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Tech PD investigating suspicious activi

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 until she reached the R11 parking lot, 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 report. 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 Hoffman said.

parking lot (Clement Hall), waited for her to cross the parking lot and then followed her to the Z3-G parking said she feels safe on the Tech campus. lot (Hulen Hall), again waiting for her to cross the parking lot.

The woman said the car followed her which point the driver asked her if she needed a ride, according to the incident

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),"

"I definitely feel safe during the day here," she to be more cautious.'

> There are numerous safety precautions someone can take after sunset, I do keep my eyes open."

"I'm aware of my surroundings. Usually, I allowing someone to predict travel routes. keep in touch with my boyfriend or my mom (so someone knows where I am).'

Hoffman advised students not to pick up strangers,

Whitney Bess, a senior broadcast journalism major, 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 said. "Maybe after 10 (p.m.) I feel like I need on the Tech campus, but said that does not mean it

"I feel safe here in Lubbock," she said, "but at night

Hoffman also said students should always tell "If I were walking to my car at night, I someone where they are going, staying aware of their would have my keys in my hand," she said. surroundings, avoiding walking alone at night and not

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

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SGA, administrators to lobby in Austin Benefits Of 3US



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

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 im-

provements, 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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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"

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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

exas 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

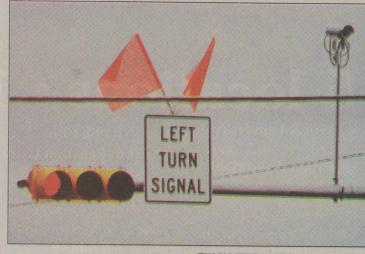
Jay Burns, legislative director for Isett, said there are numerous reasons why red light cameras are unconstitutional.

"(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

'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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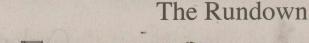
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BELTON (AP) — A 17-year-

before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Blevins was being held on a mur-Cleveland, 14, of Temple.

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

neighborhood, said Temple police the risk the cancer-causing asbestos

He said autopsy results are Libby residents. pending on Cleveland.

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

old charged with killing a Temple Grace and Co. and seven high-ranking —Gunmen fired into a small bus filled girl died after hanging himself in employees knew a Montana mine was with journalists on their way back from his Bell County jail cell, sheriff's releasing cancer-causing asbestos into covering the surrender of a suspected the air and tried to hide the danger to militant in a lawless tribal region Mon-An autopsy has been ordered on workers and townspeople, according to day, killing two reporters and wounding Chad Phillip Blevins of Temple, a federal indictment unsealed Monday. two others, security officials said. who was discovered hanged shortly More than 1,200 people became ill, The journalists were on a road

der charge in the death of Amanda in a vermiculite mine operated by Grace taken by the assailants about 7:30 p.m., in the small town of Libby for nearly said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of

Grace executives and managers kept gunmen sprayed the bus with AK-47 Both teens lived in the same secret numerous studies spelling out assault rifles, then fled, he said. posed to its customers, employees and journalist who worked as a cameraman

> and Alan Stringer, former manager and Allah Noor, a reporter for The of the now-closed mine, of trying to Nation, an English-language Pakistani obstruct efforts by the Environmental newspaper. Protection Agency to investigate the extent of the asbestos contamination identified as Anwar Shakir, who works beginning in 1999, when the asbestos for Agence France-Presse, and Zardad poisoning was linked to the mine in Khan, a freelancer. Both were taken

a Superfund site and has spent more a back wound. Khan was less seriously

than \$55 million on cleanup so far. "A human and environmental tragedy has occurred in Libby. This said there were at least two attackers. prosecution seeks to hold Grace and He said the bus stopped when the some of its executives responsible for the shooting started and its occupants took misconduct alleged in this indictment," shelter by a wall next to the road. The said Bill Mercer, the U.S. attorney for two slain journalists apparently died

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — W.R. ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

some of whom died, prosecutors said. near Wana, the main town in South The asbestos was naturally present Waziristan, when their bus was oversecurity for Pakistan's tribal areas along The federal grand jury said stop the frontier with Afghanistan. The

Killed were Mir Nawab, a freelance for Associated Press Television News The indictment also accused Grace and as a reporter for a local newspaper,

The wounded journalists were to a hospital in Wana, where Shakir The EPA has since declared the area was reported in stable condition with injured.

Malik Hassan, another journalist, instantly on the bus, he said.



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Wind engineering students speak about research at conference

By Kelly Gooch/ The University Daily

Ian Giammanco, a graduate stu- University of Texas. dent in atmospheric science, spoke

Carol Stanley, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Trainee- personal injury triship program unit coordinator, said the al lawyer and Tech process was selective, and the Wind alumni, said he en-Science and Engineering Research joyed Giammanco Center was the only research center talking about his from Tech to attend.

Andrew Swift, professor of en-through three hurgineering and director of the Wind ricanes in Florida Science and Engineering Research and how to predict Center, and Robert Sweazy, vice hurricanes more president for research and technology efficiently. transfer, said Giammanco was selected to speak because he was doing research found it fascinat-

Giammanco said he spoke at the Austin Club, about two blocks from said he was nerthe Capital where legislators eat, vous about speakand there were 30 to 40 people in ing because legislators were present. attendance, including five students, who spoke from different Texas uni- partment and the school can do."

