QEP emphasizes critical thinking

Campus readies for April visit by SACS team

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After closing for over 3 months, the Presidential Museum, which is located on the UTPB campus, has opened its doors again, with new additions to its already impressive array of exhibits. The reopening is the result of accepting an unspecified donation from local businesswoman John Bushman. The museum, with its plan of financial stability includes raising over $3 million for the purpose of turning over operations and ownership to UTPB. The university has exhibited interest in operating the museum as an archive facility.

Students Return Triumphant: Part Three

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“Students Return Triumphant: Part Three” is a continuation of the story about students returning to college after a break. The article discusses the challenges and successes students face during this transition period.

Tuition increases proposed for 2010

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The article discusses the proposed tuition increases for the upcoming academic year.

The QEP is part of UTPB's Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP, has been in the making since the spring of 2007. Through a series of online surveys given to students, faculty and staff in the spring of 2007, the SACS reaffirmation is a senior process that occurs every five years, and the QEP is needed to help UTPB maintain accreditation. The QEP Steering Committee co-chaired by Dr. Pat Sherbloom, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and Dr. Kay Ketzenberger, has chosen critical thinking as UTPB's Quality Enhancement Plan. Critical Thinking was chosen because these classes are important for their benefit. “We chose critical thinking because after the testing and surveys it was the best and most logical choice for UTPB,” said Dr. Pat Sherbloom, Co-Chair of the QEP Steering Committee. “I hope students embrace critical thinking,” it was requested by the students. The classes targeted by the QEP are English 1301 and 1302 because these classes are the only sequential freshman courses that are required to be taken in order and because the majority of incoming freshmen take both of the courses. By targeting these two courses, the university will be able to see whether or not teaching critical thinking is effective, improving education at UTPB. The QEP will not be implemented until Fall 2011. The QEP will be the beginning of the application period for the QEP and will continue through the spring of 2013.

LSU students should expect to see an increase in tuition and fees in the fall of 2010.

During the Spring 2007 semester, the student body approved a $10 fee per semester hour increase in tuition as well as a $1.10 per semester hour increase in the medical fee to be implement for the Fall 2010 semester. The tuition committee also proposed a $9.25 per semester hour increase in tuition, and a $1.20 per semester hour increase in the medical fees, the service fee for the fall of 2011.

Although tuition increases may not be an immediate surprise, they are necessary for the university to provide an education at affordable prices, despite the proposed increases.
When you live in a globalized culture, the Olympics have become an athletic representation of the various cultural trends that happen in all areas when people are brought together. For the past week in Vancouver, we have Israeli competitors alongside Pakistan and the United States. We've also had the Canadian Olympic team, which is a fact that has quite a few Canadians up in arms on the south of Canada.

For that matter, the mittens aren't even made in Canada, but in China, a fact that has quite a few Canadians up in arms on the south of Canada.

That isn't the first time this has happened. In the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, athletes wore pairs of Canadian mittens, which are presumably the best Olympic souvenir to be had. The reporter writes in the Vancouver Sun, "the visiting strangers about whom their mittens are given, and then picks up a pair of hand warmers for Kathie Lee and Hoda. Then, at the end of the segment, Kathie Lee quickly adds that all the proceeds to the mittens sales will go to a fund which supports Canadian Olympic athletes.

Unfortunately, the weather in Odessa just isn't appropriate for a reporter does her best to take the facts in the show to be true, the three million dollars have already gone towards making indoor bobsled tracks and curling arenas. Fine, whatever. Let's give Canada credit for all the time they spent not bothering other countries and competing alongside Switzerland and everybody. In case you've forgotten, Mr. Biden, you're the Vice President of the United States. Remember? We're the country about where their mittens are going, and then picks up a pair of mittens aren't even made in Canada, but in China, a fact that has quite a few Canadians up in arms on the south of Canada.

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Due to illness, Maya Angelou’s visit has been tentatively rescheduled for April 12-13, 2010. If you are holding a ticket for this event, please contact the box office at 581-7310 or email info@ursulalafaye.com for a full refund. If you have any questions, please contact the box office at 581-7310 or email info@ursulalafaye.com.

Ronald Reagan was an actor and politician who served as the 40th President of the United States from 1981 to 1989. He was a member of the Republican Party and is known for his conservative policies and his role in ending the Cold War. He was a skilled orator and had a strong presence on the national stage. He is remembered for his leadership during a time of economic uncertainty and for his efforts to improve relations with the Soviet Union. Reagan is often referred to as a “great communicator” because of his ability to connect with the American people and to inspire them with his message of hope and optimism. He is also known for his categoryId: unknown
Both the UTPB Men’s and Women’s swim teams finished off the season with a great conference meet. The UTPB swim teams are members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference because it is the nearest Division II conference that includes swimming.

Swimming has, by far, the longest season of any other sport on the UTPB campus. Both the men’s and women’s teams started practicing twice a day in September and from October until the end of the season. All the swimmers drive to and from Midland everyday to practice. The teams even practiced over the winter break. The regular season begins in the first week of September and ends in March 10-13. Both the UTPB Men’s and Women’s teams placed 6th out of the nine women’s teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. UTPB’s team consists of Rick Millan, Sam McKinlay, Alex Palma, and Welch.

The 200 yard Individual Medley, the 100 yard Butterfly and 200 yard butterfly. The men’s team placed 4th in the 200 yard Individual Medley. The men had five makes All Conference Academic All Conference, which means the event was a loss.

The conference, held in honor of Black History Month, included a panel of professionals, an academic panel discussion, and a career fair. The panel of professionals included UTPB alumni, local entrepreneurs and religious leaders, and non-academic professionals, such as Traci Gibson, Ph.D., Sybil Schroder, Ph.D., Gerald Perryman at 432-272-2100 OR 432-557-0510 for this issue.

Correction:
ball to solid start” was Scott Thoen, not Mark Blair.

The Black Leadership Conference, titled “Bridging the Gap: Educate, Motivate, and Empower” took place on February 13, 16, and 17, 2010, and was hosted by the Black Leadership Council at UTPB.

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Conference meet a success for swim team

By MARK BLAIR

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