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Regents to decide on possible tuition hike

By Michael Castellon/
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The fate of two hot topics are scheduled to be discussed and possibly approved today by the Texas Tech Board of Regents.

The Board will meet today and is expected to approve resolutions allowing for a \$10 per credit hour tuition hike and give the go-ahead nod for university officials to begin using race as a factor in student admissions.

Under a proposal orchestrated by Tech President Jon Whitmore, a student enrolled in 15 credit hours can expect tuition to in-

crease by about \$150. The average cost of tuition at Tech is about \$300 more than what a student enrolled in 15 credit hours paid in 2003.

Tech officials have been reorganizing university finances since state and budget shortfalls have put a pinch on the university's budget, leaving administrators scrambling to find ways to offset the burden of increased tuition on students.

In the spring, students forked out an

extra \$10 per credit hour, increasing total tuition costs to \$102 per credit hour.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the tuition increase is necessary to accommodate the influx of students coming to Tech each year.

"Students have been superb in dealing with issues like this," he said. "We don't take issues like tuition increases lightly."

The tuition hike is the latest effort from Tech officials to increase

cash flow to the university. Earlier this week, officials announced a plan to initiate a campaign that will strive to raise at least \$450 million for the university in an effort to offset the possibility of tuition increases and provide financing for research initiatives, Smith said.

The Board also is expected to approve a resolution that would approve the consideration of race and ethnicity in admissions.

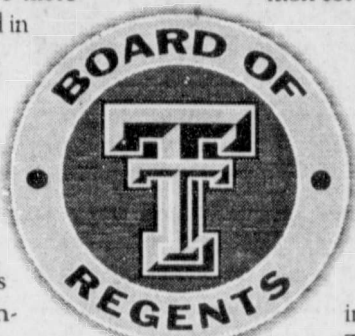
A Supreme Court decision in June, which ruled race and ethnicity can be used as a tool to gauge student admissions, has left state universities and colleges across the nation back-

peddling to change policies that have historically not used such factors.

If approved, the policy would uphold the desire of Tech officials to increase diversity at the university.

The policy is expected to be implemented next year.

The board also is scheduled to swear in three new regents. Windy Sitton, a three-term mayor of Lubbock and area businesswoman, will join Bob Stafford, a partner in Stafford Cattle Company, and Scott Dueser, the former chairman of the Texas Bankers Association.



Hummer Handback

Tech student takes check instead of Hummer

By Nikki Siegriest/
The University Daily

He held the keys to the H2 for about 10 minutes, but that was long enough.

He sat in the tan, leather driver's seat of the cherry-red hummer, turned the engine over and played with the nine-speaker Bose stereo system, sunroof and the On-Star system. He even let one of his friends crank up the car. But he didn't drive off.

Instead, Chris Sowers got out of the car, gave the keys back to the Scoggin-Dickey representative and took a check for \$50,000 in place of the car.

Sowers won the car at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center All-Nighter. The junior exercise sports sciences major from Amarillo was one of about 1,500 students who signed up for the Shoot-Out contest.

"I signed up, and during the hypnotist I got this feeling they were going to draw my name," Sowers said.

His name was one of two drawn, he then had to shoot four shots in 24 seconds to win the car—a layup, a foul shot, a 3-point shot and a half-court shot.

He went first.

He made all four in 18 seconds, and the final shot was nothing but net, he said.

"It seems like it took me a while to react," he said. "I was in shock for the next few hours."

After he won, his friends rushed the court and people in the crowd screamed—all stunned he won, he said.

But instead of driving off in his shiny, red hummer, Sowers drove off in his 1997 emerald green Explorer



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Sport, with the check tucked in his pocket.

Joe Gilbert, the Hummer sales manager for Scoggin-Dickey, said he was thrilled Sowers won.

"I feel excited for him," Gilbert said. "This is the first one for (Texas) Tech. I was really surprised, and so were the guys we do it through."

The company has been donating cars for drawings at Tech for 10 years, Gilbert said. This is the first vehicle anyone has won, though Sowers took cash instead of the car.

"If I took the Hummer, I'd have to pay sales tax and sell it in a year to pay the income tax," Sowers said. "This way I make a little investment out of it."

Seven of his friends were there to watch him take the keys and hand them back again.

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TOP: CHRIS SOWERS, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Amarillo, receives the keys to a Hummer from Joe Gilbert, the Hummer sales manager from Scoggin-Dickey Motors, outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Thursday afternoon. ABOVE: Sowers sits in the Hummer he won at the Rec Center all-nighter earlier this semester. Sowers returned the keys to Gilbert later and opted to receive a check for \$50,000.

Student Affairs

Race for new SGA position making firsts

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

To the knowledge of Bill Brannan, the events of this year's Student Government Association's executive candidate election are a first in the election process of Texas Tech.

The unit associate director of the Student Union said he has never seen a runoff between the only two candidates running for a position.

The incident Brannan is referring to is the run-off between Alisa Abuzeineh and Veronica Villarreal for the SGA vice president of graduate affairs position.

After the votes were tallied Wednesday night, Abuzeineh came away with almost 47 percent of the votes, while Villarreal captured 50 percent of the votes cast. Brannan said if Villarreal had received one more vote, she would have won the election.

"The reason for a majority is to have a clear-cut winner to a one-seat position," he said.

In the event of the graduate affairs candidates both receiving 50 percent of the vote in the run-off election, the election code states another run-off election would be held. However, Brannan said he does not believe that result could happen.

"It's almost impossible," he said. "But it could happen."

According to the SGA's election code, an executive officer candidate must win the election by majority. A majority win would be one vote more than 50 percent. The write-in votes that were accepted in the election and multiple candidates prevented a majority in all of the executive officer races, except for the position of internal vice president, which had only one candidate, Brannan said.

The other executive offices that will experience runoffs are president and external vice president. The format of the university's election process is similar to the format of Lubbock County.

Dorothy Kennedy, elections administrator for Lubbock County, said a candidate would also need to win by a majority decision of more than 50 percent. Any less would require a run-off election, which have been common in Lubbock County recently.

"I believe in the last three primaries, which happen every two years, we have had runoffs either state or county wide," Kennedy said.

In the largest student voter turnout since 1996, Tech will also experience a runoff. The run-off election will occur March 2 and 3. The polls will



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Associated Press

Baylor findings prove coach Bliss paid players

By Jim Vertuno/Associated Press

WACO (AP) — Baylor University wrapped up its investigation of the men's basketball program Thursday with acknowledgment of major NCAA violations by former coach Dave Bliss and new self-imposed sanctions of reduced scholarships over the next two seasons.

Baylor President Robert Sloan said the investigation uncovered improper payments to players and other violations, and exposed an athletic department culture that missed signs of wrongdoing.

"The university is embarrassed," Sloan said. "There were red flags that should have been noticed."

The school began its investigation last summer, after player Patrick Dennehy was killed and former teammate Carlton Dotson was charged with his murder. The panel found that Bliss paid the tuition for two players, including Dennehy, and the program did not report some players' failed drug tests.

Sloan said Bliss and Baylor "failed to exercise appropriate institutional control," over the program.

Lawyers for Bliss, who resigned in August and now works at a sporting goods store in a Denver suburb, didn't return calls Thursday.

Already under a self-imposed ban on postseason play this year, Sloan announced one more year of probation and drastic scholarship reductions for the next two seasons. He also said there will be reduced contact with



Supreme Court Justice visits Tech law school

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

He was responsible for eliminating racial preferences in university admissions in three states.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Steven Wayne Smith, the lawyer behind the 1996 Hopwood v. Texas case, spoke about judicial activism at the Texas Tech School of Law Thursday. He also touched on another topic close to his heart.

