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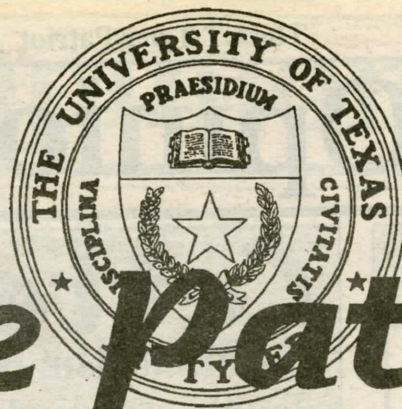
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# The Patriot

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## Fine art center still in works

By Andrea Armstrong  
Staff Writer

Recent rumors implying a cancellation of plans to construct the estimated \$18 million Fine and Performing Arts Complex are false.

After a meeting with the faculty/staff committee Tuesday, George Hamm,

UT Tyler president, said, "There is an interest rate problem but not a funding problem. The complex is not in jeopardy."

Hamm said that initial private sector fund offerings, established in 1987, have been subject to three percent inflation since then, and that revisions to the plans

are necessary to keep the project on course for the 1997 completion date.

"We are looking at how to reduce the facility plan to fit the budget," Hamm said.

Representatives of C/A Architecture Inc. of Houston met with UTT officials See *Ground* Page 5.

## Supek's leap not so big

By Murray Moore  
Staff Writer

From Zagreb, Croatia (part of the former Yugoslavia) to Tyler, Texas seems a big leap for anyone. But not to Dr. Olga Supek, senior lecturer in anthropology and Coordinator of International Programs at UT Tyler.

Being an exchange student herself years ago created an interest in helping others travel abroad. She graduated in 1973 with a B.A. in ethnology and sociology from the University of Zagreb. Then she moved to the United States and received her master's and doctorate from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

After leaving the University of Michigan she returned to Croatia and lectured in the Department of Ethnology at the University of Zagreb.

The struggles in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia have a special place in Supek's heart. Her mother and brother still live in Croatia. Everyday, Supek receives E-Mail via Internet from Croatia and keeps abreast of the current events there, and in Serbia and Bosnia.

"I'm really not happy that Croatia is involved in Bosnia. The whole idea of

carving up Bosnia should be rethought and extremists should be taken out. My point is they should give voice to those who have just been victims," Supek said.

She is known as the local expert on the war in Bosnia, because of her background and her ties to Croatia.

While at the University of Zagreb, she was involved with travel studies to and from Pennsylvania.

She enjoys helping students travel abroad, as she

did while in school, she said.

Her 14-year-old daughter, Bojana, plans on following her mother's footsteps and studying abroad through a new international exchange program at John Tyler High School.

Supek has written extensively on ethnicity and nationalism, gender and family history, and on ritual and cultural symbolism. She teaches a class on Global Relations and Issues this semester. This is the first See *Supek* Page 6.



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Dr. Olga Supek chats with students.

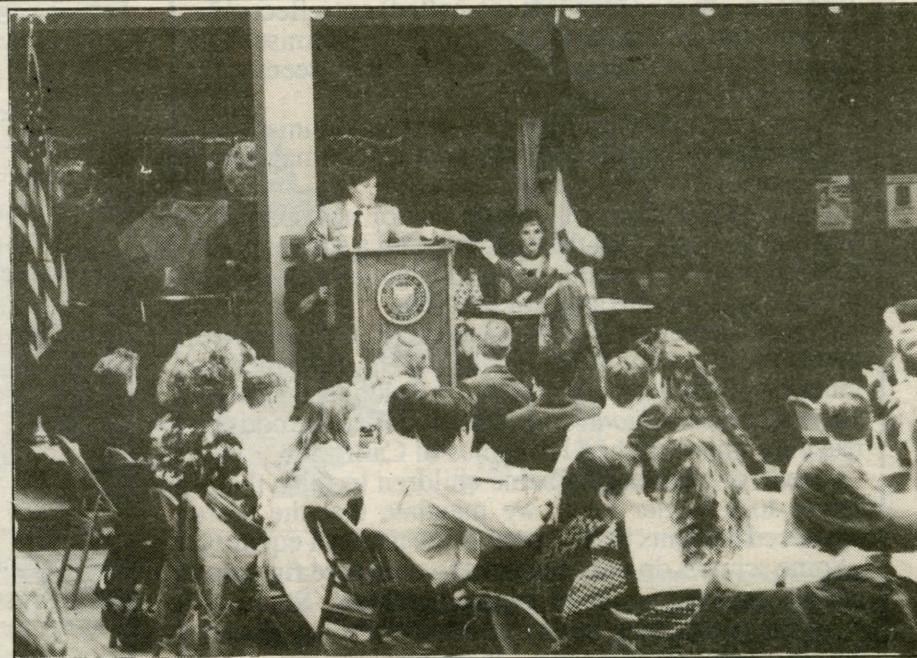


Photo by Becky Nichols

Gifted area middle schoolers participated in a mock United Nations meeting on the UT Tyler campus recently. Here, Loryn Smith, representative for France, accepts a first place award for costuming from emcee Nathan Tunnell.

