



Meet the Denton Record-Chronicle's All-Area Boys Basketball Team

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## Signs of spring



ABOVE: Heidi Ambrosio waters plants outside Second Hand Sports & Game Swap in Denton on Wednesday, adding a touch of spring greenery to the storefront.  
Sharron Jordan/For the DRC

LEFT: Texas Woman's University third-year student Joselin Rodriguez relaxes outside of the Student Union on Tuesday after a day full of music practice.  
Ashley Gomez/For the DRC

These photos were contributed by University of North Texas students in the Mayborn School of Journalism's Advanced Photojournalism Portfolio course.

## COURTS



Sean Gabriel Blake Harding

## Charges could be dismissed for two former officers

Pair accused of abuse of authority are now in pretrial diversion program

By Brooke Colombo  
Staff Writer

Two former Denton County officers admitted to abusing their authority but could have their criminal cases dismissed through the district attorney's pretrial diversion program.

If the cases are dismissed, it is possible they could become state-licensed peace officers again. Official records of their criminal cases could be destroyed, too.

First Assistant District Attorney

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

# How UNT takes a \$5 student fee and turns it into campuswide sustainability

By Preston Barta  
For Denton County Magazine

If you look closely at the University of North Texas, beyond the bustle of the Union and the daily migration of students, you'll see a campus gradually blossoming with purpose.

You might catch this in the flash of a monarch butterfly resting on milkweed in the Pollinative

Prairie, or in a bolt of indigo-dyed fabric fluttering in the Sustainable Arts Garden. Here, "Mean Green" is more than a spirited chant — it's an ethos shaped and sustained by students, faculty and staff.

At the heart of this transformation is the We Mean Green Fund, a homegrown initiative that proves what can happen when a university community puts its money

and conviction behind a better tomorrow.

### The seed money

This grassroots story began more than a decade ago, in 2010, when students voted to back their values with a \$5 environmental service fee each long semester.

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Courtesy photo/UNT

A student researcher observes the blooms at the Pollinative Prairie. Located at UNT's Discovery Park, this massive restoration effort supported by the We Mean Green Fund is transforming university land back into a native ecosystem.

## Ponder sweeps baseball series with Pilot Point

Ponder started fast and never looked back on its way to completing a series sweep of Pilot Point with Friday's 10-0 win. >> Sports, 12A



## Dan Patrick adds items to Texas Senate priorities

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick instructed state senators to study a broad range of policy issues, including prediction markets, data centers, THC and more >> State, 4A



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