## Aldawsari enters not guilty plea

Former student's trial set for May 2 By TOMMY MAGELSSEN News Eotor

More than a month after his arrest for attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, former Texas Tech student
Khalid Aldawsari entered a plea of not guilty Monday norning in the Lubbock federal courthouse.
Aldawsari, who attended
Tech from August 2009 to Tech from August 2009 to
January 2011 before leavJanuary 2011 before leav-
ng because of bad grades, has been held in Lubbock County Jail since his Feb. 23 arrest. tional waived his rianh nadetention hearing earlier detention hearing earlier been set.
Presiding judge Nancy,
Koenig set Aldawsari's trial date for May 2 . The 20 -yearold former chemical engi-
 neering student entered the courtroom in shackles and to his initial hearing Feb. 25 .
Represented by Lubbock attorney Rod Hobson, Aldawsari spoke six times Monday morning, answering yes to five questions posed to him by Koenig and stating his plea of not guilty.
Aldawsari also waived his right to hear the indictment against him read during Monday's court session. life in prison and a $\$ 250,000$ fine.
Hobson declined to comment about the case.
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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/
The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH ALUM NUS and former profes-
sional baseball player Matt sional baseball player Matt
Millor spent six years playing professional baseball ing professional baseball hometown of Lubbock.
The former Red Raider The former Red Raider
pitcher now works as a pitcher now works as a
financial adviser for the local branch of Merrill Lynch and spends time coaching his two chil-
dren's sports teams. dren's sports teams.


#### Abstract

oing to work in an office wearing a suit, then coming home and spending the evening with his two children for local alumnus Matt Miller after spending six years playing profesfional baseball. Entering Texas Tech on an athletic scholarship, Miller was drafted by the Detroit Tigers as a pitcher in the second round following his junior year. When his career as a baseball player on the East Coast ended because of shoulder reconstruction, to finish his degree in management. "To be able to jump into the real world immediately after being let go, I wouldn't have been able to do that without going to school," Miller said. Miller now works for the local branch of Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser. His interest in finance began after he saw how hi


 financial adviser. His interest in finance began after he sav.financial adviser took care of his signing bonus in 1996 .

I come from an upper-middle-class background, so the value of money and being fiscally responsible is just something that was ingrained in me," he said. "I just love the way that (my financial
deviser) allowed me to do my job, which was baseball, and he did adviser) allowed me to do my job, which was baseball, and he did
his and took care of my money. I want to be able to provide the same his and took care of my money. I want to be able to provide the same
for my clients." Wor my clients.
While he talks about the emotional difference of walking into an office instead of onto a baseball field, he enjoys the change and plans to stay around his hometown, Lubbock, for the rest of his life. plans to stay around his hometown, Lubbock, for the rest of his ilie.
Miller believes Tech arheteticsare large parto f Lubbock culture. Born and raised in Lubbock, he still spends his Saurdays watching football. "That's always been a big deal to me, and now I take my 10 -yearold son with me, and that's kind of our thing together," he said. A Monterrey High School graduate, Miller said his decision to Atend Tech was affected by the chance to play for the Chicago Cubs. ALUM continued on Page $2 \gg$

## SGA releases student

 organization funding billInflux of applicants leads to tightening of funds; budget of about $\$ 400 \mathrm{~K}$ expected
By STEPHEN GIPSON
STAFF WRIIER $\begin{array}{ll}\text { STafF Wrirer } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Tech's administration allocates it at } \\ \text { the beginning of the fall semester. }\end{array} \\ \text { For an organization to receive }\end{array}$

Humane Society hosts first Black Dog Club Weekend Group raises awareness about adoption issues By CAITLAN OSBORN
STAFF WRIER
The Humane Sociery of West Texas hosted its first Black Dog Club Weekend on Saurrday ar Petsmart on 68 th Street. Sigma Alpha, a professional agricultural sorority at Texas
Tech, assisted the Humane Society, which is a non-profit, Tech, assisted the Humane Society, which is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter.
The group spent the day raising awareness about the limited adoption of all black or mostly black sheter dogs, which often are overlooked in favor of more colorful canines. The
shelter included a special price for the pets, reducing the cos from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 75$ to entice buyers.
According to a sudy done by the Los Angeles Times, only 28 percent of black shelter dogs are adopted, and most take a longer time to be adopted than lighter-colored dogs. Some people see black dogs as bad luck and intimidating or threatening, the study claims.

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By KASSIDY KETRON er staying up until 4 a.m. and going to an 8 a.m. class, Shannon Daughtry said it was nice to be recognized for her hard work. Daughtry was just one of the La received awards from the 2011 Gold Circle Awards.

