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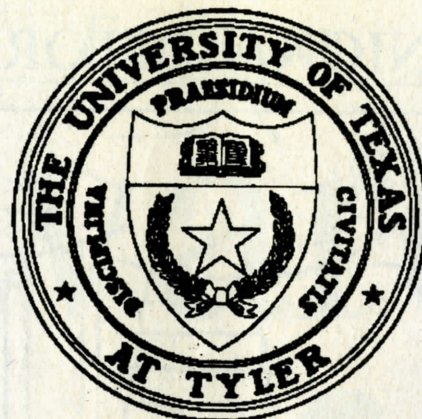
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Open for debate

Baker proposes restructuring

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

An administrative proposal to streamline the University's six colleges received mixed reviews Friday at a Faculty Senate meeting.

Under the proposal announced by Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president of academic affairs, the University of Texas at Tyler's colleges will be reduced from six to five. One of the major changes will combine the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics to form the College of Arts and Sciences.

Baker told senate members he developed this proposal "to strengthen the University and preserve the basic core curriculum" under President Rodney H. Mabry, directive.

At convocation in August, Mabry asked Baker to develop a recommendation to reorganize the University's academic units. Faculty members

"This is not an innovated idea; other universities have colleges of Arts and Sciences."

— DR. W.A. BAKER,
VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMICS

assembled together in a crowded room Friday to view Baker's first draft.

The plan prompted an array of questions from several faculty members. Baker agreed to answer questions, but he and the senate's executive committee decided any debate should be reserved

until a Sept. 22 meeting.

"In two weeks there will be an open meeting where faculty can comment on, discuss or debate the proposal," Baker said.

The University is organized into six academic colleges: Business Administration, Education and Psychology, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Sciences and Mathematics.

If Baker's plan is approved, UTT would be organized into five colleges, eliminating the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics and establishing a College of Arts and Sciences.

Also, the College of Nursing would be known as the College of Health Professions and will include the Departments of Health and Kinesiology and Medical Technology as well as

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Deans favor restructuring

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

Most college deans favor restructuring the University of Texas at Tyler's academic units, although some concluded the proposal needs more study.

W.A. Baker, provost and vice president of academic affairs, presented a draft proposal to the Faculty Senate on Friday. The plan calls for reducing the University's six colleges and reorganizing some departments within the colleges.

Dr. Jim Tarter, dean of Business Administration, said the proposal has not been studied yet. He has not "taken a stand," but he said he supports the reorganization process.

Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of Liberal Arts, believes combining the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics "is a move that strengthens Liberal Arts at this University, ensuring our students get the best Liberal Arts and

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University adopts intranet community

by Wendy L. Moore
Editor-in-Chief

The University is the first University of Texas component to have Mascot Network, an intranet community for students, Michelle Ledoux, president of Student Government Association, said.

The program, also known as an Online Student Center became operational Aug. 3, Mike Pergola, public relations director for Mascot Network, said.

"Mascot helps students communicate with friends, professors and clubs through chat and group pages, Mascot Network officials said.

The program allows students and administrators to post announcements for events, functions and study sessions. It is also linked to the University's main web page for campus information, Matthews said.

Links are provided for students to access national, international and

concert listings and reviews for movies and music, Mascot officials said.

The site is tailored specifically to each individual student so he only receives information based on specified interests and affiliations, Matthews said. Mascot officials said administrators and students can post targeted announcements to discrete groups of students.

Mascot also offers student-only discounts on computers, software, textbooks and Internet products and

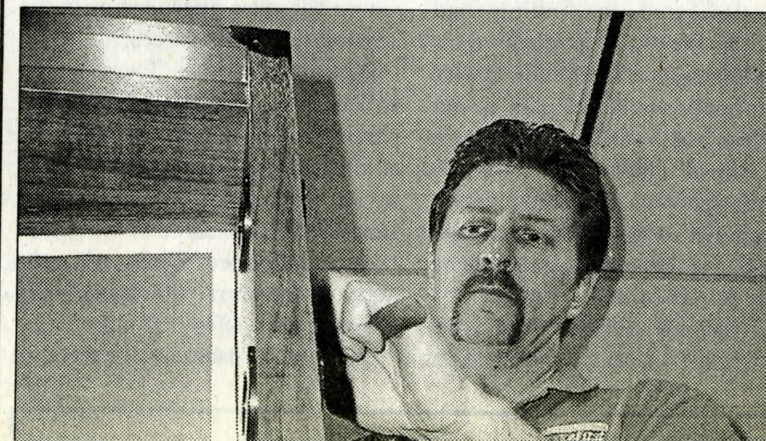
"There is no cost to the University," Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs and external relations, said.

University officials signed a three-year contract with the company. He said Mascot is student led and also was initiated by students.

"The Student Government Association led the initiative," Matthews said. "They brought it to Dr. Lunsford's attention."

Mascot Network will be activated at over 60 campuses nationwide

Hard at work



campus life," Mark Matthews, student development specialist, said. "It's a way for students to commu-

campus news, sports and weather. It also offers options to post student opinion polls, entertainment news,

services, Matthews said.

Mascot Network's expenses are paid through online advertisements.

since it was founded in 1998.

Matthews is the content manager,

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Student government seeks new secretary

by Jennifer Jones

Patriot Writer

Student body members will decide on two new additions to the Student Government Association in the upcoming special election.

Election dates are Oct. 17 and 18. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 17 and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 18 in the UC.

SGA President Michelle LeDoux announced on July 7 that elected secretary, Kelly Martin, would not be attending the university this fall.

This left the SGA with two options: vote to hold a special election or wait until the next general election to find a replacement.

On Aug. 21 members unanimously voted to hold a special election not only to fill the secretary opening, but also to elect a Senator of

Science and Mathematics.

Michael Falzone, who was elected as Senator of Science and Mathematics, decided to resign because of other priorities, LeDoux reported.

Executive committee members decided to take applications for an interim secretary to fill the position until elections.

Only one application was received, LeDoux said, and that applicant soon declined.

"She didn't know if she could handle the position, since this is her first semester here," LeDoux said.

In response to the low turnout of applicants, LeDoux said it might have been too soon in the semester for students to know if they could handle the position.

Until elections are complete, other officers of

the SGA must work to compensate for the missing secretary.

"I don't like it," LeDoux said of the situation, "It has effected many things in the SGA."

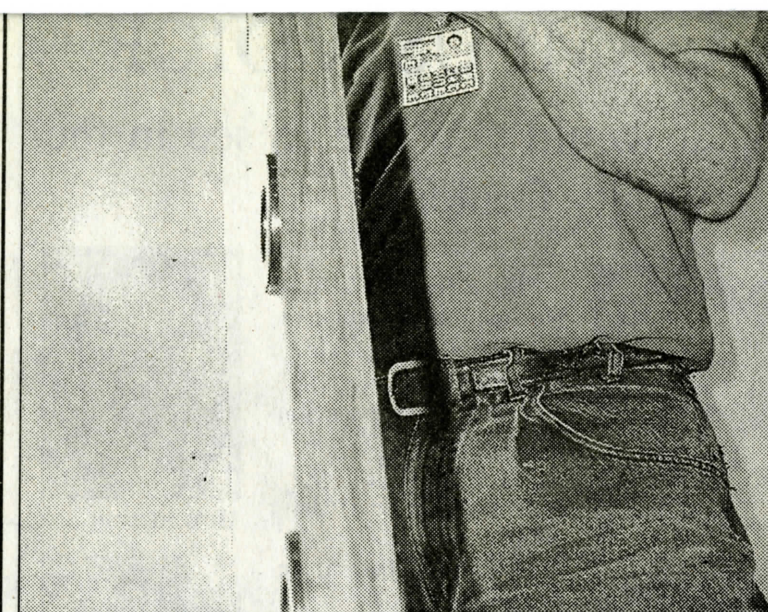
LeDoux has been taking the meetings minutes, writing meeting reports, and covering other secretarial responsibilities. She also led the creation and publication of the fall semester first edition of the SGA News.

"SGA News is important and we want to get it out on time," LeDoux said.

The communications committee has been formed and will take over the newsletter, but the secretary is chair of that committee.

"It's hard to be without a secretary because we have to do everything the secretary does in addi-

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— by Joe McArthur

GAMES: Kevin Hanson from Huffy Service First n Arlington assembles a game table in the University Center Tuesday. Once completed, the tables will be open for students to use while hanging out in the UC.

Workers start on bell tower



— by Joe McArthur

FUN IN THE DIRT: Workers dig a hole inside the circle drive in front of the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosthe Building. The construction is in preparation for a new carillon. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of the fall semester. The name of the donor, and the building name will be announced Oct. 4.

Smith County prosecutors consider University case

by Wendy L. Moore

Editor-In-Chief

Prosecutors may soon present evidence to a Smith County grand jury concerning the misappropriations of a University tractor and brush mower.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Huggler said Tuesday he has received information about the case and will present it to a grand jury for consideration of criminal charges "probably within the next three weeks."

The misappropriation led to the dismissal of physical plant employees Mike and Dana Howard this summer.

In a recent telephone interview, Mr. and Mrs. Howard did not deny the allegations, but they said they were not the only people involved.

"I got handed an opportunity for this to happen. I didn't think this up. Me and my wife didn't do all of this by ourselves. I feel like we got the raw end of the deal," Mr. Howard said.

After being suspended during a University's internal investigation, the Howards were fired on June 6.

The Patriot obtained details of interviews and documentation of physical plant transactions after filing a request under the Texas Public Information Act. The newspaper also obtained part of the police report.

The University's investigation revealed the couple obtained the equipment for personal

use after falsifying documents to make it appear someone else had purchased the machinery at a surplus auction.

In separate interviews with University officials, Mr. Howard admitted his tenant wrote an auction company a \$100 check for the equipment thereby avoiding having his name appear on University documents.

Mr. Howard told officials he and another man each gave his tenant \$50 to cover the cost of the check, according to University documents.

In a May interview with Lynne Culverhouse, assistant fiscal officer, Mr. Howard said he took the tractor to a former co-worker's house.

Mr. Howard said Art Heredia, former director of the physical plant, had made arrangements with East Texas Property Management Services to "wash" the tractor of auction records.

Mr. Howard told Culverhouse he gave a check to Heredia on May 28, 1999 and Heredia forwarded it to the auction company, according to the documents.

