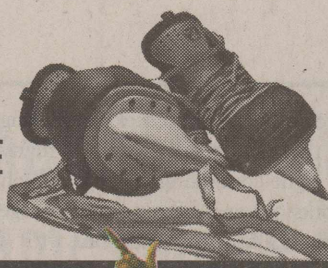


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STATE

Polygamist hearing descends into farce

SAN ANGELO, (AP) — A court hearing to decide the fate of the 416 children swept up in a raid on a West Texas polygamist sect descended into farce Thursday, with hundreds of lawyers in two packed buildings shouting objections and the judge struggling to maintain order.

The case — clearly one of the biggest, most convoluted child-custody hearings in U.S. history — presented an extraordinary spectacle: big-city lawyers in suits and mothers in 19th-century, pioneer-style dresses, all packed into a courtroom and a nearby auditorium connected by video.

NATION

CDC: Worst flu season in 4 years

ATLANTA (AP) — The current flu season has shaped up to be the worst in four years, partly because the vaccine didn't work well against the viruses that made most people sick, health officials said Thursday.

This season's vaccine was the worst match since 1997-1998, when the vaccine didn't work at all against the circulating virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

WORLD

Israel thwarts Gaza infiltration

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops fended off Palestinian gunmen who assaulted a crossing on the Gaza border Thursday, thwarting the third attempt by militants to infiltrate into Israel in a week.

One Palestinian was reported killed in the clash, which followed a day of fighting between Israeli forces and Gaza militants that killed three Israeli soldiers and 21 Palestinians, including five children and a news cameraman.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Suicide bomber hits funeral north of Baghdad, killing 50

By LEE KEATH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber struck the funeral of two Sunni tribesmen who joined forces against al-Qaida in Iraq, killing at least 50 people Thursday and reinforcing fears that insurgents are hitting back after American-led crackdowns.

The sudden spike in bloodshed this week adds to the other worries now piling up in Iraq: violent rivalries among Shiites and persistent cracks in the Iraqi security forces.

Violence across the country has declined since seven months ago, including dramatic suicide bomb-

ings like Thursday's funeral attack. American officials credit the change to the U.S. troop buildup and the rise of Sunni tribal groups known as Awakening Councils that have turned against al-Qaida-linked militants. A truce called last year by anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has also helped.

But the new bloodshed highlights how fragile those gains are.

Thursday's attack happened in the town of Albu Mohammad, about 90 miles north of Baghdad. A suicide bomber dressed in traditional Arab robes passed unsearched by guards into a tent of mourners. The occasion was a funeral for two brothers who belonged to the local Awakening Council and

who were killed in an attack a day earlier.

The bomber detonated explosives strapped to his body, killing at least 50 people and wounding dozens more, said police in the nearby city of Kirkuk.

"I first heard a thunderous explosion and when I turned my eyes to the tent I saw fire and smoke coming out," said Sheik Omar al-Azawi, an Awakening Council member who arrived at the funeral just before the blast. "Panicked people were jumping and running on all sides."

Insurgents also struck against Awakening Council members in Baghdad on Thursday. Two council members were gunned down in the Sunni

district of Azamiyah. Hours later in the same area, five council members and a civilian were killed by a roadside bomb. And the head of the Awakening Council in the southern Baghdad area of Dora was killed by gunmen who sprayed his car with bullets, also wounding his son, police said.

The violence came two days after a string of suicide bombings in four cities of northern and central Iraq killed 60 people — attacks that U.S. officials blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq.

There have been other sporadic bursts of dramatic attacks blamed on al-Qaida or other Sunni insurgents in past several months. It is unknown whether this week's violence signals that al-Qaida in Iraq has been able to

reorganize after blows suffered from the U.S. troop surge and the Awakening Councils.

Death rates began declining significantly around September 2007 and reached an average low of 20 Iraqis killed per day in January, according to an Associated Press count. But since then, the levels have steadily climbed to an average of 41 reported killed per day last month.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. Kevin Bergner said such attacks do not detract from a markedly improved overall situation. "We have said all along that there will be variants in which we will see al-Qaida and other groups seek to reassert themselves," Bergner said Wednesday.

MINDS IN NEED

Experts explain the issues surrounding student mental health

By MATT MCGOWAN
STAFF WRITER

Professors and parents often tell their students or children about the "real world," a place they assert to be much more merciless, unforgiving and stressful than academia. After leaving college, parents and professors warn, graduates will wish they could return to college, where life is carefree and fun.

But one must wonder if these parents and professors realize the tremendous mental and emotional strain most students endure on a day-to-day basis, rushing from class to work, from work to home. They return home and resume more schoolwork. Meanwhile, graduation comes and the job market is competitive. Student loans soon will be due.

It is no wonder, therefore, that many serious incidents of mental breakdowns have occurred at universities in the United States during the past few years — notably the tragedies at Virginia Tech one year ago and Northern Illinois in February. Both of these incidents occurred, experts believe, after a student's inner turmoil turned to violence.

Considering these events and others like it, there has been an increase in awareness about the psychological state of college students, said Eileen Nathan, managing director of Texas Tech's Student Counseling Center. Parents, professors and students have begun to pay more attention to the psychological state of their children, pupils and peers.

The two most common psychological disorders for college students — depression and anxiety — rarely lead to violent tendencies, said Becca Frazee, chapters coordinator with ActiveMinds, a national organization that promotes mental health awareness on college campuses.

"We feel the best prevention is education," she said. "The truth is that the majority of

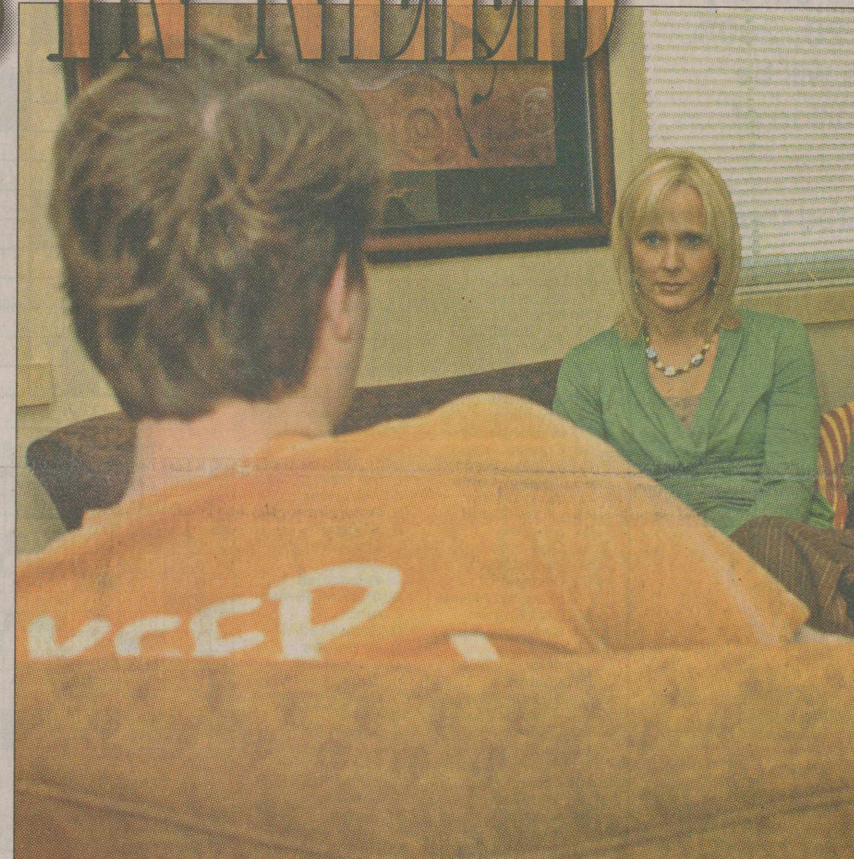


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people with mental health disorders or issues are not violent, and if they are violent, they tend to be toward themselves and not others."

Though Texas Tech does not have a chapter of ActiveMinds, Frazee said the university is not exempt from the psychological instability prevalent in U.S. universities, all of which have seen an increase in the number of students seeking professional help.

As the number of students seeking help at the center continues to rise, Nathan said it is important to attribute this trend not to increased illness overall, but to increased awareness instead. Also, many students seek counseling not for mental health issues, per se, but because they are having a hard time with a personal relationship.

But for those who do need help, professors — in particular — have referred more students to counselors in recent months than in the past, she said.

"There have been a lot of referrals and

inquiries from parents as well," Nathan said. "I think it's an increased sensitivity and concern, not a need for people to be fearful. Nothing has changed so much as people are more aware of the potential for harm, and they want to do their part, too."

Mental health issues have grown more severe in the past 10 years, she said. Though she does not know exactly why, she attributed at least some of the increased severity of mental stress to escalation of prescription-medication use.

Five years ago, Nathan said, approximately 7 percent of students who enrolled in college were taking psychotropic medications for their psychological disorders. Today, approximately 25 percent of students take such medications.

