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The laboratory focuses nearly all of its research on animals and biology, he said. Through their work at the facility, researchers can gain a better understanding of not only an animal's place in an ecosystem, but also other biological aspects like its genetics and health.

"We're adding order to our understanding of (the world's animals)," Baker said.

Offering an example of the lab's research programs, he said researchers at the lab are studying the effects of radiation on rodent genetics. After 30 trips to the Ukrainian countryside affected by the nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl, Tech researchers have made significant strides in the study of radiation poisoning and its effect, if any, on genetics.

"We're trying to understand what the biological significance of the world's worst nuclear power plant disaster is," Baker said. "Somebody ought to do that."

So far, research indicates most of the radioactive rodents do not suffer genetically, said Faisal Ali Anwarali Khan, a teaching assistant from Malaysia. Also, Tech researchers are studying the breeding habits of the radioactive rodents, but more research and funding will be needed before any conclusive results can be released.

"This summer, they are going again to do collections," he said. "We have done the work in the lab and exposed them to radioactive materials, but what the idea

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 five research assistants, it also receives assistance from an unusual and macabre source: thousands of flesh-eating Carpet Beetles.

During a process called defleshing, specialists at the lab place unclean samples of animal skeletons in colonies of tens of thousands of these dermestid beetles, said Raquel Marchan, a research assistant from Ecuador.

Within two or three weeks, she said, the beetles slowly eat away all of the excess flesh and tissue, leaving a clean skeleton intact that is ready for further cleaning, classification, study and storage.

"Most people think of 'The Mummy' when they think about these beetles," Garner said, "but they don't actually eat that fast."

Marchan said approximately 3,000 specimens are cleaned annually using this method.

When Baker joined Tech's natural science program 41 years ago, it consisted of 8,000 specimens, he said. Currently, it boasts approximately 110,000 specimens. He said he expects that number to increase to approximately 150,000 "pretty quickly."

Now that the laboratory officially is open, Garner said Lubbockites and students can arrange an appointment to go to the facility. Although it is open to the public as a state facility, security concerns require visitors to obtain permission before arriving and taking a tour of the research programs.

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Sen. Cornyn visits Lubbock, pitches for Tech

By ADAM YOUNG
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U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, threw out the first pitch at the Texas Tech baseball game, surveyed development in northeast Lubbock and discussed the increasing cost of college education as part of a visit to the Hub City Saturday.

Before throwing the first pitch at Tech's game with Kansas State at Dan Law Field, Cornyn said he toured the King's Dominion residential sub-division — at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Erskine Avenue — to witness the progress of the

of Health and Human Services grant to help fund the corporation's project, which will provide housing and increase the tax base for the city and state.

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

Blayne Beal, Tech sports information director, said Tech 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 something people think about when they graduate from college with a \$90,000 student loan debt."

Cornyn said it is necessary for legislators to approach funding college education in multiple ways because "it's part of a balancing act dealing with a limited resource like tax dollars."

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U.S. SENATOR
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North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation in the neighborhood.

The King's Dominion neighborhood, which began construction in 2006, includes 55 new homes and is the first residential sub-division in northeast Lubbock since the mid 1950s, according to the Corporation's Web site, www.nelc.org.

