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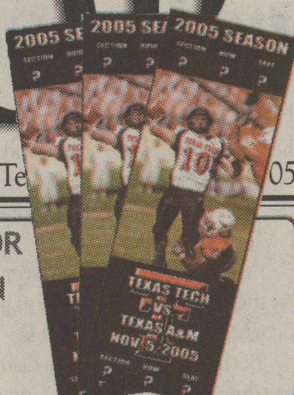


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STATE

Perry: DeLay should keep House position

FORT WORTH (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry defended U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay on Monday, saying his recent indictments on conspiracy and money laundering charges stem from work by an "overzealous prosecutor."

"I'm for Tom DeLay. I don't get confused about what's going on here," Perry, a fellow Republican, said after speaking about economic development at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. "The fact of the matter is I happen to think that this is an overzealous prosecutor who is working very hard to take a Texan off of the national stage who's been doing some great and good things for the state of Texas."

DeLay and other Republicans have accused Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle of partisanship, allegations the Democratic prosecutor has denied.

When Perry said he believed DeLay should remain the House majority leader, the crowd of about 450 people erupted in applause. The felony charges forced DeLay to give up his House leadership post, but he wants his job back.

NATION

U. Illinois has brainy idea for new calendar

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — A new calendar called "Big Brains" will feature artistically enhanced brain scans of University of Illinois campus administrators, faculty, staff and students.

"It's a mix of being somewhat whimsical, with a nod to science and the things we do on this campus," said Tracey Wszalek, associate director of the Beckman Institute's Biomedical Imaging Center.

The images for each individual will highlight a particular brain region or function that each person uses in his or her job.

The brain image of university President B. Joseph White's assistant will emphasize an area of the brain used for multitasking.

The scan of Chancellor Richard Herman's brain will feature blood vessels to illustrate how he is connected to all areas of the campus.

And the illustration for a food science professor will consist of layered images of her brain arranged in the shape of the food pyramid.

WORLD

Brazilians say 'no' to gun control proposal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Brazilians struck down a proposal to ban the sale of guns in a national referendum, rejecting a bid to stem one of the world's highest firearm murder rates in a debate that mirrored the gun control battle in the United States.

Brazil has 100 million fewer citizens than the United States, but a staggering 25 percent more gun deaths at nearly 40,000 a year. While supporters argued gun control was the best way to stanch the violence, opponents played on Brazilians' fears that the police can't protect them in the campaign leading up to Sunday's vote.

"I don't like people walking around armed on the street. But since all the bandits have guns, you need to have a gun at home," said taxi driver Mohammed Osei, who voted against the ban.

With more than 92 percent of the votes counted, 64 percent of Brazilians opposed the ban, while 36 percent backed it, said election officials.

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KA members now alumni after suspended charter

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After having their charter suspended Oct. 11, 133 Kappa Alpha Order fraternity members at Texas Tech have alumni status.

"They cannot assume the normal duties of Kappa Alpha members until they graduate," said Scott Rowson, director of communications for the National Administrative Office of Kappa Alpha Order.

Rowson said he could not confirm the investigation by the National Administrative Office was triggered by an incident of hazing.

"All I can say is that it was a risk management violation," Rowson said. According to the KA Web site, the fraternity

models itself after the character of the chivalric knight. The Web site states all KA members should conduct themselves with reverence, duty, honor and gentlemanly conduct.

Rowson said the issues with the Tech chapter of KA are not limited to one incident.

"There is never just one thing," he said. "Our investigations found many things that we deemed inappropriate."

KA incidents also are not limited to the Tech chapter. Monday, the National Administrative Office suspended the KA chapter at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., for what the KA Web site called "operational deficiencies."

"The incident at Tech is not an isolated inci-

dent," Rowson said.

Mike Gunn, assistant director for the Tech Center of Campus Life, also serves as the Interfraternity Council adviser.

"We don't know exactly what happened, yet," Gunn said. "We know that KA has put all of its members on alumni status."

Gunn said he still is in the process of deciding what to do with KA.

"I am talking to the national office almost every day," he said. "Right now, I have suspended KA's members but their future is pending further investigation from the national office."

KA and Tech both have strict policies against hazing. Gunn could not confirm KA is being ac-

cused of hazing, but he said it is one of the things the fraternity is being investigated for.

"It is strictly prohibited," Gunn said. "No questions asked."

According to the Tech student handbook, hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act directed against a student occurring on or off campus by one person alone or acting with others that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging or being initiated into, affiliating with or holding office in any organization whose members are or include students.

Kappa Alpha Order is among the oldest fraternities in the country, according to the KA

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SERMON ON THE DOUBT

Group preaches message that, for some, was unwanted, inaccurate



VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

GOOD NEWS NETWORK creator and independent evangelist Darrell Rundus from Dallas preaches to a crowd in the Free Speech Area near the Student Union Building Monday afternoon.

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Jessi Morrell literally stood on a soapbox in the free speech area outside of the Student Union Building Monday afternoon and did an open-air sermon to the passing crowds. His message addressed the basics of the Bible, but mostly pounded home the 10 Commandments.

"The judgment of God is that all sinners will have their place in the lake of fire," Morrell said. "Everyone has sinned."

His sermon drew a crowd of more than 100 students at times and was not without feedback from the skeptical ones.

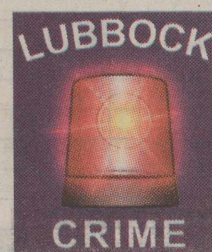
"He's not approaching this right at all," said Carson Runge, a junior finance major from Grand Prairie. "He's condemning everyone to hell. This is not the way to spread the word of God."

Morrell tried making connections with the crowd by saying he formerly was a heavy drinker and drug dealer, but

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Lubbock man charged with wife's murder

By LINDSAY WATTERS
STAFF WRITER



A man who brought his wife to University Medical Center Oct. 13 with stab wounds to her head, neck and back has been charged with her murder.

