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Stephanopoulos comes to UT Tyler's Distinguished Lecture Series April 1

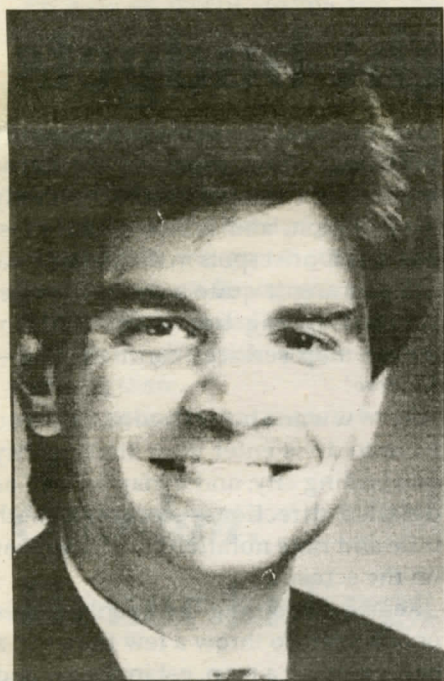
Courtney Owen

Entertainment Writer

Political analyst and former presidential assistant George Stephanopoulos will speak at the Cowan Center at 8 p.m. April 1.

Stephanopoulos was an outspoken presidential assistant, serving as senior advisor for policy and strategy under President Bill Clinton.

He was a key strategist for Clinton in the 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns and was involved in developing most major policy initiatives during Clinton's first term in office.



Concerning Stephanopoulos, Clinton said, "From the snows in New Hampshire until the present day, no one has rendered me better advice, nor given more loyal service to this nation than George Stephanopoulos. There's no one in Washington who has a better understanding of the intersection of politics and policy and the way those affect the American people."

Stephanopoulos grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and received his bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University in New York.

He then went on to study theology and ethics at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

Stephanopoulos began his career in Washington as an aide to several congressmen, including current minority leader Richard Gephardt.

In 1992, he joined the Clinton-Gore team as deputy campaign manager and

director of communications.

In January 1997, Stephanopoulos left the White House. He now teaches at Columbia University and works for ABC News as a political commentator and analyst.

Stephanopoulos' speech will mark the end of the 1998-1999 Distinguished Lecture Series Season, which has also featured political analyst David Gergen and former Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres.

"UT Tyler's Distinguished Lecture Series has become a great tradition in East Texas and ranks among the finest university lecture programs in the United States. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, the entire university community and the public to hear speakers known nationally and internationally," UTT President Mabry said.

General admission tickets are \$10. Complimentary tickets are available to students of UT Tyler and area high schools, junior/community colleges and universities who present a valid student identification card.

Patron tickets, at \$100 per person, include reserved parking, reserved seating and a special pre-lecture reception with Stephanopoulos.

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



Stomp, a group that uses unusual instruments to create percussion rhythms, will perform at UT Tyler March 23-24

Percussion group stomps into Tyler March 21, 22

By Courtney Owen

Entertainment Writer

Stomp, the international stage act that combines percussion, movement and visual comedy, will perform at UT Tyler's Cowan fine and Performing Arts Center on March 23 and 24.

The performers "make a rhythm out of anything we can get our hands on," said co-founder/director Luke Cresswell.

Brooms are used in place of violins; people and lighters combine to become a fiery figure onstage.

The performers use everything but conventional instruments—trash cans, plastic bags, plungers, boots and more—to fill the stage with noise.

Stomp was created in Brighton, England in 1991; the result of a 10 year

collaboration between its creators, Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas.

The show runs two concurrent national tours, covering over 100 cities on the road, as well as the New York company's continuous sellout run at the Orpheum Theatre, now in its fifth year.

In addition to their stage shows, Stomp's performers have appeared in movies, television and awards shows and commercials.

For both its stage and television work Stomp has received many awards, including a 1998 Emmy Award, New York's Obie Award, a Drama Desk Award and a Grammy nomination.

Tickets for Stomp are \$38.50 and \$42.50, and can be purchased at the Cowan Center Box office, or through Star Tickets by calling (888) 597-7827.

UT Tyler students:

Tomorrow is the last day to withdraw from a class with a "W." Students withdraw in the Admissions Office.

Restaurant serves up action from another time

By Cherilyn Raines

Contributing Writer

It would be nice to escape reality for a while. Imagine being able to get out of the '90s and take a trip back in time.

What an adventure it would be to go to a time and place where kings ruled the land and battles were fought on horseback.

Medieval Times in Dallas makes this possible.

It is the place to go for grand entertainment and a great meal.

It is suggested to arrive an hour before the show begins. This gives the visitor a chance to enjoy some of the exhibits that are available.

A person can enter the torture chamber for \$2.50. It displays some of the instruments that were used for torturing people during the Middle Ages.

After that, a visitor can view the

horses that participate in the show by looking through a window to the stables.