With the help of these medications, she said, more students are capable of

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Pope meets with victims of clergy sexual abuse

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI, after urging bishops, priests and parishioners to heal the wounds caused by the clergy sex abuse scandal, talked and prayed privately with survivors Thursday in what was believed to be a first-ever meeting between a pontiff and abuse victims.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi, a papal spokesman, said that Benedict and Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley met with a group of five or six victims for about 25 minutes in the chapel of the papal embassy, offering them encouragement and hope.

Lombardi said the pope told the survivors he would pray for them, their families and all victims of clergy sex abuse. Each of the victims spent a few minutes with Benedict privately. Some were in tears during the meeting, Lombardi said.

Benedict has spoken repeatedly about the abuse crisis during his first trip to the United States as pope.

He called the crisis a cause of "deep shame," pledged to keep pedophiles out of the priesthood and decried the "enormous pain" that communities have suffered from such "gravely immoral behavior" by priest.

He told the nation's bishops that the crisis was "sometimes very badly handled," and said they must reach out with love and compassion to victims. At an open air Mass on Thursday at Nationals Park, he also urged Catholic parishioners to do what they can to reach out to victims.

Thousands of priests have been accused of molesting minors in the U.S. since 1950 and the church has paid out more than \$2 billion, much of it in just the last six years, when the case of a serial molester in Boston gained national attention and prompted many victims to step forward.

Then-Boston Archbishop Bernard Law was forced to step down when it became apparent that he had allowed accused priests to be shuffled from parish-to-parish.

Gary Bergeron, an outspoken survivor of clergy sex abuse from Boston who was not in Thursday's session, failed in his attempt to meet with Pope John Paul II, Benedict's predecessor, when he spent a week at the Vatican a few years ago.

Suicide bomb kills 16 in southwestern Afghanistan

By RAHIM FAIEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide attack in front of a mosque in southwestern Afghanistan killed 16 people and wounded more than 30 others on Thursday, a provincial governor said.

The attack took place as men were getting ready for the evening prayer at the central mosque in Zaranj, the capital of Nimroz province, Gov. Ghulam Dastagir Azad said.

Azad said there may have been more than one bomber.

"I'm not sure if it was single attack or a double attack," he said, noting that a district police

chief and border reserve police commander were among the dead.

"The reports I've received from the hospital indicate that most people are in critical condition. I'm scared the death toll will rise," he said.

At least two other suicide attacks have hit Nimroz this month, including an attack on April 1 that left two policemen dead in Zaranj, and another on Saturday that killed two Indian road construction engineers and their Afghan driver in Khash Rod district.

Suicide attacks in Afghanistan spiked last year, with the Taliban launching more than 140 such missions — the highest number since the radical Islamist group was ousted

from power by a U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

In central Ghazni province, militants ambushed a patrol of Afghan and foreign troops Thursday in Gilan district, and the ensuing clash left nine Taliban fighters dead, said district chief Abdul Wali Thofan. There were no casualties among the troops.

A roadside bomb struck a Canadian military vehicle on Thursday near Spin Boldak, a town on the Pakistani border, said Lt. Cmdr Pierre Babinsky, a spokesman for NATO troops in the south. No one died in the blast, but he declined to say whether any soldiers were wounded.

The insurgency has left more

than 1,000 people dead so far this year, most of them militants, according to an Associated Press tally of figures provided by Afghan and Western officials.

Meanwhile, NATO acknowledged that a privately contracted helicopter had mistakenly dropped ammunition and other supplies in an area where Afghan officials have said the items were picked up by the Taliban.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said Thursday that the helicopter shipment of food, water and ammunition intended for police was mistakenly dropped in southern Zabul province. The head of Afghanistan's intelligence service, Amrullah Saleh, told a parliament

security committee Sunday that Taliban fighters took the supplies.

The force said in a statement that the helicopter was contracted by ISAF to resupply a police outpost in a remote mountainous location in March.

"Unfortunately, due to a human error in transcribing the latitude and longitude of the location, the load was dropped in another remote area," said the ISAF statement, which did not mention whether the supplies reached the insurgents.

"The mistake was recognized when the helicopter crew was debriefed after returning to their base. Coalition forces sent aircraft for a visual reconnaissance, however, the missing cargo could not be found."

Mental Health

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attending college. Higher education, however, tends to impose a tremendous amount of stress and expectation, which often weighs heavily on students.

Also, Nathan said, after some students arrive at school, they either stop taking their medicine regularly or they stop taking it completely, which only "accelerates" their initial ailments.

Certain social factors also have contributed to student mental strain, she said, which must be considered when one looks at the state of student mental health. There is much less social stigma about psychological disorders today than any time in the past, which can be attributed to awareness, but society does tend to burden its students with a great deal of pressure.

"I think there are fewer jobs and more people going out for them," Nathan said. "I also think there is a bit of a breakdown of the nuclear family, which makes it harder for people to feel connected and anchored socially. I'm not sure why alcohol has become more prevalent, but it has."

Because professors often work closely with their students, faculty members often are the people who will be the first to notice psychological warning-signs in their students, said Gene Wilde, a Texas Tech professor and president of the Faculty Senate. Though he does not

claim to be an expert on psychology, Wilde said he knows when a student needs help.

"All I know is we watch students," he said. "When you're in a big class, you kind of learn something about people, and so you look for changes in behavior or, you know, behaviors that would indicate someone was under stress or duress."

When a student's behavior changes drastically or erratically, Nathan said, the change may indicate mental duress and call for intervention. Of course, there is not set formula for recognizing a student in need, but behavioral changes often become apparent.

"Some of the bigger warning signs are sleeping problems, eating problems and alcohol abuse — alcohol and substance abuse," Frazee said. "Those three problems are probably the largest warning signs in the college population. That can be both sleeping too much, or not sleeping enough, eating too much or not eating enough."

Behavioral changes only indicate psychological distress in some instances, Nathan said. Also, professors often find reason to worry about students who display warning signs through their writing.

John Poch, a professor of creative writing at Texas Tech, said he is careful to draw the line between creative expression and cries for help. Because he has no professional expertise in the realm of psychological disorders, he cannot speak about the topic with professional expertise, which is not to

say he cannot use common sense to recognize blatant warning signs.

"There's a certain genre of writing," he said. "Let's say someone is writing a horror novel. You know, Stephen King seems to have gotten through his life without murdering a whole bunch of people, even though he's got the most horrific things in his writing."

In the classroom, Poch said he first identifies problems with the writing itself. If a student begins acting out in the classroom or if he or she writes flagrantly offensive pieces without any sort of artistic value, it may indicate a need to refer him or her to the Counseling Center.

"It's hard to give a hypothetical (situation)," he said. "I can imagine there would be certain types of writing, certain cases of writing in a class, where I'd have to say to a student, 'First of all, this isn't good writing. Second of all, I think it's offensive to your classmates or it's not good for the sort of social setting that we're in.'"

Therefore, there is a certain degree of censorship on a "case-by-case" basis, Poch said, though he strives to provide as much room for creative leniency as possible. Some acquaintances of his at Virginia Tech taught creative writing to Seung-Hui Cho, the student who killed more than 30 people on that campus last spring.

"I know they had difficulty with that student writing things," he said, "and I think he was called on it, as well."

Some students desperately want and need help, but may be reluctant to seek it out for fear that counselors or professors will not respect their privacy, Frazee said. It is very important

for mental health experts to explain the strict rules regarding the privacy of student records.

"We have to be careful drawing that line, because we don't want to discourage any students from seeking help if it's needed," she said. "The more things that are put in place that could interfere with their privacy, the less likely they are to seek help."

Students at Texas Tech may take comfort in the strictly enforced privacy laws at the university, said Ethan Logan, managing director of Student Judicial Programs. Both legal and ethical restrictions guarantee utmost privacy for student records, including those pertaining to students' mental health.

Most notably, he said, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act legally restrict the abuse of student and patient privacy.

Information only can be exchanged in cases where there is an "educational need," Logan said, which restricts the exchange of information unless the exchange facilitates a clearly necessary fulfillment of university business.

"Typically, that information wouldn't be shared, for example, to cause any kind of disadvantage to a student," he said. "It typically works the other way."

The university cannot provide all of the support students may need, Logan said, but it can offer an essential support structure for those students who need help, whether it be through judicial services or other services, like mental health counseling.

For instance, Nathan said Texas

Tech students who seek counseling at the center can attend as many as eight counseling sessions, which works out well because the average person attends five sessions with a counselor before resolving whatever issues he or she may have had. If a student requires more than eight sessions, the center will refer him or her to outside help.

Most college campuses lack the resources necessary to properly help students with psychological distress, Frazee said, a problem that needs to be remedied as student mental-disorder trends continue to rise.

"I think resources are lacking, especially on the college campus," she said. "We hear, time and time again, that there's just not enough counselors to serve students, and they have to refer them to outside resources."

Texas Tech's Counseling Center, however, does not lack the resources it needs, Nathan said. Currently, 16 counselors work at the center

full-time, including three doctoral candidate interns. Also, administrators provide more than enough financial and institutional support to the center.

If students think they may need help, Nathan said, they get a confidential, free screening through the Web site, www.mentalhealthscreenings.org. The center also hosts four events each year to raise awareness about mental health issues and offer help.

If students do decide they need help, Frazee said, they have options other than speaking to professionals. ActiveMinds encourages its chapters to create innovative programs for helping students.

