Aldawsari enters not guilty plea

Former student's trial set for May 2

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN

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 morning in the Lubbock

federal courthouse. Aldawsari, who attended Tech from August 2009 to January 2011 before leaving because of bad grades, has been held in Lubbock County Jail since his Feb. 23 arrest.

The Saudi Arabian national waived his right to a detention hearing earlier this month, and no bail has

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 handcuffs and was escorted by four U.S. Marshals, similar

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari

was arrested Feb.

23 and charged with

attempted use of a

destruction.

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. If convicted, Aldawsari faces a maximum sentence of

life in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Hobson declined to comment about the case. >>> tmagelssen@dailytoreador.com

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Texas Tech track brought home 14 titles from the UTEP Springtime Invitational. SPORTS, Page 8



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/ The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH ALUM-NUS and former professional baseball player Matt Miller spent six years playing professional baseball before returning to his hometown of Lubbock. The former Red Raider pitcher now works as a financial adviser for the local branch of Merrill Lynch and spends time coaching his two children's sports teams.

oing to work in an office wearing a suit, then coming home and spending the evening with his two children and coaching their athletic teams is a big turnaround for local alumnus Matt Miller after spending six years playing profes-

Entering Texas Tech on an athletic scholarship, Miller was drafted by the Detroit Tigers as a pitcher in the second round following his

When his career as a baseball player on the East Coast ended because of shoulder reconstruction, Miller returned to Tech in 2003 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 now works for the local branch of Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser. His interest in finance began after he saw how his 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 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

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. Miller believes Tech athletics are a large part of Lubbock culture. Born

and raised in Lubbock, he still spends his Saturdays watching football. "That's always been a big deal to me, and now I take my 10-year-

old son with me, and that's kind of our thing together," he said.

A Monterrey High School graduate, Miller said his decision to attend Tech was affected by the chance to play for the Chicago Cubs.

Humane Society

hosts first Black

Dog Club Weekend

Group raises awareness

about adoption issues

By CAITLAN OSBORN

STAFF WRITER

Club Weekend on Saturday at PetSmart on 68th Street.

The Humane Society of West Texas hosted its first Black Dog

Sigma Alpha, a professional agricultural sorority at Texas

The group spent the day raising awareness about the lim-

Tech, assisted the Humane Society, which is a non-profit,

ited adoption of all black or mostly black shelter dogs, which often are overlooked in favor of more colorful canines. The

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SGA releases student organization funding bill

Influx of applicants leads to tightening of funds; budget of about \$400K expected

By STEPHEN GIPSON STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Student Government Association's budget and finance committee had to be strict with the amount of funds allocated to student organizations in the 2011-12 SGA student organization funding bill.

Blake Bradley, co-vice chair of the SGA budget and finance committee, said because there is a larger amount of student organizations applying for funding this year compared to last year, the committee has been strict in the amount given to organizations.

The 2011-12 student organization budget hopefully will be about \$400,000, Bradley said, but he will not know the exact amount until Tech's administration allocates it at

the beginning of the fall semester. For an organization to receive funding it must be a registered student organization with Tech's Center for Campus Life, Bradley said, and the organization must then estimate an amount it will require from the budget and finance committee and any external funding options it plans

to pursue. He said the organization then sets up a time to speak with members of the budget and finance committee to discuss what events it plans on hosting and how much funding it will require.

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shelter included a special price for the pets, reducing the cost from \$100 to \$75 to entice buyers. According to a study 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.

no-kill animal shelter.

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TODAY

The North-American Indian Facsimile Exhibit Time: All-day event Where: Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library So, what is it?

Seattle photographer Edward S. Curtis devoted the first three decades of the 20th century to creating images that glorified what he saw as the "vanishing race" of North-American Indians. In celebration of Women's History Month, the SWC/SCL displays a dozen facsimile images from the 20 volumes of Curtis' "The North American Indian." The exhibit is on display through Thursday.

"Amreeka," Arabic Movie Showing Time: 3 p.m.

Where: Foreign Language building basement, Qualia Room So, what is it?

Hosted by the Classical and Modern Languages and Literature Department, "Amreeka" uses both Arabic (with subtitles) and English to portray the Arab-American community. The movie is centered around a non-Muslim Palestinian single mother living in West Bank who decides to immigrate to the United States with her 16-yearold son. It presents the challenges of immigration and cultural integration faced by Palestinians who come to the U.S. carrying their hopes and fears.

Manny Rodriguez Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Stella's So, what is it?

Relax to the sounds of smooth jazz and indulge in complimentary hors d'oeuvres or authentic New York-style Italian cuisine.

Hemlock Time: 6:30 p.m. to midnight Where: Jake's Backroom So, what is it?

tion date.

This hardcore metal band returns to Hub City with special guests Redeemed Chaos, A Darker Shade of Grey, Redefined and Within This Hour.

WEDNESDAY

Celia Sandys Time: 7 p.m. Where: TTU Museum, H.D. Jones Auditorium So, what is it?

