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College briefs: Texas Wesleyan to break ground on fitness center

Around campus

Texas Wesleyan University will have a groundbreaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Friday for its \$3 million Jack and Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center on the school's mall in Fort Worth.

The center will serve as a gathering place for the university community in addition to an exercise facility. For information about the groundbreaking, call 817-531-4404.

The demand for nuclear engineers has prompted the University of Texas at Arlington's College of Engineering to offer a minor in that field this fall. The courses initially drew 30 students but have been expanded to accommodate 35 in the inaugural class.

Bill Carroll, dean of the College of Engineering, said demand for the courses is being driven by plans for 24 new nuclear energy plants across the country, six of which are slated for Texas. "It's imperative that we get people trained in the right fields. This helps toward that goal," Carroll said in a news release.

For information about the program, visit www.uta.edu/engineering/nuclear or call 817-272-2571.

The University of North Texas in Denton will host its One Book, One Community program Wednesday. The book, *Big Coal: The Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*, was given to freshmen at orientation this summer. The freshmen will meet Wednesday to discuss the book as part of activities this week to welcome the new students.

The author of *Big Coal*, Jeff Goodell, will speak Oct. 6 at UNT.


The free evening lecture will be open to the general public as well as to UNT students, faculty and staff. For information, visit www.unt.edu.

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