

Grand jury indicts McInroe for hit-and-run

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

The man who allegedly hit and killed Texas Tech sophomore Kedric Hobbs with his pickup truck was indicted Monday and still is in the Lubbock County Jail.

A Lubbock grand jury in the 137th District Court indicted Jason Dean McInroe.

First Assistant District Attorney Matt Powell said he deals with all cases where a death is involved, and McInroe faces charges of failure to stop and render aid and aggravated assault.

According to the indictment, McInroe intentionally and knowingly drove a vehicle involved in an accident

resulting in Hobbs' death, and intentionally and knowingly left the scene.

McInroe used and exhibited a deadly weapon — a motor vehicle — in the manner of its use and intended use was capable of causing death and seriously bodily injury, according to the indictment.

Powell said although Hobbs was killed, the charges against McInroe are not expected to go any higher than aggravated assault.

"That's as high as it gets," he said. "He can't get murder, that's an intent issue."

According to the original police report, Hobbs and a friend were riding their bikes around the 7800 block of 4th

Street when a pickup truck allegedly driven by McInroe struck and killed Hobbs.

According to the report, McInroe left the scene, and Hobbs was taken to University Medical Center, where he later died.

Sgt. Phil Johnson of the Lubbock Police Department said a witness took down the license plate number of the pickup truck. McInroe was located and taken into custody for previous warrants of running a stop sign and not having insurance.

According to the police report, alcohol was not a factor in the incident.

Powell said the charges with which McInroe will be

charged are typical for hit-and-run incidents. He said as intent is hard to determine, proving McInroe purposefully hit Hobbs will be difficult.

"We are kind of hindered by the law," he said.

The punishments for the charges are two to 20 years in a state penitentiary, a fine up to \$10,000, or two to 10 years probation.

McInroe's bail is set at \$100,000, and Powell said he believes McInroe will stay in jail until the trial begins.

"We're not going to let him out," he said. "He could have a hearing with the judge to lower his bail, but we're not going to lower it."

McInroe's trial date has not yet been set.



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ALLISON WHITE, A senior psychology major from DeKalb, reads a Dr. Seuss book to children at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's pediatric clinic in honor of Dr. Seuss's 101st birthday Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Seuss's 101st birthday brings celebration, books to Health Sciences Center patients

By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

Libby Camp, director of the Red Raider Readers program, said she hated reading "The Cat in the Hat" as a child.

"I thought he was mean and rude, and he was going to get those kids in trouble," she said.

However, the Readers celebrated Dr. Seuss' 101st birthday Wednesday. The program is designed to give children an early introduction to reading by providing children's books for the waiting room of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's pediatric clinic. Volunteers with the program come into the clinic and read to the children waiting to see the doctor.

The program also gives the doctors at the clinic books to send home with their patients to encourage parents to read to their children daily.

The program celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday as a part of the National Education Association's Read Across America Day by decorating the waiting

room in streamers and passing out birthday cake to the children.

Camp said her parents read her Dr. Seuss' books when she was a child

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Students for Social Justice discuss military recruitment

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Students for Social Justice held a meeting Wednesday night with the intention of informing younger students of the impracticalities of joining military forces solely because they are highly recruited.

Brian Platt, a senior history and political science major from San Antonio, was the leader of the meeting and said he believes it is necessary as military recruiters more aggressively target minorities and minority-based areas than upper socioeconomic areas.

Platt said he works at Dunbar Junior High School, which is on the east side of Lubbock. He said some of the middle school students he works

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ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

COOPER CROWEY, A sophomore anthropology major from Allen, discusses military recruitment procedures at the T.J. Patterson Library Wednesday night.

PICKING WILDFLOWERS



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

KTXT-FM 88.1 DJ Kate Anderson, a senior marketing major from Paris, talks with other station members to plan rules for capture the flag in Memorial Circle Wednesday afternoon. The large stuffed flowers served as flags, placed at Holden hall and the Chemistry building.

Restaurants near campus geared toward students

By Jeff Thomas/Contributing Writer

Restaurants lining University Avenue across from Texas Tech are known to gear themselves toward college students by modifying prices and food selection because of their location.

Dustin Harbert, an employee for Pinocchio's Pizza on University Avenue across from Tech, said they do not get as many sales as their location on 50th Street because of to whom they are reaching out.

"Our store appeals more to the college students rather than the family," Harbert said. "The other stores get more business because they are appealing to families and their delivery area is much bigger than ours."

Scott Harris, assistant manager at One Guy from Italy Pizza, said because they are directing their services toward college students, the pizza parlor has a different menu than its other location on 50th Street.

"We are more of a pizza joint geared to the college kids," he said. "We have different menus with different prices. The (50th Street location) doesn't sell pizza by the slice like our location

does. They are more like an Italian kitchen with more real Italian cuisine because their restaurant is more family oriented."

Some students and restaurant representatives said convenience is the main factor for business.

Brian Myrosh, an exercise and sport sciences major from Fort Worth, said the restaurants across the street from Tech are in a good location.

"It's real convenient being right across from campus," he said. "When I get out of class I can just walk over there real quick and eat."

Myrosh said he also likes to frequent the restaurants on University Avenue because the employees recognize what a commodity students are.

"They know students give them a lot of their business so they accommodate them and not jack up the prices," he said. "I can go into Pinocchio's with \$5 bill and eat their buffet and get a free drink with a college ID."

Rudy Barger, an employee of the Subway sandwich shop on University Avenue, said the restaurants' location and quality of service has

given them the second largest sales of all five Lubbock Subways.

"We have the second most sales to the one on 4th and Frankford," Barger said. "And that has a lot to do with the new apartment complexes around here and the University Plaza."

Barger said having the shop location across from Sneed and Bledsoe residence halls also contributes to the amount of business the restaurant receives.

"We are very close to campus for the students living in the dorms," she said. "But it's no wonder why we rank so high among the Subways in Lubbock — our customer service is top notch."

Drew Paxton, an architecture major from Midland, said he eats at these restaurants for multiple reasons.

"Well first, they have pretty good food with reasonable prices," he said. "But what I really like about eating over there is that it's a student environment so I feel very comfortable there. And it's easy when I find discounts in Tech coupon books to just walk on over there and eat."

Brandon Stokes, a journalism major from Mes-

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The Rundown



College donations increase 3.4 percent Greenspan suggests Al-Qaida could be quick U. S. finance fix seeking bio weapons

(AP) — After two years without growth, charitable contributions to U.S. colleges and universities rose 3.4 percent last year to a record \$24.4 billion, according to a report released Wednesday.

The increase was driven by a 9.7 percent increase in giving from individual donors, including a 21.5 percent surge in giving by non-alumni individuals. That offset a 6.1 percent decline in giving by foundations.

Among alumni, total giving rose slightly, but the percentage of alumni donating fell, as it has every year since 2001.

Harvard University led the list by raising \$540 million, according to the latest annual survey by the Council for Aid to Education, a unit of the RAND Corporation. UCLA, 10th overall, raised the most of any public university — \$262 million.

The University of Texas at Austin received more than \$252.1 million, putting it atop the list in Texas and 12th overall.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress Wednesday to move quickly to fix the financing problems in Social Security and Medicare, arguing that delay will only make the country's budgetary problems more severe.

Greenspan again endorsed the key part of President Bush's Social Security overhaul to set up private accounts. He said Congress needed to do other things to put Social Security and Medicare on a more sound financial footing given the impending retirement of 78 million baby boomers.

While saying Congress should move quickly to consider possible benefit cuts for Social Security and Medicare before the baby boomers begin retiring, Greenspan, as he did a month ago, urged a go-slow approach to setting up Bush's proposed private accounts.

LYON, France (AP) — The New York City police department is "very concerned" that al-Qaida is pursuing efforts to obtain chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, a senior official said Wednesday.

Michael Sheehan, the NYPD's counterterrorism commissioner, said officials know that Osama bin Laden's terror network is searching for biological weaponry and it appears to have sympathizers with medical and scientific backgrounds who could handle them.

"We are very concerned they are still trying to seek chemical, biological or radiological weapons," he told reporters on the sidelines of an Interpol conference on bioterrorism in Lyon, south-eastern France.

"We don't have any information that at this time they have that capability, but we do know they're trying to get it," Sheehan said of al-Qaida, declining to provide specifics.

Vampire class breathes life into classroom curriculum

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

It may seem to some students that classes suck the fun out of college. One class, however, sucks excitement back into the college curriculum by studying famous blooddraining demons.

Jennifer Sunseri, assistant professor in the Russian program, said she has been teaching a class about vampires at Texas Tech since 1999; however, it has evolved since it began.

Sunseri said in her class, students compare Eastern European views of vampires, which also is a way to compare cultures.