The Presidential Lecture and Performance Series presents author Celia Sandys, Winston Churchill's granddaughter. She has published five books on various aspects of Winston Churchill's life. Her latest book, "We Shall Not Fail — Inspiring Leadership of Winston Churchill," describes the principles of leadership that enabled Churchill to lead his country and the rest of the free world to overwhelming victory against Nazi Germany.

The Maze Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Where: SUB, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Hosted by Tech Campus Crusade for Christ, Maze presents a unique blend of illusion, intuition, psychology, humor, mystery and danger.

Nelo with Hudson Moore Time: 10 p.m. Where: Blue Light So, what is it? Come out and listen to country music performed by this Austin-based sextet, along with the alternative country sounds of Fort Worth-born Moore, a junior at the University of Texas.

Rachel Porter Time: 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Where: The Funky Door Bistro and Wine Room So, what is it?

Indulge in fondue, steak or cheesecake and listen to the acoustic stylings of local folk singer Rachel Porter.

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ESC research welcomes Spanish influence

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

After considering numerous universities as potential locations to extend her research possibilities, Maria Fernandez del Valle ultimately decided to come to Texas Tech to continue her own research while assisting the Department of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences with its ongoing research.

Fernandez del Valle, a professor with the Sports Fundamentals Department at the European University of Madrid, said after seriously considering three different universities, Tech was simply the right fit.

"In the end, I decided to come to Tech because I felt very comfortable with the university faculty and program," she said, "and I have several things in common with their research agenda."

After graduating from the European University of Madrid with a master's degree in sports science, Fernandez del Valle focused her research on eating disorders, specifically anorexia nervosa.

"The first thing I liked about Texas Tech is that research was being done on eating disorders," she said. "It is a very complicated illness, and I felt collaborating with the research team here would help to increase my knowledge on eating disorders."

Jacalyn McComb, a professor in health, exercise and sport sciences at Tech, said the collaboration with Fernandez del Valle could better each of their ongoing research.

"Our research focus has been focused on exploring the mind-body connection," she said. "Our exercise interventions involve more forms of meditative exercise such as yoga, whereas Maria's research is more focused on strength training and resistance exercise."

One of the department's current research projects is built upon mindfulnessbased exercise intervention, McComb said.

"This particular research is led by Rutika Panke and focuses on changes in immune function following mindfulnessbased exercise intervention," she said. "The study focuses on the pro-inflammatory aspects of the effects of pre- and post-exercise intervention, such as walking and voga."

While their current research may address different areas, both McComb and Fernandez del Valle agreed that by utilizing both of their approaches in various research aspects, they can help each other achieve their ultimate goals.

"By bringing our research together, we can bring together the internal and external aspects of our individual research," Fernandez del Valle said. "It's not just the physical aspect, but

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador JACALYN MCCOMB, LEFT, a professor of sport sciences, and Maria Fernandez, a professor with the sports fundamentals department at the European University of Madrid, are conducting research on four various topics realating to exercise and sports science.

the mental aspect as well."

While resistance-based exercise is more focused on the physical aspect, Fernandez del Valle said she also is able to incorporate the mental aspect by utilizing a more powerful form of meditative

"One part of my training session focuses on palates, which helps the patients focus on the contour of their bodies," she said. "It allows them to think about their body image, and in combination with

strength training, it can improve their quality of life."

Coming to the U.S. to help learn the English language was a big draw, said Fernandez del Valle, but the main focus is the collaborative research being done with the university.

"We can integrate our two approaches to connect the outside with inside," she said. "Better physical function ultimately leads to better mental function."

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La Ventana brings home 25 awards

By KASSIDY KETRON STAFF WRITER

After staying up until 4 a.m. and going to an 8 a.m. class, Shannon Daughtry said it was nice to be recog-

nized for her hard work. Daughtry was just one of the La Ventana yearbook staff members who 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 is now a reporter at The Facts in Clute.

Daughtry, originally from Friendswood, received recognition in theme and concept and received awards for division page design and an academic spread.

"I was pleased to see that we came away doing that well because you think of all the time that you spent working on it and all the hours you put into it, and just to see it come out like that, it's exciting, it's really exciting," Daughtry said.

The current managing editor for the LV, Elliot Salazar, received awards for a student life spread and a student life multi-page presentation and received recognition for design portfolio.

"I think we did really good this year; we had a lot of new members on the staff, but I think they really stepped up to the plate," he said.

The 2009 and 2010 editor of LV, Kate Ozment, graduated from Tech with

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a degree in English literature from San Antonio and now is pursing a master's degree from the University of Chicago.

For the 2010 yearbook, Ozment said the LV wanted to do something different and give students what they wanted to see by catching glimpses of what life was like at Tech.

Ozment said after every year individual staff members wish they could go back and change something, but she was proud of every-

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way that it was done, and now they're just getting the recognition that they deserve," she said. "It's a great staff, so I'm really excited for them."

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He turned down the gig and chose to pursue an education and become part of the Red Raider spirit with which he grew up.

