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FBI report: Lubbock crime, violence on rise

CRIME WATCH: Lubbock Police Department declines to comment about preliminary FBI report.

By Michael Castellon/*The University Daily*

Crimes involving violence and property damage are on the rise in Lubbock, according to a preliminary report released by the FBI last month.

The report, which compiles crime statistics for the first six months of 2003, shows an increase in the number of reported crimes involving murder, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft.

Lieut. Victor Quintana, spokesman for the Lubbock Police Department, declined to comment on the report.

"I've been really busy this month and haven't seen the report yet, so we really couldn't say anything about it," he said.

From January through June 2003, six murders were reported in Lubbock, compared to two during the same reporting period in 2002, according to the report.

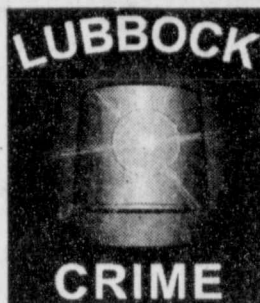
Similarly, there were 1,006 aggravated assault cases reported during the reporting period in 2003, compared to 935 during the same period in 2002.

Cases involving larceny and theft also

were increased during the first half of 2003. For the 2003 preliminary reporting period, 4,570 cases were reported, up from 3,936 in the 2002 reporting period.

Motor vehicle theft also climbed during the first half of 2003. While 279 vehicle thefts were reported during the 2002 reporting period, that number jumped to 336 for the 2003 reporting period.

While the report indicates an increase in most critical crime categories, not all reported



crime is on the rise. The number of reported forcible rapes, for example, dropped by eight cases in the 2003 preliminary reporting period, from 65 to 57.

However, Becky Cannon, executive director of Lubbock's Rape Crisis Center, said the data is most likely skewed. Her organization, she said, receives an average of 27 new cases involving sexual assault each month.

"We can compare 2002 and 2003 for the first six months, but a lot of cases get dumped on us in July and August," she said. "You also have to consider that sexual assault is such an underreported crime."

Cannon said that nationwide, about 15 to 20 percent of all sexual assaults are reported to law enforcement, a trend that probably also occurs in Lubbock. She also attributes the

increases involving violent crime in part to the city's growth.

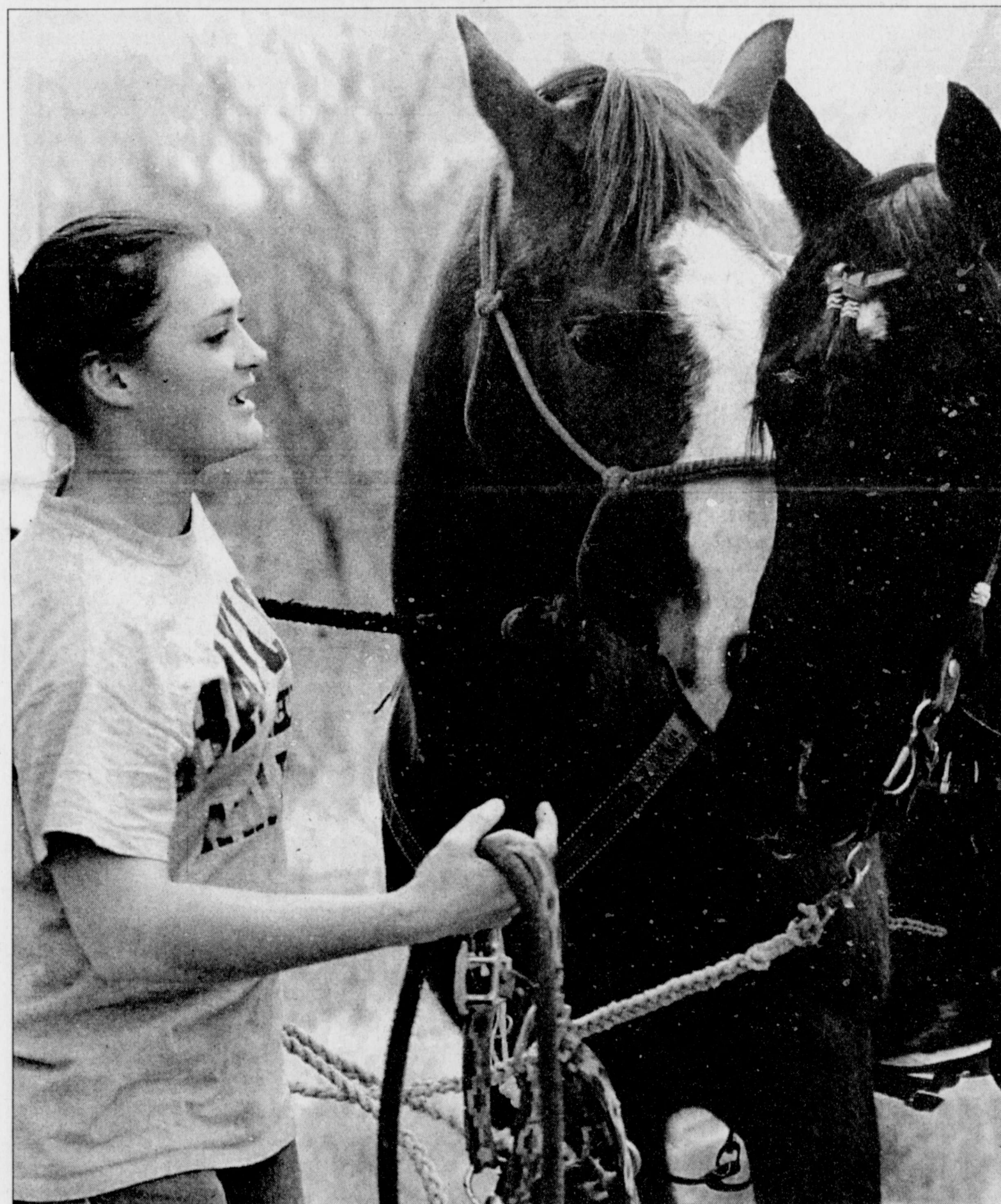
"And while that number is improving, you have to consider that even if we get to where we have 50 percent of all sexual reports being reported, half will go unreported," she said. "Lubbock is growing and that means you may have different problems that you didn't have a few years ago."

While data involving crime reports from the Texas Tech Police Department are not finalized, reports compiling complaints from January through November of 2003 indicate a total of 498 reported offenses.

Topping out the list of most reported crimes on the Tech campus is theft. Through

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ANIMAL AFFECTION



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/*The University Daily*

TEXAS TECH RODEO Association member Jesse Waite, a junior animal science major from Higgins, brings in her horses Four Socks, center, and Half Pint after a long associated ride Wednesday afternoon at Dub Parks Rodeo Arena.

Administration

Tech officials look for ways to improve image

By Andrew Bell/*The University Daily*

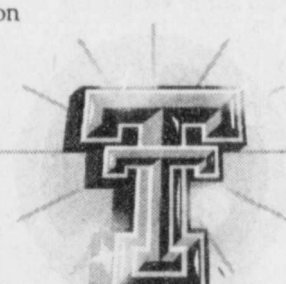
As Texas Tech prepares for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, members of the administration are looking at ways to improve the institutional effectiveness of the university.

SACS is a regional accrediting organization that evaluates schools and colleges in the southeastern portion of the United States, according to the SACS institutional self-study. Every 10 years Tech is required to go through the process of reaffirmation in order to assess and evaluate the progress of the university, Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said.

"SACS is an institution report card," Shonrock said. Peter Westfall, a professor of statistics and chairman of the Certification of Compliance Committee, said there are two main programs in the reaffirmation process.

The first program is the certification of compliance. The program docu-

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World News

U.S. forces capture four of Hussein's nephews

By Paul Garwood/*Associated Press*

SAMARRA, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces moved a step closer to the most wanted man in Saddam Hussein's regime Wednesday, detaining his four nephews in a pre-dawn raid and capturing another top fugitive thought to be a paymaster in the anti-U.S. insurgency.

In the Sunni Triangle region that has been the heart of the guerrilla war, a car bomb exploded in front of a police station in the town of Baqouba, killing the driver and two other Iraqis and wounding 31, including civilians and police. Outside Samarra, U.S. troops killed eight Iraqis after their patrol came under fire.

The detention of the nephews of former Iraqi Vice President Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri came in a raid Wednesday in Samarra, prompted by a tip. Al-Douri has a \$10 million bounty on his head and is suspected to have been orchestrating insurgent attacks.

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Public Affairs

Neugebauer speaks about trip to war zones

By Sally Gunter/*The University Daily*

As he sat on a plane flying back from Iraq with two coffins of U.S. soldiers and countermeasure alarms blaring, Congressman Randy Neugebauer wondered if he, like the fallen soldiers, had given his all.

As the U.S. representative of District 19 spoke to members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday at the Science Spectrum, he recalled details from his trip to the overseas war zone.

"It's always good to be home," Neugebauer said. "It is a privilege and honor to wake up and represent you in Congress."

Neugebauer, along with other members of the Agriculture Committee, visited Afghanistan and Iraq to see first-hand U.S. war efforts.

"We did very little destruction to the country as a whole in our bombing," he said. "Right now the Iraqi people are learning to be free."

A city council, police department and fire department were already established in Baghdad as the city began to organize a basic infrastructure, Neugebauer said.

While no physical weapons of mass destruction have been located in Iraq, one type has been, he said.

"Terrorism is a weapon of mass destruction," Neugebauer said. "Three thousand people were killed on 9/11."

While the economy of Iraq is still unstable, Neugebauer said the United States' economy is improving because of the prosperity of small businesses throughout the nation.

Neugebauer and a representative of the U.S. Department of Commerce awarded a Lubbock company for its business success. The Department of Commerce helps companies sell internationally and plans to open a new office in West Texas.

The Export Achievement Award was presented to representatives of Class One Orthodontics.

Class One Orthodontics, ships and sells products to 17 countries. All products are made in the United States and 52 percent of sales are export, said founder and director Jim Reynolds.

Five years ago Reynolds said his company provided to one company. He said that because of new employees and the use of the Internet business boomed. The Commerce Department provided

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TRAVIS GLODT/*The University Daily*

U.S. REP. RANDY Neugebauer speaks to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon about his recent trip to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is from Lubbock.

TECH TALK

QUOTE OF THE DAY



MIKE FUQUA
Bash Riprok's Bar
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“Minors using fake IDs has been around for a long time — I used a fake ID when I was 19; people are just trying to grow up a little earlier.”

Bush moon plan sends cheers to Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — The words from President Bush that Johnson Space Center had been waiting to hear finally came Wednesday: Send man back to the moon, then on to Mars.

The news caused an eruption of applause in the center's filled 800-seat auditorium.

“It gives us a new goal,” said Patricia Peugh, a secretary for the center's flight controllers. It was almost a year ago that JSC was shrouded in grief at the loss of the shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts.

Now the president has called for a new era of space exploration, but one that is costly and risky. The space shuttle and international space station would be replaced with a station on the moon to launch a mission to Mars and perhaps beyond. A lunar landing could take place by 2015.

Many workers at the home of Mission Control declined comment, but the space contractors who viewed the

announcement alongside them spoke hopefully.