"We've found that some of the best education is peer-to-peer," she said, "because they tend to listen to their friends more than they tend to listen to faculty and staff, or even from their parents from time to time."

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Bush, British PM push tough approach on Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown tried to dispel doubts about their relationship on Thursday, showcasing personal bonhomie as well as common ground on a range of vexing issues, from the war in Iraq and a showdown with Iran to global trade and crises in Sudan and Zimbabwe.

Brown, particularly, appeared to make an effort to move beyond the leaders' frosty first meeting in July.

The British prime minister, then only a month in office as

successor to top Bush ally Tony Blair, was given a coveted invite to the U.S. presidential retreat at Camp David. But he displayed stiff formality that led some to question whether he would work as closely as Blair — or much at all — with Bush.

That didn't seem in question in the Rose Garden after Thursday's nearly 90-minute Oval Office session between the two.

On Iran, Brown offered staunch support for his host's tough stance on the need to rein in Tehran's disputed nuclear program.

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Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

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- Reebok rival
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- Dole's 1996 slate-mate
- Tavern order
- Courtroom declaration
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- Robertson of CNN
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- Classic Jaguar
- Actress Hedren
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Student organization's 'Catch the Illegal Immigrant' game causes controversy

By **MATT MCGOWAN**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech community reacted to a student organization after it organized and conducted a game called "Catch the Illegal Immigrant" March 31, which involved a controversial T-shirt with words "Illegal Immigrant" written on the front and the words "Catch Me If You Can" bannered across the back.

The T-shirt and game caused considerable controversy among students and faculty, even prompting two students to write a letter to Tech President Jon Whitmore.

Tech's chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas hosted the event as a protest to a bill in the Texas Legislature that would give in-state tuition to illegal immigrants, said Cullin Davis, chairman of the group's Tech chapter.

"Anybody, whenever somebody is telling you they're breaking the law, you know, you kind of have this obligation — especially if you're a government entity — to turn this person in," he said. "Whereas, the school is not doing that."

The game consisted of a handful of students, all Caucasian, who wore the T-shirts as they went to classes on campus, he said. If another student encountered one of the students donning the shirt, he or she could bring the "illegal immigrant" back to the Young Conservatives of Texas table outside of the Student Union Building, where he or she would be awarded a prize.

While the event occurred on

Cesar Chavez Day, a day intended to celebrate the Mexican-American political activist and leader, Cullin said its organizers did not intentionally schedule it on that day. It was a coincidence.

"We had a couple of people come by (the table to complain)," he said. "Obviously, if you're not an illegal immigrant, it shouldn't be offensive, and if you are an illegal immigrant, then, you know, why are you here?"

Most criticism and backlash for the event came from those who had a qualm with the wording of the shirts, Cullin said. The word "Catch" offended people most because it somehow implied violence.

Two students wrote a letter to Whitmore last week in protest of the event, said one of the letter's writers, Tomas Resendiz in an e-mail Thursday.

In his e-mail, Resendiz, a Tech junior from Petersburg, said he and a friend wrote the letter to Whitmore because he felt "... the game promotes a physical course of action against immigrants who are illegal, and the premise that anyone who is legal has the right to catch them."

When he initially heard about the game, he said he thought it was a joke because of its absurdity, but quickly realized it was real and, in fact, has been played on other college campuses in the past.

Resendiz said he was offended as a student, not as a Hispanic student.

"As a student of (Tech)," he said in his e-mail, "I was offended by this message since it was contrary to many of the university's statements

regarding diversity, mutual respect and the goals cited in the Vision Statement of the Division of Student Affairs regarding mutual respect and high ethical standards."

In an April 15 letter of response to Resendiz's formal complaint, Whitmore said he was out of town during the day of the event, but, "now that I am apprised of the situation, I respect and share your concern," and found the event to be "contrary to the diverse and welcoming atmosphere" of the university.

Whitmore continued to say in his letter, however, that every student at Tech retains the right to open communication that "champion debate and the free exchange of ideas."

"Immigration is a sensitive issue," he said in his response. "We are developing meaningful opportunities on campus for people to learn and exchange ideas on this subject and on may other related and unrelated challenging issues as well."

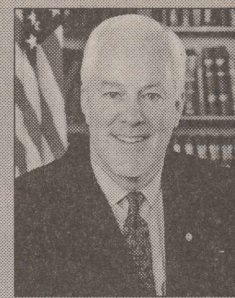
Resendiz said he wanted to reiterate the extent of his and his friend's complaints as merely an addressing of the issue, not an actual protest. Upon receiving the letter from Whitmore, he said the letter's co-author and other supporters did not wish to pursue the issue any longer. They laid their complaints to rest.

"I will continue to push on," he said in the e-mail, "and use this experience as an example on how even such controversial issues can be addressed with civility and in a very educated manner."

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Sen. Cornyn to visit Lubbock, throw pitch at Tech baseball game

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas, will throw the first pitch at the baseball game against Kansas State University at 3 p.m. Saturday at Dan Law Field, during a visit to Lubbock to discuss education and other issues.



CORNYN

Cornyn will throw the ceremonial first pitch after meeting with the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation and other community members at a residence in the King's Dominion subdivision, according to a news release from the senator's office.

Blayne Beal, Tech sports information director, said the university invited Cornyn to pitch as a "gesture for all the things he does for Texas Tech."

Though Beal said the team's games usually include a ceremonial first pitch — often by faculty members, local sponsors and celebrities — Cornyn's visit is appreciated.

"We're honored that he's coming, but the average fan probably won't even know anything about it," he said.

Beal said he does not anticipate Cornyn's visit will affect the turnout for the game.

"If you're going to come to the game, you're probably going to come to the game to watch the game — not really who's going to throw out the first pitch," he said.

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College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources names new dean

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
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After serving as interim dean for almost a full academic year, John Burns was named the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Wednesday.

Burns, who served as provost for Texas Tech from 1997-2002, said he is excited to take this position.

"It's probably the only job in the university that I would have come out of retirement to do," Burns said. "When they asked me to consider being the dean for three years, I said I'd be glad to do it."

He said he has enjoyed working with the faculty, staff and students in the college for the last eight months.

Burns became interim dean of the college Sept. 1, following the retirement of Marvin Cepica, according to a Tech news release.

Among the things he hopes to accomplish during the minimum three years he will occupy the position, Burns said he hopes to make a great impact on developmental fundraising activities, raising more money for scholar-



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ships and renovations in the college and growing the research enterprise of the college.

Bill Marcy, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs for Tech, said he has known and worked with Burns for the last 15 to 20 years, and he believes Burns was the clear choice for the position.

"He is not only an outstanding teacher, he's also an outstanding researcher and scholar," Marcy said. "He can set the bar in almost every area of teaching, research and scholarship, and that's something that faculty will aspire to."

Because Burns already has been the interim dean for almost a year, Marcy said he hopes Burns will

continue doing what he has been doing in the position. He expects Burns to continue being engaged in fundraising, developing research programs, hiring replacement faculty for open positions and raising funds for renovations.

"Probably the most important factor was the almost unanimous support for Dr. Burns from the faculty and staff of the college," Marcy said. "He was clearly the choice and the person that they wanted to lead the college."

Norman Hopper, the associate academic dean for the college, said he is looking forward to working with Burns again.

"My favorite part of working with him is his administrative style," Hopper said. "He knows you have your job and he trusts you to do it. I'm really looking forward to working with Dr. Burns in the future."

Hopper said Burns approaches the leadership of the college with a team approach, heavily involving the associate deans, chairs, faculty, staff and students. He also said he believes Burns has a tremendous amount of professionalism, a wealth of administrative experience, a desire to provide leadership and a love for the disciplines of the college.

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Nearly 1 in 5 troops has mental problems after service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roughly one in every five U.S. troops who have survived the bombs and other dangers of Iraq and Afghanistan now suffers from major depression or post-traumatic stress, an independent study said Thursday. It estimated the toll at 300,000 or more.

As many or more report possible brain injuries from explosions or other head wounds, said the study, the first major survey from outside the government.

Only about half of those with mental health problems have sought treatment. Even fewer of those with head injuries have seen doctors.

Army Surgeon General Eric Schoomaker said the report, from the Rand Corp., was welcome.

"They're helping us to raise the visibility and the attention that's needed by the American public at large," said Schoomaker, a lieutenant general. "They are making this a national debate."

The researchers said 18.5 percent of current and former service members contacted in a recent survey reported symptoms of depression or post-traumatic stress. Based on Pentagon data that more than 1.6 million have deployed to the two wars, the researchers calculated that about 300,000 are suffering mental health problems.

Nineteen percent — or an estimated 320,000 — may have suffered head injuries, the study calculated. Those range from mild concussions to severe, penetrating head wounds.

"There is a major health crisis facing those men and women who have served our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Terri Tanielian, the project's co-leader and a researcher at Rand. "Unless they receive appropriate and effective care for these mental health conditions, there will be long-term consequences for them and for the nation."

The study, the first large-scale, private assessment of its kind, includes a survey of 1,965 service members across the country, from all branches of the armed forces and including those still in the military as well as veterans who have completed their service. The Iraq war has been notable for the repeat tours required of many troops, sometimes for longer than a year at a time.

