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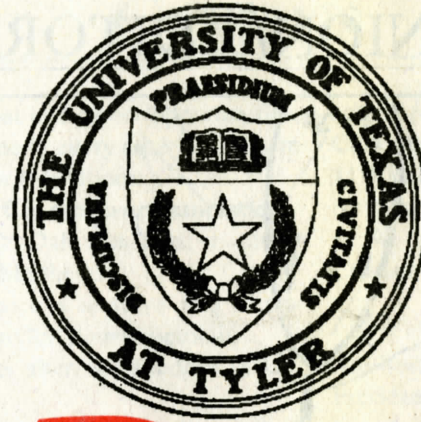
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Students join at flag pole

by Joe McArthur
Staff Writer

Christian students from the University gathered around the flagpole to pray on the morning of Sept. 20 for See You At The Pole.

See You At The Pole is an event held each fall when students and teachers gather around a campus flag pole to pray for their school, community, state and country.

"This event allows students the freedom to express their religious convictions," Mark Matthews student development specialist said, "and it makes a statement that they are willing to stand up for those convictions."

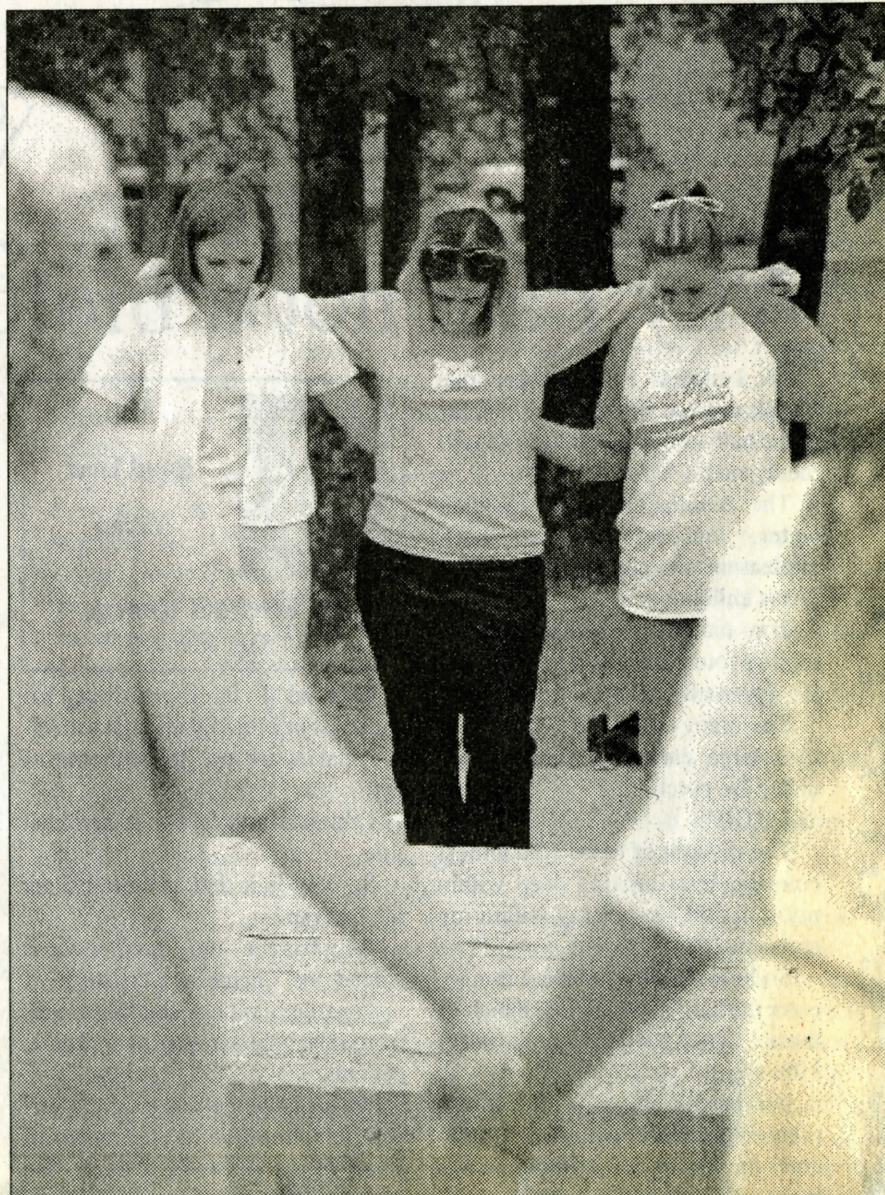
Nearly 30 University students began praying at 7 a.m. and continued into a time of praise and worship singing songs to God. They ended by joining hands in a circle around the poles and praying until about 8 a.m.

This annual event started in September of 1990 in Burleson, Texas.

At 7a.m on Sept. 12, 1990 more than 45,000 students met around campus flagpoles to pray in four different states according to information posted on the See You At The Pole website.

The next year more than one million students throughout the United States participated in the event.

Now in 2000, more than three



Board of regents considers testing

by Wendy L. Moore
Editor in Chief

Regents for the University of Texas system meet Monday to consider a proposal that would require standardized testing for all students.

The tests would be similar to the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills given in public schools.

Dr. Rodney H. Mabry, president of the Tyler campus, and a Tyler regent support the measure saying the believe testing could strengthen the University's degree programs.

"I doubt we will end up with TASS-like tests," Mabry said. "If it's going to happen, bring it on. I know our faculty is good enough. I would welcome the opportunity for our students to shine."

Some University faculty members and students, however, say more testing is unnecessary. Students contend making good grades in their classes should reflect their ability as a student, not testing.

"If you've proven yourself all along by making good grades, why should you have to prove yourself with a test?" Jill Mayo, a junior English major, said.

UT regent Charles Miller, who chair's the Academic Affairs Committee, proposed standardized tests on some subjects beginning in the 2002-03 school year and all core subjects by 2004-05.

"We have to have some measure to say how we're doing." Miller told *The Dallas Morning*

"I hate to see numbers of students reduced to a numerical value that somehow proves their worth as a student."

— DR. DANA W. ADAMS
SENIOR LECTURER, ENGLISH

"In order to do that, he believes there needs to a system of accountability that shows the universities are doing a good job," Mabry said.

Officials have not determined whether passing the test will be required before a student may graduate. Some professors believe the testing would alter the way classes are taught.

"I think it takes away the flexibility and creativity of the professors. I hate to see numbers of students reduced to numerical value that somehow proves their worth as a student. That bothers me," Dr. Dana W. Adams, senior lecturer in English, said.

