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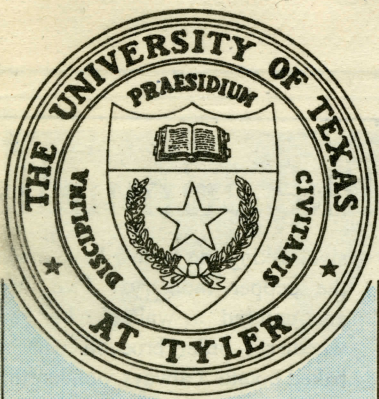
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The Patriot

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Secretary, child die in house fire

by Luke Henderson
Staff Writer

A University of Texas at Tyler secretary and her 3-year-old daughter died earlier this week in a house fire near Tyler Junior College.

Shelley Haynes, a 27-year-old secretary for the Department of Chemistry and Mathematics died Monday morning in a Tyler hospital. She had been employed at the University since Aug. 2.

Her daughter, Hanna died Sunday in a Dallas hospital.

The victims were trapped inside their Blackwell street home after a blaze engulfed the structure. Officials said the fire initially started at a neighbor's house Sunday morning and jumped to the Haynes' residence.

A fire investigator said the victims could have been alerted of the fire earlier if a smoke alarm had been placed properly.

"There was a working smoke detector, but it had been placed on a shelf about 18 inches off the ground. This caused the whole house to be filled with smoke before it went off," Investigator James Suggs said.

By the time firefighters arrived at the scene the victims had been overcome by smoke and high levels of carbon monoxide, according to a fire department report.

Haynes was taken to Mother Frances Hospital and placed in intensive care. On Monday, family members decided to remove her from life support and donate her organs.

"She will be missed," Dr. Donald McClagherty, chairman of the Chemistry Department said.

Rosary for Haynes and her daughter will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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Officials seek opinions about new building

Scott Willock
Staff Writer

University officials began polling campus organizations last week to gauge student opinion about a new physical education building.

Funding for the proposed building hinges upon the Nov. 2 constitutional amendment election and a University of Texas Board of Regent's decision on the dispersal of Permanent University Funds.

If the project clears the financial hurdles, students may vote in the spring to determine if they want to fund half of the building's annual

operating cost with a possible \$40 fee.

"We've got this November Board of Regents meeting coming up and we'd like to be able to say that a significant number of organizations on campus have endorsed this idea," UT President Rod Mabry said. "We then have to go back to the student body and talk about a fee and that there needs to be a fee."

In an Oct. 15 meeting, Student Association members discussed a memo from Mabry addressed to Interim Dean of Students Martha Wheat and association President Shane McGuire. The memo dis-

We'd like to know what the students think about it.

—Ernest McAllister

cussed the need for a student fee for building operations, outlined revenue projections and asked association members for their support. SA unanimously endorsed the project.

In an Oct. 16, student organiza-

tion president's meeting, student activities director Ernest McAllister asked representatives to poll their respective organizations about the proposed building.

"We'd like to know what the students think about it," McAllister said.

State law requires a student election before a new fee can be charged. The spring election — possibly in February — ultimately will decide the fate of the project. If a majority of students vote against funding the building, "that's the end of it," Mabry said.

See New Building on p. 8

Former astronaut lands on campus

by Courtney Owen
Staff Writer

It's rare that anyone gets to meet their hero, but for 8-year-old Deandra Lieberman of Tyler, her dream came true Tuesday night.

The aspiring astronaut stood patiently as Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, autographed the sleeve of her blue NASA jumpsuit. She also had a front row seat at the Cowan Center where Aldrin relived his experience and discussed the future of the space travel.

Aldrin said he too was drawn to space at an early age. In a slide presentation he showed the audience his father's eagle-emblazoned airplane that took him on his first flight — a flight that made him sick, but inspired him to pursue a career in aviation.

Aldrin attended West Point, flew fighter jets during the Korean conflict and received a doctorate in Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His thesis was titled "Rendezvous in Space," which, in the years to follow, is exactly what he would do.

In July of 1969 on the Apollo 11 mission, Aldrin and fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong became the



Jeff Sprick

MOON WALKER — Buzz Aldrin signs autographs Tuesday before his lecture.

first two humans to walk on the moon. He described the lunar surface as a fine talcum powder, and the scene as one of magnificent desolation.

"As I look back over the last 30 years, the images are burned into my memory," Aldrin said. "Your life really does change when you do something like going to the moon."

Despite the fact Aldrin achieved what some might say is the pinnacle of space exploration, he is disappointed with the lack of progress in the past 30 years.

"It's sad to see a nation that went from Kitty Hawk to the moon in only 66 years let its exploration of space languish since the moon walk," Aldrin said.

"There will be crucial changes, I hope, in our space program in the new millennium."

He designed The Cyclor, a reusable spacecraft that would orbit between the Earth and Mars. In 1993 he received a patent for his design of a permanent space station.