## Curtis Strange signs to Eisenhower

Two-time U.S. Open winner Curtis Strange is the first superstar to commit to play in the 1994 Eisenhower In-

ternational Golf Classic at Tyler's Willow Brook Country Club, Tournament Chairman George F. Hamm

announced recently.

Joining Strange in the 18-hole pro-am tournament on See *Golf* Page 7.

## AACSB approves plan for accreditation

By Greg Wells  
News Editor

The UT Tyler business school is now a candidate for accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Businesses.

Mark Kroll, dean of the UTT school of business, said the AACSB approved the accreditation plan last month.

The remaining steps in the process are submitting a self review to the board and then being inspected by an accreditation committee made up of five deans from accredited schools, Kroll said.

He said he was optimistic about the school's chances for accreditation.

Kroll said getting the approval will be "like having the Good Housekeeping Seal of approval." He said only about one quarter of the business schools in the country have received the AACSB accreditation. Kroll said the accreditation reflects well on the graduates of the program.

He said the school began its application last summer and now has five years to complete it, but it could be finished as soon as 18 months from now.

See *New* Page 6.

## Comedy nite tonight only

A night of laughs is in store for UT Tyler students and guests this evening, as three comedians descend upon the UC for a free show beginning at 7 p.m.

James Wedgwood, Geoff Brown and Jeff Valdez take the microphone tonight at 7 p.m.

"All three comedians are top-notch entertainers," Jay Arrington, vice president of the Student Association, said. "I feel fortunate that the SA was able to bring such a degree of artists to our campus."

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Schools breed mediocrity

This editorial sucks!

The underpinnings of underachievement, popularized by the crude cartoon characters Beavis and Butthead, are evidence that (so-called) art reflects life.

A vacuum of standards in our culture promises that Generation X will easily obtain what they seem to be aiming for: mediocrity.

In our overly-sensitive society, school administrators are hesitant to "challenge" children and damage their self-esteem.

A front-page story of a high school newspaper in Wichita last year said that teachers and a school board member believed maintaining a C-minus-grade-point average was too difficult for children.

Students remember teachers who push, not patronize, them. Principal Joe Clark, *Lean on Me*, reformed an inner-city New Jersey high school. Calculus instructor Jaime Escalante, *Stand and Deliver*, defied the odds by teaching impoverished Hispanics in California.

Instead of challenging some children to raise themselves to a higher level, we mandate that the more advanced students be hindered in the name of equality.

Some schools do not even hold to objective right and wrong answers — even in mathematics. Students' progress is reported, not by passing or failing grades, but by a new classification, "learning."

A troubled mother in Ohio questioned her child's principal: "Are you telling me, sir, that two plus two can equal five in your school?"

"Yes. What of it?" he replied disdainfully.

Products of this school of "new math" will have trouble surviving as accountants.

The noticeable and purposeful absence of values, though hotly debated, can hardly be ignored, as illegitimacy and gang violence exponentially increase.

When the effects of government-sanctioned ignorance become too much to bear, educators will be forced to turn to the proven tools of the past: discipline, respect, hard work and high standards for all.

That would be ... cool. Huh, huh, huh ...

## Letters

### Female sexism is double standard

To the editor:

Patricia Bean's column in last month's *Patriot* was right about the verdict in the Lorena Bobbitt case. While John Wayne Bobbitt clearly deserved a harsh penalty, mutilating him wasn't it. But I do have some misgivings.

Ms. Bean says, "We have at one time or another had Lorena's same dark thought cross through our minds." I hope not! What's being advocated here? It seems that Ms. Bean's only objections to Ms. Bobbitt's actions were that it's "not very nice," and "it's against the law."

Our forebears believed that all are innocent until proven guilty and that everyone deserves a fair trial. We can't go back to lynch-mobs. Wreaking vengeance on those who have wronged us without benefit of trial is anarchy, not democracy.

But this trial isn't just about vigilante justice, ultimately it's

about increasingly popular male-bashing. Ms. Bean's "dark thought" being a light example.

Male-bashing is "in" these days. If a woman accuses a man of date rape the media presents him as though he was guilty. Many women consider sexist jokes about males to be "cute," but if a man says "just like a woman" he's had it. If a woman says "he's got a great butt" it gets a laugh, but if a man says anything similar, it's sexual harassment.

I absolutely do not advocate any of these behaviors, and guilty men are guilty men, but let's not have a double standard. Sexism is sexism despite one's gender.

Sincerely,  
Cliff Pearson

### Body armor is best gun control

To the editor:

Current national sentiment towards gun control is supportive of having guns turned in for sports tickets, food vouchers and even

cash. While this effort is making some progress in large urban areas, I propose people in high-risk urban areas should pursue buying body armor or bullet-proof vests.