The vampire class is a multimedia class that counts as a multicultural or humanities requirement, she said.

Drew Hayes, a sophomore journalism major from Neder-

land, said he took the vampire class last semester. He took the class because he thought it would be interesting and he had friends who were taking it.

"I think it's good to have some off-beat classes occasionally," he said.

Another reason he took the class was because it would satisfy his humanities requirement, Hayes said, and the class was more interesting than his other classes.

Hayes said he would not recommend the class to students who are not into history because they learn a lot about Eastern European culture.

The actual belief in vampires, Sunseri said, comes from Eastern Europe, and vampires became a big part of Western Europe, mainly France and England, in the 19th century.

It was not until the 20th cen-

tury that vampires became popular in America, she said.

Many students who take the class find they identify with the vampire, Sunseri said.

"It tells us a lot more about ourselves," she said.

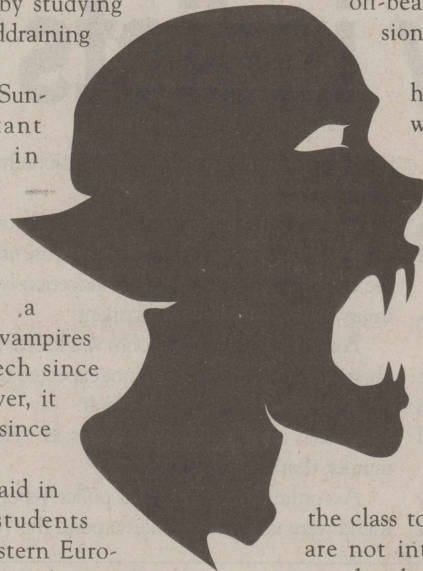
Approximately 10 out of the 110 students who sign up for the class drop it because they approach the class expecting it to be less demanding than it is, Sunseri said.

"I don't take it personally," she said.

Some students are more interested in vampire slayers such as the character played by Sarah Michelle Gellar in the TV show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" than in vampires themselves, Sunseri said.

There are vampire clubs in Dallas with people who dress like vampires, and some who take the folklore to the extreme sometimes get their teeth filed down to resemble fangs, Sunseri said. These people desire to be in a social group without being part of the mainstream, she said.

There are also people who believe they are vampires and treat the belief as an established religion, Sunseri said.



Bill Gates 'delighted' to be knighted

LONDON (AP) — One of the world's richest men got a new acquisition Wednesday: an honorary knighthood.

Proclaiming himself "humbled and delighted," Microsoft founder Bill Gates received the accolade from Queen Elizabeth II in a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

As an American, Gates is not entitled to use "Sir" before his name, but he can put the initials "K.B.E." — Knight Commander of the British Empire — after it.

The 49-year-old billionaire was honored for his charitable activities around the world and his contribution to high-tech enterprise in Britain.

Past recipients of the honorary knighthood range from Irish singer Bob Geldof to former President Ronald Reagan.

"This honor is particularly poignant given the deep connections Microsoft enjoys with the United Kingdom," said Gates, whose company employs about 2,000 people in Britain. Gates has an estimated wealth of \$48 billion.

Gates' honor was announced in January 2004, but a "mutually convenient" date to receive it had not been available until now.

British recipients of knighthoods are entitled to be addressed with a "Sir" before their names. The honor was long the preserve of senior soldiers, judges and other servants of the state, but recent years have seen the creation of Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Mick Jagger and Sir Elton John.

"It's a great honor to have the association with this country and receive an award like this," Gates said as he and his wife, Melinda, stood under black umbrellas outside the palace, holding his silver medallion in a small black box with velvet lining.

His wife described the queen as "engaging" company and said they found plenty to talk about on issues such as health problems in the developing world, the avian flu and their shared interest in travel.

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Hanson elected, graduate senator seat still undetermined

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

Election results for Student Senate seat run-offs and vice president for graduate affairs candidates were posted Wednesday night, and still no graduate senators have been elected.

Bari Sadler and Noe De La Sancha tied with 30.49 percent of the votes. The first election resulted in a four-way tie for the last graduate senate seat.

"There is nothing in the election code to handle a situation like this," Alisa Abuzeineh, vice president for graduate affairs, said. "Ethan Logan, the election commissioner, will have to research this and see what we need to do."

Logan will call the two winning candidates to ask if one of them wants to concede, she said.

"If one conceded then that would make it very easy, but if not then we have to research it further and find an answer to the problem," Abuzeineh said.

John Hanson was elected as the new vice president of graduate affairs with 70 percent of the vote.

Hanson said he was glad to be given the opportunity to serve in the position.

"I just hope I do a good enough job that people are glad they elected me," he said.

The Student Government Association will hold a regularly scheduled student senate meeting at 7 p.m. today in room 101 of the Electrical Engineering building to discuss new legislation and the allocation of funds to student organizations.

According to the allocation list, 93 undergraduate student organizations are being considered for funding, as are 17 graduate organizations.

Casey Harmon, SGA journal clerk, said the list will be read at the meeting but will not be discussed. The budget and finance committee has

interviewed all the student organizations who requested funding and have made a list of amounts to be allocated to each of the organizations, she said.

"The legislation will be read again at our next meeting at the end of March, and it will be discussed and amended then," she said. "At the third meeting in April the bill will actually be voted on."

Students who still need to make appeals for their organizations should contact a senator as soon as possible, Harmon said.

David Kidwell, head of the budget and finance committee, said the interviews with student organizations were finished Monday.

"This is the one bill that absolutely must be passed every year and we have worked very hard on it," he said. "Every year some student organizations have to go through appeals, but those will not be heard at this meeting on Thursday, it will be at the next meeting when the bill can be amended."

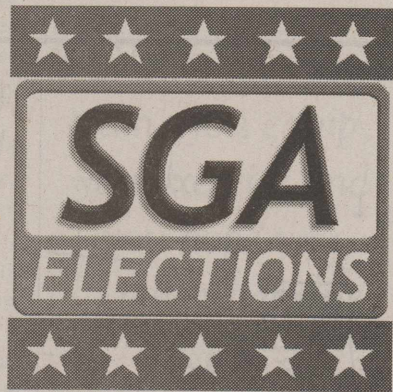
Senate Resolution 40.34 will be discussed concerning the formation of a committee to create a seal for the student senate.

Don Dyal, dean of the library, will speak at the meeting in reference to the printing fees recently implemented on campus.

"Dyal will be speaking to the senate and anyone else who attends the opening remarks part of the meeting," Harmon said.

A new senator will be assigned to the historical committee during the meeting, Harmon said.

"A senator had to resign from the historical committee and we are going to pull a new senator from the law school to fill that position," she said.



"I just hope I do a good enough job that people are glad they elected me."

— JOHN HANSON
Newly Elected Vice President of Graduate Affairs

Madrid bombing suspect had sketch of New York rail

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A suspect in the Madrid train bombings was found to possess a sketch and technical details about Grand Central Terminal in New York, U.S. officials confirmed Wednesday.

The sketch and data were on a computer disk seized about two weeks after the March 11 train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people last year, the newspaper El Mundo said.

In New York, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the FBI had informed the police department about the existence of the data on the computer and the city responded by tightening

security at transit centers.

"We've known about the data on the computer for a long time," said Bloomberg, interviewed on WBLR Radio.

"We've taken the appropriate steps 'back when' to beef up security at all of the major transportation hubs — train stations and airports and bus stations, places where you say if a terrorist wanted to attack, they would," Bloomberg said.

"We looked at all of our transportation facilities, and we think we've taken appropriate steps. ... It's sad we're in a world where you have

to worry about it, but you do," he added.

Spanish police gave the disk to the U.S. agents from the FBI and CIA in December once they understood the scope of the technical data, the report said.

A U.S. Embassy official confirmed that American law enforcement authorities received information related to Grand Central Terminal from Spanish authorities in December. The official declined to go into detail.

A Spanish police official said Spanish and U.S. authorities do not lend much credibility to the sketch,

saying it is not even clear it is supposed to be a picture of Grand Central Terminal.

The police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the sketch was found in the home of Mouhannad Almallah, a Syrian who was arrested in Madrid on March 24 but later released, although he is still considered a suspect.

Almallah was questioned over his alleged ties to two suspects jailed in connection with the attack after witnesses placed them aboard trains targeted in the string of 10 bombs, El Mundo said.

BTK evidence search continues

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — As Dennis Rader was formally charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder in the BTK serial killings, investigators used metal detectors to search for new evidence along roads in Rader's suburban hometown.

Sheriff Gary Steed said the Park City search was sparked

by new information from the task force investigating the serial killings. He declined to elaborate.

The Wichita Eagle reported Wednesday that Wichita police did surveillance in Park City of a BTK suspect in early February, according to a source familiar with the investigation.

