicants, and 5 students who have paid their deposits for enrollment.

The Business Administration program, started at the same time, is not faring as well at this time. There are 4 un-processed applications, 2 admitted applicants, and no students with paid deposits.

The programs as of March 5 with the most applications are Physics, with 69 applicants, Electrical Engineering, with 50, Computer Science with 33, and Engineering of undecided specialty with 32. (These values do not include applicants who subsequently withdraw, as do those values stated above.)

by Jason Coder
P-PLANT CORRESPONDENT

Here is a list of Physical Plant projects in progress or recently completed:

1. The P-Plant's tree removal and replacement program has planted all the trees available, and new seedlings have been delivered to restock the tree farm.
2. The heat exchanger at the swimming pool has begun leaking. A replacement has been ordered, and it should be delivered and installed in the near future.
3. The Physical Plant architect is designing new, more attractive trash containers to be placed on campus, replacing the older, less attractive ones currently in use.
4. The Turtle Bay pump station is receiving an overhaul of its mechanical and electrical systems. New controls for the station are also being installed.
5. Measurements and grade shots of the Student Union Building roof have been made, in preparation for the installation of the parapet wall. Construction cost estimates are being prepared.

Future projects include installing water lines and planting soil retention plants on the hill north of family housing; renovating South Hall, similarly to what was done to Baca Hall; building a volleyball sand pit.

The algae eating Cattail fish have not been released into Turtle Bay, as was stated last issue. The Department of Fish and Game has given approval for their introduction into the pond, but the fish will not be delivered until sometime in April.

One note for all you swimmers—the dome over the pool will be removed sometime in early April.

If you have a suggestion, idea, or complaint about anything the Physical Plant is responsible for, let us look into it. Write to Paydirt, Attn: Physical Plant Correspondent, Box GG Campus Station.

Tech Receives Gift from Intel

Kathleen Hedges
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

NM Tech's new Electrical Engineering program has received a gift of equipment valued over \$36,000 from Intel Corporation. The gift will help equip the digital and microprocessor laboratories.

The Intel contribution consists of hardware, software, manuals, and other peripherals necessary for programming electronic chips called EPPL's, or Erasable Programmable Logic Devices. According to Dr. William Rison of Tech, "This gift enables us to equip our teaching labs with the most modern possible equipment, ensuring an up-to-date education for Tech students."

Tech's Electrical Engineering program, newly instituted last August, is proving popular among applicants for next year. The department has emphasized state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, to best train its students for the fast-changing world of engineering.

According to Dr. Paul Kriebiel, chairman of the Electrical Engineering department, the Intel gift will also be valuable in the independent design project which Tech seniors are required to complete.

Phillips, HP Donate Computers

by Warren Marts
STAFF REPORTER

Through a generous donation from the Hewlett-Packard corporation, Tech's Computer Science department will be receiving a powerful new computer. The new machine will be used for Computer Science Department classes and research. Outside research and general campus computing will remain on the Computer Center's network of Sun workstations. By moving CS classes off the Suns, response time for the other users will improve.

The system will consist of an HP 9000 model 835 cpu with 32Mb of main memory and 600Mb of disk storage. Software will include a 32 user Unix licence, C, Pascal, Fortran 77, and Common Lisp. Approximately 10 new terminals will be purchased to replace the aging ones now in the department's Unix lab. Color workstation displays and VLSI design software will be added if budgeting permits.

The new HP 9000 will provide about 2 to 4 times the performance of the Sun servers Jupiter and Titan on integer-compute workloads. The department's current computer, a Vax/750, will remain in operation for the foreseeable future.

Funding for this installation will come from a \$75,000 HP grant, augmented with \$20,000 of Institute funds. The CS department has completed its order, but no delivery date has been set.

A \$20,000 donation from the Phillips Foundation (of Santa Fe, NM) will provide Apple Macintosh computers for the Tech Computer Center and the Technical Communications program.

The Computer Center is receiving a \$7000 grant, and is matching that with \$10,000 from computer usage fees. This will provide for 8 Macintosh Plus's and 1 color Macintosh IIfx. The Macs will be networked together and connected to the TCC's Ethernet, which will provide file storage and laser printer services. The TCC will provide word processing and graphics/drawing software for users. Site preparation is in progress, and installation is expected to be complete late in the Spring term, or by summer.

The Technical Communications program is receiving \$13,000 and will be purchasing 2 Macintosh IIfx's with 40Mb hard disks and an Apple laser printer. Quark Xpress page layout software and several word processing and graphics programs will be available. Humanities Department chairman Gary Olsen expects the machines to be in operation as soon as they are received.

Applications by Department

as of 3/5/90

	In-State	Out-of-State	Total
Physics	18	51	69
Electrical Engineering	18	32	50
Undecided	18	21	39
Computer Science	19	14	33
Engineering/Undecided	13	19	32
Mathematics	5	20	25
Engineering Science	14	10	24
Geology	3	20	23
Chemistry	6	16	22
Biology	9	12	21
Engineering/Chemical	3	17	20
Engineering/Mechanical	6	14	20
Environmental Engineering	3	12	15
Engineering/Electronic	3	6	9
Pre-Medical	3	6	9
Geological Engineering	2	6	8
Petroleum Engineering	2	6	8
Business Administration	2	4	6
Mining	0	6	6
Technical Communication	1	5	6
Materials Engineering	1	3	4
Geophysics	0	3	3
Pre-Veterinary	1	2	3
Psychology	1	2	3
Metallurgical Engineering	0	2	2
Pre-Dental	1	1	2
Basic Sciences	1	0	1
Geochemistry	1	0	1
Hydrology	1	0	1
Metallurgy	0	1	1
Total	155	311	466

Information supplied by Admissions Office

Free Tutoring Available—ASAP

by Amy Stoklas
ASAP COORDINATOR

As you may or may not know, this school has a free tutoring program right here on campus. It's called ASAP—Academic Support & Assistance Program, and it is coordinated through Student Services by Betsy Yost, Assistant Dean of Students, and two student coordinators, Amy Stoklas and Sonya Wildrick. The program offers help in a wide variety of subjects dependent upon tutor availability and student demand. If you need help in an area that is not currently offered, they will do their best to get you the help you need.

