

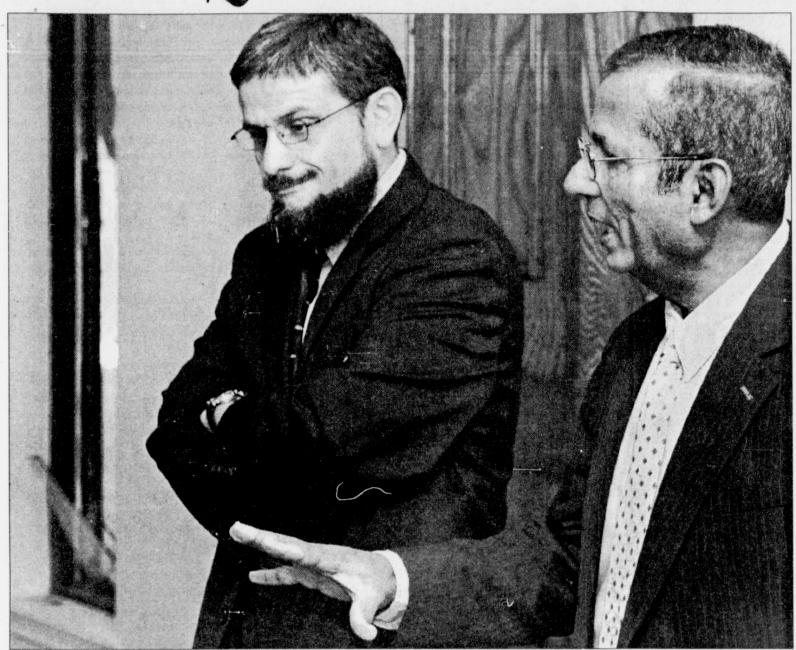
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MOSQUE VANDALISM



ABOVE: CHERIF AMAR, Texas Tech professor of interior design and member of the mosque; and Safei Hamed, professor of landscape architecture, discuss the vandalism of the mosque. BELOW: Flowers were placed at the entrance of the mosque in an effort to show support for the Muslim community. BOTTOM: TV and videos were left strewn about on the floor by the vandals.

South Plains Islamic Center target of theft

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily and photos by David Johnson

ore than 60 Lubbock community members gathered in a room Monday afternoon where a shattered window and broken glass were a reminder of the vandalism officials believe could be a hate crime committed by juveniles.

Imam Mohamed El-Moctar entered the Islamic Center of the South Plains at 6:20 a.m. Sunday to find a broken window, graffiti-stained walls, a ransacked office and missing sound equipment.

A broken clock later indicated to the Lubbock Police Department and FBI officials that the burglary occurred about 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

A VCR, microphone, projector and money from the charity fund box were stolen, but the majority of the items were later recovered in an alley Dumpster a block or two away, said Thomas Esparza, assistant chief of the LPD.

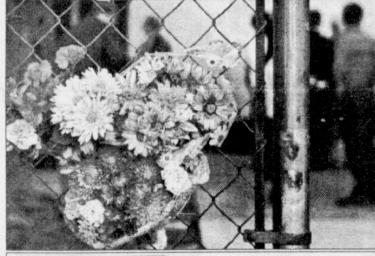
"The definition does fit a hate crime status," he said. "But we are also investigating the burglary."

Esparza said the suspects are between the ages of 13 and 14 years old.

"The investigation leads us to believe it was juveniles," he said. "But we are still investigating the matter."

Members from various religious affiliations throughout the area removed

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Student Affairs

SGA examines non-traditional student concerns

VOICE UNHEARD: Non-traditional students at Tech including students older than 25, international students seek position within SGA to voice concerns to campus leaders.

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

Bill McDonald is a freshman construction technologies major in the College of Engineering. However, he also is a 47-year-old employee of Texas Tech who has a wife and three children. According to the university, McDonald is

a non-traditional student, and he is ready to have his voice and others

like his heard. Monday afternoon, McDonald met with Alisa Abuzeineh, Student Government Association's vice president for graduate affairs-elect, and graduate senators to discuss more representation in the SGA from the non-tradi-

tional student segment of the Tech popula-

"This could be a way to further the options of non-traditional students," he said. "And representation for non-traditional students in the SGA."

In particular, Jason McAfee, a graduate senator, suggested including international students in the category of a non-traditional student. Currently, there are almost 1,100 international students at Tech. Of those, close to 1,000 are in the graduate school. Regardless, if any student, non-traditional or international, has concerns, they should be able to have the opportunity of having their voice heard, McAfee said.

On campus, there are student organizations that consist of non-traditional students and international students. McAfee said the best way

for students to have their voice heard is to become active in their meetings and report their concerns to Abuzeineh. This course of actions would prevent the SGA from changing their guidelines to add another executive position to the organi-

Originally, McDonald said he requested a new position be created for a representative from the non-traditional students of Tech.

In his own situation of being a special projects coordinator and student of Tech, McDonald said he has the same problems succeeding in his education as any other student. Since he works a 40-hour week with a family at home, McDonald does not have the option of night classes every night. He said he believes other students are in the same situation and need an outlet to have

their concerns heard.

McDonald said he is only able to take six hours per semester. With those six hours, it is imperative to do well because it helps his grade point average and apply for more financial aid. The graduate senators of the Student Senate, many considered nontraditional students themselves, realize this problem and are working to create a solution.

Abuzeineh said she believes the university definition of a non-traditional student is any student over the age of 25. The definition creates a huge umbrella that envelops almost every graduate stu-

To represent this segment of the student body, Abuzeineh said she would probably incorporate a non-traditional student to her cabinet. The student would serve as an advisory member to express the views of other non-traditional students at Tech.

Abuzeineh said she would also include one or two international students to her cabinet. She said she believes different students on the cabinet of the vice president for graduate affairs are the best way to represent those particular students.