Cornyn said he helped secure a \$300,000 Department

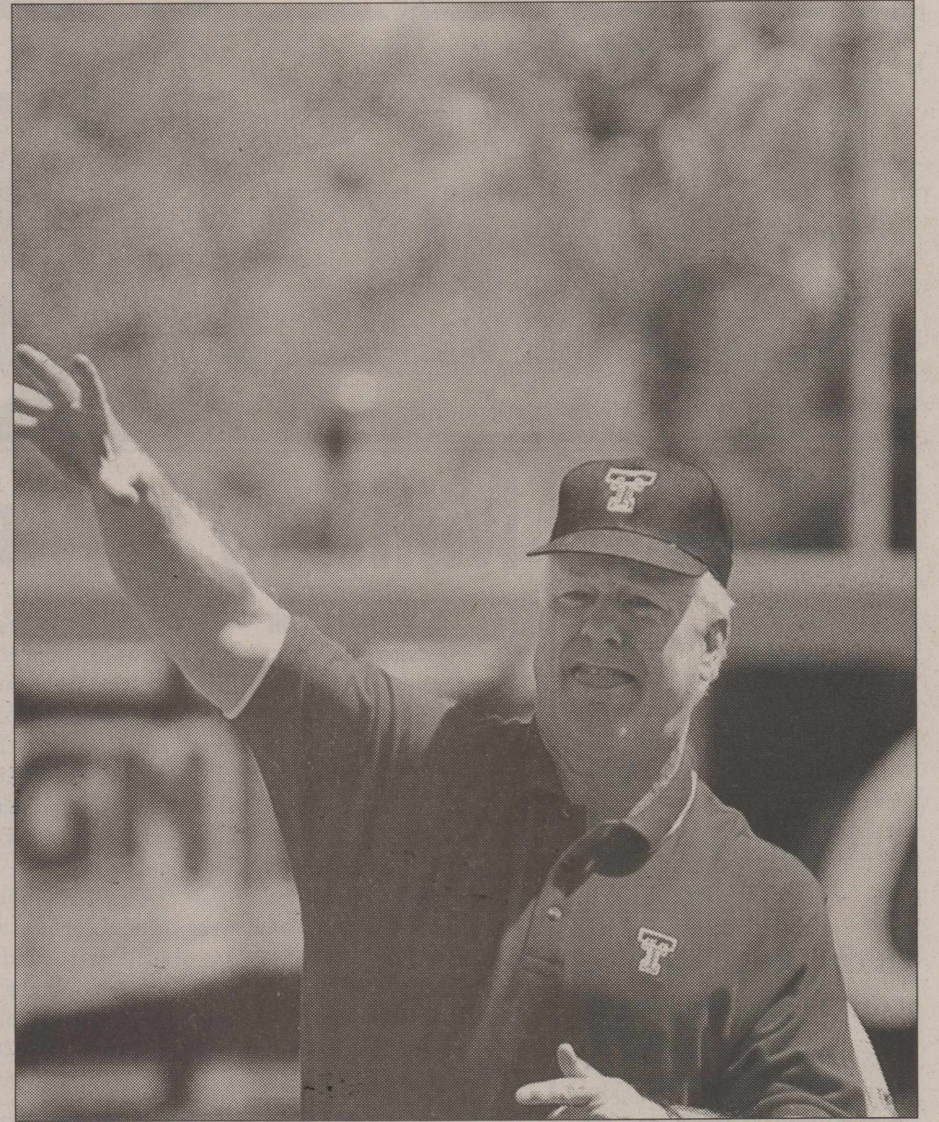


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SEN. JOHN CORNYN throws the first pitch at the baseball game versus Kansas State Saturday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

"How much of that do you put on the student who benefits from the education, and how much of that does the state pick up to make sure that that burden is not overwhelming or discouraging them from going to school?" he asked.

Cornyn said he has worked on legislation that would extend for two years and increase up to \$4,000 a year a tax deduction for taxpayers who pay college tuition.

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ans (who are) going to college save millions of dollars in taxes by providing a tax credit against their income for money paid for college tuition," he said.

Also, because of concern of competition from India and China in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math, Cornyn said Congress passed the America Competes Act, which ultimately will provide up to \$30 billion in authorization for funds to encourage teachers to study and 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."

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Students arrested on charges of drug possession

April 11
Criminal mischief to a vehicle parked in the Z3-K parking lot in which the driver-side window was broken was investigated by an officer.

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

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

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

An unknown person broke the 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 student.

A non-student was arrested for driving while intoxicated on the 1100 block of Flint Avenue. The passenger in the vehicle, a student, also was arrested for public intoxication. The student and non-student were transported to the Lubbock County jail.

An officer arrested two students for public intoxication at the Lubbock County Sheriff's office. One of the students was yelling profanities at an officer as he was leaving the complex. The two students were transported to 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
An officer investigated a theft in the Human Sciences building. A wallet and its contents were taken from an unsecured office.

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

An officer arrested a non-student on the 3300 block of Avenue V for evading arrest in a motor vehicle and aggravated assault on a peace officer. The non-student was transported to

the Lubbock County jail.
An officer investigated a traffic accident on the 3300 block of Avenue V. The driver intentionally backed 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 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 mischief in the Flint Avenue parking garage. A passenger-side mirror was 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 mischief in the Z-4P parking lot in which the passenger-side window of a vehicle was shattered.

A theft in the Z-4P parking lot in which a license plate was taken off of a vehicle was investigated by an officer.

An officer investigated a traffic accident in the C-3 parking lot. There were no injuries.

An officer investigated an assault at the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre in which an employee's ex-boyfriend threatened bodily injury to the employee. A third party told the man to leave.

A computer was delivered to a Tech police officer by the Littlefield Police Department and the Lubbock County District Attorney's office for forensic examination. The officer documented information on the 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.

A student was arrested for public intoxication in the Z-4P parking lot and was transported to the Lubbock County jail. Another student was issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and was released.

April 15
Two non-students were arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and were transported to the Lubbock County jail. One of the students also was driving while intoxicated.

An officer documented information about a student who made a Tech handicap-parking permit on his computer.