Professor Robert Nelson, president of the faculty senate at UT Dallas, told *The Dallas Morning News* the tests were "draconian."

"More than anything, it takes away the right, the duty and the responsibility of the faculty to establish the curriculum," he said.

Despite criticism from several students and

million students all over the world meet to pray each fall.

The University is now a part of this worldwide event.

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COMING TOGETHER: Three University students huddle together as the group surrounds the flag pole for See You At The Pole Sept. 20.

— by Joe McArthur

News last week.

Mabry said Miller is trying to help the UT system by pushing to deregulate higher education institutions.

faculty throughout the UT system, Mabry said he welcomes the testing. He said he believed UT Tyler is a "super, high quality institution" and
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Faculty senate concerned about combining colleges

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

A University professor told officials "the arts and sciences will be substantially weakened" by an administrative proposal to reorganize six colleges.

Several faculty members expressed opinions and voiced concerns at a Faculty Senate sponsored forum Friday, two weeks after Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president of academic affairs, announced his restructuring proposal.

Baker proposed the plan "to strengthen the University and preserve the basic core curriculum" under the directive of President Rodney H. Mabry.

Dr. Don Killebrew, chair of the biology department, urged a revision

of the plan.

Under the proposal the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics would be combined to form the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It is my view that five colleges is not better than six," Killebrew said.

"The current two colleges have done an exceptional job in developing, implementing and providing the general education core courses for the students," Killebrew said.

Killebrew said the proposed structure would diminish arts and sciences and elevate the professional colleges.

Baker said the plan would, in fact, enhance arts and sciences because a large college working together with common interests would carry more clout than two small, separate col-

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— DR. W.A. BAKER

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

leges.

"All the data clearly shows that arts and sciences are a loser financially to this University," Baker said. "Arts and sciences will have a hard time unless they bind together."

Concerns were mentioned about the loss of academic programs and jobs. Baker said he has not heard a discussion of eliminating any pro-

grams or staff as a result of reorganization.

Several faculty members expressed concerns about putting colleges with different interests together under one dean. Baker said a good dean should be able to understand each unit well enough to perform his or her duties.

"That doesn't take a whole lot of

intelligence," Baker said.

The timing of restructuring also was a source of concern to faculty members.

"We shouldn't jump on something too quickly because it looks like the time is right," Dr. Patricia Gajda, professor of history, said.

Dr. A. Richard Mitchell, professor of mathematics, said the timing is "horrendous."

Baker said he made the argument to Mabry that now is not the time to restructure.

"I don't have that choice; my responsibility is to propose what I think is best for the college," Baker said.

Baker's plan also includes reorganizing some academic departments within the colleges.

Baker said each unit would address how departments will be absorbed into different colleges.

"Some would require more thought than others," Baker said.

Baker's proposal also generated questions about changes in tenure and faculty representation.

He said he would like to meet with smaller units to discuss the proposal and give people plenty of time to respond before he takes the reorganization plan to the next level.

"Once I think the discussion has run its course, I'll make a recommendation to the president," Baker said.

Baker told faculty members to "make a proposal" if they think there is a better way to reorganize.

Fall enrollment numbers increase

by Wendy L. Moore
Editor in Chief

University enrollment increased by 202 students this fall, officials said.

Last fall 3,418 students enrolled in classes and officials projected 3,520 students to enroll for fall 2000. With 3,594 students enrolled as of Sept. 11, the University enrollment exceeded the expectations, according to information issued by University officials.

"We are very encouraged by this increase, which came in spite of enrollment caps. We're off to a great start this academic year," Dr. Rodney H. Mabry,

University president, said.

Officials said the opening of the Longview University Center allowed 302 students to enroll and 97 students signed up in courses at the Palestine campus.

Officials said minority enrollment increased this semester as well. African-American enrollment is up 5.4 percent and Hispanic enrollment increased 20.4 percent. The total number of semester credit hours also increased to 33,946 this fall, a 9.7 percent increase over last year's 30,952.

University officials project 3,651 students attending the University of Texas at Tyler next fall.

Faculty to wear denim to help fight cancer

by Lana Cain
Staff Writer

University faculty will join the nation in helping fight breast cancer by wearing denim on Oct. 6.

Lee National Denim Day is a fund-raiser to help the Tyler affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Businesses and organizations are allowed to wear denim to work in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Komen Foundation for breast cancer research, education, screening, and treatment.

"I'm proud to be part of a university who participates in such a good cause," Dr. Gloria Weber, professor of nursing, said.

Weber said it was a great way to fulfill the university's mission statement for public service.

"This is one way to facilitate awareness and promote health activities," Weber said.

According to the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, the Komen Foundation is credited as the nation's leading catalyst in the fight against breast

cancer. The foundation has affiliates in 114 U.S. communities and in four international countries. The organization has raised more than \$214 million since it was established in 1982.

The event has raised more than \$16 million for the Komen Foundation in its four-year history. This year's goal is to raise \$6 million in one day.

