

## Cain Park dedication



A sculpture of an eagle is unveiled at the dedication of Cain Park Saturday. The sculpture was a gift from the Class of '91 and was presented by members of the class and University officials.

## Judge faces restrictions following 3rd DWI charge

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — State District Judge Frank Douthitt is only allowed to preside over civil cases pending disposition of a drunken driving charge against him.

"If he's subject to the criminal justice system, I think it's better he not be involved in handling a criminal court," Judge Clyde Ashworth, presiding administrative judge for North Texas, said Saturday.

"I don't think there's anything that would prevent him from being as good a judge as he's always been, but I don't want to put that burden on him," Ashworth said.

Douthitt, a 56-year-old visiting judge from Henrietta, was arrested Aug. 27 on a DWI charge after an automobile accident involving a Fort Worth police car in a parking lot, according to a police report.

The judge was already on probation from a June 1991 DWI conviction in Arlington, according to court records, and a Tarrant County prosecutor said Douthitt had a previous DWI charge in Austin.

Officials said they were waiting to file charges against Douthitt in the most recent case until they receive records on the outcome of the Austin arrest. If records indicate a conviction, Douthitt could be charged in the Fort Worth incident with a felony, punishable by a maximum of five years in prison.

Douthitt was free on \$1,000 bond over the weekend. Neither the judge nor his attorney, Bill Lane, returned telephone messages for comment.

Douthitt is former general counsel for the State Bar of Texas. Ashworth said he informed Douthitt, a longtime friend and colleague, of his restricted duties during a meeting last week in Ashworth's chambers. Douthitt raised no objections, he said.

The judge's recent arrest escaped media attention because police originally listed the incident on reports as a confiscated property case rather than a DWI, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday. The report listed Douthitt not as an arrested person, but rather as the complaining party.

Douthitt has presided over several recent high-profile criminal cases in Tarrant County, including the May capital murder trial of Edward LaGrone, accused in the slayings of a 10-year-old girl and the child's two elderly great-aunts.

## Labor Day '93 has new meaning

Layoffs, benefit cuts, lower wages, instabilities to blame

The Associated Press

On Labor Day, the holiday set aside in tribute to those who put in the hours for the paychecks, worries in the workplace call more attention to labor's pains than labor's gains.

Job insecurity, layoffs by corporate giants such as IBM and General Motors, erosion in earnings, and givebacks in health care and other fringe benefits are among the pressures facing wage earners.

Additionally, a new study shows that over the last four years, those previously exempt from wage cuts — white-collar workers and those with college degrees — have also watched their paychecks erode.

"It's a dramatic economic change. This is a spreading upwards of the trend in the 1980s when blue-collar workers and those without college education took it on the chin," said Larry Mishel, a former professor of industrial relations who helped write the study for the Economic Policy Institute.

"This is a joyless recovery. People feel vulnerable." The study by the Washington, D.C.-based think tank said wages for blue-collar males fell 5.9 percent

in the last four years following dramatic declines in the 1980s. Losses for white-collar males weren't as severe, but their wages still fell 2.4 percent.

Mishel also said that 60 percent of the new jobs created in the first six months of this year were part-time posts, half of which were filled by people seeking full-time work. He called it the only recovery since World War II in which the jobless rate was no lower after 28 months of recovery.

In the current job climate, some say, workers and employers may have to change the way they do business to compete in the world economy.

"Workplaces in the United States are under considerable pressure," said John T. Dunlop, professor emeritus of economics at Harvard University and secretary of labor under President Ford.

"It is a time of readjustment, a time of reappraisal. We are entering a different day," said Dunlop, who chairs the federal Commission for the Future of Worker-Management Relations.

On a positive note, labor leaders believe the White House attitude has improved, despite the low-wage, right-to-work tradition of President Clinton's home state of Arkansas.

Clinton has revoked two executive orders signed by his predecessor. One required federal contractors to tell workers of their right not to join a union; the second banned the exclusive use of union workers on federal construction jobs.

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