An officer investigated a theft in the Gates Residence Hall in which a student's gold necklace was stolen from an unsecured room. The room was unsecured so maintenance staff could fix a broken window.

An officer investigated the burglary of a vehicle in the C-10 parking lot. The vehicle was unsecured, and when the student returned, his backpack and its contents were missing from the vehicle.

A student was arrested on the 3400 block of 20th Street for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The student was transported to the Lubbock County jail.

An officer responded to a report of criminal mischief that made a fire alarm active in the Weymouth Residence Hall. A sprinkler was activated on the eighth floor, but the cause of the activation of the sprinkler head has not been determined.

April 16
An officer investigated criminal mischief on the Maedgen Theatre stage. A cable line was cut.

An officer detained a student in the Coleman Residence Hall. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released pending the filing of charges.

An officer investigated a theft of a bicycle from the east bicycle rack outside of the Coleman Residence Hall. The bicycle was secured with a cable lock, but both the bicycle and the lock were taken.

An officer investigated a theft at the Health Sciences Center. A digital camera and the carrying case were taken from an unsecured file cabinet.

An officer investigated a report of criminal mischief on the fourth floor of the Flint Avenue parking garage. A student tried to remove a boot that was placed on his vehicle by the Tech Traffic and Parking services.

A non-student was arrested for driving with an invalid license and an outstanding Lubbock County warrant. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County jail.

An officer investigated an arson that occurred in the women's restroom at the Maedgen Theatre.

A non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning at the request of the University Library staff. The library staff members observed the non-student using the computers to look at pornography on the Internet.

A student was detained for possession of alcohol by a minor on the 1700 block of Flint Avenue. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Three students were arrested after an officer responded to a report of the odor of marijuana coming from a room in the Murdough Residence Hall. The first student was arrested for possession of cocaine and marijuana and was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. The second student was arrested for possession of marijuana and was issued a Lubbock County citation for the possession of drug paraphernalia. The third student was arrested for possession of Xanax, Concerta and Adderall and was issued 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 left his room unsecured and an unknown person entered his room taking an XBOX 360, games and a DVD.

Three students were arrested in the Coleman Residence Hall after an officer responded to a report of the odor of marijuana from a room. The first student was arrested for possession of Adderall, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The second student was arrested for possession of Psilocybin-Mushrooms, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The first two students were transported to the Lubbock County jail. The third student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and was released.

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 that evacuating students damaged ceiling tiles and a smoke detector on the seventh floor.

An officer arrested a student in the Weymouth Residence Hall lobby for public intoxication. The student was transported to the Lubbock County jail.

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

By ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
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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 Service's hopes and expectations.

"We've been very, very 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 Escape.

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 grab-and-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.

Jackie 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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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.

Rock the Plaza was more like a festival for freshmen.

Chelsea Roe



Young students were dressed in their coolest rock-and-roll attire, making sure they fit in with the bands — some of them

obviously trying harder than normal. They were singing along with the bands and cheering with everything they had 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," printed across them. There is no doubt that this event was highly anticipated, and these bands did the job they were hired to do: entertain.

Eric Ng — winner of the TAB sponsored song writing contest — kicked off the show after some technical difficulties with the sound were fixed. Following Ng were My American Heart, Mayday Parade — AP Magazine's most anticipated album of the year — and This Providence. I'm not sure it was the music that really got students going, though.

Free food, free drinks, free music and free T-shirts were given away by TAB — explaining the overtly younger crowd and the ridiculous lines in which they waited — but who could blame them? We've all been there, and many of us still are.

Many of us, however, became tired of giveaways after that first year of college. It was more amusing to watch the lines for free stuff grow exponentially by the minute than anything else present.

Members from all over the Lubbock community came out to watch the show. Another good portion of the fans was people who probably weren't even in college yet.

Parents dropped their kids off in the parking lot. It was a great means of promoting 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 didn't feel so old.

While it's great that Tech allowed a rumored \$10,000 budget for the event, it seems that if the idea was to keep students and their families interested in and entertained by the university, the university should immerse the community in the culture prevalent here, since this is where the students will live out the next four or five years of their lives.

Embrace the culture, instead of bringing in bands that target a one-sided crowd. Consider the demographics.

This is the sort of event the administrators should have been hiring local artists to do. Help our city flourish at all times of the year, not just for one night by bringing in big names.

That is, after all, what the upperclassmen were founding Friday. A number of Tech students turned out for the Pre-4/20 Block Party in the Depot District to support local bands. Many had seen their shows times before, but students found that it was Fatty Lumpkin, the Architects and special guests Qwiksand that were hot in Lubbock that evening.