With the support of a special Student Government committee,

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Working at school



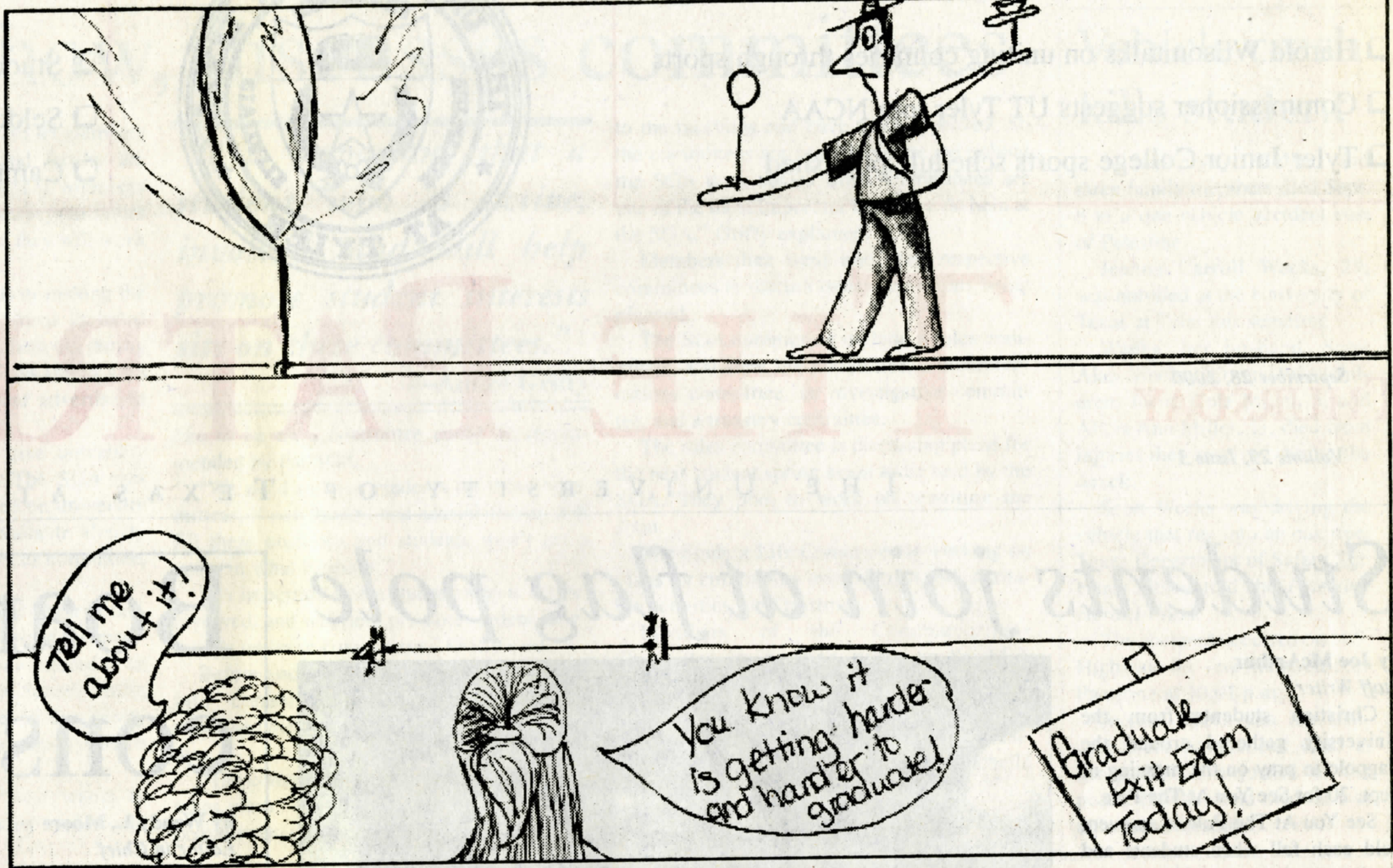
— by Robert Boggs

COMPUTER LAB: A student uses the Center of Professional Development of Teachers computer lab under the watchful eyes of the Statue of Liberty, one of many murals painted by local artist Karen Davis.

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Editorial

College students may soon feel as though they are in high school again. This *deja vu* will come if the University of Texas Board of Regents decides to require students to take a standardized test before they graduate. The proposed exam will be much like the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills students took in high school. Never mind the fact students already have exams every other week in several classes. College students have their fill of exams throughout their college years. Are the purposes of these exams not to prove that we can make the grade and are educated enough to graduate? If we can pass college level courses then why should we be forced to show ourselves worthy of graduating through a standardized test? Many students already have to pass exit exams in their field of study before graduating. Will these students have to take another? And how will students need to study for these exams? We can only hope it won't be like the high school test. In high school we learned material specifically for the standardized test that would determine if we would graduate. College should not be like high school. Most of us came here for a college education in a specific field, not to concentrate on studying for a TAAS-like exam. Students can only hope this idea will measure the teachers ability to relay the material and as well as whether the students learned it. We recognize the fact that some students are graduating without knowing the necessary material. This may just be a problem with the courses themselves. Students do not go to college to take a standardized test, they go to college to get an education. It is a shame school officials believe our entire academic career has to be measured in a single numerical value.



Correction:

In the Sept. 14 edition of *The Patriot*, Dr. Kenneth Muckelroy was incorrectly referred to as Dr. Kenneth Mackelroy.

Women become menaces to society while applying makeup in their cars

by Jyll Richburg
Contributing Writer
What is it with women?

For the past 15 years, I have sat in front of a large lighted mirror and performed the daily ritual of putting on make-up.

This is not brain surgery, but it does take a measure of concentration and skill.

So why are there some women who feel so confident in their abilities they think they can apply cosmetics and drive, too? Guess what - **THEY CAN'T!**

These women are undoubtedly the most dangerous of all road

driven past one of these lipstick wielding fiends leering into her rearview mirror and felt pity for the car in front of her.

These women in search of the perfect pout and long lashes throw caution to the wind in the name of beauty. When they swerve down the road waving their magic mascara wand, no car is safe.

I understand the time constraints of our fast-paced society.

I realize that one more cup of coffee with Matt Lauer is like a happy vacation in your living room.

Don't deprive yourself of this

Mr. Lauer and the Starbucks you share.

Women of the driving population unite! Put your make-up on at home!

Or if you are so attached to your Revlon-behind-the-wheel ritual, at least stop in an empty parking lot to powder and preen.

These moxie motorists give their fellow female drivers a bad name. They make the road more dangerous than it has to be.

And face it- simultaneous impressions of Tammy Faye Baker and AJ Foyt are unnatural.

Women have a hard enough

Why I am not a biology major

Ok, I confess a shiver every time I walk in front of the snake display in the hallway of the biology department.

The familiar sight of an adult water moccasin brings back unpleasant memories of my East Texas childhood.

Too many times these legless reptiles found their way to our home from a nearby creek.

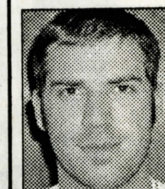
Too many times we alerted Dad to a large dark coil hissing from under the porch.

UHHH!

The thought of those cold almost colorless eyes looking deep within my soul still sets uneasy within my stomach.

So how could someone willingly enter the habitat of a whole bunch of these cold-blooded (literally) killers?

No person short of Steve the crocodile hunter would willingly enter the lair of the most dangerous beast on God's green earth.



The Road Less Taken

by Michael George
Staff Writer

Granted I have no love for snakes, but I am old enough to realize snakes are not the epitome of evil.

I think Martha Stewart gets that title.

So why is it that snakes still get the bad rap?

Why has the "only good snake is a dead one" mentality persisted?

I am sure we can say this comes from misunderstanding of snakes in general.

We all have the image of the serpent tempting Eve in the Garden of Eden. So is this why I don't like them? Not hardly. It comes from

enlightenment. People work hard daily to learn about the habits and to dispel the myths surrounding a truly unique animal. Through them people like me can learn that snakes are in fact not spawns of Satan, but rather co-inhabitant in the ecosystem.

