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SGA listens to concealed carry speaker

Senators vote on, pass transparency legislation

By **STEPHEN GIPSON**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Student Government Association heard from Students for Concealed Carry on Campus and passed legislation requiring every executive officer to present the budgets of the SGA operational account, graduate operational account, undergraduate organization funding account and graduate organization funding account to the senate.

According to the legislation, there is currently no oversight between the executive branch and the senate in the allocation of these budgets.

Stuart Williams, a senator and author of the bill, said it is open for students to see the budget, but it is important senators are informed of these budgets to help inform students where their money goes.

"If we as the students, who pay the fees, can only go the president and request a budget then that's not power. That is simply you being informed of how screwed you're going to be," Williams said.

Williams said it is important to get these budgets in front of senators, and if something is 'outrageous' then senators can act.

"Because, now, we don't have a system where we can deal with this. We just have to take the president at their word, and he and Dr. Shonrock have a conversation," Williams said.

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CHANGE

A new website, getgillispie.com, has surfaced encouraging Tech officials to pursue Billy Gillispie to replace current coach Pat Knight. Managing Editor Jon Arnold tells you why this is a good idea. **SPORTS, Page 7**



Former student charged with attempted WMD use

South Plains College student arrested by FBI attended Tech from Aug. '09 to Jan. '11



Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari

PHOTO COURTESY OF LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL

KHALID ALI-M ALDAWSARI was arrested and charged late Wednesday with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. He is a resident at The Centre at Overton Park and was arrested after an investigation conducted by the FBI.

By **TOMMY MAGELSSSEN**
and **JON ARNOLD**
THE DAILY T O R E A D O R

A 20-year-old Lubbock resident and former Texas Tech student remained jailed late Thursday after he was arrested and charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction.

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari was arrested late Wednesday after investigators established probable cause stemming from his purchase of chemicals and equipment commonly used to make an improvised explosive device, according to authorities.

Tech confirmed Aldawsari attended the univer-

sity from August 2009 until January of 2011.

Aldawsari, a Saudi Arabian national living in the United States on a student visa, transferred to South Plains College in Levelland at the beginning of this semester because of bad grades, according to the affidavit.

He lived alone at The Centre at Overton Park apartment complex in a one-bedroom apartment.

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Aldawsari was unknown to neighbors, classmates

By **TOMMY MAGELSSSEN**
NEWS EDITOR

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari lived alone in a one-bedroom apartment in The Centre at Overton Park.

Three of his neighbors barely knew he was there.

Lauren Pitts, a graduate student studying accounting who lives down the hall from Aldawsari, said she did not recognize him when she saw his picture. In fact, she said she

Student majored in chemical engineering while at Tech

did not even know he was arrested until she read about it in the news.

But the Fort Worth native does not normally see too much traffic in the halls, she said, which is fairly commonplace in The Centre.

Aldawsari's other neighbors down the hall, Courtne Lichtenstein, a senior management and

marketing major from Midland, and Hailey Childers, a senior business and economics major from Midland, said they saw Aldawsari walking in the halls sometimes, but he never spoke to them.

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TIMELINE

- Sept. 2008:** Aldawsari enters the United States
- Aug. 2009:** Transfers to the TTU chemical engineering program from ESL program
- March 2010:** Makes an extremist posting on his blog
- Sept. 2010:** Sends himself a list of "targets"
- Oct. 19, 2010:** Sends an e-mail to himself in Arabic containing the instructions for building an explosive
- Oct. 25, 2010:** Sends himself a list of more targets including hydroelectric dams and nuclear power plants
- Dec. 2010:** Places an order on Amazon.com for concentrated sulfuric acid and orders nitric acid from QualiChem Technologies
- Jan. 2011:** Transfers to South Plains College
- Jan. 22, 2011:** Purchases a Hazmat suit from online auction site eBay
- Jan. 30, 2011:** Carolina Biological Supply receives an order from Aldawsari for 10 500ml bottles of phenol
- Feb. 1, 2011:** FBI special agents indicate that officials representing Carolina Biological Supply report a suspicious attempted purchase of phenol by Aldawsari
- Feb. 6, 2011:** Sends himself the address of former president George W. Bush
- Feb. 11, 2011:** Cancels his order and sends himself a recipe for the manufacturing of TNP or Picric Acid
- Feb. 14, 17, 2011:** FBI conducts searches of Aldawsari's apartment revealing all of Aldawsari's online purchases as well as a journal containing many extremist comments
- Feb. 19, 2011:** Aldawsari searches for information on Dallas nightclubs
- Feb. 23, 2011:** Aldawsari is charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction

REACTION

"It's embarrassing. I'm from the same place. It's really sad. I really love this country. (Aldawsari's actions do) not represent us; it does not represent our country. Why would someone do this? I'm speechless. This thing just screwed my day ... My people have been through a lot. We're treated like dogs in the airport. They leave us for three or four hours, now it's going to be 10 hours. I wouldn't be surprised."



Ahmed Aldughather - junior petroleum engineering major from Khobar, Saudi Arabia



"I guess it could happen anywhere, not just at Tech. It's always scary that it could happen, just that people would do something like that."

Lauren Anderson - senior psychology major from Houston

"(The feeling is) kind of like disbelief. This thing is always an 'over there' issue. You never think something could happen here. This guy I was talking to, his friend lives in the same complex (as Aldawsari), and his friend just studied with him."



Matthew Grange - sophomore political science major from Amarillo



"(I feel) kind of on-edge, slightly. You can't trust anyone, it feels like. It could be your best friend that's a terrorist. That's how it makes me feel. I could have known the guy; I've been here a few years ... It makes me want to stay in my house. Anybody could be a terrorist."

Royce Sinclair Sarpy - senior sociology major from Dallas

Compiled by Brittany Hoover/The Daily Toreador

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Texas Tech Softball
Time: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?
Watch the Red Raiders as they take on the Northern Illinois Huskies at 2 p.m. and the St. John's Red Storm at 4 p.m.

Free QPR Training
Time: 3 p.m.
Where: Student Wellness Building, Room 100
So, what is it?
QPR stands for question, persuade and refer. The Student Counseling Center is currently offering free official QPR training. Trainees will be certified as QPR gatekeepers and will learn how to intervene and get help for someone in a suicidal crisis.

Texas Tech Baseball
Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field
So, what is it?
Cheer on the Red Raiders as they play the Brigham Young Cougars.

Eli Young Band
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Wild West
So, what is it?
Catch this Texas country act at this depot music hotspot. Tickets are for sale at wildwestlubbock.com or at the door.

SATURDAY

Texas Tech Softball
Time: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Where: Rocky Johnson Field

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So, what is it?
The Red Raiders take on the St. John's Red Storm at 2 p.m. and the Northern Illinois Huskies at 4 p.m.

Texas Tech Baseball
Time: 4 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field
So, what is it?
Root for the Red Raiders as they play Northern Illinois Huskies.

