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Engineering job fair draws students, businesses

More than 1,500 students, 120 companies attended

By DEVIN GARZA
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering hosted this semester's job fair Wednesday at the Lubbock

Memorial Civic Center, where more than 1,000 students and 100 companies attended.

Companies arrived at 8 a.m. to set up their booths, with students arriving at 10 a.m. If students were not dressed in business or business

casual, they were asked to leave, reflecting the professionalism of the environment.

Prior to the job fair, students registered online where they indicated which majors they were interested in. Each major was represented by a corresponding colored dot at the company booths, signifying which majors the company was

interested in hiring.

"More than 1,500 students registered," said Elizabeth Capps, the event coordinator and the coordinator of Career Services in the College of Engineering.

She said about 120 companies from multiple locations were represented at the fair.

Hensel Phelps Construction Co., an award-winning national

firm, acknowledged the effectiveness of the school's job fairs, hosted each semester. Bill Higgins and Joe Sanders, both Tech alumni, represented the company. They said 10 of their employees are Tech graduates, and Hensel Phelps takes about two interns from Tech each year.

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TechBriefly

Tech ranked in top law schools for Hispanics

The Texas Tech School of Law was ranked in the top 20 law institutions for Hispanics by the magazine, *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*.

Tech was tied for 16th place with the South Texas College School of Law. The magazine states 17 percent of all Hispanics in Texas who obtained a graduate degree in law in 2010, earned it at the Tech School of Law.

Tech has the best value law school in Texas, according to *preLaw* magazine's winter 2012 issue, and is ranked number 20 nationwide. This is the fourth consecutive time Tech's School of Law has been ranked in the top 20 for the magazine.

According to *preLaw*, Tech has the state's second-highest bar pass rate and the 2011-2012 class for the Tech School of Law is the most diverse in the school's history, with one-third of students being minorities and half of the students female.

Tech set to host reading for award-winning author

Melanie Rae Thon, an award-winning author of several works of fiction, including novels "Sweet Hearts," "Meteors in August" and "Iona Moon," as well as the story collections "First," "Body" and "Girls in the Grass," will host a reading at 7:30 p.m. today in Lecture Hall 001 of the English and Philosophy building.

Her work has been included in the publications, "Best American Short Stories," "In This Light: New and Selected Stories," "O. Henry Prize Stories" and three "Pushcart Prize Anthologies."

Thon is a recipient of two fellowships from the National Endowment of the Arts, a Whiting Writer's Award and a Writer's Residency from the Lannan Foundation.

She is a professor in the program of creative writing and environmental humanities at the University of Utah.

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CUTE Club awarded for sustainability initiatives

Group members to improve campus environmentalism

By CAROLYN HECK
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Clean Up the Environment club won the Commitment to Sustainability award at a conference Saturday in recognition of the organization's continued environmental efforts on campus.

Nicholas Lamy, president of the Residence Halls Association and committee chairman of the CUTE club, said he was glad to see their hard work being rewarded.

"I was really excited for the CUTE club," said Lamy, a junior accounting major from Dallas, "because last year the CUTE club had two members all semester and now we have about 16 to 20, so it's really grown. And it's really exciting for me to see all the people's hard work they put into it last semester pay off, you know."

Craig Kuehnert, manager for Student Leadership Development in University Student Housing, said the organization went to the annual Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls No-Frills

business conference last weekend and competed with surrounding colleges to win the award.

"The award itself was just created, I think, three or four years ago," he said. "It's a relatively new award for the region. All of the participating schools in the region felt like it was important to reward sustainable initiatives on campuses, and so they created an award specifically focused on that."

The CUTE club compiled a seven-page paper consisting of environmental sustainability efforts they have made during the past year, called a "bid," Kuehnert said, which they presented to other competing colleges at the conference.

"They take this to the conference," he said, "and all the other schools in the region have the opportunity to bid for the award as well, and then one representative from each school casts a vote, and Texas Tech was selected."

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Financial Planning students awarded in first University Partners Program competition

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students involved in the Society of Financial Service Professionals' University Partners Program brought home a second place award and a \$2,000 scholarship after competing in the Industry Issues Competition on Jan. 23 in Phoenix.

"Several years ago the Society for Financial Service Professionals decided to reach out to the next generation of financial advisers," said John Gilliam, assistant professor in the Division of Personal Financial Planning at Tech. "In an effort to do that, the University Partners Pro-

gram was created. Texas Tech is one of the first universities to be involved in this program."

Each university involved in the UPP can have two faculty members, he said.

"Mitzi Lauderdale and I are the two for Texas Tech," Gilliam said. "I also serve on the National Board for the FSP and on the committee for the UPP."

Gilliam was a part of creating the UPP program, said Lauderdale, assistant professor in personal financial planning.

"Dr. Gilliam has been instrumental in establishing not only the UPP program, but also this competition," she said.

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Hot Doggin' It



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TOP: TONY AGUILAR, MANAGER of Fat Tony's, prepares Texas style chili-dogs for his restaurant's hot dog eating contest. Participants paid a \$10 entry fee that the winner will donate to the charity or campus group of his or her choice. ABOVE: Texas style chili-dogs wait to be eaten at the hot dog eating contest.

Lubbock restaurant brings out the dogs

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

People stood shoulder to shoulder inside of Fat Tony's Delicatessen on Wednesday afternoon to watch seven men attempt to eat as many chili cheese dogs as they could in 10 minutes.

"My strategy was to go as fast

as I could, eating as many hot dogs as I could without throwing up," said Mark Ceglie, a senior chemistry major from El Paso. "I didn't throw up, so it worked out well."

Ceglie was able to eat five and a half hot dogs in the 10 minute time-limit.

He said the only thing going

through his mind was how the winner, Anthony Aguilar, the manager of Fat Tony's, was able to eat so many hot dogs.

"The whole time I was thinking, 'Wow, how is he doing this?'" he said. "I thought he was going to get started on another tray."

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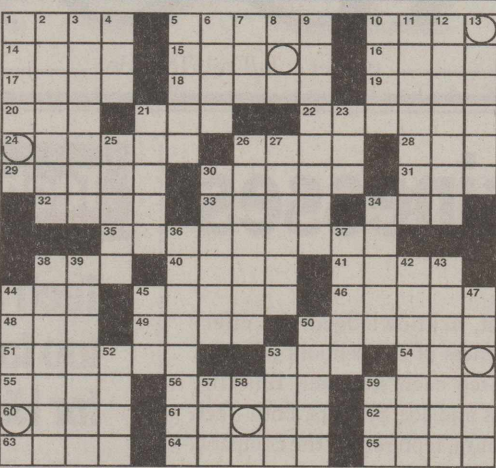
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 USAF NCO
 - 5 Creme de la creme
 - 10 Jazz devotees
 - 14 "Tulip chair" designer Saarinen
 - 15 Plant need
 - 16 Crowning
 - 17 Some HDTVs
 - 18 Hopelessly lost
 - 19 Pasta/rice brand word
 - 20 Basic computer command
 - 21 "Check, mate"
 - 22 Common Cape Cod feature
 - 24 Restaurant kitchen workload
 - 26 Get one's teeth into
 - 28 Bush spokesman
 - 29 Fleischer invoice word
 - 30 Encourages
 - 31 "... a problem"
 - 32 Palm tree starch
 - 33 Organize, in a way
 - 34 Incidentally, in films
 - 35 Massachusetts school ... and a description of the two-word meeting that occurs at each circled letter
 - 38 Summer setting in Chik-luv
 - 40 Off-the-wall response?
 - 41 61-Across curl
 - 44 Rival
 - 45 Catchall checkbox
 - 46 One point from a service break
 - 48 Football's Parseghian
 - 49 Thing to cook up
 - 50 "Just like that!"
 - 51 To a greater extent
 - 53 Expert in pop psychology?
 - 54 Vinaigrette ingredient
 - 55 ... ideal world
 - 56 First name in bologna
 - 59 One-named illustrator
 - 60 Touch down
 - 61 Fire sign



