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Bill introduced to add student to regents

By Meghann Lora/
The University Daily

A bill filed in the Texas Senate last week may give at least one Texas Tech student a little more input into the workings of the university.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and eight other senators filed Senate Bill 934, which would include a student representative on the Board of Regents at each state university or state university system, according to a news release from the Texas Senate.

Each state university or university system in Texas has a nine-member board. The

members are nominated by the governor and confirmed by the senate for staggered terms of six years each. This board is responsible for making decisions affecting the university.

Since the 78th Legislature deregulated tuition in 2003, boards have the task of setting tuition rates. A board without student representation amounts to a form of taxation without representation, according to the news release.

Wentworth said the bill would not add a new regent position, but would include a student as one of the nine board members.

"One of the nine regents would be either an undergraduate student or a graduate student," he said.

The student regent would be nominated by the governor from a pool of applicants submitted by the university, Wentworth said. The student nominee then would go

through the same senate confirmation process as other board members. The student would serve a two-year term as a voting member for the last year of that term, according to the release.

Wentworth said the idea of students serving on university boards of regents is not new.

"It's been talked about for at least 30 years," he said.

A group of students from the University of Texas-Austin approached him last summer and asked him to introduce the bill, Wentworth said.

"It will give (students) for the first time a voice with a vote on the boards," he said.

Most regents are successful businesspeople who have not been in college for decades, Wentworth said. Having student representation on the boards would provide a valuable perspective from the students' point of view about

current issues of concern to students, according to the release.

"I think it would be helpful for the entire board to have at least one of the nine regents have some first-hand knowledge," he said.

Nathan Nash, Student Government Association president-elect, said Tech's Board of Regents already does a good job in serving the students' interests.

The board regularly invites student input and communicates with members of the SGA.

"I'm not sure that actually having a voting member on the board would make a difference," he said.



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Tech reacts to Court's death penalty ruling

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

A decision made by the U. S. Supreme Court last week has grouped the United States with the rest of the world in regard to death penalty for minors.

According to the opinion of the court, issued March 1 in the case of *Roper v. Simmons* and delivered by Justice Anthony Kennedy, juveniles cannot be among the worst offenders because of their lack of maturity, underdeveloped sense of responsibility, susceptibility and vulnerability to outside pressures and less well-formed sense of character.

Christopher Simmons was tried as an adult and convicted of kidnapping, burglary and first-degree murder in Missouri.

Until the ruling, the United States was the only country with implemented laws allowing juveniles to be put to death, according to the Youth Law Web site. The last seven countries to prohibit juveniles being put to death were Iran, China, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Larry Cunningham, a law professor at Texas Tech, said the case was brought to the public's attention after the 2002 case of *Atkins v. Virginia*.

The *Atkins* case set a precedent that it is unconstitutional to impose the death penalty on mentally retarded persons because of the Eighth Amendment, which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. The case was decided in a 6-3 vote.

Cunningham said a case requiring a decision on imposing the death penalty was inevitable.

"(It already has been) ruled unconstitutional to execute mentally retarded people," he said. "The same argument can be made on behalf of juveniles."

A study recently released by the National Institute of Health sheds light on the same issue. The study suggests the region of the brain inhibiting risky behavior is not fully formed until age 25. The study is being used to suggest the possibility of changing the nation's driving laws.

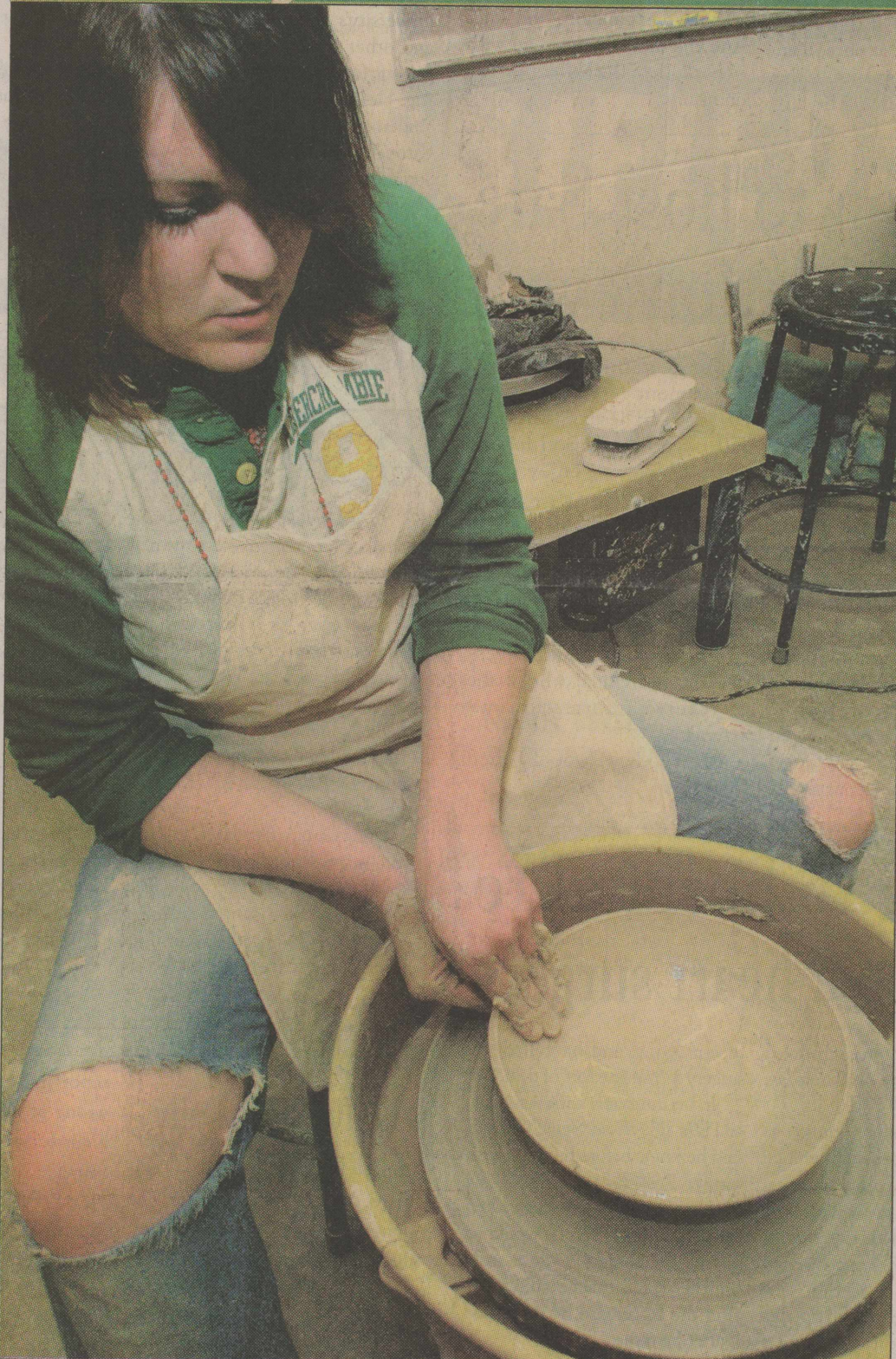
Cunningham said he believes the study's implications could directly pertain to the new death penalty policy.

"(Children) just don't have the capacity," he said. "They are just different, (but) some things should just be understood."

Cunningham, a former juvenile prosecutor, said he agrees with the new law, which will affect 72 inmates nationwide and 28 in Texas. The case will raise many questions, but it also will set a precedent at the core

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Clay Creation



BRITTANY BAZIL, A sophomore ceramics major from Pampa, works on a bowl for her ceramics class in the Art building Tuesday night.

Alcohol transport a concern for students

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

The weekend may not yet be here, but many Texas Tech students are taking off for spring break — and taking the party with them.

Transporting alcohol for spring break festivities, however, can have consequences.

Capt. Dan Culler of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said students who contribute to a minor will receive harsh punishments.

"That's really the message we want to get out — don't purchase alcohol for a minor. They are putting themselves at a huge, big risk," he said. "If we can put it into possession, the adult has made it available to the minor and the minor is in possession. The adult is looking at a more serious fine than the minor is."

Culler said a minor in possession charge is a Class C misdemeanor. The charge can carry a \$500 fine, a driver's license suspension and a community service sentence.

Selling or making alcohol available to a minor is a Class A misdemeanor, which can carry up to a \$4,000 fine and a one-year jail sentence.

In addition, Culler said transporting alcohol is bootlegging.

"While we may not look at it like they're transporting for resale, the best thing would be just to purchase your alcohol when you get there," he said. "In Corpus Christi, every corner convenience store sells beer."

Culler said the law was written in the 1930s, when bootlegging was a problem.

