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New program begins

By Mike Burns

Copy editor

Off to a quick start this semester, the new School of Engineering at UT Tyler began classes this fall with a new staff, 38 new students and a brand new building as its home.

The program is housed in a new complex across the parking lot from the business building. It has offered graduate level classes since spring 1997 and undergraduate classes since the beginning of last summer. Students can choose to earn a degree in either electrical or mechanical engineering.

The program's small size is a benefit for students taking classes during the program's first semester. This fall, the average class size is between 12 and 15 students.

"The students get close, personal interaction with the instructors," Dr. Charles Alworth, chair of the department of electrical engineering, said. "As the program gets bigger, that personal interaction won't go away."

Despite the new building, the department already needs more room to accommodate students. There are plans to build three more labs and a student lounge area. Because the engineering building is separated from the main campus, it has created a demand for the lounge area. The plans call for construction on the projects to be completed by December.

"We're short lab space right now," Alworth said. "We hope we outgrow this building so the state will build us a new one in the future."

The school would like to see the size of the

classes grow more too, so they can do more for the students.

"We need to grow reasonably fast," Dr. Thomas Crippen, chair of the mechanical engineering department, said. "If we get class sizes of around 20 students, that will give us a sufficient size to form student engineering organizations and add more class sections to give our students more choices when planning their schedules. "Besides transfer students, the department hopes to add some freshman students with the downward expansion of UTT next year."

One jewel of the department is the new computer lab currently under construction. The system will act as a computer network and will eventually allow instructors and students to run classes on a paperless basis.

"The new computer system will be the showpiece of the campus," Dr. Donald Goddard, assistant professor of mechanical engineering,

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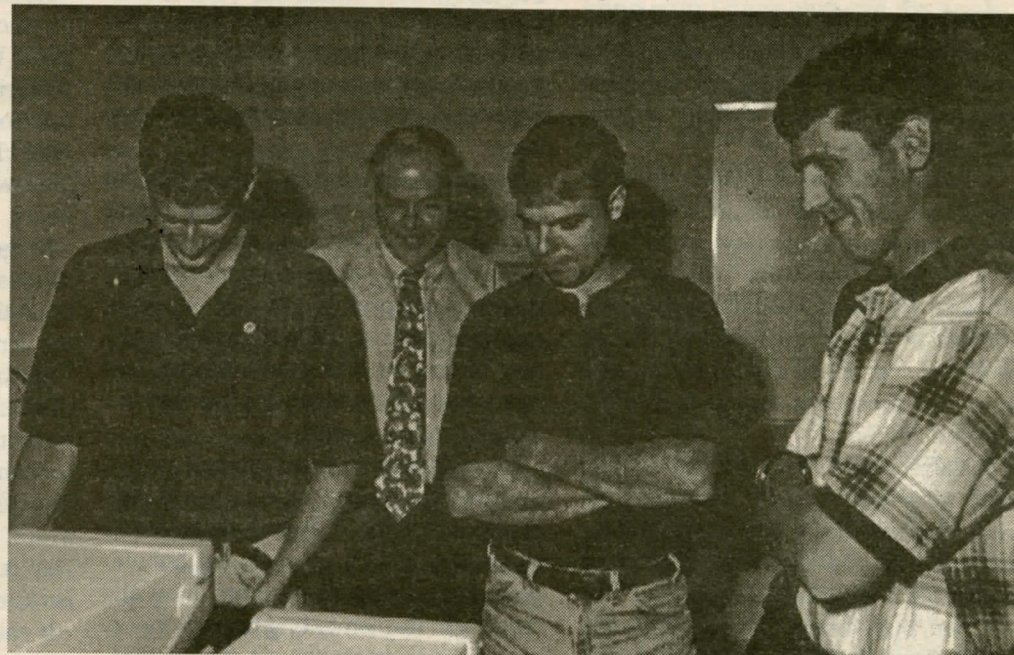


Photo by Gary Lynch

Scott Clendenin, Dr. Alan Barger, Will Buskell and Mike Clendenin(l-r) work on an engineering problem.

Twelve day enrollment shows numbers down

By Jennifer Stone

News Editor

Enrollment for the fall semester is down approximately two percent from the Fall 1996 semester. A total of 3,393 students are enrolled this semester with 1,005 of those students enrolled in graduate programs and 2,388 enrolled in undergraduate programs.

The female to male ratio is almost 2 to 1. There are 2,909 Caucasian students enrolled, 285 African-American students and 87 Hispanic students. UTT also enrolled 50 Asian-American, 33 American-Indian and 29 students of other minorities this semester.

The School of Education and Psychology, with 1,428 students, enrolls approximately 41 percent of UTT's students. Enrollment is down from the Fall '96 semester when 1,442 were enrolled. The most popular major in the school is Elementary Education which comprises 17.5

percent of UTT's total enrollment.

The School of Liberal Arts is the second largest with an enrollment of 627. The most popular major is Criminal Justice with 91 students. Criminal justice majors make up 2.6 percent of enrollment.

The School of Nursing's enrollment is 426. Nursing is up 22 students from last fall when it enrolled 404. Nursing comprises 12.5 percent of UTT's enrollment.

The School of Business Administration enrolled 420 students. Accounting is the most popular major and accounts for 2.8 percent of UTT's enrollment.

The School of Science and Mathematics' enrollment was 426. It enrolled 275 students last year. The most popular degree is Computer Information Systems. This major contains 2.8 percent of all students at UTT.