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

Giammanco said the vice president oats and doughnuts. Jan. 31 in Austin regarding his wind of each school introduced the speaker,

Dicky Grigg,

To get the chance to experience sitting represent the department was

"Personally, I - IAN GIAMMANCO Graduate Student in Giammanco Atmospheric Science

both graduate and undergraduate, said. "You want to show what your de-students to make presentations about

Grigg said he enjoyed the student According to the flier, other schools from the University of Texas who said.

The student spoke about working the University of North Texas and the on genetic changes, he also said, where people can grow sugar-coated toasted

"It would be a real advance for them whose speech lasted about 10 minutes. 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 depart-

deal," he said. a big deal. Grigg said the purpose of Giammanco's speech

was to share research and contemplate how the research's findings

ment was a big

will affect both Texas and society. He "It was a little nerve-racking," he said he believes it was beneficial for their different research projects.

"I think they did a good job," Grigg

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

49-year-old woman was awakened considered spousal rape. and raped her so many times before prison time at all. the sun came up that she lost count,

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The husband, meaning the crime alleged is

about midnight by an assailant who The punishment: no more than 1 and other forms of rape as disparately choked her, dragged her by the hair 1/2 years behind bars, and perhaps no as Arizona does.

police say. When she asked if she where the alleged attack occurred, say proof is higher than it is in standard would live, her attacker allegedly told the disparity is unconstitutional. So in rape cases. And it makes no difference Usually, rapes like the one de- assault charges against the 45-year-old estranged or living apart. scribed by the woman in September man, they have charged him under would be punishable by up to 14 years the standard rape law, setting the because of their marital status," said in prison in Arizona. The man ac- stage for a legal battle about whether Keli Luther of the Crime Victims Legal cused in the attack was the woman's Arizona's spousal rape statute violates Assistance Project in Arizona. "We the Constitution's equal protection think this is really archaic."

unfair and unconstitutional, and they of rape, according to the American need to be changed," said David Roz- Prosecutors Research Institute, the ema, chief deputy in the Coconino research arm of the National District



Advocates for domestic violence victims say few states treat spousal rape

Prosecutors in Coconino County, lowest possible felony. The burden of

addition to bringing kidnapping and under the law whether the spouses are "It treats victims differently solely

About half of the states treat spou-"The current statutes are extremely sal rape differently from other types 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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Rising gasoline prices may be linked to gas theft

By Brittany Barrientos/ The University Daily

an abundance of gasoline being suspended.

\$1.83 and diesel is \$1.95 per gal- the amount of gas stolen." lon. These prices are approximately

to decrease the likelihood of gas Woodard said. being stolen.

suspicious, we don't turn on the gas when prices go up.

to the police. He said the store also higher prices or if (people) are just the swing of prices."

has a list of repeat offenders and pissed off." suspicious vehicles.

Sgt. Keith Woodard of the reasonable, and With gas prices on the rise, lo- Lubbock Police Department said every morning a cal police officers and convenience people caught stealing gas can be Diamond Shamstore owners are concerned about fined and have their driver's license rock manager

'(They) can get their license to make sure According to the Daily Fuel taken away by the DPS," he said. predicted prices Gauge Report Web site, the average "(The punishment) depends on for the day are price for unleaded gas in Texas is what evidence is available (and) both comparable and competitive

Woodward said if the amount with other lo-\$0.08 lower than the national gas of gas stolen adds up to less than cal gas stations. \$50, it would be considered a Class He said the store The current gas prices in Texas C misdemeanor. This would result has surveillance are nearly \$0.30 higher than they in a fine of up to \$1,500. In most cameras and were one year ago, according to cases, however, there is a \$500 fine, reports people

he said. Mayu Mirza, owner of a Chevron If the amount of gas stolen them.

Frank Mata, a Diamond Sham-

"Every time gas prices go up Mirza said if he does see people and at the beginning of school, modity market, is so we can have To keep track of the daily gas stealing gas, he tries to get the more people try to steal gas," he some stability in prices," he said. prices around Texas, visit the Daily

Lubbock and Houston are con-

"What his committee found —

Studies done by a group called

"You can just use existing tech-

The June 7, 2001, issue of the

Hart said he is not making a public

invasion of privacy.

Heinze said gas is a market Mata said the station's prices are driven commodity and its rise and

> We don't know if it's higher prices or if (people) are just pissed off.

> > - FRANK MATA Diamond Shamrock **Employee**

has numerous drive-offs, possibly considered a Class B misdemeanor, their tag numbers turned into the "This is true of any commodity." because of the increased gas prices. which could result in a fine up to police," he said. "If they get caught, He said the store takes precautions \$2,000 and up to six months in jail, it will (end up) costing them a lot because of the hidden costs that are of money."

"(We) turn the pumps on and rock employee, said he can see a Engineering Lloyd Heinze said gas extra taxes added, Heinze said. have a pay at the pump system," difference in the amount of people prices rise and fall because of their he said. "If anything looks too who drive off before paying for their direct proportion to oil in the com- Prices Web site, Texas adds an admodity markets.

