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NORTH TEXAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Marco Barrera/For the DRC North Texas senior Megan Nestor looks for a teammate during a win over Oklahoma Christian this season at the Super Pit. Nestor enjoyed a memorable game against Texas Southern this week.

Crashing the boards and smashing records

Megan Nestor's monster game is a sign she's reaching lofty goals in debut season at UNT

By Brett Vito Staff Writer

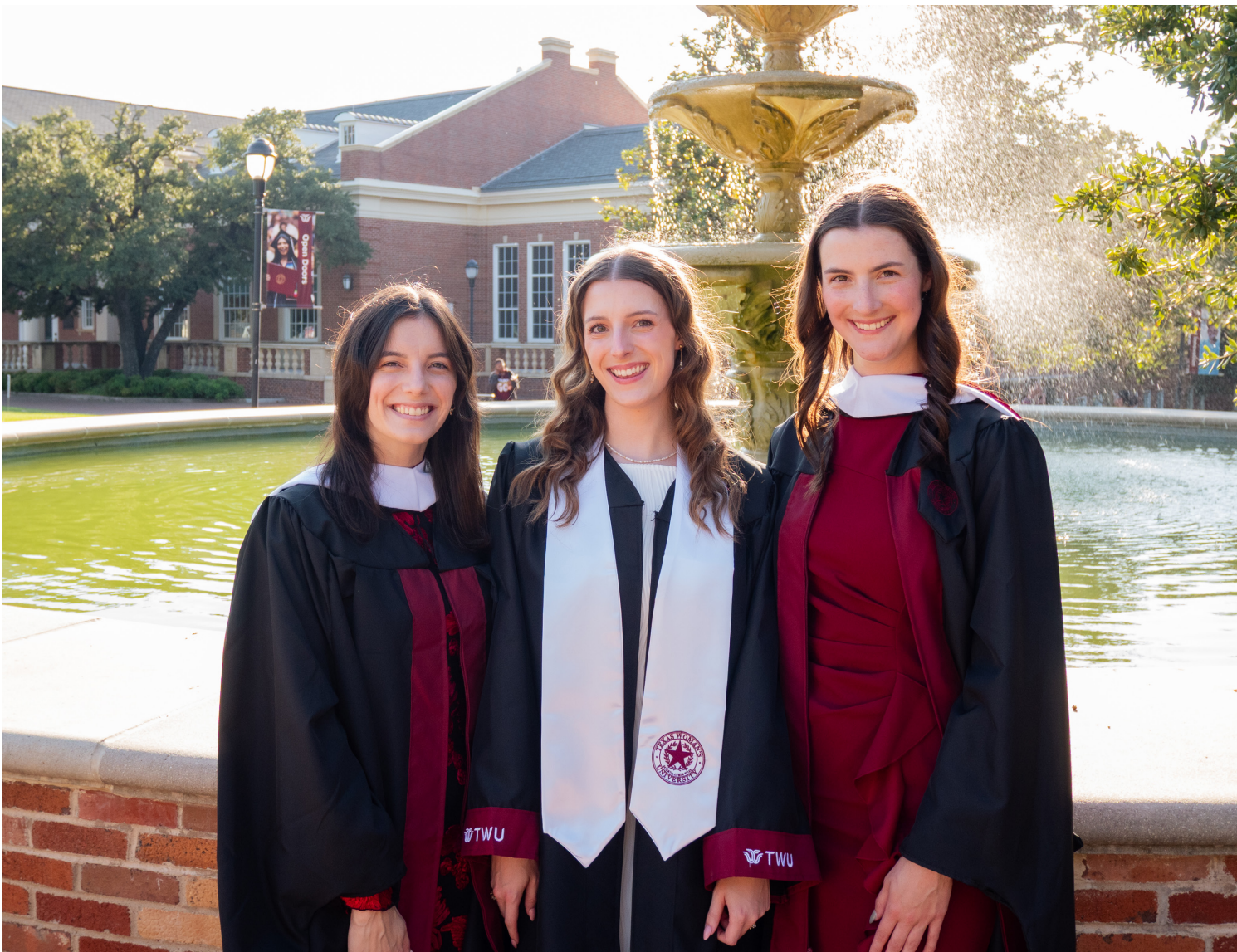
Recruits ask all kinds of questions when they visit colleges these days, no matter what sport

they play. Megan Nestor had a few when she arrived earlier this year to check out North Texas. The first wasn't what UNT coach Jason Burton or anyone else expected. "The first thing I asked was, 'What's the rebounding record?'" Nestor said Thursday. "I broke all the rebounding records at my last school." The Wayland Baptist transfer has a UNT record now as well after scoring 34 points and pulling down a whopping 31 rebounds in a

win over Texas Southern this week. One of the most remarkable individual performances in recent UNT history helped the Mean Green build on a solid start to their season that will continue with a game at Illinois on Sunday. The Mean Green (6-3) started largely from scratch in Burton's third season in terms of their roster. The hope all along was that a host of newcomers would come

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TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY



The Martin sisters — from left, Addison, Avery and Albany — all received their degrees from Texas Woman's University on Friday. Courtesy photo/Carter Cordes

'A campus with a heart'

By Lucinda Breeding-Gonzales Staff Writer

Avery, Albany and Addison Martin crossed the Texas Woman's University commencement stage on Friday. The sisters found a lot to celebrate. Avery, the youngest, earned a bachelor's degree in science and math, with a minor in statistics. Albany, the middle sister, earned her mas-

Three sisters graduate from TWU on the same day

ter's degree in arts and history, with an emphasis on public history. Addison, the oldest sister, got a master's degree in English, with an emphasis on writing and rhetoric. The Martin sisters, who grew up and graduated from public school in Denison, are the first in their family to earn degrees. Addison got an associate's degree at Grayson College and earned a bachelor's in creative writing at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Albany earned a bachelor's degree in history at

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READING



Grim Root Bonnie Jo Stufflebeam, Dark Matters Ink, 2024, 330 pages, \$17.99

Get cozy with these books with local ties

By Camila Gonzalez Staff Writer

We made a list of books by local authors for kids to enjoy over winter break, but we didn't want to leave the adults out. Whether you're looking for gifts for others or planning to read more over the holidays, here's a list of books by Denton County authors from a variety of genres. All of the authors included are from, have lived in or currently live in Denton County. "Local authors are vital to the fabric of the very communities they live in," said Charlie Forester, general manager of Patchouli Joe's Books & Indulgences. "We at

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TABC hears comments on proposed new hemp rules

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is seeking comments on new rules proposed to regulate the sale of hemp products in the state. >> State, 2A

North Texas business laid off over 10,000 workers in 2025

North Texas faced a wave of layoffs this year, according to the Texas Workforce Commission, but experts say the region's economy remains strong. >> Regional, 4A



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