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available at the bar. The prices range from \$3.50-\$3.75 for beer and \$6 for frozen mixed drinks. The margaritas and piña coladas are worth \$6. A souvenir glass is offered with the mixed drinks for an extra \$4.

For people interested in weapons, there are swords and daggers for sale to those over the age of 18. The prices range from \$125-\$450. If buying them is not an option, they are interesting to look at.

The employees enhance the Medieval theme by dressing in costumes.

Some are knights, others are servants, and, of course, there is the honorable king and queen.

There is an opportunity to pose with the king and queen for a free snapshot using your camera.

If there is a special occasion, such as a birthday, a person can be "knighted" by the king and receive a picture of the event for an additional \$12.

After enjoying some of the displays and maybe having a few drinks, it is time for the show to begin.

It opens with the horses and their trainers "dancing" to different tunes. The gracefulness of the horses is amazing.

Next, the games and fighting begin. This part of the show combines master sword fighting and great choreography.

Medieval Times is different from other shows because audience participation is encouraged. The louder the crowd is, the better.

Dinner is eaten during the festivities. It begins with vegetable soup for an appetizer. Next, the chicken, potatoes and ribs are served. Dessert

is an apple turnover. All of the items are served steaming hot and have great flavor.

If meat is not part of your diet, Medieval Times does offer a vegetable plate. It includes heaping portions of rice, corn, carrots, cauliflower and broccoli.

Dinner is eaten in a unique way because silverware is not allowed. Fingers are the only utensils used.

The prices for the dinner and show are \$38.95 for adults and \$25.95 for children.

Reservations are required and tickets can be bought in advance.

Medieval Times is open Wednesday through Sunday and the times for each performance vary.

If you would like to enjoy a trip back in time, Medieval Times in Dallas offers to take you there. It is a great place to experience the excitement and entertainment of a different era.

Opinion:

Spring Break options available for tight budgets

By Courtney Owen

Entertainment Writer

So it's four days before spring break, and you still haven't made plans. You think all hope is lost, and you'll be spending another five days watching Love Boat reruns and bad talk shows.

Fear not, because with just a tank of gas or the click of a mouse you can be on your way to a number of spring break getaways.

After just a two-hour drive from Tyler you could be in Shreveport—the next best thing to Las Vegas—but much easier on a student-sized budget. Once inside the casinos, you will

forget that you're just a couple of hours from home.

A little further south, but still just a day's drive away, are the coastal towns of Texas.

The towns and cities lining the Gulf are a less expensive alternative to traveling to Florida or California.

This time of year the beaches will be packed, so if you head to South Padre Island or Galveston Beach, be prepared for heavy traffic, crazy college students, and crowded restaurants and bars.

Another city close to home, but still far enough away to be a vacation, is Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Hot Springs has much to offer students, couples and even families.

Stroll the main streets filled with bath houses, museums, and shops, or head out into the country for a walk through the beautiful forests.

If all you have to spare is a few days or even just a weekend, the Dallas/Fort Worth area is a great choice for a brief getaway.

In Fort Worth, the Kimbell, Amon Carter and Modern Art Museums, the Science Place and the Omni Theatre are all located within walking distance of one another, and make a great way to spend an afternoon.

The downtown area of Dallas is filled with shopping, museums and other tourist attractions.

One such attraction is the Sixth Floor Museum located in the

former Texas Schoolbook Depository building. The museum contains memorabilia related to the Kennedy assassination, and is one of the most popular tourist spots in the Dallas area.

If you aren't quite sure how to get to your spring break destination, online map services can help you—for free.

At www.mapquest.com, all you have to do is enter your starting city and ending city, and a map as well as detailed directions—complete with mile and time notations—will appear on the screen.

Remember, spring break only comes once a year. So throw a few things in a bag, print out a map, get in the car and go.

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Letter to the Editor: Former student says trash on campus disfigures grounds

While I was a student at UT Tyler, I greatly enjoyed taking breaks between classes and walking around the duck ponds or along the nature trail.

I still live and now work in the community and my wife and I visit the campus on a regular basis to walk the beautiful grounds at UTT.

This time of year, the ponds and woods are especially beautiful. The trees and flowers are in full bloom, the grass is turning green and scattered here and there is the brightly colored trash that is either dropped by careless people or blows out of the few trash cans that have no lids.

My wife and I make a habit of telling our friends how beautiful the campus is and that they should visit there, but we have been embarrassed by the amount of litter we see around the duck ponds and the campus.

Because of recent storms and the windy days that are common this time of year, I have seen some trash being blown out of the open trash cans. The biggest culprit is the plastic bread bags people leave in the cans after feeding the ducks.

We have made a habit of picking up trash while we are walking the grounds and are losing ground. The trash we pick up and put in the cans is blown right back while we are standing there.