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One night of drinking and driving. Seven years to sober up.

Reggie Stephey, now 23, is spending his college years in prison for driving drunk. In 1999, he crashed his SUV into a car with five people, killing two and burning Jacqui Saburido beyond recognition. He'll be 28 when he is released. Jacqui will deal with her injuries for the rest of her life.

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Why Europe dislikes America's foreign policy and ideals

Bashing the Americans seems popular if you take a look at the foreign media or listen to the word on the street. Yet, here there seems to be such a strong conviction that American attitudes are right for the rest of the world. The view seems to be that America has it right and the rest of the world needs to fall into line.

Barely a day goes by in England where you don't hear some quip about the Americans just getting involved for their own benefit. Yet here, barely a day goes by without hearing some sort of criticism of so-called "Old Europe," particularly the French, for not assisting American foreign policy.

From a personal perspective, having now spent six months here, I realize more and more basic cultural values are different. The differences are often subtle, but they all add up to create the strained trans-Atlantic relationship we currently are experiencing. The more I see, the more I begin to realize both sides think they are closer than they really are.

In Europe, there is not the same fear—I would go as far as to use the word paranoia about the next 9/11 happening tomorrow. I don't think people in the United States really appreciate the implications of this. This is not to say heightened security has not become a part of life, but just that the response seems more measured, more controlled.

The United Kingdom currently is trying to introduce legislation to deal with terrorists, similar to the Patriot Act, but very controversial and having a rough passage through parliament.

Contrast this to here, where the legislation has been in place for some time. It is not that terrorism is not considered any less lightly. It's just that it is a relatively small threat posed to each individual and is more realistically evaluated. The U.K. also lived with Irish terrorist activity for a long time, so undoubtedly the current threat is not as new and

Daniel Kubler



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uncomfortable as it is for the United States, which has not really had to face the situation before.

Likewise, both France and Spain have long dealt with the activities of the Basque separatist movement. It is time "Old Europe" made more of an effort to really understand

why the American people are so concerned.

What really causes anger and resentment is the view that America only really gets involved when there is some long-term gain for America. It's the seeming hypocrisy of spending billions of dollars on regime change and securing countries like Iraq, while wholesale ignoring problems in the rest of the world where democracy and freedom of the individual are being suppressed, places like Myanmar and Zimbabwe.

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By the same token, I agree with the sentiment that the rest of the world should not always look to America to take a lead in securing peace and democracy.

"Old Europe" does not tolerate death penalties and has very strict gun laws. The reason I introduce this idea is that it is to show just how strong a belief there is that violence and death do not solve a problem—I hope we all agree on this one.

War is first viewed as violence and death. I believe war is first seen as a valid means of putting something right that is wrong.

So with such a difference over the interpretation of what war is, is it really surprising there is such misunderstanding about American foreign policy?

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TECH TALKS BACK

Use maturity in experiencing free speech in our nation

There are two kinds of freedom: The freedom to something, and the freedom from something, and the laws of our nation tell us what we are free to and from. For example, we are free from murder, rape and theft, which at the same time revokes our freedom to commit those acts. I am free from religious oppression, which means I am free to practice whatever religion I choose, and so on. Most of us are fine with that and follow the laws.

The issue of free speech zones boils down the same way. Either I should be free to express my views and opinions without restriction, or I should be free from hearing others' views and opinions. I don't know about everyone else (although I hope a majority of people, especially college students, would agree with me)—but I would much rather express my beliefs to others while in turn hearing them out than living in a world where no opinions could be distributed for fear of offending someone.

In a society with this sort of lack of communication, how could we build ourselves as people? How could we come up with new information? How could we present evidence for or against a controversial issue, such as abortion or capital punishment? How could anything get done?

The only rationale I can think people would advocate the "free speech zone" policy is they can say what-

ever they like, as long as I don't have to hear it. That is simply ignorance. Ignorance of the worst possible kind—willful ignorance. My opinion is better than anything you could possibly say, so don't even say it. I am right, you are wrong and I can't be bothered to even tell you why. No, I can't defend my beliefs, but I still don't care what yours are.

Open your eyes, ears and minds. There are great ideas floating around out there. You should take every chance you can to consider them. You should defend your right to hear them. Don't be offended by others' opinions. Most people are not out to personally attack you for your beliefs; they just want you to understand them, and possibly incorporate them into their own.

Think of it this way. If you don't agree with someone and simply must stay ignorant, you have the freedom to ignore whatever anyone is trying to tell you while they exercise their freedom to say it.

— Kyle Taylor, senior electrical engineering major

Man already has hands on what some see as God's work

Even though I do not want to throw in my two cents about whether Terri Schiavo should or should not be taken off her feeding tube, I thought Will Davis's comment in "Even houseplants need water" (UD, March 2) about how "man takes over what only God should decide" was a bit off the mark.

I do not think you can make such an assertion without looking at the other point of view. We already have been playing God with Terri's life—the fact she is on a feeding tube in the first place proves that. If this had happened to her another time when medical technology was not as advanced as it is, she already would have died from starvation. It is not only God keeping her alive at this point, it is man.

If a doctor heals someone through medical and technological advances, does that mean we are playing God? After all, if the illness would have killed the person if not for the intervention of the doctor, does it mean the physician took the decision of dying out of God's hands and into man's? The argument, therefore, is humans should not intervene at all—it is not our choice whether someone lives or dies. But no one makes this argument.

We save thousands of lives every day with medical technology, yet do not realize that we are playing God with those lives as well. It is OK to keep a person from dying but not to stop treatment when it is the only thing keeping them alive. It would be cruel to let a person die when there is medicine to keep him or her alive.

But at the same time, the justification that it is only God's decision is hypocritical when we consider humans intervene in God's decisions on a daily basis.

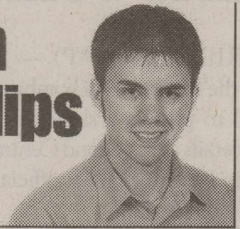
— Katie Tweedell, freshman photocommunications major from Aledo

Supreme Court targets states' rights

In a nation founded on democracy, literally defined as majority rule, the nation's courts have drawn the proverbial line in the sand on the protection of minority interests.

The first issue of states' rights relates to what states are constitutionally permitted to do under the First Amendment's "respecting an establishment of religion" clause.

Seth Phillips



The last time I checked my copy of the U.S. Constitution, the role of a state was to define what its citizens wanted as their community standards. I also recall a separation of powers. But maybe that's just my copy. Perhaps the Supreme Court has a different version.

This is where the U.S. Supreme Court's curtailing of the prevailing will of the people hits close to home. This now deals with Austin.

A tablet containing the Ten Commandments, located at the Texas Capitol in Austin, is at the heart of a case to be heard by the Supreme Court.

There are two interesting ironies about this type of case. First, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll taken in late February, 76 percent supported the public display of the Ten Commandments.

Secondly, the justices will be tackling this emotional issue in a courtroom boasting a wall carving of Moses holding these sacred tablets.

Religious displays have not been the only focus of the court's attempts to protect minority "rights" at the expense of the vast majority of Americans.

Most recently, the right of a state to authorize the death penalty has been under fire by the High Court.

On Tuesday the decision in *Roper v. Simmons* was released. In that opinion, on a 5-4 split, the court ruled imposing the death penalty on murderers who were under age 18 at the time they committed their crimes was unconstitutional.

The court cited the constitutional protection against cruel and unusual punishment in their reasoning.

A few years ago, the case *Atkins v. Virginia* prohibited states from executing anyone deemed mentally handicapped. In that opinion, Justice Stevens wrote "such punishment is excessive and that the Constitution 'places a substantive restriction on the State's power to take the life' of a mentally retarded offender."

The problem here is Supreme Court justices are overturning the informed convictions made by juries of their peers under guidelines set by the popularly elected legislature of the state.

I would think juries who spend weeks and months in a courtroom and representatives voted into office by their constituents have a better idea of what Justice Stevens cited in *Atkins v. Virginia* as the "evolving standards of decency" for that community.

Texas is harsher on the death penalty than most states, but that's our standards of decency. This is OK because we are to have 50 different standards of decency based on the differences between states. This is a good thing; it's called federalism.

The Supreme Court's line of reasoning, however, creates a disturbing precedent on what the role of the United States court system should be.

Should courts protect minorities? Certainly they should protect their rights, but not in such a way that it denies the government's right to rule.

Are Supreme Court justices able to say what those rights are? To some degree, yes, but no more so than legislators can define those same rights.

The main problem comes when a court attempts to overturn a state's punishment standards based upon "evolving standards." Whose standards are right?

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City officials prepare for severe weather

By Meghann Lora/
The University Daily

If a tornado heads toward Lubbock, the city and Texas Tech have a plan to handle the severe weather emergency.