The results of the study appear consistent with mental health reports from within the government, though the Defense Department has not released the number of people it has diagnosed or who are being treated for mental problems.

The Department of Veterans Affairs said this month that its records show about 120,000 who served in the two wars and are no longer in the military have been diagnosed with mental health problems. Of those, about 60,000 are suffering from post-traumatic stress, and depression runs a close second.

Veterans Affairs is responsible for care of service members after they have leave the military. The Defense Department covers active duty and

reservist needs. The lack of numbers from the Pentagon was one motivation for the Rand study, Tanielian said in an interview.

The most prominent and detailed Pentagon study on the military's mental health that is released regularly to the public is the Army's survey of soldiers, taken annually at the battle zones since 2003.

The most recent one, last fall, found 18.2 percent of Army soldiers suffered mental health problems such as depression, anxiety or acute stress in 2007, compared with 20.5 percent the previous year.

Other studies have variously estimated that 10 percent to 20 percent of troops had symptoms of mental health problems.

Col. Loree Sutton, who heads a new Pentagon center on brain injury, said the Rand study will add to the work defense officials are doing. That includes researching best practices used inside the military and out, improving and expanding training and prevention programs, adding mental health staff and trying to change a military culture in which many troops are afraid or embarrassed to get mental health treatment.

"We've got to get the word out that seeking help is a sign of strength," Sutton said.

She said officials have been working to add thousands more mental health professionals to help the uniformed psychiatrists, psychologists and others struggling to meet the wartime demands of troops and their families.

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CORRECTION

In the Tuesday edition of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Jake's Sports Café loses liquor license" stated that Patrick Thompson, a senior electronic media and communications major from Denton, has booked music shows at Jake's, when in reality he has not. Also, Thompson's quote should have read, "They've been rude, the (back) bartenders are always..." *The DT* regrets the error.

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Commentary from a cyclist

April 11, *The Daily Toreador* ran a piece concerning bicycle safety on campus and how many in administrative positions and those who walk and drive to class find bikers to be a nuisance.

After reading this commentary from the community, I decided to write a biker's response of the sorts. Someone needs to give non-riders an idea of what we — who pedal ourselves around town — have to deal with and how we feel.

This comes down to a few key issues that I feel are overwhelmingly ignored, the first of being that of a lack of availability for the bike lanes. This is not only a Texas Tech issue, but a city-wide problem.

As a community, it is time for everyone to come to grasp with the fact that bike riders are going to become more prevalent, especially in a town where commuting on a bike is easily accessible to everyone.

While I enjoy the hills and mountainous areas of this fine country, the flat plains of Lubbock makes the roads here a biker's dream, minus the brick roads of downtown. This, coupled with exorbitant gas prices, will see the bike population increase rather than subside.

The second issue isn't necessarily an issue but a display of might, if you

David Ward



will. Saturday, the Tour de Tech Terrace occurred with a staggering number of 700-plus participants. While not all who were involved were your average bikers, many of those involved you will see saddled up regularly.

This event is our one chance a year to completely turn the tables on the auto-inclined. We are the ones to hold traffic, we are the ones you have to wait for and we are the ones taking up all the good parking places.

There were instances of several participants being entirely thoughtless and inconsiderate to their surroundings; these should not reflect the entire community of bikers, and they don't — from my perspective — at all.

The third issue that comes out in this is traffic violations.

Now, I have been known to run my share of stop signs and to ride on a sidewalk or two. Yet, there is an etiquette that comes with breaking these rules. You must avoid danger and not run over pedestrians.

This is fairly easy to do, and swerving through pedestrians can make for an entertaining bit of exercise on your way to class.

Another reason you may find bikers on sidewalks is because they feel safer there, being able to avoid the Tundra barreling down the street with dual exhaust encroaching on your fixed gear.

This is a double-edged sword issue. You can't claim cyclists are reckless when pedestrians and motorists are just as bad.

If you are walking, make sure you realize there are bike lanes that serve exactly as a normal street works for cars. I don't know how some of you have forgotten to look both ways before crossing the street. Perhaps you are playing that new Josh Abbott Band single a bit too loud, which isn't good for you at any audio level, but you need to be aware of your surroundings.

As for vehicle drivers, you are the worst at acknowledging the biking populace. Lubbock drivers in general have some disdain towards bikers. I know; I have experienced it firsthand.

I have been hit twice by vehicles. One was a bus on campus — resulting in a few scrapes — and one was a car at University Avenue and Glenna Goodacre Boulevard, where I was hit head-on, requiring stitches in my head.

The latter incident, by the way,

was by a professor on this campus, who required me to pay for the damages to the car. This is reasonable since the driver totaled my bike, sent me to the hospital and never got out of the car to check on my physical status.

Regardless, I also have witnessed — this week, in fact — drivers who get too close to those in bike lanes, drivers who completely disregard the biker next to them at a stop light and turn into them as they try to progress and drivers who roll through stop signs almost directly into oncoming bike traffic.

Whether you think it or not, a bicycle is a vehicle and needs to be treated as such, not only by the rider, but by those who the rider shares the road with. This mutual relationship needs to be met so those who do choose to ride are seen not only as a pesky deterrent but a fellow motorist.

You can't point the blame only at bikers. Until respect is reciprocated on both sides of the equation, this problem will only exacerbate tensions between us.

And by the way, we roll up our pants legs so we don't get them caught in our chains. Stop asking about it.

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STRIVE FOR HONOR Discussion on Ethics

Part Two — Ethical Path

'SECURITY PAYMENTS'

Robert Ricketts



There are a large number of issues that might be considered by Janet and the board in making the decision whether to continue making illegal payments to an organization that the U.S. government has deemed to be a foreign terrorist organization. First, of course, the payments are illegal under U.S. law. Continuation of the payments could result in the imposition of significant fines or penalties for the company and potentially for its officers.

On the other hand, as the company notes, cessation of the payments may result in the kidnapping or murder of its employees. This is a serious threat: one which, at a minimum, should be discussed with the employees, should the company decide to cancel the payments to the terrorist organization.

There are economic consequences as well. The company has invested millions of dollars in the banana plantation. If the terrorist organization follows through with its threats, it might disrupt the company's business and reduce its profits. If the organization declares all-out war on the company, it could result in the loss of its entire investment in South America.

Company shareholders are not the only ones with an economic interest in the company's continued survival in South America. As noted in the facts, the banana plantation is the largest employer in the region. It pays the highest wages in the region and has hundreds of employees. If the company's South American business fails, these employees all would lose their jobs. It is likely that they would prefer the company to continue making "security" payments, regardless of U.S. law.

This case mirrors the situation recently faced by Chiquita Brands International Inc., the world's largest producer of bananas. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Chiquita began paying protection money to a Colombian paramilitary organization known as the AUC in 1997. The organization subsequently was designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department in 2001. Two years after that, in 2003, Chiquita itself contacted the U.S. Department of Justice and reported that it had been making illegal payments to the AUC. Following the meeting with the justice depart-

ment, the company continued to make protection payments to the AUC for another seven months, making its final payment in February 2004. Like the company in our case, Chiquita was afraid that if it stopped making the payments abruptly, it would place its employees in jeopardy.

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that the attitude of some of the directors was: "Just let (the Department of Justice) sue us, come after us." These directors apparently felt that ethically, they were obligated to continue the payments and that no one would question them.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government disagreed, filing criminal charges against the company and at least five of its officers and directors. The company pled guilty in March 2007, agreeing to a \$25 million fine. The Department of Justice has continued to pursue charges against the officers.

One of the government lawyers associated with the investigation told the *Wall Street Journal* he viewed the case as a "murder investigation," because the AUC used the money received from Chiquita to purchase weapons.

The justice department adds that companies cannot avoid liability by turning themselves in. It further warns companies that "if the only way for a company to conduct business in a particular location is to do so illegally, then the company probably shouldn't be doing business there."

This case illustrates that in the real world, ethical decision making is not a hypothetical concept. Difficult ethical decisions generally have consequences — they are difficult because the consequences are significant.

(Note: The *Wall Street Journal* story referenced in this discussion was published on page A1 of the Aug. 2, 2007, issue under the title "Chiquita Under the Gun — After Disclosing Payments to Colombian Terrorists, Prominent Ex-Director Faces Legal Jeopardy".)

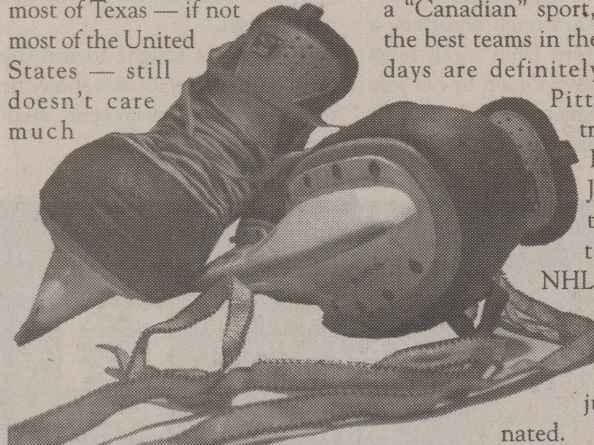
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An immensely neglected sport

As I write this, the Dallas Stars are up two games to one against the Anaheim Ducks in the 2008 Stanley Cup playoffs.

