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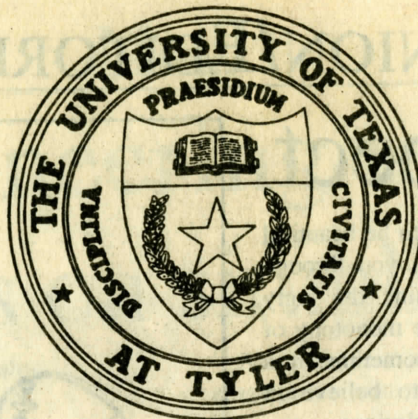
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Students face building issue in March election

New officers, name changes also considered

by Jeff Sprick
Patriot Writer

Students may vote on a possible fee increase for a new physical education building during an election scheduled for March 21-22.

The election also will allow students to select new Student Association officers and representatives, as well as decide two amendments to the organization's constitution.

Last fall, university officials proposed building a \$19.2 million facility to include space for aerobics, dance, racquetball, swimming, fitness, volleyball, rock climbing, and three basketball courts.

University President Rodney Mabry previously said students may be asked to decide if they want to fund half of the building's annual operating cost with a possible \$40 fee.

Officials began polling campus organizations in the fall to gauge student opinion about the project.

Student Activities Director Earnest McAllister, with the help of the SA, polled representatives from other campus organizations.

"It is too early for all the specifics about the issue, we should know more in the future," McAllister said.

A Student Association representative also said it is too early in the process to determine if the issue will

gain student approval.

"The ball is just starting to roll on the new issue and it is kind of early to tell," secretary Michelle Ledoux, said.

During the March election, students will be asked to decide if the Student Association can change its name to the Student Government Association and if representatives can change their titles to senator, Ledoux said.

Both amendments would allow the University of Tyler Student Association to have corresponding titles to the other universities in the UT system.

All Student Association positions are open to interested candidates. The executive positions are: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and parliamentarian.

Students will also vote on representatives for the College of Business, College of Nursing, College of Liberal Arts and College of Science and Mathematics. Positions for the College of Engineering, College of Education and Psychology and the University Pines apartments also are available.

Anyone interested in running for a student office may get an application and copy of the constitution in Room 111 or 112 in the University Center.

For more information contact Student Association Parliamentarian Kevin Montgomery at 566-7083.



Shanna Humphrey
STANDING TALL - Gary Swindle takes time from his busy schedule to answer a few questions.

by Luke Henderson
Patriot Writer

After 17 years of moving up the ranks of the Tyler police force, University of Texas at Tyler graduate Gary Swindle has finally made it to the top.

City Manager Pinkey Butler nominated Swindle as the new Tyler police chief during a Jan. 19

Former graduate recently elected chief of police

press conference. The city council accepted the recommendation on Wednesday.

"It was a sixth-month process, that started with 49 applicants, and with each stage more were taken off, and when I finally got named. I only had one hour before the first press conference," Swindle said.

Swindle, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice in 1996, said he found his whole experience at the school a good one.

"It was very enjoyable, the criminal justice program is wonderful. Dr. [Peter] Nelligan and Dr. [Barbara] Hart were two of my teachers and they are still there and it really prepared me for everything, including this job," Swindle said.

One of Swindle's professors

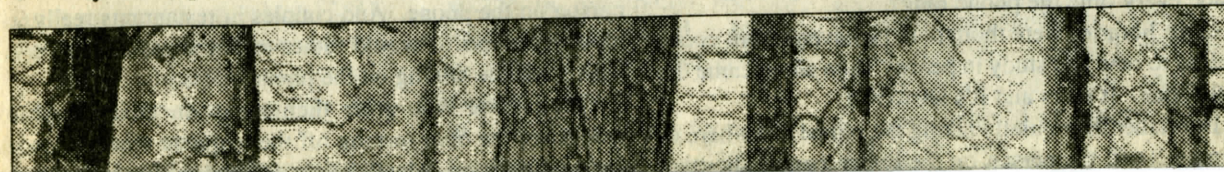
said he was not surprised by last week's announcement.

"Gary was an excellent student, he was a very bright hard worker, and it's not surprising to any of us here that he moved to the top in whatever department he could be with," Nelligan, an associate professor of criminal justice, said.

Swindle began his career with the Tyler Police Department in 1982 as a patrol officer and criminal investigator. He attributes his desire to be in the police force from his earlier career as a construction worker.

"I saw that the Tyler police force was always hiring, and my job as a construction worker was really hot. I had friends back in Dallas who were police officers and I thought I might like to do it

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New office honored by

Student



Staff Photo

YIKES! - Mark Woodruff retrieves his clothes after taking a dip in Harvey Lake.

Students strip to their underwear, attempt to start campus tradition

by **Stacie Manning**
Contributing Writer

Mark Woodruff had no idea what he was getting himself into when he announced he would swim across Harvey Lake the last day of fall finals.

He and classmate Kevin Blackwell stripped to their boxer shorts on the lake's bank Dec. 17 and without hesitation dove in.

"Oh my God, it's cold," Woodruff yelled as he came up for

air.

In less than five minutes Woodruff and Blackwell swam to the other side, then they stood on the turtle statue with their arms raised in triumph.

The idea of swimming across the lake started as a bet between students in the Fundamentals of Engineering class.

"I knew I had to be the first one in because if I saw Kevin go in, I wouldn't do it," Woodruff said.

The students said they plan to

make the swim a campus tradition.

"We don't have any traditions here and I think this is something that could be carried on," Blackwell said.

With his chest and arms covered in goose bumps and his teeth chattering, Woodruff scanned the bank looking for his clothes. They were gone.

"They took my pants, so now I have to walk by the Business Building in my underwear," Woodruff said with a laugh.

Company pays fee for parking lot delay

by **Luke Henderson**
Police Reporter

L & L Asphalt, the Tyler company that repaved campus parking lots last fall has been fined \$300 for failing to finish the project on time.

The project, which began July 21, was slated to take no more than 80 days. However L&L was 10 days late, initially completing the project on Oct. 18, officials said.

University of Texas at Tyler and company officials agreed if the project went beyond the allotted time period, the company would be fined \$300 a day until it was

completed, according to a signed contract.

"Companies usually have rain-day delays which allows for a project to go past date without actually being late. They seemed to take longer than expected, however when factoring in that, it ended up just being late by one day," Scott Scarborough, vice president for business affairs, said.

The company completed the final phase of the project within a 16-day extension it was given following the Oct. 18 finish date and it passed UTT inspection conducted the week of Dec. 6, he said.