By Barbara and Don Gagliardo 2/16/12

- DOWN**
- 1 Severe fear
 - 2 Bolts down
 - 3 Fictional wolf's disguise
 - 4 Talking ... tongue lashings
 - 5 Somewhat far
 - 6 Past curfew
 - 7 Part of T.C. Cliff
 - 8 "Catch my drift?"
 - 9 Acquired by, in the big leagues
 - 10 "The Alienist" writer
 - 11 Cartoon hero with antennae
 - 12 Twelve-note scale, e.g.
 - 13 Séance contact
 - 21 Lovable droid
 - 23 Clumsy hammerers' cries
 - 25 Square dance complement
- Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**
- FRILL REAM ACRE
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- 26 Hobby with hooks
 - 27 30-Down genre
 - 30 Classic film involving a split personality
 - 34 A sleeper hit may be on it
 - 36 Went wild
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Fair

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"These things are definitely useful," Higgins said. The company's representatives plan on interviewing three to four students as a result of the job fair, he said. Sally Mansuri from Isolux Corsan USA, a multibillion dollar global company operating primarily in construction and

renewable energy, said they were mainly looking for civil and electrical engineers, though all majors were welcome. She said of the close to 50 students who came to the booth, they plan on interviewing between 15 and 20 students. "Because we have a multibillion dollar parent company," she said, "and 60 employees, it's a very hands-on experience." Isolux Corsan's Texas branch is based in Austin, where Man-

suri is the manager for human resources. In 2009, the company was awarded seven high-voltage power lines that will run 605 km from Texas' northeastern windfarms to the southeastern area of the state, its website states. The project is expected to launch between 2012 and 2013, which fuels the company's need for engineers. Despite high unemployment and an uncertain job market for many, Capps said, the engineer-

ing field is regaining much of its stability. "90 percent of our graduates go into jobs upon graduation," she said. "These (job fairs) contribute a lot to that. This is where it all starts. A majority of these companies pick their employees here." Capps said the School of Engineering has booked 67 rooms on campus for interviews Thursday, as a result of the job fair. >>>dgazra@dailytoreador.com

Finance

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This is the first year for this conference, Gilliam said. The national competition was created to attract students to become engaged in the FSP. "Universities from around the country had teams of students that did a research paper on how social media can be used to develop long-term relationships with clients, given the constraints imposed by the agencies that govern the securities industry, such as (the Financial Industry Regulation Authority) and the (Securities and Exchange Commission)," he said.

Gilliam said. "We ended up writing an eight-page paper on our research that we found and presented it at this conference," said Jacob Storey, a senior financial planning major from Ogden, Utah. "We included some new regulations put out by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Including these new constraints was important, especially to the professionals that were there." The younger generation understands how to use a lot of newer technology, he said. "As young professionals getting into the industry, we can figure out how to use social media in the latest and greatest," Storey said.

Various teams submitted papers that were judged by a group of industry professionals. Three teams were chosen to present their papers at this national conference, including Tech,

Companies today are getting their names out there through social media, said Paulina Veloz, a junior financial planning major from El Paso. "By going to the Facebook or Twitter pages, you can see the

company, what services they offer and helpful articles to use," she said. "I think social media is increasing and it's going to play a vital role in the future of the finance industry." Personal examples were used in the team's presentation, said Tyler Boyce, a junior financial planning major from Plano. "The example I gave was my father looking for a financial adviser," he said. "He spent about a year following this firm on Twitter. On their Twitter account, they posted a link to another website called Ustream, which does online live video feed. Every week they do market updates on current market conditions." Using Twitter helps build long-term financial relationships, Boyce said. "After that year of getting to know that company, my dad felt comfortable and turned some money over to them," he said. Each presentation had a dif-

ferent approach, Storey said. "In our presentation we were looking for how to have a more personal interaction with clients," he said. "Some of the other teams there had different approaches, like a very marketing-based approach and a sales-based approach. It was interesting to see the different points of view on one subject, using social media to build a long-term relationship." Overall, the experience was great for educational and future careers, Veloz said. "We're able to meet and greet a lot of the advisers there, who were so open to get to know us," she said. "It was great putting our name out there. Students should participate in these competitions. You're in this career for a reason and that's communication. Communication is the number one thing in this industry." >>>nmolter@dailytoreador.com

Pentagon offers details of shift in Afghan mission

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Wednesday offered new details of its plan for shifting from a combat mission in Afghanistan to one focused on training and advising Afghan forces as they gradually shoulder more of

the combat burden. The Army identified five U.S.-based brigades, as well as an Army Reserve organization, that will be reconfigured and sent to Afghanistan between April and August to "generate, employ and sustain" Afghan forces.

The concept is similar to the way the U.S. advised Iraqi security forces during the final 15 months of the Iraq war. Army Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the top U.S. commander of day-to-day military operations

in Afghanistan, told reporters at the Pentagon last week that the 18-person teams will be linked to an American or coalition combat brigade and serve as a sort of bridge to the U.S. and NATO final exit from the battlefield. Scaparrotti said the teams will each work with an Afghan army or police unit.

"By doing that, we maintain our connectivity to the Afghan forces as we thin out," Scaparrotti said. In areas where the insurgency is especially active or Afghan forces are especially weak, the American advisory teams may have a rifle platoon operating with them for added protection, Scaparrotti said. As the 18-person teams head for Afghanistan, at least 23,000 U.S. combat and support forces are due to leave, in line with President Barack Obama's plan to reduce the total U.S. military presence to 68,000 by the end of September. This is the beginning of a transition away from a combat role for U.S. and coalition forces, a process that Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has said may be completed as early as mid-2013. Although U.S. troops participating in the train-and-advise mission will be armed and prepared to defend themselves, their role is to prepare the Afghan army to take full security responsibility by the end of 2014. The Pentagon did not say where in Afghanistan the first train-and-advise teams would operate. Also part of the deployment will be an unannounced number of soldiers from the 1st Army, an organization based at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., whose usual mission is to mobilize, train and deploy National Guard and Reserve soldiers.

The Army called this a "new mission" after more than 10 years of fighting in Afghanistan. Each brigade will deploy with fewer than half its assigned number of soldiers and will be com-

prised only of officers and senior noncommissioned officers, along with a contingent of Defense Department civilians. Once in Afghanistan they will operate in 18-person teams in a train-and-advise role.

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Where: Student Union Building, Soapsuds Room
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Know Your Rights Week
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre
So, what is it?
Join Student Legal Services as they discuss students' rights during police interaction, DWIs and alcohol offenses, expunctions, house parties, traffic stops, and search and seizure.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Time: 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni

Center
So, what is it?
Enjoy OLLI's presentation of "Readers Circle," and February's book selection, "Let's Take the Long Way Home," by Gayle Caldwell.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
Enjoy the "OLLI Film Series — 'The Fall,'" a 2006 film directed by Tarsem Singh.

Brad Paisley
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Enjoy Brad Paisley's "The Camobungal 2012 World Tour," presented by Chevy.

Symphonic Band Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall

So, what is it?
Enjoy a symphonic band concert presented by the School of Music.

FRIDAY

Conference Prep Workshop
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center, Room 151
So, what is it?
The "Conference Prep Workshop: A How-To Workshop for Getting Your Conference Proposal Ready to Submit," will teach attendees how to submit proposals and other valuable tools.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Missouri State
Time: 4 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Missouri State.

The New York-based Ailey II Dance Company Performs
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
Enjoy a performance from Ailey II, a renowned dance company based out of New York.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy a symphonic wind ensemble concert presented by the School of Music.

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PHYSICS PHUN



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ROLLIN GREEN, A sophomore chemistry major from Destin, Fla., conducts an acceleration experiment during a physics lab in the Science building Wednesday.

CUTE

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Brad Schniers, a sophomore animal science major from Miles, said he worked with three other people to write the bid the club presented at the conference.

"As the external vice president for Residence Halls Association," he said, "my duty was to go to the regional conference and nominate the bid we wrote over it."

Schniers said he was happy the CUTE club was awarded for its effort.

"This was the first time in six years that RHA had won an award at that level, at the regional level," he said, "so I was really happy to know that the CUTE club had done something big enough to win that award."

CUTE club started last fall as a way to focus on sustainability initiatives, Kuehnert said, with an emphasis on the residence halls and dining halls on campus.

It is a subgroup of the RHA, he said, and members focus on educating students on how they can make an impact on Tech as a whole.

The student organization has done several campaigns during the last year, Lamy

said, including advertising for recycling and conserving electricity in residence halls.