Any non-traditional or international students who would like to have their opinions and concerns heard can contact Abuzeineh through e-mail phone. Her e-mail address is wildbiol27@yahoo.com and the SGA office phone number is 742-3631.

Lawsuit questions free speech rights

CAMPUS CHAOS: Tech being accused of unconstitutional policies for speech on campus.

By Michael Castellon/ The University Daily

A lawsuit that alleges Texas Tech's policies regarding free speech are restricting and unconstitutional is awaiting decision in federal court.

According to a lawsuit filed by Tech School of Law student Jason Roberts, the university's policies for requiring students to receive a permit before engaging in loosely defined speech activities outside of designated areas on campus are unconstitutional.

However, university officials main-

sufficient free speech areas across campus," said Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell. "We asked the plaintiff to make suggestions to us and his response was to open up the entire campus (to unrestricted speech). Right outside of those areas must file applinow, we're waiting for the court's consideration of our motion to dismiss."

disagreed.

"If three individuals decided to that (the university) prohibits speech interpreted as a threat, insult or personal attack, but no one is sure what sity have caught the attention of sevthat means. The terms aren't clearly defined. Who is to say what's insult-



ing or a personal attack?"

Students wishing to demonstrate tain the current policies are lawful and or deliver speeches on campus may do so without prior permission at any of "Our defense is, we've provided the several "free speech areas" located throughout campus, according to university policy.

However, students wishing to engage in any conduct that can be classified as an activity of free expression cations to do so at least two days prior to the date of the activity, and is sub-Robert's attorney, Kevin Theriot, ject to the consideration of university officials for approval. Critics of Tech's policy say the

stop and talk about issues of the day university's language in the code could on the Texas Tech campus, they would technically restrict any speech officials have to get a permit, and that's not deemed inappropriate, a phenomena right," he said. "The policies now state some say is detrimental to the purpose of higher education.

Free speech issues at the univer-

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International News

Iraqi politicians sign interim constitution

By Hamza Hendawi/ Associated Press

Governing Council signed a landmark interim constitution Monday, a key the Iraqis by July 1. Within hours, Irag's top Shiite cleric issued a fatwa religious ruling criticizing the document, signaling that a dispute that delayed the signing was not over.

Iraqi and American civilian and military officials - including top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer - 21 of the 25 council members signed the document on an antique desk once owned by King Faisal I, Iraq's first monarch. Representatives of the absent four signed on their behalf.

Council president Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum called the signing a "historic moment, decisive in the history of Iraq."

"There is no doubt that this document will strengthen Iraqi unity in a way never seen before," said Massoud Barzani, a Kurdish leader on the coun-

cil. "This is the first time that we Kurds feel that we are citizens of Iraq."

The charter enshrines Islam as one BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's of the bases of law and outlines the shape of a parliament and presidency as well as a federal structure for the step in U.S. plans to hand power to country. Billed as the most liberal in the Arab world, it will remain in effect until the permanent constitution is approved in late 2005.

The White House issued a statement congratulating the Governing Before an audience of prominent Council, and Secretary of State Colin Powell, addressing a gathering in Washington for International Women's Day, also praised the Iraqi people for the interim constitution.

> "Read what it says about democracy, rights, liberty and what the new Iraq will look like," he said. "Read what it says, and you will see the vision the Iraqi people have for themselves. And let there be no doubt in anyone's minds that it is a bright fu-

Powell added the road ahead may be difficult "but it won't be as difficult

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PICNIC PARADISE



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

STUDENTS HAVE A picnic outside the Music building on Monday afternoon, taking advantage of the spring-like weather. Monday's temperature reached a high above 70 degrees.

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Rao settles lawsuit against HSC

By Beth Aaron/ The University Daily

Sandeep Rao, a medical student in the joint MD/MBA program from Houston, who was expelled after writing a column published in The University Daily about an autopsy he observed, has reached a settlement with Texas Tech.

Rao brought a suit against the May. Texas Tech Health Sciences Center because he believes the university infringed on his right to free speech.

Rao is not permitted to comment on the settlement.

Andrew Golub, Rao's attorney, declined to comment.

According to the settlement document, although Tech disagreed

late courts ruled against it, and au- Jerry Spencer, former Lubbock thorized a temporary injunction in Rao's favor.

and Tech have worked together to resolve their differences, thereby enabling Rao to continue his medical education uninterrupted and unimpeded, according to the document.

Rao anticipates graduating in

He said he is glad to be back in class and said he spent the last year and a half at the Texas Tech medical campus in El Paso.

"I'm happy to be back," he said. "I guess I'm a little anxious about coming back to Lubbock. I'm now happy to have all of this resolved."

with the merits of Rao's case, it ac- February 2002 and was then notified nal of American Physicians and Surknowledges both the trial and appel- about an official complaint made by geons.

County Medical Examiner.

A series of hearings were held In reaching this agreement, Rao about the matter, and Rao was expelled and put on probation.

> In his column, Rao described an autopsy and commented on the manner in which it was preformed. Rao was expelled because Tech believed he violated a confidentiality agreement signed before he viewed the autopsy.

> Rao said he still continues to write, but because his fourth-year clinical rotations are time consuming, he does not have much free time.

Most recently, Rao said he has had his work published in the Los Rao said he wrote the column in Angeles Daily Journal and the Jour-

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The Rundown



Law officers increase Stewart thanks viewers Militants call for patrols for spring break after courthouse meeting revenge after killings

victed of lying about a stock sale.

outside a lower Manhattan court-

house, where she met with a pro-

bation officer for about an hour.