Depot alley was blocked off, allowing an entrance through Shooterz or Melt. J&M barbecue catered the event, and the availability of alcohol was largely part of

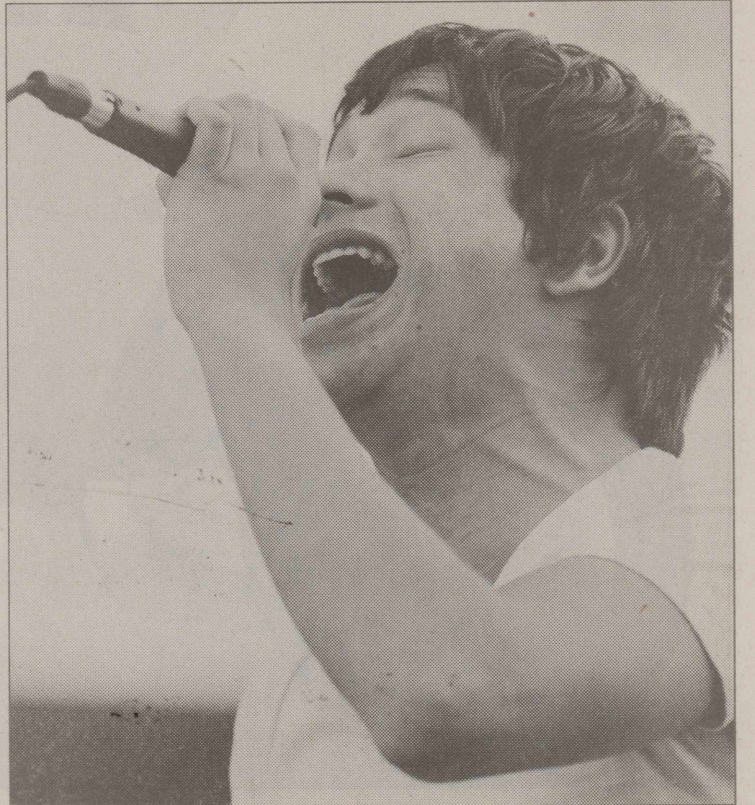


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VOCALIST FOR MY American Heart, Larry Soliman, performs during the 3rd annual Rock The Plaza Friday evening in the plaza next to the Student Union Building.

what made it successful.

Captain Morgan and the Captain Morgan girls made an appearance, as well. Girls on Heelys wheeled around in front of the stage, and some partygoers were hypnotized by the sound of the saxophone.

Rock the Plaza and the Block Party were both successes — in different ways — but, all in all, Lubbock was once again split Friday night.

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

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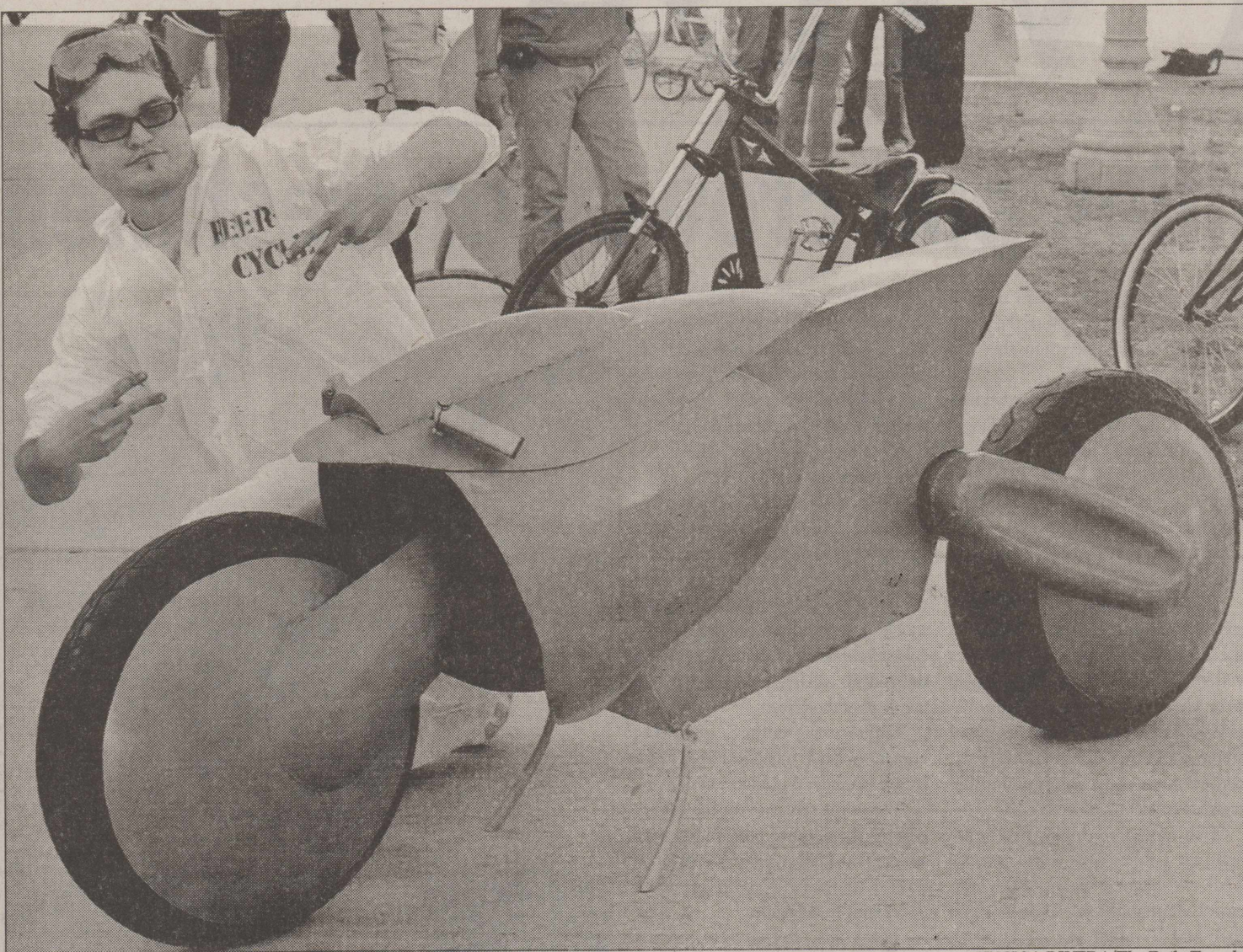
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Chan, Li's 'Forbidden Kingdom' leads weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A martial arts dream team — Jackie Chan and Jet Li — won the weekend as their movie matchup "The Forbidden Kingdom" debuted at No. 1 with \$20.9 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The tale of a modern American teen hurtled back in time to a kung fu adventure in ancient China, "The Forbidden Kingdom" features Asian superstars Chan and Li in multiple roles and their first big-screen duel.

