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ARLINGTON

Cowboys Stadium to host 2014 Final Four

The close proximity to UTA excites some students about attending games.

BY MARK BAUER

Contributor to The Shorthorn

Arlington's new Cowboys Stadium will host the men's Final Four basketball tournament in

2014, the NCAA announced Wednesday after sifting through proposals and bids from nine other cities for a year.

The university is working with the Big 12 to determine what role the campus will play when the tournament comes to Arlington, but no official details have been decided. The last time

the Metroplex hosted the basketball tournament was 1986 at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

"We are going to be involved — but we have no idea how," said Sue Stevens, senior media relations officer. "The university is still trying to determine what involvement they will have with other games scheduled at the

stadium."

Professional sporting events like the 2010 NBA All-Star game and Super Bowl XLV in 2011 and a handful of collegiate championship and conference games will be held at the stadium after it's completed in

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CRIME



The Shorthorn: Andrew Buckley

An Arlington firefighter hoses down the engine of an Arlington Police Department squad car that caught fire Tuesday night on Mitchell Street after a chase. The suspect was found shortly after the accident at his home and faces multiple charges including evading arrest.

Police arrest nonstudent after fiery crash Tuesday

The man led officers on a short chase and fled the accident scene.

BY SARAH LUTZ
The Shorthorn staff

A 19-year-old nonstudent was arrested after leading Arlington police on a short pursuit that ended in a fiery collision near the southeast side of campus.

Leobardo Martinez was booked into the city jail at about 9:45 p.m. after being found at his home in the 600 block of North Oak Street. He was arrested for traffic warrants and evading arrest, Lt. Blake Miller said.

The officer began pursuing Martinez at 8:30 for suspected drunken driving, which could not be substantiated because he

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For video coverage of Wednesday's Poetry Slam, visit THE.SHORTHORN.com

The Shorthorn: Monica Lopez

Mike Guinn, Fort Worth Slam Team founder, opens up the poetry slam Wednesday in the University Center San Jacinto Room. The open mic night winner will participate in January's annual MLK event, "An Evening of Spoken Word," at the UC Bluebonnet Ballroom.

A Thousand Words

Poetry slam features open mic performances and competition

BY DUSTIN DANGLI

Contributor to The Shorthorn

In the small, dimly lit room, a poet stood bathed in light. She raised her voice and fired words at the crowd.

She delivered her poetry to win the competition over nine other competitors.

The Houston-based artist known as D.E.E.P. poured her heart out in front of a crowd of more than 20 people, at

the Poetry Slam competition at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center San Jacinto Room.

The two pieces she performed left many members snapping their fingers and praising her in the middle of her performance.

"It felt as good as always," she said. D.E.E.P. won \$50 and will perform with last week's winner Andrea "Bee" Brown at The MLK Evening of Spoken

Word on Jan. 17 in the UC Bluebonnet Ballroom.

The night began with an open mic, where all poets, bystanders and those feeling brave were able to perform. The real event began afterward when each poet had three minutes to perform.

Two judges ranked and scored the competitors on a scale of one to 10,

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LECTURE

Historian talks Obama, Lincoln comparisons

Almost 2,000 attended Doris Kearns Goodwin's lecture at Texas Hall.

BY MICHELLE LEVERETT
Contributor to The Shorthorn

Doris Kearns Goodwin said that two inexperienced politicians from Illinois — President-elect Barack Obama and 16th President Abraham Lincoln have much in common. Like Obama, the one-term

congressman quickly rose to the presidency by perseverance and intelligence. And like Lincoln, Obama will place former political rivals to high-level positions in his administration like New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, Goodwin said at Wednesday night's lecture in Texas Hall.

Students and faculty heard the acclaimed Pulitzer Prize-

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TAP THAT

Music education junior Larry Morales bangs out a rhythm with the Percussion Ensemble on Wednesday at Irons Recital Hall. The ensemble performed Bicksa, an aggressive rhythm piece named after the Hungarian word for a sharp knife.



The Shorthorn: Michael Rettig

Tricking the Brain

University receives grant for chronic pain research

BY BRYAN BASTIBLE
The Shorthorn staff

Thanks to a grant from Intel, university researchers are working on a new way for people to deal with chronic pain.

Neuronal signals transmitted between the center of a nerve and the brain cause pain. Researchers are trying to inhibit chronic pain, associated with physical conditions like broken, bent or damaged nerves. If the nerves don't heal prop-

erly, the pain will continue. The \$60,000 per year grant, renewable for up to three years, will be used to address this problem.

The researchers will set up a "communication network" between an implant in the patient's body like pacemakers, gastric stimulators between the stomach and esophagus and a wireless module that could be worn on a belt or hat. The communication signals record information from the

implants and send control signals to the implant to change the setting.

Changing the setting will send electrical currents from the implant to neurons — the centers of nerves — and stop pain signals from reaching the brain. Then the patients feel no pain.

According to a recent press release from the College of Engineering, chronic pain is the most common reason individuals seek medical care. It costs Amer-

icans hundreds of billions of dollars plus the cost of lost productivity. Psychology associate professor Yuan-Bo Peng said these costs are invisible but real.

Psychology chair Robert Gatchel said the research will have a complementary impact his department.

"We have one of the largest cohorts of pain specialists here at UTA in the North Texas area," he said.

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CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

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CALENDAR

TODAY

Special Collections — Revisualizing Westward Expansion: Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Library sixth floor. Free. For information, contact 817-272-3393 or spcoref@uta.edu.