“I've always wanted us to explore beyond the Earth — the moon and Mars,” said Mike Heiser, an engineer for Boeing for eight years. “I think in the end we are probably going to need more money, but I think like he said, a lot of good stuff down on earth comes from exploring space.”

There will be challenges, however, he said.

“The mission to Mars is going to be difficult just because we haven't ever flown for that length of time in space,” said Heiser. “We have been in low-earth orbit, but we are still relatively protected from the harshness of space. I think we are really going to have to learn and see how humans fare out in orbit for months at a time.”

Smiles broadened across the faces of many at the space center when in the moments leading up to his announcement, Bush introduced an image of astronaut Michael Foale, who spoke from aboard the space station 240 miles above earth.

Foale called NASA's journey “just the beginning.”

Those living on earth in the

shadow of the Johnson Space Center hope so.

“Thank you, Mr. President,” said Frankie Camera, who has run Frenchie's Italian Cuisine since 1979 in a strip center a few miles from the Johnson Space Center, home of Mission Control. Camera depends on center workers indulging on his spaghetti, ravioli and other Italian fare.

“The good news was so welcomed after all that happened,” he said referring to the Challenger and Columbia tragedies. “It's a push to everybody, ‘Hey, let's start again.’”

John Kennedy, the city manager of Nassau Bay, a town of just over 4,000 across the highway from the space center, said the space community had been “searching for a new vision for a long time.” A number of NASA contractors, such as Boeing and Lockheed Martin, are located in Nassau Bay.

“Everybody thinks it is so exciting. They are fired up,” said Dayna Steel Justiz of TheSpaceStore.com, located across the street from Johnson Space Center. “Now, can he pull it off? Can he convince Congress? ... I don't know, but it would be fabulous.”

But in Florida, Bush's plan — which includes scrapping the space shuttle program in six years — brought some uncertainty rather than universal joy.

More than 8,000 jobs are tied to the space shuttle and its regular launches on orbital science missions and trips to the international space station.

The Rundown



Former pizza delivery man set for execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former pizza delivery driver was headed to the Texas death chamber Wednesday for the 1990 shooting death of a woman after robbing her and her husband of some inexpensive jewelry and less than \$10.

Kenneth Eugene Bruce, who was 19 at the time, was one of four men convicted for the slaying of Helen Ayers after forcing their way into her home in rural Collin County.

Bruce, now 32, would be the second Texas inmate put to death this year.

A couple of weeks before Christmas in 1990, two young men knocked on the door of Helen and Richard Ayers' home, saying their car had broken down and they needed some jumper cables.

But after Richard Ayers invited the pair inside to keep warm, two more young men barged in, armed with guns. After surrendering a wallet and a purse, the couple was herded into a bedroom and told to lie face down on a mattress.

Then they were shot. And shot again moments later to make sure they were dead.

Judge sentences teens for hazing incidents

HONESDALE, Pa. (AP) — Two of three New York teens accused of sexually assaulting teammates at an overnight football camp were sentenced to juvenile detention facilities Wednesday by a judge, according to relatives of the victims.

Wayne County Judge Robert J. Conway barred the public from the sentencing and has refused to release details of the juvenile court case. Conway also barred prosecutors, defense attorneys and relatives of the teenagers involved from discussing the case.

But two victims' relatives said one accused teen was ordered to a detention center and another was ordered to a military-style boot camp.

The teens — two are 17 and the other 16 — were charged with numerous felonies for allegedly sodomizing three younger teammates with broomsticks, pine cones and golf balls at the summer camp in Preston Park, about 125 miles north of Philadelphia.

The aunt of one victim said the youngest defendant was placed on probation and will be allowed to return to New York.

Netherlands student kills economics teacher

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A high school student walked into his school's crowded cafeteria Tuesday and shot an economics teacher point-blank in the head, fatally wounding him.

The shooting came as a shock to many in this country, where gun violence is rare.

The student, a 17-year-old with a reputation as a troublemaker, reportedly had been punished for misbehavior a few days earlier.

He fled the scene but surrendered to police later Tuesday, police spokesman Jan van der Braak said. His name was not released.

The victim, 49-year-old Hans van Wieren, was shot once in the forehead. He was taken by helicopter to a hospital and died several hours later, the Dutch state news agency NOS reported.

Van Wieren was also a city council member and the deputy principal of Stevincollege, a school in the southwest part of The Hague.

“I heard people scream and thought it was a joke,” said the student, who would not give her name.

No one else was hurt, said police spokeswoman Dianna Wetzberg.

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Tech professor gets spacy with research

By Katie Hepburn/
The University Daily

A buzz is in the air — literally. People from Lubbock into outer space are excited about NASA's Spirit rover landing on the red planet. And this mission, with worldwide implications, has in part Texas Tech's Dan Cooke, professor and chairman of the computer science department, to thank.

Cooke said he recently finished a year-and-a-half assignment as manager of NASA's Intelligent Systems Program, which seeks to solve problems at NASA. Cooke said he helped build the foundation for the program's technical content, helped implement the program, and also headed and established the program's office in Mountain View, Calif.

"The program I managed was meant to support human and robotic missions in the future," Cooke said. "But we didn't do the mission planning."

Cooke said his work, called controls architecture, strove to provide

low level, advanced level controls for robotic devices that are used in exploring Mars' surface.

He said while humans will never be eliminated in space exploration, missions will rely increasingly less on humans and more on robotic technology to gather information.

"The more advanced controls we have on board these missions, the farther the rover can travel without relying on humans," Cooke said. "This new rover has more intelligence than any rover in history."

He said this advanced technology is important for several reasons.

"The Pathfinder didn't have much of a scientific return ... It was really, more or less, a technology demonstration that we could land something on Mars," he said.

The Spirit mission will have much more scientific value.

"This mission has instrumentation to analyze rocks, so we'll get a scientific return we have not seen in a long time," he said. "We're going to learn a lot more about the Mars surface."

In addition to learning about Mars' surface, Cooke said the rover has the technology to do some drilling, which is tricky. The drilling will be in areas where water was likely once present, or is currently present.

Cooke said as most scientists agree that water is the single most important component in supporting life, the drilling results will be interesting.

Although Cooke is now back at Tech, he said his work with NASA has not stopped.

"What we at Tech would like to do is develop technologies for future missions."

He said that an October workshop held at Tech brought people together from Jet Propulsions, NASA Ames Research Center and the Johnson Space Center in Houston to compare notes on advancing rover technology.

"The idea is to advance the technology each mission," he said.

So although the Spirit mission has more technology than ever before, the technology will likely be furthered for a mission planned in 2009.

"We're really interested in con-

tinuing, in providing results."

Cooke said he believes space exploration has many implications for everyday life on Earth.

"(Space exploration) benefits everyone ultimately," he said. "It helps science and technologies become enabled when you've got a goal; this is a good galvanizing goal."

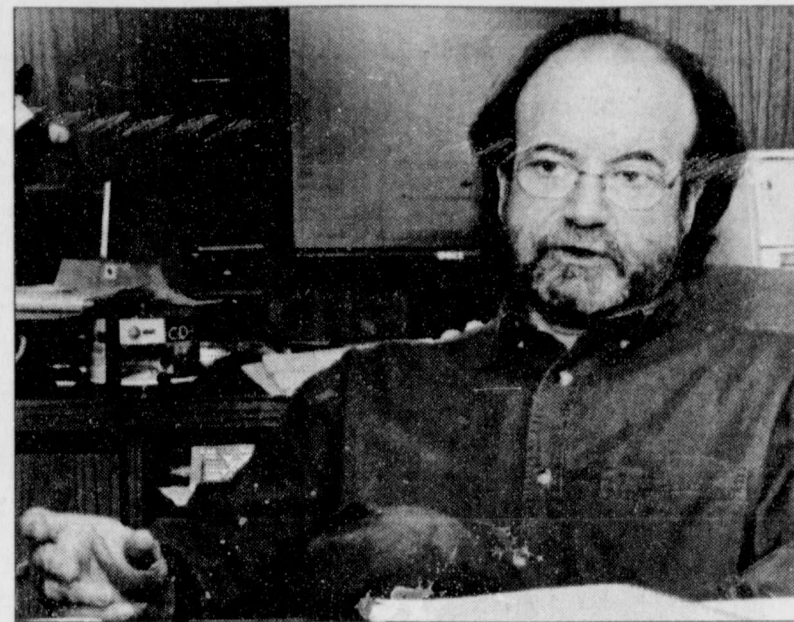
Cooke said the development of Teflon can be attributed to early NASA missions. NASA has also helped to develop computer technology and miniaturization, he said.

In addition to technology being developed, he said he believes space exploration helps humans understand their role in the universe, enriches the United States monetarily and spiritually, and inspires people.

"As a little boy, I watched the early (space) programs, and it really inspired a generation to get involved in technology," he said.

Cooke said he believes the intelligence that is gained from space exploration also is important.

"Looking at views from the Hubble (telescope), it's just phenom-



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

DAN COOKE, PROFESSOR and chairman of the computer science department, describes personal and university contributions to NASA's scientific endeavors.

enal," he said. "Our understanding of the universe and forces in the universe ultimately give us understanding of the things that impact us."

Of his own role in the Mars mis-

sion, Cooke is humble.

"I'm just excited for NASA because I think it's a success that shows improvement in technologies," he said.

Commerce

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Class One Orthodontics with lead to potential clients, Reynolds said.

"We went overseas to get the jobs," he said.

His recent trips to countries such as Germany, France, Spain and Turkey, Reynolds said.

Lubbock citizens also were given an overview of the accomplishments of Congress while dining.

Neugebauer said he was busy during the past six months as the 108th Congress met in its first session.

The second session is scheduled to begin next week. Neugebauer said he hopes they will pass appropriations and authorizations quickly so as to begin issues for fiscal year 2005.

Neugebauer described the first session as being probusiness and pro-economy. He said members of Congress understood that putting money back into corporate America to help companies grow also will help the economy prosper.

The effectiveness of this plan showed through the 8.2 percent increase in the U.S. economy at the beginning of the month, he said.

The unemployment rate, which is less than 7 percent, also motivated the actions of Congress, he said.

The both chambers of Congress were unable to agree on a new energy bill that Neugebauer said would help prevent electrical blackouts and manage gas prices. Neugebauer said he hopes this issue will be addressed early in the second session.

"We did not get the energy bill

passed in the Senate," he said. "It is an important piece of the economy in the future."

Congress passed a bill reforming Medicare and prescription drugs, making prescription drugs more available to people on Medicare. Neugebauer said these reforms were necessary and had not been addressed in 40 to 50 years.

"In the last 40 to 50 years health care has changed drastically," he said. "Long term, this is a vital program."

Neugebauer supported a bill ad-

ressing the re-importation of prescription drugs. The bill did not gain much momentum and was not passed.

"It is a way to provide good cost effective drugs," he said.

During the second session Neugebauer said he plans to increase the fuel tax money Texas receives from 90 percent to 95 percent. He said he hopes the second session is as successful as the first.

"We had a good session; good things were done for our community," he said.

Crime

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November of last year, Tech police investigated 422 cases involving theft and larceny. Cases involving assaults are a second, at 56 reported cases during the reporting period.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Jan Childress said that while it is difficult to determine specific trends in crime reports involving Tech police until

the 2003 crime reports are finalized, she has confidence in the resources available to the Tech community that teach crime awareness.

