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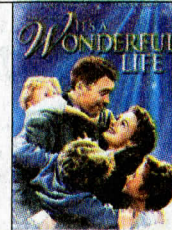
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State funding cuts not expected to be dire

Administration remains cautious, hopeful entering legislative session

Terry Britt
News Editor

As the 83rd Texas Legislature prepares to meet beginning Jan. 6, funding for the state's colleges and universities continues to be a big concern.

However, the initial feeling in Austin is that higher education will not see the brutal budget cuts experienced two years ago. Sen. Kevin Eltife (R-Tyler) said he believes the picture is slightly better this time around.

"It is all about the (state) bud-

get...the good news is it looks like we are in better shape this time around, although we are definitely not out of the woods," Eltife said.

"I do think we could be in a position to fund some growth in higher education and public education, but unfortunately we are not going to

be able to restore the cuts from last time," he added.

University President Dr. Rodney Mabry is taking a cautious stance as the beginning of the session draws near.

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OUTDOOR SPORTS

It's all downhill from here



»TEST TALK

Professors reveal science behind exam questions

Finals prep under way as semester winds down

Andy Taylor
Editor in Chief

True. True. True. True. True.

"They can't be all true," education professor Robert Stevens said, imitating how students might have responded to his most recent exam.

Stevens said he wasn't trying to trick his students when he asked for the same answer five straight times.

For a true-false section of the exam, he listed only true statements because of how they reflected an article he assigned. The statements were



Junior marketing major Brandon Adams shows off his longboarding skills on campus Wednesday. Adams competes in longboarding competitions across Texas, with 13 finishes in the top three and four wins. He is sponsored by Bombsquad, a popular longboard company in Arlington.

Longboarder competes worldwide, earns sponsorship

Story by Crysta Hernandez | Photos by Victor Texcucano | Graphic by Andy Taylor

Between the trees and surrounded by nature, it's not hard to believe University students have a budding interest in outdoor sports. Just ask Brandon Adams, a junior marketing major who spends much of his time gliding across campus on his longboard.

Adams said he started longboarding as a freshman, and over the past three years he has managed to become a leader in competitive longboarding throughout Texas.

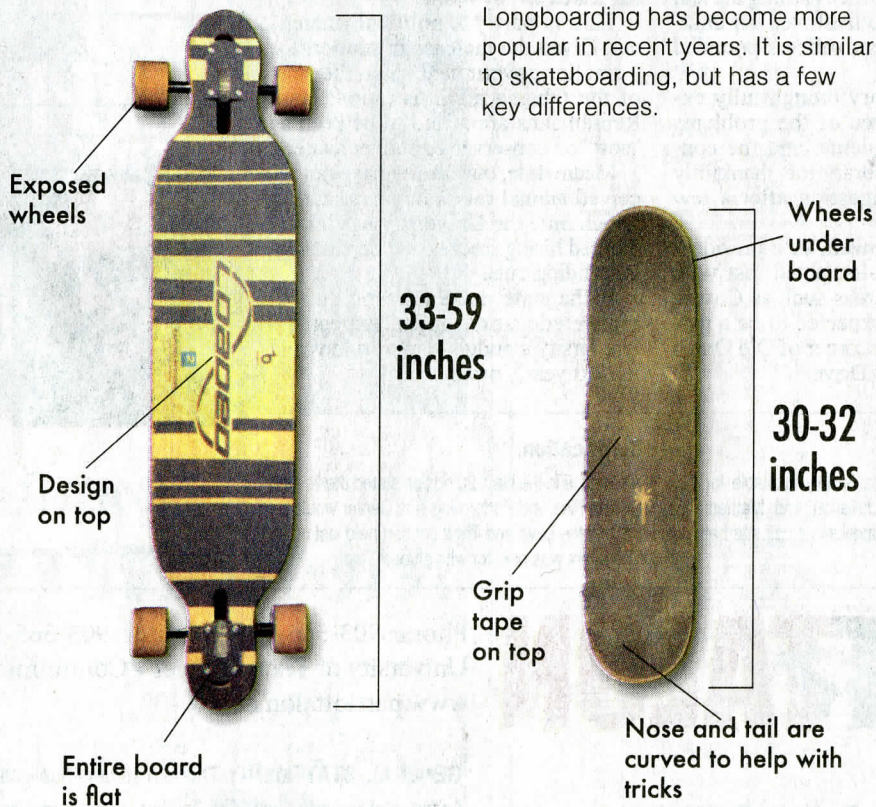
He's made the podium in 13 of his races, with four of those races being first place finishes. His dedication to the sport earned a sponsorship from Bombsquad, a popular longboard company based out of Arlington.

Adams recently raced longboarder James Kelly, who's currently considered the best in the world, holding the lead for most of the race. Though most campus longboarders won't go on to race, it's still something that could be here to stay.

"I would say (longboarding is) here to stay and you will continue to see the sport grow into a more mainstream

BOARDING »4

Board basics



Longboarding has become more popular in recent years. It is similar to skateboarding, but has a few key differences.

ed an article he assigned. The statements were pretty straightforward, he said, but students often second-guess themselves.

"That challenges their confidence – 'Do I really know this, or not?'" he said. "It's not intended to be tricky. But again, from a student's perception ... they'll try to find something wrong with it."

The challenge reflects what many students and professors are thinking about heading into the final weeks of the year. While students are studying for exams that could make or break a semester, professors are deciding how to frame their questions.

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»ALL WE ARE

Students' band performs with nation's top worship artists

Jessica Robicheaux
Contributing Writer

To say that playing in front of more than 10,000 people was surreal for local contemporary Christian rock band All We Are would be an understatement.

The band, which includes three University students, performed at Spirit Fest on Nov. 10 in Corpus Christi with big-name acts such as Switchfoot, MercyMe, Jeremy Camp and David Crowder.

All We Are placed second out of 24 entries in a contest to play the event. The band then was chosen from the top five vote-getters to play at the festival.

"I was super excited," mass communication major Kaleigh Acker said. "Because of the low number of entries, I figured we would at least place, but wrapping my mind around opening for Switchfoot and the other big name bands was

ONLINE

See videos of All We Are in the studio at [Facebook.com/AllWeAreMusic](https://www.facebook.com/AllWeAreMusic)

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» See our coverage from last night's concert at patriottalon.com.

SGA budget

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So, you think the world is ending...



FLYING BY THE SEAT OF MY PANTS

DANIELLE HABERLY

According to some, the end of our world as we know it is near. If this is true, we will not see each other next semester.

In fact, there won't be a spring semester or a school to come back to.

With that said, I'd like to confess a few things.

When I see longboarders fly down the hills of our campus, I secretly wish I had a big stick to throw down in their path like Sonny Koufax in Big Daddy.

I secretly judge those of you ladies who wear high heels to class. We all know you've fallen down at least twice just so your shoes will match your outfit.

I easily find a spot every morning before

class, but I still complain about our parking issue on a regular basis.

I know we all have about a million confessions ready to leap off our chests and into the face of unsuspecting family members or friends.

I'm not saying you should spill your guts because you think the world might end, but maybe this is a good time to come clean and rectify your relationships.

Once your conscious is clear, and you've done what you can for others, it's all about what you want to experience in your life.

We think we have decades to accomplish the endless list of adventures hidden in the back of our minds ready to become reality.

The truth is, we may or may not have quite so much time.

Shouldn't we live everyday like tomorrow is doomsday?

All of us should have a zeal for life.

Breathing is essential to our survival. We don't have to think about each breath we take as we take them, but each one is vital.

Similarly, we don't actually think about

how to live on a daily basis.

But maybe we should.

There are many days where I'm late and I don't see anything but my own feet while I walk to class.

However, there are those few and far between mornings where I wake up early and have time to take in observations on my way to school.

This is a beautiful time of year I've noticed. If the world ends next month, you will never be able to take pleasure in walking on campus among the beautiful colors of fall.

This may sound totally cliché, but take a few minutes to bask in your surroundings.

You know that cute girl or guy that has been sitting in front of you in class all semester? You've wanted to talk to this person for three months.

Well, now is the time! Secret crushes are ridiculous.

If they never know how you feel, there will never be a chance of reciprocation. Do you want to die not knowing if he or she feels the same way, or even knows you exist?

I don't know about you guys, but I know exactly what I'm going to be doing on December 21.

I plan to surround myself with as many friends and family members as possible and have an indoor apocalypse bash.

Regardless of whether the world does go down in burning flames or not, there will be much anticipation of this day.

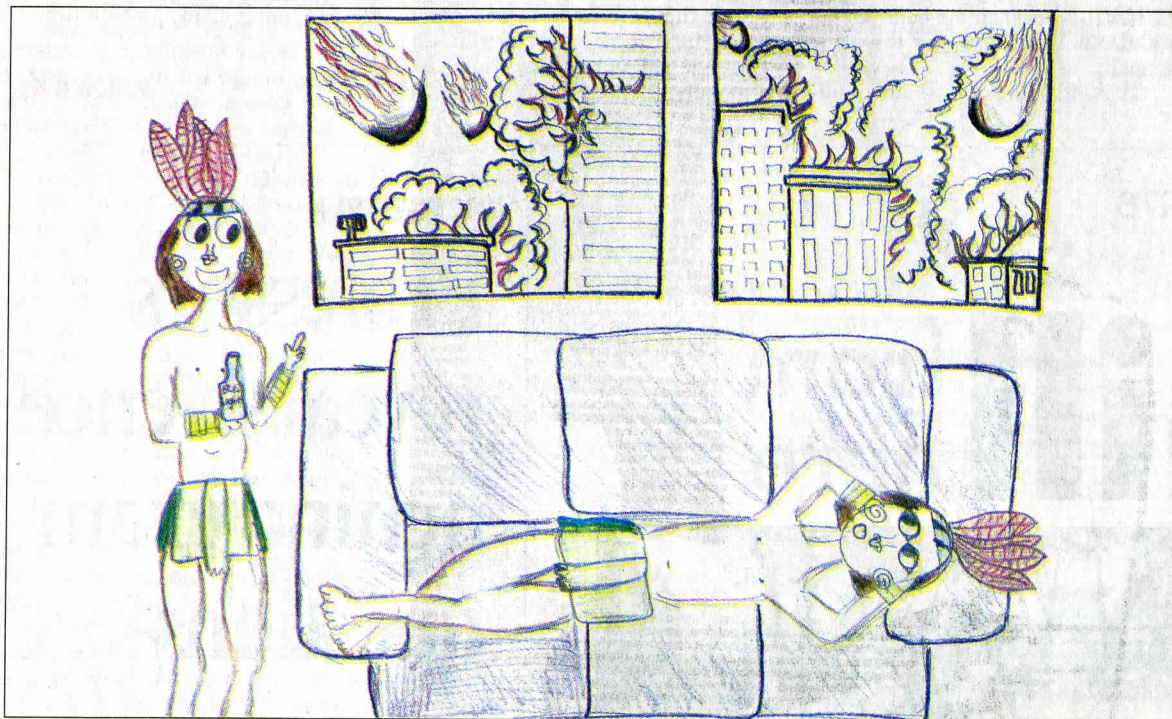
Knowing this, be prepared not paranoid. Paranoia brings about the insane gene in all of us.

