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STATE

Jury convicts England of six of seven counts

FORT HOOD (AP) — Army Pfc. Lyndie England, whose smiling poses in photos of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison made her the face of the scandal, was convicted Monday by a military jury on six of seven counts.

England, 22, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy, four counts of maltreating detainees and one count of committing an indecent act. She was acquitted on a second conspiracy count.

The jury of five male Army officers took about two hours to reach its verdict. Her case now moves into the sentencing phase, which will be determined by the same jury. She faces a maximum 10 years in prison.

England's trial is the last for a group of nine Army reservists charged with mistreating prisoners at Abu Ghraib in Iraq, a scandal that badly damaged the United States' image in the Muslim world despite quick condemnation of the abuse by President Bush.

NATION

Online poker site offering \$100,000 for naming rights

MORGANTOWN, Ky. (AP) — An online poker site wasn't bluffing when it offered \$100,000 to have its name stamped on a community.

Officials at PokerShare.com are offering that sum if the western Kentucky hamlet of Sharer — which has no city council, no grocery and no post office — changes its name to PokerShare.com.

The proposition has Butler County Judge-Executive Hugh Evans scratching his head, but he's not keen on the idea. "I can't speak for everybody, but certainly speaking for myself, this isn't going to happen," Evans said Thursday. "When you talk about poker and gambling, we're not for that in our county. It's very conservative."

First dibs went to Sharer because of the similarity of its name to PokerShare.com, said Darren Shuster, a public relations agent working for the poker site.

WORLD

Roadside bombs kill 3 U.S. soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Roadside bombs killed three U.S. soldiers Monday in two separate attacks and 16 Iraqis were killed elsewhere, including five teachers and their driver who were shot to death in a classroom by suspected insurgents disguised as policemen.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities freed 500 detainees from the notorious Abu Ghraib prison in a goodwill gesture to Sunnis ahead of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and less than three weeks before a referendum on Iraq's draft constitution.

Two of the American soldiers were killed early Monday in western Baghdad, while the third, who was working with the 42nd Brigade, died about 50 miles southeast of the capital, the military said.

The deaths raised to 1,917 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The teachers were killed as people were leaving the elementary school in Muelha, a village near the town of Iskandariyah, police Capt. Muthana Khaled said. Muelha, about 30 miles south of Baghdad, is in a predominantly Sunni area of Iraq.

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A TALE OF TWO STORMS

Some regard government's response to hurricanes as best, worst of times

By TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whatever the reasons, residents of heavily Republican Texas seemed to get better treatment from the government during Hurricane Rita than the mostly black, poor and Democratic victims of Katrina in Louisiana. The issue of race is likely to linger in the aftermath of the two big storms.

Government mistakes in the first storm, including failure to provide a means of evacuation for tens of thousands of New Orleans residents stranded in flooding low-lying areas, exposed racial and social fault lines.

These divides may be reinforced, rather than diminished, by the government's far more robust response to Hurricane Rita.

Texas is the president's home state, has a Republican governor and is the home of big oil. New Orleans before Katrina was heavily populated by poor blacks who vote Democratic.

With Katrina, "poor folks were told to evacuate and they had no means to do it. In Texas, we had a different type of situation. But even there, the local, state and government failed those people," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "Not to the extent they did with Katrina. But there's no question that affluency made a heck of a difference."

President Bush, vacationing at his Texas ranch as Katrina approached in late August, was a whirlwind of activity this time. He bounded from one command post to another over the weekend to monitor Rita, first to Colorado, then to Texas and then to Louisiana. He went to the Energy Department on Monday for a briefing, and planned to visit storm-affected areas in Texas on Tuesday.

The evacuation of some three million residents ahead of Rita kept casualties tiny. Armies of rescuers, relief workers and U.S. troops swept through stricken areas. Officials at all levels of government could be seen working together. It provided a marked contrast to the Katrina

images beamed around the world: families stranded on rooftops, looters in devastated neighborhoods, refugees huddled in the Superdome and Convention Center, floating bodies, the president catching his first glimpse of the destruction two days after the storm from a window on Air Force One.

"Rita was Bush putting on a show," said David Bositis, a senior political analyst at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank focused on black issues. "Bush and his people took a lot of heavy hits in their response to Katrina. They wanted to be sure that this time around they projected an image of effectiveness."

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JUST PLAINS FUN

South Plains Fair entertains Lubbockites, students

By BECKY NORMAN
FEATURES WRITER

The South Plains Fair is a great way to spend a day or a lunch break between classes reminiscing about childhoods or eating some great, greasy food.

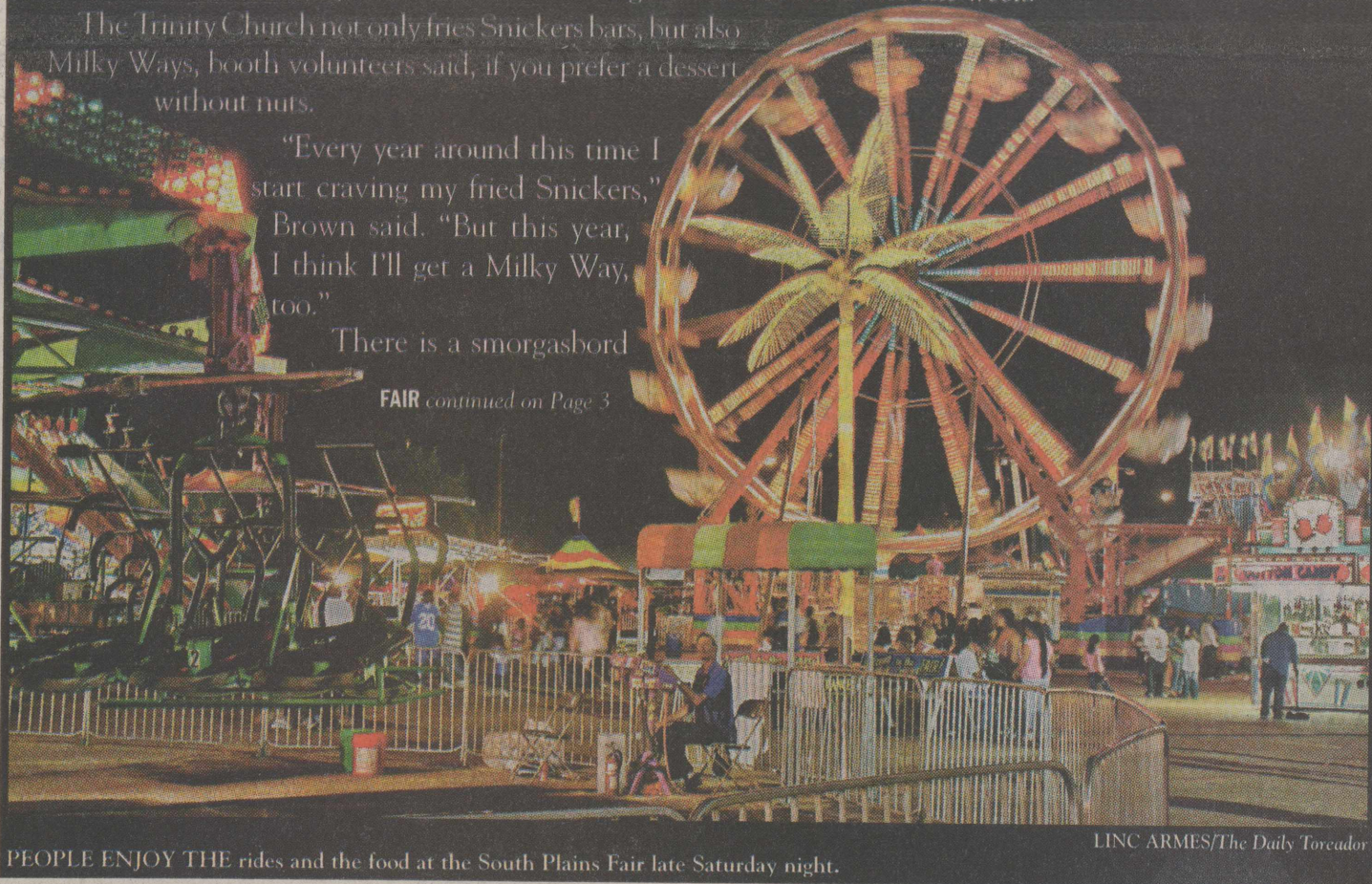
From the "Freak Out" to cheese-on-a-stick," there are many ways to pass time at the fair. Kevin Brown, a Lubbock resident, looks forward to the fair every year. He said he always counts on the famous fried Snickers at the Trinity Church food booth to get his chocolate fix for the week.

