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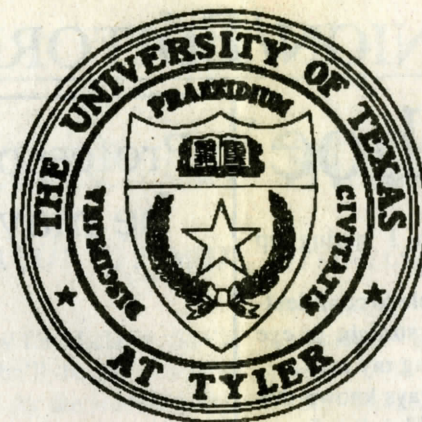
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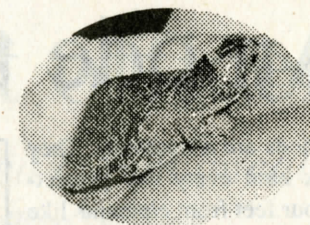
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# THE PATRIOT

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## Patriot logo receives facelift

by Wendy L. Moore  
Patriot Editor

The Faculty Senate endorsed a new design for the 24-year-old school mascot, the Patriot Eagle, during a meeting last Friday.

The senate reviewed a request from the Student Affairs Committee for a new "stylized eagle" logo to take the place of the cartoon-figure eagle dressed as an American Revolutionary soldier, according to a committee report.

The "stylized eagle" logo has been used in previous publications, such as "the Eye of the Eagle."

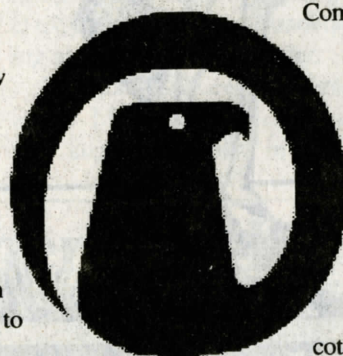
"This is a more modernistic looking logo," Dr. David Rainwater, president of the Faculty Senate, said.

The Patriot was born in the fall of 1976 when President James H. Stewart decided the university, then known as Tyler State College, should select a new mascot, according to an article in the Feb. 17, 1976 edition of the campus newspaper.

Winston Green, an informational writer in the Public Information Office designed the logo named "Pat" in May 1980. He said the idea behind his entry was to produce a logo that could easily be reproduced and used in publications, T-shirts and activity announcements.

President Rodney Mabry believes it is time for a change.

In a former meeting Mabry presented a memo entitled "Traditions at U.T. Tyler." It included ideas about school colors, team nicknames and mascots of several universities including the University of Texas at Tyler, David M. Beams, Student Affairs



Committee Chair said in a recent report.

The committee saw no need to change the name of the teams representing the University of Texas at Tyler but favored the retirement of the cartoon-figure eagle.

One committee member recommended the logo be modified to include the words "The University of Texas at Tyler" because the new logo may not be immediately recognizable as representing the university, according to the report.

The committee also favored dropping the team mascot name, "Pat," Beams said.

The committee requested the university retain the name "Patriots" for teams representing the University.

At this point, these suggestions are being considered by the president's office, Rainwater said.

"Anything we [the Faculty Senate] say is a recommendation to the president and the president acts upon those suggestions," he said.

Rainwater and Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of students, said the students would have a say in the changes recommended by the Faculty Senate.

"I think the president asked the student government to look at that [the "traditions at U. T. Tyler" memo] too," he said. "I don't think they have yet."

Michelle Ledoux, president-elect of the Student Association, said they have not brought it up at a general meeting yet.

"We were waiting for the [SA] elections to be over so we'll probably bring it up in the next meeting," she said.

The next SA meeting is scheduled for April 3.

## Make the vote



Shanna Humphrey

**DID YOU VOTE? - (Left to right) Tara Evans, Kerri Boykin and Jessi Crees place their votes in the March 21-22 elections.**

## Voter turnout improves from last semester

### Complex Fee Election Results

Eight percent of the student body voted in last week's Student Association elections.

President Rodney Mabry said he was impressed with the voter turnout this year.

"Somebody really got the word out well," he said in a party held during the March 22 ballot count.

Voting Students  
8%

## Facility fee approved

### Two constitutional amendments approved

by Wendy L. Moore  
Patriot Editor

In last week's election, 81 percent of the voting students approved

out about the election. He said he was proud of the voter turnout this semester.

"You've done something spe-



The September election only attracted three percent of the student body.

The general ballot was split into different categories which included the officer selection, the physical education building operation fee and two constitutional amendments.

Each category showed a different voter turnout.

The officer election produced about 230 votes which was seven percent of the student body.

Both the amendment section and the complex fee had approximately eight percent voters. About 275 students voted on the amendment changes and 285 voted on the complex fee.

## Sims accepts management job at University Pines

by Luke Henderson

Patriot Writer

Starting in April, the University Pines Apartments will be under the management of former Tyler Junior College housing veteran Jenny Sims.

Sims has worked for 11 years at TJC, including four as the Residential Operations Adviser.

While at TJC she was over 600 residents, 23 residential associates, and eight hall specialists, each year.

Sims believes this past experience and her raising two college-age children has prepared her to take over as managing director for the Pines.

"My daughter actually attended the University of Texas at Tyler, so I have ties to the school already," Sims said.

*The main thing I want to do is encourage young people to . . . stay focused on their goals*

—Jenny Sims

Sims hopes residents of the Pines will be encouraged to take pride and responsibility in their home.

"Our main goal is to try and occupy the Pines with UT Tyler students. One of the ideas is to offer an attractive discount package to both freshman and sopho-

mores," Sims said.

She also hopes to offer more programs involving the whole campus and all of the buildings in the complex.

Also, Sims said she would like the campus police to become more visible in the apartment complex.

"The campus police are split between the regular campus, the Pines and the Health Center. I am hop-

ing we can get some programs where they can come out, and the residents can get to know them by name and they can become a bigger part of the community," Sims said.

Sims believes UT Tyler will start recruiting sophomore resi-

Non-Voting Students  
92%



JENNY SIMS

dents from TJC seeking higher education at UT Tyler.

"The main thing I want to do is encourage young people to achieve academically and stay focused on their goals," Sims said.

## Committee finishes campus evaluation

by Laura McWilliams

Patriot Writer

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is currently evaluating the University of Texas at Tyler in an effort to reaffirm the school's accreditation.

A SACS committee recently visited the UTT campus. They met with students, faculty and administrators, and studied the school's Self-Study Report for 1998-1999.

The report is the result of a 10-year internal self-study the university conducts to examine all campus programs. In the report, the university responds to some 400 "must" and "should" requirements of SACS accreditation.

