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# TALON

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## Students voice plethora of concerns to administrators



TALON » KYLE G. HORST

Ona Tolliver, director of student life and leadership, answers a student's question at Thursday's townhall meeting in the UC.

**By Aaron May**  
Staff Writer

University officials promised Thursday to take action on concerns students addressed during an afternoon town hall meeting including the possibility of bringing a Chik-fil-A restaurant into the new University Center.

About 60 students attended the event and questioned a panel of five University officials about the quality of food service in the University Center Expansion, classroom conditions, space for student activities and construction plans.

Student government officials collected baskets full of written comments or questions from students to the panelists Ona Tolliver, director of student life and leadership,

Dr. LouAnn Berman, vice president for student success, Gregg Lassen, vice president for business affairs, and Shannon Mariani, representative for Aramark food services. University President Rodney Mabry stepped in to replace Dr. Howard Patterson, vice president for student affairs, who had been scheduled to appear but was unable to attend.

### DINING ROOM DISCUSSIONS

The majority of student questions focused on the UC expansion, citing poor lighting conditions in the sports lounge, high prices at the grill and the inability to sit in the Metamorphosis Café dining area without paying.

Students also asked what new dining facilities would be available

in the UC after it is completed in 2010.

In an almost unanimous vote, students at the meeting said they would like the new facility to contain a Chik-fil-A restaurant.

Lassen said he is doing his best to make it happen, but Chik-fil-A Inc. officials said the University is still too small to justify a restaurant.

"I've met with the company officials," Lassen said. "I can't promise that it is imminent, but it is our number one priority."

Mariani said the current building plans include room for "future food services."

"We are open to discussion about what gets placed here, but it is still undetermined," he said.

Kodey Henderson, a junior electrical engineering student, said the sports lounge on the second floor of the UCX is "really dark."

He also said there are too many televisions in the lounge, most of which are off to one side where very few students actually sit.

Lassen agreed the planners might have gone a little overboard with the number of mounted televisions. He also said he will evaluate the lighting situation and determine out what can be done to make it brighter.

Lassen also said the UCX is a small part of a much larger student center still under construction. He said the final product should exceed

**TOWNHALL » 5**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Concert

New York City jazz pianist and author Kenny Werner and his Trio are scheduled to perform a jazz concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Braithwaite Recital Hall.

The University Jazz Patriots combo under the direction of Dr. John Webb, professor of music, also is scheduled to perform.

Werner has previously performed and recorded



# ONE AND DONE

## Alcohol election in voter's hands

**By Allen Arrick**  
Editor in Chief

Come May 9, 'crossing the line' might not mean going on a beer run to Gregg County.

The Smith County Commissioner's Court voted Feb. 23 to call the election for the legal sale of beer and wine in Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, after petition-



Werner has previously performed and recorded with jazz greats Leo Konitz, Stan Getz, Dizzie Gillespie, Joe Henderson, Dave Liebman, Chico Freeman, Bob Brookmeyer, Bobby Hutcherson, Ron Carter, Eddie Gomez, Dave Holland, Charlie Haden, Mel Lewis, Jack DeJohnette, Paul Motian, Peter Erskine, Elvin Jones, Steve Gadd, Marian McPartland and Gunther Schuller.

In 2003, he received a Grammy nomination for his song Inspiration in the Best Instrumental Composition Category.

He also published a book titled *Effortless Mastery: Liberating the Master Musician Within*, which covers the meaning behind creativity and expression.

Werner is planning on giving a clinic with the University Jazz Patriots at 3:30 p.m. and is planning on discussing concepts of his book at 3:30 p.m. in the Braithwaite Recital Hall.

Any students interested in the clinic and the concert are welcome to attend.

## ONLINE POLL

Should alcohol be allowed on campus?

- A: Yes, for over-21 students
- B: Yes, but only with approval
- C: No, not for students or faculty

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TALON >> KYLE G. HORST

**Patriots coach Terri Deike draws up a play for her team during a timeout in the first round game of the American Southwest Conference Tournament Friday in Abilene. The women lost 67-55 to McMurry University while the men lost to McMurry as well by a score of 70-58 in Richardson.**

## Season ends for men with first round loss

**By Clay Ihlo**  
Staff Writer

RICHARDSON – Patriots men's basketball team saw its season come to a close Friday afternoon when they lost in the opening round of the American Southwest Conference tournament to McMurry University.

The Patriots fell 70-58, the second straight season the men lost in the first round of the conference tournament.

The University of Texas at Dallas won the tournament after defeating Mississippi College 85-72 in the championship game.

To start the game, McMurry

took advantage of the tentative-playing Patriots early and got out to a quick 7-0 lead.

The Patriots then started to press too much and force shots, which allowed McMurry to get a 16-6 lead.

Halfway through the first half, the Patriots shots started to go in. Michael Johnson and Anthony Reese both hit threes as part of a 12-0 run.

Reese and Kevin Murray both capitalized on three points the old fashioned way and the Patriots took their first lead of the game.

**MEN >> 4**

## Turnovers cost women first round playoff win

**By Jeremy Cotham**  
Sports Editor

ABILENE – McMurry University proved to be too much to handle for the Patriots women's basketball team Friday night in Abilene.

McMurry used stellar defense and inside post play en route to a 67-55 win in the opening round of the American Southwest Conference tournament.

In the first half alone, McMurry shot perhaps the lowest percentage all season, going 11-of-36 from the floor (30.6 percent) but they forced 17 turn-

overs from the Patriots.

McMurry, despite the low percentage of shooting, went into the locker room with a 32-27 lead. McMurry also had 11 offensive rebounds in the half, which gave the team the opportunity for second-chance points, of which they took advantage.

The Patriots shot just slightly better, percentage wise, but only made eight baskets on 22 shots (36.4 percent) in the first half.

The game was tied just once at 13-13 with 8:56 left in the first

**WOMEN >> 7**

## SGA forms committees to research alcohol sales, four-day work week

**By Joseph Elerson**  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association officials formed two new committees Wednesday night to research the possibility of serving alcohol at campus venues and switching to a four-day work week.

SGA Vice President Amy Whitehouse is scheduled to lead the committees and students are encouraged to join the committee.

Currently, University policy does not permit serving alcohol without permis-

sion from the president's office.

The committee is planning to research what campus venues, if any, could be accessible for alcohol sales, such as the Sports Café, The Met and the Herrington Patriot Center, according to Kerrie Ambort, Student Government Association president.

Ambort said the committee is going to be bias in how they deal with the alcohol issue being served on the University

**SGA >> 4**

## Enrollment down: University loses nearly 450 students in spring, misses estimate

**By Aaron May**  
Staff Writer

University officials attributed lower enrollment numbers for the spring semester to the weakened economy and last year's spike in gas prices.

President Rodney Mabry said enrollment numbers are down because "a lot of students graduated last year."

He said the growth in new student enrollment was not as high as projected.

"The University posted a net gain of 1.5 percent this year," Mabry said. "We bud-

geted for four percent."

The registrar's office indicated 5,669 students are enrolled this semester, which is down from the 5,850 students enrolled in spring 2008.

Records indicated 6,118 students were enrolled during Fall 2008.

Mabry said the higher gas prices and long commutes to school caused students to look for cheaper educational options by transferring to junior colleges closer to home.

**ENROLLMENT >> 4**

of beer and wine in Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, after petitioners collected the required 1,509 signatures.

The southern boundary for Precinct 4 is U.S. Highway 64 – less than two miles from the University – which could potentially put beer stores within walking distance from the University if the referendum passes.

Precinct 4 includes Chapel Hill and Winona.

None of the residence halls or nearby apartment complexes are within the Precinct 4 boundary – and only Precinct 4 voters are allowed to cast their ballot, even though University students might have a vested interest in the election.

"The outcome of this election is entirely in the hands of the voters J.P. Precinct 4," County Judge Joel Baker said.

If the referendum passes, the county officials will have 11 days to count the ballots, putting the law into effect immediately.

But while some might expect a boom in alcohol related incidents on campus if the election passes, Kim Harvey-Livingston, director of wellness and prevention, says otherwise.

"People who want to get alcohol aren't having a hard time getting it," she said. "The same issues apply whether they get alcohol from Smith County or Gregg County."

Harvey-Livingston runs programs throughout the year educating students on responsible drinking and underage drinking.

She said a change in the program would not necessarily follow a change in the alcohol law in



# 2 » OPINION

## Obama Stimulus

# Education plan needs new focus

President Barack Obama's pseudo-State of the Union on Tuesday night addressed quite a few issues – but the one that struck me most concerned college education.



Allen Arrick

Obama's plan calls for making college education more affordable and more accessible, because as he says "a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity – it is a prerequisite."

While I believe education is the silver bullet to fix almost any problem – this plan doesn't necessarily make me too hopeful.

Imagine for a moment that you've worked your entire adult life to perfect your small business endeavor. Let's say, for instance, you make bicycles.

Bicycles are your life's work – you love what you do and don't want to do anything else. The bikes you make are the best, and people value their quality and they value your business.

But then the government mandates that – due to increase demand for transportation – your bicycles have to be given out for pennies on the dollar.

The perceived value of your business tumbles – and the bikes you make cost you more than their worth in the market.

This is what happens when things become cheaper than their true value.

The idea that everyone deserves a higher education is an altruistic but futile endeavor. The perceived value – whether the perception is true – goes down.

I'm reminded of the movie *The Incredibles*, where the villain attempts to destroy his superhero enemies by turning everyone into a superhero.

As he says "If everyone is a superhero, no one is."

If everyone has a college degree, no one does.

The problem of education should be solved in our secondary schools, not our higher-education institutions.



# Advice to increase student activity attendance

As a student living in University Pines there is no trouble meeting with other residents, because the staff has different events each week.

For example they held a Mardi Gras party with all the pieces to make a fancy mask and there was also a carnival at the end of the week for students who renewed their lease contracts.

In University Pines there is a definite feeling of community living among the residents.



