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Raessler named new chairman of music department

By ROBIN SHERMER
Staff Writer

Kenneth R. Raessler, director of music education for the Williamsport (Pa.) Area School District, has been chosen as the new chairman of the department of music.

"He is the head of one of the most exemplary music districts in the country, and he has had worldly experi-

ence in music education administration," said Curt Wilson, associate professor of music and head of the search committee.

Raessler was chosen over about 100 applicants, Wilson said.

"He was the most qualified for the position," he said.

The search committee became aware of Raessler after Wilson read an article by him in the professional jour-

nal, *Yamaha New Ways*.

"I was very impressed with the article and made copies for everyone on the search committee," Wilson said.

"His paper was wonderful, and we wished we had a music administrator here who knew all these things," said Ruth Whitlock, associate professor of music and a member of the search committee.

"It was suggested we invite him to

apply, and we did," she said.

Raessler is very well-versed in all aspects of music, Wilson said.

The search committee narrowed the applicants to two this fall and had them visit TCU for personal interviews, Whitlock said.

Raessler met with the committee, the entire music faculty and students from the music department, Wilson said.

He met in private sessions with George Tade, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said William Koehler, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

After getting recommendations and making phone calls, the committee offered Raessler the position, Wilson said.

"The people he works now with are crazy about him," Whitlock said.

Raessler will visit campus twice in the spring to meet with more faculty and community leaders, she said.

"We are excited about him coming, and we're really pleased," Whitlock said.

Raessler has directed the music education department in Williamsport since 1973. In 1985, he received the Music Educators National Conference Exemplary Program Award.

Students help feed homeless

By MICHELLE RELEFORD
Staff Writer

It could be a line at the Colonial Cafeteria on Berry Street.

The faces of the people are the same as those on any typical street in Fort Worth.

There are grandmothers here, sisters and brothers, children and parents. There could be someone you know or think you know, because the faces are the same faces of your next-door neighbor, only the eyes tell a different story.

Young men, usually between the ages of 20 to 35, make up the majority of those standing in line of one of the biggest soup kitchens in this area, Loaves and Fishes.

Others in the crowd lined up at the front door are elderly men and women, street people, families of four or more, single mothers with children and a few stragglers who have no destination.

The kitchen serves from 200 to 300 people a day.

"You're probably going to get a lot of viewpoints as to why there are so many homeless and hungry, but it's a vicious cycle. If you lose your house, you don't have a place to take a bath or anywhere to store your clothes," said Pat Matlock, a volunteer coordinator at Loaves and Fishes.

Andrew Short, a coordinator at the Presbyterian Night Shelter, said the problem is getting bigger.

"About one year ago, Dr. Brooks Taylor of the City Health Department quoted the number of homeless in our area as 1,500. Within six months, the number had doubled. Since then, the numbers have gotten larger," he said.

Short said the population at the shelter has risen 75 percent over the last year. He attributes part of the reason for this increase to the "new homeless."

"We've had a 36 percent increase in new homeless since last year, and most of these people were living in HEB (Hurst/Eules/Bedford) and making \$40,000 a year," he said.

"There are a number of problems that are like tributaries that feed the lake of the homeless," he said.

The tributaries he refers to are the dumping of mentally ill persons on the streets, people who have been plagued with physical illness that depletes their funds, people with low education and job skills, substance abusers and single women with children.

Short said the whole housing issue is coming to a head.

"The government is getting out of the housing business," Short said. "None of these things are going to get better by themselves."

Several TCU students are making sure that the solution gets plenty of help, especially during Hunger Week.

Denise Cormie, chair of the social justice task force, said many groups and individuals have contacted her about helping at local soup kitchens and shelters.

"This week has been wonderful. This week I've had Monerief Hall, leadership classes and some individuals contact me about volunteering," she said.

"A lot of TCU students have volunteered - usually sororities and fraternities and service groups," Matlock said, about help at Loaves and Fishes.

Loaves was started about seven years ago by Arlen and Helen Boldness and is run by grants and donations.

"We can always use help serving at lunch, sorting food or in the afternoons picking up donated food," Matlock said.

"It's easy to be 'sheltered' on this campus, and it gives people a chance to see who they're helping," Cormie said.



