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UTT debate takes home 37 trophies in tournament

By Nancy J. Garcia

Editorial Assistant

The UT Tyler Debate Team earned enough points at the Red River Rampage Tournament last weekend to clinch the 1998-99 International Public Debate Association's U.S. National (IPDA) Championship.

Approximately 20 schools from Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Texas, and Tennessee debated on the campus of Louisiana State University in Shreveport. It is the largest tournament in the South.

The team came home with 37 trophies and several students brought individual awards.

Freshman Michael Reed won first as top speaker in IPDA, beating out UTT seniors Chad Martin and Keith Peterson. He also won third place in communication analysis and third in

IPDA debate.

Martin placed third in both the topspeaker category and the program oral interpretation category. Peterson placed first in impromptu speaking, second in after-dinner speaking and first in open division. Peterson also was awarded the Pilot Award as the top all-around competitor in the tournament.

Teammember Amanda Chesshir placed first in persuasive speaking. Jennifer Gibson won fourth in dramatic duo. Jill Cocklin placed fourth in IPDA debate.

This isn't the first time the UT team has won this award. It brought home the IPDA's National Championship Award last year.

"We will receive the award at the national convention/tournament in April," said Dr. Jack Rogers, debate team coach.



The UTT debate team brought home several awards at this weekend's tournament. Pictured are debate team members (left to right) Michele LeDoux, Debbie Barrett, Chad Martin, Keith Peterson, Amanda Chesshir, Jillian Cocklin, Michael Reed, Jack Rogers, coach. Not pictured are Art Rennels, Jennifer Gibson, Jeremy VanHaeselen, Paderick McFreen.

Peres speaks at Tyler in Distinguished Lecture Series

By Courtney Owen

Entertainment Writer

"If land can be measured, brains are unlimited," Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres told a large crowd at the Cowan Center last night.

Peres spoke about the direction the world is taking, in regards to war, the economy, and the human experience in general.

He said that, in the past, human history has been one "written in red ink," and that the world now has an

opportunity to change and fight battles with brains, and not weapons.

Peres spoke directly to the students, who

numbered approximately 50, in the audience.

He told them that they are "entering a new age of human experience," and to follow new movements and ideas,

"The young generation is entitled to open a new chapter in human experience."

Simon Peres

Former Prime Minister of Israel

and not old borders.

With a shared culture, including things such as music and the internet,

Peres said, the world is now globalized for the young.

He told the story of a young Japanese girl, who, upon arriving in New York City, was surprised to see how many Japanese businesses were in America.

The girl was speaking of restaurants like McDonalds and Burger King.

Peres said that the girl's mistake indicates how truly small and borderless the world is becoming.

He went on to say that, because of this new globalization, "The young generation is entitled to open a new chapter in human experience."

Peres encouraged the students to bring an end to old animosities and conflicts with other nations.

He spoke in great length about the

subject of war and peace.

Peres said that war may be easier than peace in some respects, because in war, the nation has no choice as to what they must do.

During a quest for peace, citizens may question the concessions and compromises they have to make.

But, he said, the changes in the world in the last 50 years may make a profound change in the human experience.

Peres noted the fact that there are no longer two superpowers, and that the U.S. now stands alone as the major force in the world.

Bill Clinton, Peres said at a press conference earlier in the evening, has done a "very good job" in dealing with problems in the Middle East.

"The president is well-informed, very knowledgeable, and his heart is in the right place," he said.

But Peres had a negative opinion of another world leader, Saddam Hussein.

"He's a psychopath," Peres said. "He is dangerous even to his own people."

At the end of his speech, Peres received a standing ovation.

Hal Holbrook to perform tonight as 'Mark Twain' at Cowan Center

The Cowan Center will feature actor Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight this evening at 8 p.m.

Tickets are still available to students. They cost \$12 each and can be picked up at the Cowan Center Box Office between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Student ID is required to receive tickets.

The Tony Award-Winning show will run for one night only.

Holbrook has played Mark Twain for 44 years, making Mark Twain Tonight one of the longest-running shows in theatre history. He has won five and been nominated for 12 Emmy Awards and has made appearances in many films, including All the President's Men and The Firm.

LETTER

Time management crucial to college success

I would like to say this to the remaining 85 freshmen students still enrolled at UT Tyler:

Effective time management is very crucial once a person enters college. Often it is the most critical skill for a student who is learning to live away from home and juggling classes, a part-time job, and new out-of-class involvement.

Since most colleges do not offer courses on "How to Study," plan to spend at least two nights studying for any major exam. Set aside even more time for writing papers, especially if research is required.

Do not forget the time it will take to type and print the paper, especially if you need to schedule computer time. It is also a good idea to allow extra time for computer emergencies—today's version of "the dog ate my homework."

Read the assignment before class—not right before the test. By reading ahead of time, the lectures will

make more sense.

