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Jay G. Thirlwell, a sophomore from Austin, spends some free time bowling at the Bill Daniel Student Center recreation room. The bowling lanes, as well as pool tables and video games are available to students from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the basement of the Student Center.

Police rule out foul play in Brown's death

Soul singer silent at wife's funeral

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Clutching a red rose from his wife's casket, soul singer James Brown leaned forward and kissed the metal surface as she was laid to rest after a funeral service attended by more than 800 people.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, a New York activist, was among the friends, relatives and fans who filled the Imperial Theatre on Tuesday to console Brown on the death of his wife, Adrienne, who died Jan. 6 in California.

"She was one of the few people around him who didn't want anything from him except to be James Brown," Sharpton said.

"Mr. Brown, you face a lonely time," he said. "Remember you have what most stars never have, someone who loves you."

Mrs. Brown, 45, died in Los Angeles two days after undergoing cosmetic surgery. Officials at the Los Angeles County coroner's office have ruled out foul play, but they haven't determined what caused her death.

A memorial service was held Friday in Los

Angeles, and her body was flown back to Georgia for burial.

Brown, dressed in black and wearing sunglasses, blew a kiss to the 100 or so people lining the street outside who were unable to get a seat in the theater. He did not speak during the funeral.

The black casket was covered with a huge spray of red roses, and scores of other flower arrangements covered the stage around it.

A large portrait of Mrs. Brown was suspended over the casket, and a white cross was projected on the curtain at the back of the stage.

The Rev. Reginald D. Simmons, who officiated at the service, said the Browns' 10-year marriage was strong despite some tumult.

Mrs. Brown had accused her husband at least three times of assault, but each time she either withdrew the accusations or the charges were dismissed. Brown, 62, denied beating his wife and said she was being treated for drug addiction.

Newton achieves career milestone

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LAS VEGAS — For the 25,000th time, Wayne Newton combed his jet-black hair, donned a shimmering outfit and took the stage to give all he could give.

His show Tuesday night before a packed audience at the Sheraton Desert Inn marked a milestone for the performer who came here as a teen-ager 37 years ago for a two-week gig and stayed on to earn the nickname "Mr. Las Vegas."

"The first 25 were so easy, the next 25 should be a breeze," Newton told well-wishers as he came off stage.

Newton said the 25,000 figure is "probably

an understatement."

He said he calculated the number at the request of his publicists and didn't account for benefits and other shows he's performed since coming to Las Vegas in 1959.

Newton, 53, said there were times when he played as many as nine shows a night. At one time, his name was on three of the glittering marquees on the Las Vegas Strip simultaneously.

And if his latest show is any indication, he's not slowing down.

For 100 minutes, Newton wowed the crowd with the type of high-energy, glitzy performance that made him and this city famous.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAYLOR

Today

- Waco Symphony Orchestra with guest William Purvis, 8 p.m., Waco Hall
- Literary Conference on W. Somerset Maugham, 7 p.m., Harrington House.

Friday

- Literary Conference, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Armstrong Browning Library; 12:15 p.m., Blume Conference Center, 2 p.m., 4 and 7 p.m., Hankamer School of Business, the Treasure Room.
- Photo exhibition featuring Gary Faye, 10 a.m., University Gallery Hooper-Schaefer Fine arts Center. Continues through Feb 16.

Saturday

- Christian Education Conference, 8 a.m., Bill Daniel Student Center.
- Literary Conference, 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m., Armstrong Browning Library.

Sunday

- 8th Annual Hippodrome Theatre TV Auction, 3 p.m., broadcast live from the Hippodrome on KXXV TV 25.

Monday

- Big Band Salute To Artie Shaw, 8 p.m., Hippodrome. For Tickets call 1-800-701 ARTS.

Tuesday

- Sculpture exhibition featuring Dianne L. Reeves, 10 a.m., Martin Museum.

Wednesday

- Baylor Women's League Orientation Tea, 5 p.m.,
- Cello concert featuring Thaddeus Brys, 8 p.m., Roxy Grove Hall

Thursday

- Fall 1996 student teachers meeting, 3 to 5 p.m., Bennett Auditorium
- Baylor Opera Theatre: Mozart's "Don Giovanni", 7:30, Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Building

CONCERT CALENDAR

Austin

- Friday Kris Kristofferson, Antone's
- Friday Townes Van Zandt, Cactus Cafe
- Friday Leo Kottke, Jack Ingram, Paramount
- Tuesday Lisa Loeb & 9 Stories, Liberty Lunch
- Wednesday Mark O'Connor, La Zona Rosa
- Wednesday Seven Mary Three, Liberty Lunch
- Thursday Das EFX, Onyx, Back Room
- Jan 26 AC/DC, The Poor, Erwin Center

Dallas

- Friday Bronksi Beat, Eden 2000
- Thursday Lisa Loeb, Deep Ellum Live
- Jan 27 Seven Mary Three, Deep Ellum Live
- Jan 31 Cypress Hill, 311, Pharcyde, Bronco Bowl
- Feb 3 Blur Trees
- Feb 4 Candlebox Dallas Music Complex
- Feb 17 White Zombie, Filter, Fair Park Coliseum
- March 1 The Presidents Of The U.S.A., Bomb Factory