Heredia resigned from his position in December for personal reasons and now works for Ball State University in Indiana.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Heredia, denied being involved in the tractor transaction and indicated he was unaware of the

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Editorial

The days of thumbing through books have nearly come to an end.

Some teachers put their class notes online, students check mail online and now the University has come up with a new online convenience-course descriptions.

Is this really a convenience?

The 2000-2001 University of Texas at Tyler catalog appears smaller and more user-friendly than its predecessors. But students open the new catalog to find the real difference is nearly 300 pages of course descriptions are deleted.

Several students were left wondering where they went and why.

Did the administrator decide to leave out the course descriptions to save some trees?

Probably not. The missing pages are more likely a money-saving convenience for the University, rather than an online convenience for students.

As it is, the only way a student can read about courses is to go online to the University's web page. From there the student must go through a series of steps to get to the actual course descriptions.

The steps are outlined in a memo sent to all students' stemail.

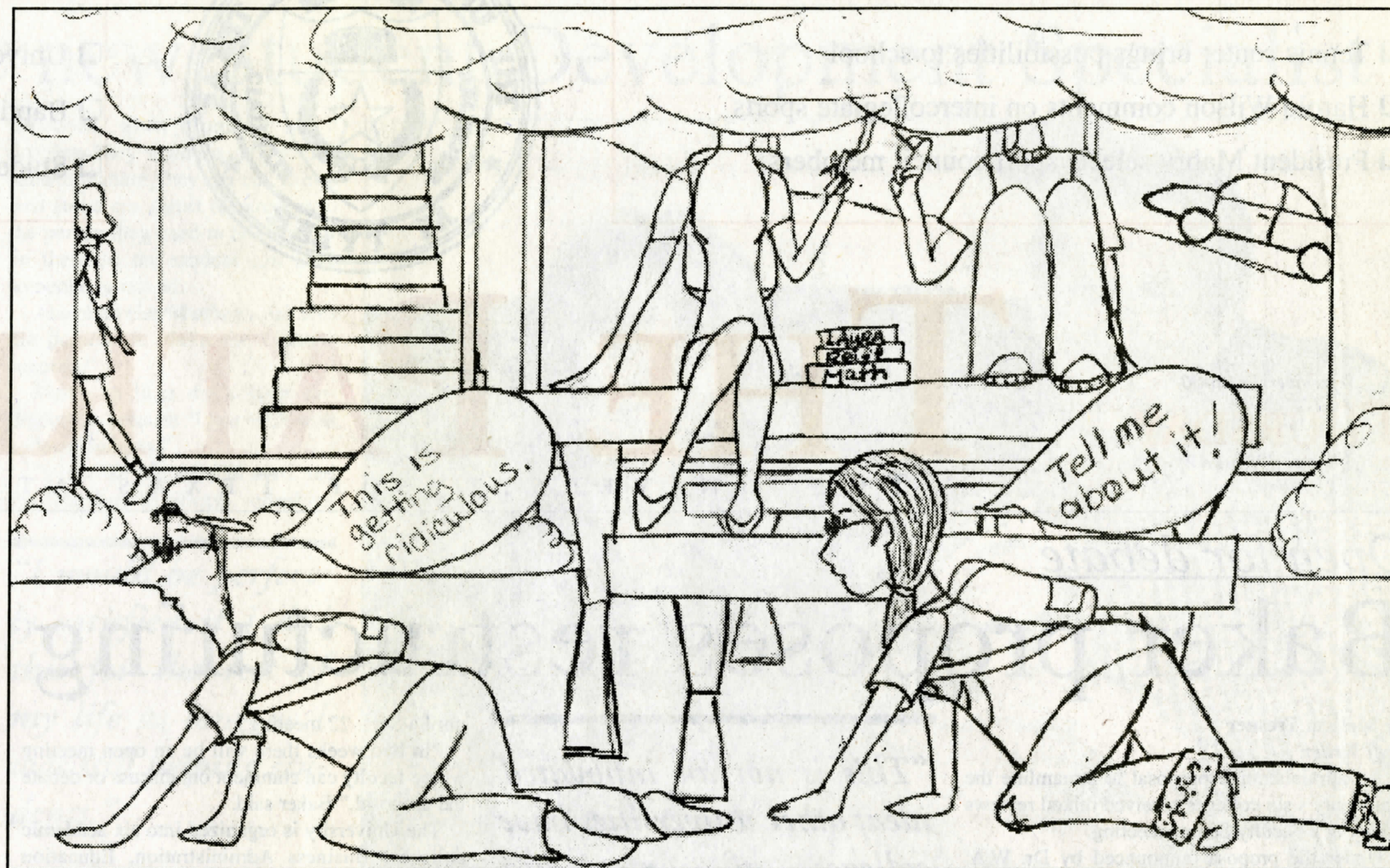
Many students do not check their student accounts so they are left confused when searching for the descriptions.

Others students do not have access to the Internet at all.

It is also a problem when the University's server is down. This happens occasionally.

When searching for classes students now must have Internet access and a lot of patience to find class descriptions.

This sounds like the beginning to a problem and not a solution to an existing one.



Journalism: a media often misunderstood

People always want to know why I decided to be a journalist. My friends and family think journalists are nosy, pushy busybodies.

Growing up, I didn't want to be a journalist. I wanted to be a lawyer or a doctor, something prestigious and profitable. Journalists worked too hard and got too little respect in my opinion.

While I still believe this is true, I now realize journalism is a profession dedicated to finding and revealing the truth. Some journalists like any professionals thwart that effort for personal gain or out of ignorance, but most maintain high ethical standards.

Unfortunately, the media has a bad reputation based on the inadequacies of broadcast journalism. Broadcasters are in competition with other networks to deliver the news first. Accuracy and fairness

should be the main priority of any news story.

I have seen countless news programs misspell names of accused killers or even victims, incorrectly state the address where a crime occurred and neglect to run an important story. Mistakes of this nature can raise questions as to the credibility of the sources.

Television news faces much stricter time restraints than newspapers or magazines. Investigating a story must be done more quickly in order to meet deadline or air time. More noticeable to viewers is the time devoted to reporting the story on the news, which is usually no more than a few seconds.

How can broadcasters answer all



so that's
what I think

by **Melissa Tresner**
Staff Writer

the questions about a story in a matter of seconds? The same story in a newspaper may be 20 to 40 paragraphs in length.

The questions of who, what, where, when, why and how must be answered in any news story. If they are not answered or they are answered incorrectly the reputation of the media is compromised.

Broadcast journalists sometimes appear ruthless or crude while getting a story. Perhaps this is because they are under pressure to meet deadline. Some are concerned with getting an exclusive in order to gain the upper hand on their competitors. Others are merely jerks who do not care or realize they are

in a matter of minutes.

It is not fair that people receive a distorted view of journalism on the evening news, but life is not always fair. So, in order to answer the question of why I want to be a journalist I must first acknowledge that journalism is occasionally corrupted by greed and sensationalism.

I can honestly say my motives have nothing to do with attaining wealth or fame. I would like to achieve what the pioneer news writers and editors fought for: freedom to report the news in a straightforward, unbiased manner.

The goal of journalism is to inform and educate the public about newsworthy events and issues. Journalists are sometimes referred to as public watchdogs. They give insight into matters that the general public does not have access to. Journalists provide a service to the community; they relay information from their

New rule for class: Attend for a grade

My first day of classes, after an uneventful summer, finds me listening to four different professors discussing what they expect from the

class and what we can expect from them. Suddenly I hear we have an attendance policy. "Oh really," I think to myself. Three absences are acceptable. I can understand that. After the fourth one my finale grade is lowered one full letter grade. What is this? Oh, but there is more. After the fifth absence, the highest I can make is an F and they recommend I withdraw from the course. This is ridiculous.

Gone are the days of selective



The road
less taken

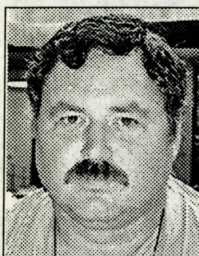
by **Michael George**
Staff Writer

world knowing the things that makes us employable in the job market of the future. Going to class is all I have to do, right?

Honestly, do I feel my professors have my best interest in heart? Yes I do. I have been blessed with a wonderful variety of professors, all of whom have shown the utmost concern for my wellbeing. Yet I don't feel their attendance requirements were designed so that I might be all that I can be. I am not willing to rule out the possibility they believe

CAMPUS VOICE

What would you like to see in the University Center?



EPPERSON

"More centrally accessible study areas within the University Center absent from the TVs."

— Jimmy Epperson, junior, chemistry



TAYLOR

"It would be nice to have pool tables."

— Tom Hutcherson, junior, psychology



LAIN

"Chick-fil-A."

— Jace Taylor, junior, chemistry

"Cheaper lunches."

— Angela Stembridge, junior,

"Dr. Pepper machines."
— Michel Lain, senior,

"Fast food like Chick-fil-A."

— Jenny Huval, senior.



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Editorial: voice your opinion

The Patriot encourages all students, staff, and faculty to send letters to the editor.

Letters eligible for publication must be in accordance with *The Patriot* contributions policy, which states that contributions must be in good taste. They will be edited for grammar, spelling, length (250 words maximum), libel, profanity and personal attacks.

Please include the author's name, address, telephone number, classification and home town.

Deadline for submissions is the Friday before publication date.

Publication dates for this semester are: Sept. 28; Oct. 12 and 26; Nov. 9 and 30; and Dec. 7.

Bring letters to HPR 274.

To my father and friend: never forgotten, always loved

There are times in life when I wonder if there is any goodness left in this world. So many horrible things happen and no one seems to care about their actions.

As I sit next to where we laid my father to rest, I change my mind.

He was the greatest man that ever walked on this earth. I think of all the love and the kindness of my father and I see no more evil in the world. Here was a man who

lived each day for his children and his wife and he never asked for anything in return.

I think about it now and everything my family has is because of this great man. He gave everything to us and never expected more than our love. Everything was positive and he never said a bad word about anybody.

No matter how bad his day was, he always said, "Don't lose your sense of humor."

There never was a day when he didn't laugh or smile. Even after he was diagnosed with cancer, he didn't quit. He lived every day to the fullest and he worked until the last months of his life. His family was the most important part of his life and he still gave us his all.

We will never know the pain that this gentle and caring man went through. He was too strong and proud to let us know he was hurting. As I look around at the men in this world I wonder why God didn't create them in the same way.

