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## Long speaker at ceremony

by John Bradshaw  
Staff writer

Sen. Russell B. Long will speak at graduation ceremonies Aug. 15 in Ewing Coliseum.

Graduation for the approximately 400 students will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Long has been senator from Louisiana since 1948, making him fourth in seniority in the Senate. Sen. Long is chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee. He is also chairman of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee. Sen. Long is a graduate of Louisiana State University.



Sen. Long

Music for the graduation ceremony will be provided by Dr. John Cale, with a solo performance by Wayne Robbins. Robbins will sing "A Prayer by St. Francis of Assisia."

Accompanying Robbins will be Sheila Armstrong on piano. Robbins is a graduate student in music performance, and Armstrong is working toward a master's degree in music education.

President Dwight Vines will award the degrees and a reception will be held in Schulze Dining Hall after the graduation.

Rehearsal will be held Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. in Ewing Coliseum.

## Racial quotas cause conflict

by John Bradshaw  
Staff writer

What began last week as a minor rules change in Homecoming elections dissolved into a controversy over racial quotas.

In a Student Government Association meeting on July 29, Sen. Drew Fluke, chairman of the Rules Committee, proposed a change concerning a tie for second place in Homecoming elections. The reading of his proposal brought an unexpected response.

Sen. Rosalind Gladney objected to an already standing segment of the rules. The present rules state, "All students may vote for six candidates or less for the ballot to be officially counted. The Homecoming Court will consist of the five non-black candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, and the one black candidate receiving the greatest number of votes." Gladney's objection was that two black candidates could receive enough votes to qualify for Homecoming Court, but only the one with the most votes would be on the Homecoming Court. The other one would be dropped in favor of a white candidate.

Proposals and counter-proposals were offered until President Larry Green suggested that the question be returned to the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee met on Aug. 4 to consider amendments to resolve the problem. In the initial discussion, Sen. Brenda Williams repeated Gladney's objection but concluded, "It would be hard to change the rules." Echoing the concern that a black candidate could be denied a position on the Homecoming Court under the present rule, Sen. Betty Koserog offered a proposal that she said would eliminate that difficulty.

In Koserog's amendment there would be one black candidate guaranteed a

position on the Homecoming Court and one non-black candidate, thus leaving the remaining four positions open to the top vote-getters regardless of race.

Sen. Lavelle Hendricks objected to both the present rules and Koserog's amendment saying, "Both rules are discriminatory against other minorities." Hendricks went on to explain that Chinese students as well as other minorities on campus have as much right to representation on Homecoming Court as any one else.

Williams said, "We could leave the rule like it is, but the same question will be brought up in the future." Koserog added that there would probably be an official protest if Gladney's concern were to become a reality. "Why take a chance on a racial confrontation?" she asked.

Fluke at this point said, "the problem is not the process, but the problem is the way we are thinking about it." He then elaborated on how the present rule came into being.

In 1976 a black woman was elected Homecoming Queen, but in 1977 no black woman had enough votes to be in the top six, he said. The Black Caucus, working with the SGA, came up with the present proposal which guarantees one black representative on Homecoming Court. "We've had no complaints until now," Fluke said.

At this point Samuel Bridges, representing the Black Caucus, stated, "It is my understanding that the majority of the blacks are satisfied with the rule the way it is."

Sen. Dell Griffin then offered his proposal. "It is time we stopped this tokenism," he said and offered an amendment which stated that only the top six vote-getters would be on the Homecoming Court.

"The students are mature enough to

## Homecoming quota rule:

*'Why take a chance on  
a racial confrontation?'*

*— Sen. Betty Koserog*

vote without regard to race," he said, citing the fact that a black woman finished second in the last election.

Griffin said that this would not have been possible without cross-racial voting. "Tokenism is to be resented on one side and detested on the other side. The SGA should not be involved in racial discrimination," he said.

Koserog replied, "One guarantee may appear as tokenism, but it is a step forward." Fluke, presenting the administration's position said, "Dr. (Dwight) Vines would like to see the rules stay the same. It is consistent with the national trend of affirmative action." Before leaving for a prior engagement, Bridges said, "If the rule is changed, the Black Caucus will protest."

When the meeting concluded no agreement was reached as to what proposal to put before the Senate. When the SGA convened on Aug. 5, Fluke asked for more time to consider the issue. Fluke said he would consult the Executive Committee on the Black Caucus and the Advisory Board. In concurrence, president Green referred the question once again to the Rules Committee.

## Construction work continues

by Lisa Tramontana  
Managing editor  
and Elizabeth Jones  
Staff writer

With contracts signed for Student Union Building renovations and new plans laid out for an addition to the campus police department, work continues steadily on a variety of campus construction projects.

Contracts for renovations to the Student Union Building and the bookstore have been awarded to two construction firms, James Nicholson, executive vice-president, said Monday.

Ouachita Builders of West Monroe have been awarded the general contract for renovating the SUB Elbow Room, Nicholson said. He said the firm's bid of \$269,168 was accepted last week and the company has 120 days to complete the project.

M & M Mechanical Contractors, Inc., has been signed to install a new air conditioning system to service the new Elbow Room and parts of the bookstore. Nicholson said the company's bid on the project, also accepted last week, was \$83,640. M & M is required to finish installing the system within 150 days, he said.

Nicholson said work is expected to resume after insurance and bonds are processed.

Campus maintenance workers are busy preparing the campus security office for construction which will add "much needed space"; according to Wade Dupuis, director of university police.

"As long as I've been here," said Dupuis, "we've never had enough work space. We plan to add 320 square feet onto the building. The new entrance will face Northeast Drive and therefore, the office will be more obvious to visitors. The side entrance that was used before was difficult to see and after the extension is completed, that problem won't exist."

Funds for the extension were provided for in the state's Capital Outlay Plan, but construction will not begin until a work permit is processed. "We're still waiting on that," said Dupuis.

Dupuis said he doubts the construction will be completed before the fall semester begins, but said, "After the fall, we will hopefully be dealing with a 30-45 day project."