Great harm can come through misunderstanding and fear.

Use the removal of wolves from Yellowstone National Park as an example. Years of encroachment into their habitat lead to wolves eating livestock and then the removal of the wolves from the park.

Park officials now realize how this upset the ecological balance and have taken steps to reestablish the wolves to the park.

In order to survive we must realize the place everything plays in this world. Even snakes.

The work done in the biology department helps us to understand our role as well as the roles of our

hazards. They are inconsiderate debutantes seeking an opportunity to rear-end your car.

Many is the time when I have

moment - just wake up a half-hour earlier and put your make-up on first!

Then you will truly be ready for

time defending their driving abilities. Let's not make it any harder on ourselves.

Leave the make-up at home.

A creature so hideous it doesn't even have legs.

Now really, my opinion is obviously uneducated and biased.

growing up and being told to avoid them. This is the way we learn most things. We emulate our surrounding. But through understanding comes

So I will say "Good job guys, you go ahead and study all the snakes you want." Just do it with out me.

Man versus the ducks: Fighting for our space



What I have to say is...

by Will Johnson
Staff Writer

Animals have the right to live according to their natural inclinations, as long as those inclinations don't intrude on mine.

Let's be honest.

Animals are competing for the same space. There's only so much, and sometimes, clashes occur.

Theoretical applications aside, whether man wins the initial confrontation of Man vs. Nature, you can bet he will return for round two loaded for bear.

With the more fragile creatures, this tendency toward overkill may have unintended consequences.

Witness my unfortunate encounter with the waddling family I call the Duckstrations.

Getting off to a late start on my daily jaunt to work, I was attempting to make up for lost time by gently applying more pressure to the gas pedal.

Ok, I was doing 60 in a 40.

While carefully negotiating a soft turn Evil Knievel couldn't have done better, I happened upon, or should I say on, a family of vicious Duckstrations.

They were accosting drivers on their way to a pond on the other side of the street and stalling traffic from both directions.

I entered the main thoroughfare from a side-street which made it impossible for me, totally possible for anyone else, to see the Duckstrations.

Suddenly, a storm of fluff, squawks, and guts erupted all around.

My instinctive reaction was a

mental yelp: "The RAPTURE has begun, and I just nailed some angels!"

So stunning was this fugue, a lesser man would've been rendered unconscious, unless he'd taken a deep breath and exhaled.

Immediately, I recovered and fretted over having not stopped.

I could feel the concern of all the other drivers, amply demonstrated by their blaring horns, crude gestures, and the police cruiser trying desperately to get around them and to me.

Deciding to pay their sympathy silent homage, I looked straight ahead, and accelerated to 90.

Our animal friends are getting the sharp end of a stick, no doubt.

I'm sure that if some superior race moved in and decided to corrupt, exploit, and pollute us into extinction, I wouldn't be inclined to put them on my christmas list.

However, we are the only species that demonstrates self-

awareness and the ability to make our desires reality.

In a word, we are king of this particular mountain.

We should take notice of animals, and respect their right to share our environment.

But, there is little doubt that if the roles were reversed, our animal friends would not hesitate to make us subject to their will.

My point? Animal rights are fine, but how about blending them with some practical philosophy?

Like spending the money to enforce zoning regulations without complaining about minute increases in public access fees.

Putting trash where it's supposed to be and not pretending it will creep there on its own once you toss it out your car window might be wise.

Please, let's inject the entire debate with some common sense, and maybe we can all live here happily.

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CAMPUS VOICE

The UT system is considering requiring students to take a standardized test similar to the TAAS. How do you feel about this proposal?



RIGGINS

"I don't like the idea because if you pass your classes you should be able to get out of college without taking another test."

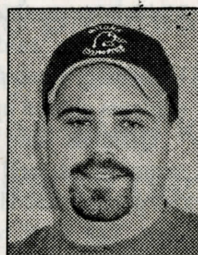
Lara Riggins, pre-med, freshman



MARKEL

"I do not think these exit exams are a good idea because the professors might only prepare students for those tests, instead of actually teaching the other needed materials."

Lori Markel, biology, freshman



PARKER

"I think passing the required classes is enough because tests don't always prove what you know."

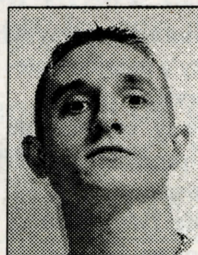
Clint Parker, industrial safety, junior



HIGGINBOTHAM

"It's pointless because if you don't know the material you won't be able to pass the class in the first place."

Cindy Higginbotham, interdisciplinary studies, freshman



KILLINGSWORTH

"I think the idea of an exit exam sucks. Many majors already have a test you have to pass, so why create another one?"

Wesley Killingsworth, education, freshman



DANIELS

"Sounds like a political, rather than an academic issue because I would be concerned about the validity of the test."

Dr. Stephen Daniels, history professor



Inside Sports

by Harold Wilson
Staff Writer

True Olympic spirit uniting all countries

The four-year wait is over and the 2000 summer Olympics in Sydney are here.

The modern-day games originated in 1896 in Athens, Greece with the intent to provide entertainment through athletic events. Although meant to be a quadrennial sports festival, the Olympics have been just as political.

The Olympics, unlike many other events, bring the globe to a common place for about two weeks, leading many individuals and nations to use the games to promote their personal agendas.

Past contests have been marred by racism, terrorism, and boycotts.

In 1936, racism overshadowed a great performance by Jesse Owens in Berlin where the trackster captured four gold medals. Adolph Hitler refused to acknowledge his victories because Owens was black.

During a victory ceremony at Mexico City in 1968, controversy arose when two black Americans raised their black-gloved fist after accepting medals.

Tommie Smith and John Carlo made a statement about the treatment of black Americans.

Tragedy struck in 1972 in Munich. Palestinian terrorists invaded the Olympic village, took nine Israeli athletes hostage and demanded the release of 200 Palestinian prisoners. The hostages were killed.

The U.S. and other non-communist nations, boycotted the 1980 events in Moscow in protest of the Soviet Union. The Soviets and 13 other communist nations returned the favor by skipping the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Twelve nations from the former Soviet Union, including Russia, competed as the Unified Team in 1992.

Other former Soviet nations, such as Croatia, Lithuania, and the Ukraine, competed as individual countries for the first time. Also in 1992, a unified German team competed under one flag.

At the 1996 Atlanta games, an unknown terrorist bombed Olympic Park.