The ASAP program has two types of tutoring available. One is Drop-In Tutoring, with sessions for those people who have occasional questions about their homework or class concepts that they didn't understand during the lecture. This type of tutoring requires no messy forms to fill out, no weekly schedule to meet, and no hassles on your part. All you have to do is show up in the Library Curriculum Room (Room 114 downstairs) at the time scheduled for the subject. There is also a Math Drop-In run independently by the Math Department in Weir Hall.

The second type of tutoring is called Study Session Tutoring. This is for those who feel that they need regular help on a particular subject. To sign up for these weekly sessions, you need to go to Student Services and fill out a short form.

Well, now we know that free tutoring is here, but why would you want to use it? Money! Most of us are paying for school with some type of financial aid, and even need-based financial aid can be taken away because of poor grades. Academic scholarships are especially prone to removal for a low GPA. One or two weak subject areas can lower your cumulative GPA a significant amount. Charlene Rosas, a secretary in Student Services, was quoted as saying, "Every semester there is a line a mile long for financial aid appeals; if only students knew about the ASAP tutoring program ahead of time they wouldn't have to go through this hassle." Finally, a good GPA can impress the business world. A higher GPA usually means a higher starting salary once you graduate.

Now we know why we should get tutoring, but how do we use this plethora of knowledge to our benefit? The first thing to do is decide whether you need help weekly or only occasionally. If you need weekly help, go to Student Services and sign up. If not, find a Drop-In schedule. Does it match your schedule or is your subject only offered only when you are in class? If there is a conflict with the times, come talk to the coordinators in Student Services and they will do their best to accommodate you.

All this tutoring is free and it is here for you—let the program help you get the most out of your education!

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Spring 1990 SA Club Allocations

ACM (Association of Computing Machinery)	\$400
*Adrenaline Club (miscellaneous dangerous sports)	216
*Adventurer's Guild (role-playing games)	115
AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society)	300
Alpha Sigma Mu (Materials Science honor society)	200
American Ceramics Society	200
Archery Club	338
Astronomy Club	275
Biology Club	290
Bridge/Pinochle Club	89.45
Chess Club	200
Climbing Club	255
Club NMT (Dances)	300
*Combat Simulation Club	235.90
CEM (Conference of Electronic Musicians)	400
Cooney Mining Club	250
Crickets Club	200
Dance Club	255
*Field Hockey Team	200
Frisbee Team	100
Geology Club	355
*Go Association	110
Juggling Club	90
KTEK	50
Materials and Metallurgy	400
Math Club	200
(NMIMT) Music Society	450
*National Society for Professional Engineers (NSPE)	125
People's Republic of China Student Association	300
Physics Club	285
Pi Epsilon Tau (Petroleum Engineering Honor Society)	140
Pi Mu Epsilon (Math Honor Society)	110
Racketeers (Racket sports)	290
Rugby Team	460
Running Club	157
(Socorro) Search and Rescue	425
Sigma Gamma Epsilon (Geoscience Honor Society)	210
Ski Club	195
Soccer Club	115
Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)	400
*Society for Electrical Engineering (SEE)	152
Society of Hispanic Prof. Engineers (SHPE)	300
Society of Technical Communication (STC)	250
Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)	250
Squash Club	200
SPRIL (Newsletter)	120
Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society)	200
*Tech Amateur Radio Assoc.	84.95
*Terrans for a Healthier Earth (THE)	125
*Tri Beta	50
*Triathlon Club	125
Wargamers Club	175
Weight Club	360
Yacht Club	385

* indicates a club that is new this semester

Auxiliary Services Report

by Laura Buxton
AUXILIARY SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

Doug Rupert, district manager for ARA Services, was in Socorro on March 5th to evaluate the ARA Campus Dining unit at Tech. Rhonda Savedge-St. George arranged a meeting between Mr. Rupert and the Student Association Food Committee.

There have been many complaints about the system of dealing with missed meals. A refund system was suggested, but Mr. Rupert explained that missed meals were taken into account when board rates were set. ARA expects you to miss a percentage of meals during the semester, and that percentage was factored into the rates. One possibility allowing increased flexibility would be a weekly meal plan (10 meals/week) rather than the current daily plan.

Some people have suggested that meal plans should not be required for campus residents. This has been tried in the past, but problems with students cooking in their rooms, and the fire hazards that result from this made the idea unfeasible.

There will be changes in breakfast and weekend meal plan service due to the small number of students taking these options. Three employees are required at breakfast, and they only serve about twelve to forty students each day for breakfast. Breakfast service may be moved from the Cafeteria to the Canteen. On weekends the situation is similar, with only 40 people having meal plans. The weekend meal plan may be eliminated entirely, and replaced with a tax-free meal card system. This system is already available for off-campus residents, and lets a student buy meal cards in \$20 increments that can be used for meals at any Campus Dining location.

Ms. St. George is also considering switching from plastic foam plates to paper ones, because of environmental concerns. The food service at UNM has already made this switch.

When asked what he considered strengths of Tech's food service program Mr. Rupert compared our program to other ARA sites in New Mexico. WNMU, he said had a "sterile" dining room and very poor kitchen facilities, with correspondingly poor food. He does not feel that UNM offers as much variety as Tech, considering relative size. He also mentioned that UNM does not have after-hours meal plan service in their canteen, so all meals must be taken in the cafeteria.

When asked what the weaknesses of Tech's program are, Mr. Rupert immediately replied "Not opening on time." Many students have complained about the cafeteria opening late, and Mr. Rupert has spoken to Mohammad Hossain, the local food service director, about this. Mr. Rupert also feels that quality consistency is not what it should be, and wants to "make sure everything is the best we can make it." Consistency problems have also been a focal point of Student Life Committee discussions. To help solve this problem, cafeteria employees will be undergoing more training.