I have noticed what seem to be sev-

eral capital improvement projects going on around campus. I am referring to the new entrance gates and burnt orange signs that have gone up recently. These projects must have cost several thousand dollars. Isn't there enough money to buy a few more trash cans with lids and add lids to the few already there?

I remember that while I was a student, money for things like library books and technology upgrades was scarce, but it seems that money for upgrades to the campus and buildings was a bit more available.

Maybe the Alumni Association would be interested in such an expenditure?

But then, since the association has not contacted me to become a member or ask my opinion on what activities I think would be worthwhile I do not know if it is interested in this issue or not.

Say! Here's an idea—how about the student association doing something about the litter on campus? Maybe students could take responsibility for keeping the campus clean. But, then again, looking at the amount of trash on the ground that isn't blown out of the cans by high winds, I won't hold my breath on that one.

Gary Lynch
UTT Alumnus

Letter to the Editor: Most scientists think responsibly about cloning

The opinion piece in the Feb. 25 issue dealing with cloning disturbed me greatly. Aside from the snideness and flippancy contained in the early section, the perpetuation of the myth that the genetic changes necessary to create "harvestable" organs would make animals remotely human could create a serious apprehension in the minds of readers.

Humanity is in the mind and, dare I say, soul, not the liver.

While some scientists are not thinking entirely responsibly about the issue the overwhelming majority are.

They are human beings who live in the real world, not a laboratory vacuum flask; they are affected by and responsive to the media, public opinion, and their own moral and ethic codes.

I have known researchers in this area and each and all have benefiting society as their prime goal, but not at the expense of unreasoned cruelty to animals nor the unleashing of zoonoses—diseases harbored by non-human animals.

One of their problems is the animals best suited for genetic manipulation tend to be those humans feel most sentimental about.

Thousands of people die every year because of organ failure because there are simply not enough organs available. The unfortunate fact is the optimal conditions are under 35, very healthy and dead quickly by violence.

Many people suffering from organ failure must wrestle with the dilemma of in order for them to live someone must die and they must accept that organ with gratitude and guilt mixed. If there were any other reasonable option many patients and doctors would grab it.

The issue facing live donor recipients can be even more problematical. While complications with the surgeries are comparatively rare, some doctors have serious concerns about the long-range medical problem of the donors. It is easy to say "greater love hath no one than this..." It is difficult to know a parent sibling or child may be sentencing themselves to organ disease or failure in the future because they love you now.

There have been many science fiction books written about cloning. It has been said writers have a better grasp of the ramifications of the issues than scientists because their business is speculating upon possibilities while the researcher must deal with facts. The writer can try to imagine the inconceivable and how it might be made acceptable, the scientist deals with reality and hopes.

Focusing attention upon important societal issues is a serious responsibility and something a university newspaper should be doing. Try not to treat the issues lightly, inaccurately or insensitively.

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Opinion:

Honor killings harm the meaning of the word "honor"

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

Tradition. Honor. These words mean a lot to Boy Scouts, Aggies, and the few, the proud, the Marines. But they can mean life or death to Palestinians, Jordanians and the people of other Middle Eastern countries. These people condone a brutal, barbaric tradition of killing women. They call these murders "honor killings."

"Honor killings" occur when a male kills any female family member for having premarital sex, including rape, incest or simply a rumor of any "sexual relations." The women are killed in the name of preserving family honor.

In these patriarchal societies, family honor is reflected by a woman's virginity. Her virginity is the property of the men around her because it is used as a dowry for marriage.

Therefore, if she loses her purity, or if a rumor spreads claiming that her innocence is gone, the family has lost a precious commodity. She is considered not suitable for marriage, so she is rendered useless. Consequently, the men in her family feel they have a duty to murder her.

Yet, to Western cultures, using the phrase "honor killings" to describe the virtual eradication of female relatives is extremely ironic. There is no "honor" in killing your own flesh and blood.

This so-called "family honor" is

just a sugar-coated phrase for what Americans call "saving face." These families are not outraged because true honor has been lost. They are infuriated because their ego has been hurt, and their ego is based on the marketability of an item that should not be for sale in the first place.

Since this horrid practice is usually done in private, no statistics are kept on how many of these killings occur each year. However, Khaled Al-Qudra, the 1997 attorney general in the Palestinian National Authority, said he suspects 70 percent of all murders in Gaza and the West Bank result from honor killings.

Some Middle Eastern countries have laws against honor killings, but they are not strictly enforced. These

cases are hard to prosecute because the crime often occurs in private, and this practice is a deep-rooted tradition among families. Therefore, the crime is either overlooked, or the murderer gets away with a slap on the wrist.

Also, Jordanian law still applies to the West Bank. Article 341 of Jordanian law says murder is a legitimate act when "the act of killing another or harming another was committed as an act in defense of his life, or his honor, or somebody else's life or honor."

Therefore, despite the efforts of women's right organizations to stop this cruel custom, this ancient practice will continue to take the lives of young women in the Middle East.