Members of the city's emergency management team met Wednesday at the Lubbock Emergency Operations Center for a Severe Weather Tabletop exercise. The team included representatives from the city government, Sheriff's office, police department, fire department, health department and Lubbock Power and Light.

Ken Olsen, the emergency management coordinator for the city of Lubbock, said the exercise is a way to simulate what actions would take place in the event of a severe weather situation in Lubbock.

"It's a way to increase awareness of actions that we would take in a severe weather event," he said. "This gives us an opportunity for free discussion of who's doing what when."

Olsen said objectives of the exercise included revealing planning weaknesses, revealing resource gaps and improving coordination.

He led the team in a simulation of the city's actions that would occur in the event of a severe weather emergency. Olsen said Lubbock has emergency plans in place and is training city employees for those emergencies in case an emergency does occur.

"You plan, you train, you equip, you exercise and you hope you never have to use it," he said.

Lubbock's storm season is approaching, and the city is preparing for it, Olsen said.

"Tornadoes can occur anytime. We're not ever in a position where we are totally in the clear of severe weather," he said.

Olsen said severe weather is the biggest threat to the city of Lubbock.

"Of all the threats we have, severe weather is still the No. 1 threat to our community," he said.

The actions taken during the severe weather exercise could be helpful in other types of emergencies, Olsen said.

"The methods we use in dealing with severe weather are certainly applicable to all types of hazards," he said.

Jay Parchman, executive director of public safety and emergency management at Tech, said communication between the city and Tech is important in any emergency. He said Tech and Lubbock officials would cooperate in the event of a severe weather emergency.

Parchman said Tech has tornado sirens that sound in the event of an emergency. The decision to sound the alarm is done only when the threat of an emergency is great.

"When we issue the order to sound the tornado sirens, people need to take cover," he said.

The tornado sirens are tested each spring, Parchman said. The sirens are scheduled to be tested 10 a.m.

Wednesday.

"If it is a test, just be cognizant of it," he said. "If it is the real thing, they need to seek cover. They should go to the basement and stay away from windows."

Garrett Milligan, a sophomore marketing major from Plano, said he would not know what to do if a tornado was in the Lubbock area.

Milligan said he has heard tornado sirens before because Plano tested its sirens once a month. He said even people who have never heard a tornado siren would understand there

was an emergency.

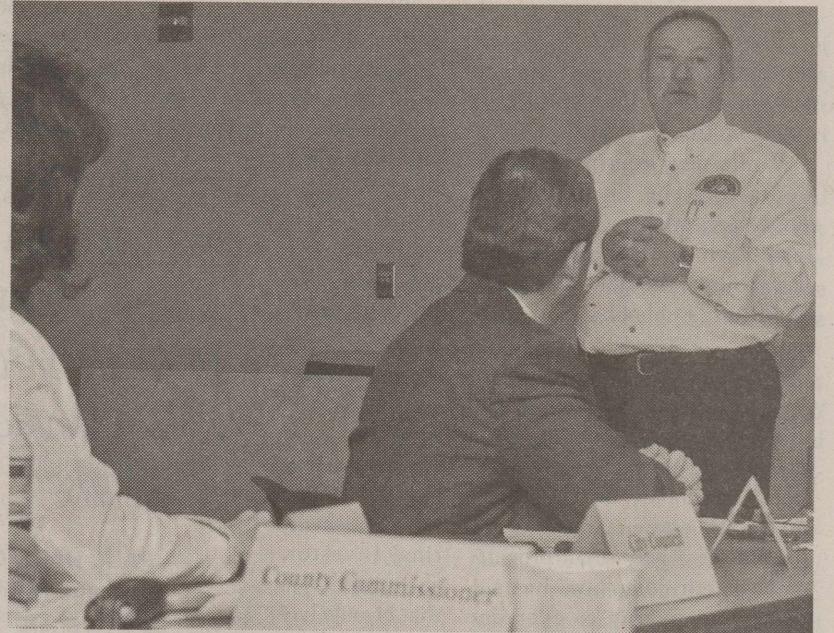
"They had them back in Plano, and they used to test them," he said. "I'm sure everybody would know what they meant."

Naomi Emanuel, a freshman restaurant, hotel and institution management major from Dallas, said she lives in Hulen Hall and remembers watching a video and discussing what to do in the event of an emergency.

"I'd probably go to the basement of my dorm," she said.

Testing the tornado sirens would be beneficial to everyone on campus, Emanuel said.

"I think it's a good idea so that in case of a tornado they would know what to listen for," she said.



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KEN OLSEN, EMERGENCY management coordinator for the city of Lubbock, talks with city officials about severe weather preparedness Wednesday morning at the Fire Administration building.

"You plan, you train, you equip, you exercise and you hope you never have to use it."

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Renovations could hurt Lubbock real estate

By Miles Blankenship/
Contributing Writer

Throughout the past few months, construction crews and new apartment buildings have sprung up in Lubbock.

While new housing developments like the Overton Park renovation might seem good for Texas Tech students looking for a place to live, the new apartments could hurt Lubbock's real estate market.

Paul Harmon, who works for Creel and Harmon Realtors, said although the new buildings seem like a good move for Lubbock, there is a possibility of over-saturating the real estate market.

"We are a very small property management company," he said. "And after talking to everyone else in the market, in general, (the construction and renovation of new apartments) has really hurt the market. They have overbuilt in my opinion, and the single family home rental market has been affected."

Also, the nature of the Lubbock real estate market has changed throughout the decade, and now the supply of rental properties and

apartments seems to exceed the demand, Harmon said.

"Prior to this past year, for the last 15 years, it was really a landlord's market," he said. "You could put a sign out in a yard and be able to pick from a multitude of

calls and pretty much rent for top dollar. Now we're seeing the rentals are down; it's much harder to rent a house than it was a couple years ago, and we are renting for considerably less. As a small-time investor, the properties that I would buy to use for rental houses I'm not interested in buying because the market is just not there."

Lisa Lavender, property manager at Highgate Apartments, said the newer apartment complexes may take some renters away from older apartment complexes at first, but in the long run, she does not believe Highgate will be affected by the

additions to Lubbock.

"People like new and exciting," she said. "But you would be surprised at how many people have left Highgate and then come back after a year when their lease expires at the other place."

Despite some reservations about over-building in Lubbock, Delbert McDougal, president of McDougal Properties, said he recognized the need to update the Overton area and believes the Overton Park renovation will yield only positive results for the city of Lubbock and Tech students.

"Many students were living in the Overton Park area before we started the renovation, when it was unsafe," he said. "I think this renovation will prove to be an asset to Tech and to the Overton Park area."

McDougal started his private business in North Overton in 1969, and having seen the area in good times and bad, he said he knew the area had to be renovated despite some skepticism from other developers.

"People have a tendency to turn their heads away from a bad situation," he said. "I think that this renovation will give people and other developers a better understanding of what you can do to make a bad situation — like the Overton area was before the renovations — a lot better."

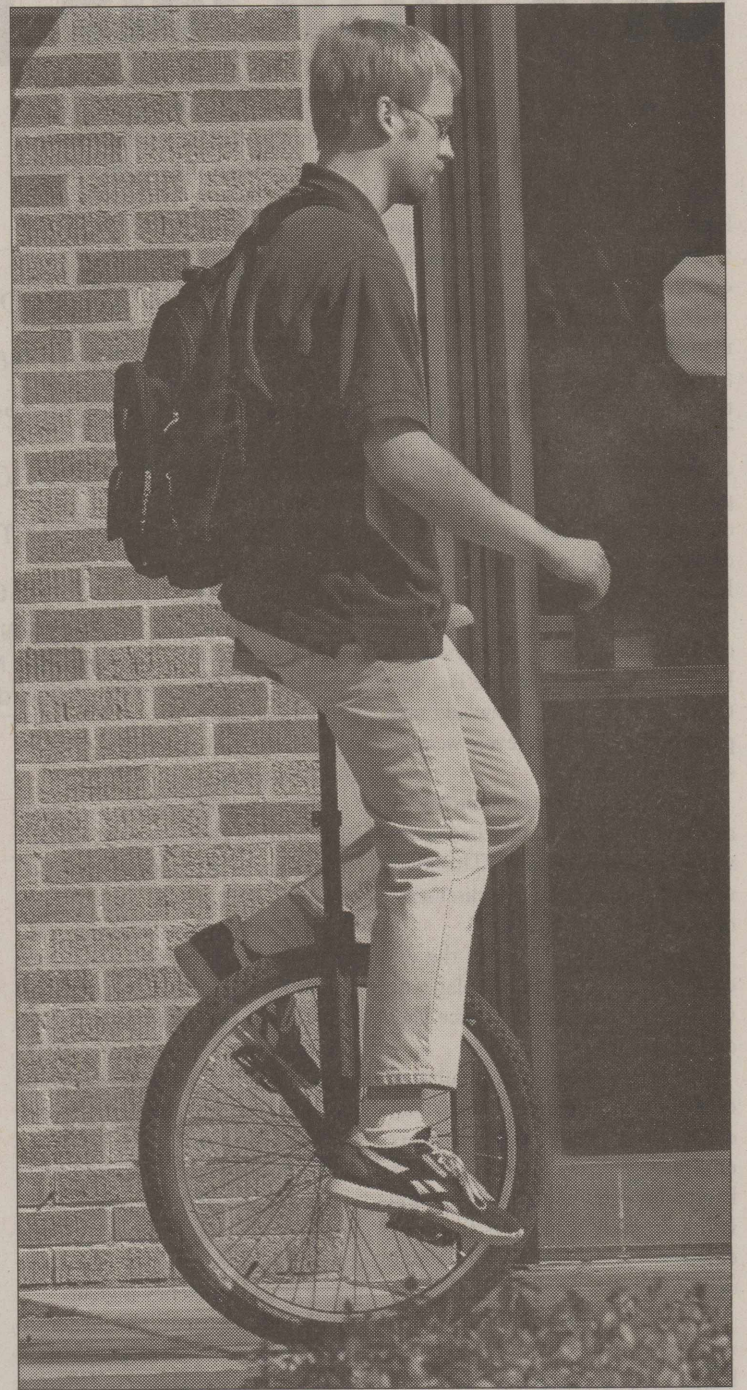
Also, McDougal said the city of Lubbock seems positive about the results of the Overton renovation, and he is not worried about the possibility of over-saturation in the Lubbock real estate market because the growth of the city will take care of any short-term difficulties.

