# SGA discusses projects within colleges, committees, groups

By MATT DOTRAY STAFF WRITER

The majority of the Texas Tech Student Government Association's seventh Senate meeting Thursday involved committee reports and announcements.

Although there was not a Senate resolution brought to the floor for a vote, Senators discussed the work that has been going on within their respective colleges and committees. Senator Matt Pippen, the chair-

man for the Committee on Campus Infrastructure and a Senator for the College of Engineering, said his committee met twice since the last

During the first meeting, he said his committee discussed potential changes to the way campus infrastructure and busing are used on campus. In the second meeting, the Committee on Campus Infrastructure considered possible legislation, Pippen said.

'During our second meeting

we discussed both legislation and changes that we'd like to see made both to the SUB expansion, the future of the dairy barn, as well as the shared usage path between the library and the SUB," he said.

In another report, Michelle Grefer, the Freshmen Leadership adviser, said every member of Freshmen Leadership was given the assignment to talk to freshmen to help write

"Freshmen Leadership had homework last week," she said,

"and it was to go out and talk to tion. One of the pieces of legislation emergency system that would allow three freshmen each about different problems and solutions they'd like to change on campus."

After talking to the freshmen, Grefer said each person in Freshmen Leadership will write a piece of legislation to address one of the problems that arose while talking to various freshmen.

Before the Senators adjourned, Mauricio Vasquez, a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said he is working on three pieces of legislaconcerns safety and security on students to text the Tech Police campus, he said.

"I've had a few friends, and it's happened to me as well, where my vehicle has been damaged or something has been stolen from me," Vasquez said. "So I'm currently running surveys as well as meeting with the Texas Tech Police Department about possibly increasing security on campus.'

Vasquez said the piece of legislation would include a text message Department in emergencies.

In the legislation, another improvement in security on campus would be the installment of security cameras in the residents' parking lots, he said.

Along with the first piece of legislation, Vasquez said he is in the process of writing legislation that would create a bus route to the football stadium on game days. >>> mdotray@dailytoreador.com

# Researchers develop efficient hydraulic fracturing technique

Texas Tech has a

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energy industry.

By CATHERINE MCKEE STAFF WRITER

The fracking process may be easier because of Texas Tech researchers, vice chancellor for Research, Commercialization and Federal Relations Jodey Arrington said.

Two patents have been filed for Tech researchers' modified hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, technique, which would optimize oil and gas exploration, Arrington said.

The Office of Technology Commercialization filed one provisional patent in August and another in October, Ryan Reber, a technology licensing specialist in the OTC, said. A provisional patent acts as a

placeholder so no other companies can claim the idea. It also leaves the researchers one year before the patent is converted into a full patent application, he said.

Mo hamed Soliman, George Livermore Chair Professor and

department chairman of petroleum engineering, along with graduate students Mehdi Rafiee and Elias Pirayesh, both from Iran, developed the idea of modifying a current fracturing scheme to be more cost efficient.

Hydraulic fracturing is a well stimulation process for tapping into the oil and natural gas trapped underground. With the modified zipper frac (fracking method), fractures are placed in a staggered pattern, reducing stress, Rafiee said.

"The main objectives of this technique is to make hydraulic fracturing techniques in multilateral wells simpler, but more effective," he said.

The project, which began approximately one year ago, would not be simple to practice nor would it be one every company may want, but the cost compared to zipper frac would be equal while producing more

oil and natural gas, Rafiee said.

The team has used computer simulations to predict the results and although the theory is in its early stages, Rafiee said he believes it will

The next step, Arrington said, is to find an interested company who would be willing to test out the technology. Once this happens, the MZF will be tweaked until a fully functional frac is developed.

Finding a company to test the MZF will take approximately six months, but Reber said he does not expect it to take the entire time because of how hot the energy in-

"I think the biggest factor is it's easier to im-

plement," he said. "So it's not as complicated, and time is money when you're talking about getting oil and gas out of the ground, and so if it's easier to implement, you're spending less time in the fracking process, which translates into less expenses."

One of the advantages of the technology, Arrington said, is Soliman has a background working in the oil and gas industry and has experience, knowledge and connections in the field.

Typically, it takes two to three years before the patent application is reviewed, he said. Once the technique is patented and implemented, the licensing will be owned by Tech, and the revenue it creates will flow back to the university, Arrington

Researchers, alumni and the region have helped Tech be successful in technology commercialization,

"Texas Tech has a great reputation for (research and development) in the area of petroleum engineering and the energy industry," he said. "That's a strength of Texas Tech, and it's a strength of West Texas.' >>> kmckee@dailytoreador.com

# Religious Review



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

RAUL CAVALLOS, A freshman political science major from Dallas, discusses the truths and myths of the Mormon faith during a Interfaith Dialogue on Thursday in the International Cultural Center.

Panelists speak to Tech, Lubbock community about their differing religions

### By EFRAIN DUARTE

STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock community came together at 7 p.m. Thursday in the International Cultural

The topic of interfaith dialogue of Thursday's event was to talk about prominent figures in faith. Four panelists represented four

The first to discuss their religion was Jeff Kennon, director of the Baptist Student Ministry, who spoke about Christianity.

"It is important to understand why (Jesus) did what he did," he said.

Some of the topics Kennon discussed were questions of who Jesus is and by attempting to answer the question, Kennon drew from the book of Genesis in the Bible.

After Kennon's Christianity discussion, Dr. Anne Epstein discussed the Jewish faith.

Epstein spent her time discussing three prominent people of the Jewish faith.

Epstein discussed Albert Einstein, the theoretical physicist, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Supreme Court Justice and Ruth Messinger. president and CEO of American Jewish World Service, an international development agency.

Two students, Stephanie Wade, a sophomore biology major from Breckenridge, Colo. and Raul Cevallos, a freshman political science major from Dallas, represented the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The church is more commonly known as the Mormon faith.

