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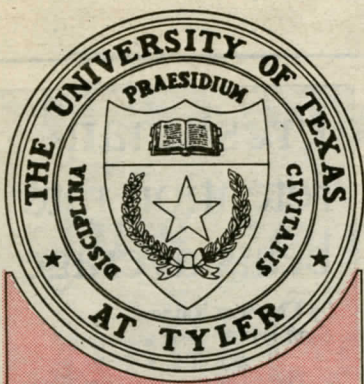
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## Campus police arrest student

By Luke Henderson  
Staff Writer

Campus police arrested a nursing student Monday charging her for allegedly helping her former fiance jump bail.

Two officers working in cooperation with Tyler and San Antonio police arrested 24-year-old Laura Elise Axtel in one of her morning classes. She is charged as an accomplice in connection with fugitive Adrian Rosales.

Rosales, a University of Texas at Tyler graduate, is wanted on charges of sexual assault and kidnapping in Tyler and San Antonio. He was arrested Aug. 13 after police say he assaulted a 10-year-old girl with a tire iron and attempted to stuff her in a duffel bag.

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## Tyler wooing hockey team

By Luke Henderson  
Staff Writer

This summer the Dallas Stars were crowned the champions of the National Hockey League. With the recent increase in media and public attention for ice hockey, its popularity has spread in Texas, and now has reached Tyler with the chance of a minor league team coming to the city.

Talks between the league and the city began about two months ago. For a team to be in Tyler, an arena will need to be built.

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## Student elections prompt questions

By Nancy J. García and  
Cherilyn Raines  
Staff Writers

Student Association officers apparently violated their constitution by failing to give proper notification about last week's student elections, according to *The Patriot's* investigation.

The constitution requires prior notification to be sent to each student, an announcement in the campus newspaper, and the posting of fliers on campus bulletin boards.

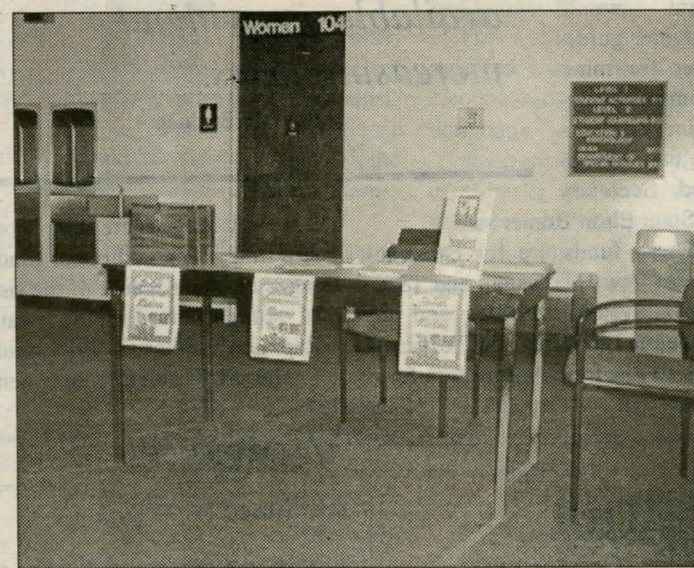
In its investigation, *The Patriot* interviewed some students who say they never received notification and were unaware of the two-day election. The investigation also determined no direct efforts were made to publicize the event in the campus newspaper.

Student Association president Shane McGuire said students were notified through the mail and since *The Patriot* staff also are students, he assumed they would publish an election notice. He said it was therefore unnecessary for him to specifically notify the newspaper.

"Are *The Patriot* writers so incompetent that they have to be notified twice?" McGuire asked.

Reporters covering the event also found one of the election stations briefly unattended. The same station closed at least 30 minutes before balloting was scheduled to end.

### Unattended ballot box at elections



Staff photo by Luke Henderson

A ballot box in the University Center stands unattended on campus election day.

Alicia Moore, the association's vice-president, said the attendant (McGuire) had to make a telephone call, but remained within sight of the table. She said the polls closed early because there were not

enough people to man it.

The elections held Sept. 21-22 produced new representatives for each of the six colleges within the University and a parliamentarian.

The Student Association is a

"Are *The Patriot* writers so incompetent that they have to be notified twice?"

—Shane McGuire, Student Association President

liaison between the students and the administration. Those elected to serve as a representative receive \$150 a semester. Those serving as officers receive \$250 per semester.

Although voter turnout was less than 3 percent for the September election, Moore declared it was a "large success" because voting numbers were higher than last year's election.

According to Article IV, Sect. 6 of the Constitution of the Student Association, the University's election code "shall be followed as a strict guideline for all Student Association Elections."

Although the code does not address polling hours and monitoring, it does give instructions about how to notify students about an election.

Article V of the election code states:

- "Notice of a scheduled election will be given to enrolled students no less than four weeks prior to the election.

- Announcement of the election will be made in *The Patriot*, student newspaper, and by fliers posted on general university bulletin boards. In addition other methods of announcing elections may be used."

In an unscientific poll, newspaper reporters randomly interviewed 20 students throughout campus

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## School violence class back in demand as tragedies increase

by Stacie L. Manning  
Staff Writer

Two years ago, Dr. Shirley Jones offered a graduate course about the causes of school violence, but a lack of interest forced her to drop it from her schedule.

