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## SA president frustrated with UTT administration

By Marsha Millikin  
Editorial Assistant

When Brenda Taylor took office as the University of Texas at Tyler Student Association president, she thought she was "pretty much" aware of the rewards and challenges that went along with the position.

But as she reflects on this past academic year, Taylor said the work she started with issues on campus cannot be completed this year.

"Last year, I was so frustrated with some things, I wanted to just quit," Taylor said. "I went to the SA office and talked to the president at that time and a couple of other members. But instead of quitting, they talked me into running for president."

Taylor said she and the other SA members are concerned about constitutional issues, harassment of the SA and why there does not seem to be a timely response to these issues and concerns.

"In four elections, in 1992 through 1995, the students voted to change the Constitution," Taylor said. "However, after a lot of discussion and investigation, we (SA) found out the only Constitution voted and approved by the students which reached (the UT) systems was the Constitution from November 1991." She added, "after further investigation, it appears these other constitutions have never reached President George Hamm's office and that's why the constitutions were never sent on to systems."

Taylor said one of the problems with this situation is the former chief of student affairs told the SA adviser "on many occasions" the amendments to the constitution had been approved.

"Therefore, with verbal approval, we acted upon that," Taylor said. "We changed the way we filled vacancies, changed job descriptions and operating procedures. We received verbal acceptance of the new constitution from the chief student affairs officer in the SA minutes. In January 1996, the SA received written approval for a U-

## Theatre program springs into action

By Robert Sullivan  
Staff Writer

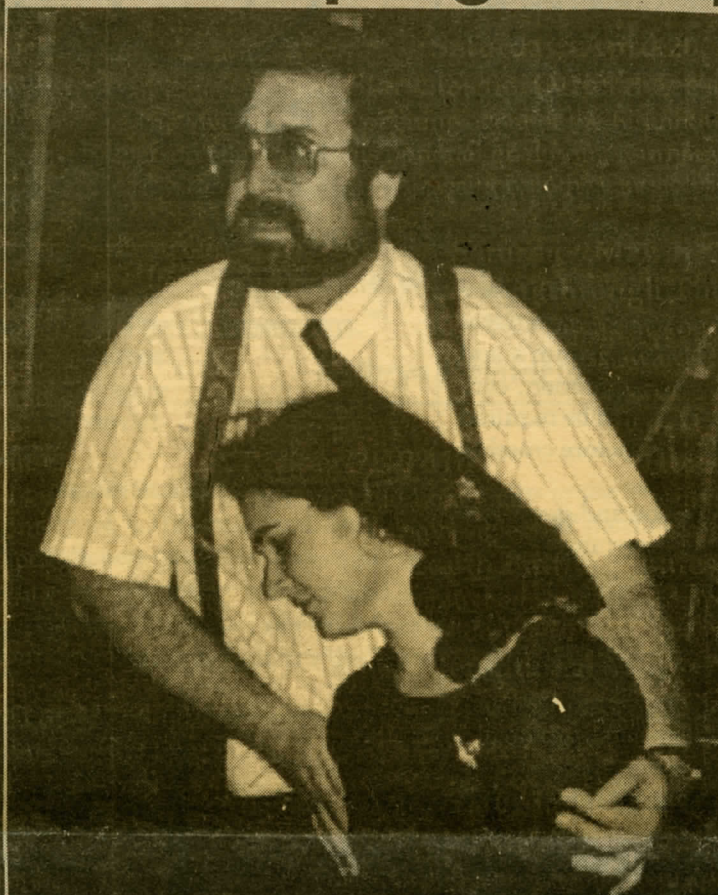


Photo by Robert Sullivan

Dr. Victor Scherb and Rita Rhea rehearse an emotional scene from "Sganarelle."

Starting April 5, the UT Tyler Theater program will present "Sganarelle" by Moliere and "The Lesson", by Eugene Ionesco. The one-act plays will be performed together each night.

"Sganarelle", or the Imaginary Cuckold, is directed by guest lecturer Katherine LaPietra. The absurdist comedy is the story of crossed wires and star-crossed lovers. It stars Donald Killingsworth, Rita Rhea, John Scroggins, Jason Rice, Dr. Victor Scherb, Katherine Arnold, Mary Killingsworth, Gwendolyn Jones, Samatha Cheek, Holly Yount and Gale Gilbert.

"The Lesson" is directed by Amy Nigro, guest lecturer in the theater program. The play is a comic drama and has fun at the expense of higher learning in language and mathematics. It stars Jimie Ziegler, Mary Helen Austin and Robert Sullivan.