He said the amount that can be transported depends on if you are in a wet or dry area. There are no restrictions in a wet area, but in a dry area, no more than one case of 12-ounce bottles or one quart of liquor per 21-year-old adult can be transported.

"For the ones that are not 21, the law is zero tolerance," Culler said. "Don't do it, is all I can tell them."

Chad Loudermilk, a freshman interior design major from Pampa, said he plans on transporting alcohol in a car to South Padre.

"Getting pulled over is always a fear of mine," Loudermilk said. "Just don't speed — (keep hands at) 10 and two (on the wheel)."

Loudermilk said if he drives safely, the police have no reason to pull him over, much less search his car.

James Tate, a freshman business major from Sweetwater, also will be driving to the Texas coast. He said he was planning on taking 10 30-packs of beer.

"You've got to hide it really well," Tate said. "Don't put all the alcohol in one car."

Tate said he plans to drink responsibly, though he

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Hunninghake, Knox: Additional buses not solution to overcrowded campus bus routes

By Brandi Fleming/
The University Daily

Texas Tech students are facing overcrowded buses every day on campus, but some bus routes are not being used as frequently.

Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said the Student Transportation Committee, headed by Anne Hunninghake, external vice president of the Student Government Association, makes the decisions about bus routes and the number of buses that run on specific routes.

"Traffic and Parking are part of the advisory committee, but we do not make the final decisions on busing," he said. "I think Anne has done a wonderful job with the bus system, and she has worked very hard to make things run smoothly."

Alternate places for commuting students

to park are not being used to capacity, Knox said.

"Students who park in the Hastings parking lot should consider parking at the museum," he said. "The Masked Rider route takes the same amount of time to reach campus as the North Indiana route, but it is usually not as full."

Not all routes are crowded, but peak times always are going to have more people on the buses, Knox said.

"I think it all comes down to students having to distribute themselves among the buses," he said. "Distribution will help lower the numbers and keep the number of students on each bus down."

Hunninghake said buses are expensive, and a specific budget is set aside for bus routes.

"Students pay a fee that funds the bus

routes, and we have to do the best we can inside that budget," she said. "If you add more buses you are not only adding the cost, but you also have to schedule."

A surplus of buses will cause congestion problems as well as added costs for students, Hunninghake said.

"We tried to alleviate some of the overcrowding problems on the North Indiana route by adding a shuttle that goes from campus to satellite parking," she said. "The shuttle services no apartment complexes and that should help with the overcrowding."

Jasmine Khan, a freshman business major from Lubbock, said she has had no problems with overcrowding on the buses.

"I ride the Red Raider or the Double T

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LINC ARMES/The University Daily

STUDENTS STAND IN line for the bus in front of the Business Administration building after their classes let out Monday afternoon.

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Projects to improve Lubbock road conditions

By Jeff Thomas/
Contributing Writer

Some Tech students believe road and traffic conditions in Lubbock are not up to par but do credit new projects for trying to improve them.

Larry Hertel, an engineer with the city of Lubbock, said some of the street conditions are because of lesser-known causes.

"Around Quaker Avenue, work is being done to fix an old sewer line," he said.

"Sometimes roads are built on old utilities and need to be dealt with, such as the Marsha Sharp Freeway," he said. "That is being built over old utilities because it is wide and it's being built over older properties."

Hertel said the freeway is top priority, but is not the only important one.

"The Marsha Sharp Freeway is obviously top priority," he said. "But a new plan, which involves making Milwaukee Avenue a major thoroughfare between 34th Street and 92nd Street, is also important because there is no major thoroughfare outside and west of (Loop 289). If we had a major north and south corridor like the Milwaukee Avenue plan that would help with traffic while other roads are being interrupted by construction."

Hertel said other projects in planning stages or already under way include the construction of 98th Street from University Avenue to Indiana

Avenue, an effort to make the road a seven-lane public street identical to 82nd Street.

Other projects, Hertel said, include the widening of lanes on Loop 289 and 50th Street and Slide Road through west of Loop 289.

But some students believe that is exactly the problem.

Stephanie Tinnin, an architecture major from Port Aransas, said the city should not work on multiple road projects at the same time.

"(Lubbock) always seems to work on more than one area at the same time," she said. "(Lubbock) should do one, then move on to the other because it seems that when you get a detour, it takes you to another section that is under construction too. But when the city does do work on different areas at the same time, they should just section it off better."

Sabrina Seix, a nursing major from Houston, also said multiple projects cause problems.

"The city needs to work on streets one at a time instead of doing them all at once," she said. "If (Lubbock) is working everywhere at once, then we get a million detours such as the Frankford (Avenue) area. The city

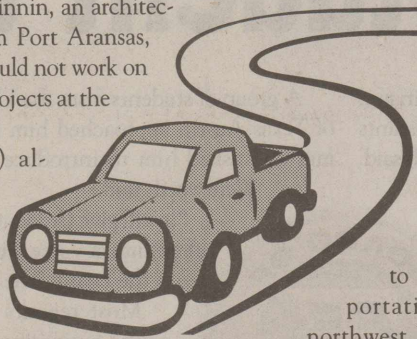
has it where they have too many detours and when that happens, people get lost."

Hertel said the expansion in Lubbock is moving west, and some new street projects are aimed at accommodating that movement, such as the Milwaukee Avenue plan.

"Because Lubbock is moving west there is a new plan called the Northwest Passage," he said. "This plan will help to improve transportation access in northwest Lubbock such as the Quaker Avenue and Loop 289 intersection. That intersection is one of the most important areas in the Northwest Passage because of the new construction around there. I see new rooftops, there is a new hospital, apartment complexes and it seems that all happened overnight."

Hertel said the planned time for completion on Milwaukee Avenue is early 2006.

"It is an aggressive schedule, but we have to keep up with Lubbock's expansion," he said. "And the more we keep up with Lubbock, then the better the road conditions."



Alumni Association to host Safe Spring Break information event

The Texas Tech Student Alumni Association will host Safe Spring Break today at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. The event will feature a safety presentation, Street Smart, at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and an information fair, according to Tech Announce.

Kristi Jutras, a marketing intern for the Tech Alumni Association, said the event is a way to increase students' awareness about risks during spring break.

"Hopefully, it will just remind students to stay safe and not drink and drive and to wear seatbelts,"

she said.

The Street Smart presentation is a nationwide program presented by members of Stay Alive From Education, a non-profit organization created by firefighters and paramedics in Florida, according to www.safeprogram.com.

Jutras said the presentation depicts the real-life drama experienced by both victims and paramedics and will include demonstrations involving students.

The information fair will include information from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department

of Transportation and the Texas Department of Public Safety, Jutras said. These organizations will have information for students on how to enjoy spring break safely.

Jutras said \$250 will be awarded to a student after each presentation for use toward tuition. She said many classes and organizations have been encouraged to attend the event, but any individual who wishes to receive information may attend.

"Anybody ... would benefit from this," she said.

Clinton returning to hospital to remove scar tissue from heart surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Six months after undergoing heart bypass surgery, former President Clinton will return to the hospital this week to have a rare buildup of fluid and scar tissue removed from his chest.

"I feel fine," Clinton said Tuesday in Washington, adding he plans to play golf in Florida a day before the operation.

Doctors at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medi-

cal Center, where Clinton is scheduled to have the procedure on Thursday, said the surgery is low-risk.

During the procedure, known as a decortication, doctors will remove scar tissue that is pressing down on his left lung. The surgery will be done either through a small incision or with a video-assisted thoracoscope inserted between his ribs.

The former president said doctors discovered the condition during a

recent X-ray, and he called the surgery a "routine sort of deal."

In an interview with Associated Press Television News, Clinton said he knew before he went with former President George H.W. Bush to tour tsunami-devastated areas last month that he would be having the surgery. Doctors told him he would not be able to fly after the surgery, so he scheduled it after he returned.

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A&M president proposes flat tuition CU president resigns because of scandals Isreal to give up control of Jericho

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M students who load up on classes could get a price break under a new proposal heading to the Board of Regents.

University President Robert Gates has proposed charging a flat rate for tuition, meaning students taking 12 hours or 18 hours would pay the same rate. Students taking 12 or more hours of classes would pay a 15-hour semester credit-hour rate.

"It creates an opportunity and incentive for students to save themselves a lot of money," Gates said. "The sooner you graduate, the cheaper it is to go to college."

Gates said graduating from A&M a semester early would save a student money, plus he could begin earning income with a degree.

Many students, however, disagree with the proposal.

A&M student Mark McCaig said the policy is a way for the school to make more money.

"The vast majority of the student body is going to be hurt by this plan," he said. "This is a money grab."