"We have ongoing efforts, like the Center for Student Life and Student Health Services, that let our students and faculty know that this is a safe environment," she said.

Nationwide, the FBI's preliminary report reveals a 3.1-percent decrease in violent crime and a 0.8-percent decrease in property crime, compared to data submitted for the first six months of 2002.

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January — One long Monday morning

January is a cruel month, and don't let anyone tell you any differently. It starts off well enough, ringing in the New Year with friends and family.

It's so good in fact that you soon forget about the horrendous hangover you wake up with on Jan. 1.

You make it through that rough first day because you know the second will be a wonderful day. And it is! You wake up and it's more perfect than you could ever imagine.

You know it's January but outside it's the perfect spring day. It's as if you woke up in a cartoon, the sun is smiling, little blue birds twitter outside your window. Everyone is smiling. You think the year 2004 will be the greatest ever.

Two weeks of freedom before school starts. Two weeks to get everything you've been putting off done. Two weeks to start those New Year's resolutions. But things get off to a slow start, you only pack away half of your Christmas decorations. You sleep a lot, because sleep is important, more important than cleaning, going to the gym, working, anything.

You put things off until tomorrow, because you have all the time in the world. Tomorrow quickly becomes "Ah hell, school starts in three days." Things start going bad faster than Britney Spears' wedding. The lines at Traffic and Parking are horrible, even though the staff is nice enough. You get a pretty sticker that somehow manages to stick on everything but your windshield. All for a promise of hiking from the commuter lot.

The bookstore doesn't have all your books. The other bookstore doesn't have the books you need. The other bookstore doesn't have the books you need. In fact, no body, not even the Library of Congress has the books you need.

The mail comes. It's always bad when the mail comes. No mail is better than any mail. Because the only mail college kids get are bills. Christmas bills are the worst. Maybe buying every one of the seven different "Lord Of The Rings" DVDs and box set for just one person, was a little too much. Whoever

Sarah Looten



you bought those for — if you can ever remember — could not have been that good last year.

The surprises charges that you can't remember, but deep down you know you did indeed charge are the best. I went where? And spent how much!? On alcohol. Oh my.

But, it's ok, because you had nothing better to do. Certainly not go see a movie. With all the wonderful original films coming, it's amazing our theaters have not been torched. This is what you haven't been missing: "The Perfect Score" — Some high schoolers try to steal SAT answers. (aka "Cheaters.")

"My Baby's Daddy" — Three guys who weren't smart enough to use protection have to take care of their kids. (aka "Three Men and a Baby.")

"You Got Served" — Two guys want to open a hip-hop dance studio, but to do so, they must prove their talent by against another group of street dancers. (aka "Honey with boys.")

"Torque" — No description needed, just watch "Biker Boyz."

At this point you might be thinking January can't get any worse. I'm not going to lie to you. It does. School starts. Not on Monday, when you might be able to deal with it, but right smack dab in the middle of the week.

My mind knows, but my body refuses to believe it. It says, "Nope. Not at all. No way Joes. Don't think so."

My mind wanted to go to classes, it did. But my body just wouldn't do it. Really, I just set my alarm for p.m. instead of a.m. A wonderful way to start off the new school year — screw January.

Now, you might think that is a personal problem, and not a yearly one. You might

chalk it all up to laziness or procrastination, or even too much partying. But that is not the problem. People deal with those character flaws successfully February through December. But, January lies to us. It says, "I am special! You are special! Things will change! Now! It's all downhill from here! You can do it! I am special! I am January! Aren't I cool! Aren't I the greatest!"

And January is not any of those things. It's just a month. If January realized it was nothing special, and didn't build all of us up, we wouldn't have so far to fall.

So we must knock January off its high horse, and realize that New Year's resolutions are nothing but jokes in the making, that life has its ups and downs, regardless of the month, that the beginning of the year is not the beginning of the rest of your life.

Today is the beginning — regardless of the month. And most importantly we must realize that January sucks and then we can deal with it accordingly.

Because the only mail college kids get are bills. Christmas bills are the worst. Maybe buying every one of the seven different "Lord of the Rings" DVDs and box set for just one person was a little too much. Whoever you bought those for — if you can ever remember — could not have been that good last year.

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Fred Phelps, pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church and founder of the infamous "God Hates Fags" movement, wants you to know that.

He wants you to know God struck down both the space shuttle Columbia and the World Trade Centers as warnings that God is displeased that America continues to be a nation of freedom. God hates democracy. God hates America.

His church, a seasoned activist group with some 22,000 protests under their belts, descended upon Lubbock this past weekend to decry such debased and wicked spectacles as: a pair of Buddy Holly's glasses and a Lady Raiders basketball game. They accomplish this with big neon signs adorned with such slogans as: "Thank God for 9/11," "Matthew Shepard is burning in hell," and "death penalty for fags."

I went out to see the action this weekend with every expectation of taking them seriously, of steeling myself against a dangerous onslaught of hate and invective rhetoric. What I found were a bunch of scared, loud children angry about the kind of sand in their box and incredulous that the other kids didn't seem to mind so much.

These kids, it seems, had found an old book that informed their view of how the sandbox should work.

It states, in pretty unequivocal terms, that a big, invisible man in the sky who watches everything they do really hates this one kind of sand. Now, he made all the sand in the box, but this one kind of sand is wicked. It's evil, and an abomination unto him, as is anyone else who doesn't outwardly hate that sand. To do his work, we're all supposed to throw that sand out of the box so the big man can burn it forever.

But not every kid hates that kind of sand. For some kids, it's their favorite kind. Most of the other kids aren't really interested in what the other kids do with the sand, so long as it doesn't end up in their castles. The angry kids can't accept this, so they get big sticks with words on them and beat the other kids with them, presumably until everyone gives up and throws the weird sand out just to make the big man happy.

We've grown up, and we know that giving the loud, annoying kid what he wants doesn't make him sit down and shut up; it just ensures he'll be louder and more annoying next time he wants something. Same thing applies here.

It seemed clear to me that the WBC don't actually want people to listen to their message. By their own admission they enjoy being considered "nuts," no doubt because "nuts" would be a step up from where they are now.

J.P. Acreman



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tough love, you're pretty much asking for people to not listen to you. You're preaching to the choir. Your words cease to be revelation, and instead become self-condemnation. In trying to beat your Bibles and hurt others, you end up only hurting your cause, while beating yourself at your own game.

In the end, they did only good for our town. The Lady Raiders decimated OSU the night they were being protested.

My god is a God of Irony, and I saw his work wrought that night. I saw nearly 150 Rainbow Project demonstrators become organized and unified. This from a community that still hasn't settled the great Britney-Christina debate is no small feat. I saw Lubbockites from all walks of life, some supporters of gay rights, some not. Again, when you've got children holding an upside-down flag singing "God Hates America," people tend to put aside petty differences in the larger interest of "what the hell is wrong with these people?"

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Now that's the Spirit



View from another university

Bush-bashers have their own agenda

By Nathan Meno/Northern Star

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill recently put forth the accusation that President Bush was out for blood just days after taking office in January 2001.

O'Neill explained Bush was set on invading Iraq from the beginning and was looking for an opportune time to execute his plans. O'Neill told CBS's "60 Minutes" that "from the very beginning, there was a conviction Saddam Hussein was a bad person that needed to go."

I don't know why this was suddenly news to O'Neill, seeing that the world's most sought-after dictator had been the main cause for thousands of slaughters. O'Neill then went on to further discredit himself and shed light upon the fact that he is simply a disgruntled ex-employee of the Bush administration seeking public redemption for his firing.

"For me, the notion of pre-emption, that the U.S. has the unilateral right to do whatever we decide to do, is a really huge leap," he said.

The banished O'Neill amazingly somehow forgot the numerous acts of torture put forth by the former dictator before the U.S. had the nerve to do anything about it. In what could have been a paid democratic campaign ad, O'Neill somehow loses all touch with reality.

It's simply the same as a disgruntled worker who comes back the next day with a firearm, except in the political arena. O'Neill obviously was hurt because of his pink slip. Because he did not have what it takes to run with the Bush administration, he chooses to take the low road and focus his attention on

delivering a low blow to Bush. Of course, he chooses an election year to put forth such an outlandish claim.

Perhaps White House spokesman Scott McClellan summed it up best when he said, "It appears that the world according to Mr. O'Neill is more about trying to justify his own opinions than looking at the reality of the results we are achieving on behalf of the American people."

Further discrediting any claim that O'Neill might put forth is the fact that he simply is attempting to promote a new book for which he is the primary source. What better way to sell your book than to make a totally off-base claim to attract attention?

The book stands to sell very well, thanks to O'Neill's publicity stunt. Perhaps he took notes from Britney Spears' recent act of immaturity. Well, if being an idiot sells, why not?

But don't O'Neill's recent jobs at Bush highlight what many Democrats would have you believe America is all about? According to the left-wing parade of clowns, Bush is out for himself, Bush has a personal vendetta against the Arabs and/or Bush is an incoherent moron.

Funny, but all the hot air and verbal bullets spewed by people who cannot stand to see Bush succeed have not helped their cause.

The more fallacies these anti-Bush people stir up, the more ridiculous they appear. Now that our economy has shown improvement, these hypocrites have lost a key element to their argument. Perhaps this is why they resort to picking at the president's vocabulary.

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FDA: morning after pill OK without prescription

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

The Food and Drug Administration recently recommended the morning after pill, also called Plan B, be made available over-the-counter. Emergency contraception is currently only available with a prescription.

Tony Thornton, chief executive officer for the Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock Inc., said a hearing about the issue was held on Dec. 16, where a member of the Planned Parenthood federation testified.

"They've had Senate hearings on the drug and its safety for over-the-counter use," he said. "They should make a decision in February."

Thornton said he is not opposed to the possibility of heightened accessibility to Plan B. However, he is concerned about consumer safety. He said emergency contraception

has been used worldwide for approximately two years or more.

"It's a good idea in one respect; it would be more available," he said. "I would think people need to be very cautious about taking it all the time."

Making Plan B available over-the-counter could mean there would be little control over who uses the drug, Thornton said.

"It doesn't need to be a contraceptive device," he said. "I think that some people could abuse it."

Under the current system Planned Parenthood has some control over who takes the morning after pill, Thornton said, but the drug has already begun to be offered on several Web sites for home delivery for \$20 to \$30 without any medical

consultation. "I just wish I knew what kind of controls they were going to put on that and what information they were going to put out there," he said. "If it becomes an available prescription like aspirin, I would approach that from a cautious standpoint, urging the individual to read the warnings."

In addition to exercising caution when using Plan B, Thornton emphasized the need for people who choose to be sexually active to not only take precautions against pregnancy, but sexually transmitted infections and AIDS as well.

"(Plan B) is certainly not a new freedom for people to have unprotected sex," he said. "That's not its intention."

Davenia Crenshaw, a junior computer science major from Vacaville, Calif., said she does not know very much about Plan B and believes many people are unfamiliar with the drug, including confusing it with pills that can be taken to cause an abortion.

"I've heard of it in passing, but I don't know very much about it," she said.

However, Crenshaw said she could see a potential for the abuse of Plan B.

