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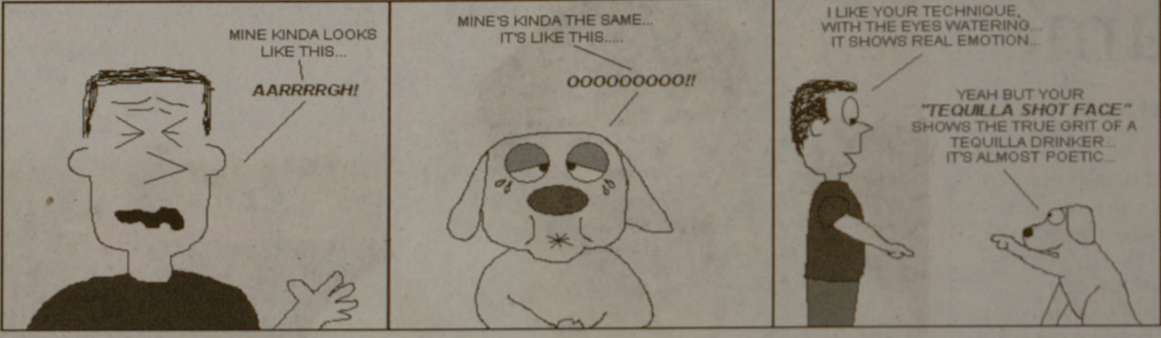
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**Jiang**

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Jiang discussed the free market reforms and technological advances that have made China's economy one of the world's most vibrant, with rapid growth rates and rising standards of living. "Our objective is to basically make China a modern country by the middle of the century," Jiang said.

He addressed the sensitive issue of Taiwan, a sore point in U.S.-China relations. Taiwan separated from the mainland in 1949 when communists took over China, but China maintains that Taiwan still belongs to it. The United States has warned against Chinese aggression toward Taiwan.

"We will exert our utmost efforts to make peaceful reunification a reality," Jiang said. "Nothing threatens peace and stability in the Straits more than Taiwan independence."

Jiang urged the United States to maintain its policy of not recognizing Taiwan as an independent nation and reiterated his plan to allow Taiwan to keep its economic and political autonomy if it reunites with the mainland.

Reports from international human rights organizations and the U.S. Department of State have documented China's widespread imprisonment, torture and execution of political dissidents. Jiang did not discuss China's poor human rights record, but said the government has strengthened democratic institutions.

"We have expanded democracy, improved the rule of law and protected our people's rights as masters of the land," Jiang said.

China maintains a one-party dictatorship and

Jiang holds his position through his leadership of the Communist party. All other political groups are prohibited and no free elections are held.

Charles Hermann, the associate dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service, said that by Western standards of democracy, China still has a long way to go.

"There's many different views of what it means to be democratic," Hermann said.

After his speech, Jiang answered questions that had been screened. The questions dealt with, among other things, the protection of panda's habitats and Chinese basketball players.

"They were fluff questions. I was expecting something more serious," said Marcus Gillet, a sophomore political science major.

Chinese leaders are unaccustomed to engaging in an uncensored and spontaneous exchange with the public, Hermann said, and organizers did not want to pose any questions that would make Jiang uncomfortable.

Hermann said Jiang's focus on economic development and cooperation with the United States signals China's adoption of a less confrontational approach to the West.

Hermann noted that Jiang's pledge to fight terrorism and prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons has been backed up by action.

In the past, Hermann said, China exported materials to build weapons of mass destruction, but in recent years, has limited the sale of military technology.

"This visit, coming at the end of his tenure as president, is a signal that Jiang feels it is important for China to continue building bridges to the U.S.," Hermann said.

Jiang delivered his speech in thickly accented English, but answered questions via a translator.

**Protests**

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the current political regime in China," Hermann said. "We have to recognize an authoritarian government does exist in China."

Bob Wiatt, Director of the University Police Department (UPD), said there was only one incident with the protesters just before Jiang left.

Wiatt said 200 pro-China supporters left the barricade and headed toward Jiang's motorcade to welcome him. The horse patrol followed them, turned them around, and marched them back to the protesters' area, Wiatt said.

"The well-wishers wanted to wave to their president, but they shouldn't have left the marked-off area," Wiatt said.

More than 250 police authorities, not including Secret Service protecting Bush, were on site Thursday. The UPD, Bryan and College Station police departments, Brazos County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety comprised the ground force.

"Other than the weather, the day was completely ideal," Wiatt said. "The Falun Gong protesters were very well behaved."

The mounted patrol had a total of 15 police officers from San Antonio and Galveston as well as UPD, Wiatt said.

Jiang will meet with President George W. Bush Friday at Bush's Crawford ranch.

**FERPA**  
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said. "I do assign each student a special number for the class, the problem with that is they assigned alphabetically."

In the future, Strawser said he will continue to use the program with the special number he assigns to students at random.

Harper said this would be an acceptable practice.

The registrar's office is currently making presentations to faculty members about FERPA regulations, Harper said.

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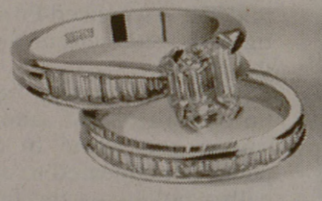
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