Corey Nichols, a member of the university's student senate, said he and other students are opposed to paying for classes they aren't taking. He says the policy would hurt students who are working their way through college and those who take summer courses.

The university's Board of Regents is set to consider the proposal later this month.

State lawmakers have asked public universities to increase the number of students who complete degrees within five years, Gates said.

DENVER (AP) — At the University of Colorado, a football recruiting scandal won't die. A professor's essay has likened some Sept. 11 victims to the Nazi who organized the Holocaust. And a fight against state funding cuts goes on.

Add finding a new president to the list of challenges facing the university's Board of Regents. President Elizabeth Hoffman said Monday she would step down June 30 or when a successor is named.

"I've taken my future off the table so to some extent I can focus my attention on issues that face the university and not on my personal future," said Hoffman, who has been president for five years.

Hoffman said questions about her leadership have made it difficult to solve the university's problems, especially a football scandal that produced allegations of rapes, strip-club visits and alcohol-fueled sex parties for recruits.

Hoffman's resignation comes a little more than a year after allegations in the football scandal emerged.

Officials said a search committee to find a new president would soon be created, and observers inside and outside the four-campus system said there is no doubt there will be qualified candidates for the job.

"This is still a wonderful university," said regent Pat Hayes at a news conference Monday. "Hopefully, by the time the search plays out, we will have most of these problems resolved and some new processes in place."

At least nine women have said they were assaulted by Colorado football players or recruits since 1997, and an independent commission reported last year that Colorado players used sex, alcohol and marijuana as recruiting tools.

EREZ CROSSING, Israel (AP) — Israel will turn over two West Bank towns to Palestinian control in the coming days, Israel's defense minister announced Tuesday after meeting the Palestinian leader, but disagreements remained over how much land around the towns would be transferred.

The two-hour meeting at the main crossing point between Gaza and Israel was Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' first with an Israeli leader since a Feb. 8 summit, when he and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a truce to end four years of bloodshed. Transferring control of five West Bank towns was part of the truce package.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said Israel would hand over control of Tulkarem and Jericho in the coming days, but he did not say exactly when, which would be first, or how much territory would be included — reflecting disagreements with the Palestinians.

"In the next few days we will apparently transfer control over two ... towns, after a meeting of security officers" on Wednesday, Mofaz said. "We are talking about Tulkarem and Jericho."

Abbas said not only the towns could be involved. "We are not talking about towns, but also surrounding areas," he said. "If there are (Israeli) checkpoints, they must be removed."

Israeli roadblocks are a key point for the Palestinians. Dozens of barriers have limited movement in and out of the towns, strangling social and economic life. Israel insists they are necessary for security.

GOP prevails in first abortion-related test

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first abortion-related test of the new Congress, the Republican-controlled Senate turned back a Democratic effort Tuesday to bar violent protesters from using bankruptcy to avoid payment of court judgments.

The 53-46 vote cleared one of the few remaining obstacles to passage of major bankruptcy legislation that is high on the GOP legislative agenda.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the provision "goes right to the heart of what America is all about. It says those who use violence to achieve their political goals cannot get a benefit, in this case bankruptcy."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, argued it was unnecessary because bankruptcy courts have never absolved protesters of payment of fines or penalties. He called it an "incendiary, extraneous, redundant poison pill amendment" whose true purpose was to complicate passage of the broader bankruptcy bill.

The vote marked the second time in as many days that Republicans showed their command of proceedings on the Senate floor. On Monday, they turned aside a Democratic-led attempt to attach a minimum wage increase to the bankruptcy measure.

The legislation cleared its final major hurdle at mid-afternoon, a 69-31, on a vote to limit debate and

Democratic opportunities for further amendments. Senate Republican leaders hope for final passage this week. That would send the measure to the House, where final approval is expected quickly.

Approval of Schumer's amendment would have complicated that timetable, since abortion foes in the House signaled in advance they find the proposal objectionable.

A similar dispute thwarted efforts to pass bankruptcy legislation in 2002. Senate GOP leaders, their hand strengthened by the gain of four seats in last fall's elections, labored successfully to prevent a repeat.

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Car Care Clinic helps students prepare for road

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

Many Texas Tech students make trips during spring break, and do not think to check their cars before leaving. However, some students had their car checked for free Tuesday at the Spring Break Car Clinic.

Glen Davis, manager of the Indiana Avenue location of Scott's Complete Car Care, said Scott Egert, owner of both store locations, has done the Spring Break Car Clinic for the last four or five years.

Davis said Scott's Complete Car Care checked the belts, hoses, fluids and tires on students' cars to help ensure a safe trip home. Scott's Complete Car Care checks approximately 200 to 400 students' cars at the clinic each year.

"It's all a safety issue," he said. "(Students) don't pay attention to tire pressure."

The 10- to 15-minute inspection, Davis said, keeps students from getting stranded or messing up their engine while driving.

Michael Lopez, coordinator of event and transit operations at Traffic and Parking, said the event was problem free.

"Those guys (at Scott's Complete Car Care) are easy to work with," he said.

The car clinic, Lopez said, gives students the benefit of having their car looked at without having to pay for anything.

"(Students getting their cars checked) kind of gets overlooked," he said.

Lopez said last year, the Spring Break Car Clinic had to move locations because of rain.

This year, the car clinic was in the R-11 Band Lot.

"It's better centrally located and easier to find," he said.

Jeremy Giles, a freshman history major from Allen, said he plans to drive home on Friday afternoon.

Giles came to the Spring Car Care Clinic because his parents heard about through a newsletter.

"My parents told me to (come)," he said. "I'm glad I was here."

Last year was the first to have a similar car clinic before summer vacation and before Thanksgiving, Lopez said. Not as many people attended the clinic before summer, because fewer students were in town, he said.

The goal of the Spring Break Car Clinic is to target students, Lopez said.

The most common problem seen at the Spring Break Car Clinic, Lopez said, is deficient air in students' car tires.

"(Having enough air in a car's tires) definitely makes a difference with gas mileage," he said.

Davis said once students are told what is wrong, if anything, with their car, they can take it somewhere else to get repaired.

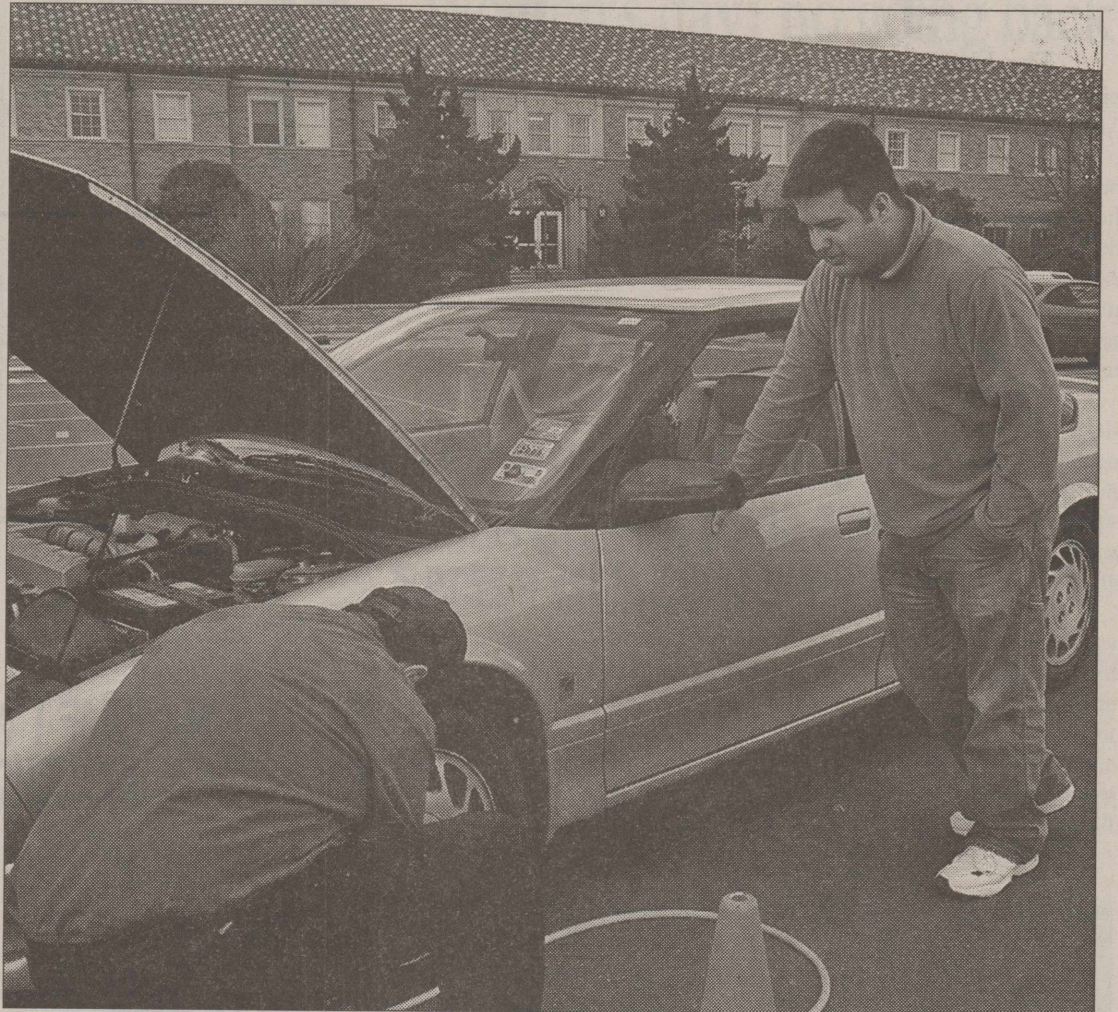
Mechanics from Scott's wanted to check as many cars as possible, Lopez said, and information about Road Raiders was given to every student who had his car inspected.