The visiting committee consisted of 12 people of universities from across the country of comparable size and curriculum to UTT.

After the three-day visit, the SACS representatives met with UTT president Dr. Rodney Mabry and various vice-presidents, deans and faculty members in an exit interview to verbally address some of the group's findings.

In the meeting, the visiting team gave UTT five or six commendations and addressed some 44 recommendations and requirements needed to be addressed by the university in order to reaffirm the school's accreditation.

Dr. Don Killenbrew, director of the SACS self study, declined to comment as to the visiting committee's findings, saying the results of the team's study were "premature."

"The process isn't over," Killenbrew said. "The findings [of the study] are unofficial and the preliminary results aren't really understood."

In about two weeks Mabry will receive the official analysis from SACS that will include both recommendations and commendations.

UTT will then address the recommendations and submit its responses to the Commission of Colleges who will determine whether to reaffirm UTT's accreditation.

A final decision on UTT's accreditation reaffirmation will be determined by January 2001.

the physical education building operational fee.

The recreational fee, which cannot exceed \$40 per student, will pay for half of the operation costs of the new facility after it is built.

"I don't expect this fee to be collected until 2003," Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of students, said in a previous interview.

Officials plan to build the \$19.3 million facility on the northeast corner of campus near the existing health and kinesiology building.

It will include several rooms for recreational sports, fitness equipment, an outdoor swimming pool and teaching facilities for the health and kinesiology department.

The Texas Board of Regents already has given \$9.7 million in Permanent University Funds for the construction.

Now, the president and the development office are working to solicit donations to cover the remainder of the construction cost, Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said in a previous interview.

After the ballot count on Wednesday night, Mabry expressed thanks to the Student Association and Lunsford for getting the word

cial," he said. "It will really make a big difference."

The fee referendum produced 285 total votes; 231 of which favored the fee and 54 opposed, according to official election results.

In other election results, students approved two constitutional amendments, changing the name of the Student Association to Student Government Association and changing the name of representatives to senators.

The first amendment passed by a 276-5 vote and the second, on a 273-24 vote.

Both amendments were proposed to more accurately describe the duties of the SA and to bring it in accord with other University of Texas schools.

"I think this is driven by a wanting to be more consistent with more UT schools," Lunsford said in a previous interview.

The official results showed both amendments passed with the more than the two-thirds vote required of the total voters.

The SA constitution requires the amendments be sent to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas system to be passed through its prescribed procedures.

## Mabry sets aside week for employee appreciation

by Aaron Roberts

Contributing Writer

President Rodney Mabry declared April 3-7 Employee Appreciation Week.

Employees and their families are invited to attend an appreciation barbecue lunch on April 7 behind the University Center.

"UT Tyler employees of all classifications are encouraged to participate in up to two activities in addition to Friday's Barbecue," Mabry said.

All offices will be open during the time of the activities. Participation will require the approval of employee supervisors.

The week's activities will include:

- Monday, 1:30-3:30 Laser Tag at Laser X adjacent to Green Acres Bowl
- Monday, 2:30-4:30 Board games or card games on campus
- Tuesday, 1:30-4:30 Bowling at Green Acres Bowl
- Tuesday, 2:30-4:30 Horseshoe contest on campus
- Wednesday, 2:30-4:30 Movies at Movies 6
- Wednesday, 2:30-4:30 Volleyball on campus
- Thursday, 1:30 until Golf at Willow Brook
- Thursday, 1:30-4:00 Putt-Putt golf adjacent to Green Acres Bowl
- Thursday, 2:30-4:30 Board games or card games on campus

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# An ode to the platform shoe

Shoes are a necessity. They work hard every day protecting our feet from elements like dirt, glass and rocks that could severely impede human progress.

Shoes affect the way we run, play and look.

They are the last items we put on before we leave the house and often the first things we take off once we get home.

Magical moments are made when a special shoe enters someone's life. For true shoe connoisseurs, little compares to the euphoria of locating a hard-to-find shoe style. A person could look tired and out-of-date, but put them in a new pair of shoes and they're transformed into a new person, ready to conquer the world.

In the past four years, a certain trend has dramatically altered the lives of stylish short people everywhere: the platform shoe.

Platforms have given the vertically challenged an opportunity to experience being one of the few, the proud, the tall.

My life has revolved around this vessel of happiness since the first day we met in the Dillard's shoe department. It literally swept me off my feet.

Thanks to this powerful fashion trend, I can go from 5'3" to 5'7" and comfortably walk through life with my head held high.

Platforms have given me a new perspective on life.



## My Thoughts Exactly

by Laura McWilliams  
Patriot Writer

No longer am I staring up someone's nose.

Now I am able to confidently look others straight in eye without straining my neck.

But I've always known this love affair couldn't last forever. Like all fashion trends,

platforms would one day go out of style again.

I opened the March issue of Vogue, eagerly anticipating the spring's new platforms.

How high would they be this season?

Could I possibly get taller than 5'7" in a pair of leopard-print wedge sandals?

Gasp. Wheeze.

I choked back the tears as I saw my greatest fears become reality. Page after page of advertisements and pictures confirmed my greatest fear. I knew this day would come, but I was hoping it wouldn't be so soon. My best friends were going out of style.

I heaved a great sigh as I looked at the skimpy, boring and disgustingly short sandals the fashion gurus told me I should be wearing.

According to them, I'll be measuring 5'3" on a regular basis within the next year.

Over the past four years I have collected an extensive array of platform shoes.

As I stood in my closet admiring the beautiful creations that have raised my happiness to new heights, I realize I will be tall again - in another 30 years.

Professor Hicklin suddenly had the feeling he may have forgotten something...



# Multicultural studies enhance student education



## From My Perspective

by Raymond Muhula  
Patriot Writer

The flags hanging loosely from the University Center ceiling are a testament of the various spots in the community of nations that The University of Texas at Tyler boasts of an alumnus.

It is no wonder then that several students from UT-Tyler continue to sample the riches and the cultural beauty of selected countries through study abroad opportunities especially in history and languages.

This is a wonderful opportunity that enables the students to be exposed to international settings to get a first-hand glimpse of the

ability to specific regional realities.

Many of the international students who come here are from countries that are in dire need of expertise both in technical and administrative areas.

Some are from countries recovering from years of autocratic leadership and are barely learning to understand the concept of democracy, while others are from countries riddled with messy public service and corrupt inefficient political leadership.

The university owes it to America, as the leader of the free

grams also need to grow in recognition of international diversity.

There is need to tailor programs to reflect diversity in order to enhance their applicability to specific regional realities.

For the first time in many years the Intercultural Affairs and International Studies Committee is planning to hold an International Day in April.

Its purpose is to "inform the campus community of the cultural diversity here."