"The point of having a com- unleaded and diesel gas prices.

the stock market. He said the public inadvertently decides the change of gas prices, because the price is based on what people believe the supply and demand is as op-

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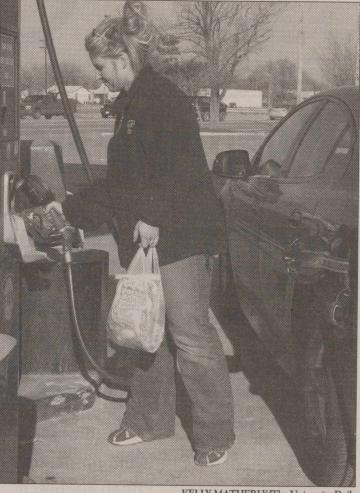
mand is. "(Prices) are based on what people think

convenience store, said his store were more than \$50, it would be "(We) have cameras and get supply and demand is," he said.

Gas prices are slightly deceiving present at the gas pumps, and con-Interim Chairman of Petroleum sumers are not always aware of the

According to the Texas Gas ditional \$0.20 per gallon to both

www.fuelgaugereport.com.



KELLY MATHERLY/The University Daily

license plate number and turn it in said. "(We) don't know if it is the "Commodity markets try to flatten Fuel Gauge Report Web site, at CHELLE SMITH, A senior finance major from Lockney finishes filling up her car with gas Monday afternoon.

Cameras

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pictures of people inside vehicles.

"It doesn't take a picture of the legislature." front," he said. "It takes a picture from sidering the use of red light cameras,

Proving who was driving a vehicle Burns said, and former U.S. Rep. Dick that ran a red light is impossible using a Armey did a congressional study about red light camera, Hart said. the cameras in 2001.

"The reports and information I have read, including statements from the at- what it really boils down to is an issue torney general's office, (the consensus is) of money," he said that it's not an invasion of privacy because it's in a public street," Hart said. Safety First have shown that by

If a police officer were to pull some- adjusting the length of yellow lights, one over, Burns said, the officer can look increasing fines and penalties and in the car to see if there is probable cause prosecuting people causing accidents, a 96 percent reduction in running red

"You cannot search and seize in- lights occurred, Burns said. formation from a car without probable cause," he said. "The camera takes the nology," he said. "That decreased picture, and it's not only the accuser but the number of red-light violations also the evidence.' just under three times what red light

Taking a camera to court and asking cameras would do." it questions is not possible, Burns said.

Privacy is an issue because the Houston Chronicle reported in 2001, manufacturer of the cameras, Lockheed 5,000 tickets issued to drivers were Martin, which makes about 85 percent thrown out of courts because of probof them, often leases the cameras to cities lems with the cameras in San Diego, because they are expensive, and enables and the city received \$1.76 million Lockheed Martin to retain rights to the from traffic tickets, Burns said. data collection, he said.

"Cost averages between \$60,000 comment on whether red-light camand \$90,000 per camera. You're looking eras should be allowed in Texas. at a quarter of a million dollars for one "In terms of invasion of privacy, intersection," Burns said. "The camera would you rather have a two-ton vecompany gets about \$70 per citation." hicle invade your privacy, or a camera

This means private companies are invade your vehicle?" he said. allowed to have sensitive information, he said, and they can use it for whatever

A subsidiary of Lockheed Martin is the largest developer of facial recognition software, Burns said, adding a large database of faces is necessary for facial recognition software to work.

Jeremy Giles, a freshman history major, said he does not have a problem with red-light cameras.

"I think they cut down on red light running," he said. "I personally don't really mind that much, if it's for law enforcement purposes."

If a friend was driving his car and got a ticket, Giles said he would be mad at the friend, not at the police.

"I'd probably think I deserved it," he said. "If they were to come and say you're doing something wrong other than running a red light, then I'd have a problem with it."

Maj. Gordon Hoffman with the Texas Tech Police Department said some people believe red light cameras are an Wellness

"We haven't entertained that idea out here," he said. "As far as I know, that hasn't been approved in the

healthiest city in Texas," he said. ated to educate American State Wilson said the initiative's pur- Bank employees, Beardain said.

pose is to raise the awareness of different health issues, including diet and exercise. The main focus is on obesity because the condition leads to many health problems.

Wilson said American State Bank was given the award because employees

incorporated programs in the weight and exercise.

dent for American State Bank, said of a gym and many bank employees the bank received the health award would go together to work out to because her bank met the wellness motivate and encourage each other program's 2004 criteria.

Beardain said employees at ASB are presented with a health challenge. to put in a wellness fair," Beardain If employees meet certain guidelines, said. which include a healthy weight, they are eligible to win two Southwest to continue their employee wellness Airlines tickets.

Fifty percent of employees that blood testing in February.

participated significantly lowered their blood pressure and a signifi-CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 cant amount reduced their weight, Beardain said.

