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## Tuition increase proposed for fall semester

by **Luke Henderson**  
*Patriot Writer and*  
**Wendy Moore**  
*Editor in Chief*

The cost of getting a college education may increase \$2 per semester credit hour under a budget proposal now under consideration.

A University official said the increase — a semester total of \$24 for a full-time student — is necessary to balance the budget for the 2000-2001 term.

"Without the increase our budget expendi-

tures will exceed the revenue," Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said.

The tuition increase is part of a proposed budget that also includes merit pay raises for instructors and a possible reduction in summer classes.

Scarborough said the University increased designated tuition by \$2 per semester credit hour last year. During this semester, students as a whole took a total of 31,040 semester credit hours.

If the student body generated the same amount in the fall, the University would received \$62,080 more in funds than this semester with a \$2 increase.

The proposed increase must be approved by the University of Texas Board of Regents before it can be implemented, Scarborough said.

Officials also are considering a 5 percent merit pay increase for faculty members and a 2 percent merit salary increase for staff, he said.

About \$562,000 is allocated for the facul-

ty/staff merit pool.

Concerning future summer class schedules, Scarborough said budget reserves which go to pay for those classes are being reviewed for a possible decrease.

"I don't know of less classes being offered in the summer with these plans. It might just mean that classes that have only three or five or eight people sign up just may not make," he said.

Other preliminary budget highlights include:

■ an additional \$200,000 in scholarship funds.

■ eight new faculty and eight full time staff positions at the Longview University Center.

■ three new faculty positions for lower division expansion at a cost of \$145,000. Last year five new faculty positions were added in this category.

■ two and one-half new staff positions in student services and computer labs at a cost of \$97,000 a year.

## Instructors kiss a pig, raise money for nationals

by **Lana Cain**  
*Contributing Writer*

Two nursing instructors may not have freed a prince in disguise, but their kisses did bring a fairy-tail ending to a University fund-raiser.

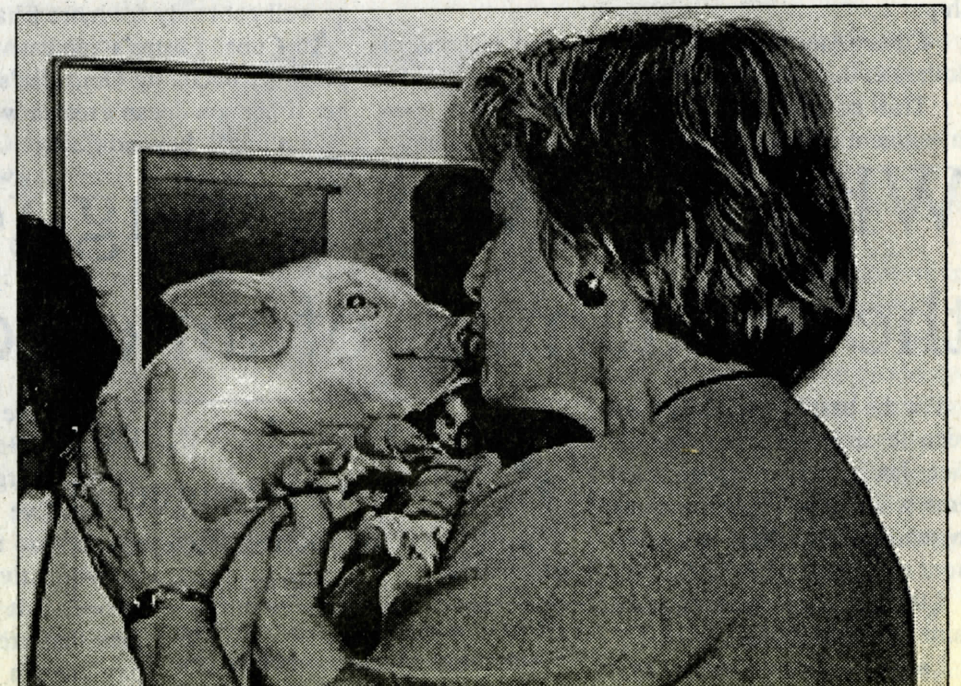
Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of nursing, and Dr. Gayle Varnell, nursing coordinator, puckered up April 3 and smacked a live piglet after "winning" the opportunity in a contest.

The event raised \$120 for the Nursing Student Association's trip to the national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NSA members decorated five pink milk cartons to look like pigs and labeled each with the name of a nursing faculty member.

Beginning March 20, students made donations in the pig of their choice. The faculty member with the most money in their pig after a 15-day period had to kiss Sasha, a live pig, at high noon in front of an audience.

Varnell's container collected the most money, but a last-minute, anonymous donor upped the ante for Klotz forcing a kiss off.

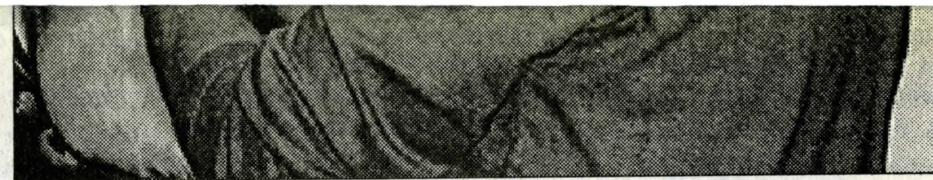




**HOW CUTE** - Dr. Linda Klotz kisses a pig during a contest to raise money for the College of Nursing.

As Klotz puckered up, Sasha began to squirm. "She was very cute. Anyone would be proud to kiss Sasha," Klotz said. Varnell closed her eyes to deliver her kiss. "We just love animals so it was no problem," she said.

After being the star of the show, Sasha was given a bowl of milk and cuddled with a student before heading back to the farm.



**AND THE PIG SMILES** - Dr. Gale Varnell kisses the pig at the College of Nursing's Kiss a Pig Contest.

## Runoffs scheduled for April 21-22

By Jennifer Jones  
Patriot Writer

Students will head back to the polls April 26 to decide six contested races for representative seats on the Student Association.

A flood of write-in candidates during the regular March 21-22 election forced the April run-off. Balloting will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the University Center.