This is a welcome opportunity for the international student community to exhibit the various cultural icons that give their countries their identity.

However, the international day also should be used to focus on how international students can contribute in the design of

for research grants from both the federal and state governments to enable professors to conduct research in foreign countries and to use their expertise to develop courses based on these findings.

Also there is a need to lobby the UNiversity of Texas at Tyler administration to establish scholarship programs that are internationally friendly to students since the students aren't eligible for federal grants and work-study programs.

The Inter cultural and international studies committee should be seen to be undertaking the "international studies" part of their name and the International Day event should be one of the very many issues the committee needs to focus on this year.

We can only hope all the international students will honor their

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in regards to the fountain that was mistakenly labeled "pool" in the rear of the proposed campus health and kinesiology building.

Students who live on campus already have a pool to swim in, but they don't because six to eight months out of the year it is too cold.

Someone must surely realize there is a correlation with student attendance. The time when students actually attend school is when it is coldest outside. Swimmers, let alone lifeguards, are not likely to want to swim when it is 42 degrees outside.

I am an avid supporter of swimming and a former member of a local swim team, but if the proposed "fountain" in the kinesiology building is not enclosed or made multi-seasonal, it is only useful as a place to toss my spare change.

David "Deek" Norman  
freshman, business major

## Editorial

# New logo needs a second thought

The administration is giving the student body the bird.



could evoke feelings of order, discipline and white supremacy.



many issues they either explore in class or read in books.

It is a chance to clarify some of the misconceptions authors may have overlooked in their accounts and can therefore open a new avenue of scholarly pursuit.

UT Tyler is growing both in size and reach. Our academic pro-

world, to design courses with regional emphasis, courses whose transferability to specific countries will be feasible.

There is a need for links with institutions of higher learning in Africa and Asia in order to create opportunities for academic exchange programs for both fac-

instructional programs that have a bias towards key issues in their regions.

For many of them, it is the absence of quality education in their countries and the international recognition afforded to a US degree that bring them here.

The committee should lobby

riags and participate in this very vital and culturally stimulating day.

This day can't, however be a success without the participation of the rest of the university community.

Let's make it an International Day.

Last Friday the Faculty Senate approved a "stylized eagle" (see page one) as the new logo for the university. No students were involved in the selection process.

This semester students have been given a voice in matters affecting them, such as student fees and the new physical education center.

But no one asked students what they thought might best represent them and their school to the rest of the world.

This logo, which is supposed to represent the university is, at the very least, just plain ugly.

At worst, it resembles a Nazi symbol. To many possible applicants it



The previous logo depicting a friendly-looking eagle offered a warm and inviting feeling to the college. The suggested new logo is just the opposite.

Is this what we want representing our school?

The university strives to have a diverse student body and its logo should reflect that idea.

We agree a new logo is a good idea and we realize the "stylized eagle" is not the official new logo yet.

But as students of this institution, we would like to have a say in this issue.

We feel the logo should have a little more thought behind it before it is finalized.

## Forget pre-marital counseling, take a road trip instead

There is a certain romance about road trips. There's the vintage convertible, hair in a scarf, movie star sunglasses road trip. There's the Volkswagen bus, Kamp grounds Of America campsites, microwavable gas station meals road trip.

There are a variety of road trip companions: family, best buddies, even the solitary search for enlightenment trip.

I'm more familiar with the kind of road trip that ends in suicidal tendencies Thelma and Louise style.

I used to fancy myself a walking want ad for a fine traveling companion.

I'm fun. I'll eat weird foods. I have all the makings of a good person to take along on a journey.

Only I'm wondering if I might be wrong. The last two break-ups I had immediately followed road trips.

They were both amicable at least, but because of this history, I now see such trips as the tell tale crystal ball of relationships they truly are.

I liken them to a tanning bed. Five consec-



### Life, Love, and the Harangue

by Andrea Richards  
Patriot Writer

utive 24-hour days under the light would probably do as much damage as 24 years of basking in five suns.

No one in their right mind would recommend such an excess of exposure.

Likewise, very few would subject their happy relationship to the inevitable abuse of traveling together. I've even heard of married couples who vacation separately.

But I'm a glutton for punishment and anyway, I believe in putting my relationships through the refining fire. Come what may.

It was tough. We had more communication than Southwestern Bell. There's something about confinement to small places for hours on end that lends itself to such activity.

The third day was the gauntlet of the week. I can't really remember how it started now. I

know it was something about crackers as we were standing in the aisle of a grocery store.

It was a simple misunderstanding really, centered on a deeper meaning, as they usually are.

There was a careless impatient comment, hurt feelings and a strained silence during the ride home.

We sat in the driveway and worked it out. "I meant...I felt...do you mean...do you think...? The first fight fought. The first tears shed. The first make-up made.

We returned home unscathed, still in love and an amendment to my personal history of road trips was made.

Road trips are not inevitably destructive to happy relationships, only those which are ignorantly so.

I've always been a fan of pre-marital counseling. Now I'm thinking more along the lines of a couple more road trips and letting the road administer its therapy.

We can spend the counseling money blissfully honeymooning on an exotic island impossible to reach by car.

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## CAMPUS VOICE

What is your opinion of the food and service at the Campus Café?



REYNOLDS

"By 2:00 you're broke if you plan on eating at the cafe."

Gary Reynolds  
Industrial Safety



YATES

"The food is a little high, but they're always very nice."

Kelly Yates  
Elementary Education



SPARKMAN

"I think that the service is good and the people are friendly and courteous, however after 2:00 you can't get any fresh food and the selection of food could be better."

Dan Sparkman  
Speech



ROJAS

"Sometimes the service is a little twilight zone."

Melissa Rojas  
English



PRIEST

"I think it's fine. Everyone has always been courteous and I've never had any problems."

Nathan Priest  
Management



HILL

"I thought the food was really good. Everyone seemed nice, but they need a bigger variety, possibly a buffet."

Amy Hill  
Industrial Technology



# Election creates new slate of student government officers

*Sophomore candidates make presence known with big win, promise cooperative efforts and improved communication*

By Luke Henderson

Adam Scott and Christa Sprouls  
Contributing Writers

Roommates Michelle Ledoux and Aimee Griffy won the student association officer positions of president and vice president during last week's campus election.

One incumbent and two newcomers filled out the slate of officers for the 2000-2001 school year, according to official results.

Those officers are Kelley Martin, secretary; Lana Cain, treasurer; and Kevin Montgomery, parliamentarian.

Ledoux, a sophomore political science major, garnered 103 votes or 42.4 percent of the vote while challengers Alan Thomas received 88 or 36.2 percent and Kelley Ellis received 52 or 21.4 percent.