The Trinity Church not only fries Snickers bars, but also Milky Ways, booth volunteers said, if you prefer a dessert without nuts.

"Every year around this time I start craving my fried Snickers," Brown said. "But this year, I think I'll get a Milky Way, too."

There is a smorgasbord

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PEOPLE ENJOY THE rides and the food at the South Plains Fair late Saturday night.

LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador

Protestor Cindy Sheehan jailed, students react

By LINDSAY WATTERS
STAFF WRITER

As anti-war protestor Cindy Sheehan sits in a Washington, D.C. jail cell, Texas Tech students speak out about her arrest and mission to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq.

Sheehan, a 48-year-old Californian who became a leader in the anti-war movement after her son's death in Iraq last year, was arrested Monday along with dozens of other war protestors outside the White House, according to *The Associated Press*.

Carrying a photo of her late son dressed in his Army uniform, Sheehan and hundreds of protestors rallied outside the White House on the two-block pedestrian walkway of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Dozens of protestors, including Sheehan, sat down in front of the White House while chanting "Stop the war now," knowing they would be arrested if they did not leave.

According to *The AP*, Sheehan was the first of 50 protestors to be taken into custody and was smiling as she entered a police vehicle.

"She has a right to be at the White House protesting and so does any other U.S. citizen," said Anna Clark, a senior education, nutrition, and restaurant and hotel management major from Dallas. "I look up to her and what she is doing. She's great."

Clark said she agrees with Sheehan.

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Voting begins today for Freshman Council as candidates push to represent their class

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Council seats will be filled by Wednesday night.

Freshman Involvement Adviser Ryan Todd said the freshmen's drive to campaign might be a deciding factor for the winning candidates. He said he was concerned about the students' procrastinating.

"I do think that putting out posters and campaigning helps a lot," said Todd while describing the "go-getters."

Though Freshman Council elections differ from regular Student Government Association elections, Todd said the weight of the upcoming election is just as important.

"I expect most freshmen to get out and vote," he said. "I think this is important like the SGA elections."

Todd said he was impressed with the widespread push from students in the campaign. In addition to the distribution of fliers and the placement of campaign posters, Todd said word of mouth also helps freshmen

be elected.

The elected officers will work with First Year Raider Experience from the Center for Campus Life to develop ideas. Todd said both groups would benefit from the cooperation.

"I think Freshman Council can be beneficial to them and vice versa," Todd said. "I am just excited about getting freshmen involved. (Freshman involvement) is really exciting to be a part of."

Casey Harmon, SGA vice president of internal affairs and student senate president, said she expects an impressive turnout. In addition to the posters seen on campus, she said talk among students in residence halls and other places on campus might also play a role in helping them be elected.

She said she sees potential in this year's incoming freshman class.

"So far, the candidates have seemed to be extra motivated," Harmon said.

Unlike the SGA, the Freshmen Council will not deal with the issues

that affect the entire student body. Instead, the representatives will work with issues related directly to freshmen.

Emily Curtis, unit coordinator at the Center for Campus Life, works with the First Year Raider Experience. She said she is excited and enthusiastic to work with young people with leadership abilities.

"I am looking forward to being with strong and powerful leaders," she said.

As many other elections have been smeared with negative tactics, Curtis said she is impressed with the way the signs have presented positive messages.

"(The Freshman Council campaign) gets people to get out there and positively campaign," she said.

The cooperation with the will be a benefit to freshmen, Curtis said.

Ethan Logan, associate director at the Center for Campus Life, serves as election commissioner for the SGA. He said he looks forward

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VOTES FOR WOMEN

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FRESHMEN DISPLAY THEIR campaign posters on the second floor of Holden Hall. Voting begins at 9 a.m. today for the Freshman Council. The council is a legislative body similar to the SGA, but for first-year students.

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NRA wins New Orleans gun battle

Organization victorious as judge issues order to ban future gun confiscations

By JAY LANGLEY
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The National Rifle Association is claiming a major victory for firearms owners and freedom in Louisiana.

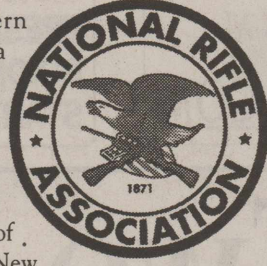
Friday, the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana sided with the NRA and issued a restraining order to bar further gun confiscations from peaceable and law-abiding victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Robert Pratt, the election volunteer coordinator for the 19th Congressional District of Texas, said he agrees with the court ruling.

"I think that the judge did the right thing," he said. "It was clear in the eyes of the judge that a constitutional right was violated. The court decided that the right to bear arms is an individual right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution."

The NRA controversy in New Orleans began when New Orleans

Police Superintendent P. Edwin Compass said in Sept. 9 editions of *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, that new gun confiscation laws would include confiscating weapons possessed by law-abiding citizens.



"No one will be able to be armed," Compass said in *The Washington Post* article. "Guns will be taken. Only law enforcement will be allowed to have guns."

Pratt said despite the decision, he still is shocked the New Orleans police even passed the gun confiscation laws.

"How are people supposed to protect themselves?" he said. "Some of the police aren't very trust worthy. Some even walked off the job."

Pratt said he is proud that many New Orleans citizens stepped up to fight for their gun rights.

"The NRA itself could not bring the case to court," Pratt said. "We needed to find citizens who were wronged to bring the case before the

court. The NRA had no problem finding people who were willing to go to court."

Pratt said the issue is citizens' rights.

"Essentially the New Orleans officials were robbing citizens," he said. "In some cases they were taking guns away from homes that were unoccupied. There are no receipts, no record of where these guns are."

Pratt said while the decision does not set a national precedent, the NRA is working to prevent this situation from occurring in other U.S. cities.

"I am glad to see the NRA coming through state by state statues that give the states the right to take guns," he said. "We need to look at these statues, not only to protect the citizens, but to let law enforcement officials know the laws as well."

Ashley Varner, a spokesperson for the NRA, said the court decision will benefit the citizens of Louisiana.

"The decision handed down by the district court in Louisiana is a significant victory in the fight for freedom for the victims of Hurricane

Katrina," she said. "The victims now have the proper means to protect themselves."

Varner said the NRA would use the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina in future gun confiscation cases.

"We must remember the events of New Orleans to make sure this does not happen again," she said.

Varner said the NRA is looking at each states gun laws.

"We are searching for any loopholes in state legislature that would allow city

officials in the future to confiscate guns from law-abiding citizens," Varner said.

Brad Hoelscher, a freshman po-

litical science major from Cyclone, is an active member of the NRA.

"The decision by the court upheld the Second Amendment of the Constitution," he said. "City officials should under no circumstances be allowed to take guns away from law-abiding citizens. Those officials who took the guns away should be reprimanded."

Pratt said he does not see gun confiscation laws as a problem in Texas, even with Hurricane Rita hitting the coast of Texas.

"Texas has a long and rich history of protecting the rights of individuals to protect and bear arms," Pratt said.