Wade and Cevallos spoke about the Mormon's 13 Articles of Faith.

Some of the first articles, Wade said, include their belief in the trinity, and they do not believe in original sin.

Cevallos then spoke about their sacred text, "The Book of Mormon," written by Joseph

The final speaker of the night was Mustafaa Carroll who spoke about the Islam/Muslim

Carroll gave a presentation and discussed

some of the history of the religion.

The religion, Carroll said, is monotheistic, meaning they only believe in one god.

Carroll then discussed the prominent figure of the Islam/Muslim religion, Muhammad and the farewell pilgrimage leading up to the death of Muhammad.

After all panelists finished discussing their respective religions, members of the audience were able to engage in a question and answer

Spencer Case, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Hutto, said he learned a lot about the different religions.

"I really like to see the similarities between the religions," he said.

Sean Galloway, a systems and engineering management graduate student from

Alamogordo, N.M., said he gained information about things he did not know about the religions.

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# Community Calendar

Texas Tech School of Music Presents: "A Little Night Music" Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Allen Theatre

So, what is it? Come out and enjoy a comical, intimate story of everyone dealing with making mistakes.

World Music Ensemble- Tango Concert

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it?

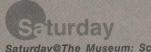
Come out and enjoy this tango concert by Texas Tech's World Music Ensemble.

**Headbangers Ball Fest** Time: 6:30 p.m. Where: Depot District Oyster Bar

So, what is it? Come out and enjoy performances by Another Texas Murder Scene, Remains of the Downfall, W.A.S.T.E.D. Dawn of Ages and Second Drive.

Tina Vernon in Concert Time: 7 p.m. Where: Lamesa Community Players

So, what is it? Come out and enjoy Shontina Vernon as she performs a musical vocal concert of jazz, blues, country and more.



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and Arts Center So, what is it? Come out and spend a Saturday exploring different themes including fantasy art and more.

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# Texas Tech receives award for developmental disabilities program, TechWorks for Texas

By EMILY GARDNER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech was awarded \$174,854 by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities to help create TechWorks for Texas.

'This is a grant that is to help bring about training and technical assistance across the state to communities that want to help businesses train and hire people with disabilities to have competitive employment," said DeAnn Lechtenberger, project director for TechWorks for Texas at Tech.

According to the TCDD website, Tech Works for Texas will help establish Project SEARCH sites throughout the state of Texas.

Project SEARCH is a businessled, school-to-work transition model that develops internships for students with developmental disabilities, the website said.

"The purpose of the project is to get this program established," Melissa Loe, communications coordinator for TCDD, said. "And then, it will develop internships for students that will lead them to integrated employment, so, jobs for people with disabilities that are alongside people without disabilities."

The Burkhart Center for Autism erything was approved and finalized, Education and Research will collaborate with TCDD, the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, the community and local businesses on the project, Lechten-

The program will focus on people aged 18-22, preparing them for a job, Lechtenberger said. The rotation will include three different internships that will involve three different skill sets, and get used on a resume after the participants are through with Project SEARCH.

"Right now, it's for students that are transitioning from high school into adulthood," Lechtenberger said. "So, it could be that they are going to get job skills training and go straight into work, or get job skills training and decide to work and go to college.'

The project is funded with federal funds through TCDD, which acts as a state agency, Loe said.

The project is expected to last five years, she said. The amount of funding for each year is determined annually.

"The project is in the very, very beginning of the implementation stages," Loe said.

Funding started Oct. 1, when ev-

she said.

To receive the grant, Tech had to submit a proposal, Loe said. All the proposals TCDD received had to be reviewed by an independent review panel. The panel consisted of members that were not affiliated with TCDD.

'We have a 27-member council that's appointed by the governor of Texas," Loe said. "The independent review panel makes recommendations to the council, and then they choose what organization, or in this case university, to award the grant to." TCDD was looing for an institute

that had connections throughout the state, Lechtenberger said. They also looked for an institution that had collaborated with communities, state and local agencies in the past.

Lechtenberger, along with other faculty members from the Burkhart center wrote a proposal.

"It's going to allow us to have more visibility across the state," Lechtenberger said. "It's already been advertised across the state. They are going to highlight it in a legislative report to the legislature when it comes back in session in the spring.

"Obviously, Tech will get credit for

taking the lead on this kind of important statewide effort. It'll also allow us to begin to develop more research on what it takes to support individuals with developmental disabilities, to gain employment, and not always have to depend on their families for financial

According to the TCDD website, a developmental disability is a severe, chronic disability that can be attributable to a mental or physical impairment, or a combination of the two. It must manifest itself before the individual reaches the age of 22, and is likely to continue indefinitely. It results in substantial functional limitations of three or more of these life activities: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. It also reflects the individual's need for a combination of life-long or extended duration services, supports, or other forms of assistance.

'We're really excited to be implementing a project that could offer opportunities and be really meaningful for a lot of people as they search for employment after school," Loe said. >>> egardner@dailytoreador.com

#### train slammed into a parade float Saturday@The Museum: Sci-Two people died at the scene carrying wounded veterans on of the crash, while two others Thursday, killing four people and injuring 17 others as the died at Midland Memorial Hos-

float drove through a West Texas railroad crossing on its way to an honorary banquet, authorities said.

The eastbound train was sounding its horn before it hit the float around 4:40 p.m. in Midland, Union Pacific spokesman Tom Lange said. A preliminary investigation indicates the crossing gate and lights were working at the time, Lange said, though he didn't know if

DALLAS (AP) — A freight the train crew saw the float ap-

pital, City of Midland spokesman Ryan Stout said. Seven of those injured are in critical condition, while the 10 others are in stable condition, he said.

"There is going to be a very thorough investigation," Lange said. "It's obviously a very tragic incident."

Photos of the float taken during the parade show about two dozen people seated in chairs a "Hunt for Heroes" banquet

tractor-trailer decorated with American flags and signs identifying each veteran. A banner across the truck's front bumper reads, "Heroes on Board."

