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Tech PD investigating suspicious activity

By Katherine Amerson/The University Daily

To be safe at night, it is important to be aware of suspicious activity, even on the Texas Tech campus.

According to TechAnnounce, the Texas Tech Police Department received a report of suspicious activity at about 12:45 a.m. Wednesday.

The activity involved a Hispanic male in his early 20s, wearing a white baseball cap and a dark shirt driving a blue Ford Explorer who appeared to be following a female student, according to a Tech Police incident report.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech Police Department said no license plate number was obtained.

The female said the driver pulled into the Z3-J

parking lot (Clement Hall), waited for her to cross the parking lot and then followed her to the Z3-G parking lot (Hulen Hall), again waiting for her to cross the parking lot.

The woman said the car followed her until she reached the R11 parking lot, at which point the driver asked her if she needed a ride, according to the incident report.

Hoffman said the driver left the area after the student refused a ride.

"One thing that does raise my suspicions is it was pitch black (at about one in the morning)," Hoffman said.



Whitney Bess, a senior broadcast journalism major, said she feels safe on the Tech campus.

"I definitely feel safe during the day here," she said. "Maybe after 10 (p.m.) I feel like I need to be more cautious."

There are numerous safety precautions someone can take after sunset, Bess said.

"If I were walking to my car at night, I would have my keys in my hand," she said. "I'm aware of my surroundings. Usually, I keep in touch with my boyfriend or my mom (so someone knows where I am)."

Hoffman advised students not to pick up strangers,

not get close to a stopped vehicle, not to park where suspicious people lurk and to follow instincts.

Bess said she has not noticed any peculiar activity on the Tech campus, but said that does not mean it could not occur.

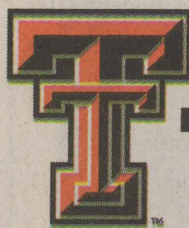
"I feel safe here in Lubbock," she said, "but at night I do keep my eyes open."

Hoffman also said students should always tell someone where they are going, staying aware of their surroundings, avoiding walking alone at night and not allowing someone to predict travel routes.

"If it's at night, park in a well-lit place if possible," he

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SGA, administrators to lobby in Austin



By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Texas Tech's presence will be felt in Austin this week.

Administrative officials and a group of Tech students will testify in front of the 79th state legislature this week.

President Jon Whitmore said he would testify at two hearings this week, one in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. He said Dr. M. Roy Wilson, president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Chancellor Dr. David Smith would be testifying with him.

The purpose of the hearings is to present Tech's budget to legislators before they rule on how much funding Tech receives, Whitmore said.

"We will walk through budget requests for the year and allow them to ask any questions," he said.

Tech needs an increase in formula funding from the state, Whitmore said. The amount of formula funding Tech receives will determine how much tuition will increase next year.

"The main thing we're asking for is an increase in formula funding," he said. "It's based on how many credit hours our students are taking. Obviously we've grown here at Tech, and our students are taking more credit hours."

Evan Jones, a freshman music education major from Colorado City, said he is glad administrators are trying to keep tuition rates down.

"I think that's good they're doing it," he said. "Any saving on tuition is good."

Jones said keeping tuition rates lower would benefit Tech. "I think it'll have a positive impact," he said. "We've got good academics, and lower tuition would help more students come."

The budget request also includes additional money for campus improvements, Whitmore said.

"We also want some additional funding for constructing additional buildings," he said. "We would like that research funding to expand so we can increase our research here at Texas Tech."

Asia Ball, a sophomore art major from Houston, said Tech needs more funding for buildings.

"As an art major, I would definitely say we need more funding," she said. "We have about half the space we need for seniors and graduate students especially."

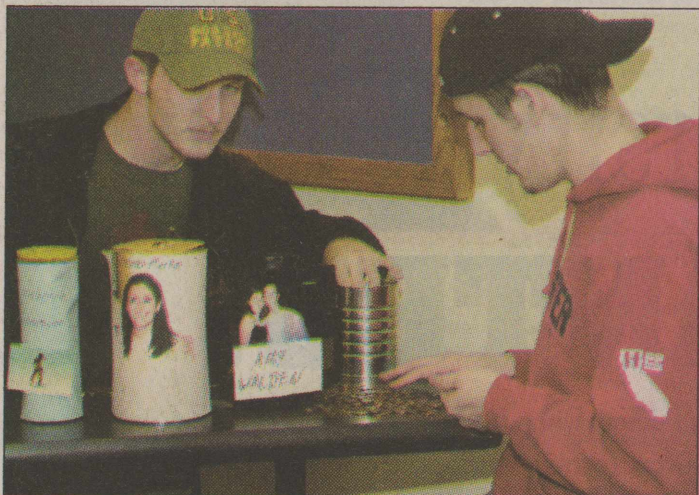
Ball said she is pleased with the recent construction that has taken place at Tech.

"I think it's great Tech has done all this renovation, even though they need to do more," she said.

Student Government Association external vice president Anne Hunninghake said she is traveling to Austin Wednesday evening with about

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MONEY MAKERS



KELLY MATHERLY/The University Daily

JARED KIDD, A freshman undecided major from Abilene, helps Matt Williams count his money to donate to Kappa Kappa Psi's "Hottest Big Sis" fund-raiser Monday afternoon.

Benefits of BUSINESS



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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY Health Sciences Center President Dr. Roy M. Wilson and W.R. Collier, American State Bank president and board chairman, do a demonstration on two exercise machines during a ceremony for the Healthy Lubbock Initiative at the ASB location on Avenue Q.

American State Bank receives Silver Well Workplace Award from Health Sciences Center

By Lindsay Wharton/The University Daily

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center President Dr. M. Roy Wilson presented the Silver Well Workplace Award to American State Bank employees participating in the Prevention WORKS employee wellness program Monday.

Wilson said he presented the award to promote the Healthy Lubbock

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Isett seeks to ban red-light cameras for privacy issues

By Katherine Amerson/The University Daily

Receiving a traffic ticket is unfortunate for most people, but getting a ticket from a red light camera is thought by some to be worse because of the cameras' possible unconstitutionality.

State Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, is seeking to ban red light cameras at intersections.

Jay Burns, legislative director for Isett, said there are numerous reasons why red light cameras are unconstitutional.

