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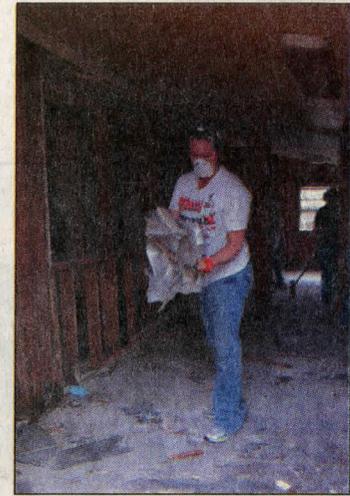
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President ok's student fee budget

Proposed 2008 budget sent to Board of Regents for final approval.

By Allen Arrick
Associate Editor

President Rodney Mabry approved the recommended \$1.5 million student services fee budget for fiscal year 2008 last Tuesday, an increase of \$121,172 more than this year.

The fee, which is \$11 per semester credit hour per student, will pay for an increase in funds for departments like the Patriot Center, getting an extra \$16,113 and counseling and testing getting an increase of about \$60,000.

Chad Myers, the student services fee committee chairman, gave an explanation of the patriot center's increase.

"They have the largest amount of student work-

ers and money runs out," Myers said.

Dr. Howard Patterson, assistant vice president of student affairs, praised the committee's budget recommendation.

"They did a good job in thoroughly examining what the requests demanded and how they would impact the programs," Patterson said.

The committee consists of nine students who recommend the budget to Mabry, which is then sent to the Board of Regents to approve or disapprove.

The Financial Aid Office, which gets part of its money from the Student Services Fee, will have a decrease in funds of \$50,354.

Myers said the committee recommended taking out 20 percent of the Financial Aid Office's budget for the next five years in order to eliminate it completely from the fee's budget.

"We don't feel it benefits the students in a way

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Increases

- Counseling and testing \$59,875
- Student Government Association \$12,243
- The Patriot Talon \$25,700

Decreases

- Co-curricular fund -\$5,000
- Commencements -\$2,400
- Financial aid office -\$50,354

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Outages:

Worker mishaps interrupt campus utility services

By Travis Webb
Associate Editor

Lights went out in four campus buildings for around nine hours after contract workers on the University Center construction site hit a power cable with a backhoe Thursday.

This is the second incident in the past two weeks that caused construction delays on the University



Dr. Lunsford named new LaTourneau president

By Anthony Croff
Staff Writer

After seven years at the University, Dr. Dale Lunsford will be leaving his post in June to fill the position of president at LeTourneau University in Longview, officials said in a March 8 press release.

Lunsford came to the University in 2000, and served as vice president for student affairs and external relations at

This is the second incident in the past two weeks that caused construction delays on the University Center addition.

Workers broke a corroded waterline pipe on March 6, flooding the construction site and causing water outages in campus buildings.

Last week power immediately failed at about 11:15 a.m in the University Center, Ornelas Hall, The Herrington Patriot Center and the Health and Kinesiology building including the Metamorphosis Café.

"WRL general contractors were excavating the area to lay storm water drainage when they struck a medium voltage power cable," said Chip Clarke, director of the physical plant.

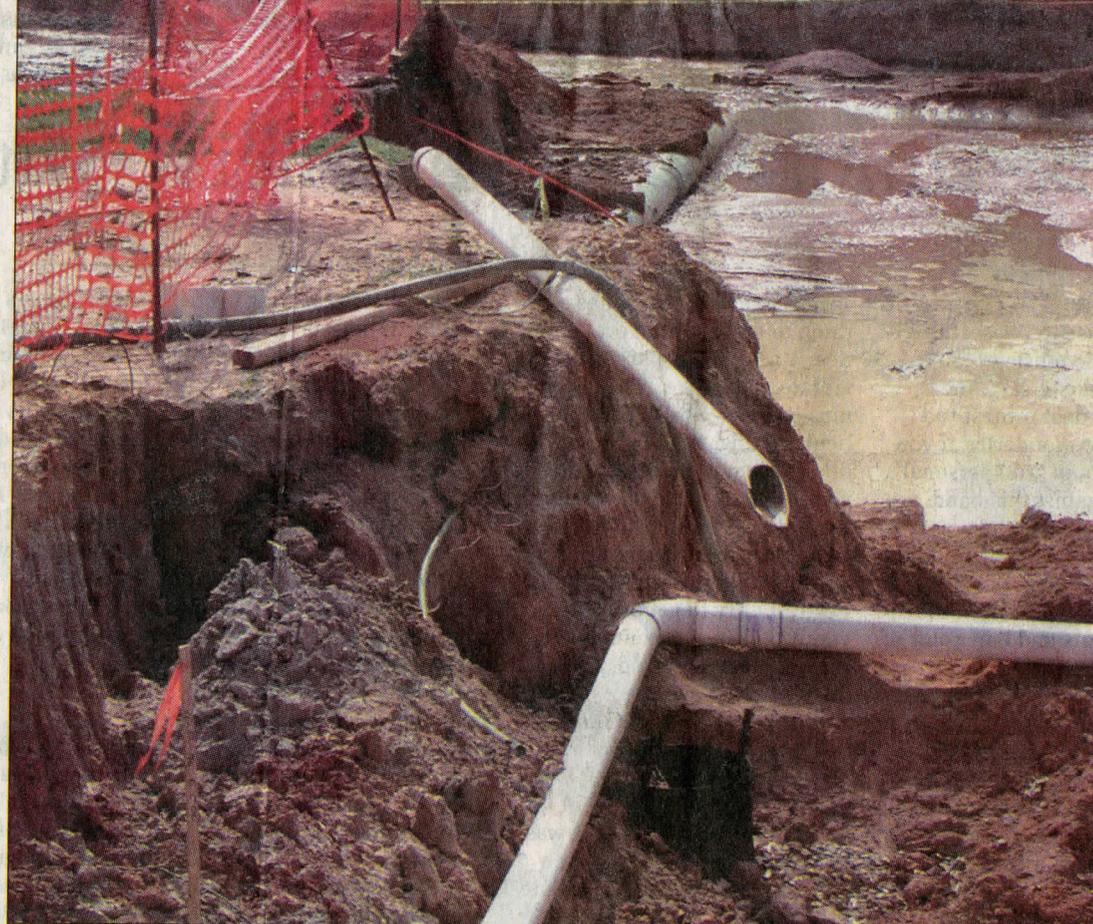
WRL general contractors were awarded the contract in August 2006. The renovations will add a 36,000 foot, three-level addition to the existing University Center.

Although the outage was localized to the University, The University of Texas System Office for Facilities Planning and Construction is technically in charge of all on-campus construction jobs.

Project manager Bob Harding said the incident was a wakeup to call to increase awareness of just what can go wrong during large scale construction work.

"It was a rare occurrence. There were no injuries, which is a good thing; however, the fact that it impacted several buildings was significant," Harding said. "Steps are being taken to ensure this doesn't happen again."

Clarke said WRL are contractually obligated to hire line locaters to find and mark underground cables — which they did. But, Clarke said the mark-



Staff photo by Jenny Simmons
A construction worker attempted to open a fire hydrant near the Health and Kinesiology Building to mix cement on March 6 and accidentally broke a corroded pipe, which caused the construction site to flood and water outages in campus buildings. Construction was delayed for several hours.

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Lunsford came to the University in 2000, and served as vice president for student affairs and external relations at the University since 2002. He will begin work as LeTourneau's sixth president on July 1, he said.

Lunsford succeeds Dr. Alvin O. "Bud" Austin, who will retire June 30 after serving 21 years as president, officials said.

Lunsford said Austin announced his plans to retire in April 2006.

LeTourneau organized a nationwide presidential search in August, Lunsford said. He said he was nominated for consideration in November, and submitted an application.

The search committee interviewed seven candidates in Dallas in January and met in February to decide the top candidate, Lunsford said. LeTourneau's board approved the decision, he said.

"The presidential search committee feels strongly that God has provided an excellent leader and that Dr. Lunsford's background, experience and gifts will help take the university to the next level," Dr. Kenneth L. Hall, chairman of LeTourneau's board of trustees, said in a press release on LeTourneau's web site.

Lunsford said he wasn't extremely surprised a nationwide search would yield someone so close to home.

"I think having a president who knows east Texas and the Longview and Tyler community was a big factor," Lunsford said.

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Patriot Talon exceeds 100th award in seven years

By **Ashleigh Crider**
And **Melissa Lamborn**
Contributing writers

University journalism students surpassed the 100-award mark after receiving 22 awards on Saturday during an annual statewide conference in San Antonio.

Students received nine first place awards and judges named faculty member Vanessa Curry Adviser of the Year at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Spring Conference.

"For the first time in my life, I'm speechless," Curry said upon receiving her award. "Seven years ago, when I first started teaching, I thought I

could share my experiences, but I feel I've learned more from the students."

The Adviser of the Year award goes to advisers who show dedication

to the students as well as the journalism field. Out of four candidates, judges selected Curry for the award, due in large part to letters of recommenda-



Curry

tion from faculty, students and local professionals.

"She teaches students how to develop a 'nose for news'...she instills in them a sense of what journalism students do," said Dr. Alisa White, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Student editor Erin Buller contributed to the Talon's accomplishments by receiving seven awards including a third-place in the live feature writing contest.

"Every issue of the *Patriot Talon* is a collaboration and I'm proud of every person on the staff," Buller said. "Every award we received reflects well on our ability as journalists and on the University."

Opinion editor Allen Arrick took home three awards, including first place in opinion page design and critical review.

"I haven't been in this field for a very long time, so this experience has been very encouraging," Arrick said.

Arrick will join the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* staff this summer as an editorial intern.

Overall, the *Patriot Talon* has received 115 TIPA awards since 1999.

This year, the students won nine first-place awards, three second-place honors, six third-

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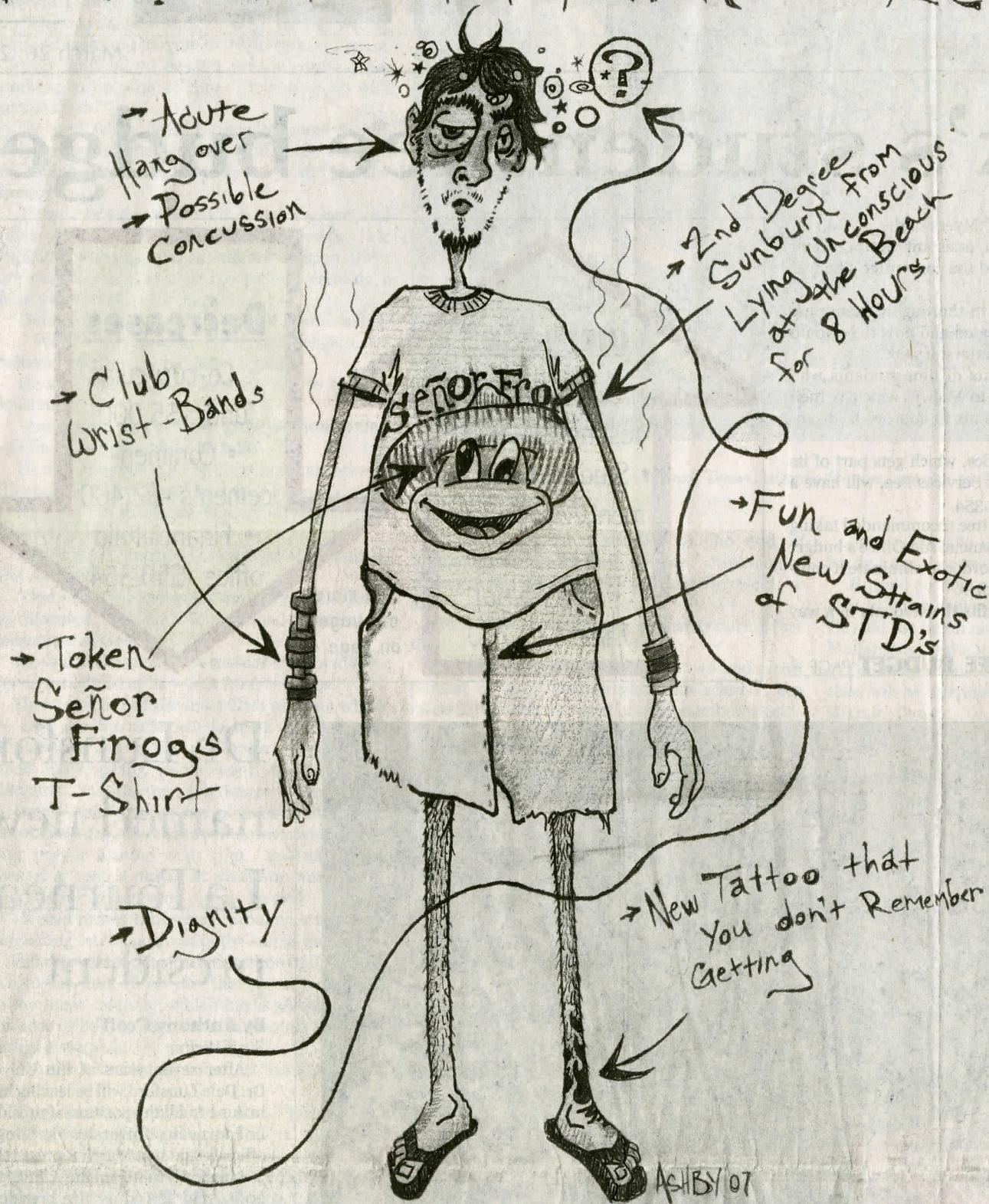
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.. CLASSIC SYMPTOMS OF... POST TRAUMATIC SPRING BREAK DISORDER



Generation departed:

Film director brings self-esteem movement to screeching halt

They call my generation the "millennials," as if the generation born 15 years before the millennium has anything to do with it.

I want a better name for my generation.

The World War II generation was the greatest generation, their kids were called baby boomers and the generation after that was generation-X, who were apparently named by algebra teachers.

My generation is characterized by one thing: self-esteem, and it's not a good thing. We can't be called the self-esteemers, that wouldn't be very interesting, and it most certainly wouldn't make us feel good about ourselves (interestingly, the "generation of boys screwed over by feminism" didn't ring a bell either).

Let me digress for a moment—don't worry, I'll tie all this together by the end.

I believe, and my opinion is important because I'm an opinion columnist, that Martin Scorsese should be granted the naming rights for my generation, for one solitary reason.

Movie producers know who goes to movies, and it's men between the ages of 18 and 35. Women, kids and older people go to movies, but in much smaller numbers.

Scorsese built a career out of making movies which only men ages 18-35 will go to, and as my generation is approaching the median of that spectrum, I believe it's only right for him to be able to name us.

Ironically, though, the movies Scorsese makes are completely opposite of what the self-esteem movement taught us. The school system in the '90s pushed feelings-based education. It pushed non-violence.

the Big Idea



Allen Arrick

Scorsese movies are opposite, and for that very reason they succeed.

They taught us that violence is sometimes warranted (*Goodfellas*, *Gangs of New York*), they taught us being raised by women can mess you up (*The Aviator*), they taught us guns kill bad guys just as much as they kill good guys (*The Departed*) and maybe most importantly, they taught us good guys smoke all the time.

But Scorsese's movies don't just have lessons for men.

The Aviator had a powerful female figure who didn't take crap from anyone (Katherine Hepburn) but was still loved and cared for by Howard Hughes. *The Departed* had a strong female figure who had a clear moral compass (take that, *Sex in the City*).

We're a generation taught by an ill-advised public school psychology system, and we're a generation who listened but knew the self-esteem movement only created egos.

We're the generation raised to be Leonardo DiCaprio's character in *Titanic*, only to realize we want to be DiCaprio's character in *The Departed*.

We're going to be around for a while, we're going to be paying your social security without getting our own. We're not

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'Flux Minor' review hits nerve with student body

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the scathing review on the music of Flux Minor, I'd like to say: "me thinks thou dost protest too much." I am wondering if you may have some little personal vendetta against this band when you describe them as pretentious and upper-middle class.

Are we going to check the bank accounts and hair color of people before we decide if they have any talent? The music is probably a little too pop rock for your personal taste, but "vomiting in your throat?"

