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Plan to hire more faculty in initial stage

FACULTY INCREASE: Tech president has plan to create 100 new faculty positions.

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Life at Texas Tech, at least in part, may be getting easier for the university's students and faculty.

Texas Tech administrators are positioning the university to become more appealing to job candidates seeking faculty positions, which may translate into more available course sections for students and more resources for research-related initiatives for faculty.

Earlier this week, Tech President Jon Whitmore announced plans to initiate a process that would allow 100 new faculty positions during the next three years.

The plan would benefit the university's research programs and would allow administrators to offset the burden of increased enrollment, as well as

reduced state and federal funding.

One of the main problems affecting faculty and students at the university is overcrowded classrooms and increased workloads for faculty.

The plan to hire new faculty members is part of a strategy to show lawmakers the university is taking research and growth initiatives seriously and is making headway despite state and federal budget cutbacks.

Vice Provost Jim Brink said while more faculty hires will most likely translate into gradual increases in tuition costs, the plan provides tremendous benefits to the university.

"What we're doing is maintaining the excellence we've already established," he said. "This is going to allow us to continue providing solid undergraduate degrees while at the same time strengthening other areas."

Brink said the plan would create between 20 and 30 new faculty positions a year.

"Each dean and department chair has been asked to identify areas where we can strengthen our presence," he said. "As we ask students to graduate in a more timely fashion we have to meet our obligation in terms of offering courses

that will enable them to graduate and this allows us to do that.

The plan meets the requirements of an initiative to increase federal funding, which is traditionally appropriated in amounts that are based on an institution's research initiatives, Brink said.

"Our faculty right now is working as hard as they can," he said. "But more faculty in the classroom means more faculty engaging in research, which leads to more research dollars."

In December, the university's Board of Regents agreed to allow for a tuition hike that would finance the first university-wide merit pay increase for faculty in three years.

The \$10 per credit hour increase allowed a three percent merit-based increase for the university's academic campus and a two percent merit increase for Health Sciences Center faculty.

Tech is not alone in its struggles to increase funding for faculty salaries. Texas A&M officials are reviewing a proposal that would allow for a \$30-per credit hour hike in their effort to cope with a tightening state budget.

National News

Bush shelves proposal to ban contaminant gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration quietly shelved a proposal to ban a gasoline additive that contaminates drinking water in many communities, helping an industry that has donated more than \$1 million to Republicans.

The Environmental Protection Agency's decision had its origin in the early days of President Bush's tenure when his administration decided not to move ahead with a Clinton-era regulatory effort to ban the clean-air additive MBTE.

It said the environmental harm of the additive leaching into ground water overshadowed its beneficial effects to the air.

The Bush administration decided to leave the issue to Congress, where it has bogged down over a proposal to shield the industry from some lawsuits. That initiative is being led by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

The Associated Press obtained a draft of the proposed regulation that former President Clinton's EPA sent to the White House on its last full day in office in January 2001.

It said: "The use of MTBE as an additive in gasoline presents an unreasonable risk to the environment."

The EPA document went on to say that "low levels of MTBE can render drinking water supplies unpotable due to its offensive taste and odor," and the additive should be phased out over four years.

"Unlike other components of gasoline, MTBE dissolves and spreads readily in the ground water ... resists biodegradation and is more difficult and costly to remove."

People say MTBE-contaminated water tastes like turpentine.

In Santa Monica, Calif., the oil industry will pay hundreds of millions of dollars because the additive contaminated the city's water supply.

"We're the poster child for MTBE, and it could take decades to clean this up," said Joseph Lawrence, the assistant city attorney.

In 2000, the MTBE industry's lobbying group told the Clinton administration that limiting MTBE's use by regulation "would inflict grave economic harm on member companies."

Three MTBE producers account for half the additive's daily output.

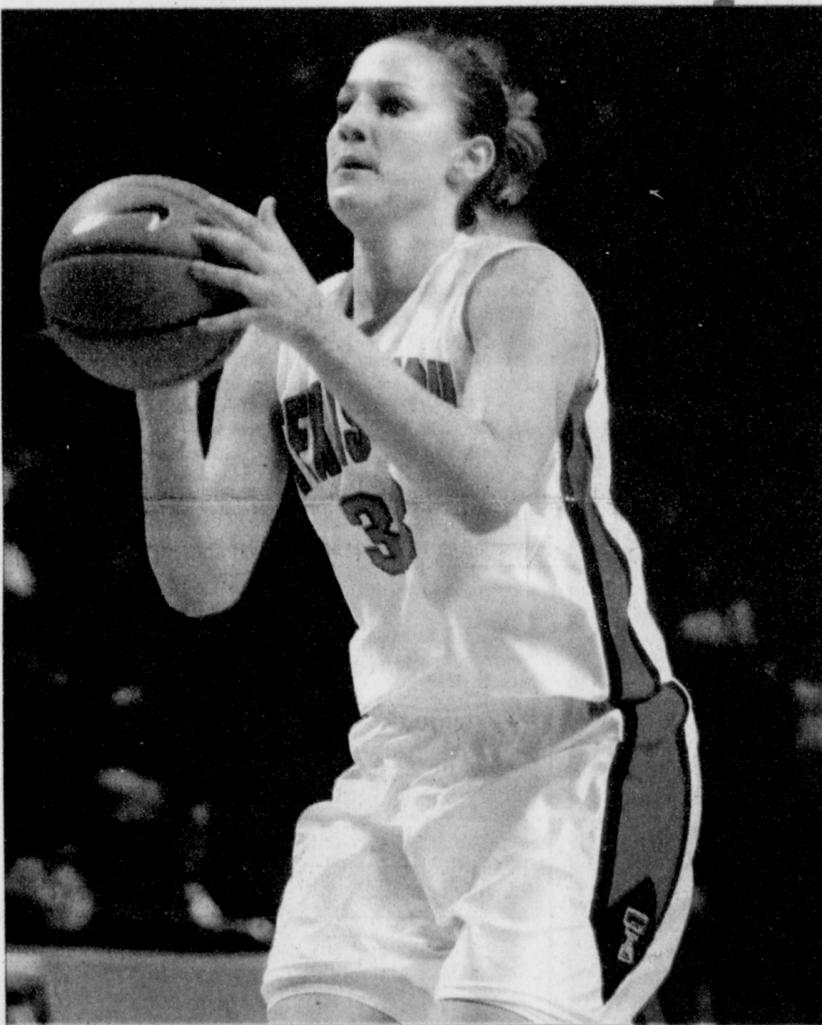
The three contributed \$338,000 to George W. Bush's presidential campaign, the Republican Party and Republican congressional candidates in 1999 and 2000, twice what they gave Democrats, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Since then, the three producers have given just over \$1 million to Republicans.

The producers are Texas-based Lyondell Chemical and Valero Energy and the Huntsman companies of Salt Lake City.

"This is a classic case of the Bush administration helping its campaign contributor friends at the expense of public health," said Frank O'Donnell, executive director of the Clean Air

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OFFCOURT Courtship



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TECH FORWARD JOLEE Ayers-Curry is a veteran senior for the Lady Raiders but is a newcomer to the field of marriage. The players got married during the summer.

Tech forward Jolee Ayers-Curry mixes school, Lady Raider basketball with marriage.

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

There is a new name on the court this season for the Lady Raiders, but it is still a familiar face. That's because on Aug. 2 Jolee Ayers became Jolee Curry, marrying Ryan Curry, a former Texas Tech athlete.

After a honeymoon cruise to Key West, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, the marriage has been smooth sailing from the start.

"It's actually been a lot less stressful," Jolee said. "It's easier because before whenever you're dating you go to class, practice, you go home and do your homework and you have to make time to be with that person. But now it's easier because you go home, and that person is already there."

Being a Lady Raider and having a fan base of thousands can turn a student athlete into a mini celebrity, and Jolee said the new name is taking some time for fans, friends and herself to get used to.

"No one really calls me Curry, because everybody knows me as Jolee Ayers," she said. "That's OK because I'm still adjusting to introducing myself as Jolee Curry."

The transition from single to married was not all that difficult for the couple, but there

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Health

Massage research shows medical benefits

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Massage is no longer something that is only associated with people in white uniforms walking on a well-to-do client's back after he or she has had a couple of cosmopolitans and a mud bath.

Dr. Alan Kaye, chairman of the department of anesthesiology at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, has researched the effects of deep tissue massage on heart rate and blood pressure. He said massage also can reduce stress and pain associated with muscle strains and spasms.

"It's very common for people of all ages to have muscle strains and spasms," he said. "It is well known that deep tissue massage can help."