UT professor recalls visit to concentration camp

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

Listening to older generations discuss events that occurred during their lifetime can be a history lesson. Understandably, no one wants to hear a bitter old man complain about walking to school barefooted, three miles, uphill in the snow—again.

However, older folks didn't study the Depression or World War II in school. They lived it. Therefore, tapping into their knowledge may unearth historical treasures from which this generation can learn.

Dr. Kenneth Muckelroy, professor of music, is a person all Generation Xers can learn a portion of history from. He visited the Dachau concentration camp 13 years after the Holocaust when some of the original buildings were still standing. The original wooden buildings are no longer there because they rotted. However, an exact replica of the camp serves as a memorial today.

Muckelroy, a native of Lake Jackson, Texas, went to Germany in 1957 after being drafted into the army.

Muckelroy said although he didn't

enjoy basic training, he was excited about going to Germany because he saw it as an opportunity for a boy who grew up poor to see the world.

While in Germany, Muckelroy was an army musician with a band called Jazz Three.

"We were a border-line wild group. We were always looking for a laugh," Muckelroy recalled. "We traveled all the time. But occasionally we'd stay in one town for a while," he said.

Muckelroy said he'll never forget the day when the band's bus driver suggested the band take a tour of the Dachau concentration camp.

"As we entered the camp, there was a big metal gate over the entrance that read 'Lest We Forget' in German, French, English and Hebrew. That was sobering," he said.

Muckelroy said their tour guide was a former prisoner at Dachau.

"He looked horrible. He was thin, leathery-faced and he had a number on his arm," Muckelroy said.

Muckelroy gave a description of the crematorium, which was one of the original buildings at the camp.

"Imagine how a casket looks sitting

on a stand. There was a huge gas oven under this casket. It took about three minutes for a body to be completely burned up. Working straight through, they burned a gas chamber full of bodies in one day. Imagine how many people were burned at one body every three minutes," Muckelroy said.

After viewing the crematorium, Muckelroy said he remembered seeing two piles of ashes: one for Jews and one for non-Jews.

"One of the most moving moments to me was that these ash piles were covered with flowers. They looked like pansies, but they weren't any flowers I had ever seen before. It was February. The puddles on the ground were frozen, and although snow surrounded the ash piles, these flowers were blooming like it was May or June," Muckelroy said.

Muckelroy explained why he believes the flowers grew on the ash piles in the winter.

"I think God had made a memorial to the ash piles because there's no way the flowers could stand the freezing temperature. Things don't normally grow in ash, and no grass was grow-

ing around it," he said.

Muckelroy said the next authentic building they visited was the prisoners' housing. He described the smell coming from the barracks.

"This building had been open every day for 13 years, and you could still smell it before you got there. I associate that smell with death. The people were imprisoned there for three and a half years, so this camp only had three and a half years to get that stench in it," he said.

Muckelroy said the conditions the prisoners lived in were horrible. He said they had to sleep head to toe on shelves that were three feet apart, using rags for blankets.

The next site Muckelroy saw was a ditch behind an embankment. Muckelroy said the Nazis lined up "prisoners who didn't say 'Sir' or something" along the embankment and used them for target practice. When the victims fell into the ditch, the Germans slit their throats until they bled out.

"This ditch was called the blood

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Student shares thoughts on life as homosexual

by Nancy J. Garcia

Editorial Assistant

"Do you have to use my real name?" UTT business major William Lopez Roncagli asked when I interviewed him. "Can't you just put John Doe?" he said, laughing.

It isn't that William is afraid people would make fun of his Mexican mother's maiden name and the Italian last name of his father. He was afraid that people would make fun of him.

William is 25 years old, and throughout that quarter of a century he feels he has only lived for eight years.

"I was 17 and I was having trouble identifying myself. I was very unhappy I never had had a girlfriend and I figured it was because I was an ugly little fat boy. No one wanted to talk to me, much less go out with me, and this only deepened my low self-esteem."

"Until this person came into my life and accepted me—the ugly little fat boy. We were nothing more than friends but I secretly started to have feelings for him and that's when I discovered that I was attracted to men. He was straight but he still showed me how to accept who I was."

They lost touch after graduation and for the next three to four years, Will-

iam had no social life.

It is very hard being a gay teenager because you tend to blame yourself for being different. "Who else are you going to blame? You don't have anyone to blame. Not your parents, not your family, not God."

He said gay teenagers have to seek advice from someone they can trust. Either a family member, friend, counselor anyone who can understand and explain what they're feeling.

"Find someone who will try to help you with your confusion," Roncagli said, "otherwise you will waste precious time on a lot of unnecessary worrying. I threw away five years of my life trying to deal with my feelings. I was scared to accept myself and it made me consider suicide."

"I could not go out with any girls because I knew who I was, and I didn't want to go near any man because I was afraid of men and the 'gay life.'"