Billy Heckford

## Sprucing up

Workmen paint their way down Olin hall. They have been busy since last spring, and wrapped up the job last week. Northeast spent \$87,401 for labor and materials. More than 416 gallons of paint were put into the project.

## Feds reduce student aid

Secretary of Education Shirley M. Hufstедler has announced a newly revised Basic Educational Opportunity Grant payment schedule schools will use in calculating the amount of individual student grants in the 1980-81 academic year.

The schedule takes into account the \$140 million reduction in funds for the year which began on July 1. Under this reduction, each student's 1980-81 award will be \$50 less than he or she would receive if the program were fully funded.

BEOG helps students at more than 6,000 schools. All of these schools have been sent copies of the new payment schedule.

Under the existing formula, approximately 50,000 applicants in a low-income category were found either ineligible for grants or eligible only for small amounts. To correct this situation before the beginning of the fall term, the department will send these students new eligibility reports that reflect the revised income assessment formula.

# 'Who's who' picks professor, Halperin's achievements noted

by Lisa Tramontana  
Managing editor

A colonel in the Army Reserves, insurance professor, winner of the purple heart, actor, singer and writer...all of these comprise but a few of the many faces of Dr. Sanford Halperin, NLU insurance professor.

Added to his long list of achievements and awards is the recent inclusion of his biography in the 1980-81 edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

Upon meeting Halperin, one is immediately put at ease by his friendly smile and unassuming manner. Probably the one thing that is most surprising about Halperin is his modesty.

"Naturally, I'm very honored about having my biography published, but at the same time, I feel very humble. I had no idea and the whole thing was very unexpected," he said.

Born and reared in Newark, N.J., Halperin obtained his undergraduate degree from New York University, his master's from the University of Pennsylvania and earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

He has written numerous articles for professional journals and magazines and was co-author of a Department of Health, Education and Welfare funded publication, "The Study of Industrial Linkages in Monroe."

His collegiate teaching career began 16 years ago and in 1974, he was selected an Outstanding Educator of America.

Not only is Halperin an NLU teacher, but he is also an NLU student. As he explained it, "The wife of a colleague wanted to take a German class, but more

Dr. Sanford B. Halperin



John Jones

students were needed before the course could be offered. As a result of helping her out, I now have nine hours of German and hope to continue with it."

His military career, which spans more than 35 years, has brought him numerous awards. Aside from the purple heart, he has won the Bronze Star Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Of his years in active duty, Halperin said, "Unfortunately, I actually fought in combat. The war interrupted my education so I was a 19-year-old sophomore and a 22-year-old junior."

Two of his acting credits include his portrayal of Tevye in "Fiddler On the Roof" and his role as Col. Purdy in "Teahouse of the August Moon." For his portrayal of Tevye Halperin won a "Best Actor" award at the Monroe Little Theatre in 1975. Halperin laughs and says of his acting and singing, "My only real claim to fame as an actor occurred many, many years ago when the late Moss Hart, Broadway director commented that I had "excellent stage presence."

One of his most recent awards and one which perhaps best summarizes the man is that of a "Favorite Professor."

# Fall registration starts soon; large enrollment expected

by Lisa Tramontana  
Managing editor

It's that time again. Fall registration begins Monday, Aug. 25 and will continue until 4:30 p.m., August 26.

Students may pick up a fall class schedule to find out what time to register. These schedules may be found in the registrar's office located on the first floor of the administration building. Those who register late must pay a \$15 fee.

According to Barry Delcambre, university registrar, enrollment will likely increase again this year. Once a week, Delcambre prepares a report in which applications on file are compared with the number of applications on file one year earlier.

"Overall, enrollment is up 15 percent compared to figures from

last year at this time. Our statistics show that enrollment is up for Louisiana beginning freshmen, out-of-state junior colleges and graduates," said Delcambre.

Delcambre also said approximately 5,000 students are now enrolled in summer school, which is a large increase from last summer. "I think this enrollment increase is due to a really good recruiting effort. Don Weems, who is working on the PREP program, has done a wonderful job and I think this has a lot to do with students choosing Northeast. But, actually, everyone is doing a little bit extra to help," said Delcambre. Also up this year is tuition. Tuition last year was \$214 and has been raised to \$263.50.

A fall fee sheet, which lists out-of-state fees, approximate book fees and living expenses can be obtained from the registrar's office.

# College Town Bookstore

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# UB plans for fall

by Keith Buckley  
Staff writer

"Phantom of Paradise" will be the last movie to play in Sherrouse lobby this summer, said Bud Courson, Union Board chairman. The movie will play August 10 at 8:30 p.m.

For the fall semester Courson said a Homecoming and Back to School dance are now in the works. Details on booking bands and setting a date have yet to be worked out.

Courson said he also pushed to get a statewide showcase held at Northeast. Such a showcase would include many bands or practically any other type of entertainment performing one after another during the course of a day. Said Courson, "We are trying to get the showcase for the first week in February. This would not only help the other Union Boards but would be another step toward gaining recognition for Northeast."

The Union Board will begin accepting applications at the opening of the fall semester for new members. Courson expects one of the largest numbers of applicants ever.

# Christopher airs vocal cords; twice televised in New York

by Keith Buckley  
Staff writer

During the first week of July one of Northeast's music professors, Dr. Carol Christopher, allowed her vocal chords to be televised twice on channel 9 in Syracuse, N.Y. while she was singing.

Christopher was taking part in a workshop being presented by the department of otolaryngology and communication at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. The mechanism which allowed Christopher's vocal chords to be photographed is called a fibroscope. A fibroscope consists of a long black tube with a lens attached to the tip. The tube is inserted into the nose and down the throat.

Workshop team members have been working together for seven years in an attempt to remove the mystery from the production of vocal sound. They study the vocal mechanism both visually and acoustically and hope to make the teaching of singing more predictable.