A deep tissue massage is beneficial for problem areas because specific muscles are intensely targeted, said Jan Swinford, registered therapist at Lindsay's Day Spa in Lubbock, said. A Swedish massage, on the other hand, is much lighter.

Kaye said Swinford allowed him to monitor some of her clients for his research. He said every client saw improvement in heart rate and blood pressure levels; some were dramatic.

"This is pretty good stuff for 'alternative' therapy," he said.

Neck and shoulder strain in college students often comes from carrying backpacks weighing 20 pounds or more, Swinford said. Throwing a heavy bag over one shoulder can throw off the body's alignment of the shoulders, head and hips, she said.

"Computers and book bags are a real problem," she said.

Getting up from the computer long hours of studying and stretching is a good idea, Swinford said.

"Everything we do, we pull forward," she said. "The easiest thing you can do is put a tennis ball on your back and lean on it."

By putting pressure back there, Swinford said, muscular strain will be released.

Tech students do not often come in for massage therapy because it tends to be expensive, Swinford said, but parents are beginning to realize the benefits of a massage.

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JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

LUBBOCK RESIDENT TARA Patterson receives a massage from massage therapist and reflexologist Jan Swinford at Lindsey's Salon & Day Spa on Saturday.

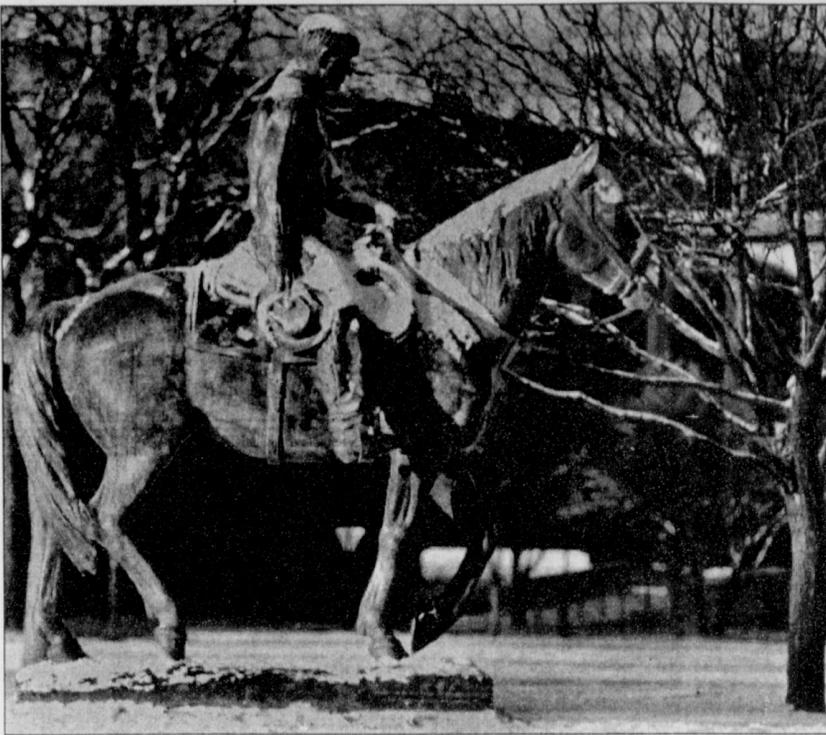
BLIZZARD BLOWING



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A TECH GROUND and maintenance worker uses a snow blower to move snow from the sidewalk in front of the Mass Communications building Saturday morning.

WHITE WILL, SNOWY SOAPSUDS



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THE STATUE OF Will Rogers and Soapsuds in Memorial Square is covered with snow on Saturday morning after Lubbock saw several hours of flakes throughout late last week and into the weekend.

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Two counties out of money for health care

ABILENE (AP) — Two West Texas counties have run out of money to provide health care for poor residents.

The counties have sent letters to local physicians informing them that more funds won't be available for another eight months.

Callahan and Eastland counties officials said they simply do not receive enough money from the state each year to meet the increasing demand for indigent care, and their tax revenues are too small to make up the difference.

"The truth is that we don't have a bottomless pit that we can reach into and pull out more money," Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said. "We budget what the state tells us to, but it seems that there is just never enough money to do what we need to do."

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"It's a frustrating situation, to say the least," Stephenson said in Sunday's edition of the *Abilene Reporter-News*. "You really want to help these people, but there is only so much money available to us."

The counties will not be able to replenish their budgets until the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

To receive a reimbursement from the Texas Department of Health's Indigent Health Care Division, counties must spend 8 percent of their general tax levy on indigent health care.

Stephenson said Eastland was forced to stop providing indigent care for the next eight months because it has spent \$30,000 more than its 8 percent tax levy.

Callahan County has almost reached its 8 percent mark, "with bills still stacked on my desk," said Cami Robinson, Callahan County's indigent health coordinator.

Robinson said the number of patients the county sees each year has steadily risen, while state funding has declined each year. Last year, the county had used all its indigent health care funds by May, she said.

Total funding available for state indigent health assistance in the current fiscal year is \$5.1 million, said Jan Maberry, who oversees the state's indigent health program.

American Muslim guilty of aiding Taliban

SEATTLE (AP) — A Seattle-raised Muslim convert was sentenced Friday to two years in prison for aiding the Taliban.

James Ujaama, 38, pleaded guilty last year, admitting he delivered computer equipment and a recruit to Taliban officials in Afghanistan.

With time already served behind bars, he could be free this summer.

"In the future, I will act more responsibly and make the right choices," the American-born Ujaama told U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein.

Ujaama was arrested in 2002 following an investigation into a Seattle mosque and was indicted on charges he conspired to set up a terrorist training camp in Bly, Ore. Those charges were later dropped.

He instead pleaded guilty to the aiding-terrorism charges and was offered a two-year sentence in exchange for his cooperation in terrorism investigations.

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Specifically, authorities were looking for information about London cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri, a suspected terrorist.

Ujaama befriended him in London in the 1990s and ran al-Masri's Web site, which advocated holy war against the United States. Ujaama also admitted that at al-Masri's bidding, he escorted a man to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan.

Al-Masri is wanted in Yemen for his alleged role in the 1998 kidnappings of 16 Western tourists, four of whom died in a shootout.

The judge said she was initially surprised by the light term called for in Ujaama's plea agreement. She said she also had never seen a case where a defendant had agreed to provide such extensive cooperation.

Ujaama was born James Earnest Thompson in Denver.

He converted to Islam in the early 1990s and became involved in the Dar-us-Salaam mosque in Seattle, whose members preached an extreme version of Islam.

He tried to travel to Afghanistan shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks but was unable to cross the border from Pakistan.

Middle East journalists protesting attacks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Journalists briefly occupied the Palestinian legislative building in Gaza on Sunday to protest a series of mysterious attacks on reporters.

The some 200 Palestinian protesters marched into the empty legislative building and occupied the vacant seats of the chairman and other assembly members. The journalists also refused to report on the Palestinian security services, and interior and justice ministries until the government responded to their concerns.

"We are going to stay here in an open-ended sit-in until the officials listen to us and tell us about the latest in their investigation about the continuous assault against journalists," said Tawfik Abu Khosa, chairman of the Gaza branch of the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate.

The protesters left the building several hours later after a top aide to Yasser Arafat said the Palestinian leader is committed to finding who was behind the violence. "President Arafat will follow up on all attacks on journalists," said the aide, Tayeb Abdel Rahim.

Anti-government protests are rare in the Palestinian areas, especially by journalists. Most local media are either owned or funded by the Palestinian Authority.

The group launched the protest after a string of attacks on journalists, most recently the burning of the car of Munir Abu Rezk, the Gaza bureau chief of the Al Hayat Al Jadida newspaper.

It was unclear why Abu Rezk, who wasn't hurt, was targeted. The daily newspaper is owned by Nabil Amr, a former Palestinian Cabinet minister, and is close to the Palestinian Authority.

Earlier this month, furniture and equipment were destroyed at the offices of the independent weekly magazine al-Dar. In January, the Gaza correspondent of the al-Arabiya satellite channel was severely beaten in a Gaza street after leaving work.

No arrests have been made in any of the cases, and the targets have said they don't know why they were attacked. The violence may be linked to growing lawlessness in the Palestinian areas or to internal rivalries between Palestinian leaders.

In other developments, Palestinian Authority officials confirmed the sale of their 35 percent stake in Jawal, the local cellular telephone monopoly, for \$43 million. The shares were sold back to the majority owner, Paltel, the publicly traded Palestinian telecommunications company, said Maher Masri, the minister of economy and trade.

The government had received the shares several years ago in return for an operating license.