But I know that no matter how hard he tried, it wouldn't have happened.

Billy Joe Humphrey was a special gift from God and there will never be another man like him.

Just being able to know and feel how much he loved me is enough to keep me going through this con-

fusion world.

If you are a father or a husband go and hug you family while you still can. Show them how much your love them and never give up on them.

Nothing is more important in life than love.

I am grateful to God for giving me a man who was more than a father; he was a friend and a daddy. Even though a part of me died with him, I will keep smiling for him. He will always live inside his family. A man like Billy Humphrey never dies.

I know you can hear me, so I just wanted to say that I love you. Heaven is now an even better place.



No words left unsaid

by Shanna Humphrey
Staff Writer

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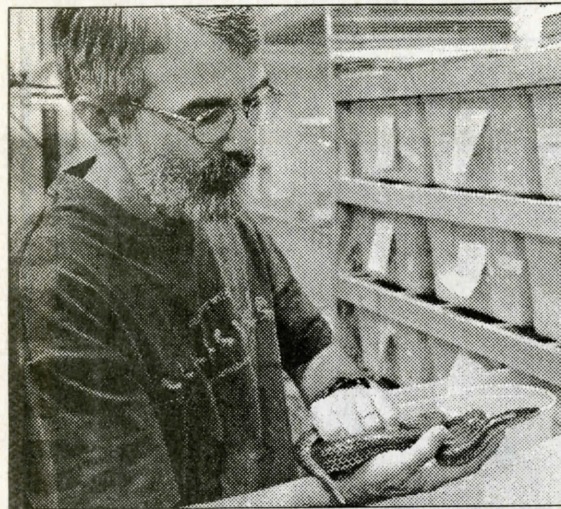
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Correction

In the Aug. 21 issue of *The Patriot*, Jason White was incorrectly listed in the Campus Police Report as being arrested for marijuana possession. White assisted police in investigating a case at University Pines Apartments.



-by Joe McArthur

PRETTY SNAKE: Dr. Ford closely examines a snake at UTT's snake lab, which is located in the biology department.

Beware: SNAKES

Dr. Neil Ford featured on Discovery Channel

Joe McArthur
Staff Writer

In the middle of Missouri's Ozark Mountains, eight-year-old Neil Ford wandered around and caught a snake for the first time.

His parents, despite his enthusiasm, refused to let him keep the creature.

"I guess it was the rebellion thing that got me interested in snakes. I'm really not sure", Ford said. "My parents still don't know why."

As a child of the Ozarks Neil never thought someday people from all over the world would know him. His name would be widely known as "The Snake Man".

It was not just his grades that led to his career as a biologist.

"I was an average student. I even

"I guess it was the rebellion thing that got me interested in snakes,"

— NEIL FORD

had to go into graduate school on probation," he said, "but what I did have was the drive to go talk to a professor one day and say 'Hey, I want to be a biologist'."

After he finished his doctorate he got a job offer from The University of Texas at Tyler.

Dr. Ford said since jobs in biology were few and far between at the time he took the position.

"The people were just so friendly," he said. "The thing I like about this university is, because of the size, a faculty member can design what he or she wants to see occurring in order to have a greater impact."

Part of the impact Dr. Ford makes is through research done for various groups concerning the

Because of this he is invited to many conferences all over the world.

One meeting held in Sweden, Ford was one of 80 people from around the world invited to speak.

The topic of the conference was Vipers and Dr. Ford presented some data about Cottonmouth Snakes.

"I don't really think of myself as a Viper person," he said, "I study all snakes."

Individuals he met at this lecture recommended him to the Discovery Channel for a special on Cottonmouths.

The Discovery Channel is a cable television station that specializes in educational programming.

Originally the station only wanted information about Cottonmouth snakes.

But after talking to Dr. Ford the Discovery Channel discovered he had data about two other snakes they needed. Ford had information on Copperhead snakes and Coral snakes as well.

Therefore, the Discovery Channel used his data and animals to make a show this fall about Cottonmouths, Copperheads, and Coral Snakes.

They completed filming of the program this fall on campus and at Camp Tyler on Lake Tyler.

Neil never went out expecting to receive such attention. He said sometimes things just happen.

"Actually it was all very accidental," Dr. Ford said, "Some of the best discoveries in science are discovered by accident."

Fascinating, is what Dr. Ford calls his work with snakes.

Because of his work, the University cannot help but reap benefits from the attention this TV special will bring to the campus.

People from all over the world will learn about Ford and see the name of his University.

They will realize that UT Tyler is something special and it's a great place to learn, Ford said.

"Your success is not from what comes from what you do outside the classroom."



IT'S GOTTA BE HERE SOMEWHERE: Dr. Neil Ford moves through the brush looking for snakes early in the morning at Camp Tyler. Catching the action is a videographer for the Discovery Channel working on a project about Ford's research on Cottonmouth, Copperhead, and Coral snakes.

Former student returns to conduct snake research as Windsor Visiting Professor

by Lana Cain
Staff Writer

Fourteen years have passed since she studied biology under Dr. Neil Ford at the University of Texas at Tyler, but Debbie Holland put an end to her leave of absence this summer. This time, however, Holland returned as the 2000 Windsor Visiting Professor instead of a student.

Holland is a professor of biology at Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Washington.

"As an instructor of a community college, the opportunity to do research is limited," Holland said.

Returning to East Texas provided Holland with the research opportunity she wanted.

During her summer professorship, Holland designed, implemented and analyzed research conducted at the Old Sabine Bottom Wildlife Area in Smith County.

Holland and Ford jointly con-

"My parents always thought I was weird because I liked them so much,"

— DEBBIE HOLLAND

ducted a field study on various effects of the environment on snakes. Studies on the effects of fire, grassland verses forest, the effects of fire ants and fire ant control, and the reproduction of ribbon snakes were conducted. She also assisted Ford on the Discovery Channel documentation filmed this summer.

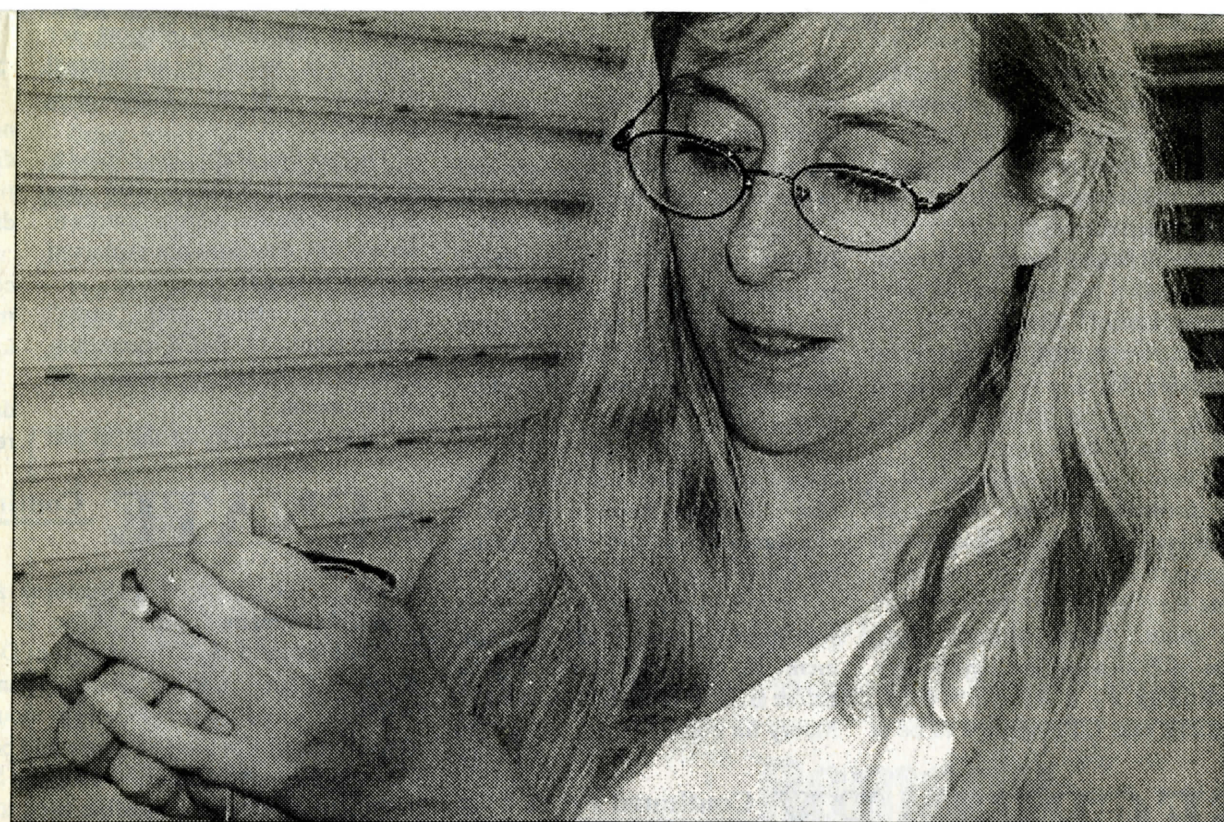
Growing up in Tyler, Holland said she played with snakes as a young child because she found them interesting.

"My parents always thought I was weird because I liked them so much," Holland said.

She said she was very excited when she learned Ford studied snakes and offered to help him feed the ones in the lab. She said her interest grew from there.

Holland completed her undergraduate research under Ford before receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1986. She later received her master's degree at the Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and her doctorate in biology at the University of Louisiana.

Although Holland has returned to her professorship at Whatcom, she plans to return to Tyler next summer to further her research.



— by Lana Cain

BE A NICE SNAKE: Debbie Holland, 2000 visiting Windsor Professor, talks to a Ribbon snake. Holland worked with Dr. Neil Ford this summer in the University's biology department.

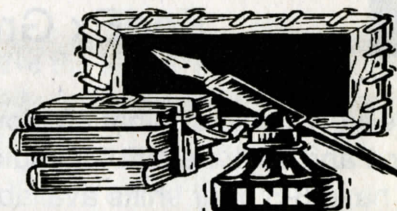
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Judiciary board members named

by Jennifer Jones
Staff Writer

Student Government Association members unanimously approved four of the five required members for a Judiciary Board in a Monday meeting.