The float was among two flat-bed trucks carrying veterans and their spouses, police said. The first truck safely crossed the railroad tracks, but the second truck's trailer was hit by the train. Police said some of the people on the second trailer were able to evacuate before

The parade was to end at set up on the back of a flatbed honoring the veterans. The

wounded service members were then going to be treated to a deer-hunting trip this weekend. The events have been canceled.

Lange said Union Pacific is offering help to the community and victims' families, as well as peer-to-peer counseling for the train crew, who did not sustain

"It's pretty traumatic for them," he said.

The National Transportation Safety Board also is investigating, NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson said.

Midland is about 320 miles

## Presidents' kids talk about White House life

was to sneak a first kiss or listen to Led Zeppelin, climbing onto the roof of the White House was apparently a common sneakout practice among presidents' children.

Steve Ford garnered laughs during a panel discussion Thursday with fellow children of former presidents as he recalled dragging a stereo onto the roof

A teenager at the time his father took office, he said, "I think we were playing like Led

AUSTIN (AP) — Whether it Zeppelin's 'Stairway to Heaven.' Literally, it was like 'Dumb and

Jenna Bush Hager later told Ford, "you can still get up on that roof, because I had my first kiss with my husband up there."

Her twin sister, Barbara Pierce Bush, and Lynda Johnson Robb also spoke during the conference, which is part of a series focusing on the nation's first ladies. But with a friend his first night there Thursday's event was the first in which their children have participated, offering a different perspective about life in the White House.

## Man executed for killing Houston cousins, 15 and 3

4 dead, 17 hurt when train hits Texas vets parade

victed killer Preston Hughes III Marcell Taylor. was executed Thursday for the fatal stabbing of a 3-year-old boy and the child's teenage cousin who uttered her attacker's first name to police in her dying breaths 24 years ago in Houston.

Hughes, 46, insisted he was innocent, contending police planted evidence and coerced his confessions to the September 1988 slayings of

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The condemned prisoner's mother and sister were among those witnessing his lethal injection.

"You know I'm innocent and I love you both," Hughes said as his mother sobbed. "Please continue to fight for my innocence even though

"Give everybody my love." He took several deep breaths and

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Con- Shandra Charles, 15, and her cousin then stopped moving. His mother, for the attack, she gave a name, seated in a chair near the death "Preston," and said he tried to rape chamber window, cried out: "My baby ... I haven't touched my child in 23 years."

> She became more composed in the minutes after it was apparent he was unconscious.

> Hughes was pronounced dead at 7:52 p.m. CST, 15 minutes after the lethal drug began flowing into his arms. No one representing his victims witnessed the punishment.

Hughes became the 15th Texas prisoner executed this year and the second in as many nights. On Wednesday, Ramon Hernandez, 41, was executed for the abduction and murder of a San Antonio woman.

Charles and her young cousin were attacked in a field behind an apartment complex where Hughes lived. A man walking along a trail found Charles and called police.

Officers found the 3-year-old already dead from a stab wound that passed completely through his neck. Charles was still alive but severely injured with knife wounds to her neck and chest, police said. When an officer asked who was responsible

her. She died moments later.

Authorities went to the nearby apartments and found Hughes, the only resident with the first name of Preston. He already was on probation for a conviction of sexual assault on a child and denied any role in the attacks.

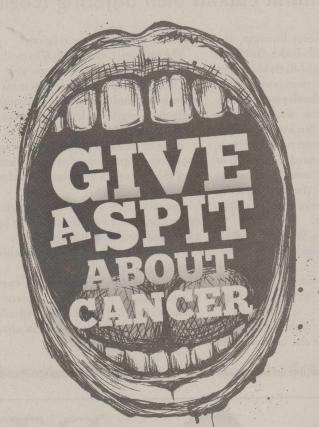
The punishment came after Hughes lost multiple appeals and lawsuits in courts to block it. Two appeals — filed by attorney Patrick McCann, who Hughes unsuccessfully sought to fire — failed at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Other court actions were filed on Hughes' behalf by a death penalty opponent in Houston. They were denied in the courts or could not halt the punishment, attorneys said.

In one Supreme Court appeal, McCann said instructions to jurors deciding Hughes' punishment were not adequate. In another, the attorney contended new evidence showed Hughes was sexually abused as a child and a jury should be allowed to consider that at a new punishment trial.

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# New class digs deep into Holocaust roots

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY STAFF WRITER

A new graduate class, GERM 5321: Deciphering the Holocaust: Contested Legacies, will be offered next semester from 4 to 6:50 p.m. Tuesday.

Dena Mandel, who currently teaches an undergraduate course about the Holocaust, GERM 2312, will teach the graduate class.

Mandel has an interdisciplinary studies doctorate from Texas Tech in Jewish studies, American Jewish literature, women's studies and history. She said she was the first high school teacher in Detroit to pass legislation in Michigan to mandate Holocaust education for graduation in high school. Mandel has been teaching Holocaust studies since the 1980s, and has visited Germany five to six times.

"My undergraduate course focuses on the Holocaust period of World War II - very intently the ongoing catastrophe, the genocide," Mandel said. "(GERM 5321) is more the aftermath and how it is either remembered or not remembered."

She said the course is structured around controversial debates of varying viewpoints of the Holocaust.

"One side will present one side of the debate and the other side, the other," Mandel said. "They must expand one of the many controversies into a longer paper and a study with additional research and readings for their final project."

There is freedom in what the students want to debate about, Mandel said. The disputable issues will not only include those embedded in the syllabus, but those of Nazi medical experi-

on something related to that," Mandel said.

the Holocaust.

Mandel said a maximum of 10 spots are available to take the class, and seven students are currently signed up. Besides German majors and minors, she has theater and music majors registered for the class.

