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STATE

Judge kept chaotic polygamist case on track

SAN ANGELO, (AP) - Most of the cases that come across Judge Barbara Walther's bench are quiet affairs: divorces, drunken-driving violations, the kind of small-time disputes that sprout in places where land and livestock are more plentiful than people.

But in the past two weeks, the no-nonsense state district judge has found herself at the center of one of the most convoluted, unruly custody cases in U.S. history, herding hundreds of lawyers while dozens of reporters camp out on the lawn of the historic columned courthouse that sits in the center of San Angelo.

NATION

Rice visits Iraq to support government assault

BAGHDAD (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice praised the Iraqi government Sunday for government-led assaults on radical militias, as the top U.S. diplomat visited Baghdad in a show of support for the country's leaders.

The Iraqi government "has made a choice to pursue militias and is willing to bear the consequences," Rice said after her discussions.

She said there is "tremendous political opportunity here. They have to seize it."

WORLD

Israel kills 7 Hamas militants after attack

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Israel killed seven Hamas militants in a series of airstrikes after the group detonated two jeeps packed with hundreds of kilograms of explosives at an Israeli crossing on the Gaza border.

Two of the militants were killed early Sunday.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak visited the area of Saturday's twin suicide attacks, which wounded 13 soldiers, and warned Hamas would "bear the consequences."

DEATH TOLL

Iraq since fighting began

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Military says 12 killed in 'uptick' in fighting

By BUSHRA JUHI ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD(AP) - U.S.an "uptick" in fighting Sunday, district after radical cleric Mugtada cohesion. al-Sadr warned he will declare war

sees to be flowing from the govern- 'last month. ment-led assaults on radical militias.

troops killed 12 militants during forces in Basra have brought sectarian and ethnic groups together the military said, as fierce clashes in an unprecedented way, and she mander of the operation, said troops ies, according to the spokesman, Lt. broke out in Baghdad's Sadr City said she wants to capitalize on that had recovered large caches of weap-

if a crackdown against his followers central Baghdad as rockets or mortar bitterest fighting last month. shells were fired toward the U.S.-

Also Sunday, Iraqi security forces Rice told reporters she sees signs gained control of the last Mahdi ing the seven militants, then shot that last month's assaults on militia Army stronghold in Basra and began to death two Iraqi snipers firing at setting up bases and checkpoints.

> Lt. Gen. Ali Ghaidan, a comons during door-to-door searches

The deadliest battle in Sadr City City, Stover said. Secretary of State Condoleezza protected Green Zone as Rice was occurred just before 8 a.m. when Rice, meanwhile, arrived in Bagh- meeting with top Iraqi officials there. gunmen attacked a U.S. checkpoint clashed with militants elsewhere in dad for a trip she said was intended The area has faced regular shelling with machine guns, rocket-propelled Baghdad, but no deaths were reported to promote fresh political gains she since the current tensions erupted grenades and mortar shells, a military in those incidents.

The Americans fought back, killthem from a nearby rooftop as local nationals arrived to remove the bod-Col. Steve Stover.

Three other militants were killed Sunday was among the fiercest. Loud explosions were heard in of Hayaniyah, scene of some of the while trying to plant roadside bombs at about 6:43 a.m. elsewhere in Sadr in comparison with the past couple

Sadr City, a sprawling district of some 2.5 million people in eastern Baghdad, has seen daily clashes between U.S.-backed Iraqi forces who have launched a crackdown against Shiite militias led by al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia.

But Stover said the fighting on

"There was an uptick in violence of weeks," Stover said, although He added that U.S. troops also he declined to link it to al-Sadr's warning, which was broadcast over mosque loudspeakers in the district late Saturday.

Pope blesses

ground zero

By RACHEL ZOLL

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began the final day of his American journey by

blessing the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

attacks on the World Trade Center and pleading

with God to bring "peace to our violent world."

poignant moment in a trip marked by unexpect-

edly festive crowds anxious to see the former

academic who for three years has led the world's

way down a ramp now used mostly by construction

trucks to a spot by the north tower's footprint.

He walked the final steps, knelt in silent prayer

for a few moments, then rose to light a memorial

clergy and public officials, he acknowledged the

many faiths of the victims at the "scene of incred-

death, injury and loss" in the attacks at the Penta-

gon and in the crash of United Airlines Flight 93

in Shanksville, Pa. More than 2,900 people were

killed in the four crashes of the airliners hijacked

world," the pope prayed on a chilly, overcast

morning. "Turn to your way of love those whose

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent

Addressing a group that included survivors,

The pope also prayed for "those who suffered

Benedict was driven in the popemobile part-

Roman Catholics.

ible violence and pain."

by al-Qaida.

The visit by Benedict to ground zero was a

NEW YORK (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI

in NYC

Spirit of the Masked Rider continues with Hartzog

By ANN LUU

"The Masked Rider isn't a tradition. Rhode said. It's a legacy. And it must be carried on ... otherwise it's history." — Masked Rider lease, Burns and his equine program.

The prestigious position of the Masked night Matador, Rider was passed on Friday afternoon in also made a histhe Frazier Alumni Pavilion. Kevin Burns, a senior animal and food the

sciences major from Clovis, N.M., and the

er, turned

2007-08 Masked Ridin his mask, hat and scarlet cape as the new title went to Ashley Hartzog, a senior animal science and Spanish major from Farwell.

Throughout the ceremony, Burns was honored for his work as the Masked Rider during the past

"He has a very unique style," laughed Stephanie Rhode, assistant director for the Center for Campus Life, using her fingers to mimic Burn's signature mustache. "He has an adventurous spirit and polite style."

Rider is not an easy one, but Burns pulled it off with enthusiasm. Burns made more than 150 appearances,

The life of the Masked

did an excellent job reaching out Masked Rider made his first official to the fans, sponsors and university, appearance against what is now According to a press recompanion, Mid-

toric return to

traveled more than 12,000 miles and Gator Bowl where, in 1954, the known as Auburn University. As different members of the

Texas Tech community spoke about Burns and his contributions to Tech and presented him with gifts and memorabilia, Burns remained humble and modest. He thanked many people and credited his success to his father.

"It was the biggest honor and a great year," Burns said, as he turned around to face his successor. "Ash-MASKED RIDER continued

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hearts and minds are consumed with hatred." Benedict invited 24 people with ties to ground zero to join him: survivors, relatives of victims and four rescue workers. He greeted each member of the group individually as a string quartet played in the background. In his prayer, he also remembered those who, "because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness.'

New York deputy fire chief James Riches, father of a fallen Sept. 11 firefighter, said the pope's visit was important and gave him "a little consolation."

Hundreds of people stood just outside the site, behind police barricades, hoping for a glimpse of

The site where the World Trade Center was destroyed is normally filled with hundreds of workers building a 102-story skyscraper, a memorial and transit hub. It bears little resemblance to the debris-filled pit where crews toiled to remove twisted steel and victims' remains.

The remains of more than 1,100 people have never been identified.

Benedict was joined by New York Cardinal Edward Egan, along Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York Gov. David Paterson and New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine. The land is owned and managed by the Port Authority of New York & New

Benedict has addressed terrorism several times during his six-day visit.

In a private meeting with President Bush, the two leaders "touched on the need to confront terrorism with appropriate means that respect the human person and his or her rights," according to a joint U.S.-Holy See statement.

Benedict has been critical of harsh interrogation methods, telling a meeting of the Vatican's office for social justice last September that, while a country has an obligation to keep its citizens safe, prisoners must never be demeaned or tortured.