Ellis' name appeared on the bal-

lot, but she had previously withdrawn from the race.

"I was very relieved, but disappointed when I found out that we lost someone like Alan Thomas. I also was very glad with voter turnout," she said. "Honestly I was glad when it (the election) was over so we could move on with the business at hand."

She said her goals for the next school term include building a more structured student government, conducting a student survey about campus services and working to clarify some of the misunderstanding about the Cowan Center.

Ledoux succeeds president Shane McGuire. Thomas said he will support Ledoux in her new



Ledoux

office.

"I am happy for Michelle. She'll have fun. She'll be an excellent representative for the student body. I think she'll do a fine job," Thomas said.

## VICE PRESIDENT

Griffy, a sophomore sociology major, received 138 votes or 57.5 percent of the vote, according to official results.

"I was really excited and it was even better when I found out how many voted," she said.

Griffy said although the new officers have yet to meet, her goal is to get more students involved in student government.

She said she wants to get more



Griffy

recognition for the Student Association for what they do all year.

She defeated challenger Natalie Welch, a junior finance major, who received 99 votes or 41.2 percent of the balloting.

"I'm disappointed," Welch said of her loss. "I thought I could serve the school especially with the business side."

Welch congratulated Griffy on her win and said she will focus on her write-in candidacy for representative of the College of Business.

"I might be able to share views of the business school," she said.

Write-in candidate Kyle Jackson received three votes for the vice president post.

## SECRETARY

Martin, a junior sociology major, claimed the secretary's post with

205 votes — 97.6 percent of the ballots.

There were two write-in candidates, but neither garnered more than three votes.

"I'm excited. I'm ready for a new year and ready to get started," Martin said about her win. "I think it is a good group. They are one group of go-getters."

## TREASURER

Cain, a junior journalism major, garnered 208 votes or 100 percent of the vote in her bid for the treasurer's post.

"I am impressed with the enthusiasm of the other



Martin



Cain

officers," Cain said.

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Montgomery, a sophomore management major, will continue his role as parliamentarian in the fall.

He was initially elected to the post during the fall election.

In last week's balloting he received 206 votes.

The race also included two write-in candidates, but neither received more than two votes.

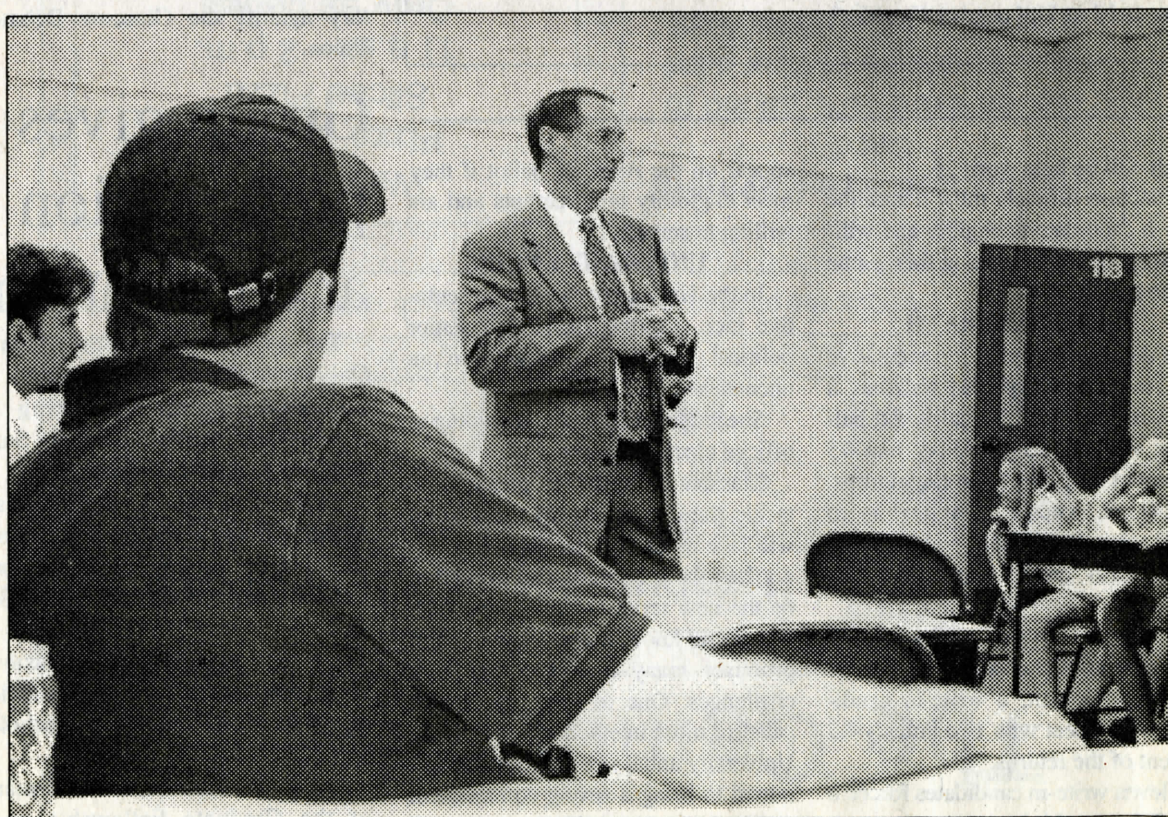
Montgomery said he plans to continue where he left off and anticipates working with the tight group of officers.

"All of us are together and our bond will make us stronger," Montgomery said.



Montgomery

## Another hurdle crossed



Becky Eddington

**EXPRESSING APPRECIATION** — Candidate Alan Thomas, foreground, listens as University President Dr. Rodney Mabry thanks students and staff members who helped "get the word out" about the referendum

April 26 date set

## Flood of write-in candidates forces recount, spring runoff

By Becky Eddington  
and Jeff Sprick

Contributing Writers

Although initially lacking official candidates, three colleges gained new representatives through the write-in election process during last week's election.

More than 40 write-ins overall forced runoffs in five of the six campus colleges, according to official results.

Since each college is allowed three representatives, a runoff must determine unfilled seats.

Balloting will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 at the University Center.

Dean of Students Dr. Dale Lunsford announced the date Monday after meeting with Student Government Association officers.

The unusually large number of

had too many close elections," Lunsford said. "I wanted to go back and make sure."

During the March 21-22 election, write-in candidates won seats in the colleges of business, education and engineering where previously no official candidates appeared on the ballot.

Officials must still determine if the candidates are eligible and willing to serve.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Nancy Arellano and Nicki Cobb received the most votes with seven each. Candidates Nidia Arellano, Ryan Watson and Natalie Welch each received five votes, forcing a runoff for the third seat.

