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The First Class

TTUHSC Students enrolled in new Family Medicine Accelerated Program honored



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MEMBERS OF THE Family Medicine Accelerated Program were honored by Texas Tech faculty during a press conference Thursday morning. This new program, which is the first of its kind in any university, has been set up to help encourage medical students to become primary care physicians.

By BRETT WINEGARNER
MANAGING EDITOR

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine hosted a press conference Thursday morning in the TTUHSC Academic Classroom Building to honor the first group of medical students enrolled in a new program called the Family Medicine Accelerated Program.

Dr. Steven Berk, TTUHSC executive vice president, provost and dean of the School of Medicine, said one major reason for the creation of this program was the lack of encouragement by universities to get medical students attracted to primary care.

"First of all, there was the need to try to get more students interested in primary care, and most medical schools were not doing that," Berk said. "Only about 10 percent of students were going into family medicine."

Berk said one way they are trying to draw interest to primary care in this program is by shortening the curriculum to three years instead of the traditional four. This, in turn, decreases the student's debt significantly. Also, the students are given a scholarship in the first year of their studies, so this scholarship, combined with the exclusion of the fourth year, results in a savings of almost 50 percent by the student.

Clay Buchanan, a student enrolled

in the program from Little Rock, Ark., and a father of three, said the way the program is structured along with the amount of money he will save was a key factor in becoming involved with it.

"I'm the non-traditional student. I'm a little bit older and I have three kids," said Buchanan. "So getting out quicker; less debt; getting money for them; hey, I'm all about that. So that really made me decide to do it."

Another motivation for students to become involved in this program is the shorter amount of time students will have to spend in school. The students will complete three years of school and then go into a family residency program for three more years.

Dr. Ronald L. Cook, chair of the TTUHSC Department of Family and Community Medicine, said some people thought the student's competency would be decreased because of the loss of one academic year.

However, he said the minimum number requirement for accreditation for a four year medical school is about 130 weeks of contact time with the students.

In a normal four years at TTUHSC, students go through approximately 160 weeks of contact time, and students enrolled in this program go through 152 weeks.

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NOAA predicts above average hurricane season

By KASSIDY KETRON
STAFF WRITER

In the midst of an already active tornado season, the Atlantic basin is expected to have an above average hurricane season, which began June 1, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website.

John Schroeder, an associate professor of atmospheric science and director of the Wind Science and Engineering Center, said the NOAA has predicted an above average season based on high sea surface temperatures, especially in the Gulf of Mexico and the change from La Niña to neutral conditions.

People, Schroeder said do not seem to remember above average seasons in the past, which encountered a number of storms, but nothing made landfall on the U.S.

"In my book, it really comes down to how it impacts society," he said. "So you can have an above average or below average season, but it only takes one storm to make a big impact."

Schroeder also is the director of the Wind Science and Engineering Center, which continues to conduct research on wind-related damage.

Schroeder said he conducted research in the areas affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita to deploy instruments in the path of the hurricane in order to collect information about the load of the wind field, how the wind changes as it moves, and how differences in friction impact the wind field.

He said the data that has been collected from research is a compilation of 12 years worth of deploying in hurricanes.

One example of the findings, Schroeder said, is although people may assume the gusts of wind in the eye wall region of the hurricane, where the highest winds occur, are stronger

than any given day "out here in West Texas," they have a higher velocity, but they are less gusty and more smooth.

Schroeder said although forecasters have made improvements predicting the path of the storm, they have not improved as much in forecasting the intensity of the storm.

"We definitely need to improve even more on track, but the intensity is lagging behind and, of course, that's important as well because if it's a Cat. 2 making landfall, relative to a Cat. 4, that's a big difference," he said.

Larry Tanner, a research associate in civil engineering, also has experience investigating strong hurricanes.

Tanner worked with the Federal Emergency and Management Associated to study hurricane Katrina and record wind damages to structures affected by Hurricane Ike, as well as record wind and water damage along the Louisiana and Mississippi coastline.

He said the team found with Katrina that it was more of a water event and flooding event than a wind event.

Similarly, Tanner said it was not a large wind event, but a lot of sway and surge caused damage to coastal structures.

Tanner said some homes were built on slabs, which is not recommended in flood or surge zones, some were built on pilings, which were either not deep enough, or were not connected well to the house, or built in sand.

Other structures, he said were built on raised foundations, which allows a space for water to flow through, but were not built high enough for that particular event or for the base flood elevation.