Road Raiders is a directory of parents' names and telephone numbers for help. If a student should need help while on the road, they may call a Tech parent for help.

Lopez said the Spring Break Car Clinic and Road Raiders are good programs, especially for out-of-state students.

"(Students getting their cars checked) kind of gets overlooked."

— GLEN DAVIS
Manager of Scott's Complete Car Care



CAITY COLVARD/The University Daily

JEREMY GILES, A freshman history major from Allen, has his tires and oil checked by a mechanic from Scott's Complete Car Care during the Spring Break Car Care Clinic at the R-11 parking lot Tuesday afternoon.

Spring break anti-death penalty rally provides alternate activity for students

By Travis Cram/The University Daily

Spring break is almost here, and while most college students will be heading to numerous beaches and ski resorts, some may be headed for an alternative location this year.

Austin is the site of a new type of spring break experience this year as the Texas Moratorium Network, in conjunction with the Austin chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, hosts the "Anti-Death Penalty Alternative Spring Break" March 12-17. The week will include workshops and anti-death penalty rallies designed to inform students about the death penalty and other controversial issues.

The lobbying organization was formed in August 2000 with the primary goal of mobilizing statewide support for a moratorium on executions in Texas, according to the Texas Moratorium Network Web site, www.texasmoratorium.org.

Last year marked the first year of the alternative spring break, which included students from Rice University and The University of Texas-Austin.

Scott Cobb, a board member on the Texas Moratorium Network, said after last year the organization has had a positive response.

"The purpose of this program is to work with people who have any questions about the death penalty and to help them become more informed," he said.

The first day of the event will include a live telephone conference from California death row inmate Stanley "Tookie" Williams. Founding father of the notorious "Crypts" gang in Los Angeles, Williams was

portrayed in a made-for-TV movie by Oscar winner Jamie Foxx. Williams gained national fame after he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 for his new series of children's books to help build awareness and stop youth gang violence, according to the Web site.

"This will allow anyone there to ask (Williams) any questions about death row or the death penalty that they might be curious about," Cobb said.

The event will offer a different experience to any college students who want to do something for spring break, but do not want to stay at home or visit the usual vacation hotspots students will be occupying, Cobb said.

Megan Sturdivant, a junior public relations major from Cedar Hill, is in favor of the death penalty, but sees how the event could be informative.

"I think your opinion all depends on the case and what happened," she said. "It never hurts to be more informed about an issue, especially one as important as the death penalty."

Some workshops will include leaders who have helped fight death penalty issues in America. Attorney Walter Long will host a workshop dealing with the death penalty in Texas. Long was one of many people who led a recent effort in abolishing the death penalty for

juvenile offenders in Texas, according to the Web site.

Karla Faye Tucker and Napoleon Beazley are among some of the clients Long has represented in the past, the Web site said.

March 16 will be the last day of the event, when students protest the scheduled execution of Texas death row inmate Pablo Melendez, Jr. Melendez, who was 18 at the time of his sentencing, was accused of murdering 29-year-old Michael Sanders in 1994 and found guilty in 1996. Participants in Austin will protest in front of the governor's mansion in hopes of bringing attention to his case. Many people, including the victim's mother, believe Melendez was wrongly convicted, the Web site said.

Cobb said they are not holding the event necessarily to persuade anyone, but to inform.

"Whether you come out of it for the death penalty or against it, hopefully you will at least have some questions answered when you leave," he said.

Anyone is welcome to sign up for the week and may do so at the Texas Moratorium Network Web site. Participation is free and a limited amount of student housing is available to students. The cost is

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— SCOTT COBB
Texas Moratorium Network Board Member

\$25 for the week.

Dating Web site says UT improperly blocked its e-mails

HOUSTON (AP) — An online dating service told the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Tuesday its unsolicited e-mails comply with all anti-spam laws and the University of Texas had no right to block the messages and access to its Web site.

White Buffalo Ventures, which operates LonghornSingles.com, is appealing a U.S. district judge's April ruling that the university did not violate the service's constitutional rights by filtering out 59,000 promotional e-mails in 2003.

The Austin-based service said it legally targets students, faculty and staff, whose e-mail addresses were sold to the company by the university.

But UT said the company is part of a larger spam problem that has crashed the computer system it wants reserved for university business and academic research.

"If White Buffalo is able to do

this, a whole host of other spammers could spam UT," said attorney Sean Jordan.

The university has a policy blocking all spammers, and Jordan said the school has blocked between 1,500 and 2,000 of them. He said spam has caused several delays in the UT computer system, including one crash that lasted 48 hours.

One judge questioned the serious-

ness of the problem.

"There is not a serious threat from these e-mails to the system here," said Judge Jerry Edwin Smith.

White Buffalo, which runs more than 80 dating Web sites targeting college students, said its messages shouldn't be blocked because they comply with federal anti-spam laws.

Those laws require the messages to have a title that correctly states the

contents of the e-mail, a valid address and that companies honor unsubscribe requests.

"Everybody hates spam," said White Buffalo's lawyer, Brad Armstrong. "But our messages were legal commercial e-mail advertisements. It's not like we were sending e-mails about breast implants to men and penile implants to women. This was a targeted message to a targeted community."

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Is there a reason for hell? Hell yes!

With everyone more than willing to believe in heaven, hell has a purpose

With so many problems facing our everyday lives, to neglect the problems that are distant, seemingly far away or even eternal is easy.

And even when we do recognize these things, we seem to focus only on the negative problems that are temporary while neglecting the ones that are eternal. This is especially the case with hell.

Not only do we ignore the gravity of its existence, we tend to play around with it — even glorifying it. And when we are not using it in our everyday speech, we hardly give it a passing thought.

This is because people tend not to believe in hell. While almost everyone believes in the existence of heaven, mainly because they believe they are going there, hardly anyone ever thinks about hell. Even fewer believe they are destined to spend eternity there.

This inconsistency should be reason enough to convince the world of the existence of hell — which it tries so hard to ignore.

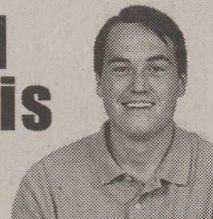
It seems altogether hypocritical to believe in heaven without believing in hell.

After all, Jesus spoke of hell more than he did of heaven. And he spoke more about it than anyone else in the Bible. He also spoke about love more than anyone else in the Bible.

This fact is troubling to many people — the fact that while Jesus claimed to be love, he also claimed to bring judgment.

After all, if God is love, why does hell exist?

Will Davis



While almost everyone believe in the existence of heaven, mainly because they believe they are going there, hardly anyone ever thinks about hell. Even fewer believe they are destined to spend eternity there.

But when these two truths are studied (God's love and the existence of hell), it is clear they do not contradict one other but complement one other.

To understand this, you must understand the nature of God according to the Bible.

God is not simply a God of justice and love; he is the embodiment of those things. So when God acts, his actions are not qualified by the traits of love or justice; they are automatically and unequivocally just and loving because that is the

nature of God.

And this truth helps clarify the discrepancy between God's love and his judgment. Not only are both part of his nature, they are the reasons behind hell's existence.

In short, hell exists for two purposes: To enact the judgment of God and to fulfill the righteousness of God. In other words, hell is God's righteous judgment in action.

So what does this judgment look like? To say it plainly, it is indescribable.

Yes, hell is a very real place with real physical and spiritual torture, but it is too terrible to describe. In spiritual terms, hell is the absence of God.

When Jesus spoke about the physical hell, he described it as a place of total darkness, where light cannot exist. He also spoke of it as a place where fire eternally consumes its inhabitants.

Jesus used these two contradictory terms — darkness and fire — to convey in words what cannot be understood by the human mind.