Women's Basketball
Time: 5 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Cheer for the Lady Raiders as they take on the Oklahoma State Cowgirls.

SUNDAY

Texas Tech Softball
Time: Noon
Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?
The Red Raiders take on the Wichita State Shockers.

Texas Tech Baseball
Time: Noon
Where: Dan Law Field
So, what is it?
Cheer on the Red Raiders as they face the Northern Illinois Huskies.

University Choir Concert
Time: 3 p.m.
Where: First United Methodist Church
So, what is it?
The Texas Tech University Choir performs with the Coronado High School Choir, featuring Jeffrey Lastrapes on cello.

Arrest

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The affidavit states that the FBI's investigation shows Aldawsari conducted online research regarding the construction of an IED using several highly concentrated chemicals as ingredients, acquired ingredients necessary to construct an IED and conducted research online regarding potential targets. According to a news release by the FBI's Dallas Bureau, Aldawsari sent himself e-mails titled "NICE TARGETS 01" with 12 reservoir dams in Colorado and California listed. In another e-mail to himself, titled "NICE TARGETS," he listed two categories of targets: hydroelectric dams and nuclear power plants.

The affidavit states Aldawsari sent himself an e-mail titled "Tyrant's House," in which he listed the Dallas address of former President George W. Bush.

Two searches of Aldawsari's apartment found concentrated sulfuric acid, concentrated nitric acid, lab equipment including beakers and flasks, wiring, Christmas lights, a Hazmat suit and cloaks.

According to the affidavit, wire for electronic circuits used in IED construction can be obtained from household items such as ornamental light strings.

Based on Aldawsari's Internet searches, the FBI believes he considered the use of a realistic doll to conceal explosives or other weapons, according to the affidavit. Other web activity also could indicate Aldawsari's consideration of targeting a nightclub with an explosive

concealed in a backpack.

Aldawsari appears to have kept a relatively low profile on social media sites. He sporadically blogged in both Arabic and English on a blogspot page under the username "fromfar-away90" which was still active late Thursday.

His only post expressing a desire for Jihad was referenced in the affidavit, which quotes him as saying:

"You who created mankind and who is knowledgeable of what is in the womb, grant me martyrdom for Your sake and make Jihad easy for me only in Your path, for You have no partner, and make me reside in the high heaven eternally forever, and shield me in Your shadow on the day when there is no shadow, but Yours. My God, You are the one who responds to supplication."

Amani Zaier, an Arabic professor at Tech, read through Aldawsari's Arabic blogs and said the segment was the only one mentioning Jihad.

A Facebook account listed under Aldawsari's name and with Lubbock as the location 'liked' several pages including Texas Tech University's page and religious interest pages. He also 'likes' several pages in Arabic, which Zaier said were mainly religious and political organizations.

His profile picture is the logo of the Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia. Its English website says the group hopes for reforms such as increased rights to freedom of speech and freedom of expression.

Zaier confirmed the Arabic page expressed similar values

and didn't express militant views.

Tech released a statement thanking the FBI for informing the university of Wednesday's events regarding Aldawsari and stating its support for the organization.

Aldawsari is being held at the Lubbock County Jail and is scheduled to appear before a federal judge at 9 a.m. today in Lubbock. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, according to a FBI news release.

According to court documents, Aldawsari purchased 10 500-milliliter bottles of 80 percent concentration phenol with his debit card via the Internet from the Carolina Biological Supply for \$434.57. The affidavit states Aldawsari purchased the bottles Jan. 30. Phenol is a chemical that can be used to create certain explosives.

The Carolina Biological Supply reported the suspicious purchase to the FBI, and contacted Aldawsari about his order. On

Feb. 10, Aldawsari canceled his order with the Carolina Biological Supply, stating he could acquire phenol elsewhere.

Mark White, special agent with the FBI Dallas Bureau, said authorities have monitored Aldawsari for "a few weeks now."

White said the FBI, along with the help of local law enforcement, monitored the situation to determine when to detain Aldawsari for illegal activity.

"We were monitoring this person 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we were never going to let this reach a point that anybody's safety was in danger," White said.

He said a college-aged male student is not an unusual suspect in such a case, but it is tough to make any generalizations regarding these types of arrests.

White said the FBI believes Aldawsari was acting alone, without the influence of any person or group.

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MARK WHITE
SPECIAL AGENT
FBI, DALLAS BUREAU

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They said they had no idea what he was up to and never would have guessed he was planning to create a weapon of mass destruction — authorities have charged Aldawsari with attempt to use a WMD.

"It just feels weird that he was here all this time and no one knew," Childers said.

Lichenstein said she rarely sees her neighbors, and she believed something might have been up Wednesday when she saw older men walking around the halls, which she never sees.

The pair said they had not received any type of notice from The Centre stating the FBI arrested Aldawsari, and they both would have liked some type of notification from their apartment building managers.

Both Lichenstein and Childers said they just believed Aldawsari was a normal student because he did not give them reason to be suspicious.

Texas Tech student Mohammed Almodaifer said Aldawsari was in one of his classes a few years ago, but the two barely interacted.

"I don't know anything about the guy," Almodaifer said.

Almodaifer said the FBI interviewed most of the Saudi students at Tech who had ever interacted with Aldawsari.

The president of the Tech chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers said he did not know Aldawsari, but he was "shocked" when he found out about his arrest.

Corey Brazenec, a senior chemical engineering major from Cypress, has been the president of the group for almost a year, he said, but there was no record of Aldawsari ever being part of the institute.

Brazenec said there are 140 members in the group.

"It's really shocking," he said. "At first, I was surprised that a student would come all this way to South Plains, then I found out it was Texas Tech and my department."

Brazenec said he did not believe Aldawsari's education at Tech, specifically what he learned while taking undergraduate classes, played a factor in the Saudi student's arrest.

"It just feels weird that he was here all this time and no one knew."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Lee followers
- Works in the Uffizi Gallery
- Gets ready
- "Rhythm"
- Role for Carrie
- Singer Gorme
- Money for the Warsaw government?
- Letter alternative
- They may be precious
- Divulge
- Hydrocarbon suffix
- Fluorescent bulb filler
- Foot-tapping songs?
- "1984" protagonist — Smith
- Cut it out
- Place to be pampered
- French mystic Simone
- Maunderly Thursday period
- Songwriting, to Porter?
- 6-hole
- Increase in intensity, with "up"
- Previously
- Weather map features
- Ardor
- Actor's messages from an agent?
- asada (Mexican meat dish)
- "V's Alf and others
- Skin-soothing stuff
- Bouquets
- Rob of "90210"
- Grain for bagels?
- Sport with clay pigeons
- Auth. of many quotes?
- Old Boston Bruin nickname
- Newbies
- Following
- Remarriage prefix