Daan Liang, an associate professor in construction and engineering, conducted investigations on the building damages caused by Hurricane Katrina.

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No bodies found in Texas home after psychic tip

HARDIN (AP) — Deputies who swarmed a rural Texas neighborhood Tuesday to search a farmhouse where a person claiming to be a psychic told officials multiple bodies were buried found no evidence of even a single homicide, a sheriff's official says.

Liberty County Sheriff's Capt. Rex Evans said there was no indication of bodies being anywhere on the property about 70 miles northeast of Houston. Officials ended their search Tuesday night and went home, with the focus of the investigation now turning to the tipster who led local law enforcement and FBI agents to the home.

The sheriff's office had received two calls from the person, officials said. Evans said authorities took

the tip seriously in part because the caller had details about the interior of the house that only someone who had seen it could have known.

He said authorities were working to track down the tipster and determine how she had such detailed information on the house. He said authorities had a name and number for the woman.

Asked if authorities thought the tip was a hoax, Evans said only that they found no bodies or anything to indicate a homicide had occurred there.

"We are going to continue our investigation and find out how this individual had this information in the first place," Evans said.

He said no decision would be made on charges until the caller

could be questioned and the district attorney consulted.

The investigation began after the sheriff's office received a tip from a psychic who claimed that many bodies, including those of children, were at the home, said Liberty County Judge Craig McNair, the county's top elected official.

A quick search Monday night turned up nothing, authorities said. But the tipster called back Tuesday morning to say deputies had the wrong house, Evans said.

McNair said deputies found blood on a back door and detected a foul odor coming from the house, leading to the search warrant.

"We have to take tips like this very seriously," McNair said.

McNair said the owners of the

home are apparently long-haul truck drivers and that there was apparently an attempted suicide at the house a couple of weeks ago that could have explained the blood on the door.

Truck driver Joe Bankston, told The Houston Chronicle that he had his family had lived at the house for three years and he had no idea why the tipster would have called police. He also said his daughter's former boyfriend who had tried to cut his wrists a couple of weeks ago, which could explain the blood.

"I haven't killed anybody," said Bankston, 44, who was reached by the newspaper while on the road in Dallas. "And I have a lot of friends, but I haven't helped anybody bury any bodies."

QUIDDITCH CALL



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JEREMY GLASSCOCK, THE president of Tech Quidditch and a senior civil engineering major from Lindale, and Conner Davis, the rules chair of Tech Quidditch and a junior music education major from Plainview, hang out at the Red Raider Orientation Student Organization Fair on Wednesday. Behind their display, Davis stands tall using a pair of stilts.

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Contortionist thief hid in suitcase

MADRID (AP) — A man was arrested in Spain after curling himself up inside a large suitcase that was placed in an airport bus cargo bay and sneaking out to steal from other people's luggage, police said Thursday.

The man arrested last week was 5'10" (1.78 meters) tall and very thin, a police official in the northeastern Catalonia region said. An accomplice was also arrested.

The suspects were successful on

several occasions before being caught, the police official said on condition of anonymity because of department rules. The accomplice would place the contortionist thief inside the cargo bay of a bus running from the airport in the city of Girona south to Barcelona, board the bus and then retrieve him at the end of the line.

During the 60-mile (100-kilometer) ride, the man would slip out of the suitcase and use a sharp object to pick

locks or open zippers to get into other people's luggage, police said. He stole objects including cell phones, laptops and GPS devices and would place them in a smaller bag that he brought with him. The thief would then get back into the larger suitcase and when the bus reached its destination, the accomplice would retrieve both pieces of luggage.

Police were alerted by bus riders who reported items stolen from their baggage.

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He said the damages caused by the hurricane were well spread and mostly caused by water.

"That is one unique thing about Katrina compared to other hurricanes," Liang said, "which is from many storm surge events rather than just a purely wind damages."

During the investigation, he said, the conditions of more than 1,000 buildings were documented, and they also look at the same buildings on satellite imagery.

Liang said they are trying to develop a relationship between what building damages can be observed on the ground between what can be observed from satellite imagery.

Through the development of a probability model between remote sensing technology to actual damage, Liang said they have found there is a 70 percent to an 80 percent correlation between the two observations.

Liang said there is also research going on in the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center to figure out ways to assess the damage for recovery after natural disasters.

The ongoing research, he said, is designed to address how long it takes for a community to recover economically from a disaster and what factors affect the speed and intensity of the recovery.