"There weren't any major problems, besides the irrigation ditch in front of the administration building that was causing cars to bottom out, which was filled, everything was fine, and overall everyone seems quite satisfied," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said he hopes with proper maintenance the renovations will keep the parking lots from needing work again for at least 15 to 20 years.

"It was a project that was long overdue and hopefully it will not be needing to be done again for a long time," he said.

open house

by **Luke Henderson**
Patriot Writer

Students and staff celebrated the new Student Services offices at the University Center during a grand opening ceremony held Jan. 12 and 13.

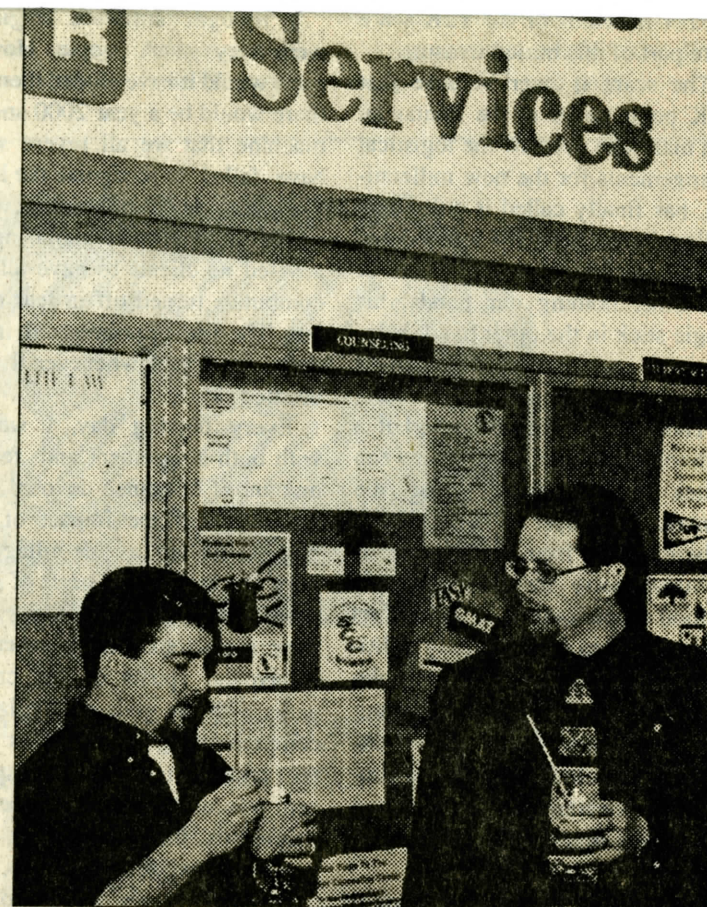
Guests were treated to snacks and an opportunity to meet Dr. Dale Lundsford, the new dean of student affairs and external relations.

Lundsford's office is located in the Student Services area, along with offices for the Student Association, Counseling and Testing, Student Activities and Intramurals, Career Services and the Academic Enrichment Center.

"I feel its going to have a very positive impact. Students can get counseling and find out about on campus things like intramurals and the Student Association," Ernest L. McAllister, coordinator of student activities and intramurals said.

In the past, the various offices were located throughout the University Center, but after five months of renovation they have all been centralized.

"The concept of having it all in one place is ideal for students and it really shows how UT is dedicated to change," tennis instructor Ken Olivier said.



Earnest Celaya

GRAND OPENING - Dale Lundsford, left, the dean of student affairs and external relations, and Chad Kurtz enjoy free sundaes at an open house for the new student service office.

Auditorium receives new system

by **Laura McWilliams**
Patriot Writer

A new \$50,000 sound system has been installed in Vaughn Auditorium, interim Cowan Center Director P.J. Lamb said.

"With this new equipment, sound throughout the building should be strong and clear," Scott Scarborough, vice president for business affairs said.

Sound problems plagued a December performance by Leslie Nielsen. Patrons seated in the back portion of the main floor and the

balcony reported they could not hear the first half of the nearly two-hour production.

Patrons also reported problems in other productions last semester.

"Hello Dolly was good except for the sound," said Tracee White, a student who witnessed the shortcomings of the old sound system. "You knew what was going on, but as [the actors] moved across the stage the sound would get soft, then catch up. It sounded like they were in a tunnel," she said.

Technical Director Bob Patterson said the sound system is working, has been tested and is ready for the "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" on Wednesday.

"The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" featured singers and dancers performing songs from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Cats," "Evita" and many other Webber Broadway hits.

"I hope the Webber revue sounds better than 'Hello Dolly,'" White said.

Enrollment increases from previous spring

by **Jeff Sprick**
Patriot Writer

Student enrollment inched up to 3,359 this semester, a 2.3 percent increase compared with figures last spring, Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management, said.

"This spring we have 76 more students than we had last spring semester," he said.

The total number of student cred-

it hours for this semester is 30,904, he said. Last spring's count was 3,283 students with 30,056 total student credit hours, Hutto said.

He credited a new telephone registration system and billing option for the increase.

"I believe the extra time and options were greatly helped students," Hutto said.

About 600 students registered

over the telephone. Some students also took advantage of the new payment option, he said.

In the past students were locked in at the amount of hours they had to take and would be reimbursed later if the student dropped the class. With the new system, a student's account balance can change automatically during the add/drop

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A single day gets no respect

There is a phrase that has been rolling around the back of my head for weeks. Perhaps it came in with the New Year to torment me. A new beginning can be very good to remind us how poorly we performed prior to its salvation.

The concept plaguing me has been expressed in several familiar maxims: "take each day as it comes," "make every moment count," "live every day to its fullest."

No matter how good it sounds, no matter how much I want to agree and follow up with an action signifying my application of it, I keep falling short.

My mind always goes to the next thing. That is, the next interesting thing. The moment and I just can't seem to find harmony.

A day gets no respect. We are a future oriented people. We live for the things that stimulate us.

We live paycheck to paycheck, weekend to weekend, meal to meal, sleep to sleep, work out to work out, even codependency to codependency, but certainly not day to day.

We cannot possibly live solely in the moment. We want to think about the future. We rely on it to motivate us to continue in the way because most of the things we do in a day are for mere survival, to get us to the good parts that reward the hard work.



Life, Love, and the Harangue

by Andrea Richards
Patriot Writer

And that is just how life is. Most of it serves us only as a vehicle to the stopping destinations.

Who really wants to live every moment of every day anyway? There are lots of moments of lots of days I wish I had never lived. There are many I have frittered away that may have held significance had I been paying attention.

But there's something good we say about ignorance. I am satisfied skipping over the tedious parts of this life, but I will certainly linger when the worthwhile ones come my way.

Maybe that is why we advise the recovering addict to live every day without giving thought to how they will make it through the next. They are so painfully engulfed in the moment they can't envision getting past it.