Team members are David Brewer, otolaryngologist; Ray Colton, speech and physiology professor at Upstate



Dr. Carol Christopher

Medical Center; Harry Wright, psychoacoustician at Upstate Medical Center; and Jo Estill, singer and voice teacher presently seeking an advanced degree at the City University of New York.

At present the team hopes to determine with the use of needles exactly how each set of neck muscles influences the vocal result. For example they will work

to discover which sets of muscles oppose each other in order to keep the laryngeal cage in balance and eventually eliminate vocal flutter and wobble.

Christopher believes that many of the ideas being advanced by the team, if proven correct, could revolutionize voice teaching.

# Season tickets ready

According to Rick Owens, sports promotion director and ticket manager, faculty and staff members who have purchased football season tickets for the 1980-81 year may pick up their tickets in Rm. 123, Ewing Coliseum.

Season tickets will continue to be sold until Sept. 27, the day of the first home game. Tickets, which are regularly \$7.50 at the gate, will be \$39 for non-faculty members and \$33.75 for faculty and staff members.



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# Campus artworks displayed

An exhibition of faculty art work is currently on display at the NLU Wesley Foundation Art Gallery at 112 Delano Drive in Monroe.

Included in this annual summer exhibition are non-representational acrylic paintings by Dr. Edward E. Schutz, professor in printmaking and head of the NLU Department of Art; landscape oil paintings by Dr. James B. Edwards, professor of art education; figurative acrylic paintings by Robert G. Ward, associate professor in painting and

landscape oil paintings by Jean F. Taylor, assistant professor in drawing. Also featured will be figuratives in landscape silverprint photographs by R. Eugene Hayes, assistant professor in photography; figurative pencil drawings by JoElla C. Williams, assistant professor in art education; and figurative pencil drawings by Brian R. Fassett, assistant professor in advertising design.

The exhibition will continue through Aug. 18.

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# Insults: world hobby?

by Keith Buckley  
Staff writer

Humiliating the United States has become an international hobby of sorts lately. One cannot help wonder what we have done to make people say those nasty things about us. Why do our Central American brothers resent us and why do the Iranians hate us? After all we tried to help our less fortunate friends (whether they wanted it or not). Did we not say that we would make the world "safe for democracy?"

It is difficult for an American to get an objective view of his own nation. Consider, for example, our involvement in Vietnam. We supported a dictatorship which did not even possess the loyalty of its own people. Besides that we were bombing a country very close to China's border. How would most Americans feel if China or Russia started bombing Mexico?

In Iran we supported a harsh dictatorship mainly because it was not a communist government. To the people of Iran, one cruel dictator is about as bad as another. In any case we sure brought no democracy to them. We did set up a government that was friendly to our interests. We sustained that government

for decades. Therefore, the Iranians have some justification for disliking us.

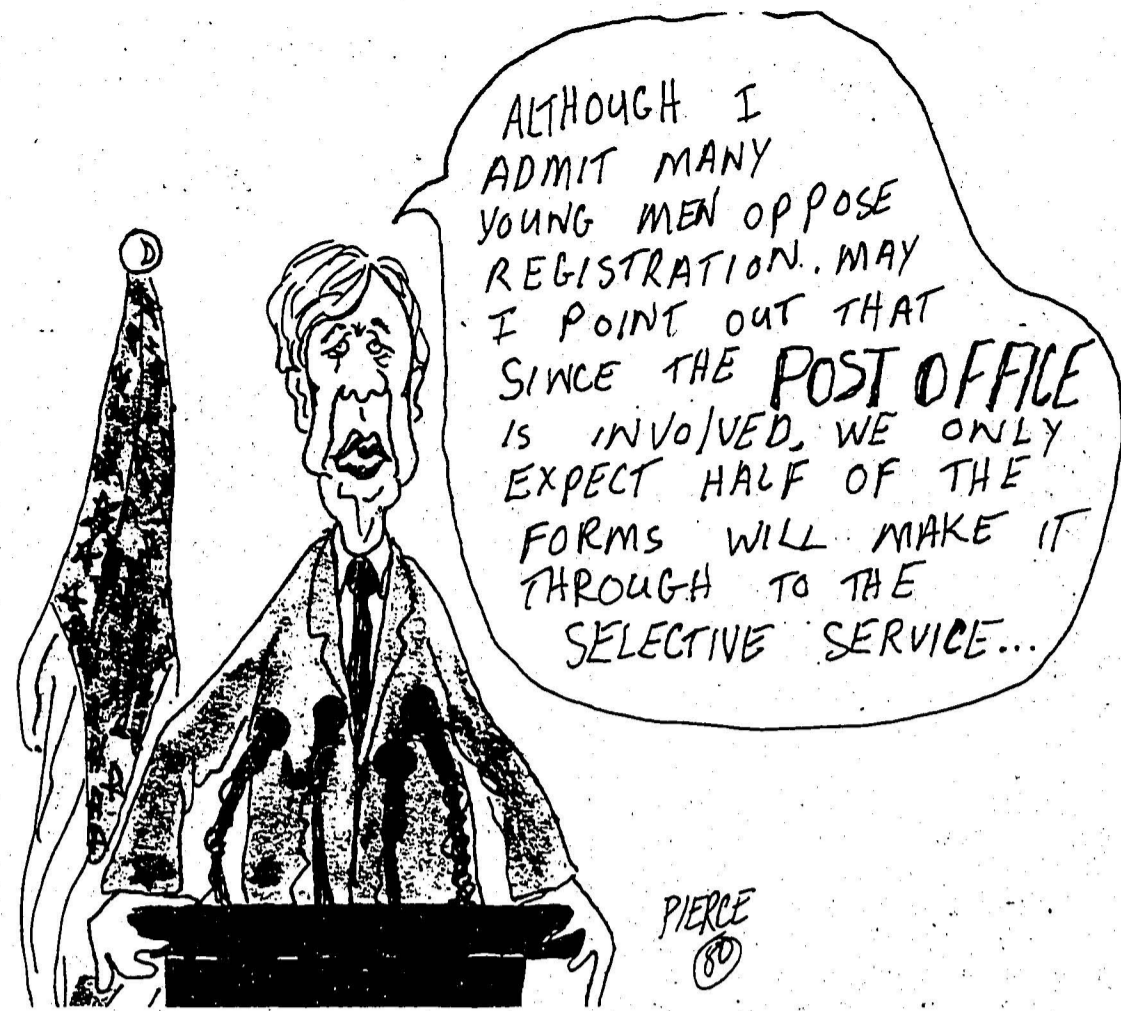
In Central America we have intervened many times with troops. Of course our reasons were always good.

