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Catholic population mourns death of pope

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

The Catholic population, which totals more than 1 billion people worldwide, suffered a great loss this weekend when Pope John Paul II died Saturday afternoon.

In Lubbock, news of the pope's ailing health spread quickly. Local churches and a large number of worshippers came out to pray for both their leader and the process of selecting a new pope.

According to Associated Press reports, the pope suffered from Parkinson's disease, among other ailments, including a urinary tract infection that led to a high fever

and unstable blood pressure in the last days of his life.

In many local Catholic churches, pictures of the pope were displayed, allowing people a visual to go along with their internal grief. Bobby Hiracheta, a member of the Student Advisory Board at St. Elizabeth's University Parish, said he is among the mourners, but realizes this is a time of commemoration.

"It's so sad — a big loss," he said. "But feelings range from sadness to relief. In the Catholic Church, it is more of a celebration of his



life." Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla and elected to the papacy Oct. 16, 1978. He was the first non-Italian pope chosen in 455 years and the most traveled pope in history. He succeeded Pope John Paul I, who died after only 33 days in the papacy.

Reinard Diolola, a junior pre-medicine and pre-nursing major from Odessa, said he believes although the pope has died, his legacy will live on.

"I think everyone is in mourning right now; we lost

a great leader," he said. "He was known as John Paul II, but he will be remembered by many as John Paul the Great."

Diolola said he believes the pope touched many people during his lifetime and will continue to do so in death. He said he has continuing faith in the Catholic Church and the cardinals to elect a new pope.

"A lot of youth have shown up and mourned for the pope," he said. "He was a significant figure who touched everyone's lives."

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Lubbock issues water ordinance

IRRIGATION CONSERVATION: Residents not permitted to water from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

By Travis Cram/The University Daily

The city of Lubbock has implemented a water irrigation ordinance that became effective Saturday.

According to a statement released by the city, the ordinance defines any irrigation device as "any manually operated or automated sprinkler, sprinkler head, hose, faucet or any other device capable of irrigating, in whole or part, landscapes or lawns."

The ordinance also sets time limitations for irrigating. When Daylight Savings Time is in effect, residents cannot irrigate between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Irrigation is prohibited during freezing weather (when temperature is 35 degrees Fahrenheit or below) and during rainfall, which is defined as one-quarter inch of rainfall during a 24-hour period.

Some variances to the ordinance may be granted under certain circumstances, such as when a new irrigation system is being tested, when newly-installed plant material, such as sod, trees or shrubs, must be watered immediately and when a subsurface or soaker hose system is used.

Greg Grau, a Lubbock resident and construction worker for Kelly Wolf Construction, said most of the changes still allows the construction businesses to operate.

"The variances for the new irrigation system being tested and newly installed plant material, allows us to get by with using the water for that," he said.

The ordinance is similar to the one issued by the city last year according to the water supply report of 2003. The ordinance, according to the report, outlined the same basic principles of the most recent ordinance.

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MOVING MEMORIAL



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

LUBBOCK RESIDENTS TOUR the Moving Wall Friday afternoon at Memorial Circle. The Moving Wall is a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. See Page 5 for a related story.

Spending Life Savings to Save Lives



KELLY MATHERLY/The University Daily

CANCER SURVIVORS, FAMILY and Texas Tech students begin the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event Saturday evening by walking around the track at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Lubbock residents, Tech students raise money in Relay for Life

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

Amanda Pesina walked the dark track, illuminated only by luminaries in R.P. Fuller stadium, as tears streamed down her face. Pesina, a senior management major from Lubbock, has personally been touched by cancer, and Saturday night at Texas Tech's Relay for Life event, Pesina walked for a cure.

"My mom passed away from cancer in 2003. She was diagnosed a year and a half before. They said she had six months to live," she said. "It's just hard for me. I had to see all the pain and suffering she went through. It's horrible."

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Tech students, officials discuss 4 percent tuition increase

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

As Texas Tech officials prepare to increase tuition and fees by 4 percent this week, some Tech students look back on last year's 36 percent increase and wonder how their money is being spent.

Senior Vice Provost Jim Brink said the additional money from the 36 percent increase in tuition and fees that went into effect last fall has been spent in four major areas. The university has used the money to provide financial aid to students, improve the advising process, purchase new laboratory equipment and hire faculty.

"The money that was increased over last year went to these things, and the students deserve to know where their money went," Brink said.

Texas law requires state universities to set aside 20 percent of undergraduate tuition revenue for financial aid, according to www.tgslc.org. Brink said it is important for students to be able to attend college, and setting aside money for financial aid is one way to help students when tuition increases.

A bill under review by state legislators would change the amount of

money Tech would have to set aside for financial aid. Senate Bill 80 by Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso would increase the percentage of tuition revenue used for financial aid from 20 to 40 percent, if the university charges more than \$46 per semester credit hour.

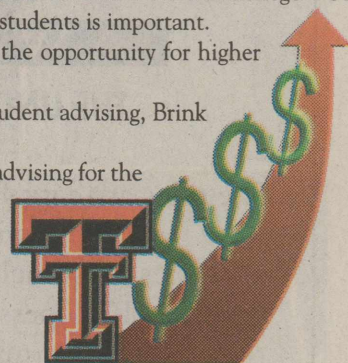
Adelaide Castillo, a sophomore finance and French major from Corsicana and Student Government Association senator for the College of Business, said offering financial aid to students is important.

"Everyone should be able to have the opportunity for higher education," she said.

Tech spent \$867,000 to improve student advising, Brink said.

Castillo said the improvements in advising for the College of Business have made a difference in the quality of advising the business students receive, but there

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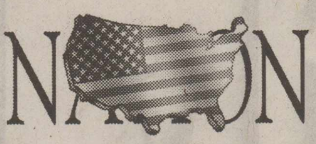
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The Rundown



Oil refinery blast source examined

HOUSTON (AP) — Three inspectors into a deadly refinery explosion entered the area Friday where witnesses described a liquid and vapor release combining with an ignition source, possibly an idling diesel truck, to spark the blast.