The Prevention WORKS em-"The goal is to make Lubbock the ployee wellness program was initi-

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make

The wellness program focuses on ways to abate many health issues and is based on nutritional education, managing stress and keeping weight and cholesterol levels down, she said.

Friendships between the employees at American State Bank

workplace to help employees lose make sticking to the wellness program easier, Beardain said.

Susan Beardain, senior vice presi- The bank supplements the cost throughout the program, she said.

"I would encourage any company

American State Bank has paid program for 2005. They will begin

Suspicious

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said. "Avoid taking shortcuts across dimly lit areas."

This kind of incident is unusual, Hoffman said.

"I can't recall anything even similar to this in the past year or longer," he said. "This is kind of an isolated incident."

The Tech Police Department has 48 commissioned police officers, although the number of officers serving on a given shift varies in accordance with availability and campus needs.

Although Lubbock is not a metropolis like New York City, Bess said, it does not mean people do not get harassed or assaulted.

"People kind of feel that since it's Lubbock, nothing bad will happen here since it's a small town," she said. "But bad things happen everywhere.

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55 Tech students.

Hunninghake said the students

on the trip are trying to make Tech's needs known.

"We kind of just want to flood the capital and have a real Texas Tech presence," she said.

Many students have filled out postcards with their name and hometown for SGA to deliver to the legislators, Hunninghake said. The postcards will be delivered in person to the state representatives,

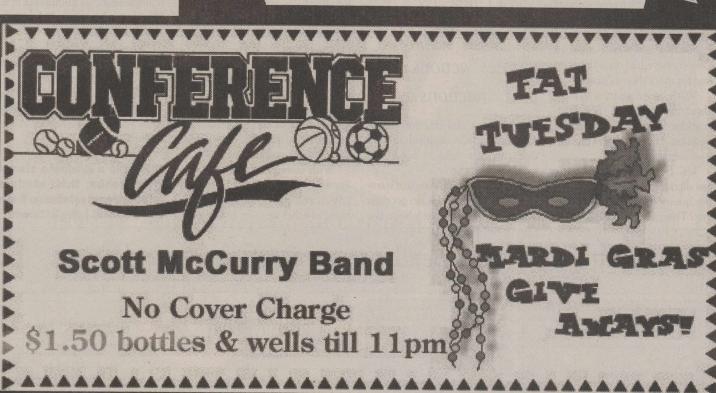
"Students in groups of two will be meeting with the state representatives and presenting them with the cards," Hunninghake said. "What we want the state to realize is that we have students from all over the state. We have a larger constituent base than they probably realize."

Whitmore said Tech administrators will not know how much funding lech receives until May



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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

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-scene 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.

Beverley 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. Beverley 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. I.I. Parker 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



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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 Beverley 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

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 feels the need to produce a more soulful tone.

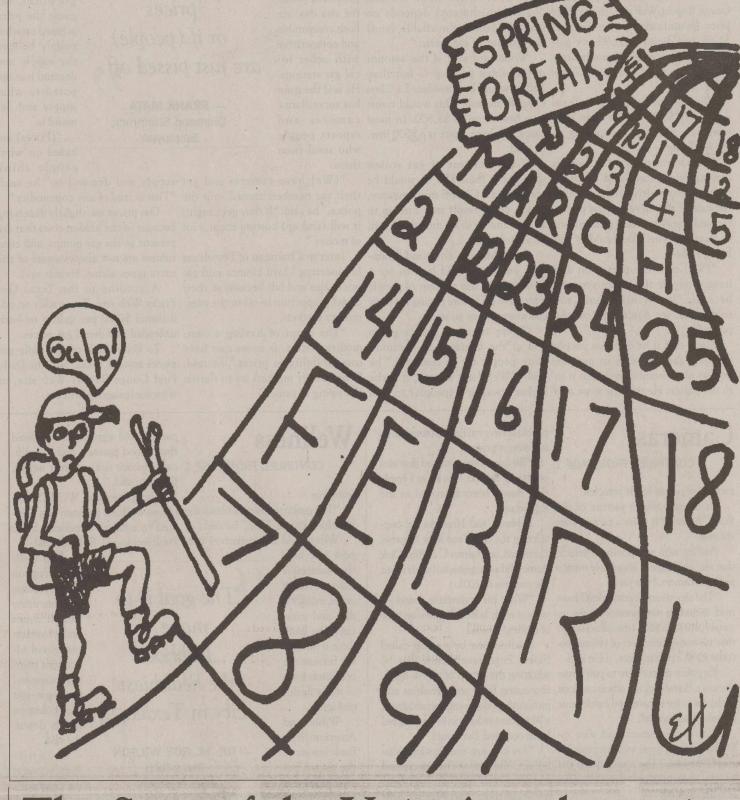
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So before you reach for your Bible to pray for me, here's a passage to

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." - Mat-

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The State of the Union's real meaning

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

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

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



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

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

inactions.