The sale brought some much-needed cash to the Palestinian Authority, which is in the midst of a financial crisis. International donors have shown reluctance to continue sending aid to the Palestinian Authority, citing corruption.

Meeting a key donor demand, the Palestinians announced plans on Saturday to pay security personnel directly into their personal bank accounts.

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Ayers-Curry

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was a little adjustment at the beginning. "When we got back from our honeymoon, it was kind of weird because I was like, 'oh, this is home now. I live here,'" Jolee said. Getting married before finishing school was not something that worried the Curry's because they believed they were ready to handle everything it involved. It was a challenge they were ready to embark on and a forever they wanted to start. Being in school and playing for a college basketball team can be hard enough, but adding a marriage to the equation was never something the two thought would throw a wrench in any gears. After all, Ryan has school and work to manage, too. "I think that when you find that special someone and you fall in love I don't think love necessarily waits for that perfect opportunity," Ryan said about getting married. He is working 40 to 50 hours a week and taking night classes to get his MBA. Because of his late nights,

his wife may already be in bed by the time he gets home. That's part of the deal, and he still wouldn't have it any other way. "I see her when I get home around 10 o'clock at night, we go to bed at eleven or 11:30, and I kiss her goodbye when I go to work at nine in the morning," he said. Ryan has a lot on his plate as well, but when it comes to being there for his wife you can find him right behind the bench at every home game. His support, however, goes beyond the court. There is more than one way to help out, and Jolee is thankful her husband has made their marriage great thus far. "Ryan is awesome," she said. "He is one of my biggest supporters for basketball. I think a lot of what he does for basketball is he's someone who's gonna be there to yell and cheer for me, but at the same time he's not consumed with it... He wants to make sure he knows how my day went and then he asks me about practice." Then, he helps her do laundry. Jolee said one of the benefits of being married is having someone to help with all the responsibilities of the house, and Ryan helps out a lot. Jolee

claims she is not the best at "the domestic stuff" so her husband contributes his fair share. He also is said to make unbelievable Italian food, something Tech guard Natalie Ritchie does not mind paying them a visit for. Ritchie was a bridesmaid in the wedding and said she and Jolee have been close friends for a long time and she is happy to see one of her best friends as happy as she is. "She's extremely happy, the happiest I've ever seen her," she said. "I'm glad she's in love and she found the right guy." The Curry's know the road that lies in front of them, and they are ready to face it no matter how rough it gets. They have been told the first few months are the hardest, but they have yet to discover that. Ryan has found the rest of his life with, and he knows exactly why he wants to be with her and no one else. "She's down to earth," he said. "She's an all-American girl; she's not miss priss. She is what she is, and that's what's so special about her. She doesn't put on a front with anyone. She acts the same way with everyone, and I don't expect any less or any more out of her. She's No. 1 in my book."

Gas

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Trust, a Washington-based environmental group. Huntsman spokesman Don Olsen, echoing comments by other MTBE producers, said, "We were not a huge campaign contributor and this has absolutely nothing to do with campaign donations. It has to do with good public policy." The industry says it has become a victim in a Washington power struggle. "Because of MTBE there has been a marked improvement in air quality and reduction in toxics in the air," Olsen said. "Because of leaking underground storage tanks in some relatively few instances, MTBE found its way into places it shouldn't be. But that has nothing to do with the product, which has done exactly what it was designed to do." Said Valero Energy spokeswoman Mary Rose Brown: "It would have been impossible to fulfill the requirements of the Clean Air Act without MTBE." A daily Washington newsletter

disclosed the existence of the draft rule shortly after Bush's inauguration; outside the industry, few people noticed. At the direction of White House chief of staff Andrew Card and Mitch Daniels, then the White House's budget director, all government agencies withdrew their pre-Inauguration Day draft regulations. The EPA withdrew agency rules, including the MTBE one, in mid-February 2001, White House budget office spokesman Chad Kolton said. In subsequent months, agencies rewrote many Clinton-era regulatory proposals and went public with them. The proposed MTBE regulation, however, never surfaced. "As legislation looked more promising in 2002 and 2003, we focused our energies on supporting language in the Senate's energy bill," Jeffrey Holmstead, the EPA's assistant administrator for air quality, said in a statement Friday. "We have not ruled out the possibility of seeking a solution" by regulation, Holmstead said. The EPA favors a phaseout of MTBE through legislation. But the legislation has stalled and it no longer calls for a ban in four years.

On their own, 17 states banned the additive and dozens of communities are suing the oil industry. "Nobody's talking about the trial lawyers campaign contributions to their supporters in Congress and its the trial lawyers who are the force behind these unjustified lawsuits," said Brown of Valero Energy. To regulate MTBE, the EPA would have to use the Toxic Substances Control Act, which the agency considers cumbersome and unwieldy. MTBE industry representative Scott Segal said, "It took EPA a decade to develop enough data to justify issuing a regulation for asbestos" under the law. "Even then, the courts still blocked it." Bob Perciasepe, an EPA official during the Clinton administration, said a regulatory approach would have provided "a pressure point" to pass legislation. Georgetown University law professor Lisa Heinzerling said regulating MTBE would be difficult, but "if we can't use the Toxic Substances Control Act to regulate MTBE, which has contaminated water supplies all over the country, then what can you use it for?"

Powell thanks South Korean officials for support in Iraq

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed "deep appreciation" to South Korea's foreign minister in a phone call for the parliament's decision to send 3,000 troops to Iraq, the government said. South Korea's National Assembly approved the deployment Friday, the third-largest contribution to the coalition of the United States and Britain. South Korea already has 465 medics and engineers in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. More South Korean troops are expected in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk before the end of April. The deployment — likely to include special forces commandos and marines — will be responsible for security and recon-

struction in the area. Powell "expressed deep appreciation about South Korea's parliament passing the dispatch plan to Iraq," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement Sunday. South Koreans are divided over the deployment. Critics say the invasion of Iraq was unjustified, and have held protests near the National Assembly and the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Supporters, however, say the move boosts the country's military alliance with the United States. President Roh Moo-hyun has said it is important for South Korea to contribute soldiers to the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq to garner U.S. support for peacefully resolving a standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Massage

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"Parents are better at putting it in their budget as they get closer to finals," she said. Swinford said a half an hour of massage once a month would make a big difference for problem areas. "It is very therapeutic," she said. "It's not a luxury like people think. If more people think of it as therapy, then more people could justify it that way." Massage therapy can help not only to relieve muscular stress, but life's stresses as well, Kaye said. "College is loaded with stress," he said. "Gosh, I shudder to remember when I was in college; I was under so much stress." Alternative medicine is not

widely accepted, Kaye said, because there are very few studies looking at how effective techniques like yoga, massage, acupuncture and herbs are at reducing medical problems. "When people have pain or they can't sleep, they get desperate and they'll try alternate things," he said. "If I could take vital signs on people doing yoga, I would, I just can't figure out how to do it." Awareness about alternative medicine is spreading its way to medical students at HSC, Kaye said. Kaye is one of the co-founders of Tech's Center of Integrative and

Nutritional Medicine. The center was founded two years ago, he said. "For the average college student, they may not be aware that these things are out there," he said. College students need to take more of an active role in their healthcare, Kaye said. It is neces-

sary they become educated about different options available to them. "Most people in college have had good health in their childhoods and these college years begin to have some of the common medical issues that plague us all as we get older," he said.

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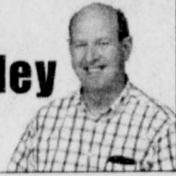
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A civic society must be secular

Tim Hadley



Controversies all over the world highlight the conflict between the secular and the sacred.

Since the beginning of time, people have struggled to balance these two competing, and often incompatible, approaches to life.

The problem has risen to prominence in America over issues such as the display of the 10 Commandments in a public building, whether same-sex marriages should be legalized and whether abortion should continue to be allowed.

In France, they are deciding whether to allow female Muslim university students to wear their traditional head coverings.

The situations and circumstances are different in each of these controversies, but the basis of the problem is the same: Should a free society be based on secular principles or on religious principles?

In the 5th century AD, the theologian Augustine popularized the notion of the "City of God," trying to mold human society into perfection by rigorous application of religious (that is, Christian) teachings at all levels of society. It didn't work then, and it won't work now.

Any truly civic society cannot be based on religious dogma. Rather, it must be, in the correct sense of the word, be a "secular" society. Let me explain.

By "civic," I mean a society in which the laws and procedures are based on what is perceived to be for the good of all the people. In most cases, this kind of society seeks to form a consensus on issues. By "secular," I mean in the sense of "not controlled by religious dogma."

There is nothing wrong with basing laws and social behaviors on religious "principles," in the sense of how all religions teach us to behave in the world, treat other people with love, etc. But there is everything wrong with trying to base civic law on specific religious tenets.

