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Sitton backs city in Hampton case

Lubbock mayor tries to remove suspicion about coaches; civil lawsuit pending

By Apu Naik
Staff Writer

In an effort to amend relations with Hampton University officials who were wrongly accused of a crime last week, Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton traveled to Hampton, Va., Friday to meet with the president of Hampton University and the two coaches who were involved.

The mayor traveled with senior Councilman T.J. Patterson, City Manager Bob Cass and City Attorney Anita Burgess to express the city's regret over an incident of alleged misidentification of one of the Hampton

coaches in a "pigeon drop" scam.

In an issued statement released by the mayor the day after she returned from Hampton, Sitton "defended the conduct of her police officers by reiterating that the crime victim gave a sworn statement to the scam and positive identification of one of the coaches."

Sitton, who is currently in Dallas tending to personal business, also noted in her statement, "Providence dealt a difficult hand to both Hampton University and Lubbock, Texas and the purpose of our visit is to do everything within our power to remove any suspicion about Hampton coaches and the integrity of Hampton University. They were

exonerated."

Councilman Patterson said the trip to Hampton resulted in a positive exchange between the university's President William Harvey, the two basketball coaches, and Lubbock City officials.

"(Friday's trip) was a friendly gesture from some of the city of Lubbock's officials and Hampton University's faculty," Patterson said.

"The meeting was extremely positive, and our main goal was to express to the university our deep regret that such an unfortunate incident occurred and stress that they are more than welcome back to Lubbock in the future."

After the Lubbock Police Department had cleared Hampton coach Patricia Bibbs, her husband Ezell Bibbs and assistant coach

Vanetta Kelso from any wrongdoing, Hampton officials expressed an interest in pursuing a civil lawsuit against the city for their handling of the case.

The three were in Lubbock for the Nov. 18 women's basketball game between Texas Tech and Hampton University, which was canceled due to their arrests for an alleged money fraud scam.

Lubbock Police Chief Ken Walker issued a public statement, in which the victim of a "pigeon drop" scam identified the three Hampton officials as the perpetrators of the alleged crime.

One Hampton University official confirmed Monday that the institution still was not sure whether they would pursue a lawsuit against the city of Lubbock, but that they are currently considering legal advisement

from former O.J. Simpson lawyer Johnnie Cochran and two Texas attorneys whose names were not known by the source.

Al Butler, of Hampton University's information office, said Hampton President William Harvey contacted Cochran to head the advisory which is currently being considered by the university.

Butler also said Tuesday night the school is taking the situation one step at a time and will announce sometime in the near future what actions they plan to pursue against the city.

"Right now, we are weighing our options, and once it is determined what is in the best interest of Hampton University, we will announce what our plans are," Butler said. "However, President Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Bibbs appreciated the apology from Lubbock's city officials."

Board hears UC plans for growth

By Gretchen Verry
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents discussed the possible expansion and renovation of the University Center at the Regents' meeting Nov. 13.

The decision, however, will ultimately be in the hands of the students.

Following focus group research, the Student Government Association is expected to place the issue on the March SGA election ballot.

SGA Internal Vice President Ryan Lunsford said since the proposed expansion will be paid for through student fees, it is important for the SGA to obtain student input on the issue.

UC Director Tom Shubert said expansion costs would be added to UC fees students pay, but other sources of funding are being sought out to absorb part of the cost.

"The UC fee is currently \$30 a semester, and I am going to try very hard not to ask students for more than another \$20," Shubert said.

"One idea that we had was to move the bookstore over there because bookstores are not traditionally paid for by students. Basically, we're just trying to find alternate sources to fund the project."

Shubert said the possible renovations and expansions consist of three major parts.

The first is the expansion of Student Organizations offices by 18,000 square feet, with offices for an additional 50-60 student organizations.

"By bringing all of the student groups together, we can create a sense of community amongst the groups," Shubert said.

The second component of the plan is expansion of commercial space.

Shubert said discussions include expanding the convenience store, moving the computer store upstairs, possibly moving the Texas Tech Bookstore into the facility and providing space for three to five new businesses.

"We're looking at businesses that provide services for students that have previously been outside of the UC," Shubert said.

The third major component of the project would involve expanding the existing ballroom to approximately twice its current size.

Shubert said yearly events, such as Career Fair, could benefit from the expansion.