Jennah Lewis

made suggestions that there should be more social events similar to those at University Pines.

While there are events, they are scheduled far apart, on school nights and several of the students said there wasn't enough advertisement.

One of the problems preventing a high attendance is less than 20

the Twilight movie, be scheduled on Friday nights.

That way, students who have classes during the week do not have to worry about studying for the next day.

To address the issue of more events I talked with Kerrie Ambort from the Student Government on this issue. She encouraged me to tell other students to attend the Student Government meetings and voice their opinions at the speaker's podium.

I have attended several of their meetings so far and they are

of the time they get overlooked because students either do not have the time to stop and look, or do not pay attention to them.

The boards also have a plethora of outdated posters. The bulletin board outside the *Patriot Talon* newsroom has a poster for "The Irrelevants - a concert that took place a month ago.

I suggest events not only be posted on bulletin boards, but also be spread by word of mouth. Free advertising in this newspaper is also available through the office of Student Life and Leadership.



The reason a high school diploma isn't valuable anymore is because high school isn't as valuable.

High school completion rates are extremely high in our country. Everyone has a high school diploma, and no one really has an education.

As a country, we need to improve our secondary education system before we even consider college education.

What I have noticed, however, is the trouble the student life offices has getting students to attend on-campus events.

I know the student life office has been very puzzled in how to attract more students.

I talked with several students who

high attendance rate is less than 20 percent of students live on campus. Many of these students go home during the weekends.

It is difficult to bring all students to attend events, especially when these events are held on weeknights.

I suggest that events, such as

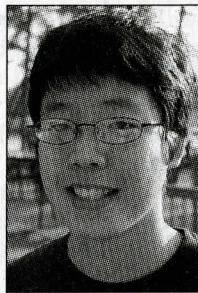
meetings so far, and they are very open to suggestions from other students.

Finally, to address the issue of advertisement: the problem is with the bulletin boards.

Although there are bulletin boards located everywhere on campus most

Student Life and Leadership. Although it is impossible to fit the needs and schedules of every student when planning events, I believe these few suggestions can go a long way to help the attendance rate of students to events.

## Campus Voice Q: Would your drinking habits change if the voters in Justice of Peace Precinct 4 voted to allow the sale of beer and wine?



► "No, I just don't drink that often."

*Wilson Lu  
senior  
Tyler*



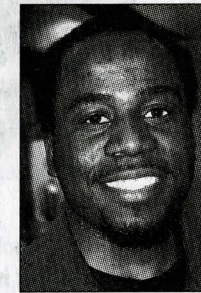
► "No. I'm not going to drink more often just because it's available in Tyler."

*Sarah Edward  
senior  
Kilgore*



► "No it wouldn't. I drink little enough that it doesn't effect me that much. When I do drink, it is usually port and I can get that at KE Cellars."

*Zach Hubl  
senior  
Murchison*



► "Definitely, yes. Sometimes I decided not to drink because it's too far to get alcohol or I'm too tired, so definitely, yes."

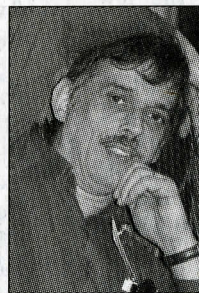
*Marc Norcilus  
junior  
Haiti*

# Alcohol in Precinct 4 will bring problems to the University

If the pending proposal to allow relatively unrestricted alcohol in nearby Precinct 4 is passed, the University and its students could suffer.

As the availability of alcohol becomes more attractive, more students are likely to take the short drive to the Precinct line.

University students are not immune from the serious health, civil and social issues related to alcohol abuse.



**Dana Bell**

Alcohol related liver disease is well known. Adverse effects on the brain and nervous system development of students 18-24 are documented in medical journals. The biggest concern among professionals, however, may be alcohol dependency, and binge drinking.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an institute of the NIH, over 30 percent of students reported that they have abused alcohol, and 5 percent were diagnosed as alcohol dependent.

That reminder is based on questionnaire-based self-reports, and it is estimated that alcohol abuse among students could be as high as 50 percent.

Binge drinking is the largest public health and safety problem many campuses face. According

to an AP analysis 157 college-age people 18 to 23, literally drank themselves to death from 1999 through 2005.

The supposed tax and economic benefits of legalizing alcohol are debatable considering these facts and the additional costs of policing that freedom.

An NIAAA fact sheet lists assault, suicide, sexual abuse, drunken driving, vandalism, property damage, and other criminal activities as common among students who drink.

As others in the community take advantage of the bars and beer stores nearby, safety on the streets closer to the University could be jeopardized.

The dynamics of making alcohol more available near a 2-year upper level college are different from

a four-year college with on-campus housing.

In the latter case, the University is not only in the business of education, but is involved in new students' social development and providing a safe environment for the students. Keeping alcohol at a distance should help to make that more possible.

Objections that state students should have the freedom to direct their own lives have some validity, but when faced with the decision of whether to allow unrestricted freedom or protect the safety of students, safety should come first.

We cannot forecast the long-term consequences, but considering the problems reported elsewhere, we should keep unrestricted alcohol sales at a distance as long as possible.

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# Pep Band leads pack with fight song

By Matt Rivers

Contributing writer

Blaring trumpets and the heartbeat thuds of a bass drum fill Herrington Patriot Center — sounds that get University basketball fans jumping to their feet and waiving their arms.

The tune is still a little unfamiliar, but the song the Pep Band is playing could be the next official Patriot's fight song.

It's a song writers Chance James and Greg Smith believe is the missing link between the players and their fans.

The two decided to write the piece in September after hearing a proposed version written by

alumnus Jonathan Hooker.

"We thought that [the original song] was lacking the traditional college fight song sound," James, a senior music education major, said.

Smith, a senior Spanish and piano performance major, said they wanted to help the University's efforts to create traditions.

"We also figured a good way to represent the school would be to have a song written by current students whose knowledge and talent is a result of a music department here," Smith said.

James and Smith said they contacted Bobbye Rucker, the University's alumni and annual

fund coordinator, and she liked their idea.

The two began working on the song the next day. James proposed the melody and Smith created the harmony. They kept the lyrics from the original song.

"We decided to keep the integrity of the originally proposed lyrics and just adapted them to fit the music we wrote," Smith said. "There was input from the Pep Band as well. We encouraged them to help us work out the kinks. We also let Jam Ham, our drummer, create his own part."

As Pep Band members, the duo produced sheet music and distributed to other members.

The band recorded the song with the help of fellow music student Chris Duke and it has been performed live at home basketball games.

"People seemed to be getting into it," James said. "We mainly played it at the beginning of halves, during a timeout, or in an exciting part of the game."

The song has been submitted to the Student Government Association for approval.

"We're just hoping it works out so we can contribute to the tradition of the school and also shine some light on our music department," James said.

## Fight Song

Chance James and Greg Smith

COURTESY PHOTO

Fight song writers Chance James and Greg Smith sought to create a song with "familiar fight song sound."

## Q&A

# Professor Jolicoeur talks capital punishment, justice system with *Patriot Talon* reporter

By Melody Ojeda

Contributing Writer



Jolicoeur

Assistant Professor Jason Jolicoeur found his niche in teaching after more than 10 years of experience in the law enforcement field. He obtained an associate's, bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice, and is pursuing his doctorate in education. He is a Minnesota native and received most of his education in Wichita, Kansas.

Jolicoeur, 39, has three kids, ages three to 17 with another on the way, and currently working on his dissertation. He worked as a police officer, parole/probation officer and a juvenile corrections officer, but his love for working with students brought him to what he believes is his true calling: teaching.

He said he has high hopes for re-vamping the Criminal Justice Student Association, arranging career fairs specifically for criminal justice students and establishing more internship opportunities for criminal justice and pre-law students. He would even like to develop an international ex-

graduated, and in their work.

**Q: What has your favorite job been and why?**

A: Teaching. I do not like anything as much as I do teaching. It's my calling and passion. Every day as a teacher is a good day. That's not to say I don't have bad days, but since I began teaching there has been no day that I haven't wanted to be a teacher. I love working with students. I really thought I would be in law enforcement forever, until I found teaching. I went into the law enforcement field with great ideas about helping people and being a civil servant, and it turned out to be very different than what I thought it would be. I really enjoyed the people that I worked with in law enforcement, many of whom I am still friends with today, but it did not give me the gratification or enjoyment that I have gotten from teaching.

**Q: What made you want to go into the law enforcement field in the first place?**

A: I always had an interest and relatives working in the field. I would

few years later, I was in a restaurant and a lady tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around and the lady asked me if I remembered her daughter. I did, of course. She told me that her daughter had graduated high school and college, and was trying to get in to law school. She was dating a great guy, and was doing great. She thanked me for my work and believing in her daughter. That was my high in law enforcement. As bad as the other story was, that is how good this one is.

**Q: What effects, if any, has your law enforcement background had on your family?**

A: Well, I am way overprotective. That is partially from my personality, but partially because of my law enforcement experience. I have seen a lot of things happen. Honestly, for a while, it probably gave me a negative view of people as a whole and probably, not wholly, but at least contributed to why my first marriage didn't work. As a result of what I've seen, I am more open with my kids and willing to listen than I would have been otherwise. It helped me understand that I need to have an open line of communication with them, and to be

## ARTS

# Folk art pieces decorate Business Building hallway, reminder of doner Jack White

By Elizabeth Barrett

Staff writer

If their expressions look stoic, it's because their faces are made of wood.

And yet, there is something about the nearly 60 hand-carved and painted figures that may intrigue those who take the time to stare back.

The Ben Fox collection — a crowd of folk art pieces no taller than six inches — found a home in a four-tiered enclosed shelf, now a fixture on the second floor of the Business Building.

The *Talon* could not find information about Ben Fox.

"Art can take many forms," Dr. Alisa White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said. "If you look around campus, we

have beautiful paintings, prints, sculptures, tapestries and more. I wanted this collection to show students and visitors a glimpse into the world of folk art."