We do not have to combat communism all over the world. Chances are it will combat itself at least some of the time. Besides the United States does not have the capability to be the "policeman of the world."

Is it fair to say that there has never been a communist government that has had any shred of humanity or concern for its own people?

In Cuba, the people seem to support Castro in spite of the fact that he is a communist. Castro is sort of a hero in Central America for defying the wishes of the United States and getting away with it. The "Bay of Pigs" fiasco is an excellent example of how the Cuban people feel about an American - supported coupe.

We should not get frustrated and angry when our ungrateful inferiors resent us. We could probably wipe them out easily and they know it. That is one of the reasons they are resentful. We should save our strength to fight Russia. Russians, after all, are just as convinced of their good motives as we are of ours.



## editorials

# Legislature ignores First Amendment in 'voluntary' prayer vote for schools

by John Bradshaw  
Staff writer

Imagine if you will the following scenario: A Monroe high school teacher asks for a volunteer to lead the class in prayer. A youth wearing a pig-tail and a saffron robe steps gingerly to the front of the room. Tapping on his tambourine he chants, "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama..." and his fellow students nervously join in.

What is wrong with this image? In a vote of 95-5 the Louisiana House of Representatives passed a bill to reinstate voluntary prayer in public schools. The bill allows a teacher to ask for volunteers to lead the class in prayer. If no one volunteers then the teacher takes the role of class chaplain.

There are two immediate problems with such a bill. One problem is, obviously, whose prayer? Shall the classes be lead in prayer by Krishna worshippers, Christians, Moslems, or whomever the teacher chooses? If the teacher has local jurisdiction, as the bill seems to imply, then the teacher's religion becomes a matter of public concern. Such a situation goes against what people mean when they talk about freedom of religion.

The solution to this problem is for a teacher to deal with all the major world religions equally, thus setting up an atmosphere of fairness. The system would work something like this: Christians would lead the class in prayer on Mondays; Moslems on Tuesdays; Jews on Wednesdays; Hindus on Thursdays; and Budhists on Fridays.

The dilemma only worsens, though. There are so many different sects of each major religion; which sect should be allowed to represent the whole? For example, would the teacher use a Catholic prayer on Mondays, or a Greek

Orthodox prayer, or a Protestant prayer? Which Protestant group? Lutheran? Baptist? Methodist? Each of the major world religions has the same problem. A teacher would go crazy trying to decide which sect of which religion should be allowed to lead the class in prayer on which day.

On top of that the teacher has to take into consideration the agnostics and atheists. Freedom of religion includes the freedom not to believe. How can a

teacher promote religion, any religion, and still respect the rights of atheists and agnostics? Obviously the state

would be doing a great kindness by allowing the teacher to avoid such an irresolvable dilemma.

This fact brings to mind the second problem with the bill—the bill is unconstitutional. The First Amendment states specifically, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof." No law means no law, and it appears the Louisiana Legislature needs to be reminded of this.

People still misunderstand the Supreme Court's ruling of 1963. The Supreme Court did not outlaw voluntary prayer in public schools. Children may pray in public schools as much as they want as long as they do not interfere with the rights of others.

What the Supreme Court did was to outlaw the "establishment of religion", the establishing of one religion above another. By providing formal restrictions on religious activities, the Founding Fathers insured freedom of religion. The First Amendment was intended to prohibit the very thing that the Louisiana Legislature is trying to do.

Thomas Jefferson, forgive them. They know not what they do.

# Policy unfair

Members of the Student Government Association are ready to take at least one NLU policy out of deep-freeze and let it melt. And if our thermometer is reading accurately, they should go right ahead with the plan.

Because the administration's policy about portable refrigerators in dormitories says students must rent refrigerators from Haddad's leasing firm - and that students cannot furnish their own refrigerators - the policy is unfair, the members say.

"I don't see how they (administration officials) can justify it," SGA President Larry Green said Wednesday.

Green also said he has heard that resident assistants in dormitories have been instructed to "crack down" on students who furnish their own refrigerators.

Green and the others are right. There is no justification and the policy is quite questionable. If a student wishes to have his own possession in his own room why shouldn't he, providing space permits?

The policy does not just extend the cold shoulder to students with access to their own refrigerators, however.

It is a questionable business practice that not only rules out chances for competing businesses to make sales and rentals, but also makes one wonder how such a policy was ever devised.

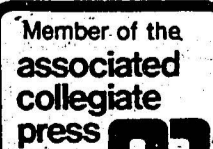
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# Students believe shah's death irrelevant to hostage release

For the past nine months, Iranians have called for the return of the shah. Now the shah is dead, but what does it mean? Most students apparently do not believe it will mean too much.

"I think they'll do anything they want to the hostages even after the shah's death. The ones that are in charge of the hostages don't listen to anyone. They take matters into their own hands" said Ruby Graves, senior pre-medicine major from Zachary.

"We were led to believe that if the shah was returned back to Iran, the militants would release the hostages. But since the shah is dead now, we've come to the understanding they would not release them. They're holding them to embarrass the United States," said Charlotte Harris, Tampa, Fla. aviation freshman.

Stuart Causey, a senior geology major from Monroe, said, "Too bad he died, hate to see anyone die. I don't think it will speed up the release of the hostages. If Khomeini were dead the release of the hostages could be handled in a more civilized way."