This is illustrated in the history of early America, where the colonists who fled Europe because of religious persecution proceeded, upon arriving in America, to set up systems of religious tyranny that were every bit as oppressive as what they had fled from.

It also is illustrated superbly by the chaotic, violent mess that we find today in most Muslim countries today, where religious "clerics" rule the people based on the clerics' interpretation of fine points of Islamic law. Most of these nations are characterized by abject poverty, political despotism, unspeakable abuse of women and children, and other social ills beyond numbering.

It is human nature to do this kind of thing, which is precisely why a nation that seeks to craft a free and open society (like America) cannot allow such behavior to take place. And, it is why we must resist recurring efforts on the part of some in America today to inflict this kind of society on us.

The arguments that some Americans usually give for basing our laws on religious teaching are familiar and common. They say, for instance, that America is a "Christian nation." But is it really? Do they realize what they are saying?

Yes, America was founded mostly by people who adhered to the Christian, rather than the Muslim, Jewish or Buddhist faiths. But our Founding Fathers realized the danger of making religious opinion the basis for national law, and that is precisely why they wrote the Constitution — to prevent such mingling.

I often wonder about the Christians who champion judge Roy Moore's public display of the 10 Commandments in Montgomery, Alabama.

Would they be equally pleased if a Muslim-American was elected as a judge and proceeded to erect, in the public courthouse, a 5,000-pound monument containing the 99 Names of God or the "Bismilahi ar-Rahmani ar-Rahim"? I seriously doubt it.

But why not? If it is OK for Christians to display their religious teachings in public contexts, why is it not OK for other religions to do the same? Most Christians would not be as favorable to a public display of Buddhist scriptures or admonitions from the Jewish Talmud.

I never thought I would ever say this, but it appears as if the French have actually gotten it right this time.

They have outlawed the wearing of traditional head coverings by female Muslim students at French universities, arguing that the coverings are intended as much for political as for religious purposes.

Why? Because it is specifically written in their constitution that their society is to be founded on "secular" principles.

Our society, too, is founded on such principles. To say this is not to deny the "free exercise of religion" or to downplay its importance in people's lives. Rather, it is simply to acknowledge that basing law on religious dogma is a misinformed and dangerous idea, one that leads to precisely the opposite of what its current proponents think.

Augustine's followers are alive today, but those who value a truly free and open civic society must resist their efforts to remake America, or any country, into their own version of the "City of God."

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Guest column

Chivalry isn't dead — it is underground

I recently read a column in *The UD* that said chivalry is dead, and another that said women were the cause for its demise. In my opinion, both sides, men and women, are at fault. Chivalry isn't dead, it's just gone underground. It's the cause championed by lonely people like me who are still idealists at heart when it comes to love.

One of the sad truths about singles today looking for a meaningful relationship is many of them are losing hope and giving up altogether. Personally, I can't even begin to count the number of times I've been shot down or given a cop-out line, and I'm sure many women have gone through this as well.

Speaking from a nice guy's perspective, I don't have the slightest clue where to start searching for love. It seems like every time I make a strong effort to ask someone out I always get turned down and even more disheartened.

To put it another way, love is like reaching into a bag full of rose petals and broken glass. Part of the feeling you get is very pleasant, while the rest is excruciating pain.

Therein lies a major problem with love. Many people don't want to actively search for someone for fear of rejection. To be honest (or at least

slightly pessimistic), at this point I don't think I have a prayer for finding a girlfriend. I'm almost flat broke, I don't wear designer clothes, and I couldn't sweet talk my way out of a wet paper bag.

The only things I do have to offer on my part are the ones I consider the most important: honesty, loyalty, compassion, a shoulder to cry on, and someone who will lend an ear and listen.

But, in a world of first impressions and small talk, people like me can't use those when we first meet someone. Believe me, I've tried.

The result was scaring off a person I really cared about and getting stuck in the "friend zone."

That's the sad truth to real life. We can't see each other's inner thoughts and feelings from a first glance or a handshake.

If you wear your heart on your shirtsleeve it's bound to get abused in some shape or form. Maybe in a perfect world we might all understand and relate to one another, but unfortunately we don't live in that world.

If you think nobody cares about you being lonely, think again. I care. Even if I don't know you I still care. I've cried my eyes out, drowned my sadness in liquor, and written sad poems and papers just like many of you out there.

Trust me, I've been there and paid my



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dues like every other lonely person on campus. For what it's worth, I've felt your pain, even though I've never met you before.

As for myself, I haven't quite given up hope. I'm still young, and only in my sophomore year of college. There are many people out there I have yet to meet, and a few female friends that I would like to know better.

Lastly, I would just like to add that I still do enjoy meeting new people and listening to their stories or problems. If you want to talk or read some of my writing, I'd love to share with you. I can be reached at MrIntrospect@hotmail.com. And to all you single women out there, keep your head up, and I hope to meet you someday on campus.

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What's happening

Participate in Focus on the Positive week

It's February. It's cold, grey, windy and just downright unpleasant. Assignments at work and at school are beginning to pile up. The newspapers and TV news seem to focus on one negative story after another. You're paying for holiday extravagance with tight wallets and tighter jeans. Feeling gloomy. Feeling stressed. Unhappy with the way you look. What can you do? Focus on the Positive!

Tech President Jon Whitmore has declared Feb. 16 through Feb. 20 to be Focus on the Positive Week at Texas Tech! It's a week full of activities designed to help all members of the campus community learn new information to help them be healthier, happier, less stressed and feel better about themselves.

Throughout the week watch for events to help you eat more wisely, control stress,

take charge of your health, feel better about how you look and just plain relax. For a full slate of events see the nearest campus bulletin board or visit www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies and click on the focus on the positive link.

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View from another university

Democrat John Kerry's 'Real Deal' — a real contradiction

By Adam Schultztz/Tufts Daily

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass. — John Kerry likes to parade around the country now promising to offer the American people a "Real Deal" to remedy the "raw deal" the country has gotten from President George W. Bush. Kerry started using this line sometime around December when his poll numbers were plummeting to near Dennis Kucinich levels.

You know, around the same time that Kerry's campaign was suffering so much that he thought it would be wiser to mortgage his palatial townhouse on Beacon Hill rather than do the sensible thing and drop out of the race.

So what's the deal with this supposed real deal? Let's begin by quoting Kerry himself. First, on foreign policy and Iraq, Kerry uses the following line on a daily basis: "George Bush has run the most inept, reckless and ideologically driven foreign policy in the modern history of our nation."

Sounds fair enough and many of my liberal friends would likely agree with this statement. But Kerry voted for the resolution giving Bush a blank check to invade Iraq. First he voted for it, now he bashes it. That's called political expediency.

Let's try education. Kerry bashes Bush for ushering through the now infamous No Child Left Behind Act. Well, again, Kerry voted for No Child Left Behind. Let's try civil liberties and the Patriot Act. Kerry absolutely loves to throw about John Ashcroft's name and proclaim that one of his greatest achievements as president would be naming anyone other than Ashcroft as Attorney General. But Kerry voted for the

Patriot Act, the blank check that has empowered Ashcroft.

Let's recap: Kerry voted for the War in Iraq, No Child Left Behind, and the Patriot Act. Now he rails against all three as staples of his campaign stump speech. And that's supposed to be a "real deal"?

These are just three issues on which Kerry has pulled political 180s on in just the last two years. He's been in the Senate for twenty years now and there are plenty more flip-flops to be found (another of my personal favorites is his vote against using force during the First Gulf War in 1990/1991 — this from the same Sen. Kerry who voted for war in 2002/2003 and who is championed by many as being a strong defender of the environment...maybe no one at the time let him know that Saddam Hussein was torching oil fields and spilling millions of gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf).

Yet, issues aside, now many of my friends proclaim that they like Kerry for no other reason than that they think he can beat Bush. And according to exit polls in New Hampshire and in the seven states that voted on February 3rd, this was an overwhelming reason why voters chose Kerry. Now why did they think that Kerry was electable?

Many on Feb. 3 specifically cited a CNN poll that showed Kerry beating Bush in a head-to-head match-up. What CNN failed to mention about that poll was that it also showed Sen. John Edwards beating Bush. Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark was only losing by 1 point to Bush and Dean wasn't much further behind.

Why might Kerry have been at the top of the heap, if only by a few points? Surely it had nothing to do with CNN talking about no one

but Kerry in the wake of the Iowa caucuses. Sen. Kerry on January 19th, the day that he won Iowa, received the coveted endorsement of CNN. It's the same endorsement that Gov. Dean carried last fall to the top of the polls.

