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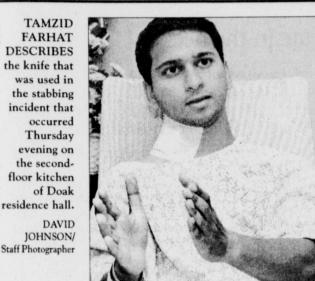
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TAMZID FARHAT DESCRIBES the knife that was used in the stabbing incident that occurred Thursday evening on the secondfloor kitchen of Doak residence hall. DAVID JOHNSON/



Stabbing victim said he had filed complaint

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Doak Residence Hall residents say Housing and Dining officials received two written complaints against Matthew McKlveen, who is the suspect in the Thursday night assault against Tamzid Farhat, prior to the alleged attack.

Farhat, a graduate student studying chemistry from Bangladesh, said the attack on him Thursday was not the only attack McKlveen had been involved in.

"He is a crazy person; he didn't get along

with anyone who lived in our wing," he said. "He would curse at people in non-provoked situations. As far as I know, over five or six of my friends were verbally abused by him."

Two weeks prior to the assault, Farhat said McKlveen came into the kitchen while he was cleaning cooking utensils and slammed

"He slammed the door while I was exiting; I asked him why, and he cursed at me. It seemed he would of hit me," he said.

In the complaint Farhat said he filed to Brad Hiton, director of Doak Hall, Farhat said

he gave a summary explaining what had happened to him and his friends.

"I filed this complaint two weeks prior to the stabbing," he said. "Two days before the stabbing, Brad (Hiton) told me he had not read the complaint."

Hiton refused to comment to The UD. Thursday night, Farhat was giving a cook-

ing demonstration on preparing Indian food in the Doak kitchen.

Farhat said the kitchen is where McKlveen would "hang out and study."

"He was very territorial; he would get

pissed off if people were in his way," he said. When McKlveen entered the kitchen at 6 p.m., six or seven people were in the room, Farhat said.

He said McKlveen then came toward him, but he looked normal.

"I didn't see the knife, and he stabbed me in the neck. I fell," he said. "He kept going on after me trying to stab me more. He raised his hand like he was really going to stab me, and my friend deflected the knife. That was

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Citizens to decide fate of city smoking referendum

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

After a year of heated debate over smoking in public places, the issue has been brought to the voters to finalize.

Wednesday was the first day of early voting, in which voters began casting ballots either for or against the referendum to repeal the amendments adopted last year that banned smoking in restaurants and other public places in Lubbock.

If the referendum passes, the city would revert to the ordinance in place before the smoking ban, which allowed business owners to designate smoking areas or choose not to have smoking at all.

The ordinance intact now requires business owners to prohibit smoking except in rooms that have separate ventilation. The City Council appointed an advisory committee in January 2001 to make recommendations about the ordinance, which the Council accepted and passed. The smoking ban took effect in October.

The Vote for Freedom Coalition, in conjunc-

tion with the Libertarian Party of Lubbock, and the Lubbock County Libertarian Party, completed a petition drive to repeal the city's smoking ordinance. The City Council rejected the organization's plea to repeal the smoking ban in December forcing the citizens to decide.

Both the Smokeless Lubbock Coalition and the Freedom Coalition have been key instruments in getting the ordinance passed and bringing the issue to a vote.

The Smokeless Lubbock Coalition raised more than \$100,000 for its campaign, beginning as soon

as the petition was brought to the Council. Most of the funds have been used to explain the terminology on the ballot, said Rose Chase,

an organizer of the coalition. "As soon as we saw the language on the ballot, we realized we were going to have to run an extensive campaign," Chase said. "We knew it would be an issue."

The wording on the ballot can be confusing

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Texas Tech staff members honored for quality service

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech held its Sixth Annual Quality Service Awards ceremony Monday at the Merket Alumni Center.

Thirty-four Quality Service Awards were presented to the Tech staff.

The awards are presented based on significant contributions to Tech's quality improvement effort, commitment to daily quality service and efforts to encourage and involve others in providing quality service by example.