Video Seminar — Pathways to Entrepreneurship: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 100 Nedderman Hall. Free. Pizza and drinks will be served. For information, contact Karl Fultz at 817-272-1119 or kfulzt@uta.edu.

Wesley Foundation Event: noon, 311 UTA Blvd. Free Food. For

information, contact the Wesley Foundation at 817-274-6282 or wesfnuta@swbell.net.

Maversity Workshop: 12:30-1:30 p.m., UC Concho Room. Free. For information, contact Multicultural Affairs at 817-272-2099 or multicultural_affairs@uta.edu.

Self-assembled Nanodevices and Nanosensors: 3:30-4:45 p.m., 105 Nedderman Hall. Free. For information, contact Zeynep Celik-Butler, PhD. at 817-272-1536 or zbutler@uta.edu.

Global Grounds International Coffee Hour: 4-5:30 p.m., UC Palo Duro Lounge. Free. For information, contact Julie Holmer at 817-272-2355 or jholmer@uta.edu.

International Film Festival featuring *The Fish Fall in Love*: 6:30 p.m., 100 Nedderman Hall. Free. For information, contact Lindsey Zaleski at 817-272-6107 or studentsuccess@uta.edu.

TechnoScholar Workshop — Demystifying the Search for Scholarly Impact: 4-5 p.m., 510 Central Library. Free. For information, contact Suzanne Beckett at 817-272-0923 or sbeckett@uta.edu.

Residence Hall Association Meeting: 4:30-5:30 p.m., UC Student Congress Chambers. Free. For information, contact Erica Weaver at finlan@uta.edu.

Second Annual Real Estate Developers' Roundtable: 5-7 p.m.,

204 Architecture Building. \$25, includes DVD of proceedings. For information, contact Anna Peredo-Manor at amrmanor@uta.edu.

Thinking Green — Powering the Future: 5:30-7:30 p.m., 101 College Hall. Free. For information, contact Cathy Prichett at 817-272-7215 or hcc@uta.edu.

Asian Heritage Month Closing Celebration: 6:30 p.m., UC Carlisle Suite. For information, contact Multicultural Affairs at 817-272-2099 or multicultural_affairs@uta.edu.

Choral & Symphony Orchestra Concert: 7:30 p.m., Irons Recital Hall. \$3 for students/seniors, \$5

general public. For information, contact 817-272-3471 or music@uta.edu.

FRIDAY

International Crime — An Introduction to the MS-13 Street Gang: noon, Central Library sixth floor. Free. For information, contact Lindsey Zaleski at 817-272-6107 or studentsuccess@uta.edu.

International Spouses Club: 1-3 p.m., Swift Center. Free. For information, contact Julie Holmer at 817-272-2355 or jholmer@uta.edu. Calendar submissions must be made by 4 p.m. two days prior to run date. To enter your event, call 817-272-3661 or log on to www.theshorthorn.com/calendar

QUOTE WORTHY

“Lincoln trusted his own leadership and convinced them to care about the country more than their own beliefs. If they are willing to put the common goals ahead of their own ambitions and work together, then it can work.”

Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, during her lecture at Texas Hall. See Page 1

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POLICE REPORT

This is a part of the daily activity log produced by the university's Police Department. To report a criminal incident on campus, call 817-272-3381.

Two nonstudents were arrested on charges of criminal trespassing Tuesday at 901 Oak St.



STARING BACK AT YOU



Above: Drawing sophomore Kristina Townsend makes an enlarged charcoal drawing of a photograph Wednesday in the Fine Arts Building.

Left: Film and video junior Kevin Ly erases his charcoal drawing during Drawing Concepts on Wednesday at the Fine Arts Building. The class enlarged photographs of human faces through viewfinders.

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MONICA LOPEZ

Opening Their Eyes to Reading

A service learning project for preschoolers encourages a love for literature

BY ALANNA QUILLEN
Contributor to The Shorthorn

“Beginning is half the work.” David Silva believes in this expression, especially when it comes to helping underprivileged children.

Vice Provost Silva, education assistant professor Kathleen Tice and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society members created a project that serves children from low-wage, non-English-speaking families at the Open Door Preschool in east Dallas.

“These are the working poor,” he said. “We’re talking about folks who make hard decisions every day.”

Every Friday for the past four weeks, 36 students in Tice’s Literacy Studies class have been reading selected books to 20 kids at the preschool.

After noticing a dramatic increase in vocabulary and reading skills, she believes that the children and her students are benefiting from each other.

“My students are excited about being with the kids, and the children can sense that,” she said. “These children have so much potential, and we focus on what they can do instead of in terms of deficit.”

The project began when Phi Kappa Phi members Tice and Silva noticed a literacy grant offered by the society.

As a Board of Trustees member at the preschool, Silva suggested using the grant towards the three, four and five-year-old underprivileged children to buy books to read aloud to them.

“This is education happening out the in the community with the support of a national organization,” he said. “It doesn’t get any better than that.”

The project’s final reading will take place Friday morning, where the children will receive a tote bag with six different books the students have read to them. The children will also get a UTA backpack filled with coloring books,

note pads, crayons and pencils donated from Phi Kappa Phi members. For video coverage and photos this weekend, visit [THE SHORTHORN.COM](http://THE.SHORTHORN.COM)

Open Door Preschool director Sandra Thomas said she’s thankful that people want to help her kids.