The March 23 explosion, which killed 15 and injured more than 100 at the BP refinery in Texas City, shot flames, ash and blackened metal into the sky and was felt miles away.

The inspectors from the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board wore respirators as they toured the demolished remnants of six to 10 trailers plant employees worked in and about 30 vehicles, including cars and trucks.

Most of those who died were contractors working in the trailers.

"Investigators have not been able to positively identify a diesel pickup truck described by eyewitnesses as over-revving moments before the explosion," CSB lead investigator Bill Hoyle said in a statement late Friday.

Hoyle said remains of several vehicles were found within 25 yards of a vent stack that is believed to have purged the vapor release.

"It is unknown how many vehicles may have been running when the vapor cloud was released," he said.

CSB spokesman Daniel Horowitz said investigators plan additional inspections of what is left of the blasted, burned out vehicles found near the stack that is believed to have expelled the vapor.

Court issues order: Schiavo cremated

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Terri Schiavo's body was cremated Saturday as disagreements continued between her husband and her parents, who were unable to have their own independent expert observe her autopsy.

The cremation was carried out according to a court order issued Tuesday establishing that Michael Schiavo had the right to make such decisions, said his lawyer, George Felos. He said plans for burying her ashes in Pennsylvania, where she grew up, had not yet been completed.

Terri Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, had wanted to bury their daughter in Pinellas County so they could visit her grave.

Terri Schiavo, 41, died Thursday after the removal of the feeding tube that had kept her alive since 1990, when she suffered brain damage that court-appointed doctors determined had placed her in a persistent vegetative state. Her parents had fought in court to keep her alive, disputing the doctors' opinions and saying there was hope of improvement.

Michael Schiavo has not spoken publicly since his wife's death, but Felos said Saturday: "He's holding up. It's very difficult for him."

Michael Schiavo is required to tell his wife's parents of any memorial services he plans for Terri Schiavo and where her ashes are interred.

The Schindlers plan to have their own memorial service Tuesday at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Gulfport.

The Schindlers had sought to have independent medical experts observe their daughter's autopsy at the Pinellas County Medical Examiner's office, but the agency refused their request, family attorneys David Gibbs III and Barbara Weller said Saturday.

Brazilian among pope possibilities

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The intense guessing about who will be the next pope has only one certainty: the cardinals must decide whether to follow John Paul II with another non-Italian or hand the papacy back to its traditional caretakers.

The Polish-born John Paul was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and brought a new vitality to the Vatican, challenging parochial attitudes throughout the church. One view holds that the papal electors will want to maintain the spirit by recognizing the Roman Catholic centers of gravity outside Europe in Latin America and Africa.

Another theory suggests that the Italians will press to reclaim the papacy after John Paul's 26-year reign — the third-longest in history.

There is no clear favorite when the 117 cardinals begin their secret conclave later this month.

But names often mentioned as "papabile" — the Italian word for possible papal candidates — include Cardinal Francis Arinze, a Vatican-based Nigerian, and Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes.

Arinze, 72, converted to Roman Catholicism as a child and shares some of John Paul's conservative views on contraception and family issues. But he brings a unique element: representing a nation shared between Muslims and Christians at the time when interfaith relations assume growing urgency. If elected, he would be the first black pope of modern times.

Hummes, 70, is archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and urges more attention to fighting poverty and the effects of a globalized economies. His supporters note that Brazil's role as a Latin American political and economic heavyweight could help the Vatican counter the popularity of emerging evangelical churches in the region.

Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga of Honduras, the 62-year-old archbishop of Tegucigalpa, is also mentioned as a possible candidate. But he could be too much of a break for Vatican conservatives. He has studied clinical psychology and has a dynamic, outspoken style.

Among Italians, Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, the archbishop of Milan, is a moderate with natural pastoral abilities and an easy style that appeals to the young. But Tettamanzi, 71, is not considered widely traveled and some critics believe he could impose too strong an Italian outlook.

Other Italians widely mentioned as possible candidates include: Cardinal Angelo Scola of Venice, 63, who is relatively young and brings a cosmopolitan flair from his city, a historic cultural crossroads; and Giovanni Battista Re, 71, who has served as president of the Vatican commission for Latin America since 2001.

Men do time for harboring immigrants

McALLEN (AP) — Two men were given maximum federal prison terms Friday for cramming 63 illegal immigrants into a 1,000 square-foot house for at least eight days while they awaited transport north.

Clifton Teran, 18, was sentenced to 10 years. His half brother, Juan Alvarez-Teran, 20, was sentenced to 8 years, 1 month.

Both pleaded guilty Dec. 22 to a felony count of conspiracy to bring in aliens.

Border Patrol agents got an anonymous call Aug. 6 about a small house in Mission, a small city a few miles north of the Mexican border.

The agents found the immigrants in the house and arrested their caretakers: Melquiades Flores-Mena, 41, Rigoberto Vasquez-Echavarria, 24, and Eduardo Diaz-Espino, 39.

The three said they were responsible for feeding the immigrants and worked for a Matamoros, Mexico, operation headed by the Terans.

Flores-Mena pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to bring in aliens Dec. 6. Diaz-Espino pleaded guilty Jan. 3 to the same charge. Vasquez-Echavarria pleaded guilty Dec. 22 to one count of harboring.

CYCLING CONNOISSEUR



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily
DAX KASTRIN, A senior accounting major from El Paso, races in the Natural High Mountain Bike Race Saturday at Martin Luther King Boulevard and 19th Street. Kastrin, who rides for the Tech Cycling Team, placed second in the expert division.

Bush sidesteps senator's objections, appoints base closings commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, brushing aside a stall tactic by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., appointed the nine-member commission that will determine military bases closings without waiting for Senate confirmation.

Bush made the appointments while the Senate was in recess, the White House announced Friday night. The recess appointments

prevent delays as the commission prepares to make the first round of base closings in a decade.

Before it left for its spring recess the full Senate had been expected to vote on the nomination of Anthony J. Principi, former secretary of veterans affairs, as chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The other commissioners, nominated by Bush

March 15, also required Senate confirmation.

