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'Stop the Crisis': Group condemns ISIS

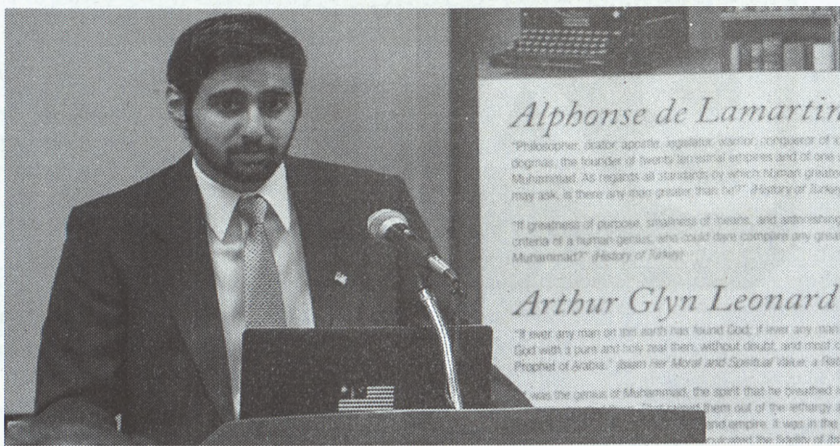
By Sam Scott

Radicalization is the result of a deeper global problem, not Islam, said speakers at the "Stop the Crisis" campaign event in the MSC Monday night.

The event, hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association, focused on condemning both the Islamic State group's recent violence and radical ideology while also educating non-Muslims about the truth surrounding the Islamic faith.

Salman Munir, biology sophomore and president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association, said radicalization is a problem that occurs among all people, but due to the recent violence at the hands of the Islamic State group and other extremist terrorist organizations, a growing misconception among non-Muslims is that Islam steers people toward violence and extremism.

"Today we see an extremely minute handful of Muslims deviating towards extremism and radicalization," Munir said. "We know it is not Islam that motivates them — it is just another handful of warped individuals that use violence to further their political goals."



Salman Munir, president of AMSA, discusses misconceptions of Islam due to ISIS extremism Monday.

Munir said any peace-loving Muslim feels pain when Islam is tarnished and exploited by organizations such as the Islamic State group, contrary to what many non-Muslims would believe.

"There is, in reality, a great shortage of correct information on Islam, which along with the actions of groups like ISIS is the reason why there are so many mis-

understanding around it," Munir said. The purpose of the "Stop The Crisis" campaign is to defeat radical ideology by countering it with a narrative to disarm the harmful ideas before they can take root, Munir said.

Dr. Bilal Rana, president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, said **MORE AT THEBATT.COM**

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BASEBALL

Aggies hope to continue hot hitting against SFA Tuesday

By Milkyas Gashaw

After coming up with 41 runs in their first three games, the Aggies are ready to go at it again.

The No. 17 Texas A&M baseball team (3-0) will keep its hot bats at Blue Bell Park as it hosts Stephen F. Austin (1-2) on Tuesday.

The Aggies are coming off a dominating series against Holy Cross in which their bats and pitching were on full display.

Sophomore third baseman Ronnie Gideon started the season on fire, belting two home runs and compiling 11 RBIs against the Crusaders.

Senior shortstop Blake Allemand and sophomore right fielder Nick Banks have been stalwarts defensively, with Allemand making a highlight-reel play in the hole between short and third on Sunday.

The Aggies' pitching has also gotten off to a solid start, with the only blemish being the 11-run output the Crusaders had on Saturday. Head coach Rob Childress was especially impressed with the performance of junior Matt Kent on Sunday.

"I thought our pitch-

ing all in all as a whole was the best its been all weekend long," Childress said. "We started with Matt Kent and he's a guy you just put the radar gun down and appreciate what he's capable of doing out there. I thought he had a great start for us. He made a couple of mistakes in the first inning but he didn't let that get to him. He kept his composure and only gave up one then cruised after that."

Kent said it is important for the club to get a strong start.

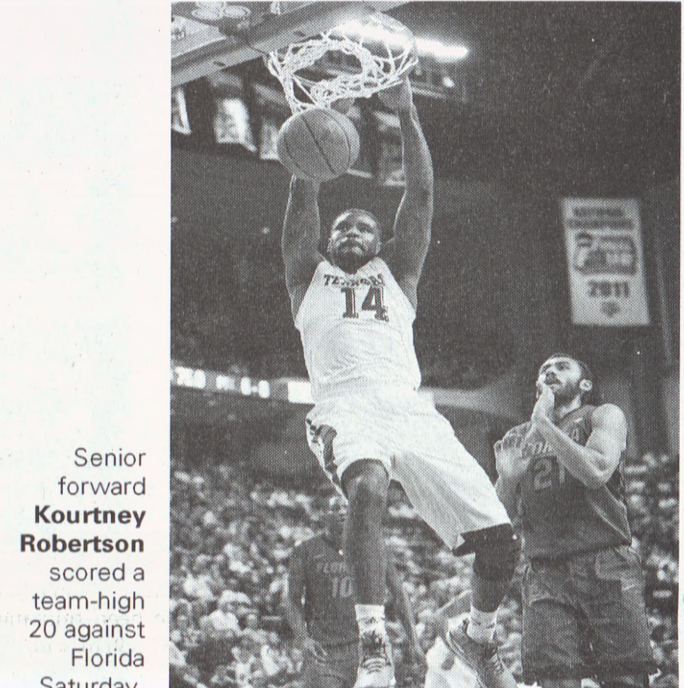
"Coming out 3-0 is great for momentum going into the season," Kent said. "This ends the week perfectly, just like we wanted it. Now we are on to SFA."

The Lumberjacks will be coming to Olsen Field with four consecutive games under their belt with Washington State being their final opponent before arriving in Aggeland. SFA's lineup is headlined by sophomore Nick Ross, who led the Lumberjacks by going 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI in an 18-9 loss to Texas-Arlington.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

M. BASKETBALL

Men's hoops gets LSU to close homestand



Senior forward Kourtney Robertson scored a team-high 20 against Florida Saturday.

By Lawrence Smelser

Texas A&M will host LSU Tuesday night in the last outing of its three game homestand after losing the first game to Georgia and winning Saturday against Florida.

The last time the two teams met, A&M won 67-64 in Baton Rouge.

The Aggies (17-7, 8-4 SEC) sit tied with Ole Miss in third place in the SEC and now have the same number of wins — eight — as they did all of last season.

The NCAA Tournament is

approaching, and head coach Billy Kennedy said Tuesday is the Aggies' most important game in three and a half years.

"It's a big game and it seems like every game [has] been a big game," Kennedy said. "It's [going to] be that way towards the end of the year. It's getting close to March Madness."

LSU (18-7, 7-5 SEC) is fourth in the SEC, one game back of A&M. They are led by sophomore forward Jordan Mickey, who averages 17.1 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

Tipoff is at 8 p.m.

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