Kerry Billingsley, director of quality service and professional development, said the awards recognize the employees for their outstanding efforts in serving the customers of the campus and Tech. She said the awards program is an integral part of

the SERVICEplus initiative that began in 1990. "The purpose is to recognize and reward individual and group efforts supporting the

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ERNEST ROCHA (MIDDLE) receives an award from Dr. David Smith, (left) Texas Tech's interim chancellor, and Tech President David Schmidly (right). The awards were given to employees who went above and beyond the call

Women in College of Architecture face 'undercurrent of aggression'

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Women working and studying in Texas Tech's College of Architecture face being a minority and what the National Architecture Accreditation Board calls an "undercurrent of aggression."

The NAAB's report from their visit Feb. 17

to 21, 2001, listed under causes of concern, "an undercurrent of aggression toward women throughout the college.' John Borrelli, interim dean of the college, said

he does not believe the environment to be hostile. "I do not perceive this to be a hostile envi-

ronment in here as reported in the accreditation because I have not had anybody complain about anything," he said. Lane Smith, an architecture graduate student

from Fort Worth, said she chose to major in architecture because it encompasses many different disciplines.

"I was interested in so many different things and architecture involves so many different fields," she said.

Smith transferred from Tulane University's school of architecture to Tech her junior year, primarily for monetary rea-

"I think a lot of the issues

of the accreditation concerning women are dismissed as not being an issue or a problem," she said. "I think, in a lot of ways, it is hard for women to bring up these issues."

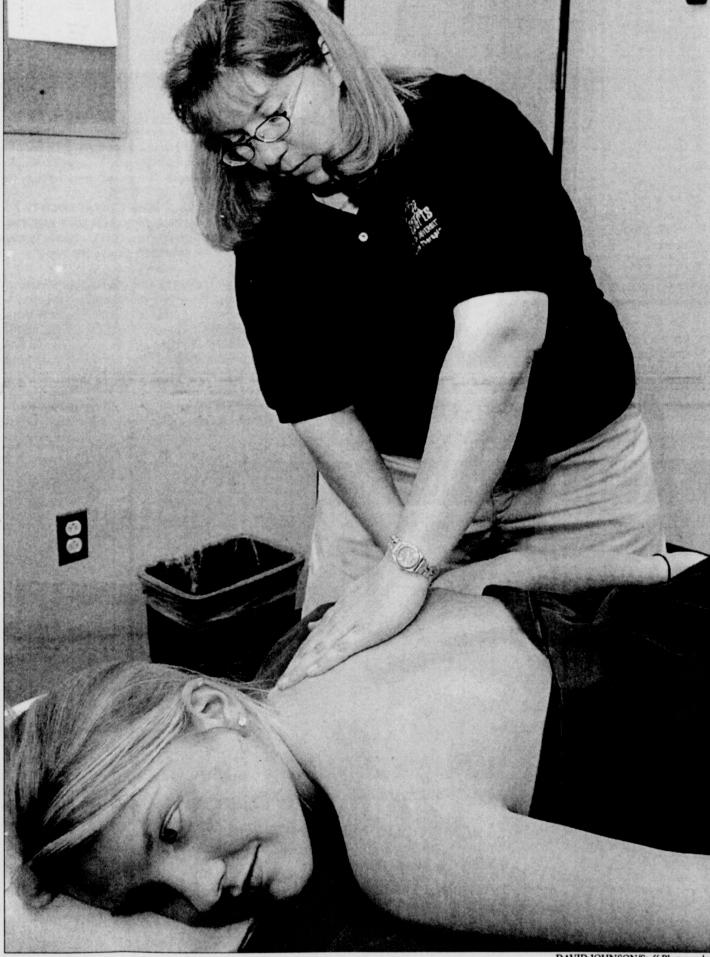
Women in

Liz Baloutine, a graduate architecture student from Austin, said her love for drawing made her decide to be an architect.

"I think it is a struggle being a female in any profession," she said. "Since women only represent 25 percent of the college, I feel we have to

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Relieving



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST Kamie McCurry gives a Swedish massage to Brienne Cox, a freshman business major from San Antonio, in the Fitness and Wellness center located in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Center promotes wellness by offering massage services

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

With the sleepless nights that come with finishing end-of-the-semester papers and projects, and the last-minute cramming for finals, a massage from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center might be the answer to relieving some stress before taking finals.

