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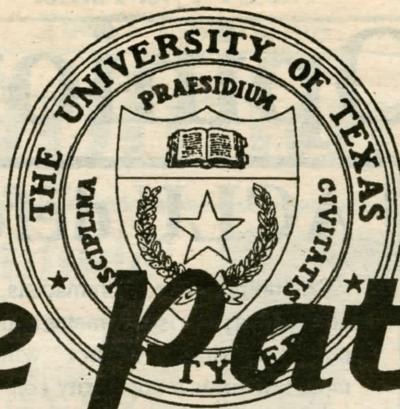
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## Student compares life at U Pines and dorms

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# The Patriot

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## Christmas concert slated for tonight

Helping set the mood for Christmas, UT Tyler's Concert Chorale and Chamber Choir will perform an even mix of secular and sacred Christmas music from the 16th century to the present century at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 West Erwin, according to Dr. Thomas Allen, music department chair.

The program includes *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*, Jean Berger; *O Magnum Mysterium*, Thomas Luis de Victoria; *The Holy Infant's Lullaby*, Norman Dello Joio; and *Hodie, Christus natus est*, Healey Willan; performed by the choir.

The Chamber Choir performs *A Virgin Unspotted*, William Billings; *Lullaby my Liking* (sung by Soprano Robin Fincher, Depart-

ment of Music faculty), Gustav Holst; *The Very Best Time of Year*, and *I Saw Three Ships*, John Rutter; *Sweet Baby, Sleep* (sung by Soprano Dawn Cash), Ralph Vaughn Williams; and *Star Carol*, John Rutter.

Andrew Skoog, adjunct professor of music, conducts the chamber choir. Lynda Stephens, adjunct professor of piano, is accompanist for the chorale and choir. After in-

termission, the Chorale performs *O Clap Your Hands*, Ralph Vaughan Williams; "Sinfonia Sacra," (1) *Quem vidistis pastores?* (2) *O magnum mysterium*, (3) *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, Daniel Pinkham; *This Little Babe*, Benjamin Britten; and *Sleigh Ride* (performed with percussion and bells), Leroy Anderson.

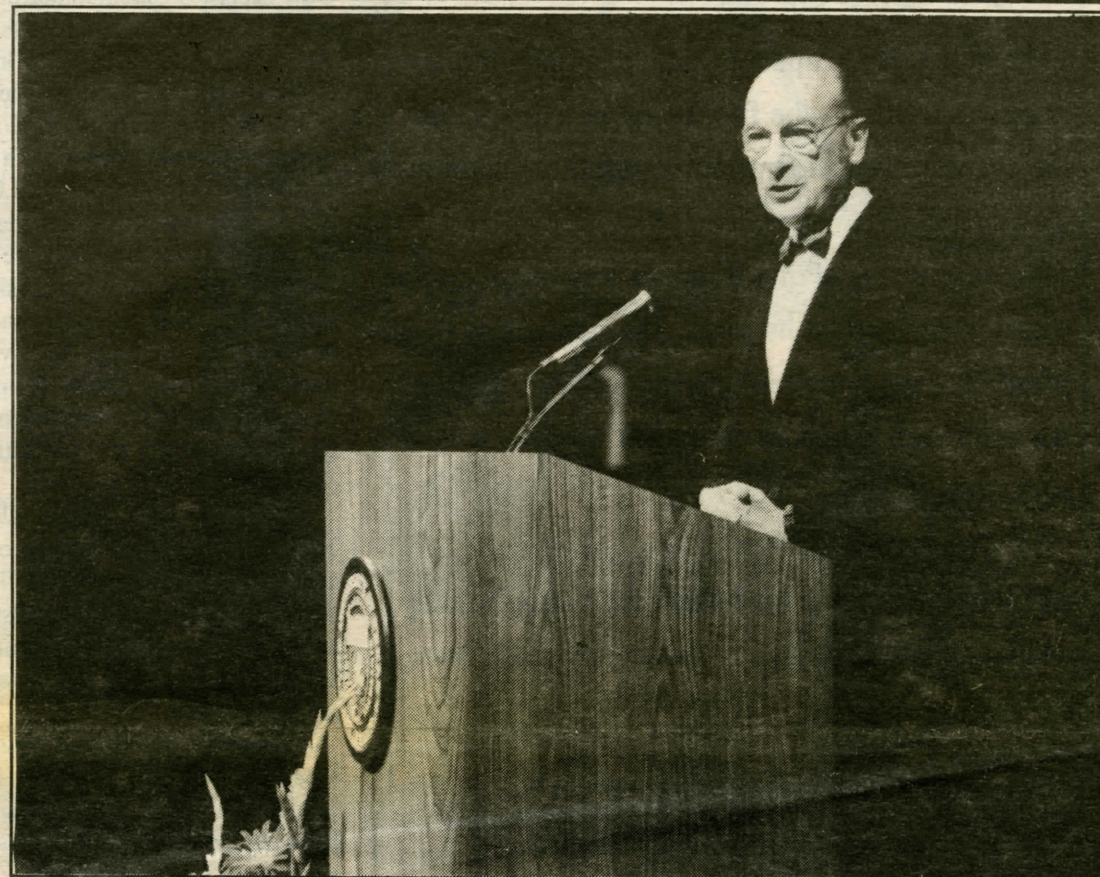
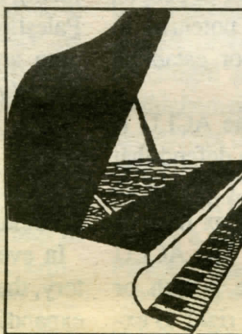


