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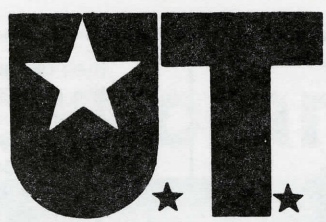
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Green resigns office

The resignation of President Alan Green, a solution to the conflict between noon-time entertainment and education classes, a canned goods drive for the East Texas Crisis Center and the approval of \$3,500 for guest speakers were among the issues dealt with by Student Association members Nov 13.

Green announced his resignation because of increased job and family responsibilities. A graduate student from Longview, he is employed full-time, is married and has a 3-month-old daughter.

Vice-president Laura Hughes becomes president, in accordance with the organization's by-laws. The Tyler senior will serve in both capacities until an election for vice-president can be held.

The office of vice-president is elected by the student body. Any full-time student at UT Tyler is eligible to be a candidate. Students interested in seeking this office should contact Jerry Alexander in the Student Activities Office, UC 111.

Hughes expressed concern over noon-time musical entertainment conflicting with education classes in the University Center. "I wouldn't want to take an exam with a band playing downstairs either," she said.

Although the majority of students say they want entertainment at lunch, she added, "none will be scheduled for the spring semester unless the problem can be resolved in some other manner."

Members approved a Christmas canned goods drive Nov 29 - Dec. 13 to benefit the many families sheltered by the East Texas Crisis Center.

All campus organizations and individuals are invited to participate, special recognition will be given the group that contributes the most canned goods.

Containers for the collection will be placed in the University Center and Business Building.

Also approved was \$3,500 in Student Life Committee funds to sponsor two noted guest speakers, to be selected by committee members.

EARLY REGISTRATION

Nov. 29	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Nov. 30	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 1	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.



MAKING A POINT--Prominent defense attorney F. Lee Bailey speaks on campus recently in the first of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series. (Staff Photo by Ken Bryson)

Wheat lists options to deter course drop

Angie Patterson
Staff Writer

As final exams and the end of the semester approach, students having difficulty with a course may be undecided about whether to complete the course or drop it.

Although the last day to drop a course is Dec 6, Director of Admissions Martha Wheat said, "Jumping out of a course is not necessarily the answer."

Should a student drop a

course between now and December 6, he would receive either a "WP" or "WF" on his transcript. A grade of "WP" is not figured in a student's grade point average. A grade of "WF" is figured in the grade point average as hours attempted with no grade points.

"The thing that strengthens our system," Mrs. Wheat said, "is that students have to go to the professor to drop a course."

She said some students may drop a course because they are "feeling uneasy" about the course or work involved. Students should get constructive advice from the professor and let him or her share in the decision of dropping or completing the course, Mrs. Wheat said.

"The instructor can provide a support system for the student," she said.

Although the instructor may see it beneficial for the student to drop the

course, many times other options should be considered, she explained.

Instructors may recommend tutoring, additional reading or library work to help a student with difficulty in a course. Should the student need to drop or repeat the course, he may be advised to take a more basic course that could serve as a prerequisite, Mrs. Wheat said.

To drop a course, the student should go to the instructor first to discuss the

options. If the student decides to drop, he must fill out an AR409 drop form.

He should keep a copy of the form, which will have the course grade of either "WP" or "WF." Another copy is forwarded to the registrar's office.

Failure to attend a class does not cause an instructor to drop a student. A student who does not show up for class and take required examinations or turn in course work will receive an "F."

Career, family provide 'best of both worlds'

Bill Fleisher
Staff Writer

In a time when many women are choosing a career over raising a family, Dr. Patricia Coplan, assistant professor of business, seems to have the best of both worlds.

"I was married my last year in high school, and then went on to Henderson State University and the University of Arkansas," she said.

"I had thought about college teaching in '77 and '78 when at Henderson State in Arkadelphia, Ark., but there was nothing definite at the time."

Majoring in business administration along with a full time commitment to raising a family, Coplan succeeded in graduating from Henderson State in

1978 magna cum laude in the upper 25 percent of her class. In August 1978 she began working on her juris doctorate degree in law at the University of Arkansas



DR. PATRICIA COPLAN

in Fayetteville.

"I became more serious about college teaching at the University of Arkansas because it takes less time and work than a law office," she explained. "Also, there are many women going into my field of accounting today, but it's harder for a young woman to find advancement in a law firm."