Incumbent vice president Alicia Moore said more than 40 other names were written in as candidates, but none received more than

with only three votes.

Write-in candidates Shelly Hamrick, Christine Hudson, Holly Pope and Lissette Rojas each received two votes forcing a runoff for the remaining two seats.

There were six other write-ins, but none of them received more than one vote.

## ENGINEERING

Josh Gentry and Kyle Jackson claimed two seats after receiving 10 and nine votes respectively.

Kevin Blackwell, Nick Cardwell and Burke Zimmerman each received four votes, forcing a runoff for the remaining seat.

Candidates must be enrolled for a minimum of nine hours on the undergraduate level or six hours on the graduate level in order to serve.

The candidates also must be in good academic standing and be



election held March 21-22. Student voters approved a new fee of up to \$40 to help pay operating costs for a new physical education building. The measure passed by a 231-54 voting margin.

## Voters elect college representatives

By Mary Rainwater,  
Lana Cain and Laura  
McWilliams

Contributing Writers

One freshman and two juniors won Student Government Association seats representing the College of Liberal Arts in last week's election.

Candidates as well as writers won seats to represent the Colleges of Science/Math, Nursing and the University Pines Apartment complex. Each college is allowed three representatives.

In the race for the liberal arts seat, Shanna Humphrey, a 19-year-old freshman journalism major, received the highest number of votes — 58 or 26.7 percent of the

votes.

"I'm excited about being able to get more involved and being able to give the students what they want. We have a lot of good people elected into the Student Government Association so we can get more things done," Humphrey said.

Danny Carey, a 20-year-old junior Speech major, received 50 votes, giving him 23 percent of returns.

"I want to work to bring both our traditional and non-traditional students together," Carey said.

Susan Mills received 43 votes, giving her 19 percent of the returns. She is a 50-year old junior pre-law major.

"I'm ready to listen to the student body, keep my ear to the ground so to speak, so we can be ready to start next year," Mills said.

Also vying for a liberal arts seat were Beverly Pearson, who received 37 votes and Thomas "Thos" Fisher, who received 29 votes.

Pearson, an incumbent, said she plans to run again next year.

"I am disappointed, but will continue to stay involved in student government," she said.

Efforts to reach Fisher for a response were unsuccessful.

During the campaign, candidates said improving

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write-in candidates also caused a recount.

"We had to recount because we

enrolled in the school in which he or she is elected, according to the code.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Shaun Halberstadt won a seat

## Student poetry, essays selected for annual campus publication

By Lana Cain  
Contributing Writer

Selections for The Laurel, a publication produced by Sigma Tau Delta were chosen last week.

The Laurel is a conglomeration of creative writing- essays, poetry and short stories written by University of Texas at Tyler students.

"As thinking individuals, we need more avenues for creative and intellectual expression. That is the idea behind The Laurel," Dr. D.A. Adams, Sigma Tau Delta adviser

said.

"The selection committee evaluated the submissions on a basis of entertainment, appropriateness for university publication, and what we felt were submissions representative of college level writing," Garner said.

Valerie Frazee, the top winner for best submission, will receive \$50.

Top favorites also included Mary Blain, Karen Garner and Gloria Langford.

Contributing writers chosen for

publication are Ruth Adame, Miranda Asmussen, Jodi Bittick, Erica Bobo, Jessica Brooks, Lana Cain and Jim Collum.

Other writers included Kathy Davis, Jessica Hill, Tamara Kaufman, Roy McCoy, Allan Nusbaum, Candace Kennedy Reynolds and Jennifer Rowe.

Kimberly Rudisci, Pearl Sherman, Courtney Smith, Sabrina Washington and Darla Watts also were selected.

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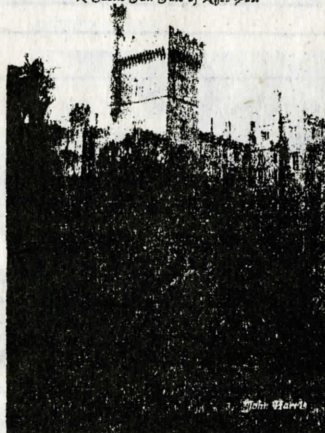
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## Campus Crime Report

By Luke Henderson  
Police Reporter

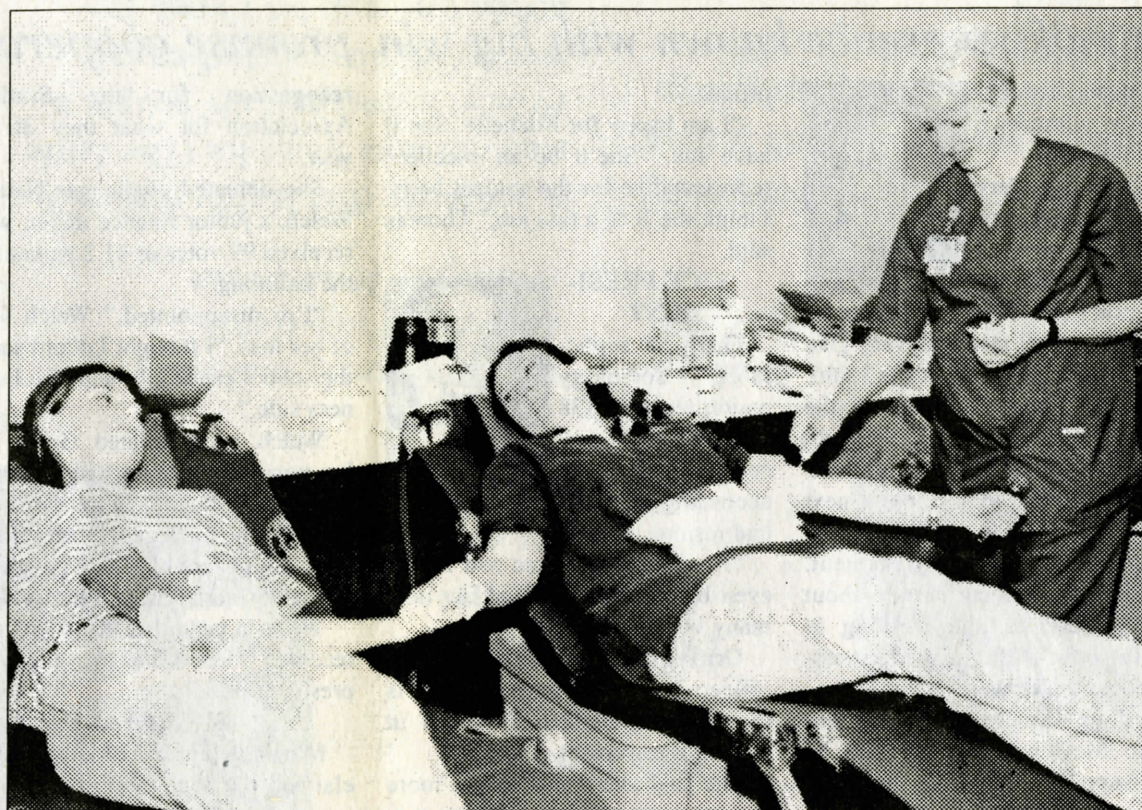
The following is a list of offense reports from the UT Tyler campus police for Feb. 18 to March 27.