The plays will be presented on April 5, 6, 12 and 13 with curtain at 7:30 p.m. The matinee on April 14 has a 3 p.m. curtain. The performances on April 19 and 20 are regular performances with the final matinee on April 21.

Tickets are available at the door or through the office of the department of theater and communication at extension 7253. Tickets are free to students, faculty and staff of UTT. Public tickets are \$3 for Seniors, children or students, and \$5 for adults.

Pines representative and a rep from the School of Nursing. But according to the 1994-96 UT-Tyler catalog, a U-Pines representative is to be elected by the student body. So why did the SA receive notification just this year?"

The confusion concerning the constitution was the focus over the recent hiring of an SA advisor, Taylor said.

"There was a conflict with the position being filled because according to Article I, Section VIII of the Constitution, we can have another advisor upon the recommendation of the SA," Taylor said. "The SA was informed we had a new adviser and we did not recommend this position be filled. When the SA discussed this with Dr. Hamm, we were informed this person was not our advisor but could be used by the SA as a contact person."

The Patriot attempted to find out the contact person's salary but according to Peggy Emery, Coordinator of Personnel Services, all requests for salaries must be made in writing.

Taylor also contends the SA is "ha-

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## Colloquium to feature 'Gender and Politics'

A noted Texas author and political scientist will speak at the annual UT Tyler Liberal Arts Colloquium Tuesday, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. in Business 158. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Jeanie Stanley-Coleman will address the issue of "Gender and Politics in the 1990s." She is the co-author of *Claytie and the Lady*, a book about the 1990 governor's race between Ann Richards and Clayton Williams.

Dr. Stanley-Coleman taught at UT Tyler from 1980 to 1991.

In 1990 she served as finance director in Dan Morales campaign for attorney general, and in 1991 she moved to Austin to work in the attorney general's office as Director of Research and Legal Support and as Director of Policy Management. She has also published numerous articles on politics and gender issues and served as presi-

dent of Texas Democratic Women from 1987 to 1991. She was a delegate to the 1984 and 1988 national Democratic

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## Semester Alert

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# Senators push for bill to track "3g" offenders

By Marsha Millikin

Editorial Assistant

The sun doesn't set on too many days when those who keep up with the news aren't sickened and angered about the discovery of yet another crime committed against children.

Alleged video-taped sexual abuse of children ranging in age from three to seven-years-old within a Smith County day care center is just one recent example. Another is the March 27 Tyler Morning Telegraph story about a local woman sentenced to 60 years in prison for the abuse of her boyfriend's children.

Remember a couple of years ago when the abduction, rape and murder of a six-year-old girl from a soccer field in Plano was committed by a paroled sex offender? The man had been released early from the Texas prison system for "good behavior." How does a person who rapes children ever qualify as capable of "good behavior?"

In response to these injustices to children, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, authored a series of bills, known as Ashley's Laws, aimed specifically at sexual predators of children. The bills passed by a 33-0 Senate vote.

The State of Texas currently has the strictest laws dealing

with child molesters in the country, thanks to Shapiro and the Texas Legislature. The actions of the Legislature have shown the protection of children is a non-partisan issue in Texas.

No one is immune. Our neighbors in Terrell were recently shocked and amazed when they discovered a convicted multiple murderer lived right next door to Our Kids Day Care Center, prompting State Senator David Cain to draft a bill prohibiting anyone convicted of a "3g" offense to live where children congregate. Such places include day care centers, public and private schools, playgrounds and so forth.

The list of "3g" offenses encompass Sexual Assault of a Child, Indecency With a Child, Capital Murder, Murder, Aggravated Kidnapping, Sexual Assault or any felony where a deadly

weapon was used.

U. S. Senator Phil Gramm and Rep. Greg Laughlin are sponsoring the Sexual Predator Identification and Notification Act of 1996 which establishes a national data base to keep track of sex offenders.

The bill is similar to that in Texas where sex offenders, convicted of a crime involving juveniles, are required to register with the local police department where the released perpetrator chooses to live. Under Gramm's and Laughlin's proposed legislation, convicted sex criminals would be required to register with the FBI before crossing state lines.

All of this sounds fine and good. But when making laws concerning child sex offenders, one must remember just who we are dealing with. These guys are not playing with the full deck, are a few bricks short of a load and, in short, plain sick in the head to somehow rationalize within their maimed brains that it's somehow okay to have a sexual relationship with a child. Many of these children are still in diapers with no way to communicate what is taking place, most often in their homes by a father, step-father, brother or anyone who has access to the child.

Furtive and covert, the child sex predator is not the kind of guy who is going to move into your com-

munity, go to the local police department and say, "Here I am. The next time you have a problem within the community with a pervert, I'm your man."