"I am running for re-election," Smith said.

"I run on a judicial philosophy," he said. "I am an outspoken advocate of judicial restraint."

While an attorney, Smith filed, litigated and won the Hopwood case that eliminated racial preferences in admissions and scholarships at Texas universities from 1996 through 2003.

He graduated with a finance degree from the University of Texas-Arlington and from the University of Texas School of Law with honors. Smith said he was the first member of his family to graduate from college.

Smith said he is the only member of the court with legislative experience, as he worked for a legislature council for four years.

The justice election system in Texas is important because it keeps justices accountable, Smith said.

While there are parts of the election system that need to be improved, Smith said the election process is better than the appointment of justices.

"In my view that is the system that works best," he said. "It is a bitter partisan debate between the election system and appointment system."

During campaigning justices had limited free speech. This changed 18 months ago. The only limitation now is that no justice is allowed to make a direct pledge on how they will rule on cases, Smith said.

"If you have elections you have got to have free speech," he said. "This



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JASON ROBERTS, A third-year law student from San Antonio, introduces Texas Supreme Court Justice Steven Wayne Smith during a visit to the law school Thursday morning.

allows the citizens to determine the degree of free speech."

With the option of speaking freely, Smith said he still does not want to

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on the SPOT

Did you have any bad experiences with Tuesday's snow?

"I tripped running after a friend. I was attempting to play football."

•Brynlea Taylor, sophomore education major from Henrietta



"Not with the weather, but I got burned with nitric acid in lab."

•Melissa Edwards, junior pre-veterinary major from Lubbock

"Not really, but previous times I've fallen because I wasn't paying attention. I slipped and ate it."

•James Cox, freshman mechanical engineering major from El Paso



"I couldn't cross 19th Street at Flint. There was a 20-foot puddle of water, so I had to go around it."

•Michael Driskill, freshman architecture and business major from Lubbock

"Not really, it's just all wet. I skate, but we couldn't do that."

•Travis Edlund, freshman finance and accounting major from San Antonio



"No, because I didn't go to class."

•Amanda Bilberry, senior pre-physical therapy major from Dora, N.M.

The Rundown



Instructor's death not related to rape cases

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Sheppard Air Force Base officials have found no evidence tying the death of a fighter-pilot instructor last week to an investigation of reported rapes on the base, a spokesman said Thursday.

"There is no indication that it's related whatsoever," said Maj. Manning Brown, a Sheppard spokesman.

Staff Sgt. Edmund Ehring, 35, who faced sexual assault charges, was found dead Feb. 17 in a base dormitory. Attorney Dorie Glickman, who represented Ehring, has said she believes the death is being investigated as a suicide.

Brown said the cause of the death remains under investigation. However, he said Ehring died from a gunshot wound. He said he did not know the location of the wound.

Asked when a ruling on the cause of death might be made, Brown said, "I've heard 30 days or more."

Ehring had denied allegations that he assaulted a 12-year-old girl in his home off base.

He died a day after an investigative team arrived to examine how base commanders have responded to a series of reported rapes. Brown has declined to say whether Ehring had been interviewed by members of the Air Force investigative panel.

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. issued a statement last week saying: "The loss of any airman is felt by every member at Team Sheppard. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Staff Sgt. Ehring during this most trying time."

The child told investigators a man touched her sexually with his fingers and that it hurt. A medical exam showed acute and chronic sexual trauma. Ehring had been released from the Wichita County Jail on \$25,000 bond late last month.

The Air Force dispatched a task force to Sheppard to investigate claims of between 20 and 25 sexual assaults in the 2002-03 federal budget year.

Of the 5,035 people surveyed and 1,000 interviewed, at least 90 percent were confident in the processes in the place, felt safe at the base and had confidence in base commanders, said the Air Force's vice chief of staff, Michael Mosely.

House: unborn child separate from mother

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to treat attacks on a pregnant woman as separate crimes against both her and the fetus she is carrying. Critics say it would undermine abortion rights by giving fetuses new federal legal status.

Passage of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act was actively backed by the White House and President Bush's conservative supporters. Following enactment of the law banning "partial birth" abortions last year, the bill is this year's prime measure dealing with the unborn.

It passed 254-163 after the House rejected a Democratic-led alternative that would have increased penalties for attacks on pregnant women in which the fetus is injured or killed without conferring new rights on fetuses.

Backers further highlighted the bill by naming it in honor of Laci and Conner Peterson, the pregnant woman who was murdered in December, 2002, and her unborn child. "There are two victims in these kinds of attacks," said Rep. Melissa Hart, R-Pa., chief sponsor of the legislation. "That is so clear from the Laci and Conner Peterson case."

Laci's husband Scott Peterson faces double murder charges under California's state unborn victims law. California is one of 29 states that have enacted such laws, and supporters said Congress needs to bring the federal government in line with state laws.

At a news conference after the vote, supporters showed a video in which Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, urges Democratic presidential candidates John Kerry and John Edwards, "and every other senator who has refused to support it, to reconsider."

The measure would be applicable only when federal crimes — such as terrorism, drug trafficking or offenses on federal land or on military bases — are committed.

The White House expressed strong support for the legislation and opposed any "one-victim" alternatives such as that offered by Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif. Her substitute, backed by most Democrats, fell 229-186.

British historians find Darwin's ship

LONDON (AP) — British maritime historians said Thursday they may have located the Beagle, the ship that took Charles Darwin on the voyages of discovery and where he began formulating his theory of natural selection.

Using radar technology, historians found what they believe is the 90-foot Beagle, 18 feet beneath the mud of marshes in Essex county, east of London.

"We can see the outline of a dock for the ship and can make out wood and metal, which is highly suggestive that there is indeed something substantial down there, most probably the bottom of the Beagle," said Robert Prescott, leader of a team from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, which has spent four years investigating the site.

The findings are to be revealed in a British Broadcasting Corp. documentary over the weekend.

Researchers used a census listing crewmen's families living on the Beagle as well as old maps to help trace the vessel to an area of the marsh near Potton Island.

The Beagle, a 10-gun naval fighting ship, was launched at the Woolwich Royal Dockyard on the River Thames in 1820.

After a few years' service, it was refitted as a science vessel. From 1831 to 1835, Darwin traveled aboard the Beagle to the Galapagos Islands, where he made extensive studies of the flora and fauna.

On his return, he published "On the Origin of Species," which shook the scientific world with its assertion that species evolve through natural selection of the fittest.

The Beagle was later used as a coast guard vessel around Southend in Essex, but its 235-ton bulk annoyed local oystermen and it was sold to the Navy and towed to the nearby backwater where researchers say it now lies.

"It seems a pair of local likely lads may have purchased the ship, breaking her up where she sat or possibly towing her to a nearby site," said Prescott, the research team leader.

"After the marvels of Patagonia and the Galapagos Islands, it seems the ship that helped spark off a scientific revolution led a humdrum life in a backwater of England before falling asleep on a muddy riverbank where time seems to have stood still for centuries."

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Body art: experts say handle with care

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

Sociologists in the Texas Tech School of Nursing conducted two studies revealing that out of 900 students, one in every five people have a tattoo, and one in every three people have a body piercing.

For 15 years, Dr. Myrna Armstrong, professor and RN-BSN coordinator in the School of Nursing, has done research on body art.

Texas was to require blood-borne illness classes for all registered tattoo and piercing studios in the state, but the ordinance was rescinded because of lack of funds, Armstrong said.

However, the Lubbock Department of Health will go forward with the ordinance, Armstrong said. Armstrong works to educate people about the hazards of body art.