They have had their ups and downs this season, but for the most part, they have looked like potential champions. They certainly showed that in the first two games of this playoff series, handily beating the Ducks — the defending champions from last year — on their home ice.

I'm not usually much for sports. Unless it's playoff time, I usually can take them or leave them. But something about hockey absolutely enraptures me. Yet, it seems like most of Texas — if not most of the United States — still doesn't care much



Britton Peele



noticed."

And I have to wonder exactly why this is. I know that baseball is supposedly "America's pastime" and that we basically live in football country, but I honestly am surprised that more people don't appreciate the speed, the skill and the toughness of a good hockey match.

Sure, it's easy to call hockey a "Canadian" sport, but some of the best teams in the league these days are definitely American.

Pittsburgh, Detroit, Anaheim, Dallas, San Jose... Only three of the teams in the NHL playoffs right now are Canadian, and one of them just got eliminated.

So if this Stars team advances in the playoffs this year — and things certainly look good — then I absolutely would love to start seeing more team spirit around the area. I see Mavericks stuff everywhere, and sure, that's absolutely awesome, but we can support two teams at once.

And why stop at the national level? I certainly can see why Texas Tech football and basketball games are so popular, and while I'm not always the biggest fan of those sports myself, I certainly caught the Red Raider fever as soon as I arrived on campus.

But why haven't I seen as much of that fever for the hockey team? Granted, this is my freshman year, so perhaps I've missed something, but while I heard a lot of, "Hey, Britton, are you going to the football game?", I can't recall hearing, "Are you going to the hockey game?"

That saddens me. So as the NHL playoffs continue, I suggest you non-fans watch a game or two. You might enjoy it.

And then, when you do, we can watch the Stars bring home the Stanley Cup — together.

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Pope plays politics, Bush misses point

STAFF EDITORIAL
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(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Pope Benedict XVI spoke with President George W. Bush Wednesday on the topics of morality, God and politics, kicking off his U.S. visit on a controversial note. While the pope and president were in agreement on a variety of subjects, most notably the overt condemnation of the practice of terrorism, regardless of moral or religious justification, they differed on a variety of key issues.

The two shared an opposition to abortion, gay marriage and embryonic stem cell research, but disagreed most notably on the topics of the Iraq War, the death penalty, the Cuban trade embargo, environmental policy and social welfare programs.

The pope also made certain statements about the place of freedom, justice and truth in politics many believed to be troubling, prompting some very pertinent questions. He touched upon

the subject of freedom, a central American value, stating it is a gift that calls to mind an air of personal responsibility.

In remarks made at the White House, he explained, "the preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good, and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate," stressing the importance of the free individual's duty to the collective.

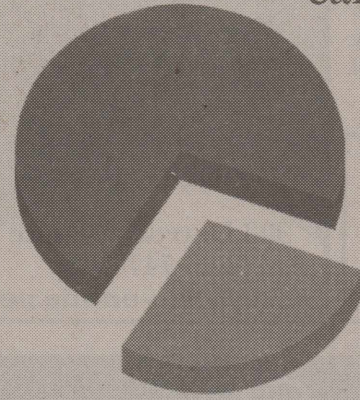
Bush responded to the pope's words with the following message: "We need your message to reject this dictatorship of relativism and embrace a culture of justice and truth."

In a world where some see freedom as simply the right to do as they wish, we need your message that true liberty requires us to live our freedom not just for ourselves."

No surprise that the president missed the point of the pope's message, which, despite its religious undertones, stressed an empathy and compassion that goes completely unnoticed in Bush's response. Pope plays politics, and Bush misses the point.

Thank God, November is only seven months away.

Do you think the Tech community needs to do more to help accommodate bikes on campus?

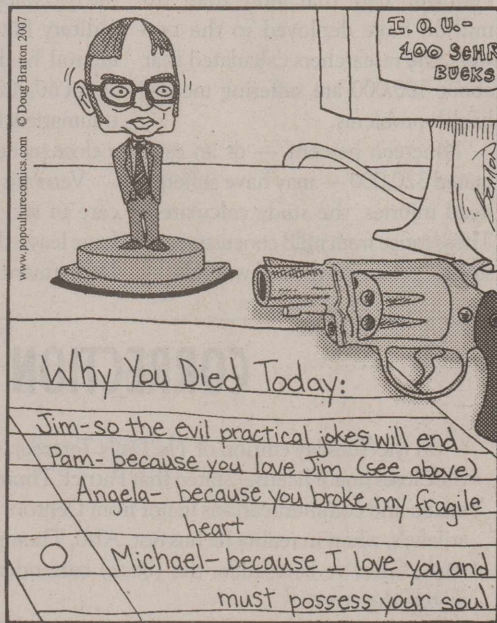


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Preparations for Arbor Day begin at Tech

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Spring is in the air and Texas Tech will welcome the change of seasons with the celebration of Arbor Day April 25. Many student organizations will join together to plant a vast array of flowers in and around Memorial Circle in an effort to beautify the campus.

According to a Tech marketing press release, the tradition of Arbor Day at Tech began more than 70 years ago but lay dormant for nearly 51 years, until Debbie Montford, chairwoman of the campus caregivers, revived the tradition of Arbor

Day in 1999.

Rachel Verbout, the entertainment coordinator for the Tech Activities Board, said free food will be available beginning at 11 a.m. and live music by Fort Pastor, an Orlando based folk-rock band, will commence at 11:50 a.m. Students also will have the opportunity to pick up a free T-shirt with a student ID, and Tech faculty and staff can purchase a T-shirt for \$5.

"I think, every year, it just gets bigger," Verbout said. "It is steadily improving as more student organizations hear about the event."

Jana Vise, the assistant director

of Student Activities, said students should expect to have a good time relaxing around Memorial Circle while listening to live music and enjoying free food, the chance to grab a free T-shirt and the planting of a plethora of flowers.

"This is the one event at this university where everyone comes together, regardless of your organization, and plants side by side in order to give back to Tech," Vise said. "It is really one of the few traditions that we have that is not related to sports."

Vise said at 12:50 p.m., a ceremony for student awards will be hosted by the 2007 Homecoming

king and queen, Cliff Fielden and Brecklyn Hughes.

Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs, and Chancellor Kent Hance will address the crowd before the award ceremony begins.

Charles Leatherwood, the superintendent of grounds maintenance, said planting will begin when the award ceremony concludes.

"Harry's Green House, Best Horticulture and Agri-Gold Inc. provided the flowers for the event," Leatherwood said. "We will be planting new gold lantana, 7,430; Dallas red lantana, 2,560; Acalypha Louisiana red variety, 3,220; Red geraniums,

6,137; presidential red canna, 300; vinca major, 6,700; big blue lirope, 2,700; and giant lirope, 1,000."

Leatherwood said 107 university organizations have signed up to plant the flowers, and it should take around two hours to complete.

"Arbor Day is a big help to the

grounds crew," Leatherwood said. "It would take about a week for the crew to do it by themselves without the help of all the students."

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Kim Cattrall: A mother haunted in the drama 'My Boy Jack'

NEW YORK (AP) — Kim Cattrall found many reasons to seize the role of Carrie Kipling, wife of British literary superstar Rudyard Kipling, in the film "My Boy Jack."

Airing on PBS' "Masterpiece Classic" (9 p.m. EDT Sunday; check local listings), the project had instant appeal: Cattrall is a lifelong Kipling fan.

"He wrote a poem that I loved as a kid called 'The Way through the Woods,'" says the actress, 51. "I read 'The Jungle Book,' and my dad bought me 'Kim,' 'cause it was called 'Kim.' Then I was shocked to find out someone with MY name was a boy."

Cattrall saw other reasons to sign on: "I had never played anyone who actually existed."

Prominent among the characters she has played is larger-than-life Samantha Jones, the seductress from "Sex and the City."

But in "My Boy Jack," she plays the real-life mother of John (Jack) Kipling, who, despite being just 17 and plagued by poor eyesight, is determined to fight for his country as World War I breaks out. Jack's influential father supports his patriotic zeal, and pulls strings to get the lad inducted. But as this true story unfolds, Carrie fears the worst for her son.

Jack is portrayed by Daniel Radcliffe, with no hint of Harry Potter. Meanwhile, Rudyard Kipling seems channeled by actor David Haig. He also wrote the script, adapting his own stage play, which opened in London in 1997.

"I always was very excited by the whole imperialistic period of the 1890s and the turn of the last

century," says Cattrall, who, though raised on Canada's Vancouver Island, was born in Liverpool, England. "It was very grand and romantic, then came crashing to a halt after the first World War."

A grand yet wistful tone permeates "My Boy Jack," and Cattrall is a key agent. In her performance, she manifests grace, tenderness and firm resolve.

"We'll manage," says Carrie late in the film. "Oh, yes, we'll manage. I don't doubt that."

“Even at this late date, you just hope that it works.”
— KIM CATTRALL
ACTRESS

But what she's saying, without saying it, is: An era has begun where doubt takes hold.