The collection was donated to the University by Jack White, a Tyler philanthropist who has funded scholarships over the years and left \$4.3 million to the University when he died.

"He loved our kids," said Larry Wickham, the University's director of gift giving. "Anything we could do to engage him with students, he loved."

Ray Sikes, the media coordinator for the Department of Art and Art History, built the glass-front, boxed shelves used to display the collection





and pre-law students. He would even like to develop an international exchange program for students so that they can experience other criminal justice systems and organizations.

**Q: I understand you are working on your dissertation. What is the subject and why did you choose it?**

A: The subject is the influence religion has on academic deviance. I chose it for several reasons. It tied my interests of education and criminal justice together, because they are both pulled into this subject. I've always been interested in the causes of deviance, of the criminal mind and otherwise, since I took my criminology class in college. In that class we spoke about the Social Bond theory, and among other things it basically says that all people want to break the law, but they don't because of their ties to social influences and individuals such as family, the church, etcetera. The effect of religion has been debated among social bond theorists, and I thought this would be a very interesting avenue to pursue.

**Q: Has being a student while teaching changed the way you approach your students?**

A: I think that I am more appreciative of the importance and value of teaching. I have had great teachers, and I have had ones that are not so great. It has also kept me grounded and focused on the actual teaching and less on outside research. On the flip side, I also think that being a student, raising a family and working all at once raises the expectations I have of my students.

**Q: What do you find are the pros and cons of UT Tyler as opposed to the other schools in which you have taught?**

A: The students at UT Tyler tend to be very respectful. They also tend to be fairly engaging for the most part. There are often students who do not want to participate, and that can be frustrating for a teacher, especially when I put so much of myself into it. This goes for students in general, so it is not necessarily specific to this university, but often times students have very set view points on the way things work or should be. Because of this, they are often hesitant to look at things differently, and I try to present things in a way that help them to do this. It can be frustrating when I know that students have the tools to do well, but don't. I work hard and feel that I put everything into teaching, and I really want to see all students succeed in class, once they've

A: I always had an interest and relatives working in the field. I wound up working in private security in high school and through that I met a lot of officers. From there, I kind-of naturally fell into it.

**Q: What was your most frightening and or memorable experience while working in law enforcement?**

A: I was not even supposed to be on duty at the time, but I covered for a friend. I was supposed to be off duty and took a call to help another jurisdiction. It was a domestic dispute call to a residence we had been to many times. The man abused the woman often, and she had finally had enough. She got her stuff together and was leaving him. He wouldn't have it. He started abusing her. To this point and my knowledge, he had not ever brought the kids into the violence. There was a toddler, and one a little older, and a three-month old baby. He hit the toddler and told those two to get in his truck. He then went into the bedroom and picked the baby up by the back of the neck and continually punched her in the face while yelling at the mother. He then punched the baby through a glass door, went outside and threw the baby through one door of the truck so hard that she slammed into the other door and fell to the floor. He was doing all of this while screaming at the lady, "You won't leave me!" I found him at a pay phone screaming at the lady, and I realized that I heard two other screams coming from the other direction. One was a little girl, the other was the baby. He had told the little girl that if she did not keep the baby quiet, he would kill her. The baby's head was so swollen that it was unrecognizable as a face, and she had to have five holes drilled in her head just to bring the swelling down. As it turned out, the lady bailed the man out of jail and he moved right back in with her and the kids. After that, I told my [now] ex-wife that I just couldn't do it anymore. That particular case was my low in law enforcement and it really toughened my exterior. I never let anything get to me the way that case did.

On the other end of the spectrum, when I was working with in the juvenile parole/probation office, I had a female juvenile offender who had been in a lot of trouble with the law, drugs and had run away several times. She was involved with a guy who even got her involved in organized crime. She was headed down a really bad path. I worked extensively with her over a period of years, and I saw her totally clean up and turn her life around. A

that I need to have an open line of communication with them, and to be open, honest and not judge.

**Q: What are your plans once you receive your doctorate?**

A: Take a nap! Really, I would like to spend more time with my wife and more time with my kids. There have been many times when I have wanted to be with my three-year-old, but because I was working or studying, I couldn't. I will spend some time doing outside research, because I have been spending so much time on my dissertation. Maybe somewhere in there, I could even take a little time for myself.

**Q: As a law enforcement/criminal justice professional, what are your thoughts on the effectiveness of capital punishment and the future of capital punishment in America?**

A: As a professional, for the future of capital punishment: My opinion in understanding the mentality of the courts - I think that ultimately, the direction that the courts are going, they will rule it as unconstitutional. They are ruling on more and more restrictions as to who you can execute and under what circumstances. It just seems as though they are moving in the direction of abolishing it all together, or at least in the majority of cases. On the same token, there are a lot of people who believe that they have taken care of the exclusions, ruled out everyone they will rule out, and that the rules will remain the same for the foreseeable future.

As for the effectiveness, in a "specific deterrent" sense, it, of course, is effective, because that offender can no longer offend. As for "general deterrence," the majority of research tends to cast doubt on the effectiveness of capital punishment. There are so many things that go into the decision to commit a crime, and the whole theory of general deterrence is built on the assumption that the offender thinks rationally (i.e. that the offender will logically think that if they get caught, they will be tried and executed). Very few offenders go through the rational process of thinking, I will be caught. I will be tried. I will be executed. Most criminals are not thinking rationally when committing a crime. They're high, drunk, angry, etcetera. Very few will actually think about the consequences of the actions they are about to take. Most don't even think that they will get caught. That's where general deterrence kind-of falls apart.



TALON » KYLE G. HORST

The Ben Fox Collection, a display with nearly 60 hand-carved figurines is mounted to the wall on the second floor of the Business Building after being donated by Tylerite Jack White.

## talon ticklers

Staff, students and faculty are encouraged to submit their pithy, hilarious anecdotes to the Talon for publication. Please limit to 100 words or less and be in good taste.

### Aunt Farm

A new young wife found out she was pregnant. She went to her two 6-year-old sisters and asked if they were ready to be aunts.

The first one answered yes.

"No," the second sister replied. "I want to be a butterfly."

- by Rachael Roeten

### Friendly Fortune

While attended a concert headlined by a popular Southern rock band my friend Jeremy leaned over to me and said, "I am his friend."

"Whose friend?" I asked.

Jeremy pointed to the singer on stage.

"I am his friend," Jeremy yelled over the loud music.

Somewhat bewildered, I responded.

"You can't possibly be his friend. Why, you have never even met him," I yelled back.

Jeremy replied with confidence.

"I am too his friend and I have proof," he said. "At the end of every song, the singer says 'Thank you very much my friend.'"

- Joseph Elerson

### It Doesn't Add Up

A state trooper pulled me over for speeding. The trooper noticed my shirt had the name of a local high school on it.

"I teach math there," I explained.

He smirked and said, "Here's a problem. A teacher is speeding down the highway 16 miles per hour over the speed limit. At \$12 for every mile, \$40 in court costs, plus the rise in insurance, what's the total?"

"Taking that total, subtracting the low

salary, multiplying by the number of kids who hate math, adding to the fact that none of us would be here without teachers, I'd say zero," I replied.

He handed me back my license.

"Math was never my favorite subject," he admitted. "Please slow down."

- Brooke Randolph

### Lost in Translation

My high school enrolled foreign exchange students, many of whom became my friends.

My closest friend was a Brazilian we called "J.P."

One day as I was driving him home, he asked if we could stop at Dairy Queen for some ice cream.

It was Good Friday, and as a practicing Catholic, I told him I couldn't.

"I'm fasting," I said.

He gave me a puzzled look.

"Well, slow down," he said. "The turn is up ahead."

-Matt Rivers

### Breaking Bread

I visited by 6-year-old twin cousins Katelyn and Jonathan one weekend during dinner.

They got into an argument over who would get the last roll.

Being a Sunday, their mother decided to try and teach them a moral lesson.

"If Jesus was sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother [or sister] have the last roll, I can do without it,'" she said.

"Katelyn looked at her brother and said, 'Jonathan, you can be Jesus.'"

- Chase Ragland



# 4 NEWS

## SGA

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campus.

"The service of alcohol was a student concern," Ambort said. "It is the Student Government Association's job to voice the questions and concerns of the students at UT-Tyler."

The alcohol policy for the University states, "Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the purchase, manufacture, distribution, possession, sale, storage or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while on campus or on property owned or controlled by the University, including all campus residence buildings."

On the University Web site, it states for an event to be sponsored by the University, and eligible to apply for a waiver, the following criteria must be met:

A budgeted office, department, or division of the University must sponsor an event.

The sponsor is responsible for organizing the event, inviting attendees, and paying expenses related to the event, including food and beverages.

The event may still be considered as sponsored by the University regardless of whether an outside entity pays for the food and beverages at the event.

Approved meetings or events organized and presented by a registered faculty, staff, or student organization are not events sponsored by the University.

The University is currently looking at ways to reducing costs on campus and going to the four-day week is one of the reasons why the committee is being formed.

Ambort said the purpose of the committee is to research the pros and cons of switching University class schedules to a four-day week schedule.

Andrea Moreno-Vasquez, freshmen senator for SGA, said during her research for colleges she found out Texas State University is currently following the four-day work week.

The committee is planning to research which day of the week would be most appropriate to not hold classes, thereby allowing time for students, faculty, and staff to conduct any extra work beyond the class room and attend meetings.

"Looking into the possibility of an 'alternate schedule' was an idea brought up in a meeting that Whitehouse and I had attended," Ambort said. "After recent budget cuts, SGA sees this as an opportunity to help the University cut some costs and provide an alternate schedule."

## Enrollment

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He said both Tyler Junior College and Kilgore College reported higher enrollment numbers this semester.

Other media sources indicated TJC reported more than 9,600 students this semester, compared to less than 9,000 a year ago. TJC officials were unavailable Friday to confirm those numbers.