While at the University of Arkansas, the Coplan's 3 year old Sarah was born and in 1981, her last year at Fayetteville she began seriously applying for teaching positions.

"I sent out resumes to different colleges and received four offers in three or four cities. Tyler was my first choice mainly because of the location

In August, 1981 Coplan was accepted by UT-Tyler for her first full-time college teaching position and in the same month was awarded her juris doctorate in law from the University of Arkansas. While in Arkansas she was certified as a public accountant and was a member of the Arkansas State Society of CPA's and the American Woman's Society of CPA's.

Reflecting on her first year at UT-Tyler Coplan said, "I would rate my performance for my first semester as fair to poor. My lectures are good, but it was hard to anticipate the problems my students would ask about. Also I believe I expected too much from my students. I still expect a lot but not

quite as much as before. I'm more patient."

"I've also become able to look on the students' faces and tell if they understand or not," she continued.

This semester Coplan was appointed by Dr. Hewett as area coordinator of the department of accounting until a new chairman can be found. With this promotion she took on the added duties of advising students, scheduling classes and informing students of job opportunities off-campus.

"I try to listen to students. You can't tell them what to do; they must make the choice. I try to give alternatives and show the consequences of dif-

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving Day: let's give thanks

David Bartley
Co-Editor

In our society of over-commercializing holidays, it is good to know that there is an occasion that has been left alone Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving brings different connotations to the minds of individuals. To some there is the family getting together to share time with one another. There is the turkey, ham, and pies that mothers and grandmothers prepare. To others it is watching football on television and others are out hunting trying to kill that first deer.

However, let's put into remembrance, one more time, how Thanksgiving began. The Pilgrims came over from England to an unfamiliar land. The first winter was a hard winter and many died. They did not know what was to become of them or how they were going to survive. There were savage people in this land that they called Indians.

History shows that the

Pilgrims and the Indians became friends with one another and taught each other new and different ways to live. The following season, after the planting of the seeds, there were fields of crops that would last them through the winter. The Pilgrims declared a day of thanks unto God and they had a great feast.

Thanksgiving Day is and should be for everyone, everywhere, a day to give thanks. What is there to give thanks for? We still live in a country that is democratic. We have the right to choose where we live, where to work, and which school we want to attend. Just as our forefathers practiced freedom of speech and freedom of religion when the constitution was written, Americans today have these same rights.

This Thanksgiving Day why not stop-----and see if there is something **you** can give thanks for

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Coplan

"Overall I'm favorably impressed with UT-Tyler, but I think there's room for improvement," she said.

ferent courses of action. I feel I can be more sympathetic with the problems of married women students," she added.

Coplan indicated she had a good feeling about her role as teacher and ad-

visor, recalling certain students she has helped, even though these duties sometimes conflict with her parental duties.

"There is a time problem being a parent and teacher. Sarah usually goes with me or stays with my parents. I didn't want to leave her at a professional day care center."

Coplan plans to teach for the next 2 or 3 years and hopes to get more involved in outside consulting.



Many people reach for the sun, but few are willing to burn their fingers to hold it. (By Ken Bryson)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor, Your editorial in the November 8th issue of the U. T. Tyler Patriot immensely reflects a very uninformed writer. You and your kind see the only purpose of unions as striking and collecting dues. In my opinion unions have contributed more toward economic justice for the lower and middle classes in the United States than any other entity. It has certainly not been free enterprise or "trickle down economics" as Milton Friedman would have us believe. For during the nineteenth century when unions were practically nonexistent [and those that did exist had little influence], free enterprise was, for all practical purposes free. We had but two classes -- the poor and the rich "robber barons" like Jay Gould. Something had to be done. And when there is a great disparity of wealth among classes, discontent will ultimately surface.

The United States was fortunate, though. Her poor fought for economic justice through collective bargaining. In Russia her poor fought for economic justice through armed rebellion. We clearly chose the better route; we have the prosperity to prove it.

Now let's turn to the strike by the football players' union, and the best way to illustrate my point is by recalling two names -- Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. These two figures of early motion pictures died in the "poor house." As many movies as they made one would think they would have certainly died comfortably. But they worked during a time when actors were ineligible to collect royalties. They were paid only for the initial showing of their movies. The plight of football players is much worse. Why? The productive years of football players are much shorter -- about five years. This is why I am sympathetic to

their demands for a percentage of the profits from ticket sales and air time.