"I couldn't believe it had never been done before," said Harvey Weinstein, whose Weinstein Co. 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 place with \$17.3 million. It's the latest from producer Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up").

The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, the slasher remake "Prom Night," fell to third with \$9.1 million, raising its total to \$32.6 million.

Al Pacino's serial killer thriller "88 Minutes," from Sony's TriStar Pictures, was a dud, premiering at No. 4 with \$6.8 million. The movie stars Pacino as a crime profiler who

receives a call telling him he has 88 minutes to live.

"Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," a rare documentary opening in wide release, debuted at No. 9 with \$3.1 million. Released by Rocky Mountain Pictures, the film features Ben Stein as he challenges Darwinian theories that prevail in academic circles and suggests that life could have emerged through intelligent design.

In narrower release, the Weinstein Co. documentary "Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?" bombed with just \$143,299 in 102 theaters, averaging a paltry \$1,405 a cinema. "Forbidden Kingdom" averaged \$6,623 in 3,151 theaters.

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 film compared to more action-intense martial arts flicks. The movie is part of a new Asian line of films from the Weinstein Co., including an upcoming remake of "Seven Samurai."

"I have three daughters who have never seen a martial arts movie, and they loved this," Weinstein said. "A lot of females identify with it. That's the audience that's going to grow. I think we'll get young girls and moms next weekend."

Masked Rider

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ley doesn't have big shoes to fill, but I know she will outgrow them fast."

Burns and Hartzog are close friends, as Hartzog served on the Masked Rider Field Safety Team for four years.

Hartzog said being the Masked Rider had been a dream of hers for the past 16 years, ever since her father, a Tech alumnus, took her to a football game when she was five years old.

"My dad took me to game and I saw the Masked Rider run across the field," she said, with a smile on her face, "I thought it was so cool to have a horse

on the field. Ever since then, my family and friends have encouraged me."

The role of the Masked Rider is not an easy one to fill.

"The job of the Masked Rider is being an ambassador of Tech," said Gay Trammel-Witt, publicist for the Masked Rider. "It's the image that's out there for Tech. It's important because it's a symbol of the university, and it's out there in the front of the line."

Her reign started early as Hartzog made her first appearance at Saturday's 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 interacting with the younger generation," she said, "and serving as a role model, as many Masked Riders have done for me."

The selection process takes nearly four months. "Our applications went out in January, and there was an informational meeting in February," Trammel-Witt said. "Following that, there is a written test in February of equine and horse care. The process also entails a riding portion and an interview."

Applicants must pass each portion with a grade of 80 or higher before moving on to the next portion. Otherwise, they are eliminated. For the upcoming season, six women applied, and two made it to finals, with Hartzog triumphing.

The new Masked Rider said she hopes to continue the tradition with an outstanding spirit.

