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Upcoming events

International Conflicts Research Presentation

Dr. Marcus Stadelman and Dr. Bob Sterken, political science professors, will discuss international conflicts with students, at 6 p.m., March 29, in the Muntz Library.

The lecture will cover the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, The Six-Day War of 1967, and the Kosovo War.

Martin Luther King III

The R. Don Cowan Center Fine and Performing Arts Center's distinguished lecture series will feature Martin Luther King III at 7 p.m. on April 13.

Tickets are available through the Cowan Center box office for \$16 and \$26. Tickets for a reception following

Gettin' Kinky in the UC

By Travis Webb
Associate Editor

For at least one man in Texas, "Why the hell not?" is as good a reason as any to run for governor.

Students and Tyler locals lined up last week for the chance to shake hands with that man, musician, author and self-styled "Jewish cowboy," Kinky Friedman.

Friedman is running as an independent candidate in the upcoming Texas gubernatorial race.

Friedman put in an appearance in the University Center open area to talk about his campaign and take questions from the audience.

The National Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, sponsored the event, which attracted a crowd of about 200.

"We can't specifically sponsor one candidate or the other, our goal is really just to try and get younger people more interested in politics," said Pi Sigma Alpha president Vecky Elliot.

After receiving a standing ovation, Friedman then kicked off his speech by discussing what he sees as the problems of Texas government.

"We're 50th in education, 50th in care for the elderly and I think we should be first in something besides toll roads, property taxes and executions," he said.

Friedman condemned the politics of fringe groups from the far right and left while insisting on the importance of independent political spirit.

"There's an independent spirit in this country but especially so in Texas," Friedman said. "By the time November rolls around the soul of

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Kinky quotes

• "I'm running for governor, not God."

• "I don't know how many supporters I have, but they all carry guns."

• "I'm gonna' de-wussify Texas, if I have to do it one wuss at a time."

• "I'll sign anything but bad legislation."

• "Why the hell not."

• "Texas is a capital that was built for giants, but is inhabited by midgets."

• "My heroes are teachers, firefighters, cops and cowboys."

Quotes obtained from the website



reception following the lecture are \$51. For more information or for tickets, contact the box office at (903) 566-7424 or visit www.uttyler.edu/cowan.

Patriot Idol

An American Idol - style competition will take place at 1 p.m. on April 7, in the University Center.

Individual or group performers can sign up by contacting Donna Roberson in in ADM 227.

Garage sale

A garage sale will take place 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 7, in the parking lot of the Engineering building.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Engineering Student Association.

Toga Party

The Student Government Association will sponsor a toga party from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. on March 31, in the University Center open area.

The event will include a costume contest.

Fax information about upcoming events to the Patriot Talon at (903) 565-5601 or go www.patriottalon.com

Independent candidate for Texas governor, Kinky Friedman spoke to students, staff and visitors and signed autographs in the University Center, March 20. Freidman must collect 45,000 verifiable signatures of registered Texas voters before he can be added to November's ballot. If elected, Friedman will be the first Independent governor of Texas since Sam Houston in 1859.

Photo by: Brantley Essary

Photos obtained from the website www.kinkyfreidman.com.

Fee increase up for vote

By Erin Buller
Associate Editor

University officials will ask students to increase the athletic fee by a \$5 per semester credit hour in an April 12 referendum to support the growing needs in the athletic department.

If approved, the current fee of \$7 per semester credit hour would be raised to \$10 for the 2007-08 academic year, \$11 in 2009 and \$12 in 2010, said athletics director Dr. Howard Patterson.

The referendum will appear on April 12 -13 Student Government Association election ballot. Balloting is set for 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the University Center open area.

If approved, the new fee would be assessed beginning in the fall of 2007, said Patterson.

Lynne Culverhouse, assistant vice president for business affairs said the current fee raised \$864,879 for the 2005-06 academic year, paying for coach's salaries, maintenance and operation of athletic fields and travel for the teams. The fee is currently capped at \$105, per student, per semester, which would be raised to \$150 if approved.

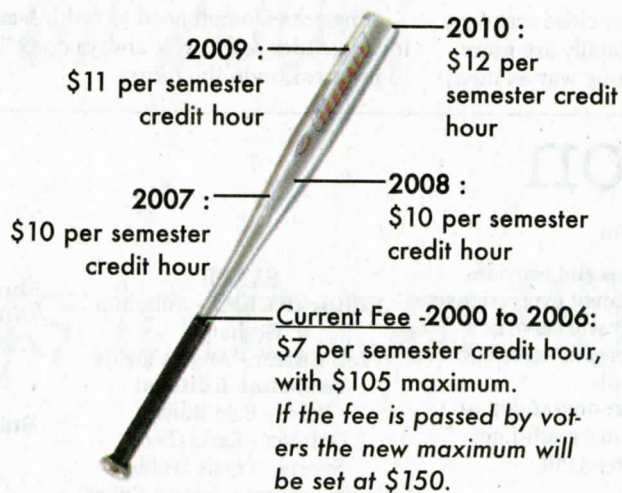
Patterson said the athletics department is running out of money with a budget of about \$1 million to support 13 teams.

"When you do the math you will see that the 2005-06 budget ... is \$221,343 less than we need to pay all bills this year," Patterson said.

If approved, the new budget is projected to be \$1.3

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Proposed athletics fee increase



Graphic by: Adrienne Graham

SGA loses president

By Erin Buller
Associate Editor

Dustin Tallent resigned as president of the Student Government Association on March 22 after being dismissed from office due to excessive absences.

In February, Tallent was up for an absence review after missing three executive council meetings, closed sessions of the officers held at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays.

"We asked him why he missed the [three] meetings and he said he was on vacation, overslept and had a flat tire," Austin O'Kelly vice president and now acting president said.

But during the Feb. 22 general assembly meeting the senators voted against dismissing him, opting to give him one more chance.

That chance came March 21 when

he missed his fourth meeting and was automatically dismissed from office, O'Kelly said.

"Dustin's friend died, and he had to attend to the family in Nacogdoches. We did kick him out, but not officially," vice president Austin O'Kelly said. "Before the general meeting the executive council will meet with him personally. The general assembly can vote to reinstate him."

But according to the SGA constitution and bylaws, only the Student Judicial Board can reinstate any member removed from office "on a case by case basis."

The Student Judicial Board is made up of five full-time students appointed by the officers and senators who serve for the duration of their years at the University. They may not be SGA officers or senators.

O'Kelly said the board "doesn't exist" when asked about the rules, and said they have not been called into session this year.

"It was a big mess, I wish he would have shown up," O'Kelly said.

But Tallent avoided the process of appealing his dismissal when he tendered his resignation last week.

Parliamentarian Eric Figueroa said Tallent himself determined the number of absences members could have before being dismissed.

"We followed the rules of the opinions policy. We did what we thought was the right thing, but we didn't have enough information to really make a decision," Figueroa said. "In our executive council meeting we didn't have any advisers there. One way

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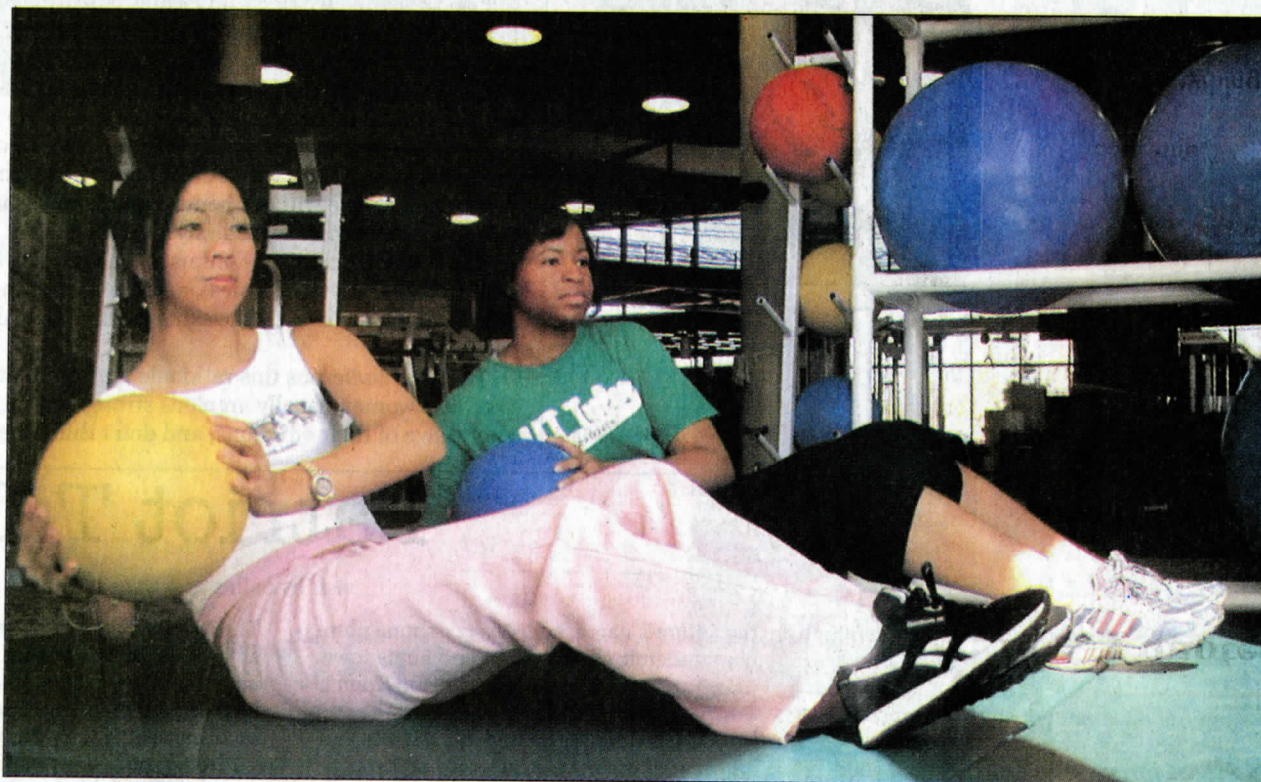