Tech's 2010 LV yearbook won 25 awards in 22 different categories. Daughtry, the former managing editor from April 2009 to December 2009, graduated in December 2009
with a degree in public relations and with a degree in public relations and
is now a reporter at The Facts in Clute.
San Antonio and now is pursing a
master's degree from the University master's degre For the 2010 yearbook, Ozment said the $L V$ wanted to do something
different and give sudents what thev different and give sudents what they
wanted to see by catching glimpes of what life was like at Tech. Ozment said after every year individual staff members wish they coll go back and change someone's work.
"I couldn't be more pleased with they're just getting the recognition that they deserve," she said. "It's a greau staf, so $I m$ really excited for them.
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is how hecame an Actan All-American.
"He loved the game, and he loved his teammates," Hays said.
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## LA VIDA

# Entrants have beef at barbecue cook-off <br> \section*{bailey Eiland Staff Werter

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 whelmed the air and mouths began to water when the Lone Star
Barbecue Society sanctioned the first Red Raider Meats BBQ cookoff Friday and Saturday in the $S$ - 1 parking lot. Although the participants
ranged from well-seasoned grillers to young Tech students and from locals to visitors, they were
all there for one reason - to win all there for one reason - to win.
It wasn't always easy, though. It wasn't always easy, though.
The check-in for the head cooks began at $6: 30 \mathrm{a}$ a.m. Friday ahead
of judging Saturday with of judging Saturday with chicken at noon, ribs at 1 p.m. and brisket
at 2 p.m. Taylor Williams, a sophomore
agricultural economics major from agricultural economics major from
Gruver, helped his uncle at the Gruver, helped his uncle at the
event. Williams said their crew woke up at 3 a.m. to begin preparing to grill elk, beef tenderloin and chicken.


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$\begin{array}{ll}\text { people and seeing old friends," } & \text { time is a real great experience." } \\ \text { Leer said. "Oh and also telling } & \text { The contestants seemed hum }\end{array}$ Leer said. "Oh and also telling Huseman said ing chicken said he was grilling chicken, ribs and brisket.
Although his favorite Although his favorite part was
the best tasting food, he also said the best tasting food, he also said
he enjoyed the atmosphere of he enjoyed the atmosphere of the event. the people have been helpful," Huseman said. Though Huseman represented competition, the cooks at Grill
Master Crew agreed with him Master Crew agreed with him.
"Everyone is so friendly an helpful here," De Leon said. "Being able to be out here for the $\begin{array}{ll}\text { whole competition for our first } & \text { first place brisket. } \\ \text { weilandedaliytoreador.com }\end{array}$

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- Martin is a hospitality management graduate student
from Austin. $\underset{\gg}{\Rightarrow} \underset{\text { adam.martin@ttu.edu }}{ }$

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Middle Eastern youth fight for their political voice

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## Cultural group bridges diversity gap

By BAILEY EILAND Texas Tech is a school of many ethnicities, religions and backgrounds. Yet
each sudent on campus has common ground in at leastone aspect - humanity This is the idea the Intercultural Dialogue Association works to spread amongst both the university and the community. The Intercultural Dialogue Association, according to the organization
website, is dedicated to peace and the website, is deaicated to peace and the The website also states the organization believes diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding and acceptance among different cultures and faiths are crucial within society.
Serkan Balyimez, a physics gradupresident of the Intercultural Dialogue Association: During his presidency with the group, Balyimez was awarded the President's Excellence in Diversity and Equity award for his dedication to the pread of diversity.
"We think it is important to promote
 he said. Omer Topaloglu from Istanbul, Turkey, is a graduate student studving marketing and a part-time instructor at Tech, as well as a member of the
cultural Dialogue Association. Topaloglusaid the priation. from the ide of differentram stemmed knowing about each other. He said after he arrived in America five years ago he realized
like Turks.
"Once you start knowing each other you realize we are not really that different," Topaloglu said. "We all hurt, we all bleed, we alf rall inl love and everything.
think that is the main motivation behind this organizaztion."
this organization."
"One of the wa
helps promote diversity is through hitsown membership demographics. Balyimez said the group mostly consists of males and Turkish students. However, Saad
Sved, an electrical engineering gradu Syed, an electrical engineering gradu ate student from India, said the grou
involves ohere ehnicities, as well