"I just think very few 18-yearolds are prepared for professional baseball, and I don't mean just physically, I mean mentally, socially and all those things," said Larry Hays, a retired Tech baseball coach who coached Miller. "The kids that go to college that I've had over the years, they handle their professional careers much better."

While at Tech, Miller rushed Phi Delta Theta but admits he was much closer to his teammates through the many practices, bus rides and workouts.

Bill Dean, executive vice president of the alumni association and associate professor of mass communications, is a family friend of the Millers'. He followed the alumnus's baseball career since coaching Miller when the baseball player was 15 years old.

"When he was a pitcher at Monterey, he picked up 10 mph velocity from the end of one season to the beginning of the next," Dean said. "There is a huge difference. He did a lot of outstanding things at high school and at Tech.'

Miller encourages current students to go to class and stay mentally present because he said that is how he became an Academic All-American.

"He loved the game, and he loved his teammates," Hays said. "He is what you want in a student athlete. He did all those things that represent what college athletics should be about."

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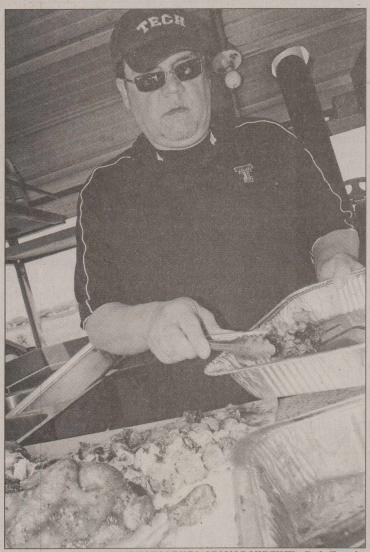
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Entrants have beef at barbecue cook-off



PHOTOS BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador TOMMY CATHEY, A Texas Tech alumnus from Amarillo, prepares beef tenderloin at the Red Raider Meats BBQ Cook-Off on Saturday.

TREVOR WIL-LIAMS, LEFT, a Texas Tech alumnus, and Tommy Cathey, also a Tech alumnus, both from Amarillo, prepare chicken at the Red Raider BBQ Cook-Off on Saturday in the S-1 parking lot.



STAFF WRITER

The aroma of barbecue overwhelmed 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.

It wasn't always easy, though. The check-in for the head cooks began at 6:30 a.m. Friday ahead 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 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.

mean that's what we came for."

Lubbock local Lino De Leon, from the barbecue group known as the Grill Master Crew, said winning was all about luck. His crew grilled brisket, chicken, and sausage.

"Everyone has a lot of good flavors and food, but the judging part of it can really make you or break you," he said.

De Leon said he learned to cook from his dad and has been grilling his whole life. He currently works as a cook at United helpful here," De Leon said. "Be-Supermarkets.

The cook said he constantly has people asking him for his 'secret ingredients," but was insistent that the only secret ingredient in his barbecue is consistency.

Tammy Leer from Buffalo reth, at the cook-off.

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"I'm just out here for the

people and seeing old friends," Leer said. "Oh and also telling Bob what to do."

Huseman said he was grilling chicken, ribs and brisket. Although his favorite part was the best tasting food, he also said pork, jalapeño poppers, spare ribs he enjoyed the atmosphere of the event.

> "It is very well-run and all of the people have been helpful," Huseman said.

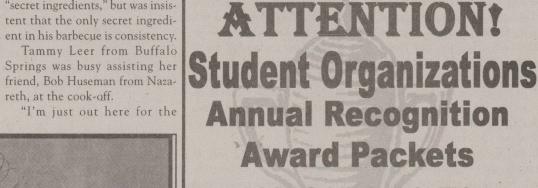
Though Huseman represented competition, the cooks at Grill Master Crew agreed with him.

"Everyone is so friendly and ing able to be out here for the whole competition for our first

The contestants seemed humble and were each eager to offer food and help one another out. Many said they would come back to the event in the following

According to Lone Star Barbecue's website, 40 grill enthusiasts participated in the event. Brady Phillips was named grand champion for winning the first place prize in both the pork spare ribs category and the chicken category. Dick Odom, with the Dalby Grilling Team II, was named reserve champion for his first place brisket.

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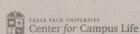
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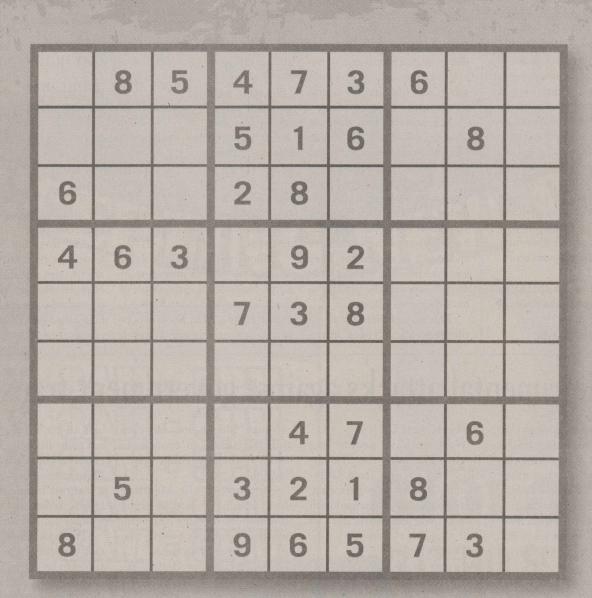
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National parks need funding

he United States' National Park System represents the spirit of America and is the best travel and fitness tool in the entire world. The system includes 392 parks, monuments and other units with 84.4 million acres of America's most beautiful natural and culturally significant sites, with thousands of miles of hiking trails throughout.