"So at least we know where the students went," Mabry said.

He said University officials compensated for the budget deficit by cutting

back on energy, travel and other expenses.

Mabry also said the state Legislature may request as much as 2 percent of the funds provided to the University for this year – about \$1 million – to be returned.

"We received a letter from the lieutenant governor telling us to prepare to give the money back if needed," Mabry said.

Even though the decision to return

the funds is not final, Mabry said he is being prudent in order to protect as many jobs and programs as possible.

Mabry said he is not worried about the dip in enrollment numbers because the University is still on a growth trend.

"We may be growing at a slower rate but we're still growing," he said.

The University is also searching for a new vice president for enrollment management after Jim Hutto retired

from the position in December.

Dr. Howard Patterson, vice president for student affairs, said Sarah Bowdin is "taking up the slack" by handling the responsibilities for recruiting potential students.

Patterson said he hopes to have a candidate for the position selected by the end of March.

## Men

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McMurry then re-took the lead and extended it to six near the end of the half, but a three-pointer from Hakeem Kareem in the corner sent the Patriots into the locker room only down three, 33-30.

The Patriots then came out in the second half and kept the lead close in the first few minutes of the second half.

Players were taking open shots, but not getting anything to fall.

McMurry eventually capitalized on the missed shots by the Patriots, going on a 12-1 run to take a 52-39 lead with 13:16 remaining.

Frustration started to set in for the Patriots due to turnovers and a lot of shots going in and out.

Around the six-minute mark, however, the Patriots started warming up.

Johnson got the ball rolling with a three-pointer from the right wing and Reese later hit a three-pointer from the same spot.

Larry Ware and Kareem followed suit inside four minutes and cut McMurry's lead to four with 3:17 left in the game.

However, after a few more missed opportunities the Patriots forced them to foul in hopes of keeping the lead close.

McMurry though took advantage of the free throws and made 8-of-10 in the last three minutes to advance to the semi-finals.

with 12.

McMurry's Jonathon Walker led all scorers with 20 points. Walker had 11 rebounds as well.

"We were tentative [early] and we just missed some shots," coach Kenny Bizot said. "We don't have enough size to attack inside [constantly] against them so I knew we would have to shoot some three pointers. It's hard to tell your guys how to shoot when they're taking good looks... they were just in and out. They played extremely hard and with their (McMurry) size, it makes playing well difficult for us."

During a media timeout inside 10 minutes, Bizot told his team to keep defending.

"It's frustrating when you can't score and you tend to not defend as hard or play as hard," Bizot said. "When we cut it to four, give McMurry credit because they stepped up."

Reese, who is one of the three seniors on the team and the Patriots leading scorer this season, ended his career after this loss.

"We just couldn't get the ball to go down today," Reese said. "We had good looks all game, but just couldn't get them to fall."

Along with Reese, Ware and Marlon Hill also ended their careers as Patriots.

"I thanked those three seniors and I am grateful to what they've been able to accomplish in such a short period of time."

The Patriots end the season with a mark of 12-14 overall,





Once research is completed, the students and the administration are planning on releasing the results from each committee.

to advance to the semi-finals. Senior Anthony Reese led the Patriots with 17 points followed by Johnson with 13 and Kareem

with a mark of 12-14 overall, which is the third most wins in the program's short six-year history.

Senior Anthony Reese goes up against McMurry State player Brett Johnson Friday in the American Southwest Conference's quarterfinal game. Reese led the Patriots in the 70-58 season ending loss.



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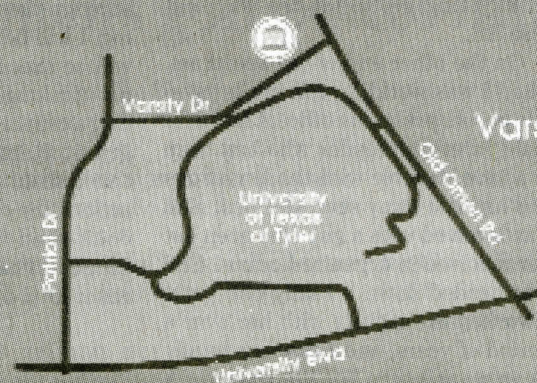
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## POLICE REPORTS

The Patriot Talon received the following information from reports released by the University Police Department and Tyler Police Department between Feb. 20 and Feb. 25.

Tyler police responded to The Cambridge apartments Wednesday after a person drove his car into the gate causing damage to the gate and his vehicle. Police arrested the driver for outstanding warrants with Tyler Municipal Court and towed the vehicle because of no proof of insurance.

Feb. 20 - Police issued one citation for a minor in possession of alcohol at the University Pines Apartments.

Feb. 23 - Tyler police arrested one person at The Cambridge apartments for traffic offenses and towed his vehicle for no proof of insurance.

Feb. 23 - A social security card was reported stolen from The Cambridge apartments.

Feb. 23 - University Police responded to Ornelas Residence Hall in response to a harassment complaint.

Feb. 23 - A person reported unauthorized charges using her credit card.

## Townhall

student's expectations.

Joseph Solomon, a senior communications major, asked why food at the grill is more expensive than before the renovation.

He said he remembered being able to purchase a hamburger and french fries for less than \$5. Currently, the price of a Patriot Burger meal is \$6.99, according to the grill menu.

"What if I don't want a combo?" Solomon asked. "There's another snafu. You can't order just fries."

Mariani said he is reconsidering the pricing and menu items and hopes to create a menu featuring reasonably priced, quality food.

Lassen said his goal for the grill is to create a unique experience students will enjoy.

Mariani admitted oversights in the menu planning, such as the ability to order single menu items.

"We don't even have a button for it in the computer," he said. "We are looking into these problems and finding ways to fix them."

Students also said they wanted the Met dining area open to all students, not just customers.

Mariani said the Met used to have open seating before it moved to the UCX.

He said he noticed an increase in food expenses because people would sit in the Met and eat without paying.

Mariani said allowing non-paying students to sit in the Met could cause a problem because there would be no way to regulate purchases.

Mariani said the dining area is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. between meal periods.

Students suggested extending operating hours to allow students who are in evening classes a chance to eat after classes dismiss at 8:40 p.m.

Mabry agreed extending the hours would benefit students.

"We will likely lose money, but we'll make up that hole somehow," he said.

Mariani agreed to do a "trial run" to see if students would take advantage of

extended hours.

Lassen said he plans to announce the trial run in advance so students can adjust.

### FACILITY CONCERNS

Students also addressed concerns with broken and unused equipment in the classrooms.

David Kelley, a junior human resources development major, said there is a broken ladder in the corner of classroom HPR 251 and the clocks in three other classrooms are either broken or have dead batteries.

Kelley also said most classrooms contain chalkboards professors don't use very often because "they don't like them."

"There are a lot of little things that could be fixed rather inexpensively that could make a big difference," he said.

Lassen said there is a system for reporting these situations, but recent budget cuts forced some drawbacks on facility expenses.

Lassen said physical plant workers constantly receive work orders, but the University has a limited budget and personnel.

He said the batteries should not be a problem to replace, but the chalkboards may have to wait.

Lassen jokingly said he would retrieve the ladder immediately, but admitted, "I don't know what I'll do with it."

Students also were given a chance to make suggestions for ways to improve campus services and facilities.

Paul Fancher, a freshman electrical engineering student, suggested using one of the televisions in the lounge as a temporary menu board for the grill since the menu currently consists of stapled pieces of paper.

Some students said they do not eat at the grill because they did not know what is available.

Mariani said the grill menu is still being revised and he did not want to hang a temporary menu board in a \$15 million building. He agreed the idea of using an existing television as an electronic menu could work.

"There's enough talent in this room to

get something like that done," Mabry said, referring to the students in attendance at the meeting.

Christa Wilke, a junior marketing major, asked about room availability for students and organizations to hold private meetings.

Lassen said the new UC expansion is only about one-third of the total space the UC is expected to contain once completed.

"That building will be almost entirely used for student purposes," he said.

Tolliver acknowledged space is limited.

"It has been a challenge on this campus to provide all student organizations with consistent meeting space," she said. "It is also a challenge that will not be readily resolved after the renovation is complete."

Tolliver said the finished UC will be a building students can take pride in and utilize for on-campus activities.

"As the University grows and expands, extra attention will need to be given to academic classrooms and meeting areas to accommodate for more student organizations," she said.

Lassen also said the UC plans to contain an auditorium with more than 350 seats, which can be used for student events, such as movie nights, or to hold lectures from distinguished speakers who may not draw a large enough crowd to fill the 2,000 seat R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Lassen also addressed a student question about the construction of a water garden in front of the Robert R. Muntz Library.

He said the project is a gift from Maurine Muntz, the widow to the building's namesake.

"Mrs. Muntz offered to give us a gift and that was the gift that she gave us," he said. "It's very gracious of Mrs. Muntz to want to give the University a gift."

Lassen said the project plans include a waterfall effect along with a "peaceful garden" and emphasized no University funds are being spent on this project.

Lassen also said officials are discussing how to use the physical education building once the newly renovated UC is re-opened

and Subway and the campus bookstore are relocated.

Solomon asked if a new recreation center, containing a basketball court could be considered.

Lassen said it is a good idea.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Kerrie Ambort, president of the Student Government Association, also addressed the students about new programs the organization is planning.

Ambort said the purpose for the SGA is to be the "voice for students to the administration."

She said students can present ideas to their senators, who should bring them before the senate for discussion.

Ambort said the SGA also is planning to discuss a smoking ban for the campus. She said students complain about people smoking near building entrances.

The University employee handbook already prohibits smoking inside campus building, but says employees may smoke at a "reasonable distance" from building entrances.

Lassen said he is in favor of a smoking ban.

"I know it's not a popular idea," he said. "At least it will make the custodial crew's job a little easier."

Ambort said students could get more information about SGA events and committees from the University web site.

Students also posed questions about student organizations and activities on campus.