Do not leave your house! You'd hate to come between some crazy man and his last will to live.

I know we all remember good ole Charlie Brown and that lying Lucy Van Pelt. Lucy runs a psychiatric booth, similar to the all-American child's lemonade stand. She charges five cents for her unreliable advice.

Well today I'll give you some for free.

Go out and right your wrongs, finally check off at least three things from your bucket list and tell those you care about exactly how much you really care.



TALON >> CARTOON BY DANIELLE HABERLY

Looking ahead: Administrators will face critical issues next year

Editorial Board

The University may be years away from shedding its "small, commuter school" label, but this semester we learned our campus is not immune to

stable, controlled environment, but it also could mean sophomores would be required to live on campus.

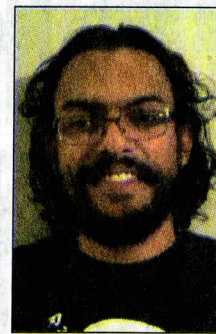
2. PARKING

Fortunately for President Park

However, unanswered questions remain about the future of parking on campus. The administration offered conflicting reports about how campus growth affected the problem. One top

CAMPUSVOICE

What is the best present you've ever gotten, and why?



>>> A wad of cash because I got to spend it on whatever."

>>> Ricky Waugh
Junior nursing major



>>> The first time my parents took me to Italy, they wrapped the tickets up and put

school" label, but this semester we learned our campus is not immune to big-school problems.

With the 83rd Texas Legislative Session looming in January, the University administration has its hands full. It's no secret higher education funding will again be on the state's chopping block, but it's not the only issue that needs to be addressed in 2013.

Here are a few topics the *Patriot Talon* expects to be hot talking points next year:

1. CRIME

Perhaps the most concerning issue students faced this semester was October's spree of violent crime.

Much of the crime stemmed from Cambridge at Tyler and Varsity Place Apartments, both of which are located across the street from campus. The fact the most violent crimes originated at these complexes poses a complicated problem for administrators: While the facilities are linked to the University because of their close proximity, campus police have absolutely no authority over what happens there.

Administrators and University Police Department officials expressed frustration as a string of robberies and shootings were reported at the University, despite the fact they occurred at private, off-campus housing.

The Tyler Police Department noticeably increased patrols at both complexes following the outbreak, and the crime seems to have subsided.

However, as administrators continue to discuss possibly purchasing one of the off-campus complexes to expand student housing, you can bet crime will be a contentious subject. Such a purchase would create a more

2. PARKING

Fortunately for President Rodney Mabry's email inbox, campus parking improved dramatically throughout the semester.

University students are used to battling for the best spots, but the campus has never seen the utter catastrophe we experienced in September. The problems started last summer when the administration hired a contractor to renovate campus lots. Horizontal spaces were converted to angles in the process, drawing ire from students when the *Talon* posted the pictures on Facebook.

The students' fears that the angled lots would reduce the number of spaces were realized at the start of the fall semester. Even campus police officers and administrators — both of whom traditionally blamed parking problems on students' reluctance to walk long distances — said the situation was worse than ever before.

The University Police Department did an admirable job directing students to open spaces and loosening parking enforcement when the lots filled up. University Police Chief Mike Medders spent the first few weeks of the semester battling the sun and responding to frustrated commuters as he and other officers pounded the pavement.

President Mabry thoughtfully explained the source of the problems in a letter to students, and the construction of temporary lots thankfully relieved the congestion after a few weeks.

Dr. Randall Powell, vice president for business affairs, acted fast with the addition of areas such as Cowan Point, which is expected to be a permanent lot on the corner of Old Omen Road and Varsity Drive.

growth affected the problem. One top administrator said parking was worse because of an unexpected increase in enrollment, while another said enrollment was lower than expected. Also, the explanation that angled spaces reduced the number of total spaces is a direct contradiction to what administrators said when they announced parking renovations could add spaces earlier in the year.

Expect parking to be another hot-button issue in years to come, especially if enrollment continues to grow.

3. BUDGET

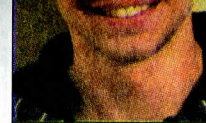
With the state expected to address more fiscal issues in the upcoming 83rd Legislative Session, you should keep up with what's happening in higher education. There seems to be a perception among some lawmakers that higher education funding cuts are acceptable because colleges and Universities have an alternate source of revenue: tuition.

During the spring, the UT System approved tuition increases at almost every member institution, including the University. The reality is that the state is paying less, so families are being asked to pay more.

This is partly a political maneuver. Given the increase in support for a smaller government since the start of the Obama administration, state Republicans are afraid to be seen as "soft" on conservative budget matters.

Meanwhile, our faculty have not received annual raises in years, during which time the University has implemented hiring freezes and departmental funding cuts.

If the state makes drastic cuts to higher education again, expect the University's budget to play a key role in next year's news.



the tickets up and put them under the tree."

»»Chris Nailling
Sophomore psychology major



»»A go-kart. I wanted one for several years, and I finally got one."

»»Brandon Adams
Junior marketing major



»»A bike. It gave me freedom as a kid."

»»David Herb
Junior marketing major

Correction:

A story in the Nov. 20 edition of the *Patriot Talon* incorrectly referred to Arun Kulkarni's Happy Schools Blog. The blog actually is maintained by Raghuram Sukumar. The story also stated a

F1 12-month work visa is only available for Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics students. The visa is available to all international students.

Clarification:

A headline in the Nov. 20 edition stated the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center would be hosting the Love and Theft concert held last night. The event was paid for with student fees.

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Dec. 15, 8:30 p.m.

7th Annual Holiday in the Park

Fun in Bergfield Park with a tubing hill, snow play area, shopping and entertainment.

Dec. 7, 4-7 p.m.

Holiday in the Park Christmas Bazaar

At Bergfield Park, more than 50 vendors will be on hand for shoppers.

Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday in the Pines Home Tour

The 43rd annual home tour is your chance to visit beautiful Tyler homes decorated for the holidays.

Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Christmas Magic Lantern Show

An authentic 1890's visual extravaganza projected on a full size screen at Liberty Hall - the kind of show that led to the movies.

Dec. 8, 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 adults, \$10 children under 12 and seniors

Morgan Jones
Pulse Editor

Usually defined by his performance on the basketball court, sophomore forward Josiah Summerville is receiving more attention for being a published author.

The accounting major had his first assignment of his freshman English composition class published in The New York Tyrant national journal.

"I didn't know how much of a big deal it really was at the time, until it happened and then it was like boom," Summerville said.

Luke Goebel, English professor and national journal guest editor of The New York Tyrant, recognized the novice writer's work and submitted it for publishing.

"I got all excited about it and went bananas, called up my co-editor and was like 'Man, this guy wrote something in my class that is really, really awesome,'" Goebel said. "So we put it on the slate to see if we would end up using it and every time we talked about it, we would be like, 'Yeah we should publish that story.'"

Summerville's essay, "A Big Game" was published in the 10-volume journal. Of the 23 other published writers in the journal, Summerville is the only one who does not yet have a masters or doctorate degree.

"We have had 10 issues and this has never happened before," Goebel said. "I think once we published someone who was at their masters in fine arts program, not that the schooling is all that matters, but it's rare. So yeah, I think it's a big deal."

Goebel and Giancarlo Ditripano, editor and publisher of the New York literary journal, have organized The New York Tyrant to be a collection of essays that don't all fit into a clearly defined mission statement, Goebel said.

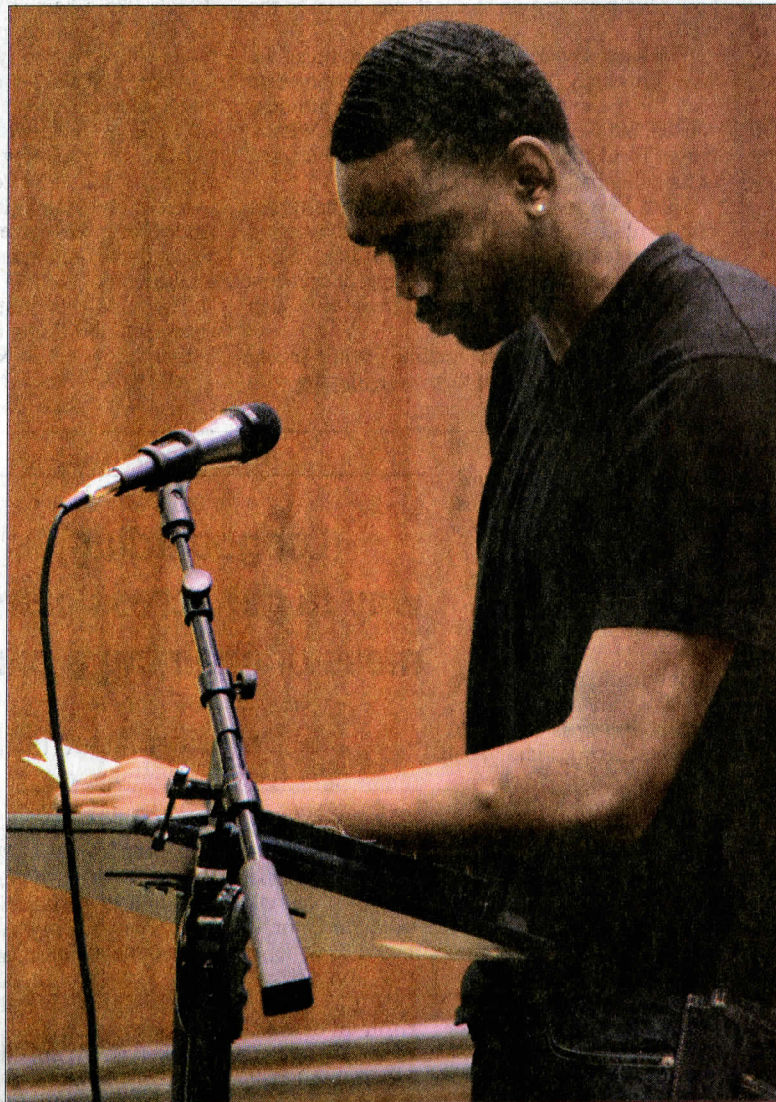
"We don't really have a specific type of writing we are looking for," Goebel said. "I think anytime you create a definition of exactly what you are looking for, you are limiting yourself to something that is going to come and surprise you."