“The kids look forward to Fridays,” Thomas said. “When the students come into the classroom, their eyes light up.”

In the future, Tice and Silva want to apply for more funding for similar projects.

“We’re capturing them at the beginning and showing them that we care enough to go out and work with them,” Silva said. “These kids won’t remember us, but they’ll remember the experience.”

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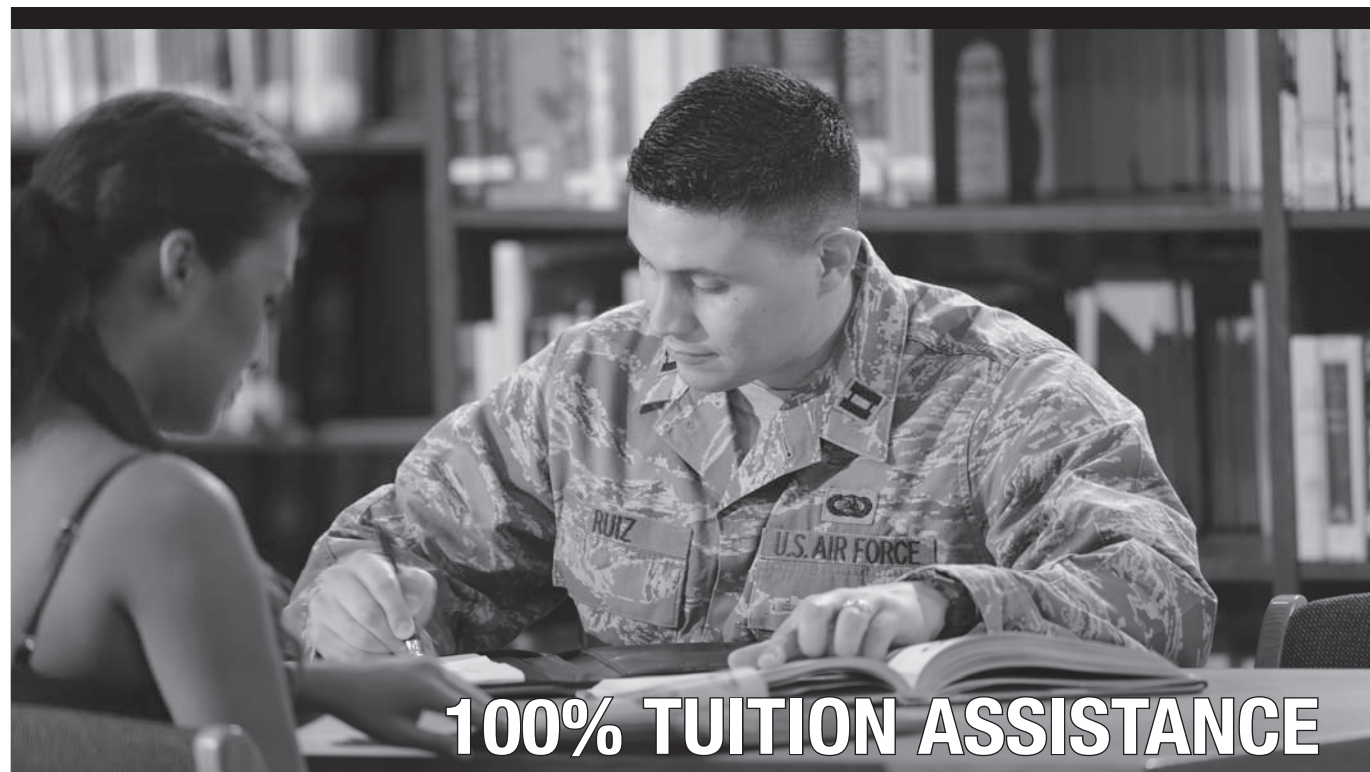
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NATION

Marriage ban goes to court

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN FRANCISCO — California's highest court agreed Wednesday to hear several legal challenges to the state's new ban on same-sex marriage but refused to allow gay couples to resume marrying before it rules.

The California Supreme Court accepted three lawsuits seeking to nullify Proposition 8, a voter-approved constitutional amendment that overruled the court's decision in May that le-

galized gay marriage. All three cases claim the measure abridges the civil rights of a vulnerable minority group. They argue that voters alone did not have the authority to enact such a significant constitutional change.

As is its custom when it takes up cases, the court elaborated little. However, the justices did say they want to address what effect, if any, a ruling upholding the amendment would have on

the estimated 18,000 same-sex marriages that were sanctioned in California before election day. Gay rights groups and local governments petitioning to overturn the ban were joined by the measure's sponsors and Attorney General Jerry Brown in urging the Supreme Court to consider whether Proposition 8 passes legal muster.

The initiative's opponents had also asked the court to grant a stay of the measure, which

would have allowed gay marriages to begin again while the justices considered the cases. The court denied that request.

The justices directed Brown and lawyers for the Yes on 8 campaign to submit arguments by Dec. 19 on why the ballot initiative should not be nullified. It said lawyers for the plaintiffs, who include same-sex couples who did not wed before the election, must respond before Jan. 5.

Oral arguments could be scheduled as early as March, according to court spokeswoman Lynn Holton.

Both opponents and supporters of Proposition 8 expressed confidence Wednesday that their arguments would prevail.

But they also agreed that the cases present the court's seven justices — six of whom voted to review the challenges — with complex questions that have few precedents in state case law.