No write-ins will be allowed in the run-off election.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, said 11 students have been deemed eligible and willing to run as candidates in their respective colleges.

Each college on campus is allowed to have three representatives. Some of the positions were filled during the March election.

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Three candidates are vying for one open position.

Those candidates are: Nidia Arellano, a junior accounting major; Ryan Watson, a junior finance major; and Natalie Welch, who also is a junior finance major.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

Four students are running for three positions in this race. Those candidates are: Shelly Hamrick, a sophomore health and kinesiology major; Christine Hudson, a sophomore psychology major; Holly Pope, a sophomore health and kinesiology major; and Lissette Rojas, a junior psychology major.

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

Two candidates are seeking one open seat representing the college. Junior Carla Lineberger faces junior Samantha Smith in this race.

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

This race pits freshman Justin Grolemond, a mechanical engineering major, against junior Jason Randall, also a mechanical engineering major, for one open seat.

**Don't Forget!**  
Students may pick up their caps and gowns on April 24.

## Eating ice cream



Joe McArthur

**INHALE** - Kristie Fisher watches her daughter, Elizabeth, devour ice cream at the family barbecue on Friday of teacher appreciation week.

See related story and pictures on page 5

## Student Association voices opinion for proposed logo

By Jennifer Jones  
Patriot Writer

A proposal to replace the University's logo with a "stylized" eagle received mixed reviews from Student Association members during an April 3 meeting.

The change is being proposed by president Rodney Mabry. During the meeting, Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, presented pictures of the mascot, "Pat" the eagle, along with the new logo and asked members, their opinions and recommendations.

Pat — an eagle dressed in colonial garb and carrying a Texas flag — has been the mascot/logo for 20 years.

The proposed logo is a silhouette of an eagle's head partially encircled.

"The president just wants ... feedback. It's not set in stone ... he is trying to decide what we want," Lunsford explained.

Five association members attended the meeting. The majority said although they approve of changing the logo, they disliked the proposed new logo.

"It's definitely an improvement ... but I don't see it as a college logo," association secretary

*It's definitely an improvement ... but I don't see it as a college logo.*

—Michelle Ledoux

Michelle Ledoux said. President Shane McGuire disagreed with Ledoux.

"I do ... I think the simplicity makes it look good," he said.

Ledoux also said she had been "polling" some students on cam-

pus about the proposed logo. The majority, she said, do not like it.

"I think the university should print more of an open and friendly symbol ... it seems impersonal to me," treasurer Aimee Griffy said.

Lunsford pointed out that the University might not want it to look too friendly because it is a team mascot and teams are supposed to be "tough."

In concluding the discussion, they agreed more choices were needed to decide on a new mascot.

Members did support a move to add blue to the school colors, keep "Patriots" as the team nickname, drop the mascot name of "Pat" and choose a different eagle logo for the team mascot.

Lunsford said students would have a say on the matter through the student government is getting feedback from the students.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17.



## CAMPUS REWIND



5 years ago: A small theater for use by the theater department was cut from the final architect plans months before construction was to begin on the new Fine and Performing Arts Center.

10 years ago: University celebrated Earth Day by providing students activities including a bike ride, bluebird walk and recycling program.

Noted author Thomas Wolfe, known for writing the Bonfire of the Vanities and other popular works, ended the Distinguished Lecture Series.

15 years ago: Springfest drew a crowd of

about 1,000 with music, games and entertainment.

20 years ago: A new scheduling system was presented to allow classes to be scheduled over a six-day period.

24 years ago: University officials predicted an enrollment more than 3,500 in 1980 and more than 5,000 in 1986.

The Student Life Advisory Committee was formed after an unsuccessful attempt by a group of students to create a student government.

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# Why Elian should go home

Elian Gonzalez is perhaps the most popular child in the world today largely because of the circumstances surrounding his miraculous survival during a desperate flight to America.

Unlike many Cuban-Americans here, his father prefers to raise him in Cuba.

Since Fidel Castro's revolutionary entry into Cuban politics 40 years ago, there has been an exodus of citizens from this impoverished country to the United States.

Castro runs Cuba through the barrel, detaining critics and stifling free expression.

The United States, in its infinite wisdom, has declared this country a pariah nation making Cuba one of those countries on State Department's most wanted list.

These two nations never have agreed on anything, except the case of Elian.

This little boy may be a symbol of good things to come in the Cuba-America relationship or perhaps it is window dressing and a lip service to the rule of law.

The Cold War, which was the genesis of all this animosity, is long gone and apart from Castro's human rights record. There is no need for the United States to continue this hard-line stance against Cuba.

There is no way America is going to influence Cuba by wishing it away.

While the politics of containment have so far worked, they have ignored the plight of the average Cuban who would want to see normalcy and a business-as-usual attitude in the Cuba-America relationship.

Cuban-Americans continue to send billions of dollars to their relatives at home.

This could triple if it were part of an open investment strategy within a free-market economy.



## From My Perspective

by Raymond Muhula

Patriot Writer

Castro has softened a little, even allowing the Pope to visit Cuba, a gesture that has paved the way for a return to organized worship that has not been part of Cuban social life for many

years.

The United States is sending mixed signals to the rest of the world when the president chooses to commune with military rulers in Asia and leave Castro next door.

It is time to make and break history at the same time. The conflict over Elian should be a wake-up call.

A return to reason would be necessary to forestall a repeat performance of this boring drama.

The United States should allow free movement into Cuba so pro-democracy forces can infiltrate Cuba in order to chart out the course of democracy in this dictatorship.

Merely watching from Guantanamo Bay and wishing for Castro's quick death isn't helping.

Indeed many politicians have taken standpoints designed to capitalize on this drama to the fullest without committing themselves to calls for far reaching policy shifts favoring a normal relationship.

Castro recognizes America's capitalistic tendencies in this case and is determined to gain political capital out of every inch of this tragedy.

What is in the best interest of little Elian? Is he aware of the mumbo jumbo his entry has caused in both America and Cuba? Only time will tell.

The immigration laws are, however, clear, and should be enforced to the letter, otherwise we might as well get ready for more Elians.

In Cuba, Castro's repressive state machinery is probably detaining Gonzalez's mother ready to kill her if her son doesn't return with Elian.