Go to class. Your own notes will be more helpful than friends. Read your lecture notes. Plan your study time.

One expert recommends studying for 50 minutes, then breaking for 10 minutes; little incentives can help keep you going.

Rather than highlighting several passages in your reading, write notes or questions to yourself in the margins. This will strengthen your retention.

Even if you are racing to start a paper, take a few extra minutes to prepare a workable outline. It will be easier to structure your paper when you start writing. These tips worked for me! Good luck! Stay in school. A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE!

John Anyanwu
Graduate Student
Teacher Education

Opinion:

Do something on a day off

By Courtney Owen

Arts/Entertainment Writer

A stormy day, a raging case of the flu, or a federal holiday—every now and then we're all forced to stay home for the day.

This doesn't mean that 24 hours have to be wasted. There are plenty of ways to stay busy and have fun around your house.

The obvious solution would be to spend the day sleeping, or sitting mindlessly in front of the television. Sure, those things are relaxing, but why not do something different?

Take a walk back in time. You know

that old box that's in your attic, or closet, or under the bed? Yes, the one that hides your first grade report card and senior prom pictures from the world.

A lazy day at home is the perfect time to drag that old stuff out and put it together in a scrapbook or photo album. You'll laugh so hard looking at those ancient artifacts that the day will fly by.

If you have kids, or a roommate, or live with anyone else, set up an ultimate board game tournament.

It sounds silly, but after a round of Scrabble and a fierce game of Trivial

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Opinion:

Clintons can't demand privacy for Chelsea

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

People magazine has been involved in a controversy with the President and the first lady. But, the argument is not about sex or lies. It concerns the privacy of the Clinton's daughter, Chelsea.

People's cover story features Hillary and Chelsea Clinton with the following headline: "Hillary and Chelsea—Grace Under Fire." In a preview of the story, the popular, celebrity-oriented magazine states that the feature is "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal," referring to the affair Bill Clinton had with Monica Lewinsky and his subsequent impeachment.

Although the story portrays the Clinton women in a positive light, Bill and Hillary Clinton were not pleased with People's decision to run this story because they believe it denies Chelsea's right to privacy.

The Clintons said they were "profoundly saddened" that People decided to run the feature. They also issued this statement regarding the story: "Unfortunately, despite personal appeals with respect to her [Chelsea's] privacy and her security from her parents, People magazine has chosen to run the story. We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter."

Many say Chelsea is not a public figure. In other words, they believe she has not done anything to thrust herself into the limelight; therefore, her privacy should be respected and protected.

Others say Chelsea is a public figure as well as an adult, (she will be 19 on Feb. 27) so the media has every

right to cover newsworthy aspects of her life.

Recently, at the Miss USA pageant, the final three contestants had to answer the following question: "President and Mrs. Clinton are upset with People magazine for running a cover story on their daughter, Chelsea. Do you think Chelsea Clinton should be off limits to the media?" Every contestant answered "Yes."

When looking at this subject, most people place themselves in Bill and Hillary's place. Thinking like a protective parent, a reasonable person would agree that Chelsea should not be hounded by the media like John F. Kennedy's children were.

However, just because Chelsea has not done anything to put herself in the limelight does not mean she is not a public figure. It is possible to be a public figure without actually doing something to become one.

For example, Princes William and Harry were born into the royal family. Although they did nothing to become public figures, they will always be public figures because of the family they were born into. The media will always have interest in the royal family, so the Princes can expect media coverage all their lives.

Similarly, Chelsea Clinton happens to be the daughter of the President of the United States. Bill Clinton made the decision to get into politics and run for president. His decision to put his family in the spotlight makes each adult member of his family a public figure. Chelsea is legally an adult; therefore, she is a public figure.

If the Clintons are so worried about their daughter receiving press coverage, Bill Clinton should have thought about that before he brought his family into the political arena. After all, one would think that any favorable media coverage would be welcomed by the Clinton family at this time.

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Opinion: "That parkin' spot ain't big enough for both of us"

By Nancy J. Garcia

Editorial Assistant

The mission: Find the best spot to park your car. The problem: You overslept and you only have six minutes to locate a spot. Strategy: Wait till the 9:50 a.m. class ends and follow the students to potential parking spots. Start your engines!

I'm trying to park in front of the Business Building. Which makes me one of 20 other students with the same idea.

I see a guy stepping onto the lot. He's looking around and knows I'm following him. He walks, then walks slower and slower, then looks

left and right and then he stops. "Is this guy lost?" He then gets on his tiptoes, as if peering for his car. How embarrassing, he doesn't remember where he left his car. How long was he in the building, I wondered.

I leave the loser behind and spot a backpack. She gets to her car. She looks at me and opens the car door. I turn on my blinker, marking my territory, as to make other parking detectives aware that, "Hey, this spot is mine." The backpack girl opens the door, takes off her backpack, puts it in her car and pulls out a book.