- Feb. 18: Theft incident at the University Center.
- Feb. 20: Library doors found open after hours.
- Feb. 24: Suspicious activity in parking Lot 3.
- Feb. 24: Running of stop sign on campus drive.
- March 3: Theft of laptop computer in the Business Administration Building.
- March 3: Criminal trespass warning at the University Pines.
- March 6: Breach of computer security system in the University Center.
- March 6: Criminal trespass warning at the University Pines.
- March 7: Entering/remaining of person on property without permission at the University Pines.
- March 8: Fire Alarm in the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building.



- March 8: Theft incident at the University Pines.
- March 8: Suspicious persons with pellet gun in the University Pines.
- March 9: University of Texas at Tyler arrest warrant served at the University Pines.
- March 9: Possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia, and criminal trespass warning in the University Pines.
- March 10: Criminal trespass warning in the University Pines.
- March 18: Criminal trespass arrest in the University Pines.
- March 20: Assisting of law enforcement agencies in the administration building.
- March 22: Criminal trespass arrest in the University Pines.
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- March 23: Personal appearance on campus
- March 27: Assisting law enforcement agencies in the Art Studio.

## From the heart



Ernest Celaya

**WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM A FRIEND** — Pre-nursing majors Meagan Hatfield, left, and Jennifer Zigler, right, provide each other with some moral support as Ms. Zigler prepares to donate blood during a March 24 blood drive held at University Center.

## Debate team tours Britain during break

By Luke Henderson  
Police Reporter

Four representatives of the University of Texas at Tyler debate team spent Spring Break in Great Britain, adviser Dr. Jack Rogers, assistant professor of communication said.

Leslie Cunningham, Coln Gilbert, Jeremy Van Haselen and Jennifer Burford, participated in an international debate exhibition.

The group traveled from London, to Dublin, to Wales, and then to Scotland.

"They participated in the Scottish Mace, which is the Scottish National Championship tournament, which of course they couldn't win, because they weren't Scottish. But they did win three of those four debates," Rogers said.

The team went on to win three debates against the St. Andrews University team and then another victory against the Glasgow Debate Union.

## BRIEFS

### Police arrest Arp student on drug-related charge

One person was arrested and another cited March 9 for drug related charges in the University Pines Apartments according to campus police.

Jason Laird, a 17-year-old Arp resident was arrested and given a citation for possession of marijuana, Guadalupe Saucedo, university police officer, said.

Emily Walker, a 21-year-old Tyler Junior College student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia on the same day.

The paraphernalia was in the form of a pipe that police allege was used for smoking marijuana, Lt. Robert Hudson of the University of Texas at Tyler police, said.

Laird also was given a criminal

trespass warning, and told not to return to the complex, he said.

### Education commissioner set to speak on campus

Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson will be the guest speaker at the 12th Annual East Texas Conference, President Rodney Mabry announced.

The conference will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 6 in the University's Robert R. Muntz Library.

Nelson is scheduled to speak at 9:45 a.m. about Texas education. Dr. Bill Farney will give a UIL update beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Conference fees, which include lunch, are \$25 for the first TACS member and \$10 for additional district personnel; \$35 for first nonmember and \$15 for additional district personnel.

## VOTERS

body and the Student Government Association is one of their major goals.

### NURSING

In the race for three nursing representative seats, two winners incumbent Ambrosiour Jackson, an 18-year-old freshman nursing major, retained her seat with 25 votes or 71 percent of the vote.

Jackson said she sees her victory as an opportunity to help nursing students.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of the Student Association. I want to bring more opportunities for nursing students," she said.

Crystal Thornsbery, a write-in candidate, won the second seat with a total of two votes or 5 percent of voting returns.

Thirteen write-in candidates each received one vote, forcing a run-off

which will be held April 26.

Election officials must determine if each candidate is eligible and willing to serve before placing their name on the ballot.

### SCIENCE/MATH

In the science/math representative race, incumbent Michael Falzone, a freshman engineering major, led balloting with 31 votes, giving him 75 percent of the college's voting returns.

Falzone, whose main goal is to reach out to the student body, said he stands firm on accomplishing this goal.

"I plan to help students by hearing their problems," he said.

Honey Golden, a write-in candidate, won a seat with two votes - 4.5 percent of the returns.

Eleven write-in candidates forced a runoff for the third seat.

The names of the candidates can

appear on the April 26 ballot if they meet eligibility requirements and are willing to serve.

### UNIVERSITY PINES

In the University Pines representative race, Sandra Masklee, a senior political science major won in an uncontested race.

She received 19 votes, according to official election returns.

Masklee said she is prepared to tackle the challenges the association will face in the coming year.

"I am both honored and excited to be the new representative," she said. "As we all know, the new millennium promises many new and important challenges. One of these challenges calls for more interaction between the University and Tyler Junior College I intend to bring a strong commitment to this challenge, and hope we can all grow and share together."

## Group gives presentation at convention

Three members of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society gave a scholarly presentation during a regional convention held in San Antonio earlier this month.

Dana Dudley, Kathy Davis, Melinda Stanley and Karen Taylor attended the society's Join Region I and II Convention held March 3-4.

Davis competed for the Gaston Undergraduate Scholarship and is in the running for a national scholarship.

Dr. James Koukle, the chairman of the Graduate Fellowship and Suzanne Pundt, UT sponsor accompanied the students.



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# Student teachers prepare for their future

by Laura McWilliams  
Patriot Writer

Senior Mindy Holley spends 40 hours per week in a Moore Middle School English class. And she pays money to The University of Texas at Tyler to be there.

Holley is a student teacher. Her classroom is in a Tyler school. Her class lasts 40 hours per week.

For education majors like Holley who are seeking bachelor's degrees, student teaching is the last step. Many education majors say it also may be the most challenging part of the education curriculum.

Prior to being placed in a classroom as a student teacher, education majors observe teachers in real classrooms and attend rigorous workshops.

Holley said UT Tyler's coursework teaches students how to handle ideal situations. However, "real world" situations are rarely ideal, this is when the student teaching becomes important, Holley said.

"I know the ideal lesson plan and the ideal situation, but I need real life answers," Holley said. "I hope to fill in the gaps."