New judiciary board members are Byron Skaggs, Chris Dickson, Brian Whitt, and Dennis Chambers.

A Judiciary Board, according to the SGA constitution, must be made up of five members of the student body who do not already serve on the SGA.

The SGA still needs a fifth graduate level student member for the board, President Michelle LeDoux said.

It is the board's responsibility to interpret the SGA constitution and work with parliamentarian Kevin Montgomery on proper parliamentary procedures, LeDoux explained.

Voting for a special election to fill vacant positions also ranked high on President LeDoux's meeting agenda.

Special election dates are set for Oct. 17 and 18 to elect a Secretary and Senator of Science and Mathematics. On Oct. 17 polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Oct. 18 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the UC.

The candidate's forum is Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

"Candidates must attend this forum if they wish to campaign prior to election dates," LeDoux said.

In the Aug. 21 meeting, members discussed the need to develop committees and assign members to the committees.

The executive committee informed the SGA body of the different committees and the tasks assigned to them.

Following the Sept. 11 meeting, members divided into their assigned committees to discuss goals.

A student life committee works with the student activities planning board and helps organize community involvement programs.

This committee includes Senators Amber Jackson, Shanna Humphrey, Lissette Rojas, Angela Roe, and Edgar Cardenas.

The treasury committee's goal is to develop a tentative budget and organize fundraising. Members include

Senators Sandra Masklee, Samantha Smith, and Danny Carey.

A communications committee is assigned to publish the SGA's monthly newsletter and be in direct contact with the student newspaper. Members include Senators Crystal Thronsberry, Susan Mills, Nancy Arellano, Nidia Arellano, and Nikki Young.

The rules committee has the task of rewriting the SGA constitution.

Members are: Senators Shelly Hamrick, Christine Hudson, and all members of the Judiciary Board.

Members voted Aug. 21 for an investigative committee, in order to investigate student-related issues of concern, such as the Campus Cafe and the bookstore. Senators Justin Grolemond, Josh Gentry, and Nick Cardwell will serve on this committee.

University President Dr. Rodney Mabry attended the Sept. 11 meeting for an open discussion with SGA members.

Several members voiced questions and concerns such as what effect growing enrollment and plans for expansion will have on the University.

In response, Mabry distributed reports explaining the University's progress and goals.

"The intent is to build a really good middle-sized university... we definitely have to get larger...the first critical number is about five thousand (students)," Mabry said.

Development of sports teams also was discussed.

"I think it is critical for us to be taken seriously...and the world is this way sometimes-if you don't have sports its like you're not really a university," Mabry said.

Student Government officers announced an upcoming leadership conference that they considered important for all members to attend.

"It teaches you a lot about leadership and how to promote things on campus...it helps to set a guideline of how to do things," Aimee Griffy, SGA vice-president, said.

The next SGA meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sept. 18.

Mackelroy says farewell



GOODBYE MACKELROY: Dr. Keneth Mackelroy gives Patricia Gajda, history professor, a farewell hug at his retirement celebration last month.

— by Wendy L. Moore

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but a student acts as a campus disc jockey.

The student, Chelsea Gaston, is in charge of news and information for students.

She collects and compiles information and publicizing it on the web site.

The articles and other information is submitted to Matthews before it is added to the site.

Ledoux said the student government is excited about the new service and has offered to tutor organizations on how to use it.

"I will come to their meetings and show the members how to use Mascot efficiently for their clubs," she said.

For more information contact the SGA office or e-mail Ledoux at bronzekitten@switzerland.com.

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SACS reaffirmation still unknown

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

University officials will not know until December if the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will reaffirm the University of Texas at Tyler's accreditation.

SACS conducted a visit to the University in an effort to reaffirm the school's accreditation. This process occurs once every 10 years, and includes reviewing the

"A large majority of the 38 just needed more reference ore were duplicates of another recommendation."

SHERRY WHATLEY

Colleges, according to Whatley.

Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president for academic affairs, along with the Office of Planning and Institutional Research prepared the response, which provides a detailed examination of each recommendation made by SACS and UTT's plans to improve or address the issue. Whatley said the next step in the process is for the COC to review the University's response and determine whether to reaffirm

University begins fall seminars

The Academic Enrichment Center will present three seminars in September designed to help students enhance their academic performance, Kimberly Harvey-Livingston, student services counselor, has

Science preparation." She said the two colleges have more in common than they think.

The dean of Nursing, Dr. Linda Klotz, said reorganization has been a discussion for years.

"We all found something to dislike about it, but we would like to discuss it more," Klotz said.

An open meeting for faculty is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sept. 22 in Room 401 of the library to discuss and debate Baker's proposal.

"There comes a time in the life of all institutions when they must stand back and take a look at their organizational structure to determine the 'best fit' for the work they are about," Dr. J. Milford Clark, dean of Education and Psychology, said.

Clark said UTT appears to be at

one of those times in its history when "it is in our best interest to stand back and look at what makes the most sense for us right now and in the foreseeable future."

Engineering dean, Dr. Troy Henson, said he believes it is "inappropriate as an administrator to comment at this stage." Dr. Lynn Sherrod, dean of Sciences and Mathematics, also declined to comment on Baker's draft.

The proposal comes after a charge from President Rodney H. Mabry directing Baker to develop a recommendation for reorganizing the University's academic units.

Deans and other faculty members will have an opportunity to comment on or debate Baker's plan before a final draft is presented to Mabry for consideration.

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tion to our own responsibilities," LeDoux said.

Currently, the SGA has not received any applications for the secretary or senator positions. LeDoux said this is most likely because it was just announced this week. She does expect a higher

turnout of applicants, since the deadline for applications is not until noon on Oct. 2.

"Hopefully members of the student body who have experience with student government will apply," LeDoux said.

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entire investigation.

"They can say what ever they want to," he said. "The fact of the matter is all equipment for the University of Texas is always sold through an auctioneer. I can just about guarantee that they didn't purchase that."

He also said an audit was performed just before he left in December and he said everything was in order and the department "passed with flying colors."

The Howards also challenged the value of the equipment.

Documentation obtained by The

Patriot indicates the tractor was worth \$8,000. Mrs. Howard contends this information was wrong since the equipment was designated as surplus.

"That was the original price bought for that tractor. That's not what it was worth. When it went to auction it had a zero value," she said. Mr. Howard said he and his wife were doing well now despite their dismissal from the University.

"I got over it. I've got a job and I'm doing fine," he said. "We're going to make it alright."

school's Self-Study Report for 1998-1999, which is an internal examination of all campus programs.

The visiting team also conducted onsite interviews with students, faculty and administrators to answer any questions not explained in the self-study.

Out of about 480 "must" requirements of SACS accreditation, UTT failed to address 38 requirements.

"A large majority of the 38 just

needed more reference or were duplicates of another recommendation," Sherri Whatley, assistant director of the self-study said.

Whatley said 23 of the visiting committee's findings were legitimate areas the University needed to address.

However, all of the recommendations were addressed in UTT's response to the Commission on

UTT's accreditation.

A SACS Conference will be held in December in Atlanta, Georgia where an official announcement will be made concerning UTT's accreditation. If SACS determines any portion of the University's response is not acceptable or it needs further information, a follow-up visit will be scheduled Whatley said.

Whatley said she has "never heard of an institution that hasn't been reaccredited."

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Nursing. The College of Business Administration would be renamed the College of Business and Technology and will include the Departments of Business Administration, Economics and Technology.

The College of Engineering would house the Department of Computer Science and be known as the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Questions about the possible need to decrease faculty and staff to accommodate fewer colleges were raised, and concerns of putting unlike departments together were voiced.

"This is not an innovative idea. Other universities have Colleges of Arts and Sciences," was Baker's response to a question of his motivation behind com-

bining Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics. Baker said he is open to suggestions and criticism, but he feels "strongly about certain elements," such as the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The current system works, but it can be improved," Baker said.

Dr. H. Neil Gray, assistant professor of Chemistry, asked if senate representation would be proportional to the size of the colleges. Baker said the senate is responsible for making that decision.

Once input from faculty and staff is received, Baker will devise a final draft to reorganize the colleges.

"Eventually a recommendation will be made to the president," Baker said.

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announced.

The presentations will be noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Academic Enrichment Center, located in University Center, room 102.

Harvey-Livingston will present the first seminar was Sept. 13. The topic was "How to Stay Safe On and Off Campus."

Other September topics include "How to Improve Your Writing Skills," Dr. Luke Niiler, assistant professor of literature and languages and director of the Writing Center, Sept. 20, and "How to Become a Campus Leader," Michelle Ledoux, Student Government Association president, Sept. 27.

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Talking with a Ratt



— by Lana Cain

MEET THE BAND: Ratt's band members sign autographs and talk with fans at the Rock Fest Concert last August. Ratt came to The Oil Palace with Bar 7 and Warrant.

Osadolos livens up UC center Students enjoy a refreshing mix of Reggae tunes

by Michael George
Staff Writer

The sounds of reggae echoed through the University Center Friday night.

Performing a mix of traditional reggae and cover songs, Osadolos rocked a small, yet eager group of students and visitors.

The guys played a well mixed set including Bob Marley's reggae classics "I Shot the Sheriff" and "No Woman No Cry."

The band also played renditions of Jimi Hendrix's "Hey Joe" and The Beatles "Let it Be."

"People are real accepting to reggae versions of American music," Sankey Osadlo said.



— by Michael George

REGGAE BAND: Osadolos performs before an energetic crowd of students and faculty. The band is just one of the many scheduled to perform in the "Jammin in the UC" series.

Bassist Femi Sanya came to in with the electric slide.

"It is all about peace and love and everything is possi-

Nixons concert rocks Elmos Band plays small venue promoting latest album

by Michael George
Staff Writer

Elmos rocked Friday night to the sound of the Nixons.

The guys really played their hearts out to an enthusiastic crowd.

The Nixons are Zack Maloy on vocals and acoustic guitar, Ray Luzier on drums, Ricky Wolking on bass and Scott "Scooby" Bush on guitar.

On tour supporting their latest album, the guys stopped in to play with Jibe and Bowling For Soup. Both started the night off with great sets.

