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Tuition, fees to increase by 4 percent

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Texas Tech's Budget Advisory Council has recommended a 4 percent increase in tuition and fees to aid in the university's efforts to hire more faculty and provide salary adjustments for existing faculty and staff, said Vice President of Administration and Finance Tom Anderes.

"The increase per credit cost will be \$5, which is 4 percent," he said.

The 11-member Budget Advisory Council is responsible for making a recommendation to the university president regarding tuition and fee increases. The council does not have final authority to direct, control or supervise any activities related to the fiscal operations of the

university, according to the Tech Web site.

President Jon Whitmore was committed to keeping the total increase in tuition and fees from exceeding 5 percent, Anderes said. The council used the 5 percent as a cap and determined a 4 percent increase would best serve the university.

Anderes said the council already has made its recommendation to Whitmore.

"The president has accepted the recommendation of the Budget Advisory Council," he said.

The process of recommending the tuition increase involved following state statutes and assessing the university's priorities, Anderes said. State statutes mandate a \$2 per credit hour increase that goes directly into the state's budget. The money necessary to accomplish two of

Whitmore's priorities for the upcoming year determined the remaining \$3 of the total increase.

"His basic priorities are finding new faculty and salary adjustments for faculty and staff," Anderes said.

The \$3 per credit hour increase will amount to about \$1.8 million for the university, Anderes said. This is not enough money to accomplish the university's goals regarding faculty. Funding from the state legislature would assist in that process.

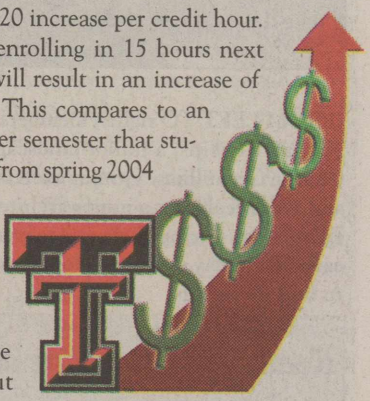
Tech does not expect a decision on how much funding it will receive from the legislature until at least the end of May, Anderes said.

Tech students were faced with a 36 percent increase in tuition and fees for fall 2004 caused in part by state budget cutbacks. The 36 percent increase in tuition and

fees resulted in a \$20 increase per credit hour.

For a student enrolling in 15 hours next fall, the increase will result in an increase of \$75 per semester. This compares to an increase of \$300 per semester that students experienced from spring 2004 to fall 2004.

Matt Murray, a sophomore biology major from Pampa, said students do not have any options about



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TOP: JARED STAVINOHA, a structural engineering graduate student from Houston, and Jesse Brumbaugh, a senior chemical engineering and computer science major from Katy, watch as Joseph Herr, a senior exercise and sport science major from Canyon, portrays Jesus on the cross in Memorial Circle Friday afternoon during the "Live Stations of the Cross." ABOVE: Herr walks to Memorial Circle for the final part of the "Live Stations of the Cross" Friday afternoon. Students and members of the Catholic Students Association follow. The event began at Urbanovsky Park and ended at Memorial Circle.

Faithful Followers

Tech students portray life of Jesus in 'Live Stations of the Cross'

Story by Kristen Gilbreth and Photos by David Johnson/The University Daily

Shoulder-length shaggy hair, a rugged beard and a thin, almost fragile figure helped Joseph Herr easily transition into character on a warm, windy Good Friday afternoon.

His most prominent prop, a wooden cross, rested on his shoulders, replacing the backpack he typically would carry across campus.

But no amount of makeup or wardrobe could have hidden the humanity in the man playing the holy one.

That was not the point anyway.

When Herr, a senior exercise and sport science major from Canyon, began to walk the way of Jesus, his goal was

not to pretend but to preach.

Much like a shepherd, he led a procession of at least 50 people, including members of the Catholic Student

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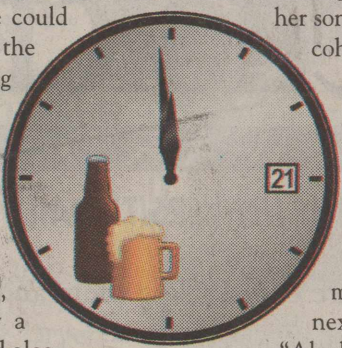
'Cinderella' bill may change 21st birthdays

LEGAL LIMITATIONS: Texas Legislature looking at bill to change serving time to 7 a.m.

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Hitting the bars at midnight to begin celebrating being of the legal drinking age could become a trend of the past if a bill, being discussed in the Texas House of Representatives, is passed.

The bill, referred to as the "Cinderella" bill, would not allow a person to be served alcohol on his 21st birthday until 7 a.m., unless his birthday falls on a Sunday, when he could not be served until noon.



State Rep. Rob Eissler, R-Magnolia, the House member who introduced the bill, said he came up with the bill with help from Susan Wagner. Wagner lost her son, Michael, to alcohol poisoning.

"If Michael Wagner wouldn't have had so much to drink (in such a short time frame), he would have made it to the next day," he said.

"Alcohol poisoning is a legitimate threat that most people aren't aware of."

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Students protest lack of campus bike lanes

By Lindsay Wharton/The University Daily

Memorial Circle was anything but quiet Friday as students expressed concern about the lack of bicycle lanes on campus.

"It's just not enough, and it's not happening fast enough," said Kaki Aufdengarten, a senior communication studies major from Fort Davis.

Aufdengarten said the purpose of the gathering was to remind Texas Tech officials there still are not enough bike lanes on campus.

Tech has made some progress, but a lot of changes still need to be made, Aufdengarten said. The areas needing bike lanes include around the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, 15th Street, 18th Street and around Memorial Circle.

Many of Aufdengarten's friends have been hit or forced off of the road by cars on campus, she said.

A large sum of money is necessary to incorporate all the necessary bike lanes into the university. However, Aufdengarten said the last thing Tech officials should be concerned about is money. The safety of students should be their primary concern.

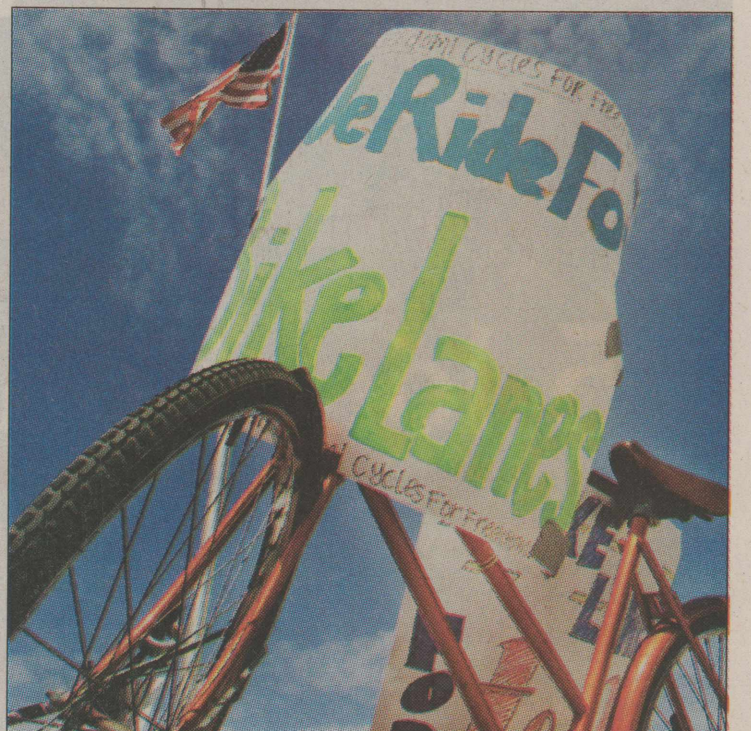
Art Glick, executive associate for the vice president of operations, said the university is worried about financing a bike lane system on campus.

"The biggest problem is money," he said. Tech did not receive enough funding to pay for all planned campus renovations, Glick said. When the budget was cut, the bicycle route was taken out of the agenda.