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Irving R. Levine of NBC News spoke Nov. 11 in the UC in the second of this year's Distinguished Lecture Series. He correctly predicted passage of NAFTA and voiced concern over the promises of President Clinton to cut taxes and increase federal programs.

## Reception honors retirees tomorrow

A reception honoring Dr. Robert Jones, UT Tyler Vice President for Administration, and Professor of Finance Dr. Robert Partain, formerly Dean of the School of Business, will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. tomorrow in the lobby of the Business building. Both are retiring at the end of this semester.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend in their honor, Dr. Jim Sellers said.

## 376 to receive diplomas Dec. 10

Three hundred and seventy-six students will graduate at commencement at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Oil Palace.

There are 74 candidates for master's degrees and 302 baccalaureate candidates.

## Steve Blow addresses future writers

Professionals from the fields of public relations, broadcasting and print media spoke to area college students during a journalism workshop held at UT Tyler recently.

Steve Blow, the event's keynote speaker, writes human interest columns affectionately called CLFs (cute little features) by his editors at *The Dallas Morning News*.

Blow, a Tyler native and Tyler Junior College graduate, challenged students to "write simply and think for themselves. A big part of learning journalism is unlearning everything you were taught in English class; it's getting to the point as quickly as possible," Blow said.

Students asked Blow how he manages to get his many story ideas. "The truth is I'm never not looking

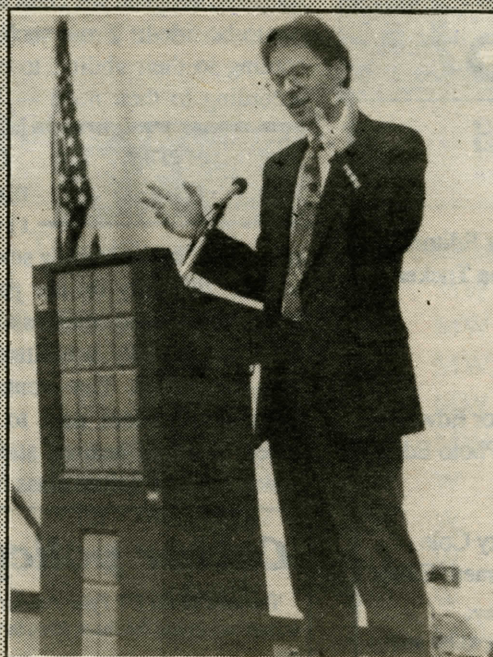


Photo by Marilee Brandstetter

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow

See Workshop Page 5.

## Student enjoys job of helping others

By Marsha Millikin

Senior Staff Reporter

What kind of guy would give up a tennis scholarship to take a job with adolescent boys who could, and do, cuss out, spit upon upon or hit you?

A guy like Tony Chesak, a UT Tyler sociology student from Tyler.

Chesak works at Azleway Boys' Ranch, a residential treatment facility for boys, located about eight miles outside of Tyler. The 64 boys who live at Azleway are victims of the most severe kinds of child abuse and neglect. The Ranch, under the direction of Bill Partridge, provides the boys an opportunity to turn their lives around by learning responsibility and getting an education.

"I had a semester left on my tennis scholarship," said Chesak, "but I got a job offer at Azleway and I decided to take it. I made the right decision, and now I am a 23-year-old parent to 10 teen-aged boys."

See Chesak Page 5.



# Opinion

## Editorial

### Good luck grads; happy holidays to all

The holidays are upon us, and it is time for many rituals to occur — the first being graduation, and the second, the celebration of religious ceremonies.

We here at *The Patriot* would like to extend a hearty congratulations to all 376 graduating students. You are completing a step in life's journey. We wish each of you the best, and may you follow your dreams.

Also, we would like to wish every student, faculty and staff member a very safe and happy holiday season. May the new year bring you peace, love, joy and rest.

#### Correction:

In the Oct. 28 issue of *The Patriot*, a headline incorrectly stated the UT Tyler School of Business had received American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation. The school has only been recommended for AACSB accreditation. We apologize for the error.