IN TEXAS

Father sent to prison for stabbing student

HOUSTON — The father of a Houston-area teenager who lied about being sexually assaulted was given a six-year prison sentence for stabbing a student who had been accused in the alleged rape.

Ruben Cuellar-Romo, 45, was sentenced by a jury on Wednesday after he pleaded guilty two days earlier to aggravated assault, the Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site Wednesday.

The victim, 17-year-old Joshua Chapa, recovered from injuries to his chest, abdomen and hand.

Activists to testify on science standards

AUSTIN — The debate on how to teach evolution in science classrooms heated up in Texas on Wednesday as the State Board of Education listened to public comments on proposed revisions to the state's science curriculum.

The current curriculum requires students be taught the "strengths and weaknesses" of all scientific theories, wording that some say has been used to undermine the theory of evolution.

The proposal being discussed would change the language to say "strengths and limitations," even though a review committee had recommended removing the reference altogether.

ECONOMY

Dow slips to less than 8,000 points

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — A growing fear of economic deflation helped take the air out of the stock market Wednesday, and another white-knuckle final hour on Wall Street pushed the Dow Jones industrials under 8,000 to their lowest close since the financial meltdown began.

Consumer prices in October took their biggest monthly plunge in the six decades that records have been kept — a reprieve for shoppers but a danger sign for the economy because falling prices can make a mild

recession spiral into something worse.

The drop illustrated once again how quickly the economic danger can shift in tumultuous times like these. The inflation fears that gripped the nation just a few months ago now seem like a distant memory.

"Consumer price inflation has suddenly screamed into reverse," said Brian Bethune, economist at IHS Global Insight. "The inflation threat has disappeared from the radar screen."

Worried about the economic



A shopper pushes a cart at a Little Rock, Ark., Sam's Club store owned by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., on Wednesday.

AP Photo: Danny Johnston

data, a gloomy outlook from the Federal Reserve and the fate of the Big Three automakers, investors yanked money out of the stock market. The Dow drifted lower for most of the

day, then plummeted in a tumultuous final hour of trading. It crossed under 8,000 in the last minutes before the closing bell and closed down 427 points, or about 5 percent, at

7,997 — its lowest close since March 2003. The average has dipped below 8,000 on other days since the meltdown began in mid-September but had not closed there.



Bill Newman points to the spot he and his wife Gayle, left, were located when President John F. Kennedy was shot Nov. 22, 1963, as they tour The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

AP Photo: Ed Reineke

CRIME

Grassy Knoll couple recall 1963 Kennedy assassination

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
DALLAS — It seems as if the gracious couple has told the story a thousand times — how the crack of an assassin's bullet struck the president just a few feet from where they stood.

Sometimes it's a reporter or author, but often it's a curious citizen who hopes Bill and Gayle Newman can uncover a sliver of evidence to buttress their own theory about the death of John F. Kennedy.

Who wouldn't want to hear from the couple who were so close to the assassination that is arguably the most scrutinized in American history — particularly as the tragic event marks its 45th anniversary on Saturday?

"At the time, we were both 23 years old and we didn't realize the part in history that we played, because we were the closest people to him when that third shot rang out," Gayle

Newman said in a recent interview. "Now as we have grown older, we do realize that this is something that will be a part of all of our life."

The Newmans settled into a spot on the lawn at Dealey Plaza — just below the infamous grassy knoll — a few minutes before Kennedy's motorcade glided by on Nov. 22, 1963. Their two young sons, 4-year-old Billy and 2-year-old Clayton, were in tow.

CRIME

Interpol to investigate possible information leak in Mexico

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MEXICO CITY — Interpol is sending a special investigative team to Mexico to determine whether sensitive information from its database on criminals and terrorists was leaked to drug cartels, the agency said Wednesday.

Interpol launched the probe after Mexican federal police official Ricardo Gutierrez Vargas was placed under house arrest

as part of an investigation of law enforcement officers who allegedly shared police information with traffickers.

Gutierrez Vargas directed the international police agency's National Central Bureau in Mexico, where he had access to Interpol's database of information on suspected terrorists, wanted persons, fingerprints and DNA profiles, among other data, the Lyon, France-based agency said.

Interpol's Web site says that officers of the National Central Bureaus are connected to its police communications network so they can share crucial information on criminals and criminal activities daily.

Staffers from Interpol's General Secretariat plan to meet with Mexican authorities and determine if there was any improper use of Interpol's systems. Meanwhile, the agency is stand-

ing by its man in Mexico: "Interpol can categorically state that it has never been given any reason to question the integrity of Mr. Gutierrez Vargas."

Interpol said the team will leave for Mexico on Thursday to discuss with Mexico's Attorney General's office what needs to be done, if anything, to ensure compliance with the agency's rules, which are designed to prevent leaks. The federal Attorney

General's office is responsible for Interpol's office in Mexico.

The Attorney General's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Gutierrez Vargas, the director for International Police Affairs and Interpol at Mexico's Federal Investigative Agency, is only the latest high-ranking Mexican police official to be detained on suspicion of links to the nation's drug gangs.

IN THE WORLD

Pirate 'mother ship' sunk by Indian Navy

NEW DELHI — The ship, operating off the coast of Oman in the lawless waters of the Gulf of Aden, was crewed by heavily armed men, some carrying rocket-propelled grenade launchers. Behind it were a pair of speedboats — the sort pirates often use when they launch attacks on merchant ships in these violent seas.

What followed, officials said Wednesday, was a rare victory in a sea war against Somalia-based piracy that has become increasingly more violent, and where the pirates are ever more bold.