The first national park in the entire world was Yellowstone, created in 1872 by President Grant. The National Park Service was created in 1916 to manage the increasing number of national parks. The Ken Burns' film "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" tells their history in captivating detail.

The continuing economic recession is affecting the national parks with the latest round of budget cuts. The national park budget is only \$2.7 billion. The maintenance backlog is estimated at \$11 billion. There are many competing priorities in this round of budget proposals, but the National Park System is one our legislators should protect from major

Contact your elected officials and urge them to fully fund the national parks.

The parks are resources for every American. National park records indicate a visitation of 286

million people in 2009. With the estimated population of the United States at 311 million, that's equivalent to 92 percent of Americans visiting a national park that year.

People from around the world visit America's national parks for a multitude of reasons. The parks offer unparalleled natural beauty, outstanding recreational activities, important historical preservation and education, and both mental and physical health improvement opportunities. Appropriating adequate funding to the national parks is essential to continue offering this to all Americans.

Children greatly benefit from experiences in nature, from improvements in their ability to concentrate to reduction in health problems associated with childhood obesity. These problems have been brought under the term "nature deficit disorder," coined by Richard Louv in the book "Last Child in the Woods." Funding the national parks and continuing to allow the exploration of natural environments is essential to our nation's growth.

Frequently there are articles

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historical knowledge in American youth. Many of the locations where American history was made are now national parks, such as Faneuil Hall in Boston, where Samuel Adams and other revolutionary patriots protested British rule and Frederick Douglass and other anti-slavery activists spoke out for freedom for all

Another location is the Hawaii volcanoes in our most recent state, one of the few places in America where land is beating back the ris-

Reducing the funding will reduce educational opportunities, and ignorant American children will continue to become ignorant American adults.

According to the New York Times, experiments at the University of Houston indicate exercise stimulates neurogenesis, the growing of neurons in the brain. There is even more neural development attributed to exercising in a social group setting. The national parks offer opportunities for group

exercise and experiences. With neuron growth and a wide variety of exercise and educational possibilities, the national parks are

one of the best resources for improv-

ing the education of all Americans. From a more capitalistic perspective, put your money where your mouth is and donate some hardned cash to groups that directly support the parks, like the National Parks Conservation Association, the National Park Foundation or any of the individual park support groups. Other organizations that support the national parks through lobbying efforts are the National Resources

Defense Council and Earthjustice. Do not allow our elected officials from either side of the aisle to cut funding from the spirit of America. Americans have a duty to be involved in the governing process. Fulfill your duty by contacting your elected officials to tell them how important the national parks are.

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Hateful preachers at least spurred discussion

s many of you probably know, last week .Texas Tech was visited by Brother Jed Smock and his troupe of fundamentalist Christians. They arrived March 21 in the Free Speech Area and started preaching their warnings of hellfire and brimstone to passers-by promptly at noon.

They finally left on Friday, March 25, well into the afternoon. Although they received an overwhelming amount of negative attention, I think their mission here ended up benefitting the university as

Brother Jed and his merry band of super Christians comprise a campus ministry that travels around the country and the world to warn college students of their sins. Sister Dorris and Sister Pat both said countless times that sinners cannot get into heaven, which was usually followed by a claim that they themselves did not sin.

Brother Jed could often be found wearing a sign listing the variety of people doomed to hell, which included lesbians, sodomites, party-goers, drug fiends, porn freaks, music idolaters, feminists, socialists, pagans and all non-Christians.

Although many of the people who witnessed this weeklong debacle would say nothing good really came of it, I beg to differ. From what I could tell, the hate speech of the Smock



crew, albeit offensively presented, really brought together a variety of different people against them.

I myself, a Methodist Christian, rallied against the hate speech alongside an atheist from the campus

secular organization while listening to Sister Doris.

I think it's safe to say Brother Jed's mission affected me personally. However, I feel the attacks made on me by his troupe only served to encourage me to rethink and

reinforce my religious beliefs. Although I didn't agree with most of the things Jed said — and nothing Sisters Pat, Cindy and Doris said — I think their sermons inadvertently made me a better and more knowledgeable Christian.

Moreover, because of Brother Jed's ministry on campus, I also met a lot of new people with whom I worked to oppose the

hate speech and negative representation of Christianity being presented by Smock and his team.

I started a group on Facebook with a friend of mine, Andrew Montalvo, for people who opposed Jed, called "College Students Against Hate." I was amazed when it reached 20 members within two days. As of yet, we are still a small group and have not made many big plans, but we have

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... the hate speech of the Smock crew, albeit offensively presented, really brought together a variety of different people against them.

> Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, Andrew donned a suit and, armed with a King James Version of the Bible, went to the Free Speech Area to give an alternative viewpoint about the topics discussed.

With me displaying homemade posters saying, "Do you know the Nice Jesus?" and "Ask me about Jesus* (*judgment not included)," among other things, and several

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> other people to back us up, we spoke in a civil and friendly manner about ideas shared by most Christians, such as God's love and forgiveness of sins and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Countless people, Christians and non-Christians alike, expressed gratitude toward us for representing the ideas and attitude of rational Christians.

Now, don't get me wrong, I do not condone the behavior of Brother Jed or his followers. In fact, I think they are an embarrassment to Christianity, and it humiliated me as a Christian to hear them speak. On the other hand, I don't think their presentation on campus was completely negative because it united students against a common enemy and showed me a new sense of community I had not previously seen. Because of this, I look forward to Mr. Smock's return next

If you would like to know more about the reaction of students to Brother Jed's ministry on the Tech campus, I encourage you to listen to episode three of Seeing Red, the official podcast of The Daily Toreador's opinions section, which can be found on The DT website.

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Middle Eastern youth fight for their political voice

Arab world.

By RAQUEL WOODRUFF WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NEW YORK Y.)

The popular revolution surging throughout Libya has been under a spotlight in the U.S., as allied warplanes and cruise missiles have recently begun to aid anti-government rebels in their fight to remove dictator Muammar al-Qadaffi from power. But this incredible uprising is just one of many intensifying pro-democracy, anti-autocratic movements driven by young

people across the Middle East.

The revolt in Libya, the most censored country in the Middle East and North Africa according to the 2009 Freedom of the Press Index, is an illumination of the vigorously growing opposition fueled by youth who, through access to social media, have seen how the rest of the world lives and want it for themselves. They want the freedom to make their own choices and the freedom to have their own voices.

The immobilizing wall of silence was first broken in the

Tunisia revolution. The popular resigned from office in February. A Sunni Muslims sent troops to moluprising that ousted the nation's leader Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali was the first democratic revolt in the modern Arab world and a catalyst for the rest of the Middle East to press for reform in a region dominated by authoritative regimes.

The oppressed citizens of other

Arab and North African nations did indeed begin to respond - several countries are currently fighting against the corruption and nepotism they have lived with their whole

lives and are realizing that political freedom and economic reform comes from

Following their neighbors in Tunisia, in January protesters in Egypt demanded the overthrow of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak and his regime. After weeks of popular protest and pressure, Mubarak record number of voters turned out in Egypt approving constitutional amendments to secure a free and fair democratic system.

In Yemen last week, President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a determined U.S. ally in the fight against terrorism, declared a state of emergency the ruling Baath Party — a raging

his cabinet after government-It's obvious now linked forces killed more that Libya is but one than 40 unpart of a remarkable armed protesters. On Monwave of revolt in the day, news came about of several top army commanders and

one of Yemen's key tribal leaders having sided with the protesters.

And that's not it. Opposition leaders in Bahrain were arrested after troops disbanded thousands of protestors that were occupying the central square of Manama. The king called for a three-month state of emergency. In Saudi Arabia, a part of it is a tremendous thing.

naked in his cell. Though he is

given two blankets a night, both

Manning and his lawyer see it as

a form of humiliation, adding

to the stress of being kept in

the support President Obama

seems to be giving it, is counter-

intuitive to the governmen-

tal transparency the president

pushed for during his campaign.

takes place much closer to home

in the civilian sector — specifi-

cally, the blogging scene.

Yet another recent example

In Minneapolis, blogger John

This sort of punishment, and

solitary confinement.

lify the mainly Shiite upheaval in bordering Bahrain. King Abdullah offered over \$100 billion in added benefits to citizens following relentless protests in Riyadh.

Let's take a look at Syria. Protesters set fire to a headquarters of indication of dissent in one of the region's most authoritarian states. And now Libyan people pouring across Tunisia's border are being offered food and assistance from their neighbors.

It's obvious now that Libya is but one part of a remarkable wave of revolt in the Arab world. The Arab people, mainly the youth, are no longer sitting paralyzed under oppression, restricted by religious theocracies.

The U.S. should continue supporting the dissidents in Libya and the quest for freedom in future autocratic governments. Middle Eastern dictator-run governments are finally changing - an extraordinary step in the modern Arab world. And the United States being

Diplomacy failing, detrimental attacks against government transparency on the rise

TOP SECRET

By ZACHARY DAVIS

THE DAILY REVEILLE (LOUISIANA STATE U.)

Our ideal of a transparent government has come under attack - an attack that became exacerbated with the explosion of WikiLeaks on the Web last Most of the leaked informa-

tion has been damning to some government agencies, but the group and founder Julian Assange have faced disproportionate criticism.