## The Patriot

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## ACLU defends individual rights

Defending white supremacists, atheists, gays, prison inmates and other minorities wouldn't win most law firms a popularity contest. Since 1920, when Roger Baldwin founded the American Civil Liberties Union, minorities have been fortunate to have first-rate representation when their individual rights have been violated as guaranteed in the *Bill of Rights*.

**Murray Moore**

The ACLU is devoted exclusively to protecting the basic civil liberties of all Americans and extending them to groups that have traditionally been denied them. Though the ACLU is often stereotyped as radical, left-wing and anti-church, this is far from reality.

The ACLU does not handle criminal cases or civil disputes or choose clients on the basis of financial criteria. Nor do they choose political sides, neither Republican nor Democrat — neither liberal nor conservative.

In more than 70 years of existence, the ACLU has become a national institution and is recognized as the country's foremost advocate of individual rights.

The 250,000-member public-interest organization does not receive, nor would it accept, any

government funding. They depend solely on dues from their members and grants from foundations and individuals for support. Supporters include conservatives such as William F. Buckley Jr. and liberals such as Michael Kinsley.

With 2,000 attorneys, 66 paid staff members and the rest volunteers, the ACLU handles about 6,000 cases annually. They are the largest private law firm in the United States, and they appear before the Supreme Court more than any other organization, except the Justice Department. They choose cases that have the widest impact on the greatest number of people, cases that have the potential to break new ground or establish broad precedents.

Again and again the ACLU is asked, "Why did you defend that person or group?" (Nazis in Skokie, Ill., the Ku Klux Klan or the Black Panthers). The ACLU does not defend the person or group, but rather the right to express unpopular views. They believe that if the government is empowered to violate anyone's individual liberties, they will use that power against everyone.

The *Constitution* itself authorizes the government to act. The *Bill of Rights* limits that authority.

Before the ACLU was founded

in 1920, the Supreme Court had not upheld one free speech claim under the First Amendment. Since that time, the ACLU has been responsible for guaranteeing free speech to almost any group.

With 6,000 ACLU cases pending, ACLU lawyers are involved with many issues important to the people whose rights have been violated, but the most prominent cases include: sex discrimination by the The Citadel Military College of South Carolina (19th Amendment), the ban on gays in the military (violates equal protection clause in the 14th Amendment), fighting the deportation of Palestinians accused of terrorism who are legally in the United States (violates due process clause in the Fifth Amendment, and prayer at graduation in public schools (separation of church and state clause — First Amendment).

In every era of American history, the government has tried to expand its authority at the expense of individual liberty. The ACLU is the only watchdog for many groups, protecting them from the massive powers of government and ensuring those groups the same rights that the majority enjoy.

*Murray Moore is a junior journalism major from Longview. He is a member of The Patriot staff.*

## Unfair grades would kill health care plan

An imaginary economics professor here at UTT, an avowed socialist, assigned his class a paper to be titled: "From each, according to their ability; to each, according to their need — Karl Marx."

**Jeremy Coe**

One particularly eager, leftist-leaning student worked diligently on her paper. Intrigued, she used countless footnotes and proudly submitted an error-free paper. The mentally-challenged student next to her turned in a half-hearted attempt copied minutes before class from

his encyclopedia.

Much to her surprise, her masterpiece returned with the same grade as her classmate's — a 'C'.

She faced the prof, sobbing. "Well," he chuckled, "from each, according to their ability; to each according to their need."

"His paper was lacking, so I gave him some of the points from yours. By the way, you did splendidly." She gave up socialism quickly.

More than 8,800 doctors left a vacuum of quality care in Canada under national health care.

Sweden, the model for socialized medicine, is turning from it (due to punitive tax rates up to 85

percent) even as we move closer.

Congress can debate the specifics of the Clinton health care plan till they're blue in the face. And I'm sure they will. But the basic idea behind it — redistribution of wealth — is flawed.

Because, regardless of whose money it is, it is just not just. Many of the same people who champion individual liberty advocate the surrender of *other's* wallets.

Well, I'm not rich either. But if I do a good job on a paper, it is because I want the credit.

*Jeremy Coe is a junior journalism major from Winnsboro. He is news editor of The Patriot.*

### Letter policy

The staff of the *UT Tyler Patriot* welcomes letters and feedback from its readers.

All letters in good taste will be edited for grammar and spelling errors.

Letters must be free of libelous mate-

rial, personal attacks and obscenity.

Consideration for publication will be based on space, and all letters must be kept to 250 words or less.

All letters should be accompanied by the author's name, address, day phone, academic classification and home town.

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Opinion

Many face holiday with 'fortitude'

The holiday season is upon us, and once again, we celebrate the holiest event in the Western World with all the grim fortitude of freedom fighters storming the barricades. Once again, we vow to wring every last particle of holiday glee from this very special season as we hum "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" through clenched teeth.