However, Lott — who opposes base closures and has pledged to protect military facilities in his home state — placed a "hold" on Principi's nomination, according to aides and lobbyists speaking on condition of anonymity. The hold delayed voting on the nomination.

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

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The pope's ambiguous legacy

He broke down barrier upon barrier; yet this pope of our generation held steadfastly to outdated traditions

Karol Jozef Wojtyla, John Paul II, the second-greatest pope of the 20th century, is dead. Despite the praises being sung across the world, I think any consensus of his reign is a long way off.

Which Holy Father am I to remember? The strong man who stood against communism and rebutted Stalin's "How many divisions has the Pope?" In doing so, he courageously helped to break the back of the greatest evil of our age. The tolerant ecumenical who sent pastoral letters telling the faithful, "The Jews are our brothers?"

He was remarkably tolerant of all the brother religions of the human race, a fact he demonstrated when he visited the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

He worked to heal divisions within Christianity itself. For other faiths, he was generous and understanding. Was that his greatest triumph?

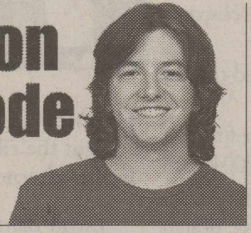
Or perhaps should we remember the brilliant, theatrical, cosmopolitan intellectual who spoke 11 languages fluently, read books by the score, knew philosophy, history and modern politics? The sensitive artist who wrote plays and turned out books of poetry? The dynamic athlete who skied, hiked, swam and was at one time nicknamed "Lokle and the Goalie?"

The humble priest who, as one story tells it, walked through the rain to a meeting in Rome, burst in to the room, soaking wet, took off his socks and hung them on the radiator — after which he turned to his fellow clerics and said, "Gentlemen, should we get down to business?"

He didn't think of himself as a religious king; he was the first pontiff to write encyclicals using the first-person singular: I, instead of we.

There were so many wonderful sides to the man. He was even able to tolerate Bono when they worked together for third-world debt relief (His phone calls

Jason Rhode



Many people might be unbothered by a man to whom, at bottom, faith trumped everything, to whom faith was literally all there was; a man to whom philosophy was an intellectual diversion in the face of faith at best, who never doubted his truth for a second and did not question his beliefs.

I'm not.

repeatedly interrupted U2's recording sessions in 2000. One wishes he had made more of them.)

But then there is the other Wojtyla. The man at war with modernity, with all the good aspects of humanism. He believed the West, which I think is the signal light of human rights in the history of the world, was "a civilization of death."

He believed the Age of Reason was a mistake. He loathed the 18th century school of thought which gave us many of the values by which we live — equality,

rationality, personal freedom, the rights of man, separation of the private and public spheres, the division of church and state.

This to him was a mistake, despite the lip service he gave to science and Galileo. "God is going to crush modern civilization with the stones of the Vatican," said a famous 19th-century right-wing journalist, and Wojtyla would have agreed.

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He tried to smash Vatican II like it was a bug. He knifed liberation theology like an alley gangster and laughed over its corpse. He beatified right and left as if he was on some kind of mad saint-making binge, more than any other Pope in history. He called homosexuality a "tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil."

If you've seen "Queer for the Straight Guy" you'd probably agree with me it's more of a tendency towards intrinsic stylishness, but neither of us is the religious shepherd of 1.2 billion people.

On a variety of topics — the equality of women, premarital sex, masturbation, birth control, divorce, priestly celibacy — he was at one with titanic idiocies of the past. In matters of doctrine, he dwelt in the world that invented penicillin,

but preferred the one that recommended leeches.

Sure, he loathed communism, but he didn't think liberal capitalism was so great either. If he was so brave, why didn't he speak out against the dictator Pinochet when he went to South America? Why did he refuse to meet mothers whose children had disappeared under the rule of the Argentine generals?

Where was the good and great man who supported the freedom-seeking Solidarity party of Poland in their hour of need?

For a man who professed to love children so much, why did he allow his church to harbor criminals and rapists? Remember Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston? He now sits on a board in Rome that supervises clerical discipline. Wojtyla gave a papal knighthood to ex-Nazi Kurt Waldheim (also an ex-U.N. Secretary-General), called Yasser Arafat

"a leader of great charisma" and gave not only an audience but an invitation for a private visit to Hussein's crony Tariq Aziz. The greatest pope of our century, John XXIII, the peasant's son who initiated Vatican II, knew Fidel Castro for a tyrant and excommunicated him. John Paul II, like Jimmy Carter, just took him for a walk.

Here was a man who had the capabilities and the chance to bring human faith into the modern world and, in my opinion, chose not to. He traveled more widely than any pontiff in history but refused to budge within himself.

He could have given the teachings of Christ a new relevance in our age but preferred to lecture. And if you're the kind

of person who thinks the fundamentalist Protestantism of the Southern Baptist Convention is backward, I invite you to look up their Catholic lay counterparts, Opus Dei and the Legionaries of Christ, who received his support and encouragement.

Perhaps it's rude of me to speak ill of the dead. But the man had amazing gifts and such awesome power to do good — and he did. I just wish he had done more. He was, in so many ways, a shining moral beacon; and his failings are therefore crueler, more tragic, than those of smaller men. Politicians I expect to be scum. Men like Wojtyla I hold to a higher standard.