SGA External Vice President Bryan Adams said focus groups are currently being conducted to determine student opinion on the issue.

"In the focus groups, I have already conducted, students have seen the validity of the issue and need for action," Adams said.

Adams said student input is very important, and students wishing to voice their opinions on the issue can call him at the SGA office or e-mail the SGA at www.sga.ttu.edu.

Bonsai!



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Snip, Snip: Crystal Driver, a freshman MIS major from Floydada, works on a bonsai sculpture for dwarf juniper trees during her principles of horticulture lab. Bonsai is the art of cultivating dwarfed trees.

Market opening postponed

By Jonathan Biles
Staff Writer

The opening of The Market, the dining facility at Stangel/Murdough residence hall, has been postponed until Jan. 13 due to a tight construction schedule, said Doug Mann, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction.

In efforts to improve the dining atmosphere of the students, the dining facility at Stangel/Murdough residence hall has been undergoing construction since the beginning of this year.

When completed, The Market will contain a different way for students to eat, said Jim Burkhalter, director of housing and dining.

Instead of students paying to get into the dining hall and having an all-you-can-eat buffet, students will "purchase" each item they wish to eat, Burkhalter said. The Market will contain different theme lines, which will have meals put together for purchase, Burkhalter said.

"The dining area will be like a food court in the mall," Mann said. "The students will be able to choose from a wide variety."

Students, who have meal plans, will be allotted a certain amount of credit when eating at The Market. This credit will be used to purchase what items they want, Burkhalter said. He said students who choose to spend more than they are allotted, they will have the ability to purchase more credit through their Tech Express, Dining Dollars or cash.

Even though The Market is creating a new atmosphere for student dining, not all dining halls will immediately switch to the new style, Burkhalter said.

As of now, he said, The Market will be a trial for what the future of all dining halls will be. Even if the new style is decided upon, it is still unsure whether or not all facilities will be making changes, Burkhalter said.

The construction was expected to be completed in October, but will not be completed until January. Mann said the reason for this delay has nothing to do with construction. He said the construction of the project has been going quite smoothly, but due to the constraints of the schedule made to reach the October deadline, the deadline will not be able to be met.

Burkhalter said the construction is simply taking longer than he and the contractor had expected.

"We haven't had any problems," Burkhalter said. "It's just taking longer than we had initially expected."

Mann said there were some delays during the process of finding the initial funding, but ever since that delay there have been no holdups.

"We haven't had any problems. It's just taking longer than ... expected."
Jim Burkhalter
housing and dining

Yeltsin hospitalized

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin will work out of a hospital room for several days at least, aides said Monday, after the president fell ill with pneumonia — the third time he's been sidelined by sickness in recent weeks.

The latest ailment revived worries about Yeltsin's ability to run a country mired in economic troubles. But his condition wasn't serious enough to stop him from meeting with Chinese President

Jiang Zemin in the Central Clinical Hospital.

Russian TV networks showed the two leaders sharing a joke in a reception room and Yeltsin, dressed in a sweater, did not look particularly ill.

The 67-year-old president was rushed to the hospital Sunday with pneumonia and a temperature of 102 degrees, the Kremlin said Monday. He was being treated with antibiotics.

Saddam's deputy escapes attempt on life

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's deputy narrowly escaped an assassination attempt in a southern Iraqi city, Baghdad television reported Monday.

Izzat Ibrahim, Saddam's deputy on the powerful Revolutionary Command Council, was attending a religious ceremony Sunday when assailants threw two grenades at him as he got out of his car, according to the report.

Several bodyguards and bystanders were wounded, the television re-

ported. It said Ibrahim was not injured.

The attack in Kerbala, a Shiite Muslim holy city, came a day before Iraqi opposition groups met in London to find ways to unite their ranks. It was the first reported assassination attempt on a senior Iraqi official since December 1996, when gunmen shot Saddam's eldest son, Odai, about 10 times while he waited in his car in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood.

Odai, Saddam's heir apparent, survived the attack but now walks

with the aid of a cane.

Kerbala is in the southern Shiite Muslim heartland, which has long been a source of opposition to Saddam.

Opposition groups have said that fighting has renewed in recent months in southern Iraq.

Opposition groups based in London said earlier this month that Ibrahim commanded some Iraqi units sent to fight Shiite rebels in the southern marshes.

Shiite Muslim rebels have staged hit-and-run attacks since the Iraqi

army crushed their uprising in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War.