The meeting came as stock in her

namesake empire continued to slide

door behind her. "I just want to

first step toward sentencing. While

lawyers did not comment on what

took place at the meeting, newly

convicted defendants typically give

basic information about them-

Bacanovic. Both are expected to get

10 to 16 months in prison when

Living Omnimedia Inc., was to

meet Monday to discuss her fate, ac-

cording to a source close to the

Stewart stepped down from her

ing indicted but remains as chief

creative officer and a member of the

board.

they are sentenced on June 17.

Stewart was convicted Friday

The board of directors of

domestic diva.

She made the remarks as she was

NEW YORK (AP) - Martha

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - South Texas law officers are beefing up patrols for spring break on South Padre Island magazines and Web sites for their beaches, using horses, bicycles and allsupport on Monday, making her terrain vehicles to get to remote areas. first public remarks since being con-

For spring break, the South Padre Island force more than triples to 80 officers, hiring from throughout the area to work double-time shifts.

"We know what we're looking at, and we prepare for it," SPI Police Chief Robert Rodriguez told The Brownsville Herald in Monday's editions.

In February 2003, the month before the student holiday, South Padre Island police arrested just more than 100 people. But the next month, when some 180,000 visitors crammed onto the three-mile stretch of coastline, arrests increased to more than 1,500.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage thank everyone for their support." Commission last year gave more than 2,100 citations for misdemeanor offenses, including public intoxication and selling alcohol to minors, as well as felony charges of possession and distribution of narcotics.

"My headache started in mid-January," TABC Sgt. Mario Villarreal said in a phone interview from his McAllen along with stockbroker Peter office last week.

Villarreal was assembling a team of some 30 agents from throughout the state to South Padre Island for spring

He said the TABC has already started its spring break enforcement. Last weekend, the TABC went undercover in 12 stores from Los Fresnos to company who spoke on condition South Padre Island. Half of those stores of anonymity. sold alcohol to a minor.

"They'll either get a fine or lose role as chief executive and chairtheir license, depending on if they've man of the board in June after bedone this before," Villarreal said of penalties a store faces for selling alcohol to minors.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) -Stewart thanked viewers of her tele- Hamas threatened revenge Monday, afvision shows and readers of her ter 14 Palestinians were killed in the deadliest Israeli raid in Gaza in 17 months.

Among the dead were 11 militants and three boys between the ages of 8 and 15, and 81 people were wounded.

The fighting near the Bureij refugee getting into a sport utility vehicle camp Sunday pitted hundreds of Palestinians with assault rifles, anti-tank missiles and grenade launchers against Israeli snipers and troops firing from helicopters and tanks.

> In new fighting Monday, a 16-yearold Palestinian was killed by army fire.

and the board of her company was The spike of violence in Gaza came gathering to discuss life without the weeks after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would withdraw from "I want to thank my readers, my most of the strip if peace efforts remained viewers and the Internet users," Stewart said just before closing the

Each side now seems to be positioning itself to claim withdrawal as a vic-The probation meeting is the tory.

> Sunday's raid of the Bureij camp appeared mainly aimed at drawing out militants; troops found no weapons and made

> Alon Ben-David, military commentator for Israel TV's Channel 10, said the purpose of such raids is to "kill as many armed Palestinians as possible.'

"It's a ritual in which everything is pre-planned. The army goes in, stations its snipers, then a convoy of armored vehicles moves in," Ben-David told Is-Stewart's company, Martha Stewart rael Army Radio. "The Palestinians don't see the snipers, they begin to fire on armored vehicles, and then they get

> Israeli military officials said the raid was meant to put the militants on the defensive and prevent them from carrying out attacks on Israelis. The Gaza Strip is fenced in, and no Palestinian from Gaza has managed to sneak away to carry out a suicide bombing in Israel in 41 months of fighting.

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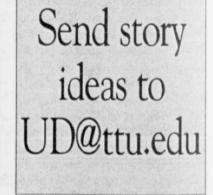
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Meatout to encourage meat-free lifestyle

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Just as the Great American Smoke Out, a day dedicated to helping smokers quit nationally, encourages Americans to lead a smokefree lifestyle, the Farm Animal Reform Movement encourages Americans to try a meatfree lifestyle.

The Great American Meatout happens on March 20. According to farmusa.org, participants are urged to "kick the meat habit (at least for one day) and explore a wholesome, nonviolent diet of fruits, vegetables and whole grains."

Last year, more than 100 universities participated in Meatout 2003, according to the Web site. Students can organize Meatout events by visiting Meatout.org or

calling 1-800-MEATOUT.

Dr. Alex Hershaft, a physician working in Boston, said he will speak at Meatout events all over the country, elaborating on the benefits of the vegetarian diet.

"I think a healthy vegan diet is the best diet there is," he said.

A vegan is a vegetarian who eats plant products only. Often, vegans abstain from purchasing items made with animal products, such as leather, as well.

Hershaft said he believes diets such as the Adkins diet, which relies heavily on red meat and proteins rich with fat, contribute to America's growing number of heart disease

"Heart disease is virtually unknown in other parts of the world," he said.

If Americans could find a way to adopt a meat-free way of eating, Hershaft said, they could make a significant difference in their

"lust as people can greatly improve their health by smoking succession," he said, "they can greatly improve their health by decreasing their saturated fat intake."

Supermarkets and several major restaurant chains now offer vegetarian alternatives to hamburgers, hotdogs and even bacon. Many vegetarian meat substitutes are made

"Look, try it for one day and experiment with some vegan options," Hershaft said.

According to the FARM Web site, reasons people should consider a vegetarian lifestyle include the gradual discrediting of

high protein fads such as the Adkins diet and the devastating effects of mad cow disease, recently found in American livestock.

Nutritional consultant Ann Thompson said not eating meat for one day does not pose a health risk, but the beginning of any diet is

"One day isn't going to hurt anyone," she said, "but why go there?"

In order to eat a truly healthy vegetarian diet, Thompson said, people must understand how the body processes food.