Sounds like a little too much anger to me for a music review. Trying to bring a positive message to their listeners is not what I would call "pretentious." True, they are not particularly "dark" or negative in nature, but how much of a steady diet of that crap is out there on the market? Your description of the lead vocal, Priscilla, was not quite accurate either by referring to her as semi-attractive. Have you seen this young woman? She is

spectacular, not that it has anything to do with her vocal abilities. I actually like her deep vibrato voice style. Their music may not be to your particular liking, Will, but many others seem to disagree with your opinion. They have sold mega copies of their CD and have been accepted into the South By Southwest Music Festival. Try to get over the vomit thing — I recommend a dose of a good antacid.

Sherry Burnette

Dear Editor,

After reading the current issue of the "The Patriot" I was very disappointed by a review article that your entertainment staff member wrote. As a fellow journalist and sister school member from UTA, I have always held your newspaper in high regard. However, in the review of a local band from Tyler, Flux Minor, Mr. McDonald's shoddy writing and overt use of generic terms made it come across that he held a personal grudge against

the band versus writing professionally. Whatever his opinion be on the music itself. There is no place in journalism for editors to personally attack what drives a musician or band, like Mr. McDonald's opinion on what he said appears on the band's website.

Not that anyone should tell Mr. McDonald what to make his opinion, he should be able to maintain some journalistic professionalism, if not for the paper than for himself. I have read many well-written articles from your paper and this one stuck out like a sore thumb. I know that sometimes backlash is something that comes with the territory in journalism, but that is no excuse for the lack of professionalism shown by this writer.

I did have one question though. If Mr. McDonald was reviewing a band, which has more than one member, how come he almost singled out the lead singer of the band to attack? How much did he even mention the names of the other band members in critique? It

came across that he had a personal vendetta against the lead singer, Priscilla. Noting things such as her looks and appearance, status and affluence, besides his disdain for her singing talent.

If I were Mr. McDonald I would learn how to write with some tact, much less professionalism.

I just thought I would pass my opinion along.

Courtney Hughes

Dear Editor,

I personally feel that an "opinion column" is entitled to express "opinions!" I noticed that the band is getting their panties bunched over one person's review. Lets make it two:

The Lyrics are DUMB and to top it off, their singer is not good. She has moments where you think it might get okay, and then she lets you down with crap. The band itself has some high points. A few video's from their website showed that Matt and Simon are actually descent; however, I

think they may be taking too much credit because every video of their live performances showed at least four (if not more) people playing. Guys, if it takes another band member, get one! The keys and horns really did highlight some of the songs on the album, but it was still nothing to write home about! Unfortunately, they will forever be plagued by mediocrity because of their laughable vocals, poor lyrics and their overplayed genre.

Adam Lankford

Dear Editor,

The personal attack on Priscilla Shultz in the newspaper was uncalled for. Yes we have freedom of speech, but our rights end where others begin! Her personnel appearance and social class have nothing to do with music. I'd put a leash on your entertainment columnist, cause he is pissing some people off that shouldn't be pissed off.

Yacine Bekka

Thumbs up/Thumbs down



Violence has dropped dramatically in Sub-Saharan Africa. From 2002 through 2005, the number of sub-Sahara conflicts in which government troops participated dropped from 13 to five, according to a report from the University of British Columbia at Vancouver.



The New York Times reported that a coalition of industrialists and environmentalists are announcing a campaign to get rid of the incandescent light bulb in the next 10 years, trading it in for a more efficient one. Thomas Edison's invention is not happy to be part of a group composed of vinyl records, VHS, cassette tapes and Beanie Babies.

Construction workers cant seem to figure out how to "call before you dig."



A British study found that married people report less stress at work. The study didn't concern itself with other aspects of British life like drinking at the pub and not going to the dentists.

Networks continue Anna Nicole coverage weeks after her death. In other news, O.J. might have killed someone and Michael Jackson is probably a pedophile.



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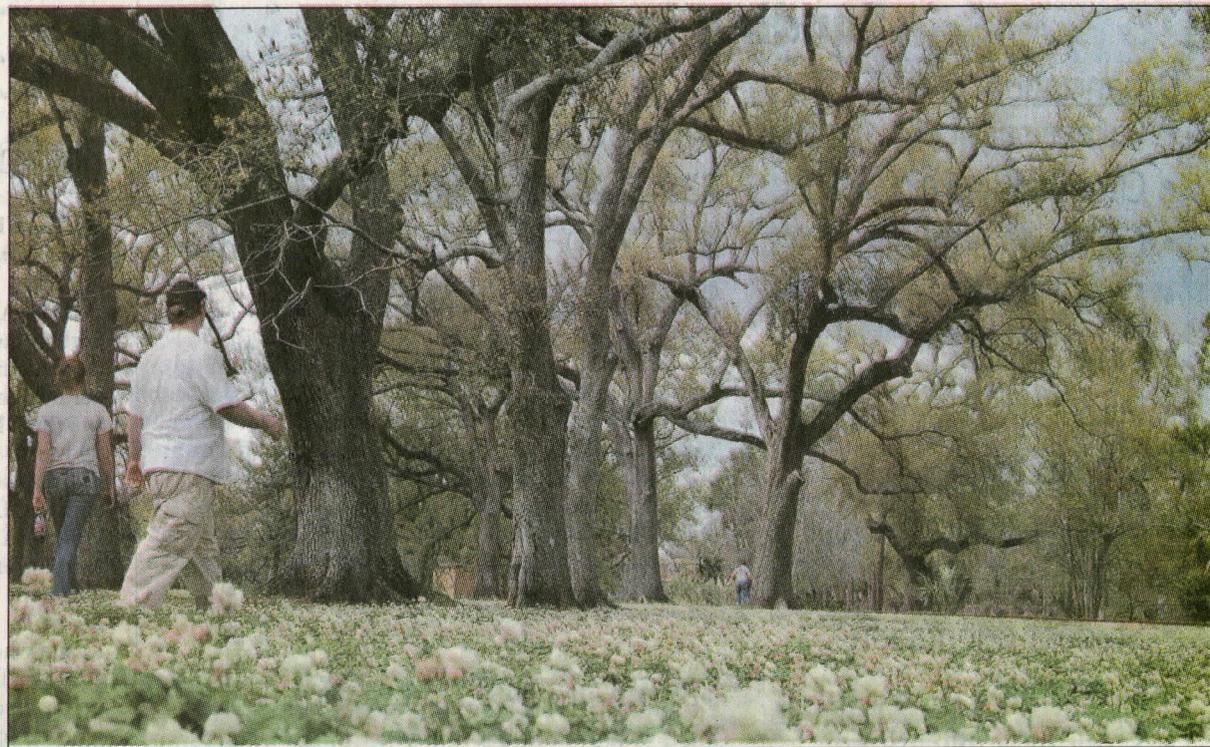
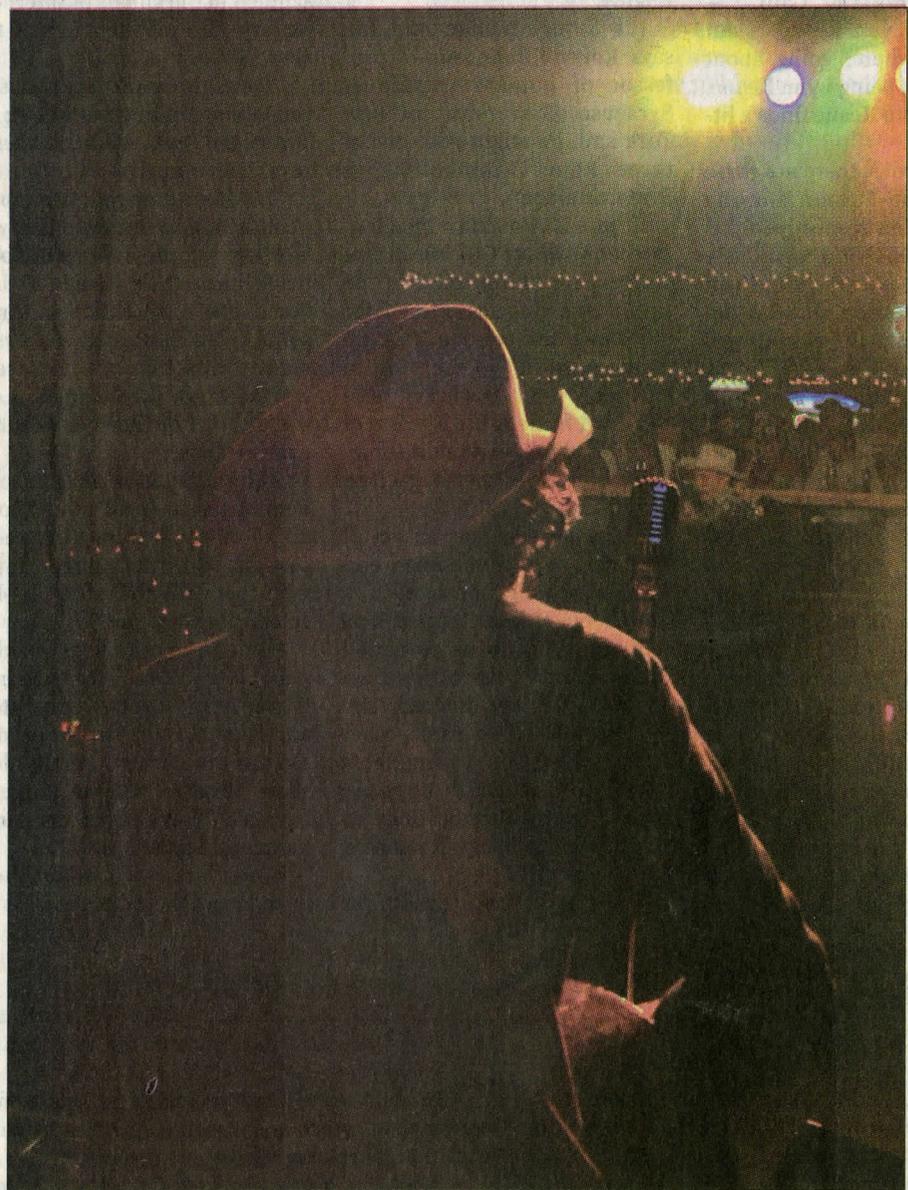
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Gimme a break

Journalism students document spring break adventures in Vegas, Dallas and New Orleans.

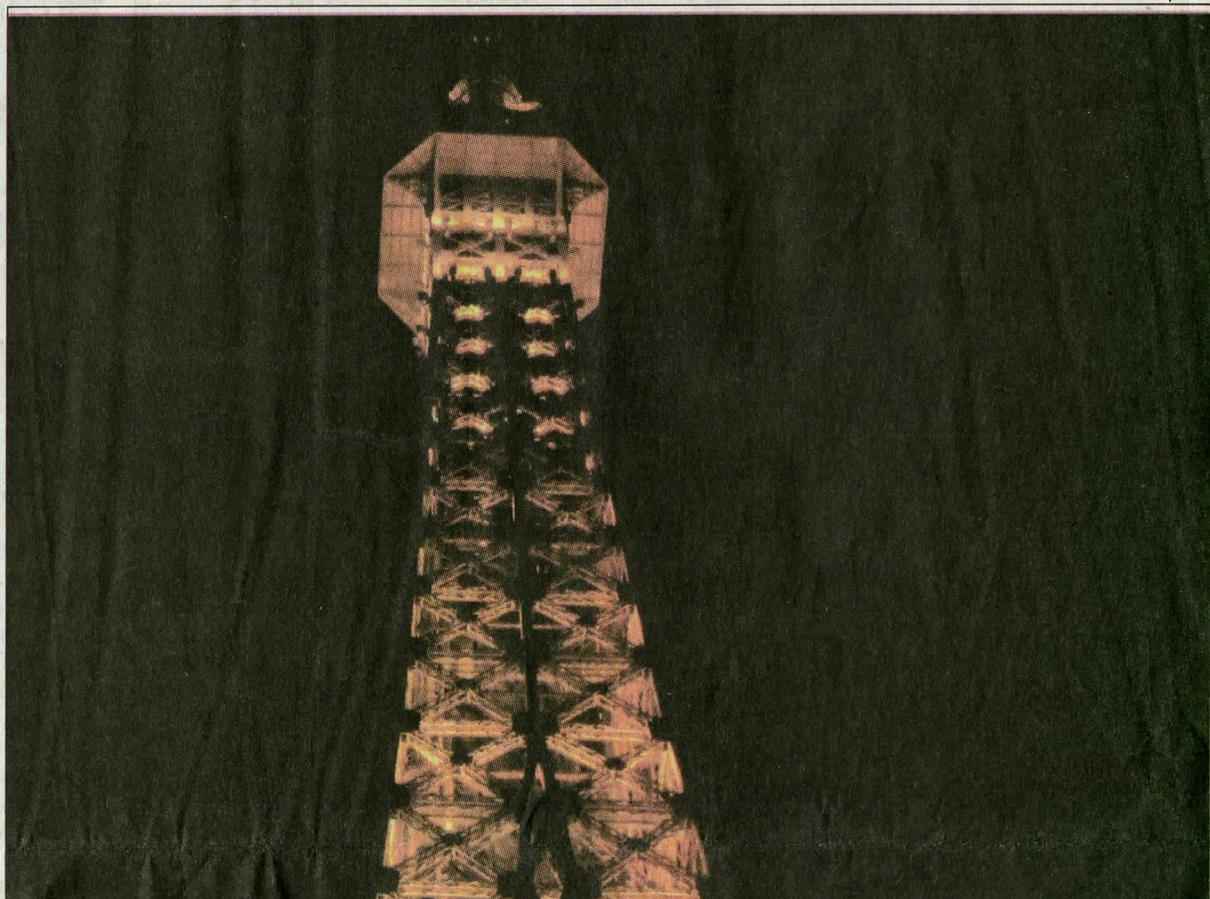
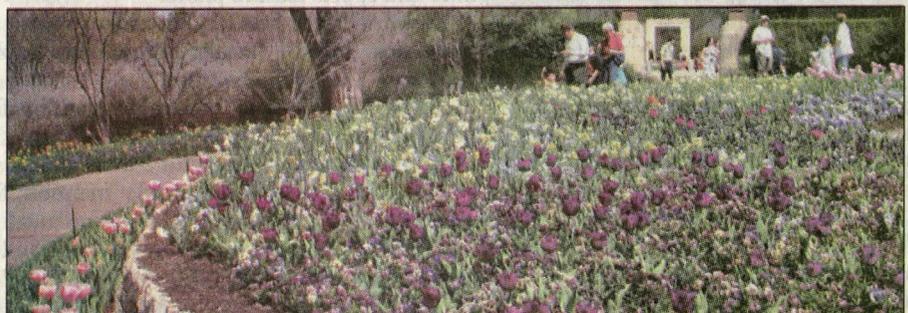


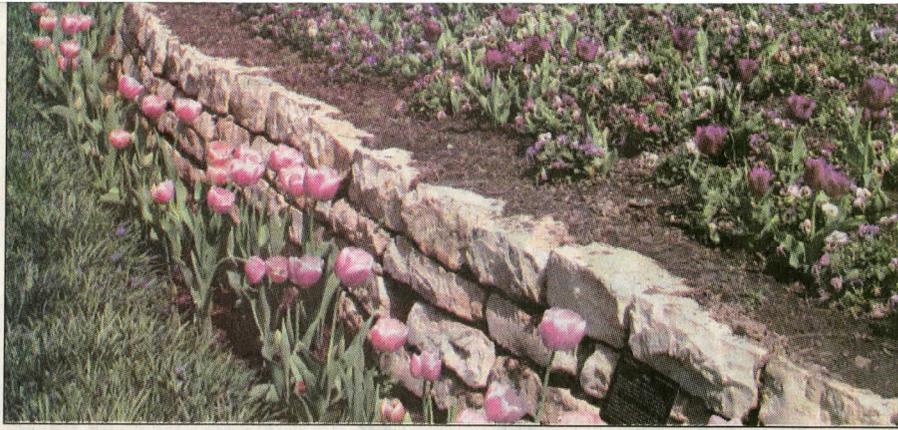
Staff photo by Erin Buller

Above: Students and adults from Tyler take a break from work during their spring break trip to New Orleans to stroll through the clover and wild oak trees in a down town area park on March 13.

Staff photo by Will McDonald

Left: Cody Shaw, an up and coming country singer and songwriter from Bluegrove, performs March 11 at Vernon's Cotton Club in support of his debut album, "Three Chords and the Truth."

