ACHIEVERS

UTD newspaper wins 27 journalism awards

Staff members of The UTD Mercury, the student-run newspaper at the University of Texas at Dallas, won 27 awards — including four first-place honors — for journalistic excellence at the 97th annual conference in Dallas of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association, the oldest and largest press association of its kind in the United States.

UTD gives scholarships to young chess winners

The University of Texas at Dallas awarded three separate full-tuition-and-fees, four-year scholarships to the top performers at the "SuperNationals" of chess competition held in Nashville, Tenn. The winners of the scholarships, each of which has a cash value of about $48,000 to non-Texas residents, were Joel Banawa, a 15-year-old from Los Angeles, Ray Robson, a 10-year-old from Largo, Fla., and Xiao Cheng, a 15-year-old from Alpharetta, Ga.