It was clear in the eyes of the judge that a constitutional right was violated ... the right to bear arms is an individual right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

— ROBERT PRATT
Election Volunteer
Coordinator

Safety Walk aims to alleviate dangers on campus

By KRISTEN LARK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Texas Tech students who ever have walked around campus at night or who have been too afraid to are the focus of Safety Walk, a program by the Tech Police Department and Student Government Association.

The two are joining forces with other campus organizations to hold a Night Out Safety Walk on the Tech campus.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. today in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building.

According to a news release provided by the police department, the goal of the event is to have students and university administrators from their respective departments canvass

the campus during the hours of darkness to evaluate areas of the campus which students may feel are unsafe.

Jack Floyd, the crime prevention officer at the Tech Police Department, said he hopes many students consider attending the event because they will benefit the most from the walk.

"The more information or more input they give, the more we can help the students," he said. "We want the students' opinions on campus safety."

Floyd said the idea came from Ron Seacrist, Tech police chief.

Floyd said Seacrist did the same type of program at the University of West Florida — where he transferred from last year.

SGA President Nathan Nash said the program has been in the

works since last spring, when the student senate passed a resolution to form a safety committee.

He said he is excited about the program and believes the event will be helpful to students.

"We've always been thinking of ways to make our campus as safe as possible," Nash said. "It's also kind of an accessibility thing."

Nash said this will make the campus a safer place and will make it easier for students with disabilities to get around.

He said the event is important because it will establish a relationship between students and the police.

"It solidifies that community atmosphere that we're always talking about," Nash said.

Soney Halbert, a freshman early childhood special educa-

tion major from Arlington, said she lives in Hulen Hall and will definitely attend the event, even though she feels Tech is already a relatively safe campus.

"I think it's a pretty good idea. I'd like to be more safe — not that I don't think Tech's safe — but to see other people's opinions would be pretty cool," she said.

Halbert said she walks around campus at night sometimes and cannot think of a place she would feel unsafe alone.

Any student who wants to attend the event should be at the Matador Room by 6:30 p.m. today for a briefing and to get assignments for what part of the campus the student will be walking.

A map provided by the police department shows the campus divided into 19 sections, with a

group of students and a representative from campus organizations assigned to each section. The group will walk around for about an hour, surveying the campus and pointing out areas the students think could be improved, according to the news release.

After the actual walk, the students are invited to return to the Matador Room for refreshments and last-minute ideas.

Two of the organizations participating in the event are Residence Life and the Tech public safety committee.

Floyd said e-mails were sent to many Tech departments explaining the event and asking for participation.

He said organizations that are not able to participate directly provided other necessities, such as vehicle rentals and sunscreen.

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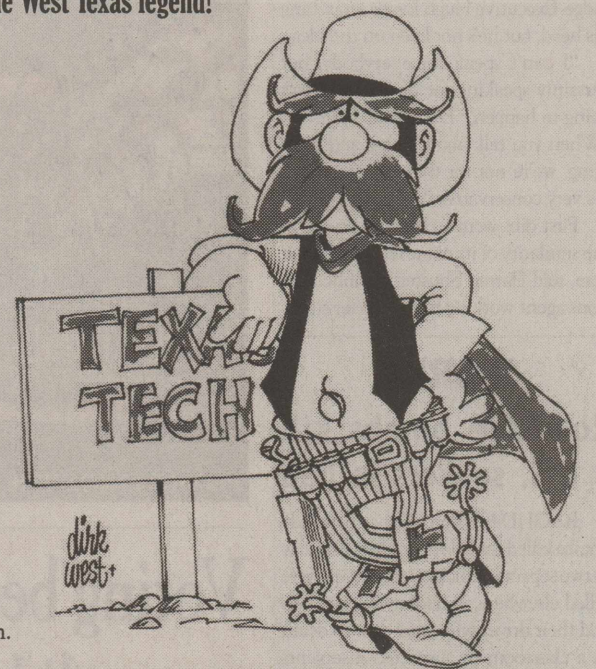
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Two storms

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Bositis said Bush's performance did next to nothing to improve his deeply unpopular image among blacks.

Bush and Republican party chief Ken Mehlman have worked to cultivate blacks, including overtures to black ministers, in hopes of giving the party a better shot at luring black votes in the future. Bush got 9 percent of the black vote in 2000 and 11 percent in 2004, according to exit polls.

The president met privately on Friday with NAACP President Bruce Gordon. "They ... talked about ways we can work together on shared priorities," said Bush spokesman Scott McClellan.

Bush's advocacy of "faith-based" government initiatives and opposition to gay marriage resonated among some blacks in 2004, analysts suggested.

"Now, Katrina is a bellwether issue for a lot of people. And it means it's going to complicate his relationship with some of these ministers and their parishioners," said Ron Walters, a political science professor at the University of Maryland who specializes in black politics.

Many blacks "have deep emotional questions" on the treatment of storm

victims, Walters said. "A lot of these people are their kin. The social network of the black community is spread throughout the South."

Bush, asked by a reporter on Monday about suggestions by some blacks that the administration is insensitive to the plight of urban blacks, said: "I can assure you that the response efforts and now the recovery efforts are aimed at saving everybody."

Still, he said, the hurricanes exposed Americans to a view of "some poverty they had never imagined before. And we have to address that, whether it be rural or urban."

In an AP-Ipsos poll earlier this month, three-fourths of blacks surveyed felt the government would have responded faster if the victims of Katrina weren't poor and mostly black; just 25 percent of whites felt that way.

Democrats have seized on the divide as political ammunition for upcoming 2006 midterm elections. "Bush's failed leadership on African Americans," trumpets a Democratic National Committee press release.

Suggesting inflated rhetoric on both sides, Earl Black, a political scientist at Rice University in Houston, said: "My view is that it's probably not wise for anybody to make too much partisan hay out of tragedies."

Fair

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of food at the fair, ranging from traditional turkey legs and funnel cakes to roasted corn and caramel apples. Janice Young, another Lubbock resident, said she enjoys the foot-long corn dogs, curly fries and strawberry lemonade, which also are a few favorites at the fair this year.

"I can't come to the fair and not have my corn dog smothered in ketchup, even if it means my diet is ruined for the week," Young said. "But I can do without the 'Zipper' (ride) afterwards."

While many Lubbock residents enjoy the fair lunch break, few said they could have their sausage wrap and enjoy a ride on the Kamikaze after eating. Young said she enjoyed taking her kids to the fair, but would leave the roller coasters up to them.

The fair offers a variety of rides from simple slides to the "Freak Out," which ride-goers said name suits it very well.

Kristy Ward, a pre-medicine major from Amarillo, said the "Freak Out" is the No. 1 ride at the fair this year.

"I couldn't even breathe because it was spinning so fast," said Ward. "It is the best ride here this year."

The "Freak Out" spins at about 20 mph and is about 50 feet tall, but is not the only great ride which has been raved about; there are also the traditional rides such as the "Ferris Wheel," "Bumper Cars," "Starship" and "Fun House."

This year, there also is the "Super Shot," which Ward said is just like being on the Big Shot on top of the Stratosphere in Las Vegas, and the "Pirates Den," which she said is a "supped-up fun house."

"If you don't like roller coasters, you have to break your diet this week and come have a cheese-on-a-stick or chicken-on-a-stick," Ward said. "Either one is fabulous."

Students can enjoy a meal-on-a-stick or fried desert at the 2005 South Plains Fair until Oct. 1.

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Sheehan

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han about the war in Iraq and hopes people, especially President Bush, take her protests into consideration.

"Bush needs to bring the troops home since he lied to us about the war in the first place," Clark said. "All those people are fighting and dying for a reason that isn't even true. There were no nuclear weapons over there and now that we know that, why can't they come home?"

She said she hopes Sheehan's arrest will not be ridiculed because she did not put up a fight with police officials.