"No, no, no!" She looks in my direction as if to say, "I'm not leaving," but not courteous enough to actually

TELL me.

I turn off my blinker and shake my head, telling her, "I can't believe you didn't tell me that you weren't leaving. You saw me following you all the way to your car."

She just shrugs her shoulders, saying, "Sorry."

Meanwhile, the guy who was behind me took the spot of amnesia guy. Great!

I start the ritual again. This time I notice a student in a suit. She's sure to be leaving for work. I follow her and she points at her car as she approaches it. Pointing—the sure sign that tells me, "I'm leaving, you can have my spot."

She drives off. I pull into the spot with a smile on my face, that soon turns into a frown. Just kill me. FACULTY is marked in black bold letters on the white tombstone.

I look at my watch, time is running out. Come on people, get in your cars and leave. Just then, I notice a student and he's walking. I drive. He walks. I follow. He starts quickening his pace, sort of like a mall walker. I drive a little faster. And then he walks straight out of the parking lot. That

was nice, really nice. Thanks buddy. I give him the cold stare of death. I should have run him over when I had the chance.

I still have three minutes to find THE spot before my 10 a.m. class starts. This is the time when students break onto the parking lot like balls on a pool table and you have to be quick to find which ball is going to which pocket. Break!

I scan for any movement, a brightly colored coat, a hairpiece blowing in the wind, anything. A guy with key in hand looks at me and points at his car, telling me, "Hey, over here. I'm about to move." I nod and show him my appreciation by showing him my palm and waving "Thanks, bro, you're alright."

It was a beautiful spot, right beside handicapped parking.

As I put the car in reverse, I see another car driving towards my spot. She better not even think about it. The guy gave me authorization, he pointed; did she not see that? It's reserved.

I get to the spot but so does the girl. She's right in front of me, the guy

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Opinion: Red wine can have unexpected benefits

By Cherilyn Raines

Contributing Writer

Don't smoke tobacco. Don't drink alcohol. Definitely do not eat anything that tastes good because it must be bad for you. That is the trend. Most things enjoyable are not healthy. Why would you ever think that red wine could be good for you?

Surprisingly, it has been proven that drinking 1-2 glasses of red wine a day can reduce the risk of coronary artery disease.

Coronary artery disease is characterized by the narrowing of the arteries. Red wine is a true "life saver" because the narrowing of the arteries to the heart is the main contributor to the No. 1 cause of death in the United States, cardiovascular disease.

One reason this disease occurs is "bad cholesterol" attaches to the walls of the arteries and slowly builds-up. This eventually blocks the blood flow to the heart. It is like plumbing with so much build-up it will no longer drain.

What role does red wine play in all of this? Red wine, according to *Annals of Nutrition and Metabolism* and *Journal of Clinical Laboratory Analysis*, reduces the amount of "bad cholesterol" and increases the amount of "good cholesterol." In doing this, there is more "good cholesterol" available to carry the "bad cholesterol" to the liver for disposal. In addition, there is less "bad cholesterol" in the blood that could develop a clot or blockage.

Another positive aspect published in the professional medical journal, *Qjm*, reported red wine increases the size of

the "bad cholesterol." The size of the cholesterol is very important. The bigger the cholesterol, the less likely it will "stick" to the walls of the arteries. This makes it less likely for coronary artery disease to begin.

Red wine's success is attributed to the ingredients flavanoids and phenols. The *American Journal of Cardiology* found that these two components work as antioxidants. This keeps the "bad cholesterol" from being damaged. One would think that damaging them would be a positive thing, but it is not. Damaging "bad cholesterol" increases the chance of producing a clot and build-up in the arteries.

There is one catch. Drinking has to be in moderation.

In January's edition of *Archives of Internal Medicine*, the results of a ten year study on the effects of alcohol reinforced this idea. It found that moderate drinkers (2-6 drinks a week) were healthier than heavy (two or more drinks a day) or light (less than one drink a week) drinkers.

There was a 34 percent to 53 percent less chance of dying from cardiovascular disease in the moderate drinkers than the others.

The American Heart Association agrees. In *Circulation*, it advised the health benefits of alcohol are limited to 1-2 drinks a day.

Despite warnings, millions of Americans die each year from the effects of coronary artery disease. Researchers continue to try to find a cure-all and are constantly warning people of things not to do. In this case, there are benefits to something enjoyable to many people. If you like red wine, drink it. But do it in moderation.

Opinion: Cloning: dangerous game

By Kelli Vance

Systems Manager

Last year, a doctoral student at the University of Hawaii developed a new, more efficient cloning technique. Teruhiko Wakayama did it in his spare time.

Those familiar with cloning news may remember the Scottish scientist, Ian Wilmut, who cloned a sheep and named the twin "Dolly." Well, move over Dolly, you've been replaced.