Mary Newman, speech and hearing major from Winnsboro, said, "It won't have any effect at all. Since we have already gotten involved, the militant group in charge has made their decision because we let the shah come into our country."

"From what I can understand, the shah would have eventually died anyway. The only information that I have obtained of the shah is from mass media. It seems as though America helped the shah in his position as ruler. The President should have informed the American citizens of their partnership

Malcolm Jones



with Iran. I disliked the position America was put in for not being informed. Our men should be released and the shah's corpse should have been returned to Iran" said Sally Muse, law enforcement sophomore from West Monroe.

"I believe the shah's death has little or no consequence as far as the release of the hostages go. For the Iranians, the shah's death is just another victory. I believe that our involvement in Iran was necessary, but we became too dependent on foreign oil," said Malcolm Jones, senior geology major from Monroe.

Jan Tidwell, Monroe dental hygiene freshman, said, "Maybe it would give a little hope for the release of the hostages. Now, they don't have an excuse for holding us responsible."

"Now that he is dead, it will probably put the hostage situation at a standstill, because he was the main purpose for the situation starting," said West Monroe sophomore Susan Guice.

"No, I don't think it will have an effect on the release of the hostages. It now puts Iran in an embarrassing position since the shah and his crimes were the cause of the embassy takeover.

# your opinion

It is impossible to deal with irrational people."

Vickie Plunkett, Pioneer medical technician freshman said, "I don't think the death of the shah will have an effect on the release of the hostages. The United States has not had anything to do with the shah in the last six months. I really don't know a great deal about it. The president has handled the situation poorly. At first, I thought he was doing the right thing by protecting the hostages. But it's been over 200 days and nothing has been done."

"I get hostile when I think about it. Humans should have no control over others. They are taking out their feelings on the wrong people. The President definitely waited too long to do anything about it. All the other nations are beginning to think we are weak," said Ginger Cooper, freshman from Coushatta majoring in nursing.

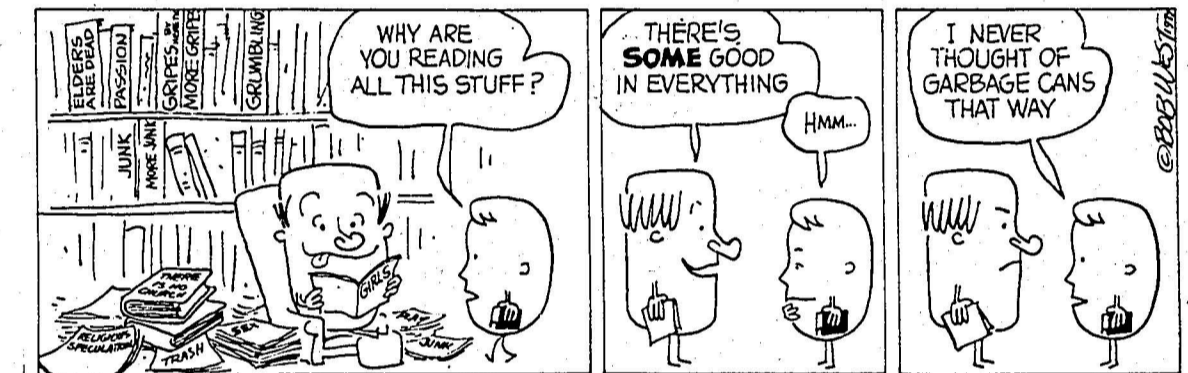
"It's so disturbing to me that one man's actions are being paid for by people who are trying to promote peace in the first place. We are supposed to

have a superior government and we aren't doing anything about it," said Toni Butcher, nursing major from Coushatta.

Dorothy Newton, sophomore accounting major from Swartz said, "I'd hate to have been a man that so many people in the world we're waiting to see die. As a human, I'm sorry he suffered so. I never thought the shah was behind the takeover as much as they were trying to get at us. They were using the shah as a scapegoat. I hope our hostages are released soon but I doubt they will be."

"It's unpredictable as to the consequence in relation to our hostages being free. The non-recognition by our world leaders of the shah's death is a perfect example of how the greed for oil can bring our leaders to compromise their responsibility and dignity. Particularly in the case of President Carter, who just two years ago was praising the shah," said Randy Jones, graduate history major from Monroe.