Janda Ibbetson, the assistant director for the fitness and wellness center, said massages were added as an aspect to the fitness and wellness center in January.

"Massages have brought in a unique opportunity to promote healthiness and well being," she said.

Massages cost \$35 for one hour or \$20 for 30 minutes for students, faculty, staff or anyone with a rec center membership, she said. Non-rec center members have to pay \$45 for an hour massage.

Students should take advantage of this

price, Ibbetson said, because the average cost of a massage for an hour in Lubbock is \$45.

'We've had a great response from students," she Ibbetson said massages are a great stress reliever,

especially with finals around the corner.

"They increase focus and concentration," she said. The Fitness/Wellness Center has four licensed registered massage therapists, she said.

To be licensed, Ibbetson said, a person must attend massage therapy school, complete an internship, give a certain amount of massages and pass a licensed exam. She said the process takes from six months to a year.

Kamie McCurry, a registered massage therapist since 1997, gives massages three days a week at the Fitness/Wellness Center.

McCurry, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Jayton, said she gives from five to 15 massages a week.

Along with music and dim lighting, she said,

massages provide an escape from college and the thought of finals.

"It offers a therapeutic and stress-free time," she said. "It gives you one hour for you to get away."

McCurry said she encourages people who have never gotten a massage to get one. "This is a great way to reduce stress," she said.

"Massages increase your circulation." Amy Wade, a freshman advertising major from Amarillo, has gotten two massages from McCurry

this semester. "She should open her own business," Wade said. "She made me feel really comfortable."

Wade, who said she was scared before she got her first massage, is now a strong supporter of massages.

"I told everyone about it," she said. Whether a person is stressed out or wants a relaxing way to end a work out, Wade said, mas-

sages are the answer. "I felt rejuvenated after I left," she said. "Once

you are done, you are full of energy."

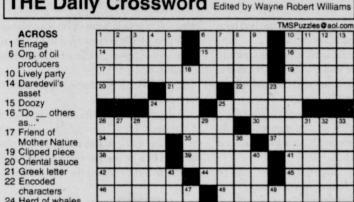
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Quote of the Day

"I didn't see the knife, and he stabbed me in the neck."

- TAMRID FARHAT, Texas Tech student, on Thursday night's attack in Doak Hall. Please see STABBING, page 1.

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Houston woman falls to death in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) - A 24-yearold Houston area woman fell to her death from the third floor of a parking garage in downtown Fort Worth.

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The death was probably accidental, and police say they do not suspect foul play in the death of Tasha N. Moore of Missouri City, homicide detective John McCaskill told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions.

The woman's fiance told police he and Moore had attended a wedding reception at the City Club of Fort Worth, then had gone to the 8.0 Club for a while early Sunday before heading to the garage.

NATION

lawsuit with Yahoo!

SPOKANE, Wash, (AP) - Wylie Gustafson can really shout "Yahoo!" now. The cowboy yodeler from Dusty, Wash., has settled his copyright infringement lawsuit against Internet giant Ya-

hoo! Inc. for using his distinctive yodel in its national advertising. They wanted to do the right thing and pay for a vocalization that has become a worldwide trademark," Gustafson

town south of Spokane. His yodel will continue to be featured on Yahoo! advertising. Other terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

said Monday from his ranch in the small

WORLD

Cowboy settles yodel U.S. officials believe bin Laden tapes old

Images of the al-Qaida leader swirl on televisions across the Middle East, his steady voice preaching war as he kneels before a scenic mountain range.

U.S. officials believe the latest pictures of Osama bin Laden were probably filmed last year and are an attempt by his followers to keep the message alive while his fate remains unknown.

Some in the region say the strategy is working.

"They are trying to prove that bin Laden is still alive, he has people and can get his word out," said Mohammed Salah, an Egyptian journalist.

Awards

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SERVICEplus philosophy," Billingsley said. "Which simply stated is to provide excellent quality service in an environment that is caring and friendly and do that 100 percent of the time."