Despite Saturday's attack, Ibrahim continued his activities and attended a religious festival held to commemorate the birthday of Hussein, the Prophet Mohammed's grandson and Shiite Muslims' most revered saint, the television said.

He delivered a speech on behalf of Saddam, it said.

Investigations were under way to apprehend "the perpetrators of this heinous crime," the television added.

Tech's meat judging team finishes sixth in nationals

By Melody Ragland
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech meat judging team competed this weekend at the International Championship in Dakota City, Neb.

The team won sixth place, while rival Texas A&M won first out of 15 teams competing.

"We didn't get to finish up the way

we wanted," said Marcus Miller, the faculty coach. "It was a great bunch of kids, it just didn't work out."

Kevin Pond, professor and chair of the Department of Animal Science and Food Technology, said the team did not do as well as expected. He said they went into the contest with the ability to do well.

The 14-member team consists of students who have spent the past 18

months practicing and competing for the national title. They practiced 80 to 100 hours the week before competitions.

The students judge beef, lamb and pork products.

There are seven meat judging contests each year that students compete in.

The team's most important contest were the American Royal, which

was earlier in November and the national championship.

In the American Royal, Tech placed fourth, losing to Kansas State, Colorado State and Texas A&M.

The team's coach is Michael Schertz.

The team includes Teri Bilyeu, Amber Brady, Perry Brewer, DeBerry, Reagan Graham, Shane Kelly, Anna Kadowski, Kimberly McCarty, Jay

Parker, Stacey Sanders, Janeal Stephens, Steven Tatsch, Travis Thorne and John Villalba.

Tech's meat judging team has won national titles in 1989, 1991, 1996 and 1997.

Pond said the 1998 team has now passed the torch to the 1999 team.

"We didn't get to finish up the way we wanted."

Marcus Miller
faculty coach

The 1999 meat judging team has already begun practicing for spring contests.

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7:00	Bloomberg Homestretch	Today Show	News	Shop @ Home	Good Morning	Magic Bus Ned's Newt
8:00	Sesame Street				America	Doug Ducktales
9:00	Mr. Rogers Barney	M. Stewart M. Stewart	Sally Jessy Raphael	K. Copeland Match Game	Regis & Kathie Lee	Howie Mandel
10:00	Teletubbies Wimpie House	Sunset Beach	Price is Right	Dating Game Newlywed Gm.	View	Donny & Marie
11:00	C. Horse Arthur	Leeza	Young & the Restless	Forgive Or Forget	All My Children	People Court
12:00	Hawaii CooKs Motorweek	News Days of our	News Beautiful	Ricki Lake	News Port Charles	Mills Lane Joe Brown
1:00	Painting Barney	Lives Another	As the World Turns	Paid Program Boy/World	One Life to Live	Matlock
2:00	T. Tugboat Marsh	World Hwlyd Square	Guiding Light	Diff. World Mr. Cooper	General Hospital	Nanny Paid Program
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5:00	R. Rainbow Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	News CBS News	News Springer	News ABC News	Sis/Sister Grace/Fire
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7:00	Ice Mummies, A	Mad/You PG Friends PG	JAG	Moesha Clueless	Home Impr. NYPD Blue	FOX Movie: "Home
8:00	NOVA Miniseries	Shoot Me PG Friends PG	CBS Movie: "Point	Greatest Pets	Spin City NYPD Blue	Alone 2: Lost in NY"
9:00		Dateline	Last Seen	Ricki Lake		Cops Cops
10:00	Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	News Newsradio	Real TV Hard Copy	News MASH	Frasier Cheers
11:00		Conan	Letterman Tom Snyder	E.T. Real TV	Nightline Mad/You	Jerry Springer
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7:00	Nerds Z.O.I.	World's Greatest	Nanny PG Hughleys	Seven Days	Dharma/Greg Two Guys	FOX Movie: "Park"
8:00	Brief History of	Magic V	Celine Dion	Voyager	Drew Carey Secret Lives	World: Jurassic
9:00	the Internet	Law & Order PG	Chicago Hope	Ricki Lake	20/20	
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Thanksgiving service given for community

A non-denominational religious service will be offered today in honor of the holidays. The entire community is welcomed to take part in this Thanksgiving service beginning at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church located at 1500 14th St.