For viewers who know her only as Samantha, Cattrall in "My Boy Jack" will be a revelation.

Of course, Samantha isn't gone from her life. "Sex and the City," though having finished its six-year HBO run in 2004, will vault to the big screen next month.

Just two weeks after wrapping "My Boy Jack" last summer in Ireland and England, Cattrall was back home in New York to start filming "Sex and the City" the movie.

"The first day on the set was just mayhem," Cattrall laughs. She and her co-stars — Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon and Sarah Jessica Parker — were on Park Avenue.

"We were just supposed to walk down the street. But there were SO many people out there watching! And paparazzi, trying to get the first shot of the four of us together! I have felt overwhelmed before, but THAT day I felt like a Beatle. It really unnerved me."

"But other than the first day, I had a real blast," she adds hastily. "It really was fun."

The film's May 30 opening is eagerly anticipated, especially by the series' devotees who wait to be convinced (while yearning to be) that a movie version was a good idea.

"Even at this late date, you just hope that it works," says Cattrall. "But it was also that way with the series. There was always a feeling of 'I think we've gone too far' or 'I think we said too much' or 'I think we stayed too long' — as the show's popularity and cultural impact proved otherwise."

Lubbock celebrates April 20

The weekend before finals cramming begins has arrived, and it also happens to be perhaps the most event-filled weekend Lubbock has seen so far this semester — in celebration of April 20.

To some, this made-up holiday means nothing at all, but to others, it is another excuse to party with good friends and listen to great music.

The favored "holiday" approaches Sunday, but the celebration begins today.

Winner of the TAB singer/songwriter contest — Eric Ng from Hong Kong — will be the first to enjoy the festivities. Tuesday night, he won the opportunity to open up the free concert, "Rock the Plaza," beginning at 6:30 p.m. today in the West Plaza of the Student Union Building.

After Ng's performance, My American Heart will take the stage at 7:15 p.m. Following the band will be headliners Mayday Parade at 8 p.m. and closing the show at 9:15 p.m. is This Providence. Food and beverages will be available with a Texas Tech ID, and T-shirts will be given to students.

The parking lot between Depot District bars Shooterz and Melt will be blocked off today for the highly anticipated Pre-4/20 Block Party, presented by Time2Fly Music. Beginning

at 9 p.m., local band The Architect will show off its DJ skills — spinning off the festival — followed by Fatty Lumpkin from Dallas and Qwiksand from southern California. Get ready for an eclectic mix of reggae, rock and definitely funk.

Tickets will be available at the gates; \$10 for adults and \$15 for minors. Drink specials for the block party include \$2 wells, \$2 Coors and Miller beers, and \$3 Yager shots. And don't forget the highly anticipated Furla's — the best barbecue in Lubbock. Cooked at the stand in the Depot, not many can resist the delicious taste, and it's sure to make big bucks today.

To cap off the pre-4/20 celebrations, Jabarvy will return to Lubbock from its home in Austin to entertain at McGilligutty's on 98th Street and

Quaker Avenue.

The show is free and open to all. Bring a camera, Lubbock. Attending the "Rock the Plaza" concert, the Pre-4/20 Block Party and Jabarvy all in one weekend might be taxing physically, but it will be a weekend never to forget.

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7 AM	Curious	Today Sched-uled: Ashlee Simpson; ways to save 30 min-utes a day; wine test. (HD)	The Early Show	Copeland Robinson	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	J. Hanna Paid Programs Sponsored.
8 AM	Super Why		Eye	Animals	Lopez		
9 AM	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Cristina	Steve Wilkos	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart
10 AM	Big World		The Price Is Right	Divorce	Temptation	The View (HD)	The Morning Show
11 AM	Barney	Jeopardy	Restless (HD)	Alex	Victory	Tyra Banks Show	
12 PM	Needle	Crosswords		Cosby	Victory	Extra	
1 PM	Real Art	Days of Our Lives	Beautiful	Jerry Springer	Roseanne	One Life to Live	The People's Court
2 PM	Place	Jeopardy	Guiding Light	Paid Programs	All of Us	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
3 PM	Reading	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Maury	Reba	Montal Williams	Ellen DeGeneres
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judy	Maury	Steve Wilkos	Rachael Ray	News
5 PM	Maya	News	News	TMZ	Standing	News	Raymond
6 PM	NewsHour	News	News	Access	Standing	News	Simpsons
7 PM	Wash Wk	Outrag.	Ghost Whis-perer	** "Coyote Ugly" (03) Singer tends bar.	Friday Night Smackdown!	Desperate (HD)	House (HD)
8 PM	Bill Moyers Jour-nal	Dateline NBC	Moonlight (HD)		Duel	Carterbury's Law	News
9 PM	Theology		Numb3rs "Graphic"	Jim (HD)	Sex City	20/20	News
10 PM	Bus. Rpt.	News	News	70s	Will (HD)	News	Two & 1/2
11 PM	Charlie Rose	The Tonight Show	(10:25) Late Show	King Malcolm	Will (HD)	Nightline	Seinfeld
12 AM	Destinos	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	Wife	Bernie	Jimmy Kimmel	Scrubs
		Last Call	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.

SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2008

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7 AM	Mama	Today Week-end (HD)	Saturday Early	Paid Programs	Scoby-Doo	Good Morning (HD)	Piñata
8 AM	WordGirl		Bears	My Lubbock	Strawberry	Housecalls	LeKion
9 AM	Design	Jacob 2-2	Dragon	Paid Prog.	Cake	Spider-Man	So Raven
10 AM	TX Parks	Rabbit	Paid Prog.	Paid Programs	Batman	Hannah	IGX
11 AM	R. Steves	Veggie	Paid Programs	Sponsored.	Batman	Zack	Winx
12 PM	P. Allen	NHL Hockey Eastern Conference Quarterfinals: Game 45	LPGA Tour-nament (Live)	** "Only You" (94) Man wocs woman.	The Dead Zone	NBA Acc.	** "An Ideal Husband" (48, Comedy)
1 PM	Yankee	Home	PGA Tour-nament from Hilton Head, S.C. (Live) (HD)	PGAs Tour-nament from Hilton Head, S.C. (Live) (HD)	Scrubs	** "Elvis Has Left the Building" (04)	
2 PM	Smith Shop	Antiques (HD)	Champions Tour (Live) (HD)	Wife Lopez	Ebert	Paid Prog.	
3 PM	Food	Baking	Jeopardy	Paid Prog.	Access Holly-wood	Bernie	Paid Prog.
4 PM	Made Spain	Barbecue	News	News	Extra	Will (HD)	News
5 PM	Kitchen	Gourmet's	FarmerTV	Wheat	Law Order (HD)	Cold Case (HD)	Meet My Folks
6 PM	Wek "Roses"	Globe Trekker	Law Order (HD)	48 Hours Mys-tery	Decision House	Cheaters	Cheaters
7 PM	Austin City Limits	News	News	News	Friends	Sex City	News
8 PM	European tour	News	News	News	Friends	Sex City	(10:35) ET
9 PM	Independent Lens "King Com"	Poker Alter Dark	Without Trace (HD)	** "Blank Check"	Shield	Exposure	Two & 1/2

SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2008

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7 AM	Thomas	Today Week-end	Sushi Pk	Awakening	Bible	Paid Prog.	Paid Programs
8 AM	Franny	Reporter	CBS News	Newsday Morn-ing	David	Prophecy	E. Trice
9 AM	Wishbone	Meet the Press	Nation	Access Holly-wood	Paid Programs	In Touch	FOX News Sunday
10 AM	Destinos	Southcrest	Motocross (1) (HD)	1 Baptist	ReGenesis	This Week (HD)	"Elizabeth" Woman be-comes queen.
11 AM	InnerVIEWS	Business	Champions Tour (Live) (HD)	LPGA Tour-nament from Hilton Head, S.C. (Live) (HD)	** "Armed and Dangerous" (85)	American LeMans Series "Long Beach"	
12 PM	MotorWk	TX Month	Religion	McLglin	NBA Count	** "State and Main" (00) Failed film.	"Forces of Nature" Road trip romance.
1 PM	Design	Desert Wars (HD)	NHL Hockey "Western Con-ference Quarterfinals: Game #6"	PGA Tour-nament from Hilton Head, S.C. (Live) (HD)	Paid Programs	Everybody Game	Jim (HD)
2 PM	Unnatural (HD)	Wek "Roses"	Dateline NBC	80 Minutes	Star Trek	Top Model (HD)	Home Videos
3 PM	Nature (HD)	Monk	Big Brother	** "Stranger Game" Dan-gerous nanny.	Everybody Game	Oprah's Big Give	Simpsons King
4 PM	Masterpiece "My Boy Jack" Son in war.	psych	"Sweet Noth-ing in My Ear" (06)	Two & 1/2	Cheaters	Brothers & Sis-ters	News
5 PM	The Jewish Americans "Home"	News	News	News	Dead Like Me	News	Red Raider
6 PM	News	News	News	News	Without Trace (HD)	Cold Squad	Victory
7 PM	American (HD)	SVU	(12:05) Cold Case	Stargate	Stone Under-cover	Paid Programs	24 Jack's re-unions
8 PM	News	News	News	News	Seinfeld		Seinfeld

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Track teams head to 3 meets across country

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

After a brief stint at home, the Texas Tech track teams will get back to their usual schedules.