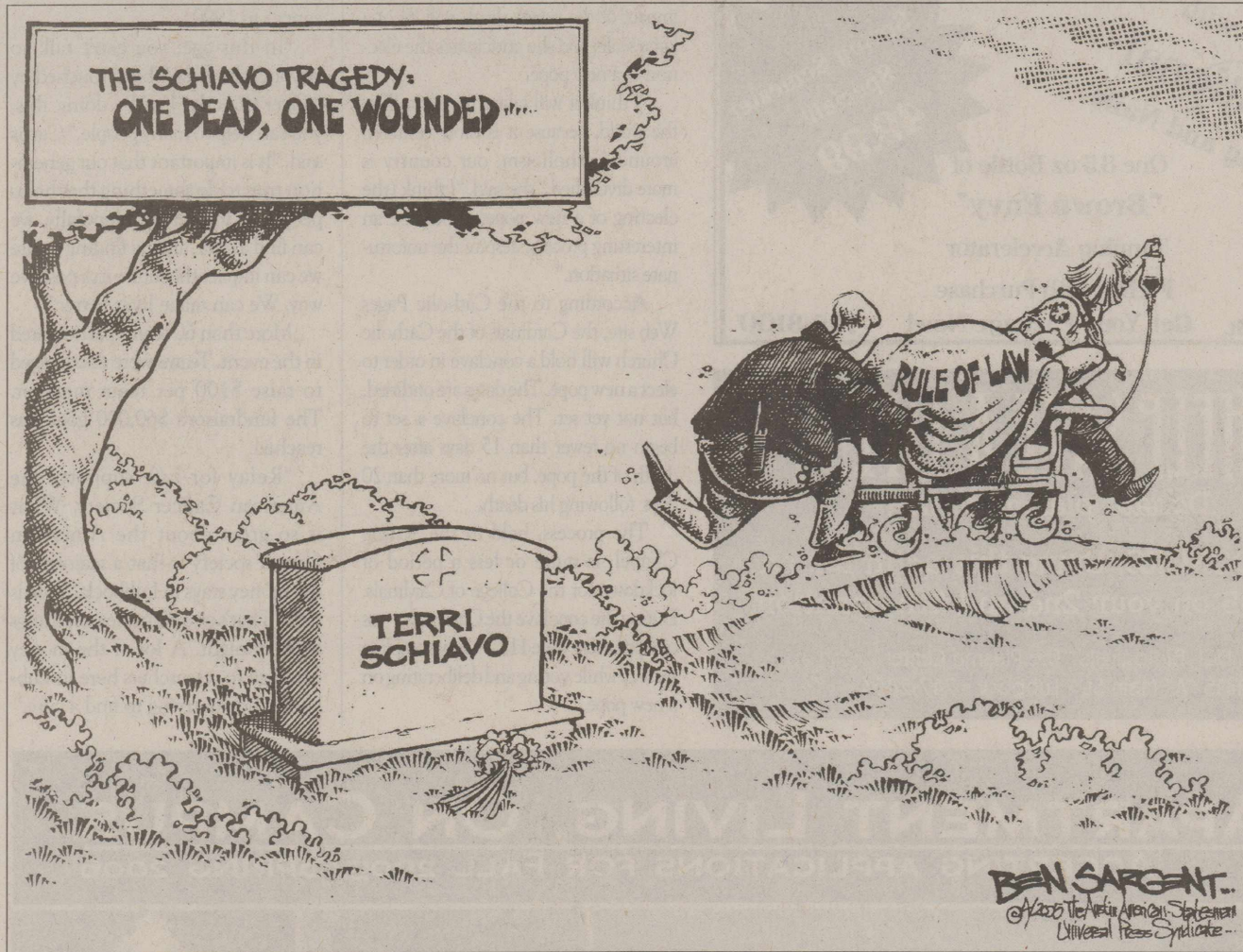
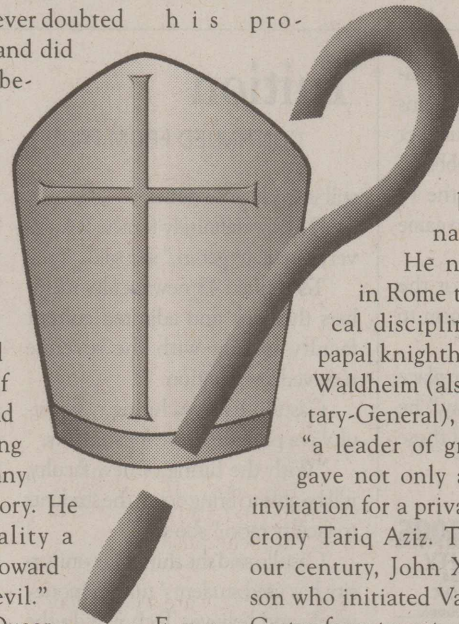
I haven't personally seen many great men in my life, but I saw him twice when I was in Rome in 2001, once on Easter and another during a papal audience on Jan. 25. The sight of this once-vigorous man reduced to a shadow of his former self was depressing. His Holiness Celestine V retired from the papacy in 1294 before he died. Wojtyla should have done the same.

I am an outsider to his faith. Some might say a non-Catholic concerned with matters of church policy is odd.

But I live in a world in which one-sixth of the population follows that particular faith; in a country where Catholicism is practiced by a quarter of its citizens and is the largest single Christian denomination. So he mattered.

What he thought and did and said affected me and my world. My view of him was always as a world leader, less as the influential and charismatic head of a great and ancient faith. Perhaps this is why, for so many reasons, I admired him, yet I didn't always like him. But I am sad to see him go. Rest in peace, padre.

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TECH TALKS BACK

Will Gardner reminds us why much of the world does not appreciate America

When I first read Will Gardner's column (UD, April 1) about Ward Churchill and 9/11, the first thing that came to my mind was, I can see why the whole world hates us.

Gardner has what many Americans sadly have: misguided patriotism with the belief our country is the best, that everything we do is right and that every country in the world should submit to our will.

This is far from reality. We are anything but innocent and righteous. We have overthrown numerous governments for no reason other than they didn't have the same values or belief as us. We have systematically suppressed the Palestinian people, and so many Iraqi civilians have died during this "justified" war. Now ask yourself again, who are the terrorists? Didn't the Germans in World War II think they were

"the good guys?" You probably are wondering from whom or what I have my justification. Well I have one word for you: God.

Be it karma, bi-set or "You reap what you sow," whatever you want to call it, what goes around comes around. No matter how you look at it, we had this coming. Malcolm X likened it to "chickens coming home to roost." Accepting the truth hurts. When I first read Churchill's paper, I was just as upset as Gardner. But it became logical as I read more. It's a sad fact that America, not the innocent people who died on Sept. 11, 2001, deserved what happened.