Photo by: Daisy Enggina

Senior nursing students Emma Lamoc, left, and Tiffany Chalk, right, work out to log more hours on the last day of the Fitness Challenge, March 10, in the Herrington Patriot Center.

Lazy media fuels fears

For the last four or five years, mostly since the souring of the Iraqi invasion, it seems that when the President's poll numbers dip, the terror threat level goes up.

And lately, the same seems to be true of various military operations overseas; most recently, Operation Swarmer.

Hyped as the largest aerial operation of its kind since the start of the war, military insiders have since gone on record as saying that the operation was neither larger or much different than many of the previous developments.

This may very well have been an attempt to amp up the President's abysmal approval ratings.

I can't say that for certain. But I do know that the Department of Defense sent great footage to the national broadcasters. Given the DOD's



THE LAST
LAUGH

TRAVIS WEBB

usual reticence, it's rather odd that they would send out footage they shot themselves.

Of course, that's just speculation on my part.

But it is clear that the media, particularly broadcast journalists, have once again run wild solely on the basis of good footage. But good footage does not a story make.

I have a cousin in Iraq. His parents were rather upset when they heard of Operation Swarmer, but were doubly so to learn that it was rather typical of military operations in Iraq.

The gung-ho conviction to base news coverage on footage resulted in good Americans getting overly concerned without

justification.

I call that irresponsible journalism. (If I can call it journalism at all.)

Newspapers, long predicted to be going the way of the Dodo, didn't seem fooled.

Those who picked up Operation Swarmer did so away from the front page.

Now, I'm not saying that our men and women over in Iraq are not newsworthy. They're heroes one and all and they deserve all the coverage they can get.

But the continuous hype over stories that, while photogenic, are neither well researched nor balanced, well that's just poor reporting.

It is the job of the media to be fair, to be accurate and to remain balanced. The White House can do its own public relations.

Win, lose, or weird

The good, the bad and the bizarre - here is what our editorial board believes about what's going on in the news today.

Talon editorial board: Adrienne Graham, Karla Clark, Jessica Chiles, Erin Buller, and Travis Webb

Two teen boys in California posed as a 15 year-old girl on Myspace.com, leading to the arrest of a 48 year-old sex offender who tried to meet the fictitious "Jessica" in person for sex on March 6.



The U.S. government refuses to issue a medical visa to 6 year-old Tuan Van Cao from Vietnam. The child has a potentially fatal blood infection due to a bungled operation performed in Vietnam on his diseased hip bones. Vietnam doctors say the procedure is too risky to perform in Vietnam.



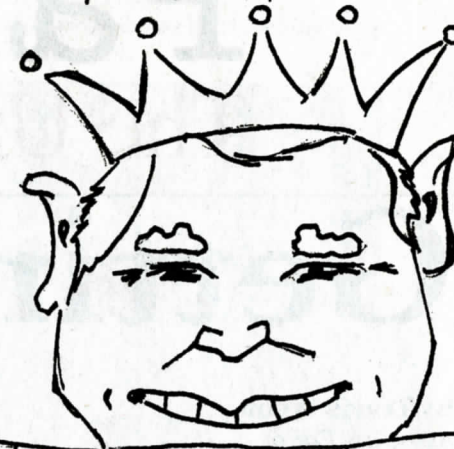
Iran snubs Russia's offer to enrich uranium on its behalf on March 12, striking down the most recent diplomatic proposal to ebb global concerns about Iran's nuclear weapons development program.



Eighty-nine percent of fourth-graders in Mississippi scored a "proficient or better" on the state reading test, but only 18 percent scored as well on the federal reading test.



CAN ALL THE KING'S HORSES
AND ALL THE KING'S MEN
PUT HUMPTY DUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN?



ASHBY OG

Oscars mask hidden agendas

Aside from nearly boring me to death, the 78th annual Academy Awards proved two disturbing trends prevalent in American culture: the tendency to parody and using entertainment as a platform for advancing social agendas.

It is almost impossible to pick out a distinct winner among the films that received Oscars. *Brokeback Mountain*,



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correctness pervaded the Oscars. It was a platform for Hollywood to spout its agenda and draw a line of demarcation between itself and mainstream America.

guts to make the movie but is too frightened to admit he had an agenda. Every year, the Oscars turn into a political rally or a forum for advancing counterpoint to anything considered the norm.

Instead, Hollywood tries to walk the line (excuse the pun) between edginess and fairness in its selections. When it attempts both, the public is subjected to a mediocre award

cent scored as well on the federal reading test.

Faculty and staff are participating in Governor Rick Perry's 3rd annual Texas Round-Up Fitness initiative, which means participants must be physically active for 30 minutes a day five days a week from March 6 - April 29.



Daisuke Enomoto, a former executive of a struggling Internet site has been selected to become the nation's first space tourist. He will fly to the international space station in September. He was selected by a U.S. company organizing private space trips.

Mr. Alpha Chi Omega competition held on March 9 in the University Center raised over \$100 for victims of domestic violence.



among the films that received Oscars. *Brokeback Mountain*, clearly the favorite among the Hollywood elite, claimed two major awards, one for writing and one for directing. It failed to snag the Best Picture, a surprise and disappointment for many.

Crash claimed the prize for Best Picture. Although I'm a fan of Robert Altman, *Crash* certainly was not the best movie last year.

I could go on, but the point is that no single film stood out as the clear victor, the symbol of filmmaking excellence the movie-going public should demand.

An atmosphere of political

between itself and mainstream America.

In his acceptance speech for Best Supporting Actor, George Clooney praised Hollywood for being the first to advance unpopular beliefs. He said he was "proud to be out of touch."

Ang Lee, disappointed that *Brokeback Mountain* was passed over for Best Picture, claimed movies are examples of dissent. "That's," he said, "why we make movies."

Lee also said *Brokeback Mountain* was "a very ordinary movie," and that he never tried to make any sort of statement with his film.

It's absurd that Lee has the

attempts both, and the public is subjected to a mediocre experience during what should be the best day of the year for moviegoers.

I am so sick of Hollywood pushing its political agenda while I'm trying to view a show intended to honor the finest filmmaking of the year.

I have no problem with films that try to make statements. But when the voters intentionally slant their picks based on agenda, political correctness, or fear of public backlash, they depart from the spirit of everything movies are supposed to be about in the first place: entertainment.

Femi-nazis advocate "choice" yet condemn housewives

Since the dawn of the women's rights movement, the liberal and conservative schools of women's advocates wrangle over the definition of "fairness."

The crowning of lesbian Jennifer Jones as Homecoming King on Feb. 18 at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland just might signify the end of the struggle.

"It is cool that Hood allows people to be themselves," 21-year-old Jones said, referring to her accepted nomination as "king," despite her gender.

Old-fashioned women's advocates like myself believe women bring a unique contribution to society - one just as important and vital to the progress of society as men's - although different. Because of their vital role in and out of the home and as child-raisers, women must have equal coverage under the law.