The "gay life" he refers to involves the negative stereotypes of homosexuals as STD-spreading, sex-obsessed animals. He didn't want to identify himself with a group that was thought of as having low or, worse, no morals.

"Homosexuals were considered trash," Roncagli said. "They corrupted men by taking them from women and changing them to homos. I later learned that was false and realized that my God would love me for who I am."

William also believes that gay people are more successful than heterosexuals because of the barriers they have to

face.

"Think about it. People who are out and proud to admit their sexual orientation have many hurdles they have to jump." These obstacles are discrimination, rejection and condemnation.

Two years ago, during Thanksgiving dinner, William's mom decided to ask the question, in front of the entire family. "William, why haven't you ever brought a girl home for dinner?"

"I kept quiet until she finally asked me 'Are you GAY?' At that moment all of my family's forks hit their plates. I looked straight at her and said, 'Yes ma'am, I am.' There was a long pause and my brother, who knew my secret life, nervously started laughing and

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UTT School of Sciences and Mathematics offers summer program to undergraduates

The UT Tyler School of Sciences and Mathematics will offer the opportunity for undergraduate community college students to study mathematics and computer science this summer through the UTAMP Math/Science Summer Bridge program, Dr. L. Lynn Sherrod, dean, has announced. Recipients will be awarded a summer stipend of \$800, in addition to tuition, fees and textbooks for two academic courses in mathematics, computer science, and/or computer information systems during the first summer term from May 31-July 2. A faculty mentor and tutor will be available to assist students with academic advising, course tutoring the guidance.

Application deadline is May 7.

The award program was established to provide new community college transfer students majoring in computer science, computer information systems or mathematics an opportunity to continue their studies at the university level.

ETSO celebrates 1999 Azalea Trail festivities

The East Texas Symphony Orchestra's Braithwaite Recital Series will add to the traditional Azalea Trail festivities with two featured artists.

The husband and wife team of William Bolcom, pianist and Joan Morris, mezzo soprano will perform on March 20 at 8 p.m. in the Braithwaite Recital Hall of the UTT Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The program will include songs by Irving Berlin, Eubie Blake, George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and others.

Tickets are \$25 for the public and will be half-price for students.

For more information call (903)592-1427 or (800)256-8989.

UTT and UTA offer joint master's degree

UT Tyler and The University of Texas at Arlington are working together to offer the Master of Science in Social Work degree to students in East Texas.

The degree involves taking classes at UTT beginning fall 1999 through spring 2001.

In summer 2001, students will finish coursework at UTA from which the degree will be granted.

A meeting will be held on March 8 at 3 p.m. in the UTT Business Administration Building on the second floor.

Liberal Arts dean co-authors recent textbook

Dr. Donna L. Dickerson, dean of the UTT School of Liberal Arts, is co-author of a recently released textbook titled *Freedom of Expression in the 21st Century*.

The textbook is written for courses in the liberal arts and communications and includes information on current free speech issues including Internet privacy, filtering software, Internet site ratings and on-line pornography.

The book was written with Dr. Robert Trager, a professor of journalism and mass communications at the University of Colorado.

UTT tennis program has free lessons in March

The UT Tyler tennis program will offer free beginner tennis lessons March 13-28. Tennis racquets will be loaned for free. Limited space is available. Call (903) 566-7800 for more information or to schedule a lesson.

Student Activities to host cosmetic makeover

Student Activities is hosting a cosmetic makeover March 25 at noon in UC 118. Representatives from two major cosmetic companies will be on hand to perform the makeovers. Contact Ernest McAllister at ext. 7281 for more information.

Free swing dance lessons offered March 24

Swing dance lessons will be offered every Wednesday beginning March 24 at 5:30. Lessons will be free to students with a current student ID. The lessons will be in UC 118 or the UC open area. For more information, contact Ernest McAllister at ext. 7281.

Theater travel study tours UK

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

The theatre program is accepting applications from undergraduates and graduates to participate in a travel study to the United Kingdom during intersession, May 10-25, for six hours of credit.

In addition to tuition and fees, the tour cost will be \$2,599, provided that a minimum of 10 students go on the trip.

However, grants starting at \$400 are available through Dr. James Hatfield, professor and director of theatre or Mary Ellen Wright, lecturer of theatre.

Wright said students will visit several cities including Salisbury, Stratford, Llangollen (Wales), York, Edinburgh and London.

"We will see eight to nine theater productions but we will also see the culture that inspired these productions," Wright said.

Wright said in Stratford, Shakespeare's birthplace, the travel study group will see three Royal Shakespearean theaters.

"We'll see a Black Box Theater, a Proscenium Theater, and a Thrust Theater," she said.

Wright also said the group will take a public foot trail walk, which is not typically something Americans do.

"A travel study is a marvelous way to get an education," Wright said. "You absorb the history of the country as well as the contemporary culture. It's a wonderful opportunity," she said.

Interested students should contact Hatfield at ext. 7425 or Wright at ext. 7289 for more information.