We live in a sort of unconscious surrealism clinging to the hope of a future better than the humdrum of everyday existence. They live in such reality they can't imagine the distress of the moment could be worth a future unseen.

So we urge them to hang on until the turnaround emerges. The final

destination has to be beautiful enough to carry you through the hard terrain, the ugly scenery and the monotony of the road. And sometimes it is just too hard to believe in something that glorious.

But it is nice to think life is otherwise. It's nice to think every mile of the trip is a photo-op. One could get very moralistic and point out that it is every moment that counts and unless you are living by it you are not really living.

Or one might attest that living in the future is by definition not even possible; that misplacing your attention there causes you to miss the boat of your entire life. They could be right, but no one likes those moralistic people anyway.

The point is, we either live for things that hold enough power to motivate us, or we turn our attentions to the vague and infinitely mysterious future that cannot disappoint us.

Either way we are choosing to happily pass away most of the minutes of our lives.

We don't live in the day and we certainly don't live in the moment. So why do we keep telling ourselves and each other that we should?

Maybe because it's true and we really are failing to suck every minute of the marrow of our lives. Or maybe we're all just suckers for a romantic notion.

A different set of priorities for Y2K



From My Perspective

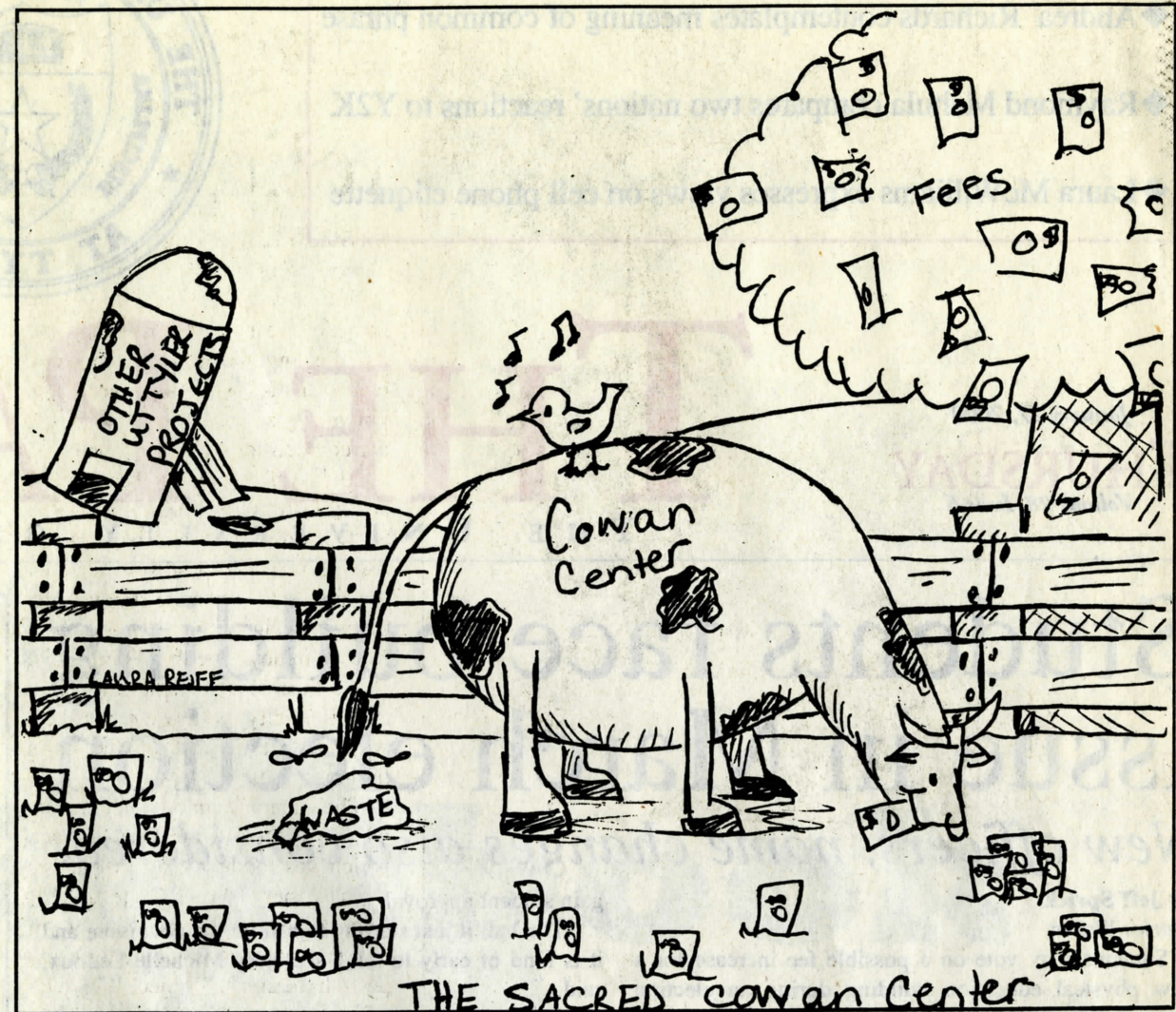
by Raymond Mahula
Patriot Writer

Readiness committees around the nation guardedly advised people to be wary of the war-like potentials of the millennium bug. The scare is over now because residence in a small East Texas city called Pittsburgh recently buried a time capsule that will remind citizens in the future how life was in 2000. I

Remember those flat radio announcements that urged you to remain calm and just prepare well enough for a normal emergency? Nothing could be further from the truth. The truth is even as they went on air to record those rosy public service announcements, guts were dripping all over the place with concealed uncertainty.

Who would have known the mistaken reading of a mere zero would have caused such immeasurable damage to the entire universe?

While Americans were worried about cars not starting and missiles not launching, about electricity and water systems not running because of a misplaced zero, we spent all our time on other issues. We quarreled over who was to blame for the marauding AIDS epidemic that is spreading in our God-forsaken continent like the wild fires in the dry Savannah grasslands of old. We worried of real problems; about the alarming mortality rate, about the decimation of the state of Somalia, about the war in Rwanda and Burundi. We cowed at the sight of a



The inconvenience of cell phones

I can't go anywhere without seeing someone talking on a cellular phone. That's fine - they have their place in our convenience-driven society. But there are a few places these devices should be banned. If for no other reason, the people using them should exercise a little consideration for others.

Nothing is more annoying than having a class come to a screeching halt because of a ringing telephone or a beeping pager. Teachers can't compete with an alarm clock rendition of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. And all eyes must search the room to find the star of the show who possesses the ultimate symbol of importance.

Would people "forget" to put their noise making devices on vibrate if teachers began dropping a letter grade every time the phone rang?