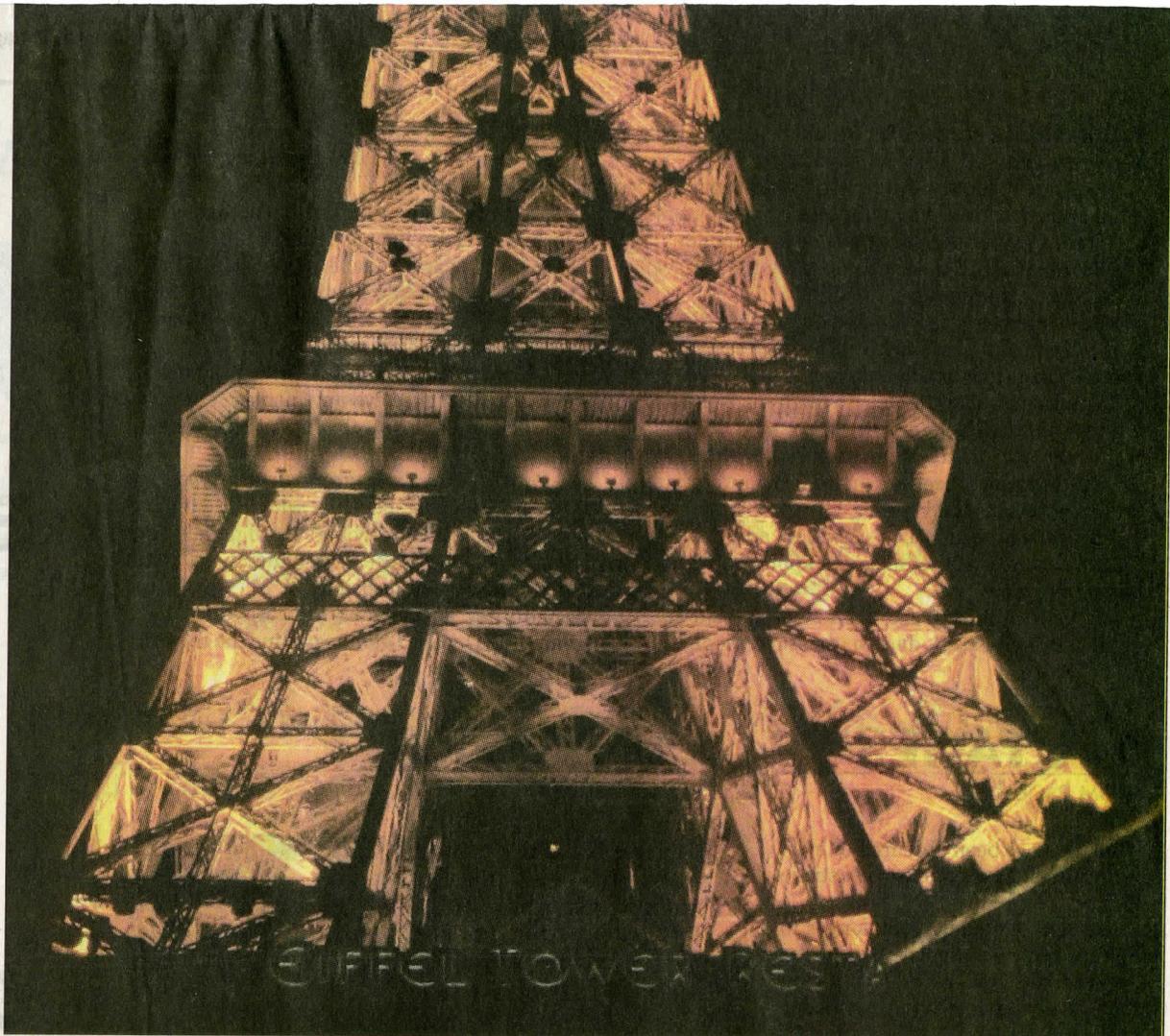




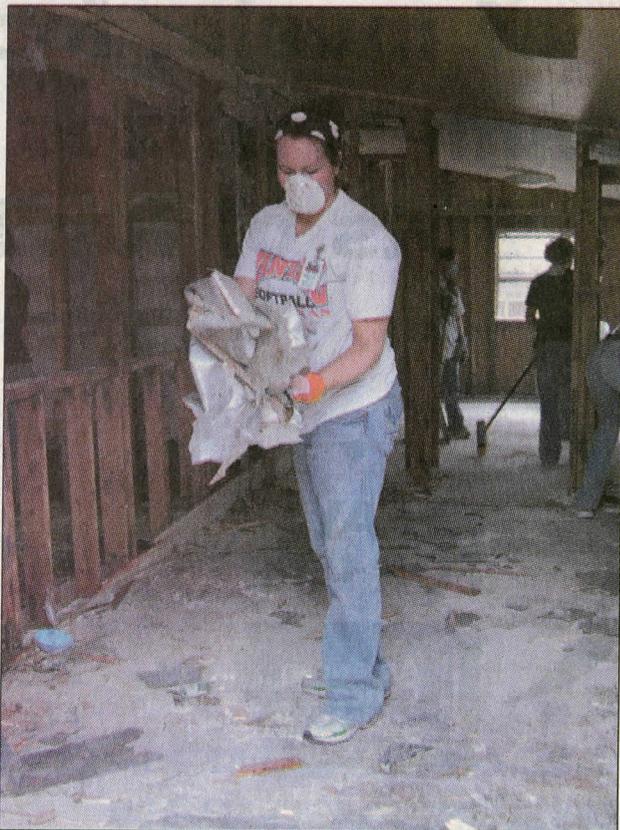
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Above: Fields of tulips in bloom at the Festival of Blooms at The Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.



Staff photo by Michlle Morse
Right: At the Paris Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Located on the strip, it has its own replica of the Eiffel tower. Complete with its own restaraunt, this replica stands 460 feet tall or a little less than half the height of the original's 1047 feet.



Staff photo by Erin Buller
Above: University students from Tyler gave up their spring break to travel to New Orleans and aid in the continued disaster relief by gutting houses. This water damaged photo was found in one of the houses they gutted, showing the personal side of one family's hardship.



Staff photo by Erin Buller
Right: Junior journalism major Kelly Jo Dry cleaned up debris left by a demolition team from Tyler that was continuing in the New Orleans disaster relief during spring break.



Staff photo by Michelle Morse
The Grand Canyon National park from Maricopa Point turn-off. The park has been the subject of recent controversy over construction of the Grand canyon Skywalk.

Funding increases:

Organization	2007	2008	Change
• Career services	\$104,861	\$112,961	\$8,100
• Cheerleading -	\$39,324	\$39,966	\$642
• Counseling, testing	\$241,060	\$300,935	\$59,875
• Dance team	\$16,700	\$17,435	\$735
• Intramurals	\$74,527	\$79,878	\$5,351
• Model UN	\$6,548	\$14,250	\$7,702
• Debate team	\$35,287	\$41,958	\$6,671
• Student activities	\$94,140	\$105,112	\$10,972
• SGA	\$45,535	\$57,778	\$12,243
• Student orientation and retention	\$276,641	\$291,042	\$14,401
• Student publications	\$55,843	\$81,543	\$25,700

Funding decreases:

Organization	2007	2008	Change
• Co-curricular fund	\$38,028	\$33,028	-\$5,000
• Commencements	\$25,600	\$23,200	-\$2,400
• Financial aid office	\$261,771	\$211,417	-\$50,354

Not funded:

Organization	Request
• AVP for student success	\$14,730
• Community/parent relations	\$64,513
• Fitness center	\$14,400
• Greek life	\$21,750
• Learning communities	\$26,110
• Pep band	\$2,000

New money**funded:**

- Residence life - \$4,000
- Mascot - \$3,921
- Patriot Center - \$16,113
- AVPSA (student artwork, student service fee committee) - \$2,500

'Google twins'

Some find newest internet oddity a bit weird

By Lisa Heyamoto
McClatchy Newspapers
(MCT)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Right now, Lynn Keane is out there somewhere, going about her business, being Lynn Keane.

Which Lynn Keane finds a little weird.

Even weirder, there are three or four Lynn Keanes walking around in their respective Lynn Keane worlds, living completely different lives from the Lynn Keane in question — the Lynn Keane who is a 42-year-old real estate investor from Gold River, Calif., who, until recently, hadn't even considered the possibility of there being a band of rogue Lynn Keanes.

One of them, she knows, is in her 30s and lives on the East Coast. Another is a 50-something sports psychologist who puts on a benefit 10K every year. A third lives in Britain, but Keane doesn't know much about her.

How does she know any of this stuff at all? The same way any of us know anything these days — she Googled it.

More accurately, she Googled herself — performing that quiet act of vanity we all undertake

when we think no one's looking, just to see where we rank in the World According to a Search Engine.

It's a very human impulse, says Robert Thompson, a professor of popular culture at Syracuse University in New York and, he might add, one of three Robert Thompsons at Syracuse alone.

"There is this natural tendency that you want to know that you're part of the record," he says. "One Googles oneself for the same reason one gets up really early in the morning in subzero temperatures and stands in front of the window of the 'Today' show, so that someone might see you waving a sign (on TV)."

But what starts as an act of validation can sometimes end up being just the opposite.

Rebecca Roush Googled herself, expecting to be rewarded with a laundry list of her own accomplishments. Instead, she was introduced to some other Rebecca Roush, a limelight-stealing, attention-hogging, clearly overachieving Rebecca Roush who selfishly dominated the entries.

She had discovered her

Google Twin — that person who shares her name and her Google entry, and with whom she is saddled in the annals of Internet history like siblings forced to share a room.

"There is something offsetting about finding your Google Twin," the Davis, Calif., resident says in an e-mail.

"It's like all of your attempts at individuality get swept away."

Most people will probably never meet their Google Twin. Some are only children. And some, like Thompson, have so many twins that it's not even worth it to care. Unless, of course, one of them is stealing your identity.

But those with an unusual but not-too-unusual name know all about their twins, and they develop odd little relationships with them whether their duplicates know it or not.

Sometimes, we've got nothing but love for them. Sacramentans Aleta Carpenter and Amy McAllaster, for example, feel a certain affinity for their digital doppelgangers because they share unusual names and spellings.

Sometimes, we wish they would keep their distance.

AWARDS

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place awards and four honorable mentions.

Fifty-one schools state-wide attended the three-day conference held every spring.

Students competed in a variety of on-site contests such as feature writing, live sports writing contests, photography and public relations writing. Schools also submit previously published material for judging.

The list of winners and their awards consist of:

- Erin Buller — first for ad design and news feature story; second for in-depth reporting; third for onsite feature writing, page one design, sports page design and honorable mention for headline writing.

- Allen Arrick — first for critical review and opinion page design and third for editorial writing.

- Travis Webb — first for ad design; second for sports news story and sports feature story and third for sports page design.

- Michelle Morse — first for sports action photo and sports feature photo.

- Ricky Ashby — first for editorial cartoon.

- Jessica Chiles — first for information graphic.

- Angier Crawford — honorable mention for photo illustration.

- Brantley Essary — third for feature photo.

- Jennifer Toon — honorable mention for sports feature photo.

- Patriot Talon Staff — honorable mention for special section/edition.

- Will McDonald — first for feature photo.

FEE BUDGET

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that the student services fee should be paying for it," Myers said.

The student services fee covers the financial aid office infrastructure, including desks, computers and staff. It does not fund grants or fund money.

The financial aid office had not seen the budget and declined to comment.

The committee's recommendation doesn't take into account the possibility of a fee increase proposed by the Student Government Association.

Departments like the debate team have shown interest in traveling more nationally and less regionally, and their recent success gave the fee committee an easy decision on how to appropriate funds, Patterson said.

The debate team will receive an additionally \$6,671 next year if the budget is approved by the board of regents.

Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs, the debate coach, said the money is well spent due to the success of the

debate team.

"We've been using the money wisely," Hobbs said.

Student publications received the second-most amount of money, an increase of \$25,700.

"The request that we made was to fund a full-time business manager to help us become a weekly newspaper," Vanessa Curry, the student newspaper adviser, said

Some departments, however, weren't as lucky.

Greek Life didn't receive any increase and neither did the pep band, but the hardest hit was the Financial Aid Office.

The *Patriot Talon* is continuing to pursue an open records request pending with the student service fee committee to obtain more details and records about the process the members went through to reach their decision.

The attorney general has not responded to a complaint filed by the *Talon* regarding the request.

OUTAGES

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ers have since been obscured or even moved during the course of construction.

He said the outage took longer to be repaired than similar disruptions because the type of cable used on that particular line was unavailable in the Tyler area.

"Fortunately I had a contact at UT-A (The University of Texas at Arlington) and they just happened to have some extra cable there, so they loaded it up and brought it down here," Clarke said. "It saved us four hours."

Clarke said two teams of contractors worked to replace the cable — one team to lay the wires and another to test and connect them.

University safety experts supervised the entire repair operation, officials said.

"The important thing is that no one was hurt," said Paula Tate, director of environmental health and safety.

LUNSFORD

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Lunsford said his seven years at the University were an "outstanding experience working with exceptional people and great students."

Lunsford said he is glad to have been part of the positive changes that have taken place at the University in recent years.

Lunsford said he will continue living in Whitehouse and will commute to Longview until his daughters finish high school in a few years.

LeTourneau is providing him with an on-campus apartment so he can be there more often and be more involved in student life, he said.

Before he leaves, Lunsford will work with the state legislature to finalize the University's portion of the budget bill, which decides how much money the state appropriates to the University.

This money is almost 50 percent of University funds, he said.



Lunsford

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Free tickets for Cowan Center shows available

Planning for an upcoming Cowan Center production has recently changed, resulting in something of a windfall for University students.

Student tickets are available for the April 3 and April 4 performances of *Red, White and Tuna*, Susan Thomae-Morphew, Cowan Center director, announced in a press release last Friday.

The 200 free tickets go to students and will be available at the Cowan Center box office on a first-come, first-serve basis.

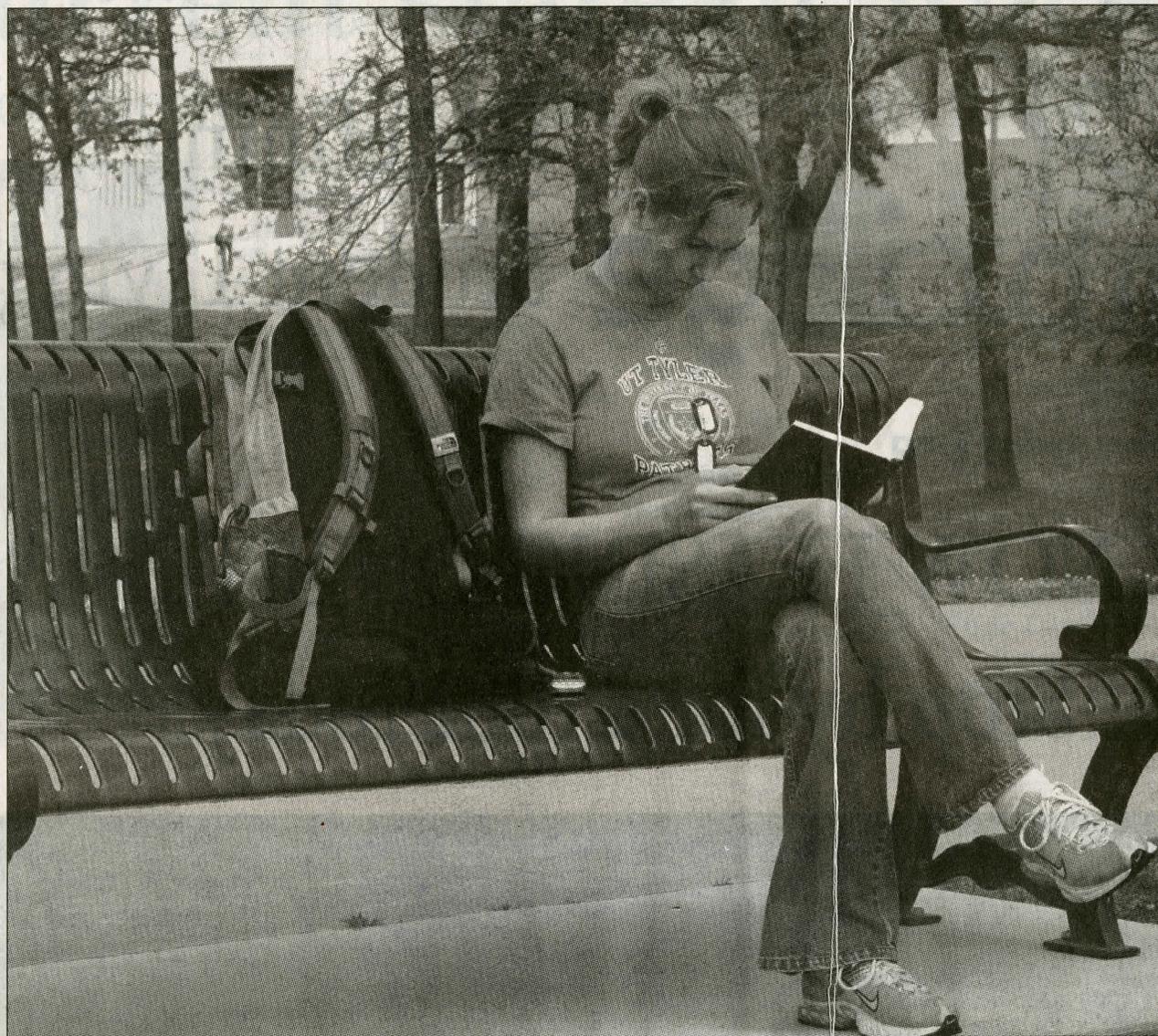
Any University student can receive one free ticket by presenting their student identification card at the box office.

