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Survivor tells of Holocaust

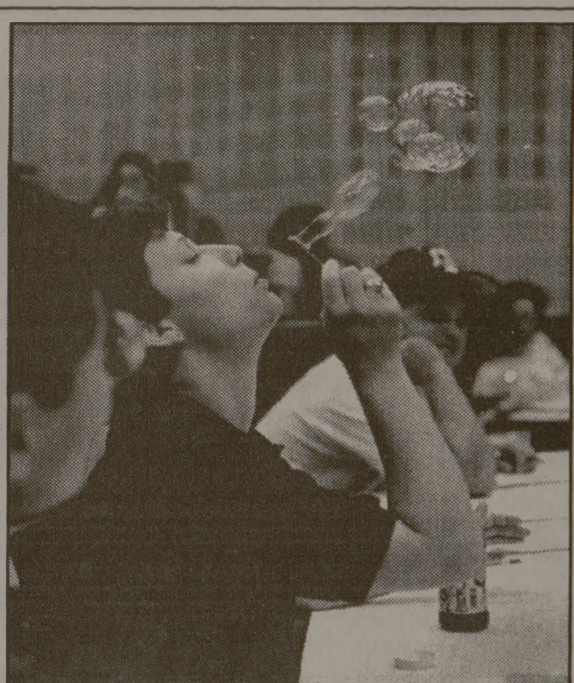
Recounts experiences in concentration camps

By Robin Roach
The Battalion

Mike Jacobs has seen genocide up close. At 15, he experienced firsthand the terror caused by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust. He survived the concentration camps of Auschwitz Birkanau in Poland and Mauthausen in Austria for six years until he was liberated by the U.S. Army in 1945. He will speak about his life as an imprisoned Jew at

7 p.m. tonight in room 206 of the MSC. "I was a teenager, but I never experienced (life) as a teenager," Jacobs said in a phone interview with The Battalion. "I was only thinking of survival because I wasn't free. Don't take it (freedom) for granted. How beautiful it is to be free." Jacobs is retired but spends the majority of his time lecturing at high schools, universities and churches. The focus of his lecture, sponsored by Mosher Hall

and Staff Council, is to make people aware of what hate can cause one person to do to another. He will also discuss aspects of the holocaust that involved gypsies, homosexuals and people with physical or mental handicaps. Anne McFearin, resident assistant at Mosher Hall, recommended Jacobs as a guest speaker after hearing him in high school. "It really stuck with me," McFearin said. "It's something I think needs to be told and something that needs to be remembered."



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Bubbles

Trisha Sexton, a senior nuclear engineering major from Newport, NC blows bubbles in her economics class Tuesday afternoon. Every day the class takes a break from economics to help maintain their interest in the class discussion. The class is taught by Abdo Yazbeck.

South Texas DPS officer dies of gunshot wound

VICTORIA (AP) — A state trooper who was shot in the neck died Tuesday night in the hospital where he had been taken after Saturday night's shooting, the Department of Public Safety said. Bill Davidson, 43, died at 9:56 p.m. at Citizens Medical Center in Victoria, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox in Austin. The announcement came as officials prepared to test a handgun believed used in the shooting of the trooper, who had stopped a stolen car on U.S. 59. A 9mm pistol was sent to the Department of Public Safety lab in Austin for comparison with a shell casing found near the scene of Davidson's shooting, said Jackson County District Attorney Bobby Bell. "They'll compare the markings on the shell with the gun, and we'll see if it looks like the shell came from the gun," Bell said. Ronald Ray Howard, 18, an unemployed cook from Houston, remained jailed on \$1 million bond on a charge of attempted capi-

tal murder. Howard was arrested in Victoria after a passing motorist used Davidson's car radio to notify authorities. Investigators say the pistol being tested was found near the scene of Howard's arrest. Davidson, a native of Fort Hood, joined the DPS in 1973 and was assigned to the office in Edna, Cox said. He received eight commendations during his career with the DPS, including a Director's Citation for his work in a 1985 hostage situation. Davidson negotiated the release of a young gunman's grandmother and grabbed the 16-year-old as he emerged from the house with a shotgun, Cox said. He was the 69th DPS officer to die in the line of duty since January 1932, Cox said. Survivors include his wife, Linda Sue Cousins Davidson and two children, Kimberly and Trey.

Law students at SMU denounce 'racist' flier

DALLAS (AP) — Law students on Tuesday overwhelmingly denounced as cowardly and racist a flier claiming blacks do not measure up at Southern Methodist University. The flier, signed "Concerned Law Students for Merit and Academic Excellence," was placed in some black law students' campus mail boxes last week. Dean Paul Rogers canceled classes Tuesday and invited students to an afternoon "town meeting" to quell tension. About 250 of the law school's 770 students attended. The loudest applause came when speakers said the flier does not represent most white students' views. But other speakers said racism flourishes — whether intentional or not — at SMU. "It is an extremely difficult environment in which to be different, in which to excel if you are not the round peg that fits in the round hole," said Donya Witherpoon, a third-year student. "We need to be a little more enlightened if we're going to be

lawyers." About 30 students and administrators spoke up. School officials and students had not heard of the group until it might be a single student. Clarence Glover Jr., director of intercultural education, said enforcement officers were track down the author. The flier read: "These people prepared, academically... students attend SMU law school on a free ticket on racist discrimination scholarships which are not non-minorities." "And, furthermore, we defended that minority students regate themselves in the Law Students Association and be apart (sic) of the general law school community." "There is no Caucasian Students Association and harassed for even considering starting one," the statement continued. "If minorities can't stand heat of an academically competitive law school kitchen, they should get out of the kitchen."

Drug lowers cardiac deaths, study shows

DALLAS (AP) — A common blood pressure medicine substantially reduces the risk of death in heart attack victims and could save up to 15,000 lives a year, according to a major study released Tuesday. Doctors who conducted the study recommended giving the drug, called captopril, to about 250,000 of the U.S. men and women who survive heart attacks each year. "This indicates that this kind of therapy for patients who survive a heart attack can not only improve survival but also the quality of life," said Dr. Eugene Braunwald. "It's our hope that once this information is shared, physicians will agree that this represents an advance in the treatment of patients with

heart attacks." Braunwald, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, was a co-author of the study. He and Dr. Marc A. Pfeffer presented the results at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology. Captopril is one of a relatively new class of heart drugs called ACE inhibitors. These medicines are ready a mainstay of treatment for high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. Pfeffer said that captopril to people who had heart attacks was the use of the medicine. The study was conducted on 2,231 men and women whose hearts were permanently damaged by moderately serious heart attacks. The study was conducted on 2,231 men and women whose hearts were permanently damaged by moderately serious heart attacks.

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