Tech applied for a grant about four to five weeks ago, but it is too early to know the outcome, Glick said.

The faster the university receives the money the faster it will be able to

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

A BICYCLE SITS in Memorial Circle Friday with a sign that read, "We ride for bike lanes," as Texas Tech students protest the lacking progress of bike lane construction on campus.

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HAPPY HUNTING



LINC ARMES/The University Daily
(FROM LEFT TO right), members of the Christian group "Navigators," Nathan Robbins, a junior landscape architecture major from Lubbock, Charlie Gremillion, a junior exercise and sports science major from Katy, and Wes McElhany, a junior architecture major from San Antonio, count Easter eggs during their egg scavenger hunt outside the Math building early Thursday evening before moving onto the next location on campus to find more eggs.

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Schools to seek new standards

DALLAS (AP) — A dramatic increase in the number of Texas charter schools seeking "alternative education" status has led some charter school experts to question whether so many campuses deserve to be held to a lower standard. In the last four years, the number of Texas charter schools seeking "alternative education" status has shot up from 62 to 166. Charter schools with that designation are exempt from the state accountability standards used to evaluate every other campus in Texas.

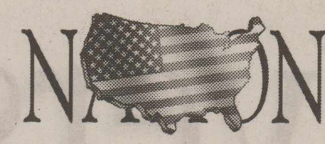
About 60 percent of the state's charter school campuses are now exempt, even though "alternative" charters are virtually identical demographically to charters remaining in the standard accountability system.

Schools that want into the alternative system only have to fill out a form declaring that they're "dedicated" to serving disadvantaged youths.

The Texas Education Agency is considering a revised accountability system that could block many charters from receiving alternative status, according to one state charter expert. And for those schools that do qualify, the new system also would set a higher standard for ratings and accountability.

Texas' alternative accountability system "has become too comfortable a haven for charter schools," said Nelson Smith, president of the Charter School Leadership Council in Washington, D.C. "There are a number of schools looking at the tougher (standards) and thinking they need to take cover."

The Rundown



Athletes injured in wreck, driver killed

GEORGE WEST (AP) — Six people involved with the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi track and field team were injured when the van they were traveling in was hit head-on by a pickup driver who was killed in the accident, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Police believe the driver of the pickup, Paul Burden, 52, was intoxicated at the time of the accident Saturday evening. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The team, on its way home from a meet in Austin, was traveling in a four-vehicle caravan carrying about 20 members of the team south on Interstate 37 near George West in Live Oak County. At about 10:15 p.m., a pickup traveling north in the southbound lanes struck the lead van head-on, a DPS operator said.

The van carrying team members rolled twice and caught fire, said A&M-Corpus Christi Athletic Director Dan Viola.

Freshman Lenore Perkins, 19, was upgraded from critical to fair condition at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi on Monday. Freshman Diamond Riley, 18, of Ingram, also at the Corpus Christi hospital, was in serious but stable condition.

Freshman Kathy Bradham, 19, and assistant coach Howard Dougherty, 50, who was driving the van, were airlifted to University Hospital in San Antonio, where they remained in stable condition Monday.

Schiavo's parents 'deal with reality'

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — Terri Schiavo was extremely weak and emaciated Monday but still responded to her family and had "incredible strength to live," her father said after visiting her at the hospice where the brain-damaged woman entered her 11th day without food or water.

"I was scared to death to go in there to see her," Bob Schindler told reporters outside the hospice. "I plead again with the powers that be, don't give up on her. We haven't given up on her, and she hasn't given up on us."

Schindler and his wife, Mary, and their supporters pressed again for President Bush, Congress and the president's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, to intervene to have her feeding tube reinserted.

The Schindlers dispute that their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. Schiavo's husband, Michael, contends his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially.

At least a dozen officers were assigned to the site Monday, a day after five supporters of the Schindlers were arrested as protesters heckled police and boisterously chanted "Give Terri water." A next-door elementary school was closed for the week so students could avoid the throng.

Schindler said he recognized his daughter is dying but insisted it was not too late to save her and that she was "fighting like hell to live and she's begging for help. ... She has just incredible strength to live."

Tsunami warning issued in Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — A major earthquake struck off the west coast of Indonesia's Sumatra Island late Monday, damaging hundreds of buildings and sending residents fleeing in panic. Officials issued a tsunami warning for as far away as Sri Lanka.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the temblor, which occurred at 11:09 p.m. local time (9:09 a.m. CST), measured a magnitude of 8.2. A later reading put the magnitude at 8.7, said Paul Earle, a USGS research geophysicist.

Hundreds of buildings were badly damaged on Nias island, off the Sumatran coast, close to the epicenter of the earthquake. Dozens of people may be buried in the rubble, said Agus Mendrofa, deputy district head on the island.

"Hundreds of buildings have been damaged or have collapsed. People who were standing fell over," Mendrofa said. "We're not sure about casualties, but there may be dozens of people buried in the rubble."

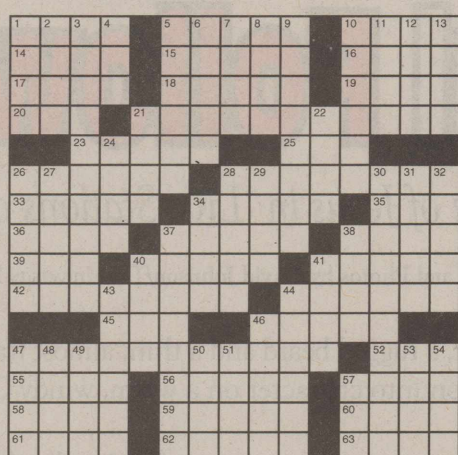
Nias, a renowned surfing spot, was badly hit by the Dec. 26 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that killed at least 175,000 people in 12 Indian Ocean nations. At least 340 residents of Nias perished and 10,000 were left homeless.

Indonesian officials said the quake's epicenter was 56 miles south of the island of Simeulu, off of Sumatra's western coast, and just north of Nias.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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15 Pooped out
16 Goose's gullet
17 500-mile race
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19 Vague state of mind
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23 Scottish landowner
25 Batman and Robin, e.g.
26 Tiresome routines
28 Covers for
33 Mouths off
34 Holy terrors
35 Track circuit
36 Slight advantage
37 Stocking shade
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40 Verne of sci-fi
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By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD
3/29/05

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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5 Trims to a point
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7 Actor Guinness
8 Full-bodied
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10 Jerk
11 U.A.E. part
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21 Tenders an offer
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24 Pot builder
26 Garbo of "Queen Christina"
27 Diameter halves
28 Is a busybody
29 Past of riches?
30 Clumsy bumpkin
31 Ballroom dance
32 Peeping Tom
34 Ring signal
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38 Armored vehicle
40 Young kangaroo
41 Cartoon Yogi
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Food court prices too high for some students

By Brandi Fleming/
The University Daily

Prices at the new Student Union food court are not acceptable to some Texas Tech students who believe the quality and quantity are not worth the price asked at the register.

Jeremiah Aguilar, unit manager of hospitality services, said he believes the pricing in the food court is competitive with other choices.

"I am very surprised to hear students complaining about the prices, because I think they are very reasonable," he said. "Some of the venues, like Chick-Fil-A, have corporate pricing so that is standard."

The Union Grill is priced by Tech, but many other chain venues in the food court have had price alterations, Aguilar said.

"We have actually lowered the prices at Sbarro's pizza by 10 to 20 percent," he said. "I think every venue in the food courts is very comparable in price to Sam's Place or any other option for students."

Another way for students to lower the cost of eating on campus is by using their dining plan, Aguilar said.

"If a student uses their dining plan they receive another 20 percent discount

on their meal," he said. "We also offer commuter dining plans, so the savings is not limited to the students living on campus."

The average student ticket at the food court is less than \$5, and most of the venues have similar price ranges on meals, Aguilar said.

"We tried to structure the food court in a way that makes it easy for students to choose what they want to eat, we didn't want them to have to eat at one particular venue because of pricing," he said. "Students have to understand that some premium plates are just going to cost more."