"My concern is not whether you have a tattoo or body piercing," she said. "My concern is that people are informed before they obtain them so they know what they have to deal with."

According to an article in the Feb. 25 Journal of the American Medical Association,

Pseudomonas aeruginosa, a disfiguring ear infection, broke out in Oregon after an infected ear-piercing gun was used.

Unlike Texas, Oregon and Kansas insist that tattoo artists have a standardized curriculum and continue education, the same as a nurse or doctor would, Armstrong said.

"If it can happen in that state with very good regulations and educated artists, what do you think could happen in states who don't have as effective regulations?" she said.

Armstrong said when ear piercing first started, it was a much different procedure. Years ago, a sharp needle was used; not blunt earring backs put into a staple-like gun.

"That instrument—you're not able to sterilize it well," she said. "You can't

even disinfect it well because of how it's made."

The higher on the ear, the more likely a piercing is going to become infected, Armstrong said. Sweat, dirty hair and lying on a pierced ear can contribute to infection.

"If you're going to get your ears pierced, don't go to the shopping centers or to the kiosks for the procedure and the jewelry; they don't sell good jewelry," she said.

Costume jewelry is brass or nickel plated, Armstrong said. Such jewelry has the potential of creating allergies. If a piercing job is done incorrectly, the earring can become imbedded in the ear, she said.

Body piercings most susceptible to infection are cartilage and the navel.

"Anything beyond the ear lobe, to me, is body piercing, and you've got to

treat it like such," she said. "Forty-five percent of all navel piercings get infected."

Soap and water is usually a sufficient way to take care of a piercing, Armstrong said, adding people need to be responsible about their piercings.

Chris Stephenson, a tattoo artist for Piercecution, said tattoos are less likely to become infected.

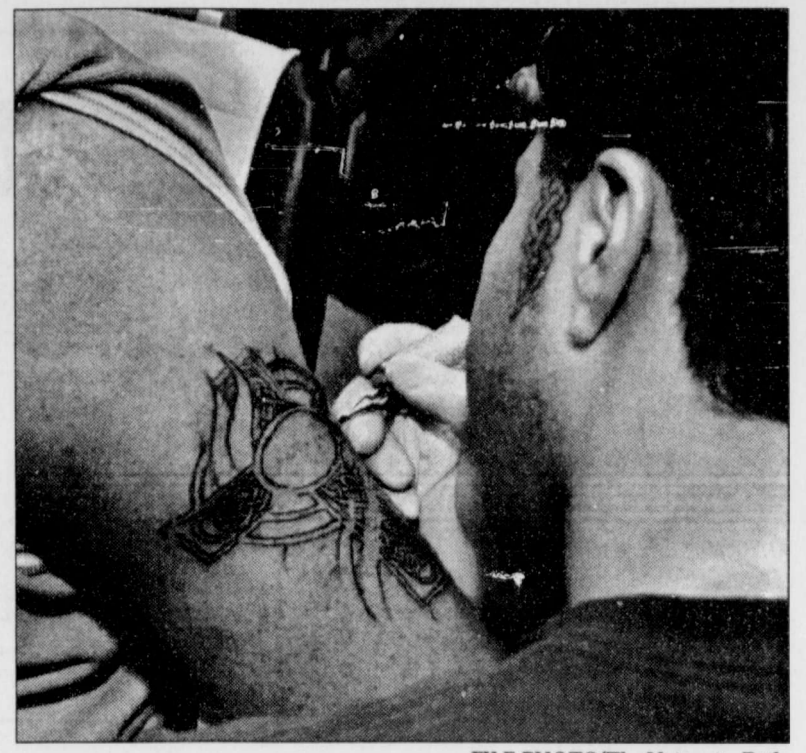
"All it is, is a skin abrasion," he said. "It's like skinning your knee or something."

Armstrong recommends people interested in adorning their bodies take the time to check out potential piercers and tattoo artists. She said piercing studios often are superior to boutiques.

"Not that I'm leading everyone to the piercing studio," she said, "but their technique far exceeds what you'll find in the shopping centers."

Michael Resendiz, a freshman visual and performing arts major from Austin, said he got his ears pierced in downtown Austin.

"I went to a tattoo parlor; I didn't go to the mall or anything," he said. "From what I've seen, it is very professionally done. If you went to the mall it's more



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

A TATTOO ARTIST applies a tattoo at a local tattoo parlor.

like 'click' get up and go kind of thing."

Shopping around for a tattoo artist or piercer is important because there are no guarantees, Armstrong said. Ask questions about the procedure, she said.

If the artist is not cooperative, move on.

"This is an artist/consumer regulated business," she said. "While the city and state have ordinances, very frankly, they work reactively."

Baylor

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recruits by current coach Scott Drew and his staff.

Sloan said he supports Drew, who was hired in August, but that he had no choice but to deliver tough penalties for past misdeeds.

"Baylor's honesty and integrity must be protected," Sloan said. "To underdeliver would be an error."

The school will cut scholarships from 13 to nine for next season and from 13 to 12 in 2005-06. The reduction will probably have a significant impact on Drew's ability to recruit.

Three key players left Baylor last summer as the scandal mounted, and another key recruit never came to Baylor, which is 8-18 this season.

Baylor will send its findings next week to the NCAA, which could accept Baylor's sanctions or impose additional penalties.

"That's really not the ultimate question for us, trying to guess what

the NCAA will do and beat them to the game," said Bill Underwood, a Baylor law professor who was on the school's investigative panel. "What we tried to do is determine what we think is appropriate."

The NCAA could not comment because it had not yet seen the school's findings, spokesman Jeff Howard said. He said the NCAA has been in "constant communication with Baylor throughout their investigation."

Investigators found that Bliss would recruit "backup" players to be on standby in case a scholarship athlete was academically ineligible.

If the scholarship player qualified, Bliss was stuck with an athlete on campus who expected his tuition and expenses paid. They were officially considered walk-ons while Bliss paid up to \$40,000 of his own money, using cashier's checks and money orders that would not identify his personal account.

Officials did not identify the players Thursday. Baylor is a private in-

stitution.

Sloan said he didn't blame the players.

"The responsibility for those violations rests with the coaches and university," he said.

Sloan said Bliss also violated NCAA rules by soliciting money from Baylor supporters to make charitable contributions to the Houston Superstars Foundation. The organization sponsors AAU basketball leagues with teams that included prospective Baylor players.

The contributions amounted to at least \$87,000 and involved at least 17 people, including two regents, Jim Turner and Wes Bailey. School officials said both were misled about their contributions and did nothing wrong.

The contributions were not improper, but Bliss' role in soliciting the money violates NCAA rules, Baylor officials said.

"I feel that I was taken advantage of," said Turner, president and CEO of Dallas-based Dr Pepper/Seven Up Bottling Group.

Sloan said the investigation found that Bliss tried to conceal his activities and gave investigators false information.

Former assistant coach Abar Rouse secretly recorded audiotapes that caught Bliss trying to paint the deceased Dennehy as a drug dealer in order to cover up the violations.

Underwood said the panel had been in contact with Bliss and that he was cooperative. He said Bliss pointed the panel toward violations it had little evidence about.

"I think he feels a great deal of remorse," Underwood said.

Other violations included Bliss and his staff arranging meals, transportation, lodging and clothing for athletes or prospective athletes. Coaches also paid \$336 in tuition at a junior college for a prospective player.

"The depth and number of violations tell you there were a whole lot of things going on," said Kirk Watson, outside legal counsel for the investigations panel.

Smith

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speaking about his personal philosophies, any standing or hypothetical cases.

"I've tried to use my free speech prudently," he said.

Policies such as abortion, homosexual rights and educational funding should be determined by the Texas Legislature, Smith said.