DOWN

- With-the-grain cutters
- Vacation for the vain?
- Smoked deli meat
- Dictators' aides
- Wistful word
- "Wonder Dog" of comics
- Relate with
- Drawing support
- Willy-nilly
- Down might be on it
- Enters carefully
- Rachmaninoff, e.g.
- Prime
- Certain caterpillar's creation
- Was in front
- Look from
- Snidely
- Whiplash
- Broken in
- Rice University mascot
- picture paints ...: song lyric
- Walks with a cane, perhaps
- Road marker
- Shunned ones
- Clean air org.
- October
- Revolution leader
- It can facilitate drawing
- With the most open windows
- Flipped
- Convenient, shoppingwise
- Least constrained
- Erie Canal mule
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Ornamental bands
- Lindsay of "Labor Pains"
- Sierra
- Cooped (up)
- Fair-hiring abbr.
- Bagel topping

By Harvey Estes 2/24/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Small Group Discussions;
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Feb 21, 22 and 24) 3:00- 4:00
SUB Playa Room
Wednesday (Feb 23) 2:00- 3:00 SUB Senate Room
StrengthsQuest in your job search: Wednesday (Feb 23) 3:30- 4:30 Career Center
SUB Suite 024 East Basement 806•742•SAFE

SGA

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Blake Rupard spoke to SGA on behalf of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus to inform senators about legislation currently being considered by Texas legislators allowing students to carry concealed handguns on campus.

He said the two bills being considered, Texas House Bill 750 and Texas Senate Bill 354, will eliminate college campus buildings, on public, private and independent universities, as being gun-free zones. Private and independent colleges will have the option of being exempt, but only after consulting students, staff and faculty of the institution, Rupard said.

Rupard handed out a fact sheet containing facts from the Texas Department of Public Safety about concealed handgun licenses in Texas.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 1 in 55 Texas residents have a concealed handgun license.

Rupard said the bills also eliminate liabilities associated with concealed carry.

"For example, if a student with a concealed carry permit was to murder another student, the college would not be held liable for that," Rupard said.

Rupard said he believes it is a highly unlikely scenario, and an individual is 20 times more likely to be struck by lightning than to be murdered negligently by a Texas concealed handgun license holder.

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Tech belly-dancing class furthers self-acceptance

By SYDNEY HOLMES
STAFF WRITER

I've never considered myself to be a "sexy" person. In fact, I sort of avoid the word at all costs. Most days, I live on a Red Bull, a push-up bra and a prayer, so a belly-dancing class would be the last place I would be expected to be seen, right?

Right. But on Wednesday, I braved the odds and went to a belly-dancing class given at the Texas Tech Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center in support of Feed Your Body and Soul Week.

I've always been skeptical of these "love the body you've been given" kinds of crusades because, typically, the people in charge of them could grace the cover of Vogue like it's no big deal.

Within the first five minutes of class, words like "shimmy," "shake," "pop," "lock" and, my favorite, "thrust" were used far too many times for me to count or be comfortable with.

I was not the only one who was openly apprehensive, either. Several girls', and even a few boys', statements about how stupid they would look or how they look nothing like the instructor flooded the room. But then the instructor, Bryanne Velarde, said something sort of encouraging.

"Let it wiggle; let it jiggle," she said. "It's OK. We're all women here."

Now, even though there were a few guys in the room, her point was clear: We all have real bodies, and they shouldn't be hidden.

In this day and age, at least for me, it has become increasingly hard to reach the standard of beauty that is shoved in our faces every day. And, at the risk of sounding cliché, fewer and fewer people feel comfortable in their own skins.

Velarde seemed to have broken the tension with her positive attitude and promotion of self-love.

"We're so used to having to stand up straight and be toned," she said. "In belly

dance, you can just relax. We all have behinds that move around. We all do. We're all doing the same movements, and everything is moving in the same way."

Participants of the class began to loosen up and discover their bodies. The more comfortable we all became, the more confidently we danced. We suddenly became Beyoncé Knowles and openly shook what our mothers gave us.

Brady Bacchus, a freshman journalism major from Arlington, proclaimed self-discovery as well.

"It was pretty interesting and innovative. I didn't know my body could move like that, so it's something new," she said. "It was definitely really fun to do."

The difficulty of the class was apparent, as pointed out by Hannah Wellslops, a freshman pre-nursing major from Arlington.

"I thought it was interesting, but some of the moves were kind of hard," she said. "They were more advanced than what I could do."

Wellslops said even though the moves didn't come easily, it helped to keep in mind that Velarde had been belly dancing for much longer than any of the beginners in class.

Ultimately, the idea of unconditionally loving yourself is an uphill battle, and more times than not, the concept of self-love teeters on the line of narcissism. But motivational classes like belly dancing that promote positive body image without vanity are slowly but surely helping change the view of "conventional beauty."

For someone like me, oftentimes jocularity gives way to cynicism, but not in this case. Am I going to go dance naked in front of my mirror now because I love myself so much? Probably not. I don't think my roommate would appreciate it. But I do plan on being more aware of beauty and less critical of my imperfections.

Who gets to say that our so-called "imperfections" are imperfect, after all? sholmes@dailytoreador.com

In the Corner: Lubbockites discuss inevitable relocation

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

On my last day at Tent City, I was determined to spend as much time with my new friends as possible, hopefully scoring a trip to Denny's to sip on coffee and play some card games they always talk about.

My plans were debunked as I learned of a meeting many Tent City residents were planning on attending, and for good reason.

Concerned Lubbock citizens gathered Thursday afternoon to discuss the city's homeless, including a possible relocation of Tent City due to complaints of local businesses.

Because I wasn't there, I can't say the specifics of what was said, but a few of Tent City's veterans returned feeling good about the discussion and the future of their community.

For instance, one Lubbockite has offered to donate land in the downtown area, which would be equipped with utilities, but a confirmed decision has yet to be made.

Regardless of a new location, the fact that moving is necessary is known amongst city council members as well as Tent City residents.

Many have expressed the desire to move as soon as possible, to find a solution quickly so they can settle in. Finding a place suitable to both sides — the homeless

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and the city — requires compromises, Cliff told me.

For instance, some citizens of Tent City need to be close to a bus station or relative to the village's current location because they go to school and have a hard time getting around.

To remedy this solution, Cliff said, someone at the meeting offered to donate bicycles.

Joe, Cliff and Richard all attended, and I could tell they were pleased progress has been made. After all, their mission was to change people's mindsets about the homeless, not protest, and spread awareness that a new and safer shelter needs to be built.

And a tent village isn't a bad substitution.

"The military uses tents, so why can't we?" Joe said while we were standing outside the flailing supply tent (all the tents were fighting to stay erect despite the wind's best efforts).

On another note, Tent City received multiple donations during the few hours I was up there, including bags of sandwiches and a box of hygiene kits. I also noticed a large heap of clothing in the corner of the never-empty supply tent.