But in addition to this, the worst part about hell is the absence of hope.

On earth, we have pain and suffering, but we also have hope.

We have hope no matter how bad our day is or how terrible our current situation, it eventually will end. There is no hope in hell.

This might seem like a depress-

ing reality, and it would be if there were no remedy.

If God had created hell, yet given no way to escape its horrors, he would cease to be just and would therefore cease to be God. This is the whole point behind biblical salvation.

For a moment, forget all your previous prejudices toward salvation.

Forget your bias and suppose with me the Bible and what I have just written is true.

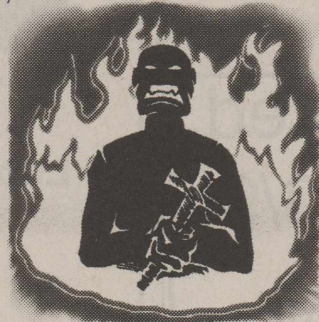
If sin does separate man from God, and if we all are sinners, we all are candidates for hell. In this case, the only hope of salvation lies in the reality that our penalty has been paid by the only person who did not deserve punishment in hell.

This is why Jesus spoke so much about it — because he is the payment for this debt. And if you believe in him, you have lost nothing, yet gained everything.

Now, suppose the Bible is wrong. Suppose there is no hell and no judgment for the penalty of sin.

In this case, there is nothing to worry about. However, if you're wrong, there will be hell to pay.

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We're not all created equal

As individuals, we have different strengths that shouldn't be punished

Kurt Vonnegut Jr. was a little nutty. He is responsible for some of the most inexplicable pieces of literature imaginable, including arguably his most famous, "Slaughterhouse 5," a book about — well, I never quite figured out what it was about.

A lesser-known Vonnegut creation is "Harrison Bergeron," a short story about life in 2081, when at last everyone is equal.

Literally. To achieve equality, the Handicapper General put weights on the physically talented, masks on the beautiful people, dumbed down those above the average intelligence level and promoted people for trying while punishing people for thinking.

No one has more than anyone else. No one has less. No one has to feel inferior for being less smart, attractive, talented or anything else. Everyone is equal.

Which is exactly what our society today wants. Everyone should be equal; everyone should have exactly the same opportunities and adversities; no one should get a head start in life for being smarter or an easier start for having more money or an easier time because he just happens to be good at something.

When everyone is equal, no masterpieces or art or music or literature are created by geniuses. No inventions or scientific discoveries are made, no new ideas introduced, no challenges to authority, no leaders rise as agents for change.

Vonnegut's point with "Harrison Bergeron," as I interpret it, is that equality is a myth. Complete and total equality is an impossible pipe dream. Every person on this earth cannot be equal to everyone else. It just doesn't work that way.

I am not good at basketball. I like to play it, but I'm not good. Does that mean when I play with people better than me, they should play down to my level? I hope not, because I've discovered playing sports with people who are better than me encourages me to play better.

I'm in business school now, and with that came a couple of classes I hate — accounting and finance. I don't "get" these subjects. I'm not good at them; half the time I didn't even know what my professor was talking about. Should those students who do understand those subjects be reduced to my level of understanding? I should hope not. Then no one would know anything about balancing books.

Nor am I good at science. That's why I'm in journalism. Should all those aspiring doctors across Brownfield Highway be forced to operate with my knowledge of science? Absolutely not! I'm trusting my doctor to know what he's talking about when I go see him so he can fix me, and he won't be able to do that if he knows only what I know.

Obviously these examples are extreme, as is Vonnegut's story. But he still makes a valid point. People were not all created equal.

Of course, this doesn't mean certain people were created inferior to others. Some Americans in the 1800s thought the slaves were not equal to them as human beings.

That's wrong. Everyone is created equal in the sense we all deserve to live, we all deserve freedom, we all deserve the opportunity to use those talents and strengths we have. But let's

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face it. Every person born today did not come out of the womb equally endowed. Some were born rich, some were born smart, some were born with physical or mental handicaps, some were born into poor home situations, some were born in poverty, some were born to parents who loved them, some were born to parents who couldn't care less about them.

That's not equality. And that's not fair. But it is life. Screaming for equality and fairness doesn't get us much. How about those high school graduates who can't read but still made it through school because no one wanted to hurt the child's self-esteem by holding him back a grade or offering after-school help? Or those students and employees who think they deserve an A or a raise for effort, even when they have accomplished nothing? Or people who believe they have been wronged by society for getting pregnant or dropping out of school at 15, who live on government assistance without taking any responsibility for their actions? People who want something for nothing, so then they will be equal.

But then everybody loses. We miss out on the diversity provided by everyone having unique and various strengths.

We hurt ourselves because each person out there is above average at something, and instead of condemning others for their talents, we should celebrate both ours and theirs.

Listen to the advice of Bill Gates, a man who dropped out of college, got laughed at when he tried to sell DOS to IBM for \$50,000, and now is the richest man in the world: Life isn't fair or equal; the world won't care about your self-esteem but expects you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Total equality is a myth. It's not good for society. It's not good for individual members of society. As George Orwell, author of utopian books "1984" and "Animal Farm" said, "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

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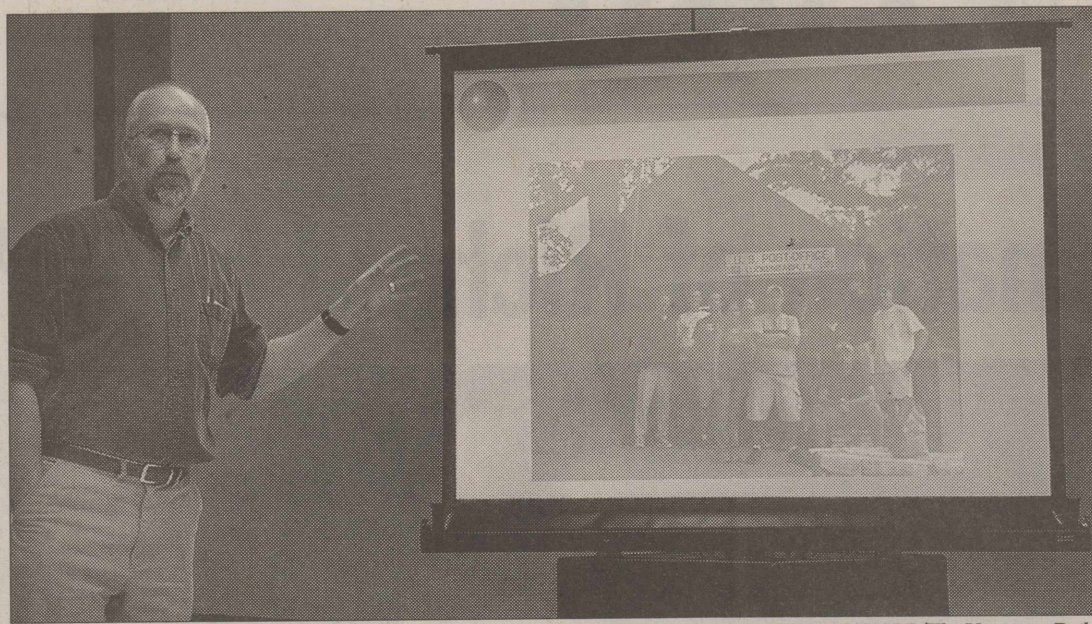
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JEFF LEE, A geography professor, talks about a course he is offering this summer at the Texas Tech Junction campus Monday night.

Ruling

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C. Robert Black, a member of the Tech Board of Regents, said the board strives to communicate with representatives from the SGA to understand and serve the students' needs.

"I think we have, at Texas Tech, a very good working relationship with the Student Government Association," he said.

The presidents of the SGA and the Texas Tech University Health

Sciences Center SGA both regularly attend board meetings to update board members on student activities, Black said. Tech President Jon Whitmore has done a good job of including students on committees to ensure student input is received on important issues, he said.

Regents at other state universities may not communicate with their students as well as the regents at Tech, Black said.

"I think our communication is much better than those universities' communication with their students," he said. "I don't really believe we

need (a student regent) at Texas Tech."

Catherine Gray, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Austin, said having a student on the Board of regents makes sense.

"If they're making decisions for universities it would be better for a student to have a voice," she said. "That might actually give us a say in what's going on."

Other states have student members on their state university boards of regents, including Louisiana, Washington, California and Illinois.

Regents

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of the issue.

According to the Death Penalty Information Web site, 38 percent of juvenile death row inmates are in Texas. Texas, as well as Florida, Georgia, New Hampshire and North Carolina, is one of the states where the legal age to be sentenced to death is 17 instead of 18.