Goebel expects the same from the submitted writing for the journal as he does from the students in class, he said.

"I'm not looking for the greatest plot to ever be written. I am looking for sentence structure," Goebel said. "You want something that the writer is expressing himself and

Baller & Scholar

Basketball forward published in national literary journal



TALON PHOTO BY MORGAN JONES

At an open mic night hosted by Sigma Tau Delta that featured 10 student writers reading their work, sophomore accounting major and Patriot basketball forward Josiah Summerville reads his essay "A Big Game." Summerville's short story is published in the national journal, The New York Tyrant.

the words."

This is why the University professor assigns his composition students a personal essay as an

interest and the most stake in," Goebel said. "A lot of the education process on how students have been taught to write is to throw

of sentences that are poorly structured, so that they sound like not what they are."

This was the first assignment Summerville faced as a freshman last fall.

During his first semester at the University, after moving from his small hometown of Cayuga, Texas to play basketball as a Patriot with his brother Caleb, he didn't think writing would be his strong suit.

"I remember in class, professor Goebel was almost losing his mind because nobody else would participate with him and I remember him saying, be yourself in this paper. Write something about yourself in this paper. I told myself, 'Forget everything, lets get stupid,'" Summerville said.

After spending a couple of hours working to complete the paper, Summerville turned in his assignment hoping for an A, he said.

"Josiah has this really interesting human wit, it shows who he is," Goebel said. "I love the structure of this thing. It's totally not a traditional essay, it was more a story with all these anecdotes that all work around this same common theme, so they created this unified totality of himself."

After being published, Summerville gained a different kind of respect from his coach and teammates off the court, he said.

Summerville had a cheering section of teammates supporting him on Nov. 15 at the open mic night hosted by Sigma Tau Delta, an English honor society that featured his first public reading of "A Big Game."

"I got nervous at first and jittery and then it just went smooth and then smoother and then it wasn't bad at all," Summerville said. "They thought it was pretty funny and the coach keeps telling me what a great job it was. Everybody that I have talked to, if they just read the first two sentences, they love it. I am glad they do because I focused on that for a while."

Summerville plans to finish his degree here and obtain a position as a certified public accountant and play basketball.

"If God willing I would stay with sports, I would do it. Its more just me trying to get an office job so I don't have to be in the heat all the time," Summerville said. "I used to question myself if I am actually smart or do I just study so much. I feel a lot smarter and I know for a fact that everybody else sees me as a smarter person instead of not just a goofy guy who gets

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Dec. 8, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m.

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The Christmas parade returns to downtown Longview.

Dec. 6, 6-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 7-8 & 14-15, 6-8:30 p.m.

JEFFERSON

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Coach class: \$14.75-16.50

said. "You want something that the writer is expressing himself and shows that it is alive. If you can be funny, that's huge. Not slap-stick ridiculous comedy, more like humor, wit. And just the rightness of

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Jazz band performs with guest artists

Sarah Draper
Staff Writer

As the first smooth notes of the song "Minor Adjustment" were strummed, jazz guitarist Ted Ludwig closed his eyes and began to concentrate only on the music he was playing.

After a moment, he opened his eyes and looked around the group of musicians, decidedly pointing his finger at tenor saxophone player, Jacob Wellman. Slowly and methodically, Wellman began his solo, also closing his eyes and getting lost in the music.

The College of Arts and Sciences Department of Music presented "An Evening of Jazz" at the University Center Theater on Thursday, with guest artists Ludwig and bass player Bill Huntington.

"They came recommended by Dr. Koukl in Biology, a great jazz fan, who heard Ted in Little Rock," Dr. John Webb, professor of music and director of jazz studies, said. "They are two of the very finest on their instruments anywhere in the world, and I am not exaggerating."

The concert was light-hearted, with band members of the Jazz Patriots, or combo, playfully mouthing along as the vocalist crooned out the first song, "Autumn Nights, City Lights," written by music major and pianist Jonathan McSwain.

"Combo is typically a smaller group, with the focus on more interaction between the group," Wellman, a senior music performance major, said.

However, the ease at which the ensemble members belted out their solos was just an illusion.

Even Ludwig made the comment that he was "proud" of the University's jazz members for learning the music so quickly and skillfully, since he had provided them with the material just the week before.

"We got a chance to perform some great music together," Wellman said of playing with Ludwig and Huntington. "When a hot shot walks into your little school combo or big band, you know, a guy that can really play, and a guy who knows his stuff, it can be a little intimidating. But he was really easy going, you could tell he wasn't just there just for a paycheck.

He wanted to make music and he was willing to help us out."

The University's jazz ensembles, combo and big band, perform at a variety of locations throughout the year, including community and University receptions, high schools and periodically in the UC during lunch.

In addition to the performances, the groups practice twice a week.

"If you want to be good at anything, you have to do it and do it often; you perfect your craft, which means practice," Webb said. "While extra-curricular, jazz is a viable art form taught in public schools. Our students need to be prepared to play and teach music other than classical."

Improvising is a major part of American jazz, as shown by Ludwig and Huntington as they frequently handed off to one another, with a slight nod, during the concert.

The students involved in the University's combo and big band ensembles also had to be prepared to instantly play off the top of their heads.

"It's a chance to express yourself and the beauty is that it's different every time," Wellman said. "But it takes time, practice, and an understanding of how to approach it and respect it. I still struggle with it at times, and some people think you never really master it, you just keep exploring."

Wellman has been playing the saxophone for 14 years and now is part of both the combo and big band at the University.

"Jazz itself can be difficult and intimidating and stressful when you want to perform to the best of your potential," Wellman said. "Jazz music is an art form, and the ensemble gives me a chance to express myself."

The University's jazz ensembles are an important part of the music program, Webb said.

He believes musicians should learn to appreciate multiple styles.

"I've always told myself that music is a lot like a language. It's a conversation you have with the people you're playing with, and the people around you listening," Wellman said. "It's really invigorating getting a chance to express yourself through performance. It's live, it's on the spot. It's you in a pure, raw form, expressing how you feel right then and there."



TALON PHOTO BY VICTOR TEXCUCANO

Top: Guest jazz guitarist Ted Ludwig plays with the University's Jazz Patriots on Nov. 29 in the University Center Theater. **Bottom left:** Jacob Wellman, Juan Williams and Joe Dandrige (from left) made up the brass section of the band. **Bottom right:** Ludwig and the Jazz Patriots were accompanied by guest bass player Bill Huntington.

BAND

FROM PAGE 1

just unfathomable.”

All We Are is composed of lead vocalist and music major Kurt White, mechanical engineering major Judd Jackson on keyboard and Acker on vocals and bass. The band also includes drummer David Campos, a Stephen F. Austin State University student, and lead guitarist Thomas Hawkins, a former Tyler Junior College student.

“It was kind of like a relief,” Campos said of placing second. “We were waiting for so long and trying to get votes. You never know if people will vote for you or not, but they did, and I’ve really thankful for that.”

The last three days of voting were a tense battle between All We Are and the third-place band Vertical Praise.

Outcry placed first with 888 votes. All We Are edged out Vertical Praise, 480 to 468. Fourth place band Ruter204 finished with 351 votes and Synoptic rounded out the top five with 318 votes.

The band, who spent their summer in Joplin, Mo., leading youth groups and helping build houses after the tornado disaster last year, quickly realized the possibilities that came with this opportunity.

“The stadium seating seats a little over 6,500 and the volunteers had set up over 4,000 folding chairs on the field to seat the over 10,000 attendees,” Acker said.

Original estimates for ticket sales were between 6,000 and 7,000, but in the three days before the event, Acker said “it skyrocketed to over 10,000 tickets sold.”

“When I realized the weight of this opportunity, the nerves kicked in. I prayed God would show us our purpose (beyond music) to minister



to Corpus Christi within this event.”

Like many other students, All We Are members have been known to cut things down to the wire.

“We stayed back stage a bit trying to finish the lyrics, honestly, to our new song we wanted to play for the event,” Acker said. “The pressure was on, but we took time to walk around Whataburger Field and check out the scenery and listen to the other bands.”

Spirit Fest gave the band an opportunity not only to reach a new audience, but also to worship with people of all ages and walks of life. When asked about how it felt to be on stage, each member noted how it felt to worship in sync with such a large crowd.

“It was really awesome looking out and seeing so many people, many of them worshipping with



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Left: Lead vocalist Kurt White sings during All We Are's performance at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Tyler on Oct. 6. **Above:** Guitarist Thomas Hawkins and keyboardist Judd Jackson perform at the concert.

us,” Jackson said.

Hawkins added it was “really cool, because there’s like a barrier taken down. It really just felt like all these people there worshipping God rather than a concert type feel.”

Acker said she got caught up in how it felt to be on stage.

“I don’t remember much, actually,” she said. “It was overwhelming, but the greatest part that I will never forget was our last song. We played a hymn so everyone could sing along. It was beautiful to hear the voices coming together to sing for God. We didn’t play our instruments. We just let them sing.”

The band was invited to play a live acoustic show at KBNJ Radio in Corpus Christi two days before Spirit Fest on Nov. 8.

All We Are bonded with Outcry, the band that

finished first in the voting phase, early on in the weekend.

“It was very cool to see other bands that have the same heart as you do,” Campos said. “It makes you feel like you’re not alone out there.”

It also was a bonding experience for All We Are.

“I think spending the weekend with the band and friends was the best part,” Campos said. “It helped me realize how blessed I am, and how our hearts are moving towards the same direction.”