Tech opens Natural Science Research Laboratory

ASHLEY HARTZOG, A senior animal science and Spanish major from Farwell, is Texas Tech's 2008-09 Masked Rider.

By MATT MCGOWAN STAFF WRITER

SUNNY

Animal skulls, radioactive

rodent carcasses and colonies of ished the expansion project in 2006, flesh-eating beetles represent only a fragment of the peculiar world tucked away in Texas Tech's Natural Science Research Laboratory. After four years of construction

and meticulous work, the \$5-million laboratory - housed in the same building as Tech's museum - opened its doors to a crowd of Tech scientists, university officials opening ceremony.

"Today is amazing," said Heath Garner, the lab's curator of collections. "It's very seldom a natural history division actually gets more

space. Right now, it's a time when budgets are being cut, not added

Although construction crews fin-Garner said, lab workers needed two more years to organize samples, to acquire collections and to complete the exhausting process of establishing a research laboratory.

"I'm glad it's over," said Robert Baker, the lab's director. "I'm glad it's done. I like going out and catching the rats and the bats and all that stuff, and I like coming back in here - I and students Friday during its grand don't like making all these presentations and stuff. This is one of the least enjoyable aspects of being the director of NSRL."

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PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador AWAY IN STORAGE rooms of the Natural Science Research Laboratory sit rows and rows of stuffed animals including buffalo, bears, elk and many other animals.

Museum

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

work at the facility, researchers flesh-eating Carpet Beetles. can gain a better understanding and health.

understanding of (the world's research assistant from Ecuador. animals)," Baker said.

genetics. After 30 trips to the classification, study and storage. Ukrainian countryside affected study of radiation poisoning and fast.' its effect, if any, on genetics.

what the biological significance nually using this method. of the world's worst nuclear power "Somebody ought to do that."

assistant from Malaysia. Also, Tech researchers are studying the breeding habits of the radioactive ficially is open, Garner said rodents, but more research and Lubbockites and students can funding will be needed before arrange an appointment to go to any conclusive results can be the facility. Although it is open

again to do collections," he said. tors to obtain permission before "We have done the work in the arriving and taking a tour of the lab and exposed them to radioac- research programs. tive materials, but what the idea matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu

is now is to go into the field and conduct the lab in the field."

Though the lab's staff consists of two full-time employees and The laboratory focuses nearly five research assistants, it also reall of its research on animals and ceives assistance from an unusual biology, he said. Through their and macabre source: thousands of

During a process called deof not only an animal's place fleshing, specialists at the lab in an ecosystem, but also other place unclean samples of animal biological aspects like its genetics skeletons in colonies of tens of thousands of these dermestid "We're adding order to our beetles, said Raquel Marchan, a

Within two or three weeks, she Offering an example of the said, the beetles slowly eat away lab's research programs, he said all of the excess flesh and tissue, researchers at the lab are studying leaving a clean skeleton intact the effects of radiation on rodent that is ready for further cleaning,

"Most people think of 'The by the nuclear catastrophe at Mummy' when they think about Chernobyl, Tech researchers have these beetles," Garner said, "but made significant strides in the they don't actually eat that

Marchan said approximately "We're trying to understand 3,000 specimens are cleaned an-

When Baker joined Tech's natplant disaster is," Baker said. ural science program 41 years ago, it consisted of 8,000 specimens, So far, research indicates most he said. Currently, it boasts apof the radioactive rodents do proximately 110,000 specimens. not suffer genetically, said Faisal He said he expects that number Ali Anwarali Khan, a teaching to increase to approximately 150,000 "pretty quickly."

Now that the laboratory ofto the public as a state facility, "This summer, they are going security concerns require visi-

Sen. Cornyn visits Lubbock, pitches for Tech

By ADAM YOUNG **News Editor**

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, threw out the first pitch poration's projat the Texas Tech baseball game, ect, which will surveyed development in north- provide housing east Lubbock and discussed the and increase the increasing cost of college educa- tax base for the tion as part of a visit to the Hub city and state. City Saturday.

Before throwing the first ble benefit for pitch at Tech's game with Kan- the individuals sas State at Dan Law Field, as well as the Cornyn said he toured the city and its tax King's Dominion residential base," he said. sub-division — at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Tech sports in-Boulevard and Erskine Avenue formation direc-- to witness the progress of the tor, said Tech

It's a double benefit for the individuals as well as the city and its tax base.

> - JOHN CORNYN U.S. SENATOR R-TEXAS

North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation in the neighborhood.

The King's Dominion neight thing people homes and is the first residen- dent loan debt." tial sub-division in northeast Web site, www.neldc.org.

cure a \$300,000 Department like tax dollars.

of Health and Human Services grant to help fund the cor-

"It's a dou-

Blayne Beal, Chancellor Kent Hance invited Cornyn to visit the university as part of his trip to Lubbock as a friendly gesture for work the senator has done for the university.

After throwing his pitch, Cornyn discussed the federal government's role in reducing the cost of college education, "which is some-

borhood, which began construct think about when they graduate

Lubbock since the mid 1950s, legislators to approach funding make sure that that burden is not college tuition," he said. according to the Corporation's college education in multiple ways overwhelming or discouraging because "it's part of a balancing them from going to school?" he competition from India and China Cornyn said he helped se- act dealing with a limited resource asked.

SEN. JOHN CORNYN throws the first pitch at the baseball game versus Kansas State Saturday afternoon at Dan Law Field. "How much of that do you put ans (who are) going to college tion in 2006, includes 55 new from college with a \$90,000 stu- on the student who benefits from save millions of dollars in taxes the education, and how much by providing a tax credit against

tuition.

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Cornyn said it is necessary for of that does the state pick up to their income for money paid for

PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreado

Also, because of concern of in the STEM fields of science, Cornyn said he has worked technology, engineering and math, on legislation that would extend Cornyn said Congress passed the for two years and increase up to America Competes Act, which \$4,000 a year a tax deduction ultimately will provide up to \$30 for taxpayers who pay college billion in authorization for funds to encourage teachers to study and "We estimate it will help Tex- teach in those concentrations.

"Right now, we're not growing enough people in those areas,' he said, "and obviously those are critical areas in terms of our ability to innovate, particularly in technology, and compete with countries like India and China." → adam.young@ttu.edu







TECH POLICE BLOTTER

Students arrested on charges of drug possession

Criminal mischief to a vehicle which the driver-side window was broken was investigated by an of-

An officer investigated a report of harassment at the circulation desk of the University Library. A female employee was receiving unwanted

The theft of a Visa credit card in the Student Union Building cafeteria was investigated by an officer.

An officer investigated a hit-andrun accident in the D-1 parking lot at the Health Sciences Center.

passenger-side window of a vehicle parked on the fourth floor of the Flint Avenue parking garage. An officer investigated the burglary in which the perpetrator attempted to take the stereo system in the vehicle.

An officer investigated an assault in the Clement Residence Hall in which a female student reported being assaulted by another female mischief in the Z-4P parking lot in mischief on the Maedgen Theatre student.

A non-student was arrested for driving while intoxicated on the also was arrested for public intoxica- an officer. tion. The student and non-student County jail.

An officer arrested two students for students was yelling profanities at an officer as he was leaving the complex. The two students were transported to to leave. the Lubbock County jail.

A student was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol following a welfare check. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released, along with the vehicle, to a responsible party. The passenger of the vehicle was arrested and transported to the Lubbock County jail for public intoxication:

April 12

the Human Sciences building. A from an unsecured office.