Tech President David Schmidly said there are lots of reasons people come together to associate.

"I think the most happy occasions are those when we come together to celebrate the achievements of others, people that have really gone beyond the call of duty to do some exceptional things," he said.

Billingsley said the program could not be possible without the extensive involvement by several departments and committees.

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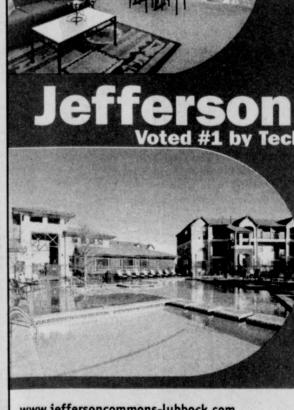
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do more and be more involved to be equal." Smith said both women students and faculty are a minority.

"It is difficult for students because there are not a lot of role models for women not only within the faculty but in the profession," she said.

The college hosted female architects during its annual spring lecture series this

Elizabeth Chu Richter, chief executive officer and design principal of Richter Architects in Corpus Christi as well as the creator and executive producer of the radio program, "The Shape of Texas" spoke. So did Joanna Mross, associate professor teaching architecture design and architecture nonwestern traditions, who gave a joint lecture with Joe Aranha, an associate professor teaching design studio and a seminar on architecture in nonwestern cultures.

Phillip Mead, assistant professor in the college and chairman of the lecture series committee, said women speaking in the lecture series were of great importance.

"It is important for a university that is dealing with diversity to display people with diverse ideas and genders that are doing good work," Mead said.

In a field where less than 10 percent are women, he said he hoped students saw there are women practicing architecture who are successful.

"I think a lot of women view their sex as a limitation," Smith said. "I feel I was very fortunate not being raised to view sex as a barrier.'

Borrelli said the college made a strong effort to make sure successful female architects spoke in the lecture series.

Elizabeth Louden, associate dean for

research said, she wished there were more role models women.

Borrelli said he does not believe there is a lack of female role models, however, he would like to have more women faculty members.

"I think we would like to have more, but there are positive role models here," he said.

Borrelli said the lecture series is a lot like the faculty search in that they have made a strong effort to seek women. He said the college is making every effort to hire women faculty members wherever

"I think there is a great opportunity for women in architecture," he said.

Smith said at Tulane she noticed more equality among men, students and faculty.

"It is just a different culture here; that is definitely part of it," she said.

Smith said she noticed that among the leaders in the college's organizations and student body there is a lot more equality. Smith founded Women In Architecture and Design, an association of

The association is dedicated to encourage women architecture students in their educational goals, provide a social support system for students and enhance the image of females in architecture through community and college programs.

Mary Ditto, a graduate student in business and architecture from Dallas and president of WIAD, said the organization addresses women's concerns.

"The organization's basic goal is to bring together the females of the College of Architecture and anyone else who is concerned about women's issues in architecture and design fields," she said.

Smith, co-president of WIAD said the accreditation concerns served as a "wake-up call."

The accreditation report states 26 percent of the college's students are women.

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because of its length and legal terminology, said Donna Bacchi, a member of the Smokeless Lubbock Coalition and director of the Center of Tobacco Prevention and Control.

"It's written in legal terminology instead of simple terminology. It's a very long paragraph. Most people have to read it three or four times to understand it," Bacchi said.

The majority of Smokeless Lubbock's campaign has been to inform people of the language of the ballot, Bacchi said.

The money has been spent on advertising through signs and the media, letting people know voting against means keeping the current ordinance, Chase said.

But the Vote for Freedom Coalition says Smokeless Lubbock is spreading lies through their campaign.

The Vote for Freedom Coalition held a press conference Monday afternoon, in which Libertarian Party of Lubbock Chairman David DeLamar said Smokeless Lubbock, proponents of the recently passed smoking ordinance; is releasing bogus information. DeLamar said Smokeless Lubbock is trying to blame the Freedom Coalition for the confusion.

The Vote for Freedom Coalition drafted the wording of the ballot, but the city attorney had the final say in how it appeared, DeLamar said. The referendum had to be written in accordance with state law.