COMING TOGETHER

All We Are was once composed of members from two separate bands.

Acker, Campos and White were in one band, and Jackson, Hawkins and Britnee Wilson were in another.

Wilson found Acker on Facebook late last year. “We were looking for bands to play with. There weren’t a lot of bands around town that played the kind of music we did,” White said.

“We played Christ Fest (in Athens) with them. ... We eventually melted into one band, because we felt like what we were doing wasn’t what we were supposed to be doing,” White said.

In October of 2011, the six of them were presented with an opportunity to reach their largest audience yet: they interned in Joplin, Mo., with Next Step Ministries. The trip lasted 10 weeks during the summer of 2012.

Next Step Ministries is “committed to helping students grow closer to God through a life-changing, one-week mission trip,” according to their website.

Groups rotated through the site in Joplin in large numbers — 70 to 100 students every week for nine weeks.

“We’ve had crazy different experiences come up,” Acker said. “We just go with it if we feel like it is right. We’ll just go with it until He says ‘stop.’”

BOARDING

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extreme sport over the next few years,” said Adams, who has competed in longboarding races as far as the United Kingdom. “It’s a very affordable way to get across campus, without the mess of chaining a bike outside,” he said.

Most riders say the common appeal to longboarding is that it’s accessible and “chill.” A longboard is different from a skateboard because the boards are longer and the wheels allow for a much smoother and more distanced ride.

Unlike a skateboard, longboards are better adapted for simply getting from place to place without the pressure of executing challenging tricks, something emphasized in skateboarding. One boarder acknowledged longboarding as different because of the “raw speed” and the simplicity of longboarding, something between the rider, the board and the road.

Longboarding began shortly after

“sidewalk surfing,” or skateboarding, when some boarders decided that regular skateboards were too short for them to ride. Over time, new types of wheels and the actual parts of longboards changed to provide an easier ride, longboarding more than skateboarding.

“I think longboarding is more seen as a skating activity that can reach the masses, short boarding is harder to learn,” senior marketing major Joel Zandstra said.

Longboarding seems to have become a common way to get around campus and also is becoming a popular hobby, as riders have formed their own community.

Some students may remember and for the handful of long boarders on campus last fall there was an obvious influx of longboarding. Some boarders expressed a small anxiety about getting to class with so many boarders on campus, with many longboarders trying to avoid both pedestrians and each other.

Zandra said riding his board allows him to escape from the stress of his courses.

“Personally I really found it to

“ (Longboarding) is a very affordable way to get across campus, without the mess of chaining a bike outside.”

» Brandon Adams, junior marketing major

be a calming time,” he said. “If I’m stressed, tired, angry or even happy, it’s a way for me to find peace during school. I can take a test and then go skate for 30 or 45 minutes, and by the time I’m done, all that anxiety and all that worry, it’s all gone.”

While a relaxing and laid-back form of travel, longboarding still poses a danger. From broken wrists to bloody road rash, some campus longboarders have had their fair share of falls.

Last year on campus, sophomore Miles Zeorlin fell while longboarding, suffering from a concussion and a skull fracture which required two sur-

gical staples to the back of his head. “People make it too casual,” Zeorlin said. “It is kind of casual, you’re on a board with wheels, but there’s always a significant chance that you can fall and it just depends on how your cards are dealt when falling. I don’t even remember how I fell.”

Coincidentally, one of the things that make this activity so appealing is also what makes it dangerous. The fact the University campus has inclined and paved walkways assists in the growing popularity of longboarding, but those inclines pose a danger to boarders.

“Life’s all about calculated risks,”

Zeorlin said. “Now, I always wear a helmet.”

This year, you can see a diversity of outdoor sports, from slack lining and croquet, on what some students call “Croquet Monday,” to biking. Staying active with some of these sports can also be a means of quick transportation for students to get to class.

Some might say biking is the most accessible means of alternate transportation — there are bike racks in front of and behind many buildings on campus — but it is not for everyone.

Just like skateboarding made its way here from Hawaii and the West Coast, its modified counterpart, longboarding, is subtly beginning to become a part of popular sports, with competitive races and sponsorships available in Texas.

In terms of accessibility, longboarding and biking are comparable because longboards are small enough to pick up and take to class. There are no bike locks or pedals involved — just the board and the rider.

For Zandstra, longboarding is more than a sport or a means of transportation.

“It’s a lifestyle,” he said.

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FINALS

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Though most final exams seem to follow common formulas, Stevens said developing them is no easy task.

In most instances, professors have to judge the aptitude of a diverse group of students using a single metric. But each student learns and comprehends information differently, he said, so it's tough to ask questions in a way everyone will understand.

This is especially the case in core-level classes, which often put hundreds of students from a variety of majors in a single room, said lecturer Jessica Coleman, who teaches General Biology I and II.

"It is a balancing act," Coleman said. "Every semester that I teach, I learn something different."

Coleman, who has more than 400 students this semester, only uses multiple-choice questions because of the size of her classes. Any other format would be unrealistic, she said, especially given her commitment to promptly returning grades.

THE QUESTIONS

Stevens said one of the most challenging things about writing an exam is making sure every student understands the questions.

"There are several different learning styles and that creates a problem if you're going to create an exam that truly reflects a student's learning style," Stevens said.

Stevens tries to account for each style by adding variety to the students' final coursework. The last exam is comprehensive and includes multiple-choice, true-false and matching questions. Students also are required to write a philosophy paper the week before finals.

Coleman has the added challenge of teaching students who are majoring in her field and who are only taking her class because it is a core requirement.

"I have to have enough in there that I

Student poll:

What types of exam questions do you prefer?

Multiple Choice	18
True or False	0
Short Answer	8
Essay	3

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understand how my majors are doing, at the same time not overwhelming my non-majors," she said.

Coleman is known for the energy she brings to the classroom. She often punctuates lectures with jazz hands, and she demonstrates the mating habits of certain turtles by exclaiming, "Look at my sexy claws."

She said the idea is to help students associate certain concepts with her personality.

"I want you to visualize your teacher doing that, as opposed to just saying that on the exam because I want you to be able to recall that information," she said. "It's more about, can the student pay attention and recall it later?"

NOBODY'S PERFECT

When discussing what they've learned from writing exams, Coleman and Stevens said they never know exactly how students will interpret their questions.

"It's tricky sometimes, because sometimes I'll write a question and I'll think it's very straightforward," Coleman said. "And it's not until afterwards where I'm like, seeing a constant theme where ... I've got a lot of students that are missing it."

Stevens, who taught in New Hampshire before moving to Texas, said he was surprised by how different cultures can influence the way a student reads a question.

On one exam, he said every student missed a question about a Supreme Court case that ruled prayer at high school football games is a violation of the First Amendment. Every student said it was acceptable because it's common in East

that," Dr. Mabry said.

Of course, students always want to know whether their tuition for the following year is likely to increase. There may be good news on that front as well.

"Unless the wheels fall off the budget, there will not be a tuition increase next year," Dr. Mabry noted.

Adding that the University may be able to revert back to Fall 2011 tuition levels, Dr. Mabry said efforts to keep tuition costs under control might lead to a different kind of cost.

"We certainly want to keep tuition as reasonable as possible, but we also want to continue to offer an exceptional experience here, and to do that we need to hire excellent faculty members when the need arises and to keep the excellent ones we have," he explained.

Dr. Mabry said one of the University's big draws is tuition that remains below the

Texas, he said.

On questions that most or all of their students miss, Coleman and Stevens said they sometimes will accept other answers or throw out the question altogether.

"Teachers, we're human," Coleman said. "We make mistakes. It happens."

STUDYING THE RIGHT WAY

Engineering students Andrew De La Rosa, Emmanuel Martinez and Issac Aguilar gathered in the Robert R. Muntz Library last week to prepare for a group project. The students said they plan to start studying for finals this week.

"I try to spread it out," Martinez said. "(Our exams) are mostly like math problems ... so you tend to screw up easier if you don't get enough sleep."

Students often go to great lengths to prepare for final exams. While some prefer highlighting their textbooks and making flash cards, others prefer to share notes online with their classmates.

The engineering students said they study in groups leading up to the exam, but prefer to be alone the night before. It helps if professors review material in class, they said.

"When the professors hold their exam reviews and all that, I try to make it to each one," Martinez said. "They're pretty helpful."

The Supplemental Instruction program offers exam preparation throughout the semester, but many SI leaders will hold additional reviews this week. Supplemental Instruction coordinator Lauralee Boudreau said SI leaders work with professors to give students the best exam prep possible.

Coleman said she encourages students to attend SI sessions and to make sure they can explain the concepts she emphasizes the most.

She said students often make the mistake of focusing on small, less significant aspects of the material. It's much more effective, she said, to be able to explain clearly the big picture of what is happening.

"I want them to be able to take those big pictures and apply it later on, not just memorize it for a test," she said.

statewide average for public universities. However, its faculty salaries have fallen below the average for the UT system.

"We need to be given reasonable discretion, so that we can keep this balance going. We don't want to harm the educational product we have for our students," he said.

Eltife commended public universities for bearing up through the last two years.

"I have to praise Dr. Mabry and other administrators in the University of Texas system, and all of our public universities in general," he said. "They dealt with the budget cuts the best way they could."

Some bills regarding higher education have already been filed, but Eltife said the main focus will be on "how much money the state can put into higher education."

"When we slack off at the state level, you see the effect in tuition and fees," he said. "We as legislators need to contain those costs to the student as much as possible."

POLICE REPORTS

The Patriot Talon collected the following information from public reports released by the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department. All police reports obtained by the Talon are public records as defined under Texas Open Records law.

NOV. 19

Possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces

Officer was dispatched to University Pines Apartments to investigate reports of possible marijuana use. A student was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Nov. 14

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Individual reported the smell of marijuana coming from University Pines Apartments. Four items of drug paraphernalia were found by police.

NOV. 14

Student dispatched to hospital

Student became ill at the Health and Physical Education Building and was

suddenly rushed to ETMC by ambulance.

NOV. 13

Theft

Officer dispatched due to a stolen Apple MacBook Pro from the third floor of the library. The estimated cost of the computer is around \$4,000.

UT Tyler property stolen

Servive Solutions employee reported a utility trailer that had been stolen near the Old Vivarium around Parking Lot 14.