Yet it's not just WikiLeaks that has faced problems lately, as there have been other instances that seem to show our ideal for a transparent government is just a talking point.

prevent sensitive information from being spread throughout the world. But it might be this same lack of transparency in our government that makes sources like WikiLeaks so appealing.

Some of the information released is trivial, but if it's trivial it shouldn't have been hidden in the first place.

But we have obtained some important information, mostly relating to our actions in our wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan. To me, this seems like the natural evolution of the relationship between war and the media.

In Vietnam we saw how the rise of television brought more unpopularity to the war. Now To be fair, I understand our it's the Internet's turn, and it is government is simply trying to certainly a much more danger-

ous beast than TV.

Now we have people like Bradley Manning, the 23-yearold Army private from Oklahoma. Currently imprisoned, Manning has been charged with transferring classified data as well as aiding the enemy.

One of the allegations against Manning says he leaked a video of a U.S. helicopter

down Iraqi citizens — something we might want to know about. Yes, the military will occa-

sionally do regrettable things accidentally — it's simply part

That said, keeping these oc-

currences hidden does not help eral nights, forcing him to sleep and only serves to exacerbate backlash when the public finally

Of course, while Manning shouldn't have leaked some information, we must be careful in terms of how we punish him for his actions.

If they really can be defined as treasonous, then of course he must face the

corresponding penalty. Until then, however, he cannot be treated harshly.

But according to his lawyer, Manning has had his clothing taken away from him for sev-

Hoff was fined \$60,000 because one of his posts may have resulted in the loss of a local politician's job. Jerry Moore, the politician in question, was found to have been accurately linked to mortgage fraud.

Despite being rightfully outed, Moore sued the blogger for damages relating to his job loss. Somehow the jury found this defense reasonable, and now Hoff has to pay for reporting the truth.

Now, this issue would have never occurred had it been a news agency, so why should a blogger be attacked?

Whether in our nation's military or among the civilian sector, these recent attacks against transparency are despicable.

Our politicians and our armed forces are meant to serve the people, and as such we deserve to know as much as we can without repercussions to those who help the cause.

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Cultural group bridges diversity gap

By BAILEY EILAND STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech is a school of many ethnicities, religions and backgrounds. Yet each student on campus has common ground in at least one 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's website, is dedicated to peace and the fraternity of world cultures and faiths. 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 graduate student from Turkey, serves as the president 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 spread of diversity.

"We think it is important to promote peace and dialogue between cultures and try to organize events at Tech with students of different backgrounds, cultures and nations to promote good values,"

Omer Topaloglu from Istanbul, Turkey, is a graduate student studying marketing and a part-time instructor at Tech, as well as a member of the Intercultural Dialogue Association.

Topaloglu said the program stemmed from the idea of different cultures not knowing about each other. He said after he arrived in America five years ago he realized Americans are humans just

"Once you start knowing each other, you realize we are not really that different," Topaloglu said. "We all hurt, we all bleed, we all fall in love and everything. I think that is the main motivation behind this organization."

One of the ways the organization helps promote diversity is through its own membership demographics. Balyimez said the group mostly consists of males and Turkish students. However, Saad Syed, an electrical engineering graduate student from India, said the group involves other ethnicities, as well.

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"We have Turkish, Americans, Indians, Turkman students in the program,"

Robert Parker McMillan, a junior philosophy major from Graham, has only been a member of the Intercultural Dialogue Association since January but said he has thoroughly enjoyed it.

"I've realized that other people from a different part of the world have the exact same hopes and ambitions for themselves 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 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 this sort of ignorant bliss, if you will,"

McMillan said the organization is a good place to start because it is filled with people who are willing to talk about the different cultural aspects of their life and why they are important.

'You've got to start somewhere in order to get anywhere, and why not start with a bunch of people who want to come into communion with one another?" he said.

In line with what McMillan said, the

group educates Tech students about 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, and even the vice president of the university 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 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 of going abroad, Topaloglu said.

For more information about the upcoming events and the organization, visit http://www.orgs. ttu.edu/ida/.

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"Because there are so many organizations, they don't have time to talk to the entire budget and finance committee. This past budget, we spent literally two and a half weeks talking to organizations 9 to 5 every day," Bradley said.

The interviews are important because 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 almost an 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 were allocated \$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 more than \$800, they can always apply for

contingency funding."

Contingency funding is given to organizations requiring additional funding for emergencies and other specific reasons, Bradley said.

Tyler Patton, SGA external vice president and 2011-12 SGA presidentelect, 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-

He said he has spoken with several student organizations that are worried about what the budget cuts in Texas' higher education means for Tech's student organizations. Patton said his job is to reassure student organizations their funding is not going anywhere.

Patton also said the student organization fund has not increased significantly 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 consecutive semester of record enrollment growth," Patton said. "I think that naturally is going lend itself to seeing more student organizations registering with the university. I think it's important to make sure that those organizations that are new have the support they need to be successful because that's crucial." » sgipson@dailytoreador.com

Dogs ← **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Emily Marler, originally from St. Louis, Mo., is a HSWT adoption coordinator and president of Sigma Alpha. She said she was inspired 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 agricultural communications major said the phenomenon 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."