Once libraries were thought to be havens from noise, a place to read and study in peace. Then along came the cell phone. It rings and it's answered.

But rather than quietly taking the phone elsewhere or turning it off, the person on the phone begins shouting



My Thoughts Exactly

by Laura McWilliams
Patriot Writer

begins making dinner plans with the entire building.

Cell phones in cars are just plain dangerous. We've all seen the cars that go 15 miles per hour, then 45, then back to 20 as they swerve all over the road.

What's wrong with the driver? Is he drunk? Is he on drugs?

No, it's worse. He's on the phone.

Thankfully, in some states it's now illegal to yap on the phone while driving. Driving is difficult enough with drunken drivers and road rage. Roadway cell phone use only compounds the problems.

The rudest display of all is the person who talks on the phone while out with others. These people might as well just tell their friends they're not as important as the person on the phone. And couples in restaurants really blow my mind. I would rather eat by myself than sit with someone talking on the phone.

Often those who pride themselves on their social graces are the ones turning off the etiquette when turning on the phone. Maybe every cell phone should come

wonder if details of the Y2K scare were part of this buried treasure.

The scare is over because that Y2K point guard at the Pentagon, that man who oversaw the logistical arrangements for the new millennium, has finally called it quits. The millennium is here. His job is done.

In a way this was the Moses of our time, holding our hands, his magic stick in the other hand, helping us to cross the millennial river into our own technological freedom.

Those in the know dubbed it a technological showdown between Gates and Gods. It cost the American taxpayer up to \$4 billion. Where I come from an overzealous political party member tabled a motion in parliament to have Karl Marx expelled from the only political party in the land. His mistake was corrupting the minds of young university students who, after listening to his revolutionary tales of conquests, constantly demonstrated against the brutality of the government of the day.

It is here where a president ordered police to swing into action, to arrest and detain all gay citizens. It is here where the computer is still considered slower than the good old pen and paper technology. Here too, is where the talk about the millennium bug was considered an imperialistic conspiracy of a western world desperate to expand its political hegemony far and wide.

I thought software engineers were very smart people. How on earth would it have eluded them that there would be a year 2000 and this machine that we all revere would have failed to recognize the leap?

A story is told about a country where an important public agency advised its clients to have all their computers turned off in fear of the bug. The agency promised to inform them via e-mail whenever it was deemed safe.

Every passing day, I watched with both amazement and fear the amount of discourse devoted to the discussion of the impact of Y2K bug. As for me, a little village boy, born and bred in the heart of Africa where the gods of technology threw their capricious curses, where the malevolent spirits of old crossed paths with the gods of civilization, comprehending all this fuss about the consequences of a misplaced zero was as alien to me as the same magic box, the computer, is to my graying grandfather.

As American's struggled with cushioning their computers against the millennium bug, we in the bush cushioned ourselves against the possibility of a spill over effect of the war in Laurent Kabila's Congo, a former French colony that has been single-handedly transformed from a thriving copper belt to an emaciated basket case.

Afro democracy for you! Yes.

dying continent.

Wait a minute. Perhaps you think we did not prepare for the year 2000. We have always prepared for this year. Remember those years when Dr. Henry Kissinger was the doyen of international diplomacy? Those days when shuttle diplomacy was the order of the day?

We were already discussing year 2000 readiness issues. We were discussing how, by this year, we would have piped milk all the way to our doorsteps. Our politicians kept promising that by the Y2K, all the villagers would have piped water by their bedsides.

Today, 30 years later, water borne diseases still account for a sizable proportion of infant death on our continent. Maybe you are wondering what became of our dreams to have electric power in every village by 2000. Yes indeed. The rate of power outages is as frequent in major cities as violence is in Los Angeles.

What of that free basic education for all by the year 2000 contained in sessional paper No.10 of 1988 for the next decade and beyond? Well illiteracy, at the moment, is our highest foreign exchange earner, of course besides war and AIDS.

So you thought Y2K would scare us? No son, we got you on this.

We always had a Y2K readiness team, only that we prepared for the wrong things and, as usual, got all our priorities upside down.

into it as if the caller lost a hearing aid.

It's impossible to cram for a test when someone

with an etiquette manual.

Review: A trip to Unk's Shrimp Shack

by Lana Cain

Contributing writer

On the way to Unk's Shrimp Shack, we couldn't help but hum the 90's hit "Love Shack", replacing it with "Shrimp Shack" of course.

Shrimp Shack is a very happening place with a casual atmosphere. From the paper towel rolls serving as napkin holders to the help-yourself condiment bar, Unk's is a relaxed seafood lover's dream.

Only opened Tuesday through Saturday from 4-9 p.m., the "shack" serves portions "as big as a whale".

Intrigued by the list of appetizers, we chose traditional fried cheese sticks served with a marinara sauce, and fried mushrooms served with a thin but tasty ranch dip. Both were better than any we have eaten in other

restaurants.

After studying the hot pink paper menu, my husband settled on one of nine combo entrees. It included four butterfly shrimp fried in a seasoned corn meal batter, two stuffed crab (excellent!), large portion of home style fries, two hushpuppies, coleslaw, and tomato relish.

There were at least four dozen popcorn shrimp in my basket, and each shrimp was amazingly large and tasty. My platter also included a healthy portion of fries, two hushpuppies, and fresh homemade coleslaw. (The freshest I've ever had!)

The child's menu listed four entrees. My 5-year-old picked the white meat chicken strips which were heavily breaded and seasoned just right for tender taste buds. It was

served with a divine BBQ sauce, fries and a drink for \$3.95.

Speaking of drinks, did I mention Unk's serves alcohol? The usual sodas and tea were served in plastic cups, adding to the casual atmosphere. As the owner said, "Refills are free...unless you're drinking beer."

There was no dessert menu unless you count the gum ball machine filled with Skittles, so those with a sweet tooth are out of luck.

But you're in luck if you love great seafood. Unk's Shrimp Shack is simply the best in all of East Texas. The amount of quality food that you get for the price is unbeatable.

The restaurant is only a short drive for such tasty seafood.

"Shrimp Shack, that's where it's at!"

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CAMPUS VOICE

What do you think about student parking on campus?



ROBERTS

"It's very hectic." Suzette Roberts, Junior, Sociology



THOMAS

"I feel we are very fortunate even when parking on the road and would see any additional monies spent on parking as wasted resources." Alan Thomas, Senior, Sociology



LOONEY

"Compared to other universities, this is good." Stephen R. Looney, Senior, Criminal Justice



DUNN

"I think it's nice to have parking lots by the buildings." Kimberlee Dunn, Junior, History



PLUNKETT

"It's not too bad. It could be worse. It's a lot better than other schools." Logan Plunkett, Junior, General Business



LACY

"It's not enough. It needs to be closer to all the buildings. I'm tired of walking." Katrina Lacy, Junior, Interdisciplinary Studies

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Staff photo

ON THEIR MARK—Justin Grolemond, middle, and Kevin Blackwell, left, prepare to race their solar-powered vehicles last fall semester.