**Judy Inman**  
Millions of holiday merry-makers have recognized Thanksgiving Day as the signal to begin demonstrating "peace on earth and goodwill to men" with tangles of sputtering lights, frenzied shopping forays, incessant Christmas carols and vacuous Christmas specials. All of this good cheer culminates in gatherings of relatives who exchange gifts brimming with such seasonal spirit that the trinkets will be shuffled back to the stores on Dec. 26.

As the Thanksgiving leftovers congeal, and the last football game fades from the television screen, normally rational people are seized with a mad impulse to cover every stationary surface with twinkling lights. Envisioning scenes of winter wonderland, they rummage in attics and sheds, dragging out the same tired cardboard boxes they shoved into storage in January.

After unfurling strings of lights long enough to stretch to Chicago

and back, the real fun begins. Every family member over the age of six is required to assume strategic positions and play a traditional holiday game — Which Christmas Bulb Is Not Blinking? This festive pastime often proves quite time-consuming because the foreign manufacturers of these bulbs design them to withstand every stress except the conduction of electricity.

With Christmas trees finally decorated and every last gable, fence post and mailbox festooned with red and green, droves of shoppers descend on local malls. This phalanx of single-minded consumers might almost resemble the Bethlehem pilgrims of 2,000 years ago except that they clutch VISA cards instead of frankincense and myrrh and their diligent search is not for a star, but for — The Last Parking Space In America.

With a little perseverance, which sometimes involves playing a holiday version of chicken with other motorists, shoppers can usually locate a parking space no more than two time zones away from the mall. Then they converge on the stores with a compelling need to spend \$85 on a T-shirt. Certainly, it would never occur to these consumed consumers that stuffing fistfuls of cash directly into the nearest trash can might make as much sense.

Perseverance also pays off in trying to locate that most elusive

of holiday sights—a salesclerk. Sales personnel receive special evasive training for the holiday rush. Years of merchandising experience has taught store owners that shoppers maddened by the search for an available clerk will part with any amount of money to complete a sale. Therefore, smart shoppers will never look in obvious places for salesclerks because they know the whole sales force is either barricaded in the employees' lounge or curled in fetal positions behind merchandise displays, whimpering and humming "Jingle Bells."

Merely surviving these kinds of shopping expeditions gives most people warm, congenial feelings, a sort of we're-all-in-this-together kind of spirit usually reserved for veterans of world wars. We wind our weary way home from the

malls, grateful for any remaining stamina so that we can wrap presents, bake and plan gatherings.

And, if at that holiday gathering, we should compare the perfect families on Christmas specials with Uncle Homer, who has gravy on his tie, or Aunt Edna, who gave

YEAH, I KNOW. PASSING NAFTA AND THE BRADY BILL, PLUS BEING LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, WILL BE HARD TO TOP. GEE, SANTA, JUST SURPRISE ME!



everyone an inedible fruitcake again, at least we will have the solace of knowing that "It's a Wonderful Life" will not be broadcast for 11 more months.

Judy Inman is a senior journalism major from Tatum. She is the cartoonist for The Patriot.

Monday, Dec. 6

8:00	MW	8:00-10:00
8:00	MWF	8:00-10:00
11:00	MW	10:30-12:30
11:00	MWF	10:30-12:30
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4:15	MW	4:00-5:50
5:40	M	6:00-7:50
6:00	M	6:00-7:50
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7:05	MW	8:00-9:50

The Patriot staff wishes you good luck on your exams.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

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5:40	T	6:00-7:50
6:00	T	6:00-7:50
7:05	T	8:00-9:50
7:05	TTh	8:00-9:50

Wednesday, Dec. 8

9:00	MW	8:00-10:00
9:30	MW	8:00-10:00
9:30	MWF	8:00-10:00
12:30	MW	12:30-2:30
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4:15	W	6:00-7:50
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5:40	MW	6:00-7:50
6:00	W	6:00-7:50
7:05	W	8:00-9:50
8:30	MW	8:00-9:50

Thursday, Dec. 9

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3:30	TTh	2:00-4:00
4:15	Th	4:00-5:50
5:40	Th	6:00-7:50
6:00	Th	6:00-7:50
7:05	Th	8:00-9:50
8:30	TTh	8:00-9:50

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE



# Arts & Entertainment

## Trash Disco night: Night Fever infects no one

By Marty Cole  
Entertainment Editor

Uglier than my Uncle Stan's orange, purple and chartreuse bell bottom golf pants, and that's the best thing I can say about it.

Boomer's, Tyler's latest meatmarket, uh, I mean night club, recently made the weakest attempt at being hip since Tipper Gore danced on stage at the Democratic National Convention. They called it "Trash Disco Night." What I called it can't be re-printed here.

Don't get me wrong, I love trash disco. But to be successful, trash disco requires wall to wall crowds, deafening sound systems and a no-holds-barred atmosphere, which Boomer's just can't produce.