"She was cooperative and so were the other protestors while they were being arrested," Clark said. "I just hope people don't take her for a bad person because she has a really good and genuine cause."

Adam Corder, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Garland, said he is glad Washington, D.C. police arrested Sheehan because they would have done the same if it were any other protestor.

"Just because she is such a well-known person because of what she is doing doesn't mean she should get special privileges when it comes to laws," Corder said. "If I, or any other Tech student, was at the White House protesting the war, I would get arrested. It doesn't matter who you are; you have to follow laws."

Corder said anti-war protestors are not true to this country and thinks all

U.S. citizens should support the troops.

"I understand her son died, but there are a lot of families who have lost people close to them who still support the war against terrorism," he said. "We have to be loyal to troops who go and fight for our freedom; citizens of this country have been for centuries."

Whitney Kahn, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Dallas, said she is neither liberal nor conservative and agrees with both sides of the argument.

"I don't think what Sheehan is doing is wrong, but I do agree that she should have been arrested if she was breaking laws," she said. "I am in the middle when it comes to the whole war in debate, but everyone needs to follow laws."

Kahn said she empathizes with Sheehan's loss of her son, but also thinks the war against terrorism is necessary if it will protect our country.

"If what the president and other government officials are saying is true, then this war will bring freedom for those people in Iraq and will also protect America against terrorists," Kahn said. "If this war can really accomplish these things, then I agree with our troops staying in Iraq. If these are lies, then we need to bring the troops home. I just don't ever want to see another terrorist attack like Sept. 11 ever again."

Sheehan, along with fellow arrested protestors, will be charged with demonstrating without a permit, which is a misdemeanor, is punishable by community service, payment of a fine or imprisonment of up to one year in a county jail, according to the Help Legal Web site.

Freshmen

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ing his first Freshman Council election, and said freshmen students will be introduced to the new voting format.

"This will be what people will see in the future," Logan said.

Twenty-two representatives will

have a place in Freshman Council and more than 50 freshmen will be on the ballot. The members of Freshman Council will meet twice a month.

The election will be held online at www.sga.ttu.edu. Students will log on with their e-Raider account and be able to vote for as many as 22 freshmen. Elections begin today at 9 a.m. and will run until 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Roberts heads toward confirmation, Bush hints 'diversity' in next selection

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Roberts, hailed by supporters as "the brightest of the bright," cruised Monday toward easy confirmation as chief justice while President Bush hinted that his next pick to the Supreme Court could be a minority or a woman.

"Diversity is one of the strengths of the country," the president said.

Roberts, a 50-year-old federal appellate judge and the president's first pick for the Supreme Court, is assured of getting an overwhelming confirmation vote by the Senate later this week, making him the nation's 17th chief justice.

Roberts is "the brightest of the bright," declared Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., as the Senate began several days of debate.

Two-thirds of the 100 senators — both Republicans and Democrats — already had promised to support Roberts as the successor to the late William H. Rehnquist before the debate began. Roberts' would-be colleagues support him, said Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

"The word is that the justices very much applaud his nomination to be chief justice," Specter said. "He has the potential, almost from a running start, to bring a new day and a new era to the Supreme Court."

With Roberts' confirmation guaranteed, senators and Bush started turning to the White House's upcoming selection of a replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Specter said he expects that nomination to come "shortly, if not immediately, after a decision is made by the Senate on the Roberts nomination."

Frist and Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., expect Roberts to be confirmed by Thursday, and Bush is expected to make his next selection for the Supreme Court soon after that.

"I will pick a person who can do the job. But I am mindful that diversity is one of the strengths of the country," Bush said Monday. He is under pressure from many quarters — including his wife — to pick a woman or a minority for O'Connor's seat.

Widely mentioned candidates include federal appellate judges Janice Rogers Brown, Edith Brown Clement, Edith Hollan Jones, Emilio Garza, Alice Batchelder, Karen Williams, J. Michael Luttig, J. Harvie Wilkinson, Michael McConnell and Samuel Alito.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, former deputy attorney general Larry Thompson, lawyer Miguel Estrada and Maura Corrigan, a member of the Michigan Supreme Court, are also considered possibilities.

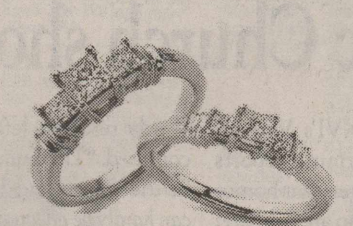
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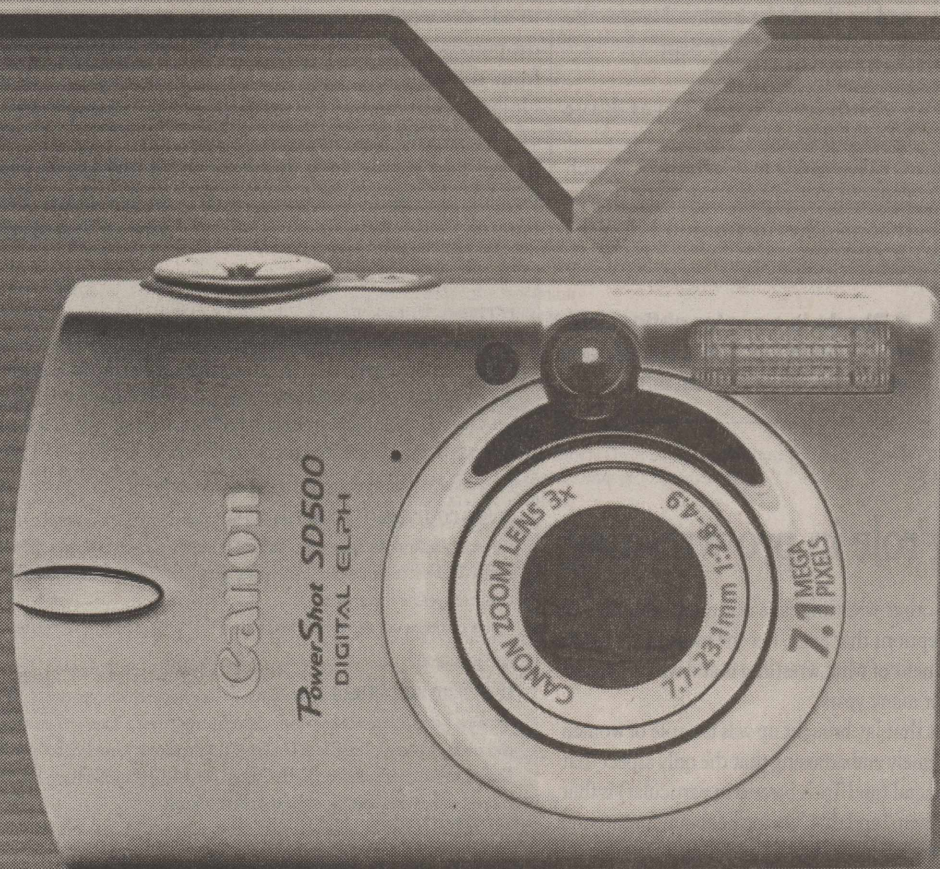
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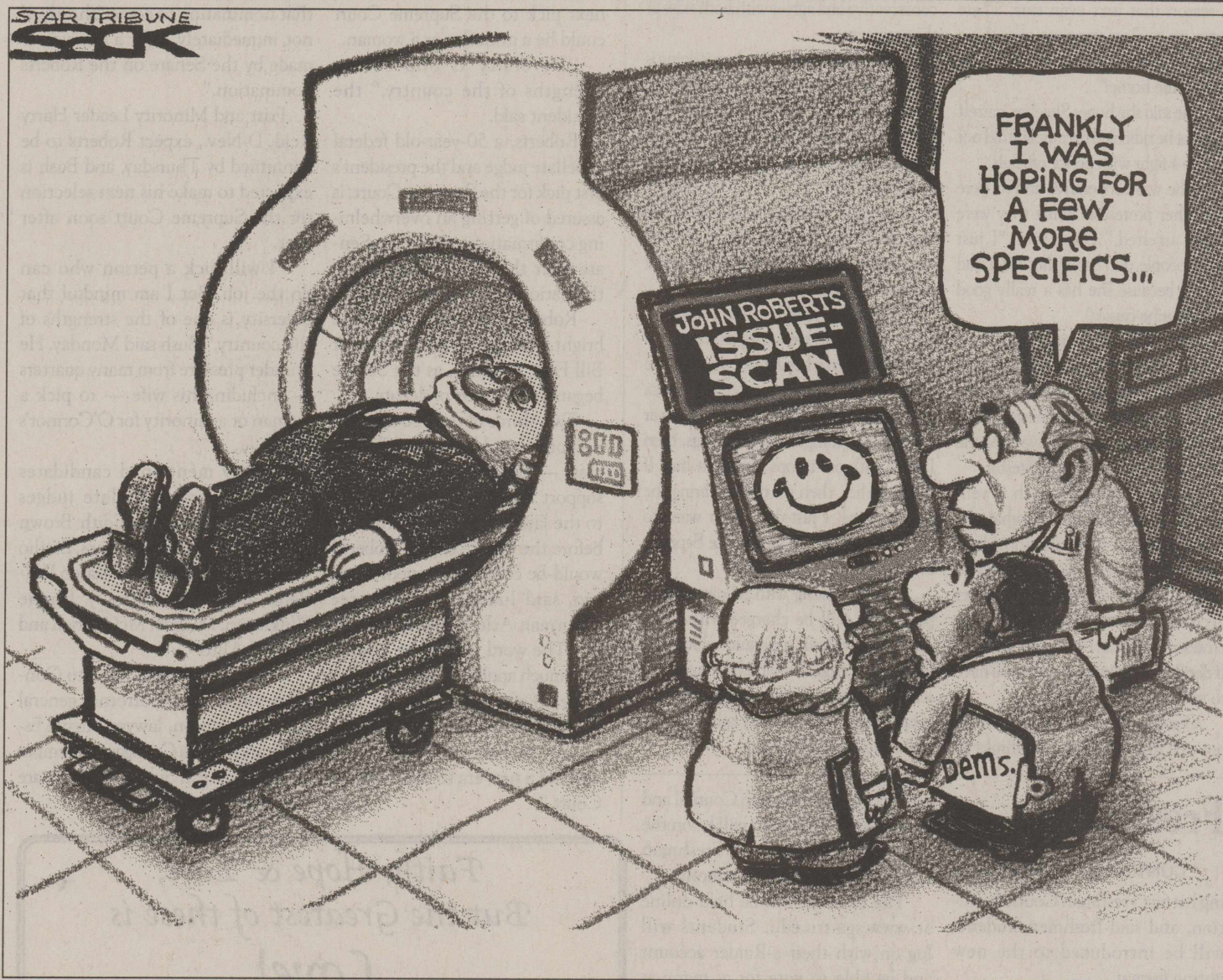
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Catholic Church shouldn't turn away from gay priests

