



DAILY SKIFF

Jury gives Crane's murderer the death sentence



Rodger Mallison / Associated Press

Edward Lee Busby Jr. watches during the punishment phase of his capital murder trial Tuesday in Fort Worth. He was convicted last week of abducting and killing former Texas Christian University professor Laura Lee Crane.

Retired Starpoint School professor was abducted in Tom Thumb parking lot

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Jurors Thursday sentenced a man to death for robbing and suffocating a retired Texas Christian University professor last year.

Edward Lee Busby Jr., 33, was convicted last week of killing Laura Lee Crane, 77, after abducting her from a grocery store parking lot in January 2004.

The jury of nine men and three women deliberated nearly three hours Thursday before deciding Busby should receive the death penalty.

Busby dropped his head into his hands as the death sentence was read, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported

in its online edition.

Prosecutors said Busby and his companion used Crane's credit cards and a blank check to rob her of more than \$775 before driving Crane's car to Oklahoma with her in the trunk. Crane's head was covered with duct tape when she was found dead a few days later in woods off Interstate 35 near Davis, Okla.

During the trial's punishment phase, prosecutors pushing for the death penalty called witnesses who portrayed Busby as a pimp, a drug dealer, a thief and a gang member. Busby's criminal history includes arrests for drugs and guns.

"Mr. Busby has successfully, over the last 10 or 15 years, climbed the criminal ladder, rung by rung by rung," prosecutor Joe Shannon said during closing

statements Thursday afternoon. "He's at the top now, and he's entitled to the rewards he's earned."

But Busby's attorneys asked jurors to spare his life, saying he was a danger to society but that his drug and alcohol use, low IQ and poor childhood were mitigating factors that warranted a life prison sentence.

"Does anybody really think growing up the way he did, living the way he did, that the story would end up any different than it did, with him sitting here?" defense attorney Steve Gordon said.

Busby's co-defendant, convicted prostitute Kathleen "Kitty" Latimer, 41, remains jailed awaiting her trial on a capital murder charge. Prosecutors have not said if they will seek the death penalty against her.

Recycling rates rise with increased bins

Contamination in recycled materials also pushes upward

By EMILY GOODSON

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A middle-aged man in dirt-covered overalls and gardening gloves stands in front of his trash can in confusion. His garden hose, which now has too many holes to be effective, is metal at both ends and plastic in the middle, so it can be recycled, right?

Wrong.

Since Fort Worth's recycling program, called single-stream recycling, was instituted in March 2003, the city has seen recycling rates jump from an average of 6 percent to 20 percent. The program was designed to encourage residents to recycle by providing one large bin for all recycling material as opposed to requiring the separation of items at the curb. With the new system, however, came new problems.

Contamination rates among recyclable materials rose to almost 40 percent, and the city started losing close to \$50,000 a month

ITEMS TO RECYCLE

• Paper

- Paper clips and staples are OK.
- Cardboard boxes — large boxes must be broken down or cut to fit inside the cart.
- Envelopes — with or without windows
- Magazines
- Newspapers — all sections
- Office paper
- Paper bags

• Metals

- Aluminum drink cans — do not flatten
- Steel or tin food cans and lids
- Glass and ceramics
- Bottles and jars — remove metal and plastic lids and recycle

• Plastics

- Bottles, cups and jars
- Plastic eating utensils

due to the cost of separating the unwanted material, said Kim Mote, the assistant director of the City of Fort Worth's Environmental Department.

"Comparing us to other single-stream cities," Mote said, "(our contamination rates are) probably on the high end of where other cities are, but it's not terribly bad."

What this means is that Fort Worth residents could

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Buschman Theatre dedicated

University Theatre undergoes redesign

By ALISON RUBINSON

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TCU's University Theatre will be rededicated as the Jerita Foley Buschman Theatre after her leading gift of \$550,000 in the \$1.2 million theater "facelift" project, said Harry Parker, chair of the theatre department.

Buschman was a TCU alumna who was involved in theatre as a student and continued to support the theater long after her graduation in 1946, Parker said.

Buschman was a great benefactor of the theater for many years, and then made this gift shortly before she died two years ago with the knowledge that the theater would be renovated in her name, Parker said.