"It's natural in an 'up' climate to over build," he said. "And that's what we're experiencing in Lubbock right now. With the growth of Lubbock, especially in the downtown area and at Texas Tech, this renovation will be nothing but a positive for our real estate market."

"Prior to this past year, for the last 15 years, it was really a landlord's market."

— PAUL HARMON
Creel and Harmon
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CHRISTOPHER SIMS, A senior computer science major from Spring, rides his unicycle in front of Holden Hall after getting out of class Tuesday afternoon.

Three bodies found in Mexico

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — The bodies of three men who had been blindfolded and shot in the head were found Wednesday in a pickup truck abandoned along a highway near the U.S.-Mexico border, police said.

The men have not been identified. They were dumped in a

desolate spot 40 miles south of the border city of Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas, along a road leading to Monterrey, said Jorge Cantu, a spokesman for the Nuevo Leon state attorney general's office.

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GOP lawmakers attack Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans attacked the AARP as well as congressional Democrats on Wednesday as they struggled to build momentum behind President Bush's call for personal investment accounts under Social Security.

The AARP, which claims 35 million members age 50 and over, is

"against a solution that hasn't been written yet," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay after a closed-door meeting with the GOP rank and file.

He called the group's opposition to personal accounts irresponsible and hypocritical, adding that it sells mutual funds to its own membership.

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Reading

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and, with the exception of the "Cat in the Hat," she enjoyed and treasured them.

"Most of the books I brought up here today were mine from when I was little," she said, waving toward the stack on the table.

She had to go out and buy the "Cat in the Hat," though.

Yesterday, Dr. Seuss turned 101 years old, but his appeal is probably stronger than ever. Camp said Seuss' books are known and loved by children around the world, and transcend generations. Parents who grew up reading books like "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham" now are introducing their children to the world of Dr. Seuss.

"He's someone every one has heard of," Camp said. "His legacy is universal."

Dr. Seuss, who never had a doctorate, was born Theodor Geisel on March 2, 1904. He published his first book, "And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," in 1936.

In 1954, he wrote "The Cat in the Hat" in response to a magazine article about child illiteracy. The article suggested children did not want to read because the books were too dull.

Dr. Donna Bacchi, medical director of the Reader program, said children enjoy Seuss's books because he wrote with children in mind. They are easy to read and manage to be interesting at the same time.

"(His books) engage the child," she said. "He uses simple words in different and colorful ways."

Bacchi said reading to children is important because most brain growth occurs between six months and two years. Books teach children basic physical and mental skills.

Seeing volunteers reading to children is helpful to parents, Bacchi said. A volunteer can serve as a model and an example.

Allison White, a senior psychology major from Dekalb, has been volunteering with the program since January. She said reading to the children is only part of the example she tries to set for parents.

"A lot of it is just talking to the kids and showing interest in them," she said. "It gets the parents more involved and it really makes a difference."

Those interested in volunteering to read for the program or donate children's books in good condition can call Libby Camp at (806) 742-4481 ext. 246 or e-mail her at libby.camp@ttuhsc.edu.

Restaurants

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Mesquite, said he also has multiple reasons for eating at the restaurants along University Avenue.

"I eat at those restaurants because of convenience, because I like to eat places close to home," he said. "Do you want more of a meal where you would pay more and drive further or would you rather have less of a meal for a cheaper price and a more convenient location?"

Military

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with are already being recruited to join the military.

"Here on the east side, military recruiters recruit really heavily," he said. "They recruit even in middle school, especially in the STAR program."

Platt said the STAR program is for troubled kids in which students perform military drills. He said the program is comprised of mainly minority students.

"They reinforce the military," he said. "They prepare the kids for two options; either to join the military or to go to jail."

According to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Web site, the Services to At-Risk Youth program is mainly students between ages 7 and 17 who are runaways or truants, living in family conflicts or have been involved in or committed delinquent acts. It is a boot camp-like program.

Although he is trying to discourage people from joining the military, Platt said he understands the economic needs that can sway potential military personnel.

"We want the kids to be smart, to tell the recruiters when they say, 'We'll give you money for college,' we want them to say, 'But you usually don't,'" he said. "(We want) to make them smart and (let them know) they have a right to refuse."

According to the City of Lubbock Web site, Dunbar Junior High is located in City Council District 2, in which nearly 50 percent of the residents are Hispanic, 28 percent are black and 21 percent are white. Dunbar Junior High feeds into Estacado High School, also in District 2.

Catherine Miller was among the speakers at the event. She said the number of minorities in previous wars were necessary.

"Without the women, blacks and Hispanics, (the U.S. government) has no army," she said.

Platt said he wants younger students to realize the perks solicited by military recruiters are not always accurate.

"They promise all these things and never deliver," he said.

Teen who fatally shot brother turns down deal

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — A Midlothian teenager who fatally shot his younger brother has declined a plea offer in a case that prompted community members to rally around his struggling family.

During a barbecue on Oct. 15, Guillermo Huerta's uncle, Jose Torres, asked the boy to move a .22-caliber rifle after it had been used to kill a goat. Investigators say the eighth-grader playfully pointed the gun at his 6-year-old brother, also named Jose, and yelled, "Boom! Boom!"

The boy was hit once in the chest and died.

After the shooting, some Midlothian residents united to help the family, raising about \$8,000 and buying a used mobile home for them. Efforts also were launched to reach out to a growing number of Hispanics in

the Midlothian area, many in the country illegally.

Guillermo 13, appeared Tuesday before Ellis County Court-at-Law Judge Gene Calvert with his parents, Sabino and Francisca Huerta. He pleaded not guilty to a charge of delinquent conduct/criminally negligent homicide.

Assistant District Attorney Lindy Tober told the judge Guillermo had rejected an offer of six months' probation plus community service in exchange for a guilty plea. Calvert

scheduled another hearing for April 8 to set a date for a jury trial.

"I understand that an accident

he is 21.

The boy's attorney, Lynn Wilborne of Waxahachie, said a conviction could hamper the ability of the teen and his family to remain in the country. The Huertas left Guanajuato, Mexico, for the United States about 13 years ago.

"There's no one evil here, and the state has been working with the family trying to help," Wilborne said. "My concern is that they are going to help them right out of the country."

Prosecutors initially said they wouldn't pursue a case against Guillermo, but Tober said she had been waiting for a final investigative report.

The teen has received the support of teachers, parents and students at Midlothian High School, who are prepared to write letters of support for him.

"There's no evil here, and the state has been working with the family trying to help."

— LYNN WILBORNE
Guillermo Huerta's Attorney

Prosecutor: Actor Blake killed wife when no one else would

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Blake was a wannabe tough guy, a manipulative celebrity and ultimately a killer, according to a prosecutor who told jurors Wednesday that when the actor couldn't rid himself of the woman who had tricked him into marriage, he shot her to death.

As Blake gazed impassively at jurors, prosecutor Shellie Samuels told them the actor killed Bakley after he failed to have her arrested, to keep her away from their baby daughter and, finally, to persuade others to kill her.