Lubbock police said they charged Jonathan Beard, 41, with the murder of his wife, Sharon Lynn Beard, 38, Oct. 17 after investigations pointed to Jonathan Beard as the culprit.

Jonathan Beard remained at the Lubbock County Jail after his arrest on Oct. 13 on a warrant pertaining to transmit of a bad check, Lubbock police said.

Another warrant was issued Oct. 17 for Jonathan Beard naming him as his wife's murderer.

Police officials said Jonathan Beard stabbed his wife before driving her to UMC at about 12:50 p.m. Oct. 13.

Investigations and evidence did not correspond with Jonathan Beard's claims that Sharon Beard had been stabbed near a portable restroom in the Canyon Lakes area, police said.

Sharon Beard, mother of four children, suffered deep stab wounds to her head, neck and back and was pronounced dead moments after Jonathan Beard brought her to UMC, police said.

Sharon Beard's family issued a public statement following her death stating Jonathan Beard is a jealous man who argued with his wife frequently.

The murder charges were issued to Jonathan Beard Oct. 17 while he was in the Lubbock County Jail, and his bail was set at \$300,000, Lubbock police said.

The Daily Toreador will continue to update this case as information becomes available.

Hurricane Wilma races across Fla., killing 6, leaving 6M without power

By CURT ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Wilma knifed through Florida with winds up to 125 mph Monday, shattering windows in skyscrapers, peeling away roofs and knocking out power to 6 million people, with still a month left to go in the busiest Atlantic storm season on record.

At least six deaths were blamed on the hurricane in Florida, bringing the toll from the storm's march through the tropics to 25.

After a slow, weeklong journey that saw it pound Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula for two days, Wilma made a mercifully swift seven-hour dash across lower Florida, from its southwestern corner to heavily populated

Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach on the Atlantic coast.

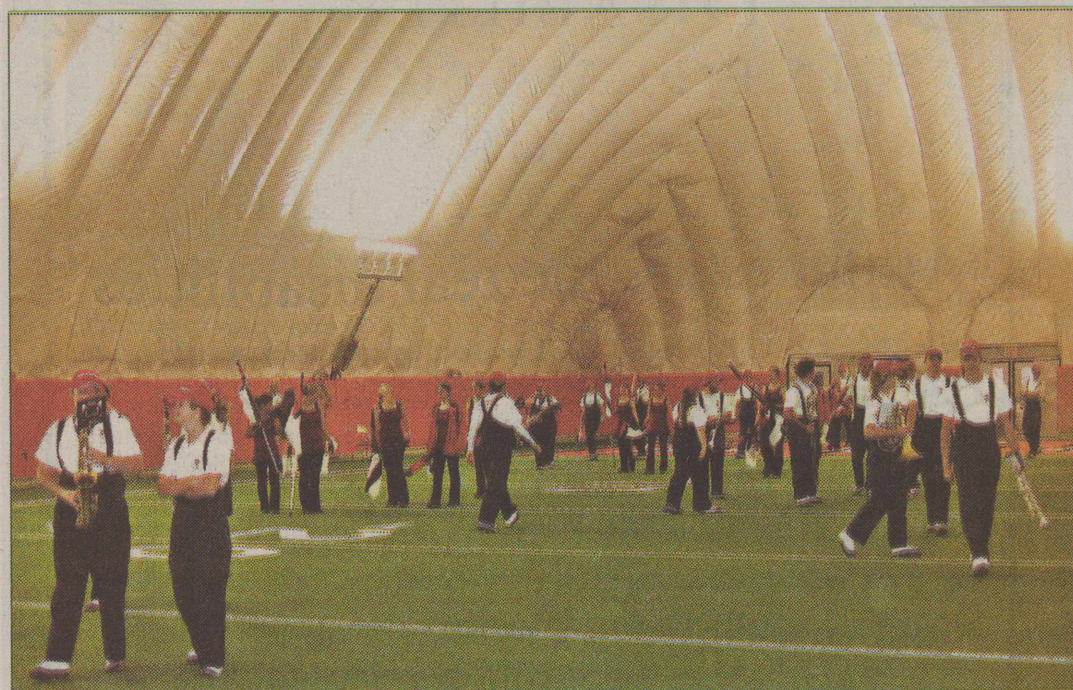
"We have been huddled in the living room trying to stay away from the windows. It got pretty violent there for a while," said 25-year-old Eddie Kenny, who was at his parents' home in Plantation near Fort Lauderdale. "We have trees down all over the place and two fences have been totally demolished, crushed, gone."

The insurance industry estimated insured losses in Florida at anywhere from \$2 billion to \$9 billion. Officials said it was the most damaging storm to hit the Fort Lauderdale area since 1950.

The 21st storm of the 2005 season — and the eighth hurricane to

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BANDING TOGETHER



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

THE GOIN' BAND from Raiderland practices in "The Bubble," the Longhorn football team's practice facility, Saturday morning before the band's performance at the Texas Tech-Texas football game.

Bush says he won't release Miers records

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday he would not release any records of his conversations with Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers that could threaten the confidentiality of advice that presidents get from their lawyers.

And a Democratic senator called on the beleaguered nominee to give the Senate her income tax records.

Both Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee are demanding more documents about Miers, including from her work at Bush's counsel.

"It's a red line I'm not willing to cross," Bush said of White House records.

"People can learn about Harriet Miers through hearings, but we are not going to destroy this business about people being able to walk into the Oval Office to say, Mr. President, this is my advice," Bush said after a meeting with his Cabinet.

Later, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, a Finance Committee member, called for Miers' tax records.

"What people do on their tax returns is a window into what they would do in private and is a good barometer of their integrity, character and suitability for office," Baucus said.