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

As a Spanish minor, Hartzog said she hopes her bilingual talents will help her reach out to a larger community and expand the tradition to others.

"I'm going to go into this year with a positive attitude," she said. "I'm going to keep my chin up and do my best."

"Raider Red's pistols fire, and you stand, sweat rolling down your back, sun scoring your face, straining to catch a glimpse of the end zone. Out of the tunnel and across the emerald turf tears a sinewy, coal black horse, carrying a scarlet-caped rider. Before you realize what you're doing, both 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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- Primitive calculators
- Laughter sounds
- Continuously
- Punctuation mark
- Bahrain ruler
- Little more than
- Perch
- Memorization method
- Kentucky Derby to some
- Chicago team
- King of France
- Respiratory disorder
- Manacle
- 2007 Kentucky Derby winner
- Dant starter?
- Poker holding
- Morsel for dobbie
- Sense
- C.T. book
- 33A's rider
- Chemical compound
- Imitation gold alloy
- Hide-hair link
- Miner's entrance
- Kentucky Derby track
- Corker
- Related on mother's side
- Sounds of amazement
- Vessels for ashes
- Pursuing
- Pull (for)
- Humdrum
- Active sorts
- Low joint

DOWN

- Dream letters
- Declare
- Country in the Andes
- Digging machine
- Circus performer
- Crude dudes
- Doodles
- Bobby's blackjack
- "ER" extras
- Brave
- Book after Joel
- Sexologist
- Shere
- Greek god of war
- Soothe with anger
- Was a passenger
- Meat stock jelly
- Hidden store
- Courtroom event
- Throw with effort
- Debate side
- Wombs
- Emancipated
- French girl
- Auctioneer's last word
- Soccer skill
- Gator's cousin
- Mindless individual
- Non-verbal consenters
- Panache
- Headlong assault
- Change
- Simple weapon
- Throw
- Forearm bone
- Scuttlebutt
- After time
- Lunch time
- Oxford or brogue
- Sault Marie

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SPORTS

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

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Texas Tech coach Mike Leach believes his football team needs some more work after Tech's annual Red-Black game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, so he told the players to expect another scrimmage today in the last spring practice.

Leach lamented his first team offense and first team defense, adding that he was pleased with some of the younger players, as well as the second teams on both sides of the ball.

"(The first team was) just soft, bad effort, distracted with their nose in the newspaper," he said. "I don't know. (They) want to go see their little girlfriend and eat a fish sandwich under a shady tree, I don't know what their problem is. Maybe bad coaching, I don't know."

Even with a scoring error that missed several sacks and an interception late in the game, the black team — the defense — earned a 29-23 victory after recording nine sacks and three interceptions.

"I was pleased; there were some rough spots in there," defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "Our offense is hard to stop, we don't try to scheme our guys. I was pleased with the progress, I was pleased with the efforts of the kids, I was pleased with the fact that sometimes we had some adversity hit, and we battled through that."

The offense went 7-of-26 on third downs and 2-of-13 in the first half — 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 playground for virtually the whole game.

Tackle Richard Jones led the game with three sacks, ends McKinner Dixon and Daniel Howard added two each, while Colby Whitlock and Chris Perry earned one as well.

"We just tried to come out here and prove a point," defensive tackle Rajon Henly said. "Tech is known for offense. We like when the offense scores 70 points a game, but this year we're trying to make a change on offense and defense."