While Cliff and I were talking with a friend of mine, Boone Tyson, a man with a Double T hat drove up and talked to Lee

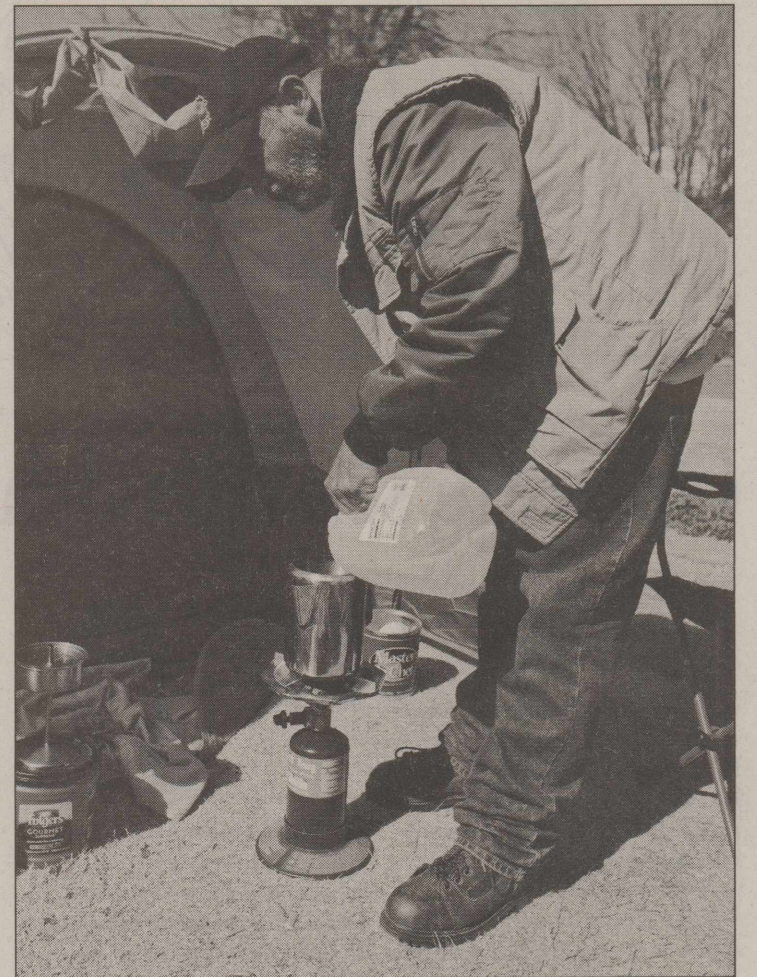


PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador
LEE THOMAS A tent city resident prepares coffee Thursday at the corner of Broadway and Avenue Q.

for a while. Again, the visitors are so plentiful that it's hard for everyone, even Cliff, to keep count.

On top of donations and new friends, Tent City also received a new resident today from out of state.

It seems all aspects of this makeshift village are growing exponentially, and its citizens feel the love.

These articles and blogs have barely even touched the surface of Tent City and its residents' stories, but hopefully they have brought to light a group of people easily left in the shadows and corners of the city. cthorton@dailytoreador.com

Professor speaks about medicine and art

By LAUREN FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

Featuring strong social and political viewpoints, Eric Avery, a clinical associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, spoke Thursday in the Rawls College of Business about his art in relation to his career as a physician and psychiatrist.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, The Printmaking Club, the Texas Tech Museum and the School of Art, Avery spoke to students of all majors.

Working with various print styles, Avery uses linoleum and wood to create his prints.

Avery said he often draws on the work of past artists for inspiration in his works. He then combines the piece with his own personal experiences.

In the piece "U.K. 1990," Avery drew a connection between the work of Hogarth and the recently discovered mad cow disease that became an issue while he lived in Scotland.

"You can definitely see his medical background," said Mariana Glynska, a photography graduate student from Ukraine. "He talks in a very interesting way about life and death and the fragility of life."

One piece, "Jimmy Garret is Dead," is a scene of the town of Huntsville, where Texas executions take place. The art features the turmoil of the execution of a mentally disabled man after he shot a nun in 1992.

"People were chanting, 'Kill, kill, kill, kill the freak that shot the nun,'" Avery said. "I just drew the scene while I was standing there and took it home to make the print."

Speaking with various art classes throughout the day, Avery mixed his art knowledge with medical knowledge to help students get a better grasp on the meaning behind his prints.

"(Avery) gives you enough freedom to draw your own conclusions," Glynska said. "By bringing the topic of death, it makes you think more about life."

While Avery describes art as a curse that he has had since birth, Peter Briggs, Tech Museum art curator, spoke about the inspiration behind someone so exceptional in two fields.

"He is a medical doctor, specialist in psychiatry, but also a visual artist," Briggs said. "His work has to do with a combination of those two interests. He is very much interested in infectious diseases. Much of his artwork is an articulation of those interests."

Avery spoke about combining his interests due to his low draft number in the Vietnam War.

"If you continued your education, they wouldn't send you to war," Avery said.

After he completed a bachelor's degree in art, he continued

his education by attending medical school in Odessa and specializing in psychiatry.

"I think what's exceptional is that he teaches medicine and is an internationally known artist," Briggs said. "To excel in two separate paths is pretty amazing. He

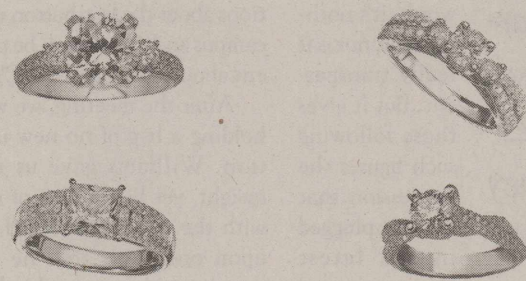
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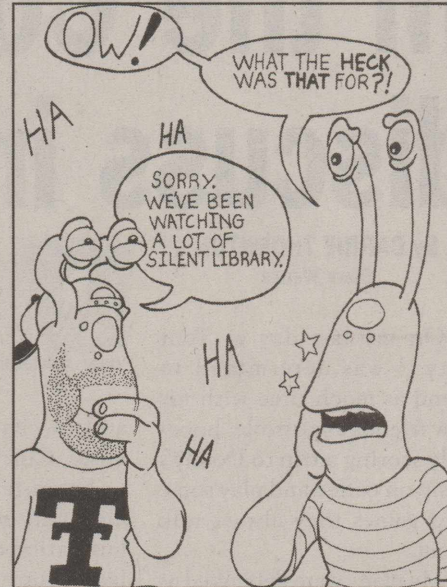
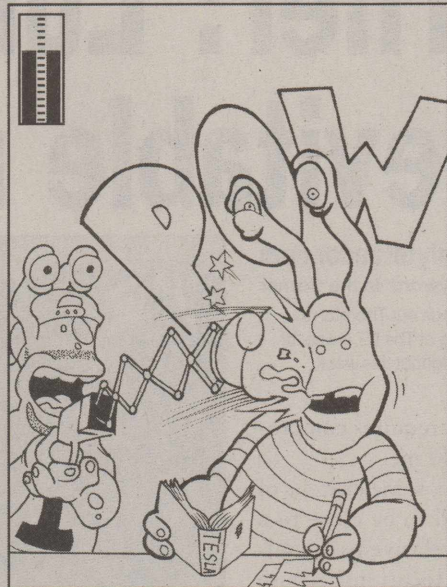
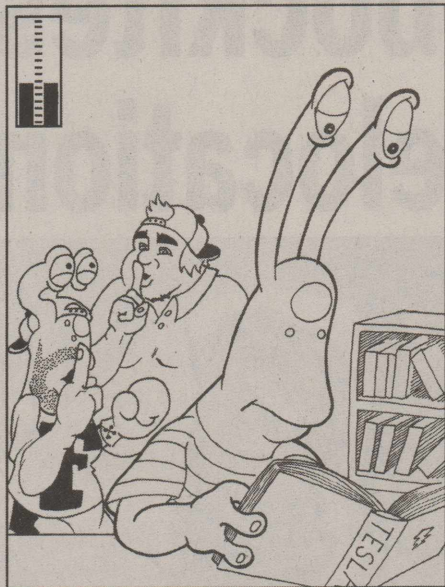
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Opposite sex friendships lead to insecurity