So far, this year the Olympics have been unmarred. North and South Korea marched under one flag although competing separately. Cathy Freeman, an Australian Aborigine, lit the torch. She gained notoriety by speaking out for Australia's indigenous people.

Despite the political issues surrounding past Olympics, there have been great strides in depoliticising the event.

With the 2004 Olympics returning to its birthplace in Athens, Greece, maybe the true Olympic spirit can be reborn.

Commissioner suggests University joins NCAA

by Harold Wilson
Staff Writer

Athletic conference commissioner Fred Jacoby last week suggested the University join a conference and compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Jacoby spoke with University officials during an information gathering meeting at Robert R. Muntz Library.

Jacoby serves as commissioner of the Lone Star Conference (NCAA Division II) and the American Southwest Conference (NCAA Division III).

Both conferences, which together include 21 Texas universities, are potential outlets for the University.

Jacoby previously helped the University of Texas at Dallas establish intercollegiate athletics. UTD, like UTT, made the switch from an upper-level institution to a four-year university. The Dallas campus competes at the NCAA Division III (non-scholarship) level.

Jacoby stressed the importance of athletics to a university.

"Intercollegiate athletics offers a short course in life," he said. "The value of athletics is in one word: growth. The value of

"The academics are better and the standards are higher at the NCAA level."

— FRED JACOBY
COMMISSIONER

education is in one word: growth."

Jacoby said the University should become a member of the NCAA rather than the more "narrow-based" National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, which is smaller and decreasing due to money.

The NAIA has less than 300 schools and includes smaller schools such as Texas College and Jarvis Christian College. Most NAIA schools only compete in two sports, Jacoby said.

NCAA schools compete in three divisions and have 977 schools total. Divisions I and II offer scholarships for its student athletes.

Division I has 318 schools divided over 32 conferences. Within Division I is

I-A, I-AA, and I-AAA.

I-A includes major universities such as the UT at Austin, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech.

I-AA universities such as Stephen F. Austin, UT Arlington, and Sam Houston State.

I-AAA, whose members don't compete in football, includes Georgetown, St. John's, and DePaul.

Division I is a spectator-driven sport, he said, that requires schools to have seven sports for men and women.

Division II schools is driven off of participation with the hope of spectators and is required to have four sports for men and women, he said.

On the Division III level, he said sports are mainly enrollment-enhancing. Beginning in 2001, these schools must have five sports for men and women and three team sports for each.

"The NCAA is more prestigious and is run with institutional or presidential control," Jacoby said. "The academics are better and the standards are higher at the NCAA level."

Jacoby recommended the University join a conference once the school begins

its athletic program.

This, he says, can help control costs and also bring recognition through play-of-the-week awards and all-academic teams.

Jacoby said costs also could determine the division level.

To begin competing at the NCAA level, the University would have to pay an initial \$2,500 fee as well as \$900 for annual fees. The NAIA requires schools to pay much more, he said.

The University, as well as the community, would have to decide which level of playing ... was comfortable, Jacoby said.

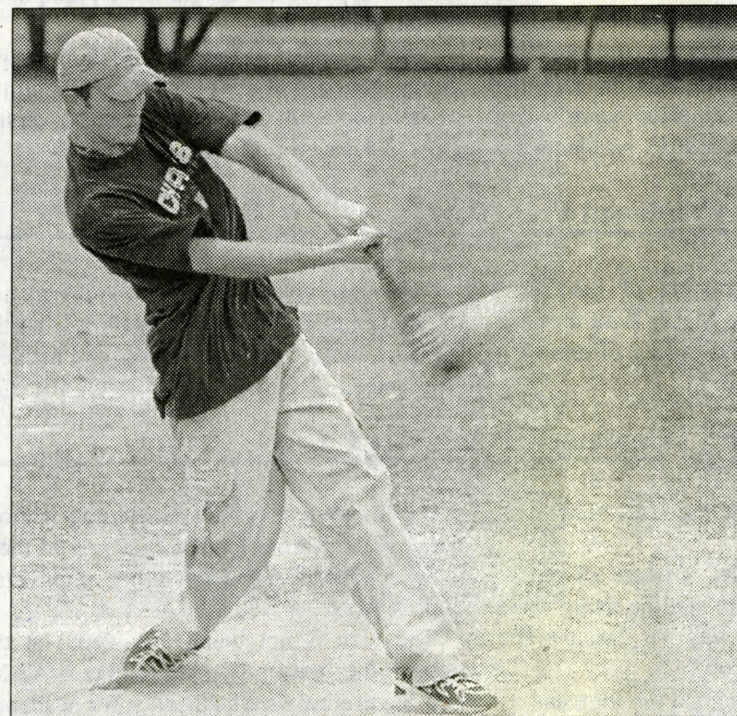
"Tyler appears to be a strong athletic community," Jacoby said. "It [athletics] could bind the University and community if [the University] can get community involvement."

If the University decides to join the NCAA, they would likely compete in one of two conferences, he said.

The Lone Star Conference consists of 15 schools which range from 4-11,000 students.

The American Southwest Conference consists of 16 schools - 13 in Texas - ranging from 1,200-4,000 students.

Making contact



—by Joe McArthur

HIT THE BALL: A University student hits a home run during an intramural softball game. The game was held on campus behind the tennis courts Sept. 21.

TJC Fall Sports Schedule

Football

Sept. 30 NE Ok A&M College, 7p.m.
Oct. 7 (H)Navarro College, 7p.m.

Golf

Oct. 1-3 Dodge City Invitational (W), Dodge City, KS
4-6 Rand Lake Invitational (M), Rand Lake, IL

Tennis

Oct. 6-8 Regional Rolex, (W),Laredo
13-15 UTA Fall Invitational (M), Arlington
19-22 UTA/Rolox Small College Championships (WM), Memphis, TN
27-29 (H)Bill Day Collegiate (WM)

Volleyball

Sept. 29 (H)Hill College, 7p.m.
Oct. 2 (H) Navarro College, 7p.m.
4 (H) Jacksonville College, 7p.m.
6 Lon Morris College Jacksonville, 7p.m.
7 Navarro College, Corsicana, 2p.m.
11 Panola College Carthage, 7p.m.

Soccer

Sept. 28-1 Richland College Tournament,Dallas
Oct. 7 San Jacinto College, Houston, 3p.m.
12 (H)State Fair Community College, 7p.m.
13 (H) Southwestern Illinois, 7p.m.
15 (H) Bacone College, 1p.m.