There are some menu additions planned for after Spring break. If you have any questions or comments about the changes discussed in this article, or any other food service issue, you can contact the Food Service Committee. c/o Laura Buxton at Box 2471 Campus Station.

SA MEETINGS

The next two regular Student Association Senate meetings will be held on the Monday evenings of March 26 and April 9. As usual, they are at 8:30 PM in the SAC conference room. Come on out and find out what's going on.



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1940's Radio Hour Was Excellent Performance

by Melinda Bailey
PAIDIRT STAFF REPORTER

The curtain was open, the lights were already on and the cast onstage when Tom and I entered Macey auditorium. We weren't late. That's how Troupe America's presentation of Walton Jones' *The 1940's Radio Hour* began. The play is written to make the audience feel as if they are the studio audience watching the "Mutual Manhattan Variety Calvacade" radio show on December 21, 1942, and in this aspect it is extraordinarily realistic. The audience is treated to a variety of dance numbers as well as a lot of behind-the-scenes activity. The audience observed the relationships between the well-developed characters as well as the unusual radio sound-effects the director generated with a variety of gadgets and the surprise explosion in the control booth.

Troup America brought this delightful show to Tech after a successful two month tour in St. Paul, Minnesota. They have now moved on to California, were they expect to have another series of successful shows. With the talent of the actors, the director, and the crew I am sure that the audiences in California will enjoy it as much as the audience at Macey Center did.

KTEK Waits for Door

by Thomas Jones
STAFF REPORTER

The KTEK office was closed Wednesday March 7 through Friday March 9 while Physical Plant replaced the door and frame. After three break-ins since the beginning of last semester, Auxiliary Services completed a work-order for replacement of the wooden door. The job was expected to take no more than four hours. However, after Physical Plant workers removed the old door and frame they discovered that they had ordered the wrong size door. Since the new door would also have to be special ordered, they screwed a plywood board over the doorway to secure the facility until they could return with the correct size door. According to unconfirmed rumor, several KTEK

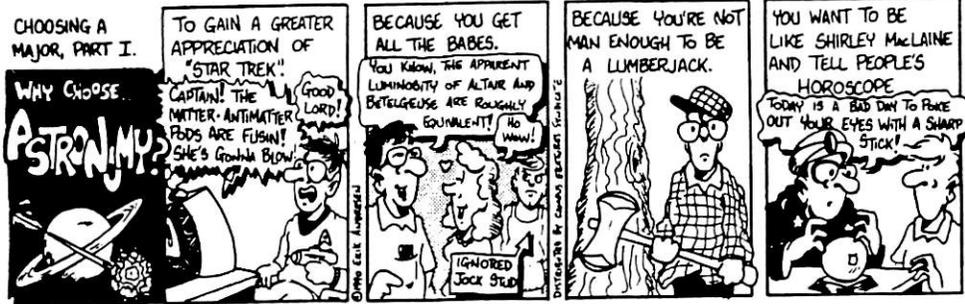
DJ's arrived to do their show after the station was boarded up, and spent some time dismantling the blockade. The following morning, however, the blockade was still in place.

KTEK treasurer Amy Koerner complained that KTEK had not been notified before the work was done, and did not receive official notification of the closure until Friday. She also inquired why the replacement wasn't done during spring break.

Trish Garduno and Rhonda Savgde-St. George of Auxiliary Services responded that it was felt that the frequency of the break-ins warranted action as soon as possible, before KTEK equipment was damaged or stolen. Additionally, they expected the task to require

only a few hours, and that while the door was being replaced KTEK would remain functional. They did not feel it necessary to notify KTEK of such a brief repair, and they also stated that they had had substantial difficulties in the past contacting KTEK officers. Once Physical Plant had discovered that they had procured the wrong size door, there was some confusion in Auxiliary Services that the office in question was actually the projection booth, rather than KTEK. This resulted in Physical Plant being told that the repair was not necessary until Friday. Auxiliaries stated that they have had troubles recently with KTEK and key allocation resulting from KTEK not submitting updated DJ lists.

No Exit by Erik Andresen

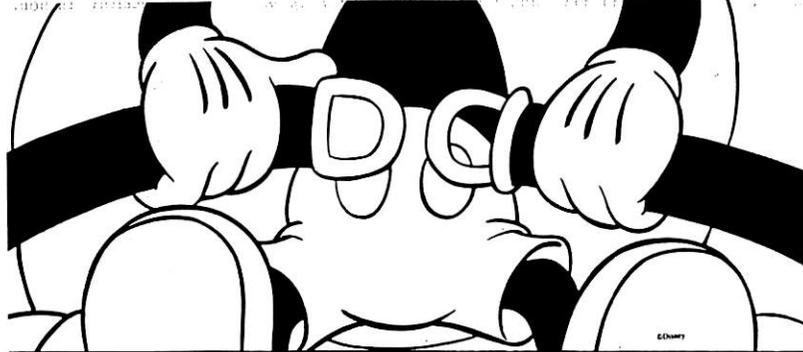


Cafeteria Has New Dishwasher

by Thomas Jones
STAFF REPORTER

On February 26, the new dishwasher in the Tech cafeteria begin operation. During the five weeks since the beginning of the semester, students dining at the cafeteria had used styrofoam plates, plastic utensils, and paper cups, and were asked to re-use the materials to save money. The new device cost approximately \$15,000, and was paid for by an Auxiliary Services fund for capital improvements. The new dishwasher runs on gas, instead of electricity as the old one did. Installation of a new gas line to the cafeteria was responsible for most of the time delay. Also contributing was the collapse of a sewer line in the kitchen, resulting in the digging of a large trench through the kitchen floor to replace it.

Cafeteria director Mohammed Hossain said that approximately 1000 styrofoam plates were used each day, as well as 2000 paper cups, totalling about \$400 to \$500 per meal. He stated that the new dishwasher is much better than the old one, and that he expects it to "last for years and years and years."