In Iowa, Kerry's victory was a surprise. That is true. But why did it happen? Most agree that Kerry floated to the top as the two frontrunners, Gephardt and Dean, bloodied each other up with harsh attacks. Iowan voters have an historic love for positive campaigners and turned to Sen. Kerry and Sen. Edwards over the increasingly vicious Gephardt and Dean.

Kerry literally won Iowa because of the choice of some 6,000-10,000 Iowans. And as a result of those few Iowans, CNN crowned Kerry the champion. Giving him positive coverage for the ensuing week leading up to New Hampshire, Kerry walked away with another win. The momentum had begun and CNN carried Kerry into winning five of the seven states on Feb. 3.

All the while CNN and the rest of the media did nothing to question the legitimacy of Kerry's new found momentum. Kerry was still offering voters the same pathetic "real deal" he had been offering.

Barely ten percent of delegates for the Democratic nomination have been awarded so far. There are still 90 percent to go. If only Kerry's endorsement from CNN weren't so pervasive, maybe Democrats would realize there is still a choice to be made and that Kerry isn't the real deal after all.

The Real Deal with Kerry is that he's yesterday's news. The Real Deal with Kerry is that he's part of the establishment, and part of the problem, in Washington. The Real Deal with Kerry is that he's known quite justly by many as being Mr. Political Expediency.

Courts consider death row inmates' retardation cases

AUSTIN (AP) — In the year and a half since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled mentally retarded inmates cannot be executed, state and federal appeals courts have delayed or sent back to trial 41 Texas death row cases to decide whether the killer was mentally retarded, says a group that tracks the claims.

Critics of the Texas' capital punishment system say the numbers show death row has dozens of people who may be ineligible for execution. Death penalty supporters wonder if inmates are trying to delay justice by jamming the courts with new claims of mental retardation.

Both sides agree the Legislature should change state law to decide mental retardation earlier to reduce the burden on appeals courts.

When the Supreme Court ruled, it left it up to the states to determine mental retardation, and the Texas criminal justice system has been groping in the dark ever since.

"Texas has no system in place, and what you have is chaos," said Steve Hall, director of StandDown Texas, which opposes the death penalty.

Dianne Clements, president of the victims rights group Justice For All, said it's difficult not having a clear state definition of mental retardation.

"These defendants are taking every opportunity they can to remove themselves from death row. If a defendant raises the claim, we provide them with super due process because of the law," Clements said.

Texas has about 450 prisoners on death row.

The Texas Defender Service, which represents capital murder defendants on appeal, has tracked the number of post-conviction mental retardation claims by death row inmates since the Supreme Court's 2002 ruling.

The state Court of Criminal Appeals has sent 37 cases back to trial courts for hearings. Four cases were remanded by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The first was the case of Jose Briseno, convicted of killing Dimmit County Sheriff Ben "Doc" Murray in 1991. Briseno was spared just hours before his July 10, 2002, scheduled execution. This past week, the Court of Criminal Appeals upheld a trial judge's rejection of his mental retardation claims.

Briseno's attorney, Richard Burr, vowed to appeal to federal courts.

"It's an abomination. He (Briseno) is mentally retarded," Burr said.

Most cases sent back to lower courts have yet to be completed, said Jim Marcus, executive director of the Texas Defender Service. But a few are close.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has recommended that Robert Smith, 35, convicted of killing a man in a 1990 robbery of a clothing store, be sentenced to life in prison.

Smith has an IQ of 63 and reads at a third-grade level. After his case was sent back for review, the prosecution's own hired expert concluded he is mentally retarded.

Johnny Paul Penry's case was one of the most high-profile Texas death row mental retardation claims.

Penry was convicted of killing a woman in Livingston in 1979 and sentenced to die.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned his conviction because the trial court did not consider evidence of mental retardation.

Penry was tried again, and that death sentence was thrown out by the high court in 2001. In 2002, a jury rejected arguments that Penry was mentally retarded and sentenced him

to death a third time. He remains on death row.

The American Association of Mental Retardation defines the condition as having three factors: below-average intellectual functioning, usually an IQ of 70 or lower; poor adaptive skills, such as inability to hold a job or communicate with others; and the onset of symptoms before age 18.

State lawmakers tried to address the mental retardation issue last year but couldn't agree on whether retardation should be determined before or after the guilty phase a trial.

Supporters of a before-trial decision say it protects the defendant from a jury that might be prejudiced by the violent details of a murder.

Clements supports a post-conviction ruling, contending the criminal evidence may show whether a defendant is truly retarded.

Another Supreme Court ruling further complicates matters, Marcus said.

In 2002, the court ruled that juries, not judges, should decide whether an inmate ends up on death row.

While trial juries make those decisions in Texas, trial judges consider the cases that are sent back for review on mental retardation claims, Marcus said.

That could mean another round of appeals from inmates who are rejected.

The judge-versus-jury argument arose in the Briseno ruling.

Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Charles Holcomb, the only dissenter in the 8-1 ruling, said a jury should be the finder of fact, not a judge, in mental retardation appeals.

Dozens dead after park roof collapses in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian rescue workers pumped warm air Sunday into the ruins of an indoor water park, hoping the heat would help victims survive a day after the roof collapsed, killing at least 25 people and injuring more than 100.

As many as 17 people are missing and could be trapped under the debris of the Transvaal Park on Moscow's southwestern outskirts, officials said.

Rescuers shoveled snow from the tangled mass of steel and concrete, some standing atop a large stone that appeared to be part of a mock tropical scene.

Initial reports said an explosion caused the collapse Saturday night, but Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and other officials said there was no evidence of a blast.

The city has been on edge since a deadly Feb. 6 subway bombing that President Vladimir Putin blamed on Chechen rebels.

The collapse left a hole the size of a football field in the glass-and-concrete roof. On Sunday, cranes lifted heavy chunks of concrete, metal beams and giant buckets of broken building materials.

With temperatures in the teens, rescuers used generators to pump heat into the area to increase the chances of survival. Periodically they ordered moments of silence to listen for signs of life.

Investigators said a heavy buildup of snow, the stresses caused by the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, and seepage into the concrete supports may have led to the disaster.

Moscow prosecutor Anatoly Zuyev said faulty construction or maintenance was probably to blame. He said prosecutors were opening a criminal investigation into possible negligence.

They were questioning managers of the park, its architects, engineers and builders, and would also talk to witnesses, Zuyev said. He said pieces of the wreckage would be tested.

The state body in charge of construction, Gosstro, suspended the licenses of the Turkish company that built the park, Kocak Insaat, and the Russian architectural firm that designed it, the Interfax news agency reported.

Statements about the death toll varied. Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov said Sunday evening that 24 bodies were pulled from the rubble and one person died in a hospital. Earlier, the ITAR-Tass news agency had said the death toll was 28, citing unnamed officials in the city fire department.

Mourners left dozens of carnations on a brick wall beyond the police line outside the building, and a single candle burned next to the growing pile of flowers.

Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said 17 people were believed missing. That figure was apparently based on belongings left unclaimed at the swimming pool area.

Shoigu said three shifts of search dogs had been sent in Sunday, and that many had cut their paws on broken glass.

Of 111 people injured, 78 remained hospitalized Sunday evening, five of them in critical condition, Luzhkov said. There were 27 children among those hospitalized.

A child's birthday party was being held in the pool area when the roof collapsed, said Moscow police spokesman Kirill Mazurin.

"There was a sudden sound — a crack — and my older son said it was like a terrible dream," Olga Matveyeva, whose two sons were at the park with their grandmother, told NTV. "It was as if the roof collapsed in two ... and there was terrible panic as people tried to get out however they could."

Matveyeva said her sons had escaped in their bathing suits and bare feet and were hospitalized with frostbite.

Altogether, there were about 800 people in the water park complex, and 352 of them were in the pool area when the collapse occurred at 7:15 p.m. Temperatures outside were about 5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Rescuers rushed bloodied, moaning people clad in bikinis and swim trunks on stretchers to waiting ambulances, while others clambered out barefoot into the snow.

Roman Yazymyn, 29, was sun-tanning in a solarium on the upper floors of the complex when he heard a loud noise and the crash of shattering glass.

"It wasn't an explosion, but the noise of metal collapsing," he said and noted that as he walked through the complex to retrieve his clothing "everything was in blood."

The collapse left a gaping hole of 5,400 square yards, and torn insulation panels hung off the walls of the cavernous building.

“There was a sudden sound — a crack — and my older son said it was like a terrible dream.”
— OLGA MATVEYEVA
Russian citizen

Memorial service today for family killed in head-on collision

QUINLAN (AP) — A memorial service was planned Monday for a family of five killed when their Geo Metro turned into oncoming traffic and smashed head-on into a minivan.

