



## Gilmore faces capital murder charge

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

The man accused of killing Lubbock resident Rex McGuire now is behind bars facing a large bond.

Vernon Gilmore was brought back to Lubbock Tuesday after his Sunday arrest in Burleson. His first court appearance was late Monday, and he will be charged with capital murder and bond was set at \$500,000, according to court documents.

He also will be facing a \$30,000 bond for possession of a firearm by a felon and a \$40,000 bond for possession of 9.2 grams of an illegal substance, which was a methamphetamine. The latter two charges are from Johnson County, in which Burleson is located.

A spokesman from the Lubbock County Jail said

Gilmore has gone before a judge for his initial appearance, but is still awaiting indictment proceedings by the grand jury. Gilmore is in custody at the Lubbock County Jail.

According to police reports, McGuire was initially found dead in his home on April 20, after suffering multiple gunshot wounds to the head and chest.

The report stated Saturday, Gilmore attempted to cash a check at a Wofforth-area bank from McGuire's account. When police were informed, a string of events unfolded before Gilmore was arrested the following day by the Burleson Police Department and U.S. Marshals for a federal parole violation.

According to the Burleson Police Department, the violation was regarding cocaine.

Judge Brad Underwood of the 364th Court was the lead prosecutor in the second of Gilmore's original trials.

He said Gilmore's original guilty verdict, given by a Lubbock jury, was overturned after a writ of habeas corpus hearing when local newspaper articles were deemed hearsay.

Underwood said he had not heard or thought about Gilmore in a long time and was surprised to hear the news of his arrest.

"The first thing I noticed was his picture on the news," he said. "Then I thought... good grief, Vernon's back."

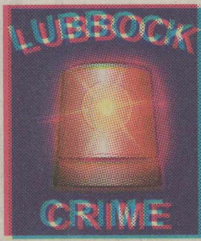
Underwood believes recidivism is a topic on minds of lawyers, but judging from his experiences, murder is more a crime of passion than a normal repeat-offender crime.

"You don't hear a lot about recidivism in murder cases. It is a crime of passion or it is a set of circumstances that goes wrong," he said. "It's not like sexual offenders. Murderers in my experience are not like that."

Underwood said he does not believe people can judge repeat-offenders in homicide situations as easily as in drug or theft situations.

"With murder, it's really not the same," he said. "It's not like they're addicted to murder — except for your

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## Whitmore: Search for VP of research done by fall semester

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Texas Tech continues its search for a vice president for research. The search committee set out earlier this year to find a candidate with the right combination of drive, vision and comprehensive communication skills, according to the position announcement on the Tech Web site.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said the search for a new vice president for research should be completed before school resumes in the fall.

"The goal would be to have the new person in place by the start of the academic year," he said.

The current vice president for research, Robert Sweazy, will step down from his position at the end of this year, Whitmore said.

The vice president for research is an important position because it impacts all disciplines of the university, Whitmore said.

According to www.ttu.edu, the vice president for research would be responsible for expanding the university's research capacity through the pursuit of state and federal sponsored initiatives and coordinate research programs with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and other universities.

"(Research) is part of what defines us," Whitmore said. "That means it's part of our mission to have all of the faculty involved in some type of research."

During the past few years, Tech has attempted to increase research to elevate the status of the university.

Research brings large amounts of funding to the university, Whitmore said. Tech received more than \$50 million in research funding this year.

"It's usually the sciences and engineering that get the federal funding," he said.

The search committee is responsible for deciding which applicants are qualified for the position, Whitmore said. Once the committee has decided on finalists, Whitmore will make the decision.

"The search committee has done a great job seeking qualified candidates," he said. "Now the issue is finding the one that would do the very best job."

Andrew Vernooy, dean of the College of Architecture and the chairman of the search committee, said the committee does not make the final decision on the position.

"The search committee doesn't select the candidate," he said. "We're a consultative committee."

Vernooy said two candidates have visited the campus, and more visits will be scheduled. All of the candidates have considerable experience in research, he said. During the campus visits, the candidates meet with the search committee, the administration and make a public presentation.

The process of scheduling interviews and visits is difficult and takes time, Vernooy said.

"We hope to be complete with our interview process and have a pre-

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## INTERNATIONAL DISAGREEMENT



KELLY GOOCH/The University Daily

TONY MAO, A graduate student from Jiaying, China, studying biology, kneels next to an exhibit outside the Student Union building Wednesday afternoon during a protest against Japan's bid for a permanent U.N. Security Council seat.

### Tech students protest Japan gaining a permanent position in the U.N. Security Council

By Kelly Gooch/The University Daily



Members of the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars in Lubbock stood outside the Student Union building Wednesday afternoon to protest against Japan's bid for a permanent United Nations Security Council seat.

Tony Mao, a graduate student studying biology at Texas Tech from Jiaying, China, said he protested because of the 1937 Nanjing Massacre where the Japanese Imperial Army killed 300,000 people in one month.

According to <http://www.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/NanjingMassacre/NM.html>, the Japanese army launched a massacre for six weeks and more than 20,000 cases of rape were reported.

As of about 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Mao said there had been more

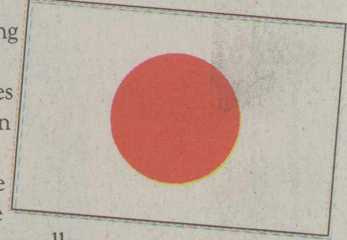
than 40 signatures of students supporting the protest.

He said he might send the signatures to the China Consulate General in Houston.

Junichiro Koizumi, the current prime minister of Japan, visits a shrine set up to remember the war annually, Mao said.

The Nanjing Massacre is considered part of World War II, Mao said, because Japan invaded China and Korea at the same time Germany invaded Poland.

Mao said he does not want Tech students to forget the Nanjing Massacre happened.



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## AUTOMATED AUTOMOBILE



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JOHAN HINDRIKSE, A sophomore electrical engineering major from Katy, and Patrick Zhao, a junior electrical engineering major from Houston, test out their GSP-run car for their Projects I class Wednesday night.

## Lubbock, South Plains area at risk of West Nile

By Lindsay Wharton/The University Daily

Lubbock and its surrounding counties are more at risk for West Nile virus than other areas of Texas because of the large quantity of the mosquito known to carry the potentially deadly fever, said Dr. Ron Warner, associate professor of family and community medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Warner said the mosquito known as Culex is responsible for spreading the virus.

Besides the larger quantity of the Culex mosquitoes a larger per-

centage of elderly people in Lubbock than in other Texas areas contribute to Lubbock being at a higher West Nile risk, Warner said.

"Twelve and a half percent of our population is 65 or older," he said.

The Caprock region, including Lubbock, accounts for 0.3 percent of the elderly population in Texas, Warner said.

The elderly and people with immune system problems or diabetes are more likely to die after contracting West Nile because it is difficult for their bodies to fight

the virus, Warner said.

However, there are several ways for people to defend themselves against West Nile, Warner said.

Following the four Ds — dress, drainage, DEET and dusk to dawn can decrease the risk of West Nile.

Tech students partying outdoors should wear long sleeves, pants and socks to prevent the mosquitoes from getting access to the skin, Warner said.

It also is people's responsibility to monitor their lawns for standing water because mosquitoes breed in

puddles.

Also, Warner said, wearing insect repellent with DEET in it will help protect one's skin from mosquito bites.

According to the Consumer Specialty Products Association, DEET, or N,N-diethyl-m toluamide, is an active ingredient in most bug repellents. The chemical's purpose is to prevent insects and ticks from biting, according to [www.deetonline.com](http://www.deetonline.com).

There are other ways for people to contract West Nile besides from mosquitoes, Warner said. Although uncommon, it is possible for a preg-

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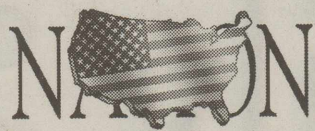
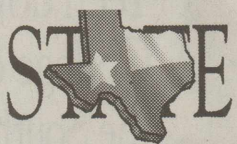
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The Rundown



Iraqis participate in Fort Hood training  
Bush seeks help for nuclear industry  
Sri Lankan train collides with bus

FORT HOOD (AP) — As U.S. Army soldiers and their translator talk to two leaders of an Iraqi town, three locals suddenly rise from a nearby stoop and start dancing.

The men, wearing head scarves and knee-grazing white garments, join hands, chant loudly in Arabic and kick in rhythm to blaring music. Grinning and laughing, they are trying to distract the dozen or so soldiers watching intently for rooftop snipers or insurgents poised to throw explosives.

The scene is playing out far from the Middle East. It is in Fort Hood, where dozens of Iraqis who live in America have been hired to portray insurgents, protesters or locals playing soccer in mock towns. It is part of a new training program that aims to better prepare troops for Iraq.

"You can do textbook pieces and PowerPoint charts all day long, but until you have the opportunity to do some interaction with people that are from the region, it isn't as effective," said Lt. Col. Jay Griffith, the 4th Infantry Division's senior intelligence officer.

This month groups of soldiers have spent four days in one of Fort Hood's "cities," built some 20 years ago to provide realistic training. Troops face snipers, angry mobs, roadside bombs, gunfire in the streets and insurgents taking hostages.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, facing economic and political damage from soaring gas prices, offered proposals Wednesday to speed construction of nuclear power plants and oil refineries and boost sales of energy-efficient vehicles.

Bush outlined his initiatives in his second energy speech in a week, reflecting growing concern in the White House that high energy prices are beginning to slow economic growth and undercut the president's approval rating.

Speaking to small business leaders, Bush lamented that he was powerless to cut gas prices. "I wish I could," he said. "If I could, I would."

"This problem did not develop overnight, and it's not going to be fixed overnight. But it's now time to fix it," he said. Bush said the problem is that energy supplies are not growing fast enough to meet the growing demand in the United States and in other countries.

"See, we've got a fundamental question we got to face here in America," Bush said. "Do we want to continue to grow more dependent on other nations to meet our energy needs? Or, do we need to do what is necessary to achieve greater control of our economic destiny?"

POLGAHAWELA, Sri Lanka (AP) — An intercity passenger train collided with a bus that tried to dash through a railroad crossing in northwestern Sri Lanka on Wednesday, killing 35 people, officials said.

The passenger bus, apparently racing another bus, slipped past a warning gate and tried to cross a railroad track at Polgahawela, a small suburban town surrounded by rice and coconut farming villages some 50 miles northeast of Colombo, the capital.

Police said they arrested the driver of the bus, who was found at a local hospital with minor injuries.

Hospital and police officials said 35 people died. The bus was reduced to a mangled heap of metal after it caught fire. Open suitcases with passengers' clothes strewn on the track and on the sides.

Sixty people were injured in the incident, area Police Chief Asoka Ratnaweera said.

Most of the injured were taken to nearby hospitals. Thirteen victims suffering serious head and chest injuries were rushed to the National Hospital in Colombo, hospital director Hector Weerasinghe said.

All the victims were aboard the bus, which was dragged by the train for about 100 yards after the collision.

BUFFALO BEAT



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

JEFF MARTINDALE, PSYCHOLOGY intern at the Texas Tech Student Counseling Center in West Hall, beats the buffalo drum during non-traditional group relaxation, an alternative therapy, at the Counseling Center Wednesday afternoon.

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Army officer testifies he had consensual sex with fellow soldier

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (AP) — An Army officer accused of raping a soldier in her barracks room testified Wednesday that a night of dancing, flirting and kissing led to consensual sex, not rape.

First Lt. Mike Hall, 35, told a military judge at his court-martial that 1st Lt. Jennifer Dyer invited him into her room and that, during two short episodes of intercourse, he stopped both times when she said "No."

Dyer, 26, has accused Hall of forcing her to have sex twice last August at Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

The defense contends Dyer, a New Jersey National Guardsman at the time, made up the rape story to get out of the Army and avoid being sent to Iraq.

Hall said he met Dyer briefly on the afternoon of Aug. 8 and later that day offered her a ride to the officers club.

He said she flirted with him by leaning in close during conversation, touching his arm and revealing a tattoo on her lower back by pulling down the waist of her pants. He said they slow-danced and she tried to teach how to say, "Take me home, take me to bed" in Arabic.

Hall said they left the club separately. But he said they ran into each other outside their barracks, Dyer approached him and they started kissing. He said Dyer suggested they go to her room.

"We were having sex and it was not long at all before she said, 'No.' I immediately rolled off," Hall testified.

"As any guy would, I made sure she meant 'No,'" Hall said, without elaborating.

He said he tried to leave because

"I didn't want to feel like I was raping her." But he said Dyer approached him at the doorway and they began to have sex again, until Dyer said, "No. I can't do this."

He said he left and went to sleep in his room until military police woke him up a few hours later.

Dyer, called back to the witness stand Wednesday, denied showing the tattoo to Hall at the club and denied trying to teach him any Arabic. She said she does not speak Arabic.

Dyer went public with her story on CBS' "60 Minutes," complaining that Army investigators doubted her claim and put in a hotel room without access to a phone for two days. After being given two weeks' convalescent leave by the Army, Dyer refused to return to Camp Shelby, and was not there when her unit was sent to Iraq.

Reporters respected, but biased

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans believe news coverage is biased and negative, but they also say they respect journalists and trust what they hear and read.

A national survey conducted by the Missouri School of Journalism's Center for Advanced Social Research found 62 percent consider journalism credible and more than half rated newspapers and television news as trustworthy.