Holley said she was not afraid of student teaching, which may sound a bit intimidating to those unfamiliar with the program.

She said she felt confident in the preparation UT Tyler's education department had given her.

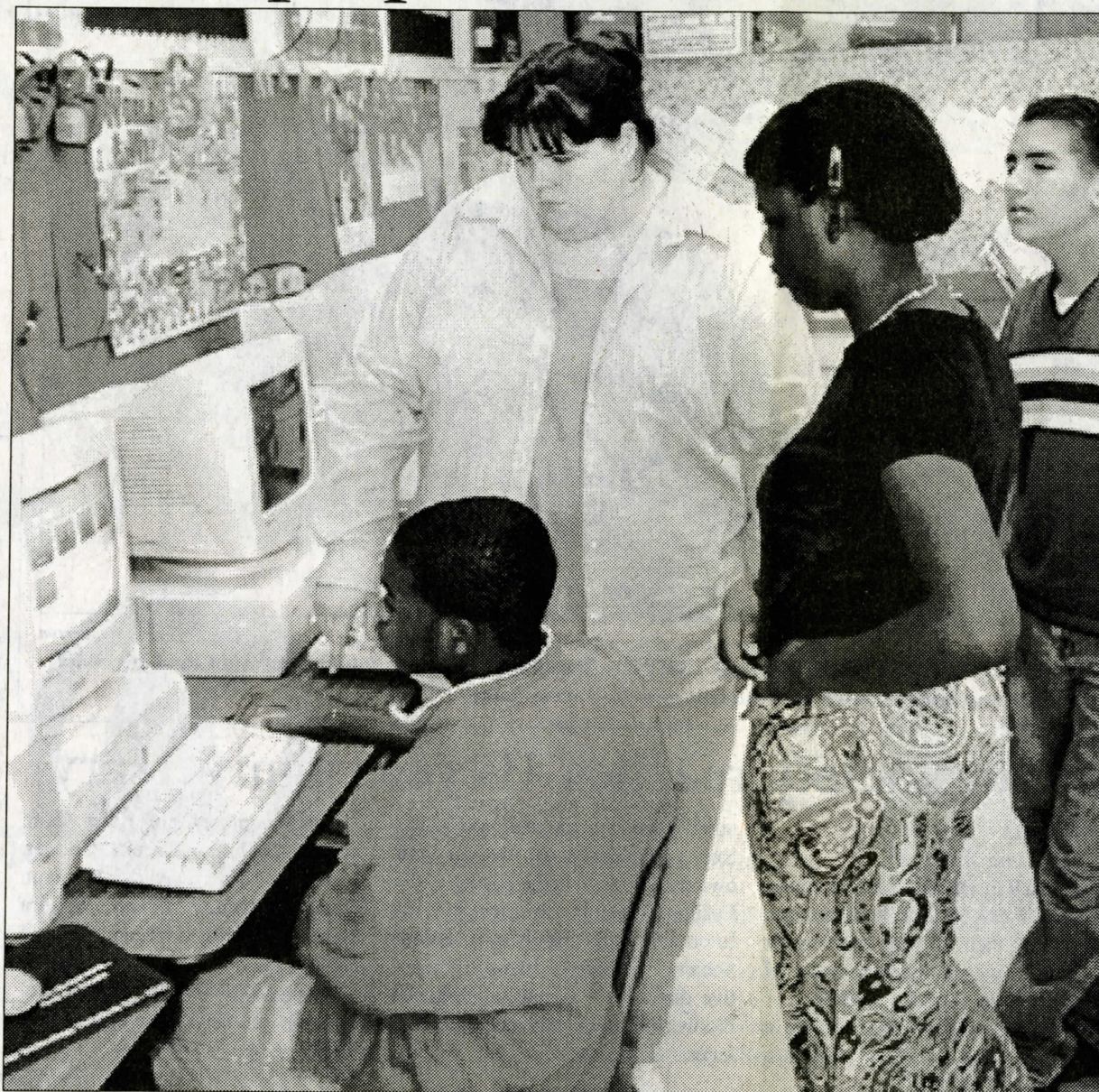
The student teacher program lasts the entire semester. Once the student teachers are placed in school settings, they observe the classroom teachers. As the semester progresses, student teachers take more active rolls in the teaching process. By semester's end, the student teachers lead the class on their own.

Teachers evaluate student teachers periodically throughout the semester and offer insight into the strengths and weakness of student teachers' techniques.

Holley said she wasn't afraid of discipline problems, though she said the classroom atmosphere has evolved into more of a "guardianship position."

"Parents leave their kids at school, go to work, and expect [the teacher] to do eight hours of guardianship. If there is a problem, they expect you [the teacher] to handle it, she said."

Holley said TAAS testing has added an extra



Ernest Celaya

**"REAL WORLD" TEACHING**—At Moore Middle School, Mindy Holley (standing left), University of Texas at Tyler student teacher, uses the computer to review World War II information with some of her seventh-grade students, Collister Ekwuruke (sitting), Kisha White (center) and Fausto Gurrusquita (right).

burden on all teachers, one in which student teachers must be prepared to face.

"Many public schools threaten teachers' jobs with TAAS scores," she said. "The reason you become a teacher is to help everyone. If you're concentrating on TAAS, you're unable to give the extra attention to those students who may need it and are TAAS exempt."

Kelly Huff, an education major who will be student teaching in the fall, spoke favorably of the student teacher program, but said it did have some disadvantages.

"Student teaching does you an injustice to a degree because you're going into somebody else's environment. [That] inhibits you [and] your personality from coming out. You feel like a guest,"

she said.

Hillary Hickman, a graduate of the UT Tyler education department who now teaches at All Saints Episcopal School, also spoke favorably of the student teacher program.

She said it prepared her for leading a class of students, and she was able to make the transition from student teacher to teacher quite smoothly.

Many education majors said they were confident in the instruction of the UT Tyler education department and thought they were more than adequately prepared to teach in the future. Although education majors say student teaching is not easy and may have some drawbacks, they said it seems to be the closest thing to teaching students can experience before graduation.

## CORNER

CAREER



by Ardith Weiss  
Career Services  
Coordinator

Spring break is over and graduation is coming. For students who are looking for a position that fits their soon-to-be degree, now is the time to solidify the job search.

The first step in the process is for students to tap into their network. Through research students should be familiar with companies that offer the type of position desired. Students should then contact the people they know in that company and ask them for advice. Most people are flattered when they are asked for their advice and usually will do so willingly.

Next the student should present themselves, either in person or by mail, to the prospective employer.

The student's connection within the company should have given advice on the proper procedure to follow and whom to contact. Be sure a cover letter, resume and a list of references are directed to that individual.