Not to say women shouldn't pursue a career, or can't pursue academia within their own home; merely that they should have freedom of choice without being condemned as intellectually "inferior" by the feminist community.

The modern school of feminist thought believe women are identical to men - on the physical, emotional, and mental plane - and since women are exactly the same as men, they deserve equal treatment.

However ludicrous this rationale may seem under close scrutiny, (because women usually aren't as strong as men, usually are more expressive of their emotions, and don't think the same way as men)



MS.
RIGHT
KARLA CLARK

militant feminists have all but stamped out voices of reason within the women's rights movement by rooting out the voices of old-fashioned opposition.

They have convinced the culture no inherent differences exist between women and men by going to America's greatest battlefield to spread their doctrine - the hearts and minds of vulnerable schoolchildren.

When teachers advocate the business-driven female in the classrooms and brainwash female students into believing "homemaking" is somehow inferior to a lucrative, high-power career, of course intellectual girls will believe they need to compete in "the man's world."

Teachers show students pictures of Hillary Clinton, Nadine Strosser, and Janet Reno dressed in official business suits to demonstrate the woman's evolution from the 1950s, when homemakers stood around washing dishes and wearing aprons.

In pursuit of these lies, so many American women trade a future family life for a career. Or worse, they believe raising children is an ineffectual way to spend their time and will be looked down on for it, and put their kids in daycare to make time for work.

In the end, many women are left with broken marriages, broken children, broken dreams and miserable jobs. With the large amount of dissatisfaction of women in the workforce today, it has never been more evident that women are more out of their element than ever.

American women need to rethink culture's dismissal of old-fashioned gender roles. Not always does "liberation" from the past lead to progression in the future.



Cartoon by Travis Webb

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What's in your closet?

Guys:

Name — Corey Kellem
Year — Sophomore
Major — Economics
Favorite things — Running, being a member of the Cross Country team
Favorite brands — Guess and the Gap
Thing he couldn't live without — Rings and bracelets — "They represent faith."






Random graphic T-shirts (with under-shirt)

Distressed and Faded blue jeans

Accessories (plain silver rings and leather or hemp bracelets)

In a very un-scientific survey conducted by the *Patriot Talon* we asked, "What is one item in your wardrobe you couldn't live without?" Here are your responses:

		
Blue Jeans = 20 percent*	Shoes (tennis shoes, boots) = 15 percent	Bras and underwear = 30 percent
		Shirts (hoodies, t-shirts) = 15 percent
		Accessories (rings, jewelry, purses) = 20 percent

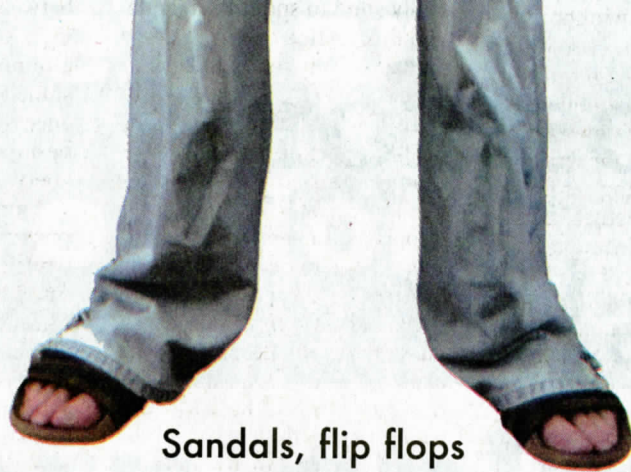
Flip flop photos courtesy Oldnavy.com * One flip flop equals 10 percent

Gals:

Layered pieces in contrasting or bold colors

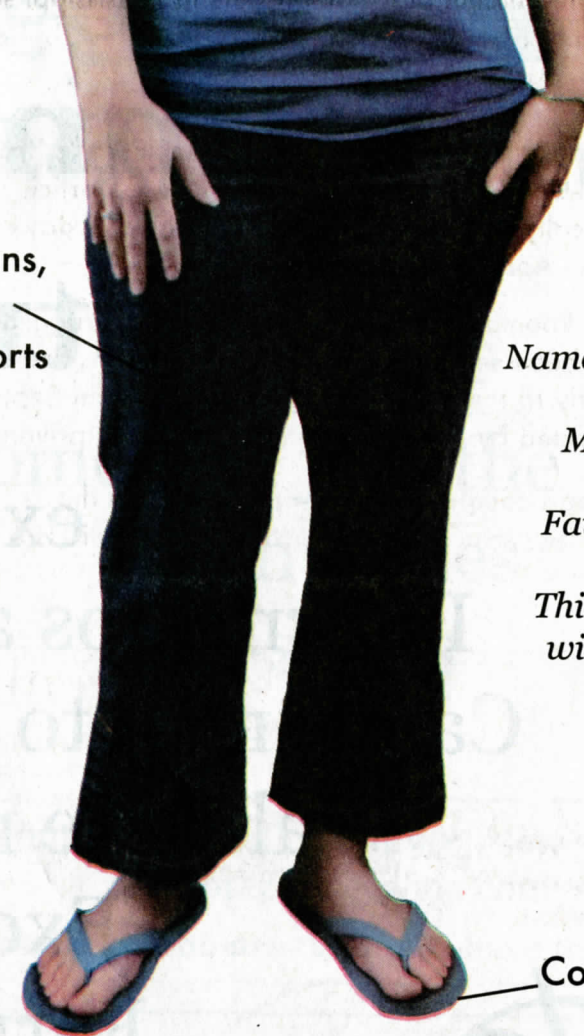


Capped-sleeved shirts in bold colors



Sandals, flip flops

Cropped jeans, capri's or bermuda shorts



Name — **Lacey Wright**
Year — Sophomore
Major — Mechanical Engineering
Favorite brand — Old Navy
Thing she couldn't live without — Blue Jeans

What's in...



Cargo shorts



Gaucho pants



Embellished tanks

Colorful flip flops

Photos courtesy Oldnavy.com and Target.com

TIDBITS

Universal Pictures and the online rental firm Lovefilm are launching what they say is the world's first download-to-own movie service in Britain. Movies will be priced from \$35 for the latest releases to \$17.50 for older films (from the BBC.com).

KOLKATA, India (Reuters) — A giant aldabra tortoise thought to be around 250 years old died of liver failure in the Kolkata zoo last week.

SAN ANTONIO — Texas has begun sending undercover agents into bars to arrest drinkers for being drunk, according to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

"It's pretty easy for me to be naked. I'm a person who feels that if it's appropriate for the character I'm playing then it's no big thing."
— 48-year-old actress Sharon Stone on appearing naked in Basic Instinct II.

Student earns extra cash over spring break at local morgue

By **Travis Webb**
Associate Editor

While most of my peers were on their way home, or maybe to South Padre for spring break, I was getting ready for work.

I packed a bag of clothes, a good book and stuffed the fairly random contents of my fridge into a cooler.

I would be spending my first weekend of spring break at Southeast Texas Forensic Center.

As a contracted employee, it's my job to stay at the center, or the "morgue" for short, all weekend long, eating, living and sleeping there from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Sunday.

Unfortunately people don't always pass away during business hours, so morgues are required to have someone present to check in bodies 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Should a body come in, it's the employee's

job to take them off the funeral home's gurney, put a toe tag on the body and transfer it to an autopsy table. Then you roll the table into the morgue cooler and fill out a logbook.

It's simple enough and really only requires enough physical strength to move a body but it's potentially very upsetting and definitely not a job for everyone.

I thought it wouldn't be a problem for me. And most of the weekend I was right, due mainly to the fact that almost nobody came in.

Skip ahead to Saturday night, around 4:30 a.m. or so.

There I am, soundly asleep when the buzzer for the back door wakes me up. I stumble out while putting on latex gloves and an apron. Opening the door I met the driver from a local funeral home and there it was, my first body.

For confidential reasons I can't say much about it, but the victim was young, close to my own age or even younger.

The funeral home truck left and with the cooler closed up, I walked back to the little bedroom. I flipped channels for an hour or so hoping to get some sleep.

At least I tried.

Instead, I laid there, wide-awake and even though I've found it dangerous in the past, I started thinking.

And by morning I was really glad I'd taken the job. It woke me up to the reality of death and taught me the value of appreciating life.

This life we take for granted, and all the useless junk we use to fill up our time, all that could be gone at any second. And I realized that every minute of my life is one that I'll never get back.

It's a rare event when I can say that I learned something life-changing over spring break. Nice work if you can get it.

But I'm not really in a hurry to get back.