Personal Property stolen

Student reported that his bicycle had been taken from the smoking area in front of Ornelas Hall. Later on the bike was placed back in front of Ornelas Hall.

LOST AND FOUND

The university police have the following items in the lost and found department. All items will be held for 60 days after publication. To reclaim, call (903) 566-7060 and ask for lost and found, provide the item number and further description of the property.

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A1	10/4	US currency
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100000000904	10/9	Eyeglasses
100000000905	10/10	Calculator
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100000000932	10/21	Computer case
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FUNDING

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"I've been in on a number of conversations with legislators and with others in the UT system. We hope to hold our own if we can keep the budget together, but I do not foresee having our cut funding restored," Dr. Mabry said.

One thing that could get a boost over the next two years is the availability of capital funds through tuition revenue bonds (TRBs), he explained.

"We hope to be able to get some capital dollars to work on our project for technology and business and our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) building. We have requested \$48.5 million for

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Dec. 14
The Hobbit:
An Unexpected
Journey

Cast: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage, Andy Serkis
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Dec. 11
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'Killer Joe' cast shines through dark film

MOVIE REVIEW

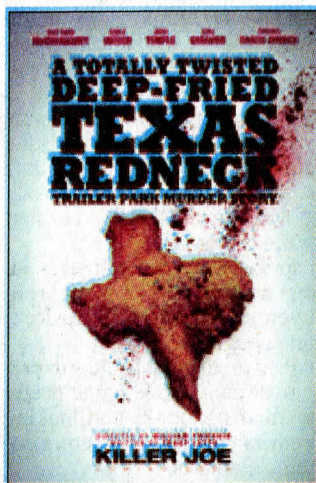
MARK LAYNE

Acclaimed French director Jean-Luc Godard was quoted as saying the only thing you need to make a movie is a girl and a gun. That axiom has ringed true especially with the "Transformers" films.

However, that axiom did not guarantee a "good" movie if it had a girl and a gun. "Killer Joe" is a film that follows that statement, but actually creates a good movie unlike some of the drivel Hollywood peddles out.

The film starts on a rainy night at a trailer park on the outskirts of Dallas. This is where we are introduced to the Smith family. While I do not like to judge people by where they live, the Smiths are probably the picture of "White Trash" in the dictionary.

Chris Smith (Emile Hirsch) enters the trailer of his "Gomer Pyle-esque" father Ansel (Thomas Haden Church) and his floozy stepmother Sharla (Gina Gershon). Chris is in a ton of trouble. As a low-level



Killer Joe

Cast: Emile Hirsch, Juno Temple, Gina Gershon, Thomas Haden Church, Matthew McConaughey

Rated: NC-17

street dealer, his real mother has taken and thrown away his drug stash.

While losing that is a problem, the bigger problem is that he bought it on credit from, shall we say, someone that has no qualm about putting someone in a grave while they are

still alive.

This situation brings us to the main conflict of the film. Chris knows that his mother has a \$50,000 life insurance policy. If she was to die, they could collect the money, pay off both the hitman and Chris's creditor, and split the rest.

A normal family would run away from such an idea but not the Smith family. Even Chris's ne'er-do-well sister Dottie (Juno Temple) agrees that their momma should die.

Enter the character for which the movie is titled. "Killer" Joe Cooper (Matthew McConaughey) is a detective from Dallas who moonlights as a contract killer. His standard fee for a hit is \$25,000 "up front, no excuses."

This family is so broke they cannot even pay attention let alone pay a hitman up front. When the deal is on the verge of collapse, Joe catches the eye of the sweet Dottie and becomes smitten. He agrees to do the job so long as he gets to keep Dottie as a "retainer" until the insurance check is cashed.

Once again, a normal family would never do this but

the Smiths agree to Joe's slick ways. What happens to the Smith clan? Don't they know that the Devil is an easy guest to invite in but is hard to get rid of? Watch and find out.

"Killer Joe" comes from the mind of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tracy Letts and Academy Award winning-director William Friedkin ("The Exorcist" and "The French Connection").

The last time these two paired was for the film, "Bug," which examined the damaging effects of shared psychosis between Ashley Judd and Michael Shannon. This pairing seems to be a winning combination with how Friedkin is able to turn Letts's stage plays into great films.

This type of film needed a cast that was able to "act outside of the box" and that is what they got. Emile Hirsch plays a great lowlife who cares only about avoiding a pine box than what a psychopath is going to do with his sister.

Church and Gershon give viewers a look at parenting that is polar-opposite to that of Ozzie and Harriet. Temple does

well at being the sweet girl that falls into the magnetic gaze of Joe Cooper.

Alas, I must discuss Mr. McConaughey. For years he has gotten by on films that play off his good looks and impeccable smile. Just by adding him to a rom-com, studios salivated over the money they were going to bank.

However, he has lately taken a turn to be seen as a legitimate actor and not one that is type-cast. This role should be the one that does it. He uses that smile in "Killer Joe" to conceal the true Joe Cooper: a monster beneath that black Stetson who is not afraid of using a can of pie filling to stop someone in his way. This is what true acting looks like.

"This movie is not for everyone" is a tag best suited for this film. It is true. There are some scenes in this film that break the boundaries of violence that moviegoers are used to.

However, I believe that Hollywood far too often glorifies violence. At least Friedkin has the nerve to show what real violence is, not something to be glorified, but abhorred.

Demarco's second solo album nears perfection

ALBUM REVIEW

MILES ZEORLIN

Mac Demarco, ex-front man of Make-out Videotape, is a young singer-songwriter out of Montreal. He has just released his second solo album, titled "2."

Demarco's first album "Rock and Roll Nightclub," released earlier in 2012, was a mellow piece featuring echoing, sweeping and melodic electric guitar riffs, accompanied by deep and sensual vocals.

His sophomore album still incorporates these elements, but it is apparent that his sound has developed into something deeper than before, while still remaining true to its indie rock, surfy, carefree feel.

"2" is a more serious album — playful, yet sincere. It sings of his everyday life, and the lyrics gently touch upon a heavier meaning resting just below their surface. The album's shift is slow yet deliberate, as Demarco transitions his listeners to a more mature and emotionally intense sound.

The CD kicks things off with the track "Cooking Up Something Good." Guitars

jangle and Demarco's lazy singing style lulls you into the album. Soon, lyrics begin to take on double meanings.

What first comes across as a simple song about teenage angst quickly takes a dive into the deep end, dealing with secrets and a family drug operation.

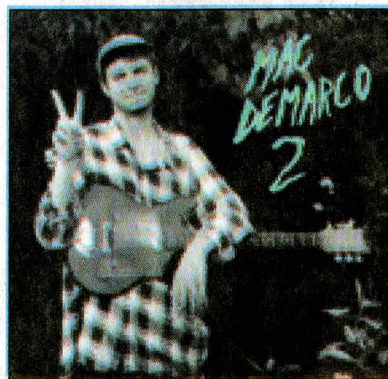
The album's very next song, entitled "Dreaming," really showcases how talented Demarco is as a songwriter. His songwriting strong suit lies in his love songs.

The words feel so real, and the lyrics' ability to say so much with so little gives his listeners the opportunity to fill in the blanks, allowing for a personal collection with each song. His phrasing is heart-melting: "Someday I'll find her / and I'm still reminded / maybe she's best in dreams / she's still the best I've seen."

The album is not a perfect 10, though — there are a number of things that seem out of place.

The worst culprit would be the ninth track on the album. This song, titled "Boe Zaah," is a one minute and 40 second instrumental bit that, although pleasing to the ears, does nothing but detract from the general flow of the album.

It seems it was inserted into the album



TALON CAPTURED TRACKS

with the sole purpose of introducing a more acoustic feel in preparation for the last track, "Still Together."

"Still Together" is quite possibly the greatest track on this album — if not the greatest track Demarco has ever made. As stated earlier, Demarco's strong suit lies in his love songs. It is raw, melancholy, heartfelt and sincere, and possesses the soothing qualities of a lullaby.

As Demarco gently strums away on his acoustic guitar, he laments about a potential lover ("In time she'll see, that her and me / were meant to be together

/ and time will pass, it may go fast / but we'll still be together / and where I go, she's at my side / half of my life together").

This song would be amazing as it is, but what really sells it is the dialogue that takes place afterwards. Demarco sets down his guitar and gently calls a woman's name, receiving a tired and muffled response as he wakes the woman who inspired the song.

In this single moment, it becomes apparent that everything Demarco sings about is real, giving this song and the rest of the album a new and deeper meaning.

All in all, "2" is a brilliant album, and Demarco's sound really blossoms. It is obvious that a lot of thought, time and work were put into the record in everything from the ordering of the tracks, to the greasy sound chosen for the electric guitar.

I really like how heartbreakingly sincere the tracks are, but I feel like there were a few things that didn't belong or just didn't make sense to me, so I am giving the album a 9.2/10.

Mac Demarco's "2" was released by the record label Captured Tracks on Oct. 16.

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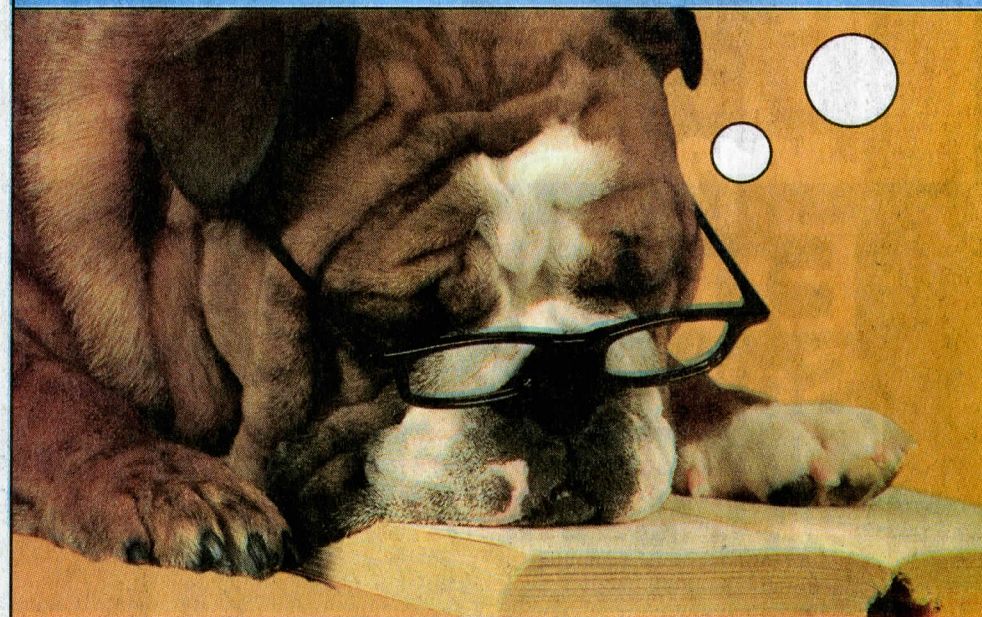
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Fighting the Flu

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Achoo! Gesundheit! Sound familiar? It's not the most pleasant thought as finals and the holiday season approach.