A student was arrested for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and was released. and Adderall - a penalty group two controlled substance. The student was transported to the Lubbock Residence Hall.

on the 3300 block of Avenue V for was driving while intoxicated. evading arrest in a motor vehicle and aggravated assault on a peace officer. about a student who made a Tech handi-The non-student was transported to cap-parking permit on his computer.

the Lubbock County jail.

into a Tech police patrol vehicle. There were no injuries.

A student was arrested in the R-18 parking lot for driving under the influence of alcohol, was issued lot. The vehicle was unsecured, and two Lubbock County citations and released. The passenger, a student, was arrested for public intoxication and was transported to the Lubbock County jail.

April 13

Two officers investigated criminal An unknown person broke the mischief in the Flint Avenue parking broken on a vehicle.

> A student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia in the Z5-B parking lot.

April 14

An officer investigated criminal which the passenger-side window of stage. A cable line was cut. a vehicle was shattered.

1100 block of Flint Avenue. The in which a license plate was taken student was issued a Lubbock County passenger in the vehicle, a student, off of a vehicle was investigated by

An officer investigated a traffic acthe filing of charges. were transported to the Lubbock cident in the C-3 parking lot. There were no injuries.

public intoxication at the Lubbock at the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre Hall. The bicycle was secured with a student was arrested for possession County Sheriff's office. One of the in which an employee's ex-boyfriend cable lock, but both the bicycle and of Adderall, possession of marijuana threatened bodily injury to the em- the lock were taken. ployee. A third party told the man

A computer was delivered to a Tech police officer by the Littlefield Police Department and the Lubbock County District Attorney's office for investigative assistance.

A hit-and-run accident in the C-11 parking lot near the Robert H. **Ewalt Student Recreation Center was** investigated by an officer.

An officer investigated a theft in intoxication in the Z-4P parking lot warrant. The non-student was transand was transported to the Lubbock ported to the Lubbock County jail. wallet and its contents were taken County jail. Another student was issued a Lubbock County citation for that occurred in the women's rest-ceiling tiles and a smoke detector on consumption of alcohol by a minor room at the Maedgen Theatre.

April 15

County jail from the Weymouth unauthorized use of a motor vehicle dent using the computers to look at County jail. and were transported to the Lubbock An officer arrested a non-student County jail. One of the students also

An officer documented information

An officer investigated a theft in was unsecured so maintenance staff could fix a broken window.

from the vehicle.

A student was arrested on the 3400 block of 20th Street for possession of Lubbock County jail.

on the eighth floor, but the cause of the activation of the sprinkler head has not been determined.

April 16

An officer investigated criminal

An officer detained a student in citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released pending DVD.

a bicycle from the east bicycle rack An officer investigated an assault outside of the Coleman Residence of marijuana from a room. The first

> An officer investigated a theft at the Health Sciences Center. A digital camera and the carrying case were taken from an unsecured file sion of drug paraphernalia. The first

An officer investigated a report of forensic examination. The officer criminal mischief on the fourth floor student was issued a Lubbock County documented information on the of the Flint Avenue parking garage. A student tried to remove a boot that phernalia and was released. was placed on his vehicle by the Tech Traffic and Parking services. A non-student was arrested for

driving with an invalid license and A student was arrested for public an outstanding Lubbock County

A non-student was issued a criminal

pornography on the Internet.

A student was detained for pos-An officer investigated a traffic active Gates Residence Hall in which session of alcohol by a minor on the parked in the Z3-K parking lot in cident on the 3300 block of Avenue a student's gold necklace was stolen 1700 block of Flint Avenue. The V. The driver intentionally backed from an unsecured room. The room student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

> Three students were arrested after An officer investigated the bur- an officer responded to a report of glary of a vehicle in the C-10 parking the odor of marijuana coming from a room in the Murdough Residence when the student returned, his back- Hall. The first student was arrested pack and its contents were missing for possession of cocaine and marijuana and was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. The second marijuana and drug paraphernalia. student was arrested for possession of The student was transported to the marijuana and was issued a Lubbock County citation for the possession of An officer responded to a report, drug paraphernalia. The third student garage. A passenger-side mirror was of criminal mischief that made a fire was arrested for possession of Xanex, alarm active in the Weymouth Resi-, Concerta and Adderall and was isdence Hall. A sprinkler was activated sued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

April 17

An officer responded to a traffic accident in the C-1N parking lot. There were no injuries.

An officer investigated the burglary of a residence hall room in the Murray Residence Hall. A student A theft in the Z-4P parking lot the Coleman Residence Hall. The left his room unsecured and an unknown person entered his room taking an XBOX 360, games and a

> Three students were arrested in the An officer investigated a theft of Coleman Residence Hall after an officer responded to a report of the odor and possession of drug paraphernalia. The second student was arrested for possession of Psilocybin-Mushrooms, possession of marijuana and possestwo students were transported to the Lubbock County jail. The third citation for possession of drug para-

> An officer investigated criminal mischief in the Weymouth Residence Hall. Originally dispatched to the residence hall because a fire alarm was caused by a fire extinguisher being set off in the basement near the laundry room, the officer observed An officer investigated an arson that evacuating students damaged the seventh floor.

An officer arrested a student in trespass warning at the request of the the Weymouth Residence Hall lobby University Library staff. The library for public intoxication. The student Two non-students were arrested for staff members observed the non-stu- was transported to the Lubbock

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Tech's new Asian restaurant, Zi, meets university expectations

The line averages

to four minutes

depending on the

complexity of the

menu item. 🦠 🦠

- KIRK RODRIGUEZ

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

By ELIZABETH ELLIOTT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Zi, an Asian food restaurant in the Student Union Building, opened in February, replacing Taco Mayo's southwest cuisine. Two months later, Texas Tech officials believe Zi is meeting University Hospitality Ser-

vice's hopes and expectations.

"We've been very, very anywhere from three pleased with the response that we've received with Zi," said Kirk Rodriguez, associate director for Hospitality Services: retail.

Rodriguez said Zi brings in an average of

\$1,500 in sales on any given day, a figure comparable to the sales of other restaurants in the SUB, including Sbarro Pizza and Steak

Rodriguez said Hospitality Services gave out surveys to try and gauge what kind of food students would like to see in the SUB before settling on Asian cuisine.

Zi offers several types of Asian cuisine, including made-to-order stir-fry, sushi and premade graband-go items for those in a hurry.

"The line averages anywhere from three to four minutes, depending on the complexity of the menu item," Rodriguez said.

Tackie Zwiacher, assistant director of Hospitality Services retail, said that in the fall, Hospitality Services plans to have the sushi on a rotating menu so Chef Anthony

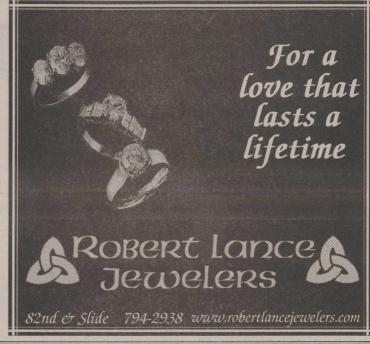
Fields can offer new options every month or two, depending on the popularity of each particular dish.

Zwiacher said the General Tso's Chicken and almond chicken are two of the most popular menu options, though beef and broccoli stir-fry and spicy shrimp stir-fry also are favorites.

Rodriguez said Zi's menu has evolved quite a bit since the restaurant's opening, and it most likely will continue to evolve. He said changes are made based on customer comments and how well menu items sell.

Rodriguez encouraged students to offer comments and feedback on Zi and other food options across campus at the Hospitality Services Web site, www.depts.ttu. edu/hospitality.

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Free speech: say hello to my little friend

Tust when my pugilistic sensibility had been lulled to sleep by the start of spring and the advent of baseball, the Young Conservatives of Texas, my old combatants in Tech's campus culture wars, managed to get me feeling pugnacious and charged up again.