At the same time, 85 percent said they detect a bias in news reporting. Of those, 48 percent identified it as liberal, 30 percent as conservative, 12 percent as both, and 3 percent as other bias.

About two-thirds said journalists invade people's privacy too often, while roughly three-quarters said the news is too negative.

"The consumers of American journalism respect, value and need it, but they're also skeptical about whether journalists really live up to the standards of accuracy, fairness and respect for others that we profess," said George Kennedy, a Missouri journalism professor and co-author of a study that incorporates the survey results.

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# Writing final papers does not have to be difficult

By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

For Candice Redmond, the worst part of writing a paper is making herself sit down in front of the computer and put words on the screen. Redmond, a sophomore psychology major from Germany, said she usually is too tired to write a seven-page research paper after doing class work, studying for tests and working at her job.

"It's hard finding motivation to write after going to school, work and trying to have a social life," she said. "I don't usually see sleep as a priority."

Kelsey Holt, a sophomore journalism major from Pecos, said she will sacrifice sleep to write the five papers she has due throughout the next week.

"I have an English paper due tomorrow," she said, holding up a novel, her thumb marking a page about halfway through. "And I haven't even finished the book yet. I'm prepared to stay up all night."

Like many students, Holt said she procrastinates, often waiting to do an assignment until the night before it is due. But this semester, she said she has to write so many papers she is not quite sure where she will find the time for them all.

"I write better under pressure," she said. "But I'm pretty overwhelmed by the amount of papers I have due this week."

Kathy Gillis, director of the University Writing Center, said waiting to write a paper often is a mistake. Students should leave themselves enough time to thoroughly research the topic, process the information and form it all into a coherent paper.

"Start early," she said. "You need time to research. The brain has to focus on the subject matter, and then you have to think about all the basic rules of writing. That's a lot for the brain to do at once."

A good way to find the motivation to start typing is to pick an interesting topic, Gillis said. If the paper is boring the student, he or she will not be as excited about writing. Also, an interesting paper can often lead to a better grade and a happier professor.

Redmond, who is working on a seven-page research paper, said another problem she has with writing is making herself revise her work.

"Once you get done with a seven-page paper, you sick of it," she said. "You don't ever want to see it again, so you don't even proofread it. I skim it and I press spell check, and sometimes not even that."

Gillis said this is another reason students should not procrastinate on their papers. She recommends taking a break after writing a paper and before proofreading it. If a student waits until the night before the due date, he or she will not leave enough time for a break or even a thorough revision.

"If you rest for awhile, you get a fresh perspective," she said. "You have different ideas in the afternoon than you did this morning."

Another revision tip Gillis offered may make the student feel foolish but will make for a better paper.

"Read each draft out loud to yourself," she said. "It'll help you spot awkward phrases and missing words. Then read the paper backwards and focus on grammar and punctuation."

Linda Rothman, treasurer for the Society for Technical Communication,

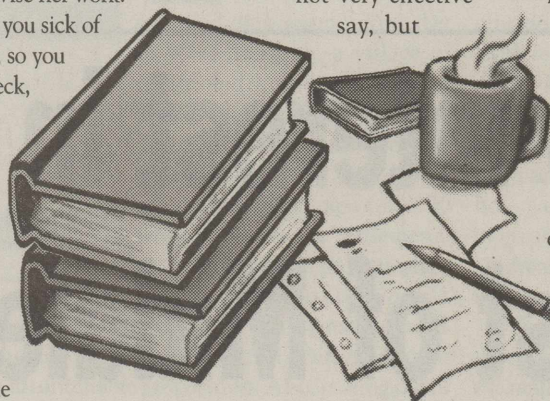
offered a different tip for revising a paper. Rothman, a senior technical communication major from San Francisco, said a student should have another person look his or her paper over before turning it in. She said people often will fail to recognize mistakes in their own writing.

"We've done some research about (self) proofreading," she said. "And it's not very effective say, but really. Sometimes you know what you mean to someone else will read it and say 'What does that mean?'"

At tonight's Project Help, the society will give students a chance to have someone else look over their papers and projects. Members of the organization will be in room 353 of the English building from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to edit and proofread assignments. Students also can take advantage of free refreshments, and every hour, one student will win a free gift certificate.

Gillis said students also can have their papers revised at the writing center. At the end of the semester, the center is busy, so she suggested students call (806) 742-2476 to make an appointment. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but will be closed after the last day of classes.

Students also can submit their papers on the center's Web site, located at [www.english.ttu.edu/uwc01](http://www.english.ttu.edu/uwc01). A representative from the center will read over the paper and contact the student about it within two days.



## False alarm briefly sends White House into security alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was rushed from the Oval Office to an underground shelter and Vice President Dick Cheney was taken to a secure location Wednesday on fears that an unidentified aircraft had entered restricted space near the White House. Officials said it was a false alarm.

The brief scare lasted only a few minutes before officials determined there was no threat, White House counselor Dan Bartlett said.

The incident was sparked by a blip on a radar screen that turned out to be a false alarm and no aircraft actually entered restricted air space, said Brian Roehrkasse, a Homeland Security Department spokesman.

Helicopters confirmed the lack of errant aircraft, he said.

Secret Service spokesman Jonathan Cherry would say only: "There was a report of a possible violation of restricted air space which has since been cleared."

Some White House staff members were moved out of the West Wing and tourists were rushed from the East Wing and sent to the far side of a park across the street from the compound. Gun-toting Secret Service uniformed officers took up positions around the White House compound.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush was work-

ing in the Oval Office at the time and was taken to the underground bunker. The president was there "a very short amount of time," McClellan said.

Cheney was notified about the scare and taken from the White House to a secure location, McClellan said. The vice president was brought back inside the compound minutes after the situation was resolved.

The last known time Bush was taken to the underground shelter was on the night of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks when security fears prompted officials to move the president and his wife.

## U.S. soldier, four Afghan police officers killed in ambushes in central Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.S. soldier and four Afghan police officers were killed in separate rebel attacks, while at least two Afghan civilians were injured by gunfire following the bombing of an American patrol in the east of the country, American and Afghan officials said Wednesday.

The American soldier was shot when his unit was ambushed in Deh Rawood, 280 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. He was evacuated to a nearby base but pronounced dead

by doctors.

The soldier's remains were sent to the U.S. air base in the southern city of Kandahar, where a memorial service was held Wednesday ahead of transportation of the body back to the United States, the military said in a statement. The soldier was not identified.

Also Tuesday, suspected Taliban militants ambushed a convoy carrying the police chief of the Dishu district of Helmand province, in southern Afghanistan, killing four

officers and abducting two others, local mayor Mohammed Rahim told The Associated Press. The police chief was unhurt.

Police immobilized one of the assailants' cars with rockets but failed to prevent their escape in other vehicles. Rahim said it was unclear if the attackers, who he asserted were Taliban guerrillas, were hurt in the exchange.

Meanwhile, a bomb exploded near U.S. military vehicles traveling through Khogyani district of

Nangarhar province Tuesday, Faizan ul-Haq, a spokesman for the provincial government said.

No one was hurt in the explosion, but three civilians were injured when U.S. soldiers shaken by the bombing opened fire on an approaching bus, said ul-Haq, calling the incident a "misunderstanding."

He said two men and one woman among the passengers were hurt, and U.S. troops took all three away for treatment.

A witness, Delsoz Khogyani, said

the incident happened in a village called Karem Khel.

"It's a busy road and the coach was coming from Jalalabad with 18 people on board and the Americans fired their guns at it," Khogyani, a farmer, said by telephone.

Lt. Cindy Moore, a U.S. military spokeswoman, disputed the account, saying two civilians were hurt, and that the bullets were fired by militants following two roadside bomb blasts.

"The insurgents were firing on

the patrol when they shot the two bystanders," Moore said. She said the wounded civilians were taken for treatment to the main U.S. base at Bagram, north of the capital.

Also Tuesday, a man on a motorbike shot dead a policeman who tried to prevent him from approaching an operation to destroy opium crops near Kandahar. Other officers gunned down the motorcyclist, police chief Zamaray Khan said. He claimed the man was a Taliban militant.

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## Putin's interest in Israel not in interest of Middle East peace

*The United States will shoulder the blame of Russian activity in the Middle East*

On Wednesday, a sitting Kremlin leader did something unprecedented — namely, visit Israel. But in light of recent domestic actions of Russian President Vladimir Putin, one has to ask whether this really was a good will gesture or a political lightning rod.

Putin arrived in Israel under the banner of restarting the Middle East peace process by calling for a conference to be held in Moscow this year.

This request follows the recent Quartet agreement between Russia, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations.

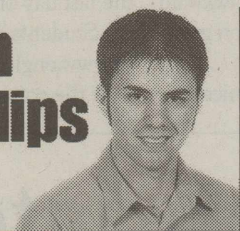
As part of the Quartet, the second stage of the "road map" calls for an international conference to be held. These talks are expected to cover the proposed Russian missile sales to Syria and carve out a larger role for Russia in the Middle East peace process itself.

The real problem, however, is this move for peace by the Russian leader comes amid accusations of anti-democratic practices at home.

Putin has been quoted as saying, "We are a free nation, and our place in the modern world will be defined only by how successful and strong we are."

However, this is from the same Russian president responsible for placing restrictions on independent media outlets, putting a stop to the direct election of governors and attacking the politically ambitious oil tycoon and former Yukos

**Seth Phillips**



*The real political agenda here does not seem to be a genuine push for peace, but rather a way to shore up ruffled feathers in light of nuclear aid to Iran, increasing anti-Semitism in Russia and Moscow's desire to extradite former Russian billionaires who have sought asylum in Israel.*

CEO, Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

If anything, Putin seems to be consolidating his power in the same ways his Soviet predecessors did.

I would really ask this: Has the Cold

War really ended or have only the rules changed?

The real political agenda here does not seem to be a genuine push for peace, but rather a way to shore up ruffled feathers in light of nuclear aid to Iran, increasing anti-Semitism in Russia and Moscow's desire to extradite former Russian billionaires who have sought asylum in Israel.

Additionally, Russian ties with Egypt are growing increasingly strong. Last year alone, trade between the two nations doubled to \$834 million.

With Egypt squarely on the side of the Palestinians, it seems more like Russia is acting in an overwhelmingly Russia-focused political interest rather than to promote an actual peace agreement.

While the United States never has claimed to be totally neutral on this issue, the fact remains that the only agreements which have historically been upheld have occurred as a result of U.S. pressure on Israel.

With Russia now entering the equation, it may serve only to delay a true peace process, not to mention the fact that the person desiring to lead this con-

ference is acting under dubious motives at best, all out economic and political interest at worst.

Sadly, however, the United States probably will take most of the blame on the world stage for the potential failure of these talks.

Putin, quite masterfully, has seized this opportunity to turn President Bush's "don't call them, they'll call us" policy on its head. By being first to act, though arguably too early, Putin can later claim "well at least we tried" while his domestic, non-democratic policies are neatly swept under the rug of ancient history.

If Russia really wants to talk peace, they have plenty of other prospects — namely Chechnya — which deserve more urgent attention.

My biggest fear is this: That in its stumbling around, the Bear will leave Israel and Palestine only after having broken every dish in the china shop. The United States, however, will take the blame.

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### TECH TALKS BACK

#### Jesus fish on cars do not a Christian make

No matter where I go, I see it. Cars with a Jesus fish emblem or another showing of the driver's faith.

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Religion guides people through hard times whether their faith is true or not. I'm complaining about people's lack of respect for other religions.

Among the collections of metallic plastic emblems, I see a few "truth" fish eating a Darwin fish, which is disrespectful to anyone who believes in evolution or "survival of the fittest."

Having beliefs is one thing, but spitting on someone else's because you think yours are right is something else.

The fact that Christians are the majority in this country doesn't mean you're better than someone who has a lesser-known belief.

Why do Christians even put these emblems on their cars?

All you're doing is showing you're so arrogant and self-righteous that you feel it's necessary to tear down anyone else's beliefs because they're different.

When people like this have power is when bad things happen. So, please think of others before you decide to buy one of these emblems to show your faith.

Besides, having one of those on your car doesn't make you a better person. Helping people does.

By the way, Christianity has more holes in its belief structure than evolution, so maybe you're wrong. Think about that.

— Doug St. Romain, junior education major from Rockwall

### VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

#### Debunking the gender inequity myth

By Nicole Asmussen/  
The Iowa State Daily

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — I have mowed a lawn once in my life. It took me twice as long as it usually takes my father, and when I had finished, it looked twice as bad.

Not only that, but I also turned a perfectly acceptable pair of sneakers into chlorophyll-colored foot ornaments. Needless to say, no one ever asked me to mow a lawn again.

Membership in the so-called "weaker sex" is not without its perks. Not only can I count on one hand the number of times I've cut the grass, I've never had to change a tire myself. (In fact, I couldn't even buy a tire without calling my dad for help. The salesman kept asking me mystifying questions, like "What kind of engine do you have?" and "What brand of tire would you like?")

I've had all the pleasures of fishing, without ever touching the worm or the fish. And in three years of moving in and out of the residence halls, I have no recollection of ever having hauled my mini-fridge from my car to my room.

Ah, the joys of being female! Yet, even from a position of relative privilege, some women still make claims of oppression with as much vehemence and vitriol as if they were still living in 1950.

Last week, the National Organization for Women and the National Commission on Pay Equity acknowledged Equal Pay Day on April 19.