"You have to eat a balanced diet," she said. "A vegetarian can do that, but it takes a lot

Novice vegetarians need to be cautious when transitioning from one diet, that includes meat to another that excludes it, Th-

also a candidate for the position and

went through the final process on

Gilstrap and Tech's own Kevin Pond,

Texas A & M professor Frank

Thursday and Friday.

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ompson said. She urged people wishing to attempt vegetarianism to do their research, finding healthy recipes on the Internet or in vegetarian cookbooks.

"Just stopping eating meat is not going to give you a healthy diet," she said.

Just as fad diets can lead to a skewed view of what the body needs, Thompson said people who are not careful vegetarians run the risk of harming themselves.

Thompson said people should remember the body needs six basic nutrients: carbohydrates, lipids, protein, minerals, vitamins and

Meat helps to fulfill many of these nutrient requirements, she said. "It doesn't matter if it's vegetarian on one extreme or Dr. Adkins on the other extreme."

chairman of animal sciences and food

technology, have also been through

take position by the start of the sum-

mer vacation, according to the Of-

A new dean should be ready to

the final-selection process.

fice of the Provost.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Lawsuit

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eral First Amendment watchdog groups, including the Alliance Defense Fund, a faith-based legal group that is providing counsel for Roberts.

The lawsuit also questions the amount of space available to students seeking to engage in freedom of expression activities. Currently, if even a moderately sized student organization sought permission to use a free speech area, there would likely be a violation of public safety fire codes.

Similarly, if all free speech forums were occupied to capacity, any other students, faculty and staff who wished to conduct free expression activities on campus would be prohibited from doing so until prior permission was

Failure to follow the university's policy can result in disciplinary consequences, including suspension and

Prior to the filing of the lawsuit, officials required six days notice before an activity of free expression, but last year, changed the policy so that the applications must be filed two days prior to an event.

Roberts could not be reached for

their shoes in Islamic tradition before

entering a holy room to voice con-

cerns and sympathy for the religious

Lubbock Catholic Diocese said he

represented the sadness felt through-

out the 80,742 Roman Catholics and

of us," he said. "Today we too take off

our shoes to recognize your holy

"Such vandalism is a threat to all

Covenant Presbyterian Pastor

"We are with you in solidarity,"

This incident is the exact type the

he said. "We are all against acts of

Lubbock Human Relations Commis-

sion was created to prevent, said Gail Tutino, former chairwoman of the

commission. Mayor Marc McDougal

suspended the committee, created by

former mayor Windy Sutton, after

would stand together and say 'not in

"My wish now is that Lubbock

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The ceremony was rife with sym-

bols of unity, after council members

patched over splits that erupted three

days ago. The dispute derailed an at-

tempt to sign on Friday and fueled bitterness among Sunni and Kurdish

members, who feared Shiite leaders were trying to grab more power.

further negotiations and perhaps

Sistani issued a fatwa on his Web site that said the document "will not gain

legitimacy except after it is endorsed by

tution for the country that maintains its unity, the rights of its sons of all sects

and ethnic backgrounds," Al-Sistani

charter or call on his followers to reject it. The fatwa adds weight to demands by Shiites on the council for amend-

The ayatollah did not denounce the

Council member Ibrahim al-Jaafari

read a statement signed by 12 of the 13 Shiite council members, saying they

had agreed to sign the interim consti-

tution without demanding changes in

order to safeguard national unity.

"This law places obstacles in the path of reaching a permanent consti-

amended in a later document. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-

an elected national assembly."

said.

ments.

Several Shiite council members said the disputed clauses will be subject to

Sept. 11, 2001, Tutino said.

as the road that was behind."

Iraq

62 churches in Lubbock.

Davis Price agreed.

bigotry and ignorance."

Bishop Placido Rodriguez of the

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Vandalism

group.

place."

Trevor Smith, a graduate student studying philosophy from Chicago, and a member of the student organization Students for Social Justice, has been a vocal advocate for free speech issues at the university in the past, and said he is working to bring awareness to

"I'm still not seeing the university's administration grasp student rights," he said. "The new policies are less restrictive but they are still unconstitutional. I want the same freedoms I have on-campus that I have while going home down 4th Street. This administration needs to start being our advo-

Smith said the university's policies for obtaining a permit prior to engaging in activities are vague and restricting, and constitute prior

"On 9/11, the time for people to come together was 9/12, but under the current policy people trying to come together would have to wait several days, and that's ridiculous," he said. "The free speech areas on campus provide only 280 square feet of freedom for almost 30,000 students."

our town," Tutino said.

Safei Hamed, Texas Tech professor of landscape architecture and member of the Islamic Center, said the reaction from the community after the incident is important and en-

"We consider ourselves a part of the Lubbock community," Hamed said. "Your presence says more than anything else. It shows that what happened on Saturday morning is an exception."

El-Moctar agreed.

"I'm very happy," he said. "These are the people we want to live with and the place we want to live."

Tech offers a course in the world of Islamic and the Middle West to provide students with a deeper under-

standing of the Muslim culture, said Phil Dennis, professor of sociology anthropology and social work.

Monday.

community.

Abernathy left.

Part of Cochran's attraction to

He is one of four final candidates a

Cochran, who is also head of Ar-

Texas Tech is the strong faculty, he

search committee chose after beginning

the search in October with advertise-

kansas' agricultural economics and

agribusiness department, said he is a

firm believer in effective dialogue

between programs, departments and

students that would foster a sense of

task of choosing the new dean, but

said he plans to utilize feedback to

pick the best candidate for the job.

The leadership position opened last

year when former Dean John

strengthen links between depart-

Cochran emphasized a desire to

Provost William Marcy has the

ments that drew 15 applications.

"It seemed terribly ironic something like this would take place while we are teaching this course," he said.