Don't get me wrong, I am proud to be American. I am grateful for the opportunities this country has given me. I am also saddened

by the loss on 9/11. Sadly, the greatest casualties of any war are innocent civilians. But always remember what Albert Einstein said: "Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence."

Let Americans look at ourselves objectively, get past the mediocrity of nationalism and become one with humanity. Only by uniting as human beings can we get past the evils of prejudice, racism and war. This is the only way to prevent another 9/11.

—Gokul Yaratha, junior marketing major from Hobbs, N.M.

How to know who you're with

At the beginning of the semester I wrote about finding the "magic between the madness" when we deal with people who let us down and that period between romantic relationships that leave us in a state of shock, wonder and really questioning: How well do we really know people?

Right before spring break, my boyfriend broke up with me. Don't worry, only a few tears were shed and for all the wrong reasons. I was more upset I didn't end things with him first than I was with the actual crumbling of our relationship. Graduating in August, I wanted a relationship because it seemed like the only thing that would be stable in the midst of upcoming chaos. I was wrong.

Lesson learned from my relationship: Don't date anyone who is afraid of you.

A friend recently shared a disturbing story with me that really made me wonder how well we know to whom we give our hearts.

A friend of hers was in a long-term relationship and suddenly had a breakout above her upper lip. Not knowing what was causing the blemish-like sores, she went to the dermatologist. Come to find out, those blemish-like sores were actually maggot eggs. Apparently, when maggots enter the blood system, they release their eggs and the eggs try to protrude from the skin. Here's the kicker. The dermatologist said a cream would clear up the problem quickly, but he was more concerned from where she would get this. Apparently it is only contracted from dead people. I'll let you put two and two together, literally.

What exactly is the conversation that occurs when he comes home from work? She might say, "So you have sex with dead people. We can work this out." Yeah right. I wish I could have been a fly on a wall for that conversation.

Lesson learned: Condom anyone?

Then there was the couple I knew a few years ago when things went awry. The sun bloomed on their relationship and they moved in together and were the epitome of "perfect." Then one of them began coming home sharing stories about black cars following her and her phone being bugged. The breaking point came when she told my friend if she did not leave the international conspiracy against her then she would have to leave. This gives a whole new meaning to the term "psycho female."

Robin Milstead



Lesson learned from my relationship: Don't date anyone who is afraid of you.

Lesson learned: Background checks. And how about Dennis Rader, the suspected BTK killer? According to CNN.com, Dennis Rader, out of the small town of Wichita, Kan., is being charged for 10 killings throughout the past 30 years. Not only did he work for the city as a compliance officer, but also was the president of the Christ Lutheran Church Council. Doesn't this creepily remind you of John Wayne Gacy, who was a clown at children's birthday parties? Not to freak anyone out, but you never know.

Lesson learned: You win some, you lose some.

So while at times our relationships come in odd forms and the people we trust the most let us down in more than one way, you can't help but make your own "magic between the madness." You learn to laugh at yourself and to laugh at the amusing situations that life itself creates. Dad always told me to test the engine before you buy the car, and this helpful piece of advice carries meaning far past the body shop.

We probably don't know people that well and maybe we never will. If you think about it, do the people closest to us know everything about us? Sometimes things are better left unsaid.

British writer Rose Macaulay put it well when she said, "Life, for all its agonies...is exciting and beautiful, amusing and artful and endearing...and whatever is to come after it — we shall not have this life again."

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REMEMBERING VIETNAM

MOVING MOMENTS: *The Moving Wall brings together Techsans affected by war.*

By Jeremy Martin/*The University Daily*

Col. Roger Donlon crawled on his wounded stomach through a barrage of Viet Cong grenades, mortar shells and gunfire to a damaged gun pit full of wounded soldiers. The pit temporarily provided cover while they moved to a safer location.

When he saw a fellow Green Beret was too injured to drag himself out of the pit, Donlon ignored his own bleeding gut and tried to pull the soldier to safety.

For his efforts during the attack on his camp that night in 1964, Donlon became the first American soldier to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for fighting in the Vietnam War. Friday, he gave the keynote address at the opening ceremony for The Moving Wall at Texas Tech.

The Moving Wall, on display in Memorial Circle until Friday, is a traveling half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall lists the names of more than 58,000 members of U.S. armed forces who died in the Vietnam War.

Donlon said the traveling replica of the

wall is important, because it gives people who cannot make the trip to Washington a chance to memorialize fallen troops.

"Anybody who's seen the actual memorial knows it gives you this overwhelming sense of awe," he said. "The Moving Wall is a way to share this experience with small-town America."

Veterans and the surviving family members of memorialized soldiers often can not afford the time or money it would take to visit the nation's capital and see the actual monument, Donlon said. The Moving Wall project tries to display the memorial in more accessible places.

"Sometimes you have to bring the mountain to the people," he said.

In his address Donlon said every time

he visits the either the original monument or the Moving Wall, he takes the time to find the names of a few soldiers. One of these names is that of Master Sgt. Gabriel Alamo, the wounded soldier in the gun pit. He died that night in Donlon's arms.

Steve Maxner, associate director of the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech, said along with veterans and families of the soldiers, college students are a group that should see the memorial but would not be able to travel to Washington, D.C.

Maxner said the mobile monument already had made an impact on Tech students. Because the wall is set up in Memorial Circle, he said many students cannot help but notice it

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Texas Tech Vietnam Center
Associate Director

on their way to class.

"Students will walk up and start asking about the wall," he said. "We've seen students take out their cell phones and call their parents for the names of family members. Then they use their camera phones to take pictures of the names and send them out."

The names on the wall are listed chronologically by the date of death, not alphabetically, so finding a specific name can be difficult.

To aid people in their search, Maxner said volunteers will be at the site every day the wall is on campus. Though the volunteers will go home at night, Maxner said the wall will be open 24 hours a day until April 8, and books that list the locations of the names will be available at any time. Military guards also will be on constant patrol duty and are there to help if anyone has any problems.