Presently, body armor sells for approximately \$250. If this could be reduced to around \$100 and sold in everyday stores, the emphasis towards gun control would take a defensive posture.

At the same time, liberties governing the right to bear arms would not be infringed. Politicians would like nothing more than to take all our firearms.

Not all citizens are criminals. My purpose is defensive and selective in nature.

Body armor will not prevent people from being wounded, but it will keep people alive. A person shot by a 9mm at 50 yards will more than likely have a few broken ribs, but he will at least live to thank his body armor for saving his life.

Sincerely,  
Paul Haberle

## Clinton must preserve China status

On May 28, 1993, President Clinton released an executive order stating that China must make "significant progress" in the area of human rights or lose most favored

Andrew  
Crim

status. This standing allows Chinese imports to be charged lower tariffs and have higher import quotas than similar goods from nations without MFN status.

According to Clinton, China has put its MFN benefits in jeopardy by continuing to allow infringements on basic human rights and by exporting goods produced by prison labor. China claims the United States is interfering with its internal affairs.

The differing points of view have resulted in a battle of accusa-

tions, threats, and the possible loss of a valuable trading partner to both countries.

President Clinton will make one of the biggest blunders of his career if he allows China to fall from most favored nation trade status.

China's recent push for a freer market has opened over a billion people to U.S. products. American manufacturing firms are hoping China will be a gold mine, buying American electronics to cigarettes. Alienating China could close one of the largest markets for U.S. goods that America has ever seen.

China has less to lose.

China's location allows it to become trading partners with India, which is expected to have over one billion people by the year 2000. It could also trade with the four tigers of the Orient: South

Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan — expected to be Far East economic leaders for decades to come. It would be possible for China to lose MFN and still become a world economic leader.

President Clinton must also consider that China has nuclear weapons and has not signed the nuclear nonproliferation agreement, which prohibits nuclear weapons sales. If Clinton pulls MFN because of human rights, he will lose the leverage he needs if China decides to sell nukes to a not so friendly country like Iran.

Renewing China's most favored nation trade status is good economic policy and may prevent the type of foreign policy mistake that Bill Clinton has been known to make.

Andrew Crim is a senior contributing writer for *The Patriot*.

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

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Letters may also be brought by HPR room 261 or to the Theatre and Communication Office (HPR 272).



# Opinion

## Hate Crimes law must be practiced

"Fry the bastards!"

No, I'm not talking about chickens.

This was a statement made by the Rev. Dr. David Galloway at the recent "Stop the Hate" rally held at Bergfeld Park in Tyler. Galloway called this the natural reaction to news that four thugs abducted Nicholas

position, yet don't recognize the bias of their opinions. Business and political concerns about gay and lesbian domestic partnership issues best exemplify this.

Putting aside the usual moral and religious objections, a typical question is, "What about cost?" But this seemingly innocent question is biased.

According to the National Institute of Health, the average lifetime cost for a person with AIDS is \$75,000, as compared to one-time costs of \$30,000 for heart disease, or \$250,000 for organ transplants. Many insurance companies do not classify AIDS as catastrophic because they consider the cost minimal.

This issue also ignores women. Lesbians are a low-incidence group for AIDS. Reports on costs for homosexual partnership coverage do not cover cases such as breast cancer or pregnancy.

Many lesbians are opting

for artificial insemination and co-parenting arrangements. Maternal and neonatal care are among the most expensive items in employer-paid health coverage.

This question of cost reflects the secret prejudice many have against same-sex

partnerships and homosexuality generally.

This is the kind of "my-way-is-the-best-way" and "everyone-should-be-like-me" bigotry that led to West's death.

The Texas Legislature passed the Hate Crimes law because killing people for

being different is wrong, but the issue is more than killing.

Despite any religious or moral objections one may have, homosexuals must be guaranteed a place in society that is not second-class.

We must not legislate our religious beliefs -- then

everyone's rights are threatened, and we send a subtle message that killing the different is all right.

The time has come for the Hate Crimes law's message to be practiced.

Let's stop the hate.

*Cliff Pearson is a senior contributing writer for the Patriot.*

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## Old age, great services cause high health care costs — not unjustified malpractice suits

"Never yell fire in a crowded theater," Mommy always chided.

But, if you're a politician, always create an environment of crisis if you want a mandate for

**Jeremy  
Coe**

change. To achieve his admirable goal of insuring the uninsured, President Clinton has used statistics that seemingly support his case: spiraling health care costs that have put insurance out of the reach of an ever-changing number of Americans.

Health care costs are more than nine times higher in the 1990s than they were in the 1950s. The share of the Gross Domestic Product spent on health care during this period more than tripled.

Popular sentiment blames many sources for these problems: the extension of third-party payment through insurance companies, an

increase in the cost of medical services and medical malpractice suits (and useless defensive actions taken to prevent suits).

Clinton's 1,000-plus page plan can hardly claim to cut bureaucracy and paperwork.

According to Henry Aaron of the Brookings Institute, malpractice suits are a minor factor in costs since so few claimants actually receive compensation. Defensive procedures taken by nervous doctors are more probably responsible.