Karla Bonenberger, German graduate student from San Antonio, is a teaching assistant for Mandel's undergraduate class and is taking her graduate class next semester.

"I thought it might be interesting to hear the different viewpoints people have on the Holocaust," Bonenberger said. "Dr. Mandel doesn't really sugar-coat anything. She'll kind of just give it to you and let you make your own opinion for yourself, which I think is

She said there are native Germans taking the class, which will offer a unique perspective during the arguments.

"If they happen to have an

ments and psychology. interest in science or medicine, they can expand their research

Stefanie Borst, associate academic dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, suggested the class to Mandel because there was an interest in Mandel's undergraduate class about

important in a graduate course."

"In Germany, (the Holocaust) is kind of a sensitive subject, so it's not really talked about," Bonenberger said. "To get them to talk about will be interesting because they have some different viewpoints from



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

DENA MANDEL HAS been teaching at Texas Tech for four years and will begin teaching a new graduate Holocaust course in the spring. The course Deciphering the Holocaust: Contested Legacies, will address the aftermath of the Holocaust.

growing up in Germany."

Bonenberger said it will be intriguing to provide her angle on the subject as a Jew.

"It's weird for most people that I'm a Jew interested in studying the Holocaust, but I think it's interesting," Bonenberger said. "I think this class will break the ice for a sensitive

particular viewpoint, which pulls from both sides of the argument, Bonenberger said.

"I think if anyone is going to teach this class, it's Dr. Mandel," Bonenberger said. "They have got their best (woman) on the job."

She said people generally Also since Mandel is Geroon the Holocaust, but there 2013-2014 academic year and

man Jewish, it will present a are always new things to learn on the subject because of the genocide's many aspects.

> "I find this class more meaningful because of its ethical dimensions," Mandel said. "I think we become better citizens and more compassionate people by taking this kind of class."

In the future, Mandel said have an idea of their opinion the class will be offered in the

at least yearly following that.

"I think people need to confront the past in order to understand the present," she said. "These controversies and disputes are part of a process of arriving at a better understanding through discussion — (an) understanding of our differ-

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'They broke some of the stereotypes, and they give you more information on why they believe what they believe," Galloway said.

A member of the Muslim Students Association, Mousa

Sarraj, a sophomore chemical he said. "We have to share it engineering major from Katy, said the dialogue was different because they added the doctoral candidate from Roy, Mormon and Jewish faith to Utah, said she liked how the the panel.

Sarraj said the main idea of the Interfaith Dialogue is to present the idea of tolerance and not to convert someone.

"We only have one earth,"

Kellyanne Ure, an English panelists talked about how everyone has different beliefs, but everyone is in this together.

Ure said she hopes people realize their similarities. » eduarte@dailytoreador.com

## Kelly Clarkson in no rush to become country star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's past six years isn't naming names (and a reason Kelly Clarkson has performed duets with country superstars like Reba McEntire, Jason Aldean and Vince Gill but never one of her Top 40 colleagues in the 10 years since she became the first "American Idol". They've turned her down — eight times.

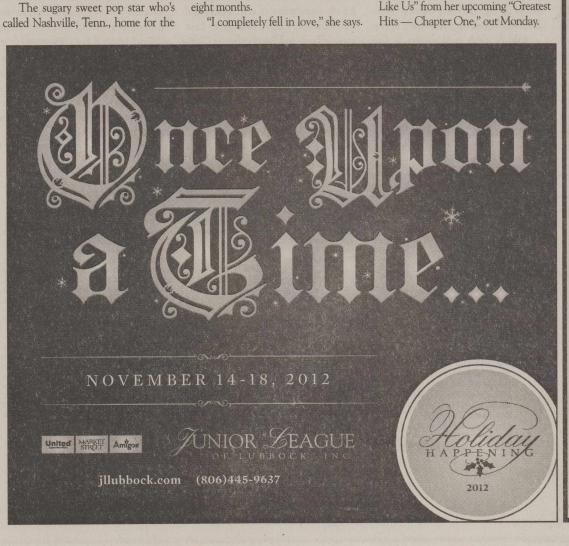
"I have, like, 5,000 duets in country music," Clarkson says, flashing a smile. "I don't have one in pop. That's legitimately because everyone turns me down. I'm not even kidding. I've asked sooo many artists to sing with me. Everyone legitimately turns me down! The only one that hasn't was Chris Daughtry."

much to the dismay of fans, her collaborations with fellow "Idol" alum Daughtry were never released.) While she hasn't exactly been able to hook up with the perfect pop ally, Clarkson has found a partner outside the recording studio.

When asked what's impacted her life most over the past 10 years, other than winning the "Idol" prize, Clarkson doesn't hesitate to say it's falling in love with current boyfriend Brandon Blackstock, a Nashville-based talent manager whose father is Clarkson's own manager and stepmother is McEntire. The pair has been an item for the past eight months.

"Welcome to Cheeseville! I did. I don't know. Your priorities kind of shift and you become happier, and all that stuff. It's probably my best accomplishment because I think, for me, especially, I just didn't think it would happen. It's like one of those cheesy love songs that didn't exist, but it does, so that's cool."

Clarkson says she and Blackstock never go two weeks without seeing each other. Though he's changed her life, she doesn't expect her lovey-dovey relationship status to end her fondness for man-hating tracks like "Miss Independent" and "Mr. Know It All." She points to thumping new tune "People Like Us" from her upcoming "Greatest





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# Islam often misinterpreted, misunderstood

I his week at Texas Tech, the Muslim Students Association has been on a crusade of Islam apologetics. On TechAnnounce, they were advertising speakers whose task it was to clear up confusion on the topics of jihad, love and marriage in Islam.

As someone who is interested in learning about different religions, I was inclined to go to these lectures. As is the case with many Americans, Islam is a religion in which I don't have much expertise. When I hear the word "jihad" spoken, I think of a Muslim worshipping his god, usually in the form portrayed by the media — as a suicide attack.