Despite repeated tragedies across the nation—West Paducah, Ky., Pearl, Miss. and Jonesboro Ark.—it seemed difficult to stir enough support for such a class. The massacre at Littleton, Colo., however, forced school officials to realize a pressing need for special instructions on how to handle violent situations.

"Littleton changed the nature and raised the bar for school violence," Jones, a Counselor of Education, said. "We are now in an

era of terror, and that is a very scary proposition." Jones, who also administers the School Counseling Masters program at the university, said the School Safety and Violence class teaches school officials to recognize behavioral patterns that may lead to violence.

"The ultimate goal of the class is to provide a safe environment for children to learn," Jones said. "The class tries to recognize what the problem is, what social and community contexts in which violence is experienced and repeated."

She uses information gathered from past school shootings to prepare students for possible problem

See Violence on p. 2

## Musician spared from rampage

by Stacie L. Manning  
Staff Writer

Richard Sanders, a sound man for the Christian band "40 Days" never thought a broken guitar string would save his life, but it did.

Fate intervened Sept. 15 when during a night performance at Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Sanders briefly left the sanctuary to fix the guitar. It was then he heard the first of many gunshots.

"I couldn't figure out what it was at first, but after the second shot was fired, I knew it was a gun and I thought of Colorado," he said.

Had he not left the room at that

moment, Sanders would have been in the line of fire.

As he walked down the hallway he tried to decide what to do and how to stop the shooting. When he reached backstage, he could tell no one in the auditorium knew what was happening.

"The band thought there was something wrong with the sound system, but as I was standing there looking onto the stage, the killer opened the door to the auditorium. I could only see his silhouette and from what I could tell, he looked like a teenager," Sanders said.

He said he then saw the killer

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# State citizens to vote on new amendment

*Plans made to expand investment and spending options for UT System*

by Jeff Sprick

Staff Writer

Voters will decide Nov. 2 if state fund managers can expand investing and appropriating revenues from the Permanent University Fund for The University of Texas System.

The fund could prove to be the gateway for a newly proposed physical education building at UT Tyler.

If Amendment 17 is approved, the PUF will become a "total return" fund, allowing a more flexible investment strategy under a prudent investor, officials say.

The "total return" plan involves how the UT System Board of Regents can spend interest, dividends and capital gains from the PUF fund.

Currently, capital gains must

be kept in the PUF until all dividends and interest come in, Monty Jones, Director of UT System News and Public Information said.

Once administrative expenses are paid, then the funds are allowed to be distributed, he said.

The amendment would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed, Secretary

of State Elton Bomer said.

These funds are for construction of new UT System and Texas A&M System facilities and for academic programs. UTT officials plan to ask for \$19.2 million for a

proposed physical education center.

"I support Amendment 17, it will make more funding available for the University of Texas

program created in 1876 through the allocation of land grants, Jones said.

The Permanent University Fund helps support both the University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System, he said.

PUF funds then go to the Available University Fund, and then are available for distribute to eligible institutions of the UT System and A&M System.

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*Amendment 17 will appear on the ballots as the following: The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university funds and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund.*

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 2.

*I support Amendment 17, it will make more funding available . . . without increasing taxes.*

—RepLoe Burman

System without increasing taxes at a time when additional funding is needed because of the rise of student enrollment," state Rep. Leo Burman, R-Tyler, said.

The PUF is an endowment

## Freshman retention rate beats average

by Cherilyn Raines  
Staff Writer

The University's freshman retention rate for the 1998-99 school year is well above the national average for non-engineering students and about average for engineering students, a school official said.

Because of the generally high drop out rate, the retention rate for engineering students is calculated separately from the other freshmen students.

The engineering retention rate is 39% - 11 of the initial 28 freshmen returned this fall, Martha Wheat, interim dean of students, said.

The non-engineering retention rate is 71% - 51 of the initial 72 freshmen returned this fall, she said.

"We were really excited. This was our first year trying this out," Wheat said.

Most of the remaining students did not return because of family or money matters, she said.

"You lose more students between the freshman and sophomore year than any other," Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management, said.

The average grade point for the non-engineering majors was 3.02 with an average of 25.82 semester hours for the year, Wheat said.

The average grade point for engineering students was 3.15 with an average of 27.75 semester hours, she said.

Until fall 2002, the university is allowed to accept 50 new non-engineering freshmen each year, Hutto said. The engineering school does not have a cap, he said.

After fall 2002, the university can accept an unlimited number of freshmen who meet the requirements, Hutto said.

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## Violence

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children. For example: eye rolling is one of the first indicators of disrespect, she said.

A general profile of violent children includes boys, age 13-15, who have not learned to deal with their emotions.

"Young boys' feelings are often not acknowledged, and if they are, most of the time they are put down if their feelings are not masculine," Jones said.

According to a New York Times article, the high profile school massacres involved a child who felt inferior or picked on, and who carried a grudge against another student or teacher.

The article also said "most of the assailants were suicidal, and of above-average intelligence."