Aldrin wants to use this technology to enable normal citizens to take adventure trips orbiting the earth and visiting Mars. He compared this prospect with trips he has taken to the North Pole and to the wreckage of the Titanic—adventures people once thought were impossible.

"It is in our grasp to reach Mars," he said. "What we need is a Kennedy-like commitment to

Fall Fest '99 hits campus, more to come

by Nancy J. García
Staff Writer

Fallfest '99 will take place tomorrow in the University Center open area from 6:30-9 p.m.

"There's going to be live music, food, fun, games and excitement," Ernest L. McAllister, student activities coordinator, said.

Student organizations have prepared a haunted house for children in UC 118.

Fallfest also includes a costume contest for children and adults.

"We want this to be a family event," McAllister said.

Starting Nov. 1 intramural bowling will start at 8:30 p.m. at Green Acres Bowling Alley. The first game has to be purchased to get the second game and bowling shoes are free Nov. 13.

"he Intramural Bowling Tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m., he said.

"The best bowlers from the six colleges will compete for a trophy. Besides flag football and tennis intramural, volleyball will be coming soon," he said.

McAllister also is proposing a monopoly board game challenge from 3-5 p.m. for Nov. 15 at UC open area.

A Student Expo will be held at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 3 at the UC open area.

"It's where all of the student organizations have agreed to participate and introduce themselves to the student body," he said.

McAllister said he is pleased with the eagerness the students are showing.

"Partly it's because awareness has increased and slowly, but surely, word is getting out," McAllister said.

EDITORIAL

Patriot issues challenge*Students encouraged to voice opinions on benefits of proposed sports/fitness facility*

A new physical education building on our campus?

The administration wants to know how students feel about building a new facility. Now is the time to be heard.

This new physical education building, if approved by the Board of Regents next month, will be accessible to students in 2003.

In preparation for the meeting, university officials want the student endorsement. The Student Association, which represents the student body, already has endorsed the building. However, all students are not involved in the association.

With this in mind the administration took the research a step further and challenged the officers of other organizations on campus to ask their members if they endorse the building as well.

Students now have free memberships to Woodcreek Athletic Club in Tyler to compensate for the lack of a fitness center on campus.

This \$40,000 a year cut from the school's budget will be used to operate the new building instead.

Students should understand,

however, that in order to build a building such as this, a fee would be charged to help defray operating costs. In this case, officials estimate a \$40 fee may be necessary.

The administration has listed many benefits of the new building. It not only will be for recreation and health purposes, but the facility will provide additional classrooms for health/fitness related majors. It also will provide a relaxing atmosphere on campus for students to get together.

Regardless of the projections of the administration or even the faculty on campus, the building is of no importance unless the students agree it would benefit them.

In an attempt to reach those voices otherwise not heard, we would like to encourage everyone to write to *The Patriot* and tell us what you think. This challenge is meant for even those who are active in the student organizations.

Student responses should be limited to 50 - 200 words and should include name, classification and major.



by Courtney Owen
Staff Writer

"Are you sure you don't want any meat on

your sandwich? We don't sell a plain cheese sandwich."

"Yes. I don't care if you charge me full price—I just want cheese and bread. That's all. No meat."

I have this conversation nearly every day of my life. I'm a vegetarian, and have been for more than a decade. Everyone—from Subway clerks to a great aunt who gets offended because I won't eat her chicken spaghetti casserole—seems to think this is some sort of federal crime.

Any time I order at a restaurant, I

Vegetarians treated like criminals

have to make sure the so-called vegetarian items on the menu are actually meat-free. A vegetable soup, for instance, may contain beef or chicken stock. Eating meat or meat products after this long would make me very ill.

I don't mind asking. It is, after all, my choice not to eat meat. What does bother me is when people always question my lifestyle and motivations.

I'm a vegetarian simply because I want to be, not because it's against my religion or because I'm a raving animal rights activist. There are a myriad of reasons why people don't eat meat, and mine is simple. I just don't like it.

When I request peppers be left off my dinner salad, no one gets defen-

sive, asking me what I have against the pepper industry. I've never encountered a waiter who cares whether I order broccoli with my baked potato. I always wonder, then, why they have to criticize and question another of my food choices.

Attitudes about vegetarianism seem to be different in other places. In England, I never had trouble finding meatless options at restaurants—even McDonald's sold a veggie burger. I was never asked how, why or how long I had been a vegetarian. I've found the same to be true in other parts of the United States, such as New York and Florida.

Now, if only people here in Texas could keep their questions—and opinions—about what I put on my plate to themselves.

Like, I don't have a problem!*Annoying speech patterns derived from 80s movie*

by Kelli Vance
Staff Writer

Have you ever, like, you know, tried to listen to someone and, like, you keep waiting for them to like, get to the point? You know? It's like so irritating.

The 1982 film, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* brought mall mania and the southern California slang commonly used by Valley girls, Valspeak, into the American mainstream. Mall mania hangs by a thread, but Valspeak refuses to die.