Following up is a key to success. Call the contact person in each company to be sure they received the packet and see when an interview can be scheduled. If there isn't an opportunity for an interview, ask for a referral.

Get their advice on another company that might be looking for someone with your qualifications then be sure to get a name and contact that individual to start the process again.

When conducting a job search, there are several keys to remember:

1. Finding a job is a full-time commitment. It takes time and diligence to find a good position.
2. Focus the search on about 10 companies at a time.
3. Keep good records of when the packet is sent, with whom you talked with, when the follow-up call was made and the results.

By focusing the search effort, a student will more readily find a position that is suitable to talents and abilities.

For assistance with resumes and interviewing techniques contact Career Services at 565-5581 or e-mail Ardith Weiss at aweiss@mail.uttyl.edu.

## Park Place



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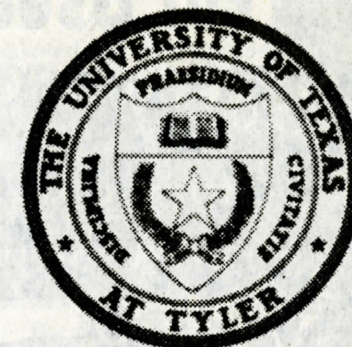
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# University choir tours Texas cities

By Jennifer Jones  
Patriot Writer

On the Wednesday before spring break, the university choir began a tour of performances, traveling down through Texas.

After months of practice, 29 choir members were ready to take this trip and sing their music to waiting audiences.

Beginning the tour on March 8, members boarded a chartered bus and traveled to Lon Morris College in Jacksonville where they performed the sacred music portion of their program at the college chapel.

From there, they went to Houston and performed a full concert at Kingwood College, then at San Jacinto College in Pasadena.

By Friday, the Choir arrived at Corpus Christi where they sang at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard on Saturday night.

The next day, they returned to Tyler for some rest after a long, but enjoyable trip, choir members said.

"Organization of the tour was well prepared with plenty of downtime for us to enjoy not only performing, but going to the beach, shopping, and just having fun together," Tracee Whites, senior choir member, said.

"It was really more fun than work and we did some effective recruiting at the colleges, telling them about UT Tyler and what is offered, like the choir and music scholarships."

Dr. Thomas Allen, Choir Director, said that after perform-

ances, many of the junior college students asked about the University of Texas at Tyler.

Most of the students at the junior colleges were music majors or in music classes and many expressed interest to choir members in transferring to UT Tyler for the music program.

"This is a large part of the reason I like to tour...music students are our best recruiters," Allen said.

"The tour was fun and turned out really well. By singing at three different junior colleges, we were able to speak to a lot of students interested in UT Tyler," Christopher Ryal, senior choir member, said.

Allen said turnout at all of the performances was great and the audience expressed that they loved the program.

As choir director, Allen enjoys taking the choir on tour and said the benefits of touring are well worth the expenses.

"It gives them (choir members) a new opportunity to get to know one another better and most importantly, to learn how to sing the same concert several times and at different locations," Allen said.

Touring helps vocalists come a long way together in learning to perform consistently with one another, he said.

The director's hope for next year is to go on tour again.

As far as where they may take the tour, he says he is unsure, but has been approached by some individuals with music festivals...in Europe.

## Shell shock



Luke Henderson

**IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT** - This baby turtle was found in front of the University Center and later released by a student next to Harvey Lake.

## Honor society reaches 10-year anniversary

Lana Cain  
Contributing Writer

Sigma Tau Delta, the honor society for languages and literature, has completed their 10-year anniversary for the chapter at the University of Texas at Tyler, founded in 1989.

"Supporting and maintaining a chapter for this length of time is a

notable achievement, and you [UTT] can be proud—as we are—of your own participation in the history of the Epsilon Omega Involvement with the International English Honor Society," William C. Johnson, executive director of Sigma Tau Delta at Northern Illinois University said in a letter.

New members are Lana Cain, James Collum, Derek Cooper, Catherine P. Davis, Donivan Flowers, Jeremy Glenn, Sandra Joanne Masklee, Morgan McLeod and Jeff Pilcher.

Spring initiation for Sigma Tau Delta is scheduled for the end of April.

## Student representatives removed from office

Jennifer Jones  
Patriot Writer

Four members of the student government association were removed from office in a Mar. 6 vote.

The student representatives were removed because they had not

been attending regular meetings and had not kept office hours.

The association's constitution calls for officers and representatives to evaluate these members and possibly dismiss them from office.

Attending association members

approved the removal of Cory Carpenter, Amanda Carpenter, Stephanie Ard and Kerri Boykin.

Members then voted to allocate another \$200 to the Tyler Area Senior Citizens Association in order to have an election in the engineering building.



## CAMPUS REWIND



**24 years ago:** Dr. James Stewart Jr. was selected as the first president of Texas Eastern University. The Patriot was selected as the mascot for the school.

The Hugh Fowler Orchestra was scheduled to play at the inaugural ball.

**20 years ago:** The Student Life Advisory Committee announced a contest to determine what the school mascot, the Patriot, would look like.

"60 Minutes With the Pres" was held. Students had to the opportunity to ask UT President James Stewart questions.

**15 years ago:** The pass/fail grading system was discontinued and replaced by a credit/no credit system.

**10 years ago:** School president Dr. George Hamm met with U.S. President George Bush to request a \$50,000 grant for the university.

Plans for a new journalism building were announced. It was planned to have a Middle Eastern look.

**5 years ago:** The men's tennis team defeated Brigham Young University-Hawaii at the UT-Tyler Invitational.

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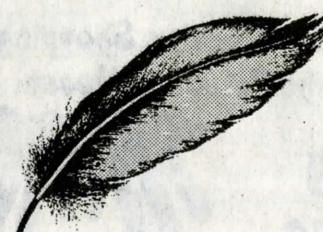
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## Student Activities

Tickets are still available for the Dallas Mavericks last home game against the Los Angeles Lakers on April 18 at Reunion Arena. One ticket costs \$27 each. Tickets for \$45 include transportation.

Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox tickets are also still available for the April 6 game at the Ballpark in Arlington. Cost of one ticket is \$20. Ticket with transportation is \$35.

Beginning April 5, ALL tickets will be made available to the general public.

Tickets can be purchased at the cashier's office in the administration building Room 120 and picked up from the Student Activities office in UC 111. Please keep your receipt.

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For additional information contact student activities at 566-7081 or in UC 111.

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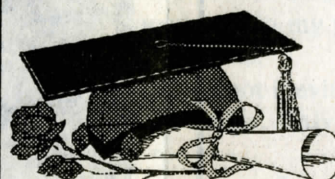
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