When do the thousands of starving and homeless in Sudan get their number called? What about the millions of women and children in edge that or not. 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 wishywashy 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-

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willing to die and kill in defiance of the United States' actions and inactions. 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

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 count-

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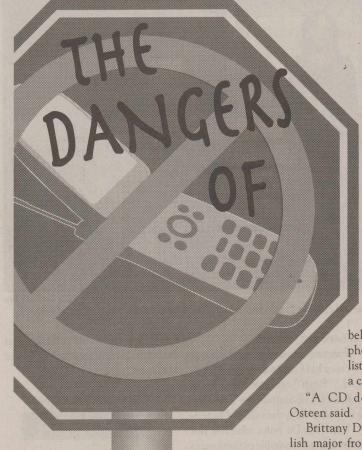
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cell phone when you are behind the wheel.

to 74-year-olds who were not using a cell phone.

get there? I am kinda a crazy driver."

on his cell phone on a regular basis.

Nortwich is not alone.

to the road.'

more Mark Nortwich said. "It's like, how the hell did that

"If I drive, it's the same if I am on my phone or not,"

Osteen, a food and nutrition major This bill was rejected by the Texas from Waxahachie, said he talks on his Legislature the last time it was in sescell phone while driving. He said he sion, according to the Texas Department

believes talking on the phone is different than listening to the radio or a compact disc.

"A CD doesn't talk back,"

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 he next time you want to act older, pick up your multitasking in a car," she said. "I can The University of Utah released a study Tues- see how talking on a cell phone could day that found when 18- to 25-year-olds were placed in a be a distraction. driving simulator and talking on a cell phone, they reacted

Duncan said that if legislation to brake lights from a car in front of them as slowly as 65- banning cell phone use in motor vehicles were to pass in Texas, most "When I drive, I really don't pay attention," sopho- people would ignore the law.

"I don't have a home phone, so my cell phone is my connection to Nortwich, a journalism major from Weatherford, said my parents, my work. It is nice to he drives a standard transmission vehicle while talking have it with me," Duncan said. "I also don't talk for hours on end in

said sophomore Kyle Osteen. "I'm still paying attention cell phone while driving — or talking on a cell phone this study is trying to say." without using a hands-free device — did not pass.

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

> slower. - MICHAEL SOTO Junior Engineering Major from Amarillo

sure, I react

engineering major from Amarillo, said he uses his cell phone in his car, cell phone in motor vehicles. "It is not any worse than having them." a conversation with someone in the react slower.'

> braking reaction time while driving vehicle. a Ford Crown Victoria sedan. All of valid driver's license.

65- to 74-year-old drivers.

of Public Safety Web site.

with the Lubbock Department of Public Safety.

"I can't say I work a lot of wrecks legislation. for 70-year-old people, "Smith said. "I work a lot more

Smith compared the study to the open container law. be regulating."

Michael Soto, a junior industrial 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 and he is conflicted on the issue of legislation," Smith said. "A lot of people make laws without thinking about how they are going to enforce

According to the study, older drivers were less likely car with you," Soto said. "When I'm to rear-end another vehicle than younger drivers. Older driving and using my phone, sure, I drivers, however, were more likely to be rear-ended.

This is because of the greater following distance of the The study was conducted using older drivers in this study, although there was not enough 20 18- to 25-year-old drivers, and 20 data in this study for statistical analysis.

Meredith Slaughter, a senior from Andrews, said Only hands-free phones were she knew a lot of states had already enacted legislaused as the drivers were tested for tion that limited or banned cell phone use in a motor

"To me, it is just a question of how much we let the the drivers had normal vision and a government make our decisions for us," Slaughter said. "Are we going to let them invade every aspect of our lives? Sgt. Keith Smith is a state trooper 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

"The government does have the obligation — and Texas House Bill 281, which outlawed talking on a wrecks for 18- to 25-year-old people, so I don't know what the right — to protect the public," said Slaughter. "If it is an issue of public safety, it is something they should

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'Hide and Seek' not a game worth playing

fter 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."

"Hide and Seek" starts as a mildly interesting mystery, but soon careens off the deep end, failing to frighten or thrill us on its way down.

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").

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

A divorce, I suppose, just would David knows is a way some children not have been good enough.

David is a psychologist and knows help her cope is to move them up- of the night to find spooky and



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Emily Calloway (Fanning) is very 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

> She starts playing with an imaginary friend she calls Charlie, which characters marked for death.

deal with grief and abandonment. Yet the game Emily plays with Emily is traumatized by her mother's Charlie isn't always hide and seek. suicide. He decides the best way to David begins waking in the middle

sometimes bloody results of Charlie's

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

"Hide and Seek" never surprises.

When the Big Twist finally ar- one brief declarative statement. rives, however, it makes little sense in the grand scheme of the narrative. when you're ripping off several differ-Quick shots and images try to work ent works, they can easily become

was never there in the first place. is easy to pick out red herrings and never to be seen again in latter portions send," "Birth") and even Haley Joel of the film. The plot is held together by a Osment ("The Sixth Sense"), and she Concerning these two facets, paper-thin secret that could and should is far better than the material here. have been so easily revealed through

It just doesn't work. But I suppose

to reveal information, some of which confused and jumbled.

Logic packs its bags and leaves, on creep kid Cameron Bright ("God-

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 to James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

save "Hide and Seek," a thriller that Fanning proves she has the goods descends quickly into horror movie hokieness.