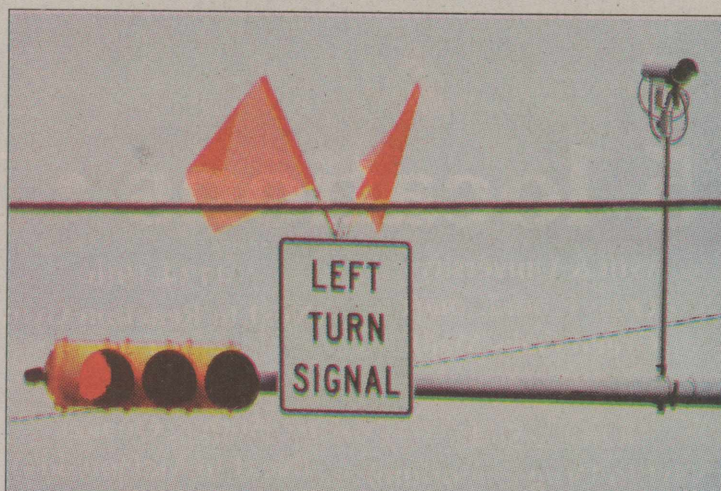
"(The camera) says that you're guilty until proven innocent," he said.

Privacy is another reason red-light cameras were deemed unconstitutional in California and in North Carolina, he said. Other constitutional violations include issues with search and seizure, protecting against self-incrimination and evidence.

"The cameras don't just photograph just a license plate number," he said. "You can see if others in the car are doing something they should not be doing."

Jere Hart, Lubbock city traffic engineer, said red-light cameras do not

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TYSON JEFFREYS/The University Daily

CAMERAS HAVE BEEN put in place on signal lights at intersections to try and catch drivers running red lights. State Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, is trying to get the cameras declared unconstitutional.

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The Rundown



Seventeen-year-old found hanged in cell Seven indicted for Journalists killed asbestos in Montana in Pakistan Monday

BELTON (AP) — A 17-year-old charged with killing a Temple girl died after hanging himself in his Bell County jail cell, sheriff's officials said.

An autopsy has been ordered on Chad Phillip Blevins of Temple, who was discovered hanged shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Blevins was being held on a murder charge in the death of Amanda Cleveland, 14, of Temple.

Cleveland's body was discovered Jan. 30 when firefighters responded to a blaze in a trash bin.

Both teens lived in the same neighborhood, said Temple police Lt. Rick Ash.

He said autopsy results are pending on Cleveland.

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — W.R. Grace and Co. and seven high-ranking employees knew a Montana mine was releasing cancer-causing asbestos into the air and tried to hide the danger to workers and townspeople, according to a federal indictment unsealed Monday.

More than 1,200 people became ill, some of whom died, prosecutors said.

The asbestos was naturally present in a vermiculite mine operated by Grace in the small town of Libby for nearly 30 years.

The federal grand jury said stop Grace executives and managers kept secret numerous studies spelling out the risk the cancer-causing asbestos posed to its customers, employees and Libby residents.

The indictment also accused Grace and Alan Stringer, former manager of the now-closed mine, of trying to obstruct efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate the extent of the asbestos contamination beginning in 1999, when the asbestos poisoning was linked to the mine in national media reports.

The EPA has since declared the area a Superfund site and has spent more than \$55 million on cleanup so far.

"A human and environmental tragedy has occurred in Libby. This prosecution seeks to hold Grace and some of its executives responsible for the misconduct alleged in this indictment," said Bill Mercer, the U.S. attorney for Montana.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen fired into a small bus filled with journalists on their way back from covering the surrender of a suspected militant in a lawless tribal region Monday, killing two reporters and wounding two others, security officials said.

The journalists were on a road near Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, when their bus was overtaken by the assailants about 7:30 p.m., said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security for Pakistan's tribal areas along the frontier with Afghanistan. The gunmen sprayed the bus with AK-47 assault rifles, then fled, he said.

Killed were Mir Nawab, a freelance journalist who worked as a cameraman for Associated Press Television News and as a reporter for a local newspaper, and Allah Noor, a reporter for *The Nation*, an English-language Pakistani newspaper.

The wounded journalists were identified as Anwar Shakir, who works for *Agence France-Presse*, and Zardad Khan, a freelancer. Both were taken to a hospital in Wana, where Shakir was reported in stable condition with a back wound. Khan was less seriously injured.

Malik Hassan, another journalist, said there were at least two attackers. He said the bus stopped when the shooting started and its occupants took shelter by a wall next to the road. The two slain journalists apparently died instantly on the bus, he said.

Wind engineering students speak about research at conference

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

Ian Giammanco, a graduate student in atmospheric science, spoke Jan. 31 in Austin regarding his wind energy research.

Carol Stanley, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program unit coordinator, said the process was selective, and the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center was the only research center from Tech to attend.

Andrew Swift, professor of engineering and director of the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center, and Robert Sweazy, vice president for research and technology transfer, said Giammanco was selected to speak because he was doing research in wind energy.

Giammanco said he spoke at the Austin Club, about two blocks from the Capital where legislators eat, and there were 30 to 40 people in attendance, including five students, both graduate and undergraduate, who spoke from different Texas universities.

According to the flier, other schools

with student speakers were Texas A&M University, the University of Houston, the University of North Texas and the University of Texas.

Giammanco said the vice president of each school introduced the speaker, whose speech lasted about 10 minutes.

Dicky Grigg, personal injury trial lawyer and Tech alumni, said he enjoyed Giammanco talking about his experience sitting through three hurricanes in Florida and how to predict hurricanes more efficiently.

"Personally, I found it fascinating," he said.

Giammanco said he was nervous about speaking because legislators were present. "It was a little nerve-racking," he said. "You want to show what your department and the school can do."

Grigg said he enjoyed the student from the University of Texas who

spoke.

The student spoke about working on genetic changes, he also said, where people can grow sugar-coated toasted oats and doughnuts.

"It would be a real advance for them to get that done," he said.

Giammanco said he believes his research at Tech has impacted his personal development.

"To get the chance to represent the department was a big deal," he said.

Grigg said the purpose of Giammanco's speech was to share research and contemplate how the research's findings will affect both Texas and society. He said he believes it was beneficial for students to make presentations about their different research projects.

"I think they did a good job," Grigg said.

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— IAN GIAMMANCO
Graduate Student in Atmospheric Science

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Prosecutor, advocates push for change in Arizona's current spousal rape law

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The 49-year-old woman was awakened about midnight by an assailant who choked her, dragged her by the hair and raped her so many times before the sun came up that she lost count, police say. When she asked if she would live, her attacker allegedly told her: "We'll see."

Usually, rapes like the one described by the woman in September would be punishable by up to 14 years in prison in Arizona. The man accused in the attack was the woman's

husband, meaning the crime alleged is considered spousal rape.

The punishment: no more than 1 1/2 years behind bars, and perhaps no prison time at all.

Prosecutors in Coconino County, where the alleged attack occurred, say the disparity is unconstitutional. So in addition to bringing kidnapping and assault charges against the 45-year-old man, they have charged him under the standard rape law, setting the stage for a legal battle about whether Arizona's spousal rape statute violates the Constitution's equal protection guarantees.

"The current statutes are extremely unfair and unconstitutional, and they need to be changed," said David Rozema, chief deputy in the Coconino County Attorney's Office.