Katie Baisch, a junior education major from St. Louis, Mo., said she eats in the food court every day and sometimes more than once a day.

"Some days the food is OK, but other days it isn't good at all," she said. "Depends on who is working and who makes it."

Baisch said the prices dictate what she eats from the food court each day.

"I base a lot of my decision on the price of the food I get something that is cheaper," she said. "The prices are high for the amount of food

you are getting."

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— KATIE BAISCH
A Junior Education Major
from St. Louis, Mo.

Charles Glover, a junior human development and family studies major from Stuart, Fla., said convenience is the main appeal of the food court.

"You don't have to leave campus to get something to eat between classes, so it is really the easiest thing to do," he said. "It is a nice food court, the food is good and the prices are pretty decent I think."

Marquise Johnson, a junior human development and family studies major from Champagne, Ill., said he eats at the food court daily with his friends.

"It is good food, and unlike most places in Lubbock, it is not that greasy," he said. "I think the prices are good like they are right now."

Sylvester Brinkley, a junior human development and family studies major from Stuart, Fla., said he likes the variety of food choices at the Student Union food court.

"You can get anything from chicken to pizza and pizza to steak," he said, "But I do think the prices are too high."

Jesus

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Association, to 14 mapped-out "Live Stations of the Cross."

In a prayer-filled play, university grounds become a Hollywood-style set for the Holy Land. Performers included A-list biblical characters: Simon, Veronica and Mary. With Citibus wheels squeaking in the background, believers retraced the last steps Christ took before crucifixion.

Beginning with Jesus being condemned to die and ending with his weak body laid in a tomb, Herr and the rest of the cast said they wanted only to put their savior center stage.

Guitars played contemporary worship songs and a narrator opened each scene, but the actors used silence to speak more than words.

Natashia Elstad, president of CSA, said the organization tried to emulate a famous quote: Preach the gospel at all times; when necessary, use words.

"I think it's really important to have your presence known on campus," said Elstad, a senior public relations major from Houston. "I think this is a perfect example of preaching the gospel without using words."

Students and faculty became extras on location as the drama was directed from Urbanovsky Park to Memorial Circle. Some looked away as guards adorned in purple sashes cracked braided whips on the sidewalk. A handful of responses mirrored actions common to religious displays: mocking, ignoring, following and questioning. One student stared from a distance, motionless except for lifting a cigarette to his mouth as he watched the parade in front of him.

Herr said he was not embarrassed or ashamed by his crown of thorns. And while witnessing was in his mind, the holiday observance was not all about the crowd.

"It wasn't so much just an experience for everyone else; I feel like I got something out of it too," he said. "I really kind of empathized with Jesus' life and what he went through—obviously not near the same amount of pain and suffering. But just a little taste of it gives you perspective on how much he did for us and how much we should respect that."

Respect was a common theme among all who attended, whether it was respect for tradition, other religious viewpoints or for one of the central figures of the Catholic faith: the Virgin Mary.

The Catholic faith often is misconstrued and she hopes the world will seek to better understand it, Elstad said.

"They are clueless about our real beliefs," she said. "I think when our real beliefs are shown, a lot of times people have a new outlook on Catholicism as a whole."

Numerous women were wearing

Miraculous Medal necklaces imprinted with the image of Mary.

In a soft-spoken voice, Melanie Carney, a sophomore English major from Arlington, said her faith is not focused on worshipping the mother of God. However, commemoration is essential because of the saint's unique and divine contribution.

"(The necklace) is a perpetual prayer to her, so she can take our prayers to Christ," she said, clutching the silver chain.

Some spectators were not moved by the scene where Memorial Circle doubled for Calvary in the closing Stations of the Cross.

Josh Elam, a sophomore philosophy major from Dallas, hurried through the path near Pfluger Fountain shaking his head.

As the sound of hammering radiated off concrete, Elam said while he believed it was their free speech right to recreate Jesus being nailed to the cross, he hoped their agenda was beyond Bible thumping.

"I don't think they would be doing the same thing if it was a Buddhist, a Muslim, a Hindu; I think they would have a problem with it," he said. "As long as it's open to everybody and they would be cool with other things. And, you know, not go all Young Republicans on us."

Since both Jewish and Hindu holidays fell on Good Friday this year, and Friday is the most important day of the Muslim week, the Passion of Christ was not the only film playing itself out on the local landscape. Yet, Elam said none were a bigger production.

Although a one-way sign might have seemed to be along for the journey, Herr said in the end, determining whose faith is right is difficult.

"I know churches in the past have had a bad reputation for bringing down other people, like what happened to the Native Americans," he said. "But in terms of Christianity today, I don't think the emphasis is on how wrong everyone else is, but more on trying to express God's love and what we feel is purpose for us in our lives."

After the curtain call, Herr added for him, purpose is found in the Easter message—Christ's resurrection and the hope of heaven.

Protest

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incorporate the bike lanes into the university.

The current bike lanes are useful, but the planned bike lanes will be more productive for students on bicycles, Glick said. The chief area of need for bike lanes is around the central part of campus.

There are plans to build overpasses to help pedestrians remain safe while walking or riding their bikes to campus, Glick said.

"There's a mile of bicycle trails that's already been built," he said.

If all goes according to plan, there will be a bike lane from west of Indiana Avenue to the library, Glick said.

Josh Justice, a senior electronic media and communications major from Alpine, said he participated in the rally even though he does not ride a bike.

"Bicyclists are afraid to ride on the roads," he said.

Students who are concerned about riding their bikes to class must remind Tech officials that they are concerned about their safety and the safety of their fellow students.

"Student safety is paramount," he said.

Tuition

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tuition increases.


"You have to pay it one way or the other," he said.

A 4 percent increase will have less of an impact on students than the 36 percent increase that occurred last fall, he said. However, he said the university should use caution when increasing tuition in

future years.

"They can't keep raising tuition every year," he said. "In a few years, no one's going to be able to afford it."

Whitmore will make a request for the tuition and fee increase to the Board of Regents, who makes a final ruling on the issue. The Board is scheduled to have a teleconference April 7 to rule on the four percent increase in tuition and fees.



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at 7 p.m. in HH 150

Bill

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Eissler realizes this will be inconvenient for people celebrating their birthday, but believes allowing people an entire day to drink as opposed to the few hours between midnight and when a bar closes will be beneficial.

"I think it will take away the 'showtime' and the pressure of beating the clock," he said. "People can still drink when they turn 21; they just would not be able to be served at a bar."

According to an alcohol poisoning study done by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a lethal dose of alcohol is approximately 0.40. The legal limit in Texas is 0.08. The study showed alcohol poisoning as the cause of death in 317 deaths per year and a contributing cause of death in more than 1,000 cases per year.

The study showed people between the ages of 15 and 24 ranking fifth in alcohol poisoning-related deaths.

Lt. Harry Schreffler of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said he believes the system that allows people to drink at bars between midnight and 2 a.m. on their

birthday is poorly set up.

"The way it's set up, the last two hours of the night are an inducement to intoxication," he said. "It makes it seem like a great time to get blitzed."

Schreffler said he believes addressing alcohol poisoning is important, and believes the right age group is being targeted.

"People have died (because of excessive drinking) on their birthdays; apparently it is not that unusual," he said. "I don't think (the bill) will hurt anything."

Eissler said the main problem he sees for people drinking the night of their 21st birthday, is the amount of alcohol they consume.

"People tend to stuff it all into two hours," he said. "When you get behind, you can get lethally behind."

The average body can metabolize one drink per hour.


The bill was first read before the House in January and is pending in the licensing and administrative procedures subcommittee. If it goes to a House vote and receives 100 votes, Eissler said it would take effect immediately.

If the bill is passed and is violated, the result could be a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine and up to one year in jail.