"So one week we did reducing electricity within the residence halls, one week we tried to conserve water, so like turning off the sink when you brush your teeth and shorter shower times," he said. "And that was also around Thanksgiving time, so we tried to advertise unplugging all your electronics whenever you leave the room and things like that."

The November campaign was one of the most successful campaigns in the club's history, Kuehnert said, having saved the university \$25,000 in utility bills.

"The month of November, when this campaign was running, was the lowest November in terms of energy consumption within the residence halls for the last eight years," he said, "and so clearly, residents caught on in some capacity and were able to save a pretty substantial amount of money."

They are also involved in a partnership with Hospitality Services, Kuehnert said, and helped create the program Crush 'Em Tech, which encourages students to crush their plastic bottles before recycling them.

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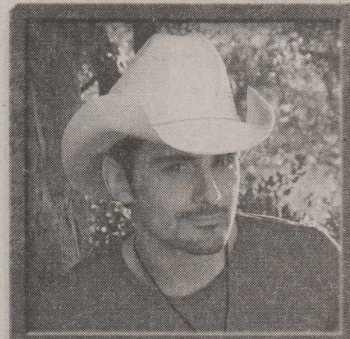
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Late sax icon ignored by Grammys

I came across a report on Monday regarding what happened at the Grammy Awards Sunday night — or rather, what didn't happen.

According to saxophone icon Maceo Parker, he was scheduled to perform a tribute to the late Clarence "Big Man" Clemons at the awards ceremony, but the tribute was scrapped at the last minute to accommodate the tribute to Whitney Houston.

For those of you not familiar with Clemons, he was the larger-than-life saxophone player in Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band. For nearly 40 years, Clemons and Springsteen played side by side. Their camaraderie was one of the things that made their shows so entertaining.

The story of how the two met is woven into rock 'n' roll lore. Both were playing in the vibrant Jersey Shore music scene in the early 1970s, but never crossed paths until one fateful night. Springsteen and his band were playing in a club one evening, and Clemons was encouraged by a friend to attend the performance.

Andrew Gleinser



As legend has it, when Clemons opened the door to the club on that dark and stormy night, the door literally blew off its hinges and down the street. Everyone inside turned and saw a very large man standing in the doorway. Clemons then boomed, "I want to play with your band," a somewhat intimidated Springsteen replied, "Sure, you do anything you want."

When Springsteen finally hit the big time with his breakthrough album "Born to Run" in 1975, it was Clemons who was featured more prominently than anyone in the band. From his legendary sax solos in the title track and the epic "Jungleland," to the iconic album cover, it was clear Clemons was an integral part of the band's success.

This fact was only more pronounced in the band's live

shows. Clemons and Springsteen's friendship and chemistry became obvious. Clemons was a huge part of the E Street Band experience, often stepping into the center stage spotlight for his sax solos, to the excitement of the crowd.

For nearly four decades, Clemons never missed a show, even in recent years when he was hobbled by multiple surgeries and was in need of a lift to get him onto the stage. The arenas in which the band played got bigger, as did their fame and fortunes. But one thing that remained the same was Clemons' place in the band.

One of the more important aspects of Clemons and Springsteen's relationship was what it did to help race relations. It was

still the mid 1970s, and things were not always so peachy between blacks and whites. But on the cover of "Born to Run" — which eventually came to be ranked by Rolling Stone as the 18th greatest album of all time — there was a picture of a scrawny

punk of a white man leaning up against a large black man playing a sax.

If nothing else, it proved people of different races could coexist and be friends. But in truth, Springsteen and Clemons were not just band mates and friends, but brothers. They were

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family.

Clemons' talents were not simply confined to Springsteen's music. During his life, he also played with artists such as Aretha Franklin, The Grateful Dead,

Ringo Starr, Jackson Browne and, most recently, Lady Gaga.

Clemons passed away last June after suffering a stroke. A tribute at the Grammys would have been well-deserved. But instead, it was discarded to make room for Whitney Houston's tribute.

Now, I'm not going to sit here and bash Whitney Houston. She was a tremendous talent and her tribute was absolutely necessary. My issue is not that she got a tribute, but that Clemons' tribute was scrapped.

His tribute was scrapped on a night when so many other things could have been cut from the show. Paul McCartney performed twice. The Foo Fighters performed twice. Even the woman-beater Chris Brown got to perform twice. Yet, I'm supposed to believe the only way to accommodate an extra tribute was to take one away from someone else who deserved it?

Pardon my French, but that's horse manure.

The only tribute Clemons received at the Grammys was to have his picture included in

a video montage of a bunch of people no one has ever heard of, which is hardly fitting. What little respect I had for the Grammys is now gone.

Since those who run the Grammys obviously don't care enough to pay tribute to a music legend, I suppose it's up to us as individuals to carry the torch. This sad display of disrespect by the Grammys does not diminish the man Clarence Clemons was. I can't find a more fitting way to end this column than with some words from Springsteen himself:

"Let's hear it for the Master of Disaster, the Big Kahuna, the man with a Ph.D. in Saxual Healing, the Duke of Paducah, the King of the World... You wish you could be like him but you can't. Ladies and gentlemen, the biggest man you've ever seen! Give me a C-L-A-R-E-N-C-E. What's that spell? CLARENCE!" Amen.

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'Ugly people' may need legal protection

There is no better feeling than waking up in the morning and feeling like you look great.

Whether you legitimately look stellar, or you're like me and peacock all day, every day, while really looking like a hot mess, it is essential to be able to occasionally hop out of your bed and turn your swag on having confidence in the way you look.

People say beauty is only skin-deep, but the reality is this: Being attractive opens doors.

But what if you never have those days? What if you never look in the mirror and say, "Damn, you look foxy today?" What if you're just plain ugly?

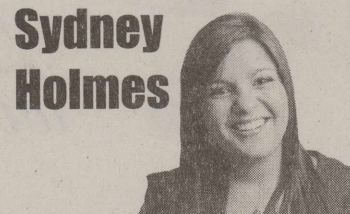
Well, you may have a case in court.

Recently, I discovered more states are considering offering legal protection to those of an ugly persuasion.

Almost everyone protects minorities, religious subsets, people with disabilities and even genders against discrimination. Why not the ugly as well?

Certain jurisdictions in California, as well as the District of Columbia, already offer this kind of protection.

Sydney Holmes



tion to their less-than-attractive citizens. While this practice may be a little unorthodox, I appreciate the brutal honesty of it.

Ugliness can be a disadvantage just like anything else. While it may not be as bad, or as crippling, the idea that being a "butterface" could keep you from reaching a goal is not entirely off-the-wall.

Think about it: if two people have the exact same resume, but one is a hot James Dean knock-off with a square jaw and a five o'clock shadow, while the other one looks like walking herpes, you can guarantee the "Rebel Without a Cause" gets the job.

But then again, how ugly is too ugly? I can just imagine that courtroom conversation: "No, judge, I promise. I'm ugly as hell."

Sure, you can try and make yourself presentable, but in the end, sometimes there isn't much you can do about a truly unfortunate face.

While I can understand this type of jurisdiction, where would it put our society?

Sure, some media outlets try and perpetuate the message that beauty is within — and at times it is — but for the most part, we, as a collective culture, are obsessed with physical appearance. This type of jurisdiction would only preserve this idea.

You can see prime examples of this at any given party on a Friday or Saturday night.

The good looking people chat each other up, while the less than cute guys and girls stick to their respective genders and drink until they pass out or turn into the college version of Cinderella and end up blowing chunks in the Whataburger bathroom at midnight.

We make assumptions based on what we see at face value.

I went to a spotlight party this weekend — that is, if you're single and ready to be morally ambiguous, wear green; if you're taken, wear red and if you're somewhere in the middle, wear yellow — and I noticed

anyone who wasn't wearing green was not getting spoken to.

I guess the thought is if the end result of the conversation wasn't both of you getting laid — or sometimes just one of you ... does this drink smell like rufes? — then there was no point in wasting time.

When did this become OK? At what point did we decide merely getting to know someone was contingent upon him or her being good-looking and available?

So, while jurisdiction like this makes sense, it's just not worth it. Either we ignore a group of citizens who may need legal representation, or we give them the protection they presumably need while limiting the protection needed for other groups.