H= Home Game
W= Women
M= Men

Football (H)= Rose Stadium
Volleyball (H)= Wagstaff Gym
Soccer (H)= Pat Hartley Field
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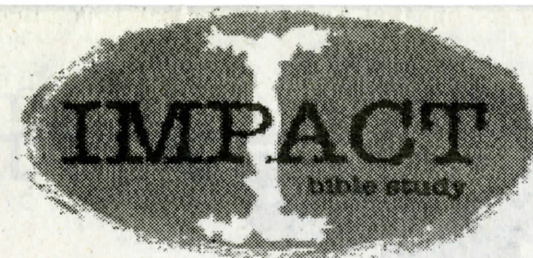
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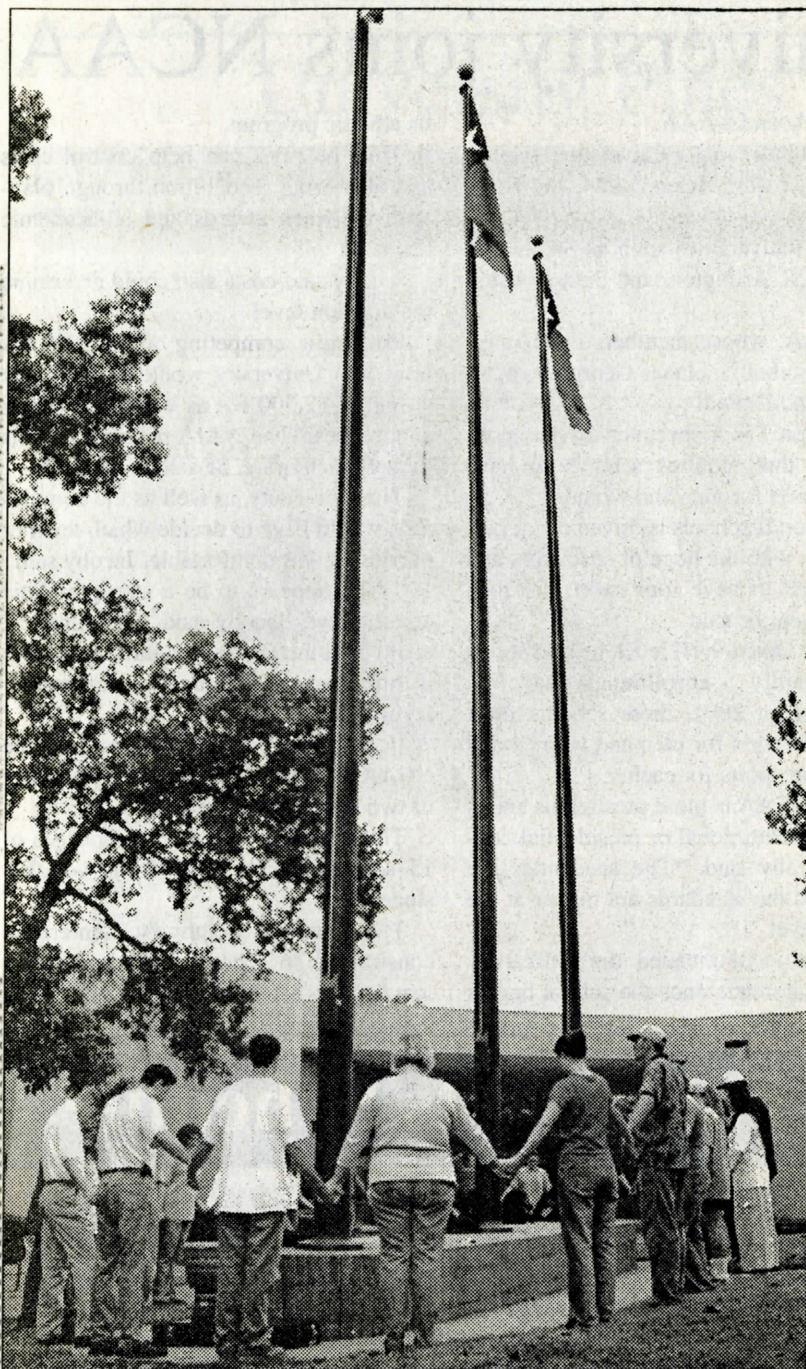
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— by Joe McArthur

GATHERED IN PRAYER: Students from the University met around the flag poles for See You At The Pole. This annual event brings Christian students together to pray for their school, state and nation.

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Some people feel that this is a brave move due to the recent supreme court decision about Santa Fe High School in south Texas. The court ruled that public prayer at their football games was unconstitutional.

SYATP is different because it is totally student led.

Faculty members can participate, but they do not lead the gathering.

It's a "come if you please" event. If a person disagrees with SYATP they don't have to be a part of it.

University students said they plan to continue this prayer gathering next fall.

"It's great to see some spiritual life on campus," senior Jason Gerdes said, "I can't wait to see what God is going to do in the future."

School officials consider campus honors program

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

The University is considering implementing an honors program on campus.

Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president for academic affairs, appointed a committee in May to develop a plan for the program.

The committee is co-chaired by Dr. Troy Henson, dean of engineering, and Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of liberal arts.

Henson said the earliest students could be admitted into the program is the fall 2002 semester due to the extensive research and planning involved.

"With the increasing number of freshmen and sophomores at the University, an honor's program is very timely," Dickerson said.

The committee is in charge of organizing the program, determining where resources will come from and outlining the program's content. Proposing criteria for admissions, continuation and student privileges also will be addressed by the committee Henson said.

In order to get ideas, committee members compiled data from existing programs at other universities similar to UTT.

"The University also joined the National Collegiate Honors Council, which is made up of more than 800 universities and colleges," Henson said.

The specific elements of the program have not been determined, but Henson said the committee would like to offer honor's students extra exposure to address problems not

found in normal class work. The students also may be eligible for scholarships and recognition at graduation.

"An honor's program would provide exciting intellectual challenges for our best students," Dickerson said.

Eligibility into the program will go beyond academic eligibility Henson said.

The committee also may recommend that eligible freshmen apply to the honor's program and write an essay in order to be admitted.

Henson said the committee may recommend faculty interviews with prospective students.

Participation in extra-curricular activities, leadership roles and athletic involvement will also be part of the admissions criteria recommended by the committee, Henson said.

"Some institutions set aside living areas for honor's students, and we may make a recommendation for something like that here," Henson said.

Henson said the committee hopes to make its recommendation to Baker and the Council of Academic Deans by the end of the semester.

President Rodney H. Mabry and Baker will have to approve the committee's recommendation, Henson said.