"So later on, or in the future, if we know the factors that are going to influence the recovery, with the role they play in the recovery, maybe some day we can develop better strategies to respond to a disaster," he said.

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY Health Sciences Center President Tedd L. Mitchell addresses the audience during a press conference Thursday morning. The press conference was conducted to honor the students who are enrolled in the new Family Medicine Accelerated Program. Also speaking at the conference was, sitting from left to right on the podium, Ron Cook, Chair of the Dept. of Family and Community Medicine, Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine, and Chancellor Kent Hance.

NBC locks up US Olympic TV rights through 2020

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Bob Costas made the pitch and NBC met the price.

The peacock network outbid Fox and ESPN by almost a billion dollars Tuesday to win U.S. television rights to four more Olympics and keep the games through 2020.

The result: a \$4.38 billion knock-out for NBC.

Despite a recent change in ownership, the sudden departure of longtime Olympic chief Dick Ebersol and an uncertain economy, NBC and its parent company, Comcast, defied speculation that its grip on the Olympics was coming to an end.

"I can say the Olympics are really in their DNA," International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge said. "We've been together with them for so many games with great success."

Executives with direct knowledge of the proposals told The Associated

Press that Fox bid \$3.4 billion for four games and \$1.5 billion for two, while ESPN offered \$1.4 billion for two. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the IOC declined to say how much the other networks offered.

NBC has broadcast every Summer Olympics since 1988 and every Winter Games since 2002, and it was the network's experience and familiarity with the IOC — as well as its money — that won over the Olympic body again.

"My message was, 'we've done it well and we'd like to do it again,'" Costas, who has hosted NBC's coverage of eight Olympics, said shortly after all three networks dropped their envelopes with sealed bids into a clear plastic box.

NBC now has exclusive rights to the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, and the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, as well

as the 2018 Winter Games and 2020 Olympics, whose sites have not yet been chosen. The deal includes all broadcast platforms, including Internet, mobile and hand-held devices.

"You think definitely of the finances, but you think also of the past experiences, you think of the enthusiasm of the team, the technical qualities," Rogge said. "We thought that was the best combination."

IOC TV rights negotiator Richard Carrion said NBC would pay \$775 million for Sochi, \$1.226 billion for Rio, \$963 million for the 2018 Winter Games and \$1.418 billion for the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"This secures the financial future for the next decade of the Olympic movement," Rogge said.

"I'm bitterly disappointed," Fox sports chairman David Hill said.

ESPN had played up the potential impact of parent company Disney, including its appeal to a young audience.

"To go any further would not have made good business sense for us," ESPN said in a statement. "We put our best foot forward with a compelling offer that included the enthusiastic participation of all of The Walt Disney Co.'s considerable assets."

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So, students in this program only lose about eight weeks of contact time, but are still over the required minimum.

The first class of this program includes nine students who were enrolled in the TTUHSC School of Medicine in the fall of 2010. These students were selected by looking at things such as undergraduate grades, MCAT scores and a separate application and interview process.

Emily Dosier, a student enrolled in FMAT from Canton, said being the first class puts some pressure on the students in the program to perform at a high level.

"Yes, because I think we all want to represent the program very well so it can continue on and prosper," Dosier said. "So, I think it does, but not horribly. They are very good at making sure it will be okay and they will change stuff if it doesn't work. It's kind of a work in progress."

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Rick Perry not good for Texas, America

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Many prominent conservative figures have come and gone, such as real estate guru Donald Trump, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, and current governor of Louisiana Bobby Jindal.

This has left many members of the GOP hoping that Texas governor Rick Perry will make a decision to throw in his Stetson after a long series of "yes", "nos", and finally, a recent "I'll think about it" from the governor.

However, I find the prospect of Perry becoming President almost as scary as that of former governor of Alaska Sarah Palin.

He hasn't been good for Texas and I certainly don't think he would be any better for the entire country. Regardless, both potential candidates have support among the GOP base.

Fortunately, however, I don't think Governor Goodhair (Perry) has the track record to take on the President.

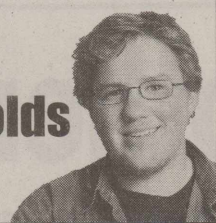
Rick Perry, in accordance with his claims of being the "conservative's conservative," likes to claim that he has a track record of not raising taxes.