Advocates for domestic violence victims say few states treat spousal rape and other forms of rape as disparately as Arizona does.

Arizona law sees spousal rape as the lowest possible felony. The burden of proof is higher than it is in standard rape cases. And it makes no difference under the law whether the spouses are estranged or living apart.

"It treats victims differently solely because of their marital status," said Keli Luther of the Crime Victims Legal Assistance Project in Arizona. "We think this is really archaic."

About half of the states treat spousal rape differently from other types of rape, according to the American Prosecutors Research Institute, the research arm of the National District Attorneys Association.

Some states give women less time to come forward with a claim against a husband, or they require proof that force was used. Most non-spousal rape laws require proof only that the assailant lacked consent.

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Evangelicals miss the point

"You can build from the left and build from the right and get something done." — Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback

Robin Milstead



Time magazine arrived at my house promptly at the beginning of the month. To my surprise, the cover was graced with this month's theme: The 25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America. A cross is placed behind the title with faces of evangelicals, instead of who I think should be there — Jesus.

Reading the article, a lot of points were proved — voting is surrounded by two major points — abortion and gay marriage. But at the same time, what our country's political parties are doing for the vote scares the blond hairs off my head.

The evangelicals featured were not household names we are used to, such as Jerry Falwell or Pat Robertson, but more behind-the-scenes men. Yes, all but two are men, by the way. The scariest ones of all were Tim and Beverly LaHaye, authors of the "Left Behind" series; James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family; Michael Gerson, President Bush's speechwriter; J.I. Packer, part of the Southern Baptist Convention and Ralph Winter, founder of Frontier Mission Fellowship.

On the other hand, there were some evangelicals who spread the gospel, "Christlike humility and improving the lives of human beings should be the goals," as stated by Roberta Ahmanson, a financier of faith-based initiatives. Other than positive messages such as these, conservative Christians have lost sight of humility and have used Christianity against itself.

Tim LaHaye has sold more than 42 million copies of his "Left Behind" series. Most deep-hearted Christians see this as a great tool of spreading the message about God and the rapture. Oddly enough, current biblical scholars have the LaHayes in an uproar because the basis of the rapture between the first and second books of "Revelation" is one word. Most Americans don't know that at the time "Revelation" was written, most of it was written in code for fear of persecution.

Beverly LaHaye is one scary individual. At least her husband has made his name through writing Christian fiction, but she is the founder of Concerned Women of America. Their mission statement is founded on six core principles that include the definition of the family (one man and one woman), sanctity of life, education, pornography, religious liberty and national sovereignty. Beverly LaHaye is quite clever with the name of her organization — women should be concerned with an organization run by a woman whose principles go directly against women's interests.

J.I. Packer is one of those grandfather figures from the "good ole boys" of the Southern Baptist Convention. While I was raised Southern Baptist, I quickly strayed when the convention took the stance that women should submit to their husbands. Needless to say, I still receive the newsletter. During this election, the Southern Baptist Convention hosted a banquet for the Bush/Cheney campaign. Is this blurring the lines between the separation between church and state?

Every Monday morning the West Wing has a conference call with evangelical leaders.

Furthermore, Rick Santorum, the third-ranking Republican in the Senate, meets monthly with evangelical leaders to hear their concerns and keep them up to date with legislation. And are you asking yourself what their concerns are? You guessed right — abortion, war and gay marriage.

Where are their — or our — priorities? Globalissues.org reported that less than 1 percent of what the world spent every year on weapons was needed to

Twisting God's word for the sake of an election is irresponsible. Instead of giving money to end abortion, let's focus on the children already here that need us. And persecuting homosexuals — let's get a grip. There are greater problems with our country than what two people of the same sex do behind closed doors.

put every child into school by the year 2000. It didn't happen. In 2000, the Oxfam report stated, "The lives of 1.7 million children will be needlessly lost this year (2000) because governments have failed to reduce poverty levels."

Bush's evangelical administration is concerned with ending abortion, yet they fund abstinence-only programs that have constantly proven to fail. Furthermore, supporters of the administration, like Beverly LaHaye's group, state they support the sanctity of life. But instead of focusing on children who are born homeless or in poverty, they focus on bombing clinics and pushing God to the forefront. In New York City alone there are 20,000 children in foster homes, according to the *New York Times*. Where are the evangelicals for these children?

And gay marriage — who cares? Supposedly, one-third of sex offenses toward children are committed by homosexuals. The other two-thirds are committed by heterosexuals. Where's our focus?

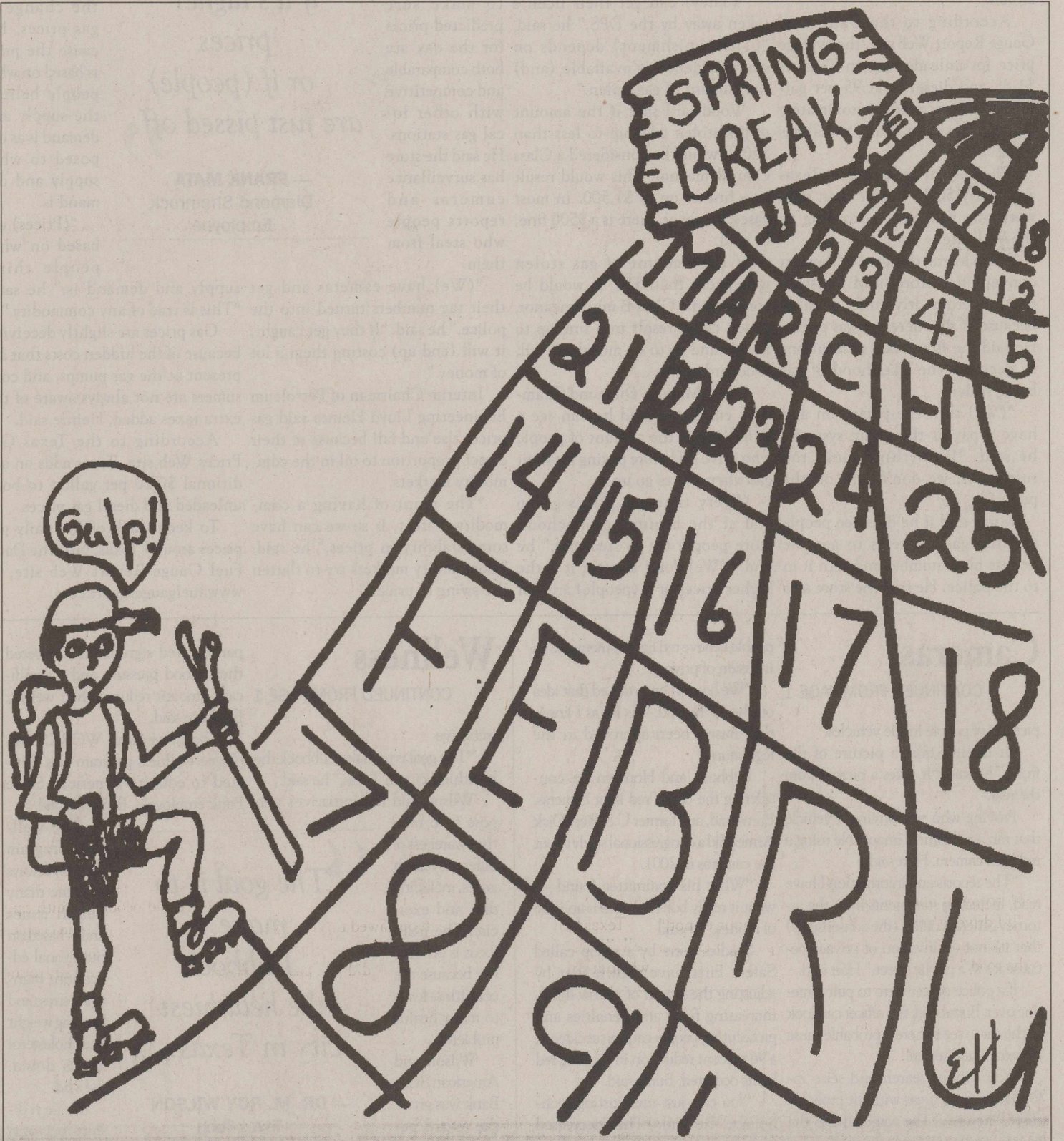
While many of you reading this may think this is a direct attack on Christian conservatives, the liberal Democrats are part of the blame as well. Bill Clinton helped start faith-based initiatives. Hillary Clinton recently told pro-choice supporters she is a "praying person." Hillary has probably always been a praying person, but it's the evangelical hold of our nation which makes her feel the need to produce a more soulful tone.