Most economists agree, however, that these problems do not significantly increase prices. The two most important factors that have driven up costs are improved technology and the aging U.S. population, Aaron says.

The average cost each year for Americans 19 years old and younger is approximately \$700. Americans over the age of seventy push the average cost curve to

\$1,700 each year. Costs are obviously linked with aging.

And because of a declining birth rate, the retiring Baby Boom generation is driving up costs for the entire system.

The proliferation of medical technology, which makes advanced treatments possible, is exponentially increasing prices.

Even simple antibiotics are prolonging lives, especially of the elderly, and dragging out illnesses that formerly killed.

It doesn't matter who pays for the pills. Congress can only control those costs by refusing to offer the treatments. Though the President affirms a crisis in health care, his only possible solution to control costs — killing our elderly and shunning technological advances — is not a fair trade.

*Jeremy Coe is a journalism junior from Willsboro. He is a managing editor of The Patriot.*

## Veal eaters bite into meaty ethical issue

When people go out to eat at a nice restaurant, they expect to find something on the menu that makes their taste buds sing. Well, what about veal? In fact, what is veal?

**Tammy  
Whitaker**

Veal is the meat from a calf that

was taken from its mother only a few days after it was born to be chained in a crate or stall only 22 inches wide with slatted floors that cause severe leg and joint pain making the calf unable to move or stand up. The calf is to remain there until it is fourteen weeks old, when it is shipped off to a slaughter house where it is to be sold to grocery stores and restaurants and then to be prepared to satisfy human taste.

Now that is what veal is! Some people may think this is cruel and some people may not even care.

Some people may just want to

eat what satisfies them and not care where it comes from or how it got there. But people should be aware of what they are eating. All meat, eggs and dairy products contain high concentrations of saturated fat and cholesterol, which have been linked to heart disease, cancer and strokes.

Hundreds of thousands of calves are raised in horrible conditions like the ones discussed, and most people are clueless to what is happening. Are people going to continue to support this? Everyone has his own opinion. But for so long these animals have had their lives ended for "veal parmesan"; was it really worth it?

Veal seems to be so unnecessary. Why do we need to eat "young Meat" when "aged meat" is so popular.

Does the name "veal" just sound more tantalizing?

You decide.

*Tammy Whitaker is a junior contributing writer for the Patriot.*



# Arts & Entertainment

## Philadelphia is more love story than AIDS movie

Becky Nichols

Photo Editor

It's been dubbed the "AIDS movie." While that's the design of Jonathan Demme, director and producer of *Philadelphia*, the description falls short of doing justice for the film.

It's about life, law and people — how we are treated, and how we treat others.

It's about fear, dignity and enlightenment.

It's about "our time." The truths we must face, the tragedies we must live with.

Tom Hanks won the Golden Globe award recently for his por-

trayal of Andrew Beckett, a gay corporate lawyer with AIDS, who is fired from a law firm and sues for wrongful termination.

Beckett is represented in court by Joe Miller, a stereotypical lawyer brought to life by Denzel Washington. Always on the lookout for a lawsuit-about-to-happen, and quick on the draw with a business card, Miller practically gloats over his reputation for chasing ambulances. Known as "The TV Guy" because of his solicitous commercials, his ambition leads him on the journey of a lifetime.

As the disease siphons the life from Beckett, Miller's homophobia endures a slow death,

revealing a man whose insight and compassion have visibly grown. Washington does a superb job expressing this.

The viewpoint of Beckett's former employer is conveyed by one senior partner who testifies that he has the utmost sympathy for the innocent people who acquire the disease through no fault of their own.

Andrew Beckett's family is the quintessential support group for an AIDS victim. During a phone conversation, his mother weeps silently as she asks, "How are you doing?" The family members don't shy away from their affections toward Andrew and his lover Miguel

(Antonio Banderas). Andrew's father and even his burly brother are generous with the hugs and kisses.

While cradling his infant niece at a family gathering, Andrew asks his family's advice on pursuit of the lawsuit, forseeing the negative publicity. Without hesitation his mother insists "I didn't raise my children to sit at the back of the bus. Go out there and defend your rights!"

As for sex scenes, Demme has received some negative press for failure to depict the "real gay life style." Yet the PG-13 rating keeps the doors open to one of the fastest growing AIDS populations - ado-

lescents. And they pack the theaters, along with a broad societal sampling.

The "love" scenes are poignant, tender, and tactful. A dance between Andrew and Miguel, as observed through the ever-opening eyes of Miller, is as close to a "sex" scene as Demme ventures.

The very essence of human spirit is depicted in a hospital scene after Beckett's family has left for the night. Miguel sits at Andrew's bedside, gently picks up his lover's hand and, one by one, tenderly kisses each finger. Andrew responds, "Miguel...I'm ready."

It's *Love Story* - the 90s version.