Are there friendship rules when it comes to relationships?

While thinking about the rules, the age-old question comes to mind. Can men and women be just friends? This will likely become a topic of discussion if you get into a relationship with someone, especially while in college.

Even the idea of men and women being friends without either of them being in a relationship can be difficult to digest. Some of us may have friends of the opposite sex, and outside individuals believe that friend has a crush on us. In that particular situation, something that seemed harmless is harmless no longer.

We are now stuck between a rock and a hard place. We want to keep our friendship, but it is possible our friend is looking for more than we are willing to give. Yes, this is just a scenario, but a realistic one. With all the time we spend with our friends, it is not so unlikely that we could fall for him or her given the right circumstances.

Having friends of the opposite sex can be a difficult hurdle to jump over while in a relationship.

Jaira Keys



Having friendships outside of our relationships is very healthy and in some moments very necessary. But is it necessary for those friends to be of the opposite sex?

Friends of the opposite sex should not be needed if we are in a happily committed relationship. The person with whom we are in a relationship should be our best friend. If we are already in the company of our best friend, there is no point to go out and get the same things we can get at home.

Are we subconsciously searching for something that our partner is not giving us? The person we date should, in our eyes, at least have the potential to be our future husband or wife. If that is true, we should want to do everything in our power to make our partner feel happy and secure. Is your opposite-sex friendship more important than the relationship you are currently in?

In an opposite-sex friendship, one of the people in the situation typically has a crush on the other. In some cases, one wants to secretly have sex with the other person. There may even be some innocent flirting. This type of secret longing can be detrimental to any existing romantic relationship.

There are exceptions to this rule. We may, in fact, have friends of the opposite sex who are just that — friends. This unusual behavior may be hard to notice because we seem to often only notice the negative or questionable things our partner does and vice versa.

You may have known this particular friend since both of you were small children. Because of this extensive friendship, you both may look at each other more as brother and sister as opposed to anything else. But generally speaking, men and women cannot be just friends.

In some instances, a friendship with a person of the opposite sex can leave our partners or us feeling insecure. There is no room for insecurity in a relationship. We all want to feel sure in our

relationships and don't want to ever have to question our mate.

If having a friend that is so close of the opposite sex seems to bother our mates, perhaps a compromise can be made, and we can cut back on the time we spend with that individual. Maybe we don't have to completely cut out friends off, but it is possible our mate would also like us to spend more time with them and make an effort to become his or her best friend.

It is up to the couple as in individual entity to sit down and discuss this topic and decide what works best for them. Some people may not have a problem with opposite-sex friendships and thus are willing to let his or her partner proceed with their friendship with no worries.

Regardless of your preference, that is something you and your partner will both have to agree upon. Together, the two of you can decide if men and women can truly be just friends.

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Don't be quick to panic, blame others

We've been pretty busy at *The Daily Toreador* trying to cover the story of Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, the Lubbock resident and former Tech student who has been charged with plans to create and use an improvised explosive device (IED).

As some people have been saying on my Facebook and Twitter feeds, it's crazy to think the Hub City had its own terrorist.

Obviously, at this stage in the investigation, there's a lot we don't know, and there's probably more that we'll never know at all. But there's one thing that, sadly, seems to need saying every time an incident like this crops up.

Don't jump to the conclusion that, just because Aldawsari was Islamic, all Muslims are evil. Just because he was of Saudi Arabian descent does not mean all Middle Eastern people are out to bomb you.

After all, Aladdin was Arabic, and he kicked a lot of ass for the good guys.

To be fair, I haven't personally seen a lot of hate from Tech students, at least not yet. I'm hoping that's a good sign.

But that hasn't been the case everywhere else. Occasional reader comments from sites such as CNN.com and even LubbockOnline.com betray an intense fear of those who don't share their religion, nationality or skin color.

But that's really no surprise, of course. Such people show up all over the place. What's more surprising is when people who should know better jump onto that bandwagon.

MSN.com's main headline for this story, at the time of this writing, states, "After 9/11, U.S. gave more visas to Saudi students."

And? What's your point, MSN? If there are more Saudi students here on

Britton Peele



visas (the story says more than 10,000 were granted in 2008) than before, yet we only have this one case of terrorism, isn't that a pretty low student-to-murderer ratio?

As it stands now, it appears that Aldawsari was a lone wolf, with no ties to organizations like al-Qaida. Based on reports we have on his blog activity, he wanted to start his own organization and be its leader.

Truth be told, young, crazy people of all religions (atheism included) and ethnicities could have fallen into the same delusions.

Aldawsari may have been Middle Eastern. He may have been a

Muslim. He may have wanted to do some terrible things in the name of Allah. But we could just as easily be here talking about a group of Christians who decided to bomb an abortion clinic on Christmas day as a birthday gift to Jesus.

Extremism is not indicative of what a religion believes or teaches. Things are taken out of context far too easily, even by those who mean well.

We don't need to waste our time blaming the Koran or George W. Bush or President Obama. We should just be thankful that, this time, disaster was avoided and lives were saved. That's the main thing that matters right now.

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Bush administration had zero concrete proof to justify war with Iraq

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Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld appeared on CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday. Rumsfeld covered a fairly wide range of topics, from current levels of spending by the government to President Obama's Nobel Peace Prize.

The real take-home from Rumsfeld's appearance on CNN was in what he said about the lead up to the war in Iraq. Rumsfeld said the supposed presence of weapons of mass destruction was the largest issue.

"No question it was the big one," he said.