But Mr. Editor, if I haven't convinced you yet that unions were and are necessary, allow me to continue. Can we both perhaps agree that the typical businessman is greedy? After all he's out to make a profit, is he not? Most often his preoccupation [or greed] for profit obscures his responsibility for the welfare of those he employs. A fair wage and safe working conditions can be found closer to the bottom on his list of priorities. Unions provide a check on this overly-zealous businessman. It acts as the agent or representative for those threatened by him.

I would now, if I may, like to react to your comments on the air traffic controllers' and football players' nationwide strikes. Consider first PATCO's strike. In a letter dated October 20, 1980 to Robert Poll, President of PATCO, Ronald Reagan, then a candidate for President of the United States, wrote this campaign pledge: "I have been thoroughly briefed by members of my staff as the deplorable state of our nation's air traffic control system. They have told me that too few people working unreasonable hours with obsolete equipment has placed the nation's air travellers in unwarranted danger -- you can rest assured that if I am elected President, I will take whatever steps necessary to provide our air traffic controllers with the most modern equipment available and to adjust staff levels and work days so that they are commensurate with achieving a maximum degree of public safety."

Kenneth D. Nash



To the Editors:

As a result of an informal poll for a speech class on so-called campus apathy, we have come to some conclusions.

1. This campus is enjoyed because it is somewhat quiet, due to the maturity of the student body.

2. We are not suffering from a lack of activity at UT Tyler. We might have a problem with a lack of participation, but there are things to do.

3. Participation may be limited by either the students not being aware of the campus activities or by not having enough time for the activities.

It is to the latter subject that we propose a suggestion. Since this is a commuter school, extra-curricular meetings and activities are somewhat hampered. We propose that a break of one-half hour be given all students, faculty and staff, with no classes scheduled during this time.

Such a time would allow clubs to meet and would not be long enough to unduly intrude into schedules. It would allow for things such as concerts at the University Center that presently many persons are unable to attend.

If students are interested in such a time, please inform faculty, student representatives and the administration.

Glenn Baker
Organizational Communication class



UT Tyler, KLTV join to give students hands-on training

Tyler television station KLTV hired UT journalism students to work as reporters during their Nov. 2 election coverage.

Tom Ash, news director for the station, contacted the University shortly before election day to recruit reporters to go to the court houses of surrounding counties and phone election results back to the station. Working with journalism faculty member John Robinson, Ash arranged for students, principally from the editing, layout and design class, to work in pairs. Each team was assigned a different county.

One member of the team phoned in results while his partner remained on stand-

by, waiting for updated vote counts as the boxes were counted.

Ash praised the performance of the students, adding that he hoped the TV station could use more student help in the future.

Students received \$25 each, and those who drove their cars received mileage reimbursement.

Robinson said he appreciated the opportunity for the students to have the real life assignment. "It gives them great experience," Robinson said.

Tyler senior Suzanne Norwood, who covered the Henderson County court house in Athens with Tyler senior Kay Marsh, said it was an interesting assignment. "We learned a lot"

Other journalism students were exposed to KLTV's operations the previous month when

members of the radio-television news writing class toured the station's production facilities, news

room and studios. Channel 7 news anchor Wes Sims conducted the tour and later students sat in the studio during the evening news broadcast.

Canton junior Ken Bryson, who was in the studio for the 6 p.m. evening newscast, found the news operation "extremely complex" and "much more sophisticated" than what he had previously envisioned.

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Writers cramp for autographers at UT



AUTOGRAPHS--Dr. Frank H. Smyrl signs *Poley Morgan* book as Donald Van Horn waits. (Staff Photo by Ken Bryson)

Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, James R. Parrish and Dr. Donald Van Horn autographed nearly 300 books at an autograph party held Oct. 28.

Smyrl, a history professor at UT Tyler, is the author of "Poley Morgan, Son of a Texas Scalawag."

Parrish, a former journalism instructor here, wrote "Between Loaded Guns."

Van Horn, an assistant professor of art, exhibited drawings used to illustrate both books.

Both books are hard-bound with gold-printed spines and printed end sheets. Both deal with Texas history.