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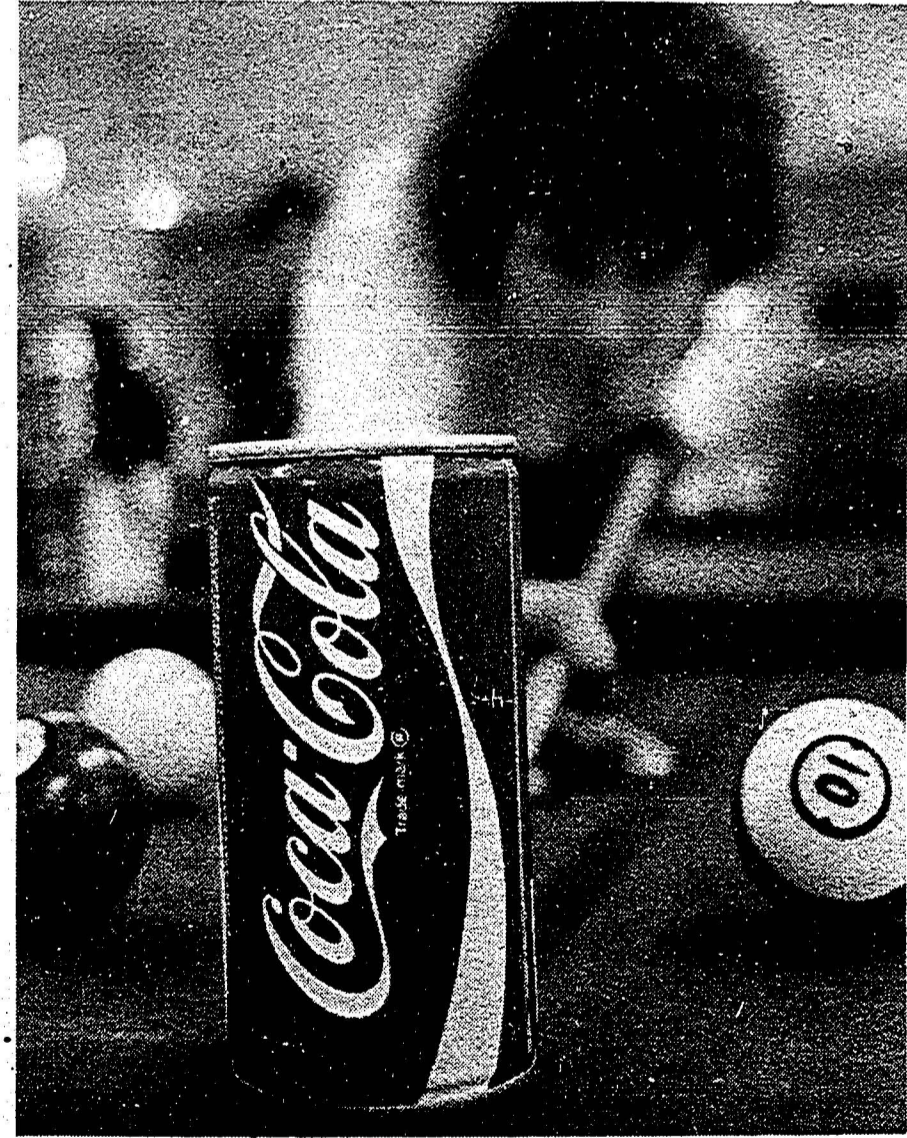
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I believe the students and the college faculty and staff have been done a great injustice by the removal of the televisions in the top floor of the Student Union Building. (The TV rooms are now being replaced by offices for one of the deans of the school.)

It is true that there are TVs in the dormitories and students can watch TV there, but what about people who do not live on campus or staff members like myself? (I used to go watch during my lunch hour.)

A STAFF MEMBER

# 'Blue Lagoon' - a refreshing change

Review  
by Lisa Tramontana  
Managing editor

If you want to see beautiful scenery, excellent underwater photography and gorgeous sunsets, see "The Blue Lagoon."

If you want to watch a movie with a plot, see something else. This movie is not dull or boring, but then again, it's not really action - packed by any stretch of the imagination.

What it is, is beautiful. Two young teenagers live on a desert island with lush greenery, all types of interesting, colorful creatures and a huge, blue, but crystal - clear ocean at their disposal.

When the story begins, two

young children, Richard and Emiline, are on a ship enroute to San Francisco. The two first cousins are under the care of Richard's father.

A fire breaks out on ship and everyone on board is forced to jump to safety. Richard and Emiline happen to be with the gruffy cook, Paddy, at the time. The three of them become separated from the others and after days of drifting in a small boat, they land on a deserted island.

Once on the island, Paddy teaches them various survival techniques. He is with them for about a year when he dies and leaves the two small children alone. Enter Christopher Atkins and Brooke Shields.

Paddy has told them fairy tale stories about the sun hissing when it sets and touches the water. He has told them to never eat certain berries for they will "make you go to sleep and never wake up."

Soon enough, they learn the joys of sex and Brooke Shields becomes pregnant and has a son. No one could be more surprised than she. The story continues and the audience watches two children raising a child of their own.

What is so powerful about the movie is that the audience already knows the answers to all the questions Richard and Emiline ask and it is funny, yet sad, to watch them struggle for the answers.



Christopher Atkins and Brooke Shields

No one will be nominated for an Academy Award in this picture, except quite possibly, the photographers and the film director, Randall Kleiser. But the Blue Lagoon is a refreshing change of pace from other movies and it does not really disappoint anyone. It's purpose

is not to entertain with action or excitement, and it doesn't. It's purpose is not to provoke thought, which it does not. It's only purpose was to tell the story of two children growing up alone. Quiet, simple, beautiful. And it is.

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# 'Br'er Rabbit' cast chosen

by Elizabeth Jones  
Staff writer.

The cast has been named for "Br'er Rabbit's Big Secret," the 1980 production by Northeast's annual Children's Theater Festival.

Communication arts officials said Shari Ray, a West Monroe broadcast journalism major, will head the cast as Br'er Rabbit. Jeff Conley, Shreveport speech major and LaValle Hendricks, West Monroe radio television major, will play Br'er Bear and Br'er Fox, respectively.

Rosalind Gladney, Bastrop liberal arts major, will play Momma Momma Big Money, and New Orleans English major Gregg Fortner will play Br'er Wolf.

The musical, which will run Aug. 9-10 at 2:30 p.m. in Northeast Theater, is being directed by Karen Thompson, Epps graduate student. Linda Mulhearn is accompanist and musical director is Lawrence Thompson.

Dr. George C. Brian is project adviser as well as set designer and technical director.

Ray, a sophomore, has performed locally in Parkview Baptist Church's production of "Godspell" as well as in high school drama. Fortner has recently been seen in NLU's "California Suite" and "Guys and Dolls."

Gladney was last seen in "California Suite."

Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call 342-2144 during business hours.

# Pugh and Doney conduct coal study

by Elizabeth Jones  
Staff writer.

Lignite coal, as an energy source, is drawing the attention of large companies and their money.

It is also on the minds of Northeast's Lignite Coal Research team-Dr. Clifford E. Pugh, assistant professor of chemistry and Dr. Hugh H. Doney, professor of geology.

Located in Northwestern Louisiana are large deposits of low and high grade lignite coal. Since 1976, Louisiana and various coal companies have been drilling in this area. As one of the only analytic universities in the area, Northeast received a grant for the Louisiana Geological Survey Society, Department of Natural Resources.

three cores have been found. Seams of coal 4.7 feet thick have been extracted.