Pope Benedict XVI's Vatican has been confirming reports of a coming decree that homosexuals, even those who are celibate, are to be barred from the priesthood. An official ruling will probably be published within six weeks. The "instruction," issued from the Congregation for Catholic Education, will have worldwide application. Also, the Vatican has ordered an apostolic visitation where investigators will visit all 229 U.S. seminaries. The guidelines for the visitation, the document "Instrumentum Laboris," reads as follows: "Is there evidence of homosexuality in the seminary? (This question must be asked) ... Do the faculty formation watch out for signs of particular friendships?"

It is amazing how quickly enlightened discourses on the wonder of God's love fade when your ass is on the line.

Proponents of the document say it will apply only to candidates for priesthood, not those already in service. In fact, however, it will bar or drive underground any and all gay men currently laboring for the church. For many reasons, this is wrong. Unjust. It should stop.

It was curious to me why the modern Catholic Church, an institution rightly proud of its record of defending human rights, would take this tack. Was the teaching of the church on homosexuality so different from its very real toleration of other minorities?

My research left me even more confused. "The human person, made in the image and likeness of God, can hardly be adequately described by a reductionist reference to his or her sexual orientation." This is from a 1986 letter to the bishops of the Catholic Church, entitled "On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons." It continues, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action," and later, "What is at all costs to be avoided is the unfounded and demeaning assumption that the sexual behaviour of homosexual persons is always and totally compulsive and therefore inculpable. What is essential is that the fundamental liberty which characterizes the human person and gives him his dignity be recognized as belonging to the homosexual person as well." The author of this astounding document was one Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

It is amazing how quickly enlightened discourses on the wonder of God's love fade when your ass is on the line. Rather than simply blaming the few bad priests or creating a culture of responsibility for their protectors, the bigwigs have decided to cowardly pass the buck on a particular subgroup of God's servants — blameless, decent men who have spent years of their life in his service. A very large majority of lay ministers who work personally with the clergy are women. Yet nobody suggests banning straight men from ordination.

Studies show that gay people are no more likely to engage in child molestation than heterosexuals. Perhaps the argument then becomes: "Well, even if they're not pedophiles, they can't be in seminary or the priesthood; they won't be able to control

Jason Rhode

themselves." This contradicts Catholic teachings. What about the "unfounded and demeaning assumption" that homosexual behavior "is always and totally compulsive?" What about not reducing a person to "his or her sexual orientation?" You can't have it both ways. If the Catholics follow the fundamentalist Protestant belief that homosexuality is a choice, then the church contradicts its own teachings. Moreover if it's just a choice, then there are no inherent homosexuals and thus no need for Benedict's ban.

The Catholic Catechism Part 2358 reads: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible ... every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

If you think homosexuality is inborn and uncontrollable, then how can they be held morally responsible for their actions? Catechism part 2359 begins, "Homosexual persons are called to chastity." How can gays be called to chastity if they're genetic fornicators? Also, if the church believes gay priests are unstoppable sin machines, what hope can there be for the homosexual laity? Why call any gay person to chastity in the first place?

And if homosexuality is inborn, but can be controlled, what's the objection to them being priests? Even if you think homosexual behavior is a sin, simply being one surely is not. Celibacy should be the test. Not

inherent sexuality.

The American church will be hurt. "The priesthood is or is becoming a gay profession," writes Rev. Donald Cozzens. BBC News reports estimates that one out of four of the 42,500 American clergy are non-practicing homosexuals. The Associated Press says a quarter to half. A gay priest writing recently under the pseudonym of "Paul Michaels," says 20 to 30 percent.

There was once another priest, of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor. His name was Mychal Judge. Brooklyn-born of Irish immigrants, he shined shoes after his father died. He was ordained in 1961 and became Chaplain of the New York Fire Department in 1992. On Sept. 11, 2001, he met Mayor Giuliani at the Towers and prayed for the victims and the city. He gave last rites to men dying on the street, even after a building chunk hit his head. Then he ran into the South Tower lobby to join an emergency command post. He was killed by a shower of debris when the North Tower fell.

You've probably seen the famous picture, the "Pieta," with his dead body being carried by five firefighters. Three thousand people came to his funeral. John Paul II was presented with his helmet. Congress nominated him for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Some said he should be a saint. He was the first official casualty of Sept. 11.

And he was gay. Should Mychal never have been ordained?

The modern Catholic Church fights for human rights in a way that no other institution can. Why not here, too?

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One nation, under God

Pledge of Allegiance an American tradition

What are the first things you remember having memorized? You probably remember having a song or two, a couple of nursery rhymes, a catchphrase from a TV show or movie. I personally remember a bedtime prayer, taught to me by my grandmother, that I used to say when I went to bed.