Buckle Up For Spring Break '90

The Grey Area by Derek T. Jones



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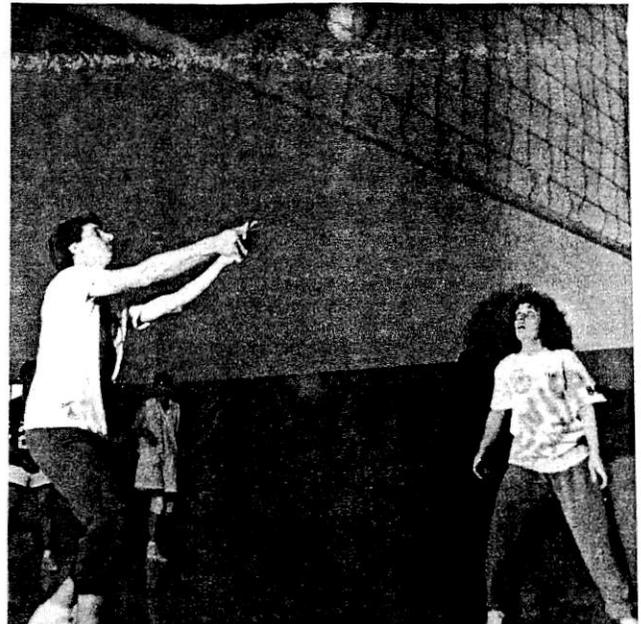
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Dave Fiddler maneuvers through a tackle by an El Paso player during a Rugby scrimmage on February 18. Photo by Bob Hall.



Kim Bell prepares to set the ball put up by Scott Houghton during an intramural match on February 18. Photo by Bob Hall.

by Jennifer Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Rugby: The bill proposed by state legislator and Pygmy coach Shannon Robinson that would have allocated \$20,000 to the Pygmies was apparently crushed in the working of the bureaucratic machine. Can I please have a moment of silence? The Pygmies are still trying to obtain NCAA standing. Anyway, the Pygmies tied NMMI in their season opener (11-11), but were then obliterated by one of Albuquerque's club teams, the Aardvarks (10e?-0). Chad Tipton says the slaughter was due to the fact that the Varks are an awesome

team but I can't help but wonder if maybe a little less partying and a little more practice wouldn't do our Pygmies some good. The Pygmies host the NMSU Chili Peppers this Saturday at 1:00, so be there and maybe you'll get to see a Zulu dance — for those of you who are clueless, that's when a new player scores and the other players form a dancing-type circle organism around him while he gets naked in front of them and the entire rest of the universe who happen to be watching. It sounds twisted to me; I mean if I were a guy I'm not sure I would want to be dancing around naked in front of a bunch of other big, hairy, sweaty

guys, especially if I wasn't 100% sure of their sexual orientation. But hey, that's me—Mr. Tipton seemed to enjoy it.

Volleyball: Tech recently hosted two round-robin tournaments, an all womens' tournament on February 11 and a coed Cherry tournament on the 18th in honor of George Washington's birthday. (The entry fees and prizes were cherry pies.) There was a healthy turnout for both tournaments. Dana Quintana's team, "Tech's own," took third in the womens' tournament. Thirteen teams entered the Cherry Pie Tournament, and several of those were

from Tech. (Let's hear it for school spirit!) James Peraltis' "Tech I" took first in the "A" division. Miss Quintana also had a team called Zerberty (ask Russ) who placed second in "B." Other teams were Peg Barroll's "Peg's Team," Kim Bell's "Bump & Run," and Juan Alavardo's "Gym Staff." The Gym would like to express their regrets about any confusion there may have been about entry deadlines. Spring Volleyball has now begun with eight teams in Tuesday's Open League and Thursday's Co-Ed League.

I'm outta here—look for the results from Basketball, Walleyball and Indoor Soccer in the next issue.

Financial Aid Notes

FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
A MATTER OF THANKS...

New Mexico Tech is most fortunate to have a number of very generous individuals and organizations who contribute to funding for Tech scholarships.

A review of the donor files shows that the "Thank You" requested by the financial aid office is considered good manners by the donors.

Many of the donors effectively become a personal cheering section of the student they are assisting and appreciate progress notes. One donor was delighted when he received a graduation invitation from someone that his organization had helped. He said it was "very gratifying" to learn that the person had completed study to the degree and that the support received was appreciated. As a result of this experience, the donor's program was expanded.

Lately, a Tech donor reduced funding when a thank you was not received; and requested that a different student be the recipient of funds next year.

For those of you who haven't sent a thank you letter, please do so. If you have lost the address of your donor, or we missed connections with your donor notice, *whatever*, the semester is not over. Call or stop by and we will provide the information. Your letter demonstrates your good manners and your appreciation could have just as easily gone somewhere else.

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Faculty Salaries

The South Dakota School of Mines report described in this issue states that the salaries Tech's faculty are paid ranked 33rd out of 35th among schools with Mineral Engineering. Third from the bottom is not good. With the staff salary list recently returned to Tech's library, anyone can go and find out how much individual staff are making. Salaries range from \$150 a year for a professor emeritus, to \$97,200 for the president. The average professor's salary (averaging full, associate, and assistant) is approximately \$38,500. One complaint faculty express is that, while administration salaries seem to be rising quite efficiently with inflation and the job market, theirs are substantially slower to increase. Indeed, something is quite wrong when department *chairmen* are paid *half* of what senior administration officials receive. While some small measures are taken to reduce this inequity (such as Dr. Lattman's giving money to a student travel fund), there is still a chasm between faculty and administration salaries. The primary reasons are apparently the different ways in which faculty and administration salaries are dealt with by the state legislature, and the lower number of administration officials—it is much cheaper to give the administration a 10% raise than to give the faculty a similar raise simply because there are fewer of them. Regardless, Tech faculty are underpaid. If you're a student, pick your favorite (or least-favorite) professor, consider how long he's been here, and then consider what you'd expect to be paid if you were in that position. Then go to the library, check out the salary list on reserve, and compare your idea to the actual value. You're probably in for a shock. How many years education and experience for *that*? It might make you want to think about quitting school and working at McDonald's.