The dance floor is too small, the tables are the size of medium pizzas and the stools look like they were bought from a Denny's fire sale. The only thing the club has going for it is a decent sound system, which was definitely pumping on this occasion.

The deejay spun a variety of 70's favorites, boldly recalling the forgotten era of 6-inch platform shoes, powder blue eye shadow, and thick, astrological signs hanging from gold chains. An era best relived only on special occasions.

This was not one of those occasions.

The majority of the crowd was definitely of an age to appreciate this nostalgic night, but they were too inhibited to leave the safety of their tables to take the chance.

Every thirty-something white man in America longs to imitate John Travolta, yet when push comes to shove it just ain't happening. The only people dancing were the women and they were outnumbered 2-to-1 by the men who seemed content to just stay at

*A lot of things were shaking, but not necessarily the right parts.*

their tables and stare at each other. One by one they started wandering toward the door; then it happened.

The song that defined an entire generation blasted through the speakers, and everybody in the place scrambled to the dance floor to shake their booties. A lot of things were shaking, but not necessarily the right parts.

I have this secret dream that the Village People are living it up on some Caribbean island laughing at the millions of us who instantly find a unifying, bonding moment shaping our bodies into the now infamous four letters, YMCA, but at that moment, it just didn't matter.

Sadly, those four minutes were the highlight of an otherwise unin-

spired evening. Shortly after, the music switched to Boomer's usual contemporary/alternative mix, and most of the crowd filed out the door, including myself.

Maybe trash disco will slowly catch on here and more people will realize what a thrill it is to take the risk of making a fool out of yourself. But it will have to be through word of mouth.

This event was promoted so heavily on local radio stations that even my grandmother knew about it. Yet I've seen bigger crowds at polka festivals.

Boomer's has a lot to overcome if they want to last in this town, not the least of which are Tylerites' fickle tastes. The hottest thing in town one week can easily find its fortunes reversed for virtually no reason.

Add to that the death trap location that has already witnessed the

demise of Neon Moon, Cheyenne Country Club, a host of others and you have a real problem.

Novelty nights are fine for clubs with consistently large crowds, but if Boomer's wants to keep on "Stayin' Alive" it needs to stick to the promotions that earned it such promising success when it opened.

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# Around Campus

## Chesak, 'the coolest guy' Mike knows

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Chesak, while on duty, works with two other counselors, Darrell Gatson and Joe Majors.

The counselors live with the boys while they are on duty, and cottage life at the Ranch is made as home and family-like as possible. The boys are responsible for keeping themselves and their rooms clean, making their beds, preparing meals and other chores around the cottage. They also attend school, either in a public school or at a special, private school on the Ranch.

"Kids who come here are so easily influenced by negative behavior," Chesak said, "And one thing I have to keep in mind is I am a role model to these boys who maybe never had a positive role model before."

"I am younger than most of the other staff members, and I can do a lot for these boys an older guy can't," he said. "The boys look at me

more like a friend instead of staff. That's where Darrell and Joe come in."

"We compliment each other," Chesak stated. "They've been here longer than I have and they're the enforcers while I am the mediator. It's a good balance for the boys."

"I have stayed up all night with some of these boys who just want to talk, and I let them do that. And sometimes they just want to stay up all night and cry," he said. "I let them do that, too. They can count on me to be there for them no matter what they need."

Working with a teen-age boy who was dumped on the side of the road because his parents did not want him, or a boy who watched his step-father murder his step-mother, is not for the weak-hearted, according to Chesak.

"I have been punched, hit, cussed out and spit on by some of these boys," Chesak

said. "And at first it hurts. But whenever one of the boys acts out and displays totally inappropriate behavior, I have to remember what kind of environment he came from."

The boys in Chesak's cottage have some good things to say about one of their favorite staff. Glenn said Chesak "is generous," and Terry says "he's cool." Another said Thursdays and Fridays are his favorites because Chesak and Darrell are on duty together. (Last names are not used to protect the whereabouts of some of the boys).

But Mike, after several minutes of thought, said, "I haven't been here too long, and he tries to help me by keeping me out of trouble. He always asks me if that's what I really want to do and what will be the consequences. He's the coolest guy I know."

"Whenever a person takes a job like this, he can't do it

for just the paycheck, or the boys will eat him alive," Chesak said. "It's 24 and seven, whether you're at the Ranch or if it's your day off. "These kids know I'm here for them, no matter what, and most of these boys have never had anyone like that in their lives before," Chesak said.

"At first, boys are unsure of what we require here and they are understandably apprehensive," he continued. "But once they learn they are safe, we can really help them get back on the right track."

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## Workshop brings in experts

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for column ideas and I'm always open to hearing ideas," Blow said.

He advised students to "read everything" and told them that "writing is re-writing." Blow compared the process to combing his daughter's hair. "You keep working your way through the tangles until finally it gets smoother and silkier,"

Design Strategy's Bill

Ferrell, vice president of this Tyler based firm, opened the workshop by telling students about the importance of long-term public relation plans to any successful business.