Regardless, while protecting the ugly is an ugly situation, we should not be surprised by the fact that the U.S. is exploring this new legal frontier.

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Teacher tenure should be privilege, not right

By THE DAILY CAMPUS EDITORIAL BOARD
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Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy has finally decided to tackle the issue of teacher tenure that has been hanging over the state's head for quite some time.

Since 2009, 31 states have reworked their teacher tenure policies including New York and Massachusetts.

In his budget address on Feb. 9, Malloy said that he planned to make teacher tenure less of a right and more of a privilege. The first step is lowering the cost and time that

it requires to terminate the employment of a teacher who has received tenure.

More importantly, his proposal includes a provision that forces teachers to earn their tenure every three to five years.

However, he has yet to state what the process behind evaluating teachers will be.

The hope is that this new policy will make it so that Connecticut teachers are constantly evaluated to ensure that students are receiving a high standard of education year after year.

Malloy has taken great measures to make it clear that he is pro-teacher. However, this decision could potentially represent a huge change in the way that the Connecticut education system is looked at.

The commitment must always be to the students' education first and

foremost, and if a tenured teacher is not providing an adequate education, then there is a need to make a change. Less stringent tenure rules in the state is a step forward for that philosophy.

Adults who devote their careers to teaching the state's youth deserve a lot of respect. However, simply devoting your heart to education isn't enough anymore. Students are growing up in an increasingly competitive world.

The hope now is that what Malloy uses to evaluate teachers on to earn their tenure is a realistic test of their abilities in the classroom. Education is a system of relative growth, and it's important that any teachers hoping to gain tenure understand that their

performance needs to reach a certain level of excellence and maintain it.

The hope is that the governor's process for evaluating teachers holds to this philosophy and takes a more personal approach to the issue than

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what exists in other aspects of the Connecticut education system.

Education cannot be an automated process dictated by the state government. It needs to be about effectiveness in the classroom and not just scores on a test or numbers on a page.

While those things can be useful and important, the fact of the matter is that Connecticut owes it to younger generations to do everything necessary, including the awkward revisit of teacher tenure laws, to ensure that the people who are educating them are up to date, continually effective and not complacent in their tenured position.

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Tunnel of Oppression

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Students began with sexuality and ended with disabilities.

As they went around the Student Union Ballroom, attendants at University Student Housing's Tunnel of Oppression event learned about different social injustices.

Each residence hall's community advisers set up an exhibit on a topic with negative implications and offered both a passive and interactive look at the issue.

At the first stop, Coleman Residence Hall hosted a wheel of sexualities.

Clayton Billion, a junior marketing major from Longview, said the goal was to explain how little appearance had to do with sexuality, and how negative stereotypes affected young people.

There were three photos of people who may be stereotyped, and a wheel spun to match each to a different story ranging from transgender issues to bullying, any of which could apply to the photos.

"It's about 'Don't judge a book by its cover,'" Billion said. "You look at a person, and it's like 'No way!' but it could be true for anyone."

Other booths covered topics like racism and the idea of being discriminated against based on education level.

At the disabilities table, attendees got to experience simulations of being disabled, like being blind, by trying to draw with a blindfold on; or autistic, where the participant would listen to a story while being distracted by people singing, talking and even physically distracting them.

"It's important that people get

outside their comfort zone," said Amanda Swan, a sophomore electronic media and communications major from Arlington.

Her booth focused on body image, she said, an issue often acknowledged, but rarely discussed, despite its prevalence in all media and with younger generations.

One of the goals of the event was exploring how nearly anyone could have a problem or be discriminated against.

Senior Jennifer Corder, a nutrition and exercise and sport sciences major from Amarillo, said she realized how lucky she was after researching for her project on socioeconomic.

"A lot of people (are discriminated against), we just don't realize it. We think everyone has the same life," Corder said. "Tunnel of Oppression allows us to take a five-minute walk in someone else's shoes."

Josiah Black, the residence life coordinator for Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed, said the event was perfect for opening peoples' eyes to the realities of other ways of life.

Having grown up in a small town, Black said, he only realized true diversity in college, and thought it was important for others to do the same.

"I had the opportunity to imagine what others see when they look at the world," he said. "That's what this event promotes."

Though it was supposed to expose students to difficult social problems, he said, the event was not meant to make anyone sad or offended. As the co-chair of the social justice education committee, Black helped plan and coordinate the event.

This year's Tunnel of Oppression stayed open until 9 p.m. in

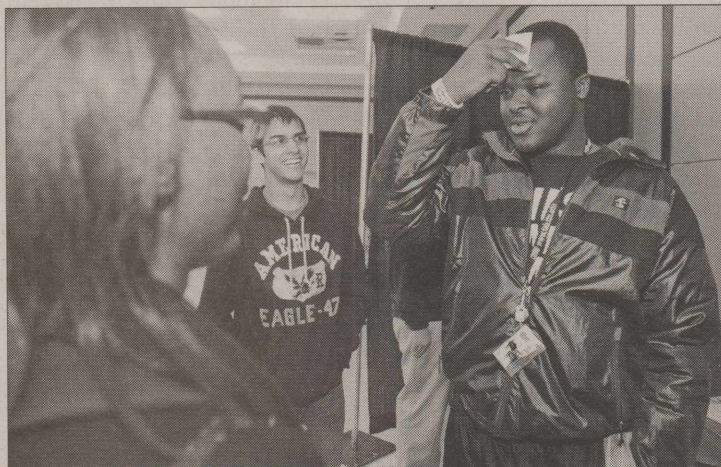


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EBENEZER OKE, A freshman pre-engineering major from Arlington, holds a sticky note with a cultural identity on it to his forehead inside the Tunnel of Oppression in the Student Union Building's Ballroom on Wednesday, while others try to give him hints as to what it says.

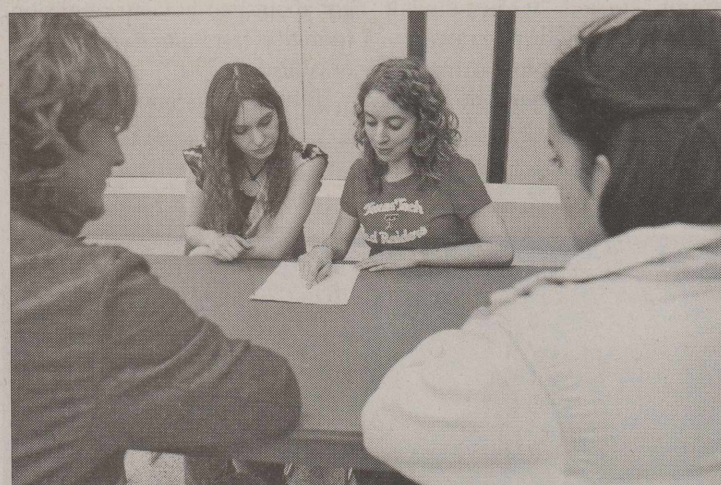


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KATY JONES, A sophomore English major from Odessa, and Kaila Messerli, a sophomore English major from El Paso, do a mock interview with students in the Tunnel of Oppression in the Student Union Building Ballroom on Wednesday. The mock interview is meant to show how people can be discriminated against based on where they went to school.

hopes that more students would come by after class, Corder said. Many of the residence hall community advisers brought their residents as a way to encourage attendance and awareness.

Reading feedback from years

past, Black said, the event had a negative stigma, and this year's event was planned to be more open and positive, but still serious.

"We are trying to educate," he said, "not frighten."

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Students take different approaches to study for exams

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

Coffee, energy drinks, Adderall and listening to music are all tools Texas Tech students have used to stay awake all night to study for an important test or to prepare for and finish a big project.

According to a handout from the Support Operations for Academic Retention center, studying in college is different than studying in high school.

Some students find that pulling all-nighters is an effective way to memorize the information when they have run out of time during the day.

Tech student Bailey Craig said she has pulled about 20 to 30 all-nighters during her college career.

The junior nutrition major from Waco said she takes 5-hour Energy drinks to stay awake. She's also prescribed Adderall, which helps her focus on studying.

"I guess just because I feel pressured to study before the test," she said about staying up

all night. "It's just the pressure factor, I guess, just down to the last minute."

The 5-hour Energys taste fine to her, she said, but the crash the next day is the difficult part.

"It's not terrible, you just feel like crap all day," she said.