Bush did not directly answer the question that was posed to him by a reporter at the end of the Cabinet meeting — whether the White House is working

on contingency plans to withdraw Miers' nomination in the face of opposition to her from liberals and conservatives. Instead, he said that she is an "extraordinary woman" and that he understands people want to learn more about her.

"Recently, requests, however, have been made by Democrats and Republicans about paperwork out of this White House that would make it impossible for me and other presidents to be able to make sound decisions," Bush said. "In other words, they've asked for paperwork about the decision-making

process, what her recommendations were. And that would breach very important confidentiality."

Earlier, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush is committed to sticking with Miers until the Senate vote.

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— GEORGE BUSH
President
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"He's confident that she will be confirmed because as senators come to know her like the president knows her, we're confident that they will recognize she will make an outstanding Supreme Court justice," McClellan said.

New York Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings on her nomination said Sunday that she doesn't have the votes to be confirmed. Republicans countered that Schumer cannot predict how the GOP-controlled Senate will decide Miers' fate.

Many Republicans have yet to commit to approve President Bush's second nominee to the high court, and some outside conservatives have started organized efforts to force the White House to withdraw her name.

Conservative groups like the Third Branch Conference, Eagle Forum, and Center for Military Readiness are now organizing efforts to force Miers' withdrawal, including starting a Web site: www.withdrawmiers.org/

"If President Bush continues with this nomination, he's in serious danger of permanent losing the support of the majority of the conservative movement," said Richard Viguerie, a conservative direct-mail fund-raising guru who runs American Target Advertising.

Miers' confirmation hearings begin Nov. 7. Schumer said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," that lawmakers of both parties are concerned about Miers' independence and judicial philosophy.

Commerce committee sets 2009 as cutoff for switching to digital

Current televisions not expected to become obsolete with shift

By CARLOS BERGFELD
STAFF WRITER

Setting a firm date for the transition to digital television has not been as straightforward as originally planned.

The Senate Commerce Committee, however, approved the Digital Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005, Thursday by a 19-3 vote, which sets a cutoff date of April 7, 2009, for the switch to digital.

"Technically, everyone was already supposed to have digital television by this time, according to the rules set up 10 years ago," said Todd Chambers, an associate professor of telecommunications.

Chambers said complaints from broadcasting companies have led to digital transition deadlines being extended in the past.

If passed by both the Senate and House, the bill will require broadcasters to relinquish their portions of the broadcasting spectrum by the 2009 date.

The recovered spectrum will be allotted to strengthening public safety communications and also act as a source of revenue for the government.

"After Sept. 11, that really showed them that public safety and first response type agencies needed more spectrum space," Chambers said.

The commerce committee would auction off the rest of the recovered spectrum beginning Jan. 28, 2008, to cell phone companies or other

businesses looking to expand their current frequency holdings.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the auctions would yield about \$10 billion for the government, though other groups have suggested it will bring in twice that amount, according to a commerce committee release.

The bill would require the committee to raise at least \$4.8 billion after the auctions began to reduce the federal deficit, though an amendment approved with the bill raised that amount to \$5 billion.

Any revenue raised above the \$5 billion mark would go toward other improvements related to broadcasting or public safety.

Current televisions would not become obsolete in 2009 under the bill, as receiving a digital television transmission does not necessarily involve buying a High Definition television set.

"Basically, the rabbit-ears on your TV won't work," Chambers said.

Viewers will be able to purchase converter boxes, which make the incoming digital transmissions viewable on normal television sets, but without the increased picture quality of digital television.

The first \$3 billion raised above the \$5 billion limit will go toward a converter box subsidy program to aid consumers in the transition.

Broadcasting using a digital signal gives stations an increased amount of options.

"You can broadcast in HD on

a single channel and all your programming will be in HD format, or you can carve up your allotment and have three different television stations," Chambers said.

Though the change to digital has been long overdue, the switch has taken so long because of the drain it can put on local stations if required in a small time frame, he said.

"It can be costly, and you know, in a market like Lubbock, do you really need it?" said Maria Fontenot, an assistant professor of journalism.

Don Jackson, vice president and general manager of KCBD-TV, said his station was the first to offer full HD transmissions in Lubbock.

The addition of digital transmissions cost the station between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, he said.

The station added the feature because of the proposed federal mandates at the time and to be the first to offer the new service to digital-ready TV owners.

However, changes in the deadline and lack of federal promotion for digital television sets have lessened the positive affects for early adopters.

"It's been a slow transfer cause the FCC hasn't mandated the makers of TVs to build these HD sets," Jackson said.

Until there is a demand for intrinsic support of digital programming, it may be some time before HDTVs become more affordable, Chambers said.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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5 Writer Rostand
11 Put a spell on
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53 Writer Murdoch
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By Matthew Skoczen
Reading, PA
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Correction: In Monday's story "Carillon bells met by damp return, postponed ceremony," *The Daily Toreador* mistakenly reported the concert was canceled. It was held as scheduled and featured Carillonneur George Gregory. Two more recitals will be held featuring the Carillon at the West Bell Tower in the Administration Building, one at 7 p.m. Sunday and the next a week later, 7 p.m. Nov. 6. *The DT* also reported the Carillon has increased its number of bells to 42. It actually now has 43 bells. *The DT* regrets these errors.

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Preacher

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for Aron Robertson, his associations did not hit home.

"He should not be up there on his soapbox talking down to us," said Robertson, a senior biology major from Houston.

Also taking the stage during the sermon was Jon Speed, who preached at a non-denominational church for 13 years. He said he has been touring with the group for about a year.

The group began their tour at the Oklahoma University campus a week ago and will travel to Texas Christian University, University of North Texas and Southern Methodist University before ending their trip Nov. 13.

"Jesus commands everyone to preach the gospel," Speed said.

Speed said he stopped preaching at a church and began preaching in free speech areas after he realized he had not repented his sins.

