

## Private Texas colleges should remain healthy

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DALLAS—Enrollment is expected to increase or at least remain stable at most of Texas private universities.

Officials credit Texas' relatively healthy economy, increasing population and the improving prestige of the state's private schools with protecting the colleges from the sagging enrollments reported at the traditionally more expensive private schools in other parts of the country.

"People now realize that far

more goes on west of the Mississippi than they ever thought possible," Edward C. Boehm, dean of admissions at Texas Christian University, said. "Texas is the right place at the right time."

Freshman class enrollments are expected to be stable or up at TCU, Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Rice University, Trinity University, Austin College, Bishop College, Abilene Christian University, St. Edward's University and St. Mary's University.

However, University of Dallas officials said they expect enrollment to be down this year.

"We know we're not going to get as many incoming freshman as we had wanted," said Dan Davis, director of admissions. "The state of the economy and financial aid are definitely the two major factors."

Although the school refused to lower its high academic standards to increase enrollment, this year's freshman class still will be one of the largest in its history, Davis said.

## Electricity being used in paralysis experiments

**United Press International**  
DAYTON, Ohio — In fiction, a certain Dr. Frankenstein rammed bolts of electricity into his patient to bring it to life. Unfortunately, he created a monster that destroyed him.

In Dayton, in real life, a certain Dr. Petrofsky rams bolts of electricity into his patients to bring them to life. Fortunately, he creates happy patients who thank him.

"Nobody has accused me yet of being a Dr. Frankenstein," Dr. Jerrold Petrofsky said, laughing, "but some people have the idea I'm making robots."

You can see why people might get that idea.

The doctor links electric current with computers to produce movement in the otherwise lifeless muscles of paralysis patients.

Even though the patients are not in conventional control of their movements, they do not feel like robots. They feel more human.

"My patients are very happy about the experiments," Petrofsky said. "Although they're paralyzed, they're very surprised to discover just what their bodies can still do."

Everything Petrofsky is doing is aimed at restoring movement for certain types of paralysis patients — those who have been paralyzed because the path of communication between the brain and leg muscles has been broken.

Petrofsky, 34, is director of Wright State University's biomedical engineering lab, where he has been able to get paralyzed people to pedal a stationary bicycle for more than eight minutes.

He does it by taping electrodes to the skin over six major muscle groups in the legs. He programs a computer to order successive, millisecond bursts of electrical stimulation to the appropriate muscles. Instantaneous feedback to the computer regulates the movements.

"The movements are very, very smooth," said Petrofsky.

"Just as smooth as a normal person pedaling a bike."

Petrofsky's next step is to make his electrode-computer gadget portable and permit his patients to ride tricycles outside.

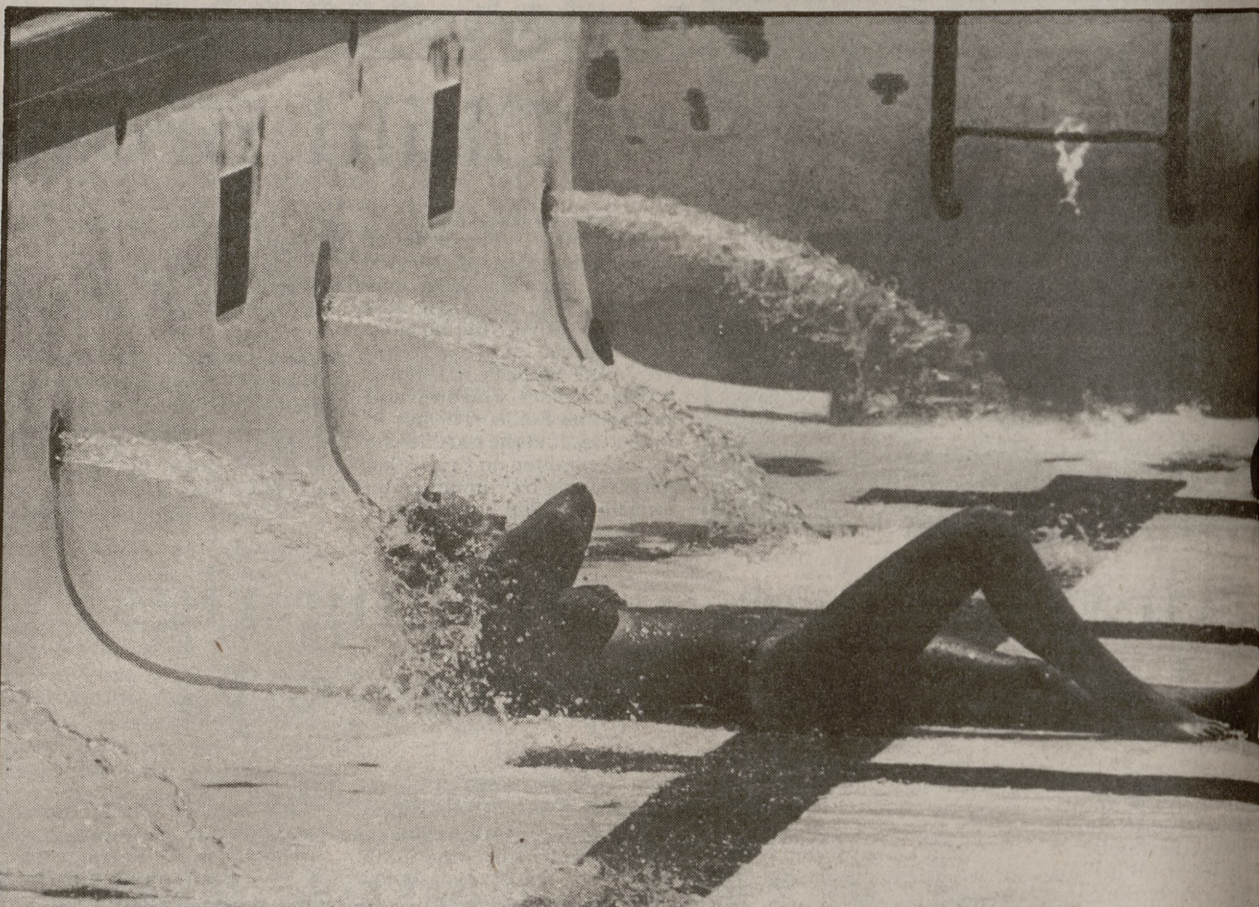
His ultimate goal is to have paralyzed people walk, with microprocessors (tiny computers on chips) implanted near their paralyzed muscles.