She called the actor a would-be tough guy who emulated the people he played in such films as "In Cold Blood" and TV shows like "Baretta," as well as a person used to manipulating other people through his celebrity.

"That's what this case is all about, the defendant getting what he wants," Samuels said.

She said Blake, 71, wanted his 44-year-old wife dead because she was a con artist who had tricked him into marrying her by getting pregnant and giving birth to a daughter he quickly became

obsessed with.

"He was tricked by Bonny Lee and he hated her for it," Samuels said. "He got taken by a small-time grifter."

Arriving in court before closing arguments began, Blake was greeted with a hug by his adult daughter, Delinah. One of Bakley's daughters was also in court, and Blake did not make eye contact with her.

Using a Powerpoint presentation, Samuels laid out a timeline for jurors in which she said Blake went to elaborate lengths to try to have Bakley arrested before their Nov. 19, 2000, wedding so he wouldn't have to marry her. When that failed, the prosecutor said, he tried to abduct their daughter. And when that failed, Samuels said, Blake tried repeatedly to solicit others to kill Bakley.

"When the solicitations were unsuccessful, he did it himself," Samuels said.

Bakley was shot to death May 4, 2001, outside Blake's favorite neighborhood Italian restaurant in Studio City. Blake maintains someone else killed her while he left her briefly in the car.

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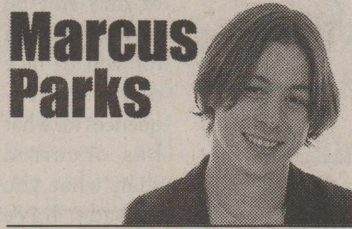
Jason Anderson plays Space 1110 tonight

Until recently, Lubbock has had a bad rap in quite a few music circles. Aside from the useless Texas country scene, it's been years since Lubbock has had anything viable as far as alternative or indie music goes.

As a friend of mine once said, admitting being from Lubbock sometimes feels like apologizing because you aren't from Austin. Fortunately, things have begun to change in the last couple of years. Some of the best shows I've seen have been right here in Lubbock, and one of the absolute best performers from last semester has decided to once more grace us with his presence.

Jason Anderson, whose 2004 release "New England" found its way into my top five albums last year, is returning to Space 1110 tonight.

A singer-songwriter who records for the legendary Olympia, Wash., Label K Records, Anderson writes songs so sincere most of us



Marcus Parks

During shows he acts as almost an inspirational speaker, trying to convince his audience everything is going to be OK, as long as we all hold on as tight as we can to what is good in this world.

end up wondering why we didn't write them ourselves.

While some might pigeonhole Anderson's style as sappy or over-the-top, to focus on these things is to miss the point.

Anderson is one of those rare individuals able to see the raw beauty, the core good that lies in the world and all of us. No amount of apathy or sarcasm is going to kill that within him.

That's not to say he completely ignores the unsavory aspects of life. He can write a heart-broken ballad with the best of them, but that isn't his focus. It's merely a part of his overall worldview.

This man exudes hope wherever he goes and in whatever he does, in music and performance.

During shows he acts as almost an inspirational speaker, trying to convince his audience everything is going to be OK, as long as we all hold on as tight as we can to what is good in this world.

When Anderson played Space 1110 in November, the few people there were privy to something amazing, something I had never seen at any show anywhere.

Because of accommodations

made for certain audience members, the smokers were banished to the balcony at the back of the venue, with the stage all the way on the other side at the front.

Not satisfied with splitting his audience in two, Anderson placed a chair under the balcony, stood on top with nothing more than his guitar and his voice and led Lubbock in the best sing-a-long I've ever seen.

Usually, when a well-known artist has his fans sing along with songs, the audience has at least a little prior knowledge of the band's lyrics.

Jason, however, is not a well-known artist, and he knows this. Maybe five of us there had ever heard him before, much

less knew the lyrics to any of his songs.

But that didn't matter. Before each song, Anderson taught the audience the lyrics they needed to know and at the appropriate time, cued us up like an impromptu choir, 50 strong and fied.

Nobody worried about looking cool or making fools out of themselves. Nobody cared if the person next to them couldn't sing. Nobody cared about anything but the music they heard and that was the beauty of it all.

You won't see this in Dallas or Austin. This won't happen in towns that have a different show every night because those audiences are unfortunately jaded by the amount of music they have at their disposal.

We don't have that leisure in Lubbock. Folks from Austin and Dallas can't enjoy a show like Lub-

bockites can, because they can't appreciate it like we do.

Yeah, I know this sounds a bit snarky, but it's true.

I couldn't tell you how many musicians have not only told me, as well as countless other touring acts, that Lubbock is one of the best places to play in the country, simply because they know we appreciate them more.

Coming out to a show in Lubbock means just that — appreciation. It means being a part of something you probably didn't even know could exist in Lubbock: a scene.

It's a wonderful place to be, and both Anderson and I will be waiting for you there tonight.

If you want a taste of this amazingly talented singer-songwriter before the show, Anderson's performance will be broadcast live on 88.1 KTX-FM from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Doors for the performance open at 9 p.m. at Space 1110, located at 1110 Ave. K, downtown between Broadway Avenue and Main Street. Admission is only \$5. I'll see you there.

■ Parks is The UD's music critic. E-mail comments and questions to Marcus.J.Parks@ttu.edu.

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50 Cent feuds with protégé The Game

NEW YORK (AP) — Another day, another feud for 50 Cent. This time, he's beefing with his own protégé, best-selling rapper The Game.

Actually, make that former protégé.

In an interview on hip-hop radio station Hot 97 Monday night, 50 announced he was kicking The Game out of his G-Unit clique because of disloyalty. Then a shooting occurred outside the radio station, wounding one man, police said.

Investigators, still trying to sort out the chaotic scene, suspected the comments were heard on the radio by associates of The Game, including the shooting victim. The associates allegedly went to the radio station, where they were met outside by members of 50 Cent's entourage and the violence erupted, police said.

At the time, 50 Cent was inside; he was not harmed. It was unclear whether The Game was directly involved, police said.

No arrests have been made. An unidentified, 24-year-old Los Angeles man was in stable condition with a gunshot wound to the upper thigh.

Representatives for 50 and Hot 97 (WQHT-FM in New York) had no comment when contacted by The Associated Press Tuesday.

All this comes as 50 prepares to release the album "The Massacre" today. It is the follow-up to 2003's "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," which not only made the bullet-scarred, brash rapper an international superstar, but an empire. The rapper's debut sold more than 8 million copies, and his G-Unit umbrella has launched the careers of three top-selling rappers, including The Game.

"The Massacre" was scheduled for release March 8 but was moved up to today because it is so hotly anticipated.

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Ross seals win in final road game

WACO (AP) — Ronald Ross scored 18 points to lead Texas Tech to a 72-66 win against Baylor Wednesday.

Devonne Giles and Darryl Dora each added 14 points for Texas Tech, which gave coach Bob Knight his 850th career win with the victory.

After Baylor (9-17, 1-14 Big 12) opened the second half with a Richard Hurd layup, Texas Tech reeled off eight straight points to move in front 48-38.

The Bears regrouped, and back-to-back Aaron Bruce 3-pointers tied the game with more than nine minutes remaining.

Baylor tied the score once more at 57-57, but the Red Raiders put together a 10-0 run and went ahead 67-57 at the four-minute mark.

The Bears mounted a final comeback, and trailing 69-66, forced Texas Tech (18-8, 10-5) in a shot-clock violation with 49 seconds left.

But Giles stole the ball from Bruce, and the Red Raiders hit three of four free throws in the final 30 seconds to clinch the win.

Bruce paced Baylor's scoring with 19 points, while Tommy Swanson contributed 15.

With 23 seconds to play in the first half, Swanson connected on two free throws, narrowing the Bears' deficit to 37-36.

But Curtis Marshall nailed a 3-pointer with five seconds remaining to give Texas Tech a 40-36 halftime lead.

TEXAS TECH (18-8)
Giles 6-8 2-2 14, Dora 7-8 0-0 14, Zeno 4-8 4-6 12, Jackson 2-6 0-0 5, Ross 7-11 4-4 18, Coffman 1-3 0-0 2, Marshall 3-5 0-0 7, Suljagic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-49 10-12 72.

BAYLOR (9-17)
Bush 4-8 3-3 11, Hurd 3-6 0-1 7, Swanson 5-9 5-5 15, Biggers 0-1 2-2 2, Bruce 7-16 0-1 19, Fields 4-7 0-0 10, Shipman 1-2 0-0 2, Shepherd 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-49 10-12 66.