The occasion supposedly marks the number of days into the next year that a woman has to work to earn the same amount of money that a man earns annually. The date is determined by using the widely quoted statistic that a woman earns only 77 cents on the dollar that a man earns.

They're not the only ones bemoaning the "gender gap." *The Des Moines Register* pointed out last month that Iowa and Mississippi are the only states to never have elected a woman to Congress or as governor.

The insinuation is clear: Being in the company of Mississippi is about as humiliating as being Napoleon Dynamite's date to the prom.

Just this month, the *Daily* made a similarly startling discovery. I hope you were sitting down when you read this headline: "Males outnumber females in faculty; solutions discussed."

For all the supposed "proof" of gender discrimination, you'd be hard-pressed to find any evidence of discrimination in Iowa's election codes or in Iowa State's hiring policies.

Furthermore, the 77-cents statistic is a misleading simplification.

It only compares the median female full-time income with the median male full-time income.

It fails to take into account other intervening variables, like the number of hours worked (men work more overtime), working conditions (men work in more hazardous occupations), years of experience (men normally do not take time off to raise children) and education (men study more marketable fields, like engineering, science and math, and they receive more post graduate degrees).

A ranking by the *Jobs Rated Almanac* shows that of the 25 "worst" jobs, men make up 92 percent of the work force. Ninety-eight percent of lumberjacks, 97 percent of construction workers, 97 percent of firefighters and 93 percent of garbage collectors are men. Low-skill, male-dominated jobs often involve physically taxing labor in harsh conditions with low job security.

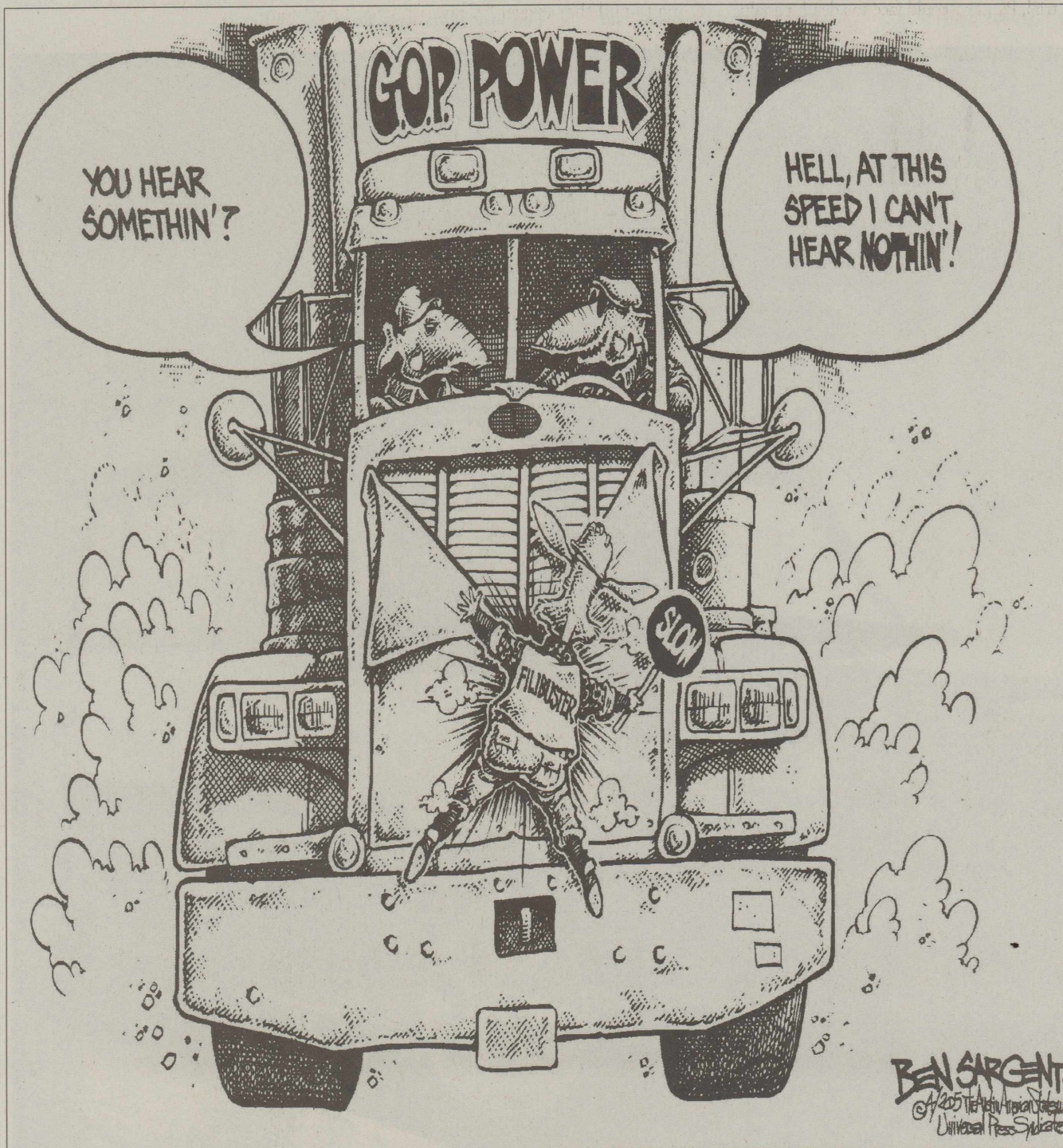
To induce people to take these jobs, employers must offer higher wages as compensation.

In contrast, low-skill, female-dominated jobs, like secretarial or retail work, are of the less physical, air-conditioned, monotonous variety. Not surprisingly, they pay less.

This "unequal" distribution of labor and wages is not the result of latent sexism in society, but the consequence of decisions made by millions of people with differing priorities when it comes to income, comfort, security, free time and family.

Some people would rather chop down trees than take care of babies; some people prefer French literature to Physics 222. Their careers and income reflect those preferences.

As for me, I'll be perfectly happy with my career as long as I never find myself covered in sweat and grass clippings again.



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# Tens of thousands show opposition to Gaza pullout

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip (AP) — Tens of thousands of Israelis gathered Wednesday in the Gaza Strip's largest settlement bloc to rally against the government's plan to withdraw from the area, trying to maintain a carnival-like atmosphere of defiance, despite a Palestinian rocket attack.

Though the crowd filled the central lawn at Neve Dekalim, the largest Gush Katif settlement, the turnout of approximately 40,000 was less than half the number the settlers expected, and some residents dismissed the prediction that thousands of the visitors would stay to join resistance to the pullout, set for July or August.

As the rally was in progress, a homemade Qasam rocket and two mortar shells fired from a nearby Palestinian area exploded nearby, slightly wounding a soldier. Though such attacks had diminished since a Feb. 8 cease-fire and deployment of police by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, barrages have picked up in recent days, and the Israeli military is warning of a

general upsurge in violence in Gaza.

Demonstrators at the Gaza settlement said the rocket attack showed Sharon's pullout plan would only encourage more violence. Sharon "is retreating under fire and with his tail between his legs," said Benni Elon, a member of parliament from a pro-settler party.

Despite Abbas' efforts to rein them in, the militants are likely to step up attacks as the summer pullout approaches, trying to show that they are forcing the Israelis to leave. Also, the Israeli military is warning that militant groups in the West Bank are preparing a new round of violence for the fall, after the pullout, to try to expel the Israelis.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all 21 settlements from Gaza and four from the West Bank

has the support of about two-thirds of his people, according to polls. But the opposition, based on religion and ideology, is tough and loud.

Adopting orange as the color of their protest, settlers and their backers with orange flags, banners and T-shirts gathered on a warm, sunny day in Neve Dekalim, a village of red-roofed houses with about 2,500 settlers next to Khan Younis, a poverty-stricken Palestinian city of 100,000, with a squalid refugee camp of 60,000 fenced off from the settlement.

Explaining his pullout plan, Sharon said maintaining 21 settlements with 8,500 residents among more than 1 million hostile and poverty-stricken Palestinians in Gaza was an untenable proposition. Also, pulling out of the four small settlements in the northern West Bank

would solidify Israel's hold on main settlement blocs where most of the 235,000 West Bank settlers live.

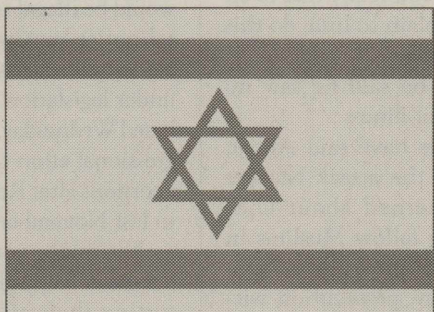
Though many of the settlers were strident in their denunciations of Sharon and his policies, leaders insisted resistance would be nonviolent.

Sara Lemann, from New Orleans, worried the current pullout would lead to evacuation of more West Bank settlements. "I think we all feel that we could be next," she said. "I feel Jerusalem could be next."

Reuma Harari, who left the West Bank with her three children early in the morning to attend the Gaza rally, seemed as bewildered as angry. "It's as if a black hole were opening up," she said. "It imparts a sense of great instability."

Avner Shimon, head of the Gaza regional council, said he expected the visitors to leave after Passover.

"People are coming to enjoy themselves, see the place and hug us and to tell us they are with us. I estimate that nobody will remain when it is over," he told Israel Army Radio.



## Key witness abruptly taken off the stand in murder case against Marine

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A key witness in the case against a Marine officer accused of murdering two Iraqi civilians was abruptly taken off the stand Wednesday on suspicion of violating orders on giving interviews about the case.

Marine Sgt. Daniel Coburn was testifying at a hearing in the case against 2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano when the investigating officer, Maj. Mark E. Winn, read him his rights and told him he was suspected of violating orders from superior officers.

Coburn left the courtroom after requesting a lawyer.

Defense lawyers had complained that Coburn had given interviews about the case to ABC News, the *Daily News* of New York and New York magazine even after being ordered not to do so.

The focus on Coburn brought to a temporary halt an Article 32 hearing to determine whether Pantano should face a court-martial in the April 2004 shooting deaths of two men

who were being searched outside a suspected terrorist hideout in Iraq.

Prosecutors say the shootings were murder. Pantano, a 33-year-old former Wall Street trader who rejoined the Marines after the Sept. 11 attacks, has said he acted in self-defense, believing the men were about to attack him.

Earlier, Coburn testified he was present when Pantano opened fire on the two men after ordering a search of a car they had driven away from the suspected hideout in Iraq.

He said Pantano was agitated because a superior officer had ordered him to release the men when nothing was found in initial searches of their car.

Ordered to scan the nearby area for threats, Coburn said he was looking away from the men when he heard shots.

"I was kind of confused. He was still firing," he said of the defendant. "I was trying to figure out when it was going to stop."

Defense lawyers aggressively cross-ex-

amined Coburn about the interviews he has given about the case. Coburn said he had been told he was allowed to defend his character.

Defense lawyer Charles Gittins asked why, then, he had described Pantano as "one of those thespian-type people" in a recent New York magazine story.

Coburn responded that he did not remember saying any of the things he was quoted as saying in the story.

Earlier, Navy corpsman George "Doc" Gobles, who was present during the shooting, testified that he found it strange that Pantano ordered the Iraqi men to search the car again after initial searches turned up nothing.

Asked by a prosecutor if he believed the Iraqis' actions merited a self-defense shooting, Gobles said: "Myself, I didn't see anything."

Under cross-examination by a defense lawyer, Gobles said he felt Pantano was a strong leader.

"I just felt a sense of security when a situation arose, I knew he would be able to take care of it," Gobles said. "I felt the safest with this platoon, more than any other platoon in our company, more than anything because of Lt. Pantano and his leadership."

The hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury, will help determine whether Pantano will face a court-martial. If convicted of murder at trial, Pantano could face the death penalty.

*"I was kind of confused. He was still firing. I was trying to figure out when it was going to stop."*

— SGT. DANIEL COBURN  
Marine Witness Testifying about 2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano

## Police shoot suspect dead, ending 20-hour standoff

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — An armed man who held his 9-year-old son hostage for 20 hours was killed Wednesday after police said he came out from his home and threatened officers with a gun. The boy was not harmed.

Officers opened fire on Lewis Barber, 48, when he emerged. Barber did not shoot. Police then stormed the house and found the boy. Barber was pronounced dead about an hour later at a hospital.

"The child is fine," said Capt. John Crawford, a spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department.

"When you come out of a house armed with a handgun, we don't have the luxury of waiting to see if you're acting rationally or if you're going to pull that trigger," Crawford said.

also denied that he had a drinking problem.

The standoff began Tuesday night, police said, when Barber abducted the boy at gunpoint as the boy and his mother left a restaurant.

Barber took the youngster to the family home and kept police at bay.

Police said Barber's estranged wife, Robin, and son had moved out of the home Saturday.

Robin Barber had filed a protective order against Barber Friday, contending he had a drinking problem and had several guns, and she was worried about her safety.

Lewis Barber filed a motion Tuesday in which he said all his firearms were Civil War or Revolutionary War re-enactment pieces. He also denied that he had a drinking problem.