Molly Sweeney debuts March 11

The theatre program will present Brian Friel's *Molly Sweeney* March 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and March 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Theatre located immediately inside the entrance to the Health and Physical Education Building.

The play features theatre faculty Shellie O'Neal as Molly, English faculty Victor Scherb as the doctor and student Jason Rice as Molly's husband.

Molly Sweeney is directed by Dr.

James Hatfield and stage costumes are by Mary Ellen Wright.

The play is an Irish tale of a blind woman who "sees" through touch and lives happily in her world. A "down on his luck" doctor performs an operation to help Molly regain her sight. With the help of her husband, Molly has to learn to "see" again.

Tickets are free for students, faculty and staff.

For more information or for reservations, call (903) 566-7254.

Candidate for new position to speak

By Becky Roseborough

Managing Editor/News

Patrick O'Connor, dean of enrollment management from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, will be the next candidate considered for UT Tyler's Dean for Enrollment Management position.

O'Connor will give a short presentation Friday, March 12 at 2 p.m. in FAC 1009.

James Pace, chairman of the recruiting committee for the Dean for Enrollment Management position, said in an e-mail that he encourages students, faculty and staff to attend the presentation.

"This is an important position for the future of our University, and we need your input in finding the best person to lead our enrollment efforts," Pace said.

National Alcohol Screening Day to be held April 8

The student counseling center is hosting a National Alcohol Screening Day April 8, 1999, in UC 282.

Those in attendance will find out how drinking affects academics, athletics and relationships as well as how to help you friends, and what to do if a family member is drinking too much.

The screening is free and anonymous. A self-assessment survey and a consultation with a health professional will be available.

Contact Kimberly Harvey-Livingston at ext. 7197 for more information.

TESL offering study abroad program in Mexico

By Jeff Sprick

News Editor

The TESL, Teaching English as a Second Language, program will be offering a study abroad program of courses during Summer II.

Graduate students and eligible graduating seniors have an option of taking six hours of graduate credit from several different classes. They are Acquisition of ESL, Methodology of ESL, and two TESL Practicum classes.

The TESL Practicum courses are new this year. They give Junior College instructors the opportunity to complete the required 18 hours in their field of

study.

The students will go to classes at UT Tyler during the first two weeks of July. The second and third week of July they will take Spanish classes at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. Students will be able to tutor people learning English at the Foreign Institute of the University of Guadalajara for around 2 hours in the evenings.

This is the second year that the program is being offered, Dr. Marianthi Coroneou, director of the TESL program, said.

"The students will get immersed into the culture. They will get the chance

to teach to other speakers. They will get to learn the 'street language,'" Coroneou said.

Students will stay and live with Mexican families and go on other trips in the area. The group will go to Guanajuato, a colonial town with excellent architecture and culture. Puerto Vallarta, a resort town on the Pacific will also be visited. Day trips will include Tonalá, an artisan colony south of Guadalajara. A quaint village named Ajijic on Lake Chapala will also be visited.

"Our primary goal is to improve our skills of teaching English as a Second

and Foreign Language," said Coroneou.

The people are very friendly and were very kind to us, she said.

The trip costs \$1,600; three spaces are still available out of a total of 10 spaces. A garage sale is also planned in April to help raise funds for the program.

"With this program students get to see the joy of being Mexican, we explore their background and understand it better," Coroneou said.

For information call Dr. Coroneou at 566-7438. Enrollment for the courses will close after the group is formed.

UTT presents Star Award for two staff members

By Nancy J. Garcia

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UTT President Rodney Mabrey, the deans of the School of Liberal Arts and College of Nursing and the Star committee presented the first UT-Tyler Star Awards on March 1 at 10 a.m. The winners were Caroline Martin and Judy Beam. They were given certificates for designated parking spots in campus parking lots.

Dr. Mabrey instituted the University Staff Advisory Council and through that council there were some good comments concerning the staff.

"Dr. Mabrey suggested we recognize the good people who work here," Melva Grissom, administrative assistant for the School of Math and Science, said.

The Staff Advisory Council appointed

Melva Grissom along with Donna Griffin, MarQuita Manning and Cindy Strawn as members of the committee for the UT-Tyler Star award, an award that will be given monthly to staff employees.

"It was easy to select them (the first winners) because they had so many good comments about them," Grissom said. Judy Beam was referred to as being cheerful, organized and an excellent role model and ambassador. Martin was described as being an outstanding secretary, helpful to students and working above and beyond the call of duty. "It was fun surprising them," Grissom said.

The Star award will be given the first of each month.

"We look at the attitude of the nominee, their service to other departments and staff

service towards students and faculty" Grissom said.

"We are meeting at the end of this month for the April recipient and nominations are still coming in," she said.

The awards committee is currently accepting nominations from any faculty, staff, student and/or administrator.

Nominations can be for clerical, business

office personnel and other non-faculty support staff.