Martha and Alfred Alonzo Silkey, both 33, and their three children were killed in the Friday evening accident near Terrell, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Their deaths have devastated Quinlan, a rural town of about 1,370 residents located about 40 miles east of Dallas.

"Everybody knows each other here. We're a close community," school district Police Chief Rick Baumgardner said. "And when things like this happen ... the loss is felt by everyone."

Amber Silkey, 11, Carl Silkey, 10, and Cody Silkey, 9, attended Quinlan schools. District officials plan to offer counseling services when students return to school on Tuesday.

The family was driving to Cedar Creek to visit Martha Silkey's mother when the crash happened, said Lillie Barker, Alfred Silkey's mother.

"They were killed instantly. That's a comfort," she told *The Dallas Morning News* for a Sunday story.

The road was wet when the accident occurred about 30 miles east of Dallas. But DPS spokeswoman Teta Mange said it's unclear why the Metro veered into the northbound lanes of State Highway 34.

"Because all five people in that car are deceased, I don't think we'll

ever know," Mange said.

The adults were wearing seat belts, but the children weren't.

Two people in the Plymouth Voyager minivan were injured.

They were identified as Larry Marsh and Rebecca DeLeon of Soper, Okla. Marsh was treated and released from Medical Center at

Terrell, and DeLeon was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital with ankle and foot injuries and a broken pelvis. She was in stable condition Sunday.

The memorial service is scheduled for Monday afternoon at Quinlan LyBrand Funeral Home in Quinlan.

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7:00	Antiques Roadshow	Fear Factor 'PG	Tes Deer 'PG StillStand.	Partners Eye	ABC Movie: "Jurassic	Livest Groom, Pt.	
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9:00	American Experience	Average Joe Hawaii 'PG	C.S.I.: Miami 'TV14	News David	Friends Magnum P.L.	News Nightline	Selinfeld Frasier
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'Vagina' addresses female issues

'Monologue' gets people talking about rape, body, vaginas

By Nikki Siegrist/The University Daily

Coochie, snorker, sugar dish, pussycat, cooter, twat and puntang — all words used to describe a woman's vagina in the "The Vagina Monologues."

"I thought it was really great and really surprising in its honesty," said Morgan Mercer, a Texas Tech graduate who attended Friday night's showing. "Nobody ever talks about vaginas, and it's integral to being a woman and the human experience."

The Female Majority Leadership Alliance presented Eve Ensler's play Thursday, Friday and Saturday for all students and members of the community.

The purpose of the play was to raise awareness of violence against women as well as the beauty of being a woman in a mostly humorous way, said director Radhica Ganopathy.

"It's important that you make people think and you make people laugh," she said. "I think it would defeat the purpose if you brought people in and made them shove down all this stuff they don't want to learn. The humor is vital."

The humor was apparent. Audience members in the packed theater roared with laughter as several actresses named what their vagina would wear if it wore clothes and what it would smell like. Wearing everything from a "tutu" to "lace and combat boots," the vaginas smelled of everything from "cheese" to "the ocean."

But the monologue many said they enjoyed the most, and the one receiving the most applause, was "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy." In it, Nadia Bodie, with the department of theater and dance, played a



TRAVIS GLOTT/The University Daily

THE FEMALE MAJORITY Leadership Alliance presented Eve Ensler's play "Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness of violence against women.

lawyer turned lesbian prostitute who enjoyed making people moan.

"Sometimes I use props. I love props!" her character declared.

She then demonstrated several kinds of moans, the last of which she called a "triple orgasmic moan," which lasted for 45 seconds.

Robert Donis said his favorite part of the play was the moaning monologue.

"It was awesome," the freshman architecture major from Spring said with a smile. "It was hilarious."

The play was presented in conjunction with Valentine's Day to honor V-day or Victory day.

V-day was made to help raise awareness toward ending violence against women.

The U.S. Department of Justice estimates about 960,000 incidents of violence occur per year against women by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, "Intimate Partner Violence," in 2001, more than half a million women were victims of nonfatal violence. That is 85 percent of the intimate partner crimes reported.

All the proceeds from the play went to the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, said Alliance President Rebecca Williams.

This is the third year for the play to run, and each year it has gotten better and the audience has gotten bigger.

Last year, the alliance raised \$500 and the number was about the same the year before. This year, Williams said they raised \$3,000.

The money was raised from admission and a unique sale item. The alliance sold chocolate vaginas on a stick, in keeping with the theme of the play.

"It's a celebration of vaginas," said Williams, a junior studying social work from Artesia, N.M. "A guy came up to me yesterday and said, 'It made me laugh. It made me cry. It made me want to be a woman.'"

His support for women is the kind of reaction she wanted to hear from every person who attended the event, she said. Holding it on Valentine's Day is just one more way of reinforcing that we will win against domestic violence, she said.

"It is V-day, which is to end violence against women and this way we're working to reclaim V-day," Williams said. "It seems so fake that you can have Valentine's Day but hit her on every other day, and one day out of the year, dedicate to her."

She said another one of the goals of this play was to help make vagina a word used in everyday language.

"Vagina is an everyday word," she said. "It's OK to say 'vagina,' it's OK to have a vagina, and it's OK to enjoy a vagina."

'Highwaymen' misfires on all cylinders

Maybe the idea for "Highwaymen" looked good on paper — a maniac drives around and causes car accidents and hit-and-runs while a man whom he widowed hunts him down.

I'm just guessing. That has to be the only excuse for how "Highwaymen" ever saw the light of day.

It's horribly embarrassing watching Jim Caviezel (who will soon be seen as Jesus in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ") trying to swim in this cesspool of horrible dialogue, dumb action sequences and dunderheaded storytelling.

Caviezel is Rennie Cray, a man who is haunted by the memory of his wife's death five years ago. She was killed in a hit-and-run incident on the side of the highway. But Cray knows it was no accident. The driver is a twisted and sadistic madman who gets his kicks out of running people over and causing massive car accidents.

Armed only with a souped-up '68 Plymouth Barracuda and a CB radio, Cray has been hunting this sick-o for five years.

The maniac is James Fargo (Colm Feore), a wheelchair-bound invalid who has constructed a metal costume for himself to help him reach his car's foot pedals among other things.

He drives a '72 Cadillac El Dorado, which seems like a character in itself with its one headlight, roaring engine and darkly tinted

James Eppler



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windows. He has chosen a new victim in Rhona Mitra, who managed to escape one of his huge accidents.

Cray decides to keep Mitra under his protection but soon finds she may be the key to his ultimate showdown with Fargo.

The film, which is billed as a horror movie, is often too funny to be scary. Oftentimes, I found myself asking, "Are they serious?"

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The film's resolution may appeal to anyone with a sadistic sense of humor that enjoys watching a man in a wheelchair run for his life in his motorized chair. It's like something out of "South Park."

"Highwaymen" has been sitting on the studio shelf for quite some time, which is usually the case with movies the studio knows to be awful. However, in the case of this film, I tend to suspect that its release was more of a practical joke on Caviezel.

Finally releasing the atrocious "Highwaymen" just two weeks before Caviezel stars as Jesus in one of the highest-anticipated movies in years couldn't have been an accident.

Yes, the actor who plays the Christ also has his transgressions.

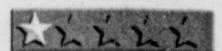
It has been mentioned by some critics, and by Gibson himself, that Caviezel taking on the roll of Jesus may result in permanent branding of the actor and may prohibit him from working in Hollywood ever again.

"Highwaymen" doesn't help him. Things can always be worse, though. "Highwaymen" runs a scant 80 minutes, which still starts to feel long at the half-way point.

Some horror movies, however, are so incredibly bad, so unbelievably campy, that they manage to be inexplicably good.

This isn't one of them.

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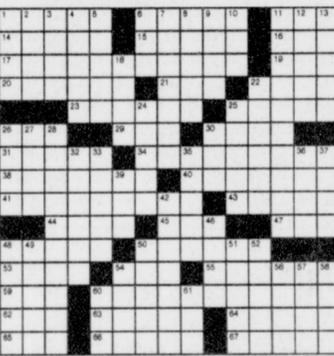


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 IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... Loved ones may ask for detailed financial records or reliable estimates over the next 12 weeks. Shared practical goals, educational programs and long-term business aspirations may prove vital to the success of key relationships. Before mid-May, expect loved ones to reveal their own values or aspirations.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Pamper the body and replenish energy. Even though work or family demands have recently been intense, a period of calm decision will help settle group concerns. Encourage loved ones to rest, contemplate family improvements or enjoy shorter-term vacations.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Co-workers may not fully appreciate your creativity. Carefully describe detailed projects, shared goals or long-term social needs. At present, friends and colleagues may need to witness the obvious. Subtle romantic attractions are compelling. Remain alert to private flirtations and expect gently seductive invitations.