The program provides the information people need to understand the Islamic faith.

A misunderstanding and ignorance of Islam is the cause of hate crimes, said the Executive Director of International Affairs at Tech Tibor

Katie Irvin, a sophomore political science major from Lubbock, said she attended the meeting to show

CASNR dean finalist Cochran visits Tech By Robin Briscoe/ ments and programs, as well as bestepped down, Marvin Cepica astween graduate and undergraduate The University Daily sumed the role of interim dean. He is

students. The final dean candidate began "I think if everyone works as a the grilling process Monday. A Uniteam, it will be easier," Cochran said versity of Arkansas professor, Mark relating teamwork to overall success Cochran, began acquainting himself of the college. with the College of Agricultural Sci-Cochran began his education caences and Natural Resources on

reer at New Mexico State University, where he majored in agricultural economics. He earned his degree in 1974.

He got more of a taste for agricultural economics with master's and doctoral degrees from Michigan State University in 1976 and 1982, respec-

Cochran was a full-time research specialist at MSU, where he investigated, as well as coordinated interdisciplinary projects.

He is a member of America Agricultural Economics Association and Western Agricultural Economics Association professional societies. He is also a member of four other profes-

A total of 28 projects totaling almost \$2,000,000 in extramural funding show his experience in contracts and grants. He served as a principal investigator or co-investigator in all the projects.

In the time since Abernathy

support to her Arabic professor at

"You wouldn't expect this from Lubbock, such a conservative city," she said. "I think this is a one-time thing. If they will squelch it, we won't

Irvin said the crime does not seem like a random act of vandalism.

"It was targeted with a political motive," she said. "I would have to classify this as a hate crime in my opinion."

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Care about tuition hike? — Take action

istory is a wonderful study. No, it is not just about old, dead and seemingly irrelevant people with whom we don't share much in common.

It is about being able to recall accurately the past and thus make rational judgments about the present. Let's take the headline story in The University Daily on March 1 — "Board of Regents Raises tuition by 36 percent." There are a number of quotes and predictably, the students, as represented by their student body president, see serious problems with this action by the Board of Regents. What is missing from the article is a historical and societal context.

The problem, really, is not the decision by the university's governing body. The regents are simply trying to meet its mandate to provide quality education to an expanding group of deserving students who want, with very good reason, to at-

tend Texas Tech. The problem instead is society's and by that I mean yours and my -Heretofore passive acquiescence in the notion that private benefit takes a huge, unchallenged priority over the common good. Many of us have complained bitterly about taxation.

In response to this sentiment, "No new taxes," and perhaps more destructively, "cut my current taxes," have become the mantras of the contemporary political world.

This is despite the fact in the United States, we have some of the lowest per capita tax obligations in the developed world. No politician alive from Libertarian to Republican to Democratic to Green has a prayer of getting elected if they talk candidly with the citizenry about the need for taxes.

Indeed, Texas had a budget surplus just five years ago; and yet the most recent legislature faced a \$10 billion deficit. The difference? It was very large tax cuts in the 1997 and 1999 legislative sessions sponsored by a governor who saw them as politically desirable and person-

ally advantageous. There was little opposition from any Texas politician of any party. But now we are paying the price. State taxes provide for prisons, roads, airports, traffic signals, welfare benefits, a public health service (think about SARS, avian flu, mad cow disease, and AIDS), DPS troopers and ... higher education.

These are all things that we have, for a very long time now, taken utterly for granted. They have benefited society enormously. These are, quite simply, investments in the common good.

Higher education is especially notable. Yes, your college degree will earn you con-



Possibly it is time for our student body to learn from history and do something about an issue about which there seem to be some very strong feelings.

siderably more money throughout the term of your career.

This is a personal benefit, just as lower taxes typically involve a personal benefit. among other things, its G.I. Bill and But society will also benefit enormously from your degree(s).

University-educated people are substantially less likely to commit crimes, are generally less likely to need state welfare assistance in their lives, are much more likely to pay higher taxes to state and local governments, are definitely more likely to vote and participate in public life and are absolutely likely to provide the skilled work force that will help Texas flourish in

These are "public goods" or benefits. Yet we are taking the opportunity for higher education away from increasing numbers, especially our less advantaged citizens, by spending less public money on state colleges and universities.

We are threatening the quality and the scope of the educational offering that remains. Above all, less funding forces state institutions, such as Tech, to shift the burden from the public domain to the individual student.

What were we thinking? Fewer tax revenues, less public spending — it is axiomatic. Are we pleased with the outcome of "no new taxes, cut my taxes?" Our student body president did not seem to be. Perhaps neither are you. But, please, accurately identify the target audience for

your expressions of unhappiness. It is not the Tech president, nor even the Board of Regents.

The target should be, in fact, ourselves - our own attitudes. By saying we wanted a few more dollars in our pockets on April 15, we were also implicitly saying public services must disappear, be curtailed or become much more expensive for the individual.

Equally important to realize, it is our elected representatives who ultimately make these decisions on our behalf. If you are seriously concerned, and I mean truly, seriously concerned about tuition and fee increases and the burden they are imposing on you, perhaps the time has come for students at this and other Texas schools to do something about it.

You can and should collectively make your voice heard in Austin. At times in the past, activist students have completely altered societies. Possibly it is time for our student body to learn from history and do something about an issue about which there seem to be some very strong feelings.