How can you avoid getting sick? Local health care professionals have some advice.

The most important thing a person can do is wash their hands, said Paulia Jacobs, RN, Nurse Practitioner at the University Health Clinic. Hand sanitizer is a good thing to use if you can't wash your hands, but washing your hands always is preferable, she said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), you should wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Germs can be transmitted through a handshake, Jacobs said. This is because people cough into their hands when they are sick and later pass the germs along that way, she said.

"If you are sick, or someone around you is sick, remind them to cough into their elbow. That way they aren't coughing into their hand and later transmitting germs," Jacobs said.

If a person is symptomatic, you should avoid making contact with them at all if possible, Jacobs said. If you have a fever, you are contagious for 24 hours after your fever breaks. You should avoid going to work or to class so that others aren't exposed to the virus you have, she said.

"The first thing you should do is get the flu vaccine. That's for everyone who is six months old and older," said Sylvia Warren, RN, Immunization and TB Program director for the Northeast Texas Public Health District.

You are never too old to get the flu vaccine, Warren said. She also insists that you cannot get sick from getting the flu vaccine, whether it's the live virus or the dead virus vaccine.

"If they get sick after getting the flu vaccine, they've already got that germ in them. The vaccine did not give them the flu," Warren said.

Getting the flu vaccine not only protects the person who gets the vaccine, it also prevents them from spreading the flu to

How long to wash?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends washing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Here are a few other things that take 20 seconds:

- Usain Bolt can run 200 meters
- You can sing the happy birthday song twice
- A rubber ball can fall more than a mile
- Mickey Mantle could run to first base 6 times

Source: Answers.com

others, Warren said.

If you are coughing and sneezing, you should make sure you are doing so into a tissue or something other than your hands or out into the air, Warren said.

Warren also emphasized the importance of staying home if you are sick. You can be contagious with the flu a day before you start having symptoms and for up to seven days after you first experienced symptoms, she said.

To clarify, if you are still having symptoms 10 days after you got sick, you are no longer contagious, Warren said.

One thing you should make sure to do is keep yourself hydrated when you are sick, Warren said. Any liquid is good but water is the best thing to drink, she said.

"If your symptoms keep getting worse and worse, you need to go to the doctor," Warren said.

Going to your own doctor is always best, as opposed to going to the emergency room,

which is expensive and time consuming, Warren said. A pharmacist can recommend something to take over the counter but it's still better to see your doctor, she said.

If you have small children, you should take them to the doctor as soon as you detect flu symptoms, Warren said.

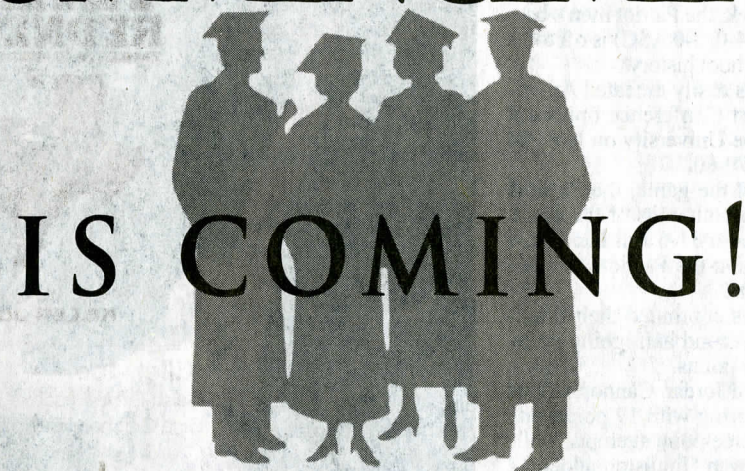
"It's a highly contagious disease and there are so many sad stories out there about people who have lost their kids because they didn't get the vaccine. It's just that serious," Warren said.

The CDC describes the flu as a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza (flu) virus. The virus affects the nose, throat and lungs.

It can vary in severity and can result in death. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle and/or body ache, headache, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea. It is possible to experience some or all of these symptoms.

For more information about the flu, you can visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov.

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Off to a historic start

Tyler Burton
Staff Writer

After recording two road victories in the past week, the Patriot men's basketball team (4-0, 3-0 ASC) is off to its best start in school history.

The Patriots easily defeated American Southwest Conference opponent Howard Payne University on Nov. 24 by a score of 79-60.

Throughout the game, the Patriots dominated on both ends of the court. The team used a 31-6 run late in the first half to give the Patriots a 50-25 lead at halftime.

The Patriots continued their dominance in the second half, going up by as many as 39 points.

Junior guard Jordan Cannon led the Patriots in scoring with 19 points and made 5 of 8 three-point attempts, while teammate Darren Houliston added 12 points.

Cannon's strong performance was good enough to earn him ASC Player of the Week.

Five days later, the Patriots travelled to Kerrville to take on Schreiner University.

In a game that was back and forth the whole way, Jordan Cannon provided key plays in the games final moments that lifted the Patriots to a 63-60 win.

Down two points with less than three minutes to go, Cannon delivered a clutch three-pointer to give the Patriots the lead.

After a couple key defensive stops, Cannon hit a jump shot with 22 seconds remaining to secure the Patriot win.

In the win, Cannon finished with a team high 18 points, while Houliston and Travis Dykman chipped in 10 points each.

On Saturday, the Patriots continued their road trip when they traveled to Seguin to face Texas Lutheran University.

Patriots forward Darren Houliston hit a pair of free throws in the final seconds of Saturday's game to secure the 63-60 win versus Texas Lutheran.

Despite a season-high 21 turnovers, the Patriots out rebounded the Bulldogs 41-28, which proved to be a key factor.

The Patriots were led by junior guard Tre Potter, who scored 16 points to go along with 7 rebounds.

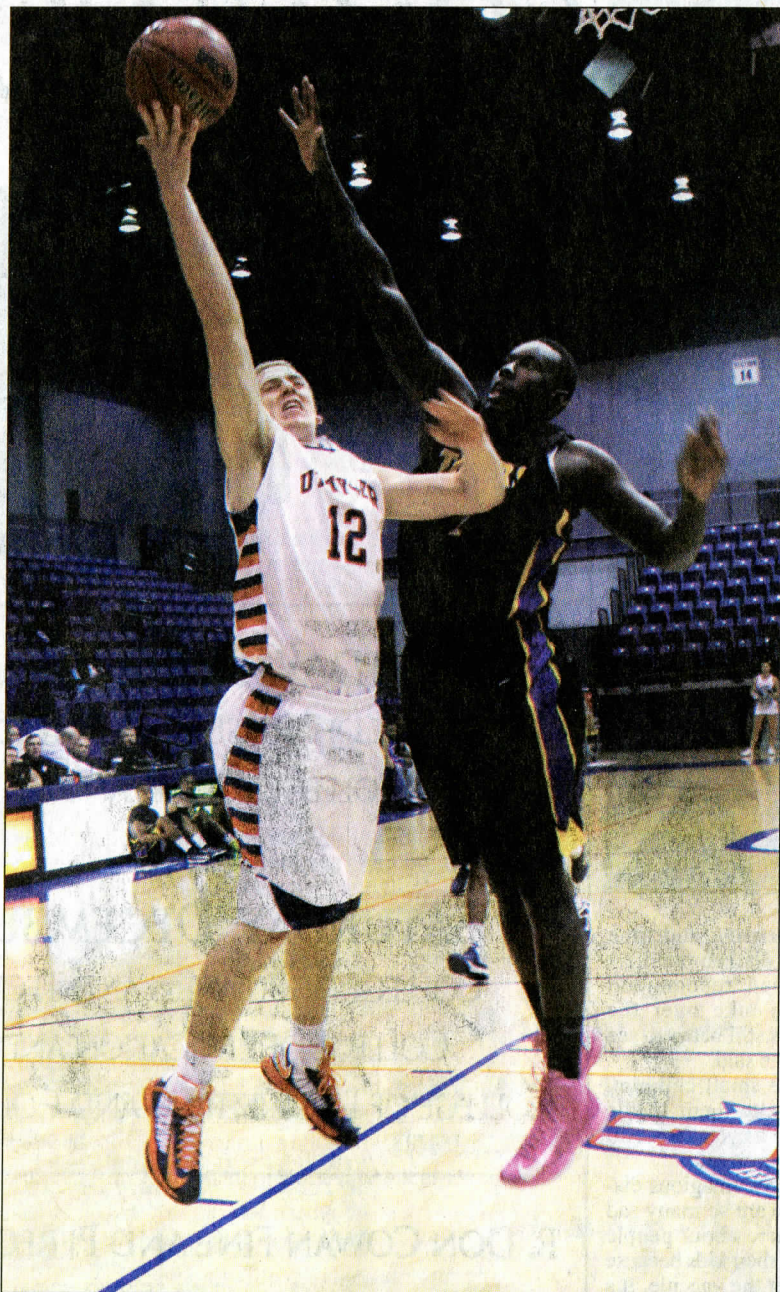
Houliston contributed 15 points and 8 rebounds while Travis Dykman added 13 points.

In a game that went back and forth the entire second half, it was Houliston that provided the late game heroics to help his team get the victory.

"Another tough win for us. I was glad I made both of them to help my team win," Houliston said.

The win improved the Patriots record to 4-0, the best start in the program's history.

Although it's still early on in the



TALON PHOTO BY JAKE WADDINGHAM

Transfer Joe Stephens goes up for a layup against a Paul Quinn College defender on Nov. 11 at the Herrington Patriot Center. The Patriots moved to 4-0 on the season with a 63-60 victory over Texas Lutheran on Saturday.

season, head coach Kenny Bizot is impressed with his team's performance, saying that his guys are gelling with one another and playing solid "team" basketball.