Aries (March 21-April 20). Career options from approximately four months ago will resurface. Over the next few days, reclaimed business dreams will be a powerful and positive theme. Before March, key decisions may be necessary.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) A close friend or lover may reveal a new aspect to his or her personality. Private creativity, sensuality and a strong respect for spiritualism are accentuated. Watch for a new wave of blunt honesty and emotional sharing to be irresistible. Trust your instincts.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Power struggles in social and business relationships will become obvious. Many Gemini will resolve longstanding differences with officials and discuss key issues with friends. Don't hold back. Honesty will work in your favor. Work officials or mentors may ask for added dedication.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Friends, lovers and relatives may introduce complex plans or unique activities. Let the past fade and trust all sincere proposals. Loved ones are strongly motivated to move forward. Financial information and daily work expectations may be exaggerated.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22). Rekindled passions are almost unavoidable. Pay close attention to newly inspired loved ones, joyful beginnings or fast home invitations. Romantic partners and potential lovers may wish to explore new intimacy, shared lifestyles or unique living arrangements.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Shared insight will motivate loved ones to plan future events, resolve social triangles or reveal important personal information. Integrity, group loyalty and romantic speculation may also prove important. Avoid excess gossip, if possible, and encourage bold public solutions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Past differences and conflicting social values will be easily forgotten. Watch for loved ones and long-term friends to begin a new era of public acceptance. For some Librans, a recently strained relationship will dramatically expand. If so, expect powerful feelings of attachment and sentimentality to evolve before the end of March.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Remain attentive to basic emotions and short-term romantic expectations. At present, loved ones or potential mates may need to reveal deep feelings of inadequacy or confront previously denied fears.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Misplaced business information may cause unusual delays. Pay close attention to shared responsibilities, legal documents and changing deadlines. A second opinion will help avoid difficult problems. If possible, ask colleagues to oversee delicate projects.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Many Capricorns will begin 15 days of increased public duties and renewed job contracts. However, be prepared for minor conflicts between colleagues. At present, younger co-workers may need to feel included or appreciated by the group. Social relations may also be briefly affected.

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Yankees, Rangers reach deal for A-Rod

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez moved one step away from playing for the New York Yankees.

New York and Texas finalized the terms of a trade Sunday, and the players' association gave its approval. The last hurdle was for commissioner Bud Selig to OK the deal, a high-ranking baseball official told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The Rangers will pay \$67 mil-

lion of the \$179 million left on the AL MVP's record contract. Texas will get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named.

Approval from Selig was expected later Sunday or Monday, and the Yankees began planning for a Tuesday news conference in New York to introduce the first reigning MVP ever traded.

"I was just as surprised as the

Yankee fans and the Boston Red Sox fans when I opened up my paper today," President Bush, the Rangers' former owner, told NBC at the Daytona 500. "It, obviously, is a big deal. ... A-Rod's a great player and the Yanks are going to be a heck of a team with him in the infield."

Texas will wind up paying \$140 million for three seasons with Rodriguez. The Yankees will owe

him \$112 million for seven years.

Under the deal, the Yankees pay Rodriguez \$15 million in each of the next three seasons, \$16 million each in 2007 and 2008, \$17 million in 2009 and \$18 million in 2010, according to contract information obtained by the AP from player and management sources.

In each of the first four years, \$1 million will be deferred without interest, to be paid in 2011.

Texas will pay \$43 million of Rodriguez's salary over the remaining seven years: \$3 million in 2004, \$6 million each in 2005 and 2006, \$7 million in 2007, \$8 million in 2009 and \$6 million in 2010. In addition, the Rangers will pay the \$24 million remaining in deferred money from the original contract, with the interest rate lowered from 3 percent to 2 percent.

All the deferred money owed by

Texas — \$36 million including salaries from 2001-03 — will be lumped with the original \$10 million signing bonus, of which \$4 million is still owed. The payout schedule will be pushed back to 2016-2025 from 2011-20.

In exchange for the alternations, which devalue the contract slightly, Rodriguez will receive a hotel suite on road trips and have the right to link his Web site to the Yankees' site.

Lady Raiders sneak past Aggies

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — It took quite a while, but No. 7 Texas Tech finally solved the Texas A&M defense Saturday night.

LaToya Davis scored on a layup with four seconds left, ending Tech's 10:55 field-goal drought and giving the Lady Raiders a 59-58 win.

"I just ran through the middle and caught it," said Davis, who scored 11 points in the first half and was held scoreless in the second before rebounding a missed free throw, then racing down the court and getting it back for the game-winner.

Tech (21-4, 7-4 Big 12), which got 18 points from Chesley Dabbs, trailed 58-55 with 15 seconds left. But Cisti Greenwalt hit a pair of free throws. Then Toccare Williams missed the

front end of a one-and-one that Davis rebounded.

A&M (8-15, 1-11) had one more chance, but Lynn Classen air-balled a 10-foot jumper with one second remaining. Williams led the Aggies with 21 points, eight assists and eight steals.

Davis' shot spoiled a stellar defensive effort by the Aggies. A&M held Tech to just five points and one field goal in the final 10 minutes. Texas Tech committed 25 turnovers, 15 off steals by the Aggies.

"I think they make you play ugly," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "You just have to attack the rim and sometimes you're going to get double-teamed and sometimes you have to throw it up and hope for the best."

It was the third tough home loss for A&M against a ranked opponent. The Aggies have lost by three points to then-No. 24 Baylor and by two to then-No. 3 Texas.

"I'm tired of people patting me on the back. I'm tired of the little applause for effort. I'm not in this for effort. I'm in this for wins," A&M coach Gary Blair said. "And we'll get there."

Tech led 34-30 at halftime, and Dabbs sparked an 8-40 midway through the second half.

But A&M mounted a comeback as Charlette Castile and Tamea Scales combined to give the Aggies a 12-1 run to take a 58-55 lead with 19.4 seconds remaining.

Meeting helps Cyclones upset Texas

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Stung by three straight lopsided losses, Iowa State was reeling.

The Cyclones' depth had been weakened by the departure of senior Marcus Jefferson for personal reasons, they were getting hammered on the road and they even lost by 21 at home.

Something had to be done to clear the air, so after a 31-point loss at Kansas State on Wednesday, coach Wayne Morgan called his team together.

"We had that team meeting and everybody said what they had to say," freshman guard Curtis Stinson said. "Coach said what he said to say. He said this is a family and this is about us. This is about

us getting back on track and getting back to where we were before."

The Cyclones responded with their most significant victory of the season, beating No. 11 Texas 78-77 by holding on in a heart-thumping finish after getting the lead on Damion Staple's dunk with 1:09 left.

"This is the biggest win I've ever had since I've been here," said senior Jake Sullivan, who played on a Big 12 championship team as a freshman.

It also was one of the most improbable considering what had happened in the three previous games and the way Texas (17-4, 8-2 Big 12) was manhandling the Cyclones at the start of the first half. Brandon Mouton, who scored a career-high 29 points, was making shots from everywhere and

Texas was dominating on the boards, getting numerous second chances from offensive rebounds.

An 18-3 run gave Texas a 61-47 lead with less than 14 minutes to play. With seven minutes to go it was 71-64. Then Sullivan hit a 3, Texas started getting careless and Iowa State (14-7, 5-5) roared back.

"In this game, you could really see the effort and the heart of our kids," Morgan said. "They came up with an unbelievable, tremendous win for us."

Still, Iowa State needed some help at the end and it came from an unlikely source — two missed free throws by Texas' Brian Boddicker, an 81 percent shooter from the line. Both shots bounced off the back of the iron with 5.3 seconds to play.

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Raiders close strong, run away with win

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

Texas Tech basketball coach Bob Knight could not have coped with his team's performance Saturday night.

That is, unless he could erase the final three minutes of the first half, which saw a 13-point lead diminished to three in a little more than two minutes.

"I wish I could get to the point where I only think about the positives or think about them first, but the thing that jumps at me from this game was our last three minutes of play in the first half," Knight said. "I thought it really detracted from what I thought was a lot of good basketball that we played."

The No. 18 Red Raiders (18-6, 6-4) defeated the Kansas State Wildcats (11-10, 3-7) 82-71 to put Tech back in the win column after losing four of its last five games. The loss was the Wildcat's twenty-first consecutive Big 12 road loss.

Knight said the game was well-played overall, but his team must capitalize in situations like the one they saw Saturday.