Engineering team relies on simplicity

by **Stacie L. Manning**
Contributing Writer

For less than three dollars, a hodgepodge of scrap materials and a little ingenuity, four freshmen engineering students won the University's solar-powered model car competition held last month.

The lightweight vehicle constructed from used milk jug caps, a McDonald's straw and balsa wood was powered by a solar cell about the size of two postage stamps. The car was designed by team members Mat Whatley, Jacob Whittington, Brian Gosnell and Travis Randolph.

"Simplicity is always the best way," Whatley said of the car's design.

The team was among 36 students who competed in the Dec. 17 race which was conducted by instructors from the the College of Engineering. Students enrolled in Fundamentals of Engineering competed as teams in "Project Bigshot," which is part of the design experience for freshmen.

Each entry was placed on a flat wooden track and timed as it rolled from one end to the other. The vehicles were powered by a row of sun lamps located just above the track.

Vehicles were judged on speed, construction cost and the weight of each car.

Each team was allowed three runs in the competition and the best two times were averaged together for the final time. Instructors then used a formula to equalize all contributing variables.

The final time was multiplied by three, divided by the cost then multiplied by two for the total. The cars also had building constraints to follow - 6 inches tall, 6 inches long and 5 inches wide.

The winning team's car was the cheapest, which boosted their score above competitors.

"We wanted to make it as simple as possible and cost was the main factor. Ours wasn't the fastest, but it was the cheapest, so that's where most of our points came from," Whatley said.

"Project Bigshot" gave students a glimpse of what the engineering profession is like and what they can expect for the rest of their college careers.

"This is our first experience with engineering. We learned what it is all about through this project," Whittington said.

Campus Police Report

by **Luke Henderson**
Patriot Writer

The following is a list of offense reports from the UT Tyler campus police for Nov. 30 to Jan. 18.

●Nov. 30: Fire alarm at the Engineering Building.

●Dec. 1: Injury at the library.

●Dec. 3: Theft at the library of a Kenwood stereo.

●Dec. 3: Woman fell at the University Center.

●Dec. 4: Campus Police assisting Emergency Medical Service at University Pines.

●Dec. 7: Breach of computer security in the HPR building.

●Dec. 8: Car needing a tow at University Pines.

●Dec. 9: Marijuana plants found at University Pines.

●Dec. 9: Arrest warrant for criminal trespass at University Pines.

●Dec. 10: Theft at the HPR building of a computer printer.

●Dec. 11: Accident in lot 10 of the library parking.

●Dec. 13: Theft incident in the University Pines Apartments.

●Dec. 15: Possible marijuana in car.

●Dec. 15: Assisting of other law enforcement agencies.

●Dec. 16: Smell of burning marijuana in University Pines.

●Dec. 17: Theft incident in University Pines.

●Dec. 17: Theft incident in University Pines.

●Dec. 19: Simple assault in University Pines.

●Dec. 21: Phone harassment in University Pines.

●Dec. 27: Suspicious car with keys in ignition.

●Dec. 28: Theft in University Pines of a three disc CD changer.

●Dec. 29: Fire Alarm in the HPR building.

●Dec. 30: Fire alarm in the HPR building.

●Jan. 1: Gate at Emerald Ridge hit by car.

●Jan. 5: Broken window in the science building.

●Jan. 7: Fire alarm in the Cowan Center.

●Jan. 11: Motorcyclist riding recklessly in University Pines.

●Jan. 14: Arguing persons on the tennis courts.

●Jan. 15: Vehicle burglary of a stereo at University Pines.

●Jan. 18: Criminal mischief, attempted break in of a library drop box, at the UTT library.



Student Association releases fall semester financial report

by **Jeff Sprick**
Patriot Writer

Scholarships for Student Association members accounted for more than half of the organization's total expenditures for the fall semester, according to financial statement released this month.

The association spent \$3,582.25 during the semester of which \$2,600 was paid to student representatives.

Other expenditures include office maintenance, supplies and special events costs.

The financial report was released

a scholarship. During a Nov. 1 meeting, members voted 11-2 to increase the scholarship amount from \$100 to \$150 a semester. Other costs incurred during the fall semester are:

- \$200 for an election.
- \$234.86 for meeting supplies, refreshments, copy center costs and postal charges.
- \$275 in registration fees for representatives to attend a leadership conference at the University of Clearlake.
- \$74.93 for supplies for a booth at the campus Halloween Carnival.

University Rewind A look through the past

25 years ago: The University, then known as Texas Eastern University, was planning a lake adjacent to the northeast parking area. Harvey Lake was named in honor of M.J. Harvey who donated \$100,000 toward construction.

20 years ago: Several students were asked if they supported President Jimmy Carter in reinstating the draft and if women should be drafted along with the men.

in the military.

15 years ago: "Drinking age legislation causes controversy over responsibility." The uproar could be heard all over campus when the legal drinking age was raised from 19 to 21.

10 years ago: Services were held for Doyle Spencer, a campus security guard who died at age 63 after a brief illness.

5 years ago: Martin Luther King Jr. scholarships were awarded to high-ranking minori-

Formal dance, book swap scheduled for this semester

by **Jennifer Jones**
Patriot Writer

"Mardi Gras Masquerade" is this year's theme for an April 8 formal dance sponsored by the Student Association.

The event is scheduled for 7-11 p.m. at the University Center open area. The dance is open to all students and their dates.

Association members discussed plans for the event during a Monday meeting. Members approved the theme and decided to hire a disc jockey, photographer and a caterer.

probably be asked to pick up invitations from the student association office.

During Monday's meeting, officials also distributed information about an online book exchange.

The "bookswap" is planned for finals week and will consist of a free electronic bulletin board where students can buy and sell their books with other students.

Student association officers said this event is an effort to help student save money on textbook purchases.

The website to be used is

in compliance with organization's constitution.

Students who are elected to represent their respective colleges receive

• \$162.46 in telephone charges for September through December.