"A lot of doctors once figured people in wheelchairs would never walk again," Petrofsky said. "But, that's the direction we're headed in."

As optimistic as Petrofsky is, he recognizes the limitations of his entire project.

"This is not a cure for paralysis," he says. "It's a bypass. If and when someone comes along and creates a drug that will cure paralysis, great. Until then, I'm working on this bypass."

There are an estimated 500,000 Americans confined to wheelchairs and Petrofsky estimates perhaps 300,000 could be helped by his techniques.



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### Bosses have all the fun

The pool was empty last Tuesday but that didn't stop Cindy Benton from keeping cool by sticking her head under one of the faucets along the side. She's the assistant manager so she can do things like that while the rest of

the crew was cleaning Wofford Cain pool. They were cleaning the pool for the Gulf Championship Swimming held over the weekend. Benton is a graduate student in Health and Physical Education.

## Court to decide if jurors were biased in KKK case

**United Press International**  
NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court must decide whether the jury that convicted two Ku Klux Klansmen of plotting to overthrow a tiny black republic in the Caribbean was prejudiced by alleged links to white supremacy and neo-Nazi groups.

Stephen Don Black, 28, of Birmingham, Ala., and Joe Daniel Hawkins, 37, of Jackson, Miss., were found guilty last summer of conspiring with eight other soldiers of fortune to over-

run the island of Dominica. In a hearing Monday before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, attorney Patrick McGinity said prosecutors turned jurors against Black and Hawkins by linking them with Louisiana Klan leader David Duke.

"I just felt they weren't sticking to the matter of what they had to prove," McGinity said after the hearing. "What they introduced did not go to the relevancy of what these men were charged with."

The lawyer charged that the mention of Duke, an unindicted co-conspirator in the so-called "Bayou of Pigs" invasion, was prejudicial, as was the introduction into evidence of a Nazi flag seized as the mercenaries prepared to set sail on their 2,000-mile voyage to Dominica.

Federal attorneys countered that the Nazi flag proved Black and Hawkins knew they were involved in a conspiracy — something both denied during the trial — and were not the patriots

they claimed to be.

The two men, along with others charged in the case, claimed when they

arrested that they were trying to topple the leftist government of Prime Minister Mary Elvira Charles.

Black and Hawkins had been free on bond since their arrest but face three years in prison if their appeals fail. Norris, 21, of North Port, was acquitted of all charges.

## Grand jury investigates possible links between ex-CIA agent, Libyan's death

**United Press International**  
DENVER — A federal grand jury is investigating possible links between former CIA agent Edwin P. Wilson and the 1980

shooting of a dissident Libyan student in Colorado, a former Wilson associate convicted in the attack says.

Eugene Tafoya, a former

Green Beret convicted of assault and conspiracy for shooting Colorado State University graduate student Faisal Zagallai, said he and his wife, Betty, were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury Wednesday.

Tafoya, who is free on a \$10,000 appeal bond, said he received a letter from the Justice Department saying the grand jury was studying "matters related to your relationship with Edwin P. Wilson and his associates, including, but not limited to, the Oct. 14, 1980, assault on Faisal Zagallai in Fort Collins."

Robert Miller, the U.S. attorney for Colorado, and another federal prosecutor familiar with the case both were unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Wilson, along with former CIA agent Frank Terpil, is accused of arming Libyan terrorists and recruiting former Green Berets to train them. He was arrested in New York June 15 after being lured away from Libya, where he was a confidant

of Libyan strongman Muammar Khadafy. He is being held on a \$20 million bond.

Tafoya has admitted working for Wilson in Libya but he tried to kill Zagallai, a spoken critic of Khadafy's rule.

Prosecutors at Tafoya's December 1981 trial indicated he believed he had been hired by the CIA to kill Zagallai. Tafoya claimed he believed he was working for the CIA when he went to Zagallai's home to warn him to stop making statements that could inflame the stable situation in the Middle East.

Tafoya claimed he shot Zagallai, who recovered from wounds to the head but lost sight in one eye, only after Wilson drew a weapon.

Two former CIA employees and another former Green Beret have said they were in the impression while working for Wilson that his actions were sanctioned by the U.S. government.

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