The crowd gathering was good enough for Speed, who said at the other universities he has gone to, they were not given good locations, and the crowd was minimal. A common complaint is people saying that the group approaches the sermons the wrong way.

"People who say that are kind of the victims of our politically correct society," Speed said.

Speed could do nothing more than shake his head at the people who were criticizing him and Morrell.

"Christians really do not believe

in hell, because otherwise, they would be up here doing what we're doing," Speed said.

To illustrate their point better, the group brought out a body bag with plastic feet sticking out of the end.

Morrell said the body bag was to illustrate to everyone that they would be going to hell.

"I think it was good for illustration to remind everyone that the ultimate ending is death," Robertson said.

Siber Tshuma, a junior accounting major from Fort Worth, said the group's approach could have been better, but he did not see a problem with them standing outside and preaching.

"He has the right to say what he wants to say," Tshuma said. "We're in a America, and we have the right to say foolishness."

Not everyone in the crowd warmed up to Morrell's message of the day.

"I don't believe in this at all," said Alexandra Lara, a freshman sociology major from Lubbock. "If he could have presented a little better, then he could have made his point."

Morrell stood on his box and spoke without a limit, but whenever anyone else wanted to have a say, he would tell them to hold on, Lara said.

Haylee Rigdon, a junior business major from Plano, rolled her eyes when Morrell began talking about sinners going to hell.

"He is using the word of God, but if you believe in the word of God, then you know all he's doing

is turning people away," Rigdon said.

Tim Camp, a member of The Good News Network, said he appreciated the crowd's input.

"Feedback is awesome; anytime you get feedback, whether it's positive or negative, is great because it keeps them thinking," Camp said. "It helps us expand our minds and hearts."

Camp said Darrell Rundus, who was present on campus to give his speech, started the group two years ago.

"If you believe your soul is worth something, then you should look into it," Camp said. "Ten out of 10 people die."

Miles Lewis, a volunteer for The Good News Network, flew down from New York City to travel with the group to the different universities.

All the members of the group have other jobs, but get paid to travel and speak on campuses.

Lewis said he was a cabinet-maker.

"Most men love to sin," Lewis said. "The Bible says light has come into the world, and men like darkness."

Rundus talked about Bible stories and his personal experience and posed various questions to the crowd.

"We will all live forever, the question is where," Rundus said.

The Tech Police Department was called, but an officer said there was no disturbance, and Morrell and Speed were fine speaking to the crowd.

Wilma

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hit Florida in 15 months — howled ashore around daybreak just south of Marco Island as a Category 3, cutting electricity to the entire Florida Keys. A tidal surge of up to 9 feet swamped parts of Key West in chest-high water, and U.S. 1, the only highway to the mainland, was flooded.

"A bunch of us that are the old-time Key Westers are kind of waking up this morning, going, 'Well, maybe I should have paid a little more attention,'" said restaurant owner Amy Culver-Aversa, among the 90 percent of Key West residents who chose to ignore the fourth mandatory evacuation order this year.

As it moved across the state, Wilma weakened to a Category 2 with winds of 105 mph. But it was still powerful enough to flatten trees, flood streets, break water mains, knock down signs, turn debris into missiles and light up the sky with the blue-green flash of popping transformers.

By early afternoon, Wilma had swirled out into the open Atlantic, back up to 115-mph Category 3 strength but on a course unlikely to have much effect on the East Coast. Forecasters said it would stay well offshore.

Wilma brought 8 inches of rain to Miami-Dade County, nearly 6 1/2 to Naples and 3 to Fort Lauderdale. The flooding could well have been worse if the storm had lingered over the state instead of racing straight through, National Hurricane Cen-

ter meteorologist Mark McInerney said.

"There's really no good scenario for a hurricane. Just a lesser of two evils," he said.

More than one-third of the state's residents lost power. Florida Power & Light, the state's biggest utility, said it could take weeks to restore electricity to everyone.

The storm's reach was so great that it blacked out homes and businesses as far north as Daytona Beach, an eight-hour drive north from Key West. Also, a tornado spun off by the storm damaged an apartment complex near Melbourne on the east coast, 200 miles from where Wilma came ashore.

In Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Miami Beach, countless windows were blown out of high-rises. Along downtown Miami's Brickell Avenue, broken glass from skyscrapers littered streets and sidewalks. Broken water mains in the Fort Lauderdale area prompted advisories to boil water, and a ruptured main in downtown Miami sprayed water 15 feet in the air.

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The Broward County Courthouse and the 14-story school board office complex looked like bombed-out buildings.

The Miami police department building lost some letters on its sign. "It was a wild and crazy night," Lt. Bill Schwartz said. "This building, built in 1976, shook like it was 1876."

In Weston, near Fort Lauderdale, Kim DuBois sat in her darkened house with her two children and husband, with the only light coming from the battery-powered pumpkin lantern they bought for Halloween.

"I could hear tiles coming off the roof," she said. "There are trees on cars and flooding at the end of our street."

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MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech track and field team, from left to right, Dana Rosenblatt, a senior mechanical engineering major from Mandeville, La., Kelly Schulz, a junior pre-dentistry major from Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Amanda Alley, a freshman undecided major from Crosbyton and Julia Hubbard, a junior food and nutrition major from San Angelo, run sprints Monday afternoon at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Palestine hotel comes under attack, journalists were target

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three massive vehicle bombs exploded Monday near the Palestine Hotel, killing at least 20 people. Dramatic TV pictures showed one of the bombers driving a cement truck through the concrete blast walls that guard the hotel, then blowing up his vehicle.

Iraq's national security adviser, Mowafak al-Rubaia, said the attack was a "very clear" effort to take over the hotel

and seize journalists as hostages.

One of the car bombs exploded near the police position on the northeast side of Firdous Square, where a statue of Saddam Hussein was toppled in April 2003 shortly after the fall of Baghdad, and more than 100 yards east of the hotel. Security officials said a third bomb struck the area around the same time. All three were believed to be suicide attacks.