No shock there. The justification for the war was and continues to be that U.S.

intelligence and the Bush administration believed that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. It was what the American people were told, what the world was told. It was what the Western media ate up and spit back out on television and computer screens without so much as a second thought.

When asked if he thought the United States would not have invaded Iraq if the administration didn't believe weapons of mass destruction were present, Rumsfeld replied, "I think that's probably right."

I think that's probably wrong.

The Bush administration never had any hard evidence that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. The intelligence they gathered was almost exclusively from human sources. There was never any concrete proof. One source

in particular, known ironically as "Curve Ball," admitted he lied.

On the program, Rumsfeld had a momentary glimpse of enlightenment. People can lie. In regard to sources, Rumsfeld said, "Some are honest, some are dishonest. Some do it for money, some do it for self-aggrandizement. Some do it, apparently, to lie."

Yes, people can and do lie. Especially people who have been living under a brutal dictator for years and want nothing more than to see him deposed. Or, for those who have lived in exile and want nothing more than to return home. If only there was some way to get the most powerful nation in the world to perceive a threat so that they would intervene.

I'm aware hindsight is 20/20. I'm aware people make mistakes. But when

the people we elect to make decisions go off of information gathered from people whose motives are clearly biased, we have fundamental issues.

"Curve Ball" was an Iraqi defector who later admitted his claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction were false. The Bush administration, Rumsfeld included, bought this story hook, line and sinker. They then fed it to the American people as the justification for going to war in the first place. They still are.

The next question is why the Bush administration took these claims so easily. U.N. weapons inspectors in 2003, mere months before the U.S.-led invasion, found no evidence that Iraq had nuclear weapons. Physical evidence was utterly lacking. But a reason for going to war,

something to get the American people behind the invasion, was needed.

There are numerous theories and proposed reasons, outside of WMDs, for why the United States invaded Iraq: To rid the world of a dictator, to spread democracy. This was the stance the White House took when it became evident that the WMDs did not exist. But other rumors began to circulate: oil, finishing the job started a decade earlier, trying to find ties between terrorism and Saddam Hussein.

What is known is that a handful of sources told the Bush administration exactly what they wanted to hear, gave them a justification for invasion, something the American public would buy, and they seized upon that opportunity.

We were misled. It is this notion, the dissolving of trust

between the people and the government, that arouses such anger and bitterness. So when Donald Rumsfeld goes on national television and criticizes the notion that America is viewed more favorably under President Obama, when he says "I think he (Obama) had made a practice of trying to apologize for America," one has to wonder if it was a necessary step made by Obama to repair America's tattered image, not just abroad, but also at home.

One might wonder where Rumsfeld himself falls on his own enlightened views of sources. As a source to the American public, he was dishonest. He's also the author of a new book, "Known and Unknown." So, perhaps it is a combination of money and self-aggrandizement.

Or maybe he just lied.

Despite appearances, assumptions by followers, social networking is no substitute to true transparency

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Social networking has ushered in an age where individuals can be everywhere at once. Through Twitter and Facebook pages, what someone had to eat or which activity they are partaking in is relayed to hundreds, thousands or sometimes millions of people within a matter of seconds.

It has even become a tool for use by top-level politicians and administrators to tap into and communicate information to constituents. President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign and University of Cincinnati Provost Santa J. Ono

are just two examples of those in charge utilizing the phenomenon.

Ono alone has Twitter and Facebook pages where he often touts the latest happenings at UC, whether on the basketball court, in the classroom or on the pages of *The News Record*.

The glut of accessible information provided by these social networking sources, however, should not be mistaken for transparency on the part of those in charge. Unfortunately, it often is.

While you may find Ono praising UC head football coach Butch Jones on his latest recruiting class or reminding his Twitter followers that the deadline is nearing for

UC's College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

scholarship applications, you won't find him addressing issues of rising tuition or university budget deficits on his Twitter feed.

You'll find President Obama Tweeting about finding somewhere to watch his State of the Union address or what he plans on asking

Congress during the address, but that information has already been presented to the public via other outlets.

In other words, it's nothing new, nor is it really transparent. But it gives those following such figures the impression that they are plugged in the latest happenings and privy to inside information.

Another example is UC Presi-

dent Gregory Williams' visit to the offices of *The News Record* upon his appointment as president last year. Those of us at the newspaper were excited at the prospect that Williams' would answer our questions about the hot-button issues on campus and, in essence, be transparent about his plans for UC's future.

After the meeting, we were left holding a bag of no new information. Williams gave us no new insight, yet his actions of meeting with the newspaper could impress upon onlookers that he was attempting to be open in his dialogue.

The same is being done with social networking.

To his defense, Ono has put

himself out there as the most visible provost in UC's history using social networking. It is likely that more students recognize his name than the previous UC provost, Anthony Perzigian. Ono is allowing himself to be accessible to students, an effort worth admiring.

Nor are we suggesting that President Obama disclose state secrets or Ono present every aspect of UC's finances on Twitter.

What we are suggesting, however, is that social networking not become the substitute for true accountability and openness on the part of those in charge.

And that the public not accept it as such.

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"It was a great team win tonight." Popescu, the lone senior on the roster, produced the biggest hit of Tech's game against BYU in the opening day of the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic.

After allowing the Cougars to tie the game at 4 in the top of the seventh inning, Popescu, better known as "Pops," drove a pitch from BYU's Justin Shutt down the left field line, allowing Tech centerfielder Barrett Barnes to score from first base. Popescu's go-ahead RBI would simply be the start of a crucial inning for Tech, as the Red Raiders went on to generate two more runs off Shutt, stretching the lead out to 7-4.

Tech trailed just once Thursday — a 2-1 disadvantage in the fourth inning — marking the second time the Red Raiders have come from behind this season.

That other occurrence was during Sunday's 6-4 win against Northwestern.

"It's nice to have these game early in the season," Popescu said. "It teaches you about winning and you got TCU next weekend. We can't look forward to these games...you got to take one inning at a time and scratch runs when you can."

Popescu drove in what turned out to be the game winning run, but stealing the show might have been third baseman Reid Redman, who led the team with three RBIs.

Redman, however, logged those three RBIs despite batting in a part of the lineup usually not meant for big-time production — the ninth spot.

"Just being in that nine spot, it's kind of a second leadoff," Redman said. "I know my job is to go and see some pitches and try to get on base for those top-of-the-order guys who can drive me in."

Redman finished the game going 2-for-3 at the plate, tying Pops for most from a Red Raider.

Barrett Barnes successfully extended his hitting streak to 10 games in the seventh inning, before he was driven in by Popescu to give Tech a 5-4 lead.

The seventh inning however, was nothing like the first six for the Red Raiders because of the Cougars' ability to control Tech's base running.

Base running was something Tech relied on during the Red Raider Classic, utilizing the players' speed to steal bases and put pressure on opposing pitchers.

The lone player to steal a base Thursday was BYU's Austin Hall.