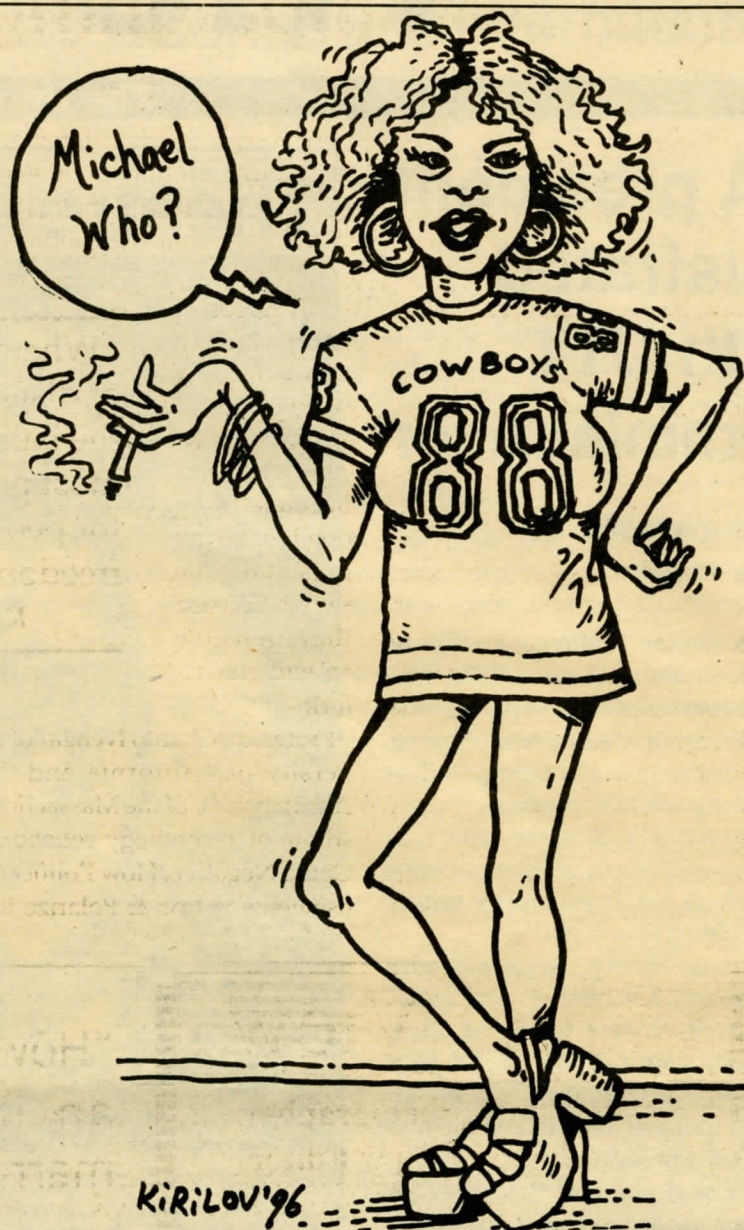
Ask the victims. This piece of garbage wrapped in skin never made telling the truth or honesty one of his priorities. And he knows he will be safe once again in the society that hid him the first time. According to statistics from Child Protective Services and law enforcement agencies, only one percent of child molesters ever serve time in prison.

The legislation proposed by Cain, Gramm and Laughlin is necessary if we are to continue to send a message to these perverts that their behavior cannot and will not be tolerated.

But the best law would be the one where anyone convicted of any "3g" crime against a child would be automatically given a life sentence upon conviction of a first offense.

"How does a person who rapes children ever qualify as capable of 'good behavior'?"

Marsha Millikin



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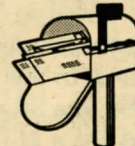
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# Negative campaigning affects voter participation

By Kathryn Pennington

Feature Writer

Political aspirants are jumping through hoops to impress America. But try as it might to feel good about its options, the electorate is getting fed up.

Once seen by many Republicans as lights at the end of an Arkansas tunnel, the GOP candidates are slipping and sliding through the primaries, doing their best to stamp out their party's enthusiasm.

Through it all, Slick Willie appears to be the only candidate with enough decency to rise above the political mud bath, although he'll undoubtedly raise a well-funded hatchet soon after the Republican convention.

He remains virtually unopposed in the Democratic field.

Translated, that means he is cool, calm, and collected. And saving money for ammunition to be used

later in the game.

As always, careless voters let the issues buzz around their ears while savvy voters roll up their sleeves and work to fathom the candidates' real convictions.

But negative campaigning disgusts the careless and savvy alike. The careless, because they don't see sunny personas. The savvy, because they perceive an end run effort.