What upset me were multiple reports I received from friends and colleagues about the YCT-sponsored "Catch an Illegal Immigrant" event staged on campus March 31. Frankly, I was surprised to hear the YCT's regime of activism could take such a boorish turn. This, from those same incendiary wags who in the past year brought us such oh-so-clever spectacles as the Animal Rights Barbecue and the Global Warming Beach Party?—Get it? Animals ful game. are to be eaten; man-made climate change makes for a better tan! Yuk yuk.

Surely, after such a long and noble history of witty theatrics and sophisticated satire, the YCT wouldn't stoop to such an unmitigated display of apparent bigotry and unchecked nativism?

asking for clarification, some details and maybe a rationale to explain this ostensible show of insensitivity. Sadly, as with thus, not only gaily tactless, but cheerfully my earlier correspondence, in which I well-nigh pleaded to be included in their much-ballyhooed ideological cotillion, UNT event, its defenders championed the the Professor Watch List, I received no



Fortunately, I received confirmation in the form of photographs that students took of the event on that fateful last day of March. Sure enough, there were images of the YCT's table in the SUB Free Speech Zone, advertising the event. And, yes, there were students dressed in orange presumed target at the heart of this glee-

This isn't the first time in recent history that the YCT has sponsored such an event on a Texas college campus. A few years ago, the YCT chapter at the University of North Texas in Denton this critical right. So I contacted their representative, hosted its rendition of the game. Imagine my further disillusionment, then, to disunoriginal as well!

When controversy raged around the occasion as a celebration of free speech. The YCT disagrees, as I understand, with illegals and merely were enacting a show of this dissent in the spirit of America's traditional protection of unrestrained First Amendment is that it should be a

Amendment. As I, amateur historian, notable and noble comprehend it, the logic behind the dissenters, histori-Constitution's protection of free speech cally. I grimace at was staked on the insurance of real democ- the thought of the racy. That is, if the American democratic YCT, with its freeproject truly was going to dismiss with the speech-enables-usold ugly hierarchies that had flourished in to-kick-'em-when-T-shirts marked "Illegal Immigrant," the monarchic societies, then every citizen they're-down sensineeded to feel at liberty to voice opposibility, being included tion without fear of penalty from those among the ranks of, In short, the buzz I'd heard was for leader-type blokes holding the cards.

In this interpretation, free speech or Martin Luther seems essential to the creation of a sophisticated, progressive society. And in the abstract, I often assert, with much that might be reflecpassion, my defense and endorsement of tive of the dreaded

But then again, when I think of the which some readers importance of free speech, the practi- have accused me in cover that Lubbock's YCT brethren are, tioners I have in mind tend more to be the past. And admitbreed of free-speechifyin' folks who have prohibition of "hate speech" — doesn't cans could be trained to speak and act as **michael.borshuk@ttu.edu.**

Amnesty International and PEN.

What I've never assumed about the free expression.

say, Cesar Chavez

But then again, moral relativism of

embattled activists or dissenting writers tedly, I do come from that cold, proto-fas- among the tribes that comprise America is to understand what I have to say. under totalitarian regimes. To me, those cistic country to the north, where MRIs essential to America's becoming herself. are figures of meaningful dissent — figures are free, people live on average a few years who place themselves at great risk at times longer than their American counterparts correct social programming," Strausbaugh to exercise their will to expression. It's this and the government — in its legal writes, "has been the notion that if Ameri-

Nevertheless, I live in the USA now, vehicle open for exploitation by privileged and maybe it's time for me to get on the YCT from hosting their nativist spectacle Now, I'm no Nino Scalia, but this groups to stage bullying displays at the free-speech bandwagon and stop trying seems to me a bit of a grotesque interescepense of less-enfranchised populations. to impose my liberal restrictions on many other students on campus — bepretation of the Constitution's First The United States has its great share of those forms of expression that turn my stomach.

> After all, Ameri-I grimace at the can journalist John Strausbaugh, in his thought of the YCT, recent book "Black with its free-speech-Like You: Blackface, Whiteface, Insult enables-us-to-kick-'em-when-they'redown sensibility, being so-called "political correctness" has been my little friend." included among the one of the boldest impediments to the little friend. ranks of, say, Cesar mechanics of Ameri-Chavez or Martin Luther King Jr. the unchecked al-

lowance of insult and

"One of the signal failures of politically

the proffering of amnesty to in-country inspired me in the past to give money to always endorse a wholesale, uncritical if they don't have any of these opinions acceptance of the right to completely or attitudes, these attitudes and opinions will disappear."

> Thus, I shouldn't try to prevent the — even with the discomfort it created for cause such would only be a minor salve in the face of their presumably immovable convictions in the immigration debate.

Instead, it seems, if I'm to buy the Strausbaugh argument, I may as well accept the opportunity for corresponding insult that accompanies my constitutionally protected right to free speech. In this way, and Imitation in free speech might be like that monstrous American Popular gun Tony Montana brands against his Culture," argues that attackers at the end of "Scarface," when he so memorably exhorts, "Say hello to

So, YCT of Tech, say hello to my

Your "Catch an Illegal Immigrant" can democracy. In event reeks of the worst sort of ignorance Strausbaugh's mind, and coarse intolerance. I would try to persuade you to take a more sophisticated approach in engaging with the immigration impolite expression debate if I trusted you had the wherewithal

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Quiet storm: a closer look at Obama's wife, Michelle

Ithough she can be seen walking silently alongside Barack Obama, with kids in tote, Michelle Obama is a force to be reckoned with.

Why? As much as some of us may hate to admit it, John McCain has a lot to go up against in the upcoming presidential election. In a country fed up with President George W. Bush and the Republican expanding the support for her husband in Party in general, even conservatives are the race for the presidency. being forced to weigh the issues with each candidate and decide which stance is Obama remain physically detached as two most practical. At this point in time, the separate life forms, I refuse to believe her Democrats have the upper hand, and they comments about how much she distances are certainly milking it for all it's worth.

overlooked is none other than Michelle Obama. The influence of the first lady on ing with Abigail Adams' letters to former president John Adams, the first lady has a pivotal role in the White House, and that influence cannot be overlooked as trivial. and the right to use it. So, what about Michelle Obama?

making broad statements that offer clues been groomed and trained for her brief to her own views of how the govern- moments in the spotlight. Why would ment should be changed with the next she want to tell America that her husband presidential term. As an intelligent woman solely is taking the reigns and that she is a educated at Princeton and Harvard, her statements should not be taken for granted, as there is method to the madness. The soft-spoken mother of two is a huge player in the presidential campaign, no matter what she might try and pull over America's head.

husband, pushing the focus off of her own wrote expressing his own shortcomings as views and back onto Barack Obama's policies. In the same interview for "Good Morning America," she talks about terrorism, war funds, domestic issues and the an air-tight story for his campaign either. black community, all the while claiming Although he has tried to sway from the that she just has a "loud mouth" and is bad press — as any candidate would — the "professionally independent" from her fact of the matter is that his marriage to but she's still tucking in Mr. President

want to do my husband's job." This is said, ideal we tend to press on presidential Thies is a sophomore English of course, while talking to news reporters in front of millions of viewers, furthermore



As long as Michelle Obama and Barack herself from the opinions he takes on such One person who dangerously has been important issues. Support is one thing: lacking perspective is another.

Her unwillingness to admit any form a president's policies is remarkable. Start- or part of influence on Barack Obama's political beliefs makes me question Michelle Obama's motives, as should any American woman who fights for a voice

Still, it would be unfortunate to forget Lately, she has come out of hiding, that Michelle Obama undoubtedly has mere accessory?