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So before you reach for your Bible to pray for me, here's a passage to turn to.

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." — Matthew 7:12

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The State of the Union's real meaning

Bush, Rumsfeld and friends spin words while they work against freedom

I couldn't watch the State of the Union for one simple reason: I've seen it before.

Every time I flipped to the president speaking, it was the same banter and rhetoric that always has come from him and his posse's collective pie hole. What was once as entertaining as watching a train wreck has turned into a mind-blowing reverence for spin by the administration.

I don't recall a time when facts and expert advice were manipulated, if not completely ignored, so blatantly and consistently as now.

On "Meet the Press," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was pressed about Bush's comments, apparently directed toward young Iranian moderates living under what he calls an "evil" regime.

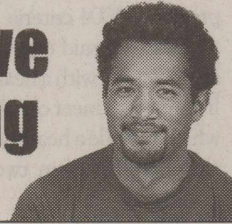
As directed, Rummy skirted the question, refusing to define whether the "support" the president promises the revolutionaries would be moral, financial or military.

With his trademark smugness, his rattling about our supposed inevitable role in Iran marked the ethical, logical and strategic inconsistencies which are a stamp of the neo-conservative movement. Rummy, Cheney and those at the Project for the New American Century have had their sights on Iraq for more than a decade.

With more than a grudge about the Gulf War, their justifications for taking arms against Saddam Hussein are singular — disarmament.

OK. So it's good to have one less dictator running a state. But the question remains, why Iraq first? There are countless regimes

Dave Ring



Continuing along a single-minded track, no matter how purposeful or steadfast it is, hasn't and will not continue to produce favorable and equal outcomes for the world's citizens — which in turn will continue to produce people who are willing to die and kill in defiance of the United States' actions and inactions.

more violent and responsible for more deaths than Baghdad, so what gives Iraq the right to cut in the freedom line?

When do the thousands of starving and homeless in Sudan get their number called? What about the

millions of women and children in slavery in Asia?

I'm not calling for America to spend lives and necessary resources on the liberation of the world, as much as I'd like to see it. What is absolutely vital to the further progress of this nation and others is accountability for not only what our leaders do, but what they say.

Case in point: "To the Iranian people, I say tonight: As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you." Such vague and wishy-washy talk isn't meant to spread democracy; it's called covering your butt.

What is this "stand of the people" he speaks of? I thought we are trying to avoid civil wars (i.e., staying in Iraq).

So why are we trying to incite one in Iran? Does Bush think the mullahs are just itching to give up power and start letting women run for office?

I want humans the world around to have the most fulfilling and happy lives as existence offers.

But with the complexities and imperfections inherent in our nature, particularly in respect to power and control, we can't take for granted that those in leadership aren't actually giving the public their true intentions.

With more people dying everyday because of failed U.S. foreign policy, the stakes are undeniably high, whether we want to acknowl-

edge that or not.

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If we are to lead the world in the fight for freedom, we must be willing to be accountable for the failures that will inevitably come our way.

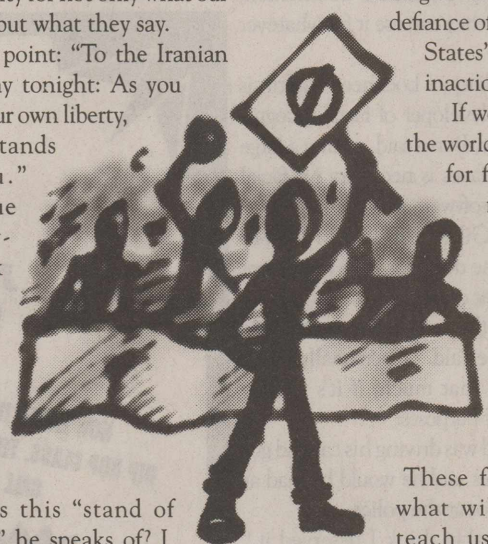
These failures are what will, I hope, teach us what not to do.

For example, I imagine Rumsfeld may have a few regrets every time he sees footage of himself shaking Saddam Hussein's hand in the mid 1980s. I know foreign relations are "complexified," as Rummy put it, but I also know how to smell b.s., being a purveyor of it myself.

What is simplified, however, is that no matter what they say, it's never the end of the story.

I know my musings will fall on many a deaf ear, because that's what Bush and friends are counting on.