Tech cannot possibly expect to maintain a high quality of education if its professors' salaries are near the bottom in the country. Several students responding to the *Paydirt* survey rated Tech's academic quality "four [out of five], but falling fast." With such low pay, any faculty member who considered money important would be looking for a job elsewhere. Admittedly, it costs a whole lot less to live in Socorro than it does in, say, Boston. But not as much less as the differences in salary between Tech and other institutions are. Sure, we'll never be able to pay faculty what Stanford does, which is, in some subtle ways, good. But urgent attention is long overdue to getting Tech's faculty salaries up to at least the *average* of technical schools. Dr. Lattman told the regents that, for next year's legislative session, getting faculty substantial raises is going to take the high priority that core-level funding did this year. The state government had better listen, for Tech may be good now, but it is rapidly travelling down the road to mediocrity, and it will take a lot to put it back on track.

Family Housing Landscaping Complaint

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the latest landscaping: i.e., a rock lawn, at the family housing apartments. I believe the decision to use rocks was probably an economic decision and not one of common sense.

There is an overwhelming number of small children who live at family housing. Quite naturally, these children play outside; with the smallest just learning how to walk. I foresee a number of cuts and bruises, some even severe, from falling onto these rather large rocks. This will be an extra burden on the medical insurance and if taken to the extreme, possible lawsuits. Ask yourself the question, if you had small children would you put in a rock lawn?

Another hazard is the increased broken windows that may occur by children (or

others) throwing these rocks, whether accidentally or intentionally this may happen. If true, the money saved from lower maintenance costs will be offset by higher window repair costs.

A last point I like to make is the poor aesthetic value of the landscaping. This "Alcatraz" look is not what I would consider pleasing to the eye; but more of coldness and confinement. The addition of shrubs and trees makes little difference when the only thing shaded is a rock lawn too uncomfortable to sit on.

For all of the above points, I feel the decision of rocks at the family housing was a poor one. Since it is too late to remedy the situation, the only benefit I can give is that next time make a decision based on common sense and not the pocketbook.

Thomas Engler

Accreditation Corrections

Dear Editor:

Several inaccurate statements were made in the "Accreditation" article which appeared in the February 26, 1990 *Paydirt*, and the purpose of this letter is to set the record straight.

Accreditation of engineering programs is through the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as described in the article. ABET sends a review team to campus upon request by the institution only for specific programs. Once a program is accredited, it reverts to a set review cycle (usually three or six years). ABET's policy statement on public notice of accreditation is very clear — "At no point is an institution allowed to publish or imply the term or period of accreditation. Public announcement of the accredi-

tation action should only relate to the attainment of accredited status." At the present time, the Tech catalog states that we are accredited by ABET in geological engineering, metallurgical engineering, mining engineering and petroleum engineering. We have recently undergone reviews in mining, geological, materials and metallurgical engineering and in engineering mechanics (we do not have a degree program in mechanical engineering as stated in the *Paydirt* article). We have not received a final report from ABET at this date. When the process is complete, we will release information on which programs are accredited.

Carl J. Popp

Vice-President, Academic Affairs

Research Park at Tech Bad Planning

Dear Editor:

Unless one has been living in a cave for the last year, they would be aware that the world, and in particular, America, is a safer place than it was one year ago. The Eastern European "threat" has been effectively eliminated and it looks like we no longer have to live in fear of an attack on our southern borders by Sandanistas. This is acknowledged by the US government as witnessed by large defense budget and personnel cuts for the upcoming fiscal year. This will (hopefully) be followed by additional defense cuts in years to come. In light of this, big defense contractors, who see the writing on the walls, are trying to shift their attention to non-defense related work. Defense work is clearly *not* the path into the future for science and technology.

It would seem, then, that some of the decision makers here at Tech have indeed been living in caves. Among their big high-tech plans for NMT is a research park. And the first resident of that park will be a conventional warhead production and assembly plant operated by Aerojet. That's right, a warhead plant just up the hill under M-Mountain. In their defense they are quick to call it "clean" and point out that it will create a whopping 25 jobs.

Whether or not it will really be research in these fields, Tech would be better serving this world. And isn't that what technology is supposed to be about? Apparently not according to the powers that be at NMT. They seem more interested in technology for the sake of income and prestige. This sets a pretty poor example for the students of Tech.

In addition to attracting more appropriate R&D into its research park, Tech would do well to offer more classes in environmental science (environmental science is more than environmental engineering, hydrology and chemistry). I would even suggest that there be a required course that gives students an understand-

environmentally clean is anybody's guess. The land once belonged to the BLM but was purchased by NMT. With a little help from the New Mexico congressional delegation, it was all timed so that an environmental impact statement would not have to be done. Maybe in fact it will be a very clean operation and they wanted to avoid this EIS process for reasons of expediency and economics. If this is the case, they should make public a list of wastes to be generated and how they intend to dispose of them (this would ultimately have to be supplied to the EID anyway).

Possible environmental impacts of this project aside, in light of the world's new political climate, one must ask if this is really the direction Tech should be going in. With all the potentially catastrophic problems that face us involving energy, pollution and general environmental degradation, by attracting companies doing ing of environmental problems and how they may ultimately affect them.

We are at a critical point in the history of the earth. It is essential that science and technology work tirelessly toward stopping and reversing the process of destruction of our planet. In my opinion, warhead development is definitely a step backward for Tech and the world of which it is a part.

Rob Pine

Apathy About Faculty Vote

Dear Editor:

Well, tie me to an ant hill and smear my ears with jam. I thought that if there was one issue that would rouse Tech students from their state of perpetual apathy (apparently the student body motto is "We'd be apathetic if we cared") it would be a teacher poll. So I suggested the idea to you, and you ran a small questionnaire in the last issue. And I was the only one who responded!! I just simply can't believe this—one response out of 1500 papers! You gave the entire Tech population a chance to give their favorite teacher a pat on the back and their most hated fascist nemesis a good boot to the head and they balked!! Give them another chance. Please run the questionnaire again. Maybe if you provide an envelope with the *Paydirt* address on it and promise to give each respondent a free rubber chicken (or rubber, or whatever) you can motivate the obtuse denizens of Tech off their pitifully apathetic arses.