According to Dr. Leonard Hale, dean of Engineering, the engineering school has approximately 38 students. Official figures were not available.



Photo by Gary Lynch

Engineering instructors (l-r) Dr. Alan Barger and Dr. David Beans set up the new engineering lab equipment.

Fall commencement will be Saturday, Dec. 20 rather than the 19 as originally scheduled. There will be two different ceremonies as planned. The first ceremony will be at 10 a.m. and the second will be at 2 p.m. In past years graduates and family had to leave quickly so the next ceremony could begin.

"This will give us an opportunity to have more interaction with students after the ceremony," Dr. William Baker, vice-president for Academic Affairs, said. Graduates can introduce family to their professors. He also said there is a possibility of refreshments and punch served after the ceremony.

Military women under attack?

By Wendy Stewart
Contributing Writer

When operation Desert Storm ended, 41,000 female soldiers returned home to the same warm reception given their male peers. Unfortunately, the welcome didn't last long. Today military women are under attack.

It didn't begin immediately. As a result of the Gulf War, Congress repealed the statutory restrictions on women flying combat missions and serving aboard warships. Despite opposition, American women are now found in all military specialties except submarine duty and those jobs classified as direct ground combat.

But after recent Army charges of male drill sergeants sexually assaulting female trainees at the Aberdeen Proving Ground base and elsewhere, critics have started calling for new restrictions. Not on men, but women. Citing Abdereen as proof that men and women can't control their hormones, these conservatives, some of whom are legislators, would turn back the clock by reducing the number of women in uniform and removing women from all combat roles. Some have even suggested that military women be restricted to clerical and medical jobs.

These are not scarce, unfounded rantings. After Aberdeen, *The Weekly Standard*, a mainstream conservative journal, published a cover story by James Webb, a former Marine and secretary of the Navy, charging that integrating the military was an illogical social experiment devised by feminists. The Wall Street Journal printed an editorial commending key legislators for their concern over the damage caused by the integration of women into the military. Even the historically liberal the *New Republic* charged that female soldiers are bad for readiness because they can get pregnant, don't have as much upper body strength as men and receive special treatment.

These articles share a common theme. Playing on people's deepest insecurities, they evoke the image of a pregnant Private Benjamin replacing a manly warrior Rambo. Military leaders who support gender-neutral personnel policies are impugned as politically correct wimps; women's successes are attributed to double standards. Not since the radical anti Vietnam War movement have serving members of the armed forces been so openly defiant.

But most bizarre is the notion of segregation as an antidote to sexual harassment. The unstated premise of this policy is that soldiers can be trusted to control deadly force but not their sexuality. Such thinking implies that sexual relations between military seniors and juniors result simply from natural chemistry.

In reality, they break a crucial taboo that is tantamount to incest; supervisors who have this kind of sex should be punished, not pandered to. Suggesting that separate pink and blue boot camps are the solution to married middle-aged men hitting on young subordinates lets those men off the hook, as if women are too tempting to resist.

These days, uniformed women are not a social experiment but an integral part of national defense. In fact, with almost 14 percent of U.S. forces being female, personnel readiness rates are at an all-time high. Implementing restrictions on women in uniform would change that. Since 1992, a decreasing number of 18- to 24 year-old high school graduates want to enlist; concurrently, more service members are leaving active duty

than ever before. As a result, the Army, which already has had to accept a higher percentage of male non-high school graduates than it would like, must induct 89,700 people in the 1997

fiscal year - a full 16,000 more than this year.

If the "culture warriors" are successful in restricting women to a small ladies' auxiliary, The Department of Defense will have a major manpower crisis on its hands. The vast majority of American men do not want to be in the military. In order to maintain a modern force, the nation would be faced with the absurd situation of drafting males to replace highly competent female volunteers.

The prospect of a draft is more than theoretical. Some social conservatives already believe that compulsory service is good for society. Fiscal conservatives might join with them to help balance the budget since drafting soldiers is far cheaper than wooing them with a competitive wage. Drafting only men would mean guys peeling potatoes in the Army while gals take their place in law school.

At a time when the military must recruit more and brighter people than ever before, the ultimate casualty of the assault on women warriors could be our all-volunteer services - the most combat-ready force in American history.

"They invoke the image of a Private Benjamin replacing a manly warrior Rambo."

An apple a day can't keep the doctor away

By Vikki GoDair
Contributing Writer

Recently I spent the most titillating three minutes of my life. Naked. On my back. With a man.

All right. All right. So you've also been to a doctor recently. Don't spoil my Maxwell House moment. I go to the doctor about as often as I have sex. Every ten years.

Forget all the jokes about cold stethoscopes and magazines so old that Elvis is on the front cover. Going to the doctor is no laughing matter.

Making the appointment is the most difficult hurdle to overcome. If you're well, and only need a check-up, the doctor can't see you for twelve months. I've always suspected that they are hoping you'll either die or come down with a rare tropical disease for which there is no known cure.

If you're really sick, the cheerful receptionist shuffles all the existing appointments to squeeze you in, and you get to see the doctor in about three months.

It only took me two weeks of fairly excruciating pain to realize that I was not going to cure myself. So I made the call. My visit, an odd name for a doctor's appointment (I expect tea and cookies when I visit someone), went something

like this.

I enter the waiting room. What can be more fun than walking into a room filled with thirty disease-ridden, bacteria-carrying strangers? I look around the room, weighing my options, and choose the seat next to the person who looks the least likely to cough, sneeze, or throw up on me.

Since my appointment is for 10:15, I know beyond a doubt that I will actually catch a glimpse of the doctor by 11:45. I am right. At exactly 11:45, the office closes for lunch and I see the lab coat fly as he exits the building.

He returns promptly at 1:15 and at 2 o'clock, I am ushered into another, albeit more private waiting room by a giggling, gum-popping assistant who has spent the last three hours telling the receptionist about her boyfriend's body piercing experience.

Stripped down to my underwear and turning blue from the blast of arctic air coming from the air conditioning vent, I finally hear a noise at the door. Sifting through my charts, the doctor enters, shakes my frozen hand, and introduces himself as Doogie Howser. My car is older than he is.

The only thing worse than having a doctor who looks like Boris Karloff is

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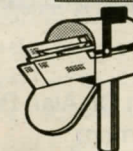
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Celebrities are people too

By Rachel Ford

Contributing Writer

In past weeks, it seems much of the world's attention has centered on children. The children of famous people.

First, it was the young faces of Prince William and Prince Harry after the tragic death of their mother, Diana Princess of Wales.

The same magazines, tabloids and people who only weeks before blasted her for vacationing with boyfriend Dodi Fayed, now began singing her praises and lauding her good deeds to the skies.

On the homefront, we watched as the Clintons helped their daughter, Chelsea, move from Washington, D.C., to Stanford University to begin college. People watched with sympathy and identified with the emotional Clintons.

The turn of public opinion and favor can change suddenly. What a frustrating, not to mention, confusing life these children live. One moment hearing one's parents praised, the next hearing their names smeared in a joke.

Imagine the kind of pressure Chelsea Clinton and others are put under during their parents' time in the public eye. Fortunately, Chelsea has been allowed to live a semi-private life thanks to her mother's request to the media however, I am sure she has not been able to turn a deaf ear to every remark about her parents.

She is not alone.

During the Bush/Quayle administration, Quayle was the butt many jokes when hemisspelled the word, *potato*. His children were not immune to hearing such. Did it bother them? Yes!

Marilyn Quayle once broke down during a 20/20 interview with Barbara Walters when asked about the toll public life had taken on her children.

Unfortunately, many believe this treatment simply goes with the territory. It's the price of living in the public eye. After all, are we not guaranteed the freedom of speech? Should they not then just, get over it?

These beliefs stem from the idea that the children of famous people are merely extensions of the public person under attack. Therefore, they really don't count. Maybe it doesn't bother them.

If a person mistakenly thinks this for one moment, I encourage them to imagine seeing a bumper sticker tomorrow that calls their father a womanizer and and says their mother has an ugly face.

Rage would fill them instantaneously

with the desire to rip the sticker off along with the face of the person who placed it there.

"They have no right to say such things," someone might cry. However, is it not simply expressing free speech? Regardless of whether or not one's parents are in the public eye, this would hurt.

We often seem to forget that just because people are in high places, it doesn't make them immune to tactless remarks and crude jokes.

Growing up as a pastor's daughter, I can say I know a small part of this feeling. It is not easy to hear bad comments and jokes made about parents, and be called a spy for your father when going on group outings.

We have all suffered as the result of being called a name, or have even fought to defend the name of those we loved.

Why do we as humans continue to get our biggest laughs at the benefit of someone else?

An ordinary citizen might not find it hilarious either if a radio talk-show host compared their mother's face to that of the bride of Frankenstein.

How can we justify ourselves after telling our children that name calling is wrong, while we ourselves do it everyday?

While some might continue to argue that it isn't the same, I disagree. It's worse. When adults fail to take responsibility for their actions, they're merely allowing others to follow suit. They in turn, grow up to do the same. This only increases the problem.

Chelsea Clinton, Prince William and Harry and countless others like them will continue to hear the constant barrage of remarks made concerning the adults in their lives. Because of this, they will grow to become stronger individuals.

This still does not correct the problem. I encourage others to consider the effects a remark they might have, before making it. Ask the question, "Would I want this said about me?" If this keeps one hurtful remark from being made, it is well worth the trouble in the long run.

Until we ourselves begin taking a stand by refusing to tolerate such treatment of ourselves and our leaders, the innocent will continue to suffer.

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one who looks like Brad Pitt. Well, maybe not. I suddenly realize I'm wearing the same bra I wore to my Junior prom.

Of course, by this time, the excruciating pain I have endured for weeks suddenly disappears, and I'm reduced to muttering something about my digestive habits. Brad-er-Dr. Pitt smiles knowingly, pats me on the shoulder, hands me six slips of paper, and tells me I'll be fine and to get dressed.

Feeling slightly flushed, I go to the discharge window where the receptionist hands me a bill for slightly less than what I paid for the car I'm still driving.

Thinking the worst is over, I head to the pharmacy. This could have been another financial disaster, except that I have the option of generic, or genetic, drugs as my father-in-law calls them. Armed with my disease-fighting, bacteria-battling pharmaceuticals, I arrive home before dark, feeling worse than I did before I made the appointment. Next time, I'm trying sex.

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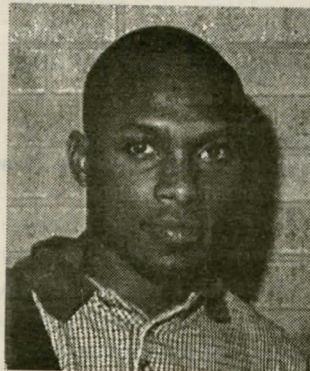
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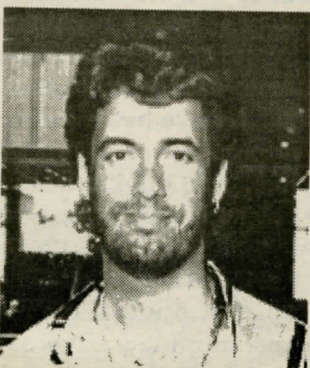
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"My work as a nurse caring for patients in a level 1 trauma unit."



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"I've done a lot of community service work. Once I helped raise money for a couple who had a child with Cerebral Palsy."



Darin Fimple
Theater and Music

"Helping the poor financially through my music ministry (Darin Glenn)."



Sharon Collins
Elementary Education, History and Reading

"I buy school supplies for two children whose parents cannot afford them."

UTT and Health Center combine police forces

By Stacey Salter

Editorial Assistant

The UT Tyler campus police joined forces with UT Health Center recently by combining police departments.

UTT chief fiscal officer Scott Scarborough said the university decided to merge the two police forces "in order to generate cost savings." He estimated the savings to be in excess of \$80,000.

"That was definitely a primary motivation in moving forward with the merger," Scarborough said.

The UTT police force is now based at the UT Health Center and, as a result, benefits from technology available to UTHC police.

Campus police Sgt. Robert Hudson said the department now has access to UTHC's weather satellite warning

system, which warns it as soon as the National Weather Service issues an alert. This means the department is immediately notified about bad weather and doesn't rely on television or radio newscasts.

Campus police also use UTHC's Automated Records Management System to log incoming calls and responses, Hudson said. Every call received is entered into the ARMS program, as well as details about the time the call was received, police arrival time, action taken and police departure time.

Everything, from checking buildings and opening doors to changing flat tires, is cataloged in ARMS, Hudson said.

The campus police have plans for

other improvements in addition to the high-tech ones.

"We have already purchased two police patrol bicycles," Hudson said. He said Scarborough is very enthusiastic about the plan, adding that the UTT campus is ideal for bicycle patrols.

"There are so many areas you can't get to in a car—the nature trail, concerts—there is so much traffic and a bicycle can go just about anywhere," Hudson said.

There are also plans to upgrade patrol car radios and purchase a new vehicle.

The campus police force assists students in many ways, including patrolling the campus, changing flat tires, jump-starting dead car batteries, letting students into locked buildings, escorting people to their cars after dark and more.

The university has three certified police officers and six security guards on campus, and UTHC has four certified police officers and five security guards at UTHC. Officers are interchanged as needed.

In the past, certified officers and security guards wore blue uniforms. The certified officers still wear blue, but security guards now wear white. This is to help students and staff distinguish between the two.

This is important, Hudson said, because while certified officers have full police power, security guards do not.

"The guards are our eyes and ears," he said, and can alert police officers to trouble or dangerous situations.

TJC athletic facilities not available to UTT students

By Stacey Salter

Editorial Assistant

UT Tyler students and staff found out the hard way that they can no longer use fitness facilities at Tyler Jr. College. When students tried to work out at TJC's Ornelas HPE center earlier this month, they were told that the HPE center was not available to UTT students anymore.

"We had an agreement with TJC for the use of their athletic facilities," Dr. Sandra Sayles, student affairs director, said. "TJC decided not to renew the agreement."

The agreement, part of a partnership

between both schools, was a one-year option renewable at the pleasure of both institutions, she said.

The two schools initiated the HPE center agreement in 1995, and renewed it again last year.

But TJC opted not to renew the agreement for 1997, Sayles said.

Dr. Bill Crowe, TJC president, said UTT's downward expansion would place the two schools in competition for the same students in the future. His institution feels that the HPE center is one of its principal ad-

vantages in recruiting students, and it prefers not to give that advantage away.

TJC also opted not to continue the joint intramural program with UTT, Sayles said. Instead, UTT and Texas College will compete in intramural activities. A few select activities, such as a golf open and other special activities will be open to UTT, Texas College and TJC students.

TJC will participate in some of these activities, but there is no longer a joint

intramural program between TJC and UTT, Crowe said.

"That's one of the down sides to downward expansion, in my mind," he said.

Sayles estimated that TJC's HPE center had approximately 200-300 UTT student visits per month, but did not know the actual number of individual students and staff who used the facilities.

She said the university will be exploring other options to compensate for the loss of the TJC facility.

Counseling center provides wide variety of student services

The Student Counseling Center provides an opportunity for students to enhance their education by facilitating personal, career, and academic development. Its primary goal is to assist students in realizing their maximum potential.

Faculty who are concerned about a student or situation may call the center and a counselor will help determine an appropriate course of action. Consultations are a part of the center's services and frequently are used by faculty and staff.

Faculty who are aware of students with disabilities needing accommodations are encouraged to refer the students to Ida

MacDonald. She is available to counsel students and to offer assistance to faculty issues and accommodations. Appropriate accommodation may include note takers, scribes, interpreters for hearing impaired individuals, and use of special equipment.

For more information on the Student Counseling Center contact MacDonald, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. or Mary Lode from 1-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and 12-3:30 p.m. Thurs. in UC 282. For more information call ext. 7079.

Charitable campaign begins Oct. 1

The 1997 State Employee Charitable Campaign began yesterday and will continue until Nov. 3. In the past four years, UT Tyler has contributed over \$34,000 to various charities.

The goal for this year is \$12,000. This is an increase of 9 percent over the 1996 total of \$10,968.

Pledge forms have been sent to all full-time employees. The 1997 SECC information books, which list the statewide charities, will be shared again this year. Locations of the information books are available through the academic deans, administrative di-

rectors or the Office of News and Information.

In an effort to make giving more convenient, the Office of News and Information will complete the form for anyone who wishes to give.

Send the names of the charities donated to and the type of donation (cash, payroll deduction or bank draft) A copy of the completed form will be returned to the donor.

For more information, contact the Beverly Shelton with the Office of News and Information or call extension 7303.

Fisher named Cowan managing director

William F. Fisher, a former director of theater in Hawaii and Florida, has been named managing director of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"Mr. Fisher has more than 10 years of experience in managing and programming events in major performing arts facilities," President George F. Hamm said. "The cultural life of the university and the entire region will benefit enormously because of the extensive professional skills he brings to this new position."

Prior to coming to UT Tyler, Fisher was manager of the Hawaii Theatre Center in Honolulu. Also, he held positions as director of business operations at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center in Kahului, Hawaii, and served as director of finance and administration with the Florida Grand Opera, Inc.

Fisher holds a master of science degree from Syracuse University; a master of business administration degree from Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla.; and a bachelor of arts degree from Colgate University.

ACM meets Oct. 14

The student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery will host a club mixer from 11-2 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in HPR 250. Pizza and refreshments will be served and new members will be eligible to win a door prize. ACM membership is open to all undergraduate and graduate science students.

THEC Golf open set

THEC Golf Open four man scramble is set for Friday, Oct. 17 at the Garden Valley Golf Resort on the Hummingbird Course. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and there is a fee of \$30 per person. All forms must be returned to the Student Activities Office at Texas College, UT Tyler or TJC. For more information call 566-7081.

UTT provide flu shots

The UT Tyler Division of Nursing will provide Flu Shots Oct. 14-16. Shots will be provided at selected Center's in the East Texas area. The shot will cost \$7 for regular participants but will be free for medicare patients. Medicare patients must bring a Medicare card.

The first day will be Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Tyler Senior Citizen's Center. The Center is located at 1915 Garden Valley Road. Shots will also be available at the University Christian Church located at 3800 Old Omen Road.

On Oct. 15 and 16 the flu vaccination clinic will again be at the Tyler Senior Citizen's Center. It will also be at the Bullard Meals on Wheels Center in the City Hall Annex on Oct. 15 and at the Troup Meals on Wheels Center at 102 S. Georgia St., Troupe.

3 on 3 registration set

Registration for the intramural pre-season basketball 3 on 3 is Oct. 6-20. The season lasts from Oct. 27-Nov. 20 and is available to men, women and co-rec teams. All games will be played at Texas College. Students interested should pick up registration forms at the Student Activities Office at UT Tyler of Texas College.

ETT hosts 10K walk

Come walk East Texas...It'll do you good! is the slogan as the area's new walking club, East Texas Trekkers, prepares to conduct its first three American Volkssport Association-sanctioned activities in September and October.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the ETT, The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and SAS Shoemakers will sponsor a second AVA-sanctioned 10K Walk through the former Camp Fannin site located around the U.T. Health Center.

The third 10K Walk will be held during the "Autumn Trails" festivities in Winnsboro on Saturday, Oct. 25. Starting at the Coldwater Baptist Church on County Road 4510, the trail should present the area's fall foliage at its finest. Each walk is open to the public. Participants can walk these marked 10K trails (around six miles) at their own pace. Start times for each walk are from 8 a.m. to noon. Brochures providing details for each event along with a preregistration form can be obtained from the respective chambers of commerce, Henderson Memorial Hospital, the U.T. Health Center at Tyler, The Sportster in Tyler's French Quarter, and the SAS Shoemakers retail store in Tyler at 4714 South Broad-

way. Information regarding each walk and the ETT organization can be obtained by calling (903) 593-7782.

ETCTM conference set

The East Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics will hold its annual conference 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at UT Tyler. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the fourth floor of the university's Robert R. Muntz Library. Mathematics textbook authors Michael Serra and Ron Larson will share strategies for teaching mathematics. Break-out sessions will address elementary, middle school and secondary topics. The ETCTM is composed of mathematics teachers in the East Texas area ranging from kindergarten to college teachers of mathematics. The organization is centered around the improvement of mathematics teaching by sharing ideas, information and research.

SA shows movies in UC

Student Affairs presents "Movie Madness" starring Alec Baldwin and Teri Hatcher in *Heaven's Prisoners* on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Movie features will also include *Scream* Oct. 22-23 at

9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. All shows will be in the UC 102 TV. room and free popcorn is provided. For more information contact the Office of Student Activities at 566-7081.

TJC plans events

The Tyler Junior College Theatre department presents *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare, Oct. 9-14, at 7:30 p.m. nightly and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. in the Jean Browne Theatre. The play is directed by Victor L. Siller.

The TJC Fall Choral concert is scheduled for Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wise Auditorium.

On Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., TJC will hold its Student Enrichment Series with Dr. Richard Preston as the speaker. The program will be held in the Rogers Student Center.