"I knew this team had potential, but I did not expect to be playing this well this early," Bizot said.

Bizot said the team is understanding the system more each day and they are putting themselves into the right position to make plays.

"Our defensive and offensive transition, as well as our strong guard play has really been the difference for us so far.

"Tre Potter and Travis Dykman have been great at taking care of the

basketball and minimizing the turnovers," Bizot said.

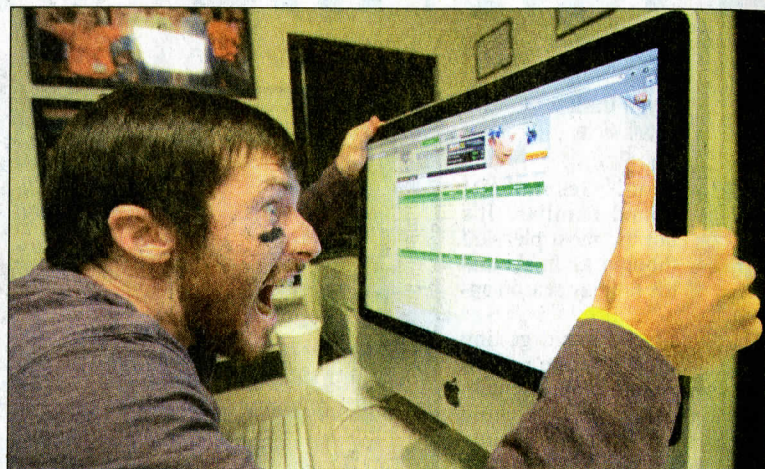
The Patriots are getting strong performances from players all across the board, most notably from Cannon and Houliston.

Houliston, electrical engineering major, said despite the team's early success, there still is a lot of room for improvement.

"We can improve a lot on both sides of the ball," he said. "We haven't peaked yet. I think we can do a better job at the free throw line. Those are easy points that can sometimes dictate who wins the game," Houliston said.

The Patriots continue the season on Thursday, facing Jarvis Christian.

»NFL



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Fantasy football cause for mixed emotions



THE EXTRA POINT
CHASE HARDY

As the regular season for fantasy football comes to an end, many teams find themselves in different positions. Some already are set for the playoffs, some are fighting for the final spots and others are just hoping to ruin someone's dreams of making it to the postseason.

At the beginning of every football season, fans from all over gear up for fantasy football. Some prepare extensively for the players they want; others go with their gut. They find the perfect team name and their season begins.

For many, the season will go well. For others, their team will be nothing but a disappointment.

There will be those teams who start the season hot, pulling off multiple-game win streaks, but who fizzle out as the season goes along.

For those, injuries may be the cause for their season going south. If they are savvy enough, they will find players from the waiver wire to replace these players. This is easily done in small leagues, but can be much harder in leagues of 10 or more.

Then you have the people who are in the league just to be in it. They do not keep up with their team or they just draft people randomly. There have been many times though were somehow, somehow these people win the league.

Unfortunately, if you had Rob Gronkowski, DeMarco Murray or even Greg Jennings, your season could have busted if you did not find replacements.

Injuries are going to happen — you should have drafted better bench players.

Two guys who could have helped you this season would have been Andrew Hawkins during the first half of the season and Denarius Moore in the second half.

It is moves like this that could have helped you this season if one of these guys were on your team. There are many other guys like these two whom you could have found, so do not try and use that as your excuse for your season going poorly.

I find my teams in different positions. I am in two leagues this year. In one of them, I already have made the playoffs and am finding players to replace players who will more than likely not be playing in the last games of the regular season.

In my other league, I currently am in last place and looking forward to hopefully taking someone's playoff hopes away from them. When you are in this position, you find yourself having "cheerleaders" from other teams who want you to beat the team they are competing with for the final playoff spot.

Remember to play the matchups when going into the playoffs, or at any time during the season. This means if you trying to decide which player to play, look at who they will play against and see whose defense is worse.

As the regular season comes to an end, remember to trash talk if you are out of the playoffs and do not be too cocky if you are already in.

Just remember: If you are in last place in your league, there still is hope for next season ... maybe.

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» FALL SEASON WRAP-UP

Season's end

As fall sports come to a close, Patriot seasons bring mixed results

SOCCER



Jordan Johnson jostles with a Mary Hardin-Baylor defender during a Sept. 28 game.

MEN

2012 Record:

11-6-1 (8-3-1 ASC)

- Qualified for ASC Tournament

Key players:

- Elijah Shipman, Jr., first team All-ASC
- Enoch Shipman, Jr., first team All-ASC
- Alex Collins, Jr., second team All-ASC
- Kevin Hernandez, second team All-ASC

WOMEN

2012 Record:

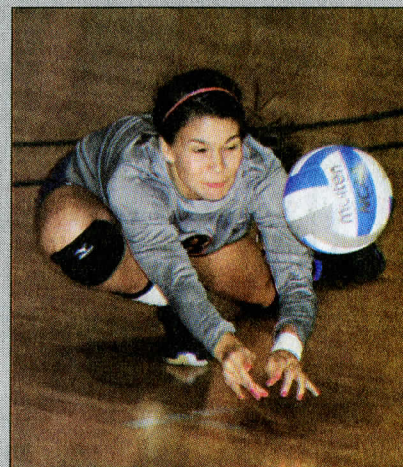
14-5-1 (11-1 ASC)

- Qualified for ASC Tournament, lost in finals

Key players:

- Amanda Weaver, Sr., first team All-ASC
- Charity Shipman, Sr., first team All-ASC
- Nikki Gordon, Fr., first team All-ASC
- Macy Hurley, Jr., second team All-ASC

VOLLEYBALL



Senior Sarah Smith digs a spike during a Sept. 18 game at home against Mary Hardin-Baylor.

2012 Record:

13-17 (5-11 ASC)

- Finished 4th in ASC East division

Key players:

- Breanna Bummett, Soph., third team All-ASC
- Emily Wood, Soph., honorable mention, All-ASC
- Rachael Harvey, Fr., honorable mention, All-ASC

CROSS COUNTRY



MEN

- Won ASC championship
- Finished 8th at NCAA Regionals

Key runners:

- Nicklas Huff, Jr., Individual ASC champion
- Jason Hamilton, Jr., Newcomer of the Year

WOMEN

- Finished 4th at ASC championship

Key runners:

- Baylee Talaska, Sr., finished 13th at ASC run
- Missy Hebert, Jr., finished 15th at ASC run

Junior Nicklas Huff was the individual champion at the American Southwest Conference meet held on Oct. 27 in Clinton, Miss.

MEN

- Paris JC Invite
2nd/7 teams
- Al Jones Memorial Invite
1st/11 teams
- Golfweek Invite
5th/18 teams



Kevin Singer competes at the ASC Fall Tournament on Sept. 15

WOMEN

- Paris JC Invite
2nd/5 teams
- Al Jones Memorial Invite
1st/7 teams
- Birmingham South Invite
12th/22 teams

GOLF



Joey Rippel chips out of the sandtrap at the Al Jones Memorial Tournament on Oct. 1.

TENNIS

MEN

- Ranked 9th in ITA West region
- #### Key players:
- Ryan Ybarra, Sr., ranked 5th in ITA West region, 17th nationally (singles)
 - Ryan Ybarra and Kevin Singer, ranked 8th in ITA West region (doubles)

WOMEN

- Ranked 9th in ITA West region
- #### Key players:
- Amy Friesenhahn, Soph., ranked 16th in ITA West region (singles)
 - Amy Friesenhahn and Rachel Cole, ranked 5th in ITA West region (doubles)

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Nov. 13, @San Marcos
UT Tyler 64
 Texas State** 88

Nov. 17, @Home
UT Tyler 119
 Paul Quinn 98

Nov. 24, @Brownwood
UT Tyler 79
 Howard Payne 60

Nov. 29, @Kerrville
UT Tyler 63
 Schreiner 60

Dec. 1, @Seguin
UT Tyler 63
 Texas Lutheran 60

Dec. 6, @Home
 6:30 p.m.
UT Tyler
 Jarvis Christian

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 12, @Beaumont
UT Tyler 46
 Lamar** 87

Nov. 16, @Shreveport, La.
UT Tyler 53
 LSU - Shreveport 71

Nov. 20, @Home
UT Tyler 75
 Austin College 59

Nov. 24, @Brownwood
UT Tyler 56
 Howard Payne 68

Nov. 29, @Kerrville
UT Tyler 49
 Schreiner 60

Dec. 1, @Seguin
UT Tyler 60
 Texas Lutheran 54

Dec. 6, @Home
 5:30 p.m.
UT Tyler
 Jarvis Christian

**Exhibition game

Patriot Profile: T.J. Martin, Baseball

Patriot infielder Martin receives golden award



Patriot Profile will feature a different outstanding Patriot student-athlete each issue, chosen by the Patriot Talon sports staff.

Athlete: T.J. Martin
Major: Business management
Age: 21
Hometown: Plano, Texas

Patriot infielder T.J. Martin earned the 2012 American Baseball Coaches Association Gold Glove Award. He was one of eight NCAA Division III players to earn the award.

Q: Who do you consider your role models? (On the field), Derek Jeter. I love the way he plays and the way he approaches the game each and every day. Off the field, my dad. He is always there for me and encourages me.

Q: What is your proudest moment as a Patriot? Winning conference my freshman year was a big one. Also, winning the opening round against Hardin-Simmons where I

was the MVP of the game. It was a weekend to remember.

Q: What was it like when you won the Gold Glove Award? I honestly had no clue. Coach never told me anything about it. It was an honor to win it. The good thing about winning it my junior year is a chance to strive to be even better my senior year.

Q: What are your career aspirations? I would like to

play baseball professionally if that is an option. If not, I want to get into the sports-side of business.

If you would like to nominate an outstanding Patriot athlete for the next issue, email the Patriot Talon sports editor at vtexcucano@patriots.uttyler.edu.

Freshman athlete represents Patriots in three sports

Jake Waddingham
 Staff Writer

The life of a student athlete is similar to a full-time job: balancing practice schedules, road trips, classes and the daily activities of a college student.

Brittany Brunson is working overtime for Patriot athletics, contributing to the cross country, basketball and track teams during her first year at the University.