Maxner said the replica monument often gets visitors in the early morning hours.

"It seems it's not uncommon for veterans to come out in the middle of the night," he said. "I guess they want to have a private moment at the wall."

Many of the visitors are veterans like Donlon. They go to the wall to pay tribute to the friends who never came home. Others go to give thanks to the men and women they will never meet, most of whom died more than 30 years ago.

Like many students at Tech, Ira Gonzales was born several years after the war ended in Vietnam. She did not know any of the people listed on the memorial. But Gonzales, a junior psychology major from Snyder went to the Moving Wall on Friday to find the name of her aunt's brother.

Though she was not alive during the war, she said the monument still had an impact.

"It's overwhelming," she said. "Seeing how many people actually died in the war."

She said the monument also made her stop and think of the troops in Iraq.

"We actually have a family friend who's over there now," she said. "It's definitely a reminder about the reality of the war. We could end up having to make another wall some day."



Tech Community Day strives to connect students with Lubbock

By Jeremy Martin/
The University Daily

When it comes to the Lubbock community, many Texas Tech students keep their distance.

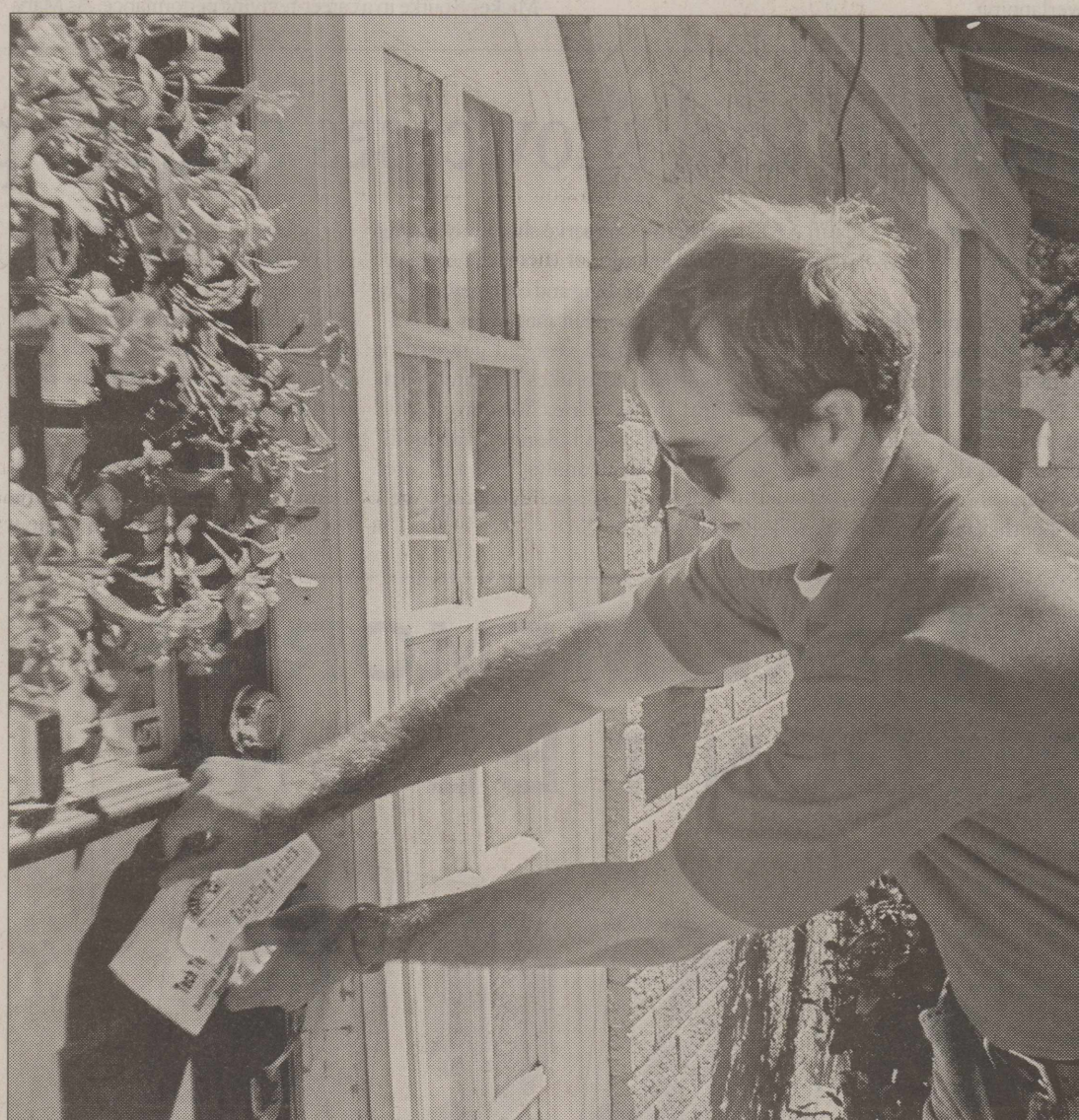
Marc Orgass, a junior business management major from Logan,

N.M., said Red Raiders, especially those from out of town, have a tendency to go through college without seeing themselves as Lubbockites.

In many cases, Orgass said, this attitude probably comes from a lack of civic pride.

"A lot of people come from bigger cities like Dallas or Houston or San Antonio," he said. "Lubbock's not as attractive as those cities, so (the students) end up just staying around the campus."

Activities like Saturday's Tech Community Day are a good way to change students' attitudes about



ROBERT DORRIS, A sophomore architecture and business major from Spring, tapes a brochure on a door in Tech Terrace as part of the Keep Lubbock Beautiful event. The brochure contains information about the recycling satellite located in Tech Terrace.

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"I think that the fact that this many students are wanting to go out and help in the community is a really positive reflection on Texas Tech."

— JOBI MARTINEZ
Texas Tech Coordinator for
Civic Engagement

Lubbock, Orgass said. He participated in the event with a group from the Student Government Association.