Feeding the hungry - Frank Martinez of east Los Angeles, left, and Alfonso Baptista of Cuba, right, find food at Loaves and Fishes. Both have come to Fort Worth looking for work.

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Beezley selected as chair

Position centers on Latin America

By ROBIN NOBLE
Staff Writer

Concern for the well-being of Mexico is in many ways a concern for the well-being of the United States, said William H. Beezley, the new Penrose Chair appointee.

"Mexico has borrowed so much money from the United States (that) it is a country that, economically, the United States cannot let go under," Beezley said.

Beezley, whose interests are in political science and the social history of Mexico, will fill the \$750,000 endowed Penrose position next fall in the history department.

He will be teaching an undergraduate survey course and a graduate seminar in Latin American History.

Beezley said although his expertise is in Mexican history, he also finds the current political situation there very interesting.

"The (Partido Revolucionario Institucional) political party, which has been in power for a very long time in Mexico, just came close to losing the presidential election," he said.

"The PRI is losing the political grip it's had for the last 40 years," Beezley said.

Especially for Texans, the Mexican economic situation is critical, he said. "There are a lot of Mexican dollars in Texas banks. If Mexico falls, Texas may fall too," he said.

But Beezley remains optimistic. "I think the economies are so tightly bound that we have to work toward a common solution," he said. "Each country just elected a new president, and this gives all involved a new way to look at things."

"If anything - loans, borders, relations - are going to be settled, the United States and Mexico must cooperate and be willing to compromise for long term solutions," he said.

The Penrose Chair is an endowed position that honors a former TCU trustee, the late Neville G. Penrose of Fort Worth.

Penrose, an independent oil man, was well-known for his advocacy of improved relations between Latin America and the United States.

Beezley, currently a professor of history at North Carolina State University, said he is excited about teaching in Fort Worth.

"I don't like Dallas, so it's a good thing this job is in Fort Worth," Beezley said.

"One of the main reasons I took this job is because I like Fort Worth," Beezley said. "I walked around campus, and I liked it. I liked the way the students looked."

"Beezley has won a couple of teaching awards at North Carolina State," said Donald Coerver, head of the history department. "I think he will give us a real solid set of Latin American studies classes."

"In the undergraduate course I'll be teaching, I'll reveal a number of mysteries about Latin America," Beezley said.

"In the spring, I'm going to try and have the head of the journalism school at North Carolina come out and talk about journalism in Mexico, which is a very interesting situation in itself," he said.

Beezley said he wants to provide an opportunity for TCU students, many of whom have a Latin American background, to look at Latin American history and discover how exciting the field is.

"Mexican history is so interesting that anyone who studies it becomes more excited about life," he said. "It just rubs off on you."

Access to food not cause of hunger

By KAREN FROST
Staff Writer

Hunger in Asia continues although there is enough food for the people.

"You can end hunger in a year if everyone in the world agrees with it," said Andy Fort, assistant professor of religion studies.

In the last 25 years, the Asian population has decreased, and the access to food has increased, he said.

"The only reason why people starve to death is because people let them," he said. "If we, meaning everyone in the world, said 'this is an absolute problem, let's get rid of it,' we could."

Asia has the food, the technology and the money. The problem is the logistics, he said.

Extravaganza to promote latest works

By JULIE PALM
Staff Writer

Students will have a chance to hobnob with local authors this afternoon at TCU's seventh annual Autograph Extravaganza.

About 20 authors will be on hand from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center lounge to sign their latest works, said Judy Alter, director of the TCU Press office, which is co-hosting the event with the University Store.

"It's a chance for authors to meet with readers, and a good chance for people to meet and visit with authors," Alter said.

The authors are mainly from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Alter said.

Participating authors include Todd Camp, Benjamin Capps, Don Coerver, Judith Singer Cohen, Jim Corder, Carole Nelson Douglas, Bob Frye, John Graves, Betsy Haynes and James W. Lee.

Other authors appearing will be Grady McWhiney, Mike Nichols, Evelyn Oppenheimer, Tom Pilkington, Leonard Sanders, Cissy Stewart, Frances Tunbo, Joyce Gibson Roach, Lou Rodenberger, Marshall Terry and Jan Roberts Wood.