The nomination should include the name of the nominee, the person nominating and a short statement about why the employee is being nominated.

Nominations can be made by e-mail or written and dropped off at the Library or in the Student Activities Office (UC-111).

Student Activities hosts Health Fair

By Nancy J. Garcia

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Student Activities was host to 17 health-related organizations and agencies assembled in the University Center on March 10 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Mini Health Fair is a semester event that is brought together by Student Activities and Intramural Coordinator Ernest McAllister. "The students need to be aware of all the health services and agencies that are offered," McAllister said. "Some people may have an illness that they do not know about or if they do know, don't know who or where to turn to," he said.

McAllister believes that Fair's like these can be very helpful because the resources and facts on several health issues are united under one roof at one time.

The booth volunteers encouraged students to ask questions on any subject and provided informative pamphlets in their field. The fair also offered free services such as checking blood pressure, blood

sugar, vision, weight and more. The organizations that participated in making this event a successful one were American Cancer Society, UT Tyler Student Center, Mental Health Association, Woodcreek Athletic Center, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Andrews Center, UT Tyler Health Center, Smith County Health Promotion Department, The Clairmont/Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Smith County Public Health, Texas Department of Health Tobacco Division, Epilepsy Foundation, Massage Therapist Deborah de Wet/Dr Epps, Texas Department of Health Diabetes Division, Texas Department of Health Social Work Division, 911 Network of East Texas and Texas Department of Health Zoonosis Division.

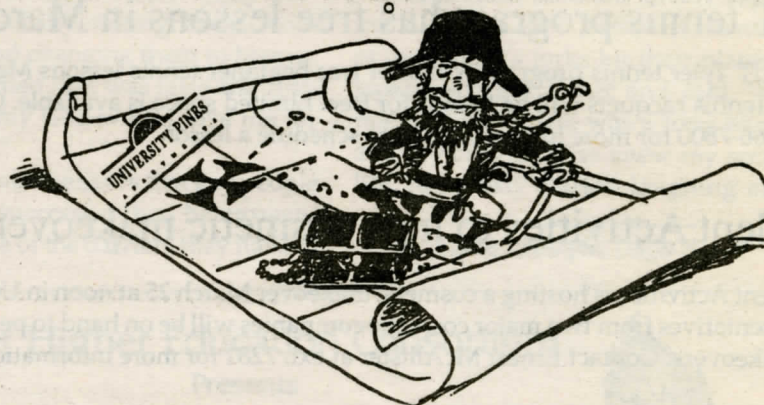
The next project is also health related. "There will be a Mammogram Screening on March 29th and you have to come by UC111 to reserve a time slot by March 25th," McAllister said. A \$55 fee will be charged but students receive a five dollar discount with their student ID.

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Computer classes offered on line

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The Computer Science Department is offering two Internet classes for the first time this semester.

According to George Whitson, professor of computer science, automation is the latest fad as far as the way to teach.

"This is a total web class. At this point, I've developed the software myself," he said.

The program is called Distance Education.

One class offered is COSC 3309, Information Systems Software As An Internet Course, which is an introductory course that will be offered every

semester.

The course will cover Microsoft Office 97 and will introduce Windows 95, 98 and the Internet. This includes Word, Excel, Access and Power Point.

The web site will contain the information needed to take the course including a course outline, an assignment sheet, references, a daily work schedule, self-evaluation tests and instructions on how to use the textbooks and workbook.

Homework will be turned in through E-mail and grades will be returned the same way.

But right now Whitson is in the process of setting up a new grading system. "The new thing I'm going to add is very interesting and students will be

able to get their grades," Whitson said.

The new system allows students to click on a link to get their grades by using their personal password.

Currently, students have to take their tests on campus because testing is a security problem, according to Whitson.

But as soon as the kinks get worked out, students will be able to take tests from their own computers. This will keep students from having to come to campus for any reason.

Students have an outline tutorial that is placed on the UT Tyler Web Server in order to help get them started.

Also, next semester a one-day train-

ing tutorial with a workbook will be available and startup training sessions will be scheduled. Class training session times will be given by phone and on the Internet.

The second course this semester is COSC 4309, Design of Information Systems VB6, Active X and the Web. This course will focus on learning to program with Visual Basic (VB).

It will start with ideas needed to develop a VB application.

Then an overview will be given of DCOM, Active X and OLE, and the course will end with an overview of Microsoft's Web Browser and Web Server Architecture.

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UT student travels to Japanese sister city

By Jennifer Hernandez

Copy Editor

Do you want to go to Japan?

That was the question that prompted Rochelle Smith into leaving her home, traveling thousands of miles and taking part in the Language Assistance Program in Yachiyo City, Chiba, Japan.

The Language Assistance Program is administered by the UT Tyler Development Office and is a result of the Tyler Sister Cities program which has a sister tie with Yachiyo City.