A major platform for the Obamas is built on their old-fashioned family values, something both McCain's and Hillary Clinton's campaigns are lacking.

I don't think I have to remind you is what I implore you to do. about the Monica Lewinsky scandal, or She credits her own positions to her the gargantuan autobiography Bill Clinton a husband and father. We get it; he's not be fair about the process. exactly the perfect role model.

McCain's own family life isn't exactly Cindy McCain is not the first run at the at night. Michelle Obama commented, "Idon't altar, therefore damaging that American

Any flaw can and will be unveiled,

even if it takes digging. Pay off the right guy, and the nation will be exposed to every "I didn't inhale" story yet waiting to be revealed.

Then there are Michelle Obama and Barack Obama, with their two wellgroomed children and seemingly flawless marriage, ready for viewing by the public.

Michelle Obama wants us to think she will stay out of her husband's business so she can retain that image of the good housewife who only voices an opinion out of support for her husband. She wants us to socially and morally set the Obamas apart from the McCains and the Clintons.

The problem with that is simple: History repeats itself. The presidential chair should be dubbed "The Love Seat," with what we know about the first lady's dramatic influence on the president himself.

Behind Barack Obama and his own plans for the United States is a woman ready and able to disagree, especially a woman as knowledgeable as Michelle Obama. Her collegiate experience and undeniable intelligence puts serious doubt in the belief that she is missing a few opinions of her own.

The hard part is sifting through her rhetoric on family values and wifehood to find those precious gold nuggets of personal ideology. Few and far between are her real standings on the issues we really care about, but they indeed can be picked out, which

We must start reviewing not only the presidential candidates' policies, but the first ladies' own ideologies, if we want to

The role of first lady should be a focal point in this upcoming election — it's about time we started getting practical about how the Oval Office really is run. The first lady might not cook and clean,

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Covering your butt with books

Tt recently was reported in the Associated Press that Donald Rumsfeld has begun work on a memoir to be published in 2010 by Penguin Group publisher and will cover his time in office as well as explanations for his decisions during the Iraq war.

Rumsfeld, however, only is adding to a slew of former Bush administration officials who have published books either giving exthe short term, it is written by the been a tragic presidency. linger-pointers with publishers.

The first of such books was Ron the rats Suskind's "The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, the White House and the Education of Paul » O'Neill," which was published in 2004 and surrounded the personal account of former Treasury Secretary Paul

O'Neill. Aside from painting O'Neill almost as a modern folk hero, the book represented the first major inside account that there may be incompetence on the loose

laugh here in retrospect. The book was followed closely by: former National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection and Counter-terrorism Richard Clarke's "Against All Enemies;" White House staffer David Kuo's "Tempting Faith;" former head of reconstruction in Iraq Paul Bremer's "My Year in Iraq;" former Attorney General John Ashcroft's "Never Again;" former U.N. ambassador John Bolton's "Surrender is Not an Option;" former Director of the CIA George Tenet's "At the Center of the Storm;" and recently former Chief Rumsfeld Strategist Doulas Feith's "War and Jonathan Hanson



With the exception of Clarke's "Against All Enemies," few — if any - of these books take responsibility for the failures committed by the cuses for the administration's poor administration or by the authors perperformance or passing the blame sonally. There is considerable finger-

It's as though

have decided to desert a inside the White House—you may sinking ship, only to swim to an island their fault the boat sank.

Roughly half of these insider books attempt to paint their authors as whistle-blowers or lone voices of reason in a White House filled with stubbornness, paranoia and wishful thinking. However, what separates these authors from whistle-blowers is wrongdoing.

These authors only are following in the footsteps of countless journalists, analysts and bloggers who already have said the same things: the war in Iraq was a blunder, the Bush administration lives in fantasy land

The other half attempts to give reason and clarity to decisions that largely have been seen as failures, but rather than accepting responsibility by admitting they were wrong, these authors of these memoirs give circumstances and situations and act as though there was only one course of action. Or they just blamed 9/11.

These books serve not as insights into the inner workings of an inept administration but rather simple confirmations of what we, the genin spite of it. If history in the long pointing and blame-gaming, but little eral public, already know. And by run is written by the victors, then in accountability is accepted for what has trying to distance the authors from the stigma of the presidency, each memoir almost serves as a distortion of history rather than a

> possible exception of the Harding administration, it takes more than one or two people to turn a presidency into calamity. The presidency is designed as such that it is bigger than any one man, and for it to fail, it must suffer the failings of more than one person.

clarifier.

With the

If we take these books at face value, the only people left to blame for the last eight years will be Bush and write a memoir about how it's not and Dick Cheney. And after President Bush writes his memoir when he leaves office — which he actually has suggested doing - possibly denying any involvement in the Bush administration, the only person left to blame for the past eight years will be Cheney.

Though since Cheney is impervithat a whistle-blower speaks out when ous to polls and criticism, his place in no one else has the courage against history may not matter enough for him to write a memoir rewriting it. But that's sort of been the problem

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Weekend festivities pull crowds of freshmen

Whispers of dormitory gossip and naive pleas of young romance echoed throughout the West Plaza of the Student Union Building Friday evening.

It was the night of the Rock the Plaza concert — hosted by the Texas Tech Activities Board — and it drew out quite a large crowd, much to TAB's pleasure. Disappointingly, that crowd was largely one-sided.

for freshmen.



Young students were dressed in their Rock the Plaza was more like a festival coolest rock-and-roll attire, making sure they fit in with the bands—some of them hired to do: entertain.

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

VOCALIST DEREK SANDERS and guitarist Brooks Betts of Mayday Parade perform in the plaza outside of the SUB, Friday evening.

in them.

The hired artists had a large fan base present in the West Plaza, including a young man wearing red, ass-cheek showing shorts with the words "Boys Cry", didn't feel so old. printed across them. There is no doubtthat this event was highly anticipated, rumored \$10,000 budget for the event, it and these bands did the job they were seems that if the idea was to keep students

obviously trying harder than normal.

were My American Heart, Mayday Para five years of their lives. rade — AP Magazine's most anticipated dence. I'm not sure it was the music that crowd. Consider the demographics. really got students going, though.

crowd and the ridiculous lines in which -by bringing in big names. they waited - but who could blame them? We've all been there, and many men were found doing Friday. A number of us still are.

giveaways after that first year of college. support local bands. Many had seen their It was more amusing to watch the lines shows times before, but students found for free stuff grow exponentially by the that it was Fatty Lumpkin, the Architexts minute than anything else present.

Members from all over the Lubbock hot in Lubbock that evening. community came out to watch the show. Another good portion of the fans was an entrance through Shooterz or Melt. people who probably weren't even in J&M barbecue catered the event, and the

Parents dropped their kids off in the They were singing along with the bands parking lot. It was a great means of proand cheering with everything they had moting camaraderie on campus. Parents, children, policemen and teenagers alike joined the underclassmen, but where were all of the upperclassmen Friday?

They were somewhere where they

While it's great that Tech allowed a and their families interested in and enter-Eric Ng — winner of the TAB spon- tained by the university, the university sored song writing contest — kicked off should immerse the community in the the show after some technical difficulties culture prevalent here, since this is where with the sound were fixed. Following Ng the students will live out the next four or

Embrace the culture, instead of album of the year — and This Provi- bringing in bands that target a one-sided

This is the sort of event the admin-Free food, free drinks, free music istrators should have been hiring local and free Tshirts were given away by artists to do. Help our city flourish at all TAB — explaining the overtly younger times of the year, not just for one night

That is, after all, what the upperclassof Tech students turned out for the Pre-Many of us, however, became tired of 4/20 Block Party in the Depot District to and special guests Qwiksand that were

> Depot alley was blocked off, allowing availability of alcohol was largely part of

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Torea VOCALIST FOR MY American Heart, Larry Soliman, performs during the 3rd annual Rock The Plaza Friday evening in the plaza next to the

what made it successful.