Nothing is beyond Castro.

# Whining away spring fever: the academics of an epidemic

For the past few weeks I have been in an educational rut. In fact, lately I have spent more time whining about being stuck in school than I have sitting in front of an actual book.

I think it's spring fever and I think it's contagious.

I say that because almost every



## Life, Love, and the Harangue

by Andrea Richards

Patriot Writer

have we been suckered.

But, never fear, save energy for finals because I've done the homework and formed a list of alternative career options.

It wasn't easy to find jobs that are highly entertaining, pay enough to support the basic

offhanded quote or two from The Communist Manifesto makes you a much more intriguing dinner



# Confessions of a true girlie girl

Being female is absolutely wonderful. Fingernail polish, make-up and shoes make me almost as happy as dark chocolate and falling in love.

But there is something that can make me happier than all the Godiva chocolates and platform shoes in the world - sports.

I'm not alone. Many women plan their schedules around the Superbowl, Stanley Cup and World Series.

March Madness knows no gender, yet men believe women are not athletically minded. As if the only sports we know are at Foley's during a Red Apple sale.

Well boys, I'm here to tell you, this is only a myth.

Women like sports. In fact, many women like sports and it has nothing to do with tight football pants or bulging muscles.

We like sports for the same reasons you do. Sporting events have a lot of action, are very competitive and usually don't have a pre-determined ending.

On Sundays in the fall, my 70-year-old prim and proper Aunt Mary brings the kitchen television into



## My Thoughts Exactly

by Laura McWilliams

Patriot Writer

the den and watches two football games at once.

During the college bowl game season every television in my sister's house is tuned to a different bowl game.

It's not done for the men

in the house; it's for the women.

"My sister and I know more about football than most men do," my tiny, nymph-like sister told a bewildered ex-boyfriend of mine one year during her college bowl game fiesta.

He thought it preposterous that girlie-girls like us could know anything about football. By the end of the evening, he was in full agreement.

Not every feminine female sports fan is related to me, either. I know several pretty young ladies who believe the world revolves around baseball, football, hockey or all three.

So guys, please think before you say to a girl "you don't care about basketball." After all, you could be talking to someone who knows as much about it as you do, possibly even more.

conversation I overheard before, during and after class, is riddled with the same complaints about papers, readings, exams, projects, labs, teachers, and deadlines that characterize my own sickness.

I have spun into a delirious reverie asking why I continue to subject myself to the abuse of academia.

There are perks — semi-flexible hours and a good four weeks of vacation—but the horrors of juggling class, homework and the minimum wage job that “pays” for it all is enough to make any person go haywire.

My heart goes out to those poor studious souls who also have spouses to contend with and offspring to contain.

Our “overworked and underpaid” lament is classic. Poor us.

We need a thorough review of why we do it. Two reasons really: the education and the degree.

The education half is the part that falls under the category “the basics.”

Basically, it's those classes we rushed to “get out of the way”.

If you ask me, those are the most useful things I have learned in the past four years.

Knowing the names of Shakespearean characters and an

a much more intriguing time party guest.

I probably could have learned that with some tenacity and a few dollars in library fines Good Will Hunting style.

The whole reason people started attending the University in the first place was to be taught by the masters—the people who wrote those books in the library—to become well rounded, thinking individuals.

But those days are over. New ideas aren't something we have to know for the test.

So that brings us to the reason we're in college: the degree.

This is really just an elaborate conspiracy. When the University began, it was a place for rich people to go to learn cool stuff and fill up their leisure class days.

Somewhere along the line, the University reinvented itself as the training ground for careers and professions—obviously more desirous than a mere job—and we fell for it.

We've all been so blindsided by the institution of higher education, students can hardly get a decent job without first having its embossed stamp of approval.

But the problem we really need to face is the jobs we truly want don't even require degrees. Boy

needs—and a few bad habits—and are an open door for college dropouts.

But here are a few to choose from: rock star, race car driver, famous artist, fashion model, movie star, and/or professional athlete.

When you think back to the days of innocent zeal and lust for life, these were the jobs you pictured yourself in, not a brief case toting, nine-to-five career of premature heart attacks.

Reach for the stars. Dare to dream. The sky's the limit. (Insert annoying motivational cliché here.)

Guess what, my friends. We are creating some negative energy complaining about our bookish lot in life.

We chose to be here and we can choose to be out.

There is a world of opportunity out there for naturally gifted, genetically blessed, astoundingly attractive and good fortune people like you and me.

Why settle for 30 more hours of grueling coursework when our dream jobs are only that “don't call us, we'll call you” phone call away?

Until then, we can just live off welfare.

## EDITORIAL

Student apathy seemed to take a back seat at the March 21-22 elections.

Candidates were pleased to see the number of students who voted.

The trick now is to keep this momentum going with the April 26 runoffs.

Seats are still open in the business, education and engineering colleges.

All of the candidates who are elected should be voted into office by the majority of the student population and not just a handful of students who happen to walk by the voting booths.

The people who need to wake up are those who ask “Why should I vote?” or “The elections don't mean anything to me.”

The truth is the elections should be important to any student who attends this school. The people who are elected will be making decisions for the entire student body.

We should want someone in office who can actually make intelligent choices and not some degenerate who captured three or four stray votes from people who didn't take the time to evaluate the candidates.

The reason we should vote is because we are students of this institution and we have a voice.

If students don't vote then they shouldn't complain when our representatives make inadequate decisions.

Students should get off the sidelines and get on the playing field.

**VOTE!**  
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## CAMPUS VOICE

Does the University need a student newspaper? Why or why not?



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“They need it to keep students informed. It helps the students have interaction with the school.”

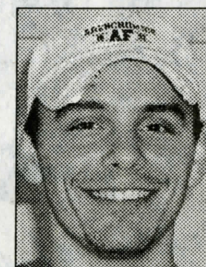
Laretta Arps, Senior, Business Management.



BAXTER

“Yes. A lot of students don't know what goes on in other departments. It keeps the students informed.”

Travis Woods, Junior, Nursing



WOODS

“Yes. It keeps students aware of activities and things that have happened.”