Saturday, more than 150 students from several campus organizations teamed with the Keep Lubbock Beautiful and Don't Mess with Texas campaigns to serve the community.

Orgass said students should take advantage of the opportunities they have to do community service in college.

"It's easy for students to get involved in Lubbock because it's a smaller town," he said. "It's good to start now because they'll want to be

involved later on in life. You don't want to be someone who just goes to work and then comes home every day and never makes any difference."

Jobi Martinez, coordinator for leadership and civic engagement at Tech, said events like the community day not only are a way to change student's perceptions of the Lubbock

community, but also an opportunity to change the community's opinion of college students.

Martinez said the students who gave up a Saturday morning to do things like pick up litter for the Adopt a Highway program or cleaning the grounds of the Lubbock State School gave many

people in Lubbock a better impression of college students.

"We've got a great turnout," she said. "I think that the fact that this many students are wanting to go out and help in the community is a really positive reflection on Texas Tech."

The day began for the student volunteers with registration at 8 a.m. During that time, the community volunteers received assignments, and students from organizations that participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program met with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation. The students then went out into the community and spent Saturday cleaning up Lubbock.

Linzi Robinson, a junior finance major from Katy, said she wanted to help out in the community because she thinks of Lubbock as home. Robinson, who came out as part of the Phi Sigma Beta Service organization, said students need to recognize their role in the community.

By participating in events like the Tech Community Day, she said, Tech students are able to become more involved in city affairs and, hopefully, find a place for themselves within the city.

"I think it's important to do things like this," she said. "You get to meet more people around town and become active in the community."

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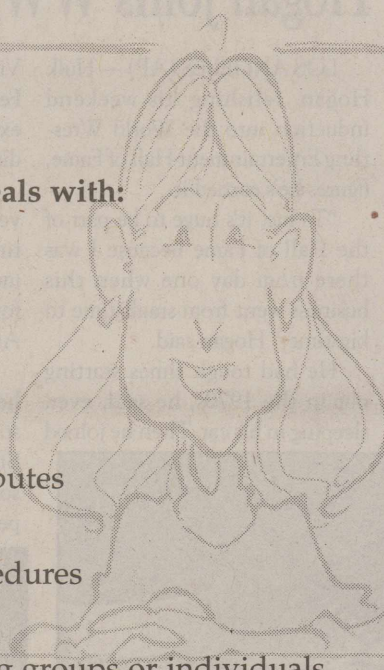
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Sensational 'Sin City' a comic book classic

Frank Miller and Robert Rodriguez's "Sin City" is not just a comic book movie — it's the comic book movie.

It's an amazing and brilliant film, unlike anything ever to hit the big screen. My only complaint — when it was over.

The film, almost a frame-for-frame transfer of Miller's graphic novels to screen, is alive and pulsating with a ferocious energy that never lets up, never cops out.

Just sit back and let it work you over.

"Sin City" is a super-charged film-noir that fuses the sleek look of 1940s mystery with filmmaking capabilities of today. It revels in the curl of smoke from a cigarette or a gun, and savors its sultry sex and fierce violence.

Director Robert Rodriguez ("Desperado," "Once Upon a Time in Mexico") has shot the entire film in black and white, with occasional splashes of color. There are blue and green eyes, a Yellow Bastard, and red hookers' lipstick and blood.

There's a lot of red in "Sin City."

Rodriguez defies Hollywood's play-it-safe conventions at every turn. Not only has he filmed the entire movie in glorious black and white, perhaps worse, he's done it all digitally, which to some filmmakers is a true sin.

Rodriguez practically gave the finger to the Directors Guild of America by relinquishing his membership when they would not allow him to have Frank Miller as a co-director. Then he let his friend, Quentin Tarantino, direct a scene as well.

Fans will likely be able to smell Tarantino throughout the film. In "Pulp Fiction" style, "Sin City" takes three of Miller's stories (four if you count the opening vignette), and tells each one individually with occasional overlapping.

James Eppler



I relished every second of this ultra-cool trip into the darkest part of the imagination. It's a film you want to tell all your friends about and see it again, right now.

Book-ending the film is "That Yellow Bastard," in which an old cop with a bum ticker, Hartigan (Bruce Willis in his best performance in years), rescues a little girl from a serial rapist. But the rapist turns out to be the son of a senator, and Hartigan takes the rap for the rape. After years in the pen, Hartigan gets out to find the small girl, now a filled-out stripper (Jessica Alba), to protect her from the real rapist.

Next up is my favorite, "The Hard Goodbye," with Mickey Rourke in a career-reviving performance. As Marv,