Student Union Building.

well. Girls on Heelys wheeled around in split Friday night. were hypnotized by the sound of the critic. E-mail her at

Rock the Plaza and the Block Party Captain Morgan and the Captain were both successes — in different ways Morgan girls made an appearance, as —but, all in all, Lubbock was once again

front of the stage, and some partygoers

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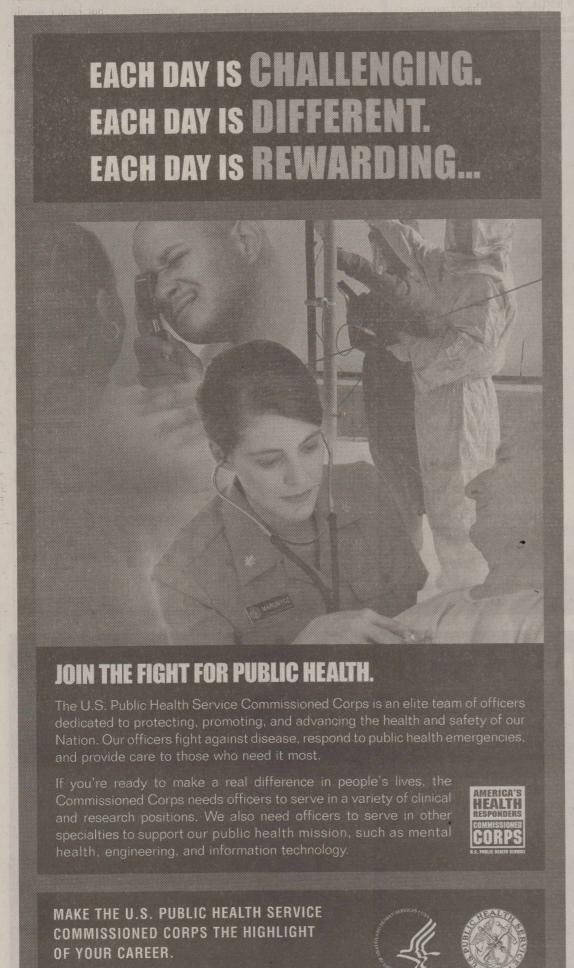


Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. - Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV

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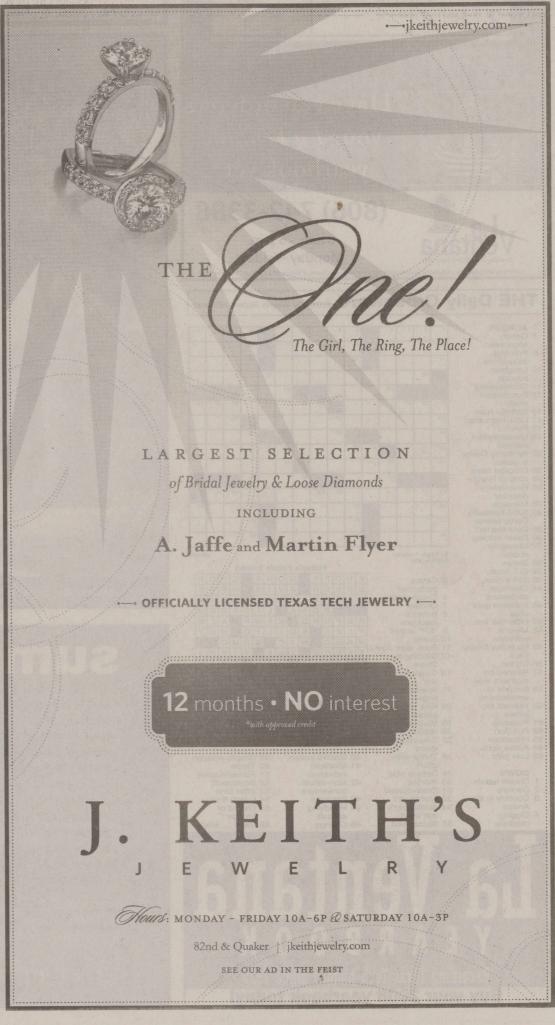
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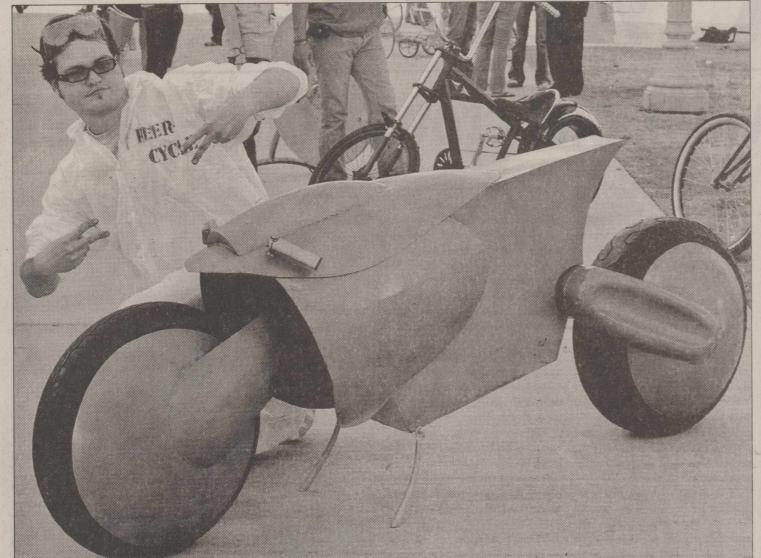


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Chan, Li's 'Forbidden Kingdom' leads weekend

martial arts dream team — Jackie minutes to live. Chan and Jet Li - won the week-No. 1 with \$20.9 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

fu adventure in ancient China, "The emerged through intelligent design. Forbidden Kingdom" features Asian

Weinstein, whose Weinstein Co. dom" averaged \$6,623 in 3,151 theaters. released "The Forbidden Kingdom' along with partner Lionsgate.

Universal's romantic comedy "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," starring Jason Segel as a nice guy who's dumped by his glamorous girlfriend (Kristen Bell), opened in second ("Knocked Up").

movie, the slasher remake "Prom remake of "Seven Samurai." Night," fell to third with \$9.1 million, raising its total to \$32.6 million.

stars Pacino as a crime profiler who next weekend."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A receives a call telling him he has 88

"Expelled: No Intelligence Alend as their movie matchup "The lowed," a rare documentary opening Forbidden Kingdom" debuted at in wide release, debuted at No. 9 with \$3.1 million. Released by Rocky Mountain Pictures, the film features Ben Stein as he challenges Darwin-The tale of a modern American ian theories that prevail in academic teen hurtled back in time to a kung circles and suggests that life could have

In narrower release, the Weinstein superstars Chan and Li in multiple Co. documentary "Where in the World roles and their first big-screen duel. Is Osama bin Laden?" bombed with just "I couldn't believe it had never \$143,299 in 102 theaters, averaging a been done before," said Harvey paltry \$1,405 a cinema. "Forbidden King-

> A globe-trotting hunt for the al-Qaida leader, "Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?" was directed by Morgan Spurlock, who made the hit documentary "Super Size Me."