"If they do let it go over-the-counter, I think they should have consultations before

and after," she said. Like oral contraception, Plan B does not protect the user from sexually transmitted infections or AIDS, Thornton said.

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CEO, Planned Parenthood of Lubbock

Miguel Jacquez, prevention supervisor for South Plains AIDS Resource Center, said his concern about Plan B's possible

over-the-counter status is it could give uneducated users a false sense of security.

"I think it's a good idea for those who don't want to become pregnant, but it's still leaving the door open for them to contract other diseases," he said. "It can be abused by people who are not educated about diseases."

Speaking from personal experience, Jacquez also said he does not think the price of the product, no matter how high, will stop determined people from preventing an unwanted pregnancy.

"I know people who have taken drastic measures not to be pregnant," he said. "No matter what the price, people will pay for it. It shouldn't sound like a child is a disease, but a child is a responsibility."

For more information about safe sex or the morning after pill, go to www.plannedparenthood.com or call SPARC at (806) 765-0444.

SACS

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ments the university's compliance with the core requirements and the comprehensive standards set forth by SACS, according to the SACS institutional self-study.

The focus behind the certification of compliance is to help students and show SACS the expected outcome of educational progress at Tech, Westfall said.

Once the report is done, SACS has the option of granting full, partial or non-compliance, Shonrock said.

If the university is granted partial or non-compliance, Tech would have to submit a plan for achieving compliance, according to the SACS institutional self-study.

To become reaffirmed, Tech is required to comply with all 12 of the core requirements issued by SACS and federal mandates for universities.

"The process is a lever to make changes if there are issues that need attention," Westfall said. "The accreditation process is an open expression of who we are — positive and negative."

The document for certification of compliance is a rough draft, Westfall said. The deadline for the completion of the document is Aug. 15.

In November the certification of compliance will be evaluated by an off-site committee before the committee comes to campus in spring 2005, according to the SACS institutional self-study.

When the committee visits campus next year, the members of the committee will be able to go visit anywhere on campus and ask anyone questions, Vice Provost Jim Brink said.

This includes students, faculty, staff and administration.

Brink said he hopes the process will go by smoothly in the next year because the stakes for Tech are high. "We can't get federal money unless we are accredited," he said. "We are playing for big stakes because we have a very good university."

Within the core requirements issued by SACS is a requirement for a quality enhancement plan for the university. The plan requires Tech to focus on improving an educational aspect of the university, according to the SACS institutional self-study.

The requirements for the QEP is that the plan needs to impact as many units of the university as possible.

Westfall said the QEP committee's job is to gather input from students and other individuals from on and off campus and make a goal to achieve continuous improvement in the university.

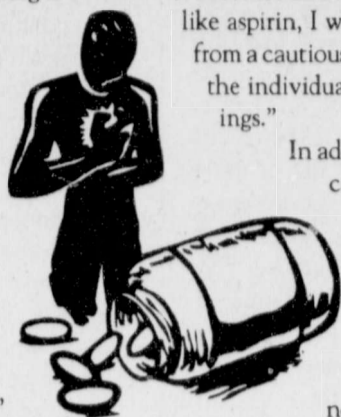
The university continuously comes up with strategic plans to contribute to the improvement of the campus.

Shonrock said Tech has about 150 strategic plans ranging from effectiveness to costs.

In keeping with the university theme of providing direction for the students, the development of strategic plans have helped the administration prepare for the upcoming year, Shonrock said.

"As a result of planning for strategic planning policies, we have prepared for accreditation," he said.

Gary Elbow, faculty representative of the leadership team and professor in the economics and geography department, said he hopes whatever the QEP committee develops will have a positive effect on the university for a long time.



Capture

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About 40 soldiers from the 720th Military Police Battalion based in Fort Hood swept into two houses — capturing one of the targeted nephews and his two brothers in one house, then the second targeted nephew in a nearby home.

The two "main targets" are believed to be in close touch with al-Douri and to have helped him hide by finding safehouses, Lt. Col. David J. Poirier of Chicago told an Associated Press reporter who observed the raid.

"They have information they can provide to us ... that would be extremely important," Poirier said. "One of these days his (al-Douri's) head will rise up above the water, and we will be able to capture him as well."

All were taken to a detention facility in Tikrit at the 4th Infantry Division based in one of Saddam's palaces. Tikrit is Saddam's hometown, 120 miles north of Baghdad.

In Ramadi, west of Baghdad, U.S. troops captured Khamis Sirhan al-Muhammad, who was No. 54 on the list of 55 most-wanted figures, the military said Wednesday.

Al-Muhammad was arrested Sunday, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said. U.S. officials have described al-Muhammad, a former regional party leader in Karbala, as the paymaster for insurgent forces in Anbar,

Iraq's largest province, which includes such hotspots as Fallujah and Ramadi.

American officers in Anba said al-Muhammad was the most highly sought-after fugitive in the province.

With al-Muhammad's arrest, 12 fugitives remain from the list of 55 most-wanted figures from Saddam's ousted regime. Al-Douri, a former Revolutionary Command Council vice chairman, is the highest-ranking figure still at large. He is No. 6 on the U.S. list, but the top five have either been captured or killed.

Al-Douri's wife and daughter were arrested Nov. 26 and remain in custody.

An American soldier from the 101st Airborne Division died late Tuesday in a non-hostile incident in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said Wednesday. That raised the U.S. death toll to 496 since the conflict began in March.

U.S. troops have conducted scores of raids in central Iraq since the fall of Saddam's three-decade regime, leading to the arrests of Saddam, other former high-ranking regime officials and anti-coalition insurgents.

Sporadic attacks by the insurgents have continued, such as Wednesday's

car bombing in Baqouba, 40 miles north of the capital Baghdad.

Police Col. Salam Omar said the driver tried to enter the walled compound of the one-story station about 8:20 a.m. but the guards opened fire and the car exploded, damaging a wall and shattering windows at the station and shops across the street.

In Baghdad, Iraq's deputy interior minister, Gen.

Ahmed Kadhim, said two people in addition to the driver were killed and 31 were injured, including 19 civilians. The rest were police and civil defense corps members, he added.

U.S. officials initially reported five dead but later revised that downward to confirm with the Iraqi figure.

Iraqi police and government institutions have been the frequent target of attacks by insurgents battling U.S.-led occupation force and its allies.

Last Friday, a bomb near a Shiite Muslim mosque in Baqouba killed five worshippers and wounded dozens. A second bomb, rigged inside a car, was found and defused before it could explode at another Shiite mosque. In November, suicide bombers struck po-

lice stations in Baqouba and the nearby town of Khan Bari Saad.

Tuesday's reported ambush on the U.S. soldiers outside Samarra occurred while they were on a vehicle patrol. Eight cars driving past the convoy opened fire on the soldiers, who returned fire, killing eight Iraqis, said spokeswoman Maj. Josslyn Aberle in Tikrit.

She said one attacker was wounded and two vehicles were destroyed. The remaining six cars were seized and their 26 occupants arrested, she said.

Unidentified attackers in a car fired at a police checkpoint in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, killing a policeman and a civilian bystander, said police major Adel Abdul-Kareem.

Gunmen also ambushed a convoy operated by U.S. civilian contractor Kellogg, Brown & Root on Wednesday, killing two drivers and wounding several others, the U.S. military said. It did not give the nationalities of the victims.

In the northern city of Kirkuk, unidentified assailants hurled two hand grenades inside a meeting of Arab tribal leaders and American military administrators. There were no injuries in the blast, but U.S. troops fired at the assailants, wounding three people, police Maj. Turhan Abdel Rahman Yousef said.



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Bush, Fox meet despite tension

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox, their relationship strained by tensions over immigration and Iraq, met privately for talks on a range of issues Monday as a prelude to an international summit of 34 Western Hemisphere nations.

The Bush White House saw the face-to-face meeting not only as a chance to mend ties between the two countries, but also to earn some political capital for a president who wants a second term.

Bush arrived in this industrial city at midday at an airport where gun-toting troops in green fatigues and security officers roamed the grounds. He and his wife, Laura, walked down into a phalanx of Mexican officials.

The couple was followed in the procession of greeting by Secretary of State Colin Powell, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and White House chief of staff Andy Card. Once in his motorcade, Bush passed large expanses of brush and cactus-covered land. Men digging ditches alongside the road stopped and leaned on their tools to watch him pass.

On a 90-minute flight from Texas, Bush got a briefing from Rice and Powell on the summit, said his press secretary, Scott McClellan.

In his meeting with Fox, the spokesman said, the president was expected to discuss his new, more open immigration policy, strengthening border security and free trade. McClellan dismissed talk of the meeting as an opportunity to air grievances.

"We have a good relationship with Mexico and President Fox is a good friend of the president's", McClellan said. "Whatever differences we had in the past, we have a lot of common challenges that we are working closely together on."

Bush annoyed Fox when he put immigration reform on the back burner after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. Their relationship further soured when Mexico failed to back the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. The two were expected to be smiling at the summit of democratically elected leaders. Cuba was not invited.

"Fox has an opportunity to hail the Bush immigration proposal as a political victory, given that he has been asking for

an immigration agreement since day one," said Armand Peschard-Sverdrup, director of the Mexico project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "I think to some extent, Bush will use it as a photo-op for reaching out to the Hispanic voters."

Amid the congenial handshakes will be disagreements. Latin American nations butted heads with the United States until nearly dawn Sunday after failing to agree on several points of a draft to be debated at the two-day summit.

The United States wants the draft to call for re-emphasizing a 2005 deadline for finishing negotiations on a Free Trade Area of the Americas, a hemisphere-wide trade zone that is one of Bush's top policy goals for Latin America. Brazil and Venezuela say the summit is not the place to discuss it.

The United States also wants to kick corrupt governments out of the Organization of American States, a move opposed by several Latin American nations.

Other discussion topics at the summit, held in Mexico's third largest city, 150 miles south of the Texas border city

of Laredo, include strengthening democracy, ending poverty, security and helping small businesses with low-interest loans.

Argentina's President Nestor Kirchner is upset about recent U.S. criticism over its warming relations with Cuba. U.S. officials privately worry that President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, who warned U.S. officials on Saturday not to "stick their noses" in his nation's affairs, is working with Cuba to oppose pro-American democracies in the region.

Some Latin American leaders accuse America of being heavy-handed. They argue that the United States has neglected social issues, such as raising the standard of living for some 200 million people who live in poverty.

Between bilateral meetings Monday with President Ricardo Lagos of Chile and President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil, Bush's schedule called for his speech at the summit's opening ceremonies. He planned to promote free trade, open markets, clean elections and anti-corruption steps to help strengthen democracy in the hemisphere.

Origin of SARS still a mystery to doctors

LONDON (AP) — The world is much better prepared to handle SARS than it was the last time around, but efforts to refine diagnostic tests, develop the right treatment and trace where the virus is coming from remain serious challenges, experts said Tuesday.

Veterans of last year's battle against severe acute respiratory syndrome, as well as other virus specialists, met in London to discuss the threat of emerging infectious diseases and the lessons to be learned from SARS.

One of the most important tasks ahead, for SARS as well as other emerging infections, is to better understand where they come from, said Malik Peiris, a professor at the University of Hong Kong who discovered the SARS virus.