"Three cars came from three different roads in succession to create security breaches for terrorists," al-Rubaie told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, adding that they were armed with rocket-propelled grenades and light arms.

"The plan was very clear to us, which was to take security control over the two hotels, and to take the foreign and Arab journalists as hostages to use them as a bargain."

Fraternity

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Web site. KA has had an official chapter at Tech since 1961.

Gunn said he hopes KA can eventually move past the incident.

"Right now, we are unsure about their future," he said. "But I am looking forward to hearing from KA about their investigation. I really believe that the fraternity can get its feet back on the ground and be a positive asset to Texas Tech University."

Tech Kappa Alpha Order members are prohibited from talking to the media until the National Administrative Office and the university investigations are completed.

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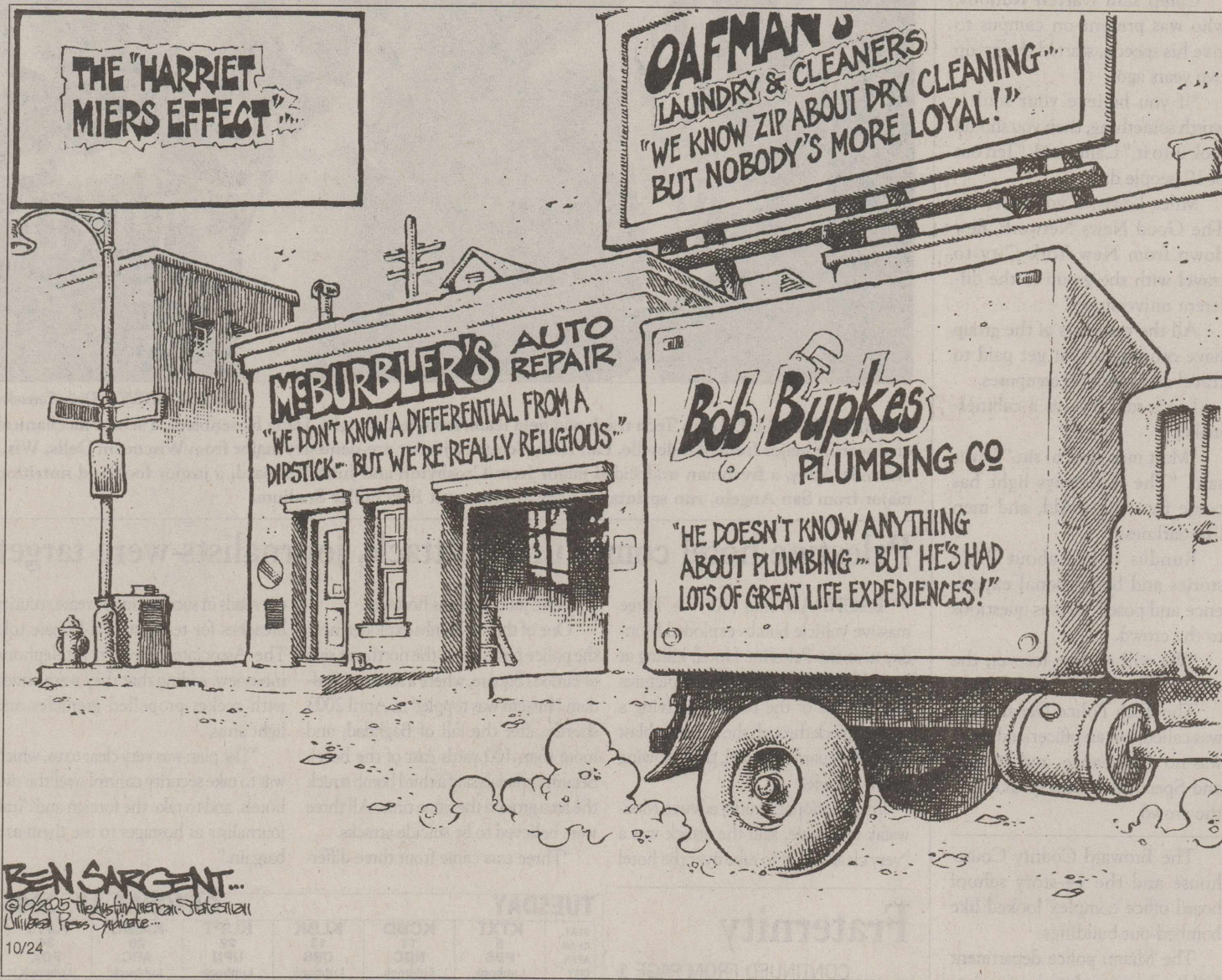
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This isn't just about gay rights

Proposed amendment to Texas Constitution affects everybody

Texas goes to the polls Nov. 8. Constitutional changes are in motion. One in particular, No. 2, would amend our charter to state that "marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas."

This is idiocy.

Our state constitution is already grossly overwritten with 80,000 words — the largest in the country — and needlessly baroque. It has been changed 441 times since its adoption in 1876.

The government shouldn't have any say about what makes a marriage, period.

For a state whose citizens would claim to follow Tom Paine's philosophy that the government which governs least governs best, we make a fetish of Big Brother. We relish intrusion into our lives and business and cheer the collusion of the big wheels in Austin with corporate interests — and so the boys down south are free to rewrite the founding document of the Lone Star State — and do at the drop of a hat.

They meddle. They fiddle. They busy themselves with that which is not their concern, and I think it's high time they put a stop to it.

These, after all, are the geniuses that made it their solemn duty to discuss pub-

lishing body-mass index on public school report cards and consider regulations over the so-called lewdness of cheerleaders across the Friendship State.

This inclusion of a provision against gay marriage is a perfect example of the prime disrespect the Legislature gives to our personal and public lives.