"(BYU) really did a good job of holding runners and I knew they would," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "The book said that, and I know what coach (Bobby) Applegate coaches the pitchers over there and he does a great job."

The defensive style BYU played with to limit stolen bases, however, opened up some gaping holes allowing for some easy hits — Tech players combined for 10 base knocks.

Spencer said focusing on stopping one particular area of a team's offense provides for some alternate ways to win a game.

"People are gonna defend you, but the thing is if they're gonna defend you they got to spend time preparing," Spencer said, "and when they take something

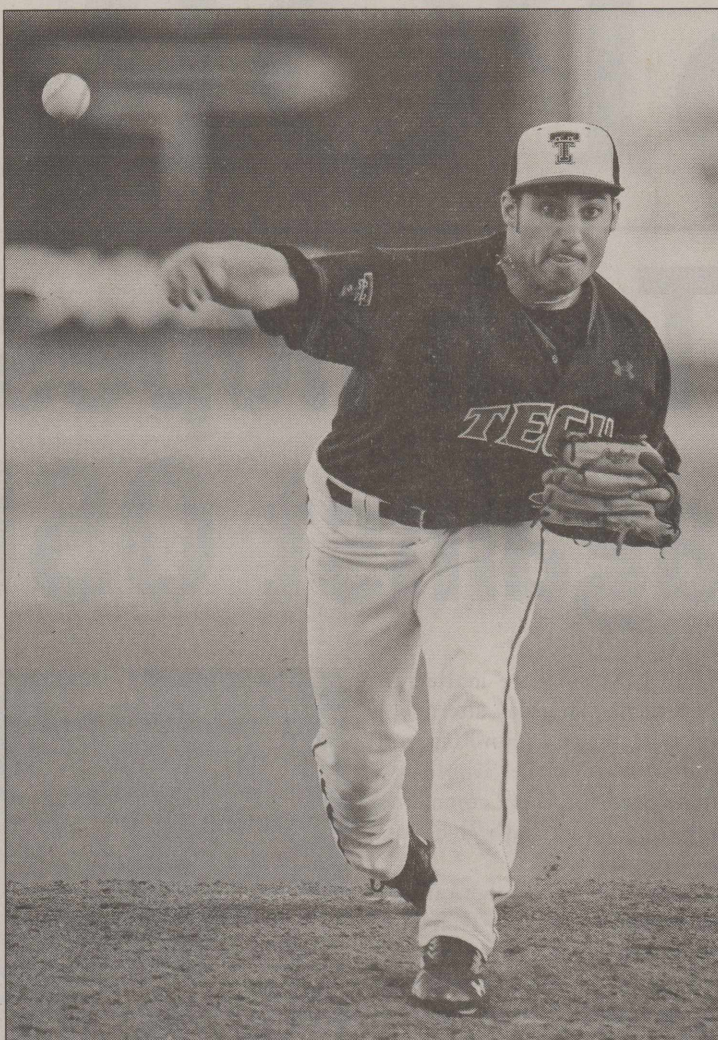


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HAYDEN HOLUB WARMS up at the beginning of the fifth inning.

away, they're giving you something else." The Red Raiders continue play in the tournament with a second game

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The Cowgirls are tied for last place in the Big 12, but one of their three conference victories came at the expense of the Lady Raiders in Stillwater, Okla., on Feb. 9. Oklahoma State defeated Tech, 62-52, which extended the Lady Raiders' losing streak to six at the time.

This time around, the Lady Raiders will have to contain the Cowgirls' leading scorer, sophomore forward Toni Young, who went for a team-high 30 points the last time they met.

Despite Young causing trouble, the biggest problem might not have been what the Cowgirls were doing, but rather what the Lady Raiders were doing to themselves.

Tech committed a season-high 27

turnovers against Oklahoma State and had no answer on the offensive end, either, with only two players scoring double-digit points.

To keep this from happening again, Curry said, the team cannot get down on themselves after the loss to A&M.

"Stay positive, continue to encourage, continue to spend extra time shooting, position-wise," she said. "Just continue to work in practice, continue to get in the

gym and shoot the ball. Again, it's about staying positive."

There are only three games remaining in the 2011 campaign for the Lady Raiders, and Tech will get the opportunity to finish the season in front of a home crowd.

Two of their final three games will be in Lubbock against teams the Lady Raiders need to beat to keep any hopes of a tournament berth alive.

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Support ←

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"Gillispie is a goddamned, fucked up Aggie reject," he barked at the pair. They both stifled laughter as they defended their guy. The "gentleman" wasn't convinced.

"He's an Aggie. Reject," he said.

After a bit more banter, we returned to our talk. The campaign, Chilcutt explained, started with a member of the Lubbock community who was simply tired of seeing the Red Raiders lose. The community member had the idea to have T-shirts made in the vein of Shepard Fairey's posters for Barack Obama, although all three members interviewed said they weren't huge fans of Obama's work. The campaign printed up T-shirts for students to sport at games.

It was launched several weeks ago, but the campaign hasn't gained as much

traction as the organizer had hoped.

"There's just not a lot of support right now. I mean, students aren't turning out," the campaign's organizer said of Tech basketball in general. "I think everybody's indifferent to the whole program. I'd love to give (more shirts) away and get more printed up if we're going to get a shot at Coach Gillispie. I want him to know that this is a place he'd be welcome."

The organizer, who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to business ties with the university, stressed the point of the campaign is not to say anything bad about any student-athletes and said the campaign was started in part because of Knight's comments before the season.

"He's got what, six seniors that have playing time? I don't know what he's got in the pipeline in talent, but he's been here for 10 years, so all of those are players he's recruited," the organizer said.

"I assume with that record he's go-

ing to be terminated and a new coach is going to be found. I feel like our guy is the best guy for the university. I'll certainly support whoever they bring in. I assume they want to win as badly as we want to win. I don't think there's a disconnect there."

As I mentioned before, I've supported Pat Knight for a long time. I was there at every single radio show he did at The Market while he was still coaching under his father. I bear no ill will toward the man, and I wish him the best. Unfortunately, right now the best thing would be for him to ply his trade elsewhere. I have no doubt Knight would be an incredible fit for a mid-major looking to break into the

upper echelon.

For Texas Tech? It's time to join with this group and go after Billy Gillispie, who has proven he can win in the Big 12. With an athletic director to replace Gerald Myers expected to be hired within the next week, students need to stand up and be heard.

We want Tech basketball to matter on the national stage. We want the Red Raiders to make us proud. Billy Gillispie is a man who can make that happen. Here's hoping every effort is made to get him here.

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Oklahoma State, once a team on the bubble, has lost four consecutive Big 12 games to put its postseason hopes in jeopardy. Along with Tech and Oklahoma, the Cowboys are in a three-way tie for ninth place in the Big 12 standings.

In Tech's only previous meeting with the Cowboys — a 75-74 Red Raider overtime win Jan. 29 — Singletary scored 25 points to pace the scarlet and black.