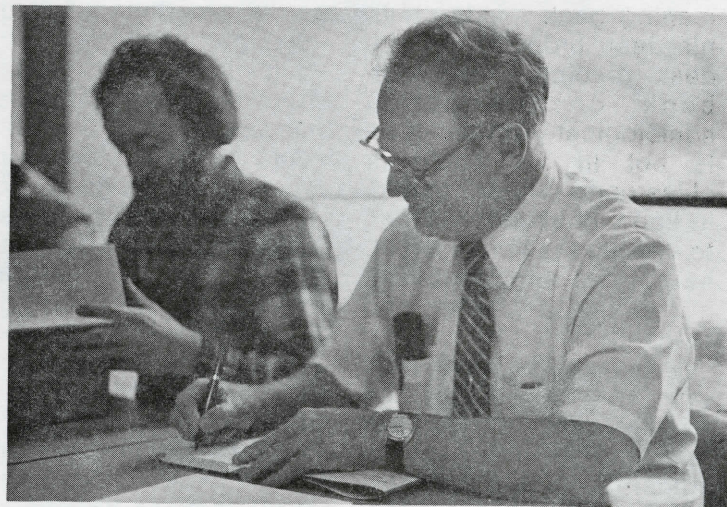
"Poley Morgan" is the unique story of a boy whose father, a heroic Confederate veteran, joined the Union-imposed local government as Smith County tax assessor-collector and was murdered mysteriously in 1870.

"Between Loaded Guns" is the story of the struggle of East Texas in 1875 when more than 4,000 outlaws inhabited a sparsely settled

Texas, when Union army patrols had pulled out of local communities but remained in Austin, and when the Texas Rangers had just been reactivated and before they had regained

control over the lawlessness.

Book Publishers of Texas, the Tyler firm that published both books, and the UT Tyler book store co-sponsored the book premiere.



BOOK PREMIERE--Artist Donald Van Horn and publisher James R. Parrish autograph novels. (Staff Photo by Ken Bryson)

Motor development aids child movement skills

Children are naturally active and enjoy and need to move their bodies as they explore their world. Just as their bodies grow at different rates, their movement skills also develop at different rates.

The UT Tyler Motor Development program is designed to assist children in improving their motor skills. The program assesses each child's motor skills, improves weak motor and perceptual

skills, strengthen existing skills, improves physical fitness, provide activities on an individual and group basis, and also improves play skills.

Any child six years or older is eligible for screening to determine whether such a motor program would be beneficial. For more information call the Department of Health and Physical Education at UT Tyler, 566-1471, Ext. 322.



SIGMA TAU EPSILON WINS--UT Tyler president Dr. George Hamm presents the trophy to intramural football champs' player-coach Martin Cheney as team members look on. (Staff Photo by Kay Marsh)

Sigma Tau leads league

Sigma Tau Epsilon reigns as intramural flag football champs for the second consecutive year, leading the league with a 7-0 record, said quarterback Martin Cheney. The Processors took second place with a 4-3 record.

Cheney and Dana Vinson tied for most valuable player honors for Sigma

Tau, which has remained undefeated the last two years.

Other team members are: Tom Conner, Phillip Procell, Tom Lancaster, Dennis Hightower, Jim Bogue, Mike Ragan, Chuck Florence, Ken Redfearn, Barry Grimes, Mark Vause, Bill Baird and Earl Godt. Dr. Donald Garrison serves as

team sponsor.

Team members for the second-place Processors are: Julius White, Douglas Price, David Cook, Dennis Smith, Joe Vanderberg, Wayne Dyess, Kevin Kirkwood, Jay Roberts, Earl Bearry, Robert Bobo, Robert Tomlin, Steve Wilson, Ron Childs and Carlos Sequera.

Classified Ads

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Calculus, chemistry or general studies. Call Chris Ricks after 7:30 p.m. at 597-2424.



Early Registration

Spring Semester 1983

Nov. 29	Monday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Nov. 30	Tuesday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 1	Wednesday	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Thursday	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sociologist researches 'crime in the streets'

Suzanne Norwood
Co-Editor

His office door partially open and in view of the main hall, Dr Michael Victor is often observed leaning back in his chair, his feet propped on the desk, reading a new textbook or the latest sociological journal. If he is not in his office or classroom, Victor, papers in hand, is usually walking to or from the library where he gathers information for his class lectures and research.

He is a soft-spoken man who is respected by students for his fairness and understanding. His students instinctively know that he observes an open-door policy and that he is

tion, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the American Legal Studies Association.

"These conferences are attended by academic people and practitioners and are very interdisciplinary. I would like to encourage student attendance at these seminars. "Students would be able to present papers and compete for student awards with cash prizes. The problem with this, however, is the funding for students to attend the meetings," Victor said.