Halftime—Texas Tech 40-36. 3-Point goals—Texas Tech 2-8 (Dora 0-1 Zeno 0-1, Jackson 1-2, Ross 0-1, Coffman 0-2, Marshall 1-1), Baylor 8-21 (Bush 0-3, Hurd 1-2, Swanson 0-2, Biggers 0-1, Bruce 5-9, Fields 2-3, Shipman 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 24 (Giles 7), Baylor 24 (Bush, Swanson 5). Assists—Texas Tech 10 (Jackson 3), Baylor 11 (Biggers, Fields 3). A—5,375.

Big 12 title at stake tonight

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Baylor is a private Baptist institution, but Texas Tech's Alesha Robertson has plans to get God on her side for a shot at a share of the Big 12 Championship.

"We're probably gonna have to bring our best game with it, especially being at Baylor, and we'll just have to pray a lot," said Robinson, the preacher's daughter. "They're the luckiest team. (They get) every lucky call. I think that if we go down there and play good and everything goes well, we'll have it made. We just gotta go focused."

No. 7 Baylor (23-3, 13-2 Big 12) could be considered lucky in that it defeated Texas by three in Waco, was able to force triple overtime at Nebraska before losing, escaped the United Spirit Arena with a three-point win and left Oklahoma winning by one.

But Baylor's biggest run-in with luck came at Oklahoma State.

The Cowgirls sit near the bottom of the Big 12 Conference standings with two league wins, and Baylor beat them thanks to a controversial foul call that went the Bears' way with less than one second left in the game.

Steffanie Blackmon made her free throws and gave Baylor a 67-65 win.

Robertson is hoping Baylor will not have that kind of luck this time, and her team will play better than in the two teams' previous meeting this season.

"(How we played is) a lot of motivation knowing that we played good defense," Robertson said. "I think if we bring that same thing we brought on the defensive end and get more offensive looks, we'll be OK."

Tech (21-5, 12-3) struggled to put points on the board against Baylor in a 52-49 loss Feb. 5 in Lubbock. The Lady Raiders shot 33.3 percent from the field and held Baylor to 35.8 percent.

A couple of baskets could have made the difference.

That's why Tech wants to play hard-nosed basketball and put points on the board to claim its share of a first Big 12 title in five years.

Tech travels to Baylor to take on the Lady Bears 7:30 p.m. today on Fox Sports Net-Southwest.

Senior center Cisti Greenwalt said the team is looking forward to the game and has the Bears in its sight for the rematch.

"I think we really have a positive outlook on it," Greenwalt said. "We've watched film and realized pretty much everything we did, we did wrong anyways. I don't know how much worse we could shoot or how much worse we could do." Players and coaches said the team

is taking encouragement from having such a poor offensive outing the first time around and losing by just three points.

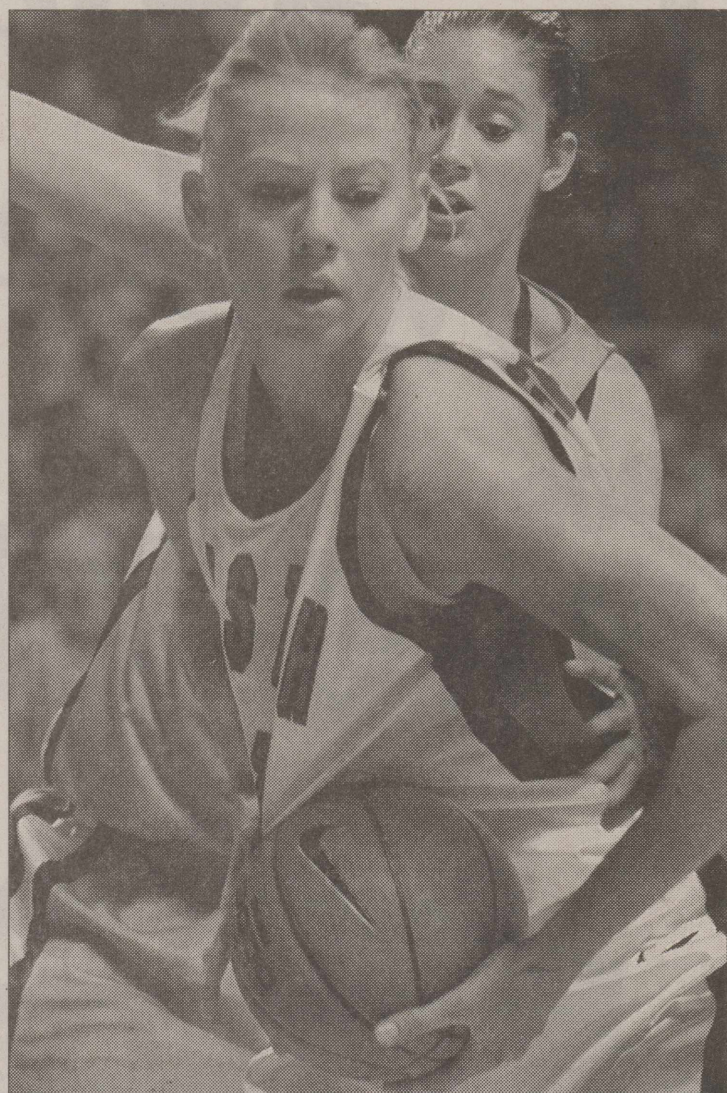
Knowing Tech was able to keep it close with Baylor while not playing to its potential adds some fuel to the fire to go to Waco and come back as co-Big 12 champions.

"I think that really gives us momentum for the game, watching the film and knowing how bad we played and the outcome of the game being three points, that we can go in there and play like we played at OU with the intensity we played with there we should go in there and win," Greenwalt said. "I think we have to go in there with that confidence to come out with a win."

Coach Marsha Sharp said she likes what she saw in practice this week. In preparing for this game, she said her players showed a mentality she believes necessary for a win.

The Lady Raiders looked like they were hungry, she said, and — most importantly — playing like the time was now.

"I feel a sense of urgency about them that we haven't felt before this year. I think it's because the stakes are so big," Sharp said. "They have a determination about them that will really give them an opportunity because they understand this opportunity doesn't come around every day."



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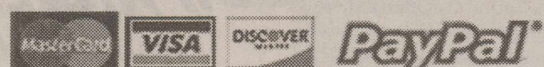
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Men's tennis team perfect heading to Corpus Christi

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

The sea breezes of Corpus Christi are beckoning the men's tennis team this weekend as it travels to compete in the HEB invitational.

Coming off two wins against ranked opponents Washington and Oregon last weekend, the team will look to build on those wins as it will face another challenge this weekend by playing four matches in three days.

"We're going to play a grueling schedule," coach Tim Siegel said. "We'll have our hands full, but we're getting an opportunity to play three teams ranked where we are in the 30s, so it'll be a good test for us."

Texas Tech will open play on Friday as the No. 3 seed against what Siegel called a "very good team" in Southeast Louisiana. The tournament features 14 other schools, including Middle Tennessee State as the No. 1 seed and South Alabama at No. 2.

Siegel said building on what the 10-0 Red Raiders already have accomplished will be the focus of the weekend.

"We just need to keep the momentum going for every match, regardless of the opponents' ranking," he said. "We don't want to get ahead of ourselves; we've won two matches against ranked teams, but as far as I'm concerned, that's behind us. We've got to play well this weekend to prove that it's something

we're going to see more often."

The Corpus Christi tournament will be the first time the Raiders have played outdoors in more than two weeks, but it is a competition in which Tech has fared well in the past.

Two years ago, the Raiders won the tournament, and they reached the finals at last year's event.

Other than winning, Siegel said another goal for the team this weekend is to stay away from injuries.

"We've got a couple guys that are a little banged up, but if we can stay healthy, I know we'll get some production out of the top of our lineup," Siegel said. "I think once again it comes down to doubles. I think if we play well there we'll have a successful weekend."

Big 12 play begins for women's tennis

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

Since the beginning of the season, Texas Tech women's tennis coach Cari Groce said the Red Raiders have not reached the top of the success ladder.

She said it is time to begin the ascent starting this weekend in Big 12 Conference play.

"It's time for them to take over their game," Groce said. "We've got to have people step up."

She said the bottom line is the players' experience. The athletes at Tech have been playing tennis for many years and should be comfortable with competition on the court.

"We need to take care of business," Groce said. "We should be ready to

face anything that's ahead on our schedule. They've got to step up and start playing."

The Raiders will travel to Manhattan, Kan., to face Kansas State Saturday, marking the opening of the conference schedule.

Groce said the Raiders' tough schedule in the past should help them play well against upcoming conference opponents.

Freshman Erin Hunter said she is looking forward to conference play after the schedule they have faced so far.

"The team is playing very well as a whole," Hunter said. "We've improved a lot through these past few matches."

Tech changed its doubles combinations Saturday, and Hunter said she was comfortable being paired with Katja

Kovacic.