The Red Raiders head on the road to various meets after winning 13 titles at the Red Raider Open last weekend. Tech's sprinters will compete in the TCU Invite in Fort Worth Saturday, while three distance runners — Sally Kipyego, Irene Kimaiyo and Gilbert Limo — head to the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. The rest of the team will compete in the John McDonnell Relays in Fayetteville, Ark.

"I think it's kinda hard for some to be at home and compete and get going and then I think it's maybe the veterans that it's a little bit easier for them," Tech coach Wes Kitley said. "I think it just depends on how young you are and how much you've gone through it. I think everyone's kind of excited to travel this week again. These are all big meets, so I think everybody's looking forward to getting into the competition."

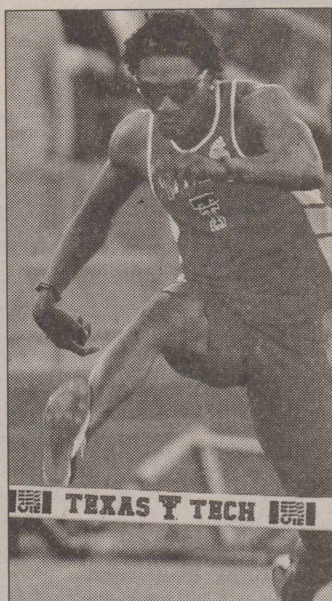
Among the sprinters heading to the TCU Invite are Gil Roberts and Sandra Iwunze. Roberts was a first time regional qualifier last weekend at the Red Raider Open. He looks to improve his time of 21.11 seconds in the 200M and 46.32s in the 400M.

This weekend's meets bring tougher competition, but with schools such as Arkansas, TCU and Oklahoma competing in various meets, Kitley said his team is back to its usual challenge.

"(There) weren't many Division I schools here, so I think this puts us back in our real world," he said.

There were 10 seniors who experienced their last home meet as Red Raiders.

Shawon Harris, one of the seniors on the team, said it was nice to be at home for



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TEXAS TECH'S SHAWON HARRIS competes in a hurdle event at the Red Raider Open. The Red Raiders head to three different track meets this weekend across the country this weekend.

his final meet, but he understands going on the road comes with the sport.

"That's why we travel indoors, so we can get use to this outdoor season. We travel every week. We have this one meet here just to tune up a little bit. Traveling is not too bad right now because we've been used to it."

Patience Knight and D'Andrea Carter will be among the throwers heading to the John McDonnell Relays.

After claiming the best discus throw in the NCAA — 184 feet, 5 inches — Carter's next challenges lie with improving her personal best.

Knight was second behind Carter in the discus throw, but she said the shot put event is an area she is working on.

"I didn't do very well this last Saturday," Knight said.

"There's just something wrong with my technique. We're fixing it, and God willing, I'll get right back on rolling. I'll end up good."

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Men's tennis aims for Big 12 title, Women hope to bounce back

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The No. 16 Texas Tech men's tennis team plays one of the most important matches in program history Saturday at No. 13 Baylor, while the women attempt to rebound after back-to-back losses.

Tech men (19-3, 4-1 in Big 12 Conference play) take on the Bears (17-8, 3-1) at 6 p.m. Saturday in Waco with an opportunity to win the Big 12 regular season title for the first time in school history.

"Obviously, Baylor is very good," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "They've played a lot of the — I think half of the season or a third of the season — without their No. 1 player, who is back healthy."

Confidence is a big factor in tennis, which is something Tech's Bojan Szumanski said he has no worries about.

"I'm feeling really good because everybody is playing really good tennis right now," he said. "I have a lot

of confidence in my teammates, and myself too, that we can really do that. It just would be a great experience if we could go out there and beat them at their place."

Playing on the road is something Siegel said should not affect his team too much because of the momentum it has right now.

"Playing them at Baylor is gonna be a difficult task, but our guys, they believe they can win against anyone," he said. "They have continued to get better and work hard. We are going into that match with the mindset that we are gonna win it. We are looking forward to the challenge."

As a senior, this is the Szumanski's last chance to win a Big 12 regular season title, something he said would be a great way to end his career.

"That would be indescribable," Szumanski said. "The Big 12 is just such a strong conference. Since I've been here, it seemed almost impossible because there are always so many good teams — Baylor, Texas, Texas A&M. To do that in my se-

nior year, it would be something to remember."

The Tech women (11-9, 4-5 in Big 12), however, have not done themselves any favors lately after losing in Lubbock to Oklahoma State and Oklahoma April 11 and 13, respectively.

The No. 73 Lady Raiders face two Top 35 teams in No. 32 Texas A&M (14-7, 8-2 in Big 12) at 5 p.m. today at the McLeod Tennis Center and No. 21 Texas (15-4, 9-0 in Big 12) at noon Sunday at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin.

Today's match is the last match at the McLeod Tennis Center Tech for seniors Janet Durham and Brenna Jackson.

Durham is Tech's all-time winningest doubles player with a record of 86-41 and second in career singles victories while Jackson transferred to Tech last season from Midwestern State.

Tech coach Cari Groce said her team is excited about the last matches of the season.

"We feel good, we've rebounded from a tough loss," she said. "We worked hard this week and the girls seem really pumped up to finish our last two dual matches strong. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

The Lady Raiders' last two matches ended in disappointing fashion, which Groce said gave her team a better understanding of how to win.

"They certainly were surprised," she said. "I think, if anything, they've learned a big lesson about not looking at a team's past results and thinking that maybe they're not as strong. On any given day, a team can — especially of women — can fight to play much tougher than they did the day before."

The position that Tech is in at the end of the year is up to the players, Groce said.

"Our team as a whole have to come together, and inside in their heart, they have to know what they want," Groce said. "You need to know what you're fighting for. That's what I have challenged them with. This group of women will never be together again. Right now, right here, this group has to figure out what they want to achieve."

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Bojan Szumanski, returns a ball in a doubles match against Nebraska during his last game at Texas Tech, Friday afternoon at McLeod Tennis Center.

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SPORTS

Red-Black game features key battles

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
STAFF WRITER

After two weeks of tough competition and training, the spring reaches its pinnacle for the Texas Tech football team.

The Red Raiders will play the 2008 Red-Black Spring Game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech's spring practices have been filled with competitions and new faces at numerous positions.

Former receiver L.A. Reed made a transition to safety this offseason, adding to the depth of the secondary. At right cornerback, Marcus Bunton, among others, is looking to inherit the position. The running backs position features the return of Baron Batch and Shannon Woods, along with Aaron Crawford and Kobey Lewis.

Before the spring game last year, left corner seemed up for grabs.

After the departure of Chris Parker, this year's spring game features senior Bunton and juniors Pete Richardson and Brent Nickerson splitting time and competing at right corner.

Bunton, who backed Parker in 2007, said he believes the secondary lost a leader in Parker and hopes to fill

his spot for the 2008 season.

Although Bunton is aiming for a starting job, he said Richardson and Nickerson are just a few players who have the capability of starting, as well.

"We got a lot of corners that just play," he said. "They have been around for a while, too. Brent, he's a junior this year. Pete, he's a junior too, so they know the system. They know the game. They know everybody can play; it's just a matter of who gets out there."

In 2007, the Red Raiders were without Batch because of injury and found themselves without Woods near the end of the season because of personal issues. This left Crawford and Lewis to split carries for the remainder of the season.

Heading into the Red-Black Spring Game, Batch and Woods are back in the rotation, along with Crawford and Lewis, giving the Red Raider four halfbacks vying for playing time.

Batch said he went from being doubtful this time last year to being eager to get back in front of fans now.

"I remember when I came out last year, right after I had surgery, it was like 'Man, it's going to seem like

forever to get back out here," he said. "I'm just counting down the days to get back out here and be competing, and now it seems like a few days and I'm just real excited."

In 2007, Woods missed the last three games of the season, leaving the door open for Crawford and Lewis.

With a lot of camaraderie between the four tailbacks, Batch said he is excited to see Woods perform well this spring after last season.

"I'm glad he's coming back in a positive way," he said. "A lot of people wouldn't have responded in the way that he has. I give him two thumbs up for the way he's come back and competed, and he's going to help us out a lot."

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill has been through every Red-Black Spring Game as an assistant under Tech coach Mike Leach.

This year's spring game is McNeill's first time at the helm of the defense.

McNeill took over the defense for the final eight games of last season's campaign, leading it to a strong finish while helping some younger players emerge.

McNeill said this spring has been all about the basics, which he could not put any more emphasis on.