Sorority names first Mr. Spring Break

By Adrienne Graham
Editor in Chief

Members of Alpha Chi Omega raised more than \$100 for victims of domestic violence and voted Chad Sanchez, a senior nursing major, Mr. Spring Break 2006 on March 9.

About 90 people paid a \$1 entry fee to watch 10 male contestants show off their physiques in a toga competition, give their best pick-up line and, and finally serenade the audience. The contest ended with all the contestants returning to the stage to model beachwear.

A panel of Alpha Chi Omega members voted on the contest winner.

"I was thrilled when members of the group asked me to be in their Mr. Spring Break contest," Sanchez said.

The Mr. Spring Break contest is the first event organized on campus by Alpha Chi Omega since its formation in January.

"We just wanted to get our name out there before spring break," Katelynn Denny, Alpha

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I'm glad the contest was a success and I'm honored to be Mr. Alpha Chi. Chad Sanchez Senior nursing student and Mr. Spring Break

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Chi Omega president said.

Denny said the organization used 'Facebook,' an online campus social networking site, to advertise and recruit contestants for the event.

Contestants paid a \$3 entry fee. One dollar of which went to charity, and the other two went to a cash prize for Sanchez.

"I figured the least I could do is donate \$3 dollars. I'm glad the contest was a success and I am honored to be Mr. Alpha Chi," Sanchez said.



Photo by: Adrienne Graham

Chad Sanchez, right, tells Katie Lawrence, senior nursing major, left, "My name is Mr. Right, I heard you were looking for me," during the pick up line contest at the Alpha Chi Omega Mr. Spring Break competition on March 9. The contest raised over \$100 for victims of domestic violence.

Tallent

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or another we're going to make sure the students are taken care of."

O'Kelly presided over the March 22 general assembly meeting. He announced to the representatives that the president had resigned and that he would take over his duties until May 1 when the new officers take office.

Sorrel said she believes the senators and other officers are taking the change well.

"I think they understand what's going on. We will back Austin as well as Dustin," Sorrel said.

During the spring 2005 election Tallent said he had plans to "get to work and make the student government more organized instead of throwing pool parties," according to the April 4, 2005 *Talon* report.

He kept his word by contributing to student life, adding the Disc Golf course and bowling out in the end to retain order.

Phone calls to Tallent for a comment were not returned before press time.

Fees

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million, more than enough for the growing athletic department to spend, Patterson said.

Patterson said the program has grown so much since 2000 there is an immediate need for assistant coaches and more money for travel and field maintenance.

"The initial fee was set too low six years ago. It started at \$5 per semester credit hour and went to \$7, which is where it has been for the last three years," Patterson said. "Budgets were projected based on the American Southwest Conference average budgets for a division three athletics program."

When the fee was initially implemented in November 2000, students passed the proposal with 66 percent of voters favoring the change.

Patterson said now the athletics program is becoming nationally competitive, which raises travel costs, recruitment and time put in by the coaches.

"The women's basketball team has won conference two years in a row. The tennis team went to California over spring break. So we're getting the image of a national University through our athletic program," he said.

Patterson said if approved by the students it would still have to be approved by the UT system chancellor and board of regents before taking effect.

Patterson said the fee was adequate for the first few years of its inception. There were only two athletic teams in the 2001-02 academic year and then six more teams were added in 2003-04.

"Once basketball, baseball and volleyball came on line the fee was not adequate. When you add the 13th sport, softball and field maintenance it is obvious we need a fee increase," Patterson said.

Patterson said the fee increase would benefit the average student in ways they couldn't imagine.

"From the beginning the students came to the president and asked him for an athletic program. They wanted it to feel more like a college," he said. "Student life typically starts with athletics, it helps to diversify the student population."

He said there are around 250 students who are at the University who would not be here if not for the athletic program. He said athletics helps with school spirit and to bolster the image of the University among other schools.

He said one thing many students are not aware of is the fact that none of the student athletes are on athletic scholarship.

"We don't have a budget for athletic scholarships. They may be on academic scholarships, but division three is a model of student who's also an athlete," he said.

Patterson said if the fee were not approved this time, it would affect the athletic program in a negative way.

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UT Tyler's image is first class, and if they don't pass the fee it will change the image of the University.

**Dr. Howard Patterson
Athletics Director**

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"I can't imagine it not passing. I think the students will pass it. UT-Tyler's image is first class, and if they don't pass the fee it will change the image of the University," Patterson said.

SGA president Dustin Tallent said Patterson laid out the proposal at an executive council meeting March 7 asking the SGA to place the increase on their upcoming election ballot.

"The increase is not up to the SGA, the students vote on it," Tallent said. "Whether or not it's a student concern is up to us."

"Patterson told us the program is running out of money. With the new fields and equipment the program can't catch up," Tallent said.

The fee is paid by every student and allows students to go to athletic events for free. A full-time student taking 12 semester credit hours pays \$84 per semester.

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Students to vote on next officers, senators

By Erin Buller
Associate Editor

Student voters head to the polls April 12 and 13 to decide who will run the Student Government Association next year.

Balloting will be in the University Center open area from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Parliamentarian Eric Figueroa said the ballot has not been finalized, but he and other officers also hope to have a new constitution ready for ratification.

“The constitution is a long process. It’s kind of a comprehensive rewrite. We didn’t want to change any policy, but we wanted to make it clear. Right now it’s hard to find things. We wanted to consolidate it and make it easier to reference,” Figueroa said. “As far as policy, not much as changed.”

But acting president Austin O’Kelly said he doesn’t believe the process will be completed in time to make it on the April ballot. O’Kelly replaced former

president Dustin Tallent who resigned last week.

Figueroa said the ballots must be finalized a week before the election “because that’s when we have to get them printed.”

Figueroa said in order for students to vote they must present their student identification and vote within their own college for senators. He said there would be a list of students and classifications for the poll workers to look up and highlight as they vote.

Every senator position is open accept freshmen senators, with three senators from every college and two from University Pines Apartments and Patriot Village. Freshmen senators are elected in the fall.

Potential candidates must fill out an application that can be found outside the SGA offices in University Center 244 and 246. Applications are due March 28, after which there will be a candidates meeting and one week to campaign.

To run for senator, students must be a regularly enrolled stu-

dent from the college in which they are running.

To run for executive office candidates must have served one year as a senator or officer and be a full-time student.

The requirements for president, vice president and parliamentarian are more stringent because they must be a junior or senior as well as meet all the other requirements.

According to the SGA constitution and bylaws, notice of elections to students must be given no less than four weeks prior to the elections.

Both O’Kelly and Figueroa said proper notice was not given, but neither can explain why.

“I’ve been getting the word out like crazy,” Figueroa said. “It’s been in the student life committee.”

“We should have had it in paper form, but word of mouth will suffice,” O’Kelly said.

The bylaws do not say anything about word of mouth sufficing as proper notice.

Kinky

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Texas will be riding on this campaign.”

Friedman’s speech centered around his “No Teacher Left Behind” campaign for education reform, an energy policy heavy on renewable fuel sources and his condemnation of lobbyists.

“Nobody owns the Kinkster, nobody,” he said.

Friedman also touched on toll roads and the Trans-Texas Corridor project, which he said is harmful for small farmers.

“I’m for the little-fellers, not the Rockefellers,” he said.

Friedman, whose unorthodox campaign includes bumper stickers with the slogan “My governor is a Jewish cowboy” has attracted considerable media attention, including an appearance on the CBS program, 60 Minutes.

The entertainer turned would-be governor will be competing against incumbent republican Rick

Perry and fellow independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Independent candidates in Texas need more than 45,000 signatures of registered voters, and only those who didn’t vote in the party primaries, in order to get on the ballot in November.

Friedman, whose campaign largely seemed comical when he first announced his intentions, assured potential voters of his seriousness.

“This got more significant, more meaningful for me at 12:01 p.m. during the primaries when I and 500 people stood at the capitol for the first signatures. I think we’ve got a real chance to win this thing,” he said.

Friedman supporters will be gathering signatures in downtown Bullard on April 1, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Police Reports

Traffic

Feb. 24 – Officers cited an underage driver with citations for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and failing to stop at a stop sign.

March 1 – A University coach reported an off campus traffic accident in an athletic department leased vehicle. The accident resulted in property damage only.

March 6 – Officers noticed a vehicle entering the exit gate of Patriot Village Apartments. The driver did not live in the complex and was asked to leave.

Miscellaneous

Feb. 23 – Officers checked on a University student having chest pains at the Art Studio.

Feb. 24 – A cellular phone valued at \$80 was reported missing by a University student.