Red, White and Tuna is the third installment of the popular stage production series and includes some adult content and language.

Tickets also are still available for *Pirates of Penzance* showing on April 11 and *The Soweto Gospel Choir*, showing on April 23.

For more information visit the Cowan Center box office or call (903) 566-7424.

SPRING FEVER



Freshman biology major Rachel Tyler takes advantage of the spring-like weather to read a book by Harvey Lake.

Staff photo by Michelle Morse

Ensemble performs at lunchtime

By Zach Hubl
Staff Writer

The University Wind Ensemble met outside Harvey's Burrito Bar March 7 to conduct a half hour concert for students and faculty.

The ensemble held their first "Lunchtime Music," Dr. Jeffrey Emge, music department chair and conductor of the ensemble, said.

Emge said he wanted to start an all student ensemble reminiscent of an earlier community orchestra.

"In the fall of 2002 we started with a little bitty group of twenty-five, and now we are up to fifty players," Emge said.

Students in the ensemble are not all music

majors, and have a variety of reasons for playing.

Trombone player Charles Stuetgen said the ensemble is "relaxing, a real stress reliever."

Other students join the ensemble as part of a tradition.

David Jameson, a new member to the orchestra who plays trumpet, said he got involved in music because his dad is a band director, and he played through middle school and high school.

"When I came here, I really liked Dr. Emge's program" Jameson said.

A major part of the ensemble is playing in public.

"I always like coming out and performing for other people." Jenny Moore, a French horn player, said

Stephanie Hood, a three year veteran piccolo player, said she enjoys the opportunity to expand her repertoire.

"We're not set to playing one style, either classical or modern, so we get to do something different every time," Hood said.

Members of the audience said they enjoyed the ambiance with the concert being held outside.

"I really enjoyed the combination of the outside scenery plus hearing the music," Jeff Jordan, who leads Reform University Fellowship on campus, said.

Emge said they hope to be able to make "Lunchtime Music" a yearly occurrence just before spring break.

Deal winner says money can't buy love

By Travis Webb

Associate Editor

Ask Will Edmond what he's been up to lately and regardless of any expected answers, he'll just say one thing — "fishing."

Edmond, a senior journalism student, might have won \$214,000 on NBC's *Deal or No Deal*, but he said he's just been attending class and working on the usual things — and one more thing.

"Will has been doing a lot of fishing," he said.

Edmond said that his life hasn't changed much since winning the money in October.

"It's was crazy at first, but it's calmed down a lot now," Edmond said. "A few people might see me and tell me they saw me on TV or something."

Of course, in the country that invented television, airtime breeds success — and Edmond has been no exception.

He said he already has received offers to fly back to California for a special episode of *Deal or No Deal* featuring 100 of the show's most popular winners.

Edmond also said he has received job offers, including one with a locally based advertising firm and has even done commercial ads for local station KETK Region 56.

Edmond said he's thankful for those opportunities but the money actually made his life more complicated.

"I haven't changed. Money's not really a big deal to me, I haven't even bought anything yet," he said. "But it has put some extra stress on me. I get tired of people asking about it sometimes."

Edmond said he hasn't yet decided to follow up any of those opportunities, but has no plans for merely resting on his laurels.

"You've got to go out there and make things happen, I didn't win this money by just sitting in my dorm room," he said.

As for his plans for the money, Edmond said they're still simple.

"I want to help my Mom and Dad and I'm still shopping for a bass boat," he said. "I just want to let my money make money for me. That's why I have a financial planner, a certified professional accountant and a lawyer now."

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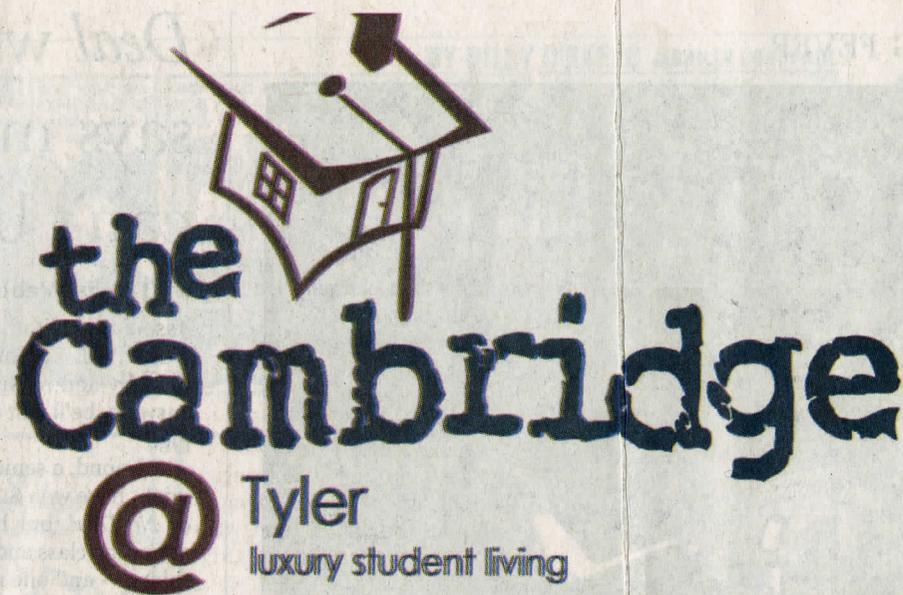
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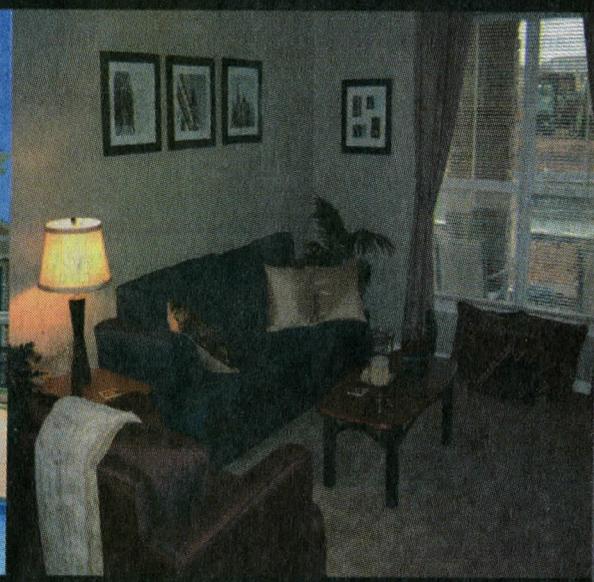
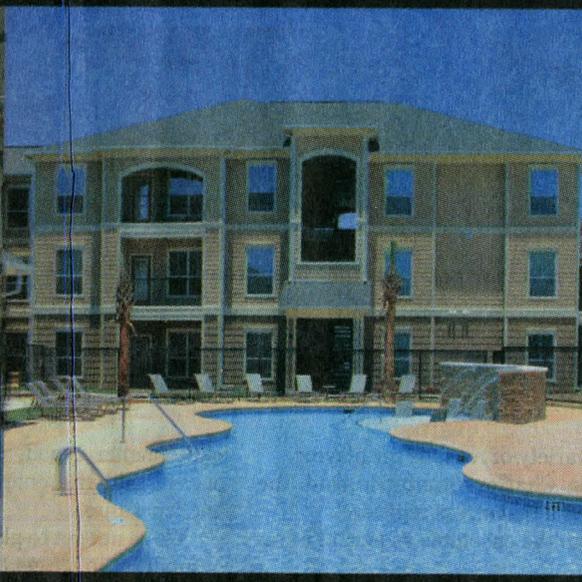




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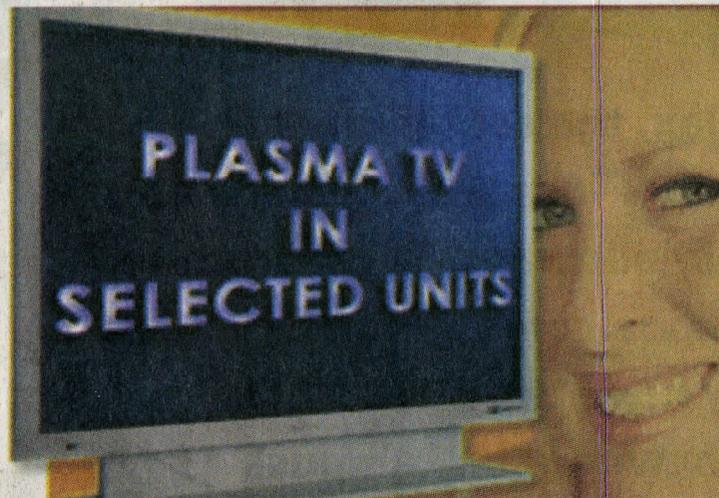
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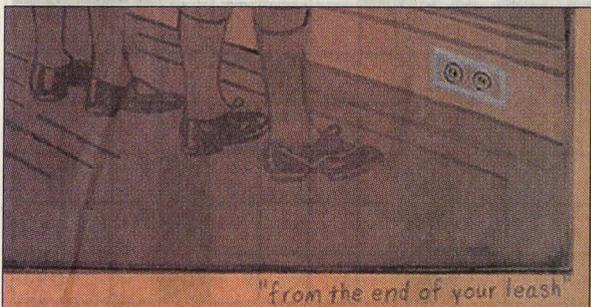
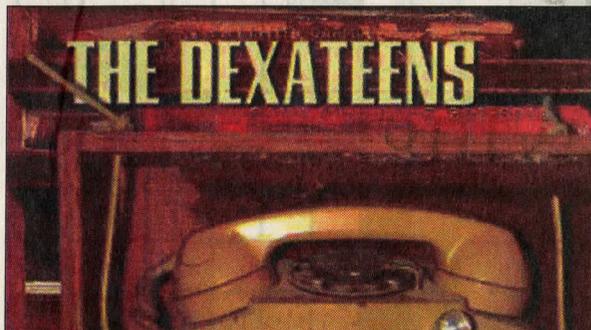
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The current state of Rock 'n' Roll

Searching for the real deal in an up stream industry of impostors



By Will McDonald
Entertainment editor

Playing rock 'n' roll isn't like it used to be. Catering to big money record label executives, stylist, and the glossy nonsense of Clear Channel radio stations has forced music fans to look underground for originality in a sea of sub-par sell-outs.

Perhaps that adds to the delight and excitement of finding a new band that really does rock 'n' roll right.

This spring break I went on a mission to find some new music that excited me, that I could crank up to 11 in the car and eagerly share with friends and fellow music lovers.

It was tough but with my virgin voyage into the almighty iTunes record store I luckily stumbled

upon enough rock to reassure me that yes, there still is good honest rock 'n' roll being made these days.

You've just got to do a little swimming to search it out.

Or read my column.



"Hardwire Healing" – Dexateens (2007)

"The Dexateens," a five-piece band from Alabama, have been playing together for eight years. "Hardwire Healing," the bands third album, has the self-described sound of "three guitars being cooked in a 4x12 skillet."

Produced by the Drive-By Truckers co-founder, Patterson

Hood, the album has much of the same distinct characteristics while still standing on its own two legs.

The record kicks off with the grit and energy maintained throughout "Hardwire Healing," a distinct rawness of rock.

Unpolished and unashamed of their lose, bruised style, songs like "Freight Train" and "Downtown" highlight the bands songwriting and naked vocals in an unflattering and austere way.

"Hardwire Healing" beckons music fans back to a time when it was okay to simply rock.

"From the End of Your Leash" – Bobby Bare Jr. (2004)

Being the namesake of one of the most respected songwriters of the Outlaw Country movement of

the 1970s leaves some big shoes (or in this case, boots) to fill. Bobby Bare Jr. steps into those shoes and gives songwriting a swift kick in the pants.

Bare's lyrics will leave you with a smile on your face while still conveying all the right emotions that come along with them, a tough task to do considering the majority of the record deals with heartbreak, minus the Nashville tackling "Come Visit Me In Music City."

The inclusion of the Shell Silverstein penned "Things I Didn't Say" alludes to Bare's writing expertise, and blends in perfectly to create a cohesive album.

The best part of the record may be Bare's brash manor of writing, but the tightly arranged compositions and well-placed horns are just as creative and timely.

'Black Snake Moan' weird, but worth it

Robin Baker
Staff Writer

Black Snake Moan – R: 118 minutes

I don't even know where to begin. "Black Snake Moan" is a strange movie and there's no other way to put it.

It's a steamy account of a creepy type of southern destitution.

This could be because Rae (Christina Ricci) seems to have lost her sanity. She tends to make terrible choices. But this is because she has a dark past, being sexually abused as a child, and writer-director Craig Brewer ("Hustle and Flow") uses her history as a reason for her self-destruction.

Rae needs emotional support and a lot of therapy. She needs Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson), a dirt poor farmer



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(Samuel L. Jackson), a dirt poor farmer who just happens to find her beat-up body lying down the small dirt road from his home. He carries Rae into his worn out shack, helps her to heal and cares for her until she comes around two days later. But being Rae, she's already raring to go.

The only trouble with that is she's chained to Lazarus's radiator.

Lazarus proclaims that since God put her in his path he is to "cure" her of her "wickedness."

Lazarus once played the blues, but he now seems to live them. He has been in agony ever since his wife left him for his younger brother.

Rae parades in her panties and rebel tank top while she roams the house, randomly yanking on the chain when she isn't able to smoke her two packs a day.

Things seem to change when Rae's luckless boyfriend, Ronnie (Justin Timberlake) returns from the military. He was released because he crumbles under stress. He's just another troubled, lost soul like Rae.

It seems as though Lazarus's sense-talking, tough love is wasted on the wrong people. There is no way that an old sermon can set these two straight. They need purity and hope. Love can provide that.

There is no doubt in my mind about Brewer's affection for his characters. His two leading actors are both terrific and the music is absolutely wonderful.

"Black Snake Moan" is something to see, but be cautious. It's rated R for a reason.



Staff photo by Will McDonald

Visiting artist Jake Allee, left, a Tyler Junior College ceramics professor and nationally exhibiting artist, works on a collaborative piece of pottery with University students Kim Schaefer, middle, and Po-Chung Tang, right, during the advance ceramics class on March 8. The class added the 'tentacles' to the form while Allee threw and shaped the pot. More than 30 students attended the demonstration and added to the artwork.

Jazz legend Dave Brubeck lives up to high expectations

By Kyle G. Horst
Staff Writer

At 86, jazz legend Dave Brubeck and his quartet are still going strong. Brubeck is the oldest and only original member left, but they still swing as they did in jazz's glory days.

As an avid jazz fan, his March 6th concert on at the University's R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center was all that I could have hoped for in the era of teenie-pop and hip-hop.

Time has treated Brubeck well, there were no visible signs of his age at times during his performance, although when he talked, he was hoarse and mumbled, a possible sign of his age. He walked onto the stage by himself and immediately started their first chart, written by his brother, Howard Brubeck.

He played with so much life and ener-

gy it tired him out. Before the intermission break, saxophonist Bobby Militello helped him walk off stage.

He did throw out a few jokes to the crowd now and then. After one chart, he addressed the crowd with a joke, but it was mildly botched because of his enunciation problems.