Leslie Roberts of Region 56 News spoke on validating people's concerns in her line of work. Roberts talked to her audience about writing to see as well as hear.

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# Around Campus

## Resident touts campus life

### Grad student compares U Pines, dorms

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Andy Rankin seems at home far from his hometown of Avon, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis.

Rankin, kinesiology graduate student, is a resident of University Pines. Although he lived in a residence hall at Ball State University (Muncie, Ind.), he touts many advantages of living at the Pines.

"The difference between living in a dorm and here is that I have a door to the outside world and a close place to park my car," Rankin said.

He decided to live on campus after looking at several other apartment complexes.

Rankin said U Pines is not as restrictive as the residence halls at Ball State, where he was an RA (Resident Assistant) with more than 64 students in his wing. But he also said that U Pines is strict on enforce-

ing the rules and keeping noise down.

"This building is kind of quiet, everybody keeps to themselves," Rankin said.

Though he must walk across the street rather than down the hall now to wash his clothes, he said that preparing his own meals is "a lot better than dorm food" because he does not have to schedule his life around cafeteria hours.

Rankin named dirty dishes as his worst enemy but said they are easily conquered once a week with his dishwasher.

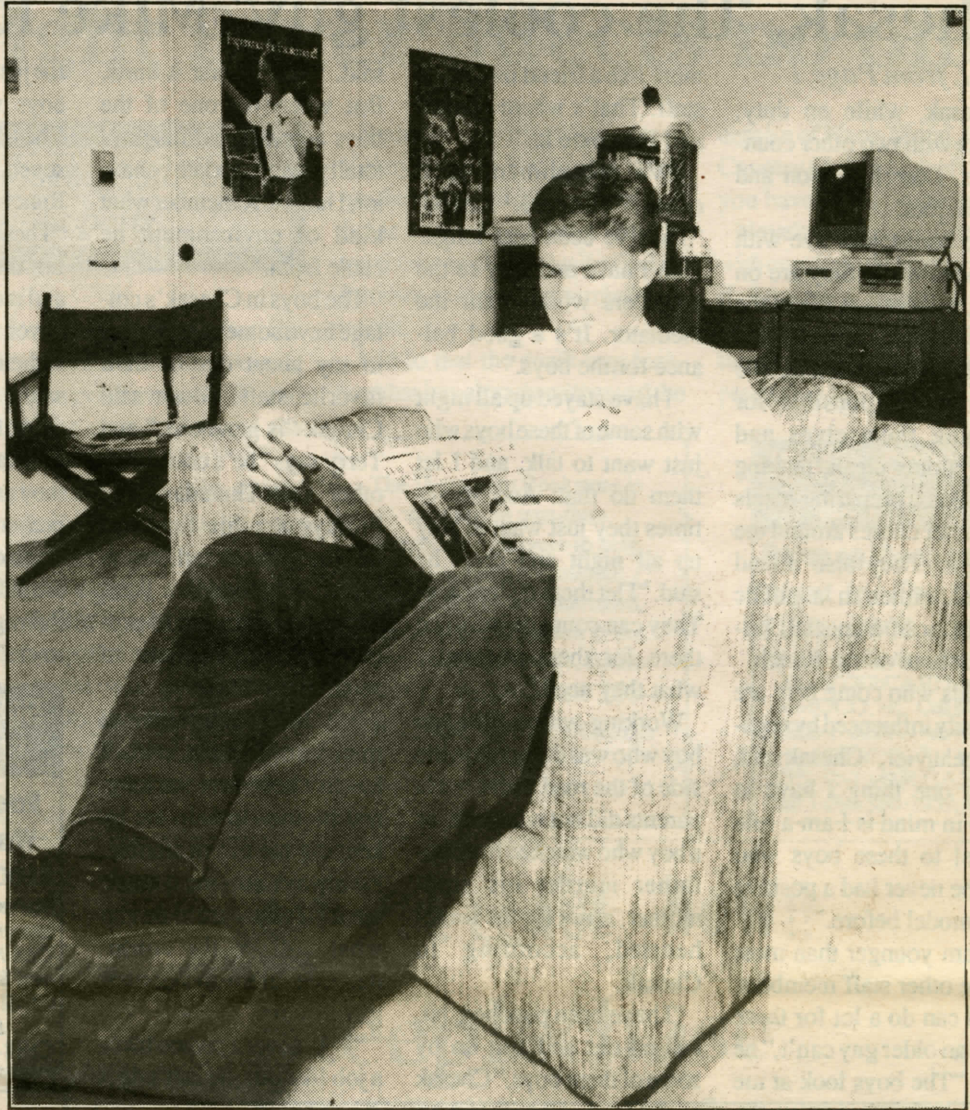
Perhaps most importantly, Rankin enjoys the independence of living in an apartment.