## La Ronde opens Feb. 18; continues drama season

*La Ronde*, a play by Arthur Schnitzler, continues the 1993-94 repertory theatre season, here at UT Tyler, opening Friday, Feb. 18.

The production, under the direction of Dr. James Hatfield, is the third installment in the season of European romantic plays.

Schnitzler's *La Ronde* encompasses a circle of romantic liaisons set in Vienna in the the 1890s. His goal with the play was to show the darker side of 19th Century European society.

The cast includes Kimberly Szarka, the lady of the evening; Jay Arrington, the soldier; Cheneka Bradford, the parlor maid; Jere Hunter, the young gentleman; Beth Erickson, the young wife; James Johnson, the husband; Candi Madis, the little miss; Dr. Victor Scherb, the poet; Shellie O'Neal, the actress; and Dr. Andrew Szarka, the count.

Assistant directors are Sharon Atkinson and Mary Lewis. Stage manager is Lucy Merony.

*La Ronde* will alternate performances with its companion play, *Anatol*, also by Schnitzler.

The cast of *Anatol* includes: Darrin Fimple, Anatol; Sean White, Max; Andrew Szarka, Franz; Johnson, the waiter; O'Neal, Iliona; Katherine Arnold, Emily; Bradford, Cora; Erikson, Annie; Kimberly Szarka, Else; Lewis, Gabriella and Madis, Bianca.

For ticket information, times and run dates, call the Department of Theatre and Communication at 566-7253.



Photo by Becky Nichols

Beth Erickson and James Johnson rehearse their scene together from Schnitzler's *La Ronde*. The play will open Friday, Feb. 18. For ticket information and reservations call 566-7253.

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# Around Campus

## CDC lab offers programs for tots, preschoolers

By Kristin Smith  
Staff Writer

The University Child Development Lab is continuing to offer a developmental program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. The program was begun this fall and has been successful.

"The focus is on play," said coordinator Colleen Randel.

The program is designed to teach children to learn through creativity and developmentally appropriate experiences, she said. There is much individual and small group activity. There are small learning centers such as math, art, and wood shop for the children to learn and play in.

Storytime and sharetime are also included in the daily schedule along with a different theme for each week such as animals, senses, or seasons. Five-year-old Rachel Hannie says, "I like to play peek-a-boo," and Janette Akin, 3, en-

joyed making a "push car." Four-year-old Krystal Phillips said she loves to play with her friend Rachel and likes the art center best, especially making footprints and "stuff with marbles."

The purpose of the program is for early childhood students to have an opportunity to work in a hands-on developmental program instead of, or in addition to working in a public school to gain experience.

The program is for service to children of university students and even others outside the university. It also serves as an exemplary program for other pre-school and child care centers to observe, Randel said.

Teachers in the lab are interdisciplinary studies majors with specialization in early childhood development. Rhonda White, an early childhood certified teacher is the director and is assisted by an adult aide.



Photo by Becky Nichols

Children in the Child Development Lab interact with students and each other on a regular basis. In the lab, the children have educational and social opportunities.

The program started Jan. 10 and uses the same calendar as the university, continuing through April 29, depending upon university

source funds. The cost is \$40 per semester for students and \$75 for all others with a \$10 materials fee. The early childhood lab is located

in PHE 114. For more information contact Randel, senior lecturer coordinator, University Child Development Lab, at 566-7010.

## New UTT graduate student honored for paper entry

By Stephanie Mauldin  
Staff Writer

Pam Kersh, UT Tyler graduate student, was recently awarded a \$500 grant by the Texas Student Scholars Project, after she submitted a paper on using geographic information systems and applying them to environmental awareness as a public relations tool.

While working as a G.I.S. technician in the Office of Research Services and attending school full-time, Kersh still found time to submit a paper to this project and was one of three winners chosen in her category. She was also awarded \$200 by AT&T for expenses to travel to the Awards Reception in Austin.

The whole purpose of the Texas Student Scholars Project is to encourage students to be innovative in the area of geographic information systems.

Kersh has been at UTT for one

semester and hopes to complete graduate school by May 1995 with a master's degree in public administration.

She received her bachelor's in speech communications with a minor in environmental science from Stephen F. Austin in December 1992.

Kersh said she has enjoyed the beauty of the UTT campus and has found a noticeable interest in an awareness of the environment among faculty and students.

Although a lot of environmentalists favor a radical approach, Kersh believes that there is a need for the public to be more ecology minded.

Kersh says that she would devote more time to media attention and getting across to the public by the influence of the media.

To work toward this goal, her degree is focused with an emphasis on environmental policy and laws.

Kersh became interested in the

environment while growing up in the suburbs of Houston. She enjoys outdoor scenery activities including bike riding and camping. As many beginning college students, Kersh admitted that during her first semester at SFA, she did not know what to major in. After about a year, she decided that there was a need for people in the environmental field to focus on the aspect of communications instead of the scientific research alone.

She noted there was not a major for that specific area at the time, but it gradually came into affect.

To those coming out of high school, or anyone who is unsure about what to do, she says that you must pursue your interests.