One student asked why Greek organizations are not visible on campus.

He said they are seen at sporting events and certain activities, but are very rarely seen around campus.

Tolliver said the reason most Greek organizations are rarely seen is because they often work hard behind the scenes planning the campus events and other off campus activities.

She said students would be able to utilize the new UC for student activities after the renovations are complete.

Joseph Elerson also contributed to the story.

## Alcohol

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Smith County.

"Really for how we handle it, it would be pretty similar in that we would still discourage underage drinking," she said. "We would encourage healthy decisions related to alcohol."

## Crossword

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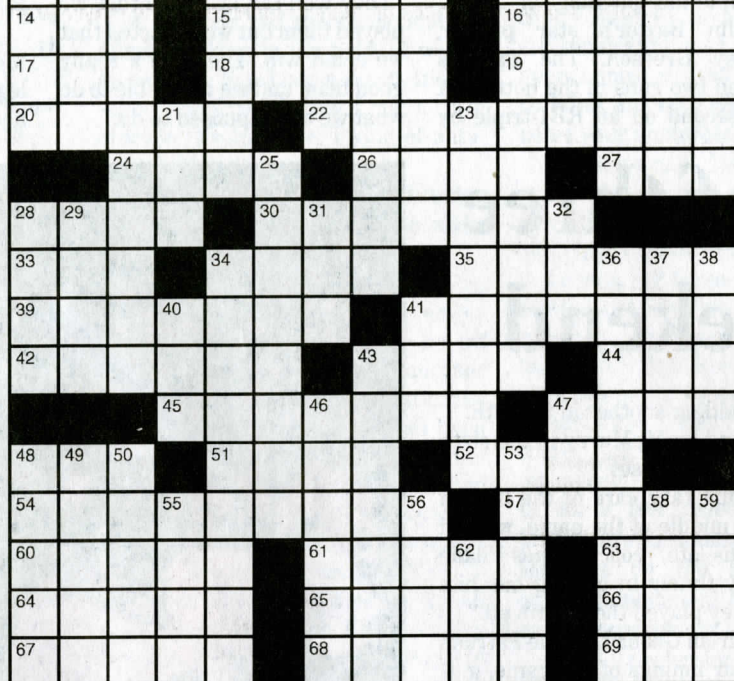
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## Comedy Night





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- 17 Reed or Rawls
- 18 Last inning
- 19 BYU city
- 20 Dada artist Max
- 22 Big shot's paramour
- 24 Hurl
- 26 \_\_\_ B'rith
- 27 Wapiti
- 28 Suit toppers
- 30 Compose a funeral poem
- 33 Foldaway bed
- 34 Prognosticator
- 35 Dark periods
- 39 Produced artificially
- 41 Join a hootenanny
- 42 Glorifies
- 43 "Dharma & \_\_\_"
- 44 Lennon's widow
- 45 Japanese garments
- 47 Memo acronym
- 48 Well-chosen
- 51 Remodel
- 52 Carryall bag
- 54 Watchful state
- 57 Kingly
- 60 Yellow gem
- 61 Lieu
- 63 Mineral deposit
- 64 Come together
- 65 Burn superficially
- 66 Sebaceous cyst
- 67 Like leaves and skin
- 68 One in a cast
- 69 Heavy-hearted



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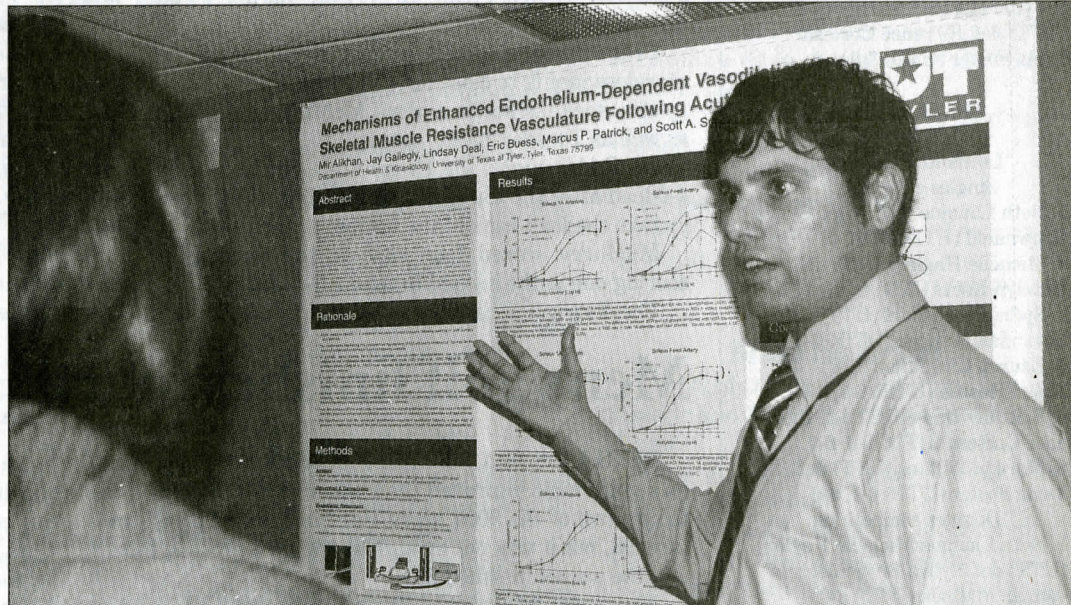
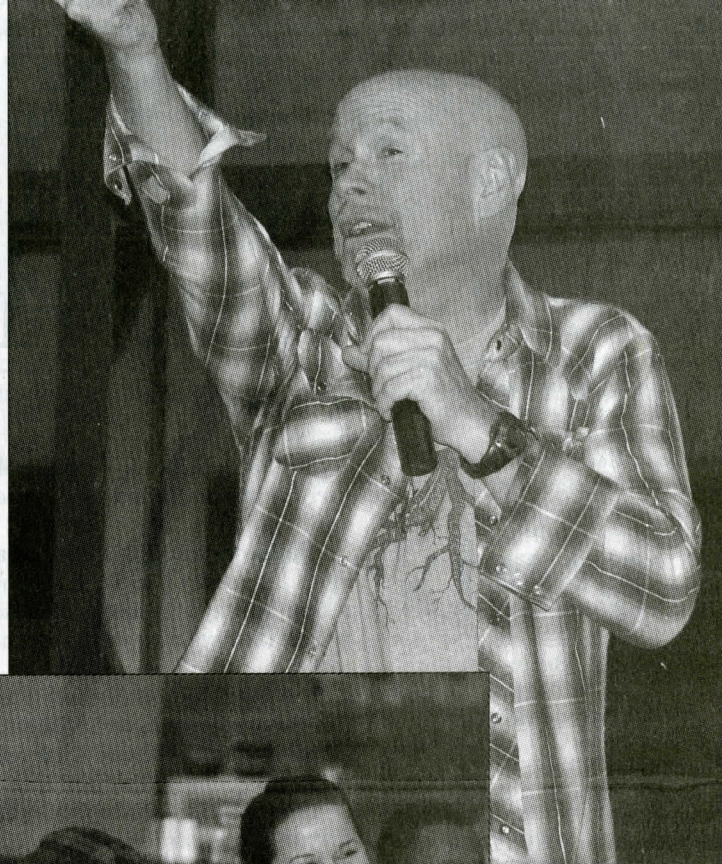
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- 5 Title role for Will Smith
- 6 Silvery metal
- 7 Halloween month
- 8 Suspended anew
- 9 Christening
- 10 Attract
- 11 Surfaced
- 12 Part of USNA
- 13 Low, dull sound of impact
- 21 Help!
- 23 Superlatively showery
- 25 Sowers
- 28 Highest point
- 29 Wheedle
- 31 Spike of films
- 32 Ovum
- 34 Ridiculed with parody
- 36 Slammers
- 37 Bluefin or yellowfin
- 38 Desist
- 40 Jan. honoree
- 41 Full theater sign
- 43 Of spiritual knowledge
- 46 Black Sea port
- 47 Had a bite
- 48 Throw a scene
- 49 Graph starter?
- 50 Animal with a long snout
- 53 Sequence
- 55 Schedule figure
- 56 Dispatched
- 58 Region
- 59 Advance, as money
- 62 Time past

Comedian, actor and writer Spanky performed Monday night at the Met. His commentary on everything from politics to religion had students laughing for nearly an hour. Spanky concluded his performance by encouraging the audience to seek out humor in their own lives everyday.

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Mir Alikhan, a junior kinesiology major, presented research by students and faculty of the Department of Health and Kinesiology at the Texas chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine's annual meeting on Thursday evening in Tyler. The presentation placed third in the undergraduate division behind Texas A&M and LeTourneau University.



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## 6 &gt;&gt; SPORTS



## TENNIS

## MEN

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UT Tyler 9

Millsaps 0

Singles competition

1. Robert Sajovich (UTT) def. David Bastian (MSPS) 6-0, 6-2
2. Dustin Phillips (UTT) def. Alex Cummings (MSPS) 6-2, 6-2
3. Kevin Wright (UTT) def. Russell Anderson (MSPS) 6-0, 6-2
4. Shaun Maddox (UTT) def. Beau Hinton (MSPS) 6-3, 6-1
5. Brad Fenter (UTT) def. Geoff Joseph (MSPS) 6-2, 4-6, 10-7
6. Chayce Stone (UTT) by default

Doubles competition

1. David Ashlock/Dustin Phillips (UTT) def. Alex Cummings/Russell Anderson (MSPS) 8-3
2. Robert Sajovich/Andrew Reznik (UTT) def. David Bastian/Geoff Joseph (MSPS) 8-0
3. Chayce Stone/Michael Lugar (UTT) by default

Feb. 28 at Home

UT Tyler 9

Louisiana College 0

Singles competition

1. Brad Fenter (UTT) def. Sean Ford (LC) 7-5, 6-2
2. Andrew Reznik (UTT) def. Michael Sumner (LC) 6-0, 6-0
3. Chayce Stone (UTT) def. Ryan Meadows (LC) 6-0, 6-0
4. Michael Lugar (UTT) def. Troy Folse (LC) 6-0, 6-0
5. Nick Kreines (UTT) by default
6. Dallas Darnell (UTT) def. No player (LC), by default

Doubles competition

1. Jordan Repsher/Nick Kreines (UTT) def. Sean Ford/Michael Sumner (LC) 8-0
2. Kevin Wright/Brad Fenter (UTT) def. Ryan Meadows/Troy Folse (LC) 8-0
3. Chayce Stone/Michael Lugar (UTT) by default

## WOMEN

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Millsaps 1

Singles competition

## No. 4 softball opens season at 4-0

By Joseph Elerson

Staff Writer

LONGVIEW - The No. 4 nationally ranked Patriots softball team opened the season with a sweep of Southwestern University and Mary Hardin Baylor on Friday night during the LeTourneau Spring Classic.