Wakayama's cloning success rate is three out of every 100 attempts. Wilmut's was about one in 277. The new process has been dubbed the "Honolulu Technique." So far, the researcher has developed five generations of healthy, reproducing specimens.

Wakayama experiments on mice. Apparently, mice cells are some of the hardest to clone. They also have a short gestation period, making it easier to determine the success rate. How many species have been subjected to cloning is unknown.

The cloning issue may become the nuclear issue of this age. It will be a challenge to keep this technology out of the wrong hands.

Another issue not mentioned is the fate of the failures. Were they mutations? What becomes of the experiments gone wrong?

Researchers extol the new cloning technique. It is hoped the technology will eventually be applied to other mammals. These animals will be genetically altered to produce human proteins and useful drugs. I suppose the original livestock will be equivalent to name brands while their same-ingredient clones will be dubbed "generics."

Researchers are quick to say these cloned animals will be used to produce organs for human transplant.

Animal testing has certainly been elevated to a new level. Testing and harvesting organs from genetically altered animals will certainly get the attention of animal rights activists the world over.

How many generations of animals will be horribly disfigured in the name of science?

Animal-to-human transplants are known as xenografts. The animal's genetic codes will be altered so that human genes will accept the new organs.

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The show will go on

Cowan Center not in financial trouble, director says

by Courtney Owen

Entertainment

Recently, rumors have been circulating around campus that the Cowan Center is in financial trouble.

These rumors may have been sparked by news that some events for the 1999-2000 season were cancelled.

But according to the Cowan Center's interim director, Mary Untersee, the Cowan Center is doing just fine.

The cancelled shows were more of a preventative measure, she said, "to

ensure that we have a financially successful season."

With each season the center attracts increasingly prestigious speakers and performers, and there were simply too many to choose from for the 1999-2000 season, Untersee said.

Choices had to be made to ensure that the Cowan Center provides UTT and the community with the best it can bring.

Even with the cancellations, Untersee said, next season at the Cowan Center will be just as excit-

ing and eventful as the 1998-1999 season.

Many musical, dance, and theatrical groups, in addition to speakers, are scheduled to appear. President Rodney Mabry will announce these events, which include some rather high profile names, later this semester.

The Cowan Center still has some events to offer this spring, including actor Hal Holbrook's performance of "Mark Twain Live" tonight at 8 p.m.

Student tickets for the Holbrook

performance are still available for \$12 at the Cowan Center box office.

In March, catch Stomp, Burt Bachrach, and Joan Morris with William Bolcom.

April is busy as well, with the Boys Choir of Harlem, opera star Denyce Graves, two UT Tyler and TJC band concerts, and Distinguished Lecturer George Stephanopoulos.

Contact the Cowan Center at (903) 566-7270 for exact dates and times of these events.

Enrollment up 3.9 percent

Graduate student program steadily decreasing

by Latisha Davis

Managing Editor/Layout

Enrollment at UTT is up 3.9 percent. Total enrollment this spring is 3,291,

compared with 3,171 in the spring of 1998.

Male-female ratio is 1-2.

Martha Wheat, director of admissions and student records, offered insight on why enrollment has increased.

"Undergraduate enrollment has remained about the same (since 1993)," Wheat said. Records show that in 1993, total enrollment at the undergraduate level was 2,429. This spring it is 2,317.

On the graduate level, however, enrollment has dropped from 1,400 in the spring of 1993 to 974 this spring. Wheat said a big reason for this is probably cost, which has doubled since 1993.

"You've got to be serious about

going to school. Most people find it difficult to pay the price," Wheat said. She said not as many people are taking classes for recreation any more.

Despite the long-term decline in the graduate program, enrollment increased in both programs from last spring.

"To get a movement at both the undergraduate and graduate level is encouraging," Wheat said, "especially in the graduate program. It's an important area to see some movement in a positive direction."

Wheat also said that enrollment is affected by community college enrollment in our area. As more students enter local schools such as Tyler Junior College and Kilgore College, more choose to continue at a four-year institution.

"Enrollment in the area community colleges determines enrollment here a few years down the road," she said.

Two new tax laws give students a break

Are you footing the costs of higher education for yourself or your family? The new tax laws for 1998 tax returns can help.

Two brand new education-related tax credits are available. If you qualify, you can subtract the full credit from your federal income tax.

The first is the HOPE Credit for undergraduates. Students can get a \$1,500 credit per year for the first two years of post-secondary education. It does not apply to graduate and professional level programs.

The other is the Lifetime Learning Credit, which applies to graduate and undergraduate study. This plan offers up to a \$1,000 credit per year.

The amount of each credit is determined by the amount of your modified adjustable gross income. These education credits are subtracted from your tax but they are non-refundable. This means if the

credits are more than your tax, the excess is not refunded to you.

If you pay for qualified tuition and related expenses for an academic period that begins in the first three months of the following year, you can use the prepaid amount in figuring your credit.