"Most of these emerging infection problems that we are facing are really infections of animals jumping across to humans, so we really need to understand this animal-human interface much better," he said.

Peiris said China's handling of the three latest suspected SARS cases has been reassuring because there is so far no evidence the infection has spread.

"That totally fits in with our thinking of this disease. If it's jumping across from animals to humans, the initial opportunities that it takes may not immediately lead to the next step — going from the first human to the next human," he said.

"This is probably what happened last time. This virus was probably making repeated attempts to make this jump. Sooner or later, if we do not intervene it's going to get lucky and make the next step,"

Peiris said. "As long as these early events are picked up and the patients are isolated, and measures are taken to control the source, we have some reassurance that we will not be left with a situation like last time."

Civet cats, sold in live food markets in southern China, are still the top suspect.

The first five cases of the original SARS outbreak were among cooks and animal traders, noted Nan Shan Zhong, a professor at the Guangzhou Respiratory Disease Research Institute in southern China, where SARS first emerged.

A version of the SARS virus can be found in more than 70 percent of the civet cats surveyed in Guangdong province, he said. And there's a high concentration of the virus in the feces of the civets.

Also, as many as 40 percent of animal traders surveyed have antibodies for SARS, he added.

But while many experts said China's slaughter of civet cats over the last few weeks was a necessary precaution, they stressed it is still unknown whether those animals are the natural hosts or even the source of the human infections.

Many scientists believe live animal markets are probably where the virus jumps species, but an animal other than the civet cat may be the source. Other market species, such as raccoons, have also tested positive for SARS.

SARS scientist Dr. Albert Osterhaus, head of virology at Erasmus University in Rotterdam in the Netherlands, said rats cannot be ruled out as the source because one thing all the market animals have in common is that they all eat rodents.

Two men arrested in death of high school cheerleader

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Two California men were arrested in the death of an 18-year-old New Jersey cheerleader whose naked body tumbled from the ninth floor balcony of a Maui hotel.

The men, whose identities were not immediately released, were arrested Tuesday in connection with the death of Lauren Crossan of Randolph, N.J., said Lt. Tivoli Faamu. They were released Wednesday morning, according to police records.

Neither man has yet been charged. Crossan was part of a group from the National Cheerleaders Association that was in Maui to participate in Saturday's Hula Bowl college football game. Her body was found Monday morning on the grounds of the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort, where she had been staying.

The two men, ages 19 and 20, were registered to the room from which Crossan fell, police said. They were not connected to the game or to the cheerleaders' group, Faamu said.

The men told police that Crossan was in their room when they fell asleep early Monday. Her clothes and personal belongings were still in the room when police arrived to question them, but the men

said they didn't know what happened to her, Faamu said.

Crossan traveled to Maui with two other seniors from Randolph High School and one of the other girl's mothers, who went along as a chaperone.

The chaperone received a call from Crossan at about 1:30 a.m. Monday saying she was OK and would be returning to her room in the hotel, Faamu said. When she didn't show up, the others went to look for her but couldn't find her, Faamu said. A hotel guest spotted her body later that morning.

An autopsy confirmed Crossan died of injuries suffered in the fall, Faamu said. He said the investigation into her death was continuing.

Crossan was captain of the cheerleading competition squad at Randolph High School, about 30 miles west of New York City in an affluent area of New Jersey. Because of her strength, she was a "base," holding up and catching teammates during performances.

"She never let anyone fall," Nicole Ciolko, former cheerleading team captain, told The Star-Ledger of Newark. "She was just a very strong girl."

Killer's death penalty thrown out, instead gets life in prison

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A man whose death sentence was thrown out by the state's highest court was sentenced Wednesday to 37 1/2 years in prison for sneaking into his wife's hospital room and poisoning her with cyanide.

In a split decision that angered prosecutors statewide, the Court of Appeals said in November that there was insufficient evidence to support first-degree murder charges against James "Jeff" Cahill.

He was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death in 1999. State law requires an aggravating factor to be present for first-degree murder charges, and the court said the factors cited in the Cahill case weren't enough. Prosecutors argued he killed his wife, Jill, to prevent her from testifying about the baseball bat beating that put her in a hospital six months earlier and that he killed her while committing another crime, the burglary of her hospital room. Cahill, 43, was resentenced for second-degree murder and received the maximum penalty of 25 years to life. The judge also added 12 1/2 to 25 years for the beating.

"The jury got it right," said Judge Anthony Aloia, referring to Cahill's original sentence imposed in 1999. "Although an immediate death sentence no longer remains a possibility for you, you nevertheless deserve to die in prison."

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Gambling with **FAKE IDS**

Whether posing as someone else or using a counterfeit, the consequences can be costly.

By Megan LaVoie/
The University Daily

Students faking their identities can get more than a couple of tequila shots—it could land them behind bars, but if they are lucky, they will spend their night as a legal minor with X's on their hands.

Dan Cullers, a captain with the enforcement department of the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission, said in the last fiscal year from September 2002 through August 2003 TABC filed a minimum of five to six cases a month in regard to Lubbockites using fake IDs.

According to the Texas Criminal and Traffic Law, there are three different types of fake identification cards: an ID that is real but does not belong to the person presenting it (false identity); a fake ID—one that is completely manufactured as a counterfeit ID; an altered ID in which a legal driver's license or identification card has been altered or physically changed.

Mike Fuqua, owner of Bash Riprock's, said his bar sees minors attempting to use fake IDs at least twice a night.

"By law it is illegal for us to confiscate their fake ID, but sometimes we will take their ID and turn it into the TABC office, or we let them in as a minor," he said.

The practice of using fake IDs is nothing new; minors have been fooling bar owners and clubs for decades. However, technology and training have helped make identifying fake IDs more consistent.

Scanning IDs to see if they are legal and valid has become a daily practice for bars and clubs, and books that describe the licenses from all 50 states have helped make identifying the fake IDs easier.

Johnny Stone, manager for Doc's Liquor Store, said while technology has helped make identifying fake IDs easier, the flip side is that fake IDs today are better made.

"I have seen some pretty good fake IDs, but I have to say that the Texas Department of Public Safety has done a good job in making the new driver's licenses—they are harder to falsify now than they were years ago," he said.

Wylie Eagle, a senior finance major from Azle, said he had a fake ID for three years before he turned 21.

"I wanted to get into the bars so I could drink—I would say that 60 to 70 percent of Tech students who

are not of age have them," he said. Fake IDs are not that big of a problem, Eagle said.

"There is nothing wrong with it; people are just looking to have a good time," he said.

Fuqua agreed that minors using fake IDs is not a major problem.

"Minors using fake IDs has been around for a long time—I had a fake ID when I was 19. People are just trying to grow up a little earlier,"

he said. Fuqua said it is more difficult to get away with a fake ID now than it was when he was young.

"TABC is cracking down now more than they did in the past so policies are getting a lot stricter," he said.

"Using a fake ID is not worth the risk of getting arrested just to go out and have a good time."

— MAJ. GORDON HOFFMAN
Texas Tech Police
Department

Bars and clubs are not the only place minors are getting caught with fake IDs. Maj. Gordon Hoffman with the Texas Tech Police Department said two cases of Tech students being caught with fake IDs on campus have been filed within the last year.

"One student was in possession of a driver's license that was not their own, and the other incident was one in which the student had altered their driver's license," he said.

Hoffman said the use of false identification is a class B or C misdemeanor.

According to the Texas Crimi-

nal and Traffic Law an individual found guilty of a class B misdemeanor could be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,000, a jail sentence not exceeding 180 days or both a fine and jail sentence.

An individual found guilty of a class C misdemeanor could pay a fine of up to \$500.

"Using a fake ID is not worth the risk of getting arrested just to go out and have a good time," Hoffman said.

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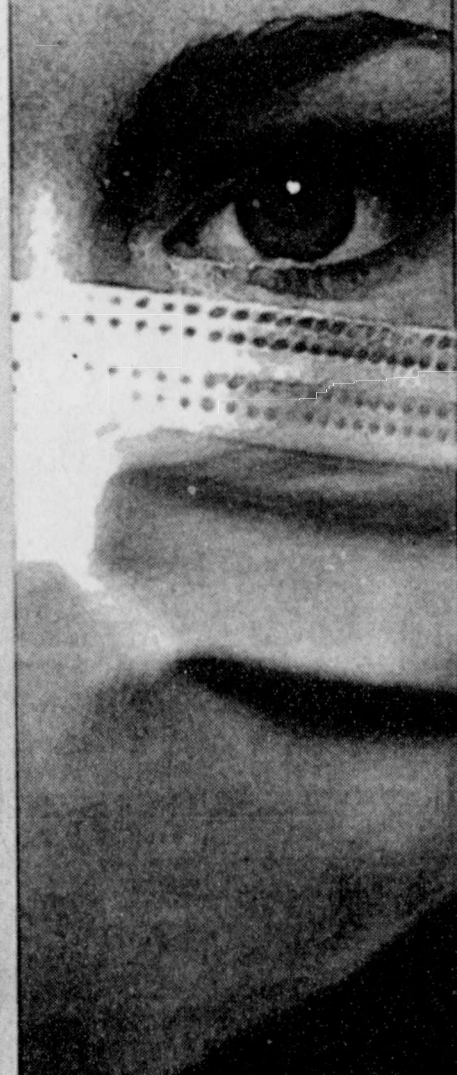
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Coffee Craze

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The popularity of a cup of joe is climbing as more than half of those 18 years and older are consuming it



By Nikki Siegrist/The University Daily

Tyler Austin drinks at least one cup of coffee every day, sometimes up to three.

"I like the taste, and I'm pretty much addicted to it," the sophomore advertising major from Dallas said. "Some people smoke, some people binge drink all the time; I drink coffee. It's my drug of choice."

Austin said he does not drink coffee solely to stay awake, but also to enjoy it. While he tries not to become overly dependent on the coffee or the caffeine in the coffee, before a test or final, Austin said he would drink coffee to help him stay awake and study.

Austin is one of many Americans joining in a growing trend as coffee becomes many peoples "drug of choice."

According to the National Coffee Association, more than half of the U.S. population 18 years and older drink at least one cup of coffee every day. Another quarter of the population drink coffee occasionally.

Of the 107 millions daily drinkers, about 29 million people drink gourmet coffee daily. Gourmet coffee can be frozen or iced coffee, espresso-based beverages such as lattes, espresso and cappuccinos, or specialty coffee.

Scott Gloyna, president of Daybreak, a coffee house and roaster, said different types and roasts of coffee have different flavors and different caffeine levels. But to understand all of it, students should start with the beans.

There are two kinds of beans: robusta and arabica. Robusta beans are used primarily in commercial coffees such as Folgers or Maxwell House. Arabica are used in specialty coffees and coffee houses.

Beans come from different places throughout the world, including Kenya and Nicaragua, but Gloyna said his favorite countries to buy beans

from are Costa Rica, Columbia and Guatemala.

After the beans are harvested, they are processed, dried, hulled, graded by size and density, then sorted. About 7 million tons of green coffee beans are exported to warehouses or roasters.

Roasted coffee beans are what come to mind when most think of coffee.

The process itself, will determine much of the flavor of the beans and the coffee.