He played his most widely known chart, "Take Five", and filled the auditorium with a static energy.

The tune, written in a unique time signature for jazz, was never expected to sell by record producers. On the contrary, his experimentation with time signatures made him quite a name.

I'm glad I had the chance to see the legendary Dave Brubeck live. In this day and age, seeing a true jazz legend is a rarity, but seeing one that still has mad jazz skills is even better.



Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Jazz pianist Dave Brubeck takes five during a saxophone solo at his March 6 show at the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

New film about ancient battle delivers on promise of guts and glory

By Erin Buller
Editor in Chief

300, rated R for graphic battle sequences, some sexuality and nudity From the opening sequence Zack Snyder's *300* drips with testosterone, power and Spartan beauty.

Snyder, director of 2004's *Dawn of the Dead*, chose to begin his movie with an explanation of what drove the 300 Spartans to stand up to the horde of Persian invaders at the historical Battle of Thermopylae in the 5th century BC.

Based on the graphic novel by Frank Miller, who also wrote *Sin City*, the look and feel of the film depends largely on the graphic nature of the blood and guts of the battle scenes.

And although the film is more bloody, in my opinion, than *Gladiator* and *Braveheart*, the blood seems stylized in such a way that its artistic, rather than disgusting.

The movie begins by showing a young boy being trained by his father in the art of combat while his mother looks on.

At the age of seven, Spartan boys were taken from their families and put in rigorous training with other boys, leading to a close-knit unit of trained military men each generation.

The purpose of this element of the film is to show the ancient Spartan way of life and to lay the groundwork for the introduction of



Photo courtesy yahoomovies.com

Lena Heady as Queen Gorgo, who stayed behind to fight a different kind of battle in *300*.

King Leonidas, played by the Scottish Gerard Butler after the whole *Phantom of the Opera* thing.

From the moment Butler enters the screen, with his bulging mus-

cles and black beard, the film-watcher knows he's a badass.

Who could resist an ancient Greek with a Scottish accent?

After King Leonidas receives a message from the Persians saying they're on their way, he finds a way around the law and politics and takes his 300 "body guards" out to confront the "god-king" Xerxes (played by a eight-foot-tall Rodrigo Santoro of *Love Actually*).

The middle part of the film shows the 300 soldiers leaving behind what they love to defend the entire Greek way of life against the invading Persians.

This is where the movie gets really good.

According to what I've read the main characters all trained for months before production began to prepare for the battle sequences and rigorous nature of the shoot.

And that training definitely paid off.

Although shot entirely before a blue screen and all the backgrounds and locations are computer graphics, the film and characters seem extremely real and vivacious.

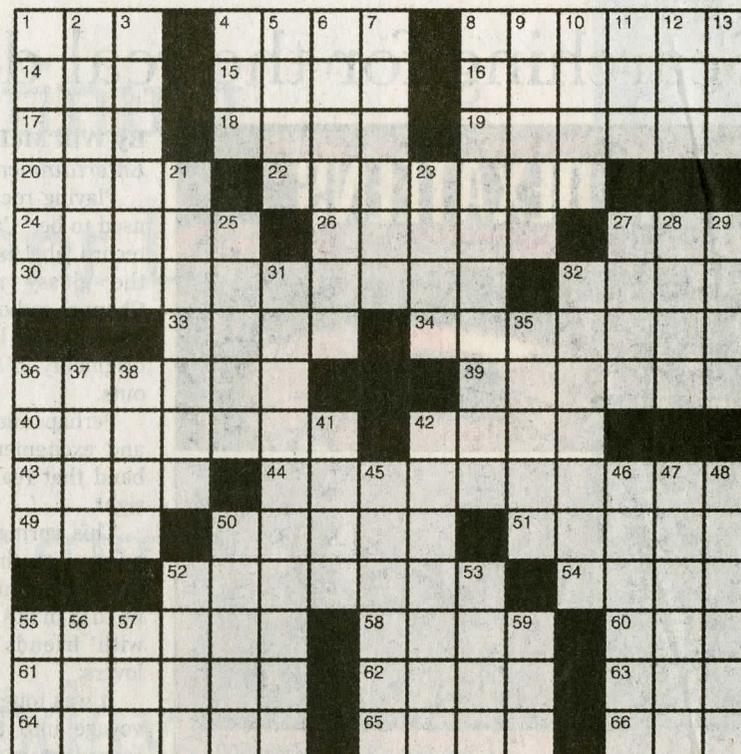
I particularly enjoyed the performance of Lena Heady as Queen of Sparta. The British actress who also was in *The Brothers Grimm* in 2005 played a gutsy and integral role as Leonidas' wife, who stayed behind to protect his kingdom from politicians.

I advise people to go see it on this on the big screen and then rent the DVD for all the extra features that are sure to come.



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- ACROSS**
- Family ride
 - Camp beds
 - Respectful deference
 - Anger
 - Vicinity
 - Humiliated
 - Xenon or neon
 - View as
 - Persons in charge
 - Aid a criminal
 - Hits the books
 - Stirs to anger
 - Qualifying races
 - Post-graduate pursuit
 - Bacteria causing food poisoning
 - Young kangaroo
 - Good points
 - Gasohol ingredient
 - Taken without permission
 - Common antiseptic
 - Roman comedy writer
 - Fragrant bloom
 - Time periods
 - Basics
 - Take first place
 - Swings of the bat
 - Leather band
 - Searched high and low
 - Oscar-winner Thompson
 - Milwaukee beer
 - Aphrodite's boy
 - "Peter ___"
 - More or less
 - Eternally
 - Irritate
 - Stovetops
 - Guadalajara money
 - Attempt



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- DOWN**
- Cuban export
 - Saudi ___
 - Deal in used goods
 - Scoundrel
 - Raw minerals
 - Grows choppers
 - Playwright Beckett
 - Residence
 - Hautboys
 - Large unspecified number
 - Nincompoop
 - ___-whiz!
 - Begley and Meese
 - Places of worship
 - Valley
 - Philosopher Kierkegaard
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 - Green gem
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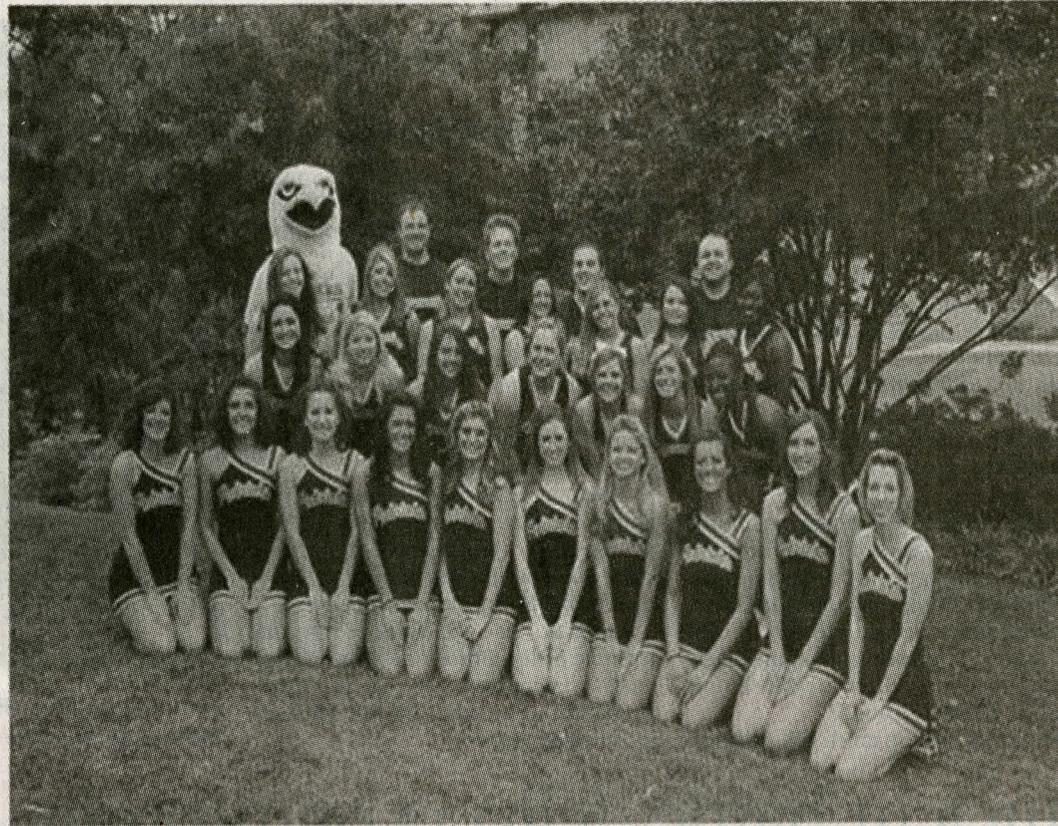
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Briefs

Spring fling set for March 29-April 1

A residence life "Spring Fling" is scheduled for March 29 through April 1, Kelley Hartnett, residence coordinator, said.

Events include a fish fry, pool tournament, swimming, a carnival, an egg hunt, and a volleyball tournament, she said. Hartnett said the band Sterling is also scheduled to perform.

Will Edmond, resident assistant, said Dr. Dale Lunsford is to be honored at the fish fry for his service as vice president for student affairs and external relations at the University.

PBS documentary to spotlight role of University

The University has been included in a new PBS documentary series that examines higher educational involvement in many of today's critical issues, officials said on March 19.

State of Tomorrow, is a 13-episode documentary series that highlights extraordinary work, groundbreaking research and the state's most innovative thinkers who are committed to solving new challenges, according to a press release.

"We are extremely proud to be a part of such an exceptional documentary, which demonstrates how higher education touches not only the lives of its students, but also the nation at large," President Rodney Mabry said.

The local PBS affiliate will begin airing the series on April 2. The University will be included in the second episode, Disaster Response, which airs on April 9.

That episode highlights disaster relief efforts of higher education during Hurricane Katrina.

SGA still investigating food contract

By Travis Webb

Associate Editor

Patriot Talon staff members received a copy of the University's contract with Aramark Educational Services on March 5, following an open records request made by a Talon reporter.

The request, filed on Feb. 8, was submitted in response to a similar request filed by Student Government Association president, Austin O'Kelly.

SGA representatives confirmed that they have also received a complete copy of the contract.

O'Kelly said he had initially been told Aramark's legal representatives were seeking an opinion on the

request from the Office of the Attorney General, which could take up to 45 days.

"I'm just happy I received my copy without having to wait the whole 45 days," O'Kelly said.

SGA officials and Aramark representatives have discussed a meeting for months, O'Kelly said.

O'Kelly said now that he has the contract he would be willing to meet with Aramark officials to negotiate recent SGA complaints about service and pricing in the Metamorphosis Café and Harvey's Burrito Bar.

In an accompanying letter, director of compliance for the University, Mary Barr said Aramark officials had decided to release the complete contract, without

waiting for a ruling, in the interest of good relations with the University and its students.

Additionally, Aramark waived the usual charges that accompany such a request.

As a private corporation, Aramark and their subsidiaries would not normally be subject to the Texas Public Information Act but the University is a public, state funded organization and must comply with valid open record requests.

Government agencies who believe they are exempt from a request must request a ruling from the Office of the Attorney General as well as notifying the requestor of the intent to seek an opinion.

TOP BRASS



Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Members of the Jazz Patriots perform March 8 in the open area of the University Center.

Studying abroad nets world of peril

By Mary Jane Smetanka

Star Tribune

(MCT) MINNEAPOLIS — Rachel Jamison traveled to Tanzania last August as the sole University of Minnesota student in an exchange program with the University of Dar es Salaam. Her year, she said, became a nightmare.

She was sexually harassed by a campus guard and a policeman, and assaulted on the street. A man in the office where she had to officially register for classes asked for "a date" first, which she called a synonym for sex. Then a classmate stole her finals papers, demanding sex before he would give them back.

Jamison thought she knew the risks when she went. "But I realized this was very different," she said.

More American college students are studying abroad, more often in countries where cultural attitudes and laws may be very different. And that's raising the stakes for the colleges sending them.

"I have a lot of gray hair from worry as students go abroad," said Al Balkcum, director of the University of Minnesota's Learning Abroad Center.

In 2004-05, more than 205,000 American college students traveled overseas for study programs, an increase of 8 percent over the year before. While the most popular destinations remain European countries — the top three were the United Kingdom, Italy and Spain — other places are rising in popularity. The number of Americans studying in the United Kingdom dropped in 2004-05; the number of students going to such places as Argentina and India leaped by 50 percent.

Balkcum said the school is responsible for students in approved programs no matter where in the world they are. When they find out about it, schools have a duty to respond to sexual harassment of students studying abroad.

But students also have to use the training and contacts they've been given. "When students are 10,000 miles away, we can't tell what's happening every moment," Balkcum said. "We rely on what the student tells us and what the on-site coordinator tells us."

In 1996, four students died when the bus in which they were riding veered off an Indian road on the way to the Taj Mahal. Two years later, five women from a Maryland college were raped on an isolated highway in Guatemala. In 2003, two students drowned after they went wading in a Puerto Rican stream and apparently were pulled under by the current.

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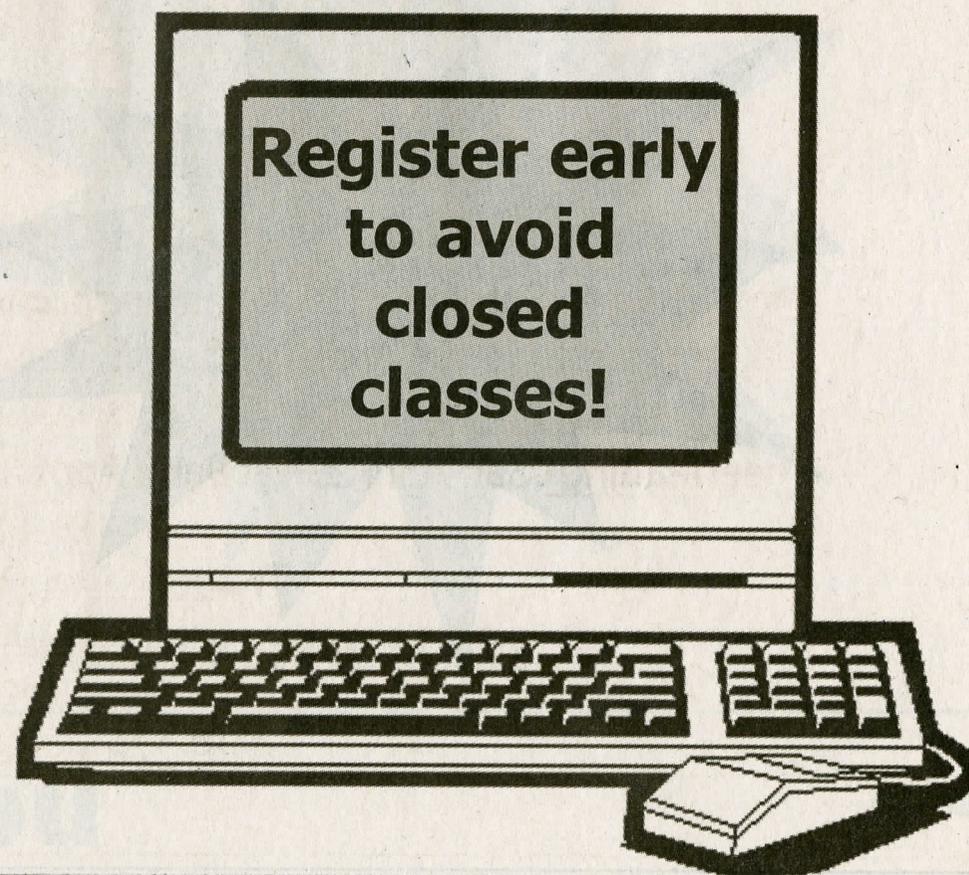
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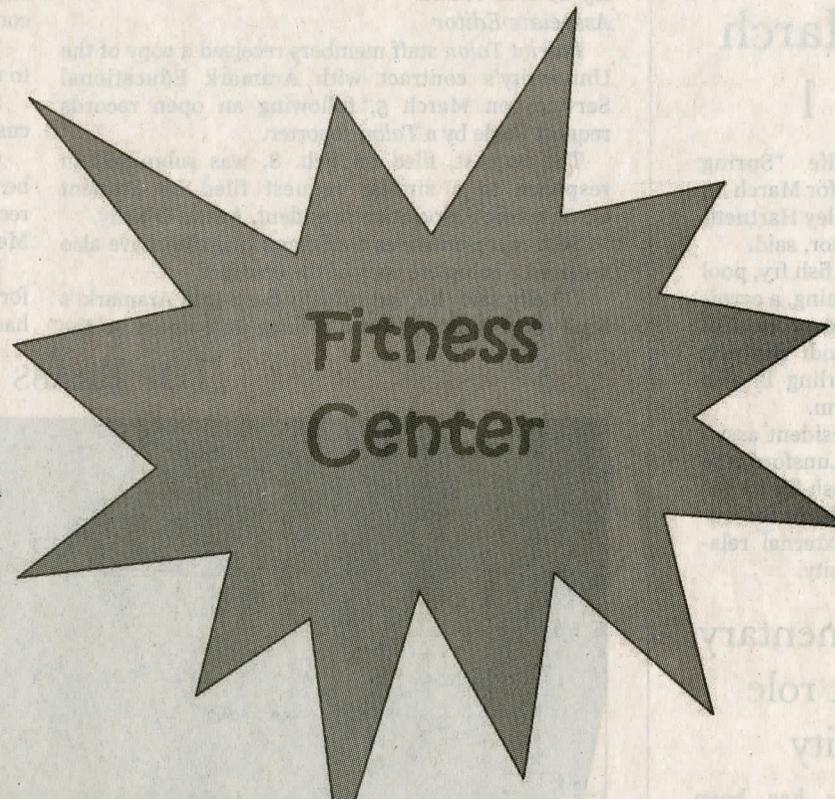
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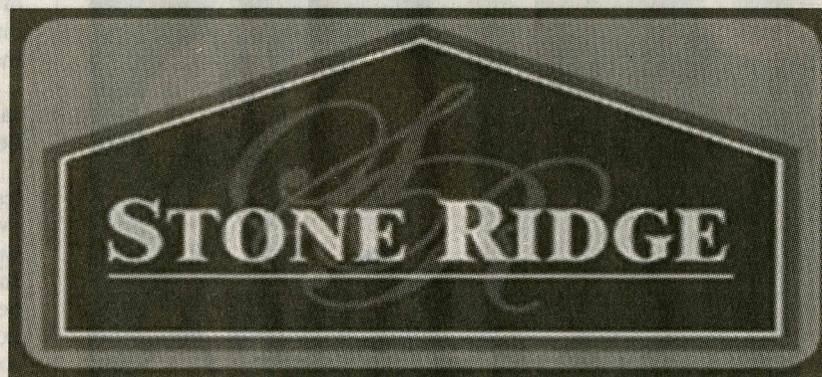
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Crime stoppers program taking shape on campus