However, according to www.politifact.com, a non-partisan online political fact-checker, this claim is false. Perry has, in fact, signed into law several pieces of legislation during his time as governor that raised taxes on cigarettes, fireworks, diesel equipment and even businesses that pay unemployment taxes.

Perry, along with the Texas legislature, has done very little good for our state. Under Perry's administration, Texas has taken its place towards the bottom of the U.S. public educational pack.

According to a report from the Texas Legislative Study Group, Texas is ranked second out of 50 states in public school enrollment (which is only expected to grow as more people move to Texas). However, Texas is 33rd in average public school teacher salary, 43rd in high school graduation rate, 44th in average state funding per pupil, 45th in SAT scores, and dead last in percent of people over the age of 25 with at least a high school diploma.

Jakob Reynolds



Under Rick Perry, Texas has continued to lag behind the rest of the country where the wellbeing of children are concerned. The same report ranked Texas

fourth in the United States in percent of children living in poverty, 34th in percent of children who have received full immunizations and first in percent of children without health insurance.

What else did the report have to say about health care in Texas? Currently, Texas leads the nation in percentage of people without health insurance. We are also second to last in both percentage of low-income population covered by Medicaid and per-capita state spending

therein.

But that's not all Texas has accomplished under the current governor. The report ranked Texas first in a number of areas of hazardous and toxic waste emissions. Texas was also ranked last in workers compensation coverage. Finally the report ranked Texas ninth in income inequality between the rich and poor and fifth in income inequality between the

rich and middle class.

These are only a few instances of the kind of "progress" Texas has made with Perry as our governor. As a politician, Perry isn't much better. Politifact's profile on the governor shows that out of a collection of 62 major statements made over his term as governor, 10 were "true," 17 were "half true," 9 were "barely true" and 13 were "false."

It astounds me that Texans have re-elected Rick Perry twice as governor when he has obviously been terrible for Texas.

I think that it is glaringly apparent that you don't have to look too far to know that should Perry run for President, he is definitely not a good choice for America.

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SPORTS

Tomlinson, Popescu among others drafted

Red Raiders, Tech signees selected

Kelby Tomlinson, 12th Round, S.F. Giants
Tomlinson, a junior transfer from Elgin, Okla., spent the

2011 season as the everyday shortstop for Texas Tech. He led the team in hits and RBIs with 67 and 43, respectively.

Trey Ford, 14th Round, Philadelphia Phillies
Ford, a baseball signee out of South Mountain Community College in Arizona, projects as Tomlinson's replacement.

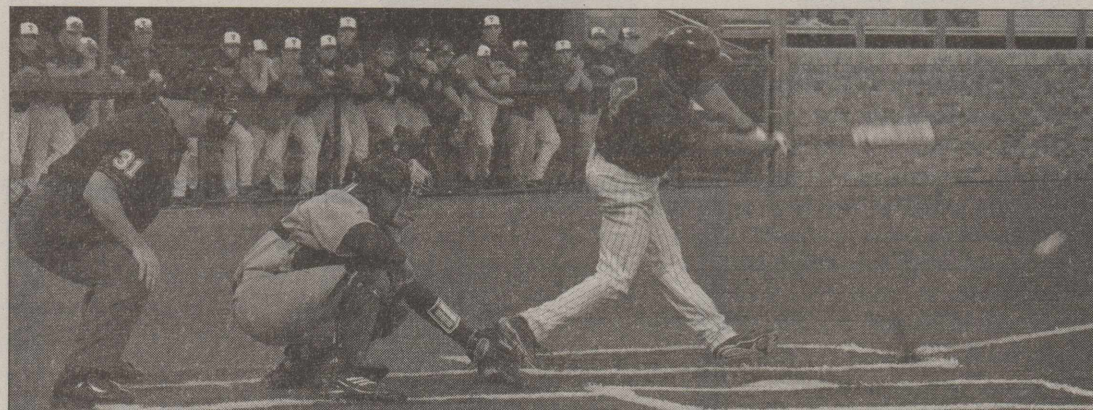
Bradley Marquez, 16th Round, New York Mets
Marquez, a Tech football signee from Odessa, is expected to join Tech football as a running back or inside receiver, and play baseball.

Nick Popescu, 33rd Round, Atlanta Braves
Popescu, the lone senior on Tech's roster during 2011, made 24 starts at second base, 11 in left field and eight as a designated hitter.

Zach Fowler, 34th Round, Baltimore Orioles
Fowler, a left-handed reliever, made 23 appearances, all relief, accumulating a 3.38 ERA in a total of 16 innings.