"We do this in order for everyone to think about the values of our country and what we are thankful for," said Rev. Mel Swoyer of Shepherd King Lutheran Church.

Swoyer said the service has been a tradition for seven years and brings the community together.

"We try to provide a multicultural service with a cross section of churches involved with the service," he said.

Swoyer will give the Thanksgiving message during the services. Special music will be performed by the Community Baptist Church Choir. Mayor Windy Sitton and Councilman T.J. Patterson will give Thanksgiving greetings. An offering will be taken and then will be given to Lubbock Interface Hospitality Network, a homeless outreach program.

For more information, call 762-5080.

Civil suit challenges pay for JFK assassination film

WASHINGTON (AP) — A research group and a private film maker filed a lawsuit Monday protesting the government's plan to spend perhaps millions of dollars for Abraham Zapruder's home movie of the John F. Kennedy assassination 35 years ago.

The suit argues that the Justice Department had no right to exclude the copyright from the negotiations. If the government secured the copyright, the public could use the film for free, or at a minimal cost, said Mark Zaid, an attorney for the Assassination Archives and Research Center, a nonprofit Washington organization that maintains one of the largest private collections of records on the assassination.

The civil suit, filed in U.S. District Court, challenges ongoing negotiations between the Justice Department and Zapruder's relatives over a fair price for the 26-second film that captured the national tragedy in 1963.

The Justice Department is expected to compensate the family for the film, but Zapruder's heirs would keep the copyright and retain control of its use.

"The current negotiations give the public no benefit because the copyright is not part of the package that the American people will own," Zaid said. "The taxpayers are going to spend millions to gain possession of the film, but it's not going to give the public any greater use or control over it."

The suit claims the Zapruder family abandoned claims to the copyright when it did not always pursue legal action against those who infringed upon it. And the plaintiffs argue that the Zapruders charge excessive fees — as much as 50 times the industry standard — that restrict use of the historic film.

The Zapruder family's lawyer, Robert Bennett, denounced the allegation

as "grossly unfair" and "false."

He said the family has worked to balance public access with efforts to avoid exploitation. The family charges for using the film when it's a commercial venture. But at other times, he said the family has paid the costs of providing the film to people using it for non-commercial purposes.

"It's a frivolous lawsuit which is an abuse of the legal process and court system," Bennett said.

The Zapruders are entitled to compensation because a government board declared the film the permanent possession of the American people. The government took control of the film in August, but the family has not been compensated because efforts to put a price tag on the film have failed. Last month, the Justice Department and the Zapruders, represented by LMH Co., agreed to let an arbitration panel set a price not to exceed \$30 million.

The suit was filed by the assassination research center and Passage Productions L.L.P. of Baltimore. The filmmaker wants to use footage from the Zapruder film in a documentary on Kennedy's death, but cannot afford the fee, which could amount to as much as \$15,000 every time the film is broadcast.

Defendants in the suit are the LMH Co., the National Archives, which has stored the film for the family since the late 1970s, and the Justice Department.

John Russell, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said the government would respond to the suit in court.

"We feel there are some misrepresentations in their argument," Russell said. "The allegations made in the lawsuit filed today are a misunderstanding of both the law and the facts."

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Money saved from seasonal vacationing, spending

By Tara Nishimura
Staff Writer

Holiday gifts, ski trips, vacations and celebrating semester break — these activities can be fun, but costly. No doubt the holiday season is expensive, but there are techniques to cut down Christmas spending.

Monica O'Malley, a certified consumer credit counselor, specializes in financial management and planning for costly times.

O'Malley works for Consumer Credit Counseling Service helping people in debt or people uncomfortable with their debt.

"For the holidays what we urge people to do is plan ahead," O'Malley said. "Establish a reasonable budget and basically get an early start on shopping."

A person can reduce the chances of overspending during

holiday budget can require re-analyzing your spending.

"Last year I spent about \$300 on a ski trip, but this year I have to work all during semester break," said Keri Kemp, a sophomore nursing major from Hillsboro.

O'Malley suggests using a budget to see what you can afford. "You might want to start tracking your expenses and see how much money you have coming in," she said.

"Trim all the unnecessary things, people tend to overspend on eating out a lot, you could cut back on eating out, some entertainment or reduce long distance calls."

Kemp, who is on a fixed budget agrees. "Budgeting is real important especially if you don't work," she said.