"Now I don't have to deal with a roommate," he said. "I can stay up as late as I want, sleep in as late as I want, and work on homework when I want."

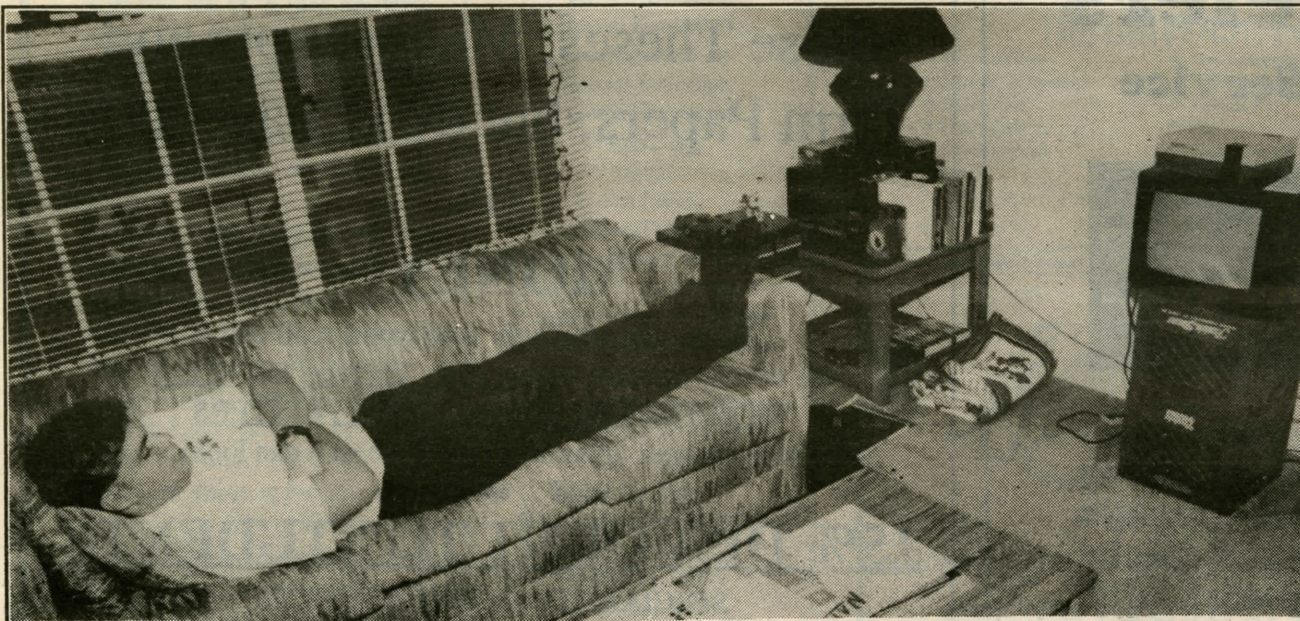
Though living in U Pines is "kind of expensive," Rankin said that "everything works, it's clean and there's no roaches."

Rankin is the trainer at Troup High School and is looking for an assistantship in kinesiology.

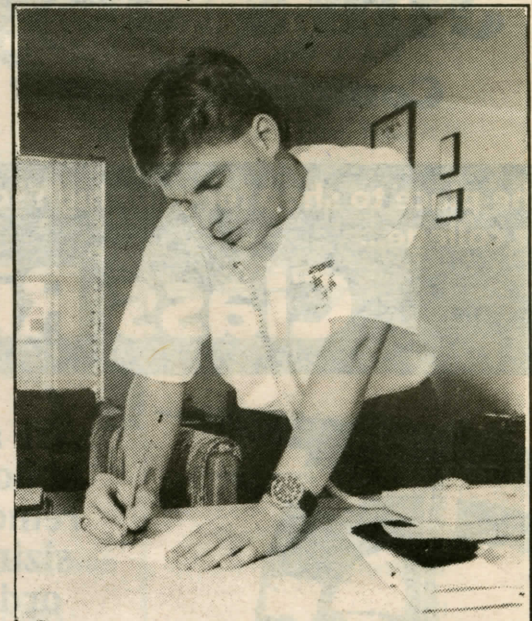
**'It's clean and there are no roaches.'**



Rankin sits and studies in his on-campus apartment.