Most likely on everyone's list is the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyday in thousands of classrooms across the United States, millions of students from kindergarten to high school recite the Pledge. The recitation of the Pledge is a foundation of every school-aged child's day.

If Michael Newdow has his way, however, that will no longer be the case. Newdow, a self-proclaimed atheist from California who is representing three unnamed children and their parents, claims the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is a violation of a separation between church and state.

Two weeks ago, U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton ruled in Newdow's clients' favor. Judge Karlton cited precedent in a 2002 case that was brought before the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which also involved Newdow. In that case, the court ruled 2-1 that the words "under God" were an unconstitutional endorsement of monotheism. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it was rejected because Newdow did not have adequate custody to act on his daughter's behalf.

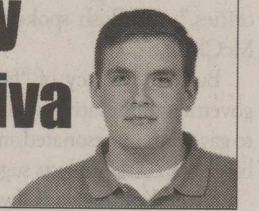
Now the case inevitably will wind up on the steps of the high court again, and this time there will be no easy side-step to the issue. The constitutionality of the Pledge will be tested — and on the highest stage possible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was first published on Oct. 11, 1892, by Francis Bellamy, a socialist author and minister, as a way to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. The original words stated, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." After a declaration shortly thereafter by President Benjamin Harrison, the Pledge began to be used in public schools.

On June 22, 1942, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance. In 1943, in the Supreme Court case *West Virginia State Board of Education vs. Barnette*, the Court ruled 6-3 to prohibit a school from requiring a student to recite the Pledge.

The move to include "under God" didn't come until 1954, when the Knights of Columbus led a campaign to add the words to the Pledge, with the purpose being to separate the U.S. from the officially atheistic Soviet Union and to remove the expression of nation and flag worship. What started as a simple daily declaration became a weapon to combat communism.

Trey Caliva



When President Eisenhower signed the bill adding "under God" into the Pledge, he said, "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the almighty," and why not? Either God or the image of a master creator has been with our country since its inception in 1776.

The Declaration of Independence states "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." In another monumental moment in our country's history, President Abraham Lincoln uttered the phrase, almost identical to its wording in the Pledge, in the Gettysburg Address, "that this nation, under God". The phrase, "In God We Trust" appears on every monetary bill and coin that our nation produces. "In God We Trust" is actually an official U.S. motto, designated by an act of Congress in 1956, and appears in the fourth, and rarely sung, stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner.

Many of our presidents, republican and democrat, have found it customary to end speeches with "God Bless America." In fact, in a quick scan of a Web site archive of state of the union and inaugural addresses (www.president.ucsb.edu), it's hard to find one speech that doesn't make at least a passing reference to either God, the Almighty or in faith itself. In fact, a quick read on Jimmy Carter found that he was actually quite fond of making Biblical references in his speeches.

That's 229 years of acknowledgment of our country's faith. The words "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance are not stating that our nation is under one religion or that everyone is required to believe it. Instead, you're acknowledging the fundamental role that faith has and continues to have.

Our country was founded on freedom from religious persecution, but it has endured through an ever-present faith in a higher power.

I would simply tell Mr. Newdow that it is through that faith embodied in the Pledge of Allegiance he is granted the right to speak, and an affirmation of that legacy is not too much to ask of ourselves and our nation's youth. But if that is too much to ask of Mr. Newdow, then I am truly sorry for him, for the Pledge of Allegiance is wholly American, and to treat it so unjustly is to sincerely hate being American.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Caliva's marriage arguments flawed Female fans play big role in pro wrestling

I am writing in response to the column by Trey Caliva on Sept. 22. Let me first state that I respect his right to speak his opinion, although I don't respect the opinion itself. It is rooted in fear, bigotry and misinformation. The arguments he offers in support of his position are grossly flawed.

First, Caliva opposes gay marriage under the banner of states' rights. He compares getting married to obtaining a driver's license and argues that states pose certain qualifications for the latter, so why not the former? This might at first sound reasonable, but once one actually thinks about it, the argument falls apart. What qualifications does the state impose for the issuance of a driver's license? Only those which relate directly to one's ability to operate a motor vehicle and obey the laws of the road. It is unjust and illegal to withhold a license because someone is black, Muslim, a member of the socialist party or any other irrelevant criteria.

So which criteria are relevant to marriage? Well, if we go with Caliva's own words: "The ultimate sign of that love is marriage," then the only qualifications for marriage would be love between two people and the ability to consent.

Another tactic taken by those opposed to homosexuals exercising their civil rights is to declare, much like Mrs. Lovejoy, "Think of the children!" Well, let's think. Even assuming that children of homosexual couples are not as well off as those of heterosexual couples (which is by no means a safe assumption), then we must also consider other family structures in which children grow up.

The question posed by Caliva is the wrong one. We should not ask: "Do they have the right to marry?" Instead, the question should be: "By what right does government restrict their right to marry?"

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It is refreshing to see that there are other wrestling fans out there who care to defend the sport from the many misconceptions that exist. For the most part, I am in agreement with Jay Langley in his assessment of what wrestling is and what it means to the fans, as I have been an avid fan for many years.

One issue that I would like to address that Jay brought up was the role of women in the sport. As a female fan, I find it extremely embarrassing that the only aspect that Jay brings up about female wrestlers in general (and Trish Stratus in particular) is that they are the "reason that God created women," and that "seeing her bouncing around in a hot pink leotard is the single greatest reason to watch wrestling." Somehow I don't think that Jay was discussing her wrestling ability, which is considerable.

The mistake that many, including Jay, seem to make is that all fans of wrestling are male. In a telephone conversation, Harry Burkett, editor for Pro Wrestling Illustrated (a highly respected magazine in the sport) assured me that almost half of the fans of professional wrestling are women. Comments such as Jay's that are just "for the guys" are just as misleading and harmful as comments from those who insist that wrestling is all fake.

My point is, that while I certainly applaud Jay for defending the entertainment that so many of us have loved for so long, he partly verified the expectations of the general public that all wrestling fans are "rednecks" by publicly objectifying the women involved in the sport and indirectly insulting the many female fans of wrestling in the process. Female wrestlers are also extremely physical performers and deserve the same respect, as do the female fans.

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Internet publishing now regulated in China

Tech faculty discuss how Internet prior restraint could be more of a reality than earlier thought

By CARLOS BERGFELD
STAFF WRITER

Government regulations can be a double-edged sword for a country's citizens.

With increased safety, security or other benefits on one hand and loss of freedoms on the other, deciding what to regulate fuels much of the debate in the U.S. and other countries.

However, other countries may not have as much protection of inalienable rights as the U.S.

A new regulation passed in China on Sunday places restrictions on Internet publishing for Chinese citizens, specifically news providers, according to the authorized govern-

ment portal site to China at www.china.org.cn.

The regulation outlined 10 kinds of content all Chinese Web sites must not publish to avoid severe punishment or closure.

Most of the prohibitions dealt with limiting content about the Chinese government to prevent "unhealthy" news from reaching the public— information that endangers national unification, is detrimental to the honor and interests of the State or disturbs social order will not be allowed.

The First Amendment, while not in effect in the People's Republic of China, a communist state, protects Americans from these types of in-

fringements.

Recently, the Federal Election Commission has looked at proposals to regulate the Internet in regard to campaign finance and spending.

Craig Goodman, assistant professor of political science, said political bloggers have been worried this regulation would inhibit free speech.

"The question is trying to figure out whether or not the blogs are directly associated with the campaign," he said.

Whether or not the Federal Election Commission could effectively regulate campaign-related Internet activity poses several problems due to both the medium of the content and the issue in general, Goodman said. "Campaign finance is such a tricky issue that you start to ask whether or not it's realistic," he said.

Coy Callison, an associate professor of public relations, said proposals to regulate the Internet have tradi-

tionally been met with resistance.

"I think that the thought is, once any kind of regulation has been put in place, then the floodgates open," he said.