Everyone knows someone with this annoying habit. Like alcoholics, they either deny a problem exists or they truly believe they control the "like," "you know," "so" and "Oh-my-gosh!" situation.

Curiously enough, girls in particular prefer this speech pattern. Boys keep it simple. In a laid-back, drawn-out drawl, "Dude . . ." says it all.

This trend of other slang shot through every region in America like wildfire. Those afflicted now take twice as long to arrive at the point or they lose their train of thought due to the excess verbal padding.

How do you break someone of this annoying habit? Try saying, "I know" every time the offender says, "You know?" However, a backfire threatens if the person feels strongly about the subject. Did she shake her

head enthusiastically? If so, you inadvertently added fuel to the fire.

By now you surely say, "Oh-my-gosh! That's so not true."

Breaking the "like" habit proves a little tougher. For this, I recommend you say, "Yeah," and tilt your head to the side each time in response. Of course, side effects include headache, nausea or worse, severe muscular damage, depending on how much your acquaintance says "like" before realizing you mimic her.

If, after all your efforts, your pal persists, capture her on video, good hair day permitting, and replay it for her. Swat the screen with a pointer or pause the tape whenever she utters one of "the words."

If your efforts still fail, adopt the "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" mentality. Fake a vacuous look, flip your hair with one hand while keeping the other firmly planted on your hip and say the fated words. Once your chum hears them, either reality snaps her out of it, forcing her to frantically yank you safely from the edge of the Valspeak abyss—or her dream comes true causing her to squeal with delight as she whisks you to the mall.

Those of you vowing to break your friends of this habit, beware: This highly addictive form of slang sucks unwitting victims into its great black vortex from which resistance is so futile and like, oh-my-gosh, forget escape! You know?

CAMPUS VOICE**What is your opinion about having mandatory attendance policies?**

by Jeff Sprick, Staff Writer

"If students pay their tuition then it should be up to the student if they want to go to class or not."

—Christy Cornelius, Senior Journalism

"You have to have some sort of guidelines or students will run the campus."

—Benjamin Hyde, Senior Speech Communication

"I don't think we need any more regulations at UT Tyler, it shifts the responsibility from instructions to the administration."

—Dan Sparkman, Graduate Education

"This is not high school, this is college. It should be the student's responsibility, your attendance will reflect your grade."

—Beth Candrum, Junior Computer Science

"I don't believe in mandatory attendance. If you are going to college then it is your decision to go."

—Andrea Case, Senior General Studies

"I think there should be rules about attendance policies. There should be a limitation on how much a person misses."

—Melinda Palmer, Junior General Business



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TOP — Ken Lan, at left, tries to avoid rush by Luke Crane, black shirt, during an Oct. 21 game.

LEFT — Lance McAlister runs for yardage as Kevin Blackwell pursues during an Oct. 21 game.

Wichita Falls police arrest former student

by Luke Henderson
Staff Writer

Former fugitive Adrian Rosales is back behind bars in San Antonio after evading police for two months.

United States marshals arrested Rosales, University of Texas graduate, on Oct. 14 in a Wichita Falls motel.

Campus police want to question Rosales in connection with a 1998 sexual assault of two young girls at the University Center.

"At this time two [cases] have been given to the DA, who will review and give them to the grand jury. [It] then will decide whether to indict or not," Sgt. Allan Brown said.

Rosales also is wanted for questioning in sexual assaults reported in Tyler, San Antonio and at Tyler Junior College. His arrest came a week after his case was featured on "America's Most Wanted."

The television show led to anonymous tips stating Rosales had

offered, over the Internet, to sell his story, officials said.

Marshals posing as television executives, contacted Rosales then arrested him at the motel.

"The day after Rosales was arrested, Tyler police went up to interview him. He gave us some information regarding his activities while he was on the run, but would not discuss any details of any crimes he is charged with," Tyler Police Lt. Richard Drew said.

Rosales graduated from UT earlier this year and had been employed as a restaurant manager in Tyler.

While on the run, Rosales' former fiancée Laura Axtel was arrested on campus and charged with assisting Rosales's flight from police. She was later released on a personal recognizance bond.

Rosales likely will face trial in San Antonio first.

"It will be a very long time before we ever see him up here. But in the mean time he is off the streets, which is important," Drew said.

Director submits resignation

by Wendy L. Moore
Staff Writer

Arthur Heredia has made plans to resign from his position as director of the Physical Plant, Mark Heckmann, executive assistant to the president said Wednesday.

After less than two years of service to the University, he has decided to leave. Heredia accepted his position during the summer of 1998, Heckmann said.

Heredia's official resignation will be effective Dec. 1, however his last day at work will be Nov. 30, Heckmann said.

Joe Vorsas, director of human resources, refused *The Patriot's* request to see a copy of the official letter of resignation.

Vorsas said the newspaper will have to file an Open Records request to obtain a copy of the letter. This is a "new policy" on campus, he said.

Vorsas also referred a reporter to Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, and Heredia's immediate supervisor.