According to the Web site, 447 inmates in Texas are on death row, and there have been 339 executions in Texas since 1976. There were 23 executions in Texas between 2004 and 2005.

Kevin Scott, assistant professor of political science, said affected inmates probably will have their punishments commuted to life sentences.

"There have to be consequences for their actions, no matter what their age," he said. "The Supreme Court has said that states, on their own, seem to be

shifting away (from executing minors), and the Supreme Court thinks that it is a good procedure."

Scott said he believes the Simmons case will raise many other questions regarding the competence of minors and the necessity of the death penalty, but he does not believe any major change will be made regarding its use.

"There is no evidence the Supreme Court considers life sentences for murder, at any age, cruel and unusual punishment," he said. "I don't think the death penalty will be abolished, but I think we as a society will continue to discuss it."

Among the Texas inmates who will be affected are the two men convicted of the 1991 yogurt shop murders, Maurice Pierce and Michael Scott; Raymond Cobb, who was convicted of murdering a woman and burying her 16-month-old daughter alive; and Mavro Barraza, who was convicted of killing a 73-year-old woman with garden shears.

Buses

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route three to four days a week," she said. "I think the system works well, and I don't think it is overcrowded at all."

Kumal Mirza, a freshman political science major from Lubbock, said he rides an overcrowded bus every day.

"I park in the SBC parking lot, and I ride the Red Raider and Double T routes every day to campus," he said. "People are always standing at the bus stop griping about the number of people that have to ride the same buses."

Mirza said the mornings are the most crowded, and the buses do not run on an efficient timetable.

"Sometimes you get two buses in less than 10 minutes," he said. "Then sometimes you have to wait forever for a bus. It just isn't efficient when they run like that."

A meeting about bus routes will be held at noon March 9 in the Red Raider Lounge in the Student Union building.

Alcohol

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will be drinking underage.

"We are not going to drink and drive, just walk on the beach," he said. "So, we'll get WOTBWs—walking on the beach while intoxicated charges. I've never had an MIP, so it is my first one, it'll be worth it. You only live once."

Southwest Airlines, Continental Express and American Eagle are the three airlines that fly out of Lubbock, according to Lubbock International Airport Web site, www.flylia.com.

The carriers' independent Web sites, www.southwest.com, www.continental.com and www.aa.com state they each allow alcohol through security checkpoints, which was confirmed by customer service representatives.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said all alcohol limitations are in place as a safety issue.

"Spring break is a busy time, really starting now into April, so use common sense," Smith said. "You have to be sensible in terms of limits of weight and size."

To transport alcohol, it must be in the original container with the manufacturer's label. The maximum quantity of alcohol that may be transported on the airlines per 21-year-old adult passenger is 5 liters, and alcohol content may not exceed 70 percent by volume, or 140-proof. Smith said the content level restrictions are because of flammability.

Beer and wine are not subject to the 5-liter-per-person limitation.

For international travel on American Airlines or Continental Airlines, U.S. customs regulations apply. Smith said the passenger, not the airline, is responsible for following these regulations.

Federal regulations allow passengers to bring back more than one liter of alcoholic beverage for personal use, but duty and IRS tax must be paid on alcohol that exceeds 1 liter. Customs officers also enforce state laws at international borders.

Sarah Holder, a sophomore early education major from Houston, said she would not risk transporting alcohol.

"I think driving with it is pretty stupid, personally," she said. "I'd just wait 'til you get there. You can always get alcohol or find people to get it for you."

Culler said regardless of where students travel, they need to be safe and respect the law.

"We will have quite a few TABC officers working the beach, looking for violations," he said. "The bottom line is public safety. We want everyone to be safe and have a good time."

World marks International Women's day; no going back

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Leaders of the fight for women's equality say there is no going back on the revolution that began 30 years ago, though the challenges ahead are immense.

The comments came at a U.N. meeting to evaluate the world's progress toward gender equality. Now in its second and final week, the gathering has drawn delegates from 130 countries and 6,000 representatives from women's and human rights organizations.

Commemorating Tuesday's International Women's Day, Rachel Mayanja, the secretary-general's top adviser on women, warned that "the task ahead is not going to be any less difficult than it has been during the past decades."

She stressed that world leaders cannot view poverty, armed conflict and violence in isolation. "The eradication of poverty and disease is as important as

dealing with the criminal networks that traffic in women and children," she said.

Nafis Sadik, a special adviser on AIDS to Secretary-General Kofi Annan and former head of the U.N. Population Fund, said governments spend more than \$900 billion on the military while the world's richest countries spend less than \$70 billion on development assistance.

"What contributes more to security, \$3 billion invested in women or the \$900 billion squandered on weapons?" Sadik said to loud applause. "It is time for political leaders to stop talking about peace and really start investing in it."

At a commemoration held Friday before most of the ministers and VIPs left, two Nobel Peace Prize winners and the heads of the four U.N. conferences on women since 1975 spoke of progress and challenge ahead. The four conferences built the global women's movement.

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FILM REVIEW

Penn carries 'The Assassination of Richard Nixon'

I know what you're thinking: Richard Nixon was not assassinated. True, but if Samuel Byck had succeeded in his plan, Nixon would have died months before he could resign the presidency.

Byck's aim was to hijack a plane and crash it into the White House. (Sound familiar?) He failed, but killed two people in the process.

Yet Byck's attempt at bumping off the president is not necessarily the central focus of "The Assassination of Richard Nixon." Rather, it's more of a payoff.

The film serves as a character study of a man slowly driven insane by the injustices that bombard him on a daily basis. For Byck, Nixon was the figurehead of all of these wrongdoings.

While first-time director Niels Mueller takes liberties with this true event (Byck is spelled "Bicke" in the film, for example, to avoid any litigation), the film plays more like "Death of a Salesman" than "In the Line of Fire."

In essence, we spend 95 minutes with Sam Bicke (Sean Penn), which is a long time to be with someone you neither like, nor with whom you sympathize. But Penn, as usual, is up to the challenge. He is utterly captivating as this sheltered and desperate man who feels he is no more than a grain of sand on a huge beach.

At the film's opening, Bicke is sitting in his car in an airport parking lot, strapping a gun to his leg. He has

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an envelope addressed to musician Leonard Bernstein. For the past several weeks, Bicke has been recording himself on cassette tapes, explaining why he is doing what he is about to do. Bernstein, he feels, is the only person with whom he can connect because he likes his music.

It serves as a narration device throughout the film, as we flash back to a year before, but never intrudes upon the events taking place.

Bicke feels he is a good man who continuously has been screwed over by the system.

He has a self-righteous attitude, although you'd never guess it through his shy and hesitant nature. He easily recognizes injustice — salesmen lying to get a sale, racism, sexual harassment and so on, and uses these things as an excuse. He quit his last job, for instance, because his boss marked products too high.

All Bicke's problems are someone else's fault. He places most of the blame on businessmen who are consistently keeping him down.

It's his boss's (Jack Thompson) fault that he stinks as an office furniture salesman, because he refuses to charge customers too much, as his boss requires.

It's the businessmen who are racist, so his best friend, Bonny (Don Cheadle), only can get a job as an auto mechanic. Never mind that Bonny happens to do very well for himself financially.

It's the fact he refuses to conform to businessmen practices that Bicke has lost job after job, and consequently lost his wife (Naomi Watts) and children because he cannot support them.

And it's those dirty businessmen in the government who will not give him a loan to start a mobile tire business. Bicke thinks it's because he listed Bonny as his partner, and the government must be racist.