Paul Green, Smith's opponent in the Republican primary and a judge from San Antonio, declined an offer from The Federalist Society to participate in a debate between himself and Smith on Thursday.

"I wish my opponent had made it," Smith said. "But you got to hear my side."

President of The Federalist Society, Jason Roberts, said Smith was assertive during his speech, which will help him get re-elected.

"He is clear in what he believes," Roberts said. "His philosophy speaks for him. If he can clearly articulate

what he believes it will be a success, and that's what he did."

Smith has a sense of what Lubbock and West Texas want, said David Rogers, Smith's campaign manager and a 2001 Tech law graduate.

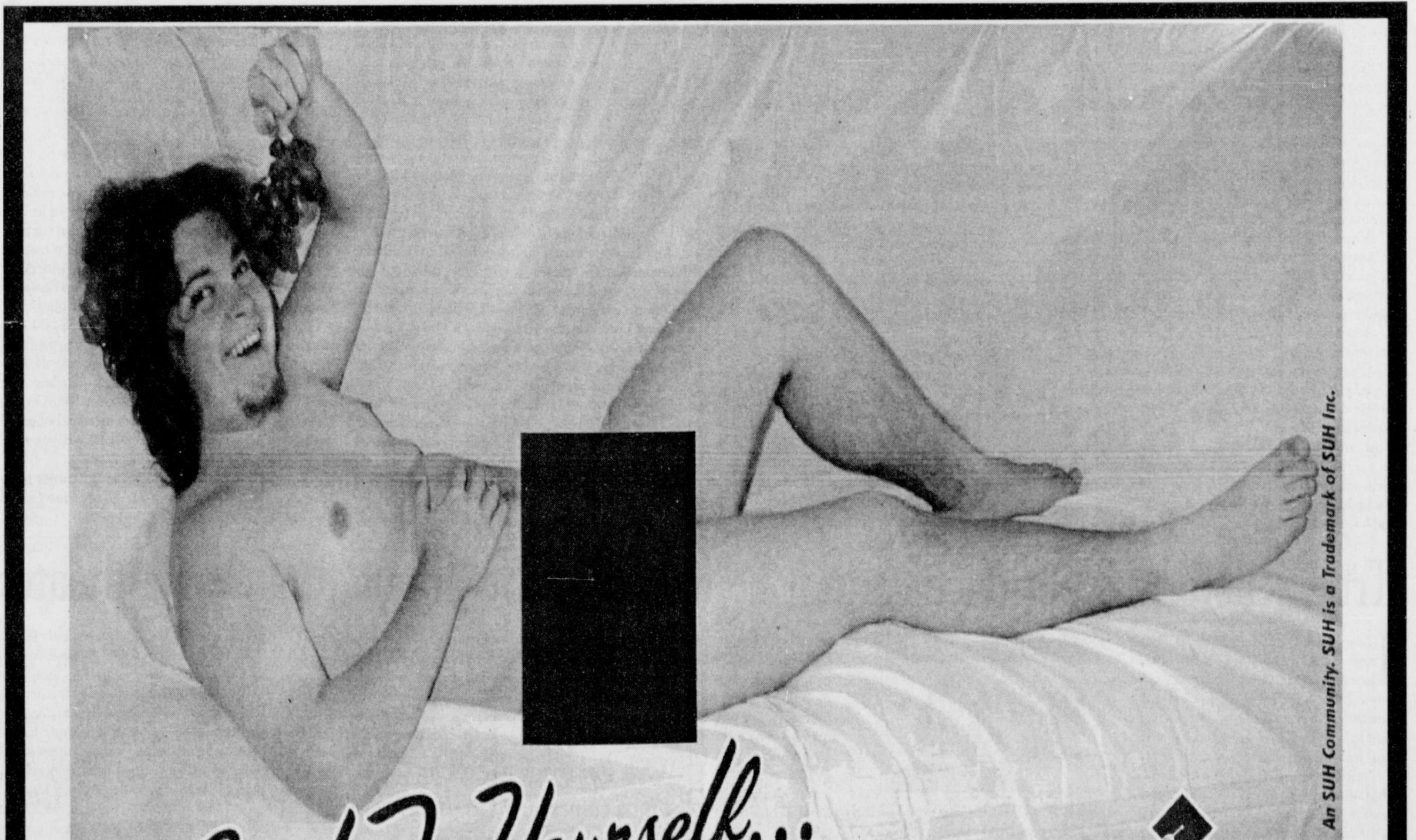
"He is understanding of the challenges rural Texas faces," Rogers said. "It is important not just to have high-money lawyers, but regular Texans have someone to represent them."

Andrew Lutz, a freshman philosophy major from Fort Worth, said he enjoyed the lecture from Smith.

"He was informative and made good arguments against the questions asked," Lutz said. "He's done a good job in the past."

Smith ran for the position in 2002 and won against an appointee of Gov. Rick Perry. He took office Nov. 20, 2002, completing current Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's term as justice.

"I beat the governor's appointee last time," he said. "It's going to be a close race."



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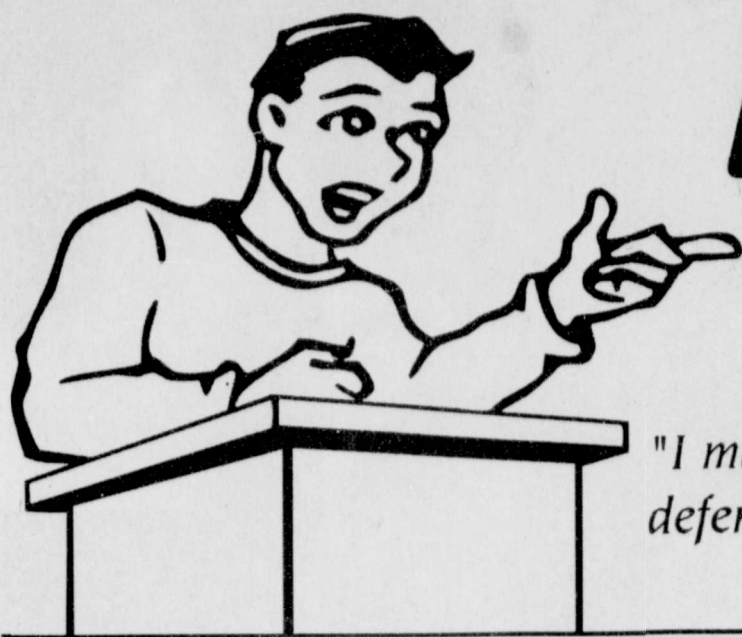
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'Passion of Christ' stirs controversy

All should experience 'The Passion' Gibson, film have hidden motives

I recently saw "The Passion of the Christ," and it was incredible. Yeah, outspoken Christian watched a biography of Jesus, what a total news flash.

But what is noteworthy is I had a gut feeling I needed to see it, and my gut was unusually correct.

I already know about or have heard most of the events of Christ's life and the message of his sacrifice for us, which have been presented about 100 times on film. Though I may have seen a new perspective or different presentation of the gospel, I didn't feel seeing those films would have a great effect on me.

That's not the case for "The Passion." This movie explores the depth of Christ's sacrifice and tries to show the intense pain and torment he endured. I had grown accustomed to seeing a slightly bloody but generally clean depiction of Jesus on the cross, but this film was drastically different than anything I had ever seen, and much more realistic.

The extent of the gore and torture in the film serves a great purpose — Christ's torture and death upon the cross was no mere romantic thing, nor was it glamorous. The film is only two hours long, but it's about the last 12 hours of Christ's life. Obviously, everything Christ endured is not shown. They beat him for hours with sticks and whips ornamented with shards of glass and bone. His beard also was plucked out, which is not shown in the film. However it is portrayed, the actual event must have been a grisly picture.