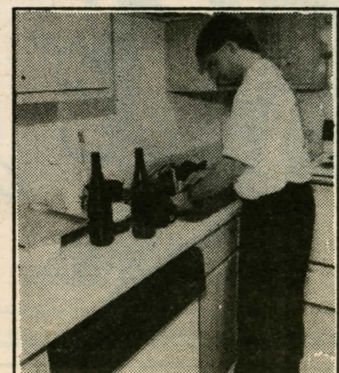
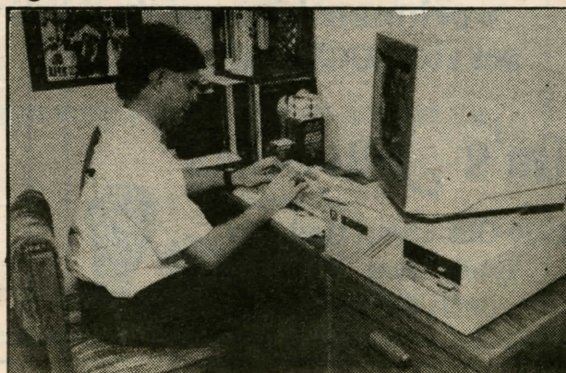
Rankin relaxes and watches television after a long day of work and graduate studies



Phones are linked to the UTT lines.

**Photos  
by  
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**RIGHT** — Rankin works on his computer in the privacy of his own apartment. **FAR RIGHT** — Each apartment at U Pines contains a full kitchen where students can prepare their own meals, which they often prefer to school cafeteria food.





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## AIDS conference to be held in spring semester

By Marsha Millikin  
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An AIDS conference, featuring national figures, will be held on the UT Tyler campus in the spring semester. This program will have national draw because of the figures participating in the conference.

"The purpose of this conference will be to hammer out a full agenda," said Dr. Mike Murphy, associate professor of English. "The first day of the conference

will feature national health care professionals, and the second day will focus on the AIDS-HIV positive victim — nationally and in Smith County."

The conference will be held April 21-22 in Room 401 of the Robert R. Muntz Library on the UTT campus. Murphy will set up a panel to examine the literature and culture of AIDS.

"This country is suffering an AIDS crisis, and everyone is obliged to work together," Murphy said. "That includes health care

professionals, administrators, the clergy -- everyone. There is no room for egos in the midst of this crisis."

Murphy also does volunteer work with the indigent care unit at the Smith County Health Department.

"Those involved with the Smith

County Health Care Clinic provide a national model because of the cooperation between different organizations and entities involved in the treatment of AIDS and HIV positive patients," said Murphy.

One project Murphy works on is *Ad Vivendum Bene*, a newsletter

for AIDS-HIV positive patients.

Murphy writes about holistic health. Other contributors from UTT are Dr. Victor Scherb, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Robert Taylor, professor of criminal justice. Scherb writes book reviews and Taylor writes about the Americans Disabilities Act.

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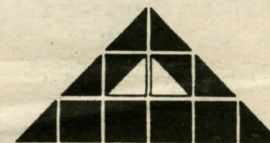
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# Sports

## TENNIS PROFILE Bronx bomber swings on UTT courts

**Editor's Note:** Six new players join UT Tyler's tennis team this semester. This is the sixth in a *Patriot* series introducing new members and returning player Marco Sitepu.

**By Marilie Brandstetter**  
News Editor

Brian Notis' childhood home contrasts sharply with his new East Texas home at University Pines.

Notis, a junior, lived in the Bronx, New York, where Yankee Stadium was and is a prominent feature.

His Bronx neighborhood was bordered with large rivers, spanned by numerous bridges and supported by riverfront industries.

His interest in tennis began at an early age, not far from home. His parents belonged to a small beach club where they played tennis in the summer.

"I would hit the ball up against the wall there (wall tennis court) for hours and hours when I was a kid," Notis said. "I didn't play much real tennis until I was eight or nine."

He began lessons at the club and in eighth grade attended Port Washington Tennis Academy, from which he later graduated.

"I also played for the New York Junior Tennis League," he said.

Notis filled his life with action between the white lines on a green tennis court and with hours on the black and white keys of a piano.

"I grew up playing classical piano but I have no access now or time to play," Notis said. "That's something I'd get back into if I could."

Notis left the big city to attend the University of Texas at Austin. He did not play for UT Austin, but tennis remained a part of his life.

"I think I really started developing as a tennis player after I moved to Texas," he said.

Notis took a break from school after one year.

"I was a full-time pro in Austin for two years at South Austin Tennis Center and played tournaments around the state," Notis said.

His ability during state-level competition earned him the rank

of 15th in Men's Open and fifth in doubles.

Marco Sitepu, Indonesian senior, knew Notis through past tennis experiences and encouraged him to speak with UT Tyler's Coach Fred Kniffen.

"The rest is history," Notis said. This semester at UTT was Notis' first to play as a part of a college tennis team.

"I have found that it's (team play) very different from playing for myself. I find myself putting a lot of pressure on myself because of the team," he said. "You want to win for the team."

Wanting to work with others comes naturally for Notis.

"I've really enjoyed teaching tennis in the past," he said.

"The secondary education degree (mathematics) would give me the option to teach school and coach tennis," Notis said.

East Texas is more conservative than he's used to, but he likes the people, the weather and the countryside.

"It's quite a change," he said.



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Brian Notis stretches overhead.

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