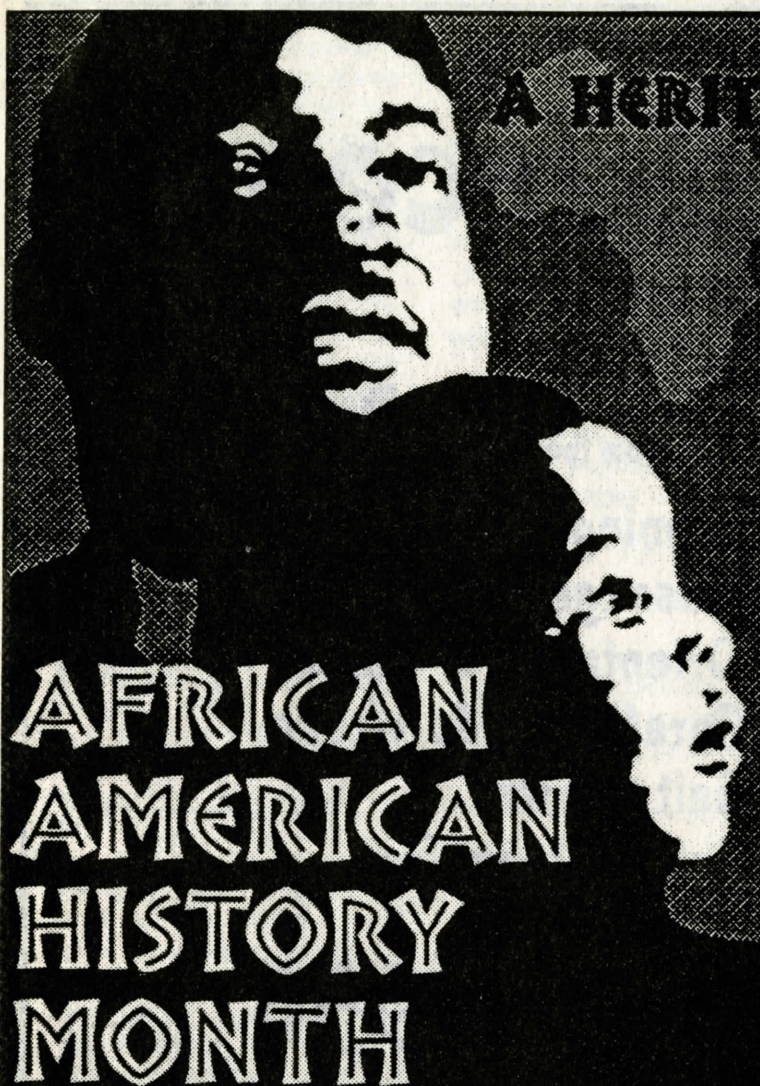
• \$35 for telephone maintenance.

Most students agreed with the draft, but several voiced opposition to women participat-

ty students with a grade point average ranging from 3.5 to 4.0.

Members also discussed how to monitor the number of dance participants, but decided students would

www.bookswap.com. Officers are working to create a link to this site through the UTT web page.



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Sportscaster kicks off spring lectures

Three-time Emmy winning sports broadcaster Greg Gumbel will be the final speaker of the 1999-2000 Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Gumbel's presentation of a multimedia event displaying the trials and tribulations of past Olympic athletes will begin at 8 p.m., Feb. 3 in the Cowan Center.



Admission is free to all University of Texas at Tyler students, faculty, and staff, the UT Health Center at Tyler, area junior colleges and high schools. Students should present a current student identification at the door.

General admission tickets are also available for \$10 or through the patron ticket program. Patron tickets are \$50 each and include reserved parking, a pre-lecture reception with Gumbel and reserved

seating.

Contact the UT Tyler Office of Development at (903) 566-7110 for more information about patron tickets.

Gumbel has been involved in sports and broadcasting for more than 25 years. He currently serves with former New York Giants' quarterback Phil Simms to form CBS' foremost NFL announcing team.

He also serves as CBS' host of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the Final Four and the Daytona 500.

Gumbel previously worked for CBS from 1989 to 1994, then left to work for NBC Sports from 1994-1998.

From 1990 to 1993 he was the host of "The NFL Today," CBS' pre-game, half-time, and post-game show.

He also served as primetime anchor of CBS Sports' coverage of the 1994 Olympic Winter Games, and as co-anchor for the weekday morning broadcasts of the 1992 Olympic Winter Games.

Business college presents job fair

The business administration department will present a business career fair next Friday.

Dr. Leslie Toombs, associate professor of management, is coordinating the event. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Business Administration Building. The fair is designed for currently enrolled students majoring in business and alumni of the College of Business Administration.

Companies will be available to meet students and discuss career opportunities. Some will conduct on-campus interviews Toombs said.

The interviews are being prescheduled through the university's Business Career Center, located in the Business Administration Building, room 146.

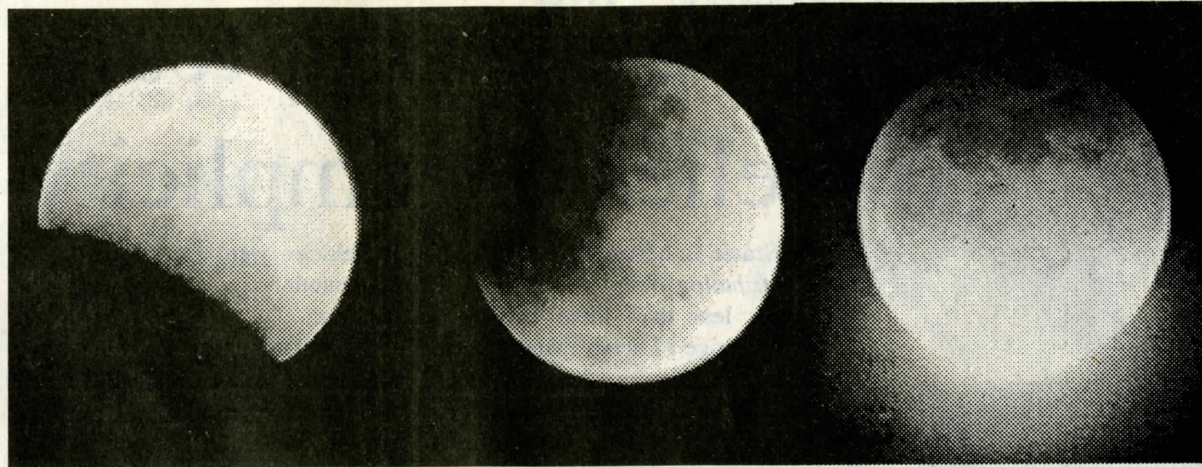
For more information, students may call the Business Career Center at 565-5750.

Accounting Society collects cans for Tyler nonprofit organizations

The accounting society collected 505 cans of food in a Nov. 8-12 food drive benefiting Tyler organizations.

and the East Texas Food Bank.