For example, if you pay \$2,000 in December 1998 for qualified tuition for the winter 1999 semester that begins in January 1999, you can use that \$2,000 in figuring your 1998 credit.

You cannot use any amount you paid in 1997 in figuring higher education credits for your 1998 tax return.

For more information, refer to the Internal Revenue Service Publication 970, visit their website at www.irs.ustreas.gov, or call (703) 321-8020.

Taken from the the publication *Tax Benefits for Higher Education* at www.irs.ustreas.gov

Seven in counseling psychology recognized for School Counselor Appreciation Month

The Department of Psychology recognized seven graduate students who are completing their master's degree in counseling psychology, Dr. Shirley Jones, associate professor of counseling education, announced.

"February is School Counselor Appreciation month and an appropriate time to recognize graduate students who are completing their degree in school counseling and

professional counseling," said Jones.

The students and their school districts are Laurie Boze, Kaufman ISD; Jarret Edwards, Frankstone ISD; Dana Hamrick, Quitman ISD; Diana Helms Karney, Union Hill ISD; Peggy Hughes, Gladewater ISD; Christy McCown, Crandall ISD; and Lula Waskom, Marshall ISD.

The UTT school counseling pro-

gram strives to prepare graduate students to successfully meet the primary goals and objectives of the educational mission of public schools. Competent school counseling services are becoming more and more critical to handle a myriad of student needs and to teach coping skills to children and teens from a variety of family lifestyles and an ever-increasing complex society, stated Jones.

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Sigma Tau Delta accepting *The Laurel* entries

Submissions for Sigma Tau Delta's literary magazine, *The Laurel*, are should be turned into the English Department secretary no later than Feb. 26.

Poetry, short stories and creative essays may be submitted by any UT Tyler student, faculty or staff member.

A \$50 prize will be awarded for the best entry.

For further information contact Bob Myers at 566-7460.

Student volunteers needed for Career Fair '99

Career Services is seeking volunteers to assist employers in setting up, organization and cleaning up at the 1999 Career Fair being held in the UC lobby on March 30 from noon until 6 p.m.

Student volunteers will have the opportunity to meet employers from the surrounding areas on an informal basis.

For more information or to sign up contact Ardith Weiss in UC 282 or call 565-5581.

Art professor receives 1999 President's Citation

Gary Hatcher, assistant professor of art at UTT, was awarded a 1999 President's Citation by the University of North Texas.

This recognition is awarded to an individual whose extraordinary service or accomplishments significantly help UNT accomplish its mission.

Hatcher graduated cum laude from UNT with a bachelor of fine arts degree and has gone on to earn recognition for his ceramic art and published writings on ceramics.

He serves as a guest editor for *Studio Potter Magazine* and was the focus of an article in the Australian publication *Ceramics Art and Perception*.

Hatcher will be holding exhibitions of his work at the Tyler Museum of Art in May and at Baylor University in September.

E-mail offered for UTT spring semester students

UTT offers e-mail for students registered for the Spring 1999 semester.

Accounts will be available Jan. 19.

Each student's e-mail address will be their first name, middle initial and last name followed by stemail.uttyl.edu.

The user ID is the student's first name, middle initial and last name with each student's birthdate serving as the password.

The UTT e-mail system will allow students to forward their e-mail to their own personal e-mail address.

E-mail accounts will expire at the end of each semester and accounts will be reloaded at the beginning of each semester.

Any questions and problems should be reported to 565-5757.

Student Association plans March Six Flags trip

Everyone is invited to the Student Association trip to Six Flags on March 13.

Trip-goers will leave the UC parking lot at 9 a.m. and will stop and eat along the way so that they will arrive at the amusement park at noon.

The trip will end at the UC parking lot later that night at 11:30 p.m.

Transportation will be provided to students at no charge. Nonstudents will be charged an additional \$8, payable at the Cashier's Office, for the bus ride.

Tickets can be purchased in the Cashier's Office for \$18.99 by Feb. 26.

For more information contact the Student Association at 566-7083.

Safe Kid Coalition requests bicycle helmets

The Tyler-Smith County Safe Kid Coalition has requested 300 bicycle helmets in the Texas Department of Health Safe Riders Program.

The helmets will be distributed through a series of bicycle rodeos conducted in the City of Tyler and surrounding communities.

Contact D.E. Sciarrini at 535-0036.

Health District gets \$45,000 for internet access

Smith County Public Health District will receive \$45,000 to incorporate high-speed Internet access as a research, communications and healthcare delivery tool.

Grant funds will be used for computer equipment, networking materials and other related telecommunications costs.

Grants available for summer trip

By Jennifer Hernandez

Copy Editor

The UT Tyler School of Business Administration's fifth exchange program to Guadalajara, Mexico, still has grants available.