Scarborough was not available for questioning and Heredia will not be available for the remainder of the week.

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Theatre department sponsors festival

by Courtney Owen
Staff Writer

The Department of Theatre will sponsor the American College Theatre Festival state and regional competitions.

About 150 students and faculty from colleges and universities around Texas are expected for the state festival which will be held in the Cowan Center Nov. 17-20.

Festival activities include stage shows and original script production, as well as presentation of students' set and costume design work.

The regional festival, will be held in February and includes participants from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. The event will bring more than 1,000 students and faculty to Tyler.

In recent years, Texas Tech, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Arkansas and Texas

Woman's University have been home to the festival. This will be the first time for UT Tyler to sponsor the event.

"The honor of being selected to host ACTF is a significant advancement for the UT Tyler theatre department," Dr. James Hatfield, director of the theatre program, said.

"Completion of the Cowan Center provided our theatre department the space and performance facilities to host a state or regional festival," Hatfield said.

The festival is presented by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to celebrate and encourage college and university theatre programs.

Participating theatre programs begin at the state level, and some are chosen to advance to the regional and national levels. UT Tyler students travel annually to the state festivals, and, in 1995, advanced to the

regional level with their production of *Oleanna*.

In addition to providing theatre students with opinions about their work from sources outside their local community, the festivals give the students an opportunity to receive the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. The scholarship is a recognition of individual student playwrights and achievement in theatrical design and technical support.

"Our students have demonstrated a desire to host a festival for several years and finally with the development of The Theatre performance space, which was renovated by the students, and the generous support of Mrs. Rosalis Montgomery, we have the resources to make these festivals possible," Hatfield said.

For more information about festival events, students can contact Kathy Summers or Kathleen Dunsavage in the ACTF planning office at (903) 566-7492.

Tyler appellate judge tells students how to prepare for chosen career

by Stacie L. Manning
Staff Writer

Tyler Appellate Judge Jim Worthen spoke on campus on Oct. 18 about how future graduates can make smart decisions to help further their careers.

Worthen is the first in a series of speakers sponsored by the University of Texas at Tyler Career Services.

His speech, titled "Where Do I Go From Here?"

covered five principles he believes have helped him move forward in his career and are essential for all students.

Worthen urged students to know themselves. He believes it is important for young professionals to enjoy their jobs and have their priorities in check.

He believes guidance and personality tests are a way for students to better understand themselves before graduation, he said.



Worthen said he planned to become a sports writer, but after he learned about a journalist's salary and he took a business law class, he realized he had an interest in law.

Setting realistic career goals is the second principle Worthen discussed. A new graduate should know his or her priorities and career goals. Worthen believes having priorities will help a person discover their career goals.

Worthen also advised students to stay flexible. He said the world is fast-paced and constantly changing, and with new computer technology, people must stay flexible in order to fulfill employers' needs.

Worthen stressed the importance of finding a mentor or mentors. He believes having mentors helped him through his career changes. He quoted the old proverb that says, "In the multitude of counsel, there is safety."

In the final principle, Worthen challenged students to keep their skills current. He believes it is imperative not to stop learning after graduation.

Worthen received his master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies

from UT Tyler earlier this year.

He encouraged students to attend seminars, take classes and keep up with technology.

"If you really love the field you are in, you will be more willing to learn more about it," Worthen said.

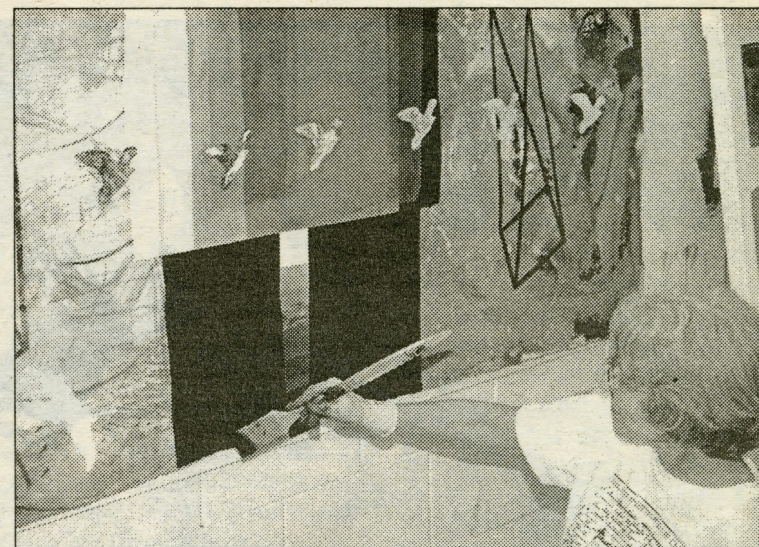
Worthen said he loves being a judge and he has learned a great deal from other judges.

Worthen also said he "thoroughly enjoyed law, but this [being a judge] is just a natural progression."

Worthen has worked to hone many skills, but he believes he has improved most in communication. He writes much more than he did when practicing law, and communicating with others has helped him a great deal.