The Patriots defeated Southwestern 11-4 in the opening game and then defeated No. 12 nationally ranked Mary Hardin Baylor 9-0 in five innings.

On Saturday, the Patriots swept two more teams, this time defeating Hardin-Simmons University (12-1) and then Trinity University (9-0), starting out the season at 4-0.

"With us starting out later in the season, we were a little nervous with this being our first time out but we were able to settle in and do a great job tonight," coach Mike Reed said.

In the first game, Sarah Deste-fano led off the scoring in the top of the first inning with a single to left field, scoring Julie Smith off of Pirates starting pitcher Lyndsey Maus.

Southwestern exploded for three runs in the bottom of the first on three hits off of starting pitcher Kelsey Harrington. Quincey Meeker led off the inning with a double, went to third on a ground out and scored on an RBI-single by Blair Wallace.

Kaitlyn Pavlicek then blasted a two-run home run to left field to give Southwestern a 3-1 lead but they could not hold off the Patriots.

In the top of the second inning, the Patriots tied the game with runs scored by Cori Green on an RBI from Amanda Busby. Later on, Busby scored on an error by the Pirates catcher to tie the game at 3-3.

In the top of the fifth, the Patriots exploded for eight runs as Busby drove in Destefano and Courtney Carrizales with a bases-clearing single. Brittanni Han-



**Patriots** sophomore Whitney Wyly slides into third base during the LeTourneau Spring Classic on Saturday at Lear Park in Longview. The No. 4 nationally ranked Patriots won all four of its games during the classic, starting 4-0 on the 2009 season.

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"Roo" Richardson then scored on an error by the catcher and Whitney Wyly cleared the bases with a two-run home run to right center field for the 11-3 lead.

The Pirates countered with their final run in the bottom of the fifth on a fielder's choice from Wallace scoring Meeker for the 11-4 finale.

Harrington (1-0) picked up the win for the Patriots, pitching a complete-game, eight-hitter, while allowing four runs and four

Ainsworth pitched a complete game two-hitter with one walk and two strikeouts

"That was the best that I have seen her pitch," Reed said. "That is the best that she has thrown since she has been at UT-Tyler."

After a single by Sara Roman in the top of the first inning, Ainsworth retired her next eight batters before a walk to Roman in the fourth inning.

The Patriots found ways to disrupt the pitching of Mary-

Hutson, scoring Green. Hutson eventually came around to score on a wild pitch.

The Patriots capped off the scoring with a seven-run fifth inning as Richardson smacked a grand slam home run to left field, scoring Hutson, Busby and Green for the 9-0 lead.

"We faced a really good Mary Hardin Baylor team and really saw the ball well. I am very happy with our effort today," Reed said. "They won the last time that we

On Saturday, Patriots' Jessie Cross pitched a complete game, giving up only one earned run over five innings against Hardin-Simmons.

In the second game against Trinity, Ainsworth picked up her second win of the season, going four innings while only giving up the lone hit of the entire game, which was a single in the first inning. Stacy Shepherd relieved Ainsworth and pitched one inning to close the game off.



Singles competition

1. Beth Launius (UTT) def. Beth Fossen (MS) 6-0, 6-1
2. Lauren Williams (MS) def. Lauren Giovannini (UTT) 6-4, 2-6, 10-5
3. Sydni Hermsdorf (UTT) def. Shelby White (MS) 6-1, 6-3
4. Brittany Ude (UTT) def. Mimi Nguyen (MS) 6-0, 6-1
5. Blair Willson (UTT) def. Mary E. O'Leary (MS) 6-0, 6-1
6. Kelly Vann (UTT) def. Christina Brumfield (MS) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles competition

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2. Brittany Ude/Lauren Giovannini (UTT) def. Mimi Nguyen/Christina Brumfield (MS) 8-1
3. Sydni Hermsdorf/Hillary Stone (UTT) def. Shelby White/Mary E. O'Leary (MS) 8-0

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3. Sydni Hermsdorf (UTT) def. Savannah Matlock (UTD) 6-0, 6-0
4. Lauren Giovannini (UTT) def. Susan Heston (UTD) 6-1, 6-0
5. Brittany Ude (UTT) def. Florence Corteza (UTD) 6-2, 6-0
6. Morgan Wilkins (UTT) def. Tania Foster (UTD) 6-1, 6-0

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Doubles competition

1. Beth Launius/Michelle Hagler (UTT) def. Syliva Brownfield/Savannah Matlock (UTD) 8-0
2. Brittany Ude/Lauren Giovannini (UTT) def. Katelyn Kent/Susan Heston (UTD) 8-3
3. Sydni Hermsdorf/Hillary Stone (UTT) def. Florence Corteza/Tania Foster (UTD) 8-0

single-clearing single. Brittanni Hardin then scored on an error by the first baseman and Smith smacked an RBI single, scoring Busby.

Megan Hutson and Megan

while allowing four runs and four strikeouts.

Patriots' pitcher Kelsey Ainsworth dominated game two of the double-header.

disrupt the pitching of Mary-Hardin Baylor's star pitcher, Kelsey Greeson. The Patriots scored two runs in the bottom of the second on an RBI-triple by

"They won the last time that we played them but we expected that we could win. They are a really good team and we were able to do what we are supposed to do."

to close the game off.

The Patriots open up at home Monday when Greensboro College comes to town for a double-header that begins at 4 p.m.

## Baseball drops two of three at McMurry over weekend

**By Clay Ihlo**

Staff Writer

The Patriots baseball team took care of business early in the week, but the weekend did not go so well.

On Tuesday at Irwin Field against Hardin-Simmons University, the No. 5 nationally ranked Patriots came away with an easy 7-0 victory. The win improved their winning streak to nine and their record to 9-1.

The Patriots scored three runs in the first on two throwing errors and RBI singles from Jeremy Harding and Joe Towns. That followed up a three-strikeout inning by Patriots' starter Tommy Rozell.

The fourth inning was almost an exact copy of the first.

Rozell struck out the side in the top of the inning and the Patriots followed up by scoring four runs on five hits.

Chad Daleiden and Paige Hodges reached base to start the inning. Daleiden advanced to third on an error and scored on a Keenan Duke single. Kendall Fox, the next batter, walked and came around to score, along with Jared Hood, on a double by Harding.

Those seven runs were more than enough for the Patriots' pitching staff.

Rozell picked up his second win of the year, pitching seven innings, giving up only one hit and striking out 12.

Grant Campbell and Beau Ziegler both pitch one scoreless inning to close out the game.

The weekend series against McMurry did not go as well as Tuesday night's game.

On Friday night, the Patriots got out to a quick 4-0 lead after the top of the second, but let McMurry take the lead back in the bottom of the third.

McMurry scored four runs in the third after scoring one in the second to take a 5-4 lead.

The Patriots recaptured the lead in the fourth,

scoring two runs, and adding another in the fifth.

But another big inning by McMurry in the sixth would be enough for the 11-7 upset.

"Defensively, we didn't take care of the ball on Friday and toward the middle of the game, we had problems driving in runs late," coach James Vilade said. "We weren't very timely in getting our hits when we need to but they played their butts off."

McMurry pitcher Adrian Gaona held the Patriots scoreless in the last four innings of the game, getting his second win of the year.

On Saturday, the Patriots split the double header, losing 4-3 in game one, but rallying to win 8-5 in game two.

Brett Holland pitched game one, going the complete game, giving up four runs on nine hits.

In game two, Blake Booher started the game but was replaced by Rozell before even recording an out. Booher gave up two walks, an earned run while hitting a batter before coming out.