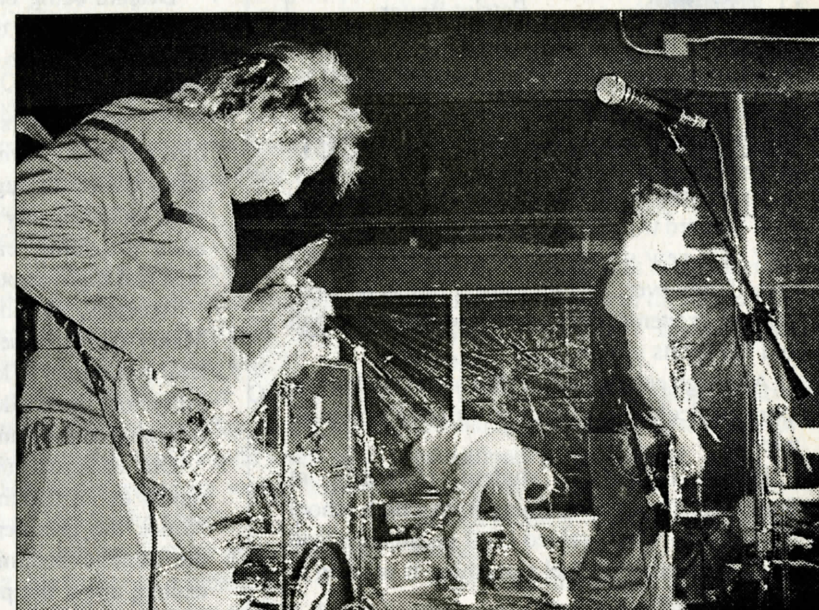
Bowling for Soup really showed their best side with "Suckerpunch." They even gave a short rendition of the Nixons' single "First Trip to the Moon" done in a classic country style. A truly great band to see.

The band believes in the caliber of their opening groups. This is why they occasionally tour with Bowling for Soup.

"The opening act is just as important," Maloy said.

The crowd exploded when the Nixons took the stage. Maloy and crew performed harder than their last local performance in April. They mixed up their set playing favorites from their 1995 release, FOMA, including "Drink the Fear" and the ever crowd pleasing "Sister" as well as their self titled album released in 1997.

The majority of the set came off



— by Michael George

PLAYING THE CROWD: The Nixons were well received by an enthusiastic crowd last Friday night. Sept. 30 marks the end of the tour.

their latest release "Latest Thing" including "First Trip to the Moon" and their latest single released "Black out."

"Blackout is the best we have, this is the most mature music we have done," Maloy said.

He was surprised when the band tried to debut the single at concerts and there were so many people singing along.

Tyler fans showed their appreciation in true style interacting well with Maloy and watching in awe as bass-toting Wolking climbed to the top of his speaker stack and plumed to the stage below.

meted to the stage below.

The show ended with the crowd calling for more which prompted Maloy to return and perform "Last Song."

"Latest thing" contains thirteen of about 70 songs the band put together over the past year and narrowed down in what Maloy called a "brutal process."

The Nixons are known for their long touring schedules and willingness to play smaller concerts.

Visit them on the web at www.thenixons.com.

Staying entertained proves difficult, students show their imagination

Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

Besides maintaining a decent GPA students may find something to do challenging as well.

The problem is not that Tyler is a small town, it's that most of the things to do shut down early.

"After 9 p.m. it's dead. There is not much to do at night," freshman Dustin Hibbert said.

fishing and he also likes to go to the movies. Callier explained that the reason there is nothing to do is because, "It's not exactly a huge city even though it is the largest town in east Texas."

After hours people can enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing at one of the clubs around town. Some evenings can be enjoyed more from live music by one of the

said. Arriola explained millions of years the Jacksonville area was under ocean water.

The cite now attracts persons looking for fossilized remains. Sharks teeth are what is normally recovered. She also likes to go camping with her husband.

"On short weekends we like to go to Tyler State Park," she said.

Tyler does get its share of incom-

ble. It gets people of all races to come together."

— FEMI SANYA

Their original songs included "Together As One," a call for awareness of the global AIDS epidemic.

The group consists of Kenny Nightingale performing lead vocals and playing a small hand held drum called a talking drum and guitar, Sankey Osadolo playing keyboard, his brother Jude Osadolo played the drums.

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welcome.

America from Nigeria, West Africa four years ago settling in Nashville Tenn.

There they added hip-hop percussionist Apowah Jamal and Biloxi, Miss. native Don Underwood.

Osodalos calls their music World Beat instead of reggae because their roots are in Africa, not Jamaica. Music is a powerful thing for them.

"It is all about peace and love and everything is possible. It gets people of different races to come together," Sanya said.

The crowd warmed up to the music as the night continued and even danced for several songs causing shakere playing Apowah to join

The shakere is a small pot shaped instrument covered in beads for rattling or shaking.

"What we want to do is present people with options and present people with peace, through unity you have world peace," Jamal said.

Ernest McAllister, student activities/intramurals director, discovered Osadalos playing the National Association of Campus Activities Spring Showcase at Southern Methodist University last year and booked them for the "Jammin' in the UC" concert series.

The next concert will be the Fall Fest on Oct. 27 with bands scheduled to play each month through the rest of the year, McAllister said.

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Hibbert likes to hang out at the mall, play golf and go to the arcades around town.

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The University is trying to help students entertainment.

The University Center is getting a pool table, foose ball table and an air hockey table.

Senior Brandon Callier took up

local bands.

Math Professor Lisa Beverly likes to take her children to the zoo. Even though she is from Whitehouse, she also enjoys sight seeing around town.

"My kids love to go to the mall," Beverly said.

Senior Renee Arriola also enjoys having fun with her kids.

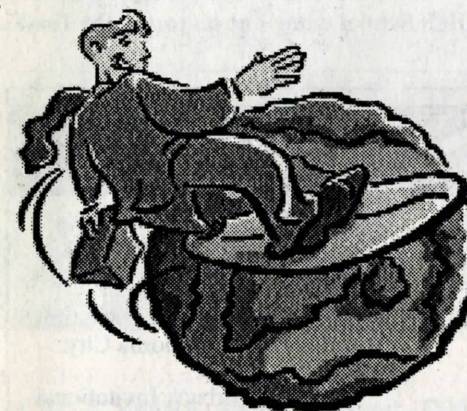
"We like to go digging for sharks teeth around Jacksonville," Arriola

ing bands.

Rat, Warrant and Tesla held a concert at the Oil Palace last month.

Clubs around Tyler have local bands for entertainment. The Nixons visited Elmo's last Friday.

Even though it lacks some of the flare of the big city Tyler does seem to have plenty to do. It may not be the typical forms of entertainment but it will still keep someone occupied.



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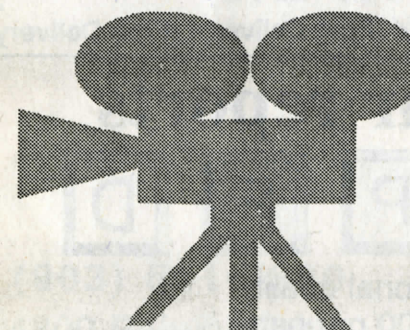
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Inside sports

by Harold Wilson

Patriot Writer

Intercollegiate sports: a good reason to cheer

As summer winds down and fall nears, many look forward to cooler temperatures as well as the start of a new school year. For sports fans like myself, however, autumn usually brings on anxiety and excitement about the upcoming football and fall sports season.

Although campus life is nice at the University, extra-curricular activities are virtually non-existent.

Being a transfer student (formerly at Southwest Texas) and coming from a high school (John Tyler) which prided itself on athletics and being competitive, I feel something is missing at our University.

Those past experiences helped me see the benefits of having an athletic program and how sports can bring the University, as well as its students, staff, and faculty closer together.

Athletics promote school spirit and get people involved. More activities and events on campus would lead to more participating, whether as players, coaches, cheerleaders, drill teams, band members, students or fans.

I want to be a Patriot, but I really don't have any Patriot-thing to root about. Being active and involved leads to a happier and more spirited environment.

With freshmen and sophomores joining the enrollment ranks at the University, there is a shift from the non-traditional approach to a more traditional way of things.

Most non-traditional students are older and mainly concerned with finishing school. The younger and more traditional students, however, usually are fresh out of high school and geared more toward activities and sporting events, which our campus currently lacks.

Generally, students go to class and leave right afterward. Athletics could allow more interaction among students, leading to bonds and camaraderie.

Games could give people not only something to attend, but also something to look forward to and discuss.

Intramural sports do exist, but they don't have the same effect as athletic teams. Intramurals involve mainly students at the University competing against each other.

An athletic program, however, could give the campus an identity. By having basketball, golf, soccer, tennis, and volleyball teams, Patriots

Tennis center brings new possibilities to campus

by Harold Wilson
Patriot Writer

Despite being cut as a sport for financial reasons three years ago, tennis continues to be a part of the University.

The Summers Tennis Center, directed by Ken Olivier, holds various activities throughout the school year, including city and parks recreation programs, campus intramurals, and high school tournaments.

Recently, President Rodney H. Mabry indicated setting up an athletic committee to look at the possibility of intercollegiate athletics returning to the University.

Olivier is optimistic tennis will return as an official school sport. "Since the president has assigned the athletic committee, I've been excited about the possibility of the university bringing tennis back for men and women," Olivier said.

Olivier, 37, received a masters degree from the university after transferring from East Texas State University, now Texas A&M at Commerce. He said he was a former UT Tyler tennis standout and a

member of the 1989 national championship team.

The center offers free parks and recreation programs for kids as well as classes for University students. The classes are designed to help people who want exercise and participate in recreational activity throughout the day, he said.

During the fall, intramural games will be held on Mondays beginning at 5 p.m. Olivier encourages those interested to come and take part in the activities. Racquets and tennis balls are provided.

"The intramurals are designed to get students, faculty, and staff introduced to tennis and match them up to a level they feel comfortable with," Olivier said.

The center also will be home to eight to 10 tournaments throughout the season for juniors competing at the amateur level.

There will be a high school tournament at the center October 28-29, which will include teams from John Tyler, Robert E. Lee, Jacksonville, Lindale, and Lufkin.