Feb. 27 – A University faculty member reported a cell phone charger taken from an office in the Business Administration Building, room 220.

March 3 – Underage students were reported possessing alcohol at University Pines Apartments Building 2. The alcohol was seized.

March 4 – Officers checked on a R. Don Cowan Center staff member who fell in the lobby.

March 9 – Officers investigated a person throwing eggs at University Pines Apartments between Buildings 2 and 6.

March 15 – After meeting with University Pines Apartments management, officers issued a search warrant in Building 5. Upon search, officers found and seized anabolic steroids, needles, and alcohol. The case is still under investigation.

Update

March 24 – Tyler resident Leonardo Ybara Benedictos, 42, plead guilty to theft charges alleging he took up to \$30,000 worth of electronics and furniture from the University over an 18 month period. Judge Jack Skeen of the 241st District Court sentenced the former contract employee to five years of differed probation. Benedictos was employed as a mover by Service Solutions, a maintenance company contracted by the University, when the thefts took place.

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Photo by: Will McDonald

Merle Haggard entertains a sold out crowd on Wed. night with the Bob Wills song "Take Me Back to Tulsa" at Southern Junction in Rockwall. Haggard is the winner of 6 Country Music Awards and was inducted in the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1994.

Merle Haggard keeps on playin'

By Will McDonald
Staff Writer

Few living legends of American music still record and tour today. Even fewer retain the sharpness of their glory days. That's why Merle Haggard's sold out show at Rockwall's Southern Junction Nightclub and Steakhouse on March 8 truly was an awe-inspiring event.

Haggard's band, The Strangers, started off the evening with about 3 songs before Mighty Merle took the stage to a standing ovation and a sea of flashbulbs.

As he strapped on his custom Telecaster and began his set, it was clear the Poet of the Common Man hadn't lost a step.

Weaving back and forth between his own original classics and covers of his heroes, Haggard's set was tight and precise. The Strangers seem to have aged like a fine wine as long-time drummer Biff Adam kept the perfect classic Haggard rhythm tasteful and to the point.

Haggard surprised the crowd early with his cover of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" before briefly

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segueing into a verse of Roger Miller's "Dang Me." Classic Haggard drinking songs such as "Misery and Gin," "Honky Tonk Nighttime Man" and "Swinging Doors" kept the drunks drinking and the bar tenders busy.

Merle cleanly chicken picked through train shuffling country and even played tasty blues solo's, but the highlight of the evening came as Haggard picked up his fiddle for two Bob Wills covers, "Liza Jane" and "Take Me Back to Tulsa." Wills, a lifelong hero of Haggard, presented Merle with his fiddle before passing away in 1975.

Haggard closed the evening with his classic "Okie from Muskogee" before thanking fans and departing to open up for the Rolling Stones in Little Rock the following evening.

Still relevant and still just as good of a musician as his younger years, Haggard more than made a case for being one, if not the, most important songwriter in American history.

Failure to Launch is big waste of time Matrix masterminds hit the mark with new action thriller



Photo Courtesy of: Frank Masi and Paramount Pictures

Matthew McConaughey, left, as "Tripp," and Sarah Jessica Parker as "Paula," star in Paramount Pictures' "Failure to Launch." Tripp is a 35-year-old bachelor who never left the nest.

By Jeremy Light
Staff Writer

The title proclaims more than it doth know. This clunky exercise in paint-by-numbers romantic comedy does no favors for the cast members or the audience.

Matthew McConaughey stars as Tripp, a quintessential player who lives at home with his parents, even though he's thirty-five years old.

Eager for him to move out of the house, his parents hire Paula, portrayed by Sarah Jessica Parker, to give their son the confidence to move out on his own.

Both are adept at keeping meaningful personal relationships at arm's length. Though the materi-

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al is tired and dialogue remarkably predictable, these are not the primary flaws.

Failure to Launch just isn't funny. There's a weird series of animal attacks that really have no relevance to anything. They are lame attempts at slapstick that serve neither the plot nor the funny bone.

The one positive note is Zooey Deschanel, who was the only actor to retain dignity by the end.

This movie is similar to a much funnier film, *The Tao of Steve*, with Donal Logue. Rent that one and save this one for times of desperation.

** 2 out of 5 stars

By Jeremy Light
Staff Writer

The Wachowski Brothers are back to form with the release of *V for Vendetta*. After their failure to deliver satisfaction with the *Matrix* trilogy, the two have achieved wonders with the graphic novel-turned-action flick.

The story takes place in a not-too-distant future totalitarian society where citizens are subject to curfews and extreme censorship.

V is the name of the freedom fighter (or terrorist depending on which side you're on) who exercises his vengeance, both personal and political, on the key leaders of Great Britain.

Played elegantly by Hugo Weaving (of Agent Smith fame) and perpetually behind a Guy Fawkes mask, V wields sharp knives and a sharper intellect to combat the authoritarian society.

After saving a girl named Evey (played by Natalie Portman) from a violent street



Photo Courtesy of: KRT Campus

Natalie Portman as "Evey," left, and Hugo Weaving as "V" in "V for Vendetta."

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attack, V recruits her into his revolution.

Modern-day political parallels aside, *V* is that rare filmmaking exercise when intelligence inhabits the same field as action.

The film is sharp, bleak, and the best film of the year thus

Parker as "Paula," star in Paramount Pictures "Failure to Launch." Tripp is a 35-year-old bachelor who never left the nest.

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desperation. ** 2 out of 5 stars

After saving a girl named Evey (played by Natalie Portman) from a violent street

The film is sharp, break, and the best film of the year thus far. **** 4 out of 5 stars



Happy Birthday Aries!

Aries

Oh crap, is it really time to do these again? You know it's really hard to keep thinking of stuff that's at least mostly funny. Mostly.

Taurus

It may now be time for you to rethink your priorities. After all, you've most likely got years of school left, but the Texas State beer Pong Tournament only rolls around once a year.

Gemini

Your stars speak of troubles in your love life. Perhaps your attempts to use the Jedi mind trick to impress members of the opposite sex are a tad misguided.

HOROSCOPES

by Travis Webb
Associate Editor

Cancer

With tuition steadily climbing every year, you may be dealing with some financial troubles in the near future. I hear the market for contract assassinations is booming right now, you should check that out.

Leo

You may soon notice a shift in your political beliefs. This is normal for those exposed to a university environment, but honestly your decision to immigrate to Cuba on a raft made of particleboard and old sneakers may need some rethinking.

Virgo

As you attempt to reinvent yourself, it may be best to remember that the "Mr. Clean" look only looks good on Mr. Clean. Just a thought.

Libra

Your computer is not trying to eat you, regardless of where the evidence points. Just relax and put down the shotgun.

Scorpio

I know you were crushed after waiting three hours in the rain only to have Liza Manelli refuse to sign your chest, but really, it's time to move on.

Sagittarius

Major spiritual confusion could soon be a factor in your decision to adopt a 43-year-old Sudanese man. Or it could have been the acid. Who knows?

Capricorn

You know how everybody tells you to "just be yourself?" Yeah, stop. No really, I'm serious. Stop it, please.

Aquarius

This is a public service announcement. The mass hysteria caused by rumors of deviant behavior by grad students has been totally exaggerated.

Pisces

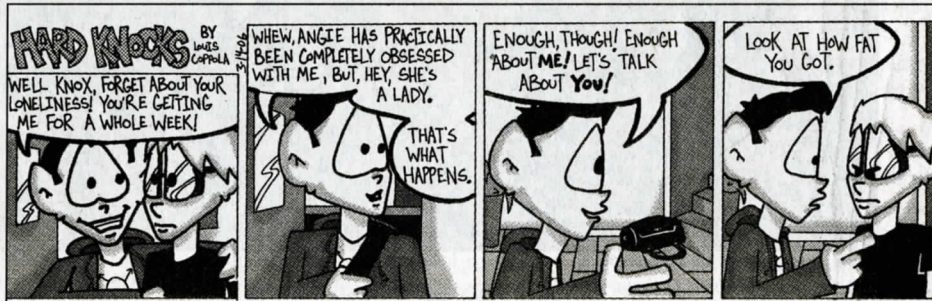
Having just come back from Spring break now may be an excellent time to start thinking about how to break your Girls Gone Wild came to the folks. Good luck.

Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



A College Girl Named Joe



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Stomp
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Crazy Buffet remained open after orders to close

By Jessica Chiles
Entertainment Editor

A restaurant that offers Mexican and Chinese foods sounds like a good idea. Yet, the Crazy Buffet is not the place to choose for a meal.