How does all this lead to Richard

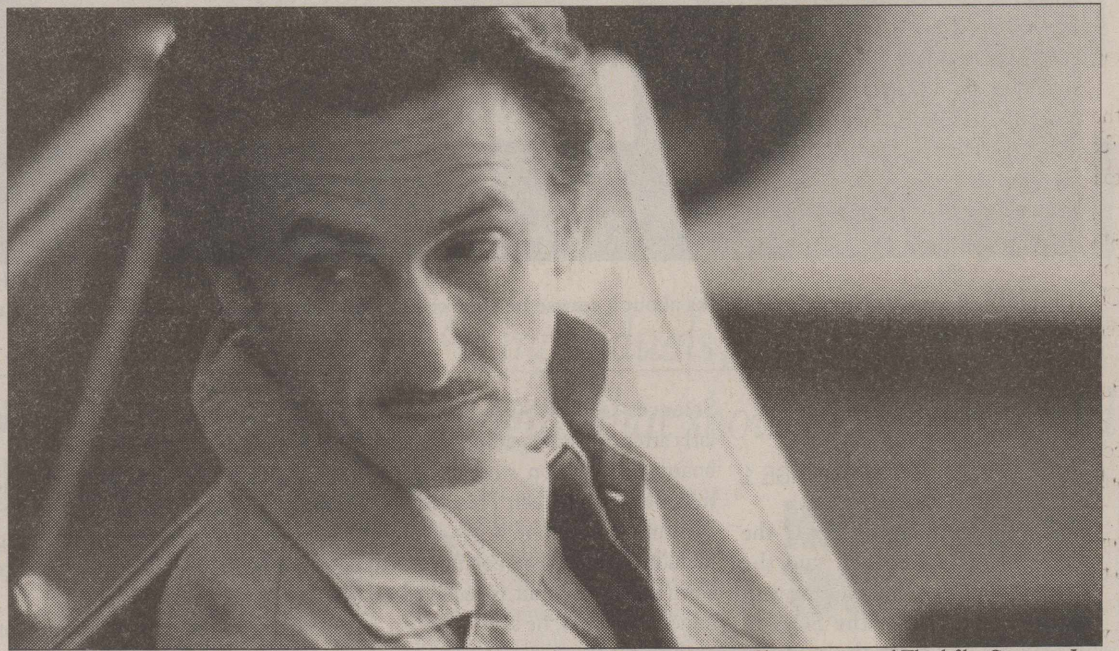


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SEAN PENN PLAYS Sam Bicke in the chilling drama and true story of a disillusioned average man who in 1974 was driven to plot the assassination of 37th President Richard Nixon. Film is playing only at Movies 16.

Nixon? Though the film never makes it entirely clear, we can glean Bicke sees Nixon as the biggest businessman/salesman of all. Bicke hears his boss (whom he loathes) talk about how Nixon repeatedly has lied to the American people and broke promises, and was re-elected based on those lies — which makes him the greatest salesman ever.

You have to wonder how Bicke would have felt about Dubya.

A lesser actor than Penn would not have been able to pull off such a slow-moving and dreary film as "As-

sassination."

Penn's performance is quietly devastating, especially in a scene where Bicke is expecting to receive notice on his loan application, but instead receives divorce papers.

Yet director Niels Mueller does slip up occasionally. Too little time is spent on Bicke's direct connection to Nixon, and little attention is paid to those who died in his failed scheme.

The film's ending, too, is a little off the mark. As news of the failed hijacking spreads over the televi-

sion, people are seen casually going about their business, as if nothing happened.

It had little impact on them.

While "Assassination" is often intriguing, and Penn is terrific, the film almost leaves us feeling similarly.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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Brother of Jackson accuser admits he lied under oath in another case

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy who testified that Michael Jackson molested his brother acknowledged under cross-examination Tuesday that the pop star didn't show him a sex magazine that the prosecution had introduced into evidence. The witness also said he lied under oath in a separate civil lawsuit.

The teenager, who visited Jackson's Neverland ranch for the last time in March 2003, became confused after Jackson attorney Thomas Mesereau showed him a copy of "Barely Legal" magazine dated August 2003. The boy had testified Monday that the magazine was one of those that

Jackson had showed to him and his brother.

Confronted with the conflicting dates, the boy said: "I never said it was exactly that one. That's not exactly the one he showed us."

He said he had looked at the magazine with District Attorney Tom Sneddon before it was presented as evidence.

Under further questioning by Mesereau, the boy also said he lied under oath in another case when he swore his mother and father never fought and his father never hit him.

"When you were asked if your dad ever hit you, you said 'never,'"

said Mesereau. "Were you telling sexually assaulted and the family was beaten by the store guards. The defense contends the suit shows the family has a history of filing false claims to get money."

"Did someone tell you to lie in the J.C. Penney case?" Mesereau asked.

"I don't remember," the boy said. When Mesereau asked him to

tell the jury why he lied under oath, the boy said: "I don't remember nothing."

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy cancer survivor at his Neverland estate in 2003 and giving him alcohol. He also is accused of conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to rebut a damaging documentary in which Jackson said he allowed children to sleep in his bedroom.

The 14-year-old boy became a crucial prosecution witness Monday when he testified to actually seeing molestation, saying he twice walked into Jackson's bedroom and

saw Jackson masturbating with one hand while the other was in his sleeping brother's underwear.

Mesereau asked the boy Tuesday about an alarm system in Jackson's house that alerts the singer when anyone is in the hall outside his bedroom.

"So the two times you claim you saw Michael Jackson touching your brother in bed, that alarm went off?" asked Mesereau.

"Yes," said the boy.

When the boy testified about the alleged molestation Monday he did not mention any bell or alarm system and said his brother slept through both incidents, snoring at one point.

"I never said it was exactly that one. That's not exactly the (magazine) he showed us."

— BROTHER OF JACKSON'S ACCUSER

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WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS TILL 11PM

<p>WEDNESDAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COLLEGE NIGHT ● DISCOUNTED COVER W/A COLLEGE ID ● DJ KEVIN SPRINGER MIXING HIP-HOP ● \$1 WELLS & \$1 CAN BEERS AFTER 11PM ● HOSTED BY: SIGMA CHI 	<p>THIS THURSDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LOW HOOP CLASSIC ● HOSTED BY: SIGMA CHI, FIGI & SAE ● DJ KEVIN SPRINGER MIXING HIP HOP & OLD SCHOOL ● DISCOUNTED COVER W/A COLLEGE ID
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9:00 PM - 2:00 AM

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Martha Stewart back at work after five months in prison

NEW YORK (AP) — A beaming Martha Stewart praised her workers who welcomed her back that she thought of them every single day of her five months in prison.

"All of you are my heroes," Stewart told the crowd.

After five months in prison and a weekend spent more comfortably at her 153-acre suburban estate, Stewart spoke to staff at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., as her remarks were broadcast live.

With barely a pause since she was released from a federal women's prison in Alderson, W. Va., on Friday, Stewart addressed a staff diminished by layoffs in her absence but also no doubt encouraged by a rising stock price.

"It's really wonderful to be back. I've missed you, as you can imagine. I've thought about you every single day," Stewart said.

She blew a kiss and waved as she arrived to speak. The several hundred employees gave Stewart a standing ovation and applauded several other times as she spoke.

Stewart, 63, said she had had "the tremendous privilege" of meeting a cross-section of people in prison and "learned a great deal about our country."

Investors, counting on a positive bounce from Stewart's return, have bid up her company's stock to triple the level it was when she was convicted on March 5, 2004, of lying about a stock sale.

Still, the company is struggling. Last week, it reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$7.3 million, reflecting continued declining magazine advertising revenues and the hiatus of its syndicated daily cooking show starring Stewart.

Stewart will have to make some adjustments in her new working life.

She will be answering to a new chief executive and president, Susan Lyne, who replaced longtime confidante Sharon Patrick last November. Lyne greeted Stewart with a hug before the speech.

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EXPERIENCE

Need A Flu Shot?

UMC HealthSource will be providing flu shots for adults tomorrow from 7-8:30 am in the Fit/Well for \$15. Rec Center membership is not required. Call 742.3828 today to register. Payment is due on Thursday morning.

Safe Spring Break

Check out our tables and speak to the experts on skin protection, alcohol awareness, and safe skiing & snowboarding from 4-7pm in the Rec.

Recreational Sports

CLIP AND SAVE!

STUDENT RECREATION

Spring Break Hours

Student Rec Center Hours

Friday, March 11 6am-9pm
 Sat.-Sun., March 12-13 2pm-6pm
 Mon.- Fri., March 14-18 6am-7pm
 Saturday, March 19 2pm-6pm
 Sunday, March 20 2pm-8pm

Climbing Wall

Friday, March 11 3pm-7pm
 Saturday, March 12 3pm-5pm
 Wednesday, March 16 3pm-7pm
 Fri.-Sat. March 18-19 3pm-6pm
 Sunday, March 20 3pm-8pm

Aquatic Center Hours

Friday, March 11 6:30am-8:45am; 12pm-9:00pm
 Sat.-Sun., March 12-13 2pm-6pm
 Mon.-Fri., March 14-18 12pm-7pm
 Sat.-Sun., March 19-20 2pm-6pm

The **Outdoor Pursuits Center** is open March 11, 10am-6pm and closed March 12-20
 The **Fitness/Wellness Center** is closed March 12-20.