Beans are roasted at about 550 degrees Fahrenheit. The oils inside the bean, or caffeol, emerges at about 400 degrees and is what gives the coffee its aroma and flavor. The bean will start to pop and the first time, almost double in size. The second pop indicates the oils are released.

The flavor of the bean decreases the longer it is cooked. The color increases as well, so beans roasted for longer periods of time are darker than beans roasted for the shortest amount of time.

Gloyna said there are six basic roasts. The lightest roast is a cinnamon roast, then a city roast, a full city roast, a Viennese roast a French roast and finally an Italian roast is the darkest.

After the coffee is roasted, Gloyna said he stores his in bags with valves letting air out but not back in. Roasted beans should be stored in airtight containers away from heat and sunlight and not in a refrigerator or freezer unless the coffee is never open and is stored there for a long period of time.

A bag of coffee, Gloyna said is good for about a month, and then becomes stale and loses its flavor and aroma.

If a student buys commercial coffee, he or she is probably buying robusta beans and each cup brewed will have more caffeine than a cup from a specialty shop which usually stock arabica. These are used to make coffees high in caffeine such as espressos and mochas, but a different process is used to brew it.

The coffee craze has few repercussions, said Juli Benson, a health educator.

"Some research indicates caffeine aggravates stress," she said. "The equivalent of four cups of coffee can raise blood pressure levels for several hours after drinking."

Most people do not drink enough coffee to worry, but caffeine intake can cause a tolerance to build. When students develop a tolerance to caffeine, they will experience withdrawal symptoms.

Benson said she suggests when a student believes he or she is developing a tolerance, to decrease the intake of all caffeine products.

Austin said he follows her advice when he believes his tolerance is high; he drink fewer caffeinated beverages and try to decrease his tolerance.

"Don't get dependent on it," he said. "Nothing is as good as sleep."

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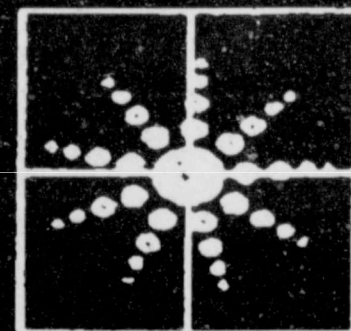
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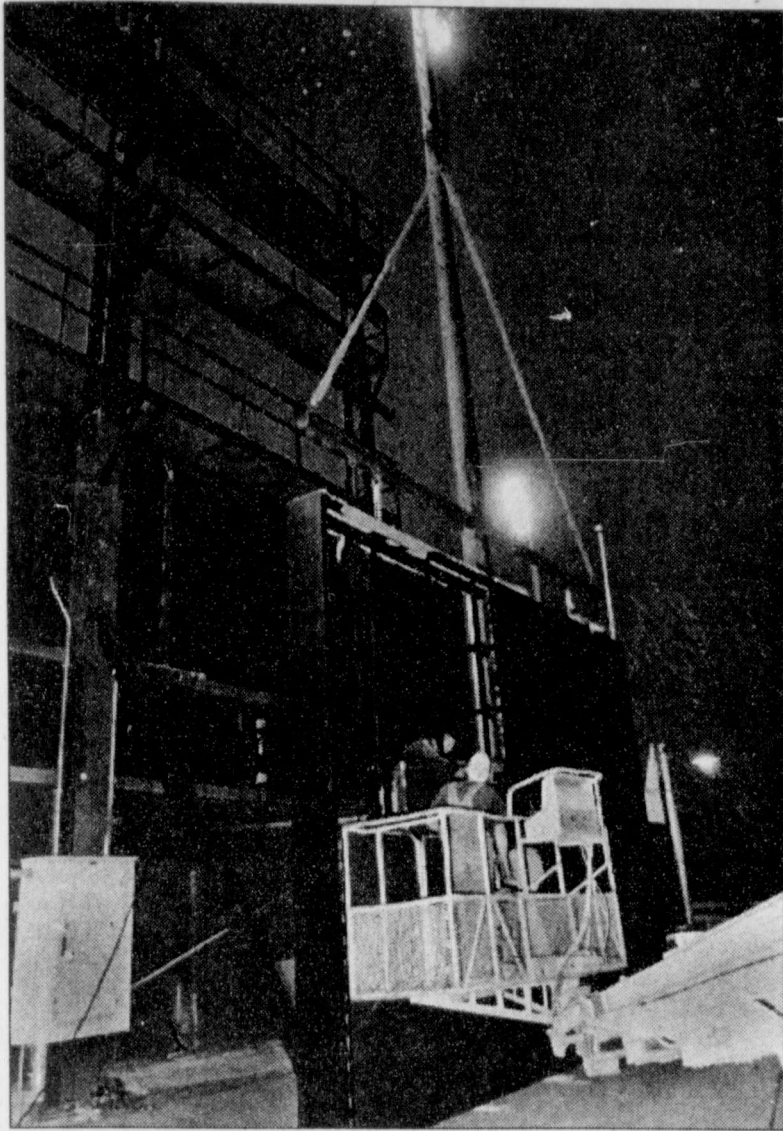
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Some Sooner fans denied Sugar Bowl tickets

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Aside from the devastating loss to LSU at the Sugar Bowl, some Oklahoma fans had to deal with buying tickets they thought they had already purchased before traveling to New Orleans.

Game Time Travel, an Internet-based sports travel company, advertised travel packages that were supposed to include air fare, three nights hotel stay and, most importantly, tickets to the championship game.

When fans arrived at their hotels in New Orleans, they found letters explaining that the travel company had not been able to provide tickets to the game, along with refund checks for \$495 —

the price the company would have paid for them.

The letters claimed a Norman-based home business, Totally Tickets, was at fault for not providing enough tickets to Game Time. Shawn Norman, co-president of Game Time Travel, said his company was not at fault.

Norman said Game Time had a contract with his company to purchase 500 Sugar Bowl tickets for \$495 each, but only paid for 211. After the first shipment of 150 tickets, Game Time declined further ticket shipments, Norman said.

Angry fans in New Orleans be-

gan calling Totally Tickets after finding its number listed on the letters, which claimed the company was responsible for not providing enough tickets.

Totally Tickets was able to obtain around 150 to 160 tickets for some of the outraged fans, Norman said. However, the company was no longer able to buy the tickets at \$495, but guaranteed that price anyway at a loss of around \$20,000.

Game Time's Web site advertised the travel packages starting at \$1,600. The only disclaimer posted about ticket availability said seating was based on a first-come, first-

served basis, not the number of tickets available.

"We are aware of the situation and have opened an investigation to determine if any federal crimes have occurred," said Special Agent Gary Johnson of the FBI's Oklahoma City offices.

Johnson said the FBI will look into whether the company committed federal offenses such as wire or mail fraud.

Some fans also say they plan to file a suit against Game Time for breach of contract by failing to provide tickets that were promised in their purchase agreement.

Calls to Game Time made Tuesday were unsuccessful, and messages left on the company's answering service were not returned.

49ers' Garcia arrested on suspicion of drunken driving

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving early Wednesday, a jail spokesman said.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was booked into the Santa Clara County jail at about 3:30 a.m., spokesman Mark Cursi said. He was released six hours later, Cursi said.

He is scheduled to make a court appearance March 1, according to the Santa Clara County district

attorney's office.

Garcia was pulled over by San Jose State University police near campus.

Campus police issued a statement saying Garcia had three passengers in his car and that the vehicle was pulled over for "erratic operation." The statement said preliminary results showed a blood alcohol level above the legal limit, but that final results would not be available for about two weeks.

Garcia attended San Jose State and lives in San Jose.

Lakers' Bryant of out action, court case against him intensifies

Defense insists accusers' sexual past is relevant

DENVER (AP) — In a broadside against the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape, defense attorneys argued Tuesday that her sexual past and mental health history should be allowed as evidence to prove she had a "scheme" to falsely accuse the NBA star.

Attorneys Hal Haddon and Pamela Mackey said denying them the right to bring up such evidence would violate Bryant's constitutional right to a fair trial.

Echoing accusations they raised during Bryant's preliminary hearing last year, the attorneys suggested the 19-year-old woman was injured dur-

ing sex with "multiple" men in the three days before her encounter with the Los Angeles Lakers star at a Colorado resort.

They also said the woman's medical history, including treatment for mental illness, is relevant because it could help explain "her motive, scheme, plan and modus operandi for falsely accusing Mr. Bryant of sexual assault."

The defense has suggested the woman engaged in a pattern of dangerous acts, including suicide attempts and accusing Bryant of rape, to gain the attention of an ex-boyfriend.

Guard placed on injured list by Los Angeles

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Kobe Bryant was placed on the injured list Wednesday and is expected to miss up to three weeks with a sprained right shoulder.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Bryant won't need surgery.

Bryant was injured in a collision with Cleveland's Kedrick Brown on Monday night.

Bryant was injured late in the first quarter of an 89-79 victory over Cleveland.

In obvious pain, Bryant made three free throws, but left after the period ended and went to the locker room for X-rays. Bryant played a little more than

five minutes in the second quarter, but was clearly not himself, running with his right arm hanging at his side.

Bryant had surgery on his shoulder June 12 — four weeks after the Lakers were eliminated from the second round of the playoffs by San Antonio. He had an inflamed bursa removed and a frayed labrum trimmed.

Also, the Lakers signed guard Ime Udoka to a 10-day contract.

Udoka was with the Lakers through training camp and played in six preseason games, averaging 3.7 points in 8.8 minutes.

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Harrison knew Patriots were destined for success

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Rodney Harrison could see the disappointment in New England last winter. That's what sold him on the place. "I knew that they were a year removed from the Super Bowl and they finished 9-7," the Patriots safety said Wednesday as he prepared for the AFC Championship game. "I can't remember the last time I finished 9-7 — and it was disappointing to them."

Harrison, who spent his entire career with the San Diego Chargers before signing with New England as a free agent, is a big reason why there's little disappointment around Foxboro this winter. The Patriots will play the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday for the conference title, and Harrison is back in the playoffs for the first time since his second year.

This after a season in which Harrison led New England with 140 tackles and added three interceptions while helping instill an attitude in a defense that posted three shutouts in

its last four regular-season home games. But with his reputation as a big — some say cheap — hitter and the fact that the woeful Chargers didn't want him, some of his Patriots teammates wondered what they were getting.

"With any free agent, you wonder how he's going to fit in. There's always questions at first. He answered those right away," linebacker Teddy Bruschi said. "I think, from Day 1, he's established himself as a force with big hits."

Actually, it was the second day of practice in training camp when Harrison belted New England receiver Troy Brown on a route across the middle. In case there were any doubts remaining, he had a team-high 11 tackles in the first week.

"I really can't comment on what San Diego thought," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "I just think Rodney Harrison is a good football player from 'A' to 'Z.' He's a pro — on the field, off the field. He has the ability to play in all situations — run, pass,

blitz, tackle, special teams when he's been asked to do that.

"I think he is a complete player. He has had a good year for us, and he's had it in a lot of different areas. It's not all in the run. It's not all in the pass. It's not all on blitzes. It's on everything."

Since Harrison has forgotten: The last time he went 9-7 was in 1995, his second year in the league after a rookie year in which he led the AFC champions in special teams tackles.

But since '95, the Chargers haven't been back to the playoffs. So when they decided to start a youth movement last offseason — jettisoning Harrison and linebacker Junior Seau — he was happy to look elsewhere.