"I feel like we mesh very well together," Hunter said. "I think we're getting to a point where we know where the strongest combinations are."

While the Raiders only will be gone for a day in the short trip to K-State, Lakann Wagley said the team will be ready to play come Saturday. She said she looks forward to opening conference play against K-State, as opposed to a team like Texas.

"I'm really excited for our first conference," Wagley said. "It's definitely a good experience. Coach has definitely prepared us well."

Cigdrem Duru said many teams Tech has faced thus far this season have been ranked. She said she looks forward to opening conference play against K-State.

Duru said the team enjoys traveling together, whether it be for a tournament or a dual match.

"I like to travel, especially if it's a tournament," Duru said. "It's really fun as a team. We always have fun, no matter where."

Duru said the Raiders will use this match as a way to improve on their record, which currently stands at 2-5.

"We are so ready for that match," Duru said. "We've been working so hard for maybe six months."

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Roam to home: Tech plays first game in Lubbock

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

It is a process, but, one step at a time, the Red Raider softball team is attempting to resurrect a program that historically has been subpar.

First-year coach Teresa Wilson said the team got a little closer during the weekend.

Texas Tech will open up home play this weekend against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Cal-Riverside Friday, followed by New Mexico and Centenary College Saturday.

Sunday will feature a repeat of the weekend's previous matchups.

Wilson said even though she saw a lot of improvement in the teams play last weekend, this week needs to be more of the same.

"We made huge steps last weekend, but the next step is trying to maintain that," she said. "It doesn't do much good if we come out this weekend and flush it all down the toilet."

Wilson said she anticipates the positive opportunities of this weekend's tournament.

"We're going to try to maintain and continue to get a little better each week," she said, "and I'm looking forward to the six games this weekend to try to get a little more experience under our belt."

The team traveled to California to compete in the Stanford tournament last weekend and opened play Friday against an Auburn squad that posted a 14-4 record going into the tournament.

A matchup with the nation's No. 4 team in Stanford followed.

The Raiders were defeated 4-1 by the Tigers and 8-4 by the Cardinal, but Wilson said she was pleased with the way the team competed with two of the better teams in the country.

"I can't say enough about the way the team played," she said. "We were making plays; we were pitching better. The team just stepped up in every way."

Texas Tech Softball Weekend Schedule

Day	Tech Opponent	Time
Friday	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Cal-Riverside	8 p.m.
Saturday	New Mexico	2 p.m.
Saturday	Centenary College	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	Cal-Riverside	11:30 a.m.
Sunday	New Mexico	2 p.m.

All games at Rocky Johnson Field.

On Saturday the team rebounded from the opening two losses to defeat Sacramento State, 4-1, and Alabama-Birmingham, 1-0, in extra innings.

Freshman Jennifer Corkin drove in sophomore Ashley Parker to seal the victory for Tech against Birmingham in the bottom half of the eighth inning.

"I had kind of struggled in the game and was just looking for a pitch to drive," Corkin said of the game winner. "I just tried to stay focused and see the ball, hit the ball."

Parker said she believed the team had a sense of togetherness that had been absent from previ-

ous contests this season.

"We came together as a team and we actually looked good," she said. "The last couple weekends we just went out there and played; this week we played as a team, we played together and we weren't just individuals out there."

The Raiders wrapped up play in the Sunshine State Sunday by defeating UC-Davis, 5-3.

Tech once again was led by Corkin and Parker combined to go 5-for-7 with 5 RBIs.

This weekend the Raiders (6-6) open play in Lubbock as they host four other schools in tournament play.



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ELYSSA SIGALA, TECH'S former catcher, catches a ball during the 2004 season.

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Track athletes seek to qualify for indoor championships

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

Texas Tech tracksters have one last chance to qualify for the 2005 NCAA Indoor Championships, and several Red Raiders are taking the opportunity to improve their marks or times.

The indoor season of track and field will end in Fayetteville, Ark., March 11-12, but one more stop remains before that meet for some Texas Tech athletes.

Pole vaulters Jared Thornhill, Bobby Most and Britni Lawrence will

travel to Notre Dame for the Alex Wilson Invitational, while runners

Jonathan

Johnson,

T y r e e

Gailes and

the men's

4x400-meter

relay will

travel to

Ames, Iowa,

for Iowa State's

NCAA Track and Field Qualifying

Meet.

The 4x400 relay team is com-

prised of Andrae Williams, Michael

Mathieu, Terry Beard and Johnny

Jacob.

Thornhill said he will have to

relax this weekend to reach the qual-

ification height.

"I've never been to an indoor

nationals," he said. "These are my

last two seasons — indoor and

outdoor."

While the two seasons are com-

bined into one semester, Thornhill

said they are drastically different.

"A lot of people put a lot more

emphasis on outdoor because you

have to jump in the element," he

said. "To me, it shows the better

all-around athlete.

As long as I focus on my run and take

off, everything will be fine."

While Thornhill will be focusing on

his approach this weekend at Notre

Dame, Mathieu said the relay team

will need to run hard at Iowa State to

improve.

"We'll be all right," Mathieu said.

"I'm just going to run my hardest. It's

like a preparation for nationals."

Mathieu said traveling would not

play a large role in his performance;

rather, he said it depends on hard

work and aspiration to do well.

"I don't think it's going to have

an effect on me," Mathieu said. "I

don't know about the other guys

though."

Coach Wes Kittley said the ath-

letes were split up by event according

to the facilities where the meets will

be held.

"It's more similar to what they're

going to face in Arkansas," he said.

"With Notre Dame, in a sense, it's

the best place to pole vault."

Kittley said the track at Iowa State

is larger, while the runways are ele-

vated for the pole vaulters at Notre

Dame.

The athletes competing are

those Kittley said he believes could

improve enough to either qualify or

be seeded against better competition

at the national meet.

"That competition will be good

for them," he said. "They're just so

close to qualifying, I just think they

need another competition."

Kittley said some of the athletes

have provisional qualifications, while

others who already have qualified

need to improve marks.

"I want to try to get in the fast

section," he said of the 4x400 relay.

"We need to run a fast time. I don't

feel comfortable without a better

mark."

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Documents say Brand won a firing reprieve for Knight

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)

— Former Indiana president Myles

Brand persuaded the school's trustees

against firing Bob Knight in May

2000, four months before Brand did

so, court documents said.

The deposition of Brand was

filed Tuesday with the court hand-

ling a lawsuit filed by a group of

IU fans who contend the trustees

violated the state's open meetings

law in dismissing the basketball

coach.

Brand, now the NCAA president,

said in the deposition no vote was

taken at the May meeting. But in

court documents the plaintiffs say

trustees voted 5-4 to fire Knight.

Brand testified that most trust-

ees wanted to fire Knight. At the

time, Brand told reporters he was

convinced Knight could control his

sometimes violent temper.

Brand fired Knight for violating

a zero-tolerance behavior policy he

imposed after former player Neil

Reed accused Knight of choking

him at a practice. Brand asked two

university trustees to investigate, and

The Indianapolis Star filed a Freedom

of Information suit to gain access to

their report.

Knight, now the Texas Tech

coach, was fired after he grabbed the

arm of a student who greeted him by

his last name. The coach dropped his

lawsuit against the university last

year after a judge ruled against him.

The depositions are part of a

nearly 4-year-old suit that contends

trustees improperly discussed and

voted on adopting the zero-tolerance

policy for Knight's behavior during

the May executive session.

Indiana spokesman Larry MacIntyre

said the school believes the trustee

sessions did not violate the law because

four members — less than a majority

— met at a time and trustees exchanged

information but did not vote.

Roy Graham, a lawyer represent-

ing the fans, said the trustees "tried

to avoid the Open Door Law by putting

people in two different rooms."

Cowboys fill one need

by signing DB Henry

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The

Dallas Cowboys did not pass on a

defensive back this time, filling one

of their pressing needs when they

signed cornerback Anthony Henry

to a five-year contract on the first day

of free agency Wednesday night.

Henry, who started 14 of 15

games for Cleveland last season,

is likely to be the starting right

cornerback in Dallas opposite Ter-

rence Newman.

Last offseason, the Cowboys did

not pursue another cornerback in

free agency after Mario Edwards left

for Tampa Bay. They ended up start-

ing four players at the position during

a 6-10 season.

Dallas scheduled a news confer-

ence for today to introduce Henry.

The team said there would be no

more announcements Wednesday

night.

Henry's agent, Jerrold Colton,

said the five-year contract puts

Henry "with the elite cornerbacks

in the league," but did not provide

financial figures.

"Just the entire aspect of being

a Cowboy, he's so thrilled about be-

ing a Dallas Cowboy," Colton said.

"A lot of teams around the league

wanted him to be a starter. He feels

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will continue to be committed to

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