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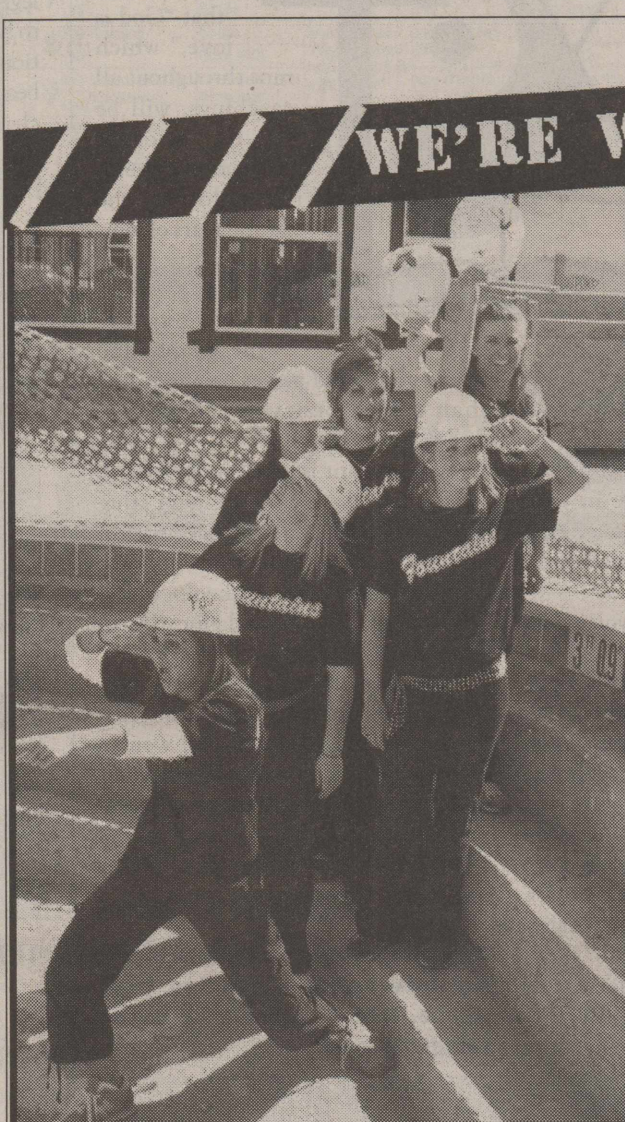
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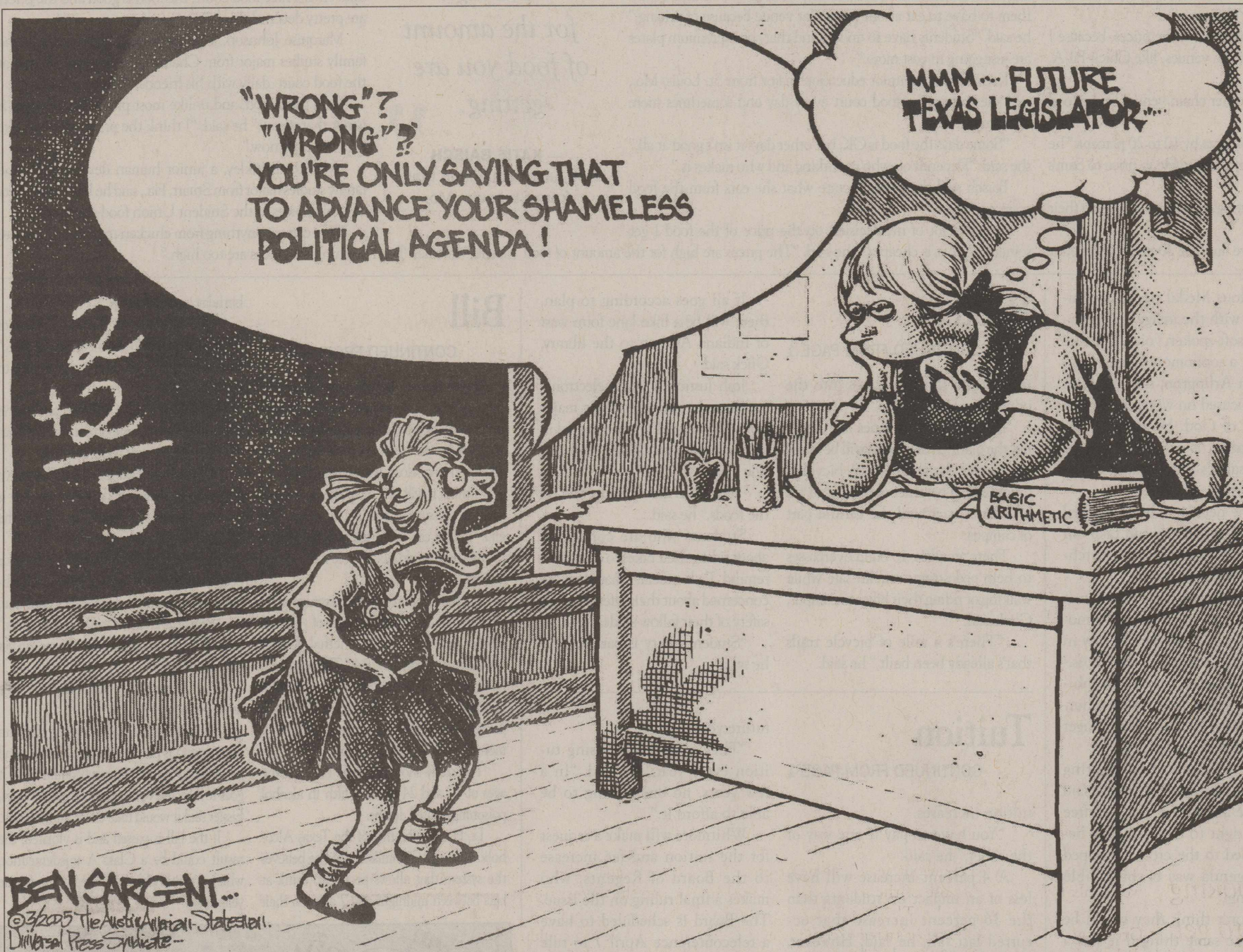
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TECH TALKS BACK

Schiavo's case must break ground for those in similar situations

National news has primarily focused on the Terri Schiavo case as of late. How does one decide if another should live a life of mere existence or let a loved one pass? This is the toughest decision in the world to make, and one in which I pray not many more have to face.

Needless to say, Terri has been in the same state of minimal consciousness for seven years running. Treatments have been tested and tried. They took her to California for an experimental treatment that involved implanting a stimulator in her brain to try and create life in dormant brain cells, and they have taken her to one doctor after another. The bottom line is, she is not getting and probably won't get any better. This happens. The problem, however, is Terri is not a vegetable, nor is she suffering.

She smiles, reacts to family and responds to her favorite music.

Legally, Terri's husband, Michael Schiavo, has the right to choose life or death in this situation, and the Florida courts and the Supreme Court of the United States both have agreed with this decision. He has proven with great decisiveness Terri made it clear to him she would not want to live under these circumstances and as of now, I don't believe anything else will prevent Terri's death. Gov. Jeb Bush has done his best to stop it but has been met with cold greetings from court officials.

With these things in mind, questions of motive arise. Is Michael doing this to keep his part of the \$1 million settlement money and so he can wed his live-in baby's mama? Or is Michael doing this because his love for his wife and her wishes is greater than the scrutiny he will face for the remainder of his life for his decision to let her die?

This man is getting harassed and will continue to be harassed for the remainder of his natural life, so why wouldn't he, in terms of self-interest, simply sign it over to her parents so they can take care of her?

Maybe it is my sense of optimism in humanity and love that leads me to believe his motivation is out of love for her wishes. I have made it abundantly clear to my loved ones that I would much rather die in this situation than live. I hope my loved ones would have the strength to honor my wishes and not be scrutinized for it. I believe there is a definite difference between living and existing.

Religion is another tough subject in this case. The pope has said a feeding tube is not considered life support. The problem is, if we didn't have the technology for this type of equipment to exist, then Terri would have been gone long time ago.