"It is a logistical nightmare," Fort said.

Many of the Asian countries have overcome the hunger problem, countries such as Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka, said Anantha Babbili, chairman of the journalism department.

However, there are still pockets of hunger, and these countries' impressive gains are still not totally ratified, Babbili said.

India has an infant mortality rate - a situation in which infants don't reach their first birthday - of 100 out of 1,000, Fort said.

Many of these deaths are caused by hunger, he said.

There are 700,000 villages in India alone, he said. The people are too poor to make the change themselves.

"Some of the hunger is caused by man-made natural disasters," he said. Bangladesh is an example of this, he said.

Bangladesh, a country productive in rice farming, is about 10 feet above sea level and geographically below the Himalayas, Fort said.

Asians of this area have chopped down the trees of the Himalayas for fuel purposes. The trees, which used to hold the good production soil and the water from large Himalayan monsoons, no longer exist, he said.

"Now, an unbelievably high proportion of the country is under water," he said.

This happens because all the water the Himalayas once held now rushes into Bangladesh.

If the countries' governments were determined to solve their hunger problem, education would improve, medical care would improve and women's rights would improve, he said.

China can be seen as an example of this, Fort said.

"People don't go hungry," he said. "They have an IMR (infant mortality rate) of 35 out of 1,000."

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, was once an example of this attitude. Because of its present social unrest, the infant mortality rate, which was 35 out of 1,000, is now increasing.

"This is just an example of how human will can change the situation," Fort said. "There's a whole web of myths that keep hunger in its place."

Travel/study course to see inauguration

By ANDREA HEATON
Staff Writer

TCU's political science graduate students will have the opportunity to get an insider's view of the transfer of presidential power this January in a new travel/study MLA course.

Inauguration '89: The Transfer of Presidential Power will offer a series of on-campus lectures in addition to a week in Washington, D.C. Students will also be able to participate in some inaugural events and briefings by lobbyists and congressional officials.

Eugene Alpert, associate professor and chairman of the political science department, will direct the program.

"Students will finally get a close-up look at how the government really works after talking so much about it in their classes," he said.

According to Alpert, this presidential transition will be unique in many ways.

"It is the first time in 60 years a president has transferred power to a person of the same party," Alpert also said the transition is not one of immediacy.

It will be a more gradual process because the public is already familiar with Bush and his policies, he said.

Alpert also said it will be interesting for students to study the fascina-

tion that Americans have always had with their presidents.

"Presidents are our cultural heroes. There is a certain aura surrounding them," he said. "It will be up to Bush, however, to put his own mark on the presidency."

Alpert sees the election of Bush as a reflection of the desire to maintain America's stability.

But he said the sense of stability the American public found in the Bush campaign was not the only thing that won him the election.

"It really makes me angry to think how stupid and inexperienced the Dukakis campaign was," Alpert said.

Dukakis was too loyal to his friends and wasn't willing to bring in other well-trained, competent people to run his campaign after he won the nomination, he said.

That allowed Bush to easily "paint his opponent's image before Dukakis could paint it himself," Alpert said. "They could not effectively link up the Dukakis campaign and the Democratic party." This, he said, was a fatal flaw.

The class is offered to graduate students around the country by the Washington Center, a nonprofit, educational organization.

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Outside	
Today's forecast according to the National Weather Service is mostly cloudy with high temperatures in the mid-60s and overnight lows in the lower 50s, winds from the south at 10 to 20 mph.	
Saturday's forecast calls for a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms and high near 60. Sunday will be clear and cool, with highs in the upper 50s.	

Ernest saves Christmas, not movie

By DAVID ANDRIESEN
Film Critic

There are times when being a film critic isn't all it's cracked up to be. Sitting through all of "Ernest Saves Christmas" was one of those times.

First of all, I couldn't believe I was sitting in a Christmas movie already. Even Madison Avenue hasn't really started pelting us with Christmas yet.

Second of all, I was sitting in perhaps the worst Christmas movie ever. I mean it was terrible. Even the kids were bored.

Actor Jim Varney first introduced his character of Ernest P. Worrel in a series of television ads for Braum's

dairy in 1986.