Jones said a lot has been learned by profiling past school scenarios, but Littleton does not fit the same profile as previous violent acts. In this case, the assailants came from upper class, two-parent homes.

Trying to make sense of the unnecessary killings has been a huge priority for all of the affected cities.

"In each incident, the towns and cities pulled together a summit of people and collaborated to see what was similar and not similar," Jones said.

She said unless bullying, which is another indicator of disrespect, is stopped by appropriate intervention, the problem of violence will escalate.

"Counselors rely on teacher collaboration to help prevent future violent acts from happening. Teachers are on the front line picking up cues and they must be prepared," Jones said.

## Elections

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about whether they voted in the student elections.

"I didn't even know there were elections ... [I] don't even know any of the candidates," Jing Zhao, a computer science major, said.

Ronald Hughes, a theater major said he planned to vote the second day of the election because "I am a candidate for parliamentarian."

Interim Dean of Students Martha Wheat said information about the election was given to all students. More than 3,000 letters about the election were issued to students who registered by telephone or on campus, she said.

"This was more than adequate

notification. I don't know how thorough you want to be," Wheat said. "I feel that 3,000 students were notified ... How many newspapers do you print?"

Several students said they recalled receiving something in the mail from the University, but disregarded it.

Wheat said she did not know whether the Patriot was notified and referred a reporter to McGuire.

McGuire insisted the constitution does not specifically require the Student Association to notify The Patriot. He said he believes the mailout to students was sufficient notice.

"We did the mail out, the staff

writers are students so they were notified. We felt that if the Patriot wanted to print it they would," he said.

He also said he is uncertain whether the mailouts were effective.

"Most students get something in the mail from UT Tyler and throw it away. It's not my fault if someone doesn't read their mail," McGuire said.

McGuire called The Patriot newsroom on the first day of the election, Sept. 21, and left a message on the answering machine inquiring about coverage of the voting. The first edition of the newspaper for this semester was published Sept. 16.



# The wheels on the bus go round and round, out of town

by Courtney Owen  
Arts & Entertainment Editor



It sounded like a great combination: a girl, a summer without work or school, and an insatiable wanderlust. There was only one problem. This summer, I had no car.

I wasn't going to spend my free days sitting at home, and the constant refrain of "get out of Tyler" kept circulating in my head. So, given my unfortunate situation, I had to find another way to escape East Texas.

The ordeal began in the middle of June, when my silver Mazda died in the driveway. I replaced the spark plugs, and a couple of weeks later, took the car to Dallas.

Near Denton, my hometown, the car began to shake, slowed down, and died again.

But, I had to get to Austin. I had a ticket to the sold-out Sonic Youth concert—a show I had waited ten years to see.

The concert was that Thursday. It was Tuesday. There was no way my car would be ready in two days.

So, I thought, "I'll just take the bus."

It sounded like a simple enough process—go to the station, pay \$26, jump on the bus and, seven hours later, get to Austin.

The telephone ticket salesman told me to arrive an hour before the bus was scheduled to leave. This seemed like a reasonable request.

I knew within the first five minutes that riding Greyhound was going to be a disaster.

When I got to the "station," all I found was an unmarked one-room

office with no one inside. The door was locked; I started to panic.

After a brief, heated conversation with another Greyhound operator on my cell phone, other passengers arrived, so I figured I was safe. Our bus pulled into the parking lot, 20 minutes late.

Not counting school and church functions, this was my first trip on a bus. I didn't know what to expect.

When I stepped inside, I felt like I'd entered another world.

I saw people of all ages—knitting grandmothers right down to bratty children traveling alone.

Many people looked like they hadn't bathed in days. Some, I found out later, hadn't.

The first person I met was a 17-year-old boy from Montana. I learned from talking to him that he was running away from home, to live with an older sibling in San Antonio.

In subsequent bus experiences, I learned that Greyhound Lines, Inc. was a popular mode of transportation for runaways.

I pluralize "experience" because there were many throughout the summer.

My car never seemed to be finished, and my need to be away from Tyler never seemed to waver.

Tyler to Dallas, Dallas to Wichita Falls, Denton to Austin—I think I traveled every possible route between my family and friends.

Fortunately, I flew for a trip to New Jersey.

Between the never-ending Greyhound sway, the filthy stations, rude drivers and, um, interesting passengers, I don't think I could have handled the two days it takes to get to Newark from Tyler.

I probably would have gone insane somewhere around Memphis, and called my mommy, begging her to send me a plane ticket home.

Fortunately, I won't have to worry about that. My car is now fixed, and I hope I'll never have to "Go Greyhound" again.

Thanks, but I'll leave the driving to myself.

# Students' voice silenced without strong leadership

The Student Association claims to be the voice for the student body yet its actions proved otherwise. It's clear the association did not follow its constitution when it failed to publicize the student elections in the campus newspaper.

To make matters worse, Student Association President Shane McGuire dodged responsibility, claiming the newspaper should have known to publish the event. This is a typical blame-the-media response.

The association's constitution requires "the election code shall be followed as a strict guideline for all Student Association Elections."

The election code states the association must follow three rules in notifying students about an election: give four weeks advance notice, make an announcement of the election in The Patriot, and post flyers.

