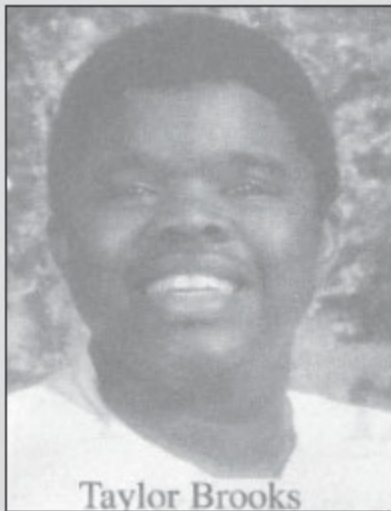


YOUTH NEWS & ISSUES

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JUST KICKING IT

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Sharing The Good News

UNT recognized for number of minority degrees conferred
 DENTON (UNT), Texas fl The University of North Texas has been named among the top 50 colleges and universities in the United States based on the number of degrees conferred to minority students by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine.

The number of minority students earning degrees in the 2006-2007 academic year at UNT increased by 19 percent over the previous year, elevating the university to 46th on the Diverse list. The magazine has produced the list annually for the past 15 years utilizing U.S. Department of Education statistics.

These results demonstrate our commitment to student success and diversity. We focus our efforts on creating a student-centered and inclusive learning

environment. The increases in the graduation rates of minority students provides evidence of our effective efforts," said Dr. Gilda Garcia, UNT vice president for Institutional Diversity and Equity. "We have been successful in attracting minority students, and more importantly, we are graduating minority students. Obviously we need to do more, and we will. We look forward to even greater increases in the coming years."

"It is our responsibility to prepare students for their next step – working in a diverse, global economy. A college experience rich in diversity will go a long way toward preparing each of our graduates for success. At the same time, ensuring that we attract and graduate minority students will provide new avenues of success for all of us in terms of a robust, growing economy fueled by new ideas and new ways of working," Garcia said.

For the 2006-2007 academic year, 1,117 American Indian, black and Hispanic students received degrees from UNT, which represented approximately 27 percent of the graduating class.

UNT's Hispanic and black student enrollment has increased dramatically since 2000, with Hispanic enrollment up 81 percent compared to the state average among colleges and universities of 45 percent. Black student enrollment has climbed 72 percent compared to the state average of 40 percent over the same period. Today, almost 25 percent of the 28,000 undergraduates at UNT are Hispanic or black.

The University of North Texas is a student-centered public research university and the flagship of the UNT System. One of Texas' largest universities, UNT offers 99 bachelor's, 104 master's and 49 doctoral degree programs, many nationally and internationally recognized. UNT's more than 34,000 students Discover the power of ideas.



Keeping It Real

By: Taylor Brooks

Its summer time and the bugs are busy, I heard this little bit of news and wanted to share it, try it and see if it works for you.

New Use For Listerine

I was at a deck party awhile back, and the mosquitoes were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared.

The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby.

I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works! In fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes.

So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house.

During the summer, I don't leave home without it.....

Leading up to the Declaration of Independence

Though the years leading up to this day were charged with popular colonial dissent— as Mr Jefferson reports from the Virginia House of Burgesses in the spring of 1773 the struggle against the hand of the British Parliament is at a stalemate. A clever and temperate Prime Minister, Lord North has, through diplomacy & by staying the tempers of an aggressive Parliament, defused what was to become a popular uprising in the colonies

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