"You don't have the money for everything and anyway it's the thought that counts. My friends understand that because their in the same situation I'm in."

O'Malley also recommends to avoid using credit cards. "Credit cards aren't bad if you use them wisely," she said.

"For the holidays, if your going to use them, use the cards with the lowest interest. If you can, use cash

to pay for gifts and avoid credit cards."

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service suggests searching for bargains, shopping alone to cut down on impulse buying and taking advantage of payment plans.

"It's a month away from Christmas, so you still have time to start layaway programs," O'Malley said. Dennis plans to watch his savings account this year to not spend.

"I have about \$800 in my savings account that I'm not touching," Dennis said.

The key to smart holiday spending is to plan, O'Malley said.

"Once it's (holiday season) over, in January, you might start setting money aside every month," she said.

"It's a lot easier to set aside a little each month then to come up with it all at once."

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Monica O'Malley
consumer credit counselor

Christmas and holiday shopping naughty, not nice



John Davis
Staff
Writer

Dashing through the store, my gifts totaled but one. I had 15 seconds left.

To get my shopping done. For dad, some after shave.

For aunt, a roll of tape. And I just knew an oven mitt would make my momma's day!

Yes, shopping stinks, shopping stinks!

Ooh, the idea of going out the day after Thanksgiving and shopping just about curls my teeth. Every year, it seems going out in the car and shopping at the malls, specialty

stores and Wal-Mart gets harder and harder.

So, I have come up with three problems I encounter during the shopping frenzy.

1. People who are rude.

Whenever rude are shopping, they act as if the rotation of the Earth on its axis hangs precariously in the balance of what they purchase.

They get behind a shopping cart and push it around the aisles like a tank conquering the beaches of Normandy.

They drive over whatever hapless victims dare to stand between them and the 500 boxes of lights they just have to get.

"Love thy fellow man," sort of just flies out the window as they push and pull to get what they need.

2. People who are thoughtless.

I can't feel too sorry for the people

who get run over by the tank drivers because their head is in the clouds most of the time.

They stand immovable in the middle of aisles while others are getting trampled or crushed against the shelves while the foot traffic tries to pass them.

Don't bother trying to say, "Excuse me, please," because they won't hear you in "happyjoholidayland."

There's also the people who thoughtlessly choose to set their rabble of murderous children free in the store. That's always a fun.

When their parents turn them loose, these little bundles of mayhem migrate toward the toy department to arm themselves with toy guns, swords and plastic bubble-making lawn mowers. Then they begin plans to ambush other customers and each other.

I have to hold myself back from

wanting to trip them as they throw their tantrums and seizures when I run across them again at the front check-outs.

3. Bad drivers.

Ordinarily, I'm a very polite, courteous person who is well-tempered and level-headed.

Christmas shopping changes this.

Though I try to escape, the tank drivers and thoughtless people have left the store with me, trading their shopping carts for cars, then going about driving the same way they shop.

I remember once, some people decided to have a Chinese fire drill

at a green protected arrow. By the time they finished, the light had turned red.

So had I.

I don't know what happened, but I snapped like a rotten twig. I got into the other lane, rolled down my window, and told them they needed to learn how to drive. When they flipped me off, I chased them off. I chased them down. I mean I chased them,

too. I took my car over curbs and ran stop signs like an idiot just to give them a piece of my mind.

When I had them pinned, my quarry at a stop sign and I saw the

fear in their face, I realized what a stupid thing I had just done.

I felt terrible because I had become one of the people I hate the most. Instead of cussing them, I turned and waved at them with a big game-show-host smile.

I don't think it helped.

I guess after all that I found a little like Scrooge, but I do enjoy the holidays. I came to the realization it's not about the awesome gifts you get for someone else, but more about being together with family and whatever you believe in.

So, this year, my family decided to forgo the presents and just spend our time together playing cards, laughing and having a scotch with my grandma.

You know, I think they're on to something.

John Davis is a senior journalism major from Fort Worth.

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Hospital puts surgery on display

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Dr. Alan Spier sawed into the woman's chest. He separated the bone, then sliced through a membrane. Suddenly, a vigorously beating human heart was visible.

About 15 feet above the operating table, 22 students and their parents watched from a room known as The Dome.

"Oh, cool," said some of the students. "Awesome."

At Inova Fairfax Hospital, the public can watch heart surgery. Other hospitals with viewing decks restrict viewing to medical students or special visitors.