A patrolling Indian navy frigate quickly identified the vessel as a "mother ship" — a mobile attack base used to take gangs of pirates and smaller speedboats into deep water — and ordered it to stop and be searched.

"They responded on the offensive and said that they would blow up the Indian naval ship," Commander Nirad Sinha, a navy press officer, told reporters in New Delhi. Then the pirates opened fire.

Al-Qaida insults Obama in audio message

CAIRO, Egypt — Al-Qaida's No. 2 slurred Barack Obama with a demeaning racial term for a black American who does the bidding of whites in a new Web message Wednesday intended to dent the president-elect's popularity among Arabs and Muslims and claim he will not change U.S. policy.

Ayman al-Zawahiri's speech was al-Qaida's first reaction to Obama's election victory — and it suggested the terror network is worried the new American leader could undermine its rallying cry that the United States is an enemy oppressor.

Obama has been welcomed by many in the Middle East who hope he will end what they see as American aggression against Muslims and Arabs under President George W. Bush. Some believe his race and Muslim family connections could make him more understanding of the developing world's concerns.

— The Associated Press

COMING UP FRIDAY

Read about a seminar hosted by UTA Police where they describe what to do in a situation with a hostile intruder.



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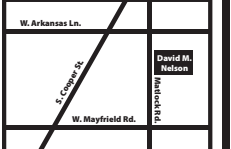
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Poetry

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said Michael Guinn, Fort Worth National Poetry Slams founder. The final score combined the sum of both judges' scores.

After the first round, those with the top four scores returned for the finals. They judged the contestants by originality, content and performance.

Alumnus Anthony Gordon speculated the way judges scored each artist. "It's just if the judges feel you," he said.

Gordon came to the competition not only to express himself through poetry, but also to become a member of the Fort Worth Poetry Slam Team.

Aerospace engineering freshman Jarred Wright still considers himself a rookie. This was his second poetry slam, the first

being last week's slam at the university.

"I have the talent, and I need to express it," he said. "I'm here to win the prize and get the vibe of the crowd."

James Hawthorne, one of the organizers, said the competition was hosted to get students more involved and give them a chance to express themselves in a new way.

"Nowadays, when you have so much negativity in some of the songs, it's another way to express yourself in a positive way," he said. "It's good clean fun."

Although Gordon didn't win, he plans to continue attending poetry slams.

"It's a release. It's therapy," he said. "Poetry is the only thing that's kept me out of jail. It's a release."

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The Shorthorn: Monica Lopez

Fort Worth poet A J Houston performs "I Can't Afford Not Knowing," a piece about struggling fathers. Houston is also an inspirational speaker and teacher.

The competition consisted of 10 poets ranked by two judges on a scale of one to 10.



The Shorthorn: Monica Lopez

Crash

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was arrested in his home.

"The police car tried to initiate a pursuit with the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle fled," Miller said. "During the pursuit the police car was involved in a three-car accident at Mitchell and Center."

The officer's marked patrol vehicle caught fire, but the officer was able to escape uninjured, and a citizen was treated at the scene. Miller said the pursuit was headed southbound on Center

Street, but was unable to offer any more details.

Miller said there was a driver's license check going on at Mitchell and Center before the pursuit occurred. He said the checks occur regularly across Arlington and consist of stopping every vehicle or every other vehicle to check for proper driver's license.

Martinez faces a \$2,500 bail for evading arrest, \$210 for a non-seat belted person, and \$477 for a failure to maintain financial responsibility warrant, totaling of \$3,187.

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2009.

"I think that's great," kinesiology senior Leonard Frank said. "I was just watching the games yesterday, so I'd be looking forward to that. That's awesome."

Frank is also excited about the possibility of going to the tournament.

"I've always wanted to go to the Final Four, but it's never been within distance," he said.

Biology freshman Emman-

uel Bekoe speculates that the Final Four championship will put the city on the map.

"It's one of the best things to happen to Arlington," he said.

He knows tickets for the seats will be pricey, but that won't stop him from trying to go — especially if his home team makes it to the tournament the same year.

"If Texas would be in the Final Four, that would be magical to me," Bekoe said. "It doesn't get much better than that."

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ATHLETICS

New programs may be offered to disabled

Students are asked to give feedback in a survey through campus recreation.

BY JASON BOYD
The Shorthorn staff

The Movin' Mavs and Campus Recreation will offer a survey for disabled students through the beginning of January to gauge interest in disabled sports and recreation opportunities.

Choices could be implemented as soon as spring 2009, said Chris Muller, Campus Recreation associate director.

Potential programs include intramural sports like wheelchair tennis or swimming.

It might also include educational services for equipment use in the Maverick Activities Center, said Doug Garner, Movin' Mavs head coach.

The survey opened two weeks ago, and so far, five disabled students have completed it, Muller said. Seventy percent see a need for handicap-equipped activities in Campus Recreation.

Survey questions ask if students would like to participate in a recreation activity and what kind of activity. Options include bowling, tennis, table tennis and swimming and a write-in option.

It asks if students want to be competitive or just learn personal fitness.

"We're trying to determine what people want and tailor our services to them," he said. "I don't want to limit people's imagination."

Campus Recreation director Doug Kuykendall said the department, that wants to have more comprehensive disabled services, hired Garner this semester as assistant director for his expertise in this area.

Kuykendall said he also wants to start a class for students with disabilities on how to use the weight machines and other equipment.