History also teaches us when people collectively work toward common goals for the benefit of all of their citizens, greater prosperity and social peace

The post World War II era (with, its increased public social spending) is a textbook example. But a Texas politician recently declaimed "where did this idea come from that everybody deserves free education, free medical care,

free whatever. It comes from Moscow, from Russia. It comes straight out of the pit of hell (El Paso Times, Feb., 2003)." No ma'am, it did not. Historically, it originated in the minds of a free American people who were committed, as early as the Land Ordinance of 1785, to the benefits of pursuing an ideal of an educated electorate, one of the highest of the "common goods." For its part, the Republic of Texas began funding public education in 1845. Such support has become the

cornerstone of American greatness. Private benefit vs. common good? This is your democracy — you choose! If the current radical historical shift in American and Texan public policy truly concerns you, do something

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Greed — Look where it got Martha

ave you ever heard the story of the fallen rich woman? Some of you may have, but I'm gonna tell it anyways. It might even be entertaining.

Basically, there once was this woman who had virtually everything. She had worked her way up from humble beginnings to become a huge, super-wealthy, only-smokes-Cubans tycoon. And although she soon became horribly annoying, she couldn't be faulted for the way she reached her success.

Along the way, her sense of right and wrong may have become skewed, seeing as lines are blurred for the rich and famous. But there was one thing that she knew was wrong to do, based on past experience and a general understanding of fairness. And she did it anyway.

That wrong choice turned out to be a big mistake, and it cost her dearly. She was tried and convicted of a serious crime and faced the tarnishing of her name and the end of the life she had grown accus-

Surprisingly, this story is very similar to the life of Martha Stewart, media mogul. She tive to what you place in it. started out small, with her own home catering business, and that grew to the doily empire that we all know today.

enough for her, as she was found guilty on Friday of lying to investigators about a questionable stock sale.

worked as a stockbroker before starting her own business, so she should have known better than to obtain inside information on a stock and then use it to her great advantage.

Although she's guilty,

CONVICTED they still shouldn't send her to jail; no, not because she's a celebrity, but rather

which involved several of its top executives. Like good ole' Martha, tons of cash and power just wasn't enough. Seriously, if you're an executive of a corporation that name is used to hawk countless products, one would think that you should be pretty secure in your financial stability. One might also think that you could keep your file shredding to a minimum.

Famous 20th century writer Hilaire Belloc best sums up our culture's growing mentality: "I'm tired of love, I'm still more tired of rhyme, but money gives me pleasure all the time."

their happiness and sense of success on money. I bet many students here chose might be seeing ole' Martha pretty soon, and their major because they will make a good salary, not because it's something they like to do. Too many people let money take precedence in their lives, just little ing and music major from Mesquite. E-



It's good to have money, because without it you might die. But make sure you have it, instead of it having you. Otherwise, you might be seeing ole' Martha pretty soon, and they don't have Nintendo there.

For instance, take a look at rap today. Notice that I did not say hip-hop or, more importantly, rap music ... just rap. Almost And just like the story, that wasn't all of the lyrics are about getting rich, being rich, buying things that show you are rich, or girls like you because you're rich.

Since rap's popularity has skyrocketed According to Reuters, she previously in the past decade, millions of young people are subjected to these lyrics. They forget that loving money is emptiness, for you can never have enough. It seems our

> culture has taken that horrible catch-phrase "show me the money" to the extreme.

Although many of the best things in to avoid her publishing another dumb book, life aren't really free, you can get 'em for this one about her experiences while in pretty cheap. Which is why I work with kids. In light of the "awesome" pay, there This whole thing reminds me of the are many side benefits. I get free milk, Enron stock scandal a couple of years ago, and I get to boost my confidence by blocking all their shots in basketball every day. Oh yeah, there's that whole "helping others" thing, too.

The Marsha Sharp Center can keep its can fund a major league ballpark, or your Playstation 2s (which are just for athletes). I have the old-school gray box, blow-in-thegame-so-it'll-work Nintendo. You can't beat it, just ask my roommate Doug. He's a perennial loser at all the games, but he still has fun. Not as much as me, of course, but it just happens to work out that way.

> It didn't cost me anything to bang out this now 700 word column, and did I have fun? Is that even a matter of question?

It's good to have money, because with-An increasing majority of people base out it you might die. But make sure you have it, instead of it having you. Otherwise, you they don't have Nintendo there.

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View from another university

Bush went too far with 9/11 ads

By Sara Bott/The Daily Athenaeum

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — As John Kerry's support grows stronger throughout many of the states, the current Bush seems to be finding himself in need of a new campaign. He found just what he was looking for in the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

Bush has three new campaign ads appearing on the tube. And while he and his entourage might have thought the new ads were the way to go, the public is strongly disagreeing especially the families of the victims of 9/11.

They feel anyone who uses Ground Zero as the backdrop for a political campaign should know better. According to the Washington Post article, officials in both the Bush administration and his re-election campaign stood by the ads and said these images are justified in that they show the president's steady leadership in waging war on terrorism.

Something even more shocking to those directly involved in the 9/11 tragedy is the fact Bush's strategist, Karen Hughes, said, "With all due respect, I just completely disagree (with the families), and I believe that vast majority of the American people will as well."

Apparently Bush, as well as those trying to get him re-elected, feel it's OK to use the largest tragedy of our time to get re-elected.

Former mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani, said Bush has provided steady, consistent and principled leadership to bring our country through the worst attack in our history. He went on to say Bush's leadership on that day is central to his record.

Some might say the reason Giuliani made this statement is because it is the only good thing President Bush has done in his years at the White House. The only thing that virtually 100 percent of Americans fully supported and did not question. Many believe any man/woman who faced a tragedy similar to 9/11 would have acted in the same ways Bush did. If Clinton, JFK, Lincoln, Washington or Nixon were in office during the tragic events of 9/11, they would have reacted the same way Bush did.

Some Democrats are also upset by the decision to hold the Republican National Convention in New York in early September, just a few days before the third anniversary of the attacks.

While Bush did act accordingly during 9/ 11 and did what any president in his shoes should have done, it was nothing spectacular. He stepped up and did his job. He did what he was elected to do. It is not now, nor should it ever be, a selling point of Bush. These events should not be used to further one's career.