"We'll make a recommendation to get things started, and the program will continue to develop and evolve as the University grows," Henson said.

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Aimee Griffy, vice-president of the SGA, approached Dr. Rodney Mabry with the idea of UTT joining the fund-raising efforts as a community service project.

"The university is always donating money to good causes. This was something that the students and faculty do together and actively participate in," Griffy said.

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the testing would make the University look "awfully good."

A.W. "Dub" Riter Jr., a board of regent member from Tyler, also said he thought the testing was a good way to "assure the University is doing its job."

"Overall I think it's a good program and its one I'd like to see happen," he told *The Patriot*.

In addition to the testing proposal, the deregulation process would address research, teaching and community service to show the

university system fulfills its mission without the government's help. Mabry also said there is a component for accountability of university presidents.

The plan is not being considered at the state's other university system, Texas A&M, Leo Sayavedra, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at A&M, said in an *Associated Press* story.

"I don't know that more testing is going to improve the situation," he said. "How many more tests can we put on the table?"

Vice president search begins

Committee appointed to select qualified candidates for post

by Melissa Tresner
Staff Writer

President Rodney H. Mabry appointed a search and screening committee to select qualified candidates to fill the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The committee was designated two months after Dr. W.A. Baker announced his retirement in April.

Committee members represent deans, faculty and students from the University of Texas at Tyler.

"We expect to fill the position June 1, 2001."

— DR. RODNEY H. MABRY, PRESIDENT

Mabry's charge to the committee is to select and recommend no less than four final candidates for the position.

"We expect to fill the position June 1, 2001," Mabry said in a memorandum to committee members.

Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of nursing and chair of the committee, said she and other members worked during the summer to develop and publish an advertisement for the position, which was sent to all Texas school systems.

The advertisement also appeared the first week in September in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, and *Black Issues in Higher Education*.

These publications will "generate a large pool of highly qualified applicants with as much diversity as possible," Mabry said.

Klotz said she has received between five and 10 applications per day since the position was advertised, and she anticipates receiving hundreds of applications.

The screening committee will review each application to weed out applicants who do not meet the qualifications outlined in the advertisement.

Klotz said telephone interviews will be conducted for those who are not initially disqualified.

The last stage of the screening process includes personal interviews with faculty, students and administrators. The committee will send its final list of candidates to the president who will determine who should fill the position.

"It's going to be difficult to fill Dr. Baker's shoes, but I am impressed with the quality of applications we are receiving," Klotz said. "The committee is going to work very hard to get the cream of the crop."



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Black Watch gets standing ovation at Cowan Center

by Michael George
Staff Writer

Pipes and drums of The Black Watch and the band/choir of the Prince of Wales Division (Lucknow) amazed an enthusiastic audience Saturday night. The bagpipes and drums of the Black Watch sounded beautiful in the R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center.

The performance consisted of each group presenting music from England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. The show began with each band marching onto stage in grand fashion. The Lucknow band in their formal dress of red coats and black pants opened with the traditional song "Rule Britannia."

They were followed by the Black Watch pipers and drummers in full regalia. Coming on stage to the tune of the "Glendurel Highlanders." Their uniforms as visually stunning as the sound of their pipes.

The Black Watch returned back stage and the Lucknow band showed their amazing voice talent by singing a choral rendition of "Genesis." The Lucknow band presented the music of Wales before being replaced by the Black Watch who stunned the crowd with traditional music from Ireland.

The drum line advanced with an amazing display of dexterity by performing a custom drum routine designed by Drum Major Sergeant Brian Alexander.

Dressed in dark kilts, the drummers wore tiger skins over their shoulders, adding to the visual aspect of their number by twirling their drum sticks in unison. The audience responded well to the show of skill and dexterity.

The Black Watch then provided music while the Highland Dancers, performed a traditional Irish dance called the "Highland Fling." Members of the pipe and drum band are required to learn these

dances which are incredible to watch. It was evident it would require a massive amount of practice and to complete the performance.

The Black Watch and the Lucknow band then combined to play the first half finale and marched back stage to "Killaloe."

After intermission, the Lucknow band presented a variety of music including "Jerusalem," which is often called the second national anthem for England.

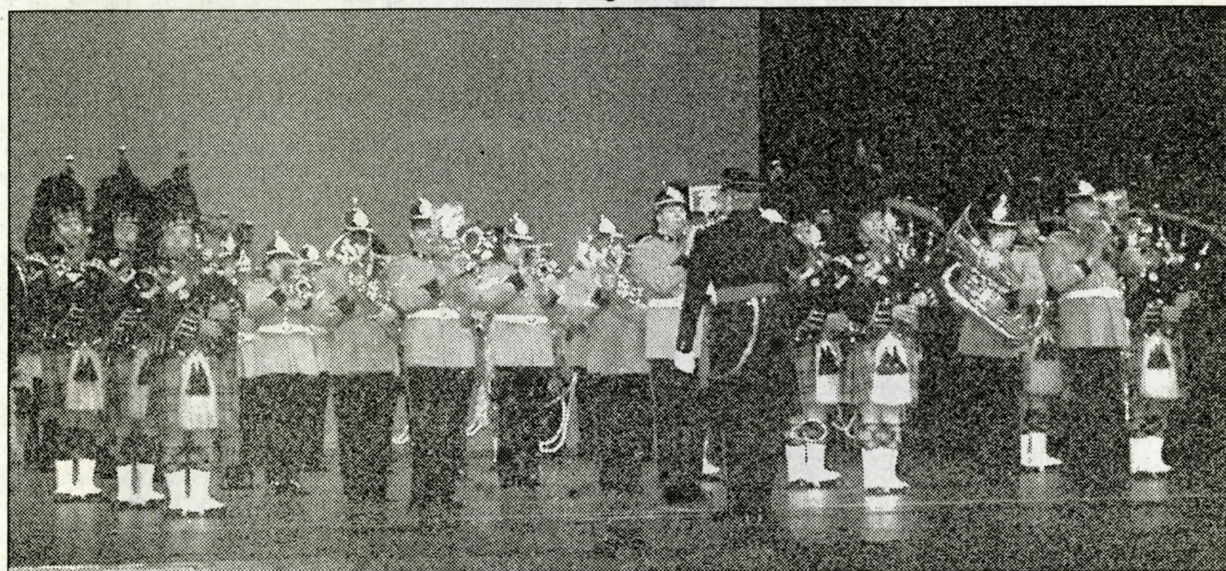
A real treat was the solo performance of the English country post horns. The long fluted horns were once used to announce the arrival of the mail. One soloist interjected a slight comedy act by showing off his phenomenal lung power.