Professors Shanto Iyengar of the University of California and Stephen Ansolabehere of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology collaborated on *Going Negative: How Political Advertisements Shrink & Polarize the Elec-*

torate.

They found that negative ads don't have the desired effect of swinging votes.

Instead, independent and nonpartisan voters feel alienated by such advertising and don't show up at the polls.

According to Iyengar and Ansolabehere, states that endured negative cam-

paigns in the 1992 senatorial elections had a 49.7 percent voter turnout, while states with more positive campaigns enjoyed voter participation of 57 percent.

But John Franzen, a Democratic con-

sultant, contends that negative campaigns are democracy in action, a legitimate way to highlight differences of opinion.

"If we had nothing negative to say about our opponents' records or views, why are we running for office?" Franzen asks.

It's true that, somewhere in the pompous riot, the individual candidates' views can be heard. But only if voters are listening.

Negative campaigning will surely continue, and the best man may not even be on the ticket. But no matter how down and dirty the political process becomes, the solution can't be found in giving up the awesome privilege to have a say. Once the hoopla dies down, America will be stuck with somebody for four years.

Whether or not a majority of disgusted citizens vote, the ballot box is still the most powerful instrument for people who live in freedom.

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*Kathryn Pennington*

## Point of View

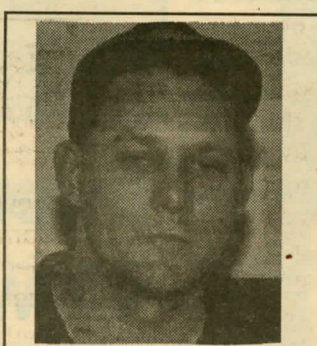
By: Rondy Ervin: Photographer, Ad Design, Point of View Editor

**"How would you feel if your child was involved in an interracial relationship with hopes of marriage?"**



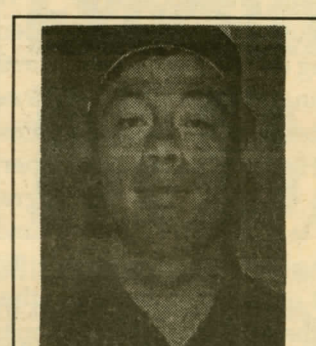
**Kim Hood,**  
senior/Alexandria, Louisiana

"An interracial relationship leading to marriage would not bother me as a parent. My major concerns would be: financial responsibility, love between my child and his/her tentative mate, along with the same religious beliefs. If all of these are in order, they would have my blessings."



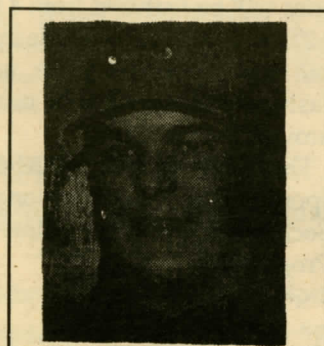
**Scott Rhinehart,**  
senior/Tyler

"My first reaction would be to try and judge every human being by his/her actions. Most of the time this does occur. However, sometimes reality sets in and other emotions come into effect, such as fear about how others would react to the interracial marriage. But with strong support from friends and family, I am sure everything would turn out o.k."



**Eric Lee Coker,**  
senior/Athens

"Perhaps, I would be surprised initially, but it really wouldn't bother me. I have received enough education and my multi-cultural understanding is such that, if I ever have been a closed-minded fundamentalist, I am such no longer."



**Chris Edwards,**  
senior/Longview

"I would feel no indifference to that situation. Like many people I know, some parents feel threatened for some reason or another. It's obvious that we are all human and in my opinion that is human relationship, no interracial relationship."



## Elections to be held at UT Tyler this spring

By John Lowdermilk

Managing Editor

Election year is here and while you're busy deciding between the Democrat, Republican or possibly the Billionaire boy from Texas, we have elections right here at UT Tyler.

The spring job opening in The Student Association will be filled during the general election for the school year 1996-97 which will be held in April. Anyone wishing to run for an elected office may pick up forms from March 25-29 or from any Student Association Member.

Also, the nomination for the Undergraduate Teaching Award is due by April 1 at 5 P.M..

Nominate your favorite prof. Write a letter explaining in a couple of paragraphs why you believe this person is worthy of the honor. Make sure to include the name and the department of the professor and address the letter to the UT Tyler Faculty Awards Committee, room 130, School of Business Administration, Attention Dr. Tom Fernandez.

So come on out and vote. At least in these elections you know your vote will count and your voice will be heard and there won't be anyone 'buying' the election. Rush Limbaugh won't even be around to make his usual colorful comments.