He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Bar Association for the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Texas and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is the past president of the East Texas Council on World Affairs.

Worthen has been a justice with the 12th Court of Appeals since January. Before that he practiced law for more than 18 years.



Ernest Celaya

WALL PAINTING — June Hillis painting at UTT Art Studio

On The Web

E-Convenience: Putting the web to work

(NAPS)-The Internet offers so much information and so many diversions that often it can be a way to waste a lot of time.

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Students and faculty help freshmen adjust from high school to college

By Wendy L. Moore
Staff Writer

A group of students and faculty have teamed up and created a new spin on an old concept, sophomores helping freshmen through a mentor program.

School officials established the mentor program to help freshmen adjust to the transition between high school and college life. During registration the freshmen were divided into 21 groups. Each group of four to six students was assigned a sophomore and a faculty mentor.

"The program is a real good way to get freshmen involved and to get to know the faculty," Kim Harvey, student services counselor, said.

Both mentors are there for the freshmen to help with the every day stresses of college life such as homework challenges and time management difficulties.

The student mentors are peers who are available to answer questions such as how to get navigate the campus, advice on classes and how to use student services.

"The teacher mentors are there to

lend a hand on an issue that a student wouldn't know," Sophomore Katie Killingsworth, a mentor, said.

Some of these topics could include guidance on the procedures of dropping classes or how to approach a professor with a problem.

"I was having problems in a math class and she gave me her book from last year with her notes in it," Freshman Angela Tull said of her mentor Killingsworth. "It helped me in the class."

Many freshmen do not take advantage of their mentors very often, or even at all.

"I don't really have any freshmen active in the program," Sophomore Shelly Hammerick said. "I think, maybe they're still trying to get in the groove of things and they don't want to ask me for help."

"I think the main thing is that even if the freshmen don't participate, they have a mentor available to them for help," Harvey said.

Seminars are given once a week to discuss important topics such as financial planning, stress manage-

ment and communication skills.

"We also plan activities for them such as the party on Sept. 24," Killingsworth said. "Student activities helped us with it."

This "shin dig" allowed students to meet in an informal atmosphere and get to know each other.

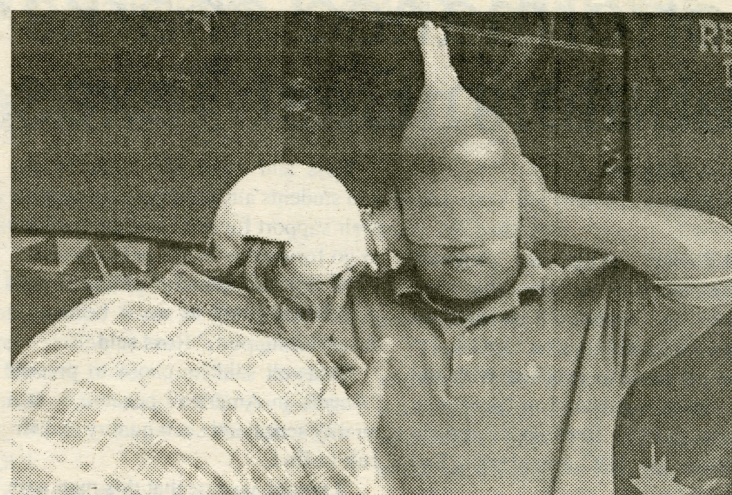
So far this semester the mentors also have sponsored a leadership lunch where the freshmen had an opportunity to get to know both of their designated mentors.

The program began last spring when freshmen were encouraged to join.

In August, the sophomore mentors went through a daylong training session to learn how to deal with conflicts that could arise throughout the year.

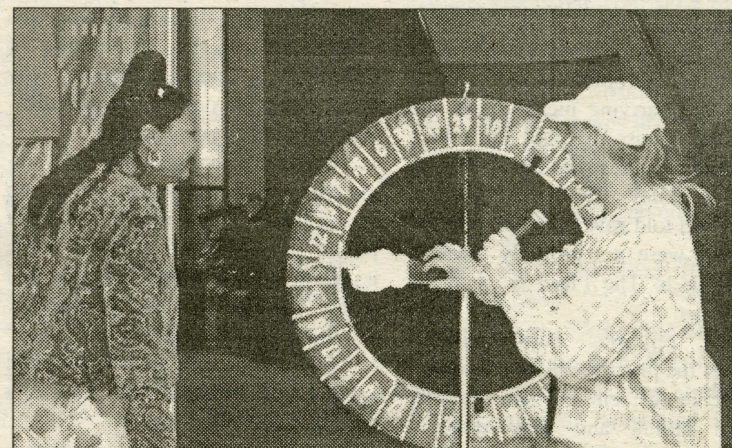
Some of the issues covered were how to peer council when a student presents a problem and steps to take to resolve the problems, as well as the proper authorities to go to when a mentor is not able to do it himself.

So far, the program has worked out well and many students, but not all, have utilized the program for what its worth, Killingsworth said.