By no means is the senior ready to throw in the towel on the season, even if postseason hopes are glum for the Red Raiders.

"You've just got to keep going," Singletary said after Wednesday's loss. "That's the type of team we are; we just keep going. You know, there's a lot of games in preseason that we wish we could have back, but, I mean, it's over now — you've got to keep going."

"We got a couple of games left here in the Big 12 to finish it out, and we want to go out with a good record in the Big 12 Conference."

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Popescu, Redman lead Tech to 7-4 win against BYU

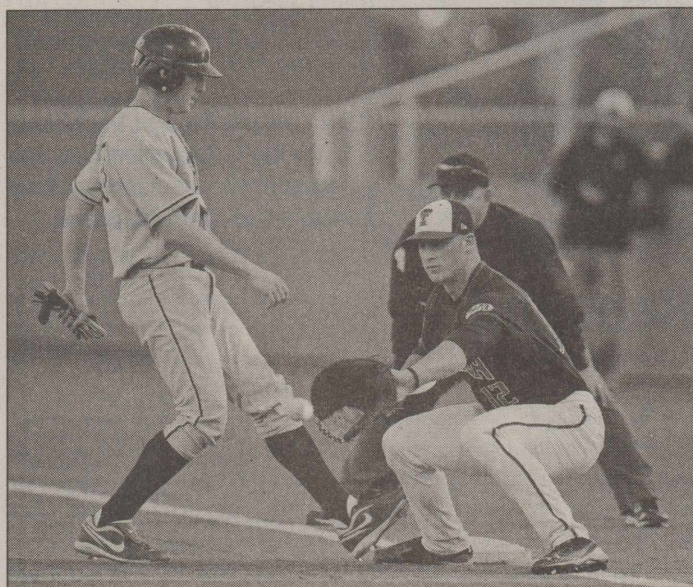


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TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Stephen Hagen catches the ball trying to pick-off Cougar Chase Frampton during the Red Raiders' 7-4 win against BYU on Thursday at Dan Law Field.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Before the start of the season, Scott Lejeune referred to Texas Tech second baseman Nick Popescu as the team's "distinguished old man."

The old man made his presence felt when it was most needed, driving in the go-ahead run to help lead

Tech to a 7-4 win against BYU on Thursday at Dan Law Field.

"It's great finding new ways to win each game," Popescu said. "You can't always count on scoring 10 runs a game. You've just got to rely on your pitching and situational hitting and go from there."

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Lady Raiders host Cowgirls after blowout loss to A&M

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Raiders had limited time to come off the high of upsetting then-No. 1 Baylor and prepare for No. 5 Texas A&M — two days was not enough.

The Aggies pounded Texas Tech (19-8, 6-7 in Big 12 Conference play), blowing out the Lady Raiders, 84-60, on Tuesday in College Station.

Tech coach Kristy Curry said her squad did not handle the situation well, and they have to move on.

"You've got to have short-term memory in this league," she said Wednesday. "Whether it's something good that happened a week before or something that happened last night, we've got to be able to refocus our energy in the right direction headed into Oklahoma State."

Unlike with the A&M game, Tech will have plenty of time to prepare for its game against Oklahoma State (15-11, 3-10), which tips off at 5 p.m. Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

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Tech hopes to rebound against OSU after loss

In a statement e-mailed to local media Thursday afternoon, Texas Tech guard John Roberson and forward Mike Singletary apologized for their comments following Wednesday's 71-68 loss to Colorado.

After the loss, Roberson and Singletary called out Tech fans not at the game. Low fan attendance has been a problem all season for the Red Raiders, and the pair had enough, saying it was "ridiculous" there were not more fans at such a winnable conference game.

Roberson and Singletary didn't solely blame the fans for the loss, but they said the fans certainly didn't help give Tech any energy when the Red Raiders scored a season-low 21 points in the opening half.

"Our post-game comments were made purely out of frustration. We have great fans here at Texas Tech, and we appreciate the support they have provided us," the statement attributes to Roberson and Singletary.

However, the pair said they are going to play no matter how many fans are in the stands.

The Red Raiders' (12-16, 4-9 in Big 12 Conference play) next challenge is against a team limping into the Big 12 Conference tournament: Oklahoma State.

Tech plays the Cowboys at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.



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COLORADO GUARD CORY Higgins shoots from beneath two Texas Tech defenders during the Red Raiders' 71-68 loss to the Buffaloes on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

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Get Gillispie group deserves support



A NEW WEBSITE, getgillispie.com, has been launched to encourage Texas Tech administrators to replace current men's basketball coach Pat Knight with former Texas A&M and Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie. The group wears T-shirts with a Gillispie "change" logo on back.

PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

Pat Knight is a smart guy. He's smart enough to read the writing on the wall, especially now that it looks more like it has been spray-painted in 72-point font.

The Texas Tech basketball head coach needs to go.

To be candid, that's a bit hard for me to write. You see, I like Pat Knight a lot. He's done everything right off the court. He's done everything he can to get students involved. He's a friendly guy who has more respect for student reporters than any coach I've met, and I appreciate that.

But when it's all said and done, what happens on the court is far more important. He knows that. He knew it when he told anyone who would listen before the season his Red Raiders would make it to the tournament or he'd be out of a job. He knew it after Wednesday's game against Colorado when, after yet another excruciatingly close loss, he gave a news conference that seemed more like a goodbye speech than a post-game chat.

Knight's teams haven't been good enough, so he has to find another job.

Jon Arnold



That's the nature of the beast, and that's part of the reason I love what one group on campus is doing to voice its opinion on why Knight should be shown the door.

"It's not personal against Pat Knight per se," said Marshall Owens, a senior financial planning major from Dumas who is part of a group of students sporting shirts encouraging Tech to pursue Billy Gillispie. "We can voice our opinion and make a change. I think it's necessary."

Instead of a vitriolic "Fire Pat Knight" campaign, this group decided to find a suitable candidate for the job and start a group campaigning to get him here. It's pretty simple, really. The group's website, getgillispie.com, which is also on the front of the shirts, redirects to a Facebook group with the succinct name, "Texas Tech should hire Billy Gillispie to replace Pat Knight."

The group hopes to attract the former Texas A&M and Kentucky coach to the South Plains, where they believe he can have a positive impact on Tech's basketball squad.

"Billy Gillispie's a West Texas guy. He's proven himself," said Taylor Chilcutt, a senior restaurant, hotel and institution management major from Weatherford who is heading up student involvement with the campaign. "He got fired from Kentucky because he didn't live up to Kentucky's standards. Where he was at, if Tech could have the type of play he was having while at Kentucky, we would fill the stadium up a little bit."

It's safe to say not everyone agrees. While I was talking with Owens and Chilcutt on the concourse of United Spirit Arena during Tech's loss to A&M earlier in the year, the first game at which more than a handful of students wore shirts, our interview was rudely interrupted by a gray-haired man wearing a Tech hat.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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