McGuire argues since enrolled students were "notified," and The Patriot staff are students, the newspaper was therefore "notified."

McGuire assumes a lot and

you know what they say about assume. His argument is a joke.

The name on the top of their constitution does not say "The Constitution of The Patriot." Of course the newspaper would have publicized the election if the staff had known about it.

The only notification it received was on the day of the election, too late to notify the student body.

The association and its adviser, Martha Wheat, insist they mailed more than 3,000 notices, an action they consider "more than adequate." Despite what they think, this action does not follow the Association's Constitution as required.

Although it is true many students may ignore their mail, some insist they never received any notice of the election.

It is also too late to correct the problems that plagued this election.

Only a candidate is allowed to contest the election and any protest must be made within a week after the election.

McGuire also showed his true colors on Sept. 23 when he invit-

ed The Patriot staff to attend an enrichment series titled "How To Become A President."

He focused on his student life at a Mississippi university and the "culture clash" he faced.

After much rambling, meeting participants asked McGuire about the responsibilities of the associations' officers. He replied, "Depends upon the year you ask."

McGuire dismissed suggestions made by other student leaders and also referred to the school as a "park and learn" university.

McGuire's actions reflect poorly on the association. He set a bad example and raises the question if the student body has adequate representation.

Where does this leave the future of UT Tyler and its students? If this farce continues, there will be no representation for students and the degradation will continue in the ranks for our "student leadership."

If this university is to grow and become what it could be, then we need effective student leadership to carry us into the new millennium.

## CAMPUS VOICE

Did you vote in the student election held Sept. 21-22 on campus?



HAGGERTY



ANDREWS



WELCH



KRUEBE



RHODES



HUGHES

"No. I got a letter in the mail to run for office ... a couple of weeks ago."

—Michael Haggerty, history major/Sr.

"No. I didn't know about it. I don't even know where to go vote or anything."

—Jamie Andrews, nursing major/Jr.

"No. Didn't know anything about it."

—Shajuanna Welch, history major/Jr.

"Didn't vote. I knew very little about it. I did see a paper 'Vote for me.' I think I saw it today but I don't remember the name."

—Matthew Kruebe, history grad student

"No. Didn't know anything about it. I don't know anyone who's running."

—Daryl Rhodes, theater major/Jr.

"Yes. I'm voting at tomorrow's election. I'm a candidate for Parliamentarian."

—Ronald Hughes, theater major/Jr.

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# Cowan Center justifies fees levied on students

by Wendy Moore  
Staff Writer

Fees for the Cowan Performing Arts Center have been collected from the pockets of the students since 1997 when the facility was built.

Many students have expressed concern for paying the fee which recently increased to \$30.

Many students argue they do not use the facility therefore they should have a choice whether they should pay the fee.

"I don't like it," Justin Windham, history major, said. "For students who utilize the Cowan Center on a regular basis its good, but people like me . . . don't use it that much."

Comments such as these are not ignored by the administration. However, Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said the fee is necessary to maintain and continue to operate the Cowan Center, not to mention paying off the loan used to build the building.

Many fees are charged to the students each semester in addition to the Fine and Performing Arts Fee. Some of these include a Student Service Fee, Basic Computer Access Fee and an International Education Fee. These fees are

required of all students in order to maintain the maintenance and operation of the school.

Whether a student eats a hot dog at a student service sponsored activity, or even uses a computer, these fees have to be paid. Therefore the Cowan Center fee is also required.

"The fee is necessary because, regardless of if the student goes to a performance," Scarborough said. "The building is there and the utilities, and all of the costs of operating the building . . . have to be paid for."

The Cowan Center also is used 45 days out of the year as a part of the educational experiences for theater and music students.

A new matter arose last year concerning the price of tickets to the students on campus. At many colleges and universities, students are allowed free viewing of performances on their campus.

This was not so at UTT. Students had to pay the full ticket prices which sometimes range up to \$38.

This is the first year a portion of the Fine and Performing Arts fee will be used to purchase tickets for

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## Hockey

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The Western Professional Hockey League has placed teams in New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. But thus far the major location for teams is Texas which has 10 teams in the state, according to WPHL officials.

"There are really two parallel projects in this situation. On one hand the WPHL wants to come to Tyler, but we don't have an arena. So they have a group out of Canada (New Stadiums) that they can build one with about 6,000-8,000 seats." Tom Mullins, President of Tyler Economic Development, said.

The proposed multi-purpose arena could be used for both the hockey team and events that can utilize an arena that size.

"But there is a group in Tyler, with the likes of Mayor Kevin Eltife, car dealer Robert Peltier and Nelson Clyde IV, (the Director of Retail Advertising for the Tyler Morning Telegraph) who would like to try and build a much larger convention center with about 10,000 seating capacity. Harvey Hall is not big enough for a lot of conventions in town thus we can't bid on some events. With a new more modern facility we can bring a lot more money into Tyler."

Mullins said.

While the league and New Stadiums arena will cost an estimated \$10 million, the larger center may cost as much as \$25 million Mullins said.