Reid Redman, 37th Round, Los Angeles Dodgers
Redman was Tech's everyday third baseman. Redman shined defensively in 2011, committing a total of one error in 27 Big 12 games.

Devon Conley, 47th Round, Baltimore Orioles
Conley, an outfielder, is a Tech signee out of New Mexico Junior College.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TECH SHORTSTOP KELBY Tomlinson, No. 4, was selected in the 12th round by the San Francisco Giants.



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TECH RELIEF PITCHER Zach Fowler was selected in the 34th round by the Baltimore Orioles.

Rangers, Astros pick paralyzed players on 3rd day of draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnathan Taylor and Buddy Lamothe may never play baseball again after accidents left them partially paralyzed.

That didn't matter to the teams that picked them Wednesday during the final rounds of the Major League Baseball draft.

Taylor, an outfielder from the University of Georgia, was a 33rd-round pick of the Texas Rangers,

while Lamothe, a reliever from San Jacinto College, was the Houston Astros' 40th-round selection.

Taylor was left paralyzed from the chest down after he broke his neck in March during a game when he collided with teammate Zach Cone, the Rangers' supplemental-round pick Monday. Texas director of amateur scouting Kip Fagg said the team's selection of Taylor was "something we felt was right."

"We would have drafted him either way, regardless of any other circumstances involving his injury or Zach's draft status," Fagg said. "Our area scout in Georgia, Ryan Coe, has had a relationship with Johnathan since he was a high school player. The club has always liked his passion and ability as a player."

Taylor hit .335 last year as a sophomore for the Bulldogs, and was hitting .182 with two RBIs in 11 games at the time of his injury.

Fagg added that he and a few other Texas officials visited Cone during "the course of normal pre-draft activity" and gave him a Rangers jersey to give to Taylor that was signed by the entire Rangers team.

"This was truly a classy move and a great gesture on the part of the Texas Rangers organization," Georgia coach David Perno said. "J.T. is definitely a player worthy of getting drafted. He's been a big part of our program, and we are all very excited for him. When I talked to him after he got the call, he was in the middle of his rehabilitation work, laughing and having a good time and was thrilled to be drafted."

Taylor was injured March 6 against Florida State and has been undergoing outpatient treatment at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. He also attended a pair of Georgia games since his accident.

"We're all very proud of him," said Tandra Taylor, Jonathan's mother. "It's just amazing, and when he got the call, his face lit up and we were all very excited. It was awesome news."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

6/10/11

By Marti Duguay-Carpenter

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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ACROSS

- Small amount
- Otherwise
- Rare score note
- Spanish actress Chaplin (Charlie's granddaughter)
- Songdom showgirl
- French garlic sauce
- Sauvignon
- Some govt. lawyers
- They don't mix with just anybody
- Mount Olympus and environs?
- Court statistic
- Get ready for a competition, bodybuilder-style
- Eighth-century Japanese capital
- Met
- Levels
- Thinking like Asop?
- Simple step
- Nuke
- First name in architecture
- One majoring in traditional knowledge?
- Howard of Hollywood
- It may be tapped
- Sainted pope called "the Great"
- Escargot
- Sinus-clearing condiment
- Quills for Chaucer?
- Up and about
- Early Macy's Day Parade balloon designer
- Highchair component
- One of the Allman Brothers
- "Grand" or "demi" ballet move
- Auxiliary
- Game with blocks
- Card, e.g.
- Break
- Matter of faith
- Where to go in London?
- Eastern N.Y. airport
- "Angela's Ashes" sequel
- Govt. jet set?
- Go nowhere special
- Fall, after "go"
- Wing; Prefix
- 70s congresswoman known as "Battling Bella"
- Ward off
- Eat to excess
- De _____ Illinois
- Chivere speakers
- Golfer Sabbatini and actor
- Cashout
- Some OKs
- Knock down during a raid
- Hyundai sedan
- California's self-proclaimed "Zinfandel Capital of the World"
- Pole for one
- Facility
- Kennedy designer
- Small distinction
- Philosopher
- Boy
- Dressing down
- Mountain destination
- Spill
- Yanni fan, maybe
- Exactly
- 1987
- Beatty/Hoffman flop
- Isolated nest
- Finisher
- "The best ___ to be": Browning
- Jazz venue?
- Spill
- City north of Pittsburgh
- Trans. or intrans.
- Go after, in a way
- Avoid burning, perhaps

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