With a PG-13 rating, "The Forbidden Kingdom" proved a family friendly place with \$17.3 million. It's the film compared to more action-intense latest from producer Judd Apatow martial arts flicks. The movie is part of a new Asian line of films from the The previous weekend's No. 1 Weinstein Co., including an upcoming

"I have three daughters who have never seen a martial arts movie, and Al Pacino's serial killer thriller they loved this," Weinstein said. "A "88 Minutes," from Sony's TriStar lot of females identify with it. That's Pictures, was a dud, premiering at the audience that's going to grow. I No. 4 with \$6.8 million. The movie think we'll get young girls and moms

Masked Rider

know she will outgrow them fast." Burns and Hartzog are close friends,

Rider had been a dream of hers for the and friends have encouraged me." past 16 years, ever since her father, a Tech alumnus, took her to a football an easy one to fill.

the Masked Rider run across the field,"

Hartzog said being the Masked on the field. Ever since then, my family

"The job of the Masked Rider is "My dad took me to game and I saw being an ambassador of Tech," said Gay Trammel-Witt, publicist for the ing with the younger generation," she as Hartzog served on the Masked Rider she said, with a smile on her face, "I Masked Rider. "It's the image that's out said, "and serving as a role model, thought it was so cool to have a horse there for Tech. It's important because as many Masked Riders have done it's a symbol of the university, and it's for me.' out there in the front of the line."

> four months. "Our applications went help her reach out to a larger comout in January, and there was an munity and expand the tradition to informational meeting in February," Trammel-Witt said. "Following that, there is a written test in February of with a positive attitude," she said. equine and horse care. The process "I'm going to keep my chin up and also entails a riding portion and an do my best."

hopes to continue the tradition with an outstanding spirit.

"I still cannot believe my dream has come true," Hartzog said.

Her reign started early as Hartzog made her first appearance at Saturday's The role of the Masked Rider is not spring Red and Black football game. With one appearance under her belt, Hartzog has an inspiring year ahead of her.

> "I am looking forward to interact-As a Spanish minor, Hartzog said

The selection process takes nearly she hopes her bilingual talents will

"I'm going to go into this year

"Raider Red's pistols fire, and you Applicants must pass each portion stand, sweat rolling down your back, with a grade of 80 or higher before sun scoring your face, straining to moving on to the next portion. Oth- catch a glimpse of the end zone. Out erwise, they are eliminated. For the of the tunnel and across the emerald upcoming season, six women applied, turf tears a sinewy, coal black horse, and two made it to finals, with Hartzog carrying a scarlet-caped rider. Before you realize what you're doing, both The new Masked Rider said she hands are in the air, guns extended. And despite the heat, you have goose bumps." - Spirit program of the Masked Rider.

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Red Raiders thump Kansas State 19-4, lose series 2-1

SPORTS EDITOR

and losing in extra innings Saturday, Texas Tech chose to make some sacrifices Sunday.

The Red Raiders went to extreme measures to guarantee a win, including sacrificing a bucket of KFC's finest before the game.

"You really don't want to know," Tech outfielder Roger Kieschnick a bucket of chicken and sacrificed it. good to score 19 runs on a Sunday." That's just one of them. It was Colonel Sanders."

19-4 in seven innings at Dan Law Field to win their first Big 12 Conference game since March 30 when Doug to beat Missouri 15-11.

ever your starter goes three-up-threedown (in the first inning)," Kieschnick said. "That's huge. That just gets your

threw well."

hits and three RBIs in conference play, now on.' helped lead the charge as he knocked three-run home run in the bottom of to the pitching mound as the Wildcats the K-State bullpen in the fifth. That was his first home run used five pitchers in the game, includ-right field. in Big 12 play since March 16, when ing three in the first inning. Tech beat Texas A&M 9-3 in College

said of the actions Tech took before told me the past three or four weeks the game to ensure a victory. "We just to have fun," Kieschnick said. "I were trying everything. We bought guess I finally took their advice. It feels

As a team, the Red Raiders (17-23, 5-15 in Big 12) combined for 19 hits, Behind a nine-run first inning, the and every Tech player in the start could have folded a little bit." Red Raiders run-ruled Kansas State ing batting order scored a run in the Seefeld each scored three runs.

Thennis hit a game-ending grand slam nally was slated to start Sunday, but start and pitched 5 innings, giving up one run on four hits for the win.

"It's a great day to get a win," Karns a full count. hitters more relaxed and (Nathan said. "The team battled at the plate,

Karns) did a great job today and played great defense, pitching came third in the bottom of through finally. I think we're back the inning but couldn't Kieschnick, who entered the series on track — monkey's off our backs plate anybody. The After getting beat by eight Friday hitting .164 with just two extra-base — I'm expecting a lot more wins from Wildcats turned around

> Kansas State (18-20, 5-10) had ished the game with a in five runs Sunday, including a what was essentially a revolving door three-run home run to

"We haven't had many games starter A.J. Ramos gave where we've (pitched well and hit up four runs in the first "I don't know how many people well)," said Tech coach Larry Hays. on four walks and one "You know the biggest deal to me hit, but Tech fought is to have a disappointing loss like back on the bottom of (Saturday), you know pitch a w a y the inning to score four two or three times. I like the way they runs of its own on six came out after something like that. hits and a walk. The way things have been going, they

game, while Chris Richburg and Jason and forth with K-State, and the Red Tech closer Zach Stewart origi- of the ninth with Stewart pitching. the fifth. With two outs, a man on third and because he pitched multiple innings Byron Wiley — who was hitting .147 help the team get a win against New That is a hug sigh of relief when- in relief Saturday, Karns (2-6) got the to this point in the season — at the Mexico State at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday at plate, Stewart gave up a double that Dan Law Field. bounced off the center field fence with

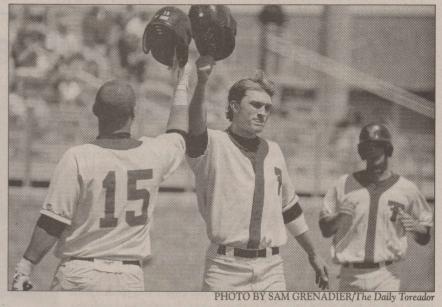
in the 10th and fin-

On Friday, Tech

The Red Raiders could not keep pace Kieschnick said he has an idea to

"I think we should have a KFC night Tuesday," he said.

Tech had a man on second and benjamin.maki@ttu.edu



On Saturday, Tech fought back with the Wildcats as Texas Tech catcher Monk Kreder and outfielder Chris Richburg celebrate as infielder K-State scored two in Jason Seefeld is brought home via a three-run home run by Roger Kieschnick during Raiders took a 4-3 lead into the top fourth and six more in the Red Raiders' 19-4 win over Kansas State Sunday at Dan Law Field.

Young Tech players adjust to first experience at Red-Black Spring Game

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

look at the 2008 version of the Red Raiders.

While some Tech players were getting reacquainted with these elements of football season, some ready for the prom in Hawaii. It's

freshman Sam Fehoko was one of the players receiving a taste of what sion our fans have for them." Saturdays at Jones AT&T Stadium will be like in the fall.

In the defense's 29-23 win over the Tech offense, Fehoko capped off the one in practice. his first experience with one of the black team's three interceptions.

mance in the spring game, Fehoko Reed who has been out all spring it wasn't that many. still believes there is more work to because of injury. be done before he arrives where he wants to be.

"I just need to work on my pad with Reed, left guard Louis Vasquez level and stuff coach is telling me. and right tackles Jake Johnson and I like to find out what I do wrong, Dominique Delpeche all were un-

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made the Red-Black Spring Game summer workouts. a shock to some.