ETSO to perform

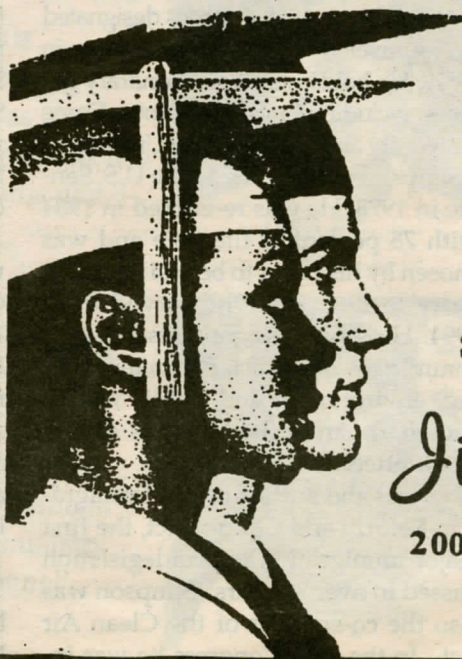
The East Texas Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual Rose Festival concert Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Bergfield Park Amphitheater. *Thunder and Lightning Polka* by Johann Strauss, Jr. and Selections for the Orchestra by Duke Ellington are some of the musical pieces slated for concert. Musical selections from *Kiss Me*, *Kate* by Cole Porter will also be performed.

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Theater program settles into new home

Construction transforms gymnasium into amphitheater

By Jennifer Stone

News Editor

Lately, noises have been emanating from the Health and Physical Education Building. Hammer and drill sounds can be heard late into the night. Strangely, these noises are not related to health and physical education. They are the sounds of the theater program settling into its new home.

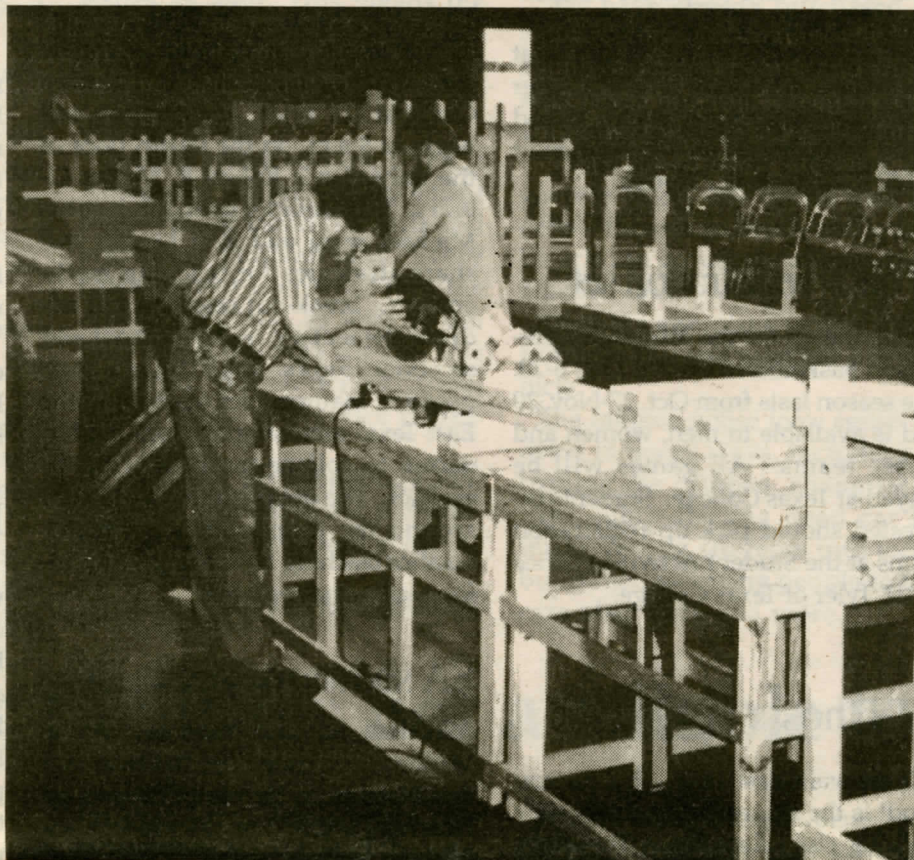
For several years the theater students have epitomized the phrase "the show must go on." In the name of theater, the students have built stages indoors and out, stored equipment everywhere from the Administration Building to the Engineering Building and stood crammed in a small area for an entire production.

The students are no longer required to make these kinds of sacrifices. The theater program has been given a new, larger home, the former gymnasium. The room that once housed exercise mats and basketball goals now houses costumes and amphitheater seating.

Before this summer, the theater was located in ADM 127—a lecture hall-style classroom with little performing room, no backstage and limited storage space. According to Theater instructor Katherine Arnold, students built their props outdoors and sometimes even performed out in the open.

Now the students enjoy a facility with full dressing rooms, a large backstage area and a newly built five level audience seating.

There are few, if any, traces left of the



Courtesy Photo By Mary Ellen Wright
Director of Theater James Hatfield and student Jason Rice work to complete the new constructions in HPR 112.

old gym. Students and faculty have worked long hours to make their new facility a home. This summer, members of the department painted the walls and built temporary audience seating. That was just the beginning of the changes. New audience seating, a service balcony and a new lighting system are all in progress.

The department plans to make use of an idea called environmental theater. When the plans are complete, audience members will be surrounded by the action of the production. The actors will be able to enact scenes from many different parts of the room. The service balcony is located behind the main audience seating. The seating it-

self is designed to allow platforms to be built above it if necessary.

"We put this together, and we can take it apart and re configure it any way we like," Arnold said.

The gym, originally built as a theater in the '70s, still had the old lighting system and the catwalk intact. A new lighting system was necessary, but the program discovered that it could use the old lighting circuits instead of purchasing new circuits.

"In today's prices I would say that there was about a half million dollars of physical equipment in that theater," Dr. James Hatfield, associate professor and director of theater department said.

Instructors also discovered other ways they could stretch their budget. Student labor has been a key source of savings. Students have learned trades such as carpentry, painting and electrical work. All remodeling work was done by student labor.

Love Letters and the children's theater have already been performed in the new area, but the fall productions will be the first with the new constructions complete. The first production, *Eleemosynary*, opens Oct. 17 and will run two weekends in October and one in November. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens Oct. 31 and run through December.

"We hope people will come and see what we've done so far and indulge us as we finish it this semester," Hatfield said.

Ex-senator to open Distinguished Lecture Series

By Tiffenii Hawkins

Editorial Assistant

The University of Texas at Tyler has scheduled Alan Simpson, U.S. senator from 1978 to 1997, to open the 1997-98 Distinguished Lecture Series. President George F. Hamm has announced that Simpson will speak at 8 p.m. Oct. 21 in the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Simpson is a third generation lawyer from Wyoming and a member of a political family; his father served as governor and U.S. senator. He practiced in his family's law firm for 18 years and began his own political career in 1964 when he was elected to the Wyoming State Legislature. During Simpson's 13 years in the House of Representatives he held the offices of majority whip, majority floor leader and speaker pro-tem. In addition, he earned a

juris doctorate degree at the University of Wyoming in 1958 and was designated as the university's Centennial Alumnus in 1987. He holds numerous honorary degrees, including ones from Notre Dame University and the American University.

Simpson was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1978. He was re-elected in 1984 with 78 percent of the vote and was chosen by his peers to be assistant majority leader where he served until 1994. His senate assignments included committees on judiciary, finance, aging, environment and public works, and chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

He was the author of the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the first major immigration reform legislation passed in over 30 years. Simpson was also the co-sponsor of the Clean Air Act. In the 97th Congress he was in-

involved in drafting and enacting the first legislation to provide for the permanent disposal of nuclear waste. Since completing his final term in the Senate on Jan. 3, 1997, he has been a visiting professor at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Broadcast journalist Catherine Crier will continue the lecture series Feb. 3. Crier joined Fox News in September 1996 as host of "The Crier Report." Previously, she was a correspondent for ABC's "World News Tonight." She also reported on the campaign trail during the 1996 presidential election and gave updates on the current political scene.

She was also a correspondent on ABC's "20/20." Prior to her work at ABC News, she was co-anchor at Cable News Network and hosted "Crier and

Company."

Crier also served five years as a state district judge in Dallas County before resigning to begin her new duties at CNN in 1989. She served as assistant district attorney and felony chief prosecutor for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office from 1978 to 1981 and was a civil litigation attorney from 1982 to 1984.

Former president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk will speak April 2. He was responsible for the actions that changed his country and accelerated the end of apartheid, including releasing Nelson Mandela from prison and legalizing the African National Congress. He was co-recipient, with Mandela, of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

Admissions to the lectures are available through general admission or through the patron ticket program. For ticket information call the UT Tyler Office of Development, (903) 566-7110.

The Theatre

As we begin our eighth year on a new stage we salute and say thank you to those students and friends who have shared their talent during seven years of repertory theatre production at UT Tyler.

Jay Arrington*	Cassy Bland	Melanie Dungan	Debbie Hoover	Amber Kelly	Ruth Nelson	Diana Rushing	Jennifer Towles
Katherine Arnold*	Diana Brummett	Julie Dooling	Jere Hunter*	Nell Keathley	Tracy Nash	John Scroggins	Gary Taylor
Sharon Atkinson*	Amy Briggs	Tiffany Dixon	Kristell Hines*	Chris Knight	Kristi Nash	Phillip Simmons	Jamie Thomas
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Simone Albert	Mary Barton	Ellen Driver	D. Kristell Hines*	Diane Kirksey	Christi Ogden	Victor Scherb*	Jennifer Towles
Marwan Mohammed Aliah	Shana Curd	Jennifer Dickerson	Laura Hughes	Dana Krieghauser	Shellie O'Neal*	Andrew Szarka*	Jill Thrower
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Khaldoon Abuarjah	Amy Clemens*	Felicity Enas*	Bryan Holmes	Mary Lewis*	Debra Owens	Meme Smith	Yvonne Trent
Gina Anderson	Elizabeth Crook	Elizabeth Enloe	Silman Hamam	Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre*	Shellie O'Neal	Peron Sutton	Sharon Thomas
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Jayanna Abernathy	Kathleen Clyde	Gaynor Edwards*	Amy Hadley	Shelli Lott	Eric Platten	Jerry Simpson*	Holly Turner
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Christy Austin	Shana Curd	Shadow Edes	Michele Hopson	Kristie Lambert	John Powell	Paula Samson	Gina Treadway
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Tammy Adamson	Beth Christianson	Sharla Estoll	Pat Hendley	Dionne Lawson	Joe Phillips	Linda Sandefer	Tammy Thorn
Sheila Avey	Samantha Cheek	Joel Enge	Shirley Hill	Amy Love	Erick Platten	Steve Short	Patricia Tomkins
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Lisa Anderson	Shirley Coscione	Angie Hearl	Angie Hearl	Mark Ladish	Michael Prewitt	Kathleen Sewell	Cindy Terry
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Cheneka Bradford	Michelle Cofer	Robin Flood-Fincher	Blake Hathaway	Candi Madis*	Tammy Powell	Sherry Smith	Jayna Watson - Hyde
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Tennis team loses its biggest match ever

By Mike Burns
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For the first time in years, UT Tyler's tennis courts will be empty when it comes to participating in college athletics. The University announced last spring that in a cost-cutting move, it would no longer fund the tennis team. The fall 1996 semester was the team's last competitive season.

According to Scott Scarborough, UTT chief fiscal officer, the university expects to save \$101,824 by eliminating the program that had been a national contender in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Most of the money was spent on former coach Fred Kniffen's salary and athletic scholarships for the players.

Other costs included maintenance, equipment and travel.

The choice to eliminate the team was simplified by Kniffen's decision to retire last year after 12 seasons at UTT.

"It was only a tough decision because of the players involved," Scarborough said. "Coach Kniffen's retirement made it easier."

Coach Kniffen was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in May 1996.

The future of college athletics at UTT remains in doubt. According to Scarborough, it won't be happening anytime soon.

"Truthfully, it probably won't happen for a long time," he said. "With an institution like ours, we can't afford to fund athletics. Athletic programs are a tremendous financial strain for most universities. Of all the schools in the UT system, only UT Austin has an athletic department that is self-supporting."

Scarborough said that making the choice between academics and athletics is easy.

"It comes down to funding new computers for the university or trying to field a baseball team."

Now that the tennis team is gone, questions remain about what to do with the vacant tennis center. Scarborough said that the university is thinking about turning the site into a child development lab.

Student leaders learn to serve community

By Carey McKee
Editor-in-Chief

Presidents of UT Tyler student organizations and representatives of Texas College and Tyler Junior College attended the third meeting in a series of four on leadership.

Bob Turner, UTT graduate and staff coordinator for services for the city of Tyler, was the main speaker. He encouraged students to serve their community.

"Where you stand is your community," he said. He pointed to his feet and said, "this is where I'm standing, so you are my community."

According to Turner, the three best ways to serve are by volunteering, becoming active on boards and by letting others know that you are willing to serve.

He also said people should get involved at any level they can whether it be at work, school, at home or in the

community.

Turner also said it is life after the degree that makes you a well-rounded person.

"Many people think that the world owes them something because they have a degree. It doesn't owe you anything, you owe it something. You should give back what you have been given."

Dr. Joseph Loftin, journalism associate professor and *The Patriot* advisor, also talked to the students about media relations. He told the presidents of the organizations how they can get their news used by the media. He encouraged them to send press releases that were timely and newsworthy.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. in the University Center room 118. Texas Chief Justice Tom B. Ramey Jr. will be speaking on achieving goals through collaboration. All college students are invited to attend.

New fall UTT faculty members introduced

This is the second installment in a series introducing additional faculty. Watch for the next Patriot featuring new members.

The department of mathematics welcomed Dr. William Stenger, visiting professor of mathematics. He comes to UTT from Ambassador University. Stenger holds a doctorate in Mathematics from the University of Maryland's Institute for Fluid Dynamics and Applied Mathematics.

Receiving one-year appointments in the School of Education and Psychology are Dr. Christiana Edem, lecturer in health and kinesiology, and Jean Sanders, lecturer in curriculum and instruction.

Edem comes to UTT from Texas Tech University and has taught at the University of Uyo, Nigeria. She received a doctorate in Community Health from the University of Oregon and a Master's of Public Health from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Sanders, previously an adjunct faculty member of UTT, holds a Master's of Education in Counseling and Guidance and Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from Stephen F. Austin State University.

The School of Engineering welcomed six new faculty members.

Dr. Charles Alworth, associate profes-

sor and chair of electrical engineering, taught previously at Texas A&M University and has 16 years of industrial experience with Conoco, Inc. Alworth holds engineering degrees from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree from the University of Tulsa, and is a registered patent and trademark attorney of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dr. Allen Barger, assistant professor of electrical engineering, was previously a senior engineering specialist with Raytheon E-Systems. Barger holds engineering degrees from UT Arlington, where he also taught electrical engineering.

Dr. David Beams, assistant professor of electrical engineering, holds a doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin. A registered professional engineer, his background includes experience designing electronics equipment, designing medical imaging and other systems and teaching experience at the university and junior college levels.

Dr. Thomas Crippen, professor and chair of mechanical engineering, comes to UTT from Alcon Laboratories in Fort Worth. He taught 15 years at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte and has 14 years experience in the medical products industry. He holds engineering degrees from Texas A&M.

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3:00 - 4:00 pm
UC 118

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said. "Students will be able to turn in homework electronically." Right now, students can only log on to the computer system on campus, but eventually they will be able to dial into the network from their homes.

Alworth also thinks that the instructors' commercial industry experience will benefit the students. Most instructors have at least 10 years experience in commercial industrial engineering. It is that experience that he hopes will prepare his students when they hit the work force after graduation. In addition, he expects his students to dress and act professionally while in class.

"I've got to set them loose when they leave here," Alworth explained. "They need to know that if you screw up once, you don't get a promotion. But they'll

be ready to go."

UTT's Engineering Department benefits the East Texas region because it is one of only two state supported engineering schools in the area.

"We're a big part of the economic development in East Texas and we need to service this area," Alworth said. Goddard added, "One goal we have is to supply economic aid to the region."

The program is not an easy one. During their senior year, most students will take between 16 and 19 hours of pure engineering classes each semester.

"It's a little harder," Mike Clendenin, a junior just starting his first few weeks in the program, said. "In junior college you just took a few hours of engineering courses a semester. Here you take a full load."