Luz Infante, a junior public relations major from San Antonio, said she chooses to pull all-nighters because there are no distractions in the middle of the night.

"When I go to the library past midnight, there's not as many people and the people who are in there are studying," she said. "So, it's not really distracting, which is why I go late."

Infante said she pulls about 10 to 15 all-nighters for one semester and said she's already had four this semester.

She was up for 48 hours straight, she said, studying for five exams.

She said she lost concentration from staying up that long and had to take a nap to keep going.

"The first day and a half was doable, it was OK," Infante said.

"But, on the third day I was extremely delirious and exhausted. I could barely focus on studying, so I took about a two-hour nap and then I was good to go."

Infante said she studies in the library and snacking on something that is not too heavy like granola bars, fruit or chips, helps her to stay awake for longer.

"I noticed that if I eat or snack regularly it's easier to stay awake and be active," she said.

Nathan Behne said he finds listening to music helps him stay awake while studying for an exam or completing a project.

The junior advertising major from Allen listens to dubstep or a genre he calls "Mayer-esque," which is music that sounds like John Mayer.

He studies in his room alone, he said, so he doesn't get distracted.

Behne said he chooses to study during the night because he is making up for procrastinating.

"Honestly, it's not a time constraint," he said. "It's just kind of like making up for procrastinating. I know I'm procrastinating the whole time, but I do it be-

cause it's like a routine. I'm ready for it, I know what I need to do and I know how to get it done."

He said waiting until the last minute to study works better for him because he performs better under pressure when it comes to studying for exams.

"The funny thing is, last fall, I had the best GPA that I've made since I've been in college and that's because I pulled all-nighters for every test," he said.

Even though some students find success in pulling all-nighters, Stacy Elliott, a senior counselor for SOAR, said staying up all night to study is not effective.

"Pulling all-nighters is probably one of the most ineffective ways that any student can study," she said. "Because, number one, we know after 50 minutes, your retention of that information drops almost in half over the next 50 minutes. So, if you're spending six hours going through this material, by the time the sixth hour rolls around, you've got about two-percent retention from that last hour, so it's a waste of your time."

Elliott offers another way to

be more efficient when studying. She said breaking up the studying into shorter sessions with breaks in-between is more successful.

"You'd be much better served to spend an hour studying, go eat dinner, come back, spend another hour studying, go to the rec center, go back and spend another hour and then go to bed," she said. "Some researchers are indicating that college students need like nine hours of sleep a night so that their brain has the opportunity to regenerate."

Elliott said she warns against drinking a lot of caffeine because it does not actually give a person more energy.

"Caffeine and all of that stuff, that's just masking," she said. "You just feel like you've got energy, but your retention and comprehension of the information is still very insignificant. So, you're better off to pull a couple of hours the best you can and get a good night sleep and rely on, hopefully, what your retention has been while you've been in class."

Elliott has worked with stu-

dents who have different studying habits than others. She said one person's habits might be considered weird to another person, but everyone studies differently.

"There are some students who really have high energy through the night and so when they get out of class at two or three, they'll go to sleep," she said. "They'll wake up at two in the morning and study from two until the next day. That's their energy cycle, that's just when they're awake. Some students will do better early in the morning and have more energy first thing in the morning, so they will get up at 5:30 and eat breakfast and go somewhere and study until their morning classes start."

A different study style might be only writing notes with a black pen.

Justin Weden, a sophomore business major from Kerrville, said he listens to acoustic music while writing his notes in black pen.

He has no idea why that helps him remember the information, he said, but it does.

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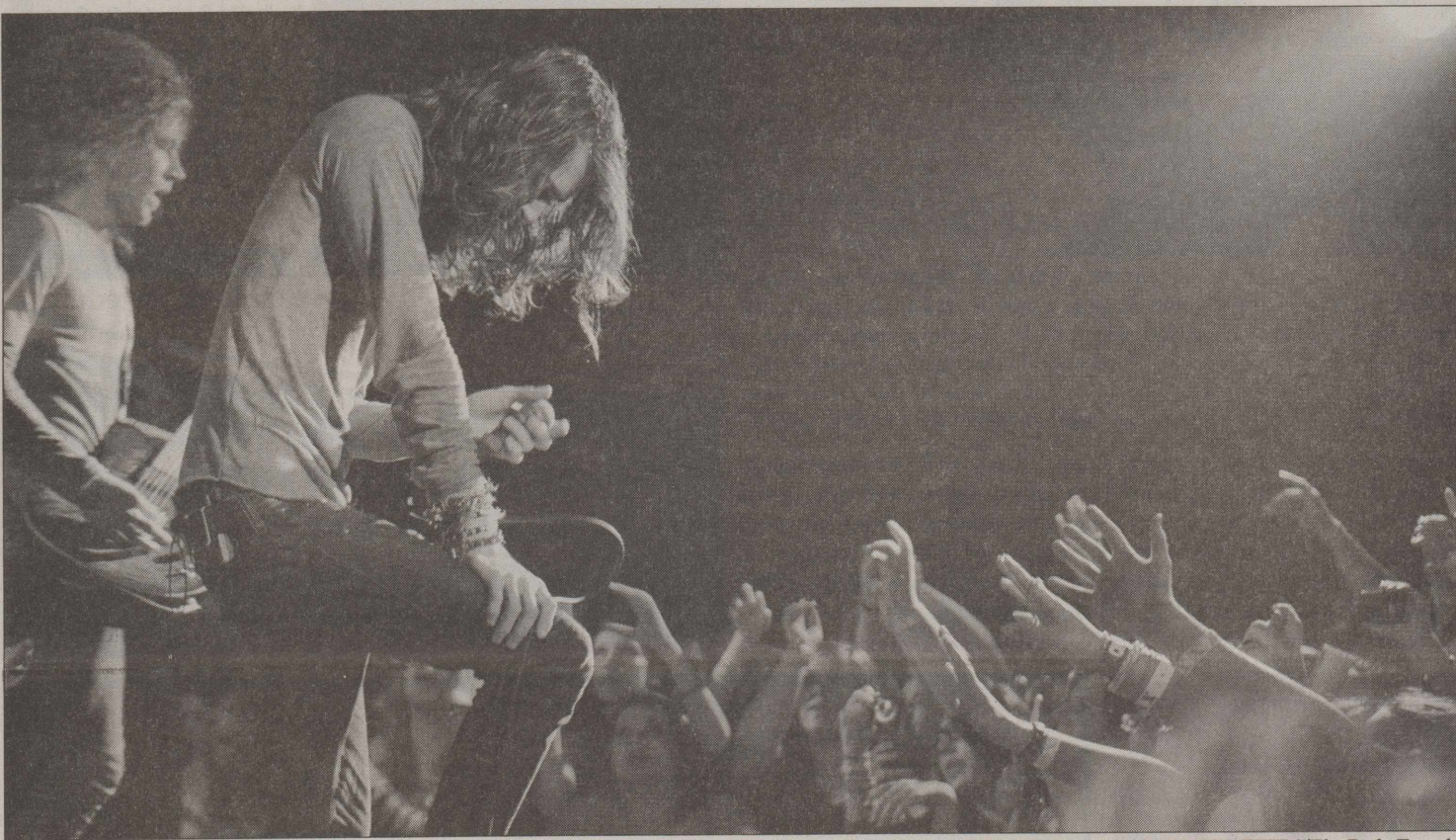


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DEREK SANDERS, THE lead singer of Mayday Parade, takes a breath on stage in front of the crowd at Jake's Sports Cafe on Wednesday. Mayday Parade is headlining "The End of the World Tour" and is supported by We the Kings, The Downtown Fiction and Anarbor.

Hot dogs

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Sam Showery, a junior public relations major from El Paso, said the amount of food was a difficult feat to overcome.

"It was really difficult," he said. "It was just a lot of food to eat in 10 minutes. The bread was a lot thicker than I thought it would be. They were good, I just burned out. I got full."

Showery was not the only person left with a full stomach.

Cody Stoots, a senior broadcast journalism major from Houston, finished in third place putting away seven chili cheese hot dogs.

"I don't know how Anthony ate all those hot dogs," he said. "If I had more time I could've ate as many as him, but if I had more time he'd have more time as well."

Stoots said the toughest part of the competition was the actual hot dog itself.