Jesus lived on this planet some time ago, and he did die upon the cross. You may choose to disbelieve, saying the Bible is inaccurate, full of lies, etc., but then why would the apostles write them? They had nothing to gain by publicly supporting Christ, only death and persecution. Would any man endure that for something they know is a lie?

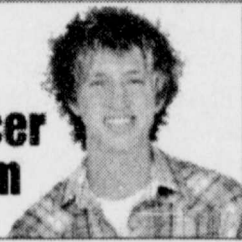
Also, there were thousands who witnessed Christ's life and death. Not too long after the crucifixion, the apostles were preaching what is written in their gospels to all who could hear. If any of it were false, wouldn't one of the multitude of witnesses have stood up and confronted them with the truth?

Because of its more graphic depiction of Christ's death and resurrection, "The Passion of the Christ" is the greatest portrayal of the gospel made. However, this movie isn't just for Christians to reaffirm their faith; everyone should experience it regardless of their beliefs.

Moreover, all the controversy surrounding the film lies within the individual viewer, not the movie itself. If you go into it wanting to get a certain feeling out of it, you will succeed. If you're an anti-Semite, which is terrible to begin with, after seeing the Jews take part in (not being solely responsible for) Jesus' death, you will come out hating Jews all the more. That is the same as, to paraphrase Mel Gibson's example, watching "Schindler's List," and then hating all Germans because of what the Nazis did in the '30s and '40s. The labeling and hatred of an entire group of people is not the pur-

He said:

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While watching Jesus forgive the Romans as they were driving stakes through his feet, and the high priest Caiaphas after he mocked him while upon the cross, all I could think was "I love you."

pose of this film.

This film's purpose is to show the depth of the sacrifice Christ endured for our sins. While the Sanhedrin and other Jews in the film are shown as cruel and mocking, many others are shown in a positive light. To name a few instances, many in the angry mob were obviously despairing and shouting for them to stop the torture, and then there was Simon of Cyrene, the Jew who did more than just help Christ carry his cross.

While no one can fully understand the depth of God's love and grace, seeing this film will give the viewer an enhanced understanding of the Christian faith, which is a large part of our culture. What better way to grasp that concept than by experiencing its epicenter on film? You don't even have to open the Bible.

Most importantly, though, if you do see the film, go into it with all your pre-conceptions behind, allowing it to impact you. After two hours of physical and emotional drain, to dismiss it as mere spiritualism or walk away with thoughts of anti-Semitism and hatred would be a callous folly.

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Acreman



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One must assume father has spoken to son about his beliefs, and son claims father never lied to him; therefore, son believes in an identical fashion as his father. It's also funny my colleague mentions the film "Conspiracy Theory." Anyone with access to the July 1995 issue of "Playboy" will find an interview in there showing that film might just be one of Gibson's most honest roles. Even if he's not quite the extremist his father is, he's not completely innocent.

The Emmerich account of the "Passion" is notable in one other aspect: it is terribly brutal. Leaps and bounds above the Bible, and more so than even Scorsese's "Last Temptation," the suffering Christ experiences in this version is gut wrenching. Word is the film is no different. We see Jesus flayed, beaten, scourged. We see him nailed to the cross, then the cross is flipped over, the nails hammered bent, and he is flipped back over. The story of Jesus is ultimately about the suffering, it's through this the sins of the people are cleansed. The greater the suffering, the more we feel the price of his sacrifice, the more we feel resolved in our faith. And it'll only cost you \$7.50. Essentially, Mel is bringing back one bit of old Catholicism: the sale of indulgences, the idea that one can buy one's way out of purgatory. This should be troublesome for Protestants or modern Catholics.

I plan to go see the film, but out of interest for the craft rather than spiritual motive. Through researching this piece, I have a better understanding of the underlying motives. Had I gone into this totally open, there's no telling what might've snuck in while my guard was down. I don't expect by reading this, anyone has been convinced to not go see the film, nor should you have been. What you have been is warned. Enjoy, and turn off your cell phone.

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True religious experience cannot be found in the drama of a movie theater

I have had mixed feelings about "The Passion of the Christ" since I heard several months ago Mel Gibson was making the movie. It has gotten so much attention that I am really curious about how Gibson managed to make an original movie out of the most well-known story in history.

I'm not writing this opinion based on what I thought of the movie. I'm not going to see it. While my curiosity almost won out, in the end it wasn't enough.

My decision was cemented when I saw a commercial for the film. The R-rating was enough to end the movie for me. I live in an R-rated world; do I really need R-rated entertainment?

That's a trivial issue, of course. You could easily argue that what happened to Jesus was every bit as graphic as it is portrayed in "The Passion." I'll even agree with you. What happened throughout the last 12 hours of Jesus' life was incredibly violent. He was beaten, whipped, mocked, humiliated, he bled from every pore, and he was nailed to a cross where he hung in agony for several hours until he died.

I know all this. I know it as well as Gibson

She said:

Heidi
Toth



knows it. I know Jesus endured more pain than I as a mortal can understand. Gibson and I, just like every other human being, cannot comprehend what Jesus went through. I don't need to see Gibson's interpretation on the big screen with surround sound to get the message, because I know as much as I can already.

Additionally, the previews make me physically ill. The violence is one thing. But when the violence and hate is happening to this man who is supposed to represent Jesus, my older brother whom I love so much, it hurts me. Maybe that's supposed to be the point of the movie, I don't know. But I can't sit there and watch him be abused, even if it's just a movie.

I've heard several preachers, both local and national, talk about what a great teaching tool

this is and everyone who's a Christian should see it because of the insights it offers. I'm a Christian. The major reason I'm not going to see this movie is because of my religious beliefs. I don't think watching this movie will suddenly cause my faith to increase or help me be-

come closer to God. In fact, I suspect I might leave feeling farther from God than I felt going in.

My faith and my relationship with God are very, very personal. Hauling it onto the big screen bothers me. People won't increase their faith in God from seeing this violence, even if it is about Jesus. They will find faith in true spiritual experiences, in quiet communication between themselves and God, in humbling themselves enough to recognize the Holy Ghost. Faith isn't something you buy in a concession stand.

Several years ago "What Would Jesus Do?" key chains were everywhere. That question was in my head when I debated seeing this movie, and I couldn't help wondering what Jesus would do. I don't think he'd see this movie. I think

Jesus would be among the people sharing his love firsthand, not watching an incredibly graphic portrayal of his death.

If I weren't religious, I don't think this movie would convert me. The focus is the pain, the suffering, the violence Jesus went through. It doesn't have to be that way. People are converted when they feel Christ's love. From what I've read about this movie, that love is downplayed as trauma takes front and center.

Jesus' life was about love. He loved the people who put him to death. He forgave them instantly. I don't understand how Christians,

people who know God, can honestly believe "The Passion of the Christ" is a positive thing for Christianity. It highlights the wrong thing. While my church has discussed the suffering Jesus endured, we focus on the Atonement and the significance of what happened, not the blood and gore, because we believe that is what Jesus wanted for us. I just can't reconcile this production to my knowledge about Jesus.

What I'm trying to explain, what it all comes down to, is this movie does not feel right to me. I won't go see "The Passion of the Christ" because my heart is telling me something just isn't right about it.

If you want to see this movie, by all means do so. However, I beg you not to shape your religious beliefs from Hollywood or what Mel Gibson defines as right or appropriate. Find out for yourself, however you feel comfortable. But I can promise you answers are not going to come in a movie theater.