Last December, when Smith was finishing her student teaching at John Tyler High School, a delegation from Yachiyo visited.

Although Tyler usually sends three assistants to Japan every year, one of them backed out three days after arriving.

Smith participated in a student exchange program to Japan in 1996 which led to her name being suggested as a replacement.

Smith jumped at the opportunity to return to Japan.

After a quick interview on Feb. 3, and a long paperwork process due to international laws and applying for a work visa, Smith was off to her new job as a language assistant for the Yachiyo School District.

Dr. Andrew Szarka, professor of history at UTT, is the co-ordinator for the Language Assistance Program.

"The Japanese are very aggressive in teaching English," Szarka said. "They want native speakers of English to assist their English language instructors, who are Japanese, in their middle schools."

Yachiyo City is a progressive, residen-

tial city that contains many professionals, according to Szarka.

It is on the outskirts of Tokyo and is connected by a main rail line.

Each assistant has a contract with Yachiyo City for a year, which can then be renewed for up to four years.

The Yachiyo City schools pay the as-

sistants a salary of \$35,000 a year from which retirement and health insurance are deducted.

The retirement is given back in a lump sum once an assistant leaves.

Private, subsidized accommodations are given to each assistant at a nearby university.

According to Szarka, people at the Yachiyo City Hall take the language assistants under their wing.

"They meet them at the airport, give them a tour, put them into contact with people in the area and, basically, treat

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them like family," Szarka said.

Though previously three assistants have been sent, Yachiyo City has requested that an additional person be sent in July.

All applicants must be recent college graduates or will be graduating in the spring.

"They don't need to be graduates of UT Tyler," Szarka said, "but I prefer to give them the first chance."

An applicant's degree can be in any field.

Muckelroy

ditch. There was a wooden grate in it. By the time I was there, some of the wood had rotted, but you could still smell the blood—even in the winter. Human blood has so many nutrients that there was grass growing in the ditch which had to be mowed every week," Muckelroy said.

Muckelroy said before he left the camp, he visited a museum that had ash trays

Because accommodations are in a woman's dormitory, all prospective language assistants must be women.

A course in English as a second language is not a requirement, and although it would be useful, neither is involvement in a teaching program, says Szarka.

"This is ideal for someone going into teaching or business," Szarka said.

Anyone interested in the program will fill out an application and then go

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made of human bones and lamp shades, made of human skin.

"I'm reminded of this when I read and see pictures of Satanic cults. How could someone do this to another person?" Muckelroy pondered.

Muckelroy, now 64 and a grandfather, reflected on his visit to the camp.

He said when he was drafted, he ques-

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his sister his mom refers to them as 'the girls'.

"It isn't easy living this life; there are too many barriers. You lose a lot of things; it's even harder when you come from a Mexican-Italian background. Homosexuality in both cultures is unacceptable because of the old 'machismo' image men have to grow into. For a long time I tried to make sense of my homosexuality. I thought that because I was raised by my grandmother,

through an interviewing process, Szarka said.

The assistant will be chosen at the end of May and will leave in July.

Then, a rotation will start which means when one assistant leaves, another will take her place.

Rochelle Smith is the most recent UTT graduate to participate in the program.

"The children here are very sweet and very eager to learn English," Smith said.

tioned whether or not he would be able to pull the trigger if he were called upon to kill another human. However, after visiting Dachau, his doubts were removed.

"I knew that if we were fighting the people who represented the people who did this, I could have killed them. I still feel the same way today," he said.

mother, and older sister I missed the influence of a father figure and that made me gay. But that isn't true because I have four older brothers with whom I did a lot of typical brotherly bonding during my childhood."

When asked, if he told everyone he meets about his sexuality, he said, "I don't let it be known, unless I'm asked, and if they ask, then I tell the truth. But being honest with yourself is the first step to being honest with

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The information relevant to the course will be kept on the web site.

It includes the course outline, assignments, announcements, special VB lectures, a daily description of what is to be accomplished, a set of lectures about the Microsoft Web Architecture and its relationship to VB, a chat room and E-mail.

This new program also includes a calendar so students can look and find out when to meet in the chat room on Internet days.

Whitson said UTT can use UT Austin's chat room service, so that's where students meet.

The new Internet classes will be offered this summer. According to Whitson, the classes will continue to be offered as long as they're successful.

other people. Also, you soon find out who your true friends are."

"I do think gay couples have a right to get married, if the intention behind the marriage is for commitment and not to set an impression. Some gay couples just get married to exploit homosexuality and make a statement."

Do you think your Mr. Right is out there? "Yeah, maybe. Sooner or later I will find him. Until then I'm OK... with myself."

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said 'Let's just continue eating our dinner.' So we did."

Days after the question, his mom decided to have the talk. "I understood that it was very hard for my mom to accept, but I gave her an ultimatum, either you love me for who I am or consider me dead." She told him that he was still her son and her doors would always be open for him.

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