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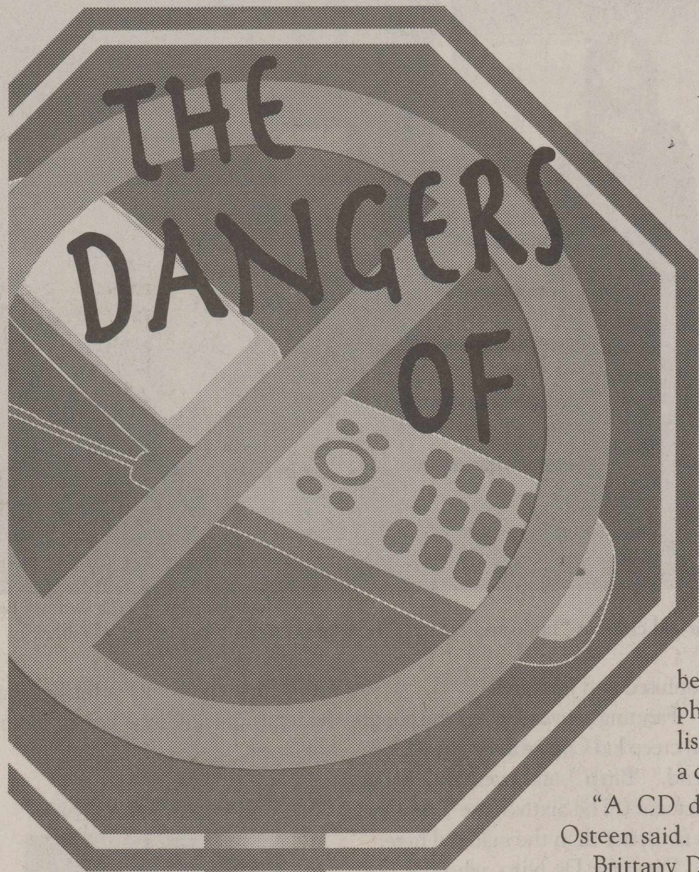
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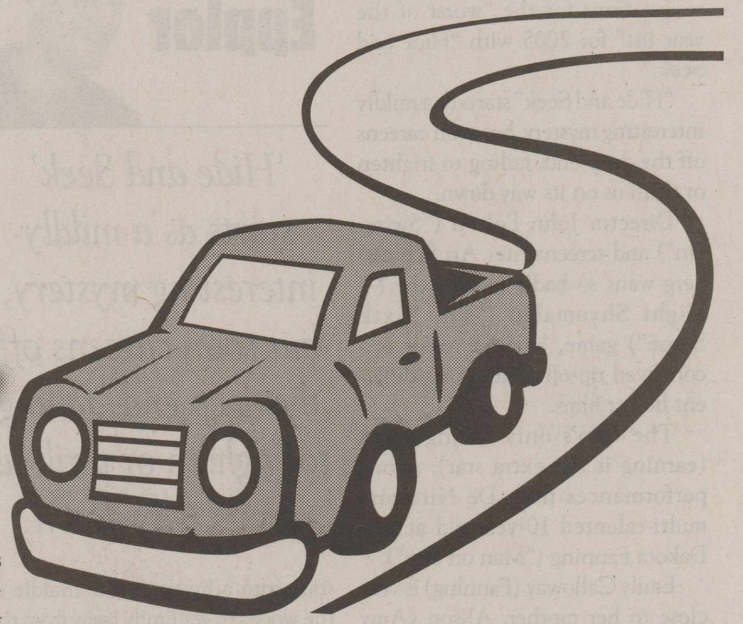
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Osteen, a food and nutrition major from Waxahachie, said he talks on his cell phone while driving. He said he believes talking on the phone is different than listening to the radio or a compact disc.

"A CD doesn't talk back," Osteen said.

Brittany Duncan, a senior English major from Midland, said she could understand both sides of the cell phone issue, but she did not want to give up her cell phone.

"I drive a standard, so I'm good at multitasking in a car," she said. "I can see how talking on a cell phone could be a distraction."

Duncan said that if legislation banning cell phone use in motor vehicles were to pass in Texas, most people would ignore the law.

"I don't have a home phone, so my cell phone is my connection to my parents, my work. It is nice to have it with me," Duncan said. "I also don't talk for hours on end in the car."

Texas House Bill 281, which outlawed talking on a cell phone while driving — or talking on a cell phone without using a hands-free device — did not pass.

This bill was rejected by the Texas Legislature the last time it was in session, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety Web site.

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Junior Engineering Major
from Amarillo

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Michael Soto, a junior industrial engineering major from Amarillo, said he uses his cell phone in his car, and he is conflicted on the issue of cell phone in motor vehicles.

"It is not any worse than having a conversation with someone in the car with you," Soto said. "When I'm driving and using my phone, sure, I react slower."

The study was conducted using 20 18- to 25-year-old drivers, and 20 65- to 74-year-old drivers.

Only hands-free phones were used as the drivers were tested for braking reaction time while driving a Ford Crown Victoria sedan. All of the drivers had normal vision and a valid driver's license.

Sgt. Keith Smith is a state trooper with the Lubbock Department of Public Safety.

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Smith compared the study to the open container law.

He said a law limiting or banning cell phone use in motor vehicles would be hard to enforce.

"I think it is going to be extremely hard to write any legislation," Smith said. "A lot of people make laws without thinking about how they are going to enforce them."

According to the study, older drivers were less likely to rear-end another vehicle than younger drivers. Older drivers, however, were more likely to be rear-ended.

This is because of the greater following distance of the older drivers in this study, although there was not enough data in this study for statistical analysis.

Meredith Slaughter, a senior from Andrews, said she knew a lot of states had already enacted legislation that limited or banned cell phone use in a motor vehicle.

"To me, it is just a question of how much we let the government make our decisions for us," Slaughter said. "Are we going to let them invade every aspect of our lives? Once we do that, it is a slippery-slope process."

Slaughter, a political science and philosophy major, said she was skeptical of the study being applied to legislation.

"The government does have the obligation — and the right — to protect the public," said Slaughter. "If it is an issue of public safety, it is something they should be regulating."

By Clara Cobb/
The University Daily

The next time you want to act older, pick up your cell phone when you are behind the wheel.

The University of Utah released a study Tuesday that found when 18- to 25-year-olds were placed in a driving simulator and talking on a cell phone, they reacted to brake lights from a car in front of them as slowly as 65- to 74-year-olds who were not using a cell phone.

"When I drive, I really don't pay attention," sophomore Mark Nortwich said. "It's like, how the hell did that get there? I am kinda a crazy driver."

Nortwich, a journalism major from Weatherford, said he drives a standard transmission vehicle while talking on his cell phone on a regular basis.

Nortwich is not alone.

"If I drive, it's the same if I am on my phone or not," said sophomore Kyle Osteen. "I'm still paying attention to the road."

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'Hide and Seek' not a game worth playing

After the abominable "Godsend" from last year, Robert De Niro is already making reservations for the "worst of the year list" for 2005 with "Hide and Seek."



James Eppler
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Director John Polson ("Swimfan") and screenwriter Ari Schlossberg want so badly to play the M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") game, but the result is a contrived rip-off of about six different horror films.

The film's only saving grace (earning it the extra star): strong performances from De Niro and multi-talented 10-year-old actress Dakota Fanning ("Man on Fire").

Emily Calloway (Fanning) is very close to her mother, Alison (Amy Irving). Emily's father, David (De Niro), is not. They obviously have been having marriage problems, and one night Alison opens her wrists with a razor in a bathtub.