EPPLER'S RATING:



■ Eppler is The UD's movie critic. E-mail comments and questions

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

— The sound of gunfire ricochets war, not the weapons." inside a minaret as a private in the and apparently unarmed Iraqi.

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

"Death at the Mosque," shooting had cooperain this suburb north of Los Angeles, tion from all will air as an episode of "JAG," the branches of military law series that's on 8 p.m. the armed Fridays.

This season, war has been fea- often films on tured prominently in several episodes military bases, reflecting real events in Iraq.

"How we approach the stories Diego Naval Air Sta-I think probably changes from tion and the Marines' month to month, not unlike the Camp Pendleton nearby. mood of the country — first some enthusiasm, then some doubt, families there ... and how some reservations," producer Peter much we are like them, Dunne says. "Our stories concern but are not suffering the themselves more with the humane same. We all have spouses, parents, daytime's "As The World Turns," little 6-monththe war issues ... because it's going in the house at night when we get Gregory Vukovic, a charming but war when the baby was 3 weeks old anything less entertaining about an this country."

Local terrain in the hills visible U.S. Marine Corps shoots a wounded from Dunne's Santa Clarita office series follows the personal and profesto be assigned provides convincing settings

> The series has always services and including the San

"You see all the young

issues, the peace issues rather than children, whom we expect to find has just been signed up as Lt. old baby whose father left for the honest and I don't think there is fighting to interpret its effect on

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) to be the humanity that solves this home, but they don't have that," ethically defiant new member of — you meet these people, and man, honest drama," says Dunne. says Dunne.

> Created by Don Bellisario, the who happens sional trials of the Judge Advocate to the minaret General Corps, the lawyers shooting.

> > who investigate, prosecute and defend cases involv- toddler daughter ing Navy and Marine is with her as she personnel.

The stars of the legal team are Lt. Col. mentions working Sarah "Mac" MacK- at Pendleton on enzie, played by the day last month Catherine Bell, and when 30 Marines

> played by David James Elliott, who's

end of this season. Chris Beetem, recently of with a beautiful

the "JAG" team,

Bell, whose

waits in her trailer for her next scene, Cmdr. Harmon and a Navy sailor "Harm" Rabb, were killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq.

"Meeting guys leaving the who have lost series at the their friends - or a young woman

drama - PETER DUNNE

"JAG" Producer

this is definitely

I don't think we can afford to be grim all the time, of a responsibility but I think we in how we represented what was have to be honest happening, and also that people and I don't think there is anything to that, learning less entertaining more about the about an honest

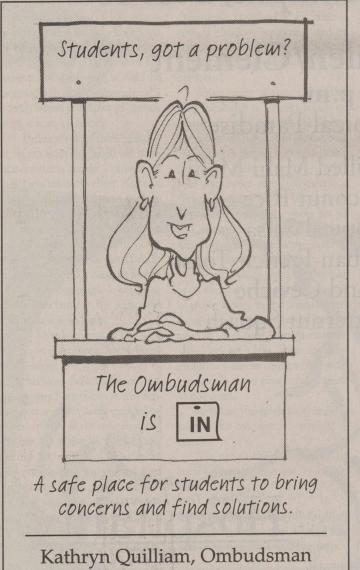
fully," she says.

The drama was canceled by intense," Bell NBC in 1996 after one season, then was picked up in January 1997 by "I think after CBS. It won't be known until May 9/11 things felt whether "JAG" will earn an 11th different. It felt season, but Dunne feels the odds are like we had more 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 were paying up, because they all provide the elecloser attention ment of life or death.'

And explaining the focus on reality-based war stories, Dunne military through says: "This war, like every war that our show, hope- we have fought, changes law ... We try to examine that and put our "I don't think JAG officer-heroes in the center of we can afford to this firestorm of what now works be grim all the and what doesn't work in the legal time, but I think system ... Our characters, though we have to be they are not fighting the war, are





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Super Bowl halftime show tame NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL wore any nipple jewelry, he merci- festival: Justin Timberlake yanking part lip-synch controversy, either: you wanted a safe halftime show after last fully kept it to himself. of Jackson's top off to reveal her bare could tell it was the lived-in voice It was sweet nostalgia for those breast to some 90 million viewers. of a 62-year-old singing. year's Janet Jackson fiasco, and Paul McCartney's stage set — a giant stunned by Jackson's MTV-produced McCartney delivered. cross of video boards on the stadium mer Beatle, a bold and shocking When McCartney stripped off show, if a bit off-putting for the kids: floor—was visually arresting, although performer for another generation, his jacket midway through his Super Each of McCartney's four songs was Bowl halftime performance, all he more than 30 years old. it made his opening song, "Drive My now presented as the sedate option. Surely you recall last year's climax Car," look like one of the broadcast's NFL censors were probably hoping revealed was a long-sleeved red shirt. Nothing malfunctioned. And if he to a body-shaking, crotch-grabbing dozens of auto commercials.

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a perfect backdrop for a stadium fire- simply referring to a football field. works show. The lights, placards and

There wasn't any danger of a friendly CBS.