Linebackers Sam Fehoko, Chris Wallace and Tyrone

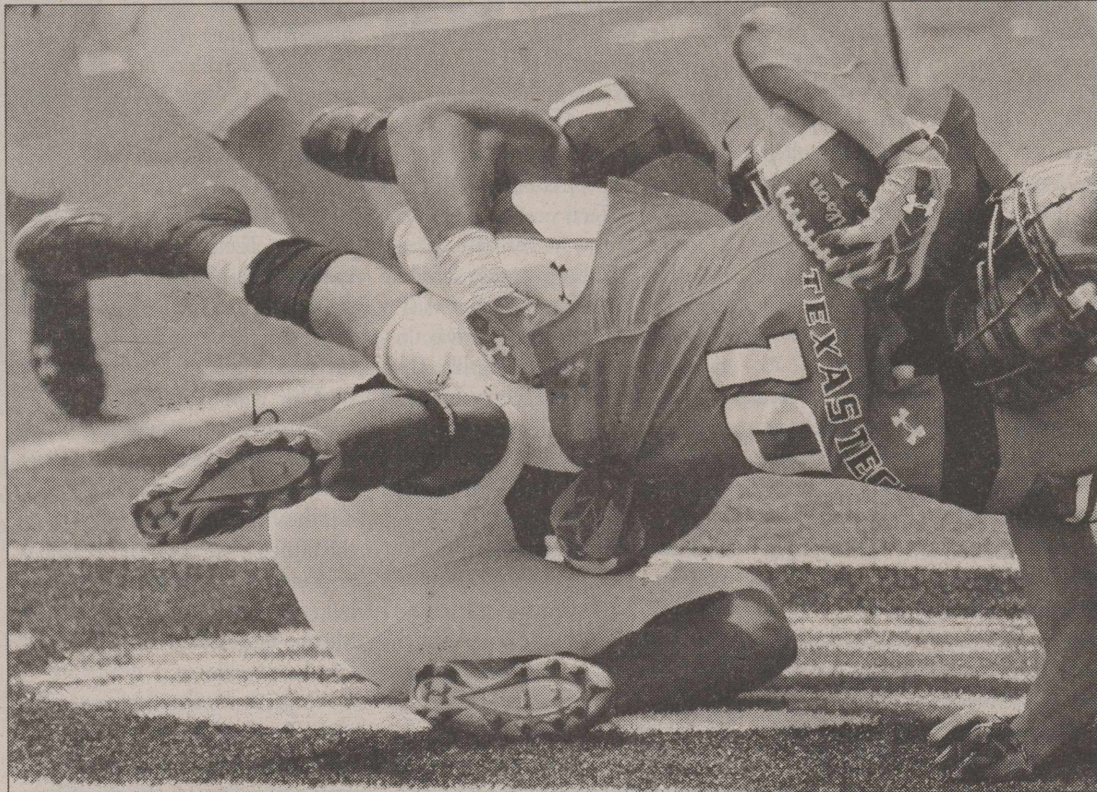


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WIDE RECEIVER LANCE Clark goes horizontal in an effort to gain extra yards during the Red-Black game Saturday afternoon in Jones AT&T Stadium.

Sonier each had an interception, which emphasized the amount of pressure the defensive line was putting on the pocket.

Whitlock got the game started on the opening drive, sacking quarterback Taylor Potts for a loss of eight yards to force a punt.

On the next drive, Graham Harrell led the red team to inside the 20-yard line, but Fehoko recovered a fumble off a botched snap, and the defense went on to hold the offense from scoring a touchdown during the next three possessions.

Late in the first quarter, Harrell connected with Michael Crabtree, who escaped from De'Shon Sanders and sprinted into the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown. It was Crabtree's only touchdown of the game on six receptions and 54 yards.

Harrell, who

threw for 209 yards and an interception on 17-of-29 passing, credited the defense for playing with a higher level of intensity and taking advantage of what seemed like a sedated offense early on.

"There's no question we looked sluggish at times," Harrell said. "We had our ups and downs. We had some good drives, had some really bad drives. That's the way it goes. It's encouraging to see the defense doing well."

Potts threw for 178 yards on 29-of-38 passing while getting sacked five times, and Stefan Loucks scored the final touchdown of the game with a pass to Blake Kelly to finish with 80 yards on 9-of-13 throwing and one interception.

Near the end of the first quarter, with Harrell under center, the offense was called for two consecutive holding penalties, and Fehoko made the situation worse with an interception on the first play of the second quarter.

A 38-yard field goal from Cory Fowler gave the red team a little

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 yards 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 plays, not almost making plays, not being a step off, being that inch that you need to make every play. (Saturday) we just put the finishing touches on doing that."

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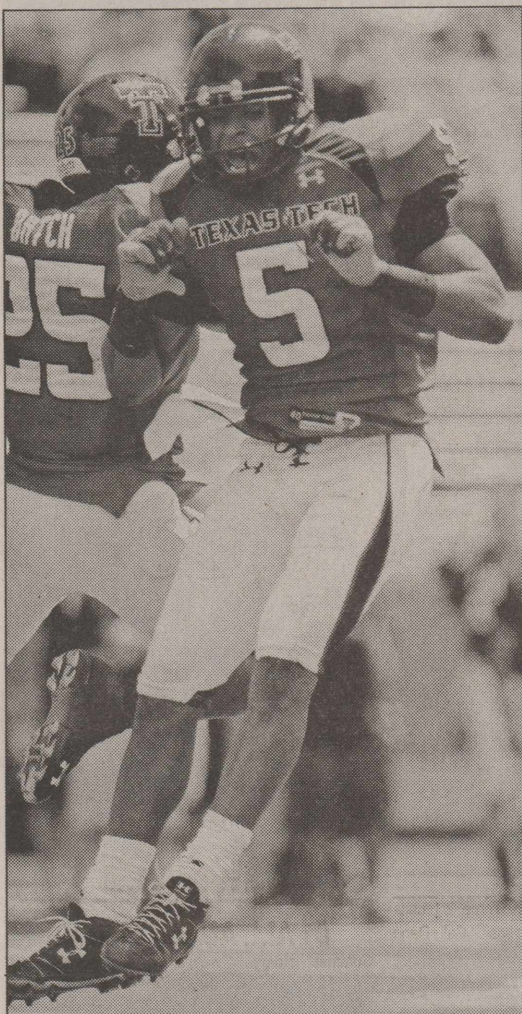


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BARON BATCH CELEBRATES with Michael Crabtree after he caught a touchdown pass during the Red-Black Spring game Saturday afternoon in Jones AT&T Stadium.