Tech defensive coordinator Ruf-The Red-Black Spring Game fin McNeill said Fehoko is young, featured intense competition and like many others on the team, and passionate fans receiving a first-hand what comes along with the spring game can catch some players off

"He's a young cat," McNeill said. "This time last year, he was getting players experienced them for the gonna be a shock for them. It's always different for them when they Tech linebacker and redshirt come in here. The speed of the game

> young players receiving their first action in a bigger atmosphere than

handed during the spring game "I did pretty good," Fehoko said. because of various injuries. Along

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Okafor, playing in his first spring

"Rylan has some big shoes," he because when he played, everything to have back on the team. was smooth. Me being young, I feel like I'm kinda messing things up. I'm just trying to pick up everything, I think, next year. He's got a great trying to learn everything."

picks up, but then they see the pas- that many players have when they ing him progress ... in the offseason, are heading into a big event such as summer and two-a-days." The offensive line is a unit with the Red-Black Spring Game for the

up," he said. "My stomach was turn- season behind a potent offense. Redshirt freshman Mickey Oka- ing. All the fans were showing up. I

Defensive end McKinner Dixon work with." The offensive line was short- is one player who was making a padam.coleman@ttu.edu

Dixon spent 2006 at Cisco Junior game, said Reed is a hard player to College in Keller after becoming a replace and has been so all spring freshman All-American in 2005 as a Red Raider.

Out of the black team's nine said. "I have to fill them. I'm doing sacks, Dixon claimed three, which the best I can. Try to be like him has McNeill believing Dixon is great

"I'm glad he's here," McNeill said. "He'll be an impact guy for us, mentality, and his mindset is what Okafor said he had the feeling we want. I'm looking forward to see-

With the black team's win, Dixon said he is excited to see a Tech "I felt like I was going to throw defense that can change games this

"The defense was off the chain," for had many snaps at the left tackle didn't think it was going to be this he said. "Y'all saw it out here. We're Although he enjoyed his perfor- position, replacing starter Rylan many people. I came last year, and doing what we gotta do. We're stepping up. Finally got a defense we can



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Defense controls annual Red-Black game, Leach not done with spring

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach expect another scrimmage today in three interceptions. the last spring practice.

fense and first team defense, adding ordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "Our that he was pleased with some of the offense is hard to stop, we don't try to teams on both sides of the ball.

know. (They) want to go see their that.' little girlfriend and eat a fish sandwich under a shady tree, I don't know what downs and 2-of-13 in the first half their problem is. Maybe bad coaching, I don't know.'

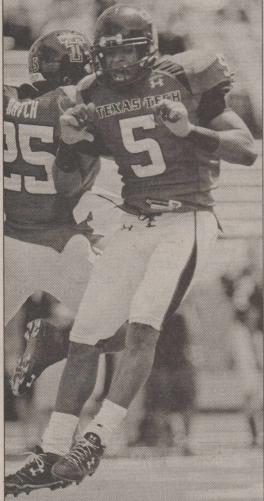


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BARON BATCH CELEBRATES with Michael and defense.' Crabtree after he caught a touchdown pass during the Red-Black Spring game Saturday afternoon in Sam Fehoko, Chris Jones AT&T Stadium.

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Even with a scoring error that believes his football team needs some missed several sacks and an intercepmore work after Tech's annual Redtion late in the game, the black team Black game Saturday at Jones AT&T — the defense — earned a 29-23 Stadium, so he told the players to victory after recording nine sacks and

"I was pleased; there were some Leach lamented his first team of rough spots in there," defensive coyounger players, as well as the second scheme our guys. I was pleased with the progress, I was pleased with the "(The first team was) just soft, efforts of the kids, I was pleased with bad effort, distracted with their nose the fact that sometimes we had some in the newspaper," he said. "I don't adversity hit, and we battled through

The offense went 7-of-26 on third — a sign of continued growth by the defense that had been displayed in

the last few scrimmages during spring practice.

Going up against an offensive line that was missing guard Louis Vasquez, the defensive line made the backfield its own personal play- on the pocket. ground for virtually the whole game.

Jones led the game yards to force a punt. with three sacks. as well.

and prove a point," offense. We like yards. when the offense scores 70 points a who game, but this year we're trying to make a change on offense

Linebackers Wallace and Tyrone



WIDE RECEIVER LANCE Clark goes horizontal in an effort to gain extra yards during the Red-Black game Saturday afternoon in Jones AT&T Stadium.

Sonier each had an interception, threw for 209 yards and an intercep-

the opening drive, sacking quarter- early on. Tackle Richard back Taylor Potts for a loss of eight

On the next drive, Graham Harends McKinner rell led the red team to inside the Dixon and Daniel 20-yard line, but Fehoko recovered Howard added two a fumble off a botched snap, and the the way it goes. each, while Colby defense went on to hold the offense It's encourag-Whitlock and Chris from scoring a touchdown during the ing to see the Perry earned one next three possessions.

Late in the first quarter, Harrell ing well." "We just tried connected with Michael Crabtree, to come out here who escaped from De'Shon Sanders and sprinted into the end zone defensive tackle for a 19-yard touchdown. It was Rajon Henly said. Crabtree's only touchdown of the "Tech is known for game on six receptions and 54

Harrell,

which emphasized the amount of tion on 17-of-29 passing, credited the of-38 passing while getting sacked five pressure the defensive line was putting defense for playing with a higher level times, and Stefan Loucks scored the plays, not almost making plays, not beof intensity and taking advantage of final touchdown of the game with a ing a step off, being that inch that you Whitlock got the game started on what seemed like a sedated offense pass to Blake Kelly to finish with 80 need to make every play. (Saturday)

"There's no question we looked sluggish at times," Harrell said. "We had our ups and downs. We had some good drives, had some re-

Potts threw for 178 yards on 29interception. Near the end of the first quarter, baniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

with Harrell under center, the offense was called for two consecutive holding life going into the second half.

Receiver Detron Lewis, who had 93 yards on seven catches, said he felt the offensive rhythm return in the third quarter.

"Leach got on to us, then we all just had to pick it up," said Lewis. "After halftime, when he told us to pick it up, I think we all picked it up as a whole, and we executed."

With a six-yard scamper into the end zone, sophomore Aaron Crawford made the score 20-17 just before the fourth quarter, but a turnover on downs, four more sacks and the interception by Wallace extended the defense's lead to 28-17.

On the ground, redshirt sophomore Baron Batch led the game with 47 yards on 15 carries, while Crawford picked up 45 vards on seven carries.

Batch was involved in a key series during the first half. With a first and goal from the six-yard line, he was handed the ball four consecutive times but failed to score a touchdown, turning the ball over on downs.

"Defensively, we're just trying to raise the bar every practice," middle linebacker Marlon Williams said. "Every time we come out here, we try to do better. We just really harp on making yards on 9-of-13 throwing and one we just put the finishing touches on

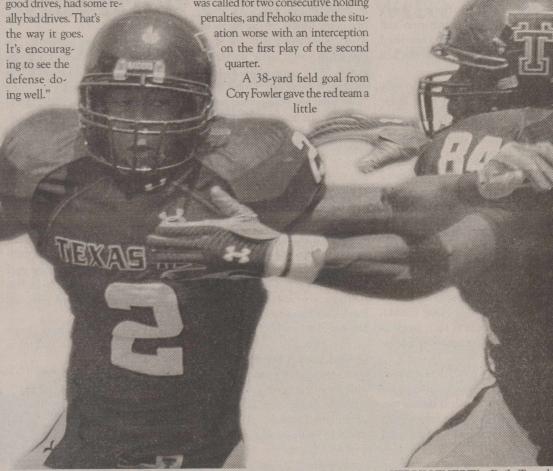


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