Callison has served as a public relations consultant for campaigns, and said the Internet's global scope would pose a problem to regulations.

"You just jump in the middle of it," he said. "It kind of exists as its own being."

Michael Parkinson, associate dean for graduate studies at the College of Mass Communications, said regulating the Internet has proved difficult in the past, but should be attempted in this situation.

"Technology can be regulated," he said. "Think about the fact that they regulate broadcast."

One of the difficulties in dealing with the Internet comes from the fear of lawmakers producing overly broad, all-encompassing regulations

that would prohibit much more than they were initially designed to, Parkinson said.

The argument that the Internet should remain totally free of regulation as to prevent a cascade of Internet control laws being passed holds no merit, Parkinson said, as laws regulating Web activity have already been created.

"This is certainly not the first domino to fall," he said.

Ed Youngblood, assistant professor of electronic media and communications, said any regulations would be possible in theory, as they would

most likely be directed at political organizations, not individuals.

"I think there's a difference between regulating what the Republican Party says and regulating what a person says," he said.

The issue of campaign finance reform has several complications to resolve on its own, separate from the question of medium, and existing campaign finance regulations have been side-stepped in many elections, Youngblood said.

"People find lots of loopholes—it's a blurry line," he said. "It's not a very cut-and-dried issue."

Tech student taken to UMC after seizure

A student was transported from the Chemistry building to the University Medical Center emergency room via ambulance at approximately 1 p.m. Monday.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department said the 18-year-old female student was reportedly lightheaded

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By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Anybody walking by the free speech gazebo Monday might have heard tales about prostitutes and profanity from J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye."

Students from Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, handed out candy as they read aloud from the book in an attempt to increase awareness about Banned Books Week.

As passing students stopped and read the list of the top 100 banned or challenged books, exclamations of shock were heard.

"I just find it kind of surprising," said Isaiah Johnson, a junior political science major from San Diego, Calif. "It seems like this is something that would happen around the time of the Scopes trial. It just doesn't make sense."

Johnson said he would expect some of the titles on the list to be controversial about 40 years ago, but not now.

"These are books that will enhance the ethics of our society," he said. "These are things we still haven't worked out."

After glancing over the titles on the list, Johnson said he has probably read about half of the books listed and is familiar with many others.

Staci Barker, the service and projects coordinator for Sigma Tau Delta, said she has read about 30 to 40 of the top 100 books listed.

"A lot of students on campus are unaware that popular high school and university titles are challenged," said Barker, a senior English major from Granbury. "People tend to be shocked that books they have read throughout their scholastic years are being attacked by certain extremist groups."

Barker said parents often challenge books as well, as some may not want their children reading material they deem inappropriate. Books often are challenged because of language, sexual content, religious content and violence, among other things, Barker said.

"Most of the time these challenges show up in private schools," she said.

Challenges and bans on books also show up in small towns or rural areas, as well as other areas that could be considered more conservative, Barker said.

While it is Banned Books Week across the nation, Sigma Tau Delta is trying to enlighten Texas Tech students about banned or challenged books.

"We are raising awareness about challenged and banned books in celebration of freedom of expression," she said.

Sigma Tau Delta will be in the free speech area today and Wednesday, reading aloud from another controversial book, Barker said. The organization will be hosting a reading 8 p.m. Wednesday at J&B Coffee Company at 26th Street and Boston Avenue, where people may read excerpts from their favorite challenged book.

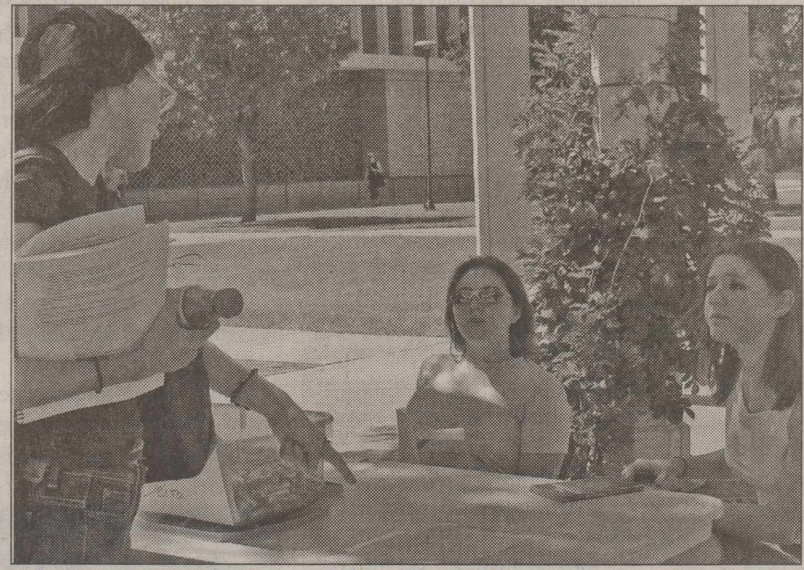
Barker said she feels strongly about Banned Books Week and believes it is important for all students.

"I think most of these books on this list are of high literary merit," she said. "Preventing students from reading these books denies them a higher sense of understanding of our culture."

Johnson said the books he had read on the list should not be banned. For some, he said he did not understand the motivation behind those that challenged it.

"What's the deal?" he said. "Why would that be challenged?"

According to the American Library Association Web site, the week-long event, which has been observed since 1982, celebrates the freedom to express opinions, despite how unpopular that viewpoint might be.



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SIGMA TAU DELTA, the English honor society, reads aloud from "Catcher in the Rye," and hands out information regarding Banned Book Week in the free speech area Monday.

2004 Top Ten Banned Books:

The books, in order of most frequently challenged, are:

- "The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier, for sexual content, offensive language, religious view point, being unsuited to age group and violence
- "Fallen Angels" by Walter Dean Myers, for racism, offensive language and violence
- "Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture" by Michael A. Bellesiles, for inaccuracy and political viewpoint
- "Captain Underpants" series by Dav Pilkey, for offensive language and modeling bad behavior
- "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky, for homosexuality, sexual content and offensive language
- "What My Mother Doesn't Know" by Sonya Sones, for sexual content and offensive language
- "In the Night Kitchen" by Maurice Sendak, for nudity and offensive language
- "King & King" by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland, for homosexuality
- "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, for racism, homosexuality, sexual content, offensive language and unsuited to age group
- "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, for racism, offensive language and violence

Off the list this year, but on the list for several years past, are the Alice series of books by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, "Go Ask Alice" by Anonymous, "It's Perfectly Normal" by Robie Harris and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

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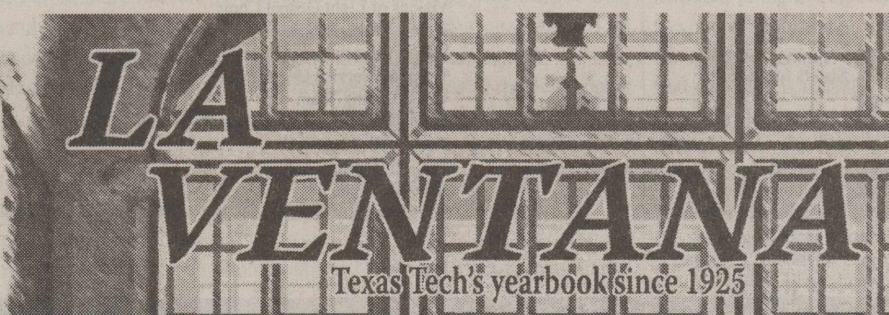
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Raiders whisked away by Cyclones

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

When an opposing team scores six goals on eight shots, the obvious criminal of the day might be the goalie, but Texas Tech soccer coach Neil McGuire said that was not the case on Friday night.

"I have the highest admiration and respect for the goalkeepers," McGuire said. "The blame actually falls on other individuals."