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This year's Oscar pics most predictable

I love the holiday season. No, I'm not talking about Thanksgiving or Christmas, although those are great, too. I'm referring to Oscar Sunday.

It's the Super Bowl for movie geeks. This year, however, looks to be one of the most predictable in recent memory. The surprises already arrived with some of the nominations of underdogs and the snubs of Hollywood heavyweights.

This was a monumental year for nominations. The Academy proved to still have some backbone in recognizing actors from small films and the desire to identify ambitious original work in lieu of major studio mugging.

But I feel that the actual winners will provide few surprises on Sunday night. If anything, the excitement may be in some of the winners' acceptance speeches.

But they won't be able to get too carried away. ABC will have a five-second delay in effect to protect viewers from any foul language, or the off chance that a winner might choose to have a "wardrobe malfunction."

Here, now, are my iron-clad predictions for the winners on Sunday night in eight major categories. Included with the predictions are my personal preferences if the Academy would let me hand out the Oscars. This year,

James Eppler



many of my predictions are also my preferences.

Best Picture

This is the year of the "Rings." The Academy will finally award this monumental achievement in cinema by recognizing "The Return of the King." If any film has a Popsicle chance in hell of beating "King," it would be the excellent "Mystic River," an emotionally raw drama of the caliber Oscar loves. In any other year, it would be the clear winner.

"Lost in Translation" is the pitch-dark horse in this race. You can easily rule out "Seabiscuit" and "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," which I'm predicting to be this year's "Gangs of New York" in that it will not win a single one of its 10 nominations.

Prediction and Preference: "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

Director

Hopefully, the Academy will do the right thing and award Peter Jackson along with his film, "The Return of the King." He'll race against Sofia Coppola ("Lost in Translation") who is only the third woman in history to be nominated in this category and the Academy may seek to make amends by awarding her.

The dark horse is Fernando Meirelles for his wonderful work in "City of God." The Academy obviously wanted to recognize this film, and there's the slight chance it could happen here.

Peter Weir will continue "Master and Commander's" losing streak, and Clint Eastwood ("Mystic River") will suffer for releasing his film in the wrong year.

Prediction/Preference: Peter Jackson

Actor

This could be interesting. I would personally choose to award Ben Kingsley for his brilliantly heart-wrenching performance in "The House of Sand and Fog." But you can cross both him and Jude Law ("Cold Mountain") off your list. They don't stand a chance.

That leaves Sean Penn ("Mystic River"), Bill Murray ("Lost in Translation") and Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean"). Depp's nomination was a great surprise and it was

shocking when he won the Screen Actors Guild award last week. The S.A.G. can sometimes predict the Oscars. Murray has many supporters but his comedic performance may get cancelled out by Depp.

Penn is likely to win, but his bad-boy persona and the possible fear of another Michael Moore-type speech against the war may scare off votes. It's going to be close.

Prediction: Sean Penn

Preference: Ben Kingsley

Actress: Charlize Theron is rightfully a lock to win for "Monster." End of story.

Prediction/Preference: Charlize Theron

Supporting Actor

This is a very diverse category, and each actor nominated would deserve the win, but I believe that Tim Robbins ("Mystic River") will emerge triumphant.

He's a wonderful actor and gave a marvelous performance in Eastwood's film. Benicio del Toro ("21 Grams") will have a lock to win for "Traffic." Djimon Hounsou ("In America") needs more exposure. Ken Watanabe ("The Last Samurai") would be my choice for the win, were Robbins not a factor, and Alec Baldwin made a great come back in "The Cooler."

Prediction/Preference: Tim Robbins

Supporting Actress

Renee Zellweger will win this category for three reasons: First, the Academy has passed her over a few years in a row now ("Bridget Jones's Diary," "Chicago"), and will want to finally recognize her. Second, with the near shut-out of "Cold Mountain," the Academy may want to throw Miramax a bone with this award. Third, she deserves the award for her strong performance.

Prediction/Preference: Renee Zellweger

Original Screenplay

Sofia Coppola will be recognized for her wonderful screenplay for "Lost in Translation." If the film wins no other awards, it will take this category easily. Jim, Naomi and Kirsten Sheridan have an outside shot for their personal "In America."

Prediction/Preference: "Lost in Translation"

Adapted Screenplay

Brian Koppelman will likely win his second Oscar for writing his screenplay for "Mystic River," adapted from the novel by Dennis Lehane. His first win was for "L.A. Confidential," one of my favorite movies of all time.

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University of Iowa removes smelly trees

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Say goodbye to the smelly trees.

The University of Iowa is removing four Ginkgo trees that have caused an offensive stench every fall at the center of campus.

The university said the trees' malodorous and messy fruit was a consideration, but not the principle factor, in the decision.

Bob Brooks, a campus architect, said two trees already were removed as part of a major utility project that began last summer.

The other two will be removed this

spring because of other maintenance concerns, he said.

Dropped mushy fruit from the 50-year-old trees, located in a courtyard known as the Pentacrest, forced some students to find creative routes to class. But when a student leader asked campus planners to get rid of the trees in the fall of 2002, biology professors pleaded for tolerance.

"I don't understand getting rid of wonderful, fascinating trees," said biologist Diana Horton, who said Ginkgo biloba trees can live up to 1,500 years and are "living fossils."

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Residents fight to keep Krispy Kreme out

NEWINGTON, Conn. (AP) — Along a stretch of highway dotted with adult bookstores, gun shops and cut-rate motels, a group of residents is fighting back against a Krispy Kreme Doughnuts shop.

The small but relentless band of neighbors, which lost its bid to keep New England's first Krispy Kreme from opening here in 2002, regrouped last month with a late-night reconnaissance campaign.

Krispy Kreme, it turned out, was selling its signature glazed confections to nearby supermarkets under the cover of night and in violation of its town permit. Neighbors caught it all on film: the truckers loading up the doughnuts and hauling them to nearby grocery stores before dawn.

"They blatantly started selling

doughnuts offsite," said Stan Sliva, who owns property nearby. "They just figured they're a large corporation and could do what they want. So we documented it."

Now, the doughnut manufacturer wants the town to amend its permits to allow such wholesaling. Residents think that if they can cut off this revenue stream, the doughnut giant will cut and run.

At a town zoning hearing Wednesday on the proposed permit change, Krispy Kreme franchise owner Janice Mathews admitted she made a mistake to sell doughnuts wholesale without first seeking a change in the town permit issued to the business.

"For the past two weeks I've been saying to myself, 'How do I come before this board and say we screwed up?'" she told town officials. "We screwed up. We did."

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8:00	Nature	Law & Order: 'TV14	CBS Movie: 'Rules Of Engagement'	Academy Awards		Menace
9:00	Masterpiece Theatre	News In/Edtion	News	Enterprise		News Marsha Sharp
10:00	Appearance Being Served	Providence	I Love Lucy	Blind Date	Marsha Sharp	News
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Natural Beauty

Life's stresses can effect skin

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

In the whirlwind of college, taking care of your skin can take a backseat to exams and an active social life. But, simple precautions and healthy eating habits can enable students to put their best face forward.

Barbara Acker, the owner of Avalon Day Spa, who has been a registered aesthetician for 40 years, said yearly facials are important for college students.

"Even if students can't afford monthly facials, they should get a facial at least once a year to determine if their skin is changing," she said.

Sleep, stress and diet are all major influences on peoples skin, Acker said. "Those three things are not a favorite of college students and their skin suffers because of it," she said.

While it may come as a surprise, the skin is the largest organ in the human body.

According to healthy.net, the skin functions as a protective covering, an oil producer and plays an important part in the process of elimination.

Through perspiration, the skin is able to clear the body of toxins and helps maintain internal balance.