"Surgeons get such tunnel vision," said Spier, who pushed to have the special room built. "This is our only consistent touch with lay people."

Among the home-schooled students who came recently from the suburban Washington area for the three-hour triple-bypass operation was Michelle Mitchell, 14. She hopes to become a scientist.

She had seen operations on television and was fascinated by the colors inside the human body: beige, red, purple, brown. The heart looked mostly tan because of a normal covering of fat.

"You can see what the inside of yourself looks like," said Michelle, who used binoculars to get an even closer view.

Most visitors are organized groups, often junior high and high school students from the Washington area. The Dome is often booked months in advance.

Several thousand people a year watch operations, including some former patients who come to see what was done to them. Visits before an operation, however, are discouraged. Relatives of patients are barred.

While the doctor operates, a nurse explains what is happening

below.

Lauren Gibson, 14, had worried about getting queasy, but managed. Still, all the cutting and sewing both-

ered her.

"I used to want to be a doctor, but I think I'll go back to my old vocation of acting or singing," she said.

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"The fun of the movie lies in how brazenly it shocks you into laughter."
"It's the most disgusting movie that I ever laughed myself silly over."

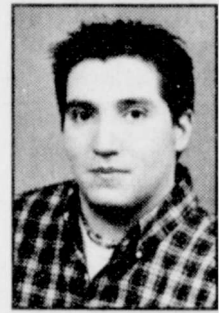
"Very Bad Things is a superbly nasty black comedy."
C'ham Fuller, Interview

VIEWPOINTS

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

Columnist thankful for things

Look out, it's that time of the year again. The holiday season is fast approaching. It's time to rush through your last minute papers so you can hurry up and get on the road home for the Thanksgiving break. Aren't you glad that the last thing that you get to see before hitting the road is my smiling face.



Kevin Preas
Columnist

Since the Thanksgiving holiday is just a few days away, I thought that I would tell you about what I'm thankful for this year. Something for you to think about on the road home.

First of all, I'm thankful that Texas Tech football had a winning season this year and, most of all, that they beat UT. This means that I don't have to go home and listen to everyone talk about the games we should have won, or why we lost. I can enjoy my holiday peacefully. And then come Winter Break, I will be able to watch the Red Raiders play in a bowl game on TV.

Next, I'm thankful that the mass communication school is going to get their accreditation back. This was probably the biggest worry that any mass communications major had this semester. Now, it seems that the situation has cleared up, and everything is back to normal.

Which brings me to the next thing on my list of things to be thankful for — registration.

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Now normally, I would sit around, gripe, whine and complain about how bad the registration process at this school is. This semester I did something different though. I followed the instructions. I turned in all of my forms on time, registered on the correct day and even made sure that I did not have any holds on my records before waiting in line. It's amazing how easy it can be if you just do it the way they tell you to. For the first time since I registered for the fall of 1995, I did not have any problems getting the classes that I needed.

I'm not saying that the system is perfect. Sure, it could use an update but that can wait and go on the Christmas wish list. Finally, I'm thankful for all of those who take the time to read this column. I never realized that so many people would take the time to listen to what I have to say. I appreciate the (mostly positive) responses that you have given to me, thank you.

I hope that each of you have a happy holiday. Be careful on the roads. I'll catch you on the flip side.

Kevin Preas is a senior public relations major from Plano.



BEN SARGENT
11/19/98

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tech student has trouble with complaints at UPD

To the editor: In lieu of the recent praise of the UPD, I have come forward with my story.

Since I had trouble filing my complaint with the police department, I have decided to take it to *The University Daily*.

I was crossing Akron Avenue from my job in Drane Hall on my way to the University Center. I stopped to wait for traffic and noticed a university police car coming.

Since I was not at a crosswalk, I was not surprised he did not stop for me. I noticed that he stopped for a male that was about 10 steps away.

The man was not standing at a crosswalk either. Now feminists beware, I was offended a male did not stop for me. My annoyance was raised when I had to walk around the police car, which was now blocking my path.

Not only did he not stop for me, but now he was in my way. I decided to go back to my office and file a complaint.

I called the police department and was connected to the dispatcher who had me on the phone for 10 minutes in between his police call-ins.

He finally connected me to the sergeant who informed me I had to come in to file a complaint, and he could not help me over the phone. As a single mom, I have to go to work and school from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At 5 p.m., I want to spend time with my baby before it is time to study.