It is flat-out wrong and shows little-to-no respect for those who were involved in the tragic day. And while holding the RNC in New York around the anniversary of 9/11 is in poor taste, it is not the main issue Democrats should be having with the president.

The issue they should have is that he is trying to profit from these events, and he is using the American people and the loss they have felt against them. He is trying to flip the cards and make the people feel because this event did happen, and was so awful, and he was president during the event, that it merits his being re-elected.

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'Starsky & Hutch' revamped by Stiller, Wilson

ollywood loves to re-hash old work. And why not? It's a Agreat excuse to not be creative or original.

They would just soon dive headlong into the '70s garbage can and pull out crumbled up TV shows, dust them off, and redo them - usually setting them in present day to fool the kiddies ("The Mod Squad," "Charlie's Angels").

"Starsky & Hutch" should have been no different. But director Todd Phillips ("Road Trip, "Old School") has revamped the late 70s TV show with humor, style and admittedly, a little gayness.

The roles of David Starsky (Paul Michael Glaser) and Ken Hutchinson (David Soul) are re-created by Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson, respectively.

This marks Stiller and Wilson's sixth film together, which, I believe, by Hollywood standards makes them kingpin Reese Feldman (the great soundtrack with songs by Johnny an official screen couple.

Now they just need to run off to San Francisco and get married.

This film works as a precursor to the 70s TV show and shows us the meeting of the two, um, partners.

Starsky is a by-the-book cop with mommy issues. She was a great cop before she died and he is trying to live up to her reputation. He visits her grave and puts a glazed donut on the headstone.

Hutch works both sides of the law and has been robbing bookies for **James Eppler**

months. When he and his crew get busted, he claims he's undercover and turns around and arrests his own crew.

The chief of police ('70s blaxpliotation icon Fred Williamson) partners the two because they "deserve each other." They cruise around in Starsky's bright red '74 Ford Grand

On their first day, they find a dead body floating in the river. Hutch wants to just push it back out and hope it floats up to another precinct.

The murder will lead them to drug

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man, Jason Bateman (TV's "Arrested Development").

The investigation also involves a couple of sources. Snoop Dogg does what he does best as Huggy Bear, a pimp/urban informant that has connections. He says about his new 1976 Lincoln, "I know some people that know some people that robbed some people."

There's also a cameo by Will Ferrell as a jailbird who will give up information if our boys will show some skin and pose in naughty positions. "Arch your back and look back at me over your shoulder, like a dragon," he says.

has a genuine love for the '70s as he has shot the film like an old TV show complete with zoom-ins and several hand-held camera chase sequences.

Vince Vaughn) and his right-hand Cash, K.C. and the Sunshine Band and Chicago that works perfectly to further catapult us back into the times of campy cop shows.

take of taking itself seriously. Therein character. would lay destruction.

somewhat contingent on whether you like the chemistry shared by Stiller and Wilson. This film caters perfectly to both actors' strengths -Stiller is overly uptight and Wilson is overly laidback.

They resurrect some of the elements of their "Zoolander" (a film that grew on me after a few viewings) in-"Don't give up on us").

to wear disguises (check out their Fonda/Hopper "Easy Rider" threads) and Stiller may have stumbled onto a But the film never makes the mis- new catch phrase with his "Do it" Soul and Glaser, both 60, are good

One's enjoyment of the film is sports and do a fun cameo appearances in the film, and one can only wonder what they're thinking when they look at these two new-bies.

This new vision of "Starsky &

For Spring Break

The two always look for excuses Hutch" works inexplicably well, largely thanks to the chemistry between Stiller and Wilson. Sequel — Do it — Do it.

EPPLER'S RATING

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All New Styles in Stock Director Todd Phillips obviously cluding a dance-off and some of the homoeroticism (watch as Hutch looks lovingly into Starsky's eyes and croons 18(21) All of the gay stuff is innocently played for laughs - "not that there's There's also a great retro anything wrong with that." Tanning and Nails @REEF and RAINBOW Try our Legacy Plus recieve sandals Tan NOW for \$12.50 OUTDOORSMAN per month Biggest selection of Emily Ray Jewelry in town 68th & Slide (Next to Mamarita's) Matt & Nat spring purses have arrived

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Raider relay team sets school record

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

The Texas Tech women's 4 x 400 sprint relay team might have broken both the indoor and outdoor school records, but sprint coach David Oakes said he will not treat them like they

"They are always telling me, 'coach, you're always finding something wrong," he said. "I just push them to be better. I'm never really satisfied, and they shouldn't be either."

Sophomore Tori Polk, juniors Shereefa Lloyd and Licretia Sibley, and senior Rachelle Evans ran their way into Tech's history books after finishing with a 3:33.85 time at the Iowa State Last Chance meet Sunday in Ames, Iowa. The time marked the team's first automatic qualifying time of the season and broke the previous school record of 3:37.04.

Oakes said the only reason he continues to push the foursome is because he knows they can "wow people."

"Those four runners have the tal-

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told them that all season," he said. "I had a huge smile on her face," she said. gotten faster and faster."

After starting the season slowly, come." Oakes said the group has stepped it up, and it is because of the natural bond they have toward each other.

"As a whole group, they're great," he said. "Last year, two girls were sure what they could do and the other two weren't. The chemistry wasn't there. Now, the team just seems to fit right in the mix."

The veteran -runner of the group, Evans, said the sprint teams have changed since she was a younger member of the track team at Tech.

"As a freshman, none of the seniors would talk to us," she said. "Now, we try to get to know each of the people, and over the past couple of years, we team's record breaking perforhave just gotten closer."

smile shared on the track after breaking the record, Evans said.