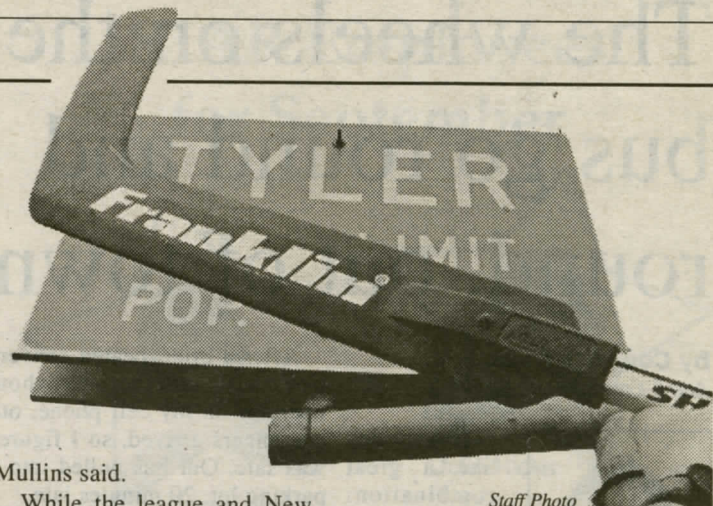
The plans are to have an arena and team by the 2001 season. That means construction would need to begin by the end of next year.

A hockey team is a possibility with either arena though. With the larger one the team would simply lease it from the city, allowing for it to be both a large convention center and a sport pavilion, Mullins said.

"It will be like a mall, in which you have a large store like Foleys or Dillards that anchors it, the team would be our anchor," he said.

Alan Weiss, the WPHL Director of Franchise Development is optimistic about the team coming to Tyler.

"If Tyler is interested and excited they should let the us know. From a league stand point we love



Staff Photo

to hear positive things from the community, its appealing to have intense interest while we are looking at a city," he said.

How a hockey team will fare in the city is unknown. There are fears the team might meet the same fate as the Wildcatters, minor league baseball team that remained in Tyler only a few years.

Phil Hicks, the sports editor for the *Morning Telegraph*, said he believes there is a good chance Tyler fans will support a local hockey team.

"Hockey has grown in the South a lot with the success of the Dallas Stars. I think with Tyler and East Texas they associate the sport with football, and they are rabid football fans. If there is a good product on the ice then Tyler will support it," Hicks said.

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## Website benefits students, faculty

School officials to implement more user-interactive features

by Kelli Vance  
Editor in Chief

The University website offers a variety of information and services for students and faculty.

Each semester, Information Resources reloads the website addresses based on student records. Students may access personal e-mail accounts at the Uniform Resource Language stemail.uttyl.edu.

User IDs consist of a student's first name, middle initial and last name. Passwords are the student's date of birth. E-mail addresses follow the format StudentName@stemail.uttyl.edu.

Initial conflicts reading student mail through America Online have since been resolved according to Information Resources.

"I think it's been well worth the effort, time and a little bit of money. More and more students are using mail." Steve Wilson, Director of Information Resources said.

Many professors are already using student mail to send out assignments and communication with their students. Others post class notes on departmental pages for students' benefit.



Each department is responsible for maintaining their own pages. They receive training from Information Resources.

In addition to e-mail services, each semester's schedule of classes are available.

Registration online, which will be available sometime next year, will be the first step in a series of interactive features planned for the website, Wilson said.

"In time, I think the students will be able to access their financial aid information, grades, status of their application," he said.

"Just like any website, it's continually evolving. If there's something that's not out there now, that doesn't mean it won't be there eventually. It's a work in progress."



# Dean's position still open pending Mabry's decision

Three candidates interviewed, more may come

by Nancy J. García  
Staff Writer

UT Tyler faculty and staff interviewed Richard J. Ferraro and Dan L. Wallace for the Dean of Student's position Sept. 17 and Sept. 20.

When asked what his first objective as Dean of Students would be, Ferraro, who is currently Dean of Students at Columbia University in New York, said, "One of the things I'd like to do is improve Student Services. I feel their activities need some development." His focus would be Student Government.

Ferraro also mentioned using a "holistic approach" when dealing with students, where academics and advisers get to know their students as real people. He gave an example of a student dealing

with a mortality issue. "Academics would say 'Don't talk to me' and push him away, where as I made sure he received counseling."

Wallace is the current Dean of Student Development at Stephen F. Austin State University. Like Ferraro, Wallace believes that a university should get to know students on a more personal level, in order to have a greater impact on their lives after college. "Try to find out, Who are we teaching? What are their values and characteristics?" he said.

Wallace interviews recent graduates on subjects such as money matters and job satisfaction. The feedback from these surveys provides valuable information about how effective they are, he said.



WALLACE



FERRARO



FALZONE

by Nancy J. García  
Staff Writer

In six months, Freshman Michael Falzone can become a registered voter. In the meantime he has learned first hand about the power of a single vote.

He vaguely remembers receiving an announcement about last week's student body elections. He ignored it. But then a newspaper survey jogged his memory just in time for him to become a candidate and cast the winning ballot.

Falzone elected himself to the Student Association as a representative of the College of Engineering. He was one of four successful write-in candidates who will be paid \$150 to serve on the Student Association this semester.