Nns, Tuukman students in the progra, ans, Turkman students in the program, Ryobert Parker McM:illan a innior philosophy major from Graham, has only been a member of the Interculural Dialogue Association since January but said he has thoroughly enjoyed it. "TVe realized that other people froma different part of the world have the exact same hopes and ambitions for the
and for their futures," he said. The student said he believes the organization is important in bridging cultural gaps amongst people of different backgrounds.
"If you nev. "If you never educate yourself and give yourself the opportunities to meet others from an opposite part of the world
than you are from, then you remain in than you are from, then you remain in
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he said
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McMillan said the organization is a good place to starat because it isfilled with people who are willing to talk about the different cultural aspects of their life and
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another"'he said.
In line with what McMillan said, the
group educates Tech students about
different cultures through various different cultures through various
dialogue sessions, interfaith activities and community events. - Bahtiyar Babanazarov, an agricultural and applied economics graduate student from Turkmenistan, said the organization is dynamic and active. "This goes actually beyond the campus," he said. "We bring in city
mayors, we bring in deans, mayors, we bring in deans, and even
the vice president of the university the vice president of
attends our meetings." One of the upcoming events the organization is hosting, Babanazarov said, is a discussion over Islam and democracy at 5 p.m. April 5 in the Allen Theatre. Topaloglu is helping
Babanazarov organize the event in Babanazarov organize the event in
hopes of correcting misconceptions hopes of correcting misconceptions
about building a democracy amongst Islamic populations. On both April 9 and April 15, the group will take interfaith trips to various houses of worship. Through these events and others, students can get the feel and smell or going abroad, Topaloglu said.
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"Because there are so many organiza-
tions, they don't have time to talk to the entire budget and finance committee. This past budget, we spent literally two 9 to 5 every day," Bradley said. The interviews are important cause it gives the budget and finance committee a chance to advise organizations on successful and efficient ways to spend its money, he said. After the interview process, the budget and finance committee meets
for almostan entire weekend to allocate money to organizations, he said. The committee reviews past spending trends of existing organizations and compares them to the requested funds. "That's one of the big things; we really want look at an organization's past
spending trends," Bradley said "Say they spendidl allocted $\$ 1,000$ in fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011 , but they only spent $\$ 800$ both those years. Because we have such a huge number of organizations applying and a limited amount of resources, we may take that $\$ 200$ and put it aside or give it someone else who might spend
it all. If the organization needs than $\$ 800$, they can always apply for

## Dogs <br> $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{1}$

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Emily Marler, originally from St . Louis, Mo., is sa HSWT. adoption coordinator and president of Sigma Alpha. She said she was inspired
by the idea of the Black Dog Club by the idea of the Black Dog Club
when the Humane Society of Missouri initiated one. Marler presented the idea to the West Texas chapter and enlisted Sigma Alpha to help coordinate the event. The senior ágricultural communications major said the phenom-
enon is commonly referred to as the enon is commonly referred to as the
Big Black Dog Syndrome by shelters nationwide. Marler said there is often a negative psychological effect occurring with black dogs, causing them to be overlooked by potential owners. "They've done a lot of scientific studies about it,"Marler said. "When people see this tri-colored, beautiful,
very standout dog next to a black one, their eye is naturally drawn to the multi-colored one. The black dogs just sit in the shelters and don't get adopted. The Black Dog Club was formed just to bring attention
to these dogs." to these dogs." Marler said more than 40 percent of the HSWT's dogs are black, and
few are adopted from the shelter. few are adopted from the shelter.
Ones that are placed in city pounds are typical euthanized, and the goal are typical euthanized, and the goal
of this project was to match these
contingency funding."
Contingency funding is given to organizations requiring additional fund ing for emergencies and other specific reasons, Bradley said. Tyler Patton, SGA external vice resident and 2011-12 SGA president elect, said one of his goals during the summer is to begin conversations with
Tech's administration to increase the amount of funds given to student or ganizations.
He said he has spoken with several student organizations that are worrie about what the budget cuts in Texas higher education means for Tech's stu-
dent organizations. Patton said his jol dent organizations. Patton said his job funding is not going anywhere. Patton also said the student organiza tion fund has not increased significantl in the three years he has been in SGA "I really feel like we've seen a really huge increase in students; we've gone
through consecutive semester after through consecutive semester aftee
consecutive semester of record enrollment growth," Patton said. "It hink that naturally is going lend itself to seeing more student organizations registering with the university. Ithink it's importan to make sure that those organization that are new have the support they nee
to be succesfful because that's crucial." $\Longrightarrow$ sgipsonedailytoreador.com
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home, she said Lizzie Mack, a junior wildlife management major from Bryan, sai
before she adopted her black dach hund, Stevie, from the Humane So ciety two months ago, she had come close to adopting a different dog
because it looked more attractive. because it looked more attractive.
"I absolutely love Stevie," Mac said, "but I can honestly say I didn" notice her at first. I just didn't notice her like I noticed the other, more colorful ones because she doesn't re ally stand out, especially in the dar cages. I understand now why we'r
doing this and why it's important" doing this and why it's important."
Marler said she would also like to use the event as a chance to remind people - especially students - that buying a pet is a long-term commitment and should not be taken lightly. "We get a huge intake of dogs at the end of May," she said. "People leave dogs in their apartments or turn
them loose on campus. They move out and just leave the dog there. So please take care of them and do not dump your dogs."
Marle said the Marler said the Humane Society of West Texas will continue sponso
ing its black dog promotions, and ing its black dog promotions, and it
next goal in the coming months is to host a Black Cat Club Day, to refute the negative stereotype that is often associated with the dark feline