At his lecture Monday, Dr. Yehia Mechref explained what jihad means in Islam. Jihad means to struggle, and it has three uses in Islam. The first is one's own personal struggle to achieve oneness with Allah and to fulfill his commandments. The second is the struggle to build a unified society. The third is a struggle by

Jordan Sigler

Holy War.

Mechref explained that Holy War in Islam has its own rules to follow as outlined in the Quran. Muslims are not allowed to be the aggressors in war. They must follow the way of the prophet Muhammad, and only fight back when they have been attacked. The goal of jihad in Holy War is to defend the just city for Allah.

Rules in the Quran are specific in how they are to go about a holy war. They are not to harm defenseless women and children.

These barriers are well and good when explained this way. Jihad doesn't seem harmful to the world. However, Surah 9:5 states, "When the sacred months are over slay the idolaters wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them and lie in ambush

everywhere for them."

proclamation from Allah to the prophet and his people on the day of a "greater pilgrimage." It boasts enemies of Islam will be defeated and they have permission for the Mechref said, and, in an un-

Mechref said it would Don't judge every be unfair to deny the pas-Muslim by a suicide sage of scripture was in bomber or a radical the Quran. He said in regime seen on the context, Muhammad spoke this to a translator when he was

in the heat of a battle. The correct way to read this text is in time of defense, when Allah will be with those of Islam.

This is a fair point to make. As someone who is not of the Muslim faith, I am not able to render an interpretation of the text as that of a believer. However, in the nuclear weapon, the situation the Islamic faith, but a woman

way I may misinterpret this verse, becomes dire. The chapter explains this is a so too can different sects of Islam, which sometimes do.

> The groups we see on news channels represent a very small part of the Muslim community,

> > fair way, are blown out of proportion. I wouldn't deny the number of Muslims who are radical in a violent way is extremely About the

news screen. stories being blown out of proportion, I beg to differ. Unfortunately,

radical groups are in control of power in some countries. They use texts in the Quran, whether interpreted correctly or not, to justify their actions. If groups like these are able to get their hands on deadly weapons, or worse, a

I can understand why Allah commanded to Muhammad that the Quran only be read in Gaelic. It's hard enough to understand in one translation without compounding the matter.

The speaker Tuesday, professor Abdul Hammood, explained love is at the heart of Islam. Women are not to be treated poorly. The love between a man and a woman in marriage should be as close as a man and his garment.

He said unfortunately, some people who call themselves Muslims don't follow this model correctly, and thus there is abuse in the system. Christians often use this excuse in defense of their faith, saying someone who is not a 'real Christian' is responsible.

Equality of the sexes may be the model of Islam for its followers, but the Quran is still sexist. Men may have more than one wife, but a woman may not have more than one husband. A man may marry a woman outside of

may not marry a man outside of the Islamic faith.

What I learned from the lectures is Islam at its very core is community-oriented. The goal is to create a society best for the inhabitants. It wants to have peace and strives to please Allah. More importantly, Muslims on a whole do not preach for the destruction of nonbelievers.

That being said, I wouldn't say this religion is non-threatening. People who interpret the unalterable Quran in an aggressive manner will always be a threat to peace.

Don't judge every Muslim by a suicide bomber or a radical regime seen on the news screen. Get to know the individual. Most likely, they're trying to please their version of God in a peaceful manner, similar to many other Christians, Jews and Hindus.

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# Bottled water not as pure as it seems

By SAMANTHA KENNY THE EAGLE (AMERICAN U.)

Banning the sale of bottled water on campus might seem like an odd way to take a stand against social injustice, but few people fully understand exactly what they are sipping from their disposable plastic bottles. The issues associated with bottled water and the privatization of water in general far exceed those of roadside litter and landfills.

The environmental issues surrounding bottled water are nothing new. Plastic bottles are made from a byproduct of refining oil and, when accompanied with the gasoline used to transport the bottles from one place to another, give bottled water a huge carbon footprint. Also, only 10 percent of plastic bottles are recycled, sending the rest to landfills, incinerators and waterways, according to Food & Water Watch.

One issue students may find particularly hard to swallow is the effect that water privatization has on human rights in our global community. Buying bottled water supports international companies who have succeeded in privatizing all municipal water in third world countries. The privatization of Bolivian water has led to a doubling of water prices. Many Bolivians cannot afford the price increase and there have been mass riots across the nation.

In addition to hurting the global water system, buying bottled water supports unjust efforts right here at home. Several towns in our country have had their municipal water sources claimed and bottled by big companies like Nestlé, Coca-Cola and Pepsi. Even during times of drought, these Americans are forced to buy what used to be a free resource. Even as they grow thirsty, the companies continue to bottle.

In a survey administered to the American U. community in October

2012, one student posed the argument that purchasing bottled water is everyone's right. In response, students declared our freedoms only extend until they infringe on the rights of others. Everyone has a right to clean, safe drinking water. This freedom should not be sacrificed for our luxury of drinking from disposable bottles while our sinks are filled with safer, cleaner water.

The most common misconception about bottled water is its superiority to tap water. D.C. tap water is checked for bacteria several times a day and has a water quality report available online. Nationally, tap water is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act and is held to higher standards for safety than bottled water, which is regulated as a food product by the Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, the FDA gives the responsibility for safety checks directly to the bottled water companies, who are never legally required to release this information.

Also, plastic water bottles contain PETs, a chemical that is linked with cancer and reproductive issues. PETs begin to leak from the bottle and into the water instantly. The chemicals leak into the water increasingly due to the duration and temperature at which the bottle is kept. Ironic that the labels wrapped around those bottles read "pure," "clean," and "natural."

The Take Back the Tap campus group is working to ban the sale of bottled water on the AU campus. Our goal is to have the administration agree to a campus-wide ban of bottled water sales. Bottled water will be available off campus and all other bottled beverages will continue to be available for purchase on campus. To find out more about the issue or get involved, please contact TakeBackTheTapAU@

Water is life, and life shouldn't be privatized.