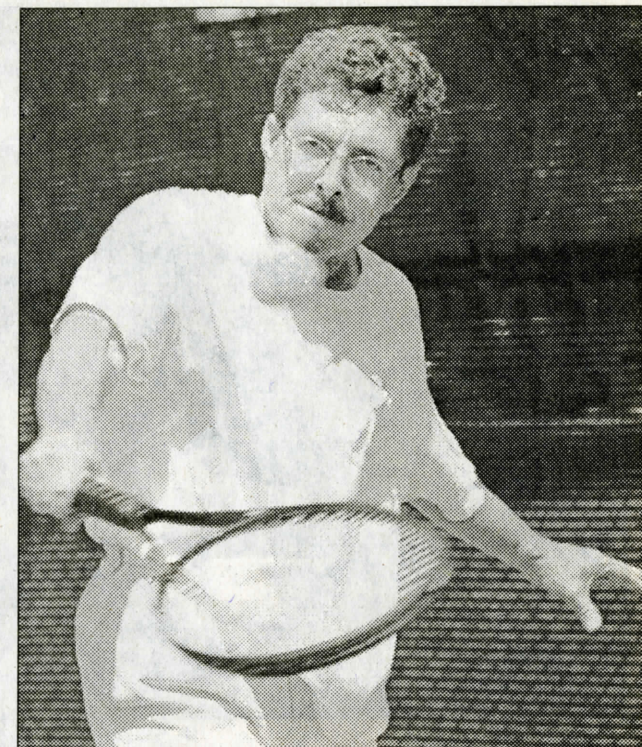
Olivier said he is happy with the

current center, which has indoor and outdoor bathrooms, offices, storage rooms, and about 1,500 total square feet. With the current center in place and an athletic committee looking into future sports at the University, Olivier believes tennis would be a good start based on both its past success at the University and the needed facilities already being in place.

"I can use my experience to help young people learn similar things I learned from playing and winning a national championship," Olivier said, expressing a desire to coach a future University tennis team.

Olivier not only believes a tennis team would be positive for the University, but sports in general would be beneficial.

"Bringing tennis and other sports teams back will create an atmosphere on campus that is geared toward freshmen and younger people," Olivier said. "This will give the university exposure and serve as a form of recruiting other students to the University."



-by Joe McArthur

HIT THE BALL: Library employee Howard Rockwell enjoys an afternoon game of tennis at the University of Texas at Tyler tennis courts. He said it is great just to get out of the office for a while and relax.

Ready...Set...Go



Mabry selects council to review sports teams

President Rodney Mabry announced Wednesday a structure for planning the addition of intercollegiate athletics at the university.

"Fact finding teams will study successful intercollegiate athletic programs in the region and report back to the university's Academic Council in September and October," Mabry said.

He added, "At the same, we will invite knowledgeable people - such as athletic conference executive directors and university presidents - to meet with members of the Academic Council. The council will then consider that information and present a proposal to me specifying which intercollegiate sports should be fielded, a timetable for implementation and a recommen-

NCAA Division I, II, and III levels. Texas A&M Corpus Christi, UT Dallas, UT Permian Basin, UT Arlington, Midwestern, and Tarleton State are among the list of institutions that will be visited or contacted for information during the next two months by the fact-finding teams from the UT Tyler Academic Council.

"Several different models exist for intercollegiate athletics," said President Mabry, "and we want to learn from the success programs and discover best practices so that we can create an intercollegiate athletic model that UT Tyler and our strategic mission."

Tyler and East Texas leaders also will be invited to contribute to the Academic Council's discussion.

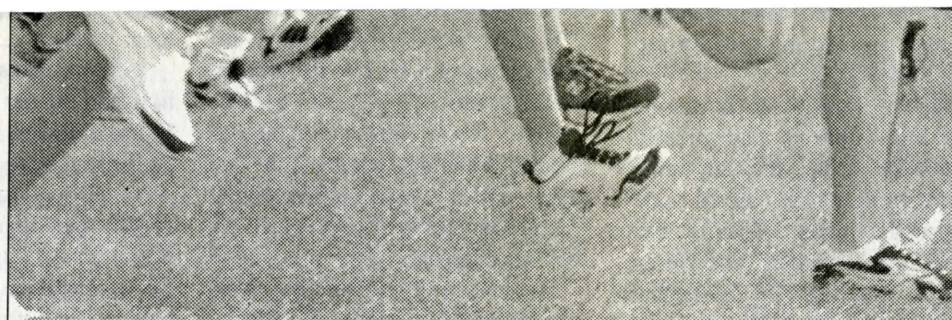
Wider community action will be

(UT Tyler sports teams) could be recognized outside our own campus and by surrounding universities and communities.

That attention is likely to attract more students which could open up additional opportunities. Sports could bring on future alliances with other schools through conferences and provide rivalries, which is sure to get people excited.

Athletics can generate revenue for the University, allowing it to stay competitive in the academic as well as athletic arena.

Many Patriots want to feel proud, but we need a way to show our excitement about this University. Athletics would not only boost the environment and spirit of the campus, it would also give fellow Patriots more to do and plenty to cheer about.



-by Joe McArthur

RUNNING HARD: Area high school runners set their stride as they compete at the Robert E. Lee Invitational cross country meet held each year. The meet was held Saturday at the University of Texas at Tyler where the course was roped off all around the campus. The event brought over 55 schools to the UT Tyler campus. Canton High School came out on top in the final standings.

dation for funding.

The Academic Council includes a substantial cross-section of representatives from the university's administration, faculty, staff and students.

The deans of all six academic colleges, the Dean of Student Affairs and the Dean of Enrollment Management, the current president and immediate past president of the Faculty Senate and the president of the Student Government Association are among those serving on the Academic Council.

We will study how institutions similar to us have implemented intercollegiate programs at the

sought when the Academic Council has completed its work and presents its proposal in late October.

Interviews were given to select the council members.

The council will be responsible for interviewing students, faculty and staff to determine to determine their interest in having a sports program.

At a July 31 press conference Mabry discussed the possibility of having up to five men's and women's teams.

Mabry said golf, volleyball, basketball, tennis and soccer teams are being considered.

TJC Fall Sports Schedule

Football

Sept. 16 TVCC, 7p.m.
23 (H)Blinn College,
7p.m.
30 (H)NE Ok A&M
College 7p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 15-16 Vernon Tournament,
Vernon
18 Cedar Valley
College, 7 p.m.
29 Hill College, 7 p.m.

Soccer

Sept. 15 Northern Ok, 7 p.m.
17 San Jacinto College,
2 p.m.
20 Richland College,
7 p.m.
23 ACC, 1 p.m.
24 MCC, 2 p.m.
28-1 Richland College
Tournament, Dallas

Football (H)= Rose Stadium
Volleyball (H)= Wagstaff Gymnasium
Soccer (H)= Pat Hartley Field
Tennis (H)= TJC Tennis Courts

Tennis

Sept. 15-17 Southwest Invitation
(W) Oklahoma City,
Ok
Razorback Invitational
(M), Fayetteville, Ar
22-24 TCU Fall
Invitational,
(W), Ft. Worth

H= Home Game
W= Women
M= Men

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Bowling

At Green Acres
Bowling Alley
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Sept. 14, 21, 28
Oct. 5, 19, 26
Nov. 9, 30
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Volleyball

At Hubbard
Middle School
Monday's at 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18, 25
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Nov. 6, 13

Softball

At UT Tyler
Sports Fields
Monday's and
Thursday's
at 5 p.m.
Sept. 18, 21, 25, 28
Oct. 2, 5, 9

Flag Football

At UT Tyler Sports
Fields
at 5 p.m.
Oct. 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
Nov. 1, 6, 13

Southwest Junior College Football Standings

SEASON	W-L
Navarro	2-0
Blinn	1-1
Cisco	1-1
Kilgore	1-1
TVCC	1-1
Tyler	1-1
NEO	0-1
Ranger	0-3

Week 1 Results

N.M. Military Institute 40,
Ranger 0

Week 2 Results

Kilgore 28, Tyler 0
Butler County 21, NEO 3
Navarro 38, Ranger 0
Blinn 25, Trinity Valley 21
N.M. Military Institute 24,
Cisco 10

Sept. 9

Tyler 17, Blinn 13;
Navarro 16, Kilgore 13;
Cisco 28, Ranger 18;
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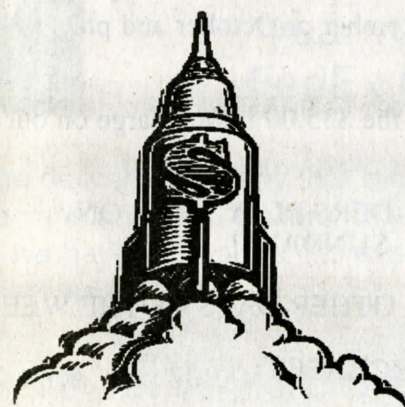
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Campus crime statistics released

by **Apryl Vance**
Staff Writer

Assaults and burglaries decreased at the university last year while theft and auto-theft increased, according to the Safety and Security Information Report for 2000-2001.

The report is compiled annually by the University of Texas at Tyler Police Department in accordance with the Campus Security Act and was supplied by Sgt. Alan Brown this year.

The report lists the number of complaints reported during the 1999-2000 academic year.

According to the report, assaults in general decreased from 12 in 1998 to four in 1999. One incident of aggravated injury was reported, along with three complaints of simple assaults—both down from seven aggravated injuries and four simple

assaults reported in 1998.

Burglaries also decreased from 15 in 1998 to eight in 1999. There were four forced entry complaints reported, down from nine in 1998. Also included in the burglary category is non-forced entry in which there were three complaints, down from five in 1998. The number of attempted forced entry complaints stayed even at one for both 1998 and 1999.

The report showed a jump in theft, 59 incidents were reported last year compared to the 39 reported in 1998.

There were 19 thefts reported for property ranging from \$0-\$50, 22 for property worth \$50-\$200 and 18 for property worth \$200 or more.

Auto-theft increased slightly from none in 1998 to two in 1999. There was one auto-theft and one

truck or bus theft also reported.

Two liquor law violations were reported last year, up from none in 1998 and one weapons possession was reported also up from none in 1998. Drug abuse violations were down from two in 1998 to one in 1999.

Included in the report along with on-campus statistics are statistics for surrounding areas encompassed by Loop 323, University Boulevard, Old Omen Road, and McDonald Road. Due to computer program changes with the local law enforcement agency who usually supplies these statistics, no numbers for assault, burglary, theft, or auto-theft were available Brown said.

Any questions regarding the above information should be directed to the University Police Department at (903) 566-7300.