"I can't tell you how many times I have seen people go into a field because they can make money," she said. "Hold from determining a major until you're sure of what you want to do in life."

## Ground breaking date to be set by Board of Regents in June

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to discuss revisions and will meet again on the 11th to finalize the plan.

Mark Heckmann, director of News and Information, said, "1994 will be an eventful year for this campaign and project. Everyone is satisfied where the project is and excited about nearing the reality of visual progress."

A meeting of the University of Texas System Board of Regents in June will review the changes and set the date for ground breaking for the Fine Arts Complex.

Flags on the northeast corner of

the campus mark the location of the construction site.

Heckmann said that activities like the Distinguished Lecture Series and nationally recognized events will link the college to the community.

A general use auditorium, theatre, lecture/recital hall, art gallery and classrooms will be available at the facility.

The project began in 1985 with the UT System Capital Improvement Plan. Two years later, six million dollars was allocated. In 1989, C/A Architecture began conceptual building plans and in 1990 the Board of Regents approved the project analysis and design.

## Intensive English class offered

International students at UT Tyler this semester can work on their English skills in a free intensive English class given by the Department of Humanities.

This non-credit course meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in Business 208. Students

can make appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. if needed.

Staff and graduate students are directing the class as a part of the Teaching English as a Second Language Program.

Call 566-7438 for information.



# Around Campus

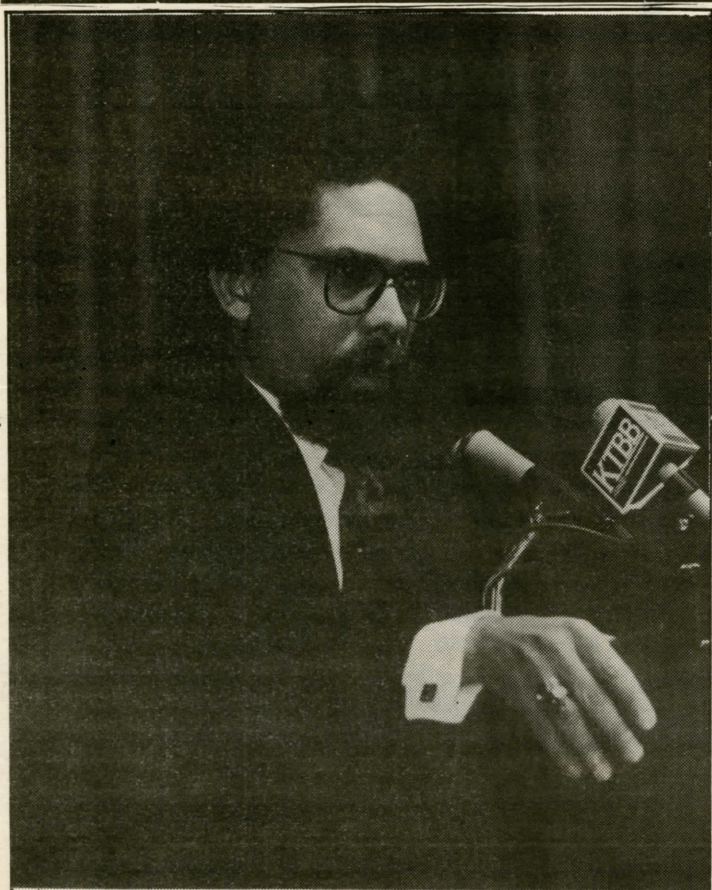


Photo by Greg Wells

Cornel West's fingers drummed the lectern as he spoke about the great cloud of witnesses in the struggle for freedom.

## Cornel West speaks at TJC during Black History Month

By Marilie Brandstetter  
Managing Editor

Cornel West came to Tyler on the second day of Black History Month with a message.

West, described by the New York Times as "a cosmopolitan public intellectual among academic specialists... (who) makes the life of the mind exciting," spoke before a standing-room only audience at Wise Auditorium on the Tyler Junior College campus.

His message—"self-critical evaluation, participation in the precious activity of dialogue" and traditions of struggle against "anything that loses contact with humanity" must be a part of personal and civic life in America.

"Every generation has to engage in the task of keeping the best of particular traditions alive," he said.

On democratic traditions, West said, "When it begins to unravel; it usually takes the form of increasing poverty that generates levels of despair and increasing paranoia that generates levels of distrust... that shatter the body politic and make it very difficult for people to feel that they are really citizens with links and bonds together."

Brenda Taylor, a UTT senior from Los Angeles, heard West's speech and said, "He addressed and explained issues and situations that affect the whole of American society."

West spoke of the need for our entire society to nurture our youth in order to overcome this nation's problems.

He also questioned the public conscience that would make poor black welfare mothers a symbol of

"ripping-off the state" but excuse the abuses of wealthy corporations, individuals and officials who go relatively unchecked.

West, a philosopher, theologian and historian, has authored nine books and is often referred to as the foremost African-American intellectual of his generation.