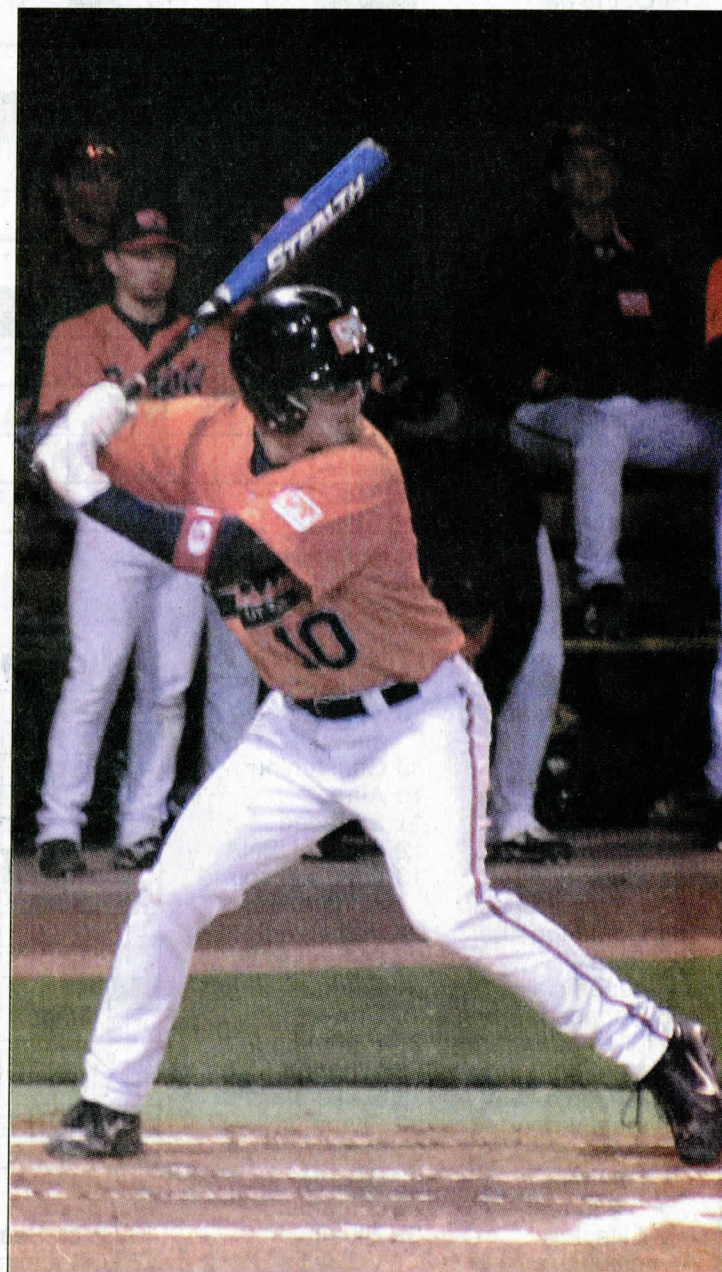
"The conditions weren't very good and his arm was a little tight and I decided to pull him and just use him on Wednesday," Vilade said. "It was 35 degrees and windy and I didn't want to risk getting an injury from him so I just made that decision."

With the two losses and one win, the Patriots now sit at 10-3 on the season.

"It was two quality teams getting after it and McMurry is very tough to beat at their place," Vilade said. "We came out with one win, but this is experience our team needs in learning how to win on the road. We are ready to move on forward this week and continue playing on the road."

The Patriots travel to Austin College in Sherman on Tuesday before going to Conway, Ark. on Wednesday and Thursday to take on Hendrix College."

Vilade plans to go with the rotation of Clint Helms, Booher and then Holland during the next three games.



TALON >> KYLE G. HORST

**Patriots senior third baseman Brock Lemire waits for a pitch during Friday night's 11-7 loss at McMurry University in Abilene.**

## Men's golf finishes fourth and women's golf places fifth in tournament

TEMPLE/SALADO – The University men's and women's golf teams improved their team scores from day one to day two of the 2009 Mary Hardin-Baylor Spring Invitational, but it was not enough as the men finished fourth and the women finished fifth.

The men, who played their tournament in Temple, shaved eight strokes of their total on Tuesday, putting up a score of 318, compared to Monday's score of 326.

The Patriots were led by senior Coy Beck who shot an 81 and a 75 to finish with a 156, which was good enough for a tie for sixth place.

The men's team finished behind The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Division I opponent Baylor University and conference rival McMurry University.

At the women's tournament, which was played in Salado, the Patriots were able to improve on Monday's score of 368 with a score of 365 on Tuesday.

The Patriots finished behind just one Division III school at the event, which was Trinity University, who finished in fourth place.

The Patriots women's golf team was the top American Southwest Conference team among the six that competed

in the event.

Sophomore Katie Harris the women's team with a score of 174, which put her in 21st place.

Both teams will return to the links Monday in two separate tournaments. The women will stay close to home and compete at the Tyler JC Invitational at Eagles Bluff Country Club in Bullard while the men travel to Pine Mountain, Ga. to play in the Callaway Collegiate Invitational held at Callaway Gardens Country Club.

- Courtesy of UT Tyler Sports Information Office



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TALON » CHRISTY GRANT

Patriots freshman Morgan Wilkins keeps her eye on the ball during a match she won against Louisiana College sophomore Natalie Mazhambe on Saturday.

## Women

half, but from there on in, McMurry took the lead and never looked back.

To open the second half, McMurry extended the lead to eight but the Patriots pulled to within one point (38-37) on a three-pointer by Lindsay Hausmann with 15:11 remaining.

closer than that.

"We didn't take care of the ball at all. Their pressure was a little too much for us down the stretch," Patriots coach Terri Deike said. "Only having a rotation of seven eventually made us get worn out quicker and playing this kind of team, that makes it

game-high 23 points while pulling down 11 rebounds.

"That has been our game plan all season long. We want to get the ball inside, score from there, and that will open up some other shots for us," McMurry coach Veronica Snow said. "Anna did her job tonight, that is for sure."

McMurry shot 41.2 percent in the second half and finished the game only shooting 35.7 percent. However, they did record 18 offensive rebounds and forced 27 total turnovers from the Patriots.

"We knew UT Tyler came in with the top rebounder in the conference (Taylor) and

helped us so much in getting those second-chance points because we were shooting horrible all game long."

Leading the way for the Patriots was Becky Taylor, recording another double-double, scoring 16 and pulling down 14 rebounds.

Marci Trogus scored the most

## Track & Field show promise in first meet

COMMERCE - The University men's and women's track & field teams competed in the Lion Quadrangulars Saturday at Division II Texas A&M - Commerce and showed some promise for the future of the season.

The event featured NCAA Div. II schools such as Southern Arkansas University and Tarleton State University.

Patriots long-distance runner Ben Donnan won the men's 800-meter run in a time of 1:58.73, which was almost seven seconds better than the nearest challenger.

The men's 4x100 relay team of Zack Costlow, Monta Jeffley, Cameron Strother and Shane Burk also picked up a win on the day with a time of 43.8 seconds.

Warren Brown and Jeff Chandler finished second and third, respectively, in the men's 10-K, while Mark Saroni came in third in the 3-K steeplechase event.

On the women's side, Ashton Wells came in second with a best of 103 feet and six inches in the hammer throw.

Leah Solomon grabbed a third place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.99 seconds.

Both teams will return to action Saturday when they compete at the Northwestern State Relays in Natchitoches, La.

- Courtesy of UT Tyler Sports Information Office



TALON » CHRISTY GRANT

Senior Jeff Cotton, of the Hood Rats, pushes past the Mob's Kevin Johnson during a Rec Sports basketball game at the Herrington Patriot Center on Monday Night. Team Hood Rats and Trapp Squad won their respective divisions of the intramural 5-on-5 basketball playoffs Feb. 23.

In the eight-team men's bracket, The Hood Rats defeated Team MOB, 57-49, in the championship game. Team members for the Hood Rats are: Kevin Prather, Gibe Sidebar, Tyler Roof, Jeff Cotton, Mike Smith, Chase Floyd, Matt Ricardi, Nick Christopher, Mirada Rey and Anthony Hightower.

In the four-team women's bracket, No. 2-seed Trapp Squad, defeated No. 1-seed Storm 51-45. Team members for Trapp Squad are: Ally Allen, Rachel Whiteside, Diamon Hale, Stephanie Obikude, Kamaha Devereaux and Clarissa Thompson.

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making 17 shots on 49 attempts.

With the loss, two seniors ended their careers with Marzetta Shepard finishing out her one season after transferring from East Texas Baptist University. The other senior was Alyse Bell, who holds the record for coming the furthest to play at the University.



Over the next 10 minutes, McMurry pushed the lead out to 59-46. The Patriots cut the lead to eight with over four minutes remaining but could not get any

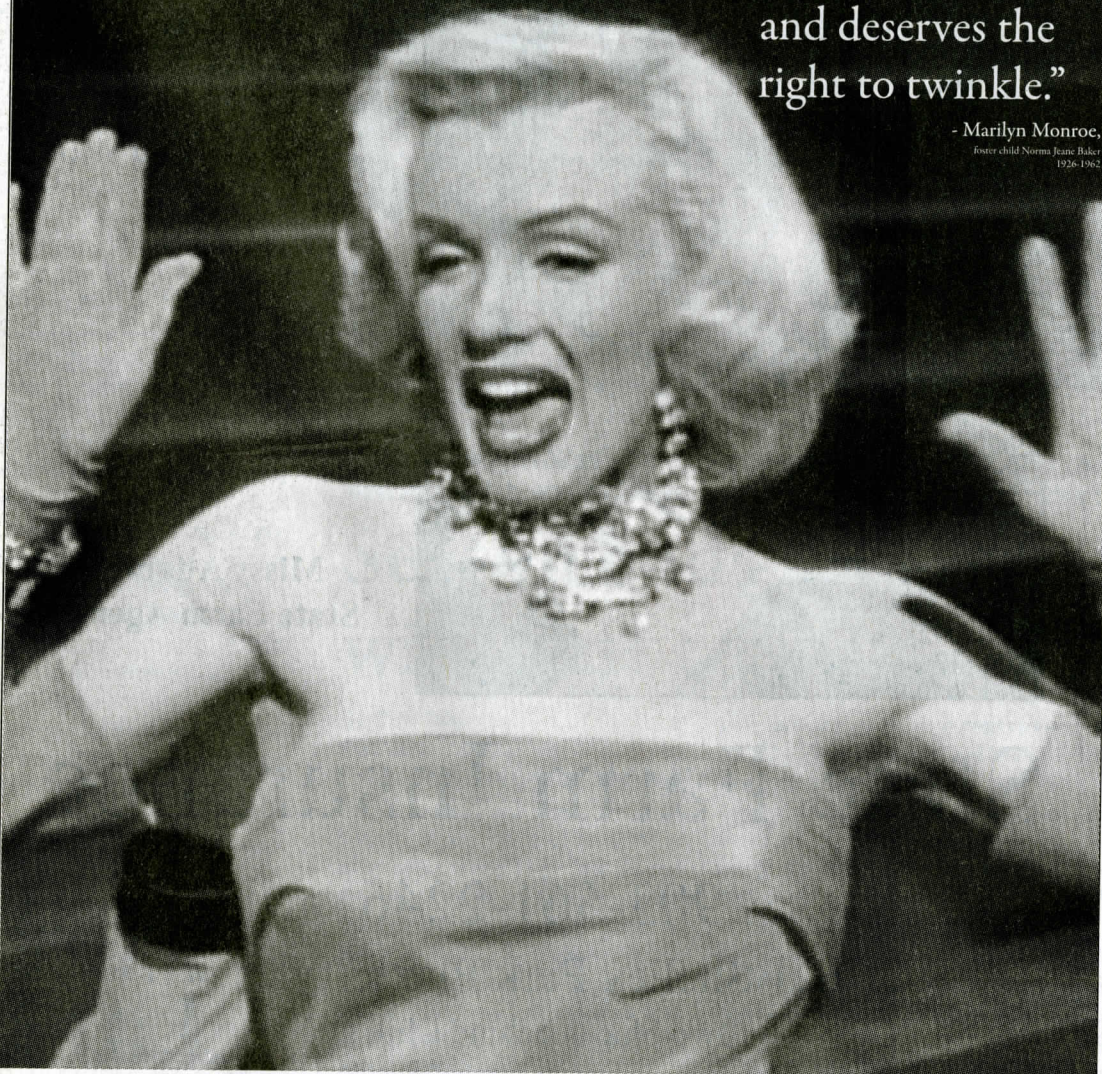
of young players who do not have tournament experience."