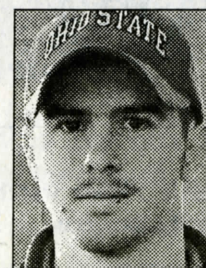
Byron Skaggs, Senior, Psychology.



KAUFFMAN

“Yes. It keeps students informed about events, campus news, and deadlines for important dates.”

Sandy Baxter, Senior, Accounting.



SKAGGS

“Yes, but I don't read it,”

Tamra Kauffman, Senior, Elementary Education.



THOMAS

“Yes. Most schools have one. It keeps you updated.”

Sue Thomas, Junior, Sociology.

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# GREEN

THE ORIGINAL MASCOT DESIGNER

**"Pat" the eagle only the beginning for a Tyler man whose tenure has spanned more than two decades**

by Wendy L. Moore  
Editor-In-Chief

Without Winston Green's gift of graphics, the University's first mascot might have been the rear end of a horse, a bulb-nosed bubba or even an opossum.

Instead Green sketched the winning contest entry — a smiling patriotic eagle — affectionately known as Pat.

For his efforts Green won \$100, a plaque and bragging rights as the creator of a character that celebrates its 20th — and possibly its last — birthday this month.

His sketch bested more than 30 different entries—ranging from the cute to the bizarre — in a contest sponsored by the Student Life Advisory Committee that wanted a mascot for a school without an athletic team.

"At the time we didn't have any athletics," he recalled. "We wanted something friendly or personal, not aggressive."

In a 1980 interview, Green said he selected the eagle because it "represents strength, freedom, alertness and has a protective instinct."

sion actually was his second attempt. The original mascot had no clothes and had a United States flag over his shoulder. Former President James H. Stewart suggested some changes.

"We put clothes on him and gave him a Texas flag instead of the U.S. Flag," he said.

Green said he was honored to have his entry chosen for the official mascot.

"It was fun to see something I had designed on decals and various publications," Green said.

In addition to the eagle character, Green also designed the University of Texas at Tyler logo, with a star cut out of the U in UT.

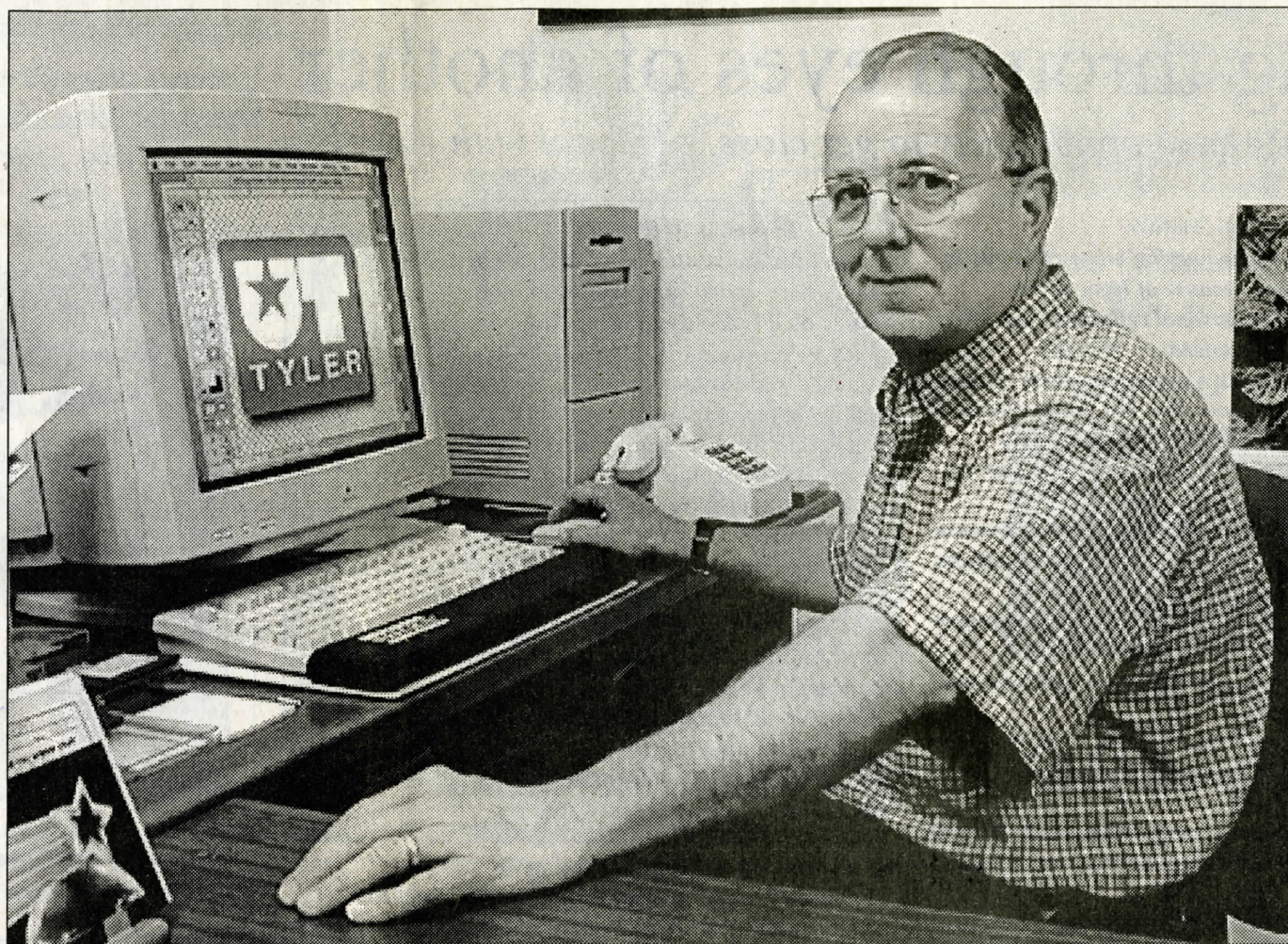
Green recently heard about the new logo idea from an article in the March 24 edition of *The Patriot*.

He said Pat was simply a character and not necessarily a campus identifier.

"We always needed something more stylized and more formal," he said.

President Rodney Mabry has now proposed retiring Pat and adopting a more "stylized" logo.