"Before this I didn't know any vote counted. I was proven wrong. It was a weird way of finding out," he said.

The 17-year-old mechanical engineering major is still waiting for official notification of his victory. He learned about the initial election results from his father, Dr. Vincent Falzone, a history professor.

Falzone said the association's failure to contact him made him feel unimportant, a feeling he does not want his constituents to experience.

"As their representative, I know I'm supposed to express what my fellow students need or want," he said.

As a last-minute candidate, Falzone admitted he still has a lot to learn about his

responsibilities as a representative. With the exception of knowing Catherine Holcomb, Falzone doesn't even know who else is serving in the association.

Falzone graduated earlier this year as a Jr., from Robert E. Lee High School. He was a three-year graduate.

"I took a couple of college courses in high school along with summer and night classes in order to get a head start in college," he said.

## IN OTHER ELECTION RESULTS ARE:

- Parliamentarian: 57 total votes cast.
- Kevin Montgomery: 28 votes.
- College of Business: 25 total votes cast
- Andrew Shirah: 10 votes
- College of Education and Psychology: 36 total votes cast
- Wayne Monson: 12 votes
- Bethany Kuykendall: seven votes.
- Amanda Ryan: six votes.
- College of Engineering: five total votes cast.
- Catherine Holcomb: two votes
- Michael Falzone: one vote.
- Tamala Stegall: one vote.
- College of Liberal Arts: 20 total votes.
- Kelly Martin: six votes.
- College of Science and Mathematics: five total votes.
- James Leach: three votes.
- Silas Shelton: one vote.
- James McFarlane: one five.
- College of Nursing: six total votes.
- Ambrosiour Jackson: three votes.
- Kerri Boykin: two votes.
- University Pines: six total votes.
- Stephanie Ard: three votes

# Shooting

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raise his gun and begin shooting the words projected on a screen in an apparent attempt to kill the song's lyrics.

"I could feel the whiz of the bullets going through the auditorium, and than he lowered the gun to the stage. The lead singer and I ran out the back exit for help," Sanders recalled.

He and the band member ran across the street for help, but he said they couldn't convince the neighbors the shooting was real. Another neighbor - a police officer - ran out of his home with his gun toward the church, he said.

"I was taught at an early age that when someone points a gun at you, you don't stick around. You run for safety. I was very angry with myself because I felt that I could have done something to stop the shooting. It wasn't until the Friday after that God helped me realize that we all had done everything we could," Sanders said.

The deadly shooting culminated two weeks of mishaps for the band.

"Two weeks prior to the shooting, we had a blowout on the highway. The week of the shooting, our trailer got stolen from a church

parking lot where we were doing a revival. Wednesday morning, we were still trying to find meaning in the stolen trailer and bought a new one. That afternoon, we went to Wedgewood to set up for the "See You at the Pole" rally that would be held that night," Sanders said.

The shooting made Sanders and the rest of the band thankful for what they learned through the tragic experience.

"Cherish every moment with every person you are around, and never neglect telling them what they mean to you. I look at all people differently, even drivers who cut me off!" he said.

The Wedgewood shooting has brought the band much closer, and not a day goes by that they don't think about what happened and about the lives that were lost.

"The thing that has touched me the most is that as long as I have been a Christian and playing the guitar, I have struggled with putting God before my music. There have been many times that I would have spare time, and instead of spending time with God, I chose to play the guitar. It is amazing to me that a guitar is what saved my life."

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## Kennedy new Director of Admissions



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Rodney H. Mabry has announced the promotion of Shawn da Kennedy.

She is now the director of admissions, advising these students of opportunities available at UT Tyler,

processing admissions applications, and managing recruitment travel schedules.

Kennedy joined UT Tyler in 1993 and has worked as a recorder, admissions counselor, and since 1998 served as assistant director of admissions.

She holds a bachelor of business administration in management and a master of arts in speech communication from UT Tyler.

## STAR Employees for September



Donna Griffin



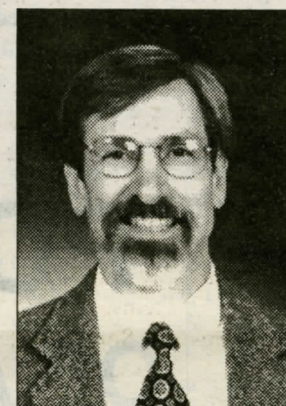
Julie Hicks

## Martin new president of teachers' association

Dr. W. Allen Martin, professor of sociology at The University of Texas at Tyler, has been elected president of the Texas Association of College Teachers. Martin began serving the two-year term this fall.

For the past three years, Martin has served as the Northeast Texas Regional vice president for TACT. He testified before the Texas Legislature last spring as part of TACT's initiative to increase the

Texas Retirement System multiplier, which will increase retirement payments for all university retirees by 10 percent.



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## Career Corner

By Ardith Weiss  
Contributing Writer



Career Services helps students pursue career developments and the job search process in the work-world.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of career counseling, workshops/seminars, job search assistance and employment listings provided.

The department offers various assessments to help students with career planning. The Strong Interest Inventory focuses on interests and how they fit into a student's life.

