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EXHIBIT: Gender roles, fashion change together

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another popular exhibit features a talking G.I. Joe figure with a high-pitched voice and a gruff-voiced Barbie, an idea created by a group of performance artists called the Barbie Liberation Organization.

"People play it all the time and laugh," she said. "It's funny when you hear Barbie say, 'Vengeance is mine,' and G.I. Joe say, 'Shopping is fun.' The dolls get [viewers] to think about the voices on the talking dolls and things we absorb as children and then accept as fact."

Hastedt said the exhibit attempts to portray how gender roles and fashion

change together.

"The exhibit intends to make people aware that these barriers are there - how clothing changes and how roles change," Hastedt said.

Women's clothing during the 19th century reflected the ideal woman's role in the domestic realm. Women wore corsets, restrictive undergarments meant to narrow the torso and high-heeled shoes to appear feminine.

"To them, 'real women' get married, have children," Hastedt said. "She was a feminine woman-motherly."

With women moving into the working world, the fashion gap has narrowed. Jill Buckner, a senior biomedical science major,

said women's appearance has grown to men's because individuality has become a greater part of culture.

"Women can wear men's clothes, and never know it," she said.

Julia Kirk-Blackwelder, head of the clothing department, said clothing curtailed activity for women and kept the activities outside the home.

"Women who press for health and ship roles tied that to clothing," Kirk-Blackwelder said.

The leisure lifestyle of the 1920s - the frilly frocks and corsets, and the became the era of bobbed hair, boy-ures and modern clothing.

TUNNEL: PCs will replace current minicomputer

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various aerodynamic parameters," Nicks said. "The computers take those measurements, make corrections and transfer them into engineering terms so we can use them for design."

Gregory Steen, wind tunnel research specialist, said personal computers will be purchased to replace the current minicomputer and terminals.

Steen said the terminals and the minicomputer purchased in 1984 are old and expensive to repair.

"Technology has changed so much since then," Steen said. "We're just trying to take advantage of the new technologies that are out there now."

Steen said the computers will be faster, more accurate and will save money, Steen said, new instrumentation and scales are also on the way.

Steen said the new equipment should be in place by the end of the summer. There will be a transition period when personnel will make sure the new equipment is working and running accurately, he said.

Steen said the industry will benefit as a whole from Navistar's contributions.

Nicks said different vehicles and structures are tested in the tunnel for the aerodynamic affects of travelling through wind.

Designs are developed to improve the fuel efficiency of trucks and to reduce the drag of the wind, which is affected by the truck's shape, he said.

"We can make measurements on different changes, and engineers can use it to design more efficient trucks," he said.

Nicks said tests also are being made for NASA on the space shuttle's landing configurations.

"They are trying to refine their control capability with the cross-wind conditions," Nicks said.

The wind tunnel is also used to test airplane designs, new helicopter configurations for Bell Helicopter, offshore oil-drilling platforms, buildings, bicycles, wings and various components on Indianapolis 500 racing cars, he said.

Nicks said aside from all the work done for industry, they also do basic research and training for students in engineering classes.

"The first reason we're here is to train engineers," he said. "Research has always been a good way to learn."

The research and development applies to real-world problems, he said.

"The University helps the industry by offering this capability to improve their products," Nicks said. "Better U.S. products means the better competitive position for the country on an international basis."

UT: Hazing investigation continues

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Dr. Sharon H. Justice, UT dean of students and assistant vice president for student affairs, said she criticizes the Cowboys for their actions while they were still on probation for a hazing incident that occurred last spring.

"The university has made it very clear on numerous occasions that it will not tolerate hazing," Justice said. "In recent years we have officially warned and penalized the Cowboys for hazing. For this to have occurred while the group is still on probation from last year's spring paddling incident is inexcusable."

The suspension was levied after university officials interviewed more than 40 of the Texas Cowboys about "Picnic," an initiation gathering, and determined that underage pledges purchased and consumed alcohol, were paddled and ate hot dogs covered with tobacco.

Representatives for the Texas Cowboys could not be reached for comment.

Justice said the Cowboy's punishment was the most severe punishment the university gives. "The cancellation of a group's registration is the most severe penalty that can be levied, and only the fourth time it has been used," Justice said.

Previously, three UT fraternity chapters, Alpha Tau

Omega, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, were stripped their organization status for hazing offenses.

The university investigation began after the 19-year-old Gabriel Ben Higgins of Idaho, a UT more and Cowboy pledge, pulled from the Colorado river near Bastrop on Aug. His body was found, clothed with no signs of as or other injuries.

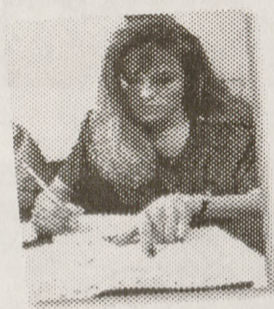
An autopsy later revealed that Higgins blood-alcohol content was 0.21, two times amount that is considered legally drunk.

Investigators with the Bastrop County Sheriff's Department, Texas Ranger Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission began a cooperative investigation into Higgins at the same time.

Lt. David Campos, Bastrop County Sheriff's Department, said the investigation is still two to three months from completion, and has slowed because investigators could not reach many individuals who had left school in the summer break.

Campos said investigators will ask the university for information it has collected to aid them in their efforts.

Justice said the university was not planning to give information to authorities would not refuse if attorneys subpoenaed its files.



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