The new logo is a profile of an



Joe McArthur

**MAKIN' GRAPHICS - Winston Green edits university logo on his computer while preparing to make new directory.**

partially encircled.

The logo has been used in a University newsletter.

Green said he didn't care for the new design.

"It's not one I would have chosen," he said.

He said he would submit an entry if campus officials gave the students and staff an opportunity to submit ideas.

Green has spent most of his career as a graphic artist for the University.

However, pursuing art has not always been foremost in his mind.

Green attended John Tyler High School and began his undergraduate studies at Tyler Junior College where the first part of his career began.

There he formed an interest in journalism and spent two years on the newspaper staff.

He continued his studies in journalism at Texas A&M

civilian editor of the campus newspaper, *The Battalion*.

"The editors before me were core members," Green said.

Green also began experimenting with photography.

In 1980 an article Green told *The Patriot* he was named outstanding junior journalism student at the school and he was inducted into Alpha Delta Sigma, a professional advertising fraternity.

He said he always enjoyed the advertising aspects of journalism more than news.

"I did a lot of sketching and took a few art classes, but I never got any training in art," he said.

In 1980, when he won the mascot contest, he was an informational writer in the public information office on campus.

He was *The Patriot* adviser 1987-1989 and was transferred to the UT Tyler Health Center more than two years ago.

the printing and publications department.

His department is in charge of designing letterheads and various publications for both the University of Texas at



*"We always needed something more stylized and more formal."*

Tyler and the UTT Health Center.

Green said the department has creative freedom over the designing.

"The campus in the past has been pretty conservative," he said. "But they're always looking for something fresh and new. We try to keep things up to date."

Green said he enjoys working with people at both locations.

He said his favorite experiences on his job are working on projects with others.

"I like to take their ideas and develop them into brochures and other publications. It's fun seeing them with the finished product," he said.

Since Green got involved in graphics

and design, the methods of his trade have changed.

He said new computer software makes art work more precise and allows artists more creativity.

"I was not as good an artist with my freehand," Green said. "The computer helps a lot."

When he first got into the industry he said there were no copy graphics, it was strictly cut and paste techniques.

"It's unbelievable how much progress has been made," he said. "It's enabled my department to become more productive and helped us better serve our customers and the university."

Regardless of the changes he has encountered in his career, Green has remained an integral part of the UT System, a position he plans to keep a while longer.

"I'll stay as long as my eyesight and ability to learn comput-

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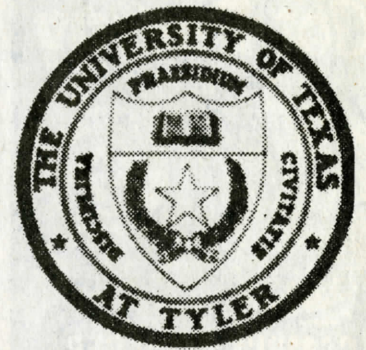
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# Looking through eyes of another

*Nursing students have opportunity to get close, personal with elderly*

by Becky Eddington

Contributing Writer

**Editor's Note:** The names of the nursing home residents in this story have been omitted because of legal issues involving confidentiality. The personal reflections are taken from the students' actual assignment.

For nursing students in Health Care of the Older Adult, a February assignment became more than just another burdensome project. It became a lesson in life.

Dr. Marian Rowe, professor of nursing, assigned her students a life review of a nursing home resident.

Students, who chose to interview nursing home residents in Tyler, Longview, and Hawkins, asked their subjects questions about their most vivid memories starting at childhood.

Rowe said the project developed from a strategy that came out of research from the National Institute On Aging.

"I have had nursing students who had never touched someone with wrinkles," Rowe said.

She said the project was done so students would have the opportunity to see an older adult as an individual and to know the patient on a deeper level.

Students spent anywhere from one to two and a half hours learning about the person's significant moments in their life, whether joyful or devastating.

One woman recalled the happiest period in her 93 years.

"It was the first year of marriage when we didn't have a pillow to sleep on, but had young love," she told student Frank Reagan.

Rowe said it is important for students to be familiar with older adults because 65 percent of people in the acute care facility are 65 and older, a number that is growing because of the baby boomers.

The assignment also was a chance for nursing home residents to view their own lives from a whole perspective, she said.

"A life review helps the person focus on their life as a whole instead of focusing on all the losses, world wars, the Great Depression and deaths, that they have had through the years," Rowe said.

Student Betty Rice interviewed a woman who wanted to dwell mostly on the positive things in her life, however, she

## Personal Reflections

I left the Atrium thinking that aging was great, to a point, after which things could quickly go down hill to a point of no return. T.H. was a sweet, honest, gentle lady. Although she acknowledged happiness, satisfaction and pride in her years past, I was unsettled with some of her comments of dismay concerning the current "golden years" of her life.



REAGAN

This just doesn't seem to reflect the peace and joy for which one hopes to find in the waning years of life. Her only joy was the rare visits from her sons. This I find most sad, not only because of the isolation T.H. experiences, but also for the guilt and burden her children live with not being able to take care of their mother. I don't want to burden, worry . . . my children I love so dearly with guilt. I don't want to experience life without daily, or at least weekly, joy.

did acknowledge difficulties in being 92.

"It is hard to see so many people die," she told Rice.

Rice said she learned it's not just life events that mold people.

"The lady I interviewed was very optimistic. My grandma who has had similar life events is pessimistic. There must be more that shapes people than their life events. I hope to take her optimism with me," she said.

Other students learned aging takes its toll on the body and sometimes on the spirit.

"I always thought growing old was what you made it, however, there is a time when life goes downhill, and there is nothing you can do about it," Reagan said.

Reagan said he came to the conclusion that a person can live too long. He said technology can keep someone alive to the point where it's not fun for the person or anyone around them.

Rowe said she believes the residents as well as her students reaped rewards from this assignment.

"A patient was real depressed when the student went in and after talking and telling funny stories, the patient and the student were laughing," she said.

Students were encouraged by knowing they brought companionship to a population that is often overlooked, she said.

"The reward I got out of it was . . . she (resident) felt good when I left," Reagan said.

Rice, who admitted she wasn't looking forward to another project in a busy semester, said she enjoyed listening to every minute of her interview.