But does this give Michael the right to starve her to death? I believe there should have been a more humane ending to the story. Could they not have considered a lethal injection, so it would be quick and painless? I'm torn on the issue, as an unnatural death is not a good death.

Regardless of how anyone feels about the situation, this is a wake-up call to our legislators. Some standard of living needs to be met and proved for this type of situation. So Terri's death, while tragic, might bear some good if we can make this process clear and established for the next unfortunate family.

— Matt Alderson, junior political science major from Kermit

Religion's international role

When non-believers become Judas: arguing for equality among the religious and those who question

I know I can sometimes be a bit verbose and vague in my writing.

So for the sake of this column, I am going to tell you I am not a religious person. I don't go to church, I don't put stock in concepts such as "faith" and "prayer" and I really don't care what happens to me after I die, if anything does.

But do not assume I know nothing about religion, particularly Christianity, given those facts. I spent 17 years in the church with no hard feelings.

I've gone to services at Nazarene, Baptist, Episcopalian, Catholic, Methodist and countless other churches.

I've been to congregations in which my parents were lovingly acknowledged as the only white people in the building and I have attended services with four-star admirals. My resolution to agnosticism is not out of spite for dogma and control as it is for many born-again humanists.

I've read the Bible, said my prayers and sung hymns more times than most would imagine.

I don't fault any human — Muslim, Christian, Wicca or whatever — for turning to supernatural forces to guide, strengthen or inspire their struggle through life. But personally, I find satisfaction in the mystery that is our existence and comfort in prospect of a surprise when I die.

The reason for this sentiment is my irresponsible optimism in living. I don't need ethereal rewards for being a good human being. Being a good human being is reward enough.

But for myself and those like me, our way of life is becoming increasingly marginalized by mainstream society, particularly here in the United States — although we also see what little support secular leaders in the Middle East garner.

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What no one is willing to acknowledge is that the majority of the time, it isn't one religious group being persecuted by another group who has no religion, but simply those with a different religion.

The "us vs. them" breaks down when you realize you have more in common with them than you want to admit. But

Dave Ring



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too often, a religion teaches if you don't hold to those particular beliefs which it teaches, you have no religion at all.

So it disturbs me greatly to see American political leaders and citizens make contradictory claims on their religion and their actions, but not nearly as much as it disturbs me when people let this slide.

For example, many Christians claim their way of life is threatened by a liberal media and conservative values are assaulted by a culture of reckless sodomites and baby-killers since the end of the 1950s.

These same people then turn around and argue this is a Christian country founded on Christian values 200 years ago, and therefore gay marriage, abortion and school prayer shouldn't be in contention in society today.

I fail to see how Christians can claim to be persecuted by our society while at the same time argue that it is still the identity and moral compass of the most powerful society in human history.

But in their defense, consistency isn't covered in the 10 Commandments, so it can't be that big of a deal.

Religious beliefs in politics are a big deal, however. I know it might seem hard to divorce the intellectual examination of universal truths from the emotive nature of post-life speculation. But spiritual inclinations should act only as a sail, not the rudder, for those leaders who choose to involve personal beliefs in their public roles.

Evidence can be seen just by opening today's paper. Self-proclaimed conservative politicians, led by President Bush, saw an advantage to be had in the exploitation of Terri Schiavo's situation.

Going against traditional Republican practice, the White House and many members of Congress have tried to get the government even more involved in the lives of U.S. citizens by taking control of a family dispute and turning it into a circus of sound bites to be used in future campaigns.

Whores of the religious right, such as Tom DeLay, may truly believe in Jesus in their heart, but their actions do not reflect the true teachings of Christianity's founder.

This, I remember, is even worse than not believing at all.

Where is the special emergency session to address the hundreds of thousands of children dying in the United States from hunger and exposure every year, i.e. "suffer the little children?"

Will Bush cut short his vacation next time a homeless immigrant slips into a coma during a New York winter, or when a homosexual teen is beaten unconscious?

I ask because if political leaders truly made their choices based on religious convictions, there would be equal

treatment for all humans, not just Americans.

Schiavo would get no better treatment than a suspected terrorist in a U.S. prison, because as much as you don't like to hear it, Jesus' message was of love, peace and equality — not capitalism, patriotism and hegemony.

I don't want to take away anyone's religion or the right to express it. In fact, I don't care what your religion is because they are all the same, despite their differences. I look forward to the day when we truly can marry a pluralistic society with monotheism and non-theism, or at least have a civil union of the two.

But until leaders around the world stop using religion as a divisive wedge to guilt the genuinely faithful into supporting their own personal greed for wealth and

legacy, the true message that "God is love," which runs throughout all teachings, will be lost to the sounds of jingoistic rhetoric exploiting the natural fears of mortality.

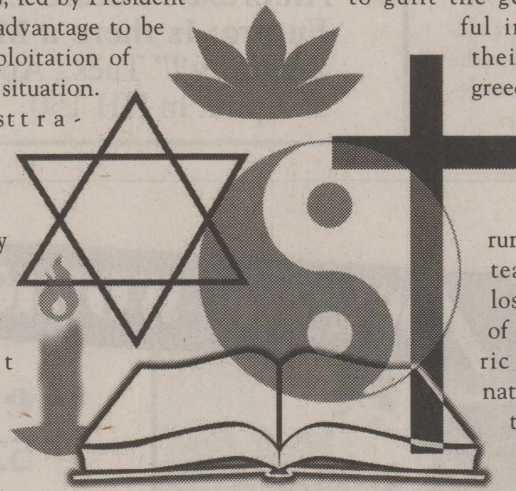
This does more to control the people and insure continued power by a few elite than spread benevolence or save souls.

What I want is equal treatment. Too long have agnostics and atheists been stigmatized as indecisive or flat-out wrong by those who choose to believe in a doctrine of theology.

I respect religions and enjoy learning about all of them.

And even though I disagree with the way humans have turned the great ideas of intelligent men and women into acts of bigotry and self-righteousness, the overarching theme of compassion and benevolence in hopes of a better tomorrow makes me think we just might have a chance.

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Easter Entertainment

BUNNY-FREE BASH CELEBRATES BANDS, BEER

By Clara Cobb/
The University Daily

Jobe Seeberger enjoyed Easter Bash Sunday afternoon, both on and off stage.

Seeberger, a senior music composition major from Hobbs, N.M., is the bassist for Soul Pajamas. He played a one-hour set with his band before he joined the crowd on the lawn of Buffalo Springs Lake Amphitheatre.

"I always love Easter Bash," Seeberger said. "Everyone's looking for a reason to get drunk."

The bash originally was scheduled at West Texas Canyon Amphitheatre. He said he was called Friday night about the venue change.

"Easter Bash was moved real quick," Seeberger said. "A venue change like that at an event that Easter Bash has the potential to be — that's insane. We played at 2 (p.m.) and there were maybe 15 people here."

Seeberger said the venue was better than last year, when in clement weather forced the festivities indoors. However, he said he was sad there was no couch burning. Couch burning was

an end-of-the-night tradition where the event was formally held, at a golf course outside of town.

Clayton Gross, a graduate student from McKinney studying marketing from McKinney, said this year was his third to attend the bash.

"We came to drink and sit out," he said. "It is a nice day."

Gross came at 12:30 and planned to shut down the bash.

"I was really surprised — when I got here, there were only four cars here," Gross said. "I didn't know what's going on, if people were going to show up or not."

Throughout the afternoon, more people began to trickle in until the amphitheatre had what ap-

peared to be an impressive turnout.

Katy Dodd, a senior English and philosophy major from Shallowater, said she had never been to the bash before.

"I came to Easter Bash because I knew my friends were going to be out here, and I knew there was good music," she said. "I like it because it is mixed, diverse. It feels like a free atmosphere, like Austin. Everybody's cool, everybody's friendly."

Dodd said the atmosphere was the most defining part of the bash.

"I'd come out again in a heartbeat because of the atmosphere," Dodd said. "This sounds very hippy-ish, but it's a really cool vibe here, and I like that."