The Patriots signed him the day after they signed former Chicago Bears linebacker Roosevelt Colvin. Harrison liked the idea that New England was investing in its defense.

"They were a year removed from

the Super Bowl," he said. "So I knew I could come here and be competitive right away."

Harrison became the leader of the secondary when the Patriots cut safety Lawyer Milloy five days before their season opener. Milloy signed with the Buffalo Bills and helped them shut out the Patriots.

But New England has lost only once since the, posting the best record in the NFL during the regular season.

"He's definitely brought an attitude, which was something Lawyer Milloy brought, too. But Rodney has brought another aspect — he's a physical presence," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said.

"We pretty much knew the type of player he was because he, myself and Lawyer hung out together at the Pro Bowl and that's one of the reasons he signed here because he thought it would be fun to play here, together."

Panthers remain off media radar despite NFC title berth

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Carolina Panthers could be excused for looking around and asking: "What are we doing here?" The NFL's final four this weekend include the 2002 Super Bowl champion (New England), a team in its third straight NFC title game (Philadelphia), and a team led by a co-MVP (Indianapolis' Peyton Manning).

Then there are the Panthers, in their eighth year of existence and, with the exception of 1996, relatively ignored outside the Carolinas. Hey, they haven't played on Monday night since November 2000, while the Eagles, their hosts for Sunday's conference championship game, appeared in three prime-time games this season.

"You've got to do something the year before to get one of those," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said Wednesday. "They'll get one next year."

This year and this month, though, the Panthers have been a major surprise.

After beating defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay twice and running away with the NFC South, they manhandled the Cowboys in the wild-card round. Then they ended St. Louis' 14-game home winning streak with a 29-23 overtime victory.

So they should be the darlings of the postseason, right? But they aren't. In fact, they're pretty much being ignored.

"We've only have one winning season around here, so a lot of people don't look at us because of that," said safety Mike Minter, referring to 1996, when the Panthers lost to Green Bay in the NFC title game. "And we don't have that big name. If we had that big name, a Brett Favre or somebody like that, that would help."

Yes it would. But instead of a Manning, Donovan McNabb or Tom Brady at quarterback, they have the low-profile Jake Delhomme. And instead of a Bill Belichick, the AP NFL Coach of the Year, or Tony Dungy at the helm, they have the unheralded John Fox.

But Fox has made a huge difference in a franchise that went 1-15 in 2001 under George Seifert.

"I think it turned when John Fox came," Minter said. "He said, 'Look guys, I don't care what happened up to this point. From this point on, this is a new era and this is the way we are going to run things. The guys who have been here, I am sorry you had to go through that, but this is something new about to start.'"

What they went through was an unimaginable string of off-field problems. Former wide receiver Rae Carruth is serving 18 years in prison for conspiring to kill his girlfriend. Fred Lane, a former Panthers running back, was shot and killed by his wife in 2000.

Kerry Collins, now with the Giants, was accused of using a racial slur to a teammate. Collins was punched by another player for using another racial slur, and the quarterback later quit the team.

Those are not the kind of headlines a sports franchise wants.

"Anytime you have situations like we had off the field, it's definitely embarrassing, because that's all people were talking about," Minter said. "They weren't talking about football, and that's what we do for a living. They weren't talking about the Carolina Panthers winning championships. They were talking about the Carolina Panthers and their off-field problems."

Much nicer are the dramatics in St. Louis last week, and the fact the Panthers are one victory away from their first Super Bowl.

Much nicer is the way they haven't been spoiled by sudden success.

"We feel no pressure," linebacker Dan Morgan said. "We're having fun with it and will just come out and try to win the game."

Added Delhomme: "It's a pretty good fairy tale."

Yet, it's a fairy tale that has not become a household story. Manning's precision, Belichick's brilliance, the Eagles' failures with a Super Bowl berth on the line — those have been the juicy subplots.

"I think we'll get noticed," Morgan said, "if we win Sunday."

Crew at Reliant Stadium begin preparations for Super Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — The city rolled out the green carpet for the Super Bowl on Wednesday.

An all-star team of groundskeepers from around the NFL began applying a pristine Bermuda grass surface over the battle-worn turf at Reliant Stadium, a building that's undergoing a transformation despite being just a year and a half old.

"The people don't come to see us, they come to see the game," said George Toma, the Hall of Fame grounds guru who has overseen turf preparation at all 38 Super Bowls.

"It's been my job for 62 years to give the teams a safe playing field."

That field, in the form of several one-ton rolls that extend to four feet by 35 feet each, arrived Wednesday aboard a convoy of refrigerated 18-wheelers.

The grass has been in the ground in Arizona, an hour south of Phoenix, for more than a year before it was unearthed this week and transported to Houston.

The plush new surface should be in place by the end of the week, giving Toma, right-hand man Ed Mangan and the other

groundskeepers two weeks to prim for the Feb. 1 game.

Toma is confident the poor light conditions inside the cavernous stadium won't hamper the field.

"I'm not concerned at all," Toma said. "I have grown sod inside of maintenance shops."

To make sure the Princess 17 bermuda grass thrives in its final resting place, Toma has 1,000 pounds of rye grass and bluegrass seed pregerminating at the stadium and ready to overseed to make sure the surface is ready for the Patriots or Colts to face the Eagles or Panthers.

The field isn't the only part of Reliant Park undergoing a makeover even though the \$449 million stadium opened in August 2002. Road improvements, additional seats, added landscaping and construction of ground-floor press facilities have been going on since last year to round the building into Super Bowl condition.

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Knight being allowed to give Tech bad name

A funny thing happened to me while I was in Minnesota over the break. My cousin approached me and said, "I need to talk to you about Bob Knight before you go back to Texas."



David Wiechmann

Staying on an 80-acre farm kind of removes you from society, so my cousin had to break it to me that, "On ESPN: 'F' this and 'F' that! What are you guys letting him do down there?" Well, I just had to know what happened and downloaded the video of the now infamous interview with Iowa head coach, and former Knight player, Steve Alford. Much to my surprise it was laced with expletives. I couldn't believe it!

we let our image be tainted like that on national television?

By hiring Bob Knight, that's how. The credit of this institution was questioned from day one of his hiring at this school. Yes, he is one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time, and I respect him and appreciate him for that.

But his reputation as a disciplinary freak on his players and him frequent verbal tirades at press confer-

ences preceded him. I still had no problem with him coming to coach basketball at the university I attend. I believed he could turn the program around and bring it back to respectability.

Then, I learned how he works. From a bunker deep in the catacombs of the United Spirit Arena he barks commands at players in practice, making them better every day.

But what is little known about this bunker is there is a secret torture chamber — secret to you at least. It has big doors, comfy padded chairs and lights. It even has a big sign that reads, "Media Room."

Post game press conferences at "Bob Knight Arena," as some are calling it now, consist of about an aver-

age 45-minute wait for The General to come and speak. He gives an opening statement and sarcastically says the media should not have any questions because he just presented a thesis on the game.

But there are questions, and whether he answers them depends on his mood. He may be quite jovial and entertain questions for a good 20 minutes, but sometimes the questions will only trigger bad memories of the media and spawn a lecture on journalistic integrity.

The last time I checked Knight never studied journalism.

If Knight has some bad memories of the media, why does he have to tell us all to "F ourselves?" Whatever happened in the past, get over it.

One bad reporter is no reason to require 24-hour notice for player interview requests.

Then there are the media accommodations.

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Yes, you can see plays develop better from the rafters, but you can barely read the numbers, and you don't get the feel for the game. Media members are up there with the people who paid \$10 for a general admission ticket. Where it's at is on the floor where you can smell the sweat.

His antics and treatment of the media are going to hurt him as The Dallas Morning-News may pull its Lubbock bureau reporter out because of him. If that happens, Tech's largest

alumni base will not see in depth reporting and full coverage of Tech sports.

I realize Knight has the power to do almost whatever he wants, but he should not be able to make an embarrassment of this university, whether he apologized to athletic director Gerald Myers or not.

Knight cannot tie both his shoes at the same time, and he can't lick his elbow. So what makes him so special? Why has his behavior become acceptable?

Because he's Bob Knight.

I wish it were more difficult to explain than that.

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Former Buckeye Clarett pleads guilty to reduced charge

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett, accused of lying on a police report, avoided a criminal record by pleading guilty Wednesday to a lesser charge that carries no jail time.

The judge lectured Clarett about his responsibility to the community.

"I will definitely consider the judge's advice to me whenever I make decisions that not only affect me, but also the kids who look up to me, family, friends and teammates," Clarett said in a statement.

Clarett, 20, pleaded guilty to failure to aid a law enforcement officer. Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Mark S. Froehlich ordered him to pay the maximum fine of \$100.

The sophomore, who helped Ohio State win the 2002 national championship, was accused of filing a campus police report that exaggerated the value of items stolen from a dealership car he borrowed in April. Had he been convicted of the original falsification charge, possible penalties ranged from probation to six months in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Froehlich told Clarett he hoped the experience would make him a better person.

"You are in fact a role model," he said. "Many people in this community look up to you. Don't let them down, but most importantly don't let yourself down. Try to give back to a community that has given so much to you."

Clarett's mother held her hand on his back as he stood before the

judge and gave only yes and no answers.

Although Clarett is separately suing the NFL to change its eligibility rules so that he may enter the draft a year early, he said in his statement that he wants to focus on the Buckeyes.

"I look forward to shifting all of my attention back to my studies and the team at the Ohio State University," he said.

Athletic director Andy Geiger said the police report case "has nothing to do with us" and doesn't affect Clarett's standing with the school or team.

"We're glad this is behind him. We're looking forward to his progress academically," Geiger said.

Ohio State had suspended Clarett from the team for the season, but not from school, for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and for lying about it to investigators. The university determined Clarett did nothing wrong by using a dealership car.

The university has not yet asked the NCAA to reinstate

Clarett, Geiger said. He must meet school conditions such as making academic progress and donating "thousands of dollars" to a charity to make up for the benefits. Clarett is eligible to practice.

"It's likely he'll be lifting weights and working out this winter," Geiger said.

City Prosecutor Stephen McIntosh said he was willing to accept the plea deal because the case was not worth the time and expense of bringing in a witness from out of state. Another witness, former campus police chief Ron Michalec, now works in the Cleveland suburb of Pepper Pike.

Clarett's lawyer, Percy Squire, met with McIntosh before the scheduled hearing. The deal effectively canceled a hearing scheduled Wednesday to decide whether statements Clarett made to NCAA investigators should be admissible as evidence in the case.

Attorneys still will pursue a request that the U.S. Department of Education sanction the university for giving information from those statements to campus police, who

passed it on to prosecutors, said Lloyd Pierre-Louis, Squire's partner.

The attorneys had argued the information should have been kept private as a federally protected educational record. McIntosh had said the federal rules didn't apply because the information came from the NCAA, not Ohio State.

Clarett has matured greatly over the past year and come to understand the scrutiny on student-athletes, the attorney said.

"He's learning to use much better judgment," Pierre-Louis said. "He's learning about who he is."

Elway, Sanders among 2004 NFL Hall of Fame selections

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — John Elway and Barry Sanders were among 15 finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame announced Wednesday.