Wendy L. Moore

CHICKEN HEAD - Ken Lan participates in chicken game for a chance to spin the "The Real Deal Wheel."



Wendy L. Moore

THE REAL DEAL - Fay Baxter Jones spins the wheel for big prizes.

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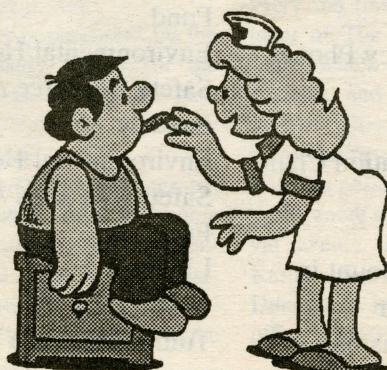
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Performance sparks Classrooms undergo face-lift debate in East Texas

by Ann Wilson
Staff Writer

KILGORE -Despite protests, harassment and threats, the play "Angels in America" opened at Kilgore Junior College on Oct. 14.

The decision to proceed with the performance was based on "academic freedom and the freedom of artistic expression," KJC President Bill Holda said.

The play depicts the dilemmas of five gay men who struggle with guilt, religion and the reality of disease.

Protesters who have traveled around the United States came to KJC to express their opinions.

Besides carrying picket signs, the protesters harassed Holda and others attending the Presbyterian Church in Kilgore. They shouted insults at Holda and told several people attending they were not properly dressed, according to The Flair, the campus newspaper.

Local opinions were split on whether the play should be allowed.

Kilgore resident Barbara Crumby agreed Holda and play director Raymond Caldwell were right to go forward with the play.

"Once you make a decision, you should stick with it," she said.

Opening night, Longview resident Jim Gray carried a protest sign that read "KJC Board abuses tax dollars."

Dr. Catherine Ross, assistant professor of English at the University of Texas at Tyler, disagrees with that statement.

"State universities serve the community, but I don't think that means the community can dictate what we teach," Ross said.

Ross and other UT Tyler faculty and students attended the play to show their support for KJC and the decision to go forward with the performance.

"I am completely pleased with myself for going to see it because it deserved support," Ross said.

Caldwell said he chose to present "Angels in America" because it is a quality script and such quality is difficult to find.

"I would assume that this man with 35 years of experience cares about his students and his career," Ross said, referring to Caldwell.

Keith Fowler, director of the drama department at the University of California in Irvine, explained why directors sometimes choose such difficult and controversial scripts.

"We do not propagandize for a single philosophy or lifestyle, but we do accept our responsibility in this most public of all arts to confront basic issues of human nature, the best and worst aspects of our humanity," Fowler wrote in a letter to The Flare.

"We do not live in a monolithic society," Holda said. "We live in a society filled with diversity."

Merely seeing something about a controversial issue does not cause someone to embrace a controversial lifestyle for themselves, Ross said.

All the tickets for the performance were sold out the afternoon before the second performance. Only a few protesters showed up that night.

One man held a sign that read, "God hates fags."

Melinda Price stood next to him holding a sign that read "God does not hate." She said she held the sign because she was appalled by the hatred of the protesters.

by Luke Henderson
Staff Writer

Room 108 in the business building has a new \$12,000 look to it.

Its renovation into the "model" room has raised both compliments and complaints from students and faculty.

Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, and University President Rodney H. Mabry first began discussing the idea in July.

"We wanted our classes to look different than those that the students had in high school and junior high," Scarborough said. "We wanted a more upper level feel."

According to school records, the room is equipped with the following:

- 20 leather chairs at \$92 each
- 14 tables at \$238 each
- \$4,175 projection unit
- \$170 projection screen
- \$1,590 computer
- \$185 videocassette recorder
- \$872 podium.

While the new additions to the classroom seem welcomed by students, a concern has arisen among the staff, Scarborough said.

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"The environment vastly contributes to the learning process."

-Amanda Chesshir
Speech Communication

desks in it. Now we only have 20 of these chairs," he said. "While that creates for a lot more comfort and space, it causes a 50 percent decrease in the amount of students we can have in that class. This has been a big concern among the staff."

There has not been a problem with a lack of seating, Scarborough said. He hopes to place classes with less than 20 students in the room.

"Originally we could only fit 16 students in the room. But we moved some stuff around and were able to fit four more," Scarborough said.

This is a concern because Scarborough would like to see each college renovate at least two rooms to be like the "model" room.

But, with the inability to have

more than 20 students in some instances, the plan is still unsure.

"Some rooms would be able to hold more chairs than 20, some would not be able to hold that much. But if we try it I'm sure we can find a way to make it where we have classes small enough to fit in the room, and these rooms will really improve the look and feel of the campus overall," Scarborough said.

One student's opinion of the improvements addresses both the comfort and the crowding problem.

"The environment vastly contributes to the learning process. The new seating in Business 108 provides a comfortable, professional setting which the students appreciate. The technology is very helpful, but the classrooms can get a bit crowded, especially with the big comfy chairs," Speech Communication Major Amanda Chesshir said.