*"When you come out of the house armed with a handgun, we don't have the luxury of waiting to see if you're acting rationally or if you're going to pull that trigger."*

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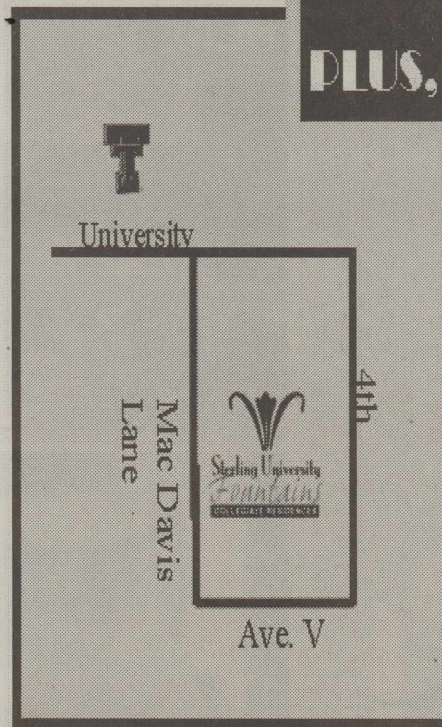
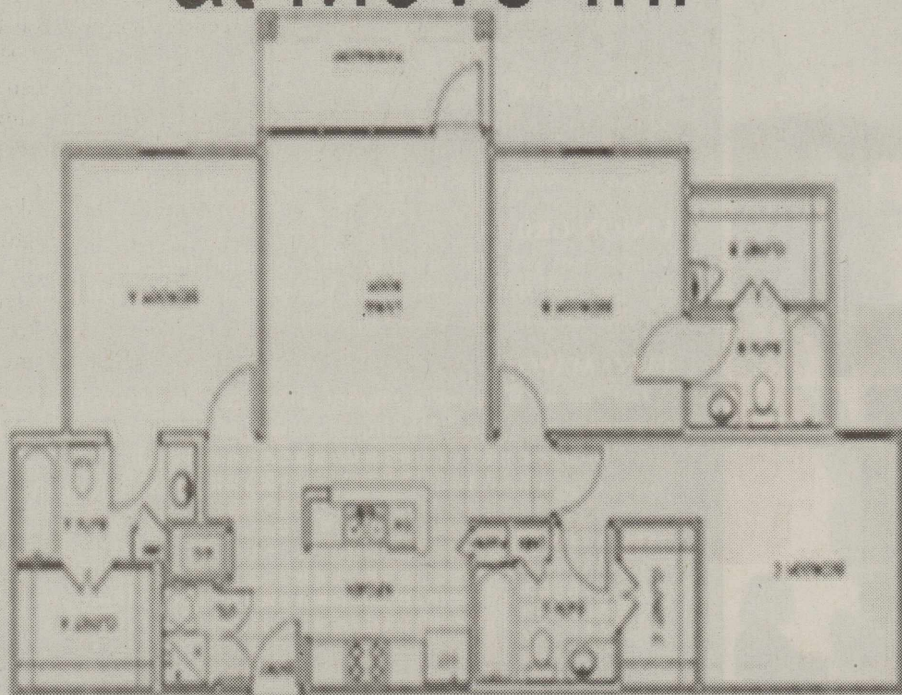
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# Defense says Akbar will testify in effort to forestall death sentence

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Facing a possible death penalty for his fatal attack on fellow soldiers, Sgt. Hasan Akbar will make an unsworn statement to the jury in his own defense, a lawyer said Wednesday.

The statement by Akbar is to come Thursday, the fourth day of the sentencing phase of his court-martial, said the defense lawyer, Maj. David Coombs. Akbar was convicted last week of premeditated murder and attempted murder in the March 2003 attack on the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait.

Akbar will speak from the witness box, and prosecutors will be able to call witnesses to rebut what he says, but will not be able to cross-examine him. Jurors will be warned that he is not speaking under oath.

The defense contends Akbar was too mentally ill to plan the

attack, although they have not denied that he threw grenades into tents, then fired on soldiers as the division, camped in the Kuwait desert, prepared to join the invasion of Iraq.

Army Capt. Chris Seifert, 27, and Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, were killed and 14 soldiers were wounded.

Earlier Wednesday, Akbar's former platoon leader testified that officers had discussed removing Akbar from the Army before the attack but failed to act.

Capt. David Storch said Akbar's superiors in the 101st Airborne Division had talked about removing him through administrative procedures. He said they decided that such a move was too complicated to handle in a war zone, and there wasn't enough written documentation of Akbar's shortcomings.

"What he lacked was leader-

ship," Storch said. "It took specific instructions. You really had to sit down and explain to him, do this and then do that."

However, he said he saw no signs of mental illness.

Prosecutors have said Akbar, 34, launched the attack because he was concerned about U.S. troops killing fellow Muslims in the war.

On Tuesday, prosecution witnesses gave the jury tearful testimony about how the officers' deaths affected them.

"A sacred trust was broken that evening at Camp Pennsylvania," said Seifert's widow, Terri Seifert of Clarksville, Tenn. "I am terribly lonely."

Clutching a tissue and occasionally wiping away tears, she spoke of the irony of her husband's death because he was the type of man who "would have jumped on a grenade to save his buddies."

# House considering parental involvement abortion bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — It would be illegal to dodge parental-notice laws by taking minors across state lines for abortions under legislation the House debated Wednesday, the latest congressional effort to chip away at abortions after Republican gains in last November's elections.

Nearing a vote, Democrats accused Republicans of distorting their efforts to soften the measure. The Democrats objected to descriptions of their amendments as protections for "sexual predators." The Republicans said the problem was with the proposals.

The bill, if passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the president, would represent the fifth measure since President Bush took office in 2001 aimed at reducing the number of abortions.

In addition, Senate abortion opponents also prevailed last month in preventing Democrats from restricting the rights of abortion clinic protesters in bankruptcy court.

The House has passed similar bills to the interstate abortion measure three times since 1998, but they have all died in the

Senate. With a larger Republican majority after last fall's election, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist has put it high on his agenda this year.

Reflecting rising public support for requiring parents' involvement in their pregnant daughters' decisions, the bill would impose fines, jail time or both on adults and doctors involved in most cases where minors were taken out of state to get abortions.

Democrats tried to amend the measure by exempting adult siblings and grandparents from prosecution.

The author of the Judiciary Committee's report on the bill, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., defended its language criticizing such exemptions, saying they would not specifically exclude child molesters.

"Perhaps these amendments were not properly drafted by the authors when they were submitted in the committee," Sensenbrenner told the House. "That's not the fault of the majority, that's the fault of the people who drafted the amendment."

Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., called the report by Sensenbrenner's committee "a rape of the rules of this

house."  
"Would it be fair for an official report of this committee to call this entire bill the 'Rapists and Sexual Predators Right to Sue Act?'" Nadler asked rhetorically.

Last year, Congress made it a separate crime to harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman and also decided to deny federal funds to state and local agencies that act against health care providers and insurers because they don't provide or cover abortions.

In 2003, it outlawed what critics call partial birth abortions, generally carried out in the second or third trimester, in which a fetus is partially delivered before being aborted. A year earlier lawmakers amended the legal definitions for person, human being, child and individual to include any fetus that survives an abortion procedure.

Supporters of the interstate abortion bill say it would be worthwhile if it prevented a single abortion. More than 30 states have parental notification or consent laws.

Opponents say any gains it might make would be dwarfed by health, abuse and legal problems that pregnant girls and their well-meaning confidants might suffer.

# Lampson files papers to challenge Delay

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Democratic Congressman Nick Lampson made his challenge of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay official, filing documents with the Federal Election Commission.

The filing Tuesday allows Lampson, a Beaumont Democrat, to start raising money for

his campaign. Lampson lost his 2004 re-election bid after GOP-led congressional redistricting absorbed some of his district into DeLay's newly formed one.

Lampson announced Friday he would seek the Democratic nomination and said he plans to move into the district to make the bid.

Another Democrat, Houston City Councilman Gordon Quan, also has expressed an interest in challenging DeLay.

Democrats see a political opening in 2006 now that DeLay faces ethics questions about money used to pay for some foreign trips, political fund-raising for Texas elections and his ties to a lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has denied wrongdoing and has not been charged with violating any law.

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# School board votes to add Bible class as elective

ODESSA (AP) — The school board in this West Texas town voted unanimously to add a Bible class to its high school curriculum.

Hundreds of people, most of them supporters of the proposal, packed the board meeting Tuesday night. More than 6,000 Odessa residents had signed a petition supporting the class.

Some residents, however, said the school board acted too quickly. Others said they feared a national

constitutional fight.

Barring any hurdles, the class should be added to the curriculum in fall 2006 and taught as a history or literature course. The school board still must develop a curriculum, which board member Floy Hinson said should be open for public review.

The board had heard a presentation in March from Mike Johnson, a representative of the Greensboro, N.C.-based National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, who said that coursework designed by that organization is not about proselytizing or preaching.

But People for the American Way and the American Civil Liberties union have criticized the council, saying its materials promote religion.

Johnson said students in the elective class would learn such things as the geography of the Middle East and the influence of the Bible on history and culture.

"How can students understand Leonardo da Vinci's 'Last Supper' or Handel's 'Messiah' if they don't understand the reference from which they came?" Johnson said.

The group's Web site says its curriculum has received backing in 292 school districts in 35 states.

# Family of man killed by police sues city

AUSTIN (AP) — The family of a black man killed by a white Austin police officer has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the officer, the police department and police Chief Stan Kneel.

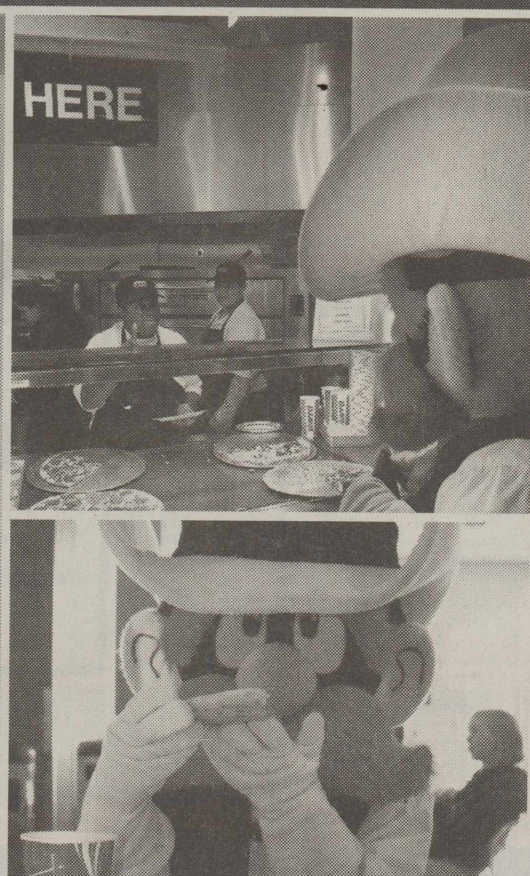
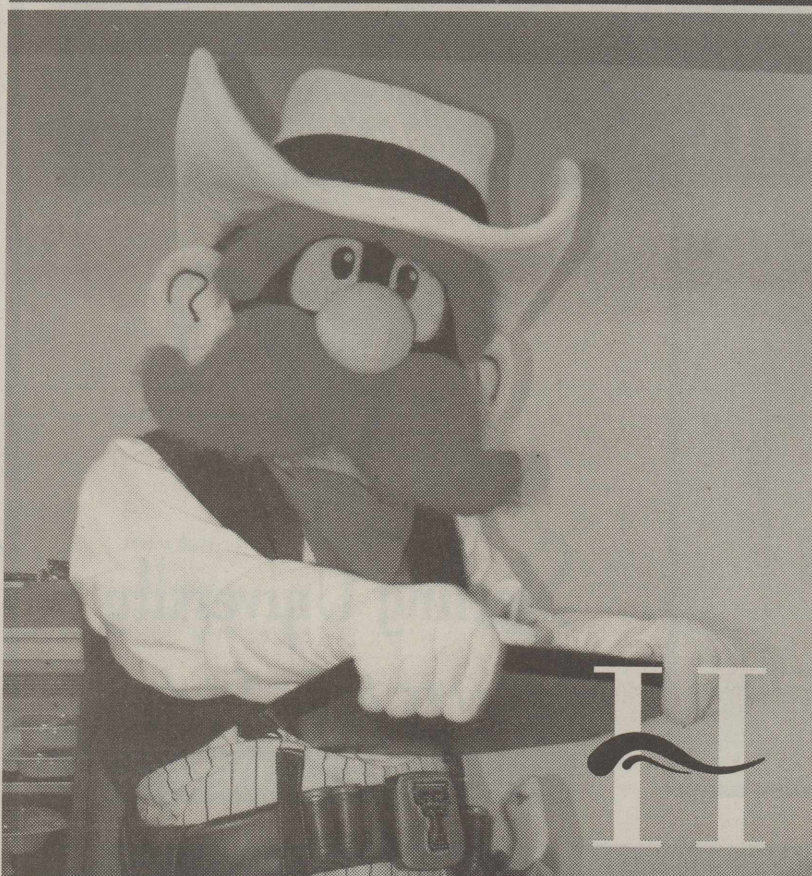
Jesse Lee Owens was shot to death in 2003 by officer Scott Glasgow, who said the use of deadly force was justified to save his life.

Glasgow said he had stopped Owens, 20, for driving a car that was reported stolen and that his arm got caught in the door when Owens tried to drive away. Owens was shot five times. His death sparked allegations of department racism from the city's black community.

Owens' parents say in their lawsuit that their son did not try to drive away, although the lawsuit does not present evidence to support the claim. Family attorney Bobby Taylor said he'll seek forensic tests and other evidence before trial.