John Davis, a senior accounting major from Fort Worth, said the bash was great way to spend Easter.

"It has been a good Easter so far. I wished my parents a happy Easter. They were very Catholic, went to mass," Davis said. "Now, I am drinking."

Davis said this would be his last Easter Bash because he is graduating. He was glad the event drew a large crowd.

"I am glad there's an actual showing. It was almost snowing yesterday, so I'm glad people came out," he said. "It's nice that it's not a frat scene. It is really chilled out. We can make it a little rowdy if you want, but it's just a good vibe, and I have a good time."

Chelsea Holloway, owner of Traveling Zoo Productions and Easter Bash coordinator and production manager, said the venue change happened on a 36-hour notice.

"There was some paperwork and legality at the (West Texas Canyon) amphitheatre that hadn't gone through, and we just couldn't push it through in time," Holloway said. "Fortunately, we were able to move to this venue."

She said the event started as a house party, which grew into a block party and then became Easter Bash. In its 19 years, the bash has never been cancelled.

"Weather is the only thing that (can) hurt this event, but it can



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LEAD SINGER OF A+ machines, Matt Noveskey, plays at Easter Bash at Buffalo Springs lake Sunday afternoon.

never kill us," Holloway said. "If there were only five people here, we'd still go to the end."

She said 11 bands played the bash. There was a desire to showcase local bands and talent because the bash is a local legend.

"This year, we're showcasing local talent. We have so many good

bands here. Why bring in bands from Austin and Dallas when we have so much talent here?" Holloway said. "Everyone has their own unique experience. It's like all different kinds of parties at the same place. It is a different party every year, but you can always count on it being a party."

"I always love Easter Bash. Everyone's looking for a reason to get drunk."

— JOBE SEEBERGER
Senior Music Composition
Major from Hobbs, N.M.

Jennifer Aniston files for divorce from Pitt

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood power couple Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt are officially calling it quits after 4 years of marriage.

Aniston filed for divorce Friday, citing irreconcilable differences with Pitt. The "Friends" star and the "Ocean's Twelve" hunk released a joint statement in January saying they were formally separating.

The couple married on July 29, 2000, and have no children. It was the first marriage for both.

In the Superior Court petition, Aniston requested that Pitt not be awarded spousal support and that her maiden name be restored. The actress took Pitt's name legally when they married.

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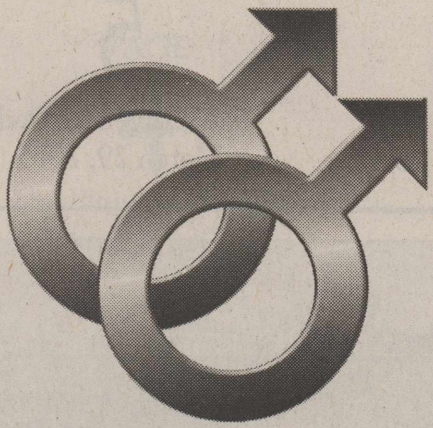
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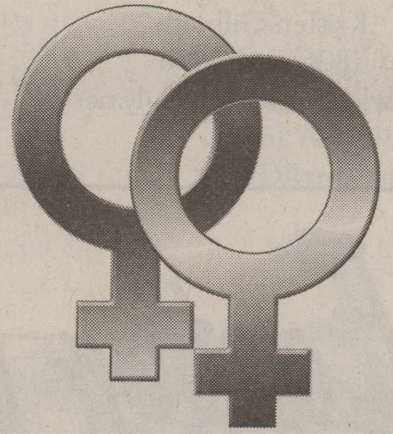
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Culture Conflict

Tech community discusses ways to bridge the divisiveness between homosexuality and those who see it as a sin.



By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

Chris Atwood, a freshman computer science major from Fort Worth, said he hopes Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Awareness Week will help people see homosexuals as individuals and not walking stereotypes.

"We're really not that different," he said. "People think we're all like 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy' with high-pitched voices; thin guys who are all dressed flamboyantly."

Today is the first day of the awareness week, and the events today will focus on the relationship between homosexuality and religion.

The Shower of Stoles, which takes place tonight from 5:30 to 9 p.m. is a display of liturgical stoles, the sashes worn by reverends for religious ceremonies. The collection of more than 100 stoles comes from homosexual people who play an active role in religion. Each stole is accompanied with a biography of its owner.

Today at 7 p.m. the Rev. Tedd Dotts will lead a discussion entitled,

"Maintaining Compassion in the Dialogue Between Homosexuality and Religion." Dotts is pastor Emeritus at St. John's United Methodist Church. St. John's is considered a reconciling church, meaning homosexual people are welcome to join the congregation and are able to obtain leadership positions within it.

Stacey Moore, director of the Student Counseling Center, organized several of this week's events. She said she believes religion is an important subject to address when discussing alternative lifestyle issues. While the events are not an attempt to change anyone's views, they are a way to open up discussion about the issues.

"We live in an area where people are very strong in their religious beliefs," Moore said. "To a lot of people, homosexuality feels like a conflict (with their faith). We just wanted to raise people's awareness about different ideas."

Abby Andrews, a member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, said she does not agree with the concept of a

reconciling church. Andrews, a senior architecture major from Fort Worth, said she considers homosexuality a sin, and she believes churches should address that sin in an appropriate way.

"I don't understand how someone can condone homosexuality and call themselves a Christian," she said.

For Atwood, the week is not about changing the beliefs of people who, like Andrews, believes homosexuality is wrong. He said his goal for the week is for people to come away from the programs with a better understanding of the opposing side of the issue. Understanding is the best way to end hatred and prejudice.

"Even if they don't agree with a single word that's said, maybe they'll still learn something," Atwood said. "You don't have to agree with something to tolerate it."

On Wednesday, representatives from Queers and Allies have declared the free speech area by the Student Union a "hate-free zone." They will be passing out pride ribbons and information.

Queers and Allies will have an open meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday. The group's officers will discuss the organization's plans for the upcoming year.

"If you haven't ever been to Queers and Allies, this would be the perfect time to see what we're about," Atwood, who is the organization's treasurer, said.

On Friday, the counseling center will hold a training session from noon to 2 p.m. for faculty and staff who wish to become allies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. Allies are those who work as advocates for these students and let students know they have a per-

son to confide their problems to without being judged or discriminated against.

Reservations are required for the training session. Call the center at (806)742-3674 for more information.

"But, I'm a Cheerleader," a film that offers a humorous look at the issues facing a young lesbian girl, will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday in the Mesa Room of the Student Union building. Admission is free.

Moore said the week is about promoting tolerance for alternative lifestyles by making the issues more visible throughout campus. She hopes people who disagree with the lifestyle will at least come to understand and tolerate homosexual people.

The intent of awareness week, she said, is to provide people with more information on the subject, not to alter people's beliefs.

"None of the programming this week is meant to change anybody's minds about anything,"

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Judge allows Jackson prosecutor to use prior allegation testimony

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — In a major setback for Michael Jackson, a judge ruled Monday that the jury can hear allegations that the pop star molested or had designs on five other boys, including actor Macaulay Culkin and two youngsters who reached multimillion-dollar settlements with the singer.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon said Jackson's inappropriate activities with these boys included kissing, hugging and inserting his hands into their pants. He also said there was a pattern of "grooming," or preparing the boys for molestation, but did not elaborate.

Jackson, 46, is on trial for charges he molested one boy — then 13 — at his Neverland ranch in 2003. In most criminal cases, evidence of past behavior is not admissible against a defendant. However, the California Legislature changed that in 1995, specifically in cases of child molestation and domestic violence.

Sneddon said the testimony about the five cases will show that Jackson has a consistent pattern of abuse.