Copies of his latest book, "Race Matters," are available at the TJC book store for a limited time.

He graduated magna cum laude in three years from Harvard University and received his master's and Ph.D at Princeton where he is a professor of religion and director of Afro-American Studies.

Taylor said, "He is a perfect example of the move in black society to be known as American," and she recalled the words of Langston Hughes to characterize West, "I, too, am American."

## Supek works with travel study programs

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time this class has been offered at UTT. The class addresses contemporary issues of the world and is open to students in various majors.

She is also preparing for the International Day Celebration on April 11. The event will celebrate various cultures with emphasis on selected countries. Entertainment, speakers

and international food will highlight the event.

At the present time, travel study trips are planned for Costa Rica, Spain, Poland, England, and Germany. The trips are open for undergraduate and graduate students and will count as six semester hours. The deadline for applying is March 1 and each travel study class requires a minimum of 15 students. Grants are available for up to \$1,000. UTT

has implemented a new procedure for applying for grants that allows students to apply directly to the instructor who is sponsoring the trip.

The theatre, education, history, biology and Spanish departments are sponsoring trips this year. Any student interested in studying abroad should contact the department sponsoring the trip or Dr. Supek at 561-7418.

## New master's degree in business offered

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The plan though, is to have the self-evaluation form finished within 18 months.

More news from the school of business includes five students this semester going where none from here have gone before. They are enrolled in the MSN-MBA coordinated degree program, which may be the first UTT interdepartmental masters degree program.

Mary Fisher, a professor in the school of business, said the program was begun because of student interest in pursuing both degrees. Previously it would have been necessary for students to have taken 106 or 107 hours of business for two master's, Fisher said.

The new program requires 73 to 74 total hours of post graduate work, but awards master's degrees in both business administration and

nursing.

"The growing health care industry in East Texas was a driving force behind the initiation of the program," said Fisher.

Linda Klotz, associate professor of nursing, said, "It's a wonderful idea and long overdue." She said the five students in the program found out about it by word of mouth. "The brochures aren't even printed yet," she said.



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## Briefs

### MCSLC set for 25th

Registration for the 1994 Multicultural Student Leadership Conference "From Obstacles to Opportunity" ends Monday, Feb. 21. Student leadership educational sessions be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25, and the fee of \$10 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Angle M. Loreda, SMU's Director of Multicultural Affairs, will speak during the conference and artists performing drum and African/Reggae musical works will be featured. Martin Luther King III ends the conference event as the special evening speaker at 7:30 in the University Center (no charge). For more information contact the office of Student Activities, UC 111 or (903) 566-7081.

### Arias to close series

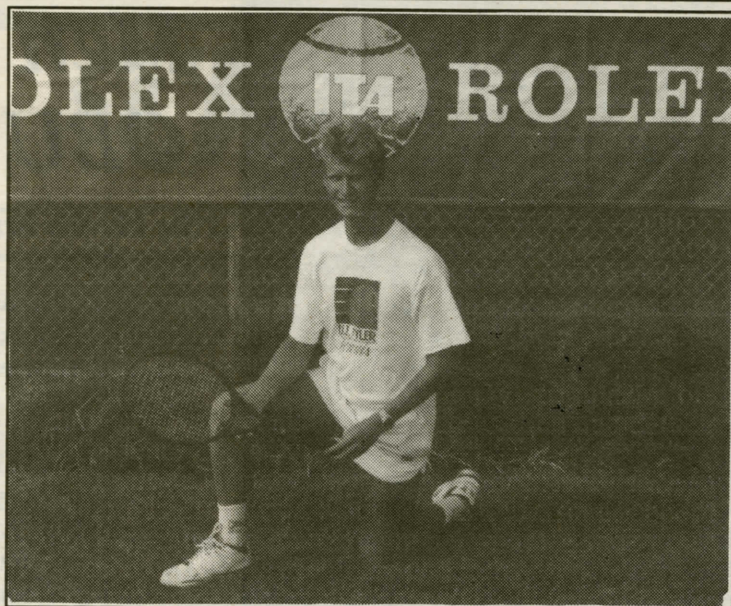
Former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias will speak at 8 p.m., Feb. 22 as a part of the UTT Distinguished Lecture Series in the University Center. Tickets may be obtained as follows: students, UC 111; faculty, dean's offices; staff, PIO (ADM 221) and library staff, Library.

### Nature trail ready for student use

A nature trail on the UT Tyler campus is in the process of being restored and will be completed within the year. The trail entrance is located south of the HPE building near Lake Drive and the utility road, and it winds through 20 acres of UTT's nature preserve.

Currently, the trail is used in the biology program as an outdoor lab for students to gather information and observe ecology and natural history, but it is also open to students, faculty and staff for recreation.

Tim Dolan, assistant professor of political science, sponsors the Nature and Environment Club and their efforts to restore the trail. Club members will continue to develop the trail with self-guidance booklets and markers for identifying trees and plants, as well as other aspects of ecology. The trail originally started out two years ago as a project done by a local Boy Scout, who wanted to build a small bridge in it.