## THE TROTS

BY ANDREA FARKAS



# One year later, Libya facing long, difficult road

By ANJA C. NILSSON HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD U.)

This Monday was supposed to see the start of the trial of Al Baghdadi al Mahmoudi, the former Prime Minister of Libya under Moammar Gaddafi. He is facing charges of corruption and the ordering of mass rape during last year's uprising. The trial was scheduled to start only four days after Libya's parliament swore in their Prime Minister Ali Zeidan's cabinet, the first democratically elected government Libya has seen in four decades. Although al Mahmoudi's trial has been postponed for a month, Oct. 20, 2012 marked the one-year anniversary of former Libyan ruler Muammar Gaddafi's death and al Mahmoudi's trial is an important reminder that, although Libya is moving in the right direction, Gaddafi's legacy continues to present challenges for Libya's transition to democracy.

In his 40 years of power, Gaddafi suppressed Libyan civil society, violently repressing any perceived threat to his rule. Gaddafi was ruthless and unforgiving. University students, a source of potential for change, knew this all too well. In April 1977, following university student protests in 1976, Omar Dabbob and Mohammaad ben Saud were hanged in public on the campus of Tripoli's Al-Fateh University. Leaving nothing to chance, the hangings were broadcast on state television, in case anyone was still unaware of the consequences of dissent. The students had held anti-Gaddafi protests in light of his declaration banning all independent student unions. Between 1977 and 1984, April 7 was a day of annual public student executions and a tragic symbol of the demise of

Libyan civil society. Although civil society is showing promising signs of revival, it is still incredibly weak after decades of violence and oppression. Since Ghaddafi's death, private media has been allowed to operate again, seeing a proliferation of services such as an English-only radio channel. Such services would have been unheard of under Ghaddafi's rule and have helped move Libya's press to be given the status "partly free" in the 2012 Freedom House Index. These tentative signs of progress, while positive, are exactly that: tentative. Only last year, the Freedom House Global Press Freedom Index placed Libya fourth to last, narrowly beating Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and North Korea.

Libya's weak civil society is also threatened by a traditionally divided Libya. Libya has always been a country more divided, both regionally and tribally, than unified. One of Gaddafi's political talents was to manipulate the rival sentiments between regions, cities and tribes in a classic divide-and-conquer or, more accurately, a divide-and-control maneuver. Today, these exacerbated natural divisions in society are compounded by the current ubiquitous presence of firearms. October 24 saw government aligned militias, finally, proclaiming victory over Gaddafi loyalist militias in Bani Walid, a Gaddafi lovalist hold out. It had taken them an entire year.

That Bani Walid was won by government-aligned militia, not by the government military force, is an important distinction, reflecting the weakness of the central government. Only two hours west of Bani Walid is the city of Misurata, transformed in the past year into a de facto city-state by all the violence. Visitors are greeted by a formidable wall of checkpoints and a ready view of armed militias guarding the city borders.

One year after Gaddafi, Libya has defied critics' fears of a civil war. But with a weak civil society marred by tribal and regional factionalism, Zeidan and his government must focus strengthening the foundations of civil society and reconciliation. Calls a year ago to form various Truth and Reconciliation Committees, inspired by the South African focus on accuracy and healing, should not be forgotten. The process of reconciliation is just as important of an antidote to decreasing violence as law enforcement, both in the long and short term.

Recently the International Criminal

Court has asked that Libya not grant amnesty to Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, former heir-apparent. While Zeidan and his government might be tempted to grant amnesty to past perpetrators, the process of reconciliation requires thinly balancing the need for a country to forget and move on, and the need for a country to

Reconciliation on a more national, or collective, level is essential for a country to come to terms with its past. The role of "TRCs" lies in their ability to introduce to society a respect for the rule of law. By creating peace and stability through the rule of law, reconciliation will be a key component to a successful transition to democracy for Libya. Hence, it is important that Zeidan does not extend amnesty to Saif al-Islam Gaddafi and that he allows the ICC to continue their inquiries.

The recent Libyan focus on individual trials as a way of reckoning with the past should be supplemented by a strategy to include all stakeholders of the conflict. Since Libya faces the danger of factionalism, TRCs should focus on "group sessions" where tribes come together in a safe space to have meaningful dialogue.

Four decades of repression and violence will not die overnight; it will be a long process, surely dented by a few setbacks here and there. But it is important to start the process now.

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# Red Raiders eyeing second-round upset

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

After making history with the first NCAA tournament victory in school history, with a 2-0 win against North Texas Saturday, the Texas Tech women's soccer team travels to Tallahassee, Fla., to take on No. 1 seed Florida State on Friday.

Tech (16-5-1, 5-2-1) comes into Friday's match having won four of its last five matches, while outscoring opponents 9-3 with three shutouts. Tech's only two losses since Sept. 23 both have been to Baylor, which won make a name for ourselves." the Big 12 championships.

Despite his team's recent success, Tech coach Tom Stone said his team has to be at its best because Florida State (17-3-0, 8-2-0) is without a doubt the best opponent his team has faced so far. The second-round matchup is the first-ever meeting between the schools.

"They're the best possession team that we will have seen," he said. "To be honest, we didn't play a lot of teams that pass the ball that well. Long Beach State was very good in possession. That's a pretty good example of where we trade possessions with them. In terms of passing, Florida State will be the best team in that regard."

The Seminoles, the ACC regular season champions, are making their 13th consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament. They come into the match having outscored opponents by a 46-11 margin, while outshooting them 332-154. The defense has been stifling this year, allowing less than one goal per game, and recording 15 shutouts including a streak of nine straight from Sept. 9 to Oct. 14.

While Florida State has had a successful season, Stone said he thinks Florida State is feeling pressure to

make the Final Four while experts and play the game ahead," she said. have already written off Tech. Florida State lost last year in the national semifinals and lost in the quarterfinals the two previous seasons before. Additionally, the team has lost three out of its last six matches after starting the season 15-0-0.