People kind of liked this obnoxious next-door neighbor character, and the commercials gained popularity. So some genius in Hollywood decided to make a full-length feature film called "Ernest Goes to Camp."

What this genius didn't realize was that there is a huge difference between 30 seconds of obnoxious and 90 minutes of it. But because the film was so low-budget, and because curiosity made enough people see it, "Ernest Goes to Camp" actually made money.

Well this time, as the title implies, Ernest's job is to save Christmas. Santa Claus has decided to retire, and he

needs to find his replacement, a horror movie actor, and convince him to take over as Santa.

Ernest tries to help Santa, but the real trouble begins when Ernest's teen-age sidekick, Harmony Star, steals Santa's magic bag and the reindeer escape in an airport warehouse. Sound stupid? It is.

Varney, as Ernest, is actually a very talented man. He is attempting to create a very quirky, specific character, much like Paul Rubeens has done with Pee-Wee Herman.

The only difference is that Pee-Wee Herman is funny.

The other actors - Oliver Clark as the replacement Santa, Noelle Parker

as Harmony, and Douglas Seale as Santa - are really pretty good. It's just that the things they are made to do, and the dialogue they are made to speak are utterly horrible.

In short, avoid this movie at all costs. Don't even rent it. Even if you get to see it free, it's not worth investing the time to watch it.

The key word is horrendous. Know what I mean? Ernest may save Christmas, but nothing can save this film. I'll give it a two, but that's being generous.

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Student Nutrition Association meeting at 4 p.m. Monday in the Bass Building Living Room. Don Mills will speak on time and stress management.

Programming Council Chairman applications for all committees available in Student Activities Office. Call 921-7926 for more information.

Intramural 3-on-3 basketball deadline: today. Entries should be turned into the Rickel Room 229. Call 921-7945 for more information.

TCU Late Night with Michael Numberman needs a studio audience at 7 p.m. tonight. Call 921-2824 to reserve seats (60 seats available).

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Commentary

Our View Hunger continues

Hunger Week is winding down, and members of the TCU community should be planning for their final opportunities to help.

But their plans should not be restricted to that. Indications are that Hunger Week has once again been a success, though perhaps not as much as in years past. But Hunger Week is just that - one week.

It would be wonderful if the world's hunger problem was restricted to one week out of the year. It is not. Too often response to ongoing problems is limited to the duration of whatever special event is planned to "create awareness" of the problem.

Fighting hunger must be more than a fad. Our responses must last more than one week if we are to pay more than lip service to the problem.

Ample opportunities for helping in the fight against hunger exist throughout the year. Ask at the University Ministries office. Ask someone on the Hunger Week Committee. Call the Presbyterian Night Shelter or Loaves and Fishes food bank. Contribute to Compassion International or similar organizations.

People will be hungry next week too.



Christmas in October is too early

By LEIF ANDERSON
Columnist



As I looked out my window, all I could see was white. Tiny white snowflakes fell from the dark blue sky onto the ground. Off in the distance, a faint jingle could be heard. In my heart, I knew that this was one of the greatest things I've ever seen.

Wake up, Leif. You're in Texas. Under normal circumstances, such daydreams while shopping at Target could be considered strange behavior. But as I wandered down the aisle, bins of Christmas items surrounded me. It seems that even a month and a half before the big event, I can't escape the flocked, artificial trees and the Alf wrapping paper.

Even last month, while snopping at the Galleria, I couldn't help noticing the rather large Christmas section in a major department store. Somehow the term "warm October day" and the "bright red reindeer shirt" that the cashier was wearing just didn't fit.

When Dec. 24 draws near will everyone be concerned with last-minute shopping, or will someone stop and consider what we are celebrating?

Just how early does Christmas come? Does it start in October, when the stores put up their displays and the post office sells its Christmas stamps?

How about November, when the sales on all Christmas items start?

Perhaps when we hear "Winter Wonderland" playing in elevators - maybe that's the start of Christmas.

Somehow all of this capitalistic hype seems to spoil the event. Please do not interpret this the wrong way - I strongly support capitalism. But in this case, we see a tradition being spoiled in front of our eyes.

After more than a month of reindeers, trees, Santa Claus, holiday M&Ms, T.V. specials and everything turning red and green, I just might forget about paying any extra attention to Christmas.