"We are not trying to confuse anyone. We want people to vote. We got this thing on the ballot so people could vote," DeLamar said.

Complaints

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when he left."

The other complaint filed against McKlveen was filed by another Doak resident, Farhat said.

"He verbally assaulted my friend, calling him a bitch," he said. "My friend filed the complaint to Hiton and never heard anything else about it."

Jim Burkhalter, associate vice president of Student Affairs, said when a complaint is filed, the staff investigates it.

"If it is an actual assault, it is reported to the police immediately," he said. "If it is a verbal assault, students should file it with the full-time staff member who is in the building and they follow up on it."

Melanie Auer, a senior creative writing and chemistry major from Houston and a Doak resident, said in a meeting with officials Sunday, she was told a complaint was to go to the hall coordinator, then to the Residence Life Judicial Board and finally to Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs.

"There is a lot of red tape to go through when filing a complaint, and that is the problem," she said. "We want answers; we have dealt with something that stripped us from our security."

Farhat said he wished the housing authorities were more aware of filed com-

Shonrock said he will follow up with Doak employees and students personally.

"Students should be able to go to university officials, and then those officials should do the best they can to follow up

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A few classes to check into

COLUMN



BRANDON FORMBY

nears (oh, dear Jesus — at long CALF 2307: \$20,000 Legs last!), I've been reflecting on the past 39 semesters I have spent in

college The other day, I printed out my transcript to take a gander at all the classes I

have taken during my never-ending tenure. While the list is longer than the line at Whataburger at 2:15 a.m. on a Saturday, I could not help but notice a few things were missing.

To say all one learns while in college can be summed on a transcript is to say learning does not occur outside of the classroom, which we all know is as about as true as the intentions behind the intercollegiate athletics fee.

So, I implore the university to consider adding these special courses to its catalog so all Red Raiders can get academic credit for the lessons learned while here.

WHAT 1301: Introduction to Tech Logic - Students will learn, with no instruction, assistance or direction, the thought process behind running this university. Those taking this course will have to figure out everything on their own. By the end of the course, successful students will be expected to understand why a campus this size has less parking than a Coronado High School field party; why the administrathemselves on the back for completing the \$500-million Horizon Campaign; and how the huge gaping difference between the words "rank" and "recommend" can be used to protect yourself from looking like a fool. WHAT 1301 will replace Freshman Seminar.

Interested students who have been so lucky as to have back-to-back classes in Holden Hall, the Rawls Business Administration building and then in

Holden again will be allowed to add this class to their schedule their final semester at the university. The university will recognize that walking an average of 42.3 miles per day to go to class warrants three credit hours to accompany those well-defined calf muscles.

BEER 2350: The Beer Class -With something to offer everyone —

from the devout alcoholic to the dogooder Christian — this course will instruct students on how to manage their alcohol intake, where to find alcohol after 2 a.m. and how to properly refrigerate alcohol. Though difficult, this class will also teach students how not to make a big deal out of alcohol despite living in a town that thinks liquor is so sinful you have to leave city limits just to buy a damn 40. Non-credit lab will teach students how to order drinks at the bar, how to buy prospective partners drinks and how to call a designated driver.

PSSD 3300: Anger Management - Rather than having enrolled students talk about their "feelings" and how their father's crack problem caused them to have "issues" in adulthood, PSSD 3300 will take a different approach to anger management.

required to rely on financial aid. Their major will be changed without their knowledge or permission. Their degree plan will be lost. They will have to eat residence hall food every day. They will not be allowed to park within a 45-mile radius of campus, ever. The only way to survive is to not go postal. Students losing their cool will automatically fail.

NWTW 3302: Navigating West Texas Weather - Students will learn how to attend class despite the rapidly changing weather. Throughout the course, students will be instructed on how to build a boat out of a Chik-fil-A ketchup packet and a Bid Day T-shirt for those days (after it's rained for a total of 3.2 minutes) when the campus floods and swimming through swift currents is a necessity to getting to class.