University Pines welcomes residents

by **Wendy L. Moore**
Editor-In-Chief

University Pines Apartments managers kicked off the new school year with several activities to welcome their residents.

Wednesday night the establishment sponsored a safety program at the club house and Thursday the university will have a pool party at 7 p.m., Managing Director Jenni Simms, said.

"We've got several things going on now," she said.

On Monday University Pines residents are invited to a cultural program. Residents will participate in a tasting contest of cuisines from several countries. The winner will receive a vacuum cleaner, Simms said.

Several activities were planned to welcome residents back.

"Our first big bash was for our welcome week was a beach theme called the 'Surfs up' party. Everyone at the apartments were invited," Simms said.

The Aug. 22 event, decorated with surfboards, sand buckets and tikki lights ended about 45 minutes into the program due to rain, she said.

"We had lots of pizza and a karaoke machine," Simms said. "We weren't able to do the beach theme so much but we had a good time and we were thankful for the rain. Not many people complained."

The Pines sponsors a property-wide activity at least once a month and the Community Assistant from each of the buildings is required to plan functions for their residents once a month also, Simms said.

Served with fruit smoothies, the residents of Buildings 11 and 12 had a social where they had the

opportunity to meet their neighbors.

Buildings 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 had a volleyball tournament.

"That was a huge success," Simms said. "Everybody loved playing volleyball. It went over so well they (the residents) are wanting to know when we're going to do it again."

The last welcome-back social was Sept. 6 at the clubhouse. This event included Buildings 3, 4 and 6. They were served refreshments and got to know their new neighbors, Simms said.

"We are trying to create a sense of community," Simms said. "We like people to think of University Pines as their home."

All activities fall under one of several categories designated by the managers. They include social, cultural, physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual/occupational.

The activities are designed for the residents of University Pines and are publicized by fliers and word-of-mouth, Simms said.

The functions are funded through an activity fee paid by the residents when they move in.

"We do have to budget and be careful not to overspend what we allotted (for activities)."

In June, University Pines had a "Fiesta" party with a Hispanic theme. This fell under the cultural category as well as the social Simms said.

At the function residents played limbo, had a jalapeno contest, hit a pinata and had fajitas to eat.

University Pines has many more events planned for the remainder of the school year Simms said.

Students survive registration



— by Robert Boggs

WAIT IN LINE: Students line up in the University Center for fall registration Aug. 23.

Cowan Center seeks student input

by **Jan Warrick**
Staff Writer

Two focus groups will help the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center officials find out what students, faculty, and staff want to see in future programming, Susan Thomae-Morphew, director of the Center said.

"By having a focus group and survey the Cowan Center hopes to gain information that will be helpful in deciding about the direction for programming that responds to our audience in the future, and one important facet is our students," Thomae-Morphew said.

A specific date has not been set, but the focus group is planned for the fall semester.

Students who have suggestions or questions may write Thomae-

Morphew, so the focus group can use these ideas in their discussion.

Responses should be mailed or dropped off at the box office, on or before, Sept. 20.

"The suggestions or questions will be a good starting point for the focus group," Thomae-Morphew said.

When scheduling performances for the Cowan Center, the cost of the show must be considered.

Top performers, such as 'N Sync or Shania Twain, who can charge up to \$500,000 per show, are just too cost prohibitive, says Thomae-Morphew.

With a seating capacity of 2000, the Cowan Center would have to charge \$500 or more for a ticket to be able to pay the performers and the extra security that would be

needed.

The Cowan Center has three series: Performing Arts Series, Contemporary Christian Music Series and Distinguished Lecture Series.

UT Tyler students may receive one free ticket for each show in the Performing Arts Series and Contemporary Christian Series by going to the box office and presenting their student identification card.

Community college and university students are admitted free to the Distinguished Lecture Series.

Separate promoters, not the Cowan Center set up Broadway productions, and tickets must be purchased for these shows, Thomae-Morphew said.

Campus Police Report

Police Report for July
27-September 2



- July 27-investigated non-criminal property damage at the University Center
- July 27-a disturbance was reported at Spence Plaza
- July 27-fire alarm was reported in the Business Administration Building
- July 28-suspicious activity was reported at the University Pines Apartments
- Aug. 1-an unsecured door was reported at the Engineering Building
- Aug. 3-criminal trespass warning was issued at the University Pines Apartments
- Aug. 7-a fire alarm was reported at the Administration Building
- Aug. 8-suspicious vehicle

- was reported at the Business Administration Building
- Aug. 15-report of suspicious persons at the Cowan Center
- Aug. 23-harassing phone calls in the Business Administration Building were investigated
- Aug. 25-fire alarm in the Hudnall Pirtle Roosth
- Aug. 25-traffic collision with injury at the Administration Building
- Aug. 28-missing wallet was reported at the Longview campus
- Aug. 31-a vehicle accident happened in a campus parking
- Aug. 31-damage to a vehicle was reported in the University Pines Apartments
- Sept. 2-ill person report at the University Pines Apartments

In the Aug. 21 issue of *The Patriot*, Jason White was incorrectly listed in the Campus Police Report as being arrested for marijuana possession. White assisted police in investigating a case at University Pines Apartments.

Representatives, alternates named to staff council

New representatives and alternates have been appointed to serve on the Staff Advisory Council.

The council will hold its first meeting at 2 p.m., Sept 20, in ADM 301. The Staff Advisory Council is an advisory body through which staff members may make recommendations to the president relative to interests, concerns and issues affecting the life and future of the university. The council may advise the president regarding issues and concerns that are of particular interest to members of the university staff.

Those elected are: Deborah Herron, College of Business Administration; Bonnie Pearson, College of Education and Psychology; Carolyn Barnes, College of Engineering; Rick Peterson, College of Liberal Arts; Judy Beam, College of Nursing; David Hamblin, College of Science and Mathematics; Kay Smith, Administrative Offices; Lynne Bandy, Business Services; Julie Hicks, Business Services Computer Center; Vicki Betts, Campus Services; Rosemary Cooper, Financial Aid; Thomas Pinkerton, Physical Plant; and Dorothy Hanes, Student Services.

Longview University Center off to good start

by Becky Eddington
Staff Writer

Despite a few glitches, the semester is off to a good start at the Longview University Center, associate director Chris Heiden said.

The air conditioning went out Aug. 24, the second day of classes and stayed out for a day and a half Heiden said.

"The students and staff were real troopers," he said.

Besides the air conditioning problem, Heiden said there were a few minor technical problems with the interactive television.

"A new building is like a new car, it has to be broke in. But things have been running smoothly since," Heiden said.

The newly constructed building, which is located on U.S. Highway 259, ends a three-year process to accommodate University students from the Longview area.

Heiden said enrollment this semester was a surprise.

"When we offered classes through Kilgore College's Longview Center, enrollment was 235. This semester enrollment is about 500," he said.

Students also seem pleased with the opening of LUC.

"It's very comfortable surroundings, and all the personnel are helpful," graduate student Debbie Satcher said.

Other students expressed frustration about not having textbooks readily available.

"There was a communication gap between the professor and the person who gets the books so we still don't have some of our books. We need a bookstore," junior Jennifer Miller said.

The convenience of having classes closer to Longview has been an added dividend for many students.

"It's wonderful here. I have a five-minute drive from home. I will take as many classes as I can here," junior Patti Scott said.

Heiden said LUC will grow with Longview's need for different type of majors.

"We will not offer freshman and sophomore classes for some time to come, but we can grow to accommodate the full-time and working students we serve. We only utilize seven of the 52 acres we have," he said.

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A closer look at the new Student Development Specialist

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

Mark Matthews says serving students comes third.

"I think my life goal would be to serve God first, my family second and then the students," Matthews, the new student development specialist, said.

Matthews believes being a student development specialist means to be a consultant to the students.

"I am the students' best friend," he said.

While having a very laid back persona, Matthews takes his job very seriously.

"I would like to be known as an expert in student services," he said,

"I love my job. It is very student intensive and I enjoy the contact with the students."

Some of Matthews' duties include overseeing freshman orientation, the Peer Mentor Program and on-campus clubs and organization.

The Peer Mentor Program is designed to pair incoming freshman with present students to help them with their transition to a university.

Matthews also is a co-adviser for the Student Government Association and acts as a "sounding board for students problems or who need to get something off their chest."

As a sounding board, Matthews

explained, when a student has a problem they need to talk to Dr. Lunsford about, they can talk to him first so he can direct the student to the person they need to talk with or be there so the student can have someone to talk to.

Above all else Matthews believes his purpose is "help the students succeed."

Matthews likes the college setting better because "I just click with college students."

"I like the higher education and the fact there is always something

"I would be perfectly satisfied if I did this for the rest of my life as long as I was still helping students."