By Travis Webb
Associate Editor

The University may have a safer future in store — a committee is currently working to eventually provide a Crime Stoppers program, complete with rewards for anonymous informers, said University police officer Mark Pierce.

“The Crime Stoppers program is great as both a law enforcement aid and as a crime deterrent,” Pierce said.

Pierce said he recently attended a training program on how to implement the Crime Stoppers program within a campus framework.

The program will offer witnesses a

chance to place anonymous telephone calls to University police officials. Tips that bear out results will earn cash rewards.

But Pierce said he wanted to make it clear that grudge informing and bogus tips would be strongly discouraged.

“Just because someone calls in doesn’t mean we’ll go in with a search warrant and kick the door in,” Pierce said. “And making false reports to officers is technically a crime.”

University law enforcement officials are instead hoping the program will create an environment where students and faculty can help keep police informed — in turn keeping those same students

and faculty safe and sound.

“Chief Medders brought up the idea, but because of time constraints I ended up going to the training program,” he said.

Crime Stoppers itself started in New Mexico in 1976 and has expanded to include more than half a dozen nations with thousands of individual programs.

The University’s own program, however, is still in the exploratory stage.

“We’ve formed an exploratory committee made up of students and faculty,” Pierce said.

He said the committee members were asked to join based on appointment by University police officials who

strove to create a diverse body that mimicked campus demographics.

Pierce said the committee has approved bylaws and is working on getting the anonymous phone lines installed.

“We needs to establish a number — ideally we’d like to organize a fundraiser so we can have this thing really lift off,” he added.

Pierce said campus crime may not warrant such a program yet, but with the University’s considerable growth rate it might one day need it.

“We don’t want to be alarmist, we just want a sound program in place well before we might need it,” he said.

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Mark Pierce
University police

Weekend tourney determines debate team final rankings

By Lauren Hufham
Staff Writer

This weekend will determine the University’s debate team ranking for the year.

The team will compete in the International Public Debate Association Championship Tournament March 30 to April 1 in Shreveport, Louisiana for their final event of the year.

University debate team members Sean Dodd, David Brown and Darci Meadville placed at intercollegiate tournaments in early March.

“We’ve gone to tournaments across the nation including California, Florida, and Michigan this year,” said Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs, director of the debate team. “These three students always do well.”

Dodd and Brown reached elimination round and then tied for third place in public debate at the University of West Florida competition March 2-3.

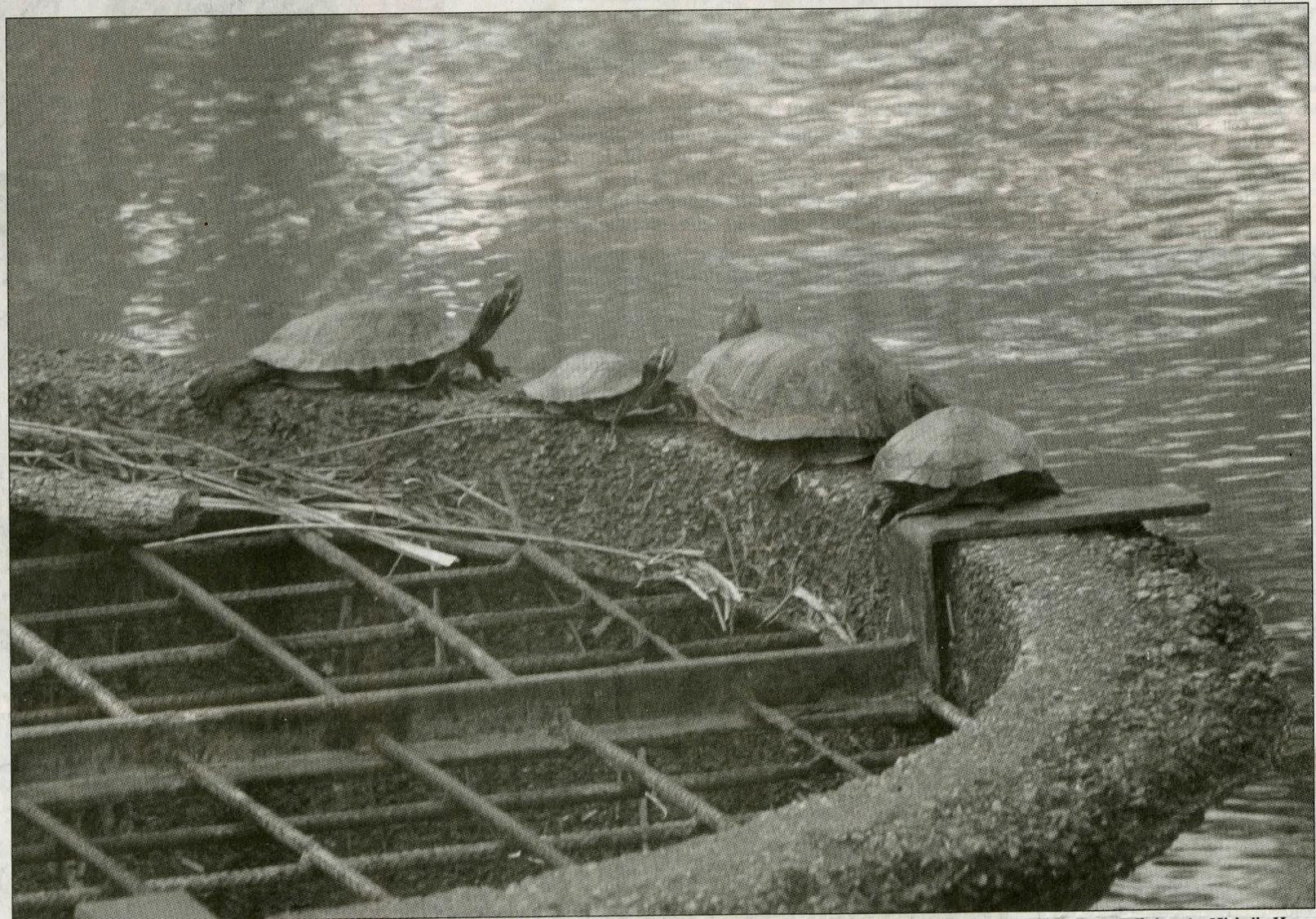
Dodd, Brown and Meadville received the second, third and fourth place speaker awards respectively.

“Speaker awards are determined by quality points assigned by judges,” Hobbs said. “Other awards are determined by win-loss records.”

He said Dodd placed second at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament on March 7-10. Pi Kappa Delta is the oldest and largest speech honorary.

Fifty-five colleges and universities from

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Baseball

March 6 at Home

UT-Tyler 6

Northwood 4

Score by Innings R H E
 Northwood 201 010 000 - 4 9 2
 UT-Tyler 120 010 02X - 6 11 2
 Pitchers: Northwood (Tex.) - J. Reding; S. Clothier(6); A. Gutierrez(7); A. Amador(8). Texas-Tyler - Greg Johnson; Patrick McClure(5); Michael Stutts(6); Blake Burnett(9); Nate Jennings(9).
 Win-Michael Stutts Save-Nate Jennings Loss-A. Gutierrez

March 9 at Home

UT-Tyler 19

Mississippi College 9

Score by Innings R H E
 Miss. Coll. 000 202 005 - 9 17 4
 UT-Tyler 041 602 42X - 19 17 0
 Pitchers: Mississippi College - C. Douglas; Robby Ashley(2); J. Gregg(4); S. Buys(7); W. Bolden(8). Texas-Tyler - Ryan Campbell; Greg Johnson(8); Lance Brogan(9); Blake Burnett(9). Win-Ryan Campbell Loss-Robby Ashley

March 10 at Home

UT-Tyler 7

Mississippi College 2

(Game One)

Score by Innings R H E
 Miss. Coll. 100 100 0 - 2 7 1
 UT-Tyler 202 201 X - 7 13 0
 Pitchers: Mississippi College - Shawn Ashley. Texas-Tyler - Brett Holland. Win-Brett Holland Loss-Shawn Ashley

March 10 at Home

UT-Tyler 5

Mississippi College 4, 10 inn.

(Game Two)

Score by Innings R H E
 Miss. Coll. 000 120 010 0 - 4 6 2
 UT-Tyler 012 000 100 1 - 5 10 2
 Pitchers: Mississippi College - Tyler Williams; Ryan Willis(8). Texas-Tyler - Blake Booher; Michael Stutts(7); Nate Jennings(9). Win-Nate Jennings Loss-Ryan Willis

March 12 at Dallas

UT-Tyler 18

Paul Quinn College 5

Score by Innings R H E
 UT-Tyler 160 003 422 - 18 19 3
 Paul Quinn 101 010 002 - 5 10 4
 Pitchers: Texas-Tyler - Greg Johnson; Bryce Morrow(4); Nate Jennings(6); Chase Thomas(7); Lance Brogan(9). Paul Quinn -

Bizot named new basketball coach

Travis Webb

Associate Editor

The University's men's basketball team once again has a full-time head coach.

Kenny Bizot has been selected as the new coach, University officials announced in a press conference held at the Herrington Patriot Center on March 9.

"I'm honored to be a part of this program," Bizot said. "And I'm proud to have been selected to help take it to the next level."

Bizot was chosen from nearly 100 candidates.

Athletics Director Dr. Howard Patterson said University officials winnowed the applicants down to a more manageable 10 before selecting three to visit the University.

"He had something intangible, you couldn't put your finger on it exactly. There was a sense of confidence though that we liked," Patterson said. "And an eagerness, he seemed anxious to get started. He's just the right guy."

Patriot forward and sophomore Joseph Solomon agreed.

"He wants to get started yesterday," Solomon said.

Bizot was hired on a 12-month contract with a salary of \$48,500. Like all University coaches, Bizot's responsibilities will include secondary duties like instructing fitness program classes for students and event supervision.

University President Dr. Rodney Mabry said he was impressed with Bizot from the moment his application arrived.

"He's a very articulate coach, he knows what he wants to do," Mabry said. "He's got a plan for his first 30 days."

Mabry said he was particularly impressed by Bizot's application, which included a 35-page booklet covering his philosophy and coaching approach.

Bizot spent last season as head coach at Jackson Preparatory School in Jackson, Mississippi.

Bizot had previously been an assistant coach at Mississippi College. According to a University press release, he also served as recruitment coordinator for the Choctaws during his four years there.

He also served as head coach at Mississippi's Hillcrest Christian School from 1998-2002, during which time the team went to consecutive state championships.

Bizot attended Mississippi College and spent four seasons with the Choctaws — starting in 25 of 27 games his senior year.

Bizot is the brother of University tennis coach Christopher Bizot.

The team previously had been under the leadership of assistant coach Larry Jones, following the recent resignation of Matt Wallis.

Patterson thanked Jones for having stepped in and taken temporary control of the reigns.

"Fortunately, we aren't too behind, and a lot of that is because of Larry Jones," Patterson said.



Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst
 New men's basketball coach Kenny Bizot talks to members of the media during his introduction in a press conference on March 9. Bizot is the brother of the Patriots' tennis coach Christopher Bizot.



Patriots drop two before bouncing back to win eight

Jennings(9); Chase Anomas(7); Lance Brogan(9). Paul Quinn - Pennington. Win-Bryce Morrow Loss-Pennington

March 13 at Sherman

UT-Tyler 6

Austin College 3

Score by Innings	R	H	E	
UT-Tyler	012	001	011	- 6 10 3
Austin Coll.	000	110	100	- 3 8 0

Pitchers: Texas-Tyler - Michael Stutts; Patrick McClure(6); Blake Burnett(7); Nate Jennings(8). Austin College - Stevens; King(4); Adcock(8); Duplessis(9). Win-Michael Stutts Save-Nate Jennings Loss-Stevens

March 16 at Home

UT-Tyler 10

University of Dallas 2

Score by Innings	R	H	E	
U. of Dallas	200	000	000	- 2 9 2
UT-Tyler	202	110	22X	- 10 11 0

Pitchers: Univ. of Dallas - White, J.; Zimmermann(8). Texas-Tyler - Ryan Campbell; Brett Holland(7). Win-Ryan Campbell Loss-White, J.