As for proposed amendment No. 2? It's silly and useless and gnaws on the concepts of freedom and liberty that used to represent Texas.

Most of our ancestors came out west when the theory of live-and-let-live was an actual fact.

Those days faded fast, but we can push back against this affront and others like it.

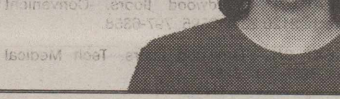
Granted, gay marriage is already illegal in Texas. But a bad law is less threatening to liberty than a bad amendment.

You ought to be against No. 2, regardless of your stance on gay marriage. Opposing No. 2 doesn't mean you're in favor of gay marriage. What it does say, however, is that you're against a system that would seek to intrude in your affairs in the same fashion.

I remind you that this isn't just a gay question. Remember the sodomy laws that were struck down not so long ago? The behaviors they prohibited legally applied to straight, married couples as much as they did gay men or women. The same gall that got that law put in the books is aiding and abetting the marriage law.

Frankly, the root of this marriage problem isn't sexuality and never has been. It's government. The government shouldn't have any say about what makes

Jason Rhode



a marriage, period. Never should have. And if I have anything to say about it, never will.

The idea of Washington or Austin having a say over what makes a union official smacks to me of the church of Henry VIII's time, weighing in what constituted a divorce. Ridiculous.

It's odd, though. Americans are free to form any number of business unions: sole proprietorship, general partnership, limited partnership, corporation, "S" corporation, "C" corporation and limited liability company.

You may buy and sell and trade in almost any way possible, as long as it's with fully functioning adults of free will. The only wrong is to steal or hurt somebody else. Almost any kind of professional relationship is allowed — even encouraged. You can sign contracts, merge, dissolve, takeover, buy out, cash in, invest however you like, all day long. Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law.

But. We only allow one kind of personal union and that's a heterosexual pairing. Found a prosperous partnership in the eyes of the law and you get toasted at the Rotary Club. Have a successful relationship with somebody of the same sex, and they'll try to put you in jail, because the powers that be have decided

one kind of romantic grouping and one kind alone is worthy of the largesse of the Internal Revenue Service, bank accounts, divorce assets and so on.

Aren't you glad they've decided for you?

Maybe, just maybe, this marriage amendment is the start of something really super. Maybe they'll tell me how many friends I can have next. They'll set a quota for best pals. Fall above or below that, and you won't have the tax break. Be top-notch, it will.

Or imagine if tomorrow, you woke up and found that Congress had decided only Seventh-Day Adventist or Jewish or Sikh marriages were viable and all the rest were essentially illegal.

Wouldn't you consider that a violation of your autonomy and God-given liberty? Wouldn't you realize this recognition-of-blessed-union crap these loudmouths spout was yet another fancy covering for the big boys' guzzling up of even more power that wasn't theirs to begin with?

What you do in your free time is none of my business. What I do is none of yours. But what Austin is trying to do should scare us all.

People should be free to relate to other people in whatever way they please, as long as they're grown-ups and don't infringe on the rights of the other party. That's liberty. That's America.

That should be Texas.

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Bush's Bernanke best choice to replace Greenspan at Fed

Trey Caliva



It took several laps around the track, but President Bush finally made it across the finish line with a winner. Monday, the president appointed Ben Bernanke, White House economic adviser, to Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. What differentiates this appointment from his nomination of Harriet Miers, is this one makes sense. Before I get into Bernanke's outstanding resume, it is beneficial to know a little about what he'll be doing.

The Federal Reserve is the United States' central bank system. A several-member board of directors in Washington, D.C., is in charge of the system of 12 Federal Reserve Districts across the United States. Primary responsibilities of the Federal Reserve are: managing our nation's supply of money and credit, supervising and regulating banks and implementing U.S. monetary policy.

Typically, the Federal Reserve is best known for their control of interest rates, which it does by buying and selling treasury securities (increasing/reducing the money supply) and adjusting the reserve requirement (the percentage of deposits the bank must hold as vault cash or on deposit at the central bank).

Given the complexity and far-reaching consequences of decisions the board makes, it's quite easy to see why there needs to be a highly knowledgeable person in charge.

Current Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 and is considered by many to be the foremost economist in America.

Greenspan, an accomplished saxophonist who studied at Juilliard, received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in economics from New York University. During his tenure as Federal Reserve chairman, he has maintained a strong control over inflation and deflation while allowing for the greatest economic expansion in American history.

Ben Bernanke possesses a similar educational background. Born in Georgia, Bernanke graduated from Harvard University, received his doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and taught at both Stanford and Princeton, where he was chair of the economics department.

He is an economist in a similar mold to Greenspan. Investors on traditionally fickle Wall Street agreed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 169.78 points yesterday, the biggest one-day gain in more than six months.

NASDAQ, the S&P 500, the New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange all experienced similar gains between 1.61 percent and 1.68 percent. But why the overwhelming optimism?

What most pleased investors is the expectation that Bernanke will continue Greenspan's policies. In an environment such as the stock market, change is bad and normality is good.

New things, however, are expected from Bernanke. Although

he is less hawkish on inflation than his predecessor, he does have his spheres of concentration.

Bernanke has studied the causes of the Great Depression at length. He is a strident believer in avoiding deflation — a devaluation of money.

In a 2002 speech to the National Economist Club, he said: "I am confident that the Fed would take whatever means necessary to prevent significant deflation in the United States and, moreover, that the U.S. bank, in cooperation with other parts of the government as needed, has sufficient policy in place to ensure that any deflation that might occur would be mild and brief."

Bernanke is knowledgeable and confident — two keys to being a successful leader. For further reading, several sources exist online, including Wikipedia and Bernanke's biography on the White House Web site, which further expand on his knowledge and ability to handle extreme economic events.

The biggest question when the Federal Reserve appears in the news is: Why should I care? When that question remains unanswered, the public simply goes about business as usual.