"They're great hot dogs, so you get that snap when you bite into them," he said. "It just seemed like some of those dogs never ended."

The three ate until their stomachs could not hold any more hot dogs, but in the end it was Aguilar who took the title home.

"Last year it was my idea to have something different for the second anniversary here in Lubbock," he said. "What does Lubbock not have? I've never seen anybody do it here. They wanted to do it New York style, I told them go to New York for that. This is Lubbock; we do it Fat Tony's style. Lubbock, Texas style."

Aguilar not only participated in the event, he cooked the hot dogs that were served and was behind the grill just moments before the competition began.

"This was my first time doing the competition," he said. "Last year, I cooked all of the hot dogs, which I also did this year, but this year they pumped me up right before it started so I had to do it."

Aguilar was able to eat eight and a half chili cheese dogs. He took his last bite just as the time was running out to get the win over his competition. He said he enjoyed the atmosphere and friendly environment the crowd brought to the competition.

"It brings good times," he said. "People didn't really know about us before. They came out; everybody was eating and having fun. I loved it, I enjoyed it. I hope they enjoyed it."

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Tech wins fourth straight UTSA/Oak Hills Invitational, Sordet co-champion

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**
STAFF WRITER

The men's golf team won its fourth straight UTSA/Oak Hills Invitational at Oak Hills Country Club in San Antonio on Tuesday.

The victory was the first tournament win for the Red Raiders since the same tournament last year.

Tech came into the invitational with confidence because of the past success in the event, Tech coach Greg Sands said.

"We really brought a lot of confidence to the event," he said, "having won it the last three years. I think that standard really pushed the guys to play well there."

Tech climbed three spots on the final day and shot a 2-under-

par 282 in the final round. The round was the lowest round from any team in the tournament.

The team showed it has made strides since the fall season, Sands said.

"The guys really responded well, and when we had a chance to win, we did it," he said. "They really just fought well to the end and didn't stop believing and were able to put the lowest round on the board."

Freshman Clement Sordet led the Red Raiders with a 3-under-par 210. Sordet was the tournament co-champion individually, along with Baylor's Joakim Mikkelson.

Sordet is starting to settle in and get comfortable playing college golf, Sands said.

"He's a great player," he said. "He's played all over the world,

and done well and he's getting comfortable now. He's one of the best ball-strikers I've seen in 12 years."

Prior to the start of the tournament, Sordet told Sands his goal was for the team to win the tournament, but Sands told him he should also have the goal to win it individually.

The French-native birdied holes 14, 15 and 17 in the final round to help him tie for the individual title.

After a fall season that was not what he had hoped for, Sordet looks like he is playing how he should be, Sands said.

"I think he's back to his normal self, and confident in what he's doing," he said. "And we're hopeful he can keep it up."

The Red Raiders beat some higher-ranked teams and four

other Big 12 Conference schools Tuesday.

It was good for the Red Raiders to get early season experience against good schools, Sands said.

"It was huge for us to do that," he said. "Our confidence is going to be at a new level now."

Tech has to learn how to be confident in order to compete to win every tournament it plays in, Sands said.

"Of course, we've had some history there, so that helps us," he said. "Creating that same atmosphere will be the challenge. Something we've already talked about as a team is we took a little bit of a confident mindset into it knowing we've always done well there, and we need to figure out how we can do that no matter where we play."

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TCU drug bust includes 4 Horned Frog football players, totalling 17

FORT WORTH (AP) — Authorities arrested 17 students at Texas Christian University on Wednesday as part of a six-month drug sting, an especially embarrassing blow to the school because it included four members of the high-profile football team.

Arrest warrants painted a startling picture of the Horned Frogs, with a handful of players who allegedly arranged marijuana sales after class or around practice and who told police that most of the team had failed a surprise drug test just two weeks ago.

According to police, players sold undercover officers marijuana during the season and as recently as last week.

"There are days people want to be a head football coach, but today is not one of those days," coach Gary Patterson said in a prepared statement. "As I heard the news this morning, I was first shocked, then hurt and now I'm mad."

The 17 people arrested were caught making "hand-to-hand" sales of marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy and prescription drugs to undercover officers, police said. They said the bust followed an investigation prompted by complaints from students, parents and others.

TCU has an enrollment of about 9,500 students, but the athlete arrests drew the most scrutiny. The bust came just one day after a thrilling overtime victory by the men's basketball team over a ranked opponent and less than 24 hours after TCU released its football schedule for next season, its first in the Big 12 Conference.

Three prominent defensive players on the team were arrested: linebacker Tanner Brock, the leading tackler two seasons ago,

defensive tackle D.J. Yendrey and cornerback Devin Johnson. The other player is offensive lineman Ty Horn.

While school Chancellor Victor Boschini said he didn't think TCU had a "football problem," the arrest affidavits raise the possibility that other players were involved.

In November, a Fort Worth police officer was informed that Horn was selling marijuana to "college students and football players at Texas Christian." The officer allegedly bought marijuana that day, Nov. 3, two days before a road game at Wyoming, from both Horn and Yendrey.

Officers during the next several months allegedly set up drug deals with the players outside restaurants, a grocery store and other areas around campus. On Jan. 19, Brock allegedly sold an officer \$200 worth of marijuana after Yendrey ran out.

"After a short conversation about the marijuana, Brock and I exchanged phone numbers, telling me to come to him from now on instead of (Yendrey)," according to the affidavits.

Horn and Johnson scoffed at the Feb. 1 team drug test ordered by Patterson, police said. Brock allegedly told an undercover officer that he failed the surprise test "for sure," but that it wouldn't be a problem because there "would be about 60 people screwed."

Horn had looked through the football roster and "said there were only 20 people that would pass the test on the team," Brock said, according to the warrant.

And six days after the test, Johnson allegedly sold an officer \$300 worth of marijuana. Asked about the test, he said: "What can they do, 82 people failed it."

Red Wings set NHL record with 21 straight wins at home

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings were businesslike about breaking an NHL record with their 21st straight win at home.

The Red Wings tapped their gloves and sticks on goaltender Joey MacDonald after beating the Dallas Stars 3-1 Tuesday night as if it was just another victory.

Then, they skated toward center ice and raised their sticks to acknowledge the cheering fans — a rare gesture — before going back to their usual routine of working up another sweat with a postgame workout.

"It was nothing different in here after the game," captain

Nicklas Lidstrom said.

Detroit's fans, and media that covers the franchise, has made a much bigger deal about the record than coach Mike Babcock or any of his players.

"I'm proud of the guys, they've worked hard — and now let's get on with it," Babcock said.

Red-and-white clad fans, though, wanted to soak up the moment and celebrate a team they haven't seen lose at home in more than three months.

During the final minute of the latest win at Joe Louis Arena, the crowd showered the Red Wings with a standing ovation — and chanted, "21! 21!"

"In the end when they were really cheering, before and after the buzzer went, it was a pretty cool feeling," forward Henrik Zetterberg said.

The Red Wings surpassed the single-season mark of 20 straight home wins set by Boston in the 1929-30 season and matched by Philadelphia in 1976.

They did it pretty easily against the Stars.

Zetterberg and Brad Stuart scored midway through the first period and Detroit coasted the rest of the game.

Detroit extended the streak with three wins in shootouts, which became a part of the league

in 2005 after the lockout and has led some to downplay the significance of this record.

In the past, the Red Wings would've had to settle for ties and an unbeaten streak instead of a winning run.

"There's really no way to combat that argument," Stuart said. "But still, it's an incredible accomplishment regardless of what you're going to compare it to."

Since the shootout eliminated ties, the longest previous home winning streak was 14 by Boston during the 2008-09 season. Detroit's run began after a loss to Calgary on Nov. 3.

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Jeremy Lin story is fun ride for all fans

If there was ever an instant classic that deserved the documentary treatment of ESPN Films "30 for 30," it is the amazing ride Jeremy Lin has taken the past few days.

The 6-foot-3-inch Taiwanese point guard, who played basketball at Harvard after Stanford snubbed him, is the darling of the National Basketball League right now.

Lin is the American Dream. Lin has taken the NBA, and the downtrodden New York Knicks basketball fans, on a really fun roller coaster ride this past week.

Lin plays the game of basketball like he won't get to play tomorrow, and he almost didn't.