"We were up by 13 with three minutes to play," he said. "When you're there and you keep that you get to start the second half in a position to end the game — and end it quickly."

The sequence Knight was con-

cerned with saw the Wildcats hit four field goals, three of them 3-pointers, in the final minute and a half.

Two of those 3s were by forward Jarrett Hart, who finished 4-of-6 from beyond the arc and scored 20 points.

Hart fought back tears as he described his team's problems.

"These mistakes are so frustrating," Hart said. "I mean it's just unbelievable; I hate this feeling."

Kansas State had four offensive fouls away from the ball, six traveling violations and a hotly-contested 3-second violation, which earned Wildcat coach Jim Wooldridge a technical foul.

Wooldridge hoped to give his team some fire by contesting the call.

"I'm sure the officials were trying to make a point that they you need to settle down," he said. "You get a little fiery at times, and you

hope that carries over to your team." Unfortunately for Wooldridge, his ploy was unsuccessful.

Tech came out in the second half and allowed K-State only 30 points on 37.9 percent shooting.

Two Tech seniors sealed the game for the Raiders with five minutes remaining, clinging to a five-point lead.

Mike Marshall blocked a Hart shot in the lane and guard Ronald Ross stole the ball and passed to Andre Emmett, who laid the ball in to put Tech up by seven.

During the Wildcats' ensuing possession, Marshall stepped up once again, swatting the ball loose into Ross' hands, who found an open Emmett streaking up the floor.

Emmett did not disappoint, as he brought the crowd of 10,186 to its feet with a one-handed tomahawk dunk in four minutes remaining.

Wooldridge called the 30-second

sequence the "dagger in the heart."

"That killed us," he said. "We had cut it down and were right there. We just weren't able to play as precisely as we needed to make it a game in the last minute."

Emmett was the Raiders' leading scorer and rebounder.

He finished the game with 26 points and 10 rebounds after bruising his thigh in Friday's practice and suffering a cut above his eye in the second half.

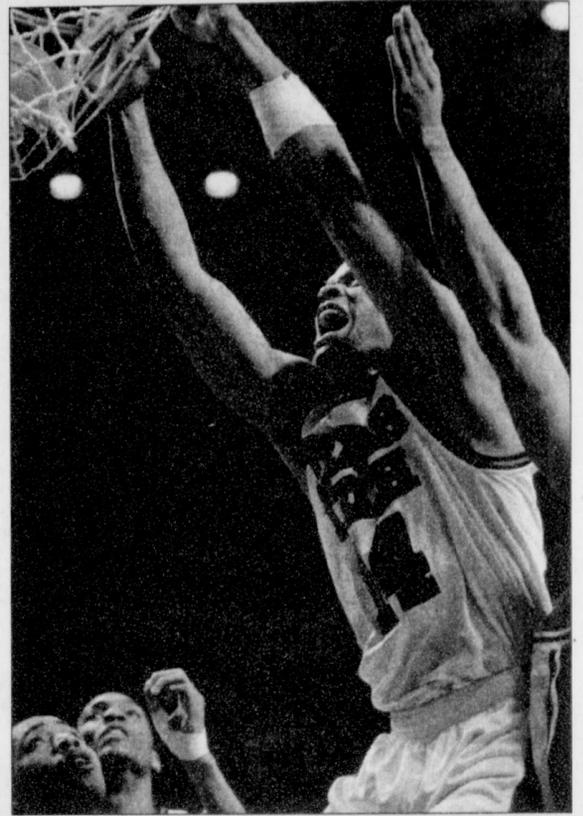
Knight was impressed with his play. "I wish Andre was a full-dimensional player," Knight said. "He's not, he's a scorer. But he really did a good job tonight and a very good job in the second half."

In a recurring trend, Emmett was helped in the scoring department by Tech's revolving door of supporting cast members.

Saturday's winner was forward Devonne Giles, who had 15 points in the first half, finishing with 17 in a performance Wooldridge said he could have done without.

"They just killed us (in the paint)," Wooldridge said. "The whole plan was to try and take the paint away and we couldn't do it. They were getting behind us, and (Giles) just killed us in the first half."

Giles also impressed on the defensive end of the floor, holding the Wildcats' leading scorer, Jeremiah Massey to nine points, five of which came from the charity stripe.



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SENIOR FORWARD ANDRE Emmett slams the ball home during Tech's 82-71 win over Kansas State on Saturday. He led the team with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Baseball wins two in Houston

The Texas Tech baseball team improved its record to 4-1 after ousting the Houston Cougars 12-7 in 11 innings Saturday at the 2004 Minute Maid College Classic in Houston.

The Red Raiders and Houston were tied after the nine innings, and the game was sent into extra innings. Both teams were not able to score in the tenth, but during the 11th, junior first baseman Josh Brady had a three-run double that finished the five-run inning to give Tech the victory.

Junior pitcher Adam Fry took over the mound in the seventh with one

out and pitched the rest of the game. He allowed one hit and struckout five batters.

Tech started the game out with four runs on two hits while the Cougars answered back with three runs and four hits. A Houston run in the fifth inning tied the game.

Junior second baseman Jose Delgado had a two-run home run in the sixth while Houston came back in the seventh to take the lead with three more runs. Delgado got a triple in the eighth, and Brady's sacrifice fly sent him home to tie the game once again.

The Raiders also faced defending national champion Rice on Friday and lost 9-6, their first loss of the season. Going into the ninth inning, the game was tied 6-6. Rice was able to get three runs on a home run by Paul Janish.

Sunday morning Tech squared off with Ohio State and came up on the winning end 9-4. Brady again led the way hitting 3-for-5 with two more homeruns and four RBIs. Pitcher Steve Gooch got his first win of the season, throwing six innings with two earned runs and seven strikeouts. Other contributors at the plate were Ryan Andrews and Jose Delgado. Andrews started the third inning with a double and later scored on Delgado's single. Then Brady hit one of his homeruns. They sparked at four-run inning that gave Tech the lead for good.

Track comes home with school records, gold medals

School records were broken and gold medals were taken as the Texas Tech track team traveled to its first away meet of the season Friday in Fayetteville, Ark., for the Tyson Foods Invitational hosted by the University of Arkansas.

The women's 4x400 relay team consisting of Tori Evans, Shereefa Lloyd, Rachelle Polk and Licretia Sibley set a school record as Sibley brought home the gold moving from third place to first on the anchor leg.

The women edged out Texas

Christian and Arizona State with a winning time of 3:37.04, it was the team's second provisional qualifying time in as many weeks.

The men's 4x400 team of Matt Stewart, Albert Booker, Derron Herrah and Jonathan Johnson finished in second place behind Holyfield International. However, their time was first among collegiate squads, with another provisional qualifying time of their own, clocking in at 3:09.41.

Booker also placed 11th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.22 in his second consecutive week of running the 200 after being strictly a 400 runner.

In the unseeded men's 3,000-meter run, freshman Benson Cheserek placed second as he was

narrowly defeated by less than a second by Auburn's Andrew Heath.

He finished with a time of 8:19.50, topping his career best by 18 seconds.

Jared Thornhill represented the red and black in the pole vault. He took home the gold with a vault of 17 feet 5 inches while Sage Thames finished sixth with a height of 16 feet 2.75 inches.

To finish off the weekend Jonathan Johnson competed in the U.S.A. Golden Spikes Tour also held in Fayetteville.

The race pitted Johnson against the best U.S. 800-meter runners, and he finished seventh out of eight, but finished as the top collegiate competitor beating Arkansas' James Hatch with a time of 1:49.56.

Women's tennis drops two matches

Big 12 competition proved to be a challenge for the Texas Tech women's tennis team as the squad lost to No. 57-ranked Colorado on Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

The Red Raiders lost to the Buffalos, 5-2, losing all three doubles matches and four of six singles matches.

In singles action, Tech freshman Lakann Wagley won against Morgan Sall at the No. 5 position and sophomore Katja Kovacic finished up with a win against Kristy Randonio.

Tech did not have any good fortune in doubles play against Colorado. The No. 1 team, Sall and Vanderdys beat Brooks and Tereschenko. Browning and Kovacic were defeated by Vanderdys and Kever in the second matchup. Wagley and Kovacic were beat by Kever and Jenny Hanson in the No. 3 position.

The women also lost to Colorado State during the weekend. The Raiders could not get the edge in singles play and fell 4-3. Tech was swept by Colorado in doubles Saturday, but the Raiders swept Colorado State on Saturday.

Tech needed one victory in singles action to claim victory, but could not get it. All four of the Raiders' losses in singles went the limit of three sets.

Tech is now 1-2 on the season and will play Sam Houston State at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Huntsville.

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