So, why should you care? As stated earlier, the Fed has sole control over interest rates, which determine business loans, home equity loans and have a pronounced impact on adjustable home mortgage rates.

Almost every student on this campus will be a major consumer within five to 10 years. Therefore, it is imperative to maintain a focus on your economic future. The selection of a new board chairman is more likely to immediately impact your life than a Supreme Court nomination.

Most surprising, and perhaps most alarming to liberals, is Bernanke came from within President Bush's camp. He has chaired the president's own Council of Economic Advisers since earlier this year.

Despite criticism of Miers coming from inside the White House to the Supreme Court, Bernanke has essentially done the same, yet there will be much less squawking from the Senate. This has to be taken as good news for President Bush, particularly in light of recent flops and failures such as the Miers nomination.

Outright victories in his administration are few and far between, which is why, particularly in the aftermath of this appointment, President Bush should keep his head held high. Good job Mr. President, that's how you do it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examine self before casting stones

Like many of you, I saw something that I had never seen on this campus before. Monday, I saw three men in the free speech area in between the Student Union and the Library spouting off scripture and blurring out the repercussions of this campus' lack of Christianity.

Now, I have been a non-religious person for my whole life. The showing that these guys put on made me happy I am an atheist. Like these guys shunned everyone who tried to have an intelligent conversation with them shows just how hypocritical these guys really were.

Using their crazy loopholes and trying to prove everyone wrong gave them quite an audience. Like so many people, I was drawn to what they were saying and all the people like me who were arguing their comments.

Even other Christians were arguing with these guys, saying that they were going at this the wrong way. A problem that these guys did not

realize is that we are adults! Most of us have chosen to have a religion or chose not to have one.

I'm sure most of the non-believers like me were pushed away even farther by their incoherent preaching. If any of these three guys actually converted anyone or got anyone to convert, I will be very surprised.

I am glad that some logical Christians stepped up and told them that they were doing what they were doing all wrong. These guys had the vibe of the same radical Christians who bomb abortion clinics or try to exterminate an entire race like Adolf Hitler.

I feel like ending this opinion with a quote so I chose one that these guys shouldn't skim over when reading their good book, "If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is USELESS," James 1:26.

Doug St. Romain
Senior education major from Rockwall

Davis' column a defense of racism

The article written by Andrew Davis was probably written with the best of intentions, but was fundamentally wrong just like Bennett's comments Davis tried to defend.

First of all, the article started off trying to shock the reader with the skewed comment that if George Bush was dead and not president, the war in Iraq would not be going on.

The fact is, however, that Sept. 11 would have happened if Bush were president or not, and this event led to the war in Iraq, which had popular support with or without Bush.

The main focus of the article, Bennett's comments, came to this same kind of false conclusion. Bennett's comments created anger in the black community not because he was saying there is a high crime rate within this community, because this fact is already known.

The problems came with the way he chose to phrase the issue. In a country where racism is still alive

and well, his statements added fuel to an already uncontrolled fire.

I don't argue with the fact that aborting all black babies would reduce the crime rate, but aborting the babies of any race would reduce the crime rate. So what point was Bennett trying to make by saying what he said?

If Bennett was just trying to point out the inequalities that exist in this country he could have highlighted them in a better way. His comments were like blowing up a house just to get rid of a roach problem.

Just like black leaders grew angry about Bill Cosby's comments on social problems, people attacked Bennett not because they thought he was racist, but because of what he said and how he said it.

If Bennett really wanted to help the black community, I'd tell him actions speak louder than words.

Azuwuike Okorator
Sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Houston

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Disability Awareness Week aims to inform

By **BETH AARON & ANNE GEPFORD**
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Disability Awareness Week kicked off Monday, and events highlighting the importance of recognizing and accepting differences among Texas Tech students are happening for the rest of the week.

Frank Silvas, director of Student Disability Services, said Disability Awareness Week will run this week through Friday at the Tech Career Center, room 121 Wiggins. Discussions are from noon to 1 p.m. in the large conference room.

"I think that if staff, faculty and students become more aware of disabilities, they'll be able to work with students who have disabilities better," he said.

Pizza and refreshments will be served at each presentation in an effort to draw more student interest to the event, Silvas said.

"It's important because one of our missions is to provide the opportunity for equal access to the same information (to Tech students with disabilities) that all of our students (have access to)," he said.

About 20 to 30 people came to Monday's Disability Awareness Week open house, Silvas said, but he would like to

see more students, faculty and staff come to the rest of the discussions going on this week.

"We'd like to see at least 50 people show up," he said, "but I'm hoping for at least 100 every day."

Christy Shindell, senior counselor at AccessTECH, said Disability Awareness Week is important because students need to understand not all disabilities are visible and not every student who has a disability fits into a certain mold.

"I think the reason we do this is to eliminate the stereotypes placed on students with different types of disabilities," she said.

Shindell said the main purpose of the fair is education.

"Part of what we do in our office is continuous education for students that go to Tech," she said. "We do it because of the stereotypes that are placed on the students we work with."

Dawn Valles, senior counselor with AccessTECH, said the focus is on eliminating stereotypes about learning disabilities.

Different presenters from the office as well as the community will present information each day, as they portray the

weeklong theme that "attitudes are the real disabilities."

Today's event features the topic "How to work with students with learning disabilities."

Shindell said the topics chosen are different every year during the fair, and each year, they try something new to attract students' attention.

"Every year, it's a little different," she said. "This year our enticement is to serve free pizza. So far, it's been really good."

Valles said there are several different disabilities, including Attention Deficit Disorder, hearing disabilities, learning disabilities and visual disabilities, among many others.

According to AccessTECH Web site, an individual with a disability can be any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The topics are chosen based on the different disabilities students at Tech face, she said.

"They cover the majority of the disabilities that we see students for," Valles said.

About 705 students at Tech have disabilities and are enrolled in the program, Valles said.