His most recent paper, presented last March, was titled "Explaining Rates at which Police Officers are Killed." He has submitted abstracts of his two latest works to the Academy of

tant professor at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. While there, "with few distractions," he completed his doctoral dissertation.

Victor has been in Tyler six years.

"It was Texas Eastern when I came to Tyler, and I started my first year on the new campus. Becoming a part of the UT system has been a big, big plus. Also, the new president, Dr Hamm, has set a new precedent. He is extremely progressive in every way."

"The tremendous jump in enrollment this fall seemed impossible, but it was accomplished. Dr Hamm has great relations with the faculty, and he has little get-togethers with just a few of us where we can speak openly and spontaneously," Victor said.

Discussing the reasons that he enjoys teaching at UT Tyler, Victor said, "I'm delighted with the fact that we have mature students. It's a pleasure to teach junior and senior courses, have fairly small classes with serious students and have good quality students. That's what makes it worthwhile."

When not in the classroom, library or attending university committee meetings, Victor relaxes by reading, walking and swimming.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Victor is the son of TV producer David Victor, who produced "Dr Kildare," "Marcus Welby," "A Man Called Uncle" and "Name of the Game."

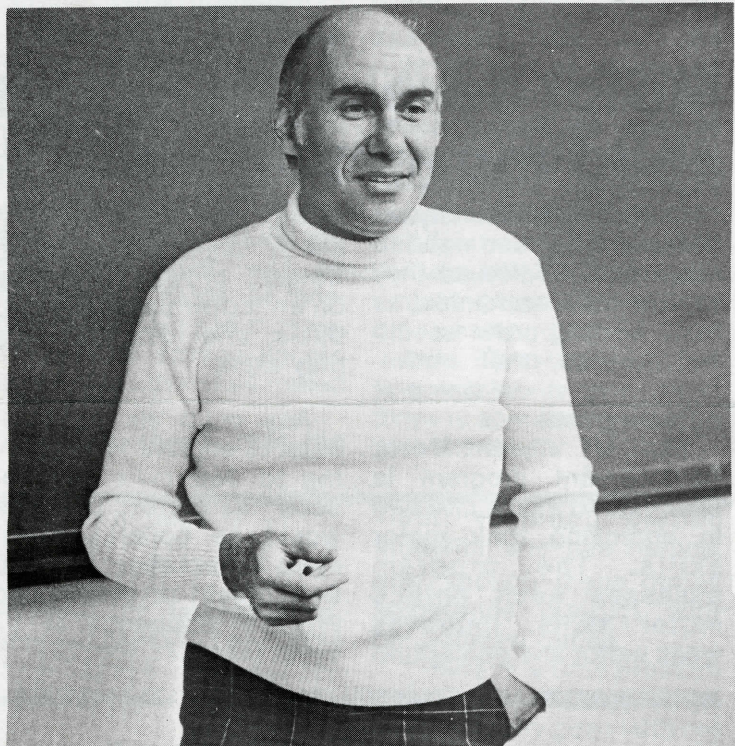
Victor said his father does not have a regular series going now but is developing basically pilot shows and programs of unusual length, maybe 90 minutes or two hours.

"He has done quite a few shows on great people such as the show, 'A Man Called John' which was about the pope. He's going to be teaching more at Southern Cal and UCLA," Victor said.

"He was a writer for many years, and his writing era was while I lived at home. Even then it was nice to look around the studio and go to the sound stages."

"As a producer's son you tend to get irritated in some ways with a lot of the 'prima donnaishness' of some of the stars. Some are very nice, and it doesn't go to their heads and then there are others who just give my dad a pain," Victor added.

Victor met his wife, Margie, who is from Pennsylvania, while they were on a student tour of Europe following graduation.



DR. MICHAEL VICTOR

always willing to help and advise them.

Victor, an associate professor of sociology, is an avid researcher who says that he likes "getting excited about new ideas." He is knowledgeable about "crime in the streets and crime in the suites," and he has been published in professional journals including the "Journal of Criminal Justice," the "Social Science Journal," "Sociological Focus" and the "Western Sociological Review."

Victor presents his works at regional and national meetings, including those of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

Tree trimming heralds season

All students, faculty and staff are invited to share the holiday atmosphere of Tree Trimming Day, Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the University Center, compliments of UT Tyler Student Association.