Stephen Legate
Paydirt staff reporter

Attention *Paydirt* Staff

Checks will not be issued for work on the second issue until *after* spring break. Payroll states that forms for *Paydirt* pay must be turned in a full week before normal time-cards are due. While we are working on reducing the paperwork involved in staff pay, this will not happen immediately. Hopefully, with the extra week, though, payroll will not lose any of the pay forms in the future. We apologize for any financial problems the lack of pay will cause staff, and for those in particular straits, please talk to the editor about a short-term loan if you need to.

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IN MY DAY—Tech Life in the Late 60's

True Stories From St. Pat's

by John Shipman
STAFF COLUMNIST

Years ago at New Mexico Tech, St. Patrick's Day was the biggest holiday of the year, the celebration of the patron saint of engineers. A lot of cultures in this country don't really have coming-of-age or initiation rites like many tribal cultures do, but St. Pat's had most of the standard ingredients: costumes, baptisms, rituals, ordeals. A lot of the upperclassmen wouldn't even give the time of day to a freshman that hadn't gone through St. Pat's. After I went through in March of 1967, suddenly my status went way up: some upperclassmen who had completely ignored me would occasionally favor me with small scraps of ridicule and abuse.

The first event of the holiday was the posting of the Sophomore Higher Intelligence Team (S-list)—a selection of the twenty most obnoxious freshman, singled out for extra duty. I made #9, probably because I spent too much time bragging about my job in the air-conditioned computer center, and the sophomores who had jobs digging ditches tended to resent that.

The organizational meeting was held on the Tuesday before St. Pat's weekend. Freshmen were formed into squads of ten; the twenty S-list members were put in two special squads. The sophomores passed out the scavenger hunt list and the rules for accumulating points. Naturally our squad was very competitive, being made up exclusively of wiseacres.

Some of the items on the scavenger hunt list were easier than they looked. Asking a female professor to autograph a jockstrap or the president of the college to sign a bra sounds intimidating, but neither Merry Lomanitz nor Stirling Colgate were likely to refuse any such request.

One of the items on the scavenger hunt—a hubcap from a Socorro police car—caused a bit of friction with the town. I heard the story of an eyewitness who was in town that night about two blocks from the police station. About three minutes after the scavenger hunt list was handed out, a '56 Chevy pulled up right outside the police station and six of the seven people in it got out and grabbed hubcaps and piled back in and took off. For about the next five minutes people were converging from every direction. By the time the people inside noticed what was going on, there weren't many hubcaps left.

It was at least an hour later when our team made the attempt on the police station—on foot. It didn't occur to any of us that we might not be the first ones there, or that by then the police might have known what was going on, or that we might need a car to get away in a hurry. I hid behind a tree while my confederates went in to try get another scavenger hunt item: signatures of all the police in town on a petition stating "I Like Tech." Fortunately, I was caught before I got my screwdriver out; I hadn't started on the hubcap yet

because I was suspicious about the patrol car that had been shadowing us all the way from campus.

About three hours later, here came Red Beret with the two trademarks that made him a figure of universal ridicule: his beret and his ten-speed bike. He leaned his bike against a light pole right across the street from the police station, pulled out his screwdriver and started to pry on one of the remaining hubcaps, and was quite surprised when three spotlights nailed him where he squatted. The police put him in jail and negotiated a deal with Tech: they would let him out if the school would agree to keep all the students out of town until Monday morning.

There was not much official activity planned for the upperclassmen, which left them lots of time to paint shamrocks on various things (like the water tank in Belen and the Lobo statue at UNM) and repaint some of the center stripes in the town streets using green paint.

The most important activity was climbing Socorro Peak and whitewashing the M, which required lime and a broom. In the fifties and earlier, every student had to carry a fifty-pound sack of lime and a broom to the top, except for some students who carried water instead of lime. This is why the mountain is very white just above the standard jumping-off place for the M climb: it's a pretty steep climb, so many people just dumped their lime sacks.

In my day, they brought the lime and water up the back of the mountain in a jeep, but some people still carried lime out of macho or respect for tradition, or perhaps to make an assault on the record for the fastest climb with a lime sack. It was still necessary, however, for every freshman to be equipped with a stolen broom. They wouldn't let you show up with a West Hall janitor's broom; you had to steal it in town. Like many of my classmates, I had hardly ever been in town, so a bunch of us asked an older student named Byron to drive us through town so we could steal our brooms. It didn't occur to me that this broom business happened every year about this time, or that the townspeople might have been expecting it.

Byron took us to a likely neighborhood, stopped and pointed at a house. There on the porch was a broom, with a large dog sleeping on it. The wall around the front yard wasn't that tall, maybe a couple of feet. But I almost broke a leg going over it the second time, with the dog trying hard to eat me. I had an easy time of it, though, compared to my friend Pat. We were driving along on South California and he spotted a broom leaning against the screen door of a house there. He ran over and grabbed the broom, but it wouldn't come; it was nailed to the door. He pulled harder, and the hinges on the door gave way. He ran all the way back across the front yard holding tightly to the broom, dragging the disintegrating screen door with it. We had to jump out and help him bang it on the fence to get most of the door off so we could get the broom in the car.

Thursday at six in the evening was the start of the ordeal. First was the traditional costume check: every item of clothing had to be inside out. There was always one guy that had put on his underwear the right way and had to correct it on the spot.

Most of the squads were put to work digging the pit for the tug-of-war on Saturday, but the two S-list squads had to clean out the "fish ponds." Driscoll Pond was about eight feet by four, octagonal in shape, and about three feet deep, located just east of the old Driscoll Hall. No fish would live in the kinds of things that the upperclassmen donated to the pond in anticipation of St. Pat's—drilling mud, gelatin, broken bottles, and whatever else might be put in there by folks stumbling back from the Capitol Bar after closing time, when inhibitions are just a theory. The lower ten of the S-list got to clean out another fish pond just north of West Hall, which got less attention than Driscoll Pond but was still not a pretty sight.