I do not want to take the time to go fill out a complaint that could easily be handled over the phone. I made the decision to forget about my complaint.

Maybe the reason it is so difficult to file a complaint is to discourage doing so.

Shanda Spears
senior
social work

Parking on game day affects residence hall life

To the editor: Well, after four excruciating years here, I feel it is finally time to express my moral and intellectual outrage for Texas Tech.

I have suffered the usual screw-jobs this university puts each of its students through at some point or another, but the actions that occurred on Halloween have driven me to the point of insanity.

It was like any other Saturday. I went through my day, doing my own thing. Tech was playing Missouri in Jones Stadium.

Around 5 p.m., I decided to return to my dorm room, only to find every entrance to my home was blocked off. After driving around the entire perimeter of the campus three times, I decided to stop and ask one of the many police officers standing around why it was I couldn't go to my place of residence.

When he heard I was trying to get to my dorm, the

police officer immediately took a condescending voice and told me to turn my truck around and exit the campus. I said I was only trying to figure out how I could get home.

Again, in a louder voice, obviously trying to intimidate me, he told me if I didn't turn my truck around that instant he was going to have me arrested for disobeying a peace officer.

Hmmm. OK, fine. Again, I made a lap around campus via 19th Street to Indiana.

I made a right on the street that runs directly in front of the rec center only to find I could not make a left on Flint because the road is magically turned into a one-way street on game days.

So, there I am, sitting behind a mini-van, which is sitting behind a barricade. By this point, I'd had enough of driving around, so I got out of my truck, walked to the edge of the intersection, and asked one of the two officers there if I could ask him a question, "How am I supposed to get to my dorm if you have every street blocked."

Immediately, the other officer told me to get back into my truck.

Hmmm. OK, fine.

I sat there for about five minutes before the second officer came over to talk to the line of cars that I had formed. I distinctly heard him tell the woman in the mini-van in front of me that she could park her car in one of the adjacent lots that are across from the soccer fields. Then, he got to me.

"Why can't I go to my dorm?" I asked. "It's where I live." He then proceeded to tell me there was not a way on game day that I would be able to enter my dorm for at least 45 minutes.

"But, this is my university," I said with some enthusiasm. Here's the best part. This guy had the nerve, for the lack of a better word, to tell me, "This isn't your university." "Excuse me," I said, "I pay tuition here, which is more than half of these people can say."

I mean, am I supposed to quake and quiver just because he tried to exercise his imaginary authority.

His response, "If you don't move your truck right now, I'm going to call my unit supervisor, and he will arrest you for disobeying a peace officer."

As I drove off, I had to repeat his words out loud over and over, because I couldn't believe what I had just heard. Apparently, he heard my disgusted mimicking and came over to my truck to see what I had said.

I repeated the words to him, "This isn't my university?" He said, "Look, pal, if you don't move your truck, I'm going to have you arrested."

Hmmm. OK, fine.

Finally, 20 minutes later, I arrived in my dorm parking lot, smoke coming out of my ears and all. I can't believe people who have never attended this university have some privilege over the hard working students who have paid thousands of dollars over several years.

I mean, when was the last time an employee told his or her boss he or she was fired.

It just doesn't make sense. As a paying student, it is my understanding my money assures me the right and privilege to use my campus, and especially my own dorm room, any old time I want. What's the point of paying to live on campus if I can't even

go home anytime I want?

Where else does this happen?

Why am I made to take second-place to people who don't even care about individual students any more than they care about a stranger's dog?

How long are we, as students, going to allow ourselves to be pushed around by our employees?

I mean, if all of us were to leave Tech next semester, how long do you think it would take the administration to make some changes around here?

And by the way, and it's the last I'll mention it, it's like I've always said and known, "If you're tired of thinking for yourself, become a cop."

I wonder how many of these so-called peace officers actually went to college.

By their apparent ineptitude to answer a simple question, I can only assume it is a vast minority.

Anyway, this is just the latest disservice Tech has provided me.

I've made four years of excuses for the backward way this university runs, and frankly, I'm fed up.

So, my fellow students, I'll ask again, how long are we going to let our lives be dictated to us by people who have no place in them?

How long are we going to let them push us around? So, from myself, and all my intelligent brothers and sisters on the angry red eyesore that is Lubbock, I leave you with the following words: "They got guns, but we got numbers. Gonna win, yeah, we're taking over. COME ON!"