Students from other parts of Texas will be shown videos of snow so that when it arrives in December, they will be prepared. The final will be held during the first tornado in the Southwest United States so students can learn to successfully make their way across campus while winds and dirt flying at 430 mph hit them in the

PYHO 3350: Life Outside West

Texas - Directed toward those students who have lived in this region their entire lives, Pull Your Head Out 3350 will teach all sorts of "crazy" ideas in an attempt to enlighten and educate West Texans about the world outside of this area. Text books include "Thinking Outside Loop 289," "There is no 'Might Be' - Dude, You Are a Redneck," "How Not to be a Bigot," "Allowing New Ideas to Penetrate that Damn Thick Skull" and "Liberal Thoughts: They're Not Just for Homos, Hookers and Heathens Anymore."

MNEY 3390: All about the Benjamins - Students will receive

three credit hours after successfully completing this course, which will instruct upperclassmen about all kinds of money practices. This will include balancing your checkbook, how to pay off that maxed-out credit card you got freshman year just because you wanted à free T-shirt, what a 401k is, applying for financial aid, not calling daddy every time your checking account balance hits that low \$500 mark, why it is bad to send your mom Tech stuff so she can sell it at her store if you don't send an invoice with it and to budget your money so you can actually drink beer and eat dinner without having to choose between the two.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Incident handled poorly by officials

To the editor: I have been a resident of Doak Hall for two years, and while I did not witness the recent stabbing incident, I (along with the other residents) saw first hand the poor way Housing and Dining followed up on the stabbing incident.

For nearly 24 hours, the only information we received was from television and the newspapers. The two Housing and Dining employees directly responsible for Doak Hall (Hall Director Brad Hinton and Area Coordinator Todd Krieger) were virtually invisible. The resident assistants were unfairly left to handle all questions, concerns and follow-ups from Thursday (day of incident) until Sunday (day of first Hall meetings).

When the Doak Hall residents were finally gathered for floor meetings (with officials from Housing and Dining) on Sunday evening, the Housing and Dining Director Sean Duggan accepted no blame for the incident. When we were asked for suggestions to improve safety, every idea was met with resistance and in some cases with hostility.

It was quite clear to me the top Housing and Dining officials do not believe they did anything wrong in letting a clearly dangerous individual live in the residence halls, and reasonable suggestions will not receive a proper follow up.

Texas Tech is going to have to develop plans for dealing with these kinds of violent acts by students. The "Columbine" generation is now entering college, and violence could become a big problem in the residence halls. Most area school districts have developed ways to identify potentially violent students and also have plans to deal with disaster situations. It was great that Tech put so much effort into dealing with a potential terrorist attack, but some effort needs to be put into plans for dealing with the (much more likely) incidents that involve violent students.

I have enjoyed living in Doak Hall these past two years, but I'm also glad the semester is almost over. This stabbing incident could have been avoided. Now, Housing and Dining must do all it can to avoid future problems with violent students. A "do nothing" follow up could result in a loss of life sometime in the future.

William Mattiford MBA program Rawls School of Business

Separation the source of racial inequality

To the editor: Well, that "United We Stand" crap didn't last long.

It never ceases to amaze me that those groups who have fought so long and hard to be considered on an equal playing field, devoid of factors such as color and national origin, continue to segregate themselves from mainstream

I was once again reminded when the Hispanic Student Society held its fajita cookout on the steps of the Student Union. This is only one example that angers me. Tech, for instance, hosts the National Black Graduate Student Conference. Why? If I were to found the White Student Society, I would be called a racist. If the Miss White America Pageant was held next week, the protests and riots would rage on for months. And finally, if I was to begin funding the United White Persons College Fund, the screams of discrimination and continuing oppression would be thunderous.

My point: stop whining about inequality if you're going to continue to separate yourselves. Quit using race and/or national origin as a crutch when you rant about it being a disadvantage. And stop screaming "discrimination" every time anyone has the temerity to hire someone (i.e. chancellor) who possesses the job qualifications but not your color of skin.