Lin was nearly cut from the

Cody Stoots



Knicks before the deadline for contracts to become guaranteed. This was after Houston had cut him earlier this year, and he had failed to stick with Golden State and Dallas. Lin was essentially a fringe NBA player.

Now he is the hottest topic in the league.

He has achieved this through two things this country was built on — hard work and determination. These

two assets have put Lin's name in the list of greatest sports stories ever.

A quick recap of the new NBA media darling:

Lin grew up in Palo Alto, Calif., where he played high school basketball and won a state title. He sent his own resume tapes to colleges, including his dream schools of Stanford and UCLA. However, only Harvard was willing to guarantee Lin a spot on its team. Lin played four years at Harvard before he was an undrafted free agent.

Then the stars all lined up for Lin.

Any multitude of things could have stopped his meteoric rise to the top of conversations. If Houston had decided to keep him around earlier

this season, he surely wouldn't be getting the minutes he is seeing for the Knicks. If Baron Davis was healthy — or if any of the other multitude of options the Knicks tried at point guard had worked — Lin might be looking for another team or sitting on a developmental league bench.

Lin got a tiny sliver of a chance, and he is making the most of it. That is all any of us really ever ask for in life.

The Lin story is great because of the person, not the situation. Lin is a humble, hard-working and determined man who loves playing basketball. It shows when he is on the court and when someone sticks a microphone in his face.

Lin's post game interviews usually deflect his accolades to his teammates. They are not forgotten by Lin. This motley crew of role players won games without superstars Amar'e Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony. Lin has rejuvenated a team that was dragging.

This could all come to a screeching halt any day now, as Anthony will return soon, and some of Lin's touches will go to the superstar forward. Opposing teams could simply figure Lin out. He could wear down and become fatigued, like many have in this wacky NBA season.

Don't be a prisoner of the moment, but enjoy it while it lasts. Lin is not the best point guard in the NBA. He will not win the

MVP. He is not going to sign a giant off-season deal for millions of dollars. The Knicks aren't in the playoffs yet and aren't even championship contenders. That doesn't matter right now.

In a season where the NBA has been spectacularly mediocre, Lin has ignited fans of the game. He has become must-see TV. He has made people forget the quality of this NBA season has been below par.

Lin is on the craziest ride of his life, and if that ride ends tomorrow or in the next decade, it will be fun for spectators and participants.

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From New York to Asia, Lin is hoops sensation

NEW YORK (AP) — Bigger than Shaq? Larger than LeBron? The Knicks as NBA champions?

(Don't laugh too hard at that last one. The odds are getting better, according to one online sports book.)

Nothing seems too Lin-conceivable now after Jeremy Lin's incredible first week as an NBA starter, and the story keeps getting better.

The undrafted player from Harvard made a 3-pointer with half a second left Tuesday night to give the Knicks a 90-87 victory at Toronto. The Knicks returned home Wednesday to host Sacramento, looking for a seventh straight victory that would get them back to .500 after an 8-15 start.

Lin joined the rotation only then, starting the last five games, so hold off on making him a Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal or LeBron James just yet. But the Knicks have seen enough to believe this ride may last a while longer.

"I don't know when there's an ending. Maybe there won't," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Lin's story has blown straight past the New York sports pages and all

their cute headlines like "Va-Lin-tine's Day," all the way to a basketball-crazed continent on the other side of the world, where he's been "kind of like the great Asian hope," said Orin Starn, professor and chair of Cultural Anthropology at Duke.

Lin has done wonders for shares of Madison Square Garden Inc., the company that owns the Knicks, the Garden and the namesake sports network. The stock has surged 9 percent since Lin began his heroics Feb. 4, reaching an all-time high of \$33.18 earlier this week before retreating slightly to close at \$31.91 Wednesday.

"Rangers and Knicks fans do tend to buy the stock when the teams are doing well," said Miller Tabak analyst David Joyce.

And Linsanity has reached America's most powerful basketball fan, with President Barack Obama talking about Lin's winner Wednesday.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Lin was "just a great story, and the president was saying as much this morning."

Lin arrived in New York in De-

cember with no guarantee he would last more than a few weeks. Already cut by Golden State and Houston this season, he was so hesitant to get comfortable in his new home that he refused to even get his own.

Instead, he slept at his brother's place in the city, and crashed on teammate Landry Fields' couch the night before his breakout game against New Jersey on Feb. 4.

Even an Ivy League education couldn't help Lin explain what's happened since — scoring the most points (136) in any player's first five games as a starter since the NBA merged with the ABA in 1976, and a contract that's guaranteed for the rest of the season.

"No, but I believe in an all-powerful and all-knowing God who does miracles," Lin said.

If that sounds familiar, yes, Lin has been frequently compared to Denver quarterback Tim Tebow. Both relied on their faith as much as their previously overlooked skills to guide them through hot streaks that made them sensations even beyond their sports.

Tebow carried the Broncos right

into the playoffs, and now there are some who believe Lin can do the same with the Knicks.

The Knicks were 40-1 odds to win the NBA championship on Bovada.lv before Lin's run began. Now, they're down to 18-1 and conjuring up memories of another New York team.

"A guy like this is great for the game and has drawn a lot of interest from bettors on the Knicks games also," Kevin Bradley, the sports book's manager, said in a statement. "I am having visions of how the public was treating the Giants (136) in the Super Bowl being the hottest team in the NFL and costing us a mint, and right now the Knicks are by far the biggest loser for the book."

Not everybody is convinced. Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. played down Lin mania on Twitter, saying that Lin is just doing what plenty of black players do but is getting more attention because of his Asian heritage.

And Lin is certain to cool off. It's one thing to beat teams such as the Nets and Wizards when they've barely had time to learn your name. It's another when NBA defenses are

prepared to stop you.

"He's a marked man now. He's not going to sneak up on anybody, and every night's going to be tough," D'Antoni said.

Then again, Kobe Bryant had said he wasn't familiar with Lin's game and would have to study up on him. The next night, Lin burned the Lakers for 38 points in a nationally televised victory.

That was a huge moment in Taiwan, which Lin's parents left in the 1970s. Asia lost its biggest basketball star when Yao Ming retired last summer, but ratings are up in China, and TV stations around the continent have rushed to add Knicks games to their broadcasts.

"I like Jeremy Lin (more than Yao Ming) because Yao Ming was already famous" when he started playing in NBA, said Taiwanese university student Zhang Gan-yu. "For Lin, it's like nobody had heard of him before. Kobe gave an interview saying he did not know who Lin was. So this is truly a rising star."

Lin has been gaining followers on social media and had the NBA's top-selling jersey online in the first week

it was available. With Knicks games blacked out to many New Yorkers because of a local cable dispute, the Knicks held their first viewing party in Chinatown on Wednesday night.

Lin is the NBA's first American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent. Starn called his emergence sort of a "coming-out party for Asian-Americans."

"I think it is appealing to a lot of Americans when somebody comes along that seems to break out of this set of stereotypes — and in this case, an Asian-American from the heart of the Silicon Valley," Starn said. "I think Jeremy Lin has this special kind of attraction because he seems to capture this visibility of Asian-Americans."

But Lin will have to have lasting success to be more than just a short-term phenomenon. Yao was beloved because he proved to be a star player here. Yi Jianlian, drafted in 2007 and now with his fourth NBA team, has seen his popularity wane because he isn't a star.

Not to worry, D'Antoni says. Lin's the real thing.

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Milo Hamilton to leave Astros booth at end of 2012 season

HOUSTON (AP) — Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Milo Hamilton, who had the memorable call on Henry Aaron's 715th home run, will retire as the radio voice of the Houston Astros after the 2012 season.

"It's been a wonderful time and how great for me to finish up my broadcasting of games in Hous-

ton," Hamilton said Wednesday.

This will be the 84-year-old Hamilton's 28th year with the Astros and 59th year overall calling Major League Baseball games.

"He's been an icon broadcaster," new Astros owner Jim Crane said. "He's one of the greatest ever and has a history that's probably second to not many. He's meant a lot to the organization."

He will remain with the team after this season working mostly on special events but will make sporadic appearances on radio broadcasts.

Hamilton's time calling the majors is second all-time only to Vin Scully, who is entering his 64th season.

He was inducted into the broadcasters wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Radio Hall of Fame in 2000.

