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April 21: Aggie Muster will take place at 7 p.m. in Reed Arena. The ceremony will honor Aggies who have died since the last annual Muster. Ed Cooper, class of 1953, will be the campus Muster speaker.

Colorblind

Tuesday

22: The Women's Research Advisory Committee will sponsor a University-wide Women's Health Research Symposium from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Room 501

Thursday

April 24: The Hispanic Preside Council will be having a B fundraiser at Rudder Found from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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people have to deal with cultural differences. All of these adjustments can easily take their

toll on the relationship." Since Kathy grew up in a predominantly white city, she said she always faced clearly

defined racial boundaries. As a result, Kathy said, she realizes that associating in a friendly manner with different people and being involved with them romantically are two completely different things.

"I think the way that I was brought up has a lot to do with my preference," she said. 'Society sometimes tears people up if they are in a relationship with somebody of a different race. If I have children someday, I don't want to put them through unnecessary grief. They shouldn't have to choose between which ethnicity they like better either.'

Kathy said another deterrent is the fact that she has seen firsthand the negativity that biracial couples experience.

"Back home, a friend of mine was in a biracial relationship for a while," she said. 'Since our city wasn't very diverse to begin with, it would shock people when they saw them together.'

Kathy said the combination of that discrimination and their parents' disapproval was enough to end her friend's relationship.

"Their parents weren't too crazy about the idea either," she said. "Despite all of the controversy, they still tried to make it work, but they finally gave up. In the end, they were both just miserable.'

Evan Brietzke, a white College Station resi-

dent, agrees that biracial couples are an easy target for people who think the idea of unity and diversity should have some limits.

Brietzke's girlfriend, Shailey Gupta, aju political science major, is from India. Brietz said that although their pairing results in din or odd looks from people at times, a close friend was the only person that ever made a real issue out of it.

'He seemed more fascinated that I was to ing an Indian girl than anything," Brietzke said. "He was very insensitive to both of our feelings. I can actually remember that first, subsequently only, time we went out together he followed up his introduction of me with 'He's dating an Indian girl.' I was more shocked that he saw it worthwhile to ment than anything. To me my relationship is my own, no matter who it is with.'

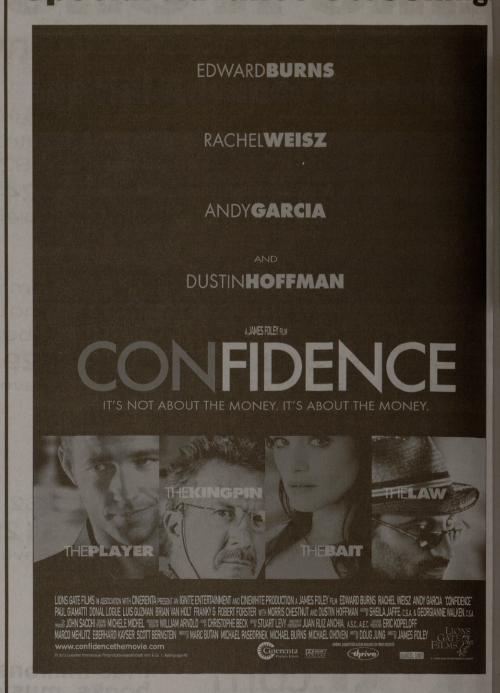
Brietzke said despite society's progress, there is still much to be done in terms of interest of mingling races.

'Issues like this should be for magazines and periodicals, not real people," Brietzkess "Even in our more enlightened time where" are taught that color is another word, not a label, I unfortunately still see that ethno-phobias are more of a truth than an idea."

Quintana said that ultimately, dating some one from another culture saves the relations from boredom.

"Having differences between two people in relationship is what makes the relationship into esting," he said. "If we were both identical, the everything in life would be boring and predictable. We shouldn't shy away from diversity We should recognize other peoples' differences as an asset, not as something negative."

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