"We talked to PATH and ETFB and they both said they were very pleased with the amount turned in, because both food banks were in



Shanna Humphrey

MOON STRUCK! - On Jan. 20, a full lunar eclipse appeared for several hours. This composite picture shows the moon before, during and after the eclipse. The moon took an orange-red color towards the end of the eclipse.

Theater Department announces available auditions for plays

The University of Texas at Tyler theater department will be holding open auditions for the play "A Small Family Business" and the musical "Kismet."

"A Small Family Business" by Alan Ayckbourn is a British comedy of Mafia characters.

Performances are scheduled for April 21-23 and 27-30. Auditions will be held in the theater of the PHE building on January 29 and 30

at 7:00 pm. Those interested need only bring themselves, as the audition will be a cold reading of the play.

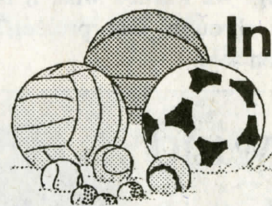
Mary Ellen Wright will be directing the production.

"Kismet" is a musical about the Arabian knights. The show is scheduled to hit the UT Tyler stage on March 31, and run through April 2. Those interested in auditioning must prepare a song, read a portion

of the play and sign up for an audition time in FAC 2009. An accompanist will be provided or an accompaniment tape may be used.

The musical portion will be directed by Dr. Thomas Allen and Dr. Hatfield will be doing stage directing.

For more information on either play contact Dr. Hatfield at 566-7425, Dr. Allen at 566-7304, or Ms. Wright at 566-7289.



Intramural Sports

GAME DATES, TIME AND LOCATION

	Basketball	Volleyball
Feb. 2	9	17
Feb. 11	23	24
March 1	8	9

All Basketball and Volleyball games held at Hubbard Richard Middle School, 1300 Hubbard Drive, at 6 p.m.

TEAM SPORT MEETINGS

Feb. 17: Softball at 4 p.m. in UC 118.
 April 12: Bowling at 4 p.m. in UC 118.
 Feb. 7: Tennis play begins through April 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Summers Tennis Center.

Student Activities

"Fun Flicks" is back by popular demand! On Jan. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in UC 118, students have the opportunity to make their own MTV-Style Video.

Fun Flicks includes special effects, costumes and props for use in video making. Students can pick from 350 chart-topping songs. In the following week, students should look for the first UT-Tyler Music Video Awards. February 16 a comedy concert featuring comedian Jamique and local band "Taste", with another band to be announced, comes to the Cowan Center to celebrate Black History Month. Students can watch for further information or inquire at Student Activities in UC 111.

Colleges set for theater festival

Several colleges and universities will showcase their work on this campus next month.

The University of Texas at Tyler Theater Department has been active in the American College Theater Festivals in the past. In previous years the members traveled to such places as Lamar University in Beaumont and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The regional festival has never been hosted by a school as small as UT Tyler according to department officials. Until the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center was available, the theater department lacked the space to host a state or regional festival department officials said.

This event is an opportunity for growth and development in all areas of theater, Kathy Summers with the theater department, said. It will also enable all students to

Meadows Gallery presents faculty art

The Meadows Gallery is presenting a Studio Faculty Exhibition through March 8, Peter Calvert, curator of exhibitions, has announced.

The group exhibition includes works of art by the studio art faculty at UT Tyler, including Gary C. Hatcher, assistant professor of art; Dr. William B. Stephens, professor of art; James Pace, The George and Pat Oge Professor of Art; and Calvert.

The exhibition will feature ceramics, watercolor collage paintings, "combine" paintings, and woodcuts. Each of the artists has shown extensively for many years regionally and nationally.

The Meadows Gallery is located

Business contributed to the drive, with proceeds being divided between People Attempting to Help

desperate need of help," Jackie Groves, president of the Accounting Society said.

For more intramural information contact the Office of Student Activities in UC 113 at 566-7081 or Dr. Keith McCoy at 566-7032.

in the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

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New staff members named to university

Dr. Dale Lunsford has been named Dean of Student Affairs and External Relations at The University of Texas at Tyler, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

As Dean of Student Affairs, Lunsford's duties will include overseeing the departments of career services, student testing and counseling, and student activities. Lunsford will receive an annual salary of \$98,500.



Lunsford

"Dr. Lunsford is a highly energetic, thoughtful individual who truly likes working with students. I am pleased that he will join our team during these critical years," Mabry said.

Lunsford also will manage governmental relations for the university and head the development of a comprehensive marketing plan.

"We have reorganized our Department of News and Information to allow for the consolidation of some operations which will enable us to better focus on our primary goal of increasing enrollment. Dr. Lunsford's involvement in the student affairs and news and information will be beneficial as we concentrate on our marketing plan," Mabry said.

Beverly Shelton has been promoted to Director of News and Public Information with an annual salary of \$37,500.



Shelton

In addition, J. Kyle Dalpe has been promoted to Coordinator of Publications with an annual salary of \$33,500.



Dalpe

"I believe these changes will give our creative people more responsibility and allow them to better tell the exciting story of UT Tyler's excellence and growth," Mabry added.

Clark comes to the university with extensive engineering, architecture and facilities planning and construction experience.

He has served as architect, engineer and senior construction inspector for the UT System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction since 1991.



Clark

Prior to working with the UT System, Clark was construction manager for the Marriott Corporation for four years. Earlier, he served as facilities management and renovation coordinator for Dallas County.

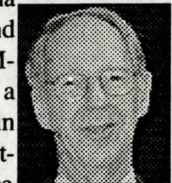
Clark holds a bachelors of science degree from the University of North Texas and several job-related certificates.

Dr. Troy F. Henson has been appointed dean of the College of Engineering.

He has served the past five years as dean of the School of Engineering and professor of engineering at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He holds a doctorate in electrical engineering from UT Austin and bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from the University of Arkansas.

His 21 years of university faculty experience also includes teaching positions at Louisiana Tech University and Texas A&M-Commerce. He was a part-time lecturer in electrical and computer engineering at Rice University from 1987 to 1994.



Henson

Henson spend 18 years as an engineer, scientist and manager with IBM Corporation's Federal Systems Company in Houston and Huntsville, Ala. He was member of the team that designed and tested the fight control system for the Saturn Launch in NASA's Apollo moon exploration program.

"Dr. Henson is well qualified to lead the next phase of development of

Meridith N. "Chip" Clark has been

Visitor utilizes lake for recreation



Shanna Humphrey

ANYTHING BITING? - Steven Lucas spends his spare time testing out his new baits.

ENROLLMENT

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process until telephone registration closes, Hutto said.

Twelve more freshmen were admitted this semester, he said.

"Once the freshmen cap comes off in 2002 then we will continue to work diligently so that enrollment continues to rise in the future," he

said.