The Lucknow band marched backstage to "For He Is An Englishman" and was replaced by The Black Watch performing the music of Scotland. This was the

program's forte. The Black Watch playing the music of their homeland. This included the Solo Sword Dance number by the Highland Dancers.

The bands combined for the finale to perform famous songs as the "Hector the Hero," "Auld Lang Syne," and a very powerful rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The crowd stood clapping in rhythm during the farewell set for "Scotland the Brave." A real show of enthusiasm from a reserved crowd.



— by Shanna Humphrey

STAND AT ATTENTION: A combination of The Black Watch and Locknow bands perform in unison to an exited crowd last Saturday night. The two bands combined a brass band with drums and bag pipes.

Local band receives great response

Soul Grind performs to energized crowd for "Guy's night"

by Michael George
Staff Writer

Soul Grind played to a small, yet energetic crowd Thursday night as part of Clicks Billiards' Guy's Night. Local band Flatline opened the evening with a hard set of original tunes.

Soul Grind was the first band to play Click's Billiards' Guys night and enjoy it every time.

"This is one of the top places to play, we get a better response here than anywhere else," bassist Jerry Marsh said.

Hailing from Athens, Soul Grind was formed two years ago and has since played every club they can even winning Battle of the Band contest two years in a row.

Lead singer Bill Uren, Guitarist Charles Yancey, bassist Jerry Marsh, and drummer Sean O'Donnel put on a great show.

With musical influences ranging from Paul Stanley to Tommy Lee, the band is well versed in music



— Courtesy photo

KICKING BACK: From left to right: Charles Yancey, Jerry Marsh, Bill Uren and Sean O'Donnel hanging out by the limo.

Like a Rock 'n' Roll machine, the guys refused to call it quits playing until almost 12:45 a.m. Even technical troubles could not slow them down.

(songs) Clicks Billiards General Manger Brandon Hayes said.

Some people might not want to pay the cover charge, but most people are willing to help support the local music scene. Hayes adds

Culinary adventures with fair food

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

An untapped resource for fine dining in Tyler comes once a year with the East Texas State Fair.

The intriguing variety of gourmet treats ranging from baked potatoes and frito pies to onion blossoms and sausage on a stick makes a person wonder, "what won't give me heartburn?"

Couples can enjoy a veritable cornucopia of food by-products soaked in sauces and saturated fat.

The suggested appetizer for the meal consists of an over stuffed basket of onion rings and a side of fried cheese.

Fresh from the grease, the onion rings have a lightly seasoned batter covering a mutant size onion and fried to a golden brown. Surprisingly enough, the rest of the onion stays in the shell and does not flop onto the chin.

Excessive onion flopping seems to be a normal occurrence with other onion rings.

Served up with a unique twist, the fried cheese does not consist of

cheese surrounded by a crispy shake and bake coating.

While traditionally in a stick or geometric shape, the fried cheddar is served in bite size nuggets for the consumer's convenience.

Next, a three-part entree brings the meal to full steam with pepperoni pizza, corn dogs and a barbecue sandwich.

An over-sized piece of pepperoni pizza proves almost satisfying to the last bite. The crust, made from regular pizza dough, has a thin flour cover giving the eater powdery white lips after consumption.

The daring jump to corn dogs is a shocking one as a full, one-pound hot dog is served up covered in a not-quite-done corn meal batter. A fine assortment of ketchup and mustard is presented to compliment the meal. While it is the more traditional condiment, the mustard was busy with a woody flavor. The ketchup was provocative but never precocious on the wiener.

The saving grace is a barbecue sandwich courtesy of a Tyler barbecue restaurant. A generous portion

warm bun.

No trip to the fair would be complete without a light and fluffy funnel cake. Visitors are treated with a creamy cake-type mix, poured through a funnel into a bubbling vat of pig lard.

Topped off with cinnamon and powdered sugar, the tasty treat can be further accentuated with an array of fresh from the can fruit toppings such as cherries or peaches.

To help sum up these items, a rating system called the Imodium scale is used to rank the food.

The Imodium scale is a way of testing the volatility of food. The higher the score the more Imodium tablets are needed to prevent any untimely visits to the closest facilities.

The appetizers received a very modest six out of 10.

The entree earned a full 10 out of 10 while the funnel cake fell short with only a five

Before the weekend is over take someone on a culinary adventure at the local fair.

Remember, nothing brings peo-

Soul Grind opened their set with Anger, a very heavy original song about children growing up in a bad society, followed with an impressive variety of cover songs.

Choosing favorites from the '80's such as Judas Priest and Guns 'n' Roses' "Mr. Brownstone" and playing more recent hits like Godsmack's "Stay Away."

Singer Bill Uren covered a wide variety of voices ranging from the late Bon Scott of AC/DC to Layne Staley of Alice in Chains.

The crowd enjoyed singing along and found time to get up and move during the three hour set.

The band is known as only a cover band.

"People like to hear familiar music," drummer Sean O'Donnell said.

"You have to play covers or you don't play," Uren adds.

Soul Grind is working on recording for an upcoming album. Reflecting on the song writing process, the guys find it tough to write songs that people with listen to and still convey a positive message.

"Soul Grind is a great cover band, they've got a real Alice in Chains feel to their original stuff,"

Guys' night happens every Thursday night with specials, free pool from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m. as well as half priced cigars and live music.

Guys' night started as a joke at Clicks.

The staff thought it would be funny to hold a Guys' night in place of the typical ladies' night found in most clubs.

Acts include Tim Wheeler, Todd Blaylock, Core Factor, and Flatline.

Check out Soul Grind on the web at www.soulgrind.homepage.com and visits Clicks Billiards website www.billiards.com.

the fried cheese does not consist of the boring old mozzarella. Here, there is a healthy portion of cheddar

the restaurant is generous portion of chopped beef is smothered in a spicy sauce and stacked inside a ple closer together than the warm embrace of a stomach pump.

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University Pines event



— by Jan Warrick

PRESENTING: Kara Borowicz, Senior Community Assistant, shows off her giant cookie decorated with flags. She participated in a tasting contest at a cultural events fair held at the University Pines Apartments Sept. 18.

Student organizations on campus

Phi Alpha Theta

Adviser: Dr. Patricia A. Gajda, Professor of History
Requirements: Undergraduate students must have completed at least 12 hours of history (lower and/or upper) with a GPA of at least 3.1. Graduate students must have completed a minimum of twelve semester hours of graduate history courses with a GPