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Former Israeli Prime Minister to speak at Cowan Center

By Courtney Owen

Arts/Entertainment Writer

UT Tyler President Rodney H. Mabry announced that tickets are available for UT Tyler's Distinguished Lecture Series featuring former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres will speak at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the UT Tyler Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Patron tickets, which include a special pre-lecture reception with Peres and reserved seating and parking for the lecture, are \$100. General admission tickets are \$10.

Complimentary tickets are available to students of UT Tyler and area high schools, junior/community colleges and universities by presenting a valid student ID.

Peres was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 for his efforts as a major initiator of the historic peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization in 1993 and then with Jordan in 1994.

Peres served as Israel's Prime Minister during three crucial periods in Israeli history: in 1977; from 1984 to 1986; and from 1995 through 1996.

He had lived in Israel as a farmer and shepherd until Israeli leader David Ben-Gurion appointed him director general of the ministry of defense.

From that point on, Peres has been a part of Israeli and world news and history.

In the 1970s, as Israel's minister of defense, Peres engineered the legendary Entebbe raid against Palestinian terrorists.

In the 1980s, as prime minister, he saved the Israeli economy from near collapse; and as foreign minister and prime minister in the 1990s, he was the key architect of the historic Oslo Peace Accords.

In 1996 Peres initiated the creation and establishment of the Peres Institute for Peace.

Peres is the second lecturer in the 1998-1999 Distinguished Lecture Series season.

In November of 1998, public affairs analyst David Gergen spoke at the Cowan Center, and in April, political analyst and former presidential advisor George Stephanopolus will lecture.

The Distinguished Lecture Series was started in 1982 by former UT Tyler president George F. Hamm.

Since then, the series has included 49 national and international dignitaries including former heads of state, Nobel laureates, Cabinet members, congressional leaders and ambassadors, as well as notable people from the fields of history, literature, economics, journalism, law and the arts.

For more information on the Peres speech and for tickets call the Cowan Center box office between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (903) 566-7424.

Holbrook to perform *Mark Twain* Feb. 25

The Cowan Center will feature actor Hal Holbrook in *Mark Twain Tonight* on Feb. 25.

The Tony Award-winning show will be at the Cowan Center for one performance only at 8 p.m.

Holbrook has been portraying Mark Twain for 44 years, making *Mark Twain Tonight* one of the longest running shows in theatre history. He has played before sold-out shows on Broadway, the U.S. and in Europe. He also performed in the 1985 world tour commemorating the 150th anniversary of Twain's birth.

After over 1900 shows, Holbrook had mined over 12 hours of the Humorist's material and continues to add new and timely material.

There is no set agenda for the performance. Holbrook arranges the program as he performs to make each performance different.

Holbrook has won five and been nominated for 12 Emmy awards. He has made appearances in *All the President's Men* and *The Firm*.

Holbrook's other stage credits include *The Merchant of Venice*, *Death of a Salesman* and *King Lear*.

Spirit of the Dance



A company of 30 dancers presented *Spirit of the Dance* at the Cowan Center Feb. 7-8. The performance presented a variety of Dance styles such as flamenco, jazz, tap in addition to the classic Irish folk dance.

Freshman enrollment drops from 100 to 85 for Spring '99

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

Although total enrollment is up this semester, 17 of the 100 freshmen enrolled last semester did not return this semester. One freshman engineering student entered this semester, bringing the total number of freshmen enrolled this spring to 85.

Martha Wheat, director of admissions, said the legislative mandate allowing UT Tyler to have freshmen prohibits the university from accepting applications in the spring semester unless the applications are for engineering students.

Of the 17 freshmen who did not return this semester, eight were engineering students.

"A couple of them [engineering students that left] felt like they didn't have the preparation for engineering. Some of it [their problem] was a lack of math background," Wheat said. "Several had taken biology in high school, but

not chemistry, so, these classes were hard for them. But, I fully expect them to be back in the fall. I feel sure they are in school somewhere," she said.

The remaining nine freshmen who did not return this semester had a variety of reasons for not coming back. One student married and left this area because her husband got a job in another city. Two of the freshmen had family difficulties that prevented them from returning to school, and two went to a junior college. Four freshmen decided not to return to school at all, according to Wheat.

Wheat explained why some freshmen had difficulty taking full time schedules after coming here from high school.

"Many of these [freshmen, when they were] high school seniors, had lighter loads their senior year and that hurts them when they come to college and take a full load," she said.

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Letter to the Editor: Graduate student voices concerns

Library computer policies should consider busy students' needs

As a returning student and student worker at UT Tyler I believe I am in a unique position to comment how UT Tyler's library compares to other university libraries in Texas.

I received my B.A. in English from UT Tyler in the fall of '96 and left for Texas Woman's University in the fall of '97 to work on a Master's degree in English.

Currently I have finished my Masters course work and am finishing my thesis while taking an E.S.L. and Shakespeare class. I began my academic career working at the UT Library on the fourth floor periodicals and am finishing my career working the same job.

I have learned that any institution is only as good as its library. The amount of research material and resources a university library possesses, usually, proportionately, reflects the ranking of that institution.

As a student worker at the UT Library and Freshman Composition Instructor at TWU, I understand that the funding a department has generally reflects how much that department can do; however,

I feel that more can be done at this library by simply looking at how other university libraries make materials and resources available to the student.

Some of these changes are slowly happening. Soon on the fourth floor, the periodical branch of the library is supposed to be given two new computers that will allow students to conduct searches on the Internet without having to go downstairs to do their research and then back upstairs to find the periodicals they need.

Based on my experience with the library layouts at TWU and the University of North Texas, this is an excellent idea that should have been completed two years ago. However, this is still only an "idea." While the computers have been here since last semester, the job is still not completed.

Recently, a student visited the fourth floor early in the morning wanting to know why he could not use the computers linked to the Internet on the second floor for a quick search before his 8 a.m. class.

The library policy is not to open those computers until 8 a.m. even though the

library opens at 7:30. While this is only a half an hour, for a student, half an hour is sometimes the difference between an A and B, getting home to your family, or getting to work.

The problem I see too often with the UT Library is that it is either unable or for whatever reason refuses to change to meet the needs of its students.

At TWU and University of North Texas these same computers are open the duration of the library hours. Keeping the computers on for half an hour would not hurt anyone, in fact, it would help the students.

I have heard it argued that these computers need to be monitored by librarians; however, I wonder why other universities do not have these same restrictions? And if these computers need to be monitored why are people in their own homes with their own computers allowed to access these search resources?

What I am talking about is opening the library more to the needs of the students. Policies should be made to improve the efficiency of a student's

work while he or she is in the library, not restrict their work and waste their precious time.

I have heard from my professors that Dr. Mabry wants to create an atmosphere that is caring and understanding of students' needs. It makes me feel good that we now have a president who places this as a priority.

I strongly urge students to let their concerns be known. On the second and fourth floors of the library there are suggestion boxes begging to be used. While I myself wonder if it does any good, I have to believe this is one way to let the library know about our needs.

Why must students waste precious time going downstairs then upstairs to do research, get change, and add money to their microfilm cards? I'm not trying to save the world from polluting itself or advocating worldwide revolution, but just asking that the library look into how other university libraries serve their students' needs and not be afraid to make changes for their customers.

Chris Wagner
Graduate Student

Opinion: Valentine's Day can be fun for everyone

By Courtney Owen

Arts/Entertainment Writer

Love is in the air. The notoriously romantic angel Cupid is appearing on storefronts all over town. Women are sighing, and men's eyes are sparkling.

This can mean only one thing—it's Valentine's season.

On this Valentine's weekend, surprise your dearest with a weekend out of the ordinary.

A perfect Tyler-area afternoon date spot is Love's Lookout. The Lookout is a beautiful spot on south Highway 69, near Jacksonville.

From the tree-covered area you can see for miles, and the view is amazing. Love's is an ideal spot for anything from a romantic picnic to a romantic marriage proposal.

Another fun thing to do this Valentine's weekend is to take a mini road trip.

The adventure of just getting in the car and going is enough to spark a little romance.

With many small towns in the area, antique stores, bed and breakfasts, and charming town squares are abundant.

Do something that your beloved

loves—and you hate. Say your boyfriend loves fishing, but the sight of a fishing pole makes you green.

Showing up at his place at 5 a.m. with a bucket of minnows would make his little heart soar.

Or maybe your wife could shop for shoes all day, but you'd rather be, well, fishing. If you took her to Dillard's and let her try on platforms all day, she would think you were the most romantic guy on earth.

Now, if you're pressed for time and just want a normal evening out, there's always dinner and a movie.

Tyler is full of restaurants, and local theaters are showing a variety of love-inspired films.

Valentine's Day isn't all chocolate boxes and roses for everyone.

For single folks, Feb. 14 is not the most delightful day of the year.

Do things different this year. Instead of whining and crying about being alone, do something nice for yourself.

Take yourself to dinner, call up old friends, or just stay in bed for a lazy day.

So, whatever your status, make this Valentine's Day special.

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Opinion: Are Denny's discrimination suits frivolous?

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

In 1994, a Denny's restaurant in Maryland was sued for racial discrimination by black Secret Service agents who said they were denied service. The restaurant chain settled the lawsuit by paying \$46 million.

Since this settlement, several groups have brought lawsuits against Denny's for some type of discrimination. But, what are the motives of the people bringing the lawsuits? Far too many just want money.

For example, a press release from the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) states that six Asian-American students and one white student, all from Syracuse University, were racially discriminated against at Denny's in Syracuse, NY.

The students said they waited to be seated for 30 minutes, but were denied service. They also said they watched groups of white males who arrived after them being seated before them. They also saw tables they could have

been seated at but were not. After complaining about the lack of service, the students were asked to leave and were escorted outside by two security guards hired by Denny's.

Once outside, the students say one of the security guards pushed one of the students, then suddenly, a large group of white males came out of the restaurant and attacked a student. Anyone who came to his aid was also attacked, according to the press release. Two of the Asian-American students were beaten unconscious.

Sean Dugan, the only white student with the Asian-American students, said he was also beaten when he came to the aid of his friends. Bystanders begged the security guards to intervene; however, they did nothing. Finally, two African-American men broke up the fight.

The students are seeking "unspecified compensatory and punitive damages" from the restaurant chain. However, William J. Fitzpatrick, District Attorney in Syracuse, says he will not arrest those involved in the incident

because "no discrimination took place that night."

It's difficult for those who were not there to judge whether this was a true incident of discrimination, or an exaggerated story of a fight. If this truly was discrimination, those who were responsible should be fired and punished by having to pay the medical bills of those who were injured in the incident.

However, one should notice that the students are not suing the individuals involved in the alleged discriminatory acts. Instead, they are suing Denny's because they are aware that they can get big bucks when suing a company, but they cannot get much money out of individuals.

Are these students looking for justice

or do they just want to get rich off a company that has a history of paying off racial discrimination claims?

Another lawsuit claiming discrimination has recently been filed against Denny's. According to the *Dallas Morning News*, two Muslim men are suing Denny's for putting pork on their plates when the men had requested no pork for religious reasons. The men are seeking an apology and \$1 million each for religious discrimination.

The men said they wanted their meals prepared in skillets separate from other food to avoid contamination by pork. One said he found pieces of ham hidden in his food, so he asked for another dish. When his second meal

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Opinion: Right of free speech protects all beliefs

By Karin Miller

Contributing Writer

Goethe once said, "There is nothing more frightening than active ignorance."

In December, Life magazine ran a truly frightening photograph of 74-year-old Richard Osborn wearing a VFW cap and holding a sign which read, "FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS THE RIGHT TO HATE."

He was one of a dozen protesters at the funeral of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student who was beaten to death last October in Laramie, Wyoming, because he was gay.

This photo prompted letters to the editor, one from Thomas A. Pouliot, commander-in-chief of the VFW in Kansas City, Mo., who called it "distasteful and contrary to the bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. ... His views are not our views. ... The VFW shares in the sadness of the tragic slaying."

And Paul D. Brent of Oregon wrote, "I do not believe that our forefathers intended for us to hate anyone."

It is interesting that only two letters were published. Maybe they were the only ones fit to print. No doubt the

editor had to wade through piles of profanity to find them.

Of course, Osborn is entitled to his opinion and his right to express it, even in a grammatically incorrect fashion. Perhaps the true meaning of the statement depends on what the definition of the word "is" is.

Freedom of choice means many things, including the right to choose your own thoughts, beliefs, attitudes and feelings. And freedom of speech includes the right to peaceably assemble and protest, even at a funeral, although that seems in questionable taste.

But freedom of speech doesn't mean it's OK to brutally murder someone because you don't like their lifestyle or hate what they stand for. If that were the case, Osborn should fear for his own life right about now. If there aren't people who would like to see him and his kind die a slow, painful death, there are certainly people who would like to see people with his attitude die off as quickly as possible.

Best-selling author Peter McWilliams, in his book, "Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do," points out, "If the church had executed King James I of England

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Opinion: TISD must make changes for safety of students at school

By Stacie Manning

Contributing Writer

The battle between a Hogg Middle School student and the Tyler Independent School District has ended on a promising note, but how safe are the students attending public schools?

Parents should be concerned with the fact that hundreds of assault cases and terroristic threats were overlooked on just the Hogg Middle School campus in the past three years.

School officials testified that Hogg is not the worst school in TISD as far as discipline. If it is not the worst, then what is the worst?

Allan E. Parker Jr., Texas Justice Foundation president, represented the Hogg Middle School student who claimed to have been assaulted five times. Compromise was reached Jan. 11, 1999, and the student was allowed to transfer to Hubbard Middle School as she had asked when the assaults were reported.

Originally, her attorneys were asking to have Hogg's top administrators removed on the grounds that they were not complying with the state law in handling discipline, but when compromise was reached, the Texas Justice Foundation agreed to drop its state and federal lawsuits and not pursue the removal of administrators or seek legal fees.

How safe are the children attending

public schools? According to evidence, the students had not been very safe prior to the lawsuit. Discipline-problem students should have to face the consequences of their actions.

Before the lawsuit, Hogg Middle School had not practiced the policy of removing students who assaulted other students to an alternative education program as mandated by the Texas Legislature in 1995 and also by TISD's own school policies.

TISD also failed to report assault incidents to the parents' of the perpetrator, and did not schedule parent/teacher/principal/student conferences after the assaults. Juvenile authorities did not receive reports on these incidents, and police were not notified of terroristic threats.

TISD superintendent J. Donald Gentry has revised the assault policy, and disciplined students are now sent to an alternative education program. This is a step in the right direction in order to make public schools safe. As Gentry said, middle school is an awkward age. "At that age, young people are lively, rambunctious, discovering themselves and others and it is a difficult time in growing up," he said.

I disagree with his belief that the problems in middle schools do not warrant having a police officer on campus to ensure safety. There have been

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UTT security takes steps to aid safety

By Jeff Sprick

News Editor

UT Tyler Police recently performed tests on the two mounted emergency phones installed on campus. The emergency phones are working properly and are active. They are available for student and community use if needed.

UT Tyler Police officers tested the phones as part of a plan to test them out regularly, Sharon Parnell, UT Tyler Police Guard, said.

Officers tested to see if the phones were working efficiently and also to see how quickly the police could respond.

"The blue light on top of the phones

flashed for 3 minutes and 45 seconds," Parnell said.

The lights are bright enough to be seen from a very long distance, especially at night.

UTT Police dispatch will answer the emergency calls.

"Our office was able to answer the calls in under two rings," Parnell said.

They tested the phones around 6 to 8 times. Each time the phones worked successfully.

"These phones are for people's safety if they are in an emergency. It will help out people when we can't be there," Parnell said.

Once the dispatcher is notified then UTT police officers will be notified via radio.

One of the phones is near the Administration Building and the HPR building next to the lake. The other is near the parking lot in between the Business Building and the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Phones are also being put on some of the campus buildings. The building-mounted phones are well underway and are expected to be up and running as soon as possible.

They will be next to main entrances on the major buildings on campus.

"The pole-mounted phones have a button you can push and it will call our dispatcher," Parnell said.

A blue light flashes so people around will be alerted to any emergencies.

Committee formed to award staff

By Jennifer Stone

Editor

Several awards exist to reward the faculty at UT Tyler for outstanding performance but now non-faculty personnel can be rewarded as well.

In a recent meeting, a committee was formed to award those who serve the university in other ways.

The Staff Advisory Council Awards Committee will be responsible for the Star Award, an award given to members of the staff who are not part of the faculty. This includes clerical and business office personnel and other non-faculty employees.

According to Melva Grissom, a member of the committee, awards will be given each month to two employees who have performed outstanding service.

Although the committee has already decided what the award will include, that information will not be disclosed until March, when the first two awards are given.

Faculty, staff, students and administrators can all nominate staff members for the award.

The committee is providing two ways for nominations to be submitted. Nominations can be dropped off at the Library in the suggestion box at the circulation desk or in the Student Activities Office in UC 111.

The committee is already accepting nominations for the awards to be given in March.

Nominations can also be made by e-mail to any of the committee members. The committee members are: Donna Griffen (dgriffen@mail.uttyl.edu), Melva Grissom (mgrissom@mail.uttyl.edu), Cindy Strawn (cstrawn@mail.uttyl.edu), and Marquita Manning (mmanning@mail.uttyl.edu).

The nomination should include the names of the nominee and the person nominating and a short statement about why the staff member is being nominated.

For more information call Melva Grissom at 566-7400.

Randel retires after 22 years of service

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

A retirement reception was held for Colleen Randel, senior lecturer in education, from 2-4 p.m. in UC 118 on Monday, Feb. 8.

Randel has worked for UT Tyler full time for 21 and a half years and part time another year.

Randel was the teacher of the year for the School of Education and Psychology in 1992. In addition to teaching, she also was the coordinator of the child development lab which closed after she resigned from the position in the spring 1998 semester.

"It [the child development lab] was very popular. Some semesters we had to turn away children because we were so full," Randel said. "Our students benefited from it because it was a quality childhood educational center. I would like to see it return," Randel said.

According to Dr. Mil Clark, dean, School of Education and Psychology, and professor of educational administration, the lab closed for financial reasons.

"The decision [to close the lab] wasn't made on the quality of the program. We had lost a faculty position, so we made it a priority to request money for the faculty position rather than the child development lab," Clark said.

Randel said she is retiring because it was time to retire and she wanted more flexibility.

"I want to do more travelling and volunteering. I will continue to serve on advisory boards for child development and county and area boards. I may teach a course here and there. I also want to learn mah-jongg, an oriental game with tiles," she said.

Randel reflected on her years of service at UT Tyler.

"I'll miss the students most. I've had a wide variety of experiences while I've been here. I've taught undergraduate and graduate classes, and I've met a lot of people, but I love teaching. It has been a growing experience for me," she said.

Job fair gives students future employment opportunities

Renee Conditt

Production Manager

The Career Services Department will hold a career fair for education students on March 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the fourth floor of the library.

Also, the department will hold a career fair for all majors on March 30 from 12-6 p.m. in the UC open area.

The education career fair will be held for education majors only and 90 school districts will be invited, according to Ardith Weiss, the Career Services Counselor.

The other career fair will be held for students of all majors.

Employers interested in all UTT majors will be invited, Weiss said.

The Career Services Department is going to solicit names of employers from different departments. The idea is to get companies on campus that will be interested in the majors UTT has to offer,

according to Weiss.

It is important for students to be aware of the career fair so they can participate in it, Weiss said.

Student participation is important because the career fair is there to benefit them, according to Weiss.

"In order to attract top notch companies we have got to get student participation," Weiss said.

"We're doing this for the students and to showcase them to employers in the community. We've got the high quality and caliber of students the employers are looking for, so I'd like to showcase these students to the employers," said Weiss.

According to Weiss, there are two purposes for the Career Services Department. One is to help students with what they want to do, major in and what to do with the major.

The other purpose is to educate students in the job search process.

"Part of the job search process is to talk

to employers. It helps students know what companies do, and what companies have to offer," said Weiss.

Weiss also said the career fair gives students first-hand information on companies, and gives them a chance to practice interview skills.

The department is trying to get companies from various cities in order to accommodate students.

The department will invite Tyler companies, but also companies from East Texas, Dallas, Shreveport and larger cities.

"This is not an expo," Weiss said, "We want to bring hiring companies in, and we hope that some job offers will be a result."

If students are interested in helping with the career fairs, have suggestions or need more information, they can contact Ardith Weiss at 565-5581, e-mail her at (aweiss@mail.uttyl.edu), or fax her at 566-7078.

Workshop held on Feb. 19 for TESL students

A workshop will be held in the Robert R. Muntz Library, room 401, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for area ESL teachers and TESL students.

The workshop will be free of charge and will begin in the morning with a presentation called *Writing Activities in the ESL Classroom* by an ESL specialist from the University of Texas at Austin.

In the afternoon there will be an ESL software materials demonstration.

For more information contact Dr. Marianthi Coroneou at 566-7438.

School of Business has full schedule for spring

The School of Business Administration has a full schedule of career activities for this semester.

Seminars

Feb. 12 *Dress for Success on a Budget*

Feb. 17 *Business Etiquette*

Feb. 19 *Resume Writing Skills*

Feb. 26 *Interviewing Techniques and Tips*

Each seminar will be held in BUS 104 from 2-3 p.m.

On March 5, the School of Business Administration will also have a career fair from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. in the business building.

The activities will include business exhibits, career panel discussions and scheduled interviews.

For more information contact Charles Paccaud at the Career Center from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at 565-5750 or Dr. Leslie Toombs at 565-7217.

UTT nursing program receives \$100,000 gift

A gift of \$100,000 has been donated in memory of Arch and Acie Murray to the School of Nursing program at its Palestine extension campus.

A portion of the funds is being used to establish the Arch and Acie Murray Endowed Memorial Scholarship, said their daughters, Marsha Murray Harlow of San Antonio and Kathy Murray Smith of Colleyville.

"We are grateful to the Murray family for their commitment to enhancing higher educational opportunities available to citizens of Palestine and this region. Thanks to the support of the Texas Legislature, along with gifts from citizens, businesses and the medical community, the growth and success of the Palestine campus of UT Tyler have been gratifying," UTT President Rodney Mabry said.

Arch and Acie Murray were Palestine residents for more than 35 years.

UTT to hold minority business program

The University of Texas at Tyler is again offering the Community Minority Business Advancement Program, announced Dr. Jim Tarter, dean of the School of Business Administration.

The seven-week, 42-hour certificate program will meet 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 16-Apr. 1, in Robert R. Muntz Library, room 425.

Eligible participants are minority men and women, and owners or managers of small- and middle-sized businesses, which have been in business for a minimum of one year.

The registration fee is \$100, including program materials.

The program is presented as a community service to coach small business owners and managers in business fundamentals, said Dr. Herb Epstein, program coordinator.

Sponsored by area banking institutions and corporations, the program is presented in cooperation with Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and local minority organizations. For more information, contact Epstein, 566-7359, or the School of Business Administration, 566-7363.

West Side Story comes to Tyler Junior College

The Wise Grand Premiere Series at TJC will present *West Side Story* by Arthur Laurents, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

The presentation will take place in the Wise Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24-27.

Tickets are available in the cashier's office on the TJC campus.

General admission is \$5.

For more information call 510-2249.

Former olympic runner to speak at UT Tyler

Kyle Heffner, member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Marathon Team, will be a guest lecturer Friday, Feb. 19 at The University of Texas at Tyler, Dr. James Schwane, chairman of the Department of Health and Kinesiology, said.

The lecture, which is open to the public at no charge, will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Physical and Health Education Building, room 214. The title of the lecture will be "Complementary and Alternative Medicine Today."

Heffner is manager of cardiac rehabilitation at Columbia Medical Center of Denton. A fellow of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, he is a certified rehabilitative exercise program director of the American College of Sports Medicine.

In addition to working with cardiac patients in clinical settings, Heffner has extensive experience coaching athletes. He was a collegiate All-American in 10,000 meters and winner of the 1979 and 1983 Dallas White Rock Marathon. For more information, contact the UT Tyler Department of Health and Kinesiology at 566-7031 or call Beverly Shelton at 566-7303.

1999 Azalea Trail celebration begins March 19

Plans are underway for the 1999 Azalea and Spring flower Trail March 19 to April 4. The annual celebration features seven miles of home gardens filled with azaleas, tulips, dogwoods and other plants.

"Tourists will see the azaleas during their peak blooming season and experience the beauty and vibrant colors of these spring flowers," Dawn Parnell, representative of the Tyler Convention and Visitors Bureau, said. The seven-mile driving tour will begin at 500 South Broadway and East Houston St. Drivers can follow posted routes through Tyler's

residential areas. Beginning March 20, visitors will see the Azalea Belles on each weekend. They are high school coeds who serve as official greeters.

1999 Azalea Trail events will include an Arts and Crafts Fair, Tyler Heritage on Tour, Azalea Trail 10K and Fun Run, Azalea Quilt Show and Sale, McClendon House Tours, Texas Blues Festival, and the Art and Bloom festival. Beginning March 19, and on following weekends, visitors may obtain tourist information at the visitors information center in the Blackstone Building at 315 N. Broadway from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a free guide call 1 (800) 235-5712.

Activities planned to increase student involvement at UTT

By Jeff Sprick

News Editor

More student activities are being planned for the future to increase student involvement on campus. Both intramurals and other various student activities are being offered. Basketball intramurals are available to students who want to play in tournaments with Texas College and other UT students, Student Activities Director Ernest McAllister said.

Two different men's teams and one co-ed teams have already been formed. Games are played each Monday and Thursday night starting at 6:30 and continuing until around 8:30 p.m.

"A tournament will be going on between TJC and Texas College and

we need as many UT Tyler students as possible," McAllister said.

Sign-ups have already begun for Bowling intramurals as well. Teams will be formed according to how many people sign up to play.

Swing dance lessons will be put on hold. "We are looking for anyone who would like to teach the lessons who have experience in swing dance, we would be willing to let them give lessons," McAllister said.

People who will not be able to make it to Louisiana for Mardi Gras will be able to attend a UT Tyler version of Fat Friday and Mardi Gras on Feb. 26.

For more information on these and other activities contact the Office of Student Activities at 566-7081.

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Cowan Center to host several events in February

by Courtney Owen

Arts/Entertainment writer

UT-Tyler's Cowan Center for the Fine and Performing Arts has a packed schedule for the second half of February. Next weekend offers two events.

First, on Friday, Feb. 19, The Vienna Boys Choir will perform at 8 p.m. in Vaughn Auditorium.

This is a rare opportunity to hear

this world-famous group during their 500th anniversary tour.

The Vienna Boys Choir performance is part of the Cowan Center's Braithwaite series, which is sponsored by Jacqueline M. Braithwaite of Tyler.

Tickets for this performance are \$28, and student discounts apply.

The following Sunday, on Feb. 22, the Russian National Ballet presents their rendition of Swan Lake.

Swan Lake will be the third dance act

in the spring 1999 Performing Arts Series season, following Tango Buenos Aires and Spirit of the Dance.

Tickets for Swan Lake are \$30-40; some discounts do apply for this performance.

The Cowan Center is also the home of the UTT Distinguished Lecture Series, which features former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m.

Patron tickets, which include a spe-

cial reception, seating, and parking, are \$100, and general admission tickets are \$10.

Area students receive a free ticket with a valid student ID.

Finally, on Thursday, Feb. 25, famed actor Hal Holbrook will present his one-man show titled Mark Twain Live. Tickets are \$28; no discounts apply.

Contact the Cowan Center box office at (903) 566-7424 for more information on events and ticket prices.

Enrollment up 3.9 percent since spring of 1998

Male-female ratio 1-2

by Latisha Davis

Managing Editor/Layout

Enrollment at UTT is up 3.9 percent since last spring. Total enrollment this spring is 3,291, compared with 3,171 in the spring of 1998.

SPRING '99 Enrollment Data

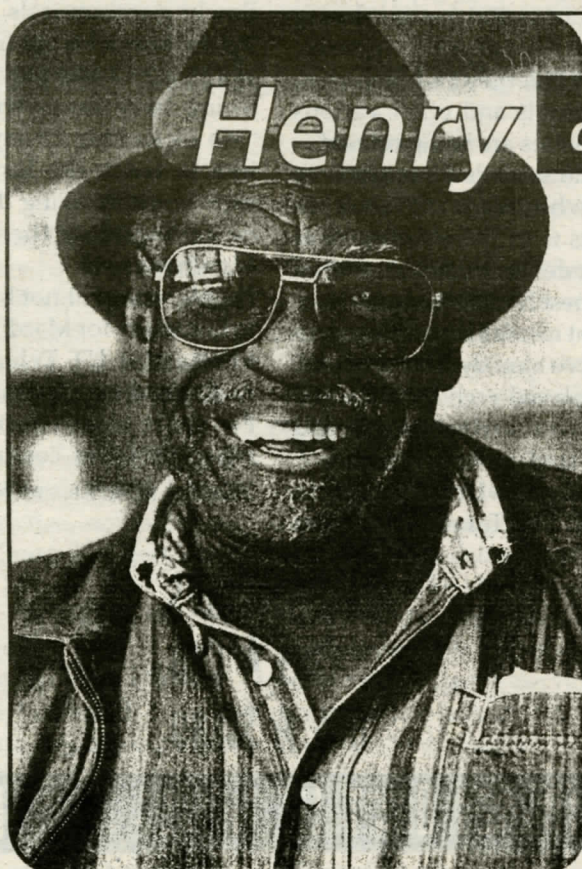
There are 2,317 students enrolled in an undergraduate program at UTT. Graduate students total 974. The male-female ratio is almost 1-2.

There are 63 out-of-state students enrolled, 18 men and 45 women. Out-of-state students make up 1.55 percent of the student body.

Foreign students total 56—29 men and 27 women.

1999 Breakdown of Student Body (Spring '98 totals in parentheses)

SCHOOLS	Male	Female	Grads	Undergr	Total	% Stud. Body
Business Administration	197 (198)	246 (218)	106 (92)	337 (324)	443 (416)	13.4 (13.1)
Education/Psychology	345 (312)	953 (1012)	459 (467)	839 (857)	1298 (1324)	39.4 (41.7)
Liberal Arts	229 (240)	350 (343)	125 (128)	454 (455)	579 (583)	17.5 (18.3)
Sciences/Mathematics	119 (134)	112 (101)	37 (44)	194 (191)	231 (235)	7 (7.4)
Nursing	76 (68)	348 (328)	57 (68)	367 (328)	424 (396)	12.8 (12.4)
Engineering	59 (24)	8 (2)	3 (4)	64 (22)	67 (26)	2 (.8)
Undecided/No major	83 (53)	166 (138)	187 (157)	62 (34)	249 (191)	7.5 (6)
TOTAL	1108(1029)	2183(2142)	974(960)	2317(2211)	3291(3171)	100(100)
RESIDENCE						
In-state	1058(976)	2110(2083)	919(899)	2249(2160)	3168(3059)	
Out-of-state	18 (25)	45 (36)	27 (34)	36 (27)	63 (61)	
Foreign	29 (26)	27 (23)	28 (27)	28 (22)	56 (49)	



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Woodcreek/Parke Way offer free memberships for UTT students

By Jennifer Hernandez

Copy Editor

Every year thousands of people make it their New Year's resolution to lose weight and get in shape.

Two area athletic clubs are making it easy for UT Tyler students and employees to begin a fitness program and start the year off right by providing access to their facilities.

For the second year, Woodcreek Athletic Club in Tyler and Parke Way Family Fitness in Longview are providing free membership to UTT students with a student ID card.

Woodcreek's facility offers racquetball, an indoor track, hot tubs, saunas, cardiovascular equipment, weight machines, aerobics classes, swimming and other activities designed to improve physical fitness.

Personal trainers are available to offer a more one-on-one fitness plan at a separate charge.

Tanning sessions and massage therapy are also provided for a separate fee from the membership.

There is also a Health Mart store in

the facility which offers workout wear, supplements and other health-related items and a nursery.

According to Amelia Jughans, manager of Woodcreek, the student response to the free membership offer has been positive.

"As soon as school started back up in January, usage of the facility increased," Jughans said. "A lot of students are taking advantage of this opportunity."

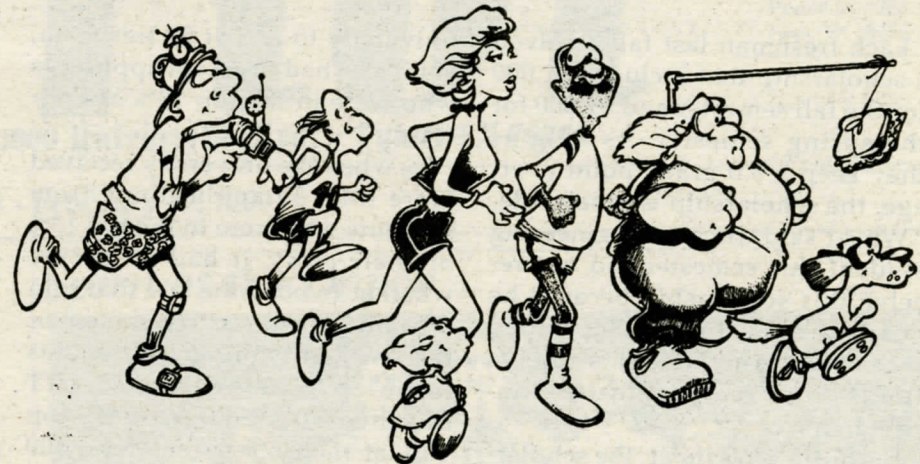
The Parke Way facility offers racquetball, Nautilus, weight room, aerobics, pool, massage and a nursery.

Students have been "somewhat" responsive to this Longview facility, according to an employee from Parke Way.

The contract uses funds provided by the student service fee, which is paid by each student in addition to tuition.

"It's the student service fee money at work," said Sandra Sayles, special assistant to the president.

The annual contract UTT has with the athletic clubs has just been renewed for the second time.



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Saturday
8:00 am-5:00 pm
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Parke Way

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5:30 am-8:00 pm
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9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday
12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Mabry announces Longview campus location specifications

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

Rodney Mabry, president of the University of Texas at Tyler, announced that The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board decided to allow UTT to continue with land acquisition and construction related to developing the Longview Higher Education Center.

Design development plans for the facility were approved by the UT System Board of Regents in November, and work on the center will begin this summer. It is expected to be completed by the summer of 2000.

The Coordinating Board also allowed the UT System to buy the 66.83 acre Quail Farm Tract in Longview from the Longview Economic Development Corporation (LEDCO). But the UT System plans to trade the Quail Farm Tract to the City of Longview for the Hinsley Park Tract on Highway 259 where it plans to build the new campus.

"Originally, the UT System had planned to accept the Quail Farm Tract as a gift from LEDCO. However, subsequent legal interpretations did not support that method of transferring the property to the UT System," Mabry said. "In order to expedite the

project, the UT System decided to purchase the Quail Farm Tract and then trade it to the City of Longview for the Hinsley Park Tract," he said.

The new campus will be a two-story building with approximately 25,000 square feet to house network-ready classrooms, a technology library, faculty and support staff offices, network file servers, and interactive video access, Mabry said.

The project will be funded by \$5 million in tuition revenue bond proceeds authorized by the last session of the Texas Legislature and \$1 million from gifts and grants, Mabry said.

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UTT offers new online course

The UT Tyler Department of Computer Science introduced an online Information Systems Software course this semester.

Information Systems Software (COSC 3309) covers Microsoft 97. The course is designed to present information on creating documents using Word, spreadsheets and graphs using Excel, databases and queries using Access and presentations with multimedia using Powerpoint.

The course introduces Windows 95/98 and the Internet.

Students access the course website which contains the information needed to complete the course, including the course outline and daily work schedules.

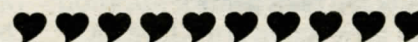
The course requires three textbooks. Assignments and graded materials are submitted via e-mail.

Students must come to the campus for examinations, however. A flexible set of hours accommodates students' schedules.

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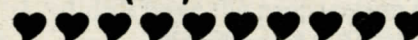


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Freshmen

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Each freshman last fall received a scholarship that includes \$1,000 for the fall semester and \$1,000 for the spring semester. As long as they keep a 3.0 grade point average, the scholarship is renewable.

Wheat said the new engineering student this semester did not receive this scholarship because he is a part time student. She added that engineering students receive funds from the engineering department.

According to Wheat, the scholarship given to the first class of freshmen last fall will not always be given in the future.

"We can't keep that up forever. We will probably continue to do it this year and maybe next year. The environment we're in now allows us to do this. It's done for a lot of reasons. One of them is to keep freshmen choosing us over another university," she said.

Wheat said last semester, the legislative mandate that allowed UTT to accept freshmen permitted the

university to accept 50 freshmen, yet it also had to accept applicants who were in the top 10% of their class.

So, when the university received more than 50 applications from students who were in the top 10% of their class, it had to decide whether to obey the law that said it could only have 50 freshmen, or the law that required all students in the top 10% to be accepted. UTT accepted all students in the top 10% of their class; therefore, 100 freshmen were accepted.

Wheat likened the choice the university made to accept the 100 freshmen to over-booking an airline flight.

"When you have caps and you have to live with that really close, it's the same thing as over-booking an airline. You over-book because you know you will have some who won't come. But, what do you do when they all come?"

Wheat said the university has already received 136 applications

for the fall 1999 semester. Twenty of these applicants are for engineering, and 30 of the applicants are in the top 10 percent of their class.

The feedback Wheat received from the first class of freshmen was mostly positive, she said.

"I issued them [the first class of freshmen] a report card and I said 'Tell us how we're doing.' The freshmen were asked to rate class scheduling, academic advising, peer mentors, what we should include when recruiting the next class of freshmen and other programs," Wheat said.

Wheat said she knew the responses would vary based on how

many hours the students worked, so, she divided the responses by those who do and do not work.

Students who did not work were mostly positive about their class schedules, but they did not like 8 a.m. classes.

Some students who work 35 hours a week said they had to take too many science courses, but they also wanted more activities on campus.

"Basically, we got good marks," Wheat said. "I think the report card came out good, but there are certain things we need to take a look at. They're [the freshmen] saying 'You've got something good started. I'm glad I came,'" she said.

Denny's

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came, he said he found a strip of bacon underneath his food.

Is it possible that Denny's could have made a mistake? I cannot count the times that my plate has returned with something on it I had requested to be taken off, even after I've sent it back. Even if Denny's is guilty of discrimination in this case, \$2 million is a very stiff pen-

alty to pay.

One should not assume that because a cook or wait staff makes a mistake that a restaurant chain is guilty of discrimination. True discrimination is an act that is uncalled for, but claims of discrimination simply for monetary gain, not justice, make a mockery of those who have suffered real discrimination.

Free Speech

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for his homosexual activities, we would not have the King James version of the Bible."

Nobel Prize laureate Elie Wiesel said, "Intolerance means the end of humanity, the end of culture, and the end of finding meaning in human existence."

Our culture would certainly have suffered if King James and a couple of other famous homosexuals, da Vinci and Michaelangelo, had been beaten to death at age 21.

Perhaps Mr. Osborn isn't aware that

those gentlemen were gay. And it's probably never occurred to him that masturbation is, by definition, a homosexual act. A sobering thought for homophobes.

Evidently, Osborn is also unaware that Jesus Christ did not intend for us to hate anyone, and said "Judge not that ye not be judged."

Those who are capable of rational thought should set an example for those who are not. Maybe we could start with signs saying, "FREEDOM OF CHOICE INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO LOVE."

Schools

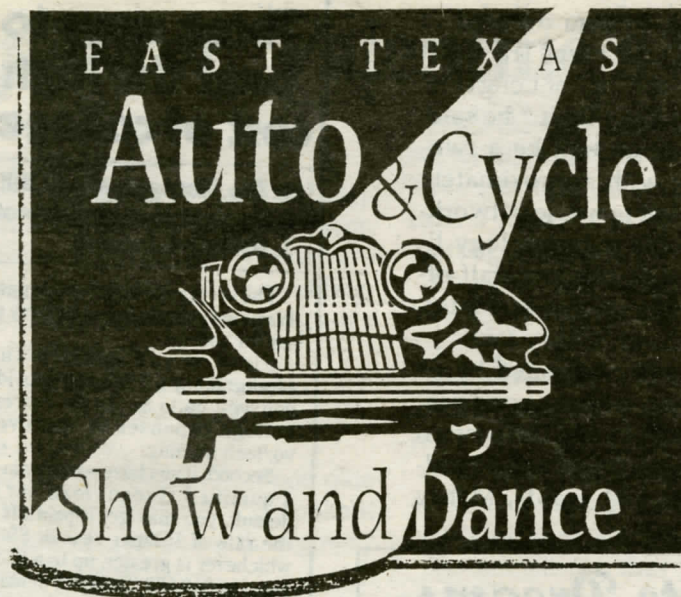
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shootings at several schools in the United States in the past year. This kind of behavior warrants having policemen to enforce rules and regulations. It would be ignorant to wait until a death occurs on a Tyler school campus to enforce the discipline. Students should have the right to express themselves within limits, but they need to also be aware of the fact that they will be

held accountable for their actions.

TISD faculty may be a "very caring, loving, empathetic group," as Gentry stated, but discipline must be instilled in the students. There must be a balance between loving the students and disciplining them.

Parents need to be aware of what is going on at their child's school—good and bad. Children are the future, and their safety must come first.



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