Rowe said there has been positive feedback from the students, and many plan to go back to visit.

Because of the success, Rowe said future classes in this required course will participate in the project.

## Personal Reflections



RICE

I have to say that I was not looking forward to yet another assignment in an already busy semester. But, after meeting H.W., I was glad to have the opportunity to speak with her. It was nice to see someone of her age still holding so much optimism. Her outlook on her past makes her life much better than if you were to just look at the facts. The only difficulty I encountered was that H.W. really did not want to follow a question and answer format. Yet, this did not serve to be too big of a problem as we were able to cover the majority of the content in our discussion. I ended up spending more

## In your face



Carlos Velasquez

**LOOK OUT STOMACH** — Ernest Celaya, left, and Cody Harter, right, compete in a watermelon eating contest during Resident Appreciation Week at University Pines held last week.

# New T1 communication line eases intense college traffic

By Aaron Roberts

Patriot Writer

Video, telephone and internet links on campus have improved since the first of the year with the addition of a new T1 communication line in Tyler, Information Resources Director Steve Wilson said.

The line was installed because surrounding schools saturated the line, he said.

A single line was shared by The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler Junior College, The University of Texas Health Center and LeTourneau University in Longview.

Marshall, Tyler and Winona Independent school districts also shared the line.

LeTourneau accounted for nearly 50-60 per-

cent of the lines saturation, Wilson said.

UT has not been given exclusive use of the line.

"We are in the process of getting the University of Texas Office of Telecommunications Services to sanction the use of the line specifically for UT," Wilson said.

The OTS, which handles all of the communications for the UT colleges, installed the line in February.

The band width, the amount of available carrying capacity in the line needed for communication, doubles every six months, Wilson said.

If the line acquired specifically for UT, Wilson said, it will service the college for a greater amount of time.

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

An exhibit titled "The Joy of Wood Engraving" will be on display through May 5 at the Robert R. Muntz Library, Dr. Charles Harrell, library director,

standing display case near the circulation desk on the second floor and in the third-floor display cases.

The exhibit is the work of Dr.

"Wood engraving is my preferred medium of expression because it allows me to create highly visual symbols in multiple editions," he said.

than) two hours with H.W., and I enjoyed listening to every minute of it.

"All nursing students need a lot of exposure to the older patients because that is who nurses will be mainly tending to," Reagan said.

has announced.

The exhibit is housed in two library locations — in the free-

Kent Kessinger, a Houston-based artist who is self taught in the medium.

Kessinger has taught at Menlo College in California and San Francisco State University

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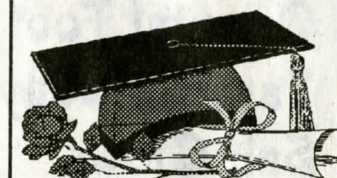
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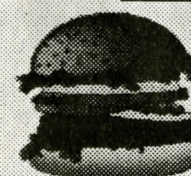
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# University employees take break during appreciation week

By Joe McArthur  
Patriot Writer

Get the heck out of Dodge!

That's what University of Texas at Tyler employees did as they left campus during office hours to attend various Employee Appreciation Week activities last week.

Now in its second year, the annual event was founded by Dr. Rodney Mabry to show gratitude toward the faculty and staff.

From card games to golf courses, employees of the university were allowed to attend two of the nine events scheduled throughout the week.

The different festivities held around Tyler were full of excitement.

*"It [Employee Appreciation Week] helps out the moral of the employees"*

*— Debbie Cox, Chairman of UTT Advisory Council*

Thirty-seven employees filled lanes at Green Acres Bowl on Tuesday.

People from all departments left their busy desks to meet other employees.

"It's a great stress relief from the office," Faye Baxter-Jones of financial services said.

"We talk to people on the phone all day long," she said speaking loudly to be heard over the bowling alley commotion.

"Now we can put a face with the voice."

Employees said they love the time they get to spend with each other away from the office.

"It's just a lot of fun," library assistant Annette Tapp said.

Debbie Cox, Chairman of the University Staff Advisory Council, said 107 people attended Movies 6 on Wednesday afternoon.

Ms. Cox said it seemed to be the favorite event among employees.

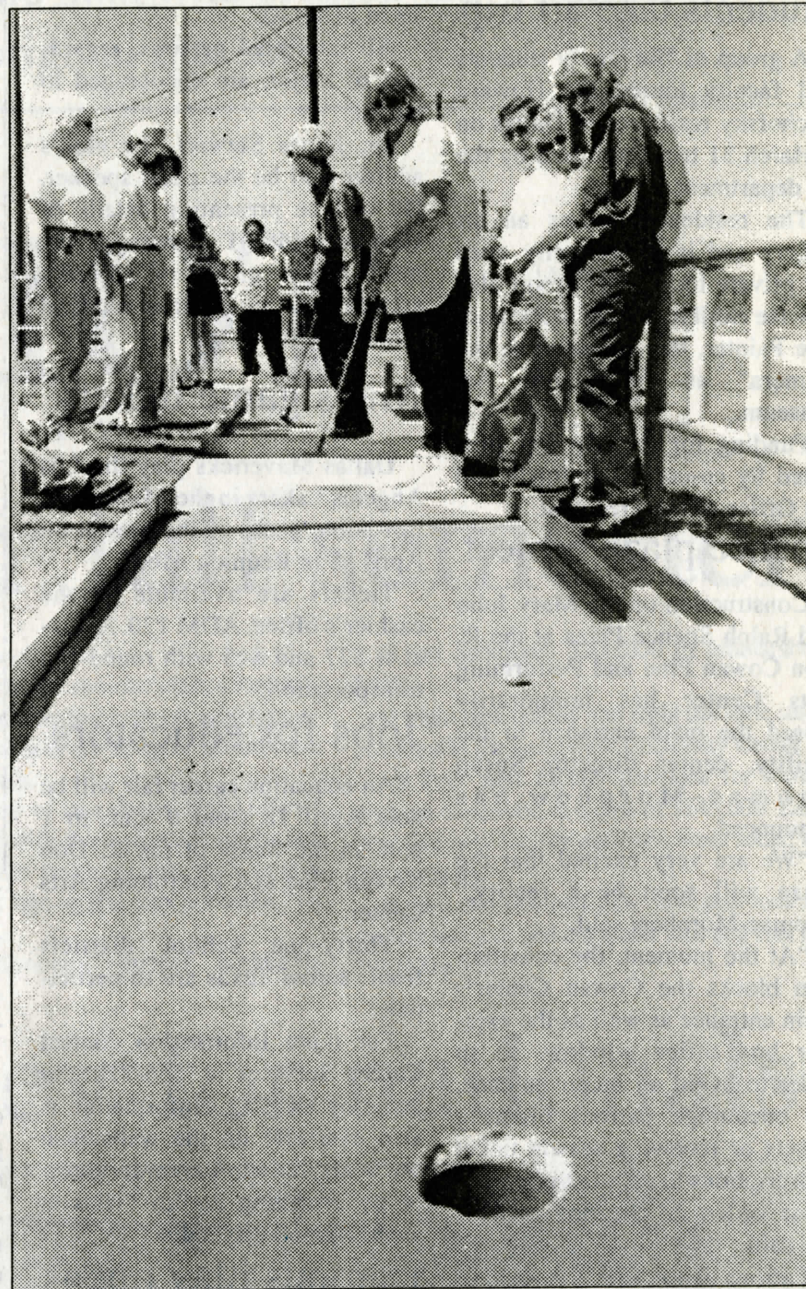
Along with the movies, there also were great turnouts at the other events.