Dianne Hengst, Students with Disabilities Office director, applauds Garner's efforts.

"Individuals with disabilities are a diverse group and often want to participate in all aspects of programs, services and opportunities offered throughout campus," she said.

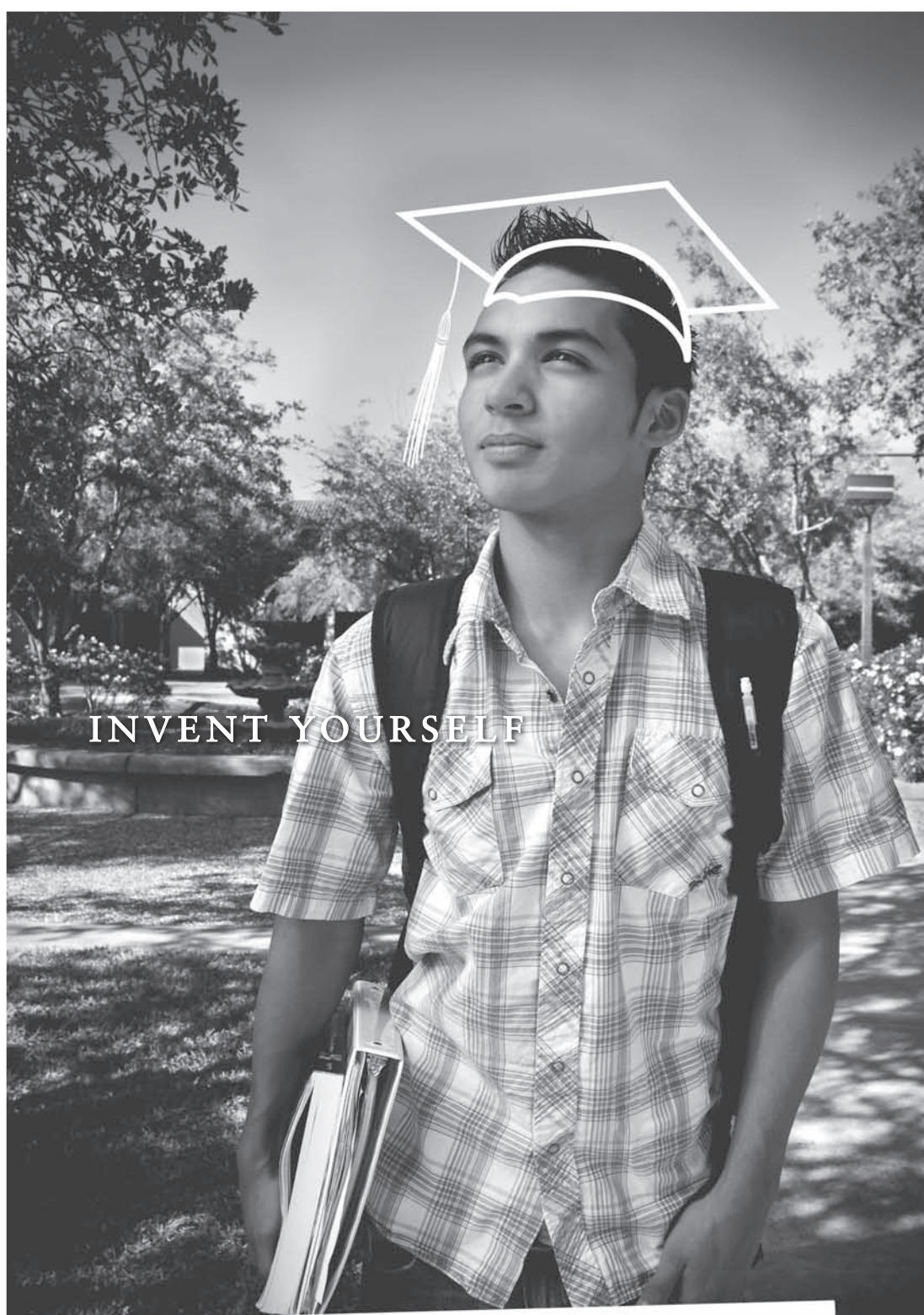
Hengst said her office has started to help spread the word by e-mailing members and posting the link on their Web site.

Muller said his office plans on having some new services in no later than 12 months, but has told the people involved to not get discouraged if the classes aren't popular at first.

"We're trying to determine what people want and tailor our services to them."

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winning historian's lecture on the presidential elections and how they relate to her book, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*.

Goodwin said if there's one thing Obama takes straight from the book, it's his desire to surround himself with people who support him.

"I would say even more importantly are the temperamental qualities they share because Obama is a rookie, that's most important," she said. "Like Lincoln, he thinks things through and tries not to make the same mistakes."

Goodwin said these days it's more difficult to become a great president.

"If someone can take us through a crisis and end in a stronger way, then that might signify greatness," she said.

Goodwin said Obama's plan to bring rivals into his cabinet is a positive step.

"Lincoln trusted his own leadership and convinced them to care about the country more than their own beliefs," she said. "If they are willing to put the common goals ahead of their own ambitions and work together, then it can work."

Allan Saxe, political science associate professor, said Goodwin's receiving much attention because her book emphasizes the political adversaries Lincoln accumulated as an unexpected presidential candidate



The Shorthorn: Jacob Adkisson

Pulitzer prize-winning author and historian, Doris Kearns Goodwin, speaks about her book *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* on Wednesday at Texas Hall. The lecture was part of the Maverick Speakers Series.