A divorce, I suppose, just would not have been good enough.

David is a psychologist and knows Emily is traumatized by her mother's suicide. He decides the best way to help her cope is to move them up-

state into a house in the middle of the woods to get Emily away from the haunting memories of her mother.

But something else starts to haunt Emily.

She starts playing with an imaginary friend she calls Charlie, which David knows is a way some children deal with grief and abandonment.

Yet the game Emily plays with Charlie isn't always hide and seek. David begins waking in the middle of the night to find spooky and

sometimes bloody results of Charlie's games.

The house cat gets the worst of it — at least at first.

David starts becoming more freaked out by his weirdo daughter and her malicious imaginary friend, wondering if he might be the next target of their games.

Things get even more uncomfortable when David starts to become interested in Elizabeth (Elizabeth Shue), which makes Emily feel threatened.

One of the more effective scenes finds the three eating dinner, with Emily dressed in her dead mother's clothes and freely divulging details of her mother's death to Elizabeth.

"Let's hope you don't end up like her," Emily warns.

A couple things are easily recognizable when dealing with a film like "Hide and Seek." First, we know Charlie either has to be a ghost or a real person. He cannot simply be a figment of the child's imagination. Second, it is easy to pick out red herrings and characters marked for death.

Concerning these two facets, "Hide and Seek" never surprises.

When the Big Twist finally arrives, however, it makes little sense in the grand scheme of the narrative. Quick shots and images try to work



DAKOTA FANNING PLAYS a 10-year-old child in "Hide and Seek." The film is currently playing in Lubbock.

to reveal information, some of which was never there in the first place.

Logic packs its bags and leaves, never to be seen again in latter portions of the film. The plot is held together by a paper-thin secret that could and should have been so easily revealed through one brief declarative statement.

It just doesn't work. But I suppose when you're ripping off several different works, they can easily become

confused and jumbled.

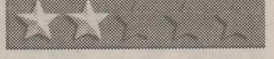
Fanning proves she has the goods on creep kid Cameron Bright ("Godsend," "Birth") and even Haley Joel Osment ("The Sixth Sense"), and she is far better than the material here.

Ditto for De Niro, who has not given many memorable performances of late, but is cashing plenty of paychecks.

Neither De Niro nor Fanning can

save "Hide and Seek," a thriller that descends quickly into horror movie hokieness.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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'JAG' finds its war stories can hit close to home

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — The sound of gunfire ricochets inside a minaret as a private in the U.S. Marine Corps shoots a wounded and apparently unarmed Iraqi.

Members of the camera crew remove their earplugs and discuss whether the scene went OK or needs a retake. It does not.

"Death at the Mosque," shooting in this suburb north of Los Angeles, will air as an episode of "JAG," the military law series that's on 8 p.m. Fridays.

This season, war has been featured prominently in several episodes reflecting real events in Iraq.

"How we approach the stories I think probably changes from month to month, not unlike the mood of the country — first some enthusiasm, then some doubt, some reservations," producer Peter Dunne says. "Our stories concern themselves more with the humane issues, the peace issues rather than the war issues ... because it's going

to be the humanity that solves this war, not the weapons."

Local terrain in the hills visible from Dunne's Santa Clarita office provides convincing settings for Iraq as well as Afghanistan.

The series has always had cooperation from all branches of the armed services and often films on military bases, including the San Diego Naval Air Station and the Marines' Camp Pendleton nearby.

"You see all the young families there ... and how much we are like them, but are not suffering the same. We all have spouses, parents, children, whom we expect to find in the house at night when we get

home, but they don't have that," says Dunne.

Created by Don Bellisario, the series follows the personal and professional trials of the Judge Advocate General Corps, the lawyers who investigate, prosecute and defend cases involving Navy and Marine personnel.

The stars of the legal team are Lt. Col. Sarah "Mac" Mackenzie, played by Catherine Bell, and Cmdr. Harmon "Harm" Rabb, played by David James Elliott, who's leaving the series at the end of this season.

Chris Beetem, recently of daytime's "As The World Turns," has just been signed up as Lt. Gregory Vukovic, a charming but

ethically defiant new member of the "JAG" team, who happens to be assigned to the minaret shooting.

Bell, whose toddler daughter is with her as she waits in her trailer for her next scene, mentions working at Pendleton on the day last month when 30 Marines and a Navy sailor were killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq.

"Meeting guys who have lost their friends — or a young woman with a beautiful little 6-month-old baby whose father left for the war when the baby was 3 weeks old

— you meet these people, and man, this is definitely intense," Bell says.

"I think after 9/11 things felt different. It felt like we had more of a responsibility in how we represented what was happening, and also that people were paying closer attention to that, learning more about the military through our show, hopefully," she says.

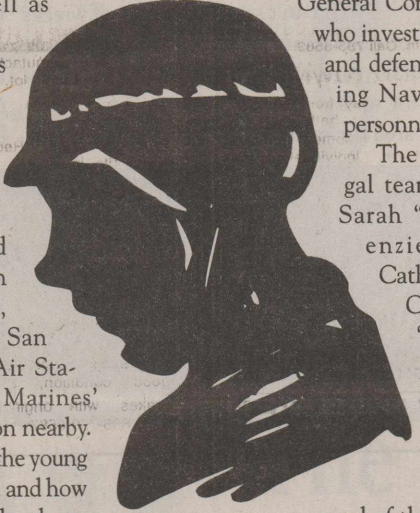
"I don't think we can afford to be grim all the time, but I think we have to be honest and I don't think there is anything less entertaining about an honest drama," says Dunne.

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"JAG" Producer

The drama was canceled by NBC in 1996 after one season, then was picked up in January 1997 by CBS. It won't be known until May whether "JAG" will earn an 11th season, but Dunne feels the odds are with them.

"I don't think there will ever be a shortage of good drama set in the military — it's one of the four main franchises — along with police work, law and medicine — that have held up, because they all provide the element of life or death."

And explaining the focus on reality-based war stories, Dunne says: "This war, like every war that we have fought, changes law ... We try to examine that and put our JAG officer-heroes in the center of this firestorm of what now works and what doesn't work in the legal system ... Our characters, though they are not fighting the war, are fighting to interpret its effect on this country."



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Super Bowl halftime show tame

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL wanted a safe halftime show after last year's Janet Jackson fiasco, and Paul McCartney delivered.

When McCartney stripped off his jacket midway through his Super Bowl halftime performance, all he revealed was a long-sleeved red shirt. Nothing malfunctioned. And if he

wore any nipple jewelry, he mercifully kept it to himself.

It was sweet nostalgia for those stunned by Jackson's MTV-produced show, if a bit off-putting for the kids: Each of McCartney's four songs was more than 30 years old.

Surely you recall last year's climax to a body-shaking, crotch-grabbing

festival: Justin Timberlake yanking part of Jackson's top off to reveal her bare breast to some 90 million viewers.

McCartney's stage set — a giant cross of video boards on the stadium floor — was visually arresting, although it made his opening song, "Drive My Car," look like one of the broadcast's dozens of auto commercials.

McCartney's theatrical James Bond theme "Live and Let Die" was a perfect backdrop for a stadium fireworks show. The lights, placards and video images also made "Hey Jude" a sight to see, but it was odd to see the red, white and blue placards co-opt one of the original British musical invaders for an all-American event.

There wasn't any danger of a

lip-synch controversy, either: you could tell it was the lived-in voice of a 62-year-old singing.

It was strange seeing the former Beatle, a bold and shocking performer for another generation, now presented as the sedate option. NFL censors were probably hoping the "California grass" reference in "Get Back" slipped by unnoticed, or figured people would think he was simply referring to a football field.

Another irony: the overwhelmingly safe and patriotic musical presentations before and during the game appearing on the usually envelope-pushing Fox network, while last season's shocker came on fogey-friendly CBS.

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2 PM	Zoom	Passions	As the World Turns	"Secrets Erupt"		Good Day
3 PM	The Lions	Inside Edition	Guiding Light	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court
4 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Mauri	Animal Adv	General Hospital	Divorce Court
5 PM	Cyberchase	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Paid Program	Texas Justice	Fear Factor
6 PM	Clifford	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	Jane Pauley	Fox 34 News First @ Four
7 PM	Nova "The Viking Deception"	Wheel Fortune	Who Mil.	Malcolm		
8 PM	Frontline "House of Saud"	News	KLBK 13 News	Amazing Race 6	Wife and Kids	American Idol (HD)
9 PM	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	Committed (HD)	George Lopez	
10 PM	Destinos	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman	Law & Order: SVU "Game" (HD)	Veronica Mars	House "Histories" (HD)
11 PM	GED	Late Late Show	Randy Jackson	Blind Date	Paid Program	Cheers
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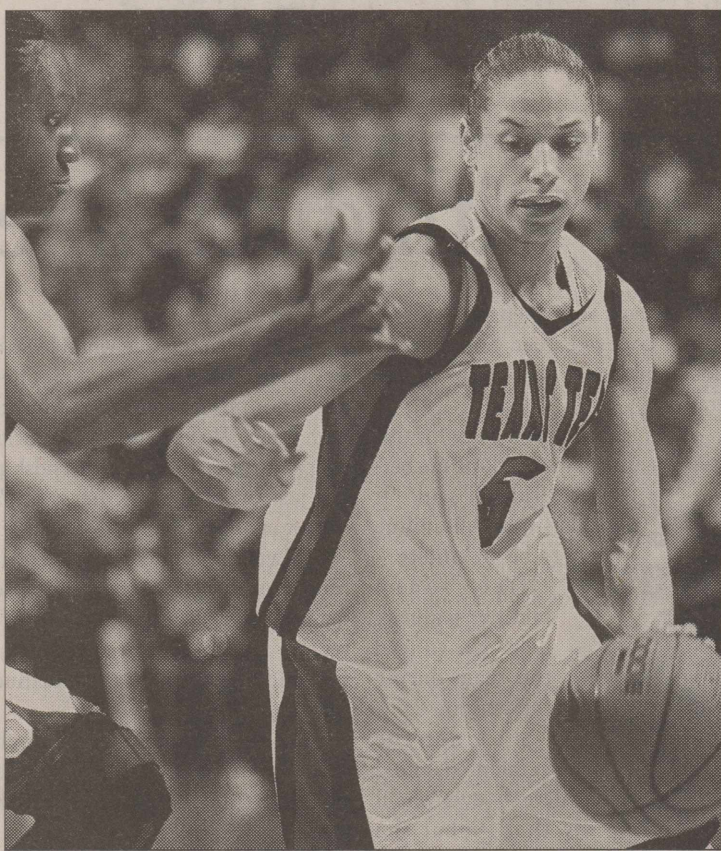
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No. 14 Cyclones bring Big 12's best record to Tech



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CHESLEY DABBS WORKS her way around a Baylor defender in the Lady Raiders' 52-49 loss to the Bears Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

In December, most people think about Santa Claus coming to town, but Marsha Sharp already had Feb. 8 circled on her calendar when the Lady Cyclones came to town.

Sharp said she wanted her team to be prepared for the zone and junk defenses Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly will bring to the court at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

"Honestly, a little bit every day since Christmas, we've been working on offensive sets to use against junk defenses and the zone because we knew we would have a quick turnaround, and we needed to have it ready to go before (Monday)," Sharp said about her team's preparation for the Big 12 Conference leader.

The Cyclones (18-2, 8-1 Big 12) are known for their ability to take away star players with the Box-and-1 defense, which kept Jamie Carey of Texas from being effective in a late-game push

against Iowa State on Saturday. Carey had seven points when averaging 12 a game entering the game with Iowa State.

No. 13 Texas Tech (16-4, 7-2) is not sure which defense No. 14 Iowa State will throw at them first or most often, but the Lady Raiders are ready for any "junk" the Cyclones throw their way.

"I think we're ready. I think we have some different thoughts about how we want to attack against any defense they throw at us," Sharp said. "I feel confident with our personnel and offense against any defense."

If Iowa State elects to go with the Box-and-1 in an attempt to stop one of Tech's shooters, who the Cyclones will choose to stop is unknown. Sharp and her players all said they have confidence in Alesha Robertson and Chesley Dabbs to shoot from the perimeter. Point guard Erin Grant has proven she can be effective from beyond the arc as well.

For Iowa State to focus on one assignment could result in another player having a big game.

"I don't know if they can do that since they all can shoot the 3," said center Cisti Greenwalt. "You can't really choose between Alesha and Chesley."

Iowa State lacks size inside as well, which Tech is hoping to take advantage of. One way to get Iowa State out of a Box-and-1 or Diamond-and-1 would be to establish a presence in the paint. Greenwalt and LaToya Davis will have that assignment, and Greenwalt said fulfilling it will be crucial.

"It's a big thing for us to establish (the inside). At least make them guard us on the inside so that way they can't get outside to the shooters," she said. "On offense we're really gonna have to attack them and really attack them in the paint."

There are bigger things at stake than stopping the various defenses of the Cyclones on Tuesday night for the Lady Raiders. Saturday's loss to Baylor dropped Tech into a three-way tie for second place, and win over Iowa State would cause another jumble in the standings. A Tech victory would equal a four-

way tie for first place with seven games to play.

"This is an important game for everyone in the conference race," Sharp said. "I think most of the time people in this conference are rooting against us, but I think (Tuesday) night everyone will be rooting for us."

Robertson recognizes the value of tonight's matchup, too. She said this will be the most important game for Tech to date this season because it can put them on top with a chance to build momentum from a win.

"It's gonna be big time if we get this win (Tuesday) night. I think if we take care of business (Tuesday) and win out we'll be in good shape."

NOTES

— Tech lost to Iowa State last year, 64-63 in Ames, Iowa, and has never lost back-to-back games against Iowa State.

— Tiebreaker implications: Iowa State split with Kansas State, beat Texas and plays Baylor on Feb. 19.

Tech forward out for season after surgery

The Lady Raiders' redshirt freshman Enrica Johnson will miss the remainder of the season after undergoing surgery on her right knee Friday. She had anterior cruciate ligament revision on the same knee



Johnson

she had reconstructive surgery on her senior year of high school.

Johnson had played in two games this season, and the approximate rehab time for her surgery is six months.

Malone's agent: Spurs likely home for star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If Karl Malone decides to play again, it probably will be for the San Antonio Spurs, his agent said Monday.

Malone will make an announcement about his future before the All-Star break. The All-Star game is Feb. 20 in Denver.

"If he would choose to play, the likeliest candidate would be the Spurs, which is a team he almost played for a year and a half ago," Dwight Manley said.

Manley said Malone, who underwent knee surgery last summer, is healthy and works out every day, but

has not been playing basketball.

The 41-year-old Malone is the second-leading scorer in NBA history, 1,459 points behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Malone played 18 seasons for Utah before joining the Lakers for the 2003-2004 season at a greatly reduced salary, saying he wanted to win a championship before retirement.

He missed 39 games last season after injuring his right knee, and was hurt again during the playoffs, missing the last three games of the NBA Finals, all of which the Lakers lost to the Detroit Pistons.

Poker players drawing dead in Texas thanks to DA, not TABC

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has pushed its chips all-in, and it would be wise for bar owners and managers not to call their bet. Thanks to a recent change of opinion from the district attorney, in-house poker tournaments no longer are allowed in Lubbock.

Poker tournaments came to Lubbock via Jake's Sports Bar when ESPN brought poker back to the main stream by televising the World Series of Poker. After Jake's first tournament was shut down before it started because it was a buy-in tournament with Jake's taking no cut from the pot, it was then determined poker tournaments with no money on the table would be acceptable.

Mike Fuqua, manager at Bash Riprock's, said he got on the band wagon and made sure his bar followed all guidelines of the district attorney. He said he spoke numerous times with the district attorney's office about the matter before he

David Wiechmann



started having his tournaments on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

One thing he did know, however, was poker would eventually come to an end in Lubbock because it always had been illegal, and he saw no changing that.

"I'm not surprised," he said. "If it hadn't been allowed in the past, why would it be allowed now? I was just following what the DA had told me I could do."

Fuqua foresaw the final hand and said he entered the poker craze to bring business to his establishment, which is why the other bars did it.

But the confusion in the end of poker tournaments lies in the new interpretation and who is enforcing it.

TABC has nothing to do with the poker decision or the end of free poker tournaments with cash prizes. TABC is simply enforcing laws pertaining to alcohol permits.

"It is not a TABC violation to play poker," Fuqua said. "It is a TABC violation to be in the midst of a criminal act

in your place of business, and then they have criminal recourse on you."

Because poker tournaments with cash prizes are illegal, hosting one technically would be against an alcohol permit since an illegal activity would be taking place at the bar. Where does this leave poker players looking for a free game and a chance at easy cash? Without any hole cards or chips.

There is a loophole, and poker could still be played, but winners get nothing more than a handshake from the last man out and a pat on the back from his buddies.

"You can't win or lose anything," Fuqua said. "It's not against the law if they're not getting anything. If I were to have a tournament now, I can't give them a T-shirt or a free beer. I can't give them a penny for winning."

TABC is standing firm and is not bluffing with this situation. Lt. Harry Schreffler said it always has been illegal to host these tournaments, it is just a matter of that law being enforced by the district attorneys across the state, and particularly in Lubbock. He and his men also are enforcing the law with regard to the previously mentioned violation by Fuqua.

Failure to follow that law could result in a last call for the bar. Schreffler said non-compliance with this case would equal a 15-day closure for the bar in violation or an option to pay a minimum \$150 per day fine for that 15-day period and remain open. That fine could max out at \$20,000 a day if TABC finds it suiting to that particular case.

The decision to enforce the laws by the books came to be because of what Schreffler said was "a problem in the community." Poker had become

too popular in Lubbock, and therefore, it had to be stopped. He said he believes the popularity of the game is what brought about the change.

"We are trying across the state to be as fair and balanced as we can with people who have permits," Schreffler said. "The DA interprets the penal code, and we are simply regulating the alcoholic beverage laws."

So, don't blame TABC for shutting down the tournaments. It's the old laws and recent interpretations by the state that took the cards away.

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1. Louisiana State (44)	21-1	1,100	1	1. Illinois (72)	23-0	1,800	1
2. Ohio State	22-2	1,036	2	2. North Carolina	19-2	1,711	2
3. Duke	22-2	984	3	3. Kansas	18-1	1,625	3
4. Stanford	21-2	978	4	4. Boston College	20-0	1,561	5
5. Tennessee	18-3	925	5	5. Kentucky	17-2	1,505	6
6. Notre Dame	20-3	873	6	6. Wake Forest	19-3	1,429	7
7. Baylor	17-3	833	8	7. Duke	17-2	1,349	4
8. North Carolina	18-3	761	9	8. Syracuse	21-2	1,311	8
9. Michigan State	20-3	752	10	9. Louisville	20-3	1,262	9
10. Connecticut	15-5	702	11	10. Oklahoma State	17-3	1,144	10
11. Rutgers	16-5	670	7	11. Washington	19-3	1,059	13
12. Minnesota	18-4	590	14	12. Arizona	19-4	983	14
13. Texas Tech	16-4	553	12	13. Michigan State	15-4	872	12
14. Iowa State	18-2	473	19	14. Gonzaga	17-4	805	17
15. DePaul	18-3	459	17	15. Utah	19-3	686	21
16. Kansas State	17-4	449	15	16. Oklahoma	17-4	657	14
17. Texas	13-7	377	13	17. Alabama	17-4	648	11
18. Georgia	18-6	342	18	18. Pittsburgh	15-4	550	16
19. Maryland	16-5	274	20	19. Connecticut	14-5	535	23
20. Temple	18-3	249	22	20. Wisconsin	15-5	309	19
21. Vanderbilt	16-5	207	21	21. Cincinnati	17-5	250	18
22. Boston College	15-5	196	16	22. Villanova	13-5	242	24
23. North Carolina State	16-5	146	25	23. Texas	15-6	189	20
24. Wisconsin - Green Bay	20-2	90	—	24. Pacific	18-2	173	—
25. Penn State	14-8	77	23	25. Texas Tech	14-5	156	—

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