Our squad, the Cherries, made up of the S-list top ten, marched over to Driscoll Hall to attack the pond, singing our squad song. We had a great song, composed by the famous Fast Eddie Miller, with a chorus to the tune of "Thunder Road." Since today's students are so innocent, I have deleted all the bad language. Not much left, is there?

We're the [deleted] Cherries
And we don't give a [deleted]
We'd rather clean out Driscoll Pond
Than dig the [deleted] pit

We are [deleted] [deleted]
And we know what we want
For when St. Pat's is done and gone
We'll go and get some [deleted]

Cherries, Cherries,
We're that [deleted] batch
All we want from life
Is just a little piece of [deleted]
Cherries, Cherries,
We just want some [deleted]
Cultured women you can have,
We'll take them [deleted] [deleted]

When we started singing, there were about fifty women watching, hanging out of every window in Driscoll. By the time we finished, it was down to three. Back then we had a very simple definition of correct behavior—"grossout chic."

The S-list squads were supposed to clean out the fish ponds with toothbrushes, but the first problem was just to empty them out. The large cylindrical ashcans from West Hall were perfect for bailing. I was so eager that I jumped into the pond, slipped on the slime layer on the bottom, and laid open my leg for about ten inches on a broken bottle. It was pretty cold in there, so my leg was numb and I didn't realize I'd been cut until I got out and someone noticed the blood running down my leg. Not exactly the most antiseptic conditions, so even though it was just a shallow laceration, not even deep enough to need stitches, I got a ride to the emergency room at Socorro General. The nurse cleaned and dressed the wound. Just after she finished, the

doctor on call staggered in to inspect the work. This doctor was always at least three thirds drunk: he came in and said everything looked fine and staggered back out. I still have the scar.

Meanwhile the Thursday schedule continued. The majority of the freshmen dug the pit, about twenty-five by forty by six feet deep. The pit site was south of the pool and had been used in previous years, so certain items had been buried there to make the excavation more challenging: several tires strung on a telephone pole, a mattress and box spring, and a whole auto body (I think it was a '49 Studebaker). The S-list squads finished emptying the ponds and started the toothbrush detail work.

Uncooperative freshmen were sent to Kangaroo Court, that landmark of impartial justice. Sick? Have a nice mustard plaster, made with real French's mustard. Tired? Maybe not after you were tied to the chain-link fence of the tennis court while wet sponges were thrown at you. Not singing loud enough? Perhaps if we all held hands with the old hand-crank telephone generator, it would bring back that missing energy. There was something for everybody at Kangaroo Court.

By about four in the morning, the pit was done, but the ordeal was only half over. First we had to go down to the train station to pick up a couple of telephone poles that had been liberally coated with that gray-green stuff that you may find on the boots of people who work in stockyards. We walked down Mines Road and Manzanares, then walked the poles all the way back on our shoulders, loudly singing our squad songs all the way.

We got about half an hour of rest while the sun came up, then it was off to Mt. Mountain for the climbing and whitewashing. If you've never been up there, I recommend it. The view is really impressive, commanding the whole valley. I have the utmost respect for those that first surveyed and constructed that letter; it's about a hundred feet tall, and there's a dandy talus slope just below it. Four steps up, five back.

Friday night was the beer bust. Few freshmen made it that far. In my sophomore year, the beer bust was raided by the state police, even though it was off campus in Escondida. No arrests were made, because all the underage people ran out the back door and went south, while all the people who were legal went north, screaming abuse at the authorities and leading them on a wild goose chase through the snow.

Saturday was the crossing of the pit and the tug-of-war. A greased telephone pole was laid across the pit and each freshman had to cross it and then kiss the Blarney Stone. Some of them would be anointed with "holy water" that made Driscoll Pond seem wholesome by comparison. St. Pat and his court were there, chosen from the junior class mainly for their great alcohol capacity.

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STEPHEN SMOOGEN'S HOROSCOPES

(*Paydirt* accepts no liability for the content of these horoscopes. Cast your own if you like.)

Welcome to the third in my semester long series on horoscopes. Since the first issue hit the stands I have been asked many times how I "divine" these predictions, which I feel deserve answering. First, I do not go out and actually observe where the planets and stars really are. The fact is that very few astrologers really make any observations other than going out at night and seeing if the stars are still there. (It would be bad for business if they were gone.) The method that I use to determine "fate" is fairly simple and can be used by anyone with a little practice. Finally, please remember that I write these articles to have fun, and for you to have fun reading them. So please don't plan your life around them; just enjoy. If you have questions, comments, etc., please write to me, personally, at box GG (the same box you write your comments to the editor). Now onto the rest of the story....

Cancer: People born between June 22nd and July 22nd are under the sign of Cancer. Like the crab that they are born under they can be quite timid at first. Push them into their holes and you'll be pinched in the wrong place. (Please don't call them Cancers either, its quite offensive.) While at first weak willed they are quite adventurous, going places that few others would dare.

Leo: Those born from July 23rd to August 22nd are Leos. The Leo is the natural fearless leader. They will not be anything less than in control at all times. Some say that their roar is worse than their bite, though others say that their bite is worse than their meow. The Leo is ruled by the sun and is always full of energy and enthusiasm.

Virgo: This intellectual sign covers the date between August 23 to September 22. The stereotypical Virgo has a quick wit and a perceptive mind. They love to logically argue everything and anything almost always too far. The love life of Virgo's often suffer from their pursuit of enriching the mind. This is the reason they are often confused with Virgins.

Aries (March 21—April 30): As you move past midterms your grades will improve. This is probably due to the extra studytime you are getting from the lack of dates. However look for a check from someone in the next week or two.

Taurus (April 21—May 20): Venus smiles this month as someone special enters your life. But, Pluto is feeling stingy and will keep money from you. Expect trouble with Payroll. You will need to study harder as school toughens.

Gemini (May 21—June 21): Money will fall off as Jupiter departs. You should ace your midterms and do as well with that assignment over spring break. Love is a word you may hear around the first so be careful from whom.