Profit is what most companies are looking for out of coal. If the seams of coal are found below 200 feet it is called Deep Basin coal. This type of coal must be extracted by means other than surface mining. "Some 20 foot seams have been found in Caldwell Parish 2,000 feet down," said Doney. Large companies like Phillips Coal Company and American/Canadian Coal Leasing Corporation get permits to drill holes. If the coal is close to the surface and there are thick seams they lease lignite contracts from the owners of the land.

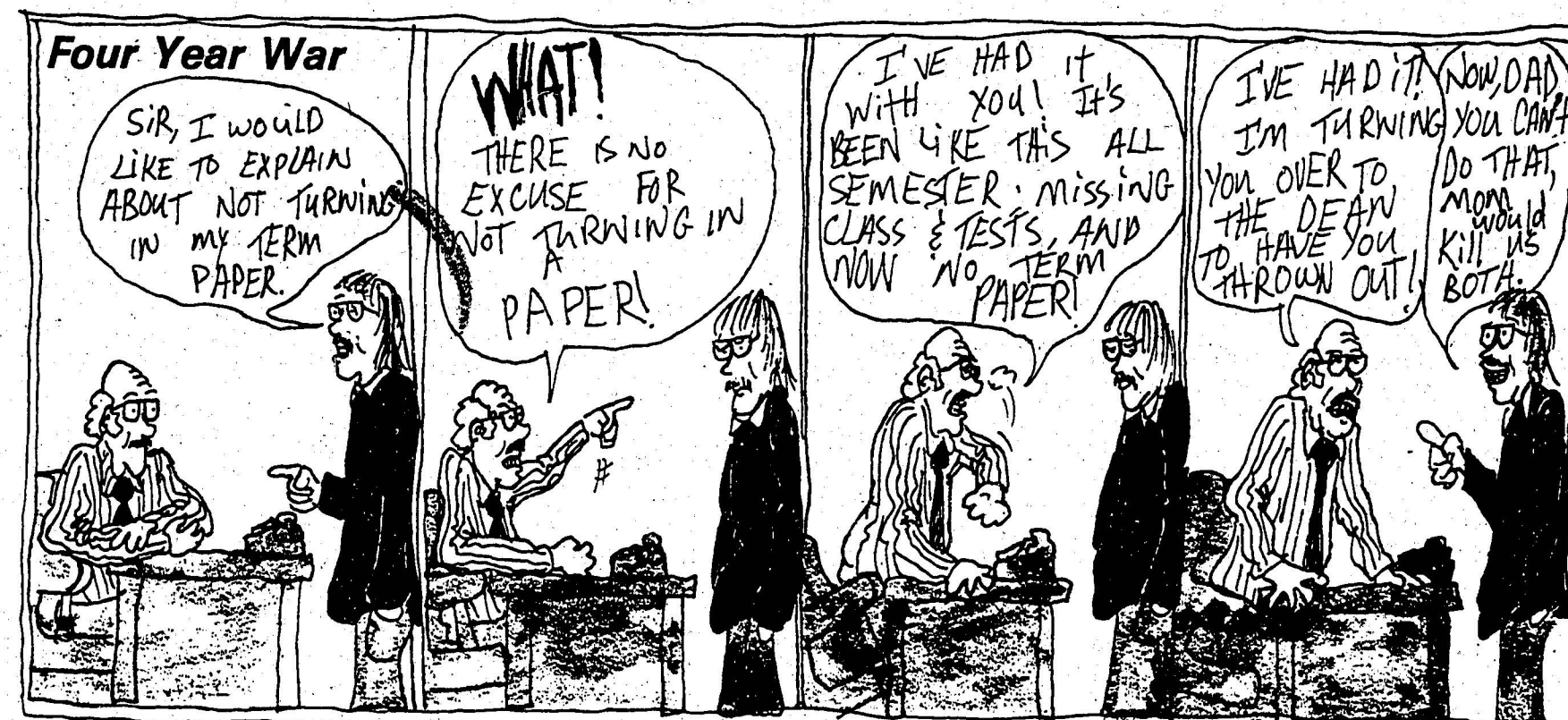
Lignite is the lowest quality of coal. Water is used as a drilling fluid for the pumping out of the coal. The core comes to the lab saturated with water and the core must be ground. Doney dries and

grinds the samples. The moisture lost is called "air-dry loss." The samples are bottled by students and taken to Pugh.

The samples are used by the geologists to do specific gravity tests. The higher the grade of coal, the higher the specific gravity. A higher quality of coal has higher heating values or BTU's - British Thermal Units. It also has a low sulfur content. Lignite has a heating value of up to 8,300 BTU's.

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"Energy companies are spending a lot of money on coal research," said Doney.