His office also sent informational letters to students who had not registered for classes for some time.

"I believe the mailouts helped make a difference and provide some students the opportunity to return to school if they had not been in a while," Hutto said.

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as well," he said.

While taking classes at UTT at night, his wife Linda stayed at home and took care of the children.

"But once I got done with my education, she went back to school as well," Swindle said.

After graduating from UTT, Swindle attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia for an 11 week program.

"I've been all the positions in the force, I was sergeant, lieutenant,

and most recently captain which is also known as deputy chief. So the next logical step was to move on to this position (as police chief)," Swindle said.

He said he intends to continue his education.

"I think the most important thing is education. I myself want to go and work on getting my master's, and attempt to keep up on current trends and ideas in my field," he said.

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CAREER



by **Ardith Weiss**
Career Services
Coordinator

Have you ever wondered why we have Career Fairs? Do you know why you should participate in a Career Fair? You may be thinking, "I already have a job, why would I be interested in a Career Fair? or "I'm not close to graduating, so why should I be looking for a job now?" Afte you read this column, hopefully these questions will be answered.

There are three areas where a Career Fair can be of value. Information. What better way to find out information about a company and/or a specific job

than to talk to the people who work there and are doing the job? There will be many companies at a Career Fair that give up-to-date information. Students don't have to wait until graduation to take advantage of this opportunity.

As a student embarks on the job search, he may be thinking about the interview process. The cover letter and resume submitted may be excellent, but the interview is where he gets the job.

The second benefit of a Career Fair provides an opportunity to practice interviewing skills. There will be professional people skilled in the art of recruiting potential employees. The interaction with these specialists will better prepare students for future interviews. Much of what is discussed with the recruiters will center on the company and the types of available jobs. How students interact with these recruits will be of tremendous importance.

A third benefit of a Career Fair may a job offer. Many of attending companies will be looking for qualified applicants to fill positions in their companies. You may be the person they are looking for! This is an opportunity for students to display their abilities and education and put themselves in place for an offer.

Whether you are graduating soon, wanting to switch jobs or just exploring your options, a Career Fair on campus is an excellent placeto spend some time. An All Majors Career (except Education) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 7 at the Cowan Center and the Education Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 18 at the Cowan Center.

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UT Tyler's engineering program and to capitalize on its considerable potential," President Rodney Mabry said. "With his academic credentials, teaching experience and significant industrial background, he will be a solid leader for our College of Engineering."

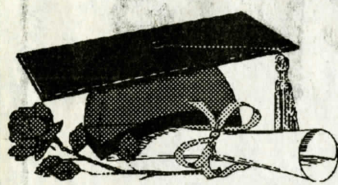
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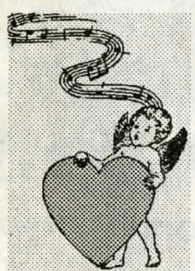
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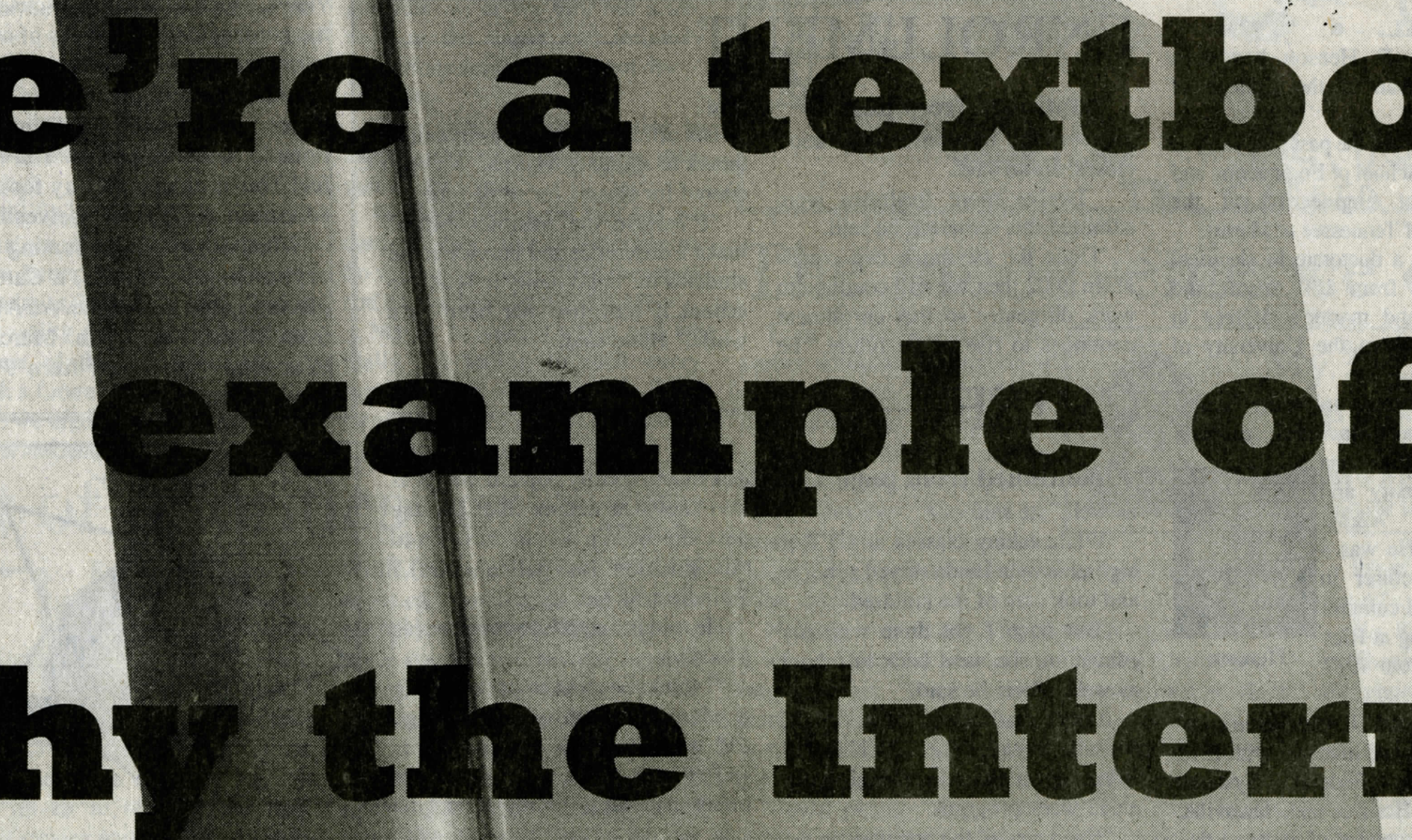

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