— which parallels Obama's path to the presidency.

"It's not Goodwin's fault the media is comparing Obama to Lincoln," Saxe said. "In the sense, [Obama] is looking at Hillary Clinton as a potential cabinet member. Lincoln was not that peculiar, because in the 19th century it wasn't unheard of for presidents to reach out to former opponents."

He said the media is way off base when they compare the two politicians.

"It's a far stretch to say Obama's like Lincoln," Saxe said. "He hasn't served or appointed anyone to his cabinet yet, and it's not like Lincoln and his opponents suddenly

became friends after appointing them."

Danny Woodward, communications assistant to the university president, said the lecture was originally intended to be for the Maverick Activities Center. That facility could only hold 450 people. 1,814 people attended the lecture.

"People from all over were eager to attend," he said. "All of our lectures have been great because not only do people learn from them, but they bring people to the campus who normally wouldn't be here."

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Pain

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One of the researchers, electrical engineering professor J.C. Chiao, suffers from chronic neck pain. Because the surgery is extremely dangerous, he lives with the constant pain.

"You cannot cure pain. We can inhibit pain," he said. "We aim to build a complete module that can automatically optimize inhibition of chronic pain."

He said researchers were concerned that patients

could overstimulate themselves by putting the setting higher than needed, where they couldn't feel anything. If patients had the tolerance settings too high, he could put his hand over a flame and not feel it at all. The researchers' new device lets the patients pick the dosage he wants, and then it would remember the setting, preventing overstimulation.

He said this research will advance the university's re-



J.C. Chiao, electrical engineering professor

search and academic reputation. The university researchers will work with Intel researchers to develop more efficient wireless communication modules.

"We have verified our system in animals," he said. "We are now building a more sophisticated system to optimize the pain inhibition."

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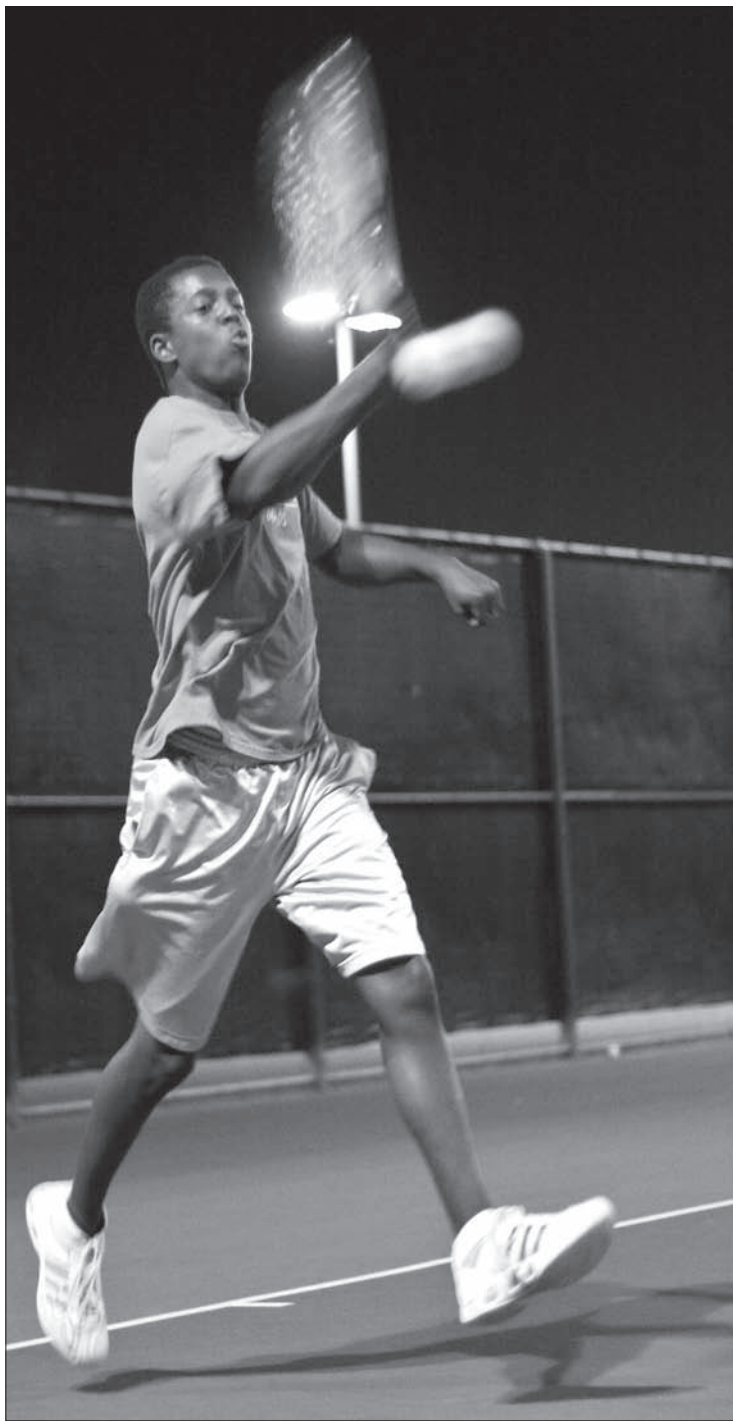
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SMACK DOWN

Business management junior Adam Boykin swings at a tennis ball Wednesday night at the UTA Tennis Center. Boykin said he and his friends often meet on the courts at night to play for fun.