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator helps students understand their personality and how to appreciate differences in people.

SIGI-PLUS, a computerized career guidance system, showcases values and how important they are in a student's life.

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Counselor is on staff to assist students, helping them put the pieces together that eventually form a picture or profile. This enables the student to be better prepared in decision making, choosing a career path and emphasizing individual strengths.

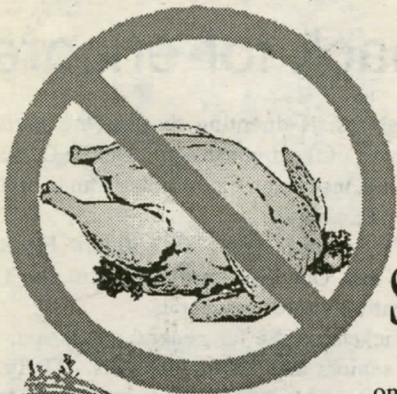
Career Services also serves as a clearinghouse for students desiring employer job information.

On-campus interviews and Career Fairs are conducted during the year.

Plan now to take advantage of these services. They are included in your Student Service Fee.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Ardith Weiss at 565-5581. Questions about careers may be answered in future editions of this column. Submit questions to the office in UC 282 or by e-mail at [aweiss@mail.uttyl.edu](mailto:aweiss@mail.uttyl.edu).





by **Cherilyn Raines**  
Staff Writer

Vegetarians often battle myths and face questions about their different eating habits. Five commonly asked questions are answered here.

#### Do you eat chicken and fish?

There are three types of vegetarians, and none of them include chicken or fish in their diets.

Lacto-vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, poultry or eggs, but include cheese, milk and other dairy products. Lacto-ovo-vegetarians follow the same diet, except eggs are included. Vegans (veg-an), or true vegetarians, avoid any type of animal products.

#### How do you get enough protein if you do not eat meat?

Although a vegetarian's protein intake is usually less than

## Veggie tells

### Student squashes vegetarian myths

omnivores, most vegetarians in this country meet or exceed the recommended daily allowance for protein, .36 grams per pound of body weight, according to *Food, Diet and Nutrition Therapy*. This lower intake of protein may actually help in retaining more calcium, as well as reduce consumption of dietary fat. Many high protein animal products are high in fat, according to the American Dietetic Association.

There are many different ways for vegetarians to get the daily recommended allowance of protein. The key is to get enough complete proteins, found in animal products such as milk, cheese or fish. If a vegetarian does not consume any type of animal products, foods may be combined to create complete proteins.

Some protein combinations include mixing legumes with grains, such as a peanut butter sandwich, or mixing grains with

milk products, such as macaroni and cheese or a rice and cheese casserole.

#### Aren't you anemic?

Vegetarians do not have a greater risk of iron deficiency than non-vegetarians, according to the American Dietetic Association. However, if a problem with iron deficiency exists, experts suggest vegetarian meals not be eaten with tea, coffee, wheat bran, soy or eggs. Another solution is to increase vitamin C intake, according to *Total Nutrition*.

#### Why are you vegetarian?

People choose to be vegetarians for many different reasons. Some people do it for religious reasons, while others do it for animal rights. Some people just want to live a healthier lifestyle.

#### Are you healthy?

Vegans are the highest at risk for nutrient deficiencies. But, as with any diet, careful planning and nutritional knowledge can eliminate this.

## Campus Crime Report

By **Luke Henderson**  
Staff Writer

The following is a record of the police reports for the UT Tyler campus for Sept. 8-22.



• Sept. 10: Public intoxication at University Pines Apartments.

• Sept. 13: Abusive 911 call from UT Tyler.

• Sept. 14: Suspected theft at UT library.

• Sept. 14: Theft of a cell phone from a car at University Pines Apartments.

• Sept. 15: Unauthorized use of office by UT employee.

• Sept. 16: Theft at University Pines Apartments.

• Sept. 16: Theft from faculty member.

• Sept. 17: Theft of computer hardware.

## Arrest

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He was jailed on charges of injury to a child and aggravated kidnapping, but he was released after posting a \$250,000 bond. Police believe the suspect may have fled to Mexico.

Since his initial arrest Rosales also has been implicated in a 1998 indecent exposure case reported on the UTT campus. A man fitting Rosales' description allegedly exposed himself to two young girls in the University Center, campus police said.

Police allege Axtel assisted in helping her ex-fiance flee. Axtel's

bond also was set at \$250,000.

F.R. "Buck" Files, attorney for Axtel, insists his client is innocent and that she has assisted police in the search for Rosales. He also believes his client will be released sometime this week.

"San Antonio Police did not know of the cooperation which she provided the FBI, US Marshals and Tyler PD. They agreed that she would be released on a personal recognizance bond," Files said.

Axtel was released on Tuesday afternoon from Smith County Jail on a personal recognizance bond.

## Flu vaccinations given on campus

The nursing department will give flu shots and blood pressure screenings next Wednesday and Thursday.

The event will take place at the Science and Mathematics Building in room 229 C from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The vaccinations will cost \$6 per student unless a medicare card is presented. With medicare, the vaccinations are free.