When Dec. 24 draws draws near will everyone be concerned with last-minute shopping, or will someone stop and consider what we are celebrating? Will they stop and look at the clothes in the window or the little baby in the manger?

Does Jesus Christ take second place in our society? Sometimes I think so.

TCU students in the past have been active in the Christmas season. Luckily such activity doesn't start too early. I hope the same holds true this year.

Last night, I heard "Silent Night" being played on my neighbor's stereo. It brought a good feeling to my heart.

I pray that a month from now that song still has the same meaning.

Letters to the Editor

Open letter

Dear Chancellor Tucker, Chair and Board of TCU:

We, as members of the Brite Divinity School community and students at Texas Christian University, would like to take a few moments to express our concern about an issue of importance for the Brite community, Texas Christian University and the universal church. That issue is the continued investment of funds by Texas Christian University into the corporations that profit from the oppressive system of apartheid in South Africa.

We begin by confessing our own involvement in this oppressive system. We participate in the destructive process as we continue to attend Texas Christian University and accept scholarship money. We admit our guilt, and we work from this perspective as we seek atonement in this brokenness.

We ask that you consider three points that we find to be central to our understanding of the issue:

1) We believe that our actions as individuals and institutions reflect an image of God in the world. By continuing to invest in corporations that profit from their activities in South Africa, we are deriving benefit from a system and a government that deny the image of God present in black South Africans and also diminishing the image of God found in ourselves.

2) We are called in II Corinthians 5:16-6:2 to be Christ's reconcilers in the world. Our continued support of the South African government's inhumane treatment of black South Africans does not take seriously our call to reconciliation.

3) We understand stewardship of creation to embrace all of God's creation. As stewards, we are called to use our resources responsibly so that they may bring life and not death, freedom and not oppression for all of the people of God. If we consider our local community apart from the world community, we are, in essence, yielding to the acceptability of racism on our campus and in

the world. This misuse of our stewardship is a blemish on the reputation of Texas Christian University among the church-at-large, other institutions of higher learning and prospective students.

In conclusion, we would like to ask that the Board of Trustees engage in dialogue with the rest of the university about the various issues surrounding our current investment policy. More importantly, we ask that this university employ ethically responsible actions for divestment that encompass a larger vision of the people of God.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

This is the verbatim text of a letter delivered to Vice Chancellor Peggy Barr by members of the Brite Divinity School and TCU community. The letter contained 62 signatures.

Wrong on Koppel

I feel the need to express my outrage about the article titled "Night-

line' Anchor Criticizes Media." To start with (the part that grabbed me first), there was the incorrect paraphrase in which the writer states that Mr. Koppel said "There is no room for complexity in television, people's attention spans are short and television has been the cause of that."

In fact, Mr. Koppel did not say "people's attention spans are short." What Mr. Koppel did say was that the television, film and radio media seem to hold the belief that people's attention spans are short, and they make this evident in the way that they present their programs - i.e. short takes or shots in a scene and the ever-so-pleasing "10 songs in a row with no interruptions."

I realize that these reporters are only college students, but if they are our future journalists, I suggest that they take more accurate notes when listening to a speaker, especially one of Mr. Koppel's caliber.

Speaking of "the future," I was also very surprised that the article did not mention the part of Mr. Koppel's speech that made reference to

the fact that the older generation cannot rely on the younger generation to correct its mistakes. How two reporters could sit through such a lecture and not even mention Mr. Koppel's wonderful analogy of this problem ("Cat's in the Cradle") is totally beyond me.

Finally, up for the chopping block is the fact that the writers used more negative comments in their article than they used positive ones. However, that is not what bothers me. What bothers me is that the positive response that they did print made the overt statement that Mr. Koppel "is intelligent." Anyone with as many honors and awards as have been bestowed on Mr. Koppel deserves better than "intelligent."

Although I am sure that I could find other injustices done to Mr. Koppel in the article, I feel that if these reporters would re-read what they wrote, they could save me the time and effort.

Melanie Brown
Freshman/RTVF

Recalling Quest for the Holy Periodical

By LUCY CALVERT
Columnist



I've been working on a couple of research papers lately. Judging from the numbers of people in the library, so have most of you.