— MARK MATTHEWS

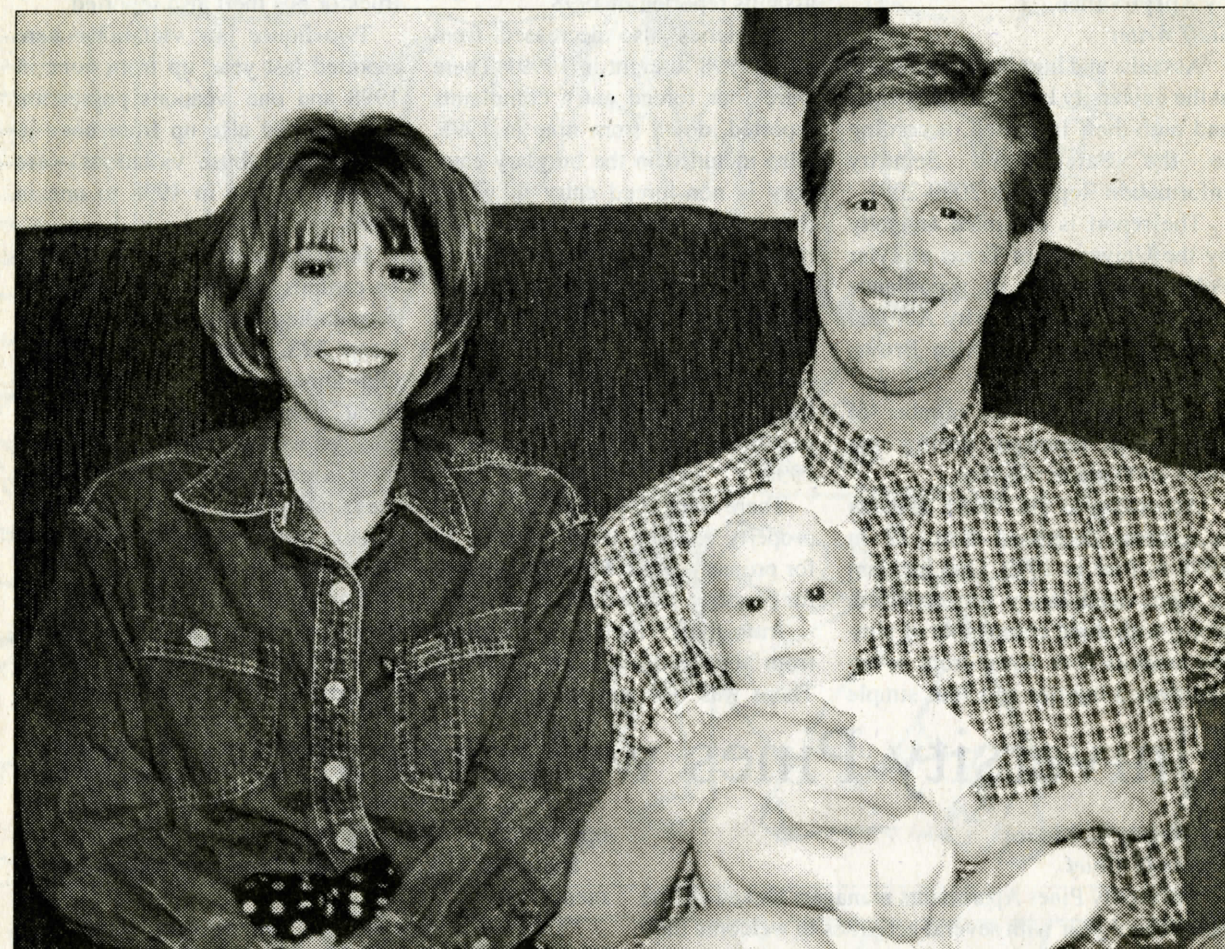
going on," he said.

He said one day he might move up in administration but if he didn't "I would be perfectly satisfied if I did this for the rest of my life as long as was still helping the students."

Even though Matthews enjoys being around students, his childhood did not reflect an environment where he was around people.

Growing up as an only child can be hard for most people, but Matthews said it was "nice to have his mother and father's full attention."

Mathews moved to Whitehouse from Dallas for the UT Tyler job and because his wife, Jena, is from



— by Joe McArthur

THE MATTHEWS FAMILY: (from left to right) Jena, Brittney Grace and Mark Matthews.

Kilgore.

When he is not helping students, Matthews likes to stay active in sports and with church. Matthews and his family are members at Green Acres Baptist Church.

He enjoys playing basketball, racquetball and tennis. Golf however fell short on his list of activities.

"I don't have the patience to hit a small ball into a little hole."

Matthews also likes going to the movies and doing things with his church.

He likes Tyler because it has "everything Dallas has to offer that I want without all of the traffic."

Matthews commented that East Texas has a good environment to

raise his 8-month-old daughter Brittney Grace.

Matthews said he and his wife want Brittney to grow up with a family that has stayed together and they hope she "never doubts her father and mother's love for her."

Even though Matthews and his wife attended Baylor University at the same time, they did not meet until December 1993 at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

Matthews earned his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Education while his wife earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration concentrating in Computer Science.

Matthews said being an only child really only affected him when he got married.

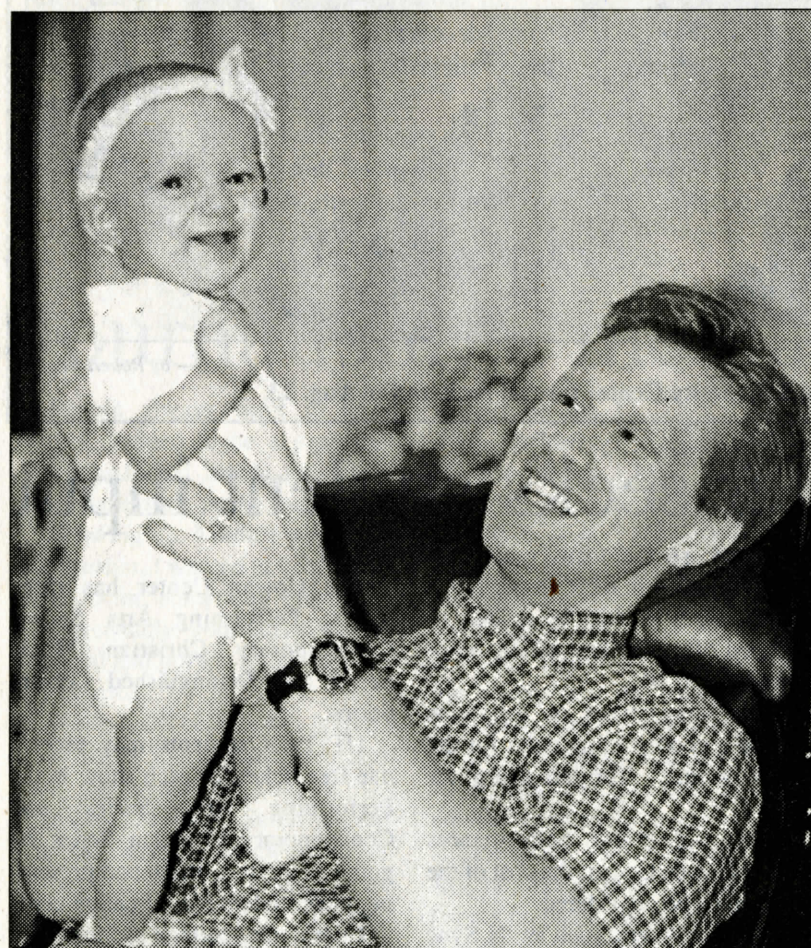
"My wife is an identical twin so she never understood why sometimes I just need to be by myself," he said.

One fact Matthews pointed out was his wife and her sister both had their children on the same day of the same year.

"It wasn't planned at all it just happened that way...they were born a few hours apart," he said.

Of the things Matthews does, he believes the thing that describes him the most is the service aspect.

"I like serving the church and serving on this campus," he said.



— by Joe McArthur

THAT'S MY GIRL: Matthews has some evening entertainment. The center of attention is his 8 month old baby. What a cutie!

Recreational equipment

broaders campus life at

Students get religious organization started

Director hopes new group will add more to campus life

broadens campus life at the University Center

by Robert Boggs
Staff Writer

University students can expect to see changes in the University Center in the next two months.

Additions include pool, foosball, and air hockey tables to be installed by mid-September, and cost the University \$2,300. A big-screen TV will be added and another TV placed in the fireplace area.

Furniture will also be added by mid-October including a sofa and more comfortable chairs to make it easy for students to "kick back and relax," said Mark Matthews, Student Development Specialist.

An information booth is also planned to assist students.

The additions were planned by the Student Affairs Team, which includes the Offices of Student

Affairs, Student Activities, and Student Life. Matthews said Dr. Dale Lundsford was a "driving force" behind the effort, calling him a "very pro-student dean."

The team brainstormed ideas, drawing on student requests and annual freshman surveys for assistance, Matthews said.

He said the university was following President Rodney H. Mabry's "vision" to develop campus life. Mabry and Matthews would like to see more students remain on-campus for reasons other than classes.

He also encourages suggestions, which can be taken to him or the Student Government Association.

"It's really a partnership between the administration and students," Matthews said.

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

Baptist Students Ministries is being reinstated on campus with the help of students, faculty and administrators.

"We want it to be an organization where students can come and be comfortable no matter who they are," sophomore Jennifer Burford said.

Burford is one of the many students who are trying to build support for the club.

She said when the group first met there were only five members, but the second time between 10 and 20 participants showed up.

The University had a BSM club several years ago, but recent interest in the club persuaded university officials to re-register the organization with the BSM main office, Student Development Specialist Mark Matthews said.

"We did a survey at freshman orientation and over half of the students wanted a religious organization," Matthews said.

At their first meeting on Sept. 5 the group worked to gain support and recognition by having free pizza for students in the University Center.

They also gave out information about the club and had a short devotional with music.

According to Burford, the group has received a lot of support from the faculty.

Members say the best way to show support for the group is through attendance.

"Just come and be active," Burford said.

The group has not yet elected officers, but they are in the process of doing so, Burford said.

Mark Jones, who is the director of the BSM club at Tyler Junior College, is working with the UT students to help them get going.

"He is really playing the leadership role for us," Burford said, "He has been incredibly helpful."

Jones is excited about the group because it's starting at a four-year university. He also said while the groups are separate entities they will be working together closely at the onset.

"We hope to build a bridge between the two groups," Jones said.

Matthews believes the UT Tyler group will fill the students' need for this kind of organization.

"I believe that the BSM will help create campus life," he said.

Students starting

the organization believe the group will have a deeper meaning to the school.

"We want it to be an organization where students can come and be comfortable no matter who they are."

— Jennifer BURFORD

"I will be really excited to see what God can do for the school," Burford said.

The group meets on Tuesday

from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in UC 102.

To help get the club going, Matthews said other students could simply spread the word.

"The more people who are involved, the stronger it [the group] becomes," Matthews said.

The University's building plans have allocated space to build a center for religious organizations.

Matthews said while the building is in the plans it will still take time to be finalized.

"It probably isn't even a year from being ready," Matthews said.

The Interfaith Center would act as a place for religious organizations to meet.

It could possibly be a place of counseling for faculty as well as students, PJ Lamb, interim director of fine and performing arts, said.

University benefactor succumbs at age 76

Dorothy Fay White, supporter of the University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior College, died Aug. 22 in Tyler at the age of 76.

White, along with her husband, Jack, donated time and money to many organizations in Tyler.

Because of major contributions to fund construction, the lobby of the Cowan Center at UTT and The White Administration Service Center at TJC are both named for the Whites.

White, who graduated from TJC, received TJC's Distinguished Alumna Award.

She was a life member of TJC Ex-Students, served on TJC Foundation Development Council and endowed several scholarships for students.

She also was named to UTT Patriots of the Year for her support of the University.

White also received a degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

White retired from Exxon Oil Co. after working for them as an accountant.

White is survived by her husband, two nephews and a niece.

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