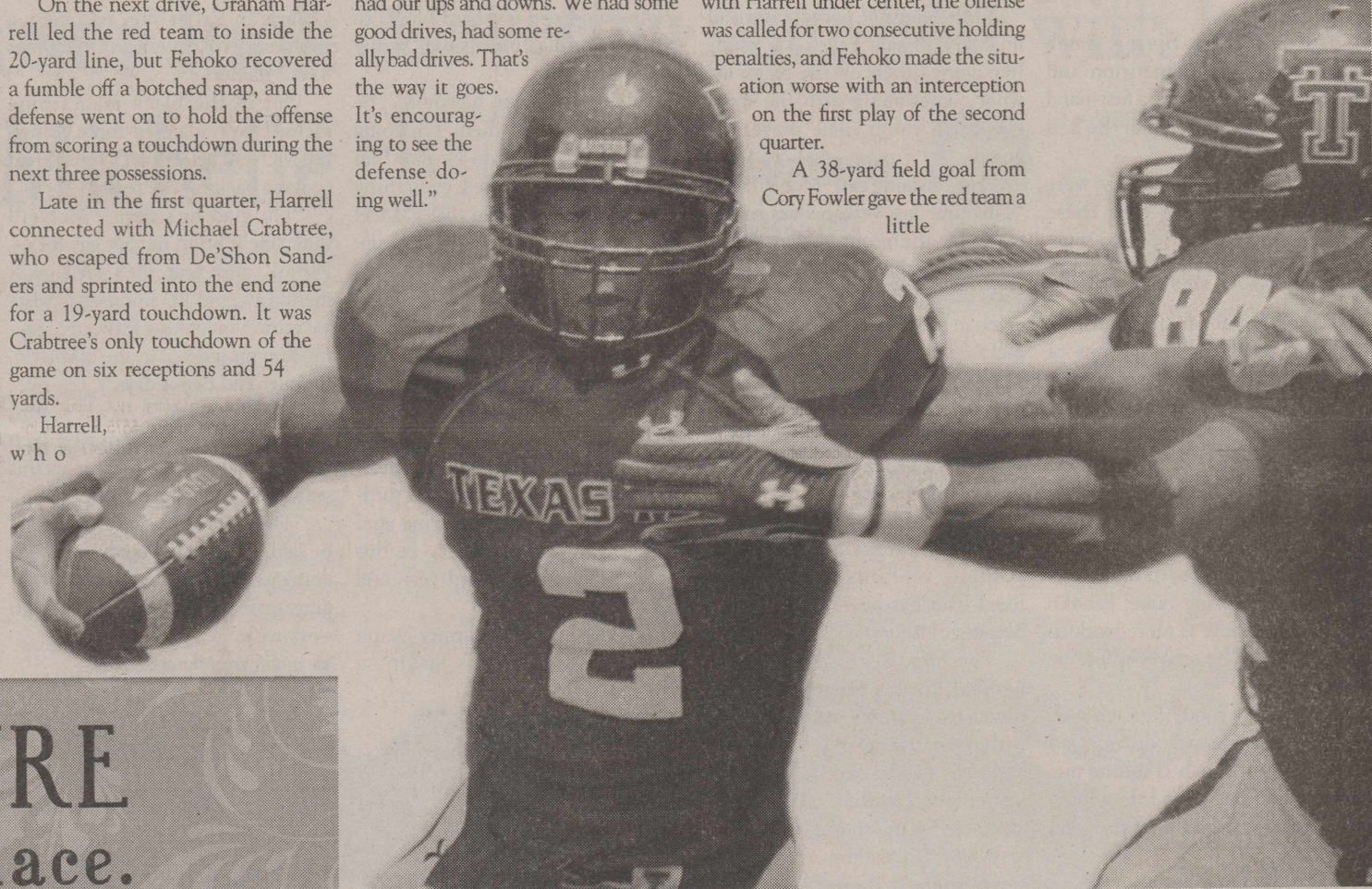


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RUNNING BACK SHANNON Woods tries to get past defensive end Brandon Williams during the Red-Black Spring game Saturday afternoon in Jones AT&T Stadium.

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