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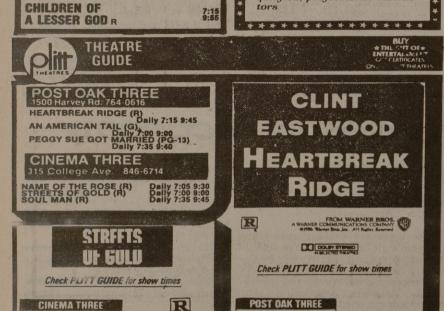
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## Fort Worth blast victims to start over

FORT WORTH (AP) - Merchants who lost their businesses in an explosion that rocked the downtown district say rebuilding their liveli-hoods from the piles of rubble will not be easy.

"We just have to start over," said Barbara Whalley, the owner and sole employee of Thompson's Book

"But you can't just start over," she

said. "All of our stock was in there."

Along with Whalley, five other Throckmorton Street merchants lost their businesses in a Sunday explosion that sent businesses crashing into rubble and shattering panes of glass from others nearby.

Damage was estimated at about

Whalley said she would wait until workers salvaged the remaining con-tents of her store before deciding if she would reopen.

"I'm kind of in a state of shock," Whalley said.

Around lunchtime Monday, James Woolsey pointed at a crowd of suit-clad businessmen staring at his leveled sandwich shop.

"That's some of my customers right there," Woolsey said.

Just last month, Woolsey made the last payment on his business

"We get it paid and boom - we have to start over," Woolsey said.
"But that's the way life is."

A few doors down, E.M. Pack stared at the ruins of his optometry

shop. For 15 years Pack had run the shop with his son.

He said he plans to relocate.
"It's difficult when it's where you make a living, as opposed to where you live," Pack said. "If it's your house, you can always have somewhere to sleep."

The merchants mingled in the rubble while investigators waited close at hand.

"We were all pretty close," said Omar Ochoa, an employee at Casey's restaurant, a hamburger shop demolished by the blast. "We all knew each other.



### Piano Man

Don Wackwitz, a December graduate in Engineering Technology, spends time Tuesday playing the piano in the Memorial Student Center lounge to avoid the wet weather. Wackwitz, who is tween job interviews, enjoys playing mux

## A&M management class wins award for most innovative business course

Entrepreneur's practical knowledge generates new ideal large generates

By Jinks Gholson

Reporter

A Texas A&M management class has been presented with an award for being the most innovative business course offered in the South-

The course, Management 489, Special Topics in Entrepreneurship, received the award Nov. 12 from the Southern Business Administration Association, a group of business schools in the Southwest primarily represented by deans.

"Entrepreneurship courses are taught in other places, so an entrepreneurship course in itself is not an innovation," said Dr. Michael Hitt, head of the A&M Department of Management. "The innovation comes in what is done in this cour-

Hitt said the course was chosen for the award out of 40 entries. Judging criteria include innovation in curriculum, course benefits, and adaptability to other schools.

Hitt said the course is innovative because it is team-taught by a member of the faculty, Dr. Ella Van Fleet, and by a practicing entrepreneur, Clayton Williams.

Van Fleet teaches the theoretical side, then Williams comes in and teaches from the practical standpoint of someone who's really out there, Hitt

Williams flies in from Midland every other week and talks about his personal experiences with the topics

the entrepreneurship class have been outstanding.

Several of these student responses were submitted as part of the proposal and he says he is sure they were

instrumental in getting the award.
One student said, "My enthusiasm is greater than ever. I am excited. I

being discussed in the textbook, he love it. I will be an entrepreneur -

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"He doesn't always talk about his successes," Hitt said. "He's a very open person. He talks about his failures too. Everything relates to the material being covered in the book by Dr. Van Fleet. So students get the best of both worlds.

Hitt said as a department head, he usually hears the complaints stu-true. dents have about their courses. But he said the course evaluations for about all the young entrepreneurs

no doubt about it.

Another aspiring entrepreneur said, "On the one hand, I have learned there is money waiting to be had, but on the other hand, it can only be had through dedication, diligence and plain old hard work....I feel very enthusiastic because I see that the old adage, 'Where there is a will, there is a way' still remains

Another student said, "Hearing

has inspired me, but I reduct the bring helps not a cakewalk. You might fill the on car or four times, as some hare, but the system to the can't give up. Never think waver day to

Hitt said the course can be "There' mented in other schools, but of the to

"The biggest problem with He add menting this class will be find; tem saves f people, a professor and a pra as Dr. Van Fleet and Mr. Wado," Hitt said.

He said a second problem getting someone like Williams spend the time he does to make class work.

Williams is a self-made aire, Hitt said. He is owne erator of a Midland randa volved in several b including the oil and banking tries, he said.

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Williams' latest venture, telecommunications, ideas sparked the entrepreneurship class, Hi But Williams takes time

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