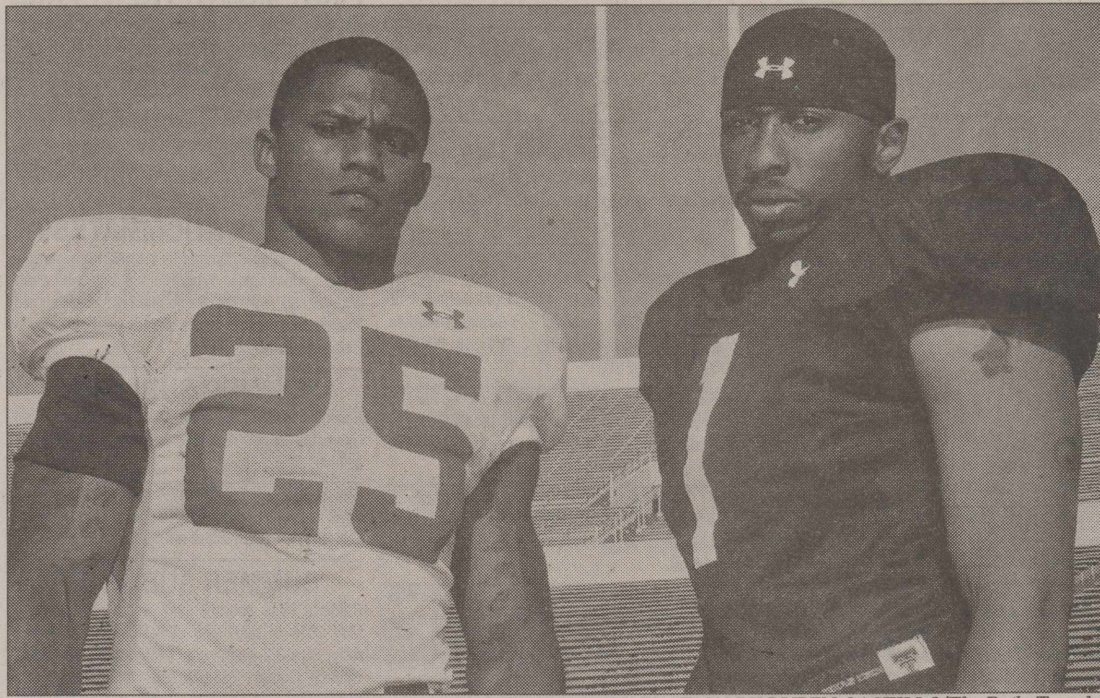


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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Baron Batch and cornerback Marcus Bunton are vying to start at their respective positions leading up to the Red-Black Spring Game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"We try to come out prepared," he said. "Some days are better than others. Going against the offense is tough now, so you better be ready. My main thing I want to look for is improvement in our fundamentals. I really do, and I'm really serious about that."

Along with Reed in the secondary,

the defense welcomes nosetackle and transfer Chris Perry from Miami (Fla.) and the return of McKinney Dixon. Linebacker Brian Duncan will start his first full season in the middle, while Bront Bird replaces Paul Williams at strongside linebacker.

The receiving corps returns for the

spring game with depth. Eric Morris and Detron Lewis have been working at inside receiver, and Todd Walker returns from an injury-prone 2007.

The offense will look for revenge, as the defense grabbed a win 46-35 in last year's spring game.

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Tech baseball to turn back clock in battle of basement teams

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech baseball will turn back the clock twice this weekend, but it won't be to the mid-'90s when the Red Raiders touted highly ranked teams regularly.

Tech (17-21, 4-11 in Big 12 Conference play) will wear throwback uniforms today and Sunday in its three-game series with Kansas State (16-19, 3-9). The first game begins at 6 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

With Tech on a six-game losing streak and four games under .500 for the first time since Larry Hays' first season as Tech head coach — 1987 — changes were bound to happen, and the first of them came in the starting rotation.

A.J. Ramos (1-4, 6.95 ERA) moves back to his original place as the Friday starter, Chad Bettis (3-3, 5.21 ERA) moves from Sunday to Saturday and closer Zach Stewart (2-0, 2.93 ERA) moves into the rotation pitching Sunday. Nathan Karns (1-6, 10.12 ERA) moves out of the rotation.

"He's probably one of the best pitchers we have on the squad," Ramos said of Stewart. "He battles. I think

it's a good move. We gotta try to do something, whatever we can do to win."

Ramos, who has been struggling this season giving batters free passes — allowing 36 walks in 44 innings this season — said he still is working on his form and hopes to find his old self.

"Until I can get consistency with my mechanics, I'll keep walking people, but I've been working on it a lot," he said. "I've been working on doing the same thing over and over again. I'm going back to high school — it's like trying to teach a seventh grader how to pitch again, going through (those) basic steps. I'm just trying to do anything right now to throw some strikes."

K-State's projected starters have not been finalized completely, but the Wildcats plan to put Brad Hutt (3-3, 2.98 ERA) on the mound today. The Wildcats' projected starter for Saturday, Justin Murray, is 2-0 with a 2.58 ERA this season.

Hays said hitting is contagious and all Tech needs right now to get back on the right track is just to get a couple keys hits, and things will start falling into place.

"Some of them aren't hitting right now, but they're playing hard and we continue to play good defense," he

said. "If we can just stay away from the big inning and try to get ahead first a couple times, sometimes that's all it takes to get you going."

Kansas State is in last place in the Big 12, while Tech fell to ninth — second to last in baseball — after being swept by former bottom-feeder Kansas last weekend. Hays said his team is starting to feel the impact of losing.

"It's a lot of pressure if you don't do well," he said. "Finally, the schedule fits us a little bit, but that doesn't mean it's going to be automatic. This schedule will fit us from the stand point that we gotta play at home and we got a nice place to play and all that. We handle the conditions here a little better, it seems like."

Including this weekend, Tech has 12 home games remaining, compared to five road games. Nine of those home games are conference games.

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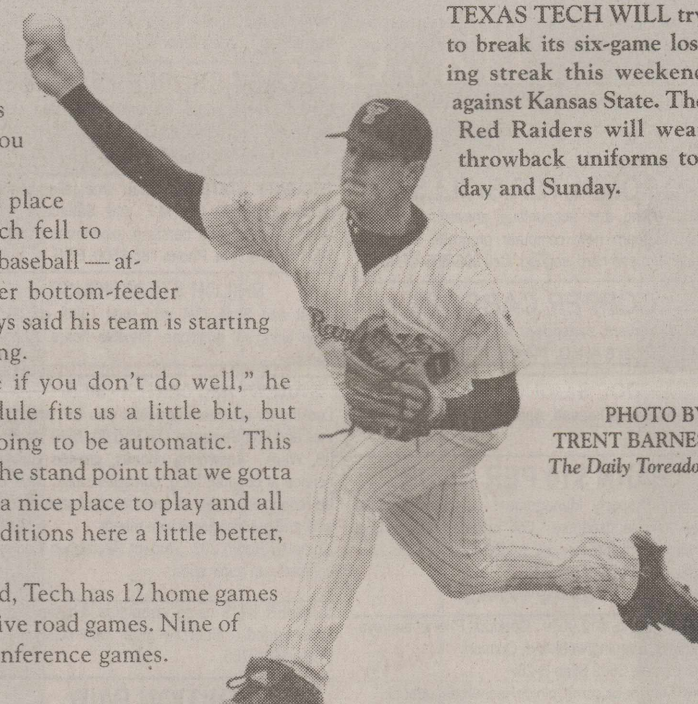


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The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH WILL try to break its six-game losing streak this weekend against Kansas State. The Red Raiders will wear throwback uniforms today and Sunday.

Lawmakers want Justice Department probe of college football bowl system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forget government corruption or corporate fraud. Three members of Congress want the Justice Department to in-

vestigate whether college football's Bowl Championship Series is an illegal enterprise.

Reps. Neil Abercrombie, D-Ha-

waii, Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga., and Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, are introducing a resolution reject-

ing the oft-criticized bowl system

as an illegal restriction on trade because only the largest universities compete in most of the major bowl games. The resolution would require Justice's antitrust division to investigate whether the system violates federal law.

The measure also would put Congress on record as supporting a college football playoff.

"Who elected these NCAA people? Who are they to decide who competes for the championship?" Abercrombie said at a press conference Thursday on Capitol Hill, gripping a souvenir University of Hawaii football.

Abercrombie said the matter is worthy of federal review because college football is big business with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake.

"It's money. That's what this is all about," he said.

But it's no coincidence that all three lawmakers have home-state schools with recent beefs against the bowl system.

The University of Hawaii and Boise State University in Idaho each had an undefeated season in recent years, but were denied a shot at the championship. And Westmoreland said he is still smarting about his University of Georgia Bulldogs being passed over for the national championship game last year.

Georgia instead was matched up against undefeated Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl, winning 41-10.

Westmoreland and Abercrombie said they started talking about the resolution after that game, as Abercrombie was paying off a bet with chocolate-covered macadamia nuts.

The lawmakers say the bowl system is rigid and blocks all but the

largest universities from competing in post-season bowls, denying dozens of others not just the opportunity to compete but also a shot at the big payoffs and national exposure that come with bowl appearances.

Abercrombie maintained that television markets are one factor in selecting which teams go to high-profile bowls.

"We shouldn't have to argue about who the champion is," Westmoreland said, citing the excitement and unpredictability of the NCAA college basketball tournament. "That should be decided on the field."

The BCS was created in 1998 by the six most powerful conferences. It relies on polls and computer ratings to determine which teams qualify for the top bowls.

Congress held a hearing on the BCS in 2005, but no legislation came of it.

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