You want equality? Stop segregating yourselves. By doing so, you set our nation back 40 years. And not one of us wants to return to that archaic society. Matthew Coday

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The Rock reigns with 'Scorpion King'

MOVIE REVIEW

When Dwayne "The

Rock" Johnson

signed on for a

role in "The



JAMES EPPLER

Mummy Returns," part of his contract agreement called for him to get his own movie based on his role as the scorpion king. Who would have thought the result would be this much fun?

The scorpion king's real name is Mathayus, a hit man for hire thousands of years before the pyramids. He rescues his brother for eminent death, only to see him killed later by the evil Memnon

(Steven Brand). Mathayus vows revenge and winds up meeting a scantily-clad sorceress who belongs to Memnon, falling for her and rescuing an entire tribe of people in the process.

Obviously this is not a film that is focused on substance or good writing. Rather, the plot serves as a way for The Rock to go around and get into scrambles. He treads loudly and carries a big sword. There are lots of fights and lots of stuff that blows up. It's just what the doctor ordered for action fans.

The special effects are still a little on the cheesy side, but at least there's no mummy's face in a cloud of dirt or a wall of water in this film.

The film seems to be aware of its own silliness. It's better than both of the "Mummy" films because those films seemed to think they were being creative and original. All three films borrow devices from other works, but "The Scor-

pion King" doesn't take itself seriously.

It's also good that "The Scorpion King" strayed away from incorporating a lot of the supernatural mumbo-jumbo found in the "Mummy" films. "King" is more barbaric warfare and fighting, rather than rubbing lamps or running from psycho mummy spirits.

The dialogue is often predictable and dumb, also a trait from the "Mummy" films, but it seems like the writers know its stupid, so it's OK to laugh.

I was originally concerned about The Rock as a movie star. But when I really think about it, if guys like Stallone or Schwarzeneggar can make it, then why not The Rock? He has the same amount of tough-guy charisma as the others, and unlike some, he speaks good unbroken, understandable English.

I am not at all a wrestling fan and don't ever intend to be one. However, I do believe that The Rock does deserve

his chance to be an action movie star, and he may, indeed, have a promising career ahead of him.

Can I recommend this film? Yes and no. WWF fans and supporters will definitely want to "smell what The Rock is cooking" and revel in watching their hero slice and dice bad guys and munch on fire ants.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★ 1/2

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'Finding Nemo' new collaboration between Disney and Pixar studios, the company behind 'Toy Story'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - They've done toys, bugs and monsters. Now Pixar Animation and partner Disney are doing fish, cars and suburban superheroes.

The underwater adventure "Finding Nemo" is next up for Pixar and Disney, which outlined their upcoming slate Sunday. Pixar and Disney previously teamed on the computer-animated "Toy Story" movies, "A Bug's Life" and "Mon-

Featuring the voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe and Geoffrey Rush, "Finding Nemo" tells the tale of father and son fish that become separated in the Great Barrier Reef. It's

due out in summer 2003.

For late 2004, Pixar and Disney plan "The Incredibles," a story of a family of undercover superheroes living in suburbia. "Cars," scheduled for release late in

2005, follows a group of automobiles hanging out on Route 66. John Lasseter, Pixar's creative mastermind whose di-

recting credits include both "Toy Story" films and "A Bug's Life," will direct.

With \$504 million in global revenues, "Monsters, Inc." has passed Disney's "Aladdin" to become the No. 2 top-grossing animated film worldwide behind the studio's "The Lion King" at \$768 million.

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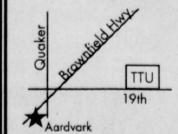
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Curtis thrilled to be drafted by childhood favorite

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Not everyone's dream can come true, but if you are Kevin Curtis it can.

Sunday, the San Francisco 49ers selected the Texas Tech safety in the fourth

round (127th overall) of the NFL Draft. Curtis, a lifelong 49er fan, said he was excited about being picked up by his fa-

"San Francisco has always been one of my favorite teams," Curtis said. "I knew all along that if I was going to play, I would want to play for them.'

Curtis' teammate from high school and college, Ryan Aycock, said he could not think of any other player that should get what Curtis received Sunday.