VOLLEYBALL

UTA freshman makes All-Conference Team

Outside hitter Amanda Aguilera becomes the first Maverick freshman on the team since '93.

BY STEPHEN PETERS
The Shorthorn staff

After the final volleyball match last Saturday, one player's season continued with the Southland Conference's All-Conference Team selections Tuesday.

Freshman outside hitter Amanda Aguilera was named to the First Team All-Conference, following a season in which she led the Mavericks in kills per set at 2.85 and recorded 10 double-doubles in 16 conference matches.

Aguilera is the first Maverick freshman since 1993 to earn First Team All-Conference recognition and the eighth player overall.

"It means a lot — I worked really hard for it," she said. "My teammates worked really hard for it, and without them, I couldn't have done it."

Aguilera's 314 kills and 939 attempts are good for eighth and fifth place all-time in school history by a freshman. She also was 10th in freshman history with 303 digs.

Head coach Diane Seymour said there was "no doubt" that Aguilera had the numbers in conference matches to receive the selection.

"I was very, very happy to see that other conference coaches saw that she was doing good things as well," she said. "We needed her to carry more of a load, and that's what she did."

2008 SOUTHLAND ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

- Name/School/Position/Year
Chloe Smith/Central Arkansas/MB/So.
Jessica Weynand/Texas State/OH/Jr.
Kendra Rowland/UTSA/OH/So.
Lauren Railey/SFA/OH/Sr.
Lauren Holdroff/Lamar/MB/Jr.
Anna Ferguson/Sam Houston/MB/Jr.
Emily Jones Wilkes/Texas State/MB/Sr.
Amy Weigle/Texas State/MB/Sr.
Robyn Smith/Central Arkansas/S/Jr.
Kelsey Jewasko/UTSA/L/Fr.
Amanda Aguilera/UTA /OH/Fr.
Mary Caitlin Bottles/SFA/MB/Fr.

CONFERENCE AWARDS

- Player of the Year** - Chloe Smith, Central Arkansas
Newcomer of the Year - Stefanie Robbins, UTSA
Freshman of the Year - Jessica Hays, Central Arkansas
Libero of the Year - Kelsey Jewasko, UTSA
Setter of the Year - Robyn Smith, Central Arkansas
Coach of the Year - Steven McRoberts, Central Arkansas

The freshman recorded a season-high 24 kills against Lamar in Beaumont — the most by any Maverick this year. Against McNeese State, she notched a season-high 23 digs and on two separate occasions scored 5 aces in one match.

Aguilera said she knows that with this selection, it'll make next year that much harder to fly under the radar.

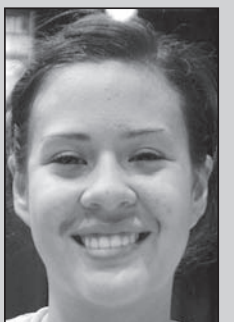
"The pressure's on," she said. "Everyone knows what I can do, so I either stay there or get better."

Aguilera said she felt a little snubbed by not getting SLC Freshman of the Year. Central Arkansas's Jessica Hays, who was selected as Honorable Mention All-Conference, took home the award after compiling 2.9 kills per set and 2.85 digs per set.

AMANDA AGUILERA

Led the team with:

- 314 kills
- 2.85 kills per set
- 939 attack attempts
- 32 service aces



"I'm disappointed because I wanted it," she said. "I'm sure other people deserved it, too."

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COLUMN

Under Pressure

Can the Mavs keep winning when expectations are high?

When the men's basketball team knocked off Southland Conference Tournament No. 3 seed Northwestern State at the end of last season, they achieved something never before seen in program history.

On campus, the team became cult heroes overnight.

They hosted a media day at Texas Hall that included Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Jim Reeves, and head coach Scott Cross appeared on numerous TV and radio shows including ESPN Radio's "Galloway and Co."

Their legend only grew as the Mavericks hung tight with a Memphis team that would eventually lose a heartbreaker to Kansas in the national championship game.

Since then, the talk surrounding the team has been all about a repeat. Junior guard Rog er

Guignard said the team had the ability to win a game or two in the national tournament.

Heck, senior forward Anthony Vereen even made his way onto a Wheaties box, sort of.



JUSTIN RAINS

The campus community believes in this team and rightly so, after the performance it put on last season. They were the ultimate Cinderella story, clinching a tournament spot during the season's final week, then running the table as an afterthought No. 7 seed that no one outside of Arlington saw coming.

That all changes this season.

By cutting down the net at the Merrell Center in Katy last season, the Mavs did more than stamp their ticket to the Big Dance, they served notice to the rest of the Southland Conference that they had arrived.

Now, everyone will want to take a piece out of the defending champs.

The team proved it can win the big games when it isn't supposed to, but can it handle the pressure when the target rests solely on the backs of Cross, Vereen, Guignard and the rest of the 2008 team?

Past maverick teams never had expectations of this magnitude heaped on them. Prior to last season, the closest the team came to this kind of glory was in the form of a shared



2003-2004 regular season conference title or a berth in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) after the 1980-1981 campaign.

There will be no "Picked Sixth" on the backs of T-shirts for inspiration. No rallying cries about how no one believes in them or how everyone is counting them out. The fairy tale is over now. A championship isn't preferred or even a "wow, wouldn't that be neat" occurrence, it's expected.

The Mavs have the talent and the coaching. The question now is: can they handle of pressure of being expected to win?

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