The Hall's board of selectors selected the finalists from a list of 25 semifinalists.

Two candidates, tackle Bob Brown and wide receiver Bob Hayes, were recommended by the Hall's senior committee. Other finalists: wide receiver Art Monk; defensive ends Richard Dent, Carl Eller, and Jim Marshall; guard Bob

Kuechenberg; safety Cliff Harris; cornerback Lester Hayes; tackles Raymond Wright and Gary Zimmerman.

Linebacker Harry Carson and general manager George Young are automatic finalists because of their high finish in last year's voting.

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Tech doubles duo climbing NCAA rankings

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

A great tennis player must often possess a combination of athleticism and intelligence.

A great doubles team, on the other hand, must have the same combination from two people — enter seniors Kendall Brooks and Irina Tereschenko.

Tereschenko and Brooks are Texas Tech's top two seeded singles players respectively, but they join forces to be Tech's top doubles team, and they both enjoy doubles more than singles play.

"(Doubles) is better because you have someone out there to play with instead of being there by yourself," Brooks said. "Plus, in doubles there's more aggression involved with points won at the net; that's how I like to play."

Tech tennis coach Cari Groce said Brooks, the "aggressive, reactive player" and Tereschenko, the "consistent, mindful one" have the potential to be one of the best doubles teams she has ever coached.

"Irina has experience at the NCAA

tournament in doubles," she said. "That experience, in combination with Kendall's athleticism and determination works well. We've seen a lot of good things from them this past fall, but the story is to be told this spring."

The spring season will be the second for the two playing together as a doubles team. They finished the fall season ranked No. 9 in the Southwest in doubles by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Tereschenko's NCAA appearance last year was with Beverly Dawson, who has since graduated.

When asked about making a run through the Big 12 with a new partner, she says she will not miss a beat.

"I definitely feel comfortable playing with Kendall," she said. "We've both made adjustments from the way we played doubles before with our other partners. She's really aggressive and that gives me more confidence. We're working on playing more aggressive, fast-moving doubles."

Both agreed they have different strong suits in their games.

"The reason we make a good team is that she's more consistent as far as setting up the point for me to put it

away," Brooks said. "She likes to set it up and I'm kinda the closer. Another good complement is that she has a good serve, and I think my volleys are better. Her good serves set me up for the easy winners."

While both players have their strengths, they are both capable of fulfilling each other's roles when necessary, Tereschenko said.

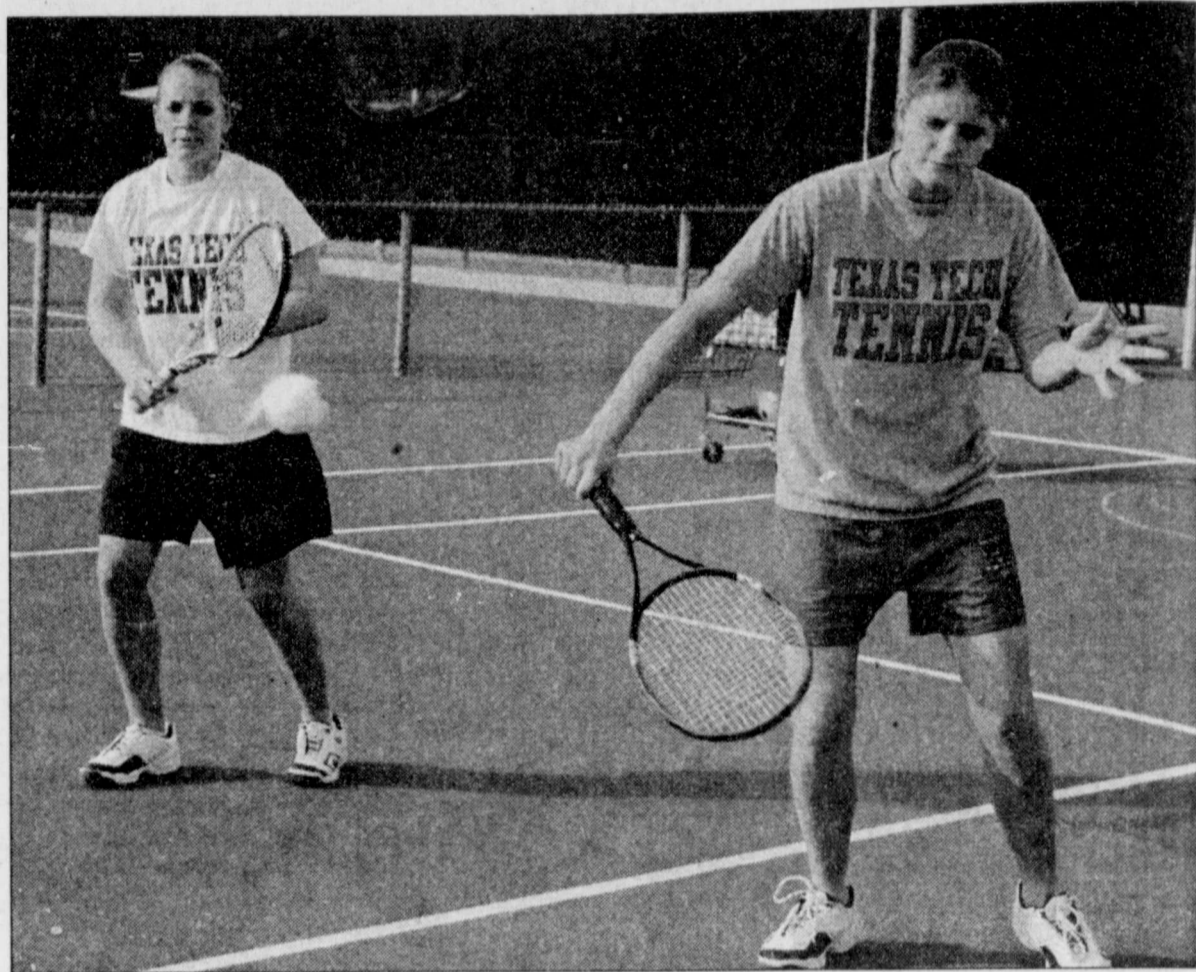
"I do kind of set her up," she said. "But we can both take on either role; she could set me up and I could finish. It gives us confidence knowing we can do a variety of things on the tennis court."

Tereschenko has some goals for the duo for the upcoming spring season, including returning to the NCAA tournament with her new partner.

"We definitely have the ability and desire to make it to the NCAA's in the spring," she said. "Our preparation process and our competition in the conference matches will allow us to get to a better level. We also want to maintain and improve our ranking because we're constantly competing against teams that are good."

Groce shares her sentiments.

"They've been through a lot in the last three years with highs and lows," she said. "They have a lot they want to accomplish and we want to allow them the opportunities to finish up (their college careers) strong."



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TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Irina Tereschenko prepares for a return shot during practice at the McLeod Tennis Center on Wednesday while doubles partner Kendall Brooks watches. Brooks and Tereschenko finished the fall season ranked No. 9 in the Southwest and will be the Red Raiders No. 1 doubles team this season. Tereschenko and Brooks also are Tech's No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, respectively. The Red Raiders will begin the spring season Feb. 1 in competition against the North Texas Eagles in Denton.

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Last second shot by Iowa State defeats Tech

AMES, Iowa (AP) - Anne O'Neil hit a 15-foot jump shot with two-tenths of a second to play, lifting Iowa State to a 64-63 victory Wednesday night that ended second-ranked Texas Tech's 15-game winning streak.

O'Neil, who had 16 of her 20 points in the second half, missed the first of two free throws, but made the second to give Iowa State a 62-61 lead with 18 seconds remaining.

Texas Tech's Jia Perkins made a jump shot with eight seconds left to give the Lady Raiders a 63-62 lead. But O'Neil brought the ball up, drove to the left side of the free-throw line and connected on just her sixth field goal in 20 attempts to give the Cyclones (8-5 overall, 2-2 Big 12) the victory.

Texas Tech (15-1, 1-1) called a timeout, but failed to get a shot off before the horn sounded.

Reserve Katie Robinette had 12 of her 18 points for Iowa State in the second half. Casey Jackson led Texas Tech with 13 points and Perkins had 11. Texas Tech led 28-26 at halftime and

opened a 43-33 advantage with 12:40 remaining. But Iowa State outscored the Lady Raiders 18-6 over the next six minutes, capping the run with eight straight points to take a 51-48 lead with 6:50 to play.

Robinette and O'Neil scored all but four of Iowa State's points during the run, and the Cyclones made 10 consecutive free throws - five by Robinette and four by O'Neil.



Texas' Big 12 win streak snapped with upset loss to Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Emily Niemann scored 15 points to help No. 24 Baylor roll over third-ranked Texas 78-64 Wednesday night, snapping the Longhorns' 15-game winning streak in the Big 12.

Sophia Young and Stephanie Blackmon added 14 points apiece for Baylor (14-2, 2-

1 Big 12), which overwhelmed Texas (14-2, 2-1) in the first half accurate shooting. And the Longhorns, led by Tiffany Jackson's 14 points, made just two baskets over the first nine minutes of the second half.

Baylor put Texas on its heels early and looked like the team more deserving

of the No. 3 ranking in taking a 42-32 lead.

The Lady Bears shot 61 percent as the front line of Young and Blackmon consistently beat Texas defenders in the post. An aggressive defense forced 11 Texas turnovers and kept the Longhorns from getting good looks at the basket. When they did, the Longhorns misfired badly on several 3-pointers.

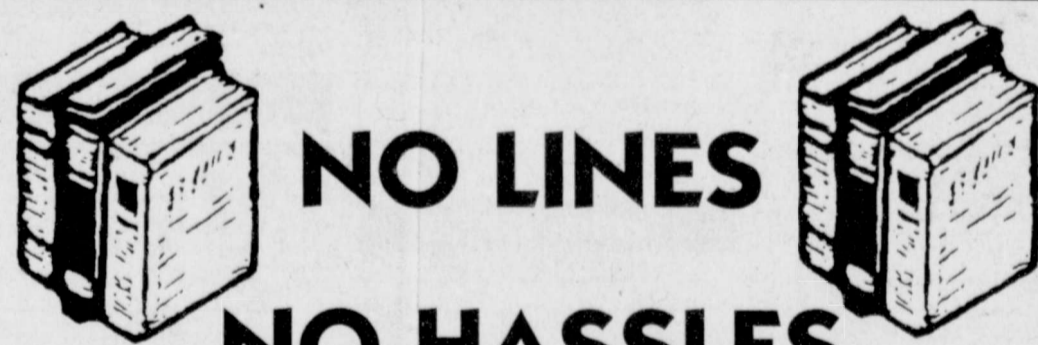
Niemann did most of her dam-

age in the first half, finding three of Baylor's four 3-pointers before the break.

Baylor cooled off at the start of the second half, but Texas couldn't find the offense it needed to make a run. The Longhorns shot just 32 percent in the half and were one for 10 from 3-point range for the game.

The Longhorns went scoreless for the first four minutes after halftime and the Lady Bears built the lead to as many as 19 points.

Jackson sparked a late charge that cut the lead to 67-56 with 4:23 to play before Baylor quickly pushed the advantage to 14 points with four straight free throws by Niemann and Jessica Stratton.



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