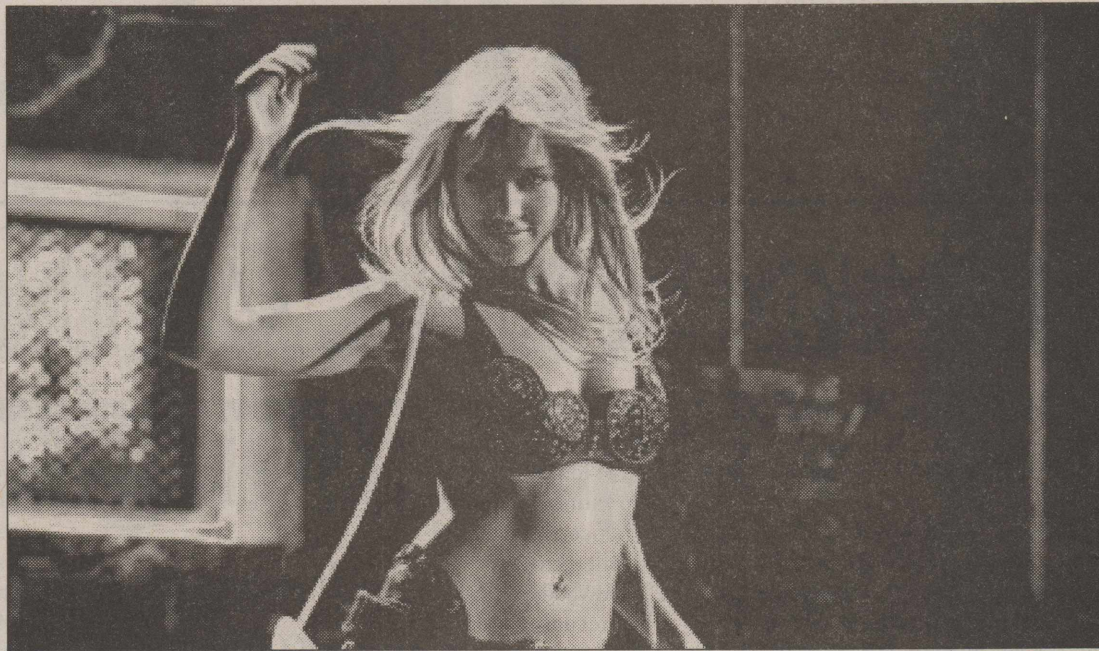


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JESSICA ALBA PLAYS a stripper that cop Bruce Willis is sworn to protect in "Sin City." The film is showing in Lubbock theaters.

a scarred, ugly monster of a man, he sets out to find and kill the person who murdered Goldie, a hooker who is the only woman who ever showed him any affection.

He searches the deepest, darkest corners of "Sin City," exposing them with torturous violence and mayhem. Watch for a cameo by Miller as a priest in this story. Kevin (a creepy Elijah Wood) is a cannibalistic Bill Gates-looking killer, just waiting for Marv to find him.

In "The Big Fat Kill," Benicio Del Toro is Jackie Boy, a crooked cop who is harassing his ex-girlfriend (a wonderful Brittany Murphy) who is now diddling Dwight (Clive Owen). When Del Toro makes the mistake of threatening a young hooker on the street, he has hell to pay by a huge band of working women, led by a deliciously S&M-clad Rosario Dawson.

There's some "Kill Bill"-like violence as a samurai sword-wielding Miho (Devon Aoki) slices and dices people like they were fish bait. Watch, also for the terrific Tarantino-directed scene with Dwight having a conversation with a corpse.

Clive Owen proves once and for all that he deserves to be the next James Bond. Just give him the role already.

The justifiably over-the-top screenplay is perfect for

the film. Much of the dialogue is internal as each of the main characters narrates. Narration is usually a weak device, but in "Sin City" it is vital, as it feels like it is leaping straight off the comic book page. Willis, Rourke and Owen sink their teeth into every line.

So does every actor, for that matter. Each element of classic film-noir is conveyed perfectly through the performances.

It's often as ruthlessly funny as it is brutally violent.

I relished every second of this ultra-cool trip into the darkest part of imagination. It's a film you want to tell all your friends about and see it again, right now.

Most of the credit has to go to Rodriguez. After many years of wanting to make this film a reality, Rodriguez had to feel it was time to, as the film says, "prove to your friends you're worth a damn."

Does he ever.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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Jackson trial showcases singer's private side

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — It turns out Peter Pan grew up after all.

Saying he never had a true childhood, Michael Jackson made his home into a children's fantasy, called it Neverland and once insisted to an interviewer "I am Peter Pan," referring to the boy who refused to grow up.

But the image Jackson has worked

so hard to preserve slips away during his criminal trial with each new reference to drinking and each new display of his many adult magazines.

"He's a 46-year-old guy with a bad back who likes to watch porn and drink wine. Who would've thought?" said J. Randy Taraborrelli, a CBS News analyst and author of "Michael Jackson: The Magic and the Madness."

Jackson has labored for years to control his public image and protect his privacy.

He has worn surgical masks, covered his children's heads with veils and lashed out at intrusive news media in songs such as "Leave Me Alone."

Jackson's fans credit him with extraordinary openness, noting he has welcomed thousands of visitors

to Neverland, where he is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in 2003.

But even during those visits, he has protected his privacy by requiring most guests to sign a lengthy document promising not to talk about what they saw at the ranch. Jackson's employees, like those of many celebrities, are often bound by confidentiality agreements.

Jackson has understood the importance of image since he was a small child performing with his brothers in the Jackson 5.

For the sake of marketability, he shaved two years off his age and falsely told the press that Diana Ross discovered the group, according to Taraborrelli.

And in 1986, according to Taraborrelli's book, Jackson helped spread the widely reported but false story that he slept in a hyperbaric chamber — a ploy to promote his short film "Captain EO," which was debuting at Disneyland and Epcot Center.

Michael Levine, a prominent Hollywood publicist, confirmed in an interview that he helped Jackson and his manager Frank Dileo plant the story but would not comment further. Dileo would not make any comment about Jackson.

During his trial, Jackson's only breaks from the rigorous court schedule have been for medical reasons, including a bout with the flu that delayed jury selection and a back injury that twice made him late for court.

Jackson spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain has insisted that the medical problems were real and not ploys intended to generate sympathy.

"He knows the seriousness of this," she said after Jackson blamed his back for a late arrival. "He's not play-acting."

Proverbs 12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Suggested Daily Proverbs

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JOSE HERNANDEZ, A sophomore management information systems major from Lubbock shares a laugh with Clair McPherson, a freshman advertising major from Houston, as they take a break from salsa dancing during the Tsunami Relief Dance Friday night at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Hogan joins WWE Hall of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hulk Hogan, relishing his weekend induction into the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame, figures he's earned it.

"To me, it's huge to be part of the Hall of Fame because I was there from day one when this business went from small-time to big-time," Hogan said.

He had tough times starting out in the 1970s, he said, even sleeping in his car. Then he joined

Vince McMahon's World Wrestling Federation as it was beginning to expand from local to national TV distribution in the early '80s.

Hogan got to be part of the venture's evolution from a "small-time carnival atmosphere to a huge multibillion-dollar entertainment force in the world," he told The Associated Press.

The renamed WWE Inc., now headed by Vince McMahon Jr., is staging "WrestleMania 21" at the Staples Center on Sunday. The sold-out show is available on pay-per-view television.

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