According to Dr. Gary Clendenen, assistant professor of management, the cost of the trip, including airfare, meals, room, tuition at UTT for six credit hours and miscellaneous expenses is approximately \$1,600 for students who received a grant from the UTT School of Business.

Clendenen stated that there were still three grants available.

Students will live in an off-campus apartment located in a retail area near the University of Guadalajara, a short bus ride from Tec de Monterrey.

Each apartment will house four students and include a kitchen.

Weekend trips include nearby cities such as Puerto Vallarta or the ancient

pyramids in Central Mexico.

Tec de Monterrey is a private university founded in 1943 by a group of Monterrey businessmen to provide the community with a source of high quality technical education.

The university has expanded to include 26 campuses throughout Mexico with more than 45,000 students.

The campus includes an Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool, soccer fields, gymnasium, volleyball and tennis courts.

The university also contains a fully equipped computer lab and a library which contains 1,500 compact discs and 31 other electronic databases.

In the first summer session two three-credit-hour courses will be offered in Guadalajara at the Tec de Monterrey.

The courses, *Doing Business in Mexico* and *Mexican Culture*, are open to undergraduate or graduate business administration majors and will be taught in English.

Career Fair March 5

The School of Business Administration will be hosting its first Business Career Fair on March 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Business Building lobby.

"We want a large student turnout because their participation will make the companies want to come back," Leslie Toombs, associate professor of management, said.

Twenty companies including Southside Bank, Secured Trust Bank, Snelling Personnel Services, RPS, Express Personnel, Remedy Intelligent Staffing, Home Depot, Morgan Stanley

Dean Witter, Merrill Lynch-Dallas, The Buckle, Brookshire's, SWEPCO, Sherwin Williams and Texas Department of Banking will gather to meet with students concerning career opportunities within their respective organizations. Some of the exhibitors are prescheduling interviews with students.

To see the listing of companies conducting on campus interviews and to schedule appointments, visit the Business Career Center in BUS 146 or University Center UC 282 or contact Leslie Toombs 565-5750.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Intramural basketball in session

Student activities has a number of events planned for the next few weeks. Intramural basketball is in session now. Games are Mondays and Thursdays at Texas College.

The Rose City Classic is March 11 at Texas College. The state intramural basketball competition will be March 12-14 at Southern Methodist University.

Free tennis lessons are offered on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at the tennis courts.

Bowling is at Green Acres Bowl March 10 and 24. A tournament will be March 31.

For more information on student activities and intramurals, contact Ernest McAllister in Room 111 of the University Center.

Tyler Tennis Association holds festival to increase support, enthusiasm for game

By Jeff Sprick

News Editor

The Tyler Tennis Association has started its first lineup of programs to increase tennis awareness throughout East Texas. It held a tennis festival recently at UTT at the Summers Tennis Center and the University Center allowing kids to play different games, have food and play with Rocky the Clown.

The festival was rained out, but was moved inside the University Center.

It is a part of several programs called Tennis 1-2-3. Once beginning players get better, they start playing more in the USA Tennis Free for All. Once they have learned all of the fundamentals they can then compete in the USA Team Tennis.

We received a large amount of funds to increase tennis awareness in Tyler, USA Tennis Free For All Captain Ken Olivia said.

"This will help unify community organizations to expand tennis participa-

tion and help the kids learn more about tennis and bring more players to the game in the future," Karen Ford, United States Tennis Association national representative, said.

UTT President Rodney Mabry was also there, delivering an opening speech at the event.

"Tennis is alive and well in Tyler. Programs like these will help keep the tennis facilities in constant use," Mabry said.

The kids went inside and continued to play. Rocky the clown entertained them, while also trying to get them interested in tennis. He used balloons and wild antics to entertain the adults and East Texas area tennis representatives.

"I'm glad to get the kids into a sport like tennis," Rocky the clown said.

Nine year old Brandon Toigo said he could beat Rocky at tennis anytime. They both practiced playing several times.

More program are being planned like this. Tennis lessons will begin next



photo by Jeff Sprick

Rocky the clown makes balloon sculptures for children at recent Tyler Tennis Association festival

week at the Summers Tennis Center on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. They will continue for several more weeks.

"I encourage everyone to participate.

Everyone from frequent players to beginners should participate so more people can get into the game for the betterment of Tyler," Ford said.

Supek discusses possibility of American involvement in Kosovo

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

Dr. Olga Supek, assistant to the dean of Liberal Arts and senior lecturer in social sciences, told guests at a UTT brown bag luncheon recently that she could see no short-term solutions to the current problems in Kosovo.

Supek, a native of Croatia, discussed why the ethnic Albanians are fighting the Serbs in a Balkan conflict that might eventually involve American soldiers as peacekeepers.

"The ethnic Albanians are demanding their independence [from Serbia], and Slobodan Milosevic [President of Yugoslavia] is causing all these problems. Basically, this is a question of national sovereignty," she said.