March 20 at Home

UT-Tyler 13

Paul Quinn College 5

Score by Innings	R	H	E	
Paul Quinn	100	400	000	- 5 6 3
UT-Tyler	210	250	21X	- 13 16 0

Pitchers: Paul Quinn - Jorge Rivera; Culbert Evans(5). Texas-Tyler - Blake Booher; Michael Stutts(3); Greg Johnson(4); Patrick McClure(7); Blake Burnett(8); Nate Jennings(9). Win-Greg Johnson Loss-Jorge Rivera

March 23 at Home

UT-Tyler 20

East Texas Baptist Univ. 0

Score by Innings	R	H	E	
ETBU	000	000	000	- 0 4 1
UT-Tyler	510	042	53X	- 20 20 0

Pitchers: East Texas Baptist - Trevor Stagner; Spencer Reese(5); Elizando(7). Texas-Tyler - Ryan Campbell. Win-Ryan Campbell Loss-Trevor Stagner

March 24 at Home

UT-Tyler 5

East Texas Baptist Univ. 4

(Game One)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
ETBU	000	022	0 - 4
UT-Tyler	000	104	x - 5

March 24 at Home

UT-Tyler 4

East Texas Baptist Univ. 0

(Game Two)

Score by Innings	R	H	E	
ETBU	000	000	000	- 0 4 1
UT-Tyler	103	000	00x	- 4 8 2

Softball

March 2 at Farmer's Branch

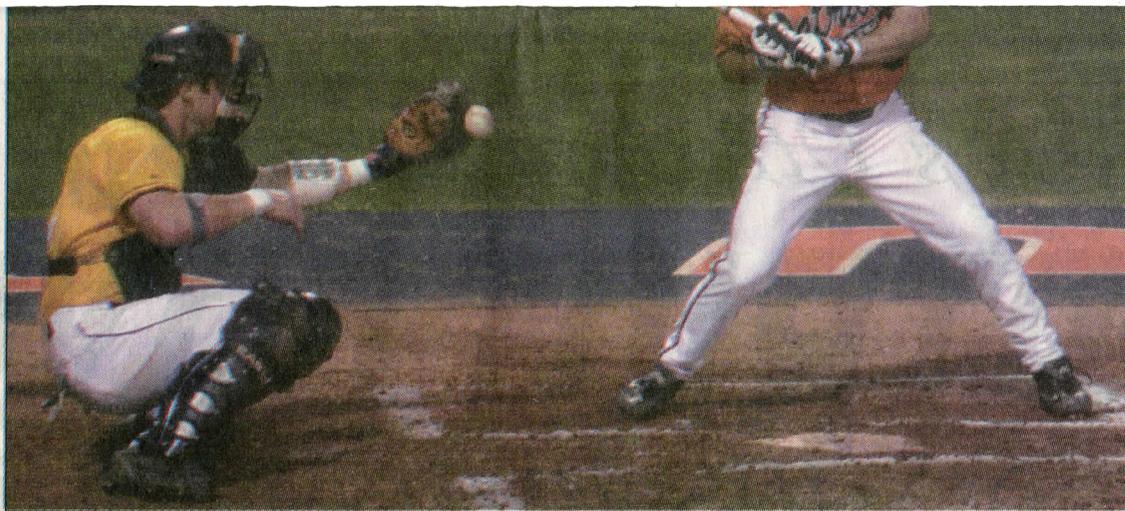
UT-Tyler 4

Mary Hardin-Baylor 1

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Hardin-Baylor	100	000	0 - 1 3 0
Texas-Tyler	310	000	X - 4 6 1

Pitchers: Mary Hardin-Baylor - Cahlig; Liles(2). Texas-Tyler - Sam Darr. Win-Sam Darr Loss-Cahlig

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Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Patriots junior, Chris Goss, checks his swing as a strike is called in a game against Mississippi College on March 9. The Patriots won the game 19-9.

Patriot men still undefeated despite strong competition

Jeremy Cotham

Sports Editor

Through 23 games this season, the Patriots (23-0, 6-0) have been tested to the last inning and there have been some games where they have dominated the game from the first pitch.

Friday night was an example of domination and Saturday was an example of being tested to the last few innings.

On Friday night, the Patriots pounded out 20 hits and got 20 runs in a 20-0 blowout over the East Texas Baptist University Tigers.

Brett Amyx led the offensive output with his seventh and eighth home run of the season as he went 3-for-5 with four runs batted in. Ryan Campbell pitched the complete game shutout to get the win. He recorded eight strikeouts while only giving up four hits.

"Ryan was spectacular," said coach James Vilade in a press release. "That's one of the best pitched games I've seen in college baseball. He was down in the zone, all pitches for strikes."

In the first game of the double-header on Saturday, the Tigers looked like they were about to hand the Patriots their first loss of the season.

The Tigers had a 4-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth in what was only going to be a seven inning game.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Patriots got the rally going with Chris Goss and Kendall Fox drew back-to-back walks. Clay Clopland then hit an opposite field double inside the right field line to score.

Goss and Fox to cut the margin to, 4-3. Amyx then hit a double high off the center field wall, just missing a home run by a few feet, tying the game at 4-4. Amyx then advanced to third base on an infield groundout and Joseph Towns' sacrifice fly to right field brought in

Amyx to get the Patriots back ahead, 5-4.

Nate Jennings then tamed the Tigers three-up and three-down in the top half of the seventh to get the win and preserve a perfect season for them.

In the second game, the Patriots jumped out to an early lead and never looked back from there.

In the bottom of the first inning, Andrew Damewood hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Fox to give the Patriots a 1-0 lead. In the third inning, the Patriots added three more runs to get ahead 4-0.

Blake Booher (3-0) pitched the nine-inning complete game shutout, striking out nine batters.

Over spring break from March 9 - 16, the Patriots played six games and were tested only two times.

On March 10, in the second game of a double-header against Mississippi College, the Patriots had to take it to 10 innings to get the win, 5-4, over the Choctaws. Damewood opened the 10th inning with a walk, then was moved to third by a single from Ryan Reidel. Austin Newell then stepped up to the plate and delivered the game-winning hit to the wall for the game-winning RBI.

Then the Patriot played another close game, this one on March 14 against Austin College, which the Patriots won 6-3.

The Patriots only led by one in the top of the eighth, 4-3, but managed to reel off two more insurance runs to hold on for the three-run victory.

The Patriots continue to expand on the best start ever to a season and are currently on a school-best 28-game winning streak, which is 12 games short of the all-time NCAA Division III baseball record, which was set in 1999.

The University baseball team is also chasing another all-time record in the most wins to start a season, which is 33 games set by John Hopkins.

back to win eight games in a row

Jeremy Cotham

Sports Editor

The University softball team was staying undefeated along with the baseball team for the first 13 games of the season but on March 14 lost a double-header to Mississippi College, 10-2 and 3-2.

But since that loss, the Patriots (21-2, 6-2) have started up another winning streak which is currently at eighth in-a-row.

This past weekend, the Patriots swept a two-day, four-game series over The University of the Ozarks, who they have never lost to in the three-years of the program (12-0).

On Friday, the Ozarks had two close chances to end that streak but came up a run short each time, 2-1 and 4-3.

Patriots star pitcher Sam Darr, who was the American Southwest Conference East Division Pitcher of the Week last week, made an appearance in all four games this weekend, winning all three games she started.

In the first game on Friday, Darr pitched seven innings for the win and gave up one earned run.

In the second game, Sharon Duncan pitched six innings for the win and Sam Darr came on for one inning of relief work and gave up one run for the save.

The Patriots trailed in both games on Friday and had to come from behind in their final at-bats to take the lead.

"To find a way to win when everything isn't going your way, that's just a part of being 19 and 2," said coach Mike Reed. "We didn't have as good of at-bats as we had during the season, but we found a way to win. It might not have been pretty in the end, but it means a lot that we were still able to get it done."

In the first game on Friday, the Patriots had to score twice in the last inning to win the game.

With the bases loaded, Lindsey Peters hit a shot right behind the pitcher, driving in Nicole Willhoite to tie the game at 1-1. After a line out, Carly Collins grounded one back to the pitcher that bounced off her glove and her throw to first was late and Collins was safe, driving in Holly Perry and ending the game.

In the second game, the Patriots went into the bottom of the sixth, tied 2-2 and put up two runs to get ahead 4-2. In the top half of the seventh, Darr gave up one run but it was still enough to hang on for the win.

On Saturday, the Patriots had an easier road to victory as they swept the day with two 8-0 wins.

Darr started both games, which were both ended early by the mercy rule. The first game went five innings and the second game went six innings.

Darr, who is now 11-1 with a 2.04 earned run average, started both games and recorded the wins in each of them.

In the first game on Saturday, Darr pitched the whole five innings of the game and pitched four of the six innings in the second game.

Leading the way on Saturday for the offense was Ashley McElroy who was 5-for-7 combined in the two games with two RBI's and scored three times on the day.

Joining her was Collins, who was 2-for-3 in both games for the day, with three RBI's and another three runs scored combined.

Perry joined in on the hitting, going a prefect 3-for-3 in the second game with three RBI's and 1-for-3 in the first game.

SCOREBOARD

FROM PAGE 14

March 2 at Farmer's Branch
UT-Tyler 2
Schreiner 1

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Schreiner	001	000	0 - 1 7 3
Texas-Tyler	000	000	2 - 2 5 0

Pitchers: Schreiner - Hanson. Texas-Tyler - Sharon Duncan; Taylor Geddes(7). Win-Taylor Geddes Loss-Hanson

March 3 at Farmer's Branch
UT-Tyler 18
Sul Ross 1

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Texas-Tyler	05(11)	20	- 18 14 1
Sul Ross State	00	0 01	- 1 2 8

Pitchers: Texas-Tyler - Taylor Geddes; Patsy Toman(4). Sul Ross State - Solis; Olivarez(3). Win-Taylor Geddes Loss-Solis

March 3 at Farmer's Branch
UT-Tyler 17
Concordia-Austin 3

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Texas-Tyler	926	00	- 17 16 2
Concordia-Austin	000	03	- 3 3 3

Pitchers: Texas-Tyler - Sam Darr. Concordia-Austin - Jimenez; Patranella(1). Win-Sam Darr Loss-Jimenez

March 9 at Longview
UT-Tyler 15
LeTourneau 2
(Game One)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
UT-Tyler	140	208	- 15 14 2
LeTourneau	002	000	- 2 6 6

Pitchers: UT-Tyler - Sam Darr. LeTourneau - Waldron; Altimore(4). Win-Sam Darr Loss-Waldron

March 9 at Longview
UT-Tyler 12
LeTourneau 2
(Game Two)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
UT-Tyler	014	70	- 12 12 1
LeTourneau	200	00	- 2 5 3

Pitchers: UT-Tyler - Sharon Duncan; Patsy Toman(3); Taylor Geddes(4). LeTourneau - Cox; Phelps(4); Altimore(4); Keltner(5). Win-Sharon Duncan Loss-Cox

March 14 at Home
Mississippi College 10
UT-Tyler 2
(Game One)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Miss. College	000	00(10)	- 10 11 3
Texas-Tyler	100	1 0 0	- 2 5 2

Pitchers: Mississippi College - Katie Perry. Texas-Tyler - Sam Darr; Taylor Geddes(6). Win-Katie Perry Loss-Sam Darr

March 14 at Home
Mississippi College 3
UT-Tyler 2
(Game Two)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Miss. College	001	101	0 - 3 5 2
Texas-Tyler	001	001	0 - 2 7 0

Pitchers: Mississippi College - Kayla Watkins. Texas-Tyler - Sharon Duncan. Win-Kayla Watkins Loss-Sharon Duncan

March 23 at Home
UT-Tyler 2
University of the Ozarks 1
(Game One)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Ozarks	001	000	0 - 1 5 2
Texas-Tyler	000	000	2 - 2 4 1

March 23 at Home
UT-Tyler 4
University of the Ozarks 3
(Game Two)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Ozarks	100	001	1 - 3 9 2
Texas-Tyler	001	012	x - 4 15 0

March 24 at Home
UT-Tyler 8
University of the Ozarks 0
(Game One)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Ozarks	000	00	- 0 2 2
Texas-Tyler	401	12	- 8 12 0

March 24 at Home
UT-Tyler x
University of the Ozarks x
(Game Two)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Ozarks	000	000	- 0 3 2
Texas-Tyler	010	601	- 8 13 0

Tennis

MEN

March 10 at Clarksville, Ark.
UT Tyler 9
Univ. of the Ozarks 0

Singles competition
 1. Bryan Jolly (UT Tyler) def. Keith Edwards 6-1, 6-0
 2. Tripp Farmer (UT Tyler) def. Kevin Edwards 8-2
 3. Ryan May (UT Tyler) def. Brandon Carlson 8-1
 4. Tim Pedraza (UT Tyler) def. Tyler Timms 6-0, 6-0
 5. Marcus Koenig (UT Tyler) def. Tyler Wilson 6-3, 6-1
 6. Brad Fenter (UT Tyler) def. Michael Laws 8-5

Doubles competition
 1. Kreines/May (UT Tyler) def. Edwards/Edwards 8-5
 2. Farmer/Fenter (UT Tyler) def. Carlson/Brett Spahn 8-3
 3. Pedraza/Joe Vann (UT Tyler) def. Timms/Laws 8-2

March 10 at Shawnee, Okla.
Oklahoma Baptist 8
UT Tyler 1

Singles competition
 1. Tim Landvatter (OBU) def. Bryan Jolly 6-2, 6-1
 2. Bruno Scalossi (OBU) def. Tripp Farmer 6-1, 6-3
 3. Gustavo Schaefer (OBU) def. Ryan May 6-1, 6-3
 4. Peter McCorkle (OBU) def. Tim Pedraza 4-6, 6-1, 10-3
 5. Andrew Sharp (OBU) def. Nick Kreines 6-0, 7-6
 6. Scott Milner (OBU) def. Joe Vann 6-4, 2-6, 11-9

Doubles competition
 1. Landvatter/Scalossi (OBU) def. Ashlock/Farmer 8-2

2. Kreines/May (UT Tyler) def. Schaefer/Milner 8-5
 3. Sharp/McCorckle (OBU) def. Fenter/Vann 8-2

March 11 at Durant, Okla.
Southeastern Oklahoma 6
UT Tyler 3

Singles competition
 1. Bryan Jolly (UT Tyler) def. Jesse Buchanan 5-7, 6-4, 6-1
 2. Ben Disley (SOSU) def. Tripp Farmer 3-1, retired
 3. Marcos Freitas (SOSU) def. Tim Pedraza 6-3, 7-5
 4. Luiz Ramos (SOSU) def. Nick Kreines 6-3, 7-6
 5. Danilo Hinaoka (SOSU) def. Joe Vann 6-2, 6-3
 6. Marcus Koenig (UT Tyler) def. Felipe Carvalho 9-7

Doubles competition
 1. Buchanan/Freitas (SOSU) def. Kreines/May 9-8
 2. Fenter/Farmer (UT Tyler) def. Nanez/Delloro 8-6
 3. Disley/Hiraoka (SOSU) def. Pedraza/Vann 8-4

WOMEN

March 10 at Clarksville, Ark.
UT Tyler 9
Univ. of the Ozarks 0

Singles competition
 1. Beth Launius (UT Tyler) def. Olivia Fisher 6-1, 6-0
 2. Sophie Weber (UT Tyler) def. Robin Gattis 6-2, 6-1
 3. Nikki Barrett (UT Tyler) def. Lea Rana 8-1
 4. Kristen Coy (UT Tyler) def. Brittney Hein 9-7
 5. Stephanie Sorch (UT Tyler) def. Heather Hartlerode 7-5, 6-0
 6. Roxanne Bowman (UT Tyler) def. Jessalyn Halsted 8-2

Doubles competition
 1. Barrett/Launius (UT Tyler) def. Fisher/Rana 8-2
 2. Domingues/Weber (UT Tyler) def. Gattis/Briar Vona 8-1
 3. Coy/Ude (UT Tyler) def. Hartlerode/Halsted 8-0

March 10 at Shawnee, Okla.
UT Tyler 9
Oklahoma Baptist 0

Singles competition
 1. Beth Launius (UT Tyler) def. Kaitlin Pascucci 6-1, 6-1
 2. Sophie Weber (UT Tyler) def. Camber Robinett 6-2, 6-1
 3. Nikki Barrett (UT Tyler) def. Brooke Mowery 6-2, 7-6
 4. Brittany Ude (UT Tyler) def. Reige Davis 6-1, 6-1
 5. Danielle Domingues (UT Tyler) def. Molly Cariker 6-1, 6-1
 6. Kristen Coy (UT Tyler) def. Sarah Alexander 4-6, 6-4, 10-4

Doubles competition
 1. Barrett/Launius (UT Tyler) def. Pascucci/Davis 8-1
 2. Domingues/Weber (UT Tyler) def. Mowery/Robinette 9-7
 3. Coy/Ude (UT Tyler) def. Alexander/Cariker 8-2



Courtesy Photo of UT Tyler Sports Information Office
 Members of the Patriots men's golf team show off their first place team trophy and first place individual medalist trophy after the Hendrix College Golf Classic in Danville, Ark.

Golf wins Hendrix Golf Classic; Beck collects first collegiate win

Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

True freshman Coy Beck recorded his first ever career win as he and his Patriots men's golf team won the Hendrix College Golf Classic at Danville, Ark. last weekend.

Beck finished the first round with a three-under 69 on the par-72 course and shot an even par on the second day to bring home the first place trophy. He defeated Rode McElreath of McMurry University and Charles Pantangco of the University of Texas at Dallas by five strokes.

The Patriots, as a team, finished on top for their first team-win of the season by shooting 296-305 in the two rounds for a tournament best 601. In second place was conference foe McMurry (299-304-603), who is ranked #3 in the nation.