Arriving on campus a week before other students to begin cross country practice, Brunson transitioned from the running course to the court for basketball with no break between the seasons.

In the spring, she will go from the hardwood to the left turn on the track oval.

If she runs any last-chance meets, Brunson will be in a sport's season through finals week in May 2013.

"She is such a hard worker and a strong athlete," head cross country coach Bob Hepler said. "I think she is going to be a huge asset to all three programs."

But Brunson is no stranger to juggling academics with a full athletic load. At Brentwood Christian School in Austin, she played volleyball, basketball, cross country and track.

She was named the Texas Female Athlete of the Year of TAPPS 3A, earning all-state honors in basketball, cross country and track.

When it came time to decide on a college, Brunson knew she wanted to continue to play sports in college.

"Basketball was always my favorite," Brunson said. "I knew I was better at cross country and track, but I also wanted to keep doing something I really enjoyed."

Her older brother Ryan, a member of the Patriot's tennis team, helped encour-



TALON PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JAKE WADDINGHAM

Freshman Brittany Brunson represents the University in basketball, cross country and track.

age his sibling to come to the University.

A former multisport athlete in basketball, golf, tennis and track, Ryan Brunson thought the location and education was a good fit.

"For a while, she didn't know where she wanted to go," Ryan Brunson said. "I just told her what UT Tyler was like and I think the comfort of having a sibling at the same school helped her decide."

This year, Brunson made a big impact on the cross country team, surging to the top spot.

She led the Patriots to two team titles at the UT Tyler Invitational and Centenary Invite. Brunson finished second as an individual in both races.

A week before the conference meet, she rolled an ankle during open gym with the basketball team. She still was

able to gut out a 16th place finish, but failed to qualify for regionals.

"The cons are basketball is a higher risk event as far as a catastrophic type of injury," Hepler said. "The other downside is just getting too tired. It is something (basketball) Coach (Kevin) Baker and I need to walk through."

So far, the Patriots are 2-3 overall to start the basketball season. During her first home game, Brunson's first shot from the field found nothing but net, aiding the team to a 75-59 win over Austin College.

Growing up, Ryan said Brittany was never into tennis and he didn't do cross country, so it was easy to encourage each other to perform at higher levels during their individual sports.

On the basketball court, however, the siblings tended to get more competitive.

Most of the time a simple shooting and rebounding drill would turn into a one-on-one matchup.

"She has beaten me a couple times," Ryan said. "Defensively, she has the attitude of a guy. She takes it personal when people try to get past her."

Brunson said running cross country was a big help for conditioning for basketball. When others girls started to get tired, she was still able to play full court defense.

"Basketball is more stop-go-stop-go," Brunson said. "I probably need to start running more again."

Hepler said when the spring semester starts, he would like to try to get Brunson to track practice once or twice a week without hurting her basketball performance.

"I want to help her basketball performance," Hepler said. "I am going to have to be flexible because during basketball season, that has to be her priority."

Brunson said even though both coaches have different styles, she has enjoyed her experiences with athletics.

"Bob is very laid back and easy to joke with," Brunson said. "Coach Baker, when it comes to practice, doesn't mess around and wants us to stay focused the whole time."

Ryan said no matter the season, his sister always has been a leader vocally and with her actions.

"She is good for all the sports, just her presence, bringing other people up around her with her attitude," Hepler said. "And she is a competitor and we need that."

The basketball team is back in action at home on Dec. 6, taking on Jarvis Christian. The track season begins on Jan. 14.



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Saturday exams will be December 15 for two hours starting at the regular class time.

The above list includes final examination dates and times for all standard course meeting patterns; all other course meeting patterns are considered 'non-standard'.

The dates and times of final examinations for courses with 'non-standard' meeting patterns are scheduled at the discretion of the instructor of record for each such course. Dates and times for such exams may not overlap with any of the dates and times for standard courses as listed above.

Holiday classics

Don't miss your chance to see seasonal favorites at Liberty Hall



OUTSIDE THE BOX

LAUREN BARNES

I'm sure we all hear it time and time again, but I believe Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year. The apple-cinnamon smell, the twinkling of Christmas lights, a warm, toasty fire and classic Christmas movies are enough to make it a magical time for me.

Liberty Hall, located in downtown Tyler, has captured the Christmas spirit and is showing Christmas classics that we all have grown to know and love.

This holiday season, Liberty Hall is showing three Christmas movies: "A Christmas Story" on Dec. 6, "Holiday Inn" on Dec. 13 and "It's a Wonderful Life" on Dec. 20. The shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$7 at the door.

I believe these movies embody the joy of the holiday season.

Peter Billingsley, as Ralphie, stars in "A Christmas Story" as a young boy growing up in the 1940's with dreams of owning a Red Rider BB gun. He sets out to convince the world this is the perfect gift. But along the way, he runs into opposition from his parents, his teacher and even Santa Claus himself.

I love "A Christmas Story" because it's a movie that most of us can relate to. We all have had that one present that we have wanted but our parents oppose. Ralphie's mother famously claims that "you'll shoot your eye out" in response to Ralphie wanting the Red Rider BB gun.

Bing Crosby, as Jim Hardy, and Fred Astaire, as Ted Hanover, star in "Holiday Inn" as a popular nightclub song-and-dance team. When his heart is broken by his girlfriend, Hardy decides to retire from the hustle and bustle of big-city business. He purchases a rustic, New England farm and converts it to an inn, which he opens to the public only on holidays.

"Holiday Inn" captures the elegant charm of the 1940s. It is a favorite to others and myself because of its timeless qualities. The comedy, songs and dance have an eternal quality to them that make the film a joy to watch each holiday season.

James Stewart, as George Bailey, stars in "It's a Wonderful Life." Bailey is a small-town man of Bedford Falls



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Donors fill Liberty Hall for pianist Danny Wright at the Donor Appreciation Concert on July 23, 2011 in downtown Tyler. This was Liberty Hall's first event after it was restored to provide a venue for movies and stage performances. The theater will show classic holiday movies throughout December, beginning with "A Christmas Story" on Thursday.

whose life seems so desperate he contemplates suicide.

As he prepares to jump from a bridge, his guardian angel intercedes, showing him what life would have become for the residents of Bedford Falls if he had never lived.

I believe "It's a Wonderful Life" is so well loved because it is about an everyday hero, George Bailey, that has life struggles many can relate to. The movie has an uplifting spirit when the angel, Clarence, shows Bailey how he has affected those around him.

To me, these movies capture the classic essence of Christmas, the same way that Liberty Hall captures the classic essence of downtown.

Liberty Hall originally was opened in 1936 as one of the main movie theaters downtown.

It was closed in the 1980s and re-

mained that way until 2008 when the city of Tyler bought it and decided to revitalize it.

The city spent more than a million dollars renovating the theater. However, they renovated it with an art deco theme so it still maintains the character of an older theater.

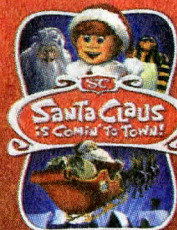
There is something special to me about seeing a timeless, black-and-white movie in a classic theater.

I'm obsessed with all things historic, so when I go to Liberty Hall and sit in the comfortable red chairs, I feel like I'm being taken back in time for that short period.

Besides their classic movies on Thursday nights, the Liberty also is home to live music and comedy shows.

For information about upcoming events and to buy tickets, go to www.libertytyler.com

Lauren's TOP FIVE Christmas movies



Santa Claus is Comin' To Town

Released: 1970
 Stars: Fred Astaire, Mickey Rooney and Keenan Wynn
 Synopsis: Santa Claus, or Kris Kringle, wanted to deliver toys to the children of Sombertown.

A Christmas Story

Released: 1983
 Stars: Peter Billingsley, Melinda Dillon and Darren McGavin
 Synopsis: Ralphie is a young boy in the 40s with dreams of getting a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas.



Holiday Inn

Released: 1942
 Stars: Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds
 Synopsis: Jim Hardy retires from the hustle and bustle of the big city to buy a farm, which he only opens to the public on holidays.

Frosty The Snowman

Released: 1969
 Stars: Jackie Vernon, Billy De Wolfe and Jimmy Durante
 Synopsis: A magic snowman comes to life and befriends several children.



It's A Wonderful Life

Released: 1946
 Stars: James Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore
 Synopsis: As George Bailey contemplates suicide, his guardian angel intercedes to show him how he has affected those around him.

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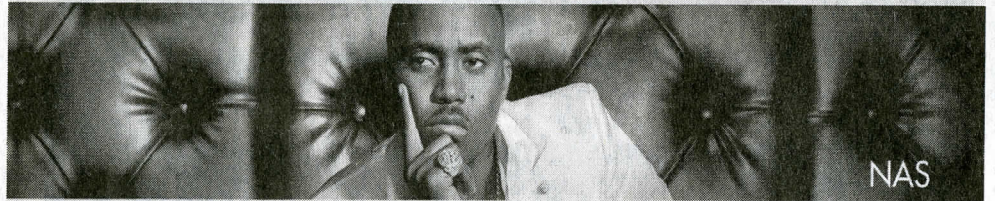
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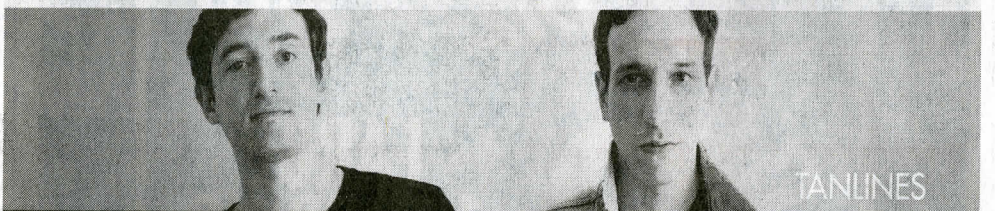
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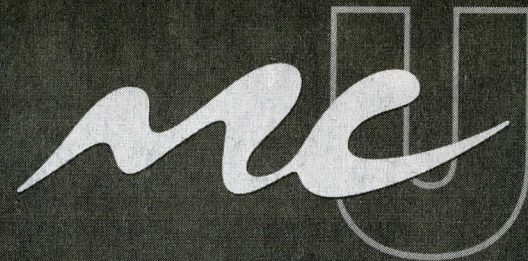
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