Yugoslavia was formed after World War I, but it contained ethnic groups who found cooperation very difficult.

In 1948, a Universal Declaration of Human Rights from the United Nations (UN) proclaimed that every

ethnic group has the right to self-determination. This was the basis for decolonization in the '50s, '60s and '70s.

However, now the mood has changed. The world does not support each ethnic group having its own state because this could cause chaos. Therefore, the UN is now reluctant to recognize any border changes in Yugoslavia.

Kosovo had autonomy within Yugoslavia until 1988, when Milosevic abolished it.

"Belgrade ruled with an iron fist over Kosovo until a recent uprising," Supek said.

Supek went to Kosovo for an anthropological study in 1984. She showed slides of the trip. She said tensions between the two groups had already started when she was in Kosovo, but the person guiding her group avoided areas where the fighting was going on.

"Tensions between the ethnic Albanians and Serbs in Kosovo began in the early '80s and have been

simmering ever since," Supek said.

"But the situation has been overshadowed by the wars in Croatia and Bosnia in the early '90s."

Supek said what she remembers most about Kosovo is a contrast between the "field and the mountains."

"The field was beautiful and densely populated, but the mountainous region was not. About two million people live in Kosovo, which is about the size of Connecticut," she said.

Supek described how she feels when she watches the news and sees the fighting going on in Kosovo.

"I have these recollections of people there and I feel pain when I see the pictures of the massacres on the news. I'm listening to the news everyday, but at this point, I have no clue what they'll do," she said.

Supek said the ethnic Albanians want the international community to grant them a referendum on independence.

"They want to have a chance to vote for independence to secede and they want foreign presence to make sure they won't be harassed by the Yugoslav army," she said.

However, Supek said she does not think the ethnic Albanians will win their own state, nor does she believe they will give up.

"I think international presence will have to be there. Serbia is economically wrecked, and they need economic sanctions to be lifted. If the economic sanctions could be lifted in exchange for an international presence in Kosovo, that might work," she said.

Although Supek said she doesn't know what will occur in Kosovo, she doesn't believe that an end to the fighting is in sight.

"I just don't see a solution to the conflict in the short run. But, in the long run, they will need cultural autonomy and participation in the larger European community," she said.

History class to tour Central Europe in June

By Renee Conditt

Production Manager

"It's a new world growing and changing before our eyes," Dr. Patricia A. Gajda, professor of history, said.

Gajda will take her students to tour Central Europe in June.

Her travel study course, Central European Empires, is a six-credit hour course that studies the region which is now the home of independent democratic states: Poland, Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary.

Gajda said the class will also visit Berlin, the once-divided city that symbolized the division of Europe in the Cold War.

Classes will be held on Friday evenings in May, but the travel will take place June 12-27, during the first summer semester.

Students will return in time for the second summer semester enrollment.

"It is an exciting course and itinerary," Gajda said. "In fact, I am offering it again because I've had so many requests after our students returned in 1996 with all their glowing stories and encouraged their friends to enroll next time the course was offered."

Students who want to enroll in the

history class should contact Dr. Gajda now.

She is currently taking applications for the course and also for International Studies Grants.

The grants will pay at least \$400.

The first set of grants for students was awarded Feb. 19, but some grants are still available. The remaining grants will be awarded March 5.

Financial Aid is also available for those who qualify.

Gajda said the last students who took the course found Vienna so full of world-class museums that it was hard for them to make a decision on which museum to write about in a report.

In Warsaw, Poland, students walked around the city and viewed the restored medieval quarter of the city that was nearly leveled during the World War.

In Croaw, students also saw Wawel Hill, the Renaissance royal palace and Cathedral where Polish kings and other national heroes are buried.

During a visit to Berlin in 1990, Gajda said she and a group of her students passed into East Berlin through a hole in a fence.

After a two-block exploration, the UT Tyler group decided to "return to the

West and cause no international incidents," she said.

The next day they entered East Berlin legally for a city tour.

"Students have appreciated seeing such historical places as Berlin's Reichstag, the once and future home of the German parliament, the Brandenburg gate and the nearby site where the infamous wall once stood," Gajda said.

"Europe's rivers are full of history," she said.

Today boats carry visitors through the heart of Budapest, Hungary. From the Danube River, which threads through the city, the royal palace, romantic bridges and neo-Gothic Parliament buildings can be seen.

The Vltava River, known in America as the Moldau, flows through the city of Prague in the Czech Republic.

This is the city where the movie *Amadeus* was filmed.

According to Gajda, "No matter when you are in Prague, there is always a concert going on."

She suggests buying a ticket and listen to the music of "Mozart and the other greats being performed in the large and small concert halls and churches of the city."

She says there are also outdoor markets in all the cities, and there is always some unique bargain to bring home.

Central Europe is becoming the center of an exciting culture and night life, Gajda said.

Outdoor musical or dramatic performances are common.