"I don't accept Glasgow's version of what happened," Taylor said. "I think the evidence is going to show that Mr. Owens was shot and killed and then the car sped off."

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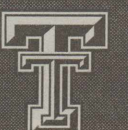
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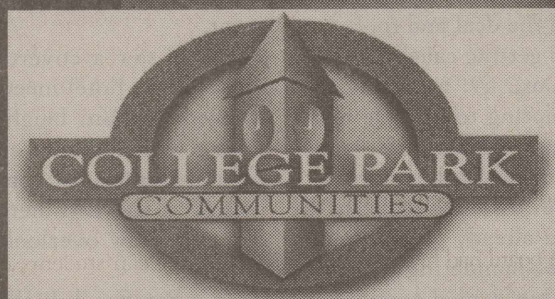
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# Students plan protests next week for nationwide health insurance

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U-Wire-D.C. Bureau

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Medical students, faculty and administrators from colleges across the country will hold demonstrations, panels and classroom discussions in the first week of May to draw attention to a growing epidemic of Americans living without health insurance of any kind.

Initially chaired by Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, "Cover the Uninsured Week" will be the largest nonpartisan effort in history to raise awareness about the issue.

The number of uninsured Americans grew in 2003 by 1.4 million to approximately 45 million, about 15.2 percent of Americans, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to the figures, about 8 million children and a larger contingent of young adults are uninsured.

"Particularly as the future

health care professionals, [students] have a vested interest in ensuring that all Americans have access to high quality health care," said Dr. Brian Palmer, president of the American Medical Student Association.

As part of a separate effort, students in Palmer's organization are lobbying legislators in Congress and 25 state capitals to address the growing number of uninsured Americans.

"We're unlikely to see an immediate federal solution in the near future, but state solutions are really starting to move around the country," Palmer said.

Palmer attributed the growing numbers of uninsured to the federal budget deficit, which he said is forcing states to slash their own budgets as they receive consistently less aid from Washington.

"We've seen a shrinking of state support for the state-based health programs," such as Medicaid, he said. "The other major

factor is that health care costs continue to rise at double-digit rates, so employers are faced with greater health care expenses that are causing them to drop employees from their health care coverage."

Palmer added 80 percent of the 45 million uninsured are employed, and an additional 85 million Americans periodically lose health care as their employers change providers.

"The crisis of uninsured is a crisis among working folks," he said.

According to Palmer, health care costs are becoming the number one concern in labor negotiations.

While "Cover the Uninsured Week" aims to draw public attention to the issue, the initiatives that Palmer's group pushes vary widely and depend on political realities in different states.

"By experimenting with lots of different models, we're able to best determine what will work," Palmer said.

Uninsured Americans delay necessary medical care, according to studies cited by the group. Uninsured women with breast cancer have a 30 to 50 percent higher risk of dying than women with health insurance, and the nonpartisan Institute of Medicine estimated that 18,000 adults in America die each year because they are uninsured.

"Providing affordable, consistent care for uninsured patients is not taught in any medical textbooks," Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said in a statement. "These are patients who may not be able to fill the prescription that will keep them healthy, or make a crucial appointment with a medical specialist."

"Cover the Uninsured Week" has also received endorsements from several former high-level health officials.

Noah Wyle of the television series "ER" is the campaign's national spokesman.

## CAT'S COUTURE



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

CAT CHOW, A Chicago-based artist and fashion designer who creates wearable art from unorthodox materials, speaks to apparel design students about her work Wednesday morning in Room 203 of the Human Sciences building.

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| 5 PM                    | Cyberchase                   | Oprah Winfrey                    | Mauri                             |  | Montel Williams  | Fox 34 News<br>First@Four      |
| 6 PM                    | Clifford                     | Dr. Phil                         | Judge Judy<br>Judge Judy          | That '70s Show<br>Malcolm                        | Access Hollywood<br>News                                   | Malcolm<br>Simpsons            |
| 7 PM                    | Maya Miguel                  | News                             | KLBK 13 News                      | Evening News                                     | Family Feud  | World News                     |
| 8 PM                    | Nightly Business             | Nightly News                     | Evening News                      | Family Feud                                      | News   | Friends<br>Raymond             |
| 9 PM                    | NewsHour with Jim Lehrer     | Wheel Fortune                    | Who Mil.                          | Extra  | Entertainment  | O.C. "The Return of the Nana"  |
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| 2 PM                    | Tina Fuentes                 | (35) Jay Leno (HD)               | Late Late Show<br>Rose O'Donnell. | Blind Date                                       | Paid Program   | Cheers<br>Just Shoot Me        |
| 3 PM                    | GED                          | Conan O'Brien<br>John C. Reilly. | Late Late Show<br>Rose O'Donnell. | Blind Date                                       | Paid Program   | Jimmy Kimmel<br>Paid Program   |
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## Man convicted of attempting to sell shoulder-launched missiles

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A federal jury convicted a former British clothing merchant Wednesday of attempting to sell shoulder-launched missiles to what he believed was a terrorist group planning to shoot down airliners.

Jurors reached their verdict on Hemant Lakhani on their second day of deliberations.

Lakhani has been held without bail since his arrest in a hotel room near Newark Liberty International Airport on Aug. 12, 2003.

The sting operation, involving undercover agents from several nations, became the first terrorism prosecution in New Jersey since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The government claimed Lakhani had agreed to arrange the sale of 50 more missiles.

Lakhani's attorney, Henry Klingeman, told the jury in closings last week that his client was the victim of entrapment.

"There was no missile plot until the government created it," Klingeman said. "It's a lot like a fireman who lights a fire and

then pulls the alarm so he can be the hero."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Howe argued that Lakhani "pushed the deal and took steps to avoid getting caught."

Lakhani, 69, was convicted of attempting to provide material support to terrorists, money laundering and other charges.

Three others connected to the case had already pleaded guilty to money laundering or related charges but denied connections to terrorist organizations.

They are awaiting sentencing.

Lakhani's trial began in January, but had several breaks while he underwent medical treatment.

Jurors saw a covertly made video of the hotel meeting that showed Lakhani laughing and joking with Rehman about using missiles against commercial planes as the two men looked out a window overlooking the airport.

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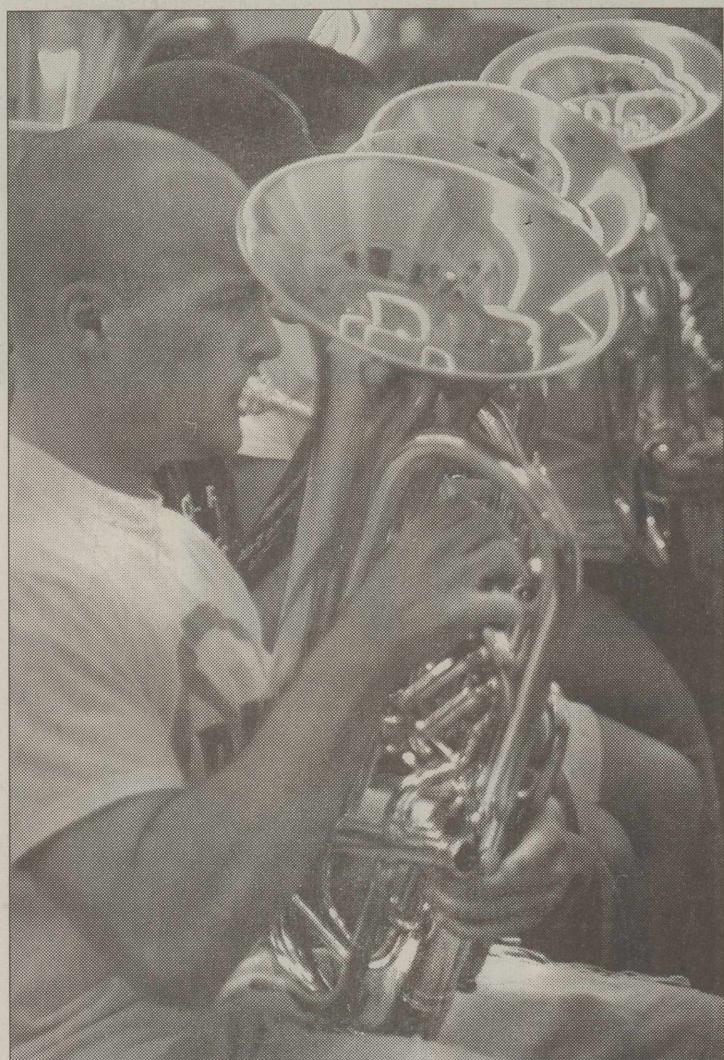
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## EUPHONIUM ENSEMBLE



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ERIC O'BRIEN, A senior music major from Crosbyton, practices his euphonium in the basement band hall of the Music building Wednesday evening, during a tuba/euphonium rehearsal for a summer convention in Las Vegas.

## Search

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sentation for the president done by the middle of June," he said.

The person selected to become the new vice president for research will be expected to increase research and funding throughout the university. There is a difference between funded and unfunded research, Vernooy said.

"Funded research comes from grants from outside the university to research designed to solve specific problems," he said. "Not every discipline is able to find sources of

money."

Vernooy said it is easier to receive funding for research in a field such as civil engineering than in the field of language. Research that does not receive funding is still valuable research.

*"Funded research comes from grants outside the university to research designed to solve specific problems."*

—ANDREW VERNOOY  
Dean of the College  
of Architecture

effort and believes a qualified candidate will be placed in the position.

## Protest

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Japan getting a permanent United Nations Security Council seat would be bad because Japan cannot face the history of what they have done to other Asian countries, Mao said.

Germany, India and Brazil also have bids for a permanent United Nations Security Council seat and the United States, Britain, Russia and France already have permanent seats, Mao said.

In September, a meeting will be held to determine which country will get the permanent seat, Mao said.

Japan never fully apologized for what happened during the Nanjing Massacre, Mao said.

However, Junichiro Koizumi talked with the Chinese president on April 23 and tried to apologize.

The Japanese government should look at what they are doing, he said, not just what they are saying.

Qingjun Luo, a graduate

student studying biology at Tech from Guangzhou, China, said there must be a two-thirds majority from all members of the United Nations for Japan to get a permanent seat.

Yuki Kondo, a part-time graduate Japanese instructor from Tokyo, Japan, said Japan is trying to change textbooks to be more accurate about what happened during the Nanjing Massacre.

Kondo said Japan is trying to be friendly to China, and Japan is under attack from China and has become more offensive.

An apology from Japan is not most important, Kondo said, but an apology shows initiative to improve the relationship between China and Japan.

Kondo is close with Chinese people she knows in America. In China, most people do not talk to Japanese people.

She said her boyfriend is Chinese, and did not like Japanese people before he came to America.

However, since he got to know her, he realizes Chinese/Japanese relations are different in America.

## West Nile

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nant woman infected with the virus to pass it on to her unborn child.

Some people have contracted West Nile from other humans through blood transfusions or organ transplants, Warner said. Blood banks now are more thoroughly screening people before allowing them to donate.

Symptoms of West Nile may not occur for one to two weeks, and when symptoms do occur people may not realize they have West Nile because symptoms of the disease resemble the common fever.

"Most people feel like they have a really high fever," he said.

However, fevers are not common during the time of year when West Nile is prevalent, during the warm summer months from May to October, Warner said.

Muscle aches and a stiff neck also are common, Warner said. People suffering from the virus left

untreated could go into a coma.

Jose Ramirez, a Tech alumnus, said he exhibited all these symptoms for six months in 2004.

"I could barely lift my backpack," he said.

He also lost a significant amount of weight while he was ill. He said he weighed 178 pounds before the virus and weighed 155 pounds after a month.

At one point his friend had to help him eat and walk to the bathroom. He would sweat so much he would leave puddles on the ground where he slept.

Ramirez said it was disheartening to his mind as well. He was irritable and depressed because he was not able to physically do anything.

Ramirez said he got West Nile from golfing outdoors.

Warner said the threat of West Nile is only during the warm months because mosquitoes are more prevalent when the weather is warm.

"Once we have the first frost, there is no activity," he said.

There is no vaccine to guard against the West Nile Virus, but candidates are currently being tested, Warner said.

Kondo said Chinese people believe the Japanese government is a problem, not the people themselves.

"I just want Japan and China to be friendly," she said.

Patricia Pelley, associate professor of history and director of the Asian studies program at Tech, said several years ago in the Philippines, a representative from the Japanese government said they regretted what happened in World War II, but did not officially apologize.

When World War II is mentioned in Japan, there is a tendency for people to believe Japan was a victim because of the atomic bombs that fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pelley said.

It is important Tech students are aware of what happened during the Nanjing Massacre, Pelley said.

Dennis Patterson, assistant professor in political science, said Japan has been peaceful since the end of World War II, but cannot currently have an offensive defense policy.

## Gilmore

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serial killers."

Underwood said at the time of the trial he would not have expected a repeat offense from Gilmore.

This is not the first time Gilmore has faced criminal proceedings. According to court documents, along with his previous and current murder charges, he has faced various civil charges, tax-related charges, assault charges, theft charges, lack of liability insurance charges and traffic violations.

The previous charges were brought against Gilmore in Lubbock between 1981 and 1995 by the state of Texas.

Underwood said despite his past criminal record, he believes Gilmore will receive a fair trial when that time comes.