Marler said more than 40 percent of the HSWT's dogs are black, and few are adopted from the shelter. Ones that are placed in city pounds the negative stereotype that is often are typical euthanized, and the goal associated with the dark felines. of this project was to match these

forgotten dogs with their forever home, she said.

Lizzie Mack, a junior wildlife management major from Bryan, said before she adopted her black dachshund, Stevie, from the Humane Society two months ago, she had come close to adopting a different dog because it looked more attractive.

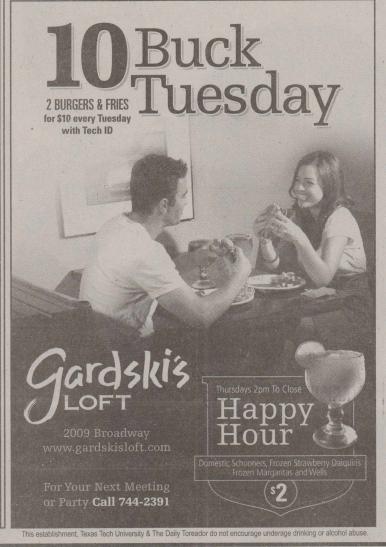
"I absolutely love Stevie," Mack said, "but I can honestly say I didn't notice her at first. I just didn't notice her like I noticed the other, more colorful ones because she doesn't really stand out, especially in the dark cages. I understand now why we're doing this and why it's important."

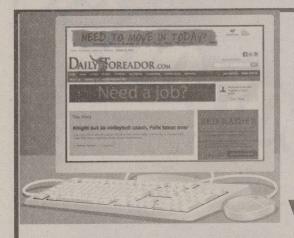
Marler said she would also like to use the event as a chance to remind people - especially students - that buying a pet is a long-term commitment and should not be taken

"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."

Marler said the Humane Society of West Texas will continue sponsoring its black dog promotions, and its next goal in the coming months is to host a Black Cat Club Day, to refute

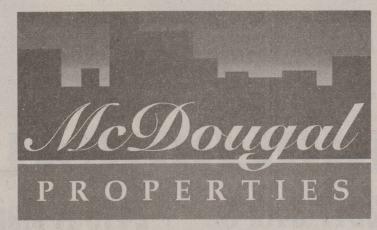
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After recording a personal best and setting a new school record in the 100 hurdles March

18 with a time of 13.25, Lloyd came back out on Saturday and claimed her second-consecutive victory in the event.

The senior crossed the finish line with a time of 13.56, and teammate Katie Grimes was right on her heels, finishing .02 seconds behind her for third place.

Kittley said his hurdlers are setting an example for the rest of the team. "We've always had great hurdlers

here at Texas Tech; we want to kind of be known as 'Hurdle U," Kittley said. "I'm real pleased with our hurdlers; like I say, they've kind of been the leaders on our team right now, so that's good to see."

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Along with the hurdlers doing well, all relay teams won their respective events as well.

T h e men's 4X400 relay team consisting of Gil Roberts, Zach Plinario, Bryce Brown and Jamele Mason turned in the best time

of the day,

running 3:08.14 and beating out Abilene Christian for the title.

Sophomores Julian Wruck and Ifeatu Okafor both had productive throwing days — both took home titles in the shot put and discus.

Okafor won the shot put with a throw of 53'-9.25" (16.40M), breaking into the NCAA top 10 in discus throwers with her 172'-5" (52.55M) discus throw.

Wruck had similar success in his events, throwing the shot put 51'-5" (15.67M) and the discus 194'-1" (59.17M) to claim both titles.

The next meet the Red Raiders and Lady Raiders compete in is their own as they host the Texas Tech Open this Saturday at the Terry and Linda Fuller Track Complex.

"It doesn't really matter if you win in the first couple of meets as long 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 gives you confidence for when you have to compete in front of a home

"When you compete in front of a home crowd, you know you can pull out the big performances." >>> jkoch@dailytoreador.com

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The sophomore, who claimed the 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 ahead of Tech in the top five, including No. 16 Iowa State, which took home the tournament title.

Nine conference foes were in the field of 18, and Tech finished ahead of five of them. Kansas and Baylor struggled the most, finishing at the bottom in 17th and 18th place, respectively.

With the majority of the conference present, Dominguez said it gave the team a good perspective of where it stands in the Big 12.

"It was great; I thought it was a really good way to see how we ranked up between us and the other Big 12 teams," she said. "I felt like we did pretty well, but we could also do a lot better. We're going to be ready for the Big 12s to even do better things."

In the final day, Dominguez led the Lady Raiders to the sixth-place finish with her 1-under par performance.

Sophomores Kim Kaufman and Deborah DeVilla finished the competition tied for 30th. Kaufman turned in a 4-over 76 after the first round and finished the final two rounds shooting 4-over 73 in both.

DeVilla started off solid, shooting par the first round, but then began to slip, shooting a 74 and 76 in her final two rounds.