Most professors require us to have primary and secondary sources. That usually means books and periodicals.

The books aren't such a problem. Either the library has them or it doesn't, and it is relatively easy to find them.

The big problem comes in trying to find an article you need, right?

Let me guess. In your hunt for "the one article that is absolutely perfect for my paper," you ran into these brick walls:

First, you tried to find out if TCU even carries that periodical. Then, after leafing through the periodical listings (which it took five minutes to find), you set out on your Quest for the Holy Periodical.

The next big task: finding that particular set of volumes on the shelf. Past the "Journal of Rodent Microbiology," past "Alien Studies Today," past numerous and equally obscure journals you wandered.

"Where is this &!/%: thing?!" you cursed under your breath.

After what seemed like hours (because it was), you found the set of volumes you'd been searching for.

"At last, my Quest has come to an end! God be praised!" Sounds of melodic seraphim filled the air. The guys at the table across the aisle stared at you.

Your breath became rapid, your heart pounded as your eyes scanned the volume numbers . . . 34, 35, 36 . . . yes! yes! the next

one! . . . 38, 39.

"What? Where the !//& is 37?" you howled.

You scanned the numbers again, just to be sure.

It was true. After all this time you finally thought your Quest was at an end. But of all the volumes of your periodical, the only one that was missing was the one you needed.

Smoking with rage and frustration, you went to the area where periodical volumes are put to be reshelved.

"Middle East Fruit Roll-Up Producers Quarterly," "Farmers Almanac for the Blind," "Journal of Alfalfa Growers," - you read the titles, hoping your fated volume 37 would be there.

"Who the hell reads these journals anyway?" you thought to yourself. "I didn't even know these things existed."

It wasn't there. As a last resort, you wandered randomly through the library looking on tables, desks, copy

machines (found a bunch there), even trash cans (found one there, too), until miracle of miracles, you found it!

It was sitting underneath a stack of "Fungus Today" journals on the floor in the corner of the very back back study cubicle in the basement.

With trembling fingers you leafed through the pages.

"I can't believe I actually found it. It's in my hands. Here we go - page 177, 178, 179. Ooooooh boy I'm almost there, almost to page 183."

Page 181, 182. Then, a fate worse than not washing your BMW: "Someone tore the &\$! article out!"

That's right. Some thoughtless morn had ripped the article out of the volume because he or she was too lazy to copy it or didn't have the money and wouldn't ask to borrow some from a friend. So they tore it out and now you can't have it.

You stared in disbelief at the ragged fringes between pages 182 and 189 -

fringes that were the only remnants of The Perfect Article.

You had failed in your Quest. Stricken with grief, disappointment and hunger pangs (you'd been on this Quest for three hours), you started to shake.

Your body shook violently, like a volcano about to erupt.

"I've had it!" you screamed. "I can't take it anymore! I didn't want to do this !&&/ research paper in the first place."

You jumped up from your slumped position and ran shrieking through the library, past the copy machines covered with bad copies and used periodicals, past the bust of Caesar that has no pupils, past the little old lady who helps people at the Reference Desk and out into the darkness of a chilly fall night.

The Quest was over. "Never again!" you screamed. "Never again . . ."

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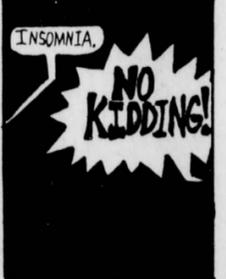
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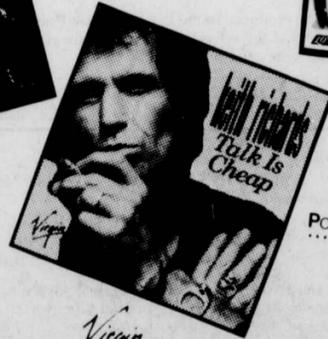
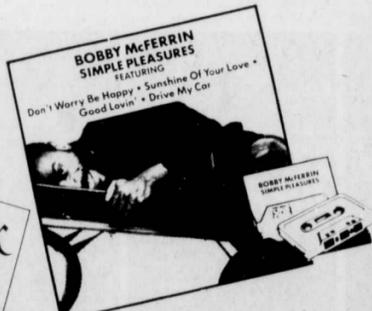
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