Cancer (June 22nd—July 22): This is your month!! I see several romantic interests coming into your life. They will shower you with money, gifts, and attention. Their boost to your ego will help pull up that sagging gpa.

Leo (July 23—August 22): I see some problems in your social life as you seclude yourself for that big test. But it pays off as you destroy the curve. Look for some romance around the third as someone new enters your world.

Virgo (August 23—September 22): Your social calendar may be booked with events but your school life suffers. Your chances for a date become slim around the fifth. But Pluto smiles on his resident sign and money will flow.

Libra (September 23—October 22): That government check should appear soon. A romantic interest is out there waiting, so look carefully. Be careful with schoolwork or you might lose that important homework assignment.

Scorpio (October 23—November 22): All that recent mental activity has put a large load on your shoulders. Take things easy. Look for some cash around the sixth and plan a weekend with that special person around spring break.

Sagittarius (November 23—December 21): Worried that your romantic interest is leaving you; beware, you may be right. But, there is someone new just ahead for you. Money may be a slight problem, but at least school is doing great.

Capricorn (December 22—January 19): Beware the Ides of March! This is a month to stay in your room and sleep. None of the planets wish you any favor. Things pick up around the third as an important message appears.

Aquarius (January 20—February 18): Asking someone for a date to the movies may start a romantic interlude. Be careful with the money spent as it might become scarce after break. School is definitely in the picture as several grades improve.

Pisces (February 19—March 20): I see a tough test soon with calamitous results if you fail. There is also a steamy romantic date coming up as someone helps celebrate a special day. Money matters improve around the second.

that started February 13, says Sanford. Two other tremors—on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:02 and 5:04 AM—have measured above 3.0. In addition to the stronger quakes, Tech seismographs have registered seven earthquakes above 2.0, and "hundreds and hundreds of smaller shocks," says Sanford.

The latest earthquake swarm is a fairly unusual occurrence for the Socorro area, relates Sanford. The tremors are located further east than is usual.

Socorro Quake Part of Swarm

by Kimberly Eiland
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

An earthquake measuring 3.9 on the Richter scale shook Socorro at 6:23 AM on February 27. The epicenter (the point directly above the focus of the earthquake) was located 22 miles east-southeast of Socorro, according to Dr. Allen Sanford of NM Tech.

The earthquake is part of a swarm

St. Pat's Day

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After all the freshmen had gotten across, the tug-of-war got underway, over the water-filled pit (and that water can be cold in March). For some unknown reason, the freshman side not only sloped downhill towards the pit, but it was also a morass of liquid mud. Things were nice and dry and firm on the sophomore side, especially around the rows of trenches where the sophomores could brace their feet. The years I was there, the sophomore end of the rope was also tied to something solid like a six-by-six that would be fairly hard to drag into the pit, just in case. Lest you think this unfair, keep in mind that there are always more freshmen than sophomores. Experienced spectators always ran away just before the climax of the tug-of-war, since it was always followed by the freshman throwing everybody they could catch into the pit.

St. Pat's is no longer celebrated at Tech. It was always basically just an excuse for light hazing and heavy drinking, and from what I hear it got to be a bit too nasty in its later days. When I went through, it was not vicious; humbling, yes, and certainly tiring, but nobody's spirit was broken. Those that went through it got something that seems in short supply nowadays: a sense of belonging, a rite of passage.

Aerosmith in Albuquerque

by John Goshy
STAFF WRITER

On February 24th, Aerosmith played at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque. The opening act was the one and only Skid Row. By the time we got through the brief line at the door they were in their second song. I wasn't much of a Skid Row fan, but they were impressive enough to get the crowd going.

Being the opening act for an audience who can't wait to see the main act can be treacherous. During Skid Row's performance, someone threw a plastic cup up at the stage. This prompted Seb Bach to ask those "C—s—ers" to leave, or he would "rip their b—s off and jam them down their throats." When the earpiercing music continued, people settled back and let high of the evening continue.

By the time Aerosmith finally come on stage, we had shoved our way closer to the front for a much better (and more dangerous) view. The sound was excellent, and the light show and smoke bursts during the guitar solo from "Dream On" were very effective.

They played many of their older songs, getting the crowd really rocking. The crowd in front of the stage was tight at times, but it was definitely worthwhile. The songs were well performed, and Steve Tyler's antics on stage were rather unique. "Rag Doll", "Love in an Elevator", and "Janie Got a Gun", from their more recent *Permanent Vacation* and *Pump* albums were favorites of the crowd too. For their encore, they belted out "Walk This Way" to a cheering crowd. Steve Tyler closed the show with the message "God bless and always use a rubber."

Spring Fling Ideas Wanted

SPRING FLING COMMITTEE

Spring Fling is April 20-21 this year. Since this is for students, we want your input and ideas of what you would like to see. Comments and suggestions can be sent to Joan Riddle, Box 2862, or you can call 835-4079. Leave a message if no one answers. Thanks for your input!

College Recruiters Coming to Tech

College Recruiters Press Release

At the request of some of its corporate clients, College Recruiters, Inc. will be visiting Tech on March 29 for engineering interviews.

College Recruiters is a new company that provides corporations an efficient and cost-effective method to interview thousands of students via a specially outfitted, state of the art bus that features monitors, video equipment and computers in compartmentalized interview rooms. Each prospective student's hour long interview session includes a ten minute orientation session, a 20 minute video-taped interview and then a 30-minute computer assisted questionnaire.

The system provides the opportunity to give potential employers a more complete picture of their academic background, communication skills and personal hobbies or interests. One interview with college recruiters provides students with multiple exposures to large, prestigious corporations.

After their interview, students authorize which clients of College Recruiters will receive the interview data.

College Recruiters is focusing exclusively on the recruitment of college engineers for the spring 1990 season. To sign-up for an interview, contact Marjorie Austin in the Career Placement office in Gibbons.

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Paydirt is conducting a survey to find out who are the best and worst instructors at Tech.

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