Whether changing more rooms to match the "model" room is either feasible or wanted is still unclear.

Scarborough encourages anyone, faculty or student, to let him know their thoughts on the changes.

How much is that?

by Cherilyn Raines
Staff Writer

After students and property owners pay taxes and tuition they may not know how their money is spent on campus. The following list includes just a few examples of some of the necessities and niceties purchased for the University and the source of funding for each.

Item Purchased	Source of Funds	Amount
Electricity	State Appropriations	\$508,527 a year
Water	State Appropriations	\$24,493 a year
Budgeted Custodial Contract	State Appropriations	\$340,000 a year
Pole Banners	Lindsey (Endowed Gift Fund)	\$405 each
Golf Cart	Lindsey	\$4,400
Concrete for Driving Range	Designated Tuition	\$4,311
Mat for Driving Range	Lindsey	\$150 each
Divider for Driving Range	Lindsey	\$170 each
Buzz Aldrin	Designated Tuition	\$25,000
Greg Gumble	Designated Tuition	\$20,000
Code Blue Phones	Environmental Health and Safety Resource Allocation Fund	\$3,456 each
Yellow Emergency Phones	Environmental Health and Safety Resource Allocation Fund	\$567 each
Handicap Evacuation Chair	Environmental Health and Safety Resource Allocation Fund	\$2,268 each
Television and Mount in University Center	Lindsey	\$478 each
Interactive Television	Tuition Revenue Bonds	\$61,900 each classroom

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

UC silent auction to benefit local children

The UT Tyler Reading Association will sponsor a silent auction on Nov. 8 and 9 to benefit Jones Elementary School library.

The auction will take place in the lobby of the University Center from noon to 5 p.m. on Nov. 8 and from 10:30 am to 5 p.m. on Nov. 9.

Auction contributors include Outback Steak House, Eagle's Bluff Golf Course, Jason's Deli, Target and Frame-Up Gallery.

NSA selling t-shirts to fund Feb. convention

The 1999 Council of Schools, a weekend seminar for Nursing Student Association members, was held Oct. 1 and 2 in Austin.

Instructor Marion Rowe and students Michele Thornton, Crystal Thornton, Shaun Harrison, Kara Borowicz and Sandy Townend attended.

The NSA is raising funds to attend State Convention in San Antonio, Feb. 23-26. Nursing t-shirts are available for purchase. For more information, contact Michele Thornton at (903) 852-3828 or chelethorn@aol.com.

Campus clubs select 1999-2000 officers

Two campus organizations elected officers during separate meetings held earlier this month.

The Pre-Law Society officers are: Bryan Whitt, president; vice president Sandra Masklee; Tara Evans secretary; and Tim Burson treasurer.

The next two meetings for the PreLaw Society will be held Monday and Nov. 15. The meetings will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in business building Room 202.

University Republicans also elected new officers. They are: president, Bryan Whitt; vice president Thomas Wood; secretary Stephanie Fry; and treasurer Karen McKeown.

University Republicans will hold their next meeting on Monday Nov. 15 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 202 at the business building.

Debate team triumphs in two college contests

Five debate team students won awards at two separate tournaments held in Louisiana and Texas earlier this month.

At the tournament held at University of Louisiana Monroe, Leslie Cunningham won first speaker award in novice division. Jennifer Burford won fourth speaker in open division.

Art Rennels advanced to quarter finals, the level before semi-finals. Amanda Chesshir advanced to semi-finals.

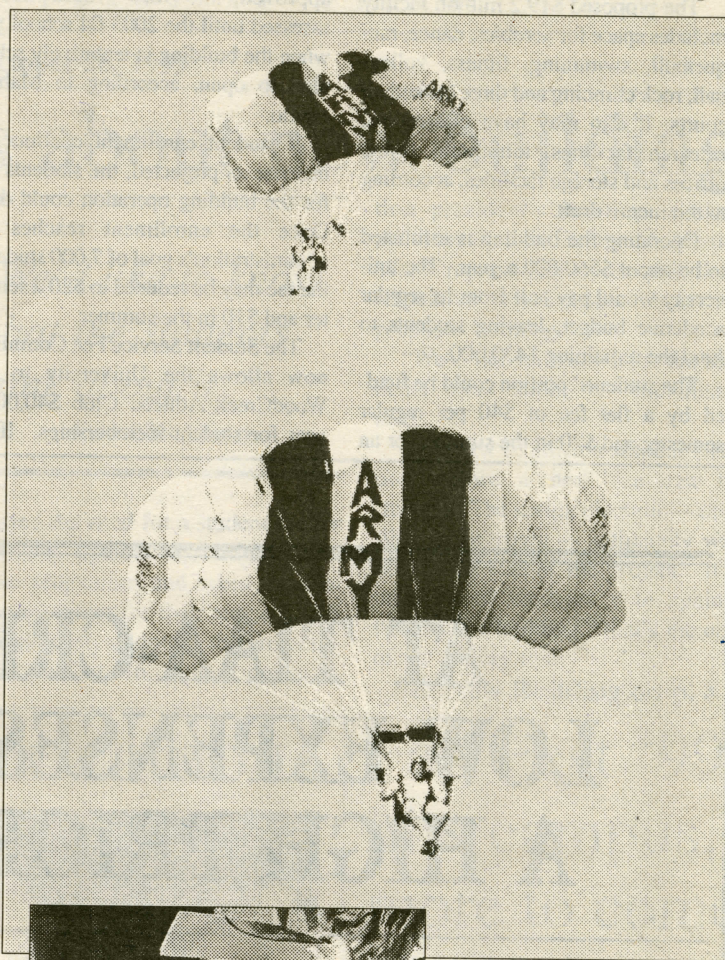
Chesshir won second speaker in open division to advance to quarter finals, and Colin Gilbert advanced to semi-finals at St. Mary's in San Antonio.