There were 25 people who played golf at Willow Brook, 23 people played putt-putt golf, and 17 brave souls showed up to play laser tag at Laser X.

Employees said the fun never stopped.

"It helps out the morale of the employees," said Ms. Cox. "I wish the administration could be here to see the up-beat excitement on the faces of everyone, and to see how much this week has paid off."

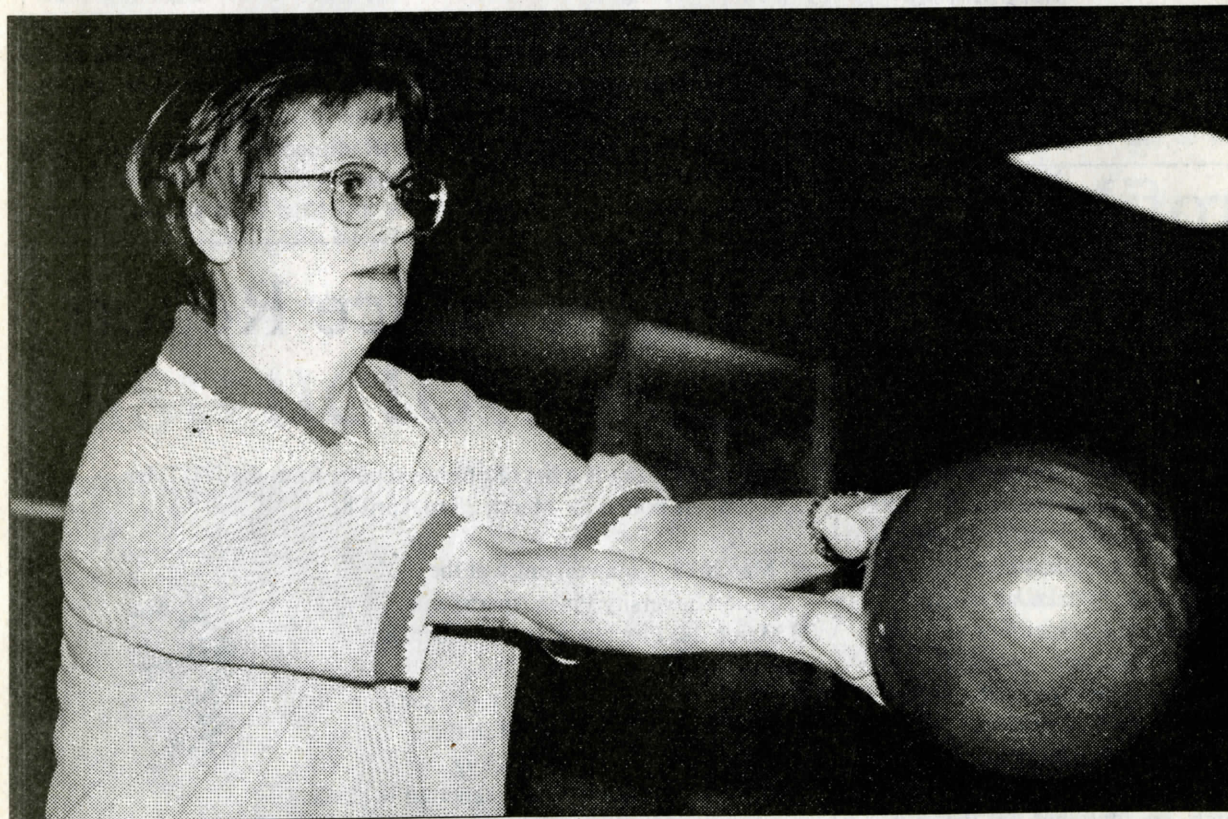
As if fun and games weren't enough, Employee Appreciation Week ended with a barbecue lunch on campus Friday for employees and their families.