Gerald Dehn-Jensen

## Golf tourney attracts stars

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May 16 will be Senior PGA Tour star Orville Moody, Ladies PGA Tour star Michelle McGann and PGA Tour star Billy Ray Brown.

The Eisenhower Classic, now in its eighth year, is presented by The University of Texas in conjunction with Sister Cities International (SCI).

Strange won back-to-back U.S. Opens in 1988-89, the first golfer to accomplish that feat since Ben Hogan in 1950-51. The leading money winner on the PGA Tour in 1985, 1987 and 1988, Strange ranks seventh on the tour's career money list.

He has won 17 tournaments on the PGA Tour and was named Player of the Year in 1988. That year he won the Houston Open, Memorial Tournament and Nabisco championships in addition to the U.S. Open. Strange has played on America's Ryder cup team four times.

In December, he entered the winner's circle again with a victory at the Greg Norman Holden classic in Australia.

Moody, who won the 1969 U.S.

Open, now plays The Senior PGA Tour where he has won 11 tournaments.

McGann joined the LPGA Tour at the age of 18 after graduating from high school in 1988. Last year she finished 12th on the money list and posted top 10 finishes in eight tournaments. She ranked second on the tour in driving distance with an average of 251.3 yards per drive.

Brown, a six-year veteran of the PGA Tour, won the 1992 GTE Byron Nelson Classic and the 1991 Canan Greater Hartford Open. He Played collegiate golf at the University of Houston where he won the NCAA Championship in 1982 as a freshman.

## Netter comes up short early; finishes tourney strong

By Marilie Brandstetter  
Managing Editor

It was a strange turn of events in Dallas for Gerald Dehn-Jensen, Denmark junior, that pitted him against Chris Pressley of Duke, the No. 2 seed in the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Tennis Championship Final at SMU.

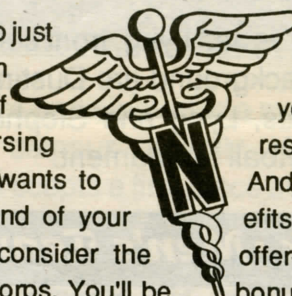
Only the top 32 players nationally participated in this event, held Feb 3-6. Pressley, ranked No. 3 in the nation under Division One NCAA schools, found himself in the semi-consolation match against Dehn-Jensen.

Dehn-Jensen lost in the first round to Sargis Sargsian of Arizona State, seeded No. 4, who went on to win the tournament.

Victories in consolation matches over Reid Slattery, University of Kansas, and Ian Williams, University of Texas, advanced Dehn-Jensen to face Pressley, who managed to defeat him 6-4, 6-2.

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# Sports



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**Workin' That 'D'** is Jeff Lyng, front center, as he tries to shut down Bobo Buckley (with ball). Left to right in background are Dustin Yats, LaRoy Duncan and Christopher Stephenson. The team of Yats, Lyng and Stephenson, known as Showtime, won the UTT 3-on-3 intramural basketball tournament.

## Men dominate OBU tourney

By Marilie Brandstetter  
Managing Editor

In early spring action, the UT Tyler Patriots went toe to toe with top-ranked players and teams at the Ouichita Baptist Tournament in Arkadelphia, Ark. and dominated the field.

Singles players from Southwest Baptist, Harding and Ouichita Baptist Universities lost every match to UTT players Marco Sitepu, Jonas Lundblad, Guillaume Gauthier, Roney Pollard, Charles Gembes and Brian Notis during the Feb. 4-5 OBU Tournament.

"Harding is usually ranked around 15th in the nation (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes) and we defeated them without losing a match," Fred Kniffen, UTT Tennis Coach said.

In Doubles competition, the combined performances of Notis/Gembes, Pollard/Lundblad and Sitepu/Gauthier were decisive enough to earn the Patriots seven points (highest possible) on the team's season total. Point totals at season's end govern team rankings nationally and determine award presentations.

"All of our players this weekend played very strong. It's exciting to know going into the season that you've got the No. 1 NAIA ranked team and you've got the players that are capable of winning every match they play this year," Kniffen said.

### UT Tyler • Men's Team • 1994 Schedule

Feb. 24	Schreiner College	Kerrville
Feb. 25-26	UT San Antonio Tournament	San Antonio
March 4-5	UT Tyler Tournament	Tyler
March 9	Belhaven College	Pensacola, Fla.
March 10	Mobile College	Mobile, Ala.
March 11	University West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.
March 12	BYU Hawaii	Pensacola, Fla.
March 17	Northeastern Oklahoma University	Tyler
March 23	Oklahoma Christian University	Tyler
March 24	McClennan (Scrimmage)	Tyler
April 2	Southwest Texas	San Marcos
TBA	District IV Playoff	TBA
April 15-16	Oklahoma City Tournament	Oklahoma City
May 23-28	NAIA National Tournament	Tulsa, Okla.

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