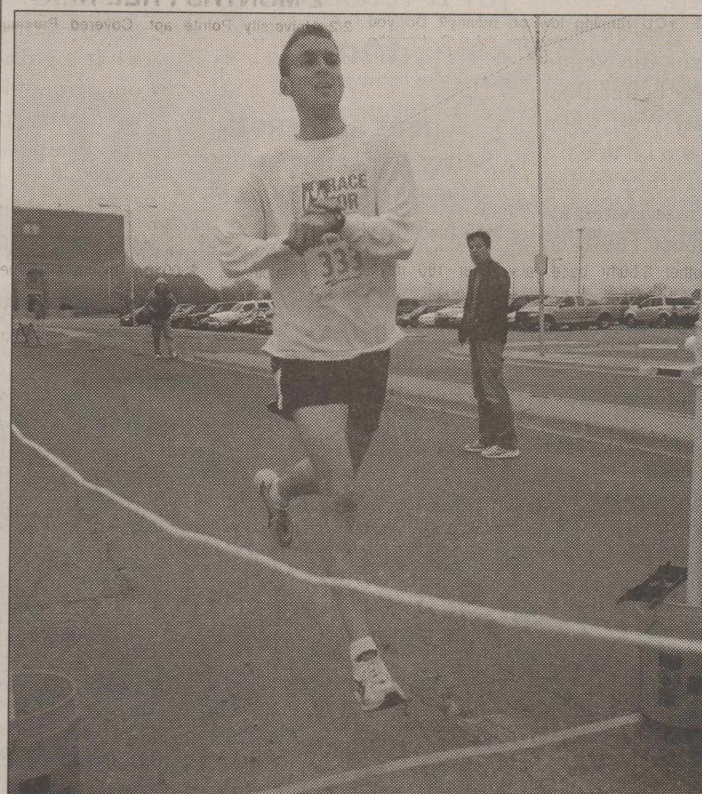
The incidents allegedly occurred 12 to 15 years ago, and the prosecutor acknowledged that only one of the five boys has agreed to testify at Jackson's trial. Some of the other testimony would come from the mothers of the two boys who won settlements.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. asked Judge Rodney Melville to exclude the allegations, saying they were based on third parties, many of whom were after Jackson's money. The reference was to former Jackson employees who sued the singer in the past and lost, and were then ordered to pay the singer \$1 million in damages.

Mesereau said Culkin, a frequent visitor to Jackson's Neverland Ranch, "has repeatedly said he was never molested."

Mesereau told the judge that he would put on a "mini-trial" on each allegation that the jury is allowed to hear. "You can't stop the defense from putting on a full-blown defense and I mean just that," the defense

RUNNING TO REMEMBER



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 VAN GUNNELL, A graduate student from Soda Spring, Idaho, studying personal financial planning finishes first with a time of 14:56 in the Courtney Nolan Memorial Run along the Drive of Champions Saturday morning.

attorney warned.

Jackson was not present during the arguments but arrived later to cheers from fans.

Culkin's publicist, Michelle Bega, said Monday that the "Home Alone" star "is presently not involved with the proceedings and we do not expect that to change."

After the judge's ruling, comedian George Lopez took the stand and told about helping Jackson's current accuser as the boy battled cancer. Lo-

pez said he came to believe the boy's father was more interested in money than helping his son. He testified the father accused the comedian of stealing \$300 from the boy's wallet.

Lopez said he finally cut off the family because of the father's frequent and aggressive requests for help. When the father asked what he was supposed to tell his son, Lopez testified that he responded: "Tell him his father's an extortionist."

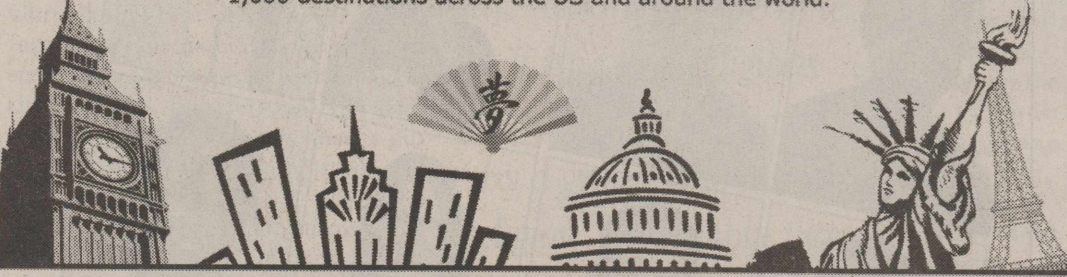
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Women's tennis opens conference play with wins

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

Many students took advantage of the three-day weekend by traveling home.

For the Texas Tech women's tennis team, Easter weekend was the first chance this season to not be on the road.

In the team's first home matches of the season, Tech faced Big 12 Conference opponents Iowa State, Nebraska and Missouri.

The Red Raiders improved to 2-2 in conference play, beating Iowa State 7-0 Friday and No. 50 Missouri 4-3 on Sunday. The Raiders lost to No. 32 Nebraska 3-4 Saturday.

Team captain Tara Browning said the Raiders were ready for conference play this weekend.

"It's not a surprise to us," Browning said of the win against Iowa State. "We expected to step out on court and take it from them. We're not just going to be a pushover team."

The team could not be pushed over Saturday either, as it played against the No. 32 team in the nation. Nebraska and Tech battled down to the final match, where Katie Garcia of Nebraska defeated Lakann Wagley 6-3, 6-4 to take the match and the win for the Cornhuskers.

"I think for this team it was a heart-breaker," coach Cari Groce said. "It's tough for (Wagley), but I thought we played well. I thought we fought hard."

Browning said the team has come a long way from its first matches against ranked teams.

"I think everyone on every court should be proud of how they played," she said. "I think we just need to hold our heads high. We're by no means on the downhill run. Today we came out and were actually winning matches."

Tech continued to prove its ability to compete with top-ranked teams as the Raiders played No. 50 Missouri. The Tigers also battled Tech down to the last match.

Freshman Janet Durham, playing at the No. 2 position, played three sets to determine the winner of both her match and the upset.

Durham fought back from being down 2-5 in the third set to win the set, finishing her match against Hana Kraftova of Missouri 6-1, 2-6, 7-5.

"I was so nervous, but it was unbelievable," Durham said. "I'm so excited. It's awesome."

Durham said she focused on playing hard and finishing strong while down in the third set.

"I kept thinking to myself, 'It's not over until it's over,'" she said. "Our team definitely stepped up this weekend. Our team's definitely going to go up in the rankings."

Tech now is 5-8 for the spring season and is split in Big 12 play after going 2-1 this weekend.

Groce said she has been looking for people to play strong and step up all season — Durham may have shown that this weekend.

"Janet's tremendous player, tremendous talent," said said. "As a freshman, that's huge. I'm so pleased for her. I'm so proud of the way she fought back and never gave up."

Groce said the victories will help the team going into its next match against No. 7 Texas Wednesday.

"I'm just so happy for the team," she said. "All season, we've played tough opponents. It's tough on the road. We've got a good solid team, and they maintain a good positive approach. We've seen them improving all year long."

Weather drives tennis match indoors

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

The Red Raider tennis team was forced to play a scheduled home match Saturday against No. 11 Oklahoma State at an indoor site that was unfamiliar to both squads because of precipitation and near-freezing temperatures.

Tech (18-1) had its first loss of the season to the Cowboys, 4-1, to open conference play.

"OSU is ranked 11th in the country for a reason," coach Tim Siegel said. "It was obviously a disadvantage for us to go indoors, but it was just one of those matches, we lost that day to a better team."

Following Saturday's defeat, the Raiders spent Easter entertaining No. 39 TCU on a day where Mother Nature was more cooperative, and the match was played at McLeod Tennis Complex as scheduled.

In front of a home crowd, Tech bounced back from its first defeat of the season to mount a come-from-behind

victory and defeat the Horned Frogs 4-3.

"We played a real spirited, quality match against a TCU team that just a couple weeks ago was ranked 15th in the country," Siegel said. "I was so proud of the way the guys came back after the loss on Saturday, TCU is a team with top 20 talent for sure."