Anyone willing to eat at a place with the word 'crazy' in the title, may be just that.

The restaurant's décor is clean and in good condition. There are comfortable booths and tables, and the waiters are nice and keep the drinks coming.

That is where anything I liked about the place ended.

The food is deplorable. It tastes like leftover cafeteria food, and looks and tastes like it will keep you in the bathroom for the rest of the evening.

The food is generic, lukewarm. I have found better food in the frozen section of Walmart on clearance.

After a little research I found my dislike of Crazy Buffet growing. In February, KLTN news did a restaurant report based on a Jan. 27 health inspection of the Crazy Buffet.

The report stated violations about the placement of foods (raw next to cooked), improper temperature, and employees handling food with dirty hands. The worst violation the health inspector found was numerous live and dead roaches throughout the restaurant.

According to KLTN.com Brenda Elrod of the Northeast Texas Public Health District, the health inspector ordered the restaurant to close after receiving 36 demerits, one for each violation. The Crazy Buffet chose to stay open, and was issued a citation for opening

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without a permit.

Upon a new inspection, they were given zero demerits, and were allowed to reopen.

After a little research, I found the Crazy Buffet received an August 2005 report of 27 demerits.

The fact that the restaurant is now under health code does not make up for the fact that the restaurant put people's health in danger after ignoring orders to close.

Crazy Buffet's idea of combining two types of food is unique.

In groups of people, it is hard to pick just one thing to eat, so two choices tend to solve many problems.

Buy the Crazy Buffet's food does not look, taste, or smell appealing.

Good ideas do not make up for the lack of remaining up to health code. That makes me leery of ever eating there again.

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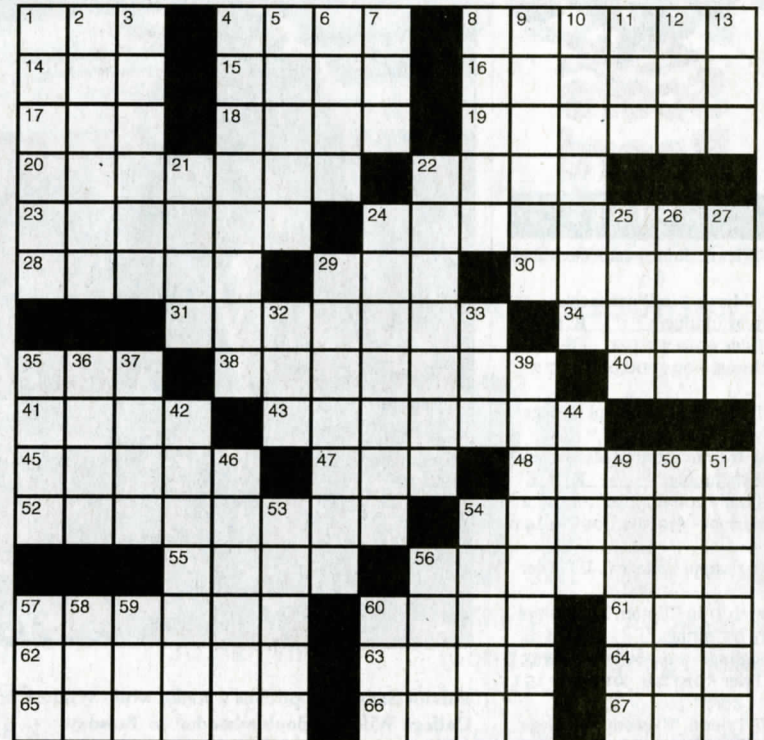
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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gen. Arnold's nickname
- 4 Dramatic piece
- 8 Go-ahead
- 14 Everything
- 15 Eternal City
- 16 Showed mercy
- 17 Mineral spring
- 18 Death note
- 19 Tendons
- 20 Changed gears
- 22 Repair
- 23 Long-handled servers
- 24 News magazine show
- 28 Double bends
- 29 Hogan or Crenshaw
- 30 Yesterday's follower
- 31 Takes the offensive
- 34 Lug
- 35 Onager
- 38 More churlish
- 40 __ Gatos, CA
- 41 Pod veggies
- 43 Imitated the Cheshire Cat
- 45 Philadelphia footballer
- 47 Plus
- 48 Deadly
- 52 Irrigation concern
- 54 Simoleons
- 55 Hint
- 56 Large cup
- 57 Judy of the LPGA
- 60 Habitat
- 61 Place for cranberries
- 62 If you're lucky
- 63 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
- 64 Affirmative vote
- 65 Card game or suit
- 66 Numerous
- 67 Deity



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- 6 Surrounded by
- 7 Still
- 8 Valuable quality
- 9 Small upright piano
- 10 Urban baseball site
- 11 Palindromic before
- 12 Unused
- 13 NFL scores
- 21 Market type
- 22 The human race
- 24 Gradual deterioration
- 25 False god
- 26 W. alliance
- 27 Sense organs
- 29 Bombardment
- 32 Pull at
- 33 Bigwig in D.C.
- 35 Mimicked
- 36 Burn slightly
- 37 Heroic narrative
- 39 Purifying plant
- 42 Glossy raincoat
- 44 Unpleasantly damp and cold

Solutions

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- 46 Join up
- 49 Porous holder for pekoe
- 50 Water-carved gully
- 51 Implanted
- 53 Parents' sisters
- 54 Friend of Pythias
- 56 Forum wear
- 57 Stadium cheer
- 58 Goddess of folly
- 59 Hoopsters' org.
- 60 That guy

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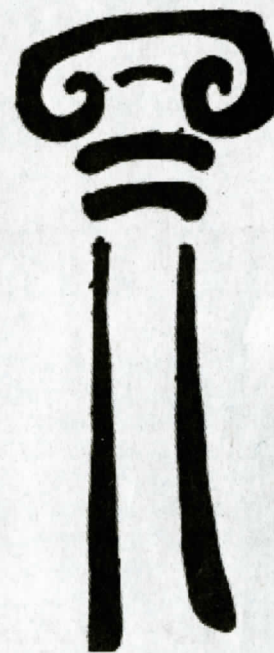
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Baseball

UT Tyler d. Southwest Assemblies
8-1

March 7 in Waxahachie

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 010 311 110	-	8	12	0
Southwest - 001 000 000	-	1	7	2

UT Tyler d. Mississippi College
15-11

March 10 in Clinton, Mississippi

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 200 603 121	-	15	17	2
Mississippi - 510 302 000	-	11	14	0

Mississippi College d. UT Tyler
11-10

March 11 in Clinton, Mississippi

Score by innings	R	H	E	
Mississippi - 004 005 002	-	11	11	1
UT Tyler - 010 201 501	-	10	15	1

UT Tyler d. Mississippi College
5-4

March 11 in Clinton, Mississippi

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 011 102 0	-	5	4	2
Mississippi - 011 020 0	-	4	12	2

UT Tyler d. Paul Quinn 13-2
March 14 in Tyler

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 130 025 20x	-	13	15	1
Paul Quinn - 000 001 001	-	2	9	2

UT Tyler d. Jarvis Christian 12-1
March 15 in Tyler

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 002 001 72x	-	12	103	
Jarvis - 000 000 100	-	1	6	3

UT Tyler d. Austin College 8-1
March 17 in Tyler

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 001 000 110	-	8	15	0
Austin - 100 000 0	-	1	3	1

Austin College d. UT Tyler 6-3
March 17 in Tyler

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 020 020 010	1	6	10	2
Austin - 120 000 21 0	-	6	7	2

Austin College d. UT Tyler 6-3
March 17 in Tyler

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 020 020 010	1	6	10	2
Austin - 000 210 002 0	-	5	10	2

UT Tyler d. Austin College 6-5
March 18 in Tyler

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 020 020 010	1	6	10	2
Austin - 000 210 002 0	-	5	10	2

East Texas Baptist d. UT Tyler
March 24 in Marshall

Score by innings	R	H	E	
UT Tyler - 020 020 010	1	6	10	2
Austin - 000 210 002 0	-	5	10	2



Photo by: Brantley Essary

Patriot Sam Darr pitches a strike while Wildcat Trista Helverson (22) leads off from second base in the UT Tyler Patriots v. Louisiana College Wildcats double-header on Tuesday.

Patriots close the gap

By Travis Webb
Sports Editor

Patriots softball has moved up to first place in the American Southwest Conference East Division standings on the strength a 7-1 in conference record. The Patriots are 18-1 overall.

The University women are now tied with Louisiana College in conference play.

"We're excited, but we still have a lot of work to do," said softball coach Mike Reed.