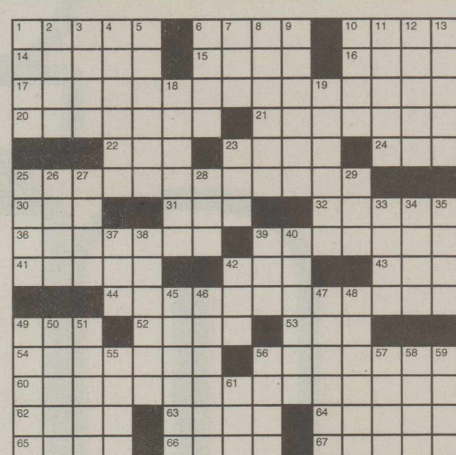
"Typically defendants do not testify so their past history may not come out," he said. "It could certainly affect the jury in the punishment phase."

In Texas, courts separate the guilt/innocent phase and the punishment phase, and information regarding a person's past records, should not come into play until the punishment phase.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

### ACROSS

- 1 Touches down
- 6 Small vipers
- 10 Flows back
- 14 Greek market
- 15 Simpson boy
- 16 Sign for another hitch
- 17 Start of Bill Stern quote
- 20 Strapped footwear
- 21 Mixing utensil
- 22 Letters for ABC's daily program
- 23 Castle protector
- 24 Tuesday god
- 25 Part 2 of quote
- 30 Superman foe
- 31 Squiggly swimmer
- 32 Inundated
- 36 Fashionable as pie?
- 39 General pardon
- 41 Rolling Stones bassist Bill
- 42 The Greatest
- 43 With it
- 44 Part 3 of quote
- 49 Indian title
- 52 Stridex target
- 53 Tell it like it isn't
- 54 Flipped out
- 56 Speech impediment?
- 60 End of quote
- 62 Form droplets
- 63 Up a (corner)
- 64 On high
- 65 Band together
- 66 'Auld Lang'
- 67 Mocking birds?



By Alan P. Olschwing  
Huntington Beach, CA  
4/28/05

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

PLEA SWAMI SWANG  
YALU TIMON ELEG  
RISK LIFE AND LIMB  
ETE AGENT ALTOS  
ARM TRE  
WALK AT TIGHTROPE  
PROMS ANNES LOX  
EARS GLEAN PERE  
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SKATE ON THE ICE  
OLD NUN  
STENO PARTTI INS  
WORK WITH OUT ANET  
ANTI NAOMI PROA  
PEEN ASVET TENT

### DOWN

- 1 Thailand neighbor
- 2 Water in Andalusia
- 3 Norse goddesses of fate
- 4 Deepen, as a channel
- 5 Antipasto staple
- 6 Kindergarten recitation
- 7 Gained a lap
- 8 Big house
- 9 Visit
- 10 Formerly, once
- 11 Humdinger
- 12 Big and strong
- 13 Slak of asparagus
- 18 Jubilant
- 19 Mr. Detroit
- 23 Acad. type
- 25 Defect
- 26 Depend (on)
- 27 Pop quiz
- 28 Told you so
- 29 Ram's lady
- 33 Arthur of tennis
- 34 Begin moving
- 35 Promotional excess
- 37 Damage a bit
- 38 Kind of play
- 39 PC key
- 40 Put in the wrong place
- 42 Tavern brew
- 45 Wagon train employees

- 46 Off guard
- 47 Tapes cousin
- 48 Through this means
- 49 Biblical queendom
- 50 "Boloro" composer
- 51 Perfect
- 55 Williams or Gibb
- 56 Tickled-pink feeling
- 57 Informed about
- 58 Kilauaea flow
- 59 Potato features
- 61 Novelist Deighton



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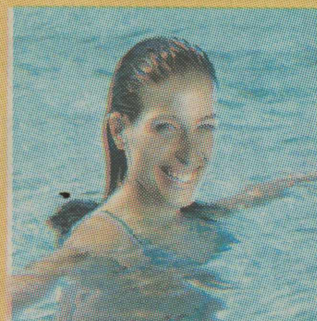
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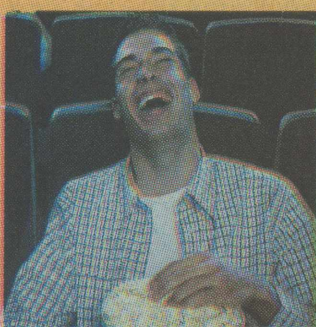
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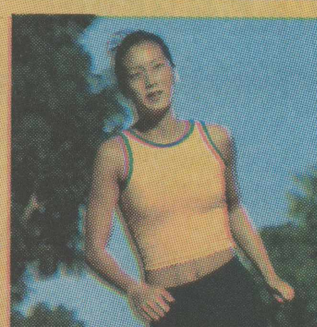
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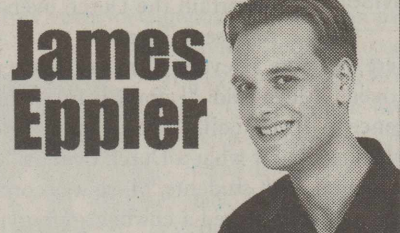


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## Eppler's final words: Tribute to a mentor



**James Eppler**

When I walked in to the offices of *The University Daily* four years ago with the cockamamie idea they needed a full-time film critic, I had nothing but a few samples of my writing and a letter of recommendation from *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* film critic William Kerns.

I was hired on the spot. Believe me, it wasn't my writing that clinched the job for me. The editor, Jane Allred, read the letter Kerns wrote on my behalf and decided it was good enough for her.

I would have never written my first article for *The UD* without Bill Kerns, so I must honor him with this, my last.

Quentin Tarantino once wrote there are two kinds of film critics: the ones who love movies and the ones who love movies only they love.

Bill Kerns is, without question, the former. In high school, his science experiments would turn into film projects, and even now he gets just as excited about the next "Star Wars" movie as the painted-faced, costumed geek-boy standing in line opening day, although he never lets his excitement manifest itself in that way.

His love for film and art is genuine, as is his loyalty. Bill has stayed true to a city and a newspaper for more than 27 years that, frankly,

Several times, wisecrackers have asked me, 'So, are you gonna be the next Bill Kerns?'

I can only hope.

Bill was the inspiration for me to start writing film reviews, and he is an encouragement to pursue it at the professional level.

don't deserve him.

No one has done more for the arts community in Lubbock than Bill Kerns. Whether it is a movie, a small play, the symphony, a concert or an art exhibit, Bill has been there with the strength and dedication of five average reporters.

Many times throughout the last four years I've read Bill's review of a film or Texas Tech Theatre play I wrote about earlier in the week, and thought "Why didn't I think of that?"

He's always a little sharper, a little more literate. I'll never catch him.

I have been reading Bill Kerns' movie reviews in the Friday editions of *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* since I was old enough to read. I remember waking up early, running out to the front lawn, grabbing the paper and

quickly retrieving the "Around Town" section.

I would read his mini-reviews in his movie marquee, and go through with a pen to change the star-ratings he gave with which I disagreed.

Years later, when I was a senior in high school, I had an assignment to write a research paper about an occupation I found interesting. Film criticism was my topic, and I finally got up the nerve to e-mail Kerns, requesting an interview.

I still have the e-mail he sent back, telling me he'd be happy to do it.

I picked his brain over a cup of coffee one afternoon, hanging on his every word. I felt like I impressed him with my research and interviewing techniques.

Then, to my amazement, he invited me to go see a movie with him.

It was a midnight screening of an atrocious teen slasher film called "Valentine." The evening turned into an episode of "Mystery Science Theater 3,000," as we mocked the film and reveled in the misery of watching it.

Even upon completing my research paper we kept in contact by e-mail, and soon after, he wrote my letter of recommendation to *The UD*.

So here I am, the only competition in town to the man I grew up idolizing.

Throughout the past four years, Bill has served as mentor, colleague and friend to me. We've continued to

see movies together; we suffered through "Gigli," marveled at "The Lord of the Rings," and nipped Oscar nominees.

Strangely, our college careers are similar. Bill, like me, fell in love with the English department here at Texas Tech, and he also served as the film critic for *The University*

*Daily* for a few years. And like me, some readers were ready for him to graduate.

Now that time has come for me — let my critics rejoice.

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Thank you, sir. And thank you, Texas Tech, for four years of reading.

■ Eppler is *The UD's* movie critic. E-mail your comments and goodbyes to [James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu](mailto:James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu).



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# Dutch oven could become state symbol

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

The state snack, tortilla chips and salsa, may be a challenge to make in a Dutch oven.

The Dutch oven is on its way to becoming Texas' official state culinary instrument, which would add the stout, three-leg, cast-iron pot to a growing list of state symbols, including bluebonnets, square dancing, Guadalupe bass, armadillo and rodeos.

According to State Resolutions HRC77 and SCR9, the "Dutch oven" resolution, throughout the course of Texas history, the pot was used by Spanish explorers, early settlers, ranchers and chuck wagon cooks. According to Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, a Dutch oven is a cast-iron kettle that is used for baking in an open fire.

"I think it would be good because of the impact the Dutch oven had in Texas history, especially history of this area," Allen Johnson, adviser for Pan-Handlers, a chapter of the Lone Star Dutch Oven Society, said. "We make a lot of things strictly from raw materials, just like you'd have to in the older days."

Historically, the ovens were heated using mesquite or "cow chips" because of the lack of trees, especially in the West Texas area, Johnson said. Today, most people use charcoal.

Each coal equals 20 degrees Fahrenheit of heat. As a general rule, the diameter of the oven doubled will indicate the number of coals required to heat an oven to 350 degrees. One-third of the coals should be used on the bottom of the pot, while two-thirds should be placed on top.

Johnson said he began using the ovens to cook five years ago as a way to create healthy, flavorful meals. The 18-family society serves as a way to share Dutch oven skills and recipes.

"We do it for fun, fellowship and good food. Our desire is to preserve the art of doing this," he said. "When people realize how good of food comes out of those black pots, they're hooked."

Ray Bonner, owner of Outdoor Chef, said cast-iron cooks reside across the nation, although the method is more popular in southern states. Dutch oven cooking in particular is usually associated with Texas, as Texas is both a southern state and part of the American West.

"It's more ranch-type cooking," he said. "It's prob-

ably more popular in Texas because it goes back to our ranch heritage, and because our wide-open spaces and we have more ranches than other places."

Dutch oven dinners historically were a way for people to gather as a community, especially on larger ranching operations, he said. Today, the community from cooking with the ovens remains.

"We use it as a get together. It's a friendly-type atmosphere," Bonner said. "It makes a social event out of (cooking.) I'd rather cook with people than by myself."

Guillermo Moya, a junior international business and Spanish major from El Paso, said he was uncertain the Dutch oven would represent Texas.

"There are more relevant things to Texas than a Dutch oven," Moya said. "I don't think it has any significance to Texas at all. I'd bet at least 40 percent of people don't know what a Dutch oven is."

Like several Tech students, Moya was concerned the Dutch oven projected a cowboy stereotype. He also believes the legislature should focus time, energy



and money elsewhere.

"It's a waste of time and energy," he said. "We have so many other issues to worry about than Dutch ovens."

The resolution is sponsored by Rep. Jesse Jones and by Sens. Ken Armbrister and Tommy Williams. A House committee met to discuss the resolution Wednesday. The Senate will meet to decide on the resolution today.

In the 75th session of Congress, a similar Dutch oven resolution passed in the House and died in the Senate. This session of Congress is the 79th.

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—ALLEN JOHNSON  
Pan-Handlers Adviser

# Rules for being a worthy cover band, song

I love a good cover. If any of you have listened to my show on KTXT-FM, you know I play at least one cover every shift.

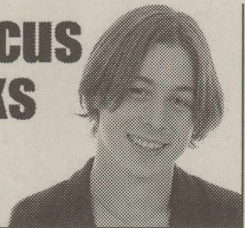
But two things that definitely irk me are terrible covers and bar bands that gain notoriety from merely playing other people's songs.

No cover band should ever be described as an "original," or as "the Buddy Holly of his time," as a cover band was described in an article in the UD earlier this month. That's just wrong.

Don't get me wrong, cover songs have led to wonderful things. A lot of the Beatles' and Rolling Stones' early works were American blues tunes stolen from black musicians. This isn't detrimental to either band; it's simply the truth.

But there are unspoken "rules" when talking about covers. There are certain songs you never cover. One of those is "Ruby Tuesday" by the Rolling Stones. I heard a version of it in Barnes & Nobles the other day that made me want to burn the place down just to stop people from

## Marcus Parks



And for the love of everything that's holy and right in this world, stop with the "wacky" ironic covers. That stopped being cool when Alien Ant Farm released "Smooth Criminal."

hearing it. Speaking of songs you don't

cover, here is a word of advice for all those guys with guitars wearing sunglasses indoors at night playing in bars: don't cover "Stairway to Heaven." You should have learned that from "Wayne's World."

Don't cover "Like a Rolling Stone." Hendrix did a better job than you could ever hope.

And for the love of everything that's holy and right in this world, stop with "wacky" ironic covers. That stopped being cool when Alien Ant Farm released "Smooth Criminal."

So what is a bad cover? Being a regular fixture in a certain local bar that shall remain nameless, I'm qualified to speak on this because I've heard thousands of them over the course of many drunken Friday afternoons. But I'll get back to the bars in a second.

Right now, let's talk about pop covers. The two that come to mind are Joss Stone's cover of the White Stripes' tune "Fell in Love with a Girl" and Britney Spears' atrocious, mind-numbing, soulless version of Joan Jett's "I Love Rock-n-Roll,"

a cover that helped kill part of my childhood.

