Rain
By Osman Uner (R/W 501)
On April 25, 2011, I wanted to go to my house because my class had finished. However, it was raining too much, like pouring water. I was waiting for the rain to slow down, but it didn’t appear to be decreasing. Mr. Don suddenly appeared and asked, “Who wants to go to Georgetown?” Yuvitza, Chaofang, and I went with Mr. Don, but the rain was so violent that we got wet before we reached the car, as if we had taken a shower. When we got closer to Georgetown, we encountered a surprise: the street was like a river. Too much water was flowing across the streets around Georgetown. Mr. Don got worried and recommended walking home, leaving the car in a church parking lot. While walking, my feet got wet because I was wearing sneakers. It was so terrible, and the rain was continuing. We walked about 300 meters, hopping and jumping over flowing water. Then we faced a new surprise: the way we wanted to go was full of water, and we couldn’t walk through the water. We decided to go back to the car. Mr. Don and I went back to the car, jumping through the water. We went to pick the girls up, but they had found a way to walk past the flowing water. Finally, we arrived at Georgetown with a happy end. All of us were like frogs, but we were happy. This day will remain as an unforgettable day in my life.

IMPORTANT! If you plan to travel outside of the United States during your break and you have an I-20 / DS-2019 from Spring International, please make sure to see Lora in Room 320. If you have one from the University of Arkansas, please be sure to visit the UA Office of International Students & Scholars in Holcombe Hall.
My Bad Experience  
By Amani Ayad (G/W 402)

Because I had a bad experience with a big dog, that has affected me in many ways. For instance now I feel I can never trust any dog and I try to keep away when I see any dog. Also, I have changed my schedule, so I try to come back early from the university, and I never go to the university if there are not buses. Once time, I had been studying at the library for a long time, but I did not see the time. Unfortunately, a bus left me, and there were no buses anymore. Therefore, I decided to walk, but my house is far away from the university and there was not much light in the street. In addition, while I was walking with some fears, I saw suddenly a big dog in front of me. The dog barked loudly and followed me, and I tried to escape or find someone to help me, but the time was late, and there was not anyone in the street. Unfortunately the big dog bit me. Finally, someone in a car saw me, and he honked very loud, so the dog escaped fast. The man who was in the car helped me and took me to the hospital. In conclusion, I hate dogs, and I

Good Friendship  
By Shan Gao (G/W 402)

In this modern society, having pets is very popular. Lots of people like animals. They buy or adopt some animals in their family as their family members. Although taking care of pets is hard work. Pets always make happy time or have good friendship with their owner. Some of them also love their owner very much. This is a story which is very famous in Japan.

In a small village, there was a lonely old man who was a teacher in another town. His wife passed away, and his two children, who were working, were living far from him. Everyday, he needed to take a train to go to another town. He really like his job because he enjoyed teaching and playing with his students. He always felt very happy when he was working. However, after his work, he always felt lonely. One day, he saw a homeless puppy which was in a box and in front of his house. He was happy and adopted it. He and his puppy had a really good time. After he adopted his puppy he never felt lonely and enjoyed the time when he stayed with the little puppy. Also the puppy loved him very much. It always went to the train station with the old man. After the old man went to work, it just played around and waited for its owner to come back. They loved each other very much. As the other days, the old man and puppy went to the station. He went to work. It played and waited. However, its owner never came back. There was a big accident. Its owner had died in this accident, but the dog did not know. It just waited and waited, never left. Lots of good people wanted to adopt it, but when they took it home, it always went out and waited in the train station. After the dog died, they made a statue for the dog in the bus station. Everyone remembers this lovely dog and its story.

In conclusion, lots of people love their pets, and also the pets love their owner very much. Do think pets do not know every thing. Some times they love their owner more than people think.
Local businesses are getting together to throw a party, "The Block Street Block Party" on May 22nd. Described as a "community festival for the community," there will be activities for both children and adults. There will be face painting, contests, music, tie-dying and even a hot dog eating competition! It is completely FREE to attend and participate. Just make sure to bring money to purchase food, goods you might like, or for any services that over 75 participating vendors will offer. If you would like to find more information on the event, you can find it at: blockstreetbusinesses.com

Students went to see Shakespeare’s Othello performed by the University Theater on May 1, 2011. Pictured: Sultan Alshalan, Saleh Kashmeri, Christina Hadley.
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We attempt to understand and appreciate the students' cultural differences and to enhance their ability to function effectively in this culture. We believe in encouraging the language acquisition and personal progress of students in an atmosphere of support, openness and understanding.

Quotations
"It is very important to generate a good attitude, a good heart, as much as possible. From this, happiness in both the short term and the long term for both yourself and others will come.”

Dalai Lama, leader (1935—Present)

"Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.”

- Henry David Thoreau, author (1817—1862)

"I seldom end up where I wanted to go, but almost always end up where I need to be.”

- Douglas Adams, writer (1952—2001)

“You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best that you have to give.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady (1884—1962)

Birthdays!

May

Nasser Alsubaie (1)
Abdul Qahar Jawad (1)
Amany Albalawy (2)
Wajanat Alsaiegh (6)
Khalid Al-Kaabi (7)
Ryo Yoshimura (10)
Saeed A. Alghamdi (11)
Fahad Alseleh (11)
Chomchoeisakd WongKamchan (19)
Nicole Taborga (20)
Mohammad Al-Motawa (24)
Nasser Al-Eshaq (26)
Elise Justine Mivumbi (27)
Phuong Anh Thi Vu (30)
Noura Alhamsh (31)

Please Remember To Wish Them All A Happy Birthday!