Reed spoke highly of his team's effort to pull ahead this season.

"We lost some starters to injury early on, including our lead hitter, Nicole Willhoite to a broken ankle,

but our pitchers have really stepped up," he said.

The Patriots are currently ranked second in pitching and right handed junior, Sam Darr was named an ASC East pitcher of the week last month.

Reed attributes a large part of the women's success thus far to the team's bullpen.

"If you can pitch well, you can win any ball game," he said. "I think our pitchers have really answered some of the questions we had earlier this season."

Earlier this season the Patriots swept rivals East Texas Baptist University and went on to defeat number three in the nation Chapman University.

Reed insisted that the team, regardless of strong standings, would not be resting on their laurels.

"Obviously our goal is competing for that conference title," he said.

"We've got sixteen conference games left and you could lose any one of them if you don't play well, that's how tough our division is."

Coming into the season, Reed said he was sure that the tough games the Patriots had lined up would help them improve as a team.

"Most teams never get a chance to play a nationally ranked opponent," he said.

"This tough schedule really has helped us, it's given us that confidence you need to win games."

Pro's need some professional help

Help! Did I get your attention? The word "help" easily grabs the attention it rightfully deserves. Even the Beatles saw that not only do you need help sometimes, but that helping someone else helps you. Suddenly the sports world has exploded with "help" situations.

Bud Selig, the commissioner of Major League Baseball, endorsed the World Baseball Classic because it could help America's past time by creating world interest and global competitiveness. The Latin countries represented themselves. Asian countries also grabbed their professionals to help the cause. Even some United States players with roots in other countries attempted to help the motherland. However the United States team proved to only be disenchanted by the word "help." The U.S. team had a few all-stars leading a bunch of utility players. Helping the game of baseball isn't a priority for most U.S. players, unless it helps their pockets first.

The "help" soap opera continues with the signing of Terrell Owens to the Dallas Cowboys. Owens helped the Philadelphia Eagles get to a Super Bowl on a broken leg.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones insists that the con-



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troversial star will only help the team become successful. Yes, Owens will help the team become successful, with ticket sales and jersey sales and media coverage, but I don't think the boys in blue are going to the Super bowl any time soon.

Helping the organization really just means making the pockets of certain individuals fatter.

Now onto Alfonso Soriano. He was traded to the Washington Nationals from the Texas Rangers as a second baseman. Neither team spoke of the possibility of changing positions for Soriano but Soriano never questioned the fact that the Nationals already had a future golden glove second baseman.

In protest Soriano refused to take the field as a left. Soriano had a chance to help not only the team to win but a chance to help himself. Save your self from the scrutiny and help your teammates win ball games.

The enjoyment of helping people comes from sacrificing your needs to assist others. It's a shame that many professional athletes forget this.

Patriots baseball in three-way tie for the lead

By Travis Webb
Sports Editor

The Patriots, with a 16-5 overall record, and 6-3 in conference are now tied for first place in the American

American Southwest Conference standings

Baseball

Softball

March 24 in Marshall
 Score by innings R H E
 ETBU - 020 000 111 - 5 8 1
 UT Tyler - 201 100 000 - 4 8 2

Softball

Concordia-Austin d. UT Tyler 4-2
 March 3 in Farmer's Branch
 Score by innings R H E
 Concordia- 001 120 X - 4 8 3
 UT Tyler - 011 000 0 - 2 3 0

UT Tyler d. Texas Lutheran 6-4
 March 3 in Farmer's Branch
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 040 020 0 - 6 12 4
 Lutheran - 100 020 1 - 4 4 1

Hardin-Simmons d. UT Tyler 3-0
 March 4 in Farmer's Branch
 Score by innings R H E
 Simmons - 000 300 0 - 3 9 0
 UT Tyler - 000 000 0 - 0 4 4

UT Tyler d. Howard Payne 4-0
 March 4 in Farmer's Branch
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 020 011 X - 4 6 0
 H. Payne - 000 000 0 - 0 7 1

UT Tyler d. Grambling State 8-0
 March 15 in Tyler
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 320 03 - 8 10 0
 Grambling State-000 00-0 3 2

UT Tyler d. Grambling State 10-2
 March 15 in Tyler
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 243 01 - 10 14 0
 Grambling State-000 20-2 5 1

Louisiana College d. UT Tyler 1-0
 March 21 in Tyler
 Score by innings R H E
 Louisiana - 000 000 1 - 1 2 0
 UT Tyler - 000 000 0 - 0 3 1

UT Tyler d. Louisiana College 8-2
 March 21 in Tyler
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 320 003 X - 8 11 2
 Louisiana - 020 000 0 - 2 7 3

UT Tyler d. Ozarks 6-2
 March 24 in Tyler
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 103 200 0 - 6 8 2
 Ozarks - 001 001 0 - 2 6 2

UT Tyler d. Ozarks 8-2
 March 24 in Tyler
 Score by innings R H E
 UT Tyler - 000 050 3 - 8 9 2
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Golf

MEN'S

Mary Hardin-Baylor Invitational
 Feb. 27-28 in Temple
 Team Finish- Second
 Individual- Will Orr

Tyler TJC Invitational
 March 6-7 in Tyler
 Team Finish- Seventh
 Individual- Will Orr

WOMEN'S

Tyler TJC Invitational
 March 6-7 in Tyler
 Team Finish- N/A
 Individual- Cynthia Sciba

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ference are now tied for first place in the American Southwest Conference East Division along with the University of Texas at Dallas and Louisiana College.

The Patriots came back from a dropped series opener against East Texas Baptist University last week to sweep the Tigers in a double-header on Saturday and regain their first place status.

The Patriots, in addition to high standings, continue to garner awards from the ASC.

The University leads the conference in pitching and Patriot sluggers are ranked second in hitting.

"The great thing about this team's hitting is that if one of us is having an off day we've got eight or nine other guys to step up and take the pressure off," outfielder Mayan Corioso said.

Corioso battered the ball for a game winning run against Austin College.

On the strength of such strong hitting, Patriots catcher and sometime first baseman Trent Goree was named American Southwest Conference East Division player of the week over spring break.

The junior from China Spring, Texas is hitting .444 this season and leads the team in runs with a walloping sixteen.

"This is one of the tougher baseball conferences in the country, but Trent knows what to expect and comes ready," Patriots coach James Vilade said.

"He's one of our biggest leaders offensively."

Goree attributed the team's success, as well as his own to strong, cohesive playing.

"It's a great honor, but there are plenty of other players just as deserving," he said.



Baseball

	W	L	T
Texas - Tyler	6	3	0
Texas - Dallas	6	3	0
Louisiana College	6	3	0
Austin College	5	4	0
East Texas Baptist	4	4	1
Mississippi College	3	6	0
Ozarks	3	6	0
LeTourneau	3	6	1

"We really starting to gel as a team, it usually takes a couple weeks - a road trip or a big loss or something, but now it's all coming together," he said.

"Hopefully we can keep it up."

This marks the second such honor for the Patriots this month after rookie sensation, Kevin Dutcher, was named American Southwest Conference East Division pitcher of the week.

The 18 year-old Pasadena native pitched a no-hitter in his first collegiate game. His no-hitter was the first in the history of the University baseball program.

While the Patriots pitching is on top, Vilade also credits strong at bats for the team's recent victories.

"We've been hitting great and been very consistent,



Softball

	W	L	T
Louisiana College	7	1	0
Texas - Tyler	7	1	0
Mississippi College	3	3	0
Texas - Dallas	4	4	0
East Texas Baptist	3	5	0
Ozarks	0	6	0
LeTourneau	0	6	0

Graphic by Adrienne Graham

"We're really starting to gel as a team...now it's all coming together."

Trent Goree
Patriots Catcher

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hopefully we can hang on to this momentum," Vilade said.

"We came in to the season with some younger guys, and pitching especially was a little in question, but all of our new, younger guys have done a good job of stepping up."

Golf gears up for regional

By Travis Webb
 Sports Editor

Patriot golfers have much to look forward to right now said golf coach King Campbell.

After coming off a second place finish in the Mary Hardin-Baylor Invitational and strong individual performances in the Tyler Junior College Invitational, the Patriots are in a prime position for the upcoming West Regional tournament.

"This could really help our standings, just how much? Well, I'll know as

soon as we play," Campbell said.

The West Regional on April 3-5, are an invitational in which only the top teams from the entire west division compete.

"We'll be up against teams from as far as California, this division has some of the toughest competition in the nation," Campbell said.

In addition to sound standings veteran golfer, Drew Johnson, the Patriot's top performer from last fall will be returning to the team.