Britney Spears is just terrible and has been a public laughing stock for years, but Joss Stone is somewhat of an anomaly. A tiny white girl from Britain, Stone has the voice of someone 20 years older and 80 pounds heavier. I will not deny it takes talent to produce material like this. But honestly, all this song shows is the girl practiced every day and is blessed with a natural singing voice.

Based off that one single, a lot of you now know of Joss Stone. This girl became famous based strictly on an ironic cover, by taking a dirty garage-rock track and turning it into a bluesy, slowed-down lounge version that was probably the idea of some A&R guy to sell more records.

I'm not naive enough to think this world rewards creativity. We reward banality and uniformity. It's people like Joss Stone, Britney Spears and whatever yokel with a guitar and a working knowledge of Texas country who get rewarded for essentially standing on the shoulders of giants. But sometimes, those giants will step down to record covers of their own.

Johnny Cash would routinely cover a song and make it his own. Years from now, when people ask who



wrote "Danny Boy," chances are the answer will be, "Johnny Cash, are you stupid or something?"

Bands like Nouvelle Vague and the Moog Cookbook can make entire albums full of covers and I love every minute. There are literally hundreds, possibly thousands of covers in my music library I consider outstanding.

So what makes Johnny Cash's cover of the Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt," one of the most heartbreaking covers recorded in the last five years, better than a bar band playing yet another stale version of "Sweet Home Alabama?"

Honestly, if I have to explain that to you, it's probably a good idea to stop listening to music altogether.

To clarify, Cash deserves more respect because of a combination of talent and creativity. He could take any song he chose and change the meaning of it entirely. This is what a good cover does.

I understand cover bands at bars are nothing more than background noise. Sadly, that's what music is to many people.

Just remember this: while covering well-known songs word for word, note for note may get a musician applause for talent, it will never give them the satisfaction of creativity.

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# Tech community events in brief

## Friday last day to drop a course

Friday is the last day to officially drop a course at Texas Tech.

To drop a course, students need to go to the Office of the Registrar, room 103 West Hall. Students need to bring photo identification to drop a course. Also, if a student has any registration holds, those holds will hinder a student from being able to drop a course.

"Usually, if they were enrolled prior to fall of 2004, they are eligible for a W or a WE," Bobbie Latham, associate registrar, said. "We encourage them to talk to the professor so they know what grade they are getting."

Students enrolled at Tech prior to fall 2004 are included in the previous withdrawal policy. Students who enrolled at Tech after fall 2004 are part of the Graduate on Time program.

"If their first enrollment was fall 2004, then they received an automatic W," Latham said. "It goes against their graduate on time. If they go over their withdrawal limit, we will not let them withdraw from the course. That's school policy."

Generally, freshmen are allowed four withdrawals, while transfer students are allowed three withdrawals, she said.

Individual colleges and schools determine passing grades.

Students with any concerns about a passing should arrange to speak to the college or school's advising office and the professor of the course.

For more information about dropping a course, students can check [www.techsis.admin.ttu.edu](http://www.techsis.admin.ttu.edu) or call the office of the registrar at (806) 742-3661.

## Tech celebrates Arbor Day Friday

This year's Arbor Day seeks to color the Texas Tech campus and plant a tradition.

The annual event will take place Friday. Festivities, including free T-shirts and food for students, registration and a free concert featuring The Hourly Radio will begin 11 a.m. at Memorial Circle. Planting begins at 1:30 p.m.

T-shirts will cost \$5 and food will cost \$3 for faculty and staff.

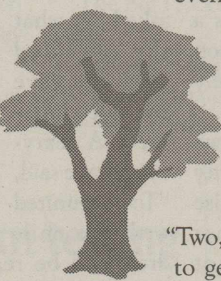
The Center for Campus Life, which sponsors the event, invites students to come to the event for two reasons.

"One, they're involved in the planting and the beautification of Tech campus," Jobi Martinez, center coordinator for leadership and civic engagement said.

"Two, it's an opportunity for students to get together with friends, staff and faculty members and just hang out for the day."

The senior gift will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Later in the afternoon, a tree will be planted in memory of former Tech students, Sabrina Turner Coffman, her sister Jennifer Turner and Adam Coffman. The landscape architecture department is dedicating the tree.

More than 80 trees on Tech campus have been dedicated in honor or in memory of students, faculty and staff on Arbor Day. The Saddle Tramps will wrap the Arbor Day trees in tradition of planting and coloring the campus.



## Party on the Prairie to benefit museum

Friday, the American Museum of Agriculture will host Party on the Prairie, a night of barbecue, live music and cowboy poetry. Admission is \$25 per person, and the proceeds benefit the museum.

This is the second annual Party on the Prairie.

Angela Beesley, executive director of the museum said the event is returning this year because of its popularity.

"People loved it," she said. "It was our most well-attended fundraiser."

Beesley said she enjoyed last year's event and is looking forward to Friday night.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "It's very different from most fund-raisers. It's more of a social environment."

The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Taylors Party barn, which is southwest of Wolfthorh. To reach the barn, go south on Slide Road to Highway 41. Go east on Highway 41 past Highway 179.

Call Dan Taylor at (806) 777-2669 for additional directions.

Beesley said the party's location should not be hard to spot from the highway.

"It's a very large barn," she said. "It has a big Double T painted on the side."

The party begins with a barbecue dinner, followed by live performances of music and cowboy poetry by Andy Hedges and Alvin Davis. At the end of the evening guests will roast s'mores over the campfire.



## Weekend show raising money for food bank

The Charity Hip-Hop and Rock show at the Party House, sponsored by the Posse, an unofficial Texas Tech organization dedicated to philanthropy.

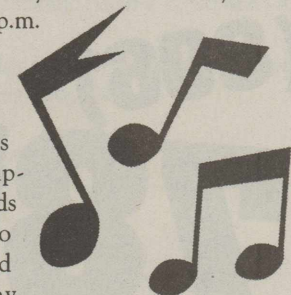
"The Posse is a fraternity that me and my friends have started," Colt Compton, a freshman music major from Lubbock, and president of the Posse, said. "It's a social fraternity centered around helping out charity groups. Our only goal is to raise money for charity."

The show is at 8 p.m. Sunday. There is a \$5 cover charge, which will benefit South Plains Food Bank. Compton said all proceeds will go directly to the food bank, and all of the money will go directly to people in need. The money raised will not be used for administrative costs.

"It's really not that much for four bands, to see four good bands, that are pretty popular," Compton said.

The show will feature Icarus Fixed (formally Nosmo King), Torrie Atchison, Nilla and Unspoken Levels.

Party House is located at 2214 Buddy Holly Ave. next to Daiquiri Lounge and Beer Garden. For more information regarding the show, go to [www.thefacebook.com/parties](http://www.thefacebook.com/parties) to look up the charity hip hop and rock show.



## Ban on TV indecency is the latest rage — but will it turn into censorship?

NEW YORK (AP) — In the minds of many viewers, the current anti-indecency crusade isn't just out to make the airwaves safe for families and children. Another likely goal is to punish TV for its brazen smut-peddling.

With a four-letter word here and a "wardrobe malfunction" there, surely someone in power — the executives, the stars, the creators? — deserves a good thrashing. Viewers may not agree on what indecency is or how to fix it. But they want someone to answer for TV's sins.

No wonder politicians are climbing over one another to yank the chain of the media elite. Cracking down on TV content is the latest rage in the culture wars. And who

wants to be seen as a war resister?

Apparently not Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wisc., who recently advocated criminal prosecution for indecent material aired by broadcasters.

A less draconian proposal would expand the purview of the Federal Communications Commission beyond over-the-air broadcasting to add cable and satellite programming — which would place shows from such networks as MTV, FX and even HBO (with its F-word-riddled drama "Deadwood") under the

thumb of the feds.

And don't forget a bill passed by the House that would hike existing indecency fines from \$32,500 to as much as \$500,000 per infraction.

"There's a herd mentality when the issue of indecent programming comes up," says Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy. "You can say, 'Well, the networks deserve it.' But underneath it all is the First Amendment, and there are very few champions in Congress to warn us about the dangerous consequences

of encouraging censorship."

At least one legislator, Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has voiced such warnings. And striking back against indecency zealots, he has introduced a bill that would clarify the FCC's authority for policing content as being limited to broadcast television and radio — not cable, satellite or Internet fare. He calls it the Stamp Out Censorship Act.

"We don't need to have United States government commissars tell-

ing the American people what they can watch," says Sanders, who is concerned that already, even without new restrictive laws in force, spooked broadcasters are erring on the side of caution. In other words, censoring themselves.

He points to the 66 ABC affiliates that opted not to air the patriotic war film "Saving Private Ryan" last November because of fears that the FCC might rule certain swear words in the film to be indecent

(it didn't). And last spring, some PBS stations removed the image of a nude lithograph from "Antiques Roadshow."

Not too much further down this slippery slope, Sanders warns, "you might find some people here in Congress and some right-wing fundamentalists arguing that, in the midst of the war on terrorism, attacks against the president of the United States border on indecency."

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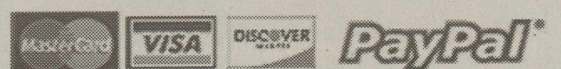
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# Michael Jackson's ex-wife testifies in trial Wednesday

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — In a startling setback to the prosecution, Michael Jackson's ex-wife took the stand at his child molestation trial Wednesday and said through tears how she was never scripted or rehearsed to say positive things about him to rebut a damaging TV documentary.

Prosecutors called Deborah Rowe to bolster their argument that Jackson conspired to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut the documentary, in which the singer said he lets children sleep in his bed.

The accuser's mother claims a video she recorded praising Jackson was made under duress and that every word was from a script.

The prosecution has said Rowe would offer similar testimony — that she was pressured to praise Jackson in a video — but her testimony Wednesday did not reflect that.

"I didn't want anyone to be able to come back to me and say my interview was rehearsed," Rowe said. "As Mr. Jackson knows, no one can tell me what to say."

She reiterated that she had been offered a list of questions by her interviewers but she declined to look at them before she talked.

"It was a cold interview and I wanted to keep it that way," she said. Rowe glanced at Jackson as she spoke. The pop star, dressed in a maroon suit, showed no obvious reaction to her testimony.

Rowe was a nurse for one of Jackson's plastic surgeons when they married in 1996, and they had two children together — 8-year-old Prince Michael and a 7-year-old daughter named Paris.

The couple filed for divorce three years later, and Rowe is currently in a family court dispute over visitation with their children.

Jackson has a third child, Prince Michael II, whose mother has remained anonymous.

Rowe appeared nervous at first as she told jurors "we've been friends and we were married." Asked about her domestic arrangements, she said, "We never shared a home."

Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen asked her what she expected after she gave the video interview. A teary-eyed Rowe said, "To be reunited with the children and be reacquainted with their dad."

Jackson is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in February or March 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary.

In 2003, Rowe said she spoke with Jackson over the phone and he said "there was a video coming out and it was full of lies and would I help. I said, as always, yes."

Rowe said her conversation with Jackson lasted perhaps 2 1/2 minutes and there was no discussion of what he wanted her to do other than to work with his associates.

She said all she could recall him saying was, "There was a bad video coming out."

"Did he tell you with any specificity what he wanted you to do?" Zonen asked.

"No," she said. Asked why she would help Jackson, she said, "I promised

him I would always be there for Michael and the children."

She did not give any details of her private life with Jackson and made it clear that she did not want to discuss it.

*"All I knew is what was being put out about Michael was hurtful to Michael and the children."*

— DEBBIE ROWE  
Michael Jackson's Ex-wife

"My personal life was my personal life and no one's business," she said when asked by the prosecution if she had talked completely truthfully on the video.

She said the videotaped interview lasted nine hours and she recently saw a two-hour version of it, which was shown to her by prosecutors. She said she found it "very boring and dull" and did not really pay attention while she was watching it.

Rowe said she did not see the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary before her interview was taped.

"All I knew is what was being put out about Michael was hurtful to Michael and the children," she said.

In his opening statement, District Attorney Tom Sneddon told the jury they would hear Rowe tell a story similar to that of the accuser's mother.

"Debbie Rowe will tell you her interview also was completely scripted," Sneddon said on Feb. 28. "They scripted that interview just like they scripted the (accuser's mother's) interview."

Rowe was expected back on the stand Thursday for more questioning.

Earlier in the day, Jackson's attorneys asked for a mistrial but were turned down by Judge Rodney S. Melville during a controversy involving testimony about the television documentary.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Tech plays Big 12's last-ranked Cyclones

By Anne Gephord/The University Daily

With a single elimination tournament looming over their heads, the Texas Tech women's tennis team is ready for Austin.

No. 63 Tech faces Iowa State in the first round of the Big 12 tournament today.

The Red Raiders are seeded fifth going into the Big 12 tournament, and Iowa State is seeded 12th.

The two teams last saw each other March 25 in Lubbock, with the Raiders taking the win 7-0 against the Cyclones. Tech swept the doubles matches as well as the singles matches to give the team the wide margin to win.

Tech's first position doubles team of Tara Browning and Lakann Wagley are ranked No. 50 in doubles.

Coach Cari Groce said the tournament requires the athletes to play at their best each time they set foot on the court because they only have one chance before they are out.

"You have to come in here ready to leave everything on

the court," she said. "Anything goes here."

While in the regular season of matches, players may not know each other as well; in the conference tournament, the teams have played each other before.

Groce said the ability to play the teams Tech will face in the tournament beforehand helps.