On Wednesday the nursing department will serve free soft drinks while students wait to be vaccinated.

The immunizations are administered as a service of the UT Tyler College of Nursing and the Smith County Health District Immunization Division.

Pneumonia vaccinations will also be administered for \$20.

## Student Activities

**Oct. 18** – "Where do I go from here?" presented by Justice Jim Worthen of the 12th Court of appeals in Tyler.



**Nov. 4** – "Dress for Success" presented by the Men's Wearhouse.



**Nov. 10** – "Dress for Success" presented by the Bealls Stage Stores.

**Dec. 2** – "Finding a Job/Writing a Resume" presented by Ardith Weiss, Career Services Coordinator

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## Russian dance troupe entertains and informs audiences worldwide

by Courtney Owen  
Staff Writer

Saturday UT Tyler students and East Texans can go back to the days of early Russian history, when the Don Cossacks of Rostov perform at the Cowan Center.

The Cossacks are a Russian group scholars and writers often have a hard time describing. Many definitions exist—some calling them legendary warriors loyal to the Tsars, others calling them the “Robin Hoods” of Russia and the Ukraine.

Rostov, and the entire Don River region, is known for its cultural and folk traditions. In addition to a rich history of music and dance, the area was home to

famous Russian authors Anton Chekhov and Mikhail Sholokhov.

The Cowan Center performance will showcase the history and traditions of the Cossacks, through a combination of songs and dances. The ensemble, under the direction of Anatoly Kvasov, strives to reproduce the Don Cossack songs and dances in their original form.

Tickets for the Don Cossacks of Rostov are available in the Cowan Center box office from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by calling 566-7424. Students are eligible for some free and discounted tickets; call for more information.

The performance is at 7 p.m. in the Cowan Center's Vaughn Auditorium.

## “Molly Sweeney” back for encore

Courtney Owen  
Staff Writer

The Theatre Program's encore presentation of Brian Friel's “Molly Sweeney” runs for the next two weeks.

After surgery Molly Sweeney regains her sight and, with the help of her husband, must learn to see in a world she formerly knew only through touch.

The play is told in the Irish story telling style, where actors recite extended monologues.

Dr. James Hatfield, director of theatre

programs, is directing the starring performances of theatre instructor Shellie O'Neal, english instructor Victor Scherb and student Kregg Dailey.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat. and Oct. 8-9; and 2:30 p.m. in The Theatre located on campus.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for students. UT Tyler students may receive one complimentary ticket by presenting a current student ID.

For ticket reservations, call 903-566-7254.

## Wilensky speaking today



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Courtney Owen  
Staff Writer

The 18th annual Distinguished Lecture Series begins today. Gail Wilensky, Ph.D. will address “The Changing Health Care Landscape.”

Wilensky, who earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan, chairs the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. She also serves as the John M. Olin senior fellow at Project HOPE, an international health foundation, where she analyzes and develops policies relating to health reform and ongoing changes in the medical marketplace.

For both positions, she testifies frequently before Congress, and acts as an adviser to members of Congress and other elected officials.

Previously, Wilensky was Deputy Assistant to President George Bush for Policy Development, advising him on health and welfare issues. She was also Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, overseeing Medicare and Medicaid programs.

General admission is free to all students, faculty and staff of UT Tyler, the UT Health Center at Tyler, area junior colleges and high schools. Students should present a current student ID at the door the evening of the lecture.

Wilensky's speech will begin at 8 p.m. in the Cowan Center's Vaughn Auditorium.

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performances at the Cowan Center in order to give students an opportunity to attend free.

Some activities, such as the Distinguished Lecture Series, students are admitted for free.

According to Scarborough, the Cowan Center performances have to support themselves financially, unlike other facilities on campus. Therefore the school has to purchase tickets from the center to give away as free tickets to the students.

“They can't absorb all of those free tickets,” said Scarborough. “So basically the Fine and Performing Arts Fee money has to go purchase those tickets for students and then make them available to the students.”

Scarborough said up to 200 tickets per performance are purchased at a discounted

75%.

“The question is: Will there be 200 students that want to do it?” Scarborough said.

The first performance of the year is Don Cossacks and so far, 125 tickets have been purchased on behalf of the students.

The Cowan Center is trying to increase the number of students attending the performances by gearing more toward the college student age group. In doing this, they will be bringing in more acts that are more interesting and more affordable to younger audiences throughout East Texas, Scarborough said.

The tickets for some of these acts are only \$12 and \$15 because the performance fees are less.

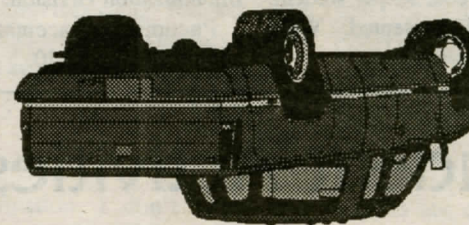
“It can be very much a part of a wonderful college experience,” Scarborough said. “It's just getting the students over there.”



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Lets Hear it Girls- Sophomores Bethany Kuykendall, Jill Owens, and Jimmie Garrison participate in Karaoke Friday at the UC during the fall kick off party.

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