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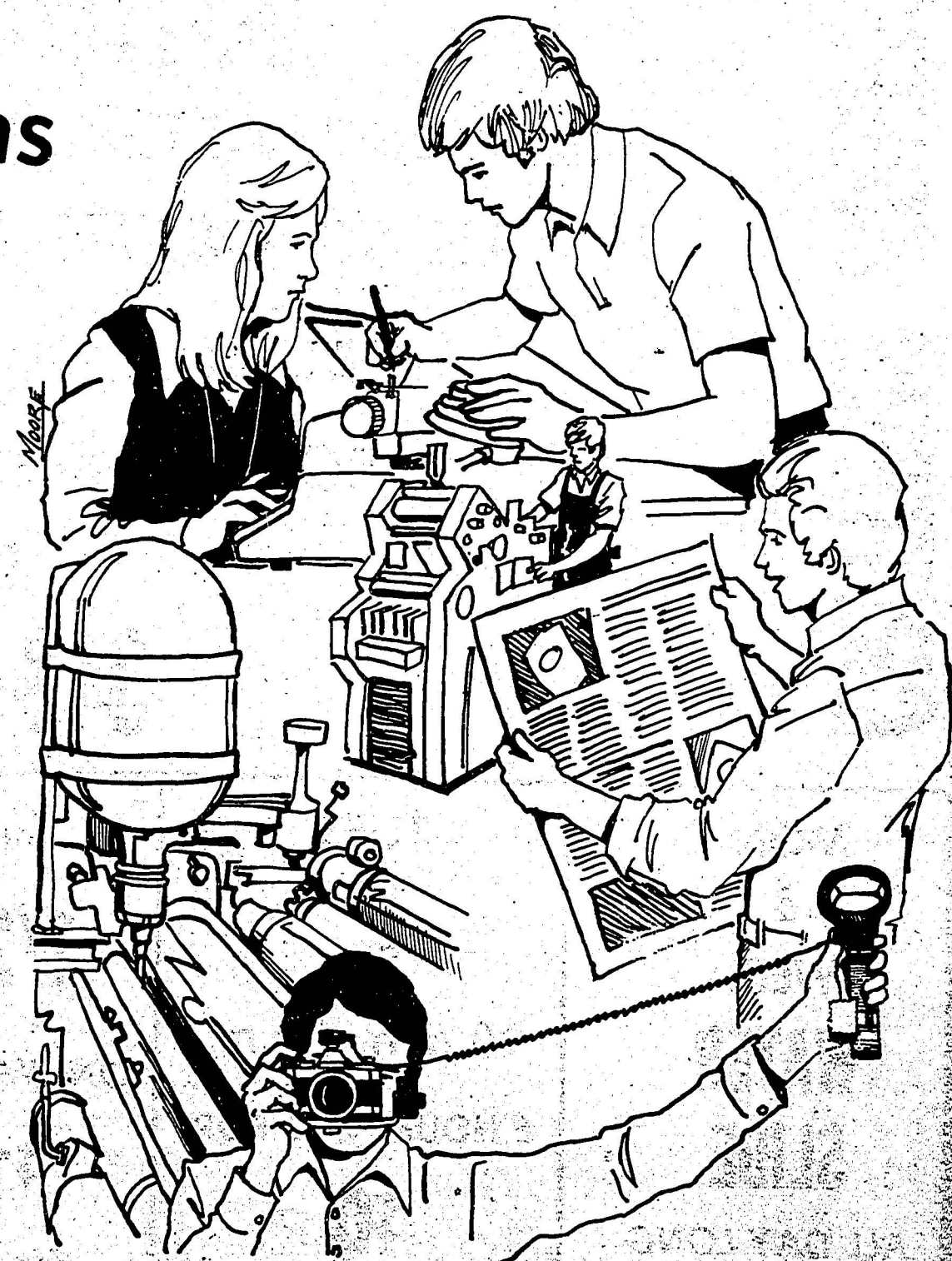
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# Training to begin; Lane not on roster

by Elizabeth Jones and Mike Hoyem

More than 150 players are expected to report for football practice by Aug. 16 to begin training for what has already been a controversial season and what Indian head Coach John David Crow says will be a "tough but exciting" season.

Unfortunately for everyone but the teams on the NLU game schedule, quarterback Bob Lane - the source of the controversy - will not be among the 150.

Lane announced July 28 that he will abide by Board of Trustees Athletic Commissioner Irwin Sibille's ruling that he is ineligible to play this year.

Lane became a victim of some questionable state athletic department guidelines after transferring to Northeast from LSU. He attempted to become eligible for play by accruing 24 credit hours during the summer months, but Sibille said the hours must be earned during regular semesters.

Crow said Wednesday that Lane is expected to be on the roster next season, and despite Lane's ineligibility; Crow said he is looking forward to the season with great vigor.

The season opener against Big 8 conference power Iowa State "will definitely be the toughest we have ever played," Crow said.

But he is confident in his line-up. "One of the strongest points," he said, "will be our wide receivers - A. K. Kinney, Larry Hamilton, Bobby Lewis, Tag Rome, Mitch Renfrow and Jimmy Husser. We've got a lot of depth there."

## Nathan Johnson



Billy Heckford

Crow said that as of spring practice, sophomore quarterback John Holman "had a little edge," over junior Robin Wasson and freshman Charlie Hebert, but he did not rule out any possibilities.

"We've still got 29 practices yet so I'm not going to commit myself," Crow said. "We'll decide on our quarterback probably a couple weeks before the first game."

Crow said senior Nathan Johnson will again be a feature attraction in the offensive backfield. Johnson, a Winnfield High School recruit, is already Northeast's No. 4 career rusher.

Johnson will be joined by Feotis Moore, former All-district Neville High School tailback. Moore was sidelined by a knee injury last season but returned after surgery for spring practice.

In the defensive backfield, Crow said he will be expecting a lot out of junior linebacker Ron Reliford. Reliford, an on-off starter for the past two seasons, was rated fourth in tackles in 1979.

Senior Bubba Toups, who won the Arkansas State game last year with a dramatic 32-yard boot with seven seconds remaining, is expected to tee the ball up again this year. Toups' longest



Billy Heckford

## Ron Reliford

placekick last year was 41 yards against Southwestern and he had successful kicks of 39, 32, 29, 22 and 21 yards.

Toups converted to soccer-style kicking after transferring to Northeast from Mississippi State where he scored his longest kick - 53 yards - in a junior varsity game against Louisiana State

For the past two years, Southwestern has edged the Indians in the final minutes by three or four points. "I think we're (SWU & NLU) a good match," Crow said, "but we just got caught on the short end of the stick both times."

Northeast's first home game is against Southwestern Louisiana on Sept. 27. Crow said he is "not really looking beyond the Iowa game," but expects an exciting home opener.

## Linkster signs

The state's AAA golf champion, Bruce Hornbuckle of Springhill, has become Northeast's fifth links recruit.

Hornbuckle, whose signing was announced by Coach Wallace Jones, was the medalist in the state triple - A tournament in Shreveport with a two-over-par 72-72-144 and sparked Springhill to second place in the team competition. The new Indian golfer was also the regional medalist with a three-under-par 69.



Billy Heckford

Ex-Indian Bob Cooper continued his winning streak with first place honors at the city championship at Chennault Park last weekend. Above, Cooper is pictured with prizes he won in June at the national lefthanders tourney.

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