The Tech soccer team began Big 12 play Friday night against Iowa State in a game that McGuire said was not so much a runaway as the score would show.

"We performed quite well," McGuire said. "It's highly unusual for a team to score six goals on eight shots."

On defense, McGuire said there is much room for improvement.

"We have critical errors based on individual's play," he said. "We're going start playing a more conservative defense."

The six goals for the Cyclones is the most the team has scored during a Big 12 conference game since the team's inception in 1996. ISU has won five of its last six games, improving its record to 6-2-2.

Sophomore forward Ashley Reed said losing all the time is becoming old.

"It gets frustrating, but every game is a new game," she said. "No matter how many we lose, we don't go out there with our heads down."

Iowa State jumped on the scoring board at the 11-minute mark in the first half on a goal from sophomore Stephanie Kaphingst.

Junior Kate Kirwan notched her first assist of the season.

Cyclone sophomore Erin Witte continued the scoring for her team with two goals in a span of 60 seconds. Her two goals put Iowa State up 3-0 with the help of Amy Flores, who connected with Witte on the first score for her first assist of the season.

Flores added another point in the game when she booted a shot past the Tech goalkeeper, putting the game out of reach for the Red Raiders. Leslie Hill scored on an assist from Kristina Baumann, which also was her first assist of the season. Hill and Flores are tied for the team lead in goals with three.

Tech's first goal of the match came from forward Kim Cybert, who kicked in a deflected ball off an ISU defender on a penalty kick by Lauren Lothorp — Cybert's second goal of the season.

Last year's high scorer Pricilla Esquivel notched her first goal of the season on a 15-yard kick that made it past the Cyclone goalkeeper.

"I think we gave a brilliant effort and had a lot of intensity," Esquivel said.

This is the first year McGuire has coached the team, and Esquivel said despite the rebuilding years in the past, the Tech team is starting from scratch. Starting over is the reason the team has only been able to manage a single win for the season.

"It's a new beginning for us," Esquivel said.

Tina Rincon said her team puts together great play for 15 minutes at a time, but is having trouble competing for an entire 90 minutes.

"Of course it gets frustrating losing," she said. "But then we go out and have a great practice, and I forget all about it."

The six goals by ISU were the most scored by a Cyclone team since defeating in-state rival Iowa, 6-1 on Oct. 31, 2004.

SENIOR MIDFIELDER KAREN Stephens, left, attempts to maneuver around an Iowa State defender on Friday. Tech lost the match 6-2 keeping the Red Raiders at one win on the year, while the Cyclone's record improved to 6-2-2.



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Big fish makes big splash

Freshman leads team in tackles in first start as a Red Raider

By JOEY KIRK
EDITOR

Freshmen usually don't get invited to speak at press conferences. It's out of the ordinary.

Yet true freshman defensive end McKinner Dixon found himself standing in front of the media for the second time this season Saturday night.

"It would've been my third time, but I didn't play last week," he said after Texas Tech's 63-7 win over Division I-AA Indiana State at Jones SBC Stadium.

Dixon had a reason to be there — he led the defense in tackles, totaling 5.5. Two of those were for losses that equaled eight yards. Good numbers for his first start, which he said was surprising when it was mentioned to him earlier last week.

"I found out Tuesday that I really was gonna start," Dixon said. "Because one of our defensive linemen got hurt last week."

With senior defensive tackle Fred Threweatt and junior defensive end Seth Nitschmann not starting for the Red Raiders, senior Randall Cherry was moved inside to tackle, and Dixon had his shot at stepping on the field beginning with the defense's first series.

The start marked another moment in coach Mike Leach's career. It is the earliest that a true freshman has ever started

since Leach began coaching at Tech, and Dixon said the coaches expected a lot from him.

"They told me I was gonna have to step it up this week, 'cause I was starting," he said. Dixon played in Tech's first outing against Florida International, getting a sack, a quarterback hurly and two tackles.

Before stepping onto campus, Dixon had the resume to start for the Raiders. At 6 feet, 3 inches and 245 pounds, he recorded 96 tackles, 31 tackles for loss and 12 sacks in his senior year alone at Lufkin High School, which made a Class 5A state semifinal appearance after a 14-1 season.

He came to Tech despite getting offers from Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Texas, Kansas State, Nebraska, Florida State and several other Division I schools.

Now that he is a Raider, Dixon said he still is becoming accustomed to the differences between collegiate and high school football.

"Kinda like the speed of it, I've adjusted to it," he said.

Beginning Big 12 Conference play against Kansas this week, Dixon said, will only make him get more acquainted with the game.

"It's no different when you get into conference play," he said. "It'll get faster. You got teams like Kansas State, Kansas, OU, Texas; those guys all have speed. But we've got speed too, so I think we match up with all those guys."

Since fall practices began in early August, Dixon said the coaches have made sure all of the players get to a certain speed to play the game by running — a lot.

"You know, being in condition is pretty well," he said. "So we shouldn't have a problem running around to the ball. Once you're out there, you don't feel that tiredness out there. It's run, run, run."

But conditioning and the change in pace of the game are not the only things Dixon said he is working on.

"Going in and watching film, and knowing what kind of stuff to study," he said. "I've gotten better at studying film, and the better I get at that, the better I play."

Evidently, Dixon has progressed in his short time at Tech, and senior cornerback and defensive captain Khalid Naziruddin said Dixon is one of Raiders' greatest assets to have

"He's definitely got a future at Tech."

— KHALID NAZIRUDDIN
Texas Tech Senior Cornerback



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FRESHMAN MCKINNER DIXON, right, records one of his team-high 5.5 tackles for the Red Raiders in Saturday's 63-7 victory over Indiana State. Two of Dixon's tackles totaled a loss of eight yards. The 6 foot, 3 inch, 245-pound defensive lineman was starting in place of injured regulars. It was the earliest a true freshman ever has started for coach Mike Leach in his tenure at Tech.

on the front line. "McKinner's doing a great job," he said. "The kid comes in, and he's shown the coaches how he can really play."

Naziruddin said Tech has several threats to its opponents' offenses with Dixon on one side and senior defensive end Keyunta Dawson on the other.

"Him and Keyunta on each side, you know you're gonna get some pressure back there," Naziruddin said.

Even though Tech faces stronger teams within the Big 12 for the rest of the season, Naziruddin said Raider fans have not seen the last of Dixon for this season — or his other years.

"He's definitely got a future at Tech," he said.

TBS to carry matchup between Raiders, Huskers

The network that deems itself the "The Superstation," must have decided there was something special about Texas Tech's Oct. 8 Big 12 showdown against Nebraska.

The Big 12 announced Monday TBS would air the matchup, which will mark the Red Raiders first television appearance of the season.

The game, set to kick-off at 3p.m., can be viewed by subscribers to Cox Communications on channel 17, while fans outside the Lubbock area are advised to check their local listings.

The 2005 contest will be the 9th meeting between the two programs with the Huskers leading the overall series 7-1.

Tech's lone victory came in 2004 when it handed Nebraska its worst loss in school history, 70-10 at Jones SBC Stadium.

—Trey Shipman

RED RAIDERS

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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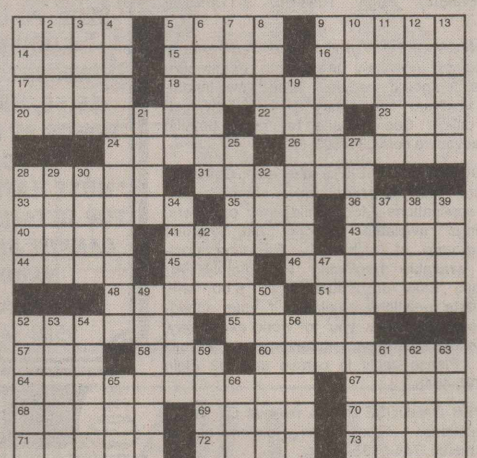
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