Buschman's daughter, Kristen Hicks, said her mother would have been thrilled to see the new theater.

"She would squeal and she would cry," Hicks said.

LaLonnie Lehman, a theatre professor, said she is eager for the public to see the theater.

"When I looked at that new theater, it was just overwhelming — so beautiful, so updated, so wonderful. It just brought tears to my eyes,"



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

The set of "You Can't Take It With You" stands on the newly-remodeled stage of the Jerita Foley Buschman Theatre on Wednesday after a performance.

Lehman said.

"I am so eager for our students and the community to see that theater and use that theater. What a wonderful gift she has given us."

Parker said the Jerita Foley Buschman Theatre is the third name for the theater since it opened in 1949.

The renovations include a large acting studio on the third floor, four new faculty offices

on the second floor and a lobby on the first floor, Parker said.

The interior of the theater also received renovations including all new seats, new carpet and new house lights, Parker said.

Parker said Lyle Dye, a retired professional theatre director, also donated a collection of vintage theater posters that now hang in the lobby, some of which date back to the 19th century.

Parker said the building did not have space for the growing music and theater departments and that the theater was becoming a bit run down.

"This was a chance to reclaim an older space and update it to make it more viable," Parker said.

Parker added that the theater had a history, with more than 260 productions and

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Pageant provides scholarships

Alpha Phi Alpha event based on talent, not beauty

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The sixth annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant, "Jazzy But Classy," took place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom.

The pageant, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, provides a \$1,000 scholarship for the first place winner and smaller sums for the second and third place contestant.

Jerret Holmes, a senior advertising/public relations major and the pageant coordinator, said the annual pageant is an excellent way for the fraternity to help further the education of TCU's young women and a good time for

the women involved.

"The girls (have) participated through fundraising since the first month of school by selling ads to businesses to place in the souvenir booklet," Holmes said. "All the money goes to the pageant. The girls also have rehearsed twice a week since early September."

The pageant was open to any female TCU student, freshman through senior, who wanted to make the commitment.

Ten women participated in the pageant, which makes it the biggest so far in Alpha Phi Alpha Black and Gold history.

Patrons enjoyed more than two hours of entertainment with the majority of points the women earned being placed on talent and poise rather than beauty like many traditional pageants.

Holmes said: "Judges are looking for how much confidence you have. The pageant is all about command for yourself."

Scores were compiled from an interview, oral introductions, swimsuit, talent and poise and appearance.

Stacy Robertson, and Alpha Phi Alpha alumna from the University of Arkansas, said he was honored to come out and judge to help support the fraternity and the talented participants.

"This is a good opportunity," Robertson said. "And the decision we make tonight is going to change the life of someone here."

Audience members could buy tickets in advance or at the door for \$5 with all the proceeds going to help support the pageant.

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GRE to undergo reformat

New version of test to be given next fall

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The Graduate Record Exam will undergo major changes that will go into effect next October, including a time extension and one universal test offered to all who take it, according to the Educational Testing Service.

The GRE is a standardized test that half a million prospective graduate students take each year and is required for admission to graduate programs ranging from English to music theory at TCU, according to TCU's graduate bulletin.

The new test will be advantageous to students, said Chuck Dunning, the associate director of University Career Services.

"There will be advantages in terms of competitiveness in taking the new test," Dunning said. "There are a lot more options than for the old one."

The current version of the GRE is two and a half hours long and is a computer-based test, where questions are tailored to the responses of the test taker, according to the ETS Web site. If a student answers a question correctly, the next question gets harder, while if the question was answered incorrectly the next one is easier.

The test currently includes two writing sections, one verbal reasoning section, and one quantitative reasoning section.

The new test will be four hours long, and will include two sections of each subject, according to the ETS Web site.

It will have less emphasis on vocabulary, posing no analogy of antonym questions and the quantitative reasoning sections will include less geometry based questions and more real life math problems.

Also, the new test will not be administered over a computer, and will include more rigorous questions, said Ben Barron, vice president of graduate programs at Kaplan Test Preparation and Admissions.

Kaplan is urging students to take the current test if they are able, Barron said. He also said that Kaplan plans to change its classes over the summer to prepare students to take the new test.

Bonnie Melhart, associate provost of graduate studies, said the GRE is useful because it shows if the stu-

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