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Wruck had similar success in his events, throwing the shot put $51^{\prime}-5$ " $(15.67 \mathrm{M})$ and the discus $194^{\prime}$
(59.17M) to claim both titles. The next meet the Red Raiders wn Open this host the Texas Tech Linda Fuller Trate ct the Terry and "It doesn't really matter. if you ong as you get close to your personal best or you open up your season with a good distance or a good time," Wruck said. "I think everyone's doing pretty well with that. So that have to competence for when you have to
crow.
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Golf CONTINUED FROM PAGE $8 \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Lady Raiders to the sixth-place finish } \\ & \text { with her } 1 \text {-under par performance }\end{aligned}$ The sophomore, who claimed the Sophomores Kim Kaufman and individual title at last year's tournament, finished Saturday tied for fourth with Colorado's Emily Talley. The Buffaloes were one of three Big 12 Conference teams that finished
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home the tournament title.
Nine conference foes were in
the field of 18, and Tech finished ahead of five of them. Kanss and Baylor struggled the most, finishing at the bottom in 17th and18th place. respectively. With the majority of the conference present, Dominguez said it gave
the team a it stands in the Big 12 . "It was great; I thought it was a
really good way to really good way to see how we ranked
up between us and the other Big 12 up between us and the other Big 12
teams," she said. "I felt like we did pretty well, but we could also do a pretty well, but we could also do a
lot better. We're going to be ready for the Big 12 s to even do better things."

## Spark

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Now, just take a look at the two sports.
Football is a team-driven game. Sure, there are superstars whocan makeorbbreak teams, but each player needs to click as a One or woo players can make a basketball ooked by a premier basketball program and slip to the VCU or Butler level. Name one team Butler beat this The regular season of college basketball


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programs save to oun the gaunter. In
baskebball, he programs a teast face some basketball, the e roograms at least face some
stiffcomperition in the regular season on a consistent basis.
Comparing football to basketball is insanely hard. Just because the playoff works for basketball does not mean it would translate to football. There will
inevitably be a situation where a eam is inevitably be a situation where a team is
left out of the football playoff. The more left out of the football playoff. The more
people clamof for it, the less important people clamor for it, the less important
the regular season becomes and the more watered down the product becomes. As exciting as it is to see two great
coaches in Smart and Butler's Brad
help but think Kansas versus Florida help but think Kansas versus Florida
would be a more intriguing matchup.
It is exciting to see how the baskethall tourney plays out, but the playoff format is not for football.
Cinderella needed a fairy godmother to be at the ball. In this instance, the fairy is the tourney and makes college basketball relevant for one month each
year. Foorball may have a bad rap as the year. Football may have a bad rap as the
stepsister, but it does not need anything stepsisters, but it does not need anything
to be exciting and relevant each and to be exciting and relevant
every week of the season.

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Spurs hurting as Parker, Ginobili, Duncan sidelined SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tony
Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Antonio Spurs don't know when they'll be back.
The NBA's winningest team is also without veteran Antonio Mt all comes with nine games left in a season that has seen the Spurs coast in near-perfect health.
All four starters were out for Monday night's game against Port land.
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The Spurs hosted the Trail Blazers on a three--game skid, their lon-
gest all season. Richard jefferson was gest all season. Richard Jefferson was
the only starter left in the lineup. In the case of McDyess, at least, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich wa being cautious with the playoffs

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## Lady Raider golf team finishes 6th in tournament



By JOSHUA KOCH Strong, quality tournament starts have not been the main problem Texas Tech women's oof has faced this spriig - finishing has been the real issue. The Lady Raiders, however, brought an end to that trend of rocky finishes this past weekend at the Mountain View Collegiate tourna
ment in Tucson, Ariz., closing the ment inement on a good note to finish in sixth place.
"Tr's good feeling to know that we stayed strong each day," Tech coach Jofo Robertson said. "In tournaments past, we've kind of dug ourselves into
a hole after the first round and had to fight like crazy to just finish in the middle of the pack.
"This week we "This week we started off strong Overshadowed by the sixth-place his son hever, is the fact Tech wo Robertson nament last year. faces, there is not aside from a few new tween this season'ssquad and last year's One of the players who was not new to this course and tournament is Gabby Dominguez.

## VCU, Butler should not

 spark football argument

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