## Nurse practitioner degree offered at UTT

A Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program will be offered at UT Tyler in conjunction with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the UT Health Center Tyler, UTT President George F. Hamm announced.

Curriculum for the program will be administered through UTT's master of science in Nursing (MSN) degree program. The coordinated MSN-FNP degree option will be awarded by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC).

Courses will be taught by UTT Division of Nursing faculty and by TTUHSC School of Nursing faculty utilizing state-of-the-art distance learning technology. UTHC clinical faculty will teach selected courses within the curriculum, and preceptor students in clinical practicums.

Students will complete 24 of the 48 semester-credit-hour program at UTT prior to enrolling in clinical courses at TTUHSC. The course work taught by TTUHSC faculty will be available to UTT students through distance learning opportunities, including Interactive Video technology and computer linkages such as the Internet.

UTHC will serve as a site for clinical experiences. Clinical faculty at UTHC will serve as mentors, and students will begin clinical rotations with physicians and medical students. Following rotation, other physicians and nurse

practitioners will serve as clinical preceptors throughout the East Texas region. UTT and TTUHSC nursing practitioner faculty will be available to monitor student clinical experiences on an on-going basis.

The program is designed to meet the demand for advanced practice nurses in this region and throughout the state, a need that is practically critical in the East Texas region because of the number of individuals who live in geographically isolated and medically underserved areas.

UTT is the only nursing program in the region approved to offer the master's level degree necessary for nurse practitioner certification. In addition to the MSN degree with a FNP option, a post-master's FNP option will be available to clinicians.

Courses offered in the FNP option will be available to clinicians.

Courses offered in the FNP option include Contemporary Nursing Ethics, Biometric Measures, Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics, and Advanced Health Assessment, as well as other MSN courses.

The program has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the UT System Board of Regents.

For more information call the UTT Division of Nursing, (903) 566-7320

## Federal court overturns UT affirmative action

By John Lowdermilk

Managing Editor

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned affirmative action as practiced at the University of Texas at Austin.

The March 18 decision in Hopwood v. Texas is the first major defeat of affirmative action in college admissions since the Supreme Court's ruling in the Bakke case.

The federal court ruled on the Hopwood case, in which Cheryl Hopwood and three other students disputed their failure to gain admission to the law school.

This ruling still allows for using 'diversity' in choosing applicants; but, the court concluded, schools must "scrutinize applicants individually, rather than resorting to the dangerous proxy of race."

Chancellor William H. Cunningham of the University of Texas System, said, "For the past 20 years, the University of Texas has patterned its admissions policies on the Supreme Court's ruling in Bakke. We are saddened by the Fifth Circuit's sweeping deter-

mination that Bakke is no longer the law of the land and that past racial discrimination and diversity no longer justify affirmative action in admissions."

Martha Wheat, director of Admissions and Student Records at UT Tyler, said the court ruling would not affect UTT students because UTT has an open admissions policy.

The court decision is aimed at schools with limited enrollment where the number of applicants significantly outnumber the spots available (e.g., medical and law schools).

The UT System shut down admission for one week to evaluate the affect this decision will have. Texas A&M also shut down its admissions for one week.

Dr. Robert M. Berdahl, president of the University of Texas at Austin said "The Hopwood decision has serious implications for Texas, including the virtual resegregation of higher education."

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Tuesday that the state will take the fight over university affirmative-action policies to the U.S. Supreme Court.

## International Day offers views of the world

UT Tyler students and faculty are offering to the campus and community a chance to celebrate the coexistence of various cultures and peoples in the contemporary world.

The fifth annual International Day Celebration will be from 2 to 5 p.m. April 3 in the University Center. Admission is free.

The International Students' Exhibit, at 2 p.m., will present cultures of native countries.

Bangladesh, Canada, India, Japan, Mexico, Romania, Taiwan and Thailand will be featured.

Samples of ethnic food will be offered.

"Americans and the Balkans," a fac-

ulty panel, will be from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Dr. Radu E. Stan, University of Missouri Fulbright scholar, will be the featured guest.

Other participating faculty include: Lawton and Sarah Bennett, Benjy Brooks, Davor Jedlicka, James Joseph and Olga Supek.

Arts and music from different countries will be featured from 4 to 5 p.m.

The program will include instrumental music performances, an Indian fashion show and folk music from around the world.

The International Day Celebration is sponsored by the International Student Society and the Office of International Programs.



## Psych major heals on toes

By Bill Kachlic  
Staff Writer

Jeanette Wallace, a second year clinical psychology graduate student at UT-Tyler, has an unusual avocation. When not studying neuropsychology, she dances for the Tyler Civic Ballet.

Wallace started dance at the age of three doing tap and jazz and started ballet at 15.