James Charles
senior
English

Problems same every year

To the editor: I enjoy perusing *The UD* once again through your website and enjoy the entertainment of the letters submitted to the editor, particularly Nov. 17. As I read, my mind wandered back to the mid-70s. *dejavu* was happening.

Back then, the common complaint on campus was parking — the far distances for commuter parking, the traffic and parking office and tickets for parking. In 1977, the campus loop began construction. We were to have a pedestrian campus with malls. Blocked was 15th Street at the agriculture education building and Boston Avenue in front of the library. Now, there is still talk of a pedestrian campus and malls.

Yes, there were student protests in front of the UC. The Iranian student body, or sack heads (because of their paper bag head covering), would shout "down with the shah, the shah is a fascist." Though the Iranians did not have graphic posters like the pro-lifers, if you did not like the message you kept on walking. What is the difference today?

Eight years ago, I received a master's degree from the University of Dallas. Same problems, different campus.

Who says you cannot live your past again? It may be with different names and faces.

Tom Gueess
Class of '78

Eight more days are remaining. That means there are eight more chances to get your letter in *The UD*.

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Lady Raiders down Mustangs, 72-67

DALLAS (Special) — The No. 13 Texas Tech Lady Raiders continued their decade-long dominance over Southern Methodist with a 72-67 victory Monday night at Moody Coli-

seum. Tech (2-1 overall) and the Mustangs (1-2 overall) traded buckets for the first seven minutes of the first half with no team taking more than a

three-point lead. But on the strength of strong outside play after SMU concentrated on stopping the Lady Raiders on the inside, Tech began to create a lead in the contest.

With the score tied at 12-12 at the 13:24 mark, the Lady Raiders went on an 13-4 run to take a 25-16 midway through the first half.

The Mustangs battled back to 29-21 at the 7:15 mark of the first half, but Tech began to pad the lead before halftime. Going into the locker room, the Lady Raiders sported a 43-31 halftime lead.

For the first five minutes of the second half, it was more of the same Lady Raider dominance with Tech having a 49-38 lead at the 15:53 mark. But the Mustangs were not done for the night.

In what was almost a carbon copy of the second half in the loss against the Old Dominion loss Saturday, Tech turnovers and fouls gave the Mustangs enough confidence boost to come back and take the lead a 51-49

lead at the 10:07 mark of the second half.

But off the strong play from guards Julie Lake and Kristi Washington, who finished with 14 and 11 points, respectively, the Lady Raiders regained the lead at the 8:07 point. Washington's 11 points set a new-career high for the sophomore from Garland.

After the Mustangs crept back to 66-65 with 1:26 left in the game, Washington drained a huge three-pointer on the next possession to put the game out of reach.

The win over the Mustangs continued Tech's winning streak against SMU. The Lady Raiders are 33-2 against SMU under coach Marsha Sharp.

The Mustangs' last victory in the series was in 1989.

After picking up their first win of the second game cross-country road trip against the Mustangs, the Lady Raiders will finish the trip against Stanford at 9 p.m. Friday in Palo Alto, Calif.

Cleveland snags free agent Alomar

CLEVELAND (AP) — Make it two All-Star Alomars on the Cleveland Indians.

Roberto Alomar joined his brother Sandy on the AL Central champions, agreeing Monday to a four-year contract worth \$30 million to \$32 million.

While the deal wasn't immediately announced, several sources familiar with the negotiations, all speaking on the condition of anonymity, said it had been completed. The Indians planned a Tuesday news conference at Jacobs Field to announce the contract with the nine-time All-Star.

Alomar's addition finally gives the Indians stability at second base, where they have used 15 players since trading Carlos Baerga in 1996. Roberto, who was

in Cleveland on Monday for a physical, was the Most Valuable Player of this year's All-Star game while Sandy, a six-time All-Star, was the MVP of the '97 game at Jacobs Field.

Roberto, 30, has been in the sights of Indians general manager John Hart for several years. With his addition, Cleveland has a lineup with a current or former All-Star at every position and one only rivaled by the World Series champion New York Yankees.

Second base has been Cleveland's most glaring weakness since Baerga was dealt to the New York Mets. The Indians used six different players at second during the '98 season alone and went into the postseason with Joey Cora there after acquiring him in a late-season trade.

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