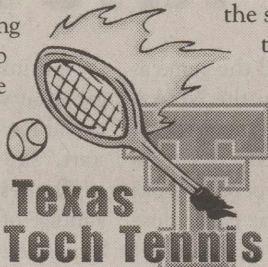
Siegel said the key to the victory was that play of Radek Nijaki at No. 1 and Jakob Paulsen at No. 2. Paulsen handled Radu Barbu 6-1, 6-3 in straight sets while Nijaki won a hard fought match against Fabrizio Sestini 6-4, 6-4.

In the final match of the day Bjorn Suzanski defeated Jacopo Tezza 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 to seal the victory for the Raiders.

Siegel said playing at home with the support of their fans was especially nice for the team.

"There's no question being at home helped us," he said. "We had a nice crowd, and for it come down to the last set of the last match and beat a really good team, it was a great day for Tech Tennis."

The Raiders will be on the court again at 1 p.m. Wednesday to take on their second Big 12 opponent, the Oklahoma Sooners, at the McLeod Tennis Complex.



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Lady Raiders knocked out of Sweet 16

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

PHILADELPHIA — Texas Tech's Sweet 16 matchup with Tennessee came down to early missed opportunities that resulted in the top seed knocking off fourth-seeded Tech in a game the Lady Raiders never led.

Tech missed its first eight shots of the contest and had two buckets in the first nine minutes of the game, and the Lady Raiders quickly went down 23-8 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half before falling 75-59.

"We played a great basketball team today, and there is no question that we had to bring our A-game in order to have a chance to play with them, and we didn't do that," coach Marsha Sharp said. "I'm disappointed in the way we played the first five minutes. That put us into a hole we weren't able to dig ourselves out of."

The Lady Raiders entered the game as the hottest shooting team in the NCAA Tournament. Tech (24-8) was making a tournament-high 56.2 percent as a team and failed to take advantage of open looks early that could have kept the game close and given the Lady Raiders a chance to get their first win against the Lady Vols.

Junior point guard Erin Grant said Tennessee (29-4) did just as expected on defense with pressure, but the Vols defense was not what gave them the victory. Instead, Grant said her team missed too many chances to jump on Tennessee and keep the game competitive.

"It was us in the first half, I think," Grant said. "We got good looks and what we wanted early in the first half. They did pressure out in the first half, but we got some looks and we missed it."

Grant said if Tech had not started the game on a 1-of-10 clip, the Lady Raiders could easily have been in the lead.

"I think we missed a lot of shots and did get what we wanted on offense, and that would have kept the game even from the start," she said.

Tennessee took advantage of Tech's misses by answering with points of its own on the other end to extend the lead to 40-26 at the half. The Vols shot 45.9 percent in the opening half and never looked back.

Tennessee advances to its 20th Elite Eight, and Vols coach Pat Summitt said others may say she and her staff have high expectations. That may result in her team's solid play, but the winningest coach in basketball said otherwise.

"You get from your players what you demand," she said, "not what you expect."

Sharp said her team has high expectations and demands every season as well. After missing the Sweet 16 last year, her team did not want to be content with getting back this year.

That made the loss more difficult since her team could not get over the obstacle this year and into the Final Four.

"We have a program that we don't want to be satisfied with getting to the Sweet 16," she said.

"We have higher expectations than that, and we played a great team and were in a challenging situation today, but we should have handled it better than we did."

Tennessee's pressure did result in turnovers — something Tech has not done much this season. For the second time

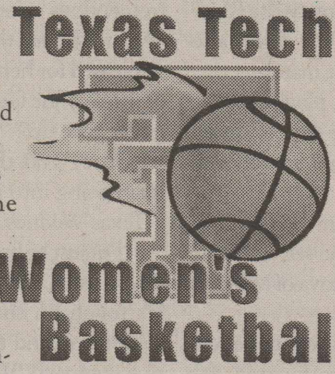
this year, Grant had more turnovers than assists.

Tech had four players averaging double figures in scoring but had just two reach that mark this time. LaToya Davis led the way with 12 and spent the last six minutes of the first half on the bench after re-aggravating her right knee. She was one rebound away from her third double-double of the tournament. Judith Smith came off the bench to give Tech 10 points, but Tech could not muster a large enough attack to get back in the game.

Sharp said the last game was a team effort, because she was just as responsible for the loss.

Davis said the team knows what it did wrong and now has to build on the disappointment for next year.

"I think a loss like this will definitely help prepare us for next year because we feel like we should be going to the Final Four and didn't get that done," she said.



Softball team drops two to Baylor

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

Their best season start since 2001 and a strong showing in the weekend's two-day series were not enough as the Red Raider softball team lost to the Baylor Bears, 9-7 and 10-2.

In Friday's game, the Raiders took a lead into the sixth inning but were unable to maintain it as the No. 7 Bears scored four runs in the final two innings, with a 2-run home run from Cristi Lake in the seventh to seal the victory.

Coach Teresa Wilson was pleased with the team's effort and said they learned a lesson.

"We had a chance to take our first win from a top 10 opponent, and it would have been huge for the program," Wilson said. "We had the game, and I was very pleased with the effort until the seventh."

Following the late inning collapse

Friday, the Raiders struggled to find a rhythm Saturday and recorded a second loss to the Bears, dropping them to 18-11 on the year.

"You learn quickly it's the little things," Wilson said. "You can be off by such a small amount, but the great teams will capitalize on that, we just have to learn from it and move on."

Senior Kelly Rhine was an offensive leader for the Raiders during the weekend and said even though the outcome was not satisfying, it gave the team motivation for the future.

"I think it shows we can play with anyone in the country when we're on our game," she said. "We need to put a couple more things together defensively and offensively, but other than that, I think we're right there."

Sophomore Natalie Kula, also a key performer, said the team needs to work on maintaining a high level of play.

"We need to work on being more consistent," she said. "It felt great playing at home and we're improving, but we've just got to keep working on the little things."

Tech will take on Eastern New Mexico in a double header Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

"They're a fairly new program and are looking to establish themselves," Wilson said. "It's a good opportunity for us to get back on track and we just have to play our game and not play to anyone else's level."



Pat Knight a candidate for Fresno State coaching job

By Joey Kirk/
The University Daily

Pat Knight has been in the shadow of his father for many years.

His time to emerge may come soon in the form of men's basketball head coaching position at Fresno State.

Ray Lopes resigned from the position March 17 after the university discovered he had violated NCAA rules about calling recruits, according to a Fresno State Athletic Media Relations press release.

Fresno State officials cannot confirm or deny Pat Knight is among the finalists for the job.

"We're not addressing anything dealing with it just yet because of the confidentiality," said Tom Uribe, public information specialist for Fresno State.

With a chance to earn his own spot in college basketball, Pat Knight said he has gained the knowledge and understanding needed to lead his own

team from his former coach at Indiana who also is his father.

"It's obvious that I've learned from the best," Pat Knight said. "Any assistant would love to have this chance."

The Bulldogs finished the season at 16-14 overall and 9-9 in the Western Athletic Conference. Pat Knight said room for improvement exists.

"The thing is that actually taking the job isn't just a stepping stone. This will give me a chance to do my own thing," he said. "And it will give me a chance to do it from scratch. That's what (Bob Knight) did when he came here; built it right up."

But Pat Knight said he cannot get anxious about the position because of the implications prior to having it offered to him.

"It's still in the interview process right now," Pat Knight said. "So, it's still too early to tell. I've just been contacted, and I've followed through with the headhunter. But I can't get

too excited yet." Pat Knight came to Lubbock with Texas Tech coach Bob Knight in 2001, and he was named associate head coach at the beginning of this season.

Throughout his time at Tech, Pat Knight has been responsible for on- and off-campus recruiting, practice and game preparations.

Pat Knight said if the position is offered to him, he will more than likely take it.

"The chances are pretty high," he said. However, no matter where he ends up, Pat Knight said he still has to live with the fact that Bob Knight is his father. Now he said he must make a name for himself in the coaching realm of college basketball — that last name comes with a lot of pressure.

"I'll always be in his shadows," Pat Knight said. "I have no problem with that."

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