"I started taking classes at the Galveston Ballet while in high school and this allowed me to participate in performances of Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Petrouchka and Giselle," Wallace said.

While working on her bachelor of science degree at Texas Christian University, she danced two programs a year which were choreographed by various directors.

After finishing her degree at TCU, Wallace decided to move to Tyler to attend graduate school.

"When I got to Tyler, I decided to dance here and ran into Paula Sansom, director of the Tyler Civic Ballet and who is a TCU grad," Wallace said.

Subsequent to meeting Sansom, she danced for the Civic Ballet last spring, got married last summer and danced in the Nutcracker at Christmas as the Snow Queen.



Wallace warms up for a performance.

Bill, Wallace's husband, is also a psychology major at UTT and has been very supportive of her efforts.

"When I was busy with Nutcracker rehearsals, Bill helped out around the house a lot because we were expecting company," Wallace said.

Wallace danced recently with the Tyler Civic Ballet. The program was

called "A Day of Dancing" and featured members of the Galveston Ballet Company.

Wallace also teaches ballet at the Dance Factory part time and says she enjoys the kids and being able to choreograph the dance numbers.

After graduation, Wallace plans to be a clinical neuropsychologist who assesses head injured patients.

## Hale named to UTT engineering program

Dr. Leonard A. Hale, a professor of mechanical engineering with more than 35 years of experience in education and industry, has been named assistant vice president for engineering programs, President George F. Hamm announced.

"Dr. Hale's unique combination of experience in both academic and industrial settings provides the expertise necessary for creating an engineering program of the highest quality. He will be working closely with area community colleges in implementing a seamless engineering curriculum that will serve a critical need in the East Texas region," Hamm stated.

Hale, whose appointment at UT Tyler is effective June 1, serves as professor and chairman of the Me-

chanical Engineering Department at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, where he has been a faculty member since 1989.

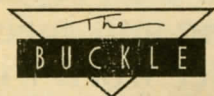
Hale earned a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from UT Austin. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees from Texas Tech University, where he later taught undergraduate courses in engineering. His academic background includes service at Texas A&M University, where he was an engineering faculty member from 1966-1981.

From 1986-89 Hale was manager of engineering services and senior engineer at Texas Research Institute. He served as manager of research and development at SII Drilco in Houston from 1981-86.

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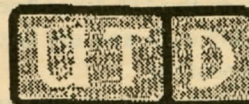


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## TMA displays three new exhibitions

Three new exhibitions are currently on display at the Tyler Museum of Art.

*Faces of Tyler II* features photographs of some of Tyler's best buildings from the turn of the century to the current period. Among the buildings featured is the Ramsour House on East Charnwood, the Patterson House on West Oakwood and the Douglas-Holland-Pollard House on South Fannin.

The exhibition also includes architects' drawings and models where available.

The exhibition is presented in association with Historic Tyler Inc. It is on display in the North Gallery until April 7.

*African-American Quilts of East Texas* features 20 quilts made by the Quilting Ladies of the North Tenneha Church of Christ in Tyler. Organized by Chestene Moore in 1986, the Quilting Ladies involves women from Tyler as well as other areas in East Texas.

This exhibition is on display in the Bell Gallery until April 26.

*Views of Tyler* features selections by Robert Langham III, Randy Mallory and Judy Bankhead. The photographs feature Tyler's natural beauty and various neighborhoods.

This exhibition, along with *Faces of Tyler II*, is presented in celebration of Tyler's Sesquicentennial. It is on display in the Carmichael Gallery until April 26.

Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## McLemore receives national honor

Dr. Joy McLemore, senior lecturer in English, has been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Designed to honor outstanding teachers, the publication recognizes a select five percent of the nation's teachers. Teachers are chosen from among those nominated by their former students.

McLemore teaches undergraduate courses in advanced composition and American literature. A published author, she holds an Ed.D. degree from the University of Northern Colorado and has more than 20 years of teaching experience.

McLemore is one of three post-doctoral recipients of a research grant from the Armstrong Browning Library at Baylor University for her continuing research on Elizabeth Barrett Browning. She will give the Elizabeth Barrett Browning birthday address to the Browning Society in Waco this month.

## Roberts honored at annual conference

Dr. Paul Roberts, assistant professor of technology, has been named Technology Teacher Educator of the Year by the Texas Council of Technology Educators.

The award was presented at the Association of Texas Technology Education's annual conference recently at Texas A&M University, where Roberts also was given the President's Award for service to the association.

Roberts has been a member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1992. He has made presentations to numerous professional meetings and conferences, and is the author of published articles in technology journals.

## King named TAS president-elect

Dr. Ronald King, professor and Department of Computer Science chair, has been named president-elect of the Texas Academy of Science for 1996-97.

King chaired the awards committee for the academy's 99th annual meeting held recently at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

A member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1993, King holds a Ph.D. in applied statistics from the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to coming to UTT he was chair of the Computer Science Department at Lamar University.

King served as vice president of TAS for 1995-96 and is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery and the Texas Computer Education Association. He has published papers in numerous professional journals.

## Tickets available for Donaldson lecture

Sam Donaldson, a 28-year veteran of ABC News and co-anchor of "Prime Time Live," will be the third speaker in the Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. April 2 in the University Center.

Faculty, staff and students can receive up to two complimentary tickets per person. Tickets for faculty are available in the appropriate Dean's office, staff tickets in the Public Information Office and student tickets in the Student Affairs Office in UC 111.

General admission tickets are available in the UT Tyler bookstore. They are \$15 each and are limited to available seating.

Alumni Association members may buy discount tickets through the Alumni Office, ADM 334, on a first-come/first-serve basis.

## Flute, harp duo performs in UC

Flutist Megan Meisenbach and harpist Mary Golden will perform at 2:30 p.m. March 31 in the University Center.

Their repertoire includes Mozart, Debussy and masterpieces of today's composers.

The program is presented by UT Tyler Friends of the Arts and admission is free.

Meisenbach and Golden's CD, "Debussy, Ravel, Bax," and their live performances are frequently heard on national public radio.

## 1996 Azalea Trail scheduled

The 37th Annual Azalea and Spring Flower Trail is scheduled March 22 - April 7. The annual celebration features seven miles of beautiful home gardens filled with colorful azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, wisteria and red-buds.

"Visitors will enjoy seeing the azaleas during their peak blooming season and experience the beauty and vibrant col-

ors of these spring flowers," Dawn Parnell, Tyler Convention and Visitors Bureau, said.

The 1996 Azalea Trail events include an Arts & Crafts Fair, Rose City Chili Cook-Off, Quilt Show, Rose City Kiwanis' Antique Show, China & Porcelain Exhibit, Vocal Express Barber-shop Chorus Concert, Rose City Antique Car Show, Azalea Trail 10K & Fun Run, Blues Festival, Tyler Jazz Celebration, McClendon House Tours, Camp Fannin Reunion and more.

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# Communication problems on UT Tyler campus

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rassed" due to the unresolved constitution issue and in an effort to remove power from the SA president. A manifestation of harassment is the procedure the SA must use to requisition supplies.

"There is a requirement for pre-approval from the chief student affairs officer and budget authority who is Dr. Sandra Sayles," Taylor said. "Before we can even purchase an ink pen from the bookstore, this procedure must be followed.

"First, there must be a signature by the SA treasurer. Then we need a signature from the SA adviser, a position which is vacant at this time. Then we need a signature from Dr. Sayles and then the SA may request a purchase order. At that time, the SA may contact the appropriate agency to make the purchase. This procedure must be followed whether the purchase is made from the bookstore, print shop or in-house stores."

This procedure hampers the efficiency of the organization, Taylor said, especially when disseminating infor-

mation to students about SA and campus activities.

"This makes it almost impossible to publish SA News by the UT-Tyler print shop because we must ultimately have the approval of Dr. Sayles, not only for printing, but also content. This can't be done in a timely manner because of this process.

"We have over \$20,000 in our budget and cannot even purchase an ink pen without her approval. The SA is the only organization on campus that must follow these rules, procedures and guidelines, hampering our effectiveness and constituting a form of harassment," Taylor said.

Taylor said when purchases are made, items are held up, such as the computer purchase which was approved Sept. 15, 1995.

"The SA does not have this computer yet because the purchase is bogged down in paperwork," Taylor said. "The SA voted in January 1996, to purchase shirts and we don't have those either."

A contract for a group to perform on campus in February was sent to the Administration in September 1995, Taylor said. The performing group did

not receive their contract until the day of the performance, said Taylor.

"The SA was contacted the day of the performance by the contracting agency they had not yet received the contract," Taylor said. "We had to FAX the contract that day. The SA also has asked for a year-end accounting and copy for the 1994 and 1995 SA budget. As of this date, we have not received this accounting."

The SA has also asked for a description of what items were evaluated and methods used to determine the increase in general fees for the 1995-96 year, Taylor said.

"I have sent numerous letters to the appropriate persons about these issues and have not received any written responses," Taylor said. "Therefore, when I heard Mr. (James) Duncan was to visit our campus, I requested a meeting with him to discuss some of the students' issues and concerns. He is basically a sounding board and he agreed we had a problem with communication on this campus."