"I really didn't think we ran that ent and ability to be faster, and I've fast, then (Sibley) walked over and

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told them it was gonna hurt, but "It's good to be on a team that's all on they're to the point where they have the same page, and we knew (breaking the record) would eventually

> The bond the four runners have is more like sharing a last name, Sibley

"We are pretty much like sisters," she said. "We get along great and there are no problems. This year has been wonderful."

The team's determination and how well they work together are two things Sibley credits in breaking the record.

"Last year, we couldn't have made that time," she said. "It's just a whole lot better. We're all working for the same goal, and it's my third year here, so I want to do my best."

Oakes said he is pleased with the mance, but will continue to work That closeness was signaled by a the sprinters to the best of their

> indoors, but I didn't think it would break the outdoors too," he said. "I way possible they can go any faster. them to do their best and win." Then I'll be content."

Oakes said it is not a way of being team automatically qualified Tech for nament, freshman Lacy Wilson fin-



DAVID JOHNSON/Photo Illustration

THE TECH WOMEN'S 4X100 meter relay team comprised of runners Tori Polk, Shereefa Lloyd, Rachelle Evans and Licretia Sibley set the indoor and outdoor record with their performance at the Iowa State Last Chance meet Sunday in Ames, Iowa.

mean or difficult to the team, but it is the indoor nationals, giving them the ished second in high jump, setting a

By setting the new record, the

"I knew, on paper, it was close for a coach's job to get them to their full seventh best overall time in the na- career best of 5-foot 7-inches, a school tion. The four sprinters will get a record for the season, which provision-"I like to critique, and I don't try chance to test their speed when they ally qualified her for nationals. Both want to keep pushing them harder 'til to throw out a lot of positives," he said. travel to Fayetteville, Ark., Friday, to junior Jared Thornhill and freshman I see them at a point where there's no "I will encourage them because I want compete in the NCAA National In- Sage. Thames tied for seventh place door Tournament.

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Tech tennis squad loses in championship match

lost to South Alabama 4-1, in the fithe tournament.

kansas-Little Rock, 4-2 Friday, and Michael Innerebner and freshman ousted Cornell, 4-1 Saturday, to advance Dimitrio Martinez, did not complete

The Texas Tech men's tennis team to the final round of the tournament.

With only one win in singles play nal round of the H.E.B. National Tour- and two other matches that did not nament in Corpus Christi while try- finish, Tech was defeated by South ing to defend its title as champions of Alabama. Freshman Bojan Szumanski defeated the No. 3 Jaguar in singles, The Red Raiders (7-3) defeated Ar- while the No. 5 and 6 spots, junior

the No. 1 position and junior Esat ing of Paulsen and freshman Rodney Tanik lost in the No. 2 spot. Freshman Dinko Halachev was also defeated in the No. 4 position to give the Jaguars the win against Tech, and the tournament title.

In doubles action, the No. 1 duo Friday through Sunday.

their matches against their opponents. of Halachev and Tanik did not finish Junior Jakob Paulsen was beat in their match. The No. 2 team, consist-Vickers, and the No. 3 team, Innerebner and freshman Teddy DiBlasi, lost to South Alabama.

> The Raiders will travel to compete in the Rice Invitational in Houston

Emmett a unanimous choice to All-Big 12 squad

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas Tech's Andre Emmett, the and Kansas junior Wayne Simien are cover the Big 12. unanimous choices to The Associated

Press All-Big 12 team for 2003-2004. Joining them on the first team are seniors Tony Allen and point guard John Rickey Lucas, the key members of Oklahoma State's first conference champion since 1965, and Brandon Mouton, the top scorer on one of the best senior

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and Missouri Paulding and Arthur Johnson the Tigers' career leader in

rebounds and blocked shots — head the second team. straight 20-win seasons for the first time Also selected were Colorado senior Michel Morandais and Kansas junior

Keith Langford.

musclemen undemeath as well as drill baseline jumpers, the rugged senior has led the Red Raiders to three

in their history. Methodist were the most by any Big 12

las, broke the Big 12 career scoring his 20.8 points per game scoring average. "He's a man out there," said Baylor

Collison this year and goes into the coach Scott Drew. "When the game's conference tournament with 2,179 to- on the line or a big play needs to be made, he makes it. He has the physito cal stature and toughness that he's able to impose his will, getting to loose balls, getting to the basket. I've just been thoroughly impressed."

The 5-11 Lucas is the smallest man on the first, second or third team. Allowed to transfer from scandal-plagued Baylor without sitting out a year, his impact was immediate and dramatic.

The son of former NBA star John Lucas II averaged almost 15 points and His 14 field goals against Southern was second in the league in assists. Instinctive floor leadership and threadthe-needle passing are his greatest gifts.

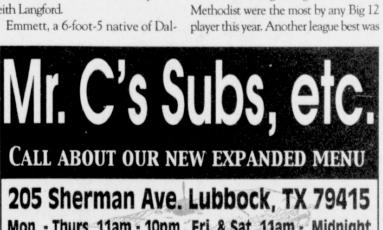
The 6-9 Simien delighted Kansas fans last week when he announced that he would stay in school for his senior year. If he remains healthy, he could be a leading contender for national honors.

Even though a groin injury forced him to sit out practice until the day before each game, Simien was second in the Big 12 in both scoring (17.6 points) and rebounding (nine).

The 6-4 Mouton is the highestscoring member of one of the finest classes in Texas history. He and his three fellow senior starters have rung up 94 victories in four years.

He averaged a team-high 13.4 points this year and goes into his final postseason tenth on the Texas all-time scoring list.

Curtis Stinson, Iowa State's 21year-old freshman, heads the third team, joined by Kansas' Aaron Miles, the conference assists leader, Iowa State's Jackson Vroman, the Big 12's top rebounder, Royal Ivey of Texas and Terrance Thomas of Baylor.



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