Spring Break Fitness Classes

Staying in Lubbock for the Break? Please note the interim fitness class schedule:

TIME	CLASS	INST.	TIME	CLASS	INST.
Friday, March 11					
12:10	Step Express	Ellen	12:10	Step Express	Tahrin
5:30	Cardio Step/Abs & Back	Melissa	5:30	Cardio Step	Megan
Saturday, March 12					
3:00	Weekend Energy	Megan	Thursday, March 17		
Sunday, March 13					
3:00	Shape & Tone (rm. 116)	Jenn	12:10	Shape & Tone	Kristen
Monday, March 14					
12:10	Step Express	Maggie	5:30	Total Body Conditioning	Tahrin
5:30	Cardio Step	Denise	Friday, March 18		
Tuesday, March 15					
12:10	Shape & Tone	Maggie	12:10	Step Express	Kristen
5:30	Total Body Conditioning	TBA	5:30	Cardio Step	Melissa
Sunday, March 20					
4:30	Shape & Tone (rm. 116)	Jenn	Saturday, March 19		
3:00 Cardio Step Melissa					

All Classes Are In Room 114 unless otherwise indicated. Subject to change.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER

Spring Break Ski, Snowboard and Camping Rentals

Whether you are heading to the mountains, desert, or the beach for spring break, the Outdoor Pursuits Center (OPC) has all your outdoor equipment needs. We have K2 snowboards, snowblades and shaped skis. We also have your camping equipment if you are heading to the desert or mountains including: tents, backpack, stoves, lanterns, sleeping bags, and coolers. Equipment can be reserved by filling out the necessary paperwork and paying the rental fee. The package price for skis and snowboard/snowblades for the spring break week are \$60 and \$75. Stop by the OPC located outside the north entrance of the Student Recreation Center or call 742-2949.

UPCOMING OUTDOOR PURSUITS TRIPS

INTRODUCTION TO KAYAKING

APRIL 1-3

In this short course, you will learn the skills necessary to start whitewater kayaking. Basic skills such as paddle strokes, boat control, and wet exits will be taught in three intensive pool sessions. This class concludes with a weekend trip that will challenge your newfound skills on the beautiful South Llano River. Mandatory Pool Sessions: March 24, 29 & 31 @ 6pm

SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Thurs, March 24	3pm	10pm	\$90	beginner	easy

WOMEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP

APRIL 8-10

Lead by women for women! This is your opportunity to spend the weekend hiking with a group of women. We will be backpacking in Guadalupe National Park. The Guadalupe range is incredibly beautiful in the spring, and we will be hiking around 5 miles a day.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	PRICE	SKILL LEVEL	FITNESS LEVEL
Thurs, March 31	3pm	10pm	\$75	beginner	moderate

REGISTER FOR THESE AND OTHER TRIPS AT THE OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER OR CALL 742-2949

INTRAMURALS

Indoor Soccer Registration Continues Until Tomorrow

Looking to kick it around a bit? Can't wait till the Fall for Outdoor Soccer? Then grab your friends, co-workers, floor buddies and anyone else who's interested in soccer and register your team TODAY OR TOMORROW in room 203 of the Rec Center. There's men's, women's and co-rec divisions but don't delay, registration is limited to the first 80 teams.

FREE PIZZA! Come say Hi to the IM gang between 3-5pm TODAY and receive free pizza courtesy of Domino's!

Rain Doesn't Dampen Big Kahuna Softball Tournament

Twenty-four of the best Intramural Men's softball teams took the field on Saturday for the 4th Annual Big Kahuna. The rain came as well, but we did crown a champion. The Greek Organization Kappa Sigma dominated the tournament. Kappa Sigma had two teams in the tournament: an A and a B team. Both reached the finals, but Kappa Sigma A proved to be better than their brothers on the B squad. Kappa Sigma A's road to the finals was filled with tough opponents. Kappa Sigma A defeated Southside Sluggers and Brew Crew, then defeated two top 5 ranked teams in BOHICA and Lonely Heart Club to claim the title. Kappa Sigma B also defeated three top 10 ranked opponents - Cleveland Steamers, Boll weevils, and the Carney's.

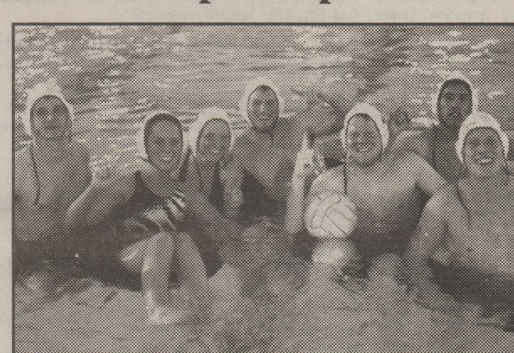


A Magic Sticks' player slides in before the tag during their game vs. Elite in the Big Kahuna. But the run wasn't enough as Elite went on to win.

Dust off the Cleats and dig out the Pig Skin - 4 on 4 Flag Football

It's that time of year again. The air is warm. The sky is blue and the grass is turning green. It's time to sign up for 4 on 4 Flag Football. The sign up period for 4 on 4 Flag Football will begin the Tuesday after Spring Break, March 22nd and end on Thursday March 24th. The cost for each team is a \$20 ENTRY fee. (This is different from all of the other Intramural Team Sports in that you will not receive this money back at the end of the semester.) Play will begin on Sunday April 3rd. All teams must sign up in Intramural Office, Room 202 of the Student Recreation Center, to participate.

New Champions Splash Onto The Scene At IT Water Polo



Headless Horsemen

This is a new era of Champions for the Co-rec & Men's division. The defending champions in Co-rec (Threepeat) went down in defeat to the new champs HEADLESS HORSEMEN. The semi-final matches were both nail biters. Threepeat defeated Hydrophobia 6 goals to 5 to earn the chance to fourpeat, but the Headless Horsemen upset the top seed

and the undefeated Little Mermaids 7 - 6 to advance to the finals. The final match was anti-climatic. Headless horsemen defeated Threepeat 7-1. Headless horsemen are powered by Mary Foley, Amanda Lewis, Daniel Escobedo, Mark Bullitt, Richard Lawson, Brain Taylor, and Jeremy Wilson.



Go Nads

In men's action, a new champion was crowned. Defending Champions Fish-N-Chips mauled through their tournament defeating the Flounders and PORK is not a verb. The new men's champion is GO NADS. Go Nads is an offensive powerhouse scoring 10 & 12 points in the quarters and semis and then in the finals against Fish-N-Chips scoring 12 points. Team members include Brook Alsobrooks, Howard Crenshaw, Bradley Latson, Bradley Sobotik, and the injured Paul Briseno.

Congratulations to Venkata Ramana Jetty, Davis Chanjaplamootil, and Shu-Yen Cheng for winning their divisions in the Badminton Tournament.

Rugby and Wrestling Teams Move On After Successful Outings

The Men's Rugby team qualified for the Western Rugby Football Men's Collegiate Championships to be played in Greeley, Colorado, April 1-3. By placing second in the Division II Regional Tournament which was held last weekend here at Tech, the team gets an automatic bid to the National Championships.

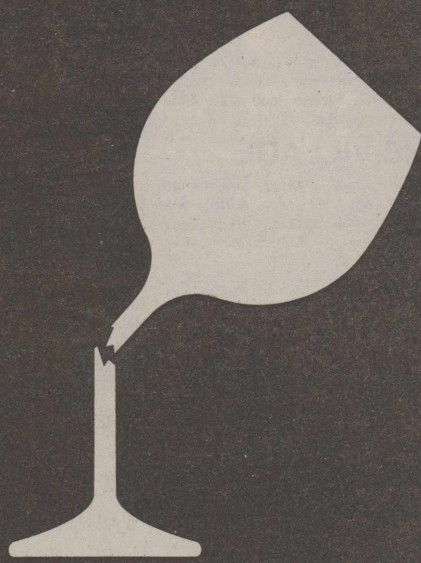
The Wrestling Club is going to the NCWA Nationals this weekend at the University of Texas-Dallas. The team qualified eight wrestlers to represent Texas Tech. The club placed second to Kansas State on February 26th during the NCWA Regional tournament.

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The Department of Housing & Residence Life will be providing over 20 students with the Mary W. Doak Housing Scholarship in the Fall of 2005. (\$500/Semester!)

Applications will be available March 7, 2005. Visit www.housing.ttu.edu, or go by your hall office to fill out the application.



BOOZE BASH

Taste the drama, Wednesday, March 9th at 7pm. (Meet in Chitwood Lobby)

This is an alcohol education program.

Dining on Campus CLOSEDOWN DATES for SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, March 9

- Last day for theme lines and Late-Nite at the Market.

Thursday, March 10

- No Late-Nite at The Market
- No theme lines
- Regular hours at all other locations

Friday, March 11

- Horn/Knapp closes after breakfast
- Bledsoe/Gordon closes after lunch
- The Market at Stangel/Murdough closes at 2 p.m.
- Sam's Place at Wall/Gates closes at 3 p.m.
- Sam's Place at Carpenter/Wells, Chitwood/Weymouth and Sneed closes at 4 p.m.
- Hulen/Clement closes after dinner

Monday, March 21

- All dining locations will open and resume regular schedules.

Sam's Place at the Student Union Building & The Union Bistro WILL be open during Spring Break!

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