"Their attempts to get to the Final Four have them under quite a bit of pressure," Stone said. "They've been around for a long time doing it at that level. I mean they're all-world if you read the papers, and we're just a little old team from West Texas trying to

While senior forward Dawn Ward admitted she does not know much about the Seminoles, she said they are a strong and athletic team, featuring many foreign-born players.

The Florida State squad includes players from countries including Iceland, Germany, France and Japan. However, American-born senior forward Tiffany McCarty leads the team with 12 goals. Senior forward Jessica Price and sophomore forward Jamia Fields are tied for the team lead in assists with eight each.

The Red Raiders have had offensive firepower this season as well, outscoring opponents 44-20 and outshooting opponents 417-238. Freshman forward Janine Beckie, the Big 12 Rookie of the Year, leads the team with 12 goals 115 shots. Sophomore midfielder Paige Strahan has added eight goals while Ward has scored five goals, including two in the first-round win against North Texas.

Scoring first will be a big factor in whether or not Tech wins. The team is 16-0-1 when scoring first this season. Even if Tech does not score first though, Beckie said she thinks the team is capable of playing from behind.

"It's definitely easier to score first

"It's definitely harder coming from behind, but we've had to do it many times this season. If that's the case, then (I have) complete confidence in the team to get it done. Going into every game, the mentality is, 'Let's score the goal first. Let's put them down. Let's put them on their heels and keep going after them."

With the shutout against North Texas in the first round, junior goalkeeper Victoria Esson became the alltime leader at Tech in career shutouts with 14. For Tech to have success defensively against Florida State, she said the team needs to avoid making silly mistakes.

"I think it's just not giving away stupid fouls in front of the box, defending set plays well, those kinds of things," she said. "Just clearing out the ball, not giving away anything stupid in front of goal. I think we have a strong defense, and if we can just play how we usually play then I think we can shut them out.'

Traveling to Tallahassee, Fla., Tech will face Florida State in a tough environment. Tech is 3-3-1 in away matches, and 4-1-0 at neutral sites this season. Meanwhile, Florida State is undefeated at home this season, sporting a spotless 11-0-0 record.

While playing away from the John B. Walker Soccer Complex is tough, Beckie said the Red Raiders are more than capable of winning on the road. Quieting the crowd is a motivational factor for the team, she said.

"I think with all (the fan excitement), it kind of gets us more excited



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

NORTH TEXAS GOALKEEPER Jackie Kerestine blocks the goal shot by Texas Tech forward Dawn Ward during the Red Raiders' 2-0 victory against the Mean Green on Saturday at John B. Walker Soccer Complex. The Red Raiders will play against Florida State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

and ready," she said. "We just want to show (the fans) that (Florida State is) not good enough to kick us out. We're going to come in and show them what Texas Tech soccer is about and bring the Red Raider pride to Tallahassee." >>> hwilen@dailytoreador.com

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First team members consisted of those who have maintained a grade point average of 3.20 or better while the second team members held a GPA between 3.00 and 3.19.

Texas Tech placed 10 studentathletes on the first team. Tech's first team selections consisted of Cody Davis, Austin Zouzalik, Seth Doege, Ryan Erxleben, Kramer Fyfe, Summit Hogue, Bradley Marquez, Terry McDaniel, Eugene Neboh and Alex Torres.

Tech placed two student-

The 2012 Academic All- athletes, Michael Brewer and Le'Raven Clark, on the second

Seniors Cody Davis and Austin Zouzalik were among 10 studentathletes who were recognized as

three-time first team honorees.

To qualify, student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulatively or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of their team's scheduled contests. Freshman and transfers are not eligible in their first year of aca-

demic residence. Kansas led all Big 12 teams with 19 first and second team honorees. Baylor and Oklahoma had the most first team members with 11 each.

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# Red Raider seniors seeking 1st win against Oklahoma St.

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech will face the tough task of traveling to Stillwater, Okla., in hopes of defeating Oklahoma State on senior day at Boone Pickens Stadium.

A season ago, the Cowboys traveled to Lubbock to deliver a 66-6 drubbing to the Red Raiders. This season, the Red Raiders are looking for redemption.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said Tech's seniors have not beaten Oklahoma State and there is a sense of repaying the favor in many of their minds.

"A lot of people don't know, but this senior class hasn't gotten a victory against Oklahoma State as well," Johnson said. "People focused on the UT (games) and things like that, but Oklahoma State has been a good football team for some time now. They (have) started to get credit and get respect, and it's about time they get their respect. But it's going to influence us or impact us to make us want to go out there and grind harder, go out there and play to the best of

"We remember what happened

last year, and we definitely want to make sure that doesn't occur again. If possible, we want to reverse it, and make it occur the other way."

Oklahoma State is currently dealing with a quarterback situation that still has the Cowboys unsure of who will start at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said the best answer he can offer at this point is that the coaching staff will base their decision upon whom they feel offers the best chance to have success against Tech and put the team in a position to win.

"We haven't been in a situation like this," Gundy said. "We hope that we have three healthy players on Saturday. There's a chance that could happen, but we won't know for sure until late in the week. There are still discussions taking place. The only answer I have is that we're going to play the guy who we feel like gives us the best chance to win Saturday and have success. I don't think there's any perfect or right answer based on that we have three individuals that have been in our program who are getting close to being in a position to play. I don't know that we have them all right

now, but we could."

The Cowboys have still not named a starter for Saturday's game.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said it is difficult in a three-day practice scenario to put together a scheme to defend to stop two quarterbacks, and that is where being fundamentally sound in defensive assignments will benefit Tech.