"I think that's a good thing about the dual match season," she said.

Despite the fact that Tech started off their season 0-5 against several non-conference opponents, Groce said the team's quick rebound has caused some heads to turn.

"I think these teams know not to underestimate us," she said.

Tech finished out its regular season 9-12 and 5-6 in the conference, defeating also No. 58 Oklahoma, No. 61 Colorado, No. 69 Missouri and Kansas, by their current rankings.

The Big 12 Conference currently includes nine ranked teams.

Groce said the team is ready to compete for a title. "They've come on strong," she said. "I think we're right

in the mix of things."

The level of tennis Tech has been playing this season is much higher than previous years, Groce said, and she looks forward to the tournament's results.

"We're very capable of competing and challenging," she said.

The young team has stepped up to a new level and will be capable of competing with the top teams in the nation, she said, as their schedule this season has prepared them to do so.

She said practices within the last week also will contribute to the results of the conference tournament.

"They're prepared," Groce said. "The mindset of these players is completely different than a year ago."

While the mindset may be enough to change the team, Groce said attitude is not the only thing she has noticed a difference in from the past seasons.

"I think the whole approach is much more professional," she said.

If Tech wins its first match against Iowa State, the Red Raiders move on to the second round to play Texas A&M on Friday, the fourth seed in the Big 12 tournament and No. 33 overall.

# Two athletes earn academic honors

Besides their year, college and the fact that they both play tennis, add one more thing to the list of what Tara Browning and Katja Kovacic have in common.

Both of the juniors on the Texas Tech women's tennis team recently were named to the Academic All-Big 12 first team for women's tennis.

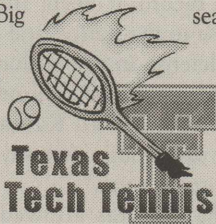
Team captain Browning is majoring in journalism at Tech and is from High Wycombe, Australia. Kovacic is from Kranj, Slovenia, majoring in public relations.

The two are not the only two on the team, however, that focus on their academics along with their athletics.

Sophomore Lakann Wagley was named to the Academic All-Big 12 women's second team.

Wagley is a political science major from Oklahoma City, Okla.

— Anne Gephord



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# NFL against idea of uniform testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A law establishing uniform drug-testing rules for major U.S. sports would be a mistake, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue told Congress Wednesday, while defending his league's steroid policy under questioning from lawmakers who were far less adversarial than during last month's baseball hearing.

"We don't feel that there is rampant cheating in our sport," Tagliabue told the House Government Reform Committee.

Members of the panel asked whether the size of today's NFL players is evidence of steroid use, they criticized football's penalties as too lenient, and asked whether amphetamines should be banned and when growth hormone will be tested for.

"How is the average American supposed to look at the size, strength and speed of today's NFL linebackers and not conclude that they might be taking performance-enhancing drugs?" asked chairman Tom Davis, R-Va.

Tagliabue countered: "We're certainly not going to jump to the conclusion that because we have larger athletes today there is increased steroid use in the National Football

League. I think it's nonsense."

On the whole, congressmen generally praised the NFL for its cooperation, with more than one calling Wednesday's session a "breath of fresh air" compared to Major League Baseball's hearing.

Still, the committee did not get a direct answer as to how widespread steroid use might be in the NFL.

Lawmakers tried to gauge that level in baseball on March 17, when an 11-hour hearing featured Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco and other past and current stars.

On Wednesday, only two former NFL players were present, and one was Hall of Famer Gene Upshaw, invited because he's the NFL Players Association chief executive.

The other was Steve Courson, an offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1978-85. He has admitted using steroids and said they probably played a role in his developing a heart condition.

Courson delivered his statement to dozens of empty black leather chairs: Only one member of the committee was present, because others left for a floor vote.



TRACK & FIELD

# Distance team travels to Iowa for Drake Relays

By Anne Gephord/The University Daily

While the Texas Tech track and field team is only one team, the athletes often split up on the weekends to travel to meets that will focus more on their respective events.

This weekend is no exception, as the team's athletes face three different meets.

Stefanie Calhoun, a distance runner for Tech, said the distance team will compete at the 96th annual Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, while the majority of the team competes at the Penn Relays.

"The thing about Drake is it's kind of a weeklong thing. There's events going on the whole week," she said. "I think it's more of a community event."

The Relay festivities at Drake were kicked off Saturday with Relay for Life. Other events this week included a beautiful bulldog contest, street painting, mud volleyball finals and mascot relays.

The week concludes with the running of the Drake Relays on Friday and Saturday.

"Drake is a really fun, fun race," Calhoun said. "It's a good place to run fast."

Calhoun said the carnival-like atmosphere of the relays creates competition without added pressure.

"There's a lot of national names that go there," she said. "Drake is a good place to go and run a good distance race."

Calhoun said the main reason the team was split is because of the specialties of the meets and the athletes that traditionally attend each meet.

She said while she does not like being split from the rest of the team right before the conference meet, she knows the teams will do better while facing different athletes.

"We have a really strong team," she said. "When it comes to race day Saturday at conference, everyone's going to show up and be there."

Kyle Atwood, a middle distance runner for the Red Raiders, said it will not be too much of a change, but there is really only one thing he does not

like about splitting up the team.

"We don't get to support the rest of our team," he said.

The Tech men are ranked 24th on the Trackwire 25.

While the rest of the team will not be there to support them either, Atwood said the two meets this weekend along with a meet at North Texas in which some Raiders will be participating are some of the biggest around.

"Penn Relays is probably the biggest meet for track and field," he said. "Drake's probably the second."

There are 62 foreign countries represented at this year's meet. The Saturday of the Drake meet has sold out for 40 consecutive years with 18,000 people in attendance each year.

The large crowds do not affect how he performs, Atwood said.

"It's something that you've worked at for a year," he said. "It's kind of worth your while."

Atwood said he plans to focus on dropping time from his 1,500-meter run in order to qualify for the regional meet.

"It seems like every week I've gotten better this year," he said.

Other Raiders will not travel as far, as the majority of athletes competing in field events will travel to Denton to compete in the Mean Green Twilight Thursday.

After this weekend, Tech takes a weekend off before traveling to Manhattan, Kan., for the Big 12 Outdoor Championships.

Calhoun said this point in the season can be rough for distance runners.

"I can definitely tell it's getting toward the end of the season," she said.

Since most of the distance runners also participate in cross country in the fall, they have been running since August, she said.

"It's all about being motivated and staying in the game," she said.

While athletes often are injured at this point, Calhoun said the team is mostly still healthy, but at this point it is more about hanging on to finish out the season.

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FAREWELL COLUMN

# It's time to say goodbye to Tech athletics, The UD

Four years. That's how long I have to fit into 600 words. How do you do that when the last four years of your life have been dedicated to what you love most?

For four years, I have covered sports for *The University Daily* and been able to tell the world about Texas Tech sports and voice my opinion on some matters. So how in the world do I keep the last

four years of my life to 600 words? Where do you start and who do you thank first? What moment will I remember forever?

Matt Muench is where this farewell should begin.

He hired me so long ago it seems like an age, and he taught me what it meant to tell this campus about the Red Raiders. It was a hard job, and the most fun. People love you and hate you all at the

**David Wiechmann**



*It was a hard job, and the most fun. People love you and hate you all at the same time. They tell you how to do your job when they haven't the slightest clue how to write essays for their English classes.*

same time. They tell you how to do your job when they haven't the slightest clue how to write essays for their English classes.

And you smile and go on with your work.

That's what it means to be a journalist. You write your story and inform your readers and allow them to criticize your work so you can put your name on the line the next day for them to dissect with haunting eyes, looking for the slightest mistake or most insignificant thing with which to disagree.

Then there are the days when you receive more praise you ever thought you could get — pats on the back, supportive e-mails, phone calls from sources telling you only you got the story right in today's paper.

This job is the best thing to ever happen to me, because I was raised to the highest pedestal one day and chopped down the next. I am human, and readers, professors, and so on, remind me of that daily, and I love them for it. I could not have become the journalist I am

today if it were not for people who glorify your accomplishments and point out your shortcomings.

I got to see the goal posts come down (again), Knight upset Kansas in double overtime, two Lady Raiders break the 3-pointers in a game record at Tech, the No. 1 offense in the nation and the No. 117 defense in the nation in the same game, Kelly Johnson pound away at a ranked Kansas State team just hours after saying she was "in the zone."

The UD has allowed me to witness more things than I could have imagined and develop into a fearless reporter with a question to ask to anyone. For that I'd like to thank coach Mike Leach for my nickname among journalists. Do not fear, coach, The Monster is graduating and no one knows when he will be back to cover the Raiders.

I only have 100 more words and there has to be so much I am leaving out. Like the time I interviewed Pat Green, or saw the USA Women's Olympic basketball team play, went to the NCAA

Women's Basketball Tournament four years in a row or received a sports journalism scholarship from the NCAA.

This is it. My final column as a sports reporter for *The UD*, and I don't know if I should feel relieved, sad, scared out of my mind or proud. I made it. When so many others didn't, I made it.

I will miss this paper for many things, and I will cherish my time here with a byline forever. This paper has been my life and will always be a part of it. The UD will go on without me, but this is the end of an era. I will miss you all. See you at Bash Riprock's.

I miss you Adam, Sabrina and J.T.

Goodbye.

— David "The Monster" Wiechmann

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BASEBALL

## Tech walks to non-conference win

By Bryan Wendell/  
The University Daily

No thanks, Prince, the Texas Tech baseball team does not want to party like it's 1999.

Because six years ago, on April 19, 1999, a Red Raider team that went 42-17 and 18-8 in the Big 12 lost to a private, Christian liberal arts school.

On that fateful day, the Raiders

lost 7-4 to the College of the Southwest Mustangs.

The Mustangs play in the little-known Red River Athletic Conference with powerhouses Jarvis Christian and Southwest Assembly of God.

In the game's beginnings, it looked as if a repeat of the 1999 loss was in the works as CSW jumped out to a 4-3 lead.

"For a second there, I thought we

were kinda falling apart," said junior right fielder Brent Thomas.

Tech's offense had not been able to collect hits early in the game as both of the Raiders' two hits during the first five innings came from Thomas.

In the fifth inning, Thomas collected his (and Tech's) second hit by bunting up the first base line. After the game, he said he was not sure the hit was going to stay fair.

"When I bunted it, it came straight at my head and I was just trying to get it down. I had my bat angle and I had it all there, and I just had to get it down," Thomas said. "The funny thing was I saw the ball spinning and I was like, 'Oh, it's gonna go foul,' but the guy picks it up in fair territory."

After some dispute, the umpires collaboratively decided the ball was fair and Thomas stayed at first base; he later would score Tech's winning run in an 11-4 victory Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

Tech's 11 runs came on only eight hits because the Red Raiders were given several free base runners. Mustang pitchers walked eight and hit six Tech batters.

Center fielder Cody Fuller was hit three times and third baseman Carey Avants was walked four times.

The last time a Tech player walked four times in a game brings light to

a coincidental date: April 19, 1999, against the same Mustangs.

Chaz Eiguren walked four times for the Red Raiders in that game.

After walking four times in five appearances at the plate, the sixth at bat produced the temptation for Avants to chase a pitch to get on base.

"I was getting on base, so that's a good thing and everything, but after a while I saw a bunch of balls and started getting a little anxious," he said. "In that last at bat, I probably got myself out, I probably should have been a little more patient and work the count."

When told his accomplishment had not happened in more than six years, Avants modestly downplayed the information.

"I try not to look at stats or records or anything," he said. "I just try to let the game unfold, as it will. If they walk me four times, they walk me four times. I just gotta be patient and play my game."

Raider pitchers came out and played a solid game, Tech coach Larry Hays said, especially considering six pitchers each threw at least one inning Wednesday and five threw in a 10-2 win against New Mexico Tuesday.

"When you throw as many pitchers as we've thrown the last few days, you're going to have some not do well," Hays

said. "We did all right, except for we had a couple of guys that didn't pitch very well."

Hays stressed the importance of these non-conference midweek games for relief pitchers who still are determining their role on the team.

"You hate to say it, but you're having tryouts when you're out there," he said.

Though the beginning of the game was rocky, Thomas said the contest accomplished its intended purpose.

"It was a game to build some hitters' confidence and pitchers' confidence to try to get some momentum going into the Baylor series," he said.

Notes:

— The College of the Southwest is located in Hobbs, N.M. Former Tech basketball player Ronald Ross, a graduate of Hobbs High School, was in attendance at the game.

— After a rough start, Tech pitchers settled down in the fifth inning, striking out at least one Mustang batter in each inning until the ninth.

— Pinch runner Drew Roberts' seventh-inning stolen base was Tech's 100<sup>th</sup> of the season.



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH THIRD baseman Carey Avants fields a ground ball that he thought was foul, as the umpire behind him disagrees, during Texas Tech's 11-4 victory against the College of the Southwest Wednesday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

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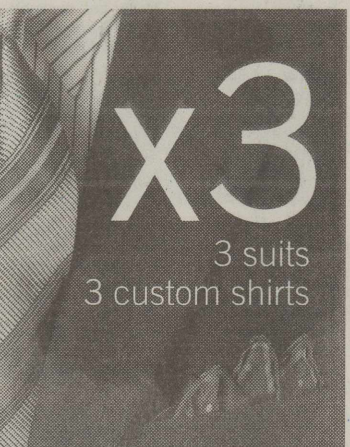
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