He'll see his first play of the season during the upcoming regional.

Campbell said he pleased by the team's performance at this point in the season.

"We've been really consistent so far," he said.

He also spoke highly of the team's chances for next season.

"Hopefully we'll be eligible for post season play next year. We haven't got any seniors and we've done some strong recruiting so we should be stronger than ever," he said



Photo by: Brantley Essary

Patriot Golfer Cynthia Sciba finished as top individual at the Tyler JC Invitational at Eagles Bluff CC on March 6.

Coming up:

Teams:
 The top teams in the West; invitation only.

When:
 April 3-4
Where:
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Factoid:
 The Western Division includes teams from as far off as California, making this invitational highly exclusive.

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Student spots mysterious object

By Karla Clark
Associate editor

Amateur photographer Zach Wesson stumped all the local experts.

Professors, photographers, pilots — not even the flight control workers at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport can identify the airborne object in the background of a photograph the junior art major took Feb. 27 outside the R. Don Fine and Performing Arts Center.

“Essentially, it could be one of a few things — it could be a hoax, a military aircraft, a weather balloon, or an alien spacecraft — these are the main categories of Unidentified Flying Objects — and of course, aliens are the most widely disputed,” English professor Dr. Dana Adams said.

Adams, who said he encountered a flying saucer as a child, has been studying UFO's since the 1970s.

Wesson insists he did not manipulate the digital image in any way and he was just as surprised as anyone to see the image on his Kodak point-and-shoot camera.

“I actually checked to see if it was a spot on the lens. It wasn't,” said Wesson. “When I first saw it, I zoomed in on it. I thought it was cool, maybe a bird. The more I zoomed in, the more I realized it wasn't a bird.”

The object did not appear on any of the other nine or so pictures he snapped just before 12:20 p.m. that day while waiting outside the Cowan Center for his girlfriend, he said.

Wesson said he was photographing landscapes and was shooting toward the bell tower when he captured the unidentified object. He said he did not notice the object until later that night.

He said he sent a copy of the photograph to his dad and to a friend at Howard Payne University. Wesson said

he also showed it to two art professors.

“I was skeptical at first and didn't really want to spread it around much,” he said. “They were all skeptical at first too. They don't know what it is.”

Wesson then shared the image with a member of the *Patriot Talon* staff which prompted inquiries with local experts. A newspaper staff member even searched between the Cowan Center, upper lake and the nursing building to determine if there was any evidence of a large object falling to the ground.

Jerry Pool, a control tower worker at the Tyler airport said the object might be a helicopter.

“Helicopters from the medical centers come up from the south and fly through that area. The way it's turned, what you're not seeing is the helicopter's tail and rotor,” Pool said.

However, Jim Spier, a helicopter pilot for East Texas Medical Center disagreed.

“It doesn't look like anything I've ever seen. Looks like it could be a balloon, because I don't see rotor blades or skids,” Spier said.

ETMC helicopter pilots Charley Meyer, Tom Nevels, and Kelly Cox agreed the object could not be a helicopter.

Nevels looked up the helicopter flight schedule for Feb. 27, and confirmed no ETMC helicopters were in the area at that time.

Construction on the south building of the William R. Ratliff Engineering and Sciences Complex also posed a possible explanation.

“It could be a piece of foam insulation or piece of plastic from a wrapper on the roof — but it sure does have an unusual shape,” construction worker David Pruitt said.

Adams said he has compiled an entire file dedicated to alien spacecraft and UFO theories, but doesn't have an explanation for Wesson's photo.

“I think you'd have to classify it as a UFO because it doesn't look like a conventional aircraft,” Adams said. “Though it could be a military experimental aircraft, we don't have any bases to make that possible — and it could be an alien.”

Adams claims this area — the long swath between East and West Texas — has

a rich history of UFO sightings.

Wesson said he believes it is “possible” the object in his photograph is an alien aircraft or an experimental government airplane, but whatever it is, the experience has been “fascinating.”

“It kind of made me start looking up a lot more,” he said.

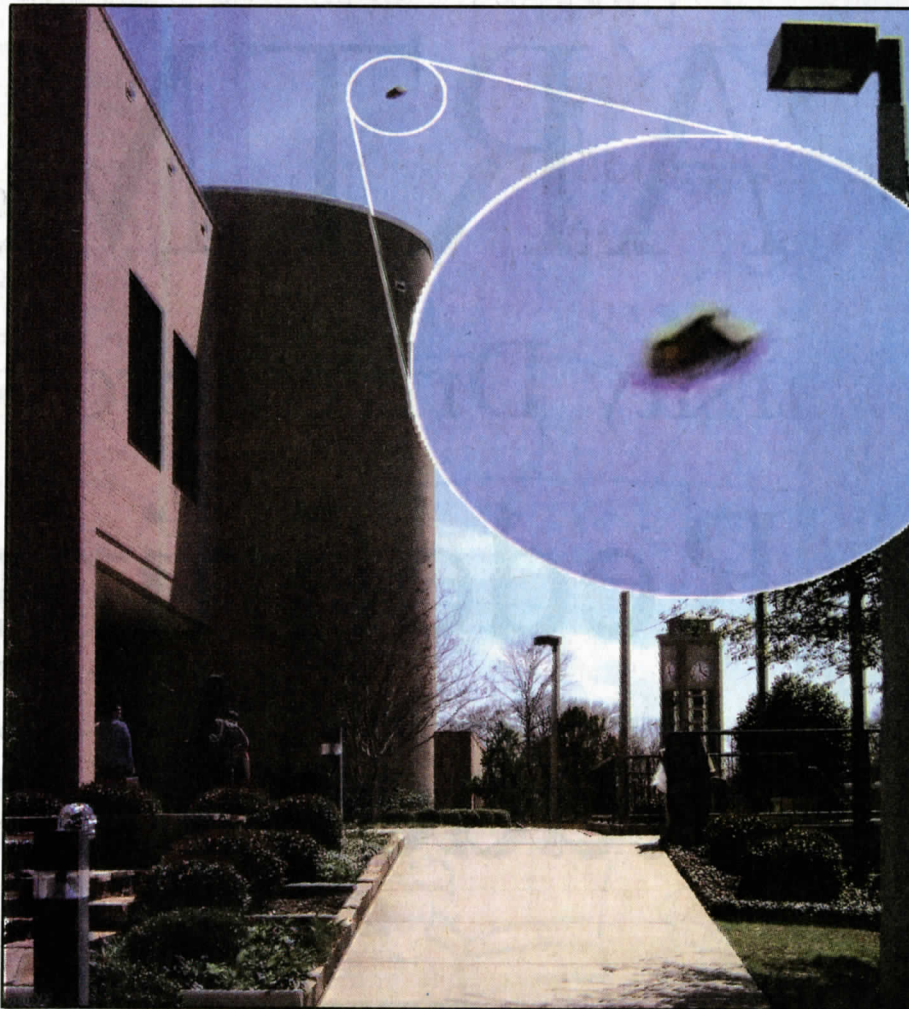


Photo by: Zach Wesson

An object was captured on film by amateur photographer Zach Wesson, junior art major, on the morning of Feb. 27. The object can not be identified by local aviation workers.

Score board

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Tennis

MEN'S

Pomona-Pitzer d. UT Tyler
March 9 in Claremont, California
Pomona - 4
UT Tyler - 3

Occidental d. UT Tyler
March 10 in Los Angeles
Occidental - 4
UT Tyler - 2

UT Tyler d. Chapman
March 11 in Thousand Oaks, California
UT Tyler - 4
Chapman - 3

WOMEN'S

Pomona-Pitzer d. UT Tyler
March 9 in Claremont, California
Pomona - 9
UT Tyler - 0

Occidental d. UT Tyler
March 10 in Los Angeles
Occidental - 7
UT Tyler - 1

UT Tyler d. Chapman
March 11 in Thousand Oaks,
California
UT Tyler - 4
Chapman - 3

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FACTS

First UFO report: The first Associated Press dispatch concerning UFO's occurred on June 24, 1947 when Kenneth Arnold, a part-time Search and Rescue Mercy Flyer claimed to see nine unusual objects flying in a chain near Mount Rainier, Washington.

Geological theories behind UFO sightings: 1.) *The earthquake lights theory* — escaping gas ignites particles to form a burst of light. 2.) *The ball lights theory* — static electricity appears as light. 3.) *The earth lights theory* — clusters of charged particles may form a spherical ball of light. 4.) *The volcanic activity theory* — active tectonic faults create plasmas and sparks of light.





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