McMurry sophomore center Anna Berthel finished with a

job tonight, that is for sure. Dominique Brown, followed with 18 points and seven assists while McMurry senior and leading scorer Amber Horton was held to three points on 1-of-14 shooting.

"Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle."

- Marilyn Monroe,  
foster child Norma Jeane Baker  
1926-1962



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the conference (Taylor) and we respected that," Snow said. "However, we knew if we were going to win, we would have to out-rebound them somehow and we did. The offensive rebounds

Marci Trogus scored the most by any Patriot, finishing with 19 while going 11-of-12 from the free-throw line.

The Patriots finished the game shooting 34.7 percent from the field,

the furthest to play at the University, coming from Alaska.

Howard Payne University won the women's tournament after beating Hardin-Simmons University, 72-65, in overtime.



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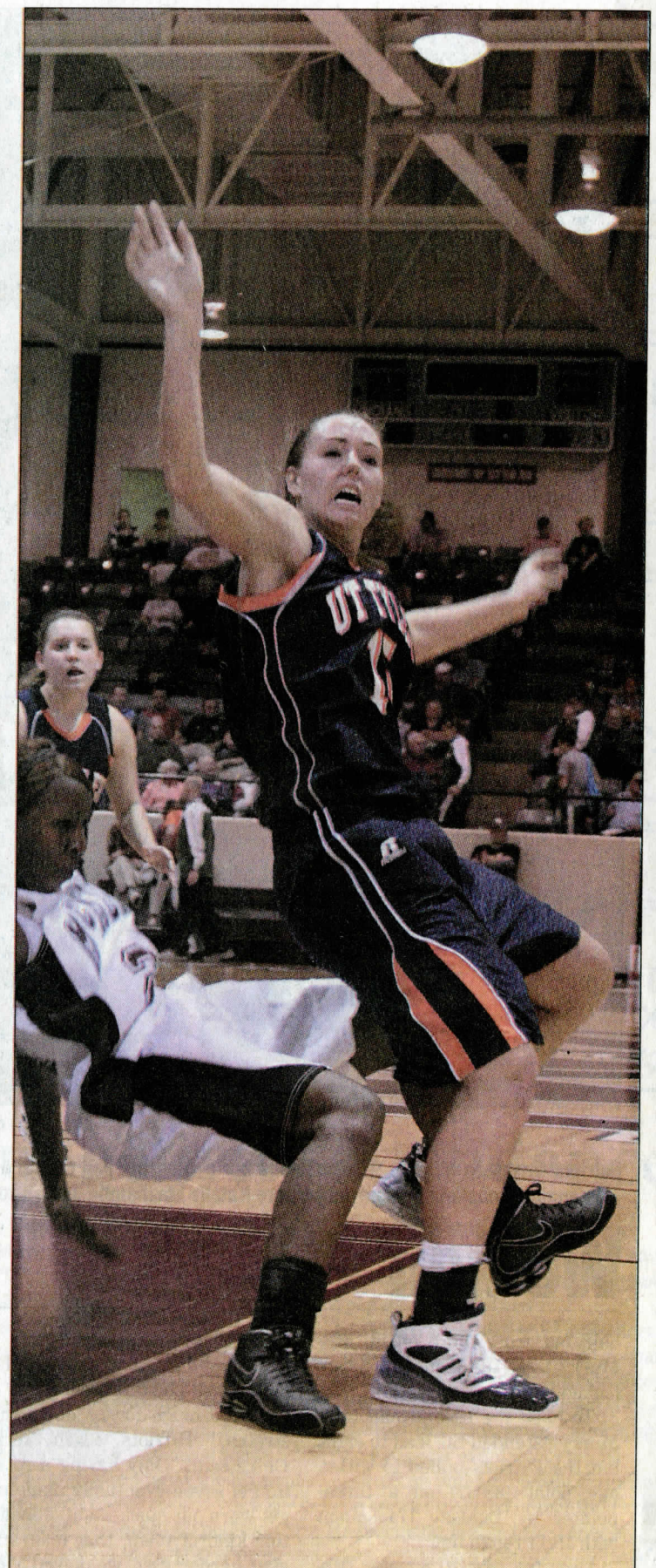
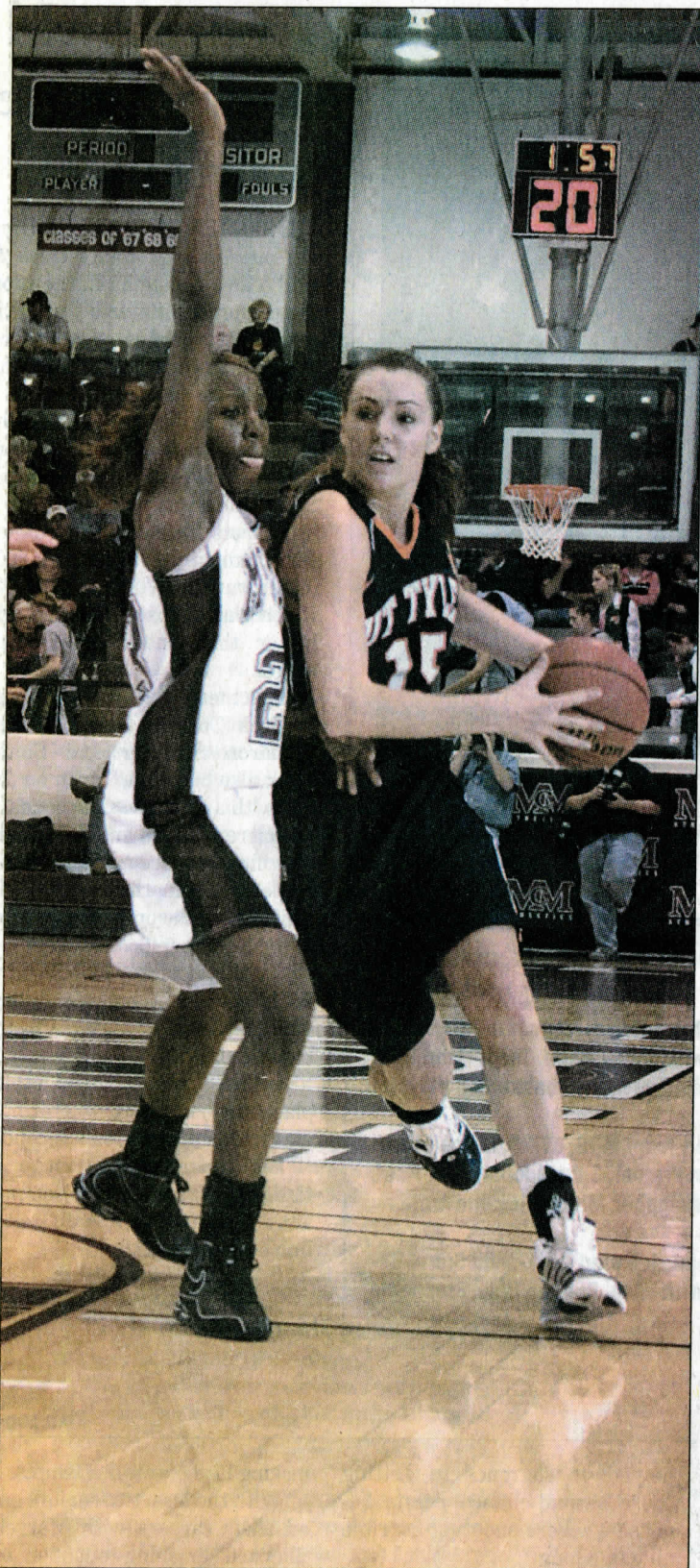
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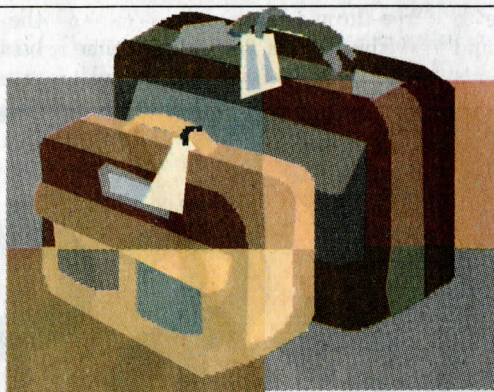
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TALON » KYLE G. HORST

**Patriots' Marci Trogus drives toward the basket for a layup while being fouled by McMurry University's Amber Horton during the opening round game of the American Southwest Conference Women's Tournament Friday in Abilene. Trogus finished with a team-high 19 points.**





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