Ernest Celaya

**AIMING FOR THE GREEN** - Vickie Greer watches intently as she takes her first swing in a game of putt-putt golf.

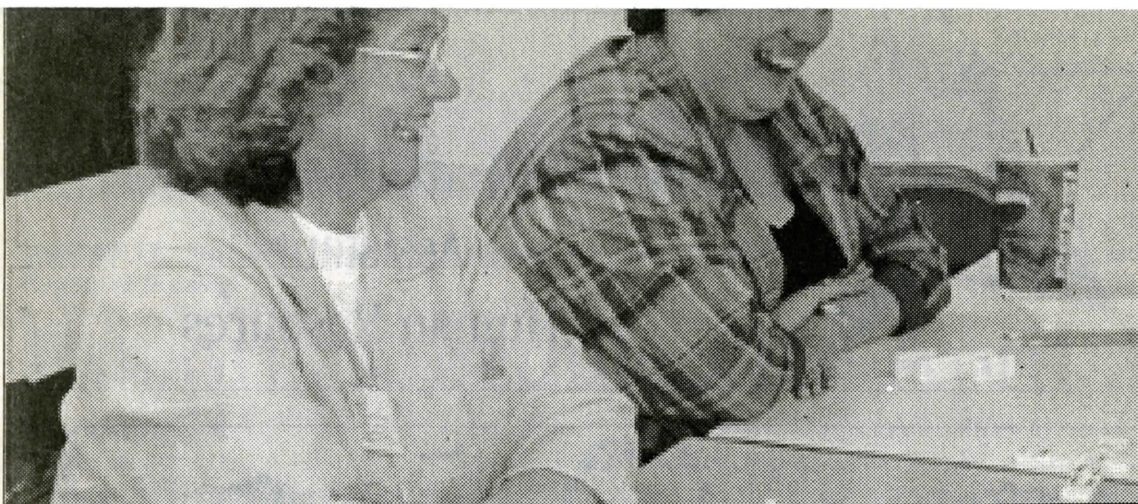
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Joe McArthur

**HERE WE GO** — Library Assistant Annette Tapp takes her turn during competition at Green Acres Bowl.





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DOMINO — Melva Grissom, left, and Jane Harp, right, enjoy a game of dominos in the UC.

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## Briefs

### Students take art trip

A group of University students and faculty toured the Howard Rachofsky residence in Dallas on a March 31 trip sponsored by the art department.

The residence houses an art gallery and is occasionally open for private tours. The group also saw the exhibit "Degas to Picasso: The Painter, the Sculpture & the Camera" at the Dallas Art Museum.

Funding for the trip was provided by co-curricular funds and the Office of the President.

### Spence plaza project

Construction on the Mary John and Ralph Spence Plaza at the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center has temporarily closed the main entrance to the facility, center director Susan Thomae-Morphew, has announced.

"We are very excited that the plaza will soon be a reality," Thomae-Morphew said.

"At the moment, the construction blocks the Cowan Center's main entrance as well as the exterior box office window, so in order to avoid an inconvenience, we encourage patrons ordering tickets or renewing season ticket subscriptions to call, fax or e-mail those orders to the box office," she said.

Patrons who visit the Cowan Center may park in the adjacent lot and follow signs to the side entrance, which provides access to the interior box office window.

To reserve tickets or for more information, contact the Cowan Center Box Office at 566-7424, fax at 566-7134 or e-mail at [cowan@mail.uttyl.edu](mailto:cowan@mail.uttyl.edu).

### Pre-med meeting

The Pre-medical/Pre-dental Association is holding an infor-

mational meeting at 1 p.m. April 19 in SCI-140.

All interested persons, regardless of major, are encouraged to attend.

Dr. James Stewart, the club's adviser will be the guest speaker. He will be presenting details of GPA and MCAT scores for the most recent group of students admitted to the various medical schools in Texas.

### Mavs game tickets

Dallas Mavericks play the Los Angeles Lakers in the Mavericks' last home game of the season on April 18 in Reunion Arena.

Tickets are available in the cashier's office, ADM 120. A ticket is \$27 and \$45 with round-trip transportation.

### Jobs for educators

An education career fair will be held April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Thirty-one school districts from across Texas are to participate.

For more information contact Career Services at 566-7105 or come by UC 282. Information is also available on the website at [www.uttyler.edu/careerservices/](http://www.uttyler.edu/careerservices/) or by e-mailing Ardith Weiss at [aweiss@mail.uttyl.edu](mailto:aweiss@mail.uttyl.edu).

### Campus play opens

The University of Texas at Tyler theatre program is scheduled to present Alan Ayckbourn's "A Small Family Business"

Performance dates are April 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 at 7:30 p.m. Additional dates are April 23 and 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Call 566-7254 to purchase tickets for any of these performances.

The School of Visual and Performing Arts Events Line is 566-7495.

## King and Queen



Shanna Humphrey

**MARDI GRAS ROYALTY**—Josh Fite (left) and Tammy Noecker (right) were crowned King and Queen last Saturday night at the Mardi Gras Masquerade formal sponsored by Student Government.

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## Purchasing online music made easy

(NAPS)—An Internet site long known for great sound may now be known for its new look as well. NetRadio.com, a lending broadcaster of originally programmed audio entertainment over the Internet, relaunched its Web site with a completely revamped look and enhanced functionality. The bold graphics and easier-to-use navigation, giving consumers what many consider an unmatched music experience.

The site is a complete music resource, providing listeners with more than 120 channels of music and information. Webcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it aims to appeal to a wide range of musical tastes, ages and demographics. There's an on-demand music selection, with professionally programmed channels ranging from classical to Country, Jazz, and Blues to Folk and New Age, KidzHits, Zydeco and Pop Hits.

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mation contribute to the experience. Visitors can access both audio and text-based news and information features within 15 music genres.

"NetRadio.com's Web site is the best place on the Web to explore music, it's a virtual music encyclopedia of recorded sound and a resource that makes listening and buying simple," Ed Tomechko, president and chief executive officer of NetRadio Corporation, said.

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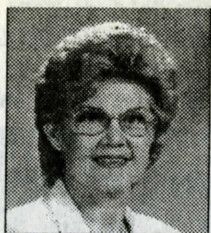
## Campus Police Report

by Luke Henderson  
Crime Reporter

The following is a list of offense reports from the UT Tyler campus police for March 28 to April 8.

- March 28: Unlawful entry at the University Pines Apartments.
- March 28: Fire alarm at the Robert R. Muntz Library.
- March 30: Vehicle collision in a parking lot.
- April 4: Phone harassment in the Administration Building.
- April 5: Abusive language reported in parking Lot 3.
- April 6: Fire alarm in the Administration Building.
- April 8: Minor in possession of alcohol at University Pines Apartments.





by **Ardith Weiss**  
Career Services  
Coordinator

ing degrees.

Career services is located in the University Center in UC 282

Each week, new organizations are contacting Career Services asking for help in recruiting good employees. This semester an average of 30 organizations a week have posted job openings through Career Services. Each organization may have multiple openings.

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If you are graduating, another item to pay attention to is the Career Services web site- a survey for graduates. The information you provide will help us plan more effectively and offer the services you want.

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