"I think no one is more deserving than Kevin," Aycock said. "He's been a great friend that I got to play alongside with." Curtis said he was not watching the

draft when he received a phone call from San Francisco on Sunday. "I was lying on my bed waiting when the phone rang, and they asked 'are you

happy?" Curtis said. "I wasn't watching,

a 49er now."

He said it was a dream come true to be selected by his favorite team, and he is ready to get to work.

"You have to realize it's a business now, but you still want to have fun," Curtis said. "When you're winning, it's more fun, but it is a business and you have to look at it like that."

Curtis reports for mini camp on Thursday before returning for graduation ceremonies at Tech.

"I'm ready to get there and start learning the system and see where I can fit in." Curtis said. "I just want to do my best and see what happens."

He could be able to fit in well with the 49ers because of his experience at both free and strong safety, and his time on special teams. Curtis said if he can get noticed on special teams, it will increase his chances of moving up the depth chart at the safety position.

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then I heard my family screaming, 'You're better one, I'll get the opportunity to get some playing time. I think I'll be able to fit in and help out well."

> Aycock said Curtis will be a good example of Texas Tech football in the NFL.

"I think (his selection) shows what type of athletes we have here at Tech. and we've got more," Aycock said. "He will represent Texas Tech very well, and it was a real honor and a privilege to play

Curtis made an impact on the field with 422 career tackles, good enough for second on the career list at Tech. Curtis was named to the All-Big 12 team three times. He affected current Red Raiders as well as the record books.

"He taught me how hard you have to work to be the best you want to be," Avcock said. "He also showed me in the way he prepared himself for games how to be ready to play."

Aycock said Curtis rarely took credit for the team's success and never let any extra attention cause him to want more.

"Big time players like that get a lot of recognition, and he doesn't let it get to his head," Aycock said. "He is a very humble person."

Tech running back Ricky Williams will also make the leap to the pro level after signing a free agent contract with New Orleans on Monday.



FORMER TEXAS TECH safety Kevin Curtis grabs Texas A&M running back Derek Farmer from behind during Tech's win at Jones SBC Stadium last season. Curtis was drafted by the San Franciso 49ers on Sunday in the fourth round of the NFL Draft in New York City.

Rangers wounded in the disabled list and in the American League West

ARLINGTON (AP) - Texas general manager John Hart doesn't want to answer his phone these days. He's scared it will be another doctor with more bad

The Rangers already have lost No. 1 FREE Disc Padlock (\$1200 value) starter Chan Ho Park, closer Jeff FREE use of our moving truck Zimmerman, setup relievers Jay Powell and Rich Rodriguez, as well as cleanup hitter to move in (LIMITED TIME PERIOD) Juan Gonzalez, a two-time AL MVP.

Joining them on the disabled list will be 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who will miss at least 4-6 weeks with a herniated disc.

"We've been hit, it's almost like the perfect storm," Hart said. "The injuries came to the wrong guys and they all hit right at the same time, right when we are playing teams within our division."

After their three-week stretch against AL West rivals to open the season, the Rangers are 5-13. They are already 9 1/2 games behind Seattle, their largest deficit in the division this early

"We didn't want to get off to a start

like this," Hart said. "We've got a lot of things going on right now that are just out of everybody's control."

With all of the moves Hart made after taking over as GM last November, the payroll jumped to \$105.3 million, the third-highest in the majors. Players on the disabled list account for \$33 million this season.

Ivan Rodriguez, who didn't finish either of the last two seasons because of different injuries, hasn't played since being scratched from the lineup April 15 because of back spasms. He was only ex-

pected to miss a couple of games before an MRI exam revealed the disc problem.

The Rangers will put Rodriguez on

the disabled list before Tuesday's opener of a seven-game homestand. Texas needs a backup catcher -

Mike Lamb now has that role behind Bill Hasselman — and will have to get that by promoting from Triple-A Oklahoma.

After being demoted to the minor leagues, John Rocker, who has not yet decided if he will accept his assignment to Oklahoma, left just one left-hander in the bullpen.

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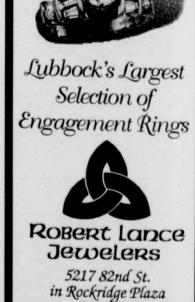
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