"When you hear his voice, you

think of the Astros," Crane said. "There's not many teams where when you hear someone's voice, you immediately think of that ball club. His history speaks for itself."

Hamilton made the call on Aaron's 715th home run on April 8, 1974, as a broadcaster for the Atlanta Braves. He said that was the highlight of his career.

"The Aaron home run made it a great call because it barely made it," Hamilton said. "It wasn't like Mark McGwire's going over the McDonald's sign at Busch. I still enjoy it when I hear it."

He has also called 11 no-hitters, Nolan Ryan's 4,000th strikeout in 1985 and Craig Biggio's 3,000th hit in 2007. He also called the Pirates 1979 championship season and when Stan Musial hit five home runs in a doubleheader.

He said his most memorable no-hitter was Mike Scott's division-clinching one in 1986, and Hamilton said Biggio's 3,000th hit was another high point of his career.

"That's pretty cool," Biggio said. "Considering the guy called Hank Aaron's home run and the many other things he called and for him to think that me getting 3,000 hits was one of the highlights of his career also was just a huge honor."

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No. 1 Baylor women beat OSU 83-51

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Brittney Griner and top-ranked Baylor aren't just winning every game they play. They're making each one a blowout.

Griner had 28 points and 10 rebounds, Kimetria Hayden scored a season-high 20 points and the Bears remained perfect this season by beating Oklahoma State 83-51 on Wednesday night.

The blowouts are nothing new for the Bears (26-0, 13-0 Big 12), who are making an unprecedented rampage through conference play. Each of their last eight wins have come by at least 20 points.

"I thought it was just a good night and everybody should be happy," coach Kim Mulkey said.

The Bears easily avoided an upset in an arena that's been unfriendly at times over the years. Baylor had a losing record in Stillwater coming into the game and had teams ranked in the top 5 lose at Oklahoma State twice in the past four years.

Griner made sure there was no chance for history to repeat itself, making 11 of 17 shots and also blocking six on the other end.

Hayden was 6 for 8 from the field and made eight of her nine foul shots, providing only the second 20-point game of her career. The other came against the Cowgirls two years ago in

her first career start.

"(Hayden) has just learned through being here three years what's a good shot, what's not a good shot — when to attack, when not to attack," Mulkey said. "I think she's making better decisions. She's making better decisions on the offensive end."

Hayden became Griner's third teammate to score at least 20 points in a game this season.

"While Brittney gets all the attention — and she should — those other players are outstanding All-Americans and they don't care," Mulkey said. "It's about the ring, it's not about individual honors. It's not about how many points you score."

"We're on a mission and we want to get to a Final Four and win a championship. As you saw tonight, we have many weapons."

Taylor Schippers led Oklahoma State (13-9, 5-8) with 11 points. Liz Donohoe scored 10 and Tiffany Bias had eight assists while going 1 for 13 from the field. The Cowgirls have lost five of their last six games.

"When you play them, you've got to be as close to perfect as possible if you're going to win or be competitive in the game," Cowgirls coach Jim Littell said. "I think we did some things that are better than what the score showed up but

we didn't make shots."

They became the latest victim in Baylor's impressive monthlong blowout streak.

Only 14 teams have ever won eight straight regular-season Big 12 games and none made it more than halfway to the Bears' current stretch of 20-point blowouts.

Nebraska (2010) and Oklahoma (2006) had only three wins by that margin during their undefeated runs through Big 12 play. Texas A&M had eight last season on its way to the national title, but never more than three in a row. And when the Bears won it all in 2005, they only beat two Big 12 foes by 20.

"I think somebody's going to have to really be on their game and I think Baylor's going to have to be a little off to beat them," Littell said.

Baylor leads the nation in shooting percentage (48.7) and is second on the defensive end (30.2) in that category.

Against the Cowgirls, the Bears shot 55 percent while holding a 46-16 scoring edge in the paint. They attempted only three 3-pointers — fewer than Oklahoma State tried in its first four possessions.

The Cowgirls ended up making 26 percent and went 6 for 27 from 3-point range.

"Baylor's a good team, so I don't really look at the

scoreboard just as long as we're executing plays that coach is calling for us," Bias said. "We did have some good plays that we ran and we executed well. We just couldn't hit open shots tonight."

After Oklahoma State claimed an early 8-6 lead, Griner hit back-to-back jumpers in the lane to launch a 17-2 surge that put the Bears ahead to stay. Griner added a third jumper with a turnaround shot in the lane later in the run, Odyssey Sims followed with a 3-pointer and Hayden's jumper in the lane made it 23-10 with 11:52 left in the first half.

The Cowgirls were never again within single digits as Baylor pushed its lead to 17 by halftime and led by at least 20 over the final 14 minutes.

Griner had eight points during a 10-0 Baylor run, sinking a jumper as she ran along the left side to make it 55-29 with 14:02 remaining.

"I'm going to be a guard next year," the 6-foot-8 Griner cracked. "I'm just telling you now."

Griner's layup in transition pushed it to 72-43 just before she came out one second past the 7-minute mark in the second half. The rest of the starters filtered out over the next 2 minutes and were replaced by reserves outside the rotation down the stretch.

Mavs win 5th in a row, 102-84 against Denver

DALLAS (AP) — Shawn Marion had 16 points and 10 rebounds, leading six Dallas players who scored in double figures as the Mavericks stretched their winning streak to five in a row with a 102-84 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

Dallas jumped out to a 9-1 lead in the first 3 minutes and was never really challenged.

The five straight wins match a season high for the Mavericks. They have come since a rare three-day break between games that followed three consecutive losses.

Vince Carter had 15 points for Dallas. Lamar Odom scored 14, Jason Kidd 13 and Dirk Nowitzki 12. None of the starters played more than 27 minutes.

Rudy Fernandez led the Nuggets with 14 points. Al Harrington, another reserve, had 13.

Kidd had consecutive 3-pointers, one from the top of the key and the other from the right corner, to cap a 16-3 run that pushed the Mavericks ahead 72-49 with 4:20 left in the third quarter.

Denver, the NBA's highest-scoring team at 104 points per game, trailed 51-39 after its lowest-scoring first half of the season. The Nuggets followed

that in the third quarter by scoring only 15 points, their fewest in any period this season.

At the same time, Dallas had its highest-scoring third quarter of the season, piling up 32 points to push ahead 83-54.

Already without guards Jason Terry (strained right quad) and Rodrigue Beaubois (personal reasons), the Mavericks lost guard Delonte West midway through the second quarter with an ugly injury to his right ring finger.

West fractured and dislocated his finger while playing defense, and blood was clearly visible after the play.

The Mavericks said it was unclear how many games West might miss.

While Terry's injury isn't thought to be serious, coach Rick Carlisle has already said he would also miss Friday night's game at Philadelphia because of a "personal situation."

Denver was still without Nene (left calf strain), center Timofey Mozgov (left ankle sprain) and forward Danilo Gallinari (left ankle sprain).

The Nuggets shot a season-low 36 percent (30 of 84).

In a sign of things to come for the Mavericks, four players scored in the opening 9-1 stretch.

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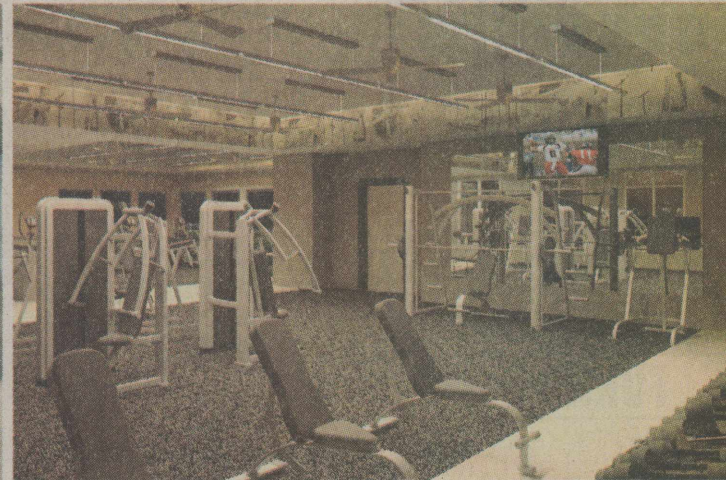


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