Acker said she can tell if a person is healthy by what their skin looks like.

"The skin tells us a lot about what is going on in someone's body — I can tell if someone is dehydrated or drinks a lot of water, just by looking at their skin," she said.

According to the Web site, specific precautions taken at a young age can be beneficial to one's skin in the future.

The Web site said daily application of sunscreen, adequate amounts of water, a healthy diet and intake of vitamins A, C and E can have a drastic effect on the vitality and appearance of one's skin.

Acker said with the development of the birth control patch, experts have realized how absorbent the skin is.

"The patch shows the skin is extremely absorbent, that means the skin absorbs smoke, the air and basically whatever you are surrounded by or whatever you put on your skin, goes into your body," she said.

Research has shown that smoking has harmful repercussions on your body, but Acker said smoking can cause as many problems to your skin as it does to your lungs.

According to cosmeticweb.com, smoking causes premature aging to the skin by breaking down deposits of vitamin C.

"Smoking deprives the skin of oxygen, you are going to age faster and your skin will never be as clear," she said. "I use to have a friend who would pop a vitamin C pill after every cigarette she smoked, which helps restore the vitamin C in your skin, but it doesn't entirely cure the problem."

While monthly facials are important to the maintenance of one's skin,



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Acker said there are simple things students with limited means can do to keep their skin in check.

People have used toothpaste to cure pimples and fever blisters, buttermilk or powdered milk to wash their face and cucumbers to alleviate puffiness or tired eyes, Acker said.

"These sound silly, but they really do work," she said.

Acker said if students buy one thing for their face, it should be a moisturizer

with a sunscreen. "Tinted moisturizers with a sunscreen are very popular, it gives you color and protects your skin at the same time," she said.

The time to start taking care of your skin is now, Acker said.

"If students let their pores get too large in their late teens and early twenties, it is difficult to correct the damage to their skin in their 30s," she said.

DRY SKIN RECIPE

1 c. oatmeal, non instant
1/4 c. banana or avocado smashed
1 capsule vitamin E
1 tsp. honey

Grind oatmeal, banana or avocado and honey in blender. Pierce the Vit. E capsule and squeeze contents into mixture. Blend for 5 minutes. Add milk by the tablespoon until you get a paste-like consistency. Apply to skin and let dry and rinse.

SENSITIVE SKIN RECIPE

1 c. oatmeal, non instant
3 tbs. strongly brewed chamomile tea
1/2 medium mashed banana

Grind the oatmeal and banana in a blender for at least 5 minutes. Add tea by the tablespoon until you get a paste like consistency. You may have to add more tea if it remains too thick. If it gets runny, add more oatmeal. Apply facial, let dry and rinse.

OILY, ACNE PRONE SKIN RECIPE

1 c. oatmeal, non instant
3-5 fresh strawberries
3 tbs. strongly brewed chamomile tea

Grind the oatmeal and strawberries in a blender for at least 5 minutes. Add tea by the tablespoon until you get a paste like consistency. If mixture is runny add oatmeal. Too thick, add more strawberries or tea. Apply in a blender for at least 5 minutes. mixture, let dry and rinse

Rosie O'Donnell marries girlfriend

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell flew across the country Thursday to marry her longtime girlfriend in the city where more than 3,300 other same-sex couples have tied the knot since Feb. 12.

The couple traveled to San Francisco from New York on Thursday morning, said Cindi Berger, O'Donnell's publicist. They have a 1 p.m. appointment to pick up a marriage license, according to the mayor's office.

"We, too, have a dream of equality for all families," the comedian and former talk show host said in a statement. "The only way changes are made in society is when people like Mayor Gavin Newsom have the courage to stand up against injustice."

City officials didn't know who O'Donnell wants to officiate when she marries her girlfriend, Kelli Carpenter, said Francisco Castillo, a spokesman for the mayor.

The women plan to take their vows on the steps of City Hall, according to Berger.

Earlier Thursday, O'Donnell announced her wedding plans on ABC's "Good Morning America," just two days after President Bush called for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

She said the president's call is what inspired her to come to

San Francisco, where city officials continue to perform same-sex weddings even as state courts are considering the legality of those marriages.

"I think the actions of the president are, in my opinion, the most vile and hateful words ever spoken by a sitting president," O'Donnell said on the program. "I am stunned and I'm horrified."

"I find this proposed amendment very, very, very shocking. And immoral. And, you know, if civil disobedience is the way to go about change, then I think a lot of people will be going to San Francisco. And I hope they put more people on the steps to marry as many people as show up. And I hope everyone shows up."

O'Donnell said she decided to marry Carpenter, a former dancer and marketing director at Nickelodeon, during her recent trial in New York over the now-defunct Rosie magazine.

During the case, she referred to Carpenter as her wife.

"We applied for spousal privilege and were denied it by the state. As a result, everything that I said to Kelli, every letter that I wrote her, every e-mail, every correspondence and conversation was entered into the record," O'Donnell said. "After the trial, I am now and will forever be a total proponent of gay marriage."

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Seniors seek win in last home game

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

For three Lady Raiders, this Saturday is their last home game at the United Spirit Arena. Jolee Ayers-Curry, Casey Jackson and Natalie Ritchie want to end their careers at Tech with a win for more than one reason.

"Every senior, every year, wants to win that last game on Senior Night," Ayers-Curry said. "We definitely feel like that, but more importantly than that is to come away with a win for the conference standings in the tournament and the seeding for the NCAA Tournament."

Tech sits in fourth place in the Big 12 Conference standings with a 9-5 mark in league play. The top four teams get a bye in the conference tournament, and a win against No. 14 Colorado on Saturday would solidify a top-four spot, but not yet a bye.

Baylor and Oklahoma are both 8-6 in conference play, and could get to 10-6. A win from Tech guarantees that is the worst the Lady Raiders can do. It would then come down to a

tiebreaker to see who has the advantage in head-to-head battle. Tech swept Baylor this season, and Oklahoma swept Tech. So, if Tech wants to be guaranteed a bye in the conference tournament it means at least one more win and a loss for Oklahoma. The Sooners face Oklahoma State this weekend and close the season at home against No. 5 Texas.

Getting the win and making a push for the bye is on every Lady Raider's mind, and head coach Marsha Sharp said she knows the importance of this game.

"We have a lot to play for on Saturday," she said. "We're in a situation where we can pretty much solidify a bye in the conference tournament, and we have to put ourselves in a situation to make that happen."

Putting themselves in that situation

means the Lady Raiders will have to move on from a disappointing loss to Oklahoma on Wednesday night and prepare themselves to face one of the best players in the conference, Tera Bjorklund.

Bjorklund is second in scoring in the conference with 18.8 points per game. She also ranks sixth in rebounding, pulling down 7.9 boards a game. She is a force to be reckoned with inside, standing 6 feet 5 inches.

Tech is no stranger to facing

strong post players. The Lady Raiders recently shut down Stacy Stephens and Tiffany Jackson of Texas, and Ayers-Curry said the team will have to be ready to do the same thing Saturday.

"Bjorklund is awesome," she said. "She's a great post player. We're definitely gonna have to focus in on her and get her stopped in there."

Before the team can attempt to contain Bjorklund, it has to forget about the 64-53 loss to Oklahoma.

"I think one of the biggest things we need to do is put the OU loss behind us but also remember what got us in that situation," Ayers-Curry said. "I think when a bigger team goes on a run and makes another play you just have to answer it. We got back on our heels on defense, and that made us not as confident on offense, and it snowballed on us."

Sharp said the loss Wednesday was the most disappointing game of the season for her because she believed her team played without emotion. Getting her team motivated to close the season strong will not be something she can do, and she realizes how much she needs her players to turn things around after Wednesday.