"I don't know who they're going to start. It really doesn't make any difference," Tuberville said. "You've just got to prepare for all of them. It's not being able to say we know who it's going to be – if we want to scramble, slide to the left - he has a hard time throwing to his left. This is totally different. Number one, not knowing who is going to play, and knowing that probably you're going to see more than one anyway, so we'll prepare for all of them."

Oklahoma State has proven to be a well-balanced team, which may benefit the Cowboys against Tech. The Cowboys rank 4th nationally in passing offense and 22nd in rushing offense.

Johnson said he thinks Oklahoma State is a pass-first team similar to Tech.

"I think the most balanced team we've faced has been TCU,"



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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Eric Ward runs with the ball past the Kansas defense during Texas Tech's 41-34 win against the Jayhawks last Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

the most balanced team we've faced running and passing-wise. From Oklahoma State, they're more of a

Johnson said. "That's probably been pass team. Like I said, they're very remember what we do against our similar to Tech when it comes to offense to make those plays against their offense I just feel like we have them." to go out there and impact that and

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## Johnny Football has Texas A&M Aggies riding high in Southeastern Conference

his Hill Country hometown of Kerrville, Texas, Johnny Football never would have been known by such a specific nickname.

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COLLEGE STATION (AP) — In been Johnny Baseball, maybe Johnny Golf. After all, his high school coach, Mark Smith, says "he could have been anything he wanted to be."

> Well, at the moment, the dynamic quarterback for No. 9 Texas A&M is

the toast of college football after leading his team to a road upset of then-No. 1 Alabama, the defending national champion that many expected to make another trip to the BCS title game.

All Manziel has done this season is pass for 2,780 yards and 18 touchdowns and run for 1,014 yards and 15 more scores. His team is 8-2 in its first SEC season and, oh yes, Manziel is a freshman — just the second in Bowl Subdivision history with 1,000 yards rushing and 2,000 passing in a season, and he's got all that even before Saturday's game against Sam Houston State.

It's been quite a whirlwind few months for the 19-year-old Manziel, who had to compete for the job in camp and wasn't named Texas A&M's starter until Aug. 15.

His work at A&M is reminiscent of his performance at Kerrville Tivy high school. As a senior there, he threw for 3,609 yards and 45 touchdowns, and added 30 more touchdowns on 1,674

"It's like watching him back in high school, to be quite honest with you," Smith said, calling Manziel a oncein-a-lifetime player. "The things he's doing, they don't amaze me. Maybe a little surprising it's happening this fast against the SEC competition, but it's some of the same things I've seen from him in his high school years."

Smith and Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin both say that one of the best things about Manziel is that he's unflappable. A perfect example of his poise came in the first quarter Saturday against Alabama. Manziel nearly fumbled the ball behind the line and the defense was all over him. He evaded the pressure and found Ryan Swope uncovered in the back of the end zone with a 10-yard touchdown pass.

"He's always in control," Smith said. "He doesn't panic and he doesn't get frustrated. He just continues to

Sumlin recruited Manziel while he was the coach at Houston, sending current A&M offensive coordinator Kliff Kingsbury out to watch him play. When Kingsbury, a former standout QB at Texas Tech, brought Sumlin with him when he called Kelly to video of the game, he wondered why he even bothered.

"I saw the video and it was just a highlight tape," Sumlin said. "I didn't have to watch very much of it. There's a couple of guys that when coaches come back and say, 'Coach, you need to see this, can we offer this guy?" You watch a few plays and ask, 'Why did you even show that to me? Why didn't we offer the guy when you were there?""

Manziel passed on Houston and several other schools and verbally committed to Oregon. He'd always loved the school and was a big fan of coach Chip Kelly. But as Manziel thought more about playing there, he realized he couldn't be more than 2,000 miles

Smith helped him navigate that situation, and was impressed by the way he handled it. Manziel agonized over the decision to sign with A&M instead of Oregon, and Smith sat break the news.

"In the end, the young man made a decision on the things that he valued most and that was his family," Smith said. "That says more about him than any play he could ever make on the football field."

Sumlin doesn't allow Manziel to speak with the media because he's a freshman. It's a decision that certainly protects him, but also has left his work on the field to do the

And according to those who

know him best, he likes that just fine. "He's kind of taken aback by all the attention," said Smith, who talked with Manziel the day after the win over Alabama. "He just wants to be a football player. He wants to be another guy."

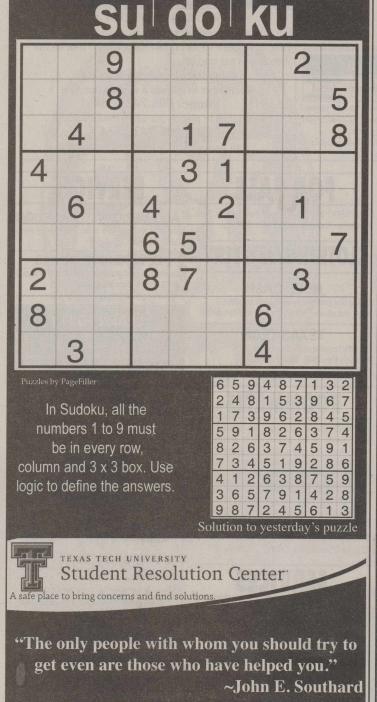
As with most teenagers, glimpses into his off-the-field life can be found online. He talks about his affinity for country music, chats about upcoming tests and occasionally quotes Bible passages on Twitter. He also takes time for fun; pictures on the Internet show him at a party dressed as Scooby Doo alongside some beautiful and scantily-clad young women.

His Twitter account also hints that he might not be all that fond of being called Johnny Football. When someone mocked him for "accepting the nickname," he fired back: "How did I accept that nickname? When have you ever seen me use it?"

He also quotes 2007 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow as part of his profile on Twitter.

"I don't know what my future holds, but I do know who holds my future," the quote on his page attributed to Tebow reads.

After his redshirt season last year, Manziel entered spring practice as the front-runner to nab the starting job. But a tough spring left the decision up in the air.



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