People watch other people from sidewalk cafes.

There are old pubs, and even Hard Rock Cafes have become part of the scene. "No travel study class ever returns home without tee-shirts to prove it," Gajda said.

But not all visits are to happy sites.

The UTT students visited the concentration camp at Auschwitz with grief and tears. Some of the views were familiar to them because they had seen documentaries on TV.

As Gajda explains, "We try to imagine living in a gray, dark cell too small for standing; we try to understand the massive displays of brown and green valises, lusterless eyeglasses and once-black, brown or blond hair taken from the unfortunate inmates; we mourn at an open crematorium oven, where today a lone yellow flower has been left by a mourner who remembers."

JW Finn's to open in early April

Becky Roseborough

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JW Finns should be opening its facilities April 3 in the University Center, according to Scott Scarborough, chief fiscal officer.

"The date they're saying it will be finished is March 27. Our contract says they must be operational one week later, which is April 3. The only thing that could delay this is if the commercial kitchen equipment comes in late," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said the restaurant opening was delayed from its original completion date because extensive renovations were necessary.

"It's not a small project. We're not talking about putting up a Chick-Fil-A that is the same style in each restaurant. We're putting up a special, customized project," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said the purpose of renovating this area is for the students to view the UC as a comfortable place to hang out.

"After the opening of JW Finns, the UC will be 10 times more of a student environment than it has been in the past," Scarborough said.

The renovations on the food service area alone have cost \$550,000. The money for the project is coming from tuition revenue bonds UTT received from the Texas Legislature.

Scarborough said he is not sure what hours JW Finns will be open, but he said at a minimum, it will be open for breakfast, lunch and mid afternoon.

"For night students, it will be an issue of supply and demand. If the demand is there, they will be motivated to keep it open for night students," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said students will not have to be worried about the restaurant jacking up its prices just because it is located on a college campus.

"The prices here for their items will be less than what you would pay at JW Finns. Their contract requires them not to charge more here than they would at their restaurant, but when I looked at the prices, they are taking it one step further and charging less," he said.

The restaurant will offer a salad bar, potato bar, pizza station, a serving line with a special of the day and the traditional items currently offered at JW Finns.

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It will be interesting to see how "human" these animals become, even if only their organs are affected. How much human genetic coding must an animal possess before "harvesting" is likened to murder? Genetic animal farms would be called concentration camps.

Cloning humans may not be far behind. If scientists decide to try it, they will be hard-pressed to find a willing female who would be willing to be the host. Unfortu-

nately, there may be women out there who can be convinced if the price is right.

Human cloning will not produce a person identical to the one cloned. For example, if Saddam Hussein has himself cloned, his "double" will have to go through the birth process and then childhood. Even then each life is like a thumbprint. No two are exactly alike. Research on twins has proven that. Saddam junior could turn out to be a philanthropist.

The cloning issue obviously has two sides. Some view it as a way to save mankind by replacing diseased or failing organs; others view it as wholly unethical and dangerous.

Cloning may fail in the long run anyway. Who knows what natural bacteria or viruses lurk in animal tissue? Animals have a natural immunity against these organisms. The organs designed to save may kill people because their "natural ingredients" surface.

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Pursuit, your mind will be stretched and your ego boosted—that is if you win.

For added fun, make the loser clean the kitchen.

Another way to kill time is to—gasp—actually do something productive. We all have projects, research papers, and other homework that nag at us all semester.

Sure, procrastinating is fun, but think how fun it would be if next weekend you didn't have to worry about reading chapter 10 in your psychology book.

Using a free day to get caught up on homework not only passes time, but will leave you with more free time later when you can actually go out and do something.

Finally, if studying and playing don't interest you, try one of these activities: cook a new recipe, draw a picture, write a letter to a friend, clean out your closet or read a book. So, the next time school's closed or you have the flu, don't say that your day will be wasted. Try one of these ideas, and you'll wish you had an extra day more often.

Parking

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can't pull out. I turn on my blinker, she does the same. I look straight at her, tapping my fingers on my steering wheel. She does it too. People start getting out of their cars and point in our direction. A tumbleweed rolls by.

I put my hands up in disbelief. She's breaking the rules. By this time the cars behind us are honking on both sides, telling us to move. But we won't budge.

Then the guy in the spot gives us the four-letter honk-the-long-honk without a pause. I swerve around her stupid car and she smiles and sticks out her tongue. I frown and stick out ... well, not my tongue.

It's 9:59. I hit my steering wheel with my fist and round the corner for the fifth time. I settled for an empty space beside the forgotten car that died on someone back in '88.

I turn off the radio, which was playing REM's "Everybody Hurts" hit, and get out, carrying my materials for the long day ahead and take the nature walk up to the building. As I pass the front row of parking sports cars drive off one by one, almost synchronized. I sigh not realizing that I left my lights on.

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