Make-a-Wish looking for volunteers, donors

The Make-a-Wish Foundation of North Texas fulfills the wishes of children ages 2 1/2 to 18 with life-threatening illnesses.

The foundation is searching for volunteers or anyone wanting to make a donation. For more information, call (903) 597-WISH (9474).

Flying high in the October sky



ABOVE—Members of the Golden Knights, an elite Army parachute team prepare to land on the UTT field Oct. 15.

LEFT—Drew Collins, 4, of Tyler, watches parachutists spiral to the ground.



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CAREER CORNER



by Ardith Weiss
Career Services
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For more information, please contact Career Services, UC 282, 565-5581.

Police report

by Luke Henderson
Crime Reporter



The following is a record of the police reports at UT Tyler from Oct. 8-21.

•Oct.8: An on campus office reported a theft.

•Oct.9: A fight was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

•Oct.11: A disturbance was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

•Oct.13: A car with its air bags deployed was reported at the Physical Plant building.

•Oct.19: A car was pulled over for running a stop sign on campus.

•Oct.20: Loud music was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

•Oct.21: A disturbance was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

•Oct.21: An assault was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

New Building

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The proposed \$19.2 million facility includes space for aerobics, dance, racquetball, swimming, fitness, volleyball, rock climbing and three basketball courts. It also may have classrooms, research facilities, intramural sports offices and storage facilities, according to the memo draft.

Operating the building is estimated to be about \$860,000 a year. The university would pay half from its regular academic budget, leaving students to fund the remaining \$430,000.

The students' portion could be funded by a flat fee of \$40 per regular semester and \$20 in the summer, or an

estimated fee of \$6 per credit hour. If approved, the fees would not be assessed until the 2003-04 school year when the building is tentatively scheduled to open, according to Mabry's memo.

If student enrollment continues to increase as projected, the students' fee for the building operation could drop. Once the enrollment reaches the administration's goal of 7,000 students, the fee may be reduced to \$20 a semester and \$10 in the summer.

The Student Service Fee Committee now allows the University to pay WoodCreek Athletic Club \$40,000 a year for student memberships. If the

committee decides to reallocate this money toward operating the new building, the initial student fee could be reduced to \$37, Mabry said in the memo.

With the current enrollment at 3,393, the proposed \$40 fee would generate \$315,000.

School officials expect the enrollment to reach 4,600 students by the fall of 2003, a population that could generate the needed amount, Mabry said.

In addition to enhancing student life on campus, Mabry said he believes a new physical education center will help increase enrollment.

"We're going to struggle if we don't have this facility, in terms of growing," Mabry said. "We're not at all interested in being a large university, but we want to be large enough."

Passage of Proposition 17 in the Nov. 2 election could generate \$250 million for the UT system's PUF. The amendment allows state fund managers to expand investing and generate more revenue from the fund. The PUF would be the University's main method of funding the construction costs.

Ultimately, the regents will decide how PUF revenues would be disbursed among the nine universities and six

health centers in the system. Proposals for construction projects already outweigh the expected available fund. Southwest Medical in Dallas already has proposed building a \$240 million research tower.

By including classrooms in the physical education center, the University increases its chances of receiving funding, Mabry said.

"If it's primarily recreation, the legislature would expect the students to pay for it," Mabry said.

If Proposition 17 fails, the University will seek funding from the legislature and private donations, he said.

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Aldrin

human exploration."

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He believes aviation companies should work to develop reusable rocket boosters, and the government should research ways to take large chunks of space stations into orbit at one time.

A student asked Aldrin what future

generations could do to promote space exploration.

He encouraged astronomy and science education, visits to Space Camp and experiencing zero-gravity flights.

These things, along with the commercialization of space, he said, will foster young people's dreams of visiting space.

Now that's a mouthful



Wendy L. Moore
Staff photo

FACE STUFFING FUN — Fay Baxter Jones stuffs marshmallows in her mouth during the "Crazy Game Show" held Monday in the UC.