Duncan is the assistant vice-chancellor for academic affairs for the UT System.

"In our discussion of getting the constitution approved, we could get this thing done by having Dr. Hamm's signature and sending it on to systems," Taylor said. "Mr. Duncan also agreed that the elaborate procedure for making purchases appears to be an ineffective method."

Taylor, who graduates at the end of this semester, said the work she began in resolving issues will probably not be finished by the end of the academic year.

"I have copies of all the letters I've written this past year and will pass them to the next SA president so he or she may take up where I left off, should that person decide to do so," Taylor said.

## Colloquium sponsored by School of Liberal Arts

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Party conventions and was chosen outstanding Texas Democratic Woman in 1991.

Dr. Stanley-Coleman earned her Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1981.

The colloquium, which is free, last year featured Dr. Diana Natalicio, president of the University of Texas at El Paso, who spoke on issues in higher education.

The colloquium is sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts and is held every Spring semester.

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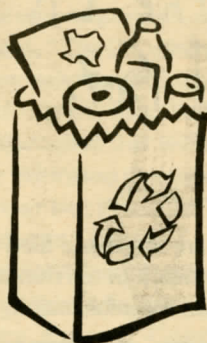
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## Patriots overturned in invitational tourney

By Curtis Walker  
Sports Writer

Auburn University at Montgomery won the annual UT Tyler Invitational tennis tournament recently.

The Patriots came into the tournament ranked sixth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The eight-team field featured top ranked Auburn-Montgomery University, second ranked Ouchita Baptist, out of San Antonio, along with eleventh ranked Oklahoma Christian University.

"Having the top two teams added prestige to the tournament," UT Tyler Coach Fred Kniffen, said. "The caliber of competition was the highlight of the tournament. The lowest-ranked team was ranked thirteenth."

The Patriots were victorious in the opening round against Northeastern Oklahoma.

"It was important that we won that match," Coach Fred Kniffen said. "They were ranked lower than us and we needed to win that match to keep our ranking."

In the next round the Patriots lost a hard fought match with Ouchita Baptist.

"We're not as strong as Ouchita Baptist and Auburn Montgomery at this point," Kniffen said. "But, on a good day if all of our players play to the very best of their potential, we will have an opportunity to win the match. On a given day it can happen."

In the consolation match the Patriots were upset by Oklahoma Christian

by a score of 5-2.

"We were down after losing a close one to Ouchita Baptist again," Kniffen said. "We were also without Rick Spooner. We will play them again April 6 and I feel like we should defeat them."

Auburn-Montgomery held on to its top ranking with an impressive victory over Ouchita Baptist in the championship match.

"We had a good tournament," Kniffen said. "Some of our players played their best, some didn't and one got hurt. We won the match we should have against Northeastern Oklahoma, but we lost to Ouchita Baptist again."

The Patriots next challenge will be the Oklahoma City University Tournament. Headlining the tournament along with the Patriots will be Ouchita Baptist and Oklahoma Christian.

"We'll be the underdog in this tournament and it'll be easier for our players to play," Kniffen said "They'll go in more relaxed and I wouldn't be surprised if we won that tournament."

Kniffen is very excited about the remainder of the season. "I think the players have worked real hard and we've had some real close matches. The number one doubles team of Brian Notis and Morgan Young are really good. Shaun Straley, Rick Spooner and Ricardo Aguri have won a high percentage of their matches," Kniffen continued. "We're at the midseason right now and the players are tired. Spring break will give us time to recuperate and get fresh for the remainder of the season."

## The Eisenhower International Golf Classic Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 20

### Five Star Classic, Official Tee-Off Event

The Five Star is the opening event of the Eisenhower festivities. If your 4-person team wins this optional qualifying tournament, you've won a team position in the Classic.

Saturday, May 4

### Eisenhower Run (through The Woods)

A 5K run and 1-mile Fun Run beginning at The Woods Subdivision and finishing on the scenic U.T. Tyler campus...awards in all age categories!

Saturday, May 4-11

### Dr. Pepper/7UP Million Dollar Hole-In-One Contest

In Tyler and Longview, amateur golfers compete for a possible \$1 million jackpot.

### Youth Putting Contest

Golfers 18 and younger join the fun as they compete for prizes on special putting lanes inside Tyler's Broadway Square Mall.

### Sister Cities International Young Artists Exhibit

View exciting entries from Sister Cities around the world...on display at UT Tyler.

Saturday, May 11

### Pairings Party

For team sponsors and amateur contestants.

Sunday, May 12

### Championship Finals of the Hole-In-One and Youth Putting Contests

The exciting finale, at Willow Brook, to two great contests.

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