"They range all disabilities," she said. "We provide in-class accommodations for student disabilities."

Valles said the different accommodations offered to students depend on their individual disabilities.

According to the Web site, reasonable accommodations could include notetaking, priority seat assignment, an alternative test location and occasionally extra time available for work done either in class or on tests.

Accommodations are determined by a counseling specialist after a student has contacted AccessTECH, provided documentation from a qualified professional and consulted with a counseling specialist about appropriate accommodations, according to the Web site.

She said the accommodations allow students who may require more help in certain areas to have equal access as students in the classroom.

"A lot of time we say it levels the playing field," Shindell said.

Wednesday's presentation is about sign

language and will be conducted by several interpreters. Israel Villalobos, interpreter coordinator with AccessTECH, said the department has six full-time interpreters and one part-time interpreter available to help students.

Thursday, the presentation is directed toward students may not know whether they have a disability or not and also covers what psychological testing is.

Friday's presentation is entitled "Can the visually impaired really do everything but drive a car?"

Friday, a panel of five visually impaired Tech students will hold a panel discussion and answer questions about what it is like to be visually impaired and transition from high school to college, Shindell said.

This discussion may be one of the most powerful happening during Disability Awareness Week, Shindell said, because it is organized and conducted from a student prospective.

"It's really good for students who think they might have a learning disability to come in," Shindell said.

For more information about Disability Awareness Week, call AccessTech at (806) 742-2405.

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Europe well-prepared, must expect worst from bird flu

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Europe is well-positioned to contain bird flu and prevent a feared human pandemic but should not be complacent, health officials said Monday as new waterfowl deaths were reported in Croatia.

The deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu has been confirmed in Russia, Romania and Turkey, and experts in Britain were trying to determine Monday whether six Croatian swans found last week had it.

Bird flu still poses the greatest threat in Asia, where the virus has killed more than 60 people since 2003, the experts meeting in the Danish capital said.

"Asia remains ground zero in the war on avian flu and still represents the most serious risk to global public health," said Shigeru Omi, the World Health Organization's director for the Western Pacific region.

He said Europe was better prepared to deal with outbreaks than Asia because of close cooperation between countries and better financial and technical resources.

The H5N1 strain is difficult for humans to contract, but experts are watching its spread and development for fear it could mutate into a form that could pass easily between people and

trigger a human flu pandemic.

"The countries of Europe have an excellent chance to contain the virus," said Gudjon Magnusson, a WHO Europe official. "We don't have any human cases yet."

He warned that "there's no room for complacency in Europe, and the countries of Europe have an excellent chance to contain the virus."

In Croatia, authorities were testing 13 swans found dead near a national park where six other swans were infected with the H5 type of bird flu, the Agriculture Ministry said.

Tests detected the H5-type of bird flu in two of the 13 swans found dead near a national park where six other swans from the same flock tested positive last week, Agriculture Ministry spokesman Mladen Pavic said. Another 11 were still being examined.

It was not yet clear whether the swans were infected with the lethal H5N1 strain of bird flu that has decimated poultry flocks in Asia and spread to Romania, Turkey and Russia.

About 13,000 domestic poultry were killed and incinerated near the park in eastern Croatia.

A 13-mile area around the Zdeneci park was disinfected over the weekend. It remained under quarantine Monday.

Commission sets August goal for competitive universities

By **DANIELLE NOVY**
STAFF WRITER

The Commission on the Future of Higher Education aims to make formal recommendations to U.S. colleges on how to make education more accessible, affordable and internationally competitive by August.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings launched a nationwide review of U.S. colleges in September to address slipping U.S. performance in higher education, according to *The Associated Press*.

In response to the recent spotlight aimed at universities across the nation, some Texas Tech faculty and students are speaking

out in response to the Spelling's review.

James Brink, senior vice provost for academic affairs, said Spellings' comparison of U.S. colleges to schools in other nations was not a fair comparison of two parallel entities.

"Everyone in the U.S. has the opportunity to go to a university," he said. "So, there is a much greater pool (than most other nations) of people attending colleges."

Brink said higher education in America would benefit more from financial backing from the federal government than from centralized planning at the federal level.

"The U.S. federal government can provide incentives, but I don't think we need a centrally adminis-

tered system of higher education," he said.

Douglas Trank, a visiting professor in the communication studies department, said the education students receive is dependent on the effort they put into their studies.

Trank, who gained experience teaching in Nebraska, Texas and Iowa, said his experience has taught him that knowledge can be attained almost anywhere.

"Students will get out of their education what they want," he said.

"Some students are really here to try to learn something, and others simply don't care."

Trank said the issue of education is one that cannot be left up to chance.

"I would very much like us to give more attention to higher education," he said. "I don't think we're working hard enough on it."

Trank said he believes more

challenging classes should be made available to students who are thirsty for knowledge.

"I honestly believe we need to make more opportunities available to really good students, students who work," he said. "Most certainly (there is a need to) provide more honors classes and classes that really challenge a student. Other countries just push their students so hard, and we just don't."

Trank said problems that carry on to a student's higher education often start in the younger demographic.

"I'm afraid that secondary education does not challenge students," he said. "Because of that, they come into college not knowing what a challenge is."

Trank said the lack of challenging courses in lower-level education is not a problem that he would attribute to teachers.

"I would never blame it on teachers," he said. "There are just too many students that just don't give a crap," he said. "There are a lot of students who absolutely do not care."

Derek Pope, an English major from Garland who plans on teaching at the high school level, said he has concerns about the future of education in the U.S.

"I worry in a broad sense, but I think I can change it enough (as an English teacher) that the students I teach aren't going to fall into the stereotypical category of dumb Americans," he said.

Of education at the college level, Pope said the quality of education students receive is ultimately up to them.

"It's been my experience that higher education institutes have done a pretty nice job," he said. "You can go anywhere and get a good education."



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