It was strange seeing the forthe "California grass" reference in McCartney's theatrical James "Get Back" slipped by unnoticed, or Bond theme "Live and Let Die" was figured people would think he was

Another irony: the overwhelmvideo images also made "Hey Jude" a ingly safe and patriotic musical sight to see, but it was odd to see the presentations before and during the red, white and blue placards co-opt game appearing on the usually enone of the original British musical velope-pushing Fox network, while invaders for an all-American event. last season's shocker came on fogey-

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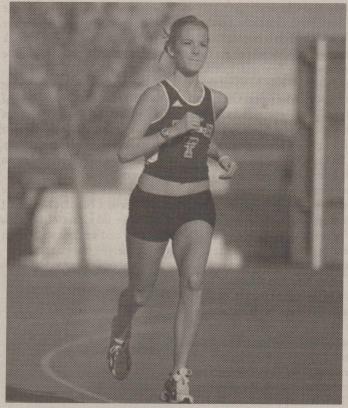
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COURTESY PHOTO/Texas Tech Athletics

SENIOR BRIDGET TIDWELL practices at the R.P. Fuller Stadium. The Crawford native competed in the 800-meter run, mile, 3,000meter run and 5,000-meter run during the 2004 indoor season.

Crawford native excels with discipline

By Anne Gepford/ The University Daily

Crawford is home to more than President George W. Bush.

high school diplomas, the sense of makes her a positive pride in a hometown increases.

Bridget Tidwell, a distance runner on Texas Tech's track and field consistent and very team, also is from Crawford. Bush persevering, because she's spoke at her graduation.

"It was pretty huge," Tidwell said. "She doesn't said. "It's neat to be from a place miss workouts." where the president's from. I just feel good when I go back there. It be to sleep in those makes me pay more attention to extra few hours and politics."

though. She said she runs about 75 mile, literally. to 80 miles per week.

how the team functions.

"She is extremely encouraging,"

upbeat attitude. She always tries to her mileage and intensity early on isolated athletic world. befriend everyone on the team. She's in her college career. She said her sincerely nice."

Hagood, who said she considers training. Tidwell to be one of her best friends, But if that is who hands out the said the work ethic Tidwell possesses year because of him making me bet- every day since then. The friendship role model.

> "She's extremely so self-disciplined," Hagood

> > As easy as it could

miss a morning run, The senior focuses more on coach said she is a leader for running than she does on politics, the team because she goes the extra with her work ethic," Binning said.

"She sets the bar big time with her ready for a big-time race." One of her teammates, Anna work ethic," coach Burke Binning Hagood, said Tidwell is a factor in said. "She logs a lot of miles; she has helps her as a leader, Hagood said that I wasn't that close to my family, a great work ethic."

TEXAS TECH takes more discipline one of my best friends." to be an athlete."

> the season. "She's not the

most talented, gifted athlete — even she'll say that — but she runs you to the ground

While Tidwell's work ethic Hagood said. "She has a positive, successes, Tidwell said she increased ingful relationship outside of the you look at life."

"It was intimidating when I was a coach played a large role in her freshman," Hagood said: "I met her and Brionne and went to Starbucks "I have really high goals for this with them. We've gone to Starbucks ter," Tidwell said. "It has just evolved from there. She's

> Tidwell originally started run-Her coach ning in cross-country races because said her maturity her basketball coach required it. Afhelps her to lead ter she came in first in many races, the team during she said she decided to continue running.

> > "I'm just so competitive," Tidwell said. "That was my nature. I started running track in about seventh grade."

Tidwell said she originally came to Tech because her brother was "She knows what it means to get here, and she wanted to be far away but still have some family around.

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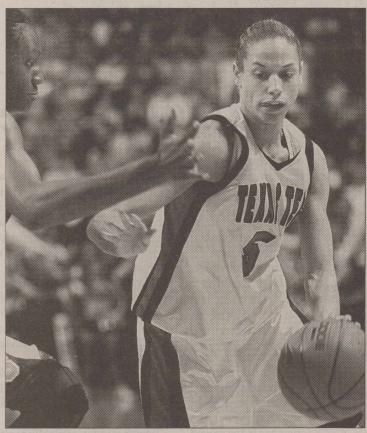
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CHESLEY DABBS WORKS her way around a Baylor defender in the Lady Raiders' 52-49 loss to the Bears Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

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 or most often, but the Lady Raid- advantage of. One way to get Iowa

Sharp said she wanted her team Cyclones throw their way. to be prepared for the zone and junk defenses Iowa State coach court at 7 p.m. today at the United against any defense they throw at fulfilling it will be crucial. Spirit Arena.

day since Christmas, we've been against any defense." working on offensive sets to use Conference leader.

take away star players with the the arc as well. Box-and-1 defense, which kept ing effective in a late-game push player having a big game.

against Iowa State on Saturday. Carey had seven points when that since they all can shoot the games to play. 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

us," Sharp said. "I feel confident "Honestly, a little bit every with our personnel and offense lish (the inside). At least make

against junk defenses and the zone the Box-and-1 in an attempt to shooters," she said. "On offensive think if we take care of business because we knew we would have a stop one of Tech's shooters, who we're really gonna have to attack (Tuesday) and win out we'll be in quick turnaround, and we needed the Cyclones will choose to stop them and really attack them in good shape. to have it ready to go before is unknown. Sharp and her play-(Monday)," Sharp said about her ers all said they have confidence team's preparation for the Big 12 in Alesha Robertson and Chesley The Cyclones (18-2, 8-1 Big Point guard Erin Grant has proven 12) are known for their ability to she can be effective from beyond

Jamie Carey of Texas from be- assignment could result in another another jumble in the standings.