The Lady Raiders have a week to fix their problems before heading to San Francisco to play in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate on April 4 and

Despite having a good tournament, Robertson said there are a lot of things to work on before they hit the course again in a week.

"I think everybody's got their own parts of their games they know they can improve in," Robertson said. "We'll practice every day, and we'll focus on the main areas, the short game, try to do some things to keep us mentally strong and focused." » jkoch@dailytoreador.com

Spurs hurting as Parker, Ginobili, Duncan sidelined

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan are all injured, and the San Antonio Spurs don't know when they'll be back.

The NBA's winningest team is also without veteran Antonio McDyess, out with a sore back, and it 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-

The Spurs hosted the Trail Blazers on a three-game skid, their longest all season. Richard Jefferson was the only starter left in the lineup.

In the case of McDyess, at least, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was being cautious with the playoffs imminent.

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Now, just take a look at the two sports. Football is a team-driven game. Sure, there are superstars who can make or break teams, but each player needs to click as a cohesive unit to drive a team to victory. One or two players can make a basketball team. It is easier for a player to be overlooked by a premier basketball program and slip to the VCU or Butler level.

Name one team Butler beat this regular season. Not many people can. The regular season of college basketball is irrelevant. Sixty-eight teams make the

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tournament. Mediocre performances in the regular season are rewarded.

Right now, each week matters in college football. Every game is the most important game on the schedule. In basketball, Duke can have an off night and lose to a less-than-stellar school and still be a No. 1 seed in the tournament.

The tournament is demanding of these players, but I do not think anyone is going to argue about the physicality of football.

Big-time programs play top-flight talent week after week. Remember when Texas Tech had a magical win over Texas in 2008? The previous week was spent at then-No. 18 Kansas. The following week saw No. 8 Oklahoma State arrive

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in Lubbock. In football, only the big-time programs have to run the gauntlet. In basketball, the programs at least face some stiff competition 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 team is left out of the football playoff. The more 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 Stevens square off in Houston, I cannot

help but think Kansas versus Florida would be a more intriguing matchup. It is exciting to see how the basketball 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. Football may have a bad rap as the stepsisters, but it does not need anything to be exciting and relevant each and every week of the season.

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SPORTS

Men's, women's track live up to rankings at UTEP STAFF WRITER Texas Tech track and field continued its progression through the outdoor season by doing what it has done often lately - winning multiple titles. The UTEP Springtime Invitational served as the platform for Tech's reeling in of 14 titles last weekend in El Paso, and Tech coach Wes Kittley said there is one thing in particular that has been impressive about the team: its steady performances week in and week out. "I feel like we're running consistently, and they're getting some confidence because it's not just they did it one time, but they're coming back and doing it the next week," Kittley said. "Those wins make a big difference. I think you start winning things, and it starts building confidence." The No. 3 Red Raiders and No. 12 Lady Raiders lived up to their rankings Saturday, paced by performances from some of the veterans of both squads. For a second-straight week, seniors Omo Osaghae and Kelsey Lloyd hurdled their way to victories, just days after being named the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Athletes of the Week on March 22. Osaghae did not match his record-breaking time from March 18 but still ran the 110-meter hurdles in 13.57 seconds, while teammate Shane Brathwaite took third place with a time of 14.15. Brathwaite, however, was not denied a title as he won the 400 hurdles with a season-best time of 52.25.

By JOSHUA KOCH

STAFF WRITER

TEXAS TECH

GOLFER Gabby

Dominguez fin-

ished in a tie for

fourth individually at the Moun-

tain View Colle-

giate tournament

in Tucson, Ariz.

Strong, quality tournament starts have not been the main problem Texas Tech women's golf has faced this spring — 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 tournament in Tucson, Ariz., closing the tournament on a good note to finish

"It's a good feeling to know that we stayed strong each day," Tech coach JoJo 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.

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"This week we started off strong and finished strong."

Overshadowed by the sixth-place finish, however, is the fact Tech won this same tournament last year.

Robertson said aside from a few new faces, there is not much difference between this season's squad and last year's.

One of the players who was not new to this course and tournament is Gabby Dominguez.

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VCU, Butler should not spark football argument

Lady Raider golf

team finishes 6th

in tournament

wo teams that have played the Cinderella role in recent years will square off in the national semifinals in college basketball — but you are a pumpkin if you think this means

Butler will face off against VCU in a battle between two teams many people did not expect to make it past the round of 32. Do not be fooled, though — this in no way gives the playoff argument in college football any legs.

Take a look at each team. VCU did not deserve to be in the NCAA tournament. Colorado, Virginia Tech, Harvard and Alabama all had an argument to have VCU's spot in the tourney. Many respected analysts laughed at the fact

VCU made it. VCU head coach Shaka Smart did not gather his Rams together on Selection Sunday because even he did not think they would be in the tournament.

Butler, on the other hand, is deserving of its bid. They have played some tough opponents in an attempted repeat of their run last year. People seem to forget, though, Butler was ranked when last year started and when this year started. This is not your run-of-the-mill Cinderella team. Not last year, and certainly not this year.

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