Music will be presented by the Robert E. Lee choir,

12:00 to 12:30 p.m., and the Moore choir, 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Students will be decorating the University tree. Santa, or one of his loyal helpers, is expected to drop by with candy for children in the campus daycare program.

Calendar

MONDAY, NOV. 22

UT Tyler Chorale Concert, 10 a.m., Jacksonville College

Tyler Young Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., ADM 127

TUESDAY, NOV. 23

Music Student Association Meeting, 4:15 p.m., HPR 272.

American Chemical Society Meeting, 5-9 p.m., UC 134.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24

Classes dismissed at 10 p.m. for Thanksgiving holiday.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, NOV. 25-26

Offices closed for Thanksgiving holidays.

MONDAY, NOV. 29

Classes resume at 8 a.m.

Seminar, Gifted Workshop, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., ADM 127

Advisement/Early Registration, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Last day to submit a thesis.

Region VII-TISD

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

Advisement/Early Registration, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Music Student Association Meeting, 4:15 p.m., HPR 272.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

Tree Trimming Party, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., UC.

Lee High School Choir, 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., UC.

Moore Middle School Choir, 12:30 to 1 p.m., UC.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

UT Tyler Chorale Concert, 7:30 p.m., Glenwood United Methodist Church

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

8-5 Forum Christmas Party, noon, UC 134.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

Last day to drop a course.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

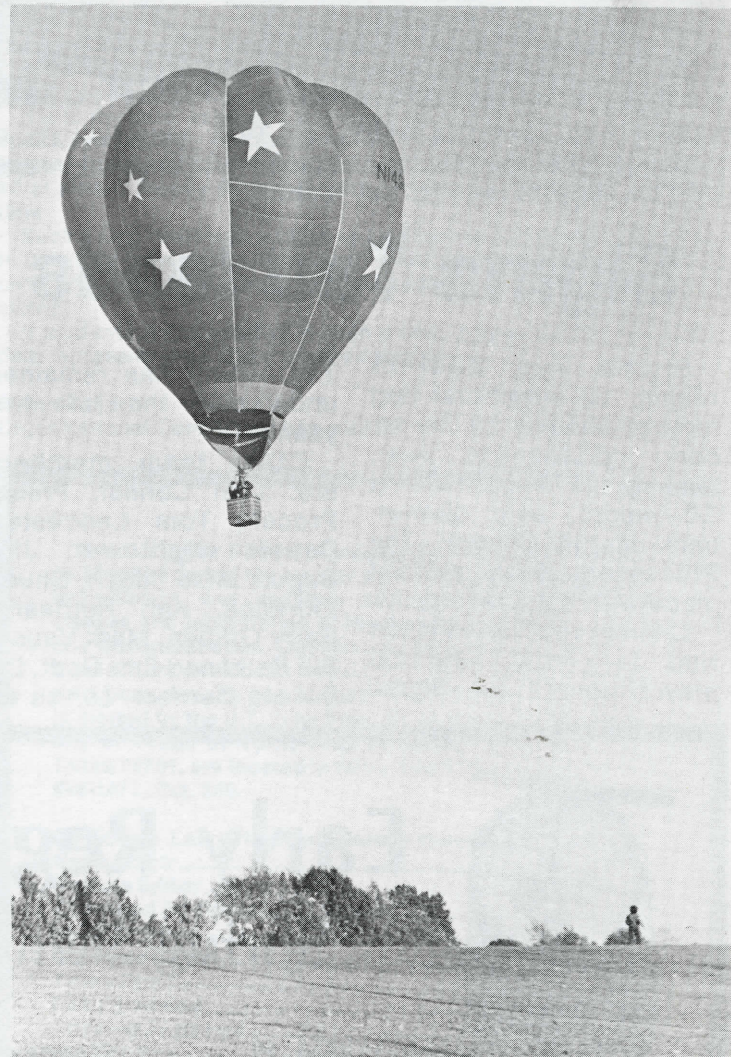
Talented Youth Seminar: "Unblocking the Writer's Block," by Dr. Olga Fischer, 9:30-11:30 a.m., UC 134.

Board Meeting of Tyler Chapter of National Association of Accountants, 5:30 p.m., BUS 146.

"Holiday Incredible Edibles" by 8-5 Forum, UC.

MONDAY, DEC. 13

Final exams begin



ABOVE IT ALL--Steve Stokes, winner of the hot air balloon ride, soars above UT Tyler with pilot Terry Cooper. (Staff Photo by Ken Bryson)