3," said center Cisti Greenwalt. You can't really choose between Alesha and Chesley."

ers are ready for any "junk" the State out of a Box-and-1 or Dia-rooting for us." mond-and-1 would be to establish "I think we're ready. I think a presence in the paint. Greenwalt of tonight's matchup, too. She said we have some different thoughts and LaToya Davis will have that this will be the most important Bill Fennelly will bring to the about how we want to attack assignment, and Greenwalt said

> "It's a big thing for us to estabthem guard us on the inside so that the paint."

There are bigger things at stake than stopping the various defenses Dabbs to shoot from the perimeter. 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 For Iowa State to focus on one win over Iowa State would cause A Tech victory would equal a four-

"I don't know if they can do way tie for first place with seven

"This is an important game for everyone in the conference race," Sharp said. "I think most of the Iowa State lacks size inside as time people in this conference Iowa State will throw at them first well, which Tech is hoping to take are rooting against us, but I think (Tuesday) night everyone will be

Robertson recognizes the value game for Tech to date this season because it can put them on top with a chance to build momentum

"It's gonna be big time if we If Iowa State elects to go with way they can't get outside to the get this win (Tuesday) night. I

NOTES

- Tech lost to lowa State last vear, 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



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

Malone's agent: Spurs likely home for star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If Karl has not been playing basketball. Malone decides to play again, it probably will be for the San Antonio Spurs, his agent said Monday.

ment about his future before the seasons for Utah before joining the All-Star break. The All-Star game is Lakers for the 2003-2004 season at Feb. 20 in Denver.

likeliest candidate would be the retirement. 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 the Detroit Pistons.

The 41-year-old Malone is the second-leading scorer in NBA history, 1,459 points behind Kareem Malone will make an announce- Abdul-Jabbar. Malone played 18 a greatly reduced salary, saying he "If he would choose to play, the wanted to win a championship before

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

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 Sunday and Wednesday nights. 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 poker tournaments with no money could do." 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



started having his tournaments on

One thing he did know, however, was illegal, and he saw no changing that.

"I'm not surprised," he said. "If it it started because it was a buy-in hadn't been allowed in the past, why tournament with Jake's taking no cut would it be allowed now? I was just anything," Fuqua said. "It's from the pot, it was then determined following what the DA had told me I

> said he entered the poker craze to bring can't give them a T-shirt or a free business to his establishment, which is beer. I can't give them a penny for 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.

alcohol permits.

poker," Fuqua said. "It is a TABC viola- violation by Fuqua. tion to be in the midst of a criminal act

have criminal recourse on you."

technically would be against an alcohol permit since an illegal activity would that 15-day period and remain open. be taking place at the bar. Where does That fine could max out at \$20,000 this leave poker players looking for a a day if TABC finds it suiting to that free game and a chance at easy cash? particular case. Without any hole cards or chips.

in Lubbock because it always had been more than a handshake from the last man out and a pat on the back

from his buddies. 'You can't win or lose not against the law if they're not getting anything. If I were Fuqua foresaw the final hand and to have a tournament now, I

TABC is standing firm and is not bluffing with this situation. Lt. Harry Schreffler said it always has been illegal TABC has nothing to do with the to host these tournaments, it is just a poker decision or the end of free poker matter of that law being enforced by tournaments with cash prizes. TABC the district attorneys across the state, and recent interpretations by the state is simply enforcing laws pertaining to and particularly in Lubbock. He and that took the cards away. his men also are enforcing the law with

winning.'

Failure to follow that law could to david.m.wiechmann@ttu.edu

in your place of business, and then they result in a last call for the bar.

Schreffler said non-compliance with Because poker tournaments with this case would equal a 15-day closure cash prizes are illegal, hosting one for the bar in violation or an option to pay a minimum \$150 per day fine for

The decision to enforce the laws by There is a loophole, and poker could the books came to be because of what poker would eventually come to an end still be played, but winners get nothing 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 anced 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

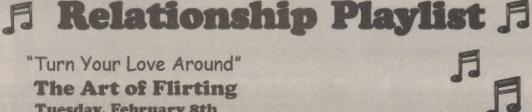
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3. Duke	22-2	984	3	3. Kansas	18-1	1,625	3
4. Stanford	21-2	978	4	4. Boston College	20-0	1,561	5
5. Tennessee	18-3	925	5	5. Kentucky	17-2	1,505	6
6. Notre Dame	20-3	873	6	6. Wake Forest	19-3	1,429	7
7. Baylor	17-3	833	8	7. Duke	17-2	1,349	4
8. North 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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