Dean Rodgers (72-76-148) finished in fourth place while Drew Johnson (76-78-154) finished in a tie for 12th place. Other Patriots finishing out of the top 20 were Spencer Braley (JR/Tyler, TX) in a tie for 27th (81-79-160), and Bobby Ennis (SO/Frisco, TX) in thirtieth (79-82-161).

"We didn't really play well as a team, but we had some really strong individual performances," said Patriots coach King Campbell in a press release. "We beat McMurry, which was #3

in the nation. That's their first loss of the year. We also beat the other teams from our conference, so we feel pretty strong about the competition."

On March 4-6, the men's and women's golf teams made the short trip across Tyler to the Eagles Bluff Country Club to participate in the Tyler Junior College Invitational.

The men's team came away with a fifth place finish while the women's team finished in 10th place for both squads' first tournament of the spring.

The Patriots finished the tournament shooting 326-315-641 while the women shot 397-411-808.

Leading the way for the men's team was senior Drew Johnson (78-75-153) which was good for fifth place. Finishing in 16th place was Beck, who shot (80-80-160).

Junior Cynthia Sciba was the top finisher for the women's team, shooting 91-94-185, which was good for a tie for 23rd place.

The men return to the links on April 1-3 when they travel to Round Rock to participate in the West Regional Invitational.

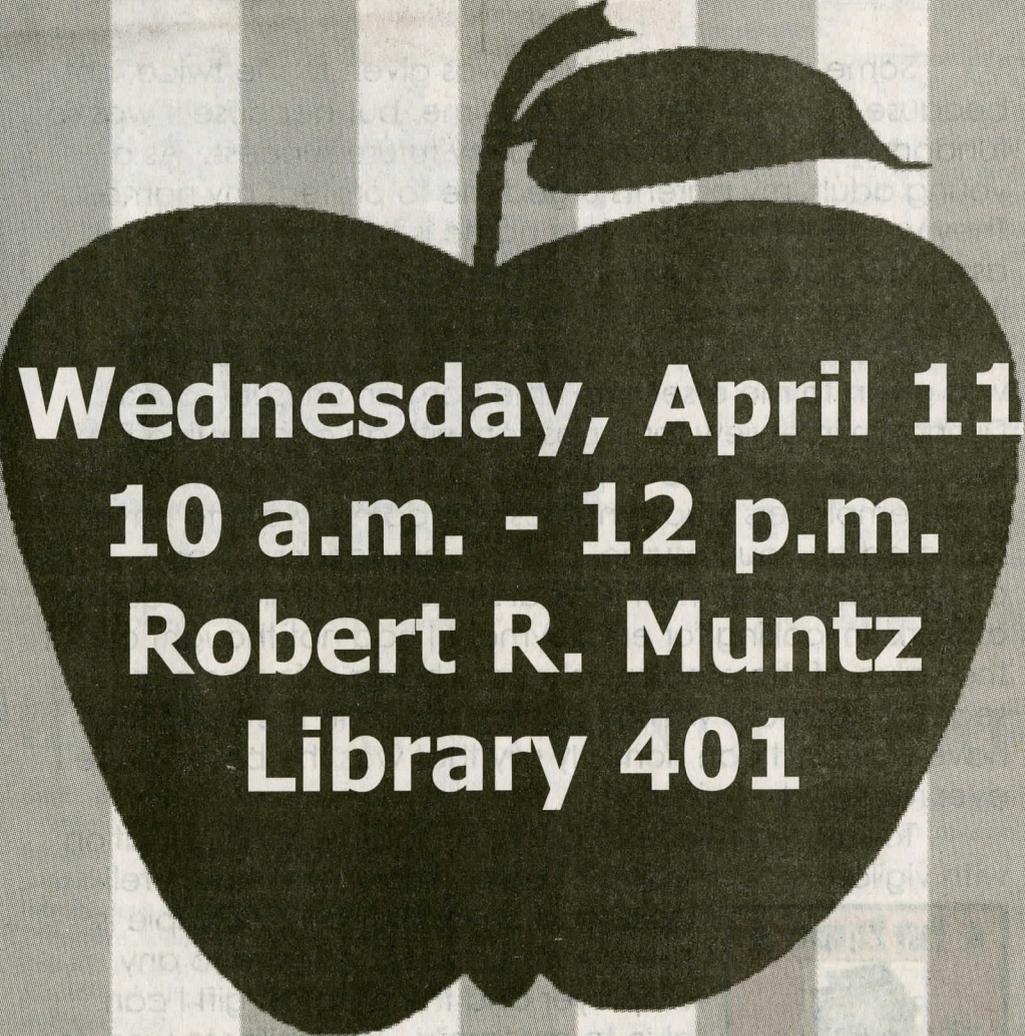
Both the men's and women's golf teams will finish out the 2006-2007 golf season on April 15-17 at the LeTourneau Invitational at Pinecrest Country Club in Longview.

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Islamic teacher dispels misconceptions

By **Anthony Croff**
Staff Writer

Yousef Dmairi, a follower and teacher of Islam, clarified misconceptions about his religion and shared the five pillars of his faith when he spoke to University students in a religious communication course on March 5.

Dmairi, 38, grew up in the town of Tulkarem in Palestine, three miles from Bethlehem, he said.

"The media is wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong," he said, referring to its portrayal of Islam. "In my opinion, 70 percent (of the conflict) has nothing to do with religion. It has to do with nationalism."

He said Islam doesn't teach Muslims to kill, only to defend themselves. And those ways of defending themselves have very specific stipulations, he said.

He said Islam asks them to honor the laws and rules of the country in which they reside. He explained that in Islam, as with any religion, there are perversions that exist, sometimes creating a false perception of the religion.

Dmairi also explained the basis of Islamic belief. "We don't believe in man-made religion, we believe in God-made religion," he said.

He said Islam doesn't force anyone to become Muslim.

"Any person who believes in the oneness of God will find favor with him," he said.

He said Muslims refer to Christians and Jews as "the people of the book," and they are not viewed as infidels. He said Islam condemns religions that participate in idolatry.

Dmairi said Muslims love Jesus, Muhammad, and Abraham equally.

"God sent the messengers and prophets to keep us informed," he said. "Muhammad was the last messenger of God."

He said Muhammad's purpose is to train followers on exactly what he wants from Muslims.

Dmairi explained the five pillars of Islam which he said are the acknowledgement of God with Muhammad being His messenger, praying five times daily, giving to the poor, fasting during Ramadan, and making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

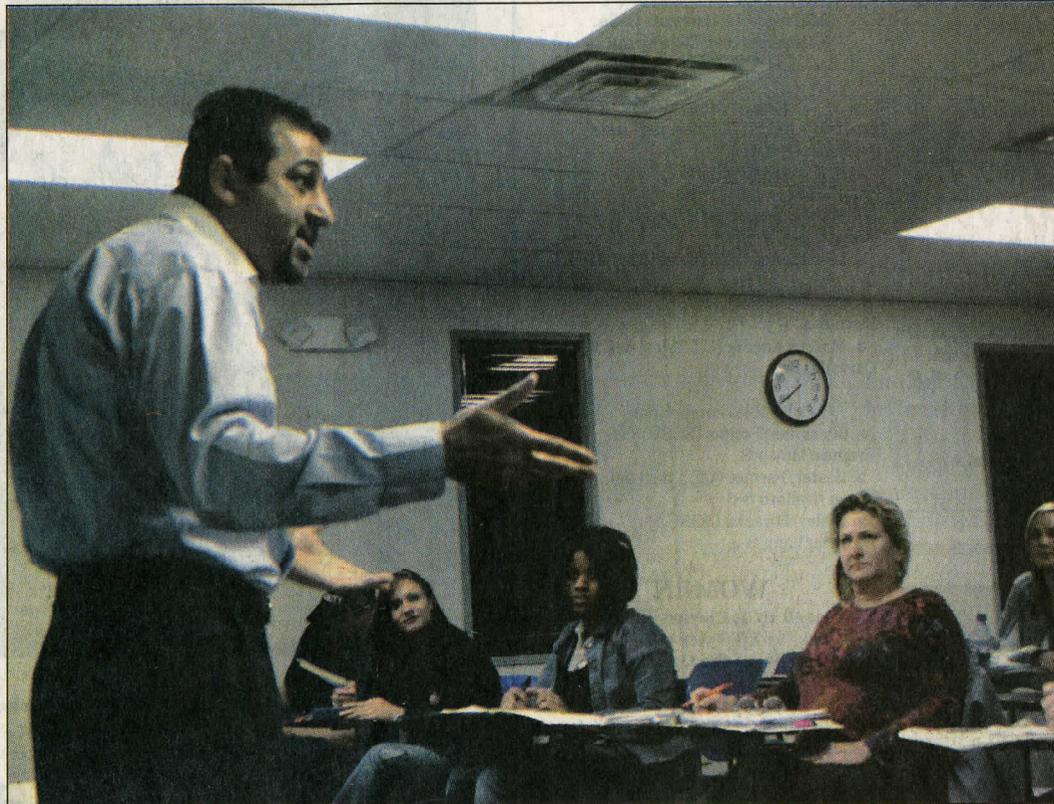
Dmairi said prayers are performed at certain times every day. There is a pre-dawn prayer, a second prayer around 1:30 p.m., mid-afternoon around 3 p.m., a prayer at sundown, and a final prayer after dark around 9 p.m., he said.

He said prayer times vary throughout the year, depending on the position of the sun in the sky.

Dmairi said the Muslim celebration of Ramadan is a 30-day-long observance that occurs in relation to the lunar calendar, which has a 360-day year. Because of this, he said Ramadan occurs five days earlier every year.

He said Ramadan is a time of "fasting for the Lord."

"It teaches us tolerance," he said. "We don't do anything wrong during that month."



Yousef Dmairi, a teacher at East Texas Islamic Center, speaks to Dr. Eidenmuller's Religious Communication class.

Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Dmairi said the festivities at the end of Ramadan are "similar to Christmas." Parents give money to their children to buy things they want, he said.

He said Muslims also give to charity during that time.

If a follower can afford to give, two and a half percent of yearly savings goes into a box at the mosque, he said. A board of nine members decided to whom the money should be given – and it's not just for Islamic people, he said.

Dmairi said they consider anyone who is in need.

Dmairi said he gives to charities as well.

"It's not my money," he said. "It's God providing to them through me."

He plans to make a pilgrimage to Mecca next year, "God willing," he said.

Islam has spread throughout the world, and its more than one billion followers are not confined to the Middle East, he said.

"It's everywhere," he said.

Dmairi said he was surprised to learn that there are now more Muslims in South America than in Europe.

Dmairi said he currently delivers sermons at East Texas Islamic Center on a rotating basis. He said he is continuing his education by taking online courses from Arabic schools.

Dmairi said the mosque is currently searching for an imam to preside over the services.

He said an imam must not only be knowledgeable in Islam, but also Christianity and Judaism. He said the imam must also teach the teachings of Muhammad and not his own opinion.

On March 30, the religious communication class will be attending a service at the East Texas Islamic Center, Dr. Michael Eidenmuller, the course's instructor, said.

"We gather on Friday because Jews and Christians gather on Saturday and Sunday," Dmairi said.

Eidenmuller said the class is participating as observers rather than debaters of religion.

"There needs to be more learning in this context," he said. "You're promoting all kinds of cross-cultural education."

Eidenmuller said the academic value of the course was initially viewed with skepticism that it would become no more than a "glorified Bible study."

However, rhetoric is the master discipline being studied while religion is the domain the class focuses on, he said.

Eidenmuller said the class also plans to attend a service at conservative Jewish synagogue Ahavath Achim and the Cross Brand Cowboy Church, he said.

First Parent's Weekend yields low numbers

India Moss
Staff Writer

University officials learned the difficulty in establishing a new tradition through the disappointing turnout for the first ever Parents' Weekend.

Parents' Weekend began Friday with two softball games, and one baseball game at Irving Ballpark and a production of "Can't Stop Loving You" at the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

While the games had a good turnout of University fans, only 20 parents took advantage of the free tickets for the musical performance, said Carol Killingsley, from the University community relations department.

On Saturday the stands at Irving Ballpark were packed with parents and other University fans for softball and baseball games. But other events for Parents' Weekend had a smaller turnout.

Only two University parents attended the Coffee Social at the Ratliff Engineering Building and the reception with faculty and administrators at the Patriot Center.

Parents Stephanie and Don Shirley of Queen City, Texas who attended the coffee social and reception said they enjoyed meeting the faculty members.

"Parents' Weekend is a great idea, over time more parents will take advantage of it," Mrs. Shirley said.

Mini lectures organized by officials had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, said Ashley Ward, student development specialist.

Officials said they advertised significantly for Parents' Weekend by sending e-mails to all University students and parents of freshman, writing about it on the University website and posting fliers around campus housing and buildings, Killingsley said.

"Next year we plan to have students on the committee board to help spread the word of Parents' Weekend among University students," Killingsley said.

UT Tyler Alumni Association Spotlights

What Is A Name Worth?

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Some of the best advice was given to me twice, not because I did not get it the first time, but because it was so fundamental and important to my future success. As a young adult, my parents urged me to protect my name. They would tell me that your name is the most important asset you have. Be sure to protect it and build it up so that it brings honor to you and your family.

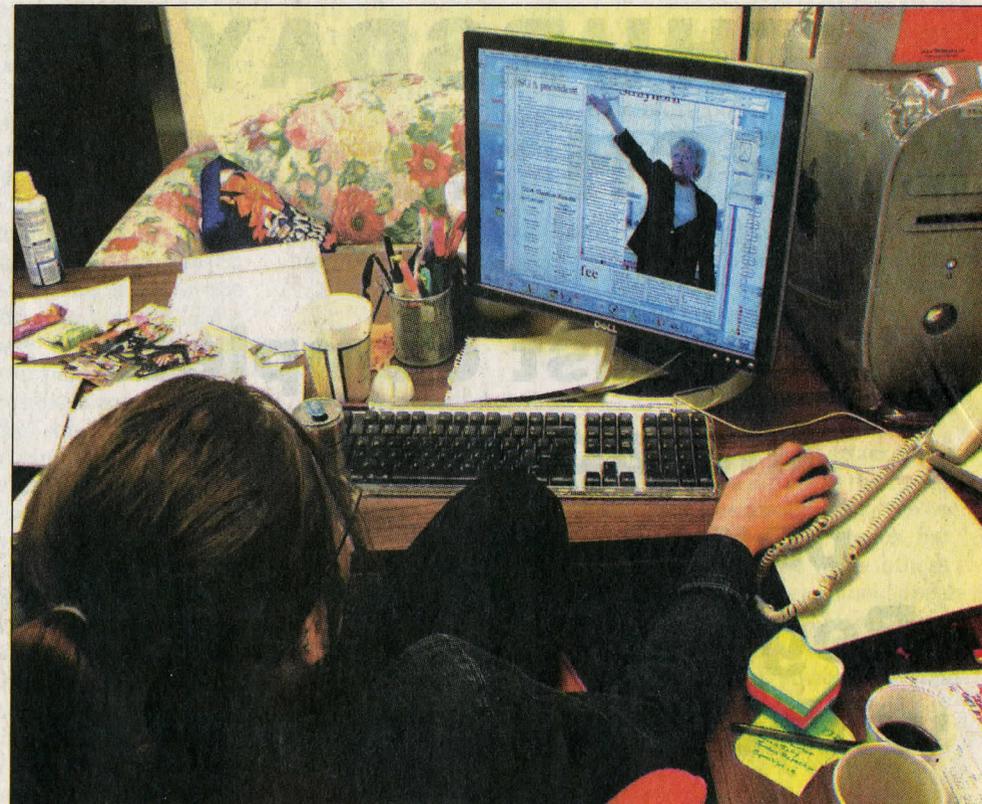
After graduation the advice my parents gave to me was given to me a second time from an unusual source. During an interview for a position with an accounting firm, the partner in charge of personnel told me that there are some employers whose names you do not want to have reflected on your resume, as their reputations do not always reflect the most ethical standards or highest quality of work. In looking for employment I had not thought about the value of the employers' name being a factor in my search. My focus was on getting a job. In the years that have passed, I can honestly say that was the best advice I ever received – twice!

Today, I continue to guard my name and reputation with vigilance. The value of being known as honest, reliable, and an individual of principle is the greatest asset I can give to any employer and the greatest gift I can give to my family. The ability to work for an employer whose reputation in the community is solid, well respected, and known as ethical, honorable and trustworthy is priceless. With the combination of both, the opportunities for success become unlimited.

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