"I think it has to come from really them," she said. "They've got to decide what they're all about and come out and play hard. I think if we do that we'll have a chance to play or stay in the game with them. But if we don't get there and we did what we did yesterday we'll have a hard time playing with Colorado."



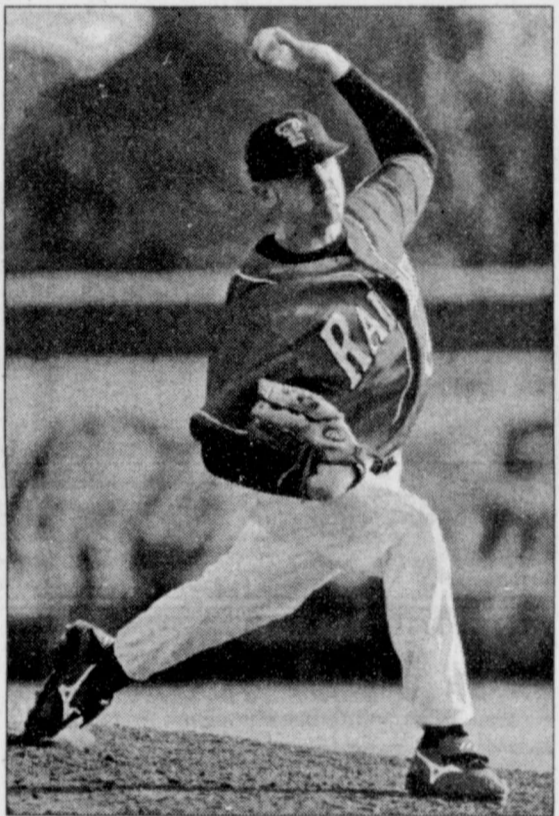
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FORWARD CASEY JACKSON goes up to the hoop in traffic during the Lady Raiders' 62-49 win over Texas on Sunday. Texas Tech will face No. 14 Colorado in its final home game of the season at 7 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Horned Frogs bring storied rivalry to Tech for weekend

PITCHER DALLAS BRADEN hurls the ball during Tech's home series against Northern Illinois. The Red Raiders play host to TCU this weekend at Dan Law Field in a three-game series. Games are 3 p.m. Friday, 3:30 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday.

ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily



By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

When these two teams first met, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik and U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower sent troops to Little Rock, Ark., to allow black students into a predominantly white school. That year was 1957.

After 47 years, the rivalry between the Texas Tech baseball team and TCU remains stronger than ever, especially in this weekend's three-game series, preparing to be another historical event.

The first game at 3 p.m. Friday marks the 132nd meeting between the Red Raiders and the Horned Frogs, each with 65 wins and sharing a tie.

Even with home field advantage, Tech assistant coach Travis Walden said the Raiders will set the pace with the opening pitch.

"TCU has a lot of good, young players who have played well this season," he said. "I believe our pitching this past

weekend was below average. We have a lot more talent than we showed."

Allowing a total of 19 runs in the home series against Northern Illinois, Walden said Tech is still waiting for players to step up.

"They have to get the job done on the field," he said. "We'll get there. I don't know how long it will take, but we will."

Leading the effort on the mound, junior left-handed pitcher Dallas Braden is projected to start Friday's game. With an ERA of 4.50 and one win, he is on top of the Raiders' pitching staff.

Senior Juan Razo will attempt on Saturday to mend his mistakes from last Saturday's 7-5 loss to the Huskies. Senior Steve Gooch will finish up on Sunday against the Frogs, with a 5.14 ERA and two wins on the mound.

Suffering the only loss to NIU, Razo said he has to change the way he plays to get back at the top of his game.

"We have to do the little things

right. I have to keep the ball down and get some good pitches," he said. "On their hits, we can't have bad misses."

One thing that is affecting TCU is errors. This season, the Frogs have committed 15 errors that have resulted in five losses in only nine games. Dallas Baptist, Texas State, Texas-Arlington and Oklahoma State have defeated TCU.

Although the Frogs are 4-5 compared to the Raiders' 7-2 record, Razo said Tech has to take the game seriously.

"We have to keep our mind on the first game," he said. "TCU is a good ball club, and we can't take them lightly."

Freshman Chad Huffman leads the way at the plate for the Frogs. He has a .432 batting average, with 11 runs, two home runs and six RBIs. If the bats are swinging as they did Sunday with 21 hits against NIU, senior third baseman Josh Haney said the Raiders could come out the victor.

"We have to come and play ball like we did Sunday," he said. "Friday

and Saturday we didn't play like we should have."

Although he has 14 hits on 35 at-bats, Haney said baseball is not a game where you reach a finishing point of satisfaction.

"That's my job. I have to get hits," he said. "Am I pleased? No. There's really no feeling of accomplishment in the game of baseball. You can never be satisfied."

Walden said, for the most part, he was pleased with Tech's performance in the last game against the Huskies.

"Sunday, we came out and played like we are capable of playing," he said. "This weekend, we have to be better at the bats and try not to come out rusty."

In that opening game on March 18, 1957, TCU took the win over Tech, 4-2 in Fort Worth. Tech will try not to allow history to repeat itself beginning at 3 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field. Game two is at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and game three is at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Red Raiders look to snap five-game road losing streak against No. 10 Longhorns

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

On Jan. 26 the Texas Longhorns came to Lubbock ranked No. 16 in the AP poll to face the No. 13 Texas Tech Red Raiders, who were riding an 11-game winning streak.

One fatal Brandon Mouton 3-pointer changed the fortunes for both teams, as Tech has gone 3-5 since. Texas sits at No. 10 in the AP poll, and is tied with Oklahoma State for the Big 12 lead.

The No. 25 Red Raiders (19-8, 7-6 Big 12) travel to Austin on Saturday to face the Longhorns (20-4, 11-2) in what players are calling a "must-win situation."

Guard Ronald Ross accepted full blame for the loss last month. He was

guarding Mouton when the 3-pointer went in at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Texas won 62-61.

"Yeah, it's definitely something that's gonna have us wanting to get revenge against a team that we lost to that we know we should've won," Ross said.

He said the team must come together and focus on its common goal, which is doing what it has to do to be successful.

"We need to get to the point where we can go down and win big games against Texas on the road," he said.

"This is our last road game of the season so hopefully we can end it on a good note and play the way we know we're capable of playing."

Forward Mikey Marshall added his sentiments regarding the team's final

road contest of the season.

"A six-game road losing streak is not how I want to end my season," he said. "That's the mentality I'm taking out there, me and the other two seniors. We just have to be more focused."

Marshall expressed his desire to beat the Longhorns on their home floor.

"There's always that fire, just because we lost to them in the previous game," he said. "It makes it even more of a fire the way the game ended. We need to go out there and get it done, and do our best because we really need a road victory to help us out with our RPI and strength of schedule. We just have to go down there with the mentality that this is a must-win."

The RPI rankings are computer-

generated rankings that use factors such as strength of schedule and other polls similar to the BCS for college football.

Tech is currently ranked No. 20 in the RPI with three games remaining in the regular season, a position that, right now, puts the Raiders in good position to make the NCAA Tournament as the top 40 teams in the RPI have never not made the tournament.

Ross said Texas will present a great challenge, but not one that is impossible to overcome.

"They're a team with a lot of depth," Ross said. "They have a lot of talent and play well together and rebound well. They've got all the aspects a team needs to be good, so we'll just have to be ready to respond."



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GUARD RONALD ROSS drives the lane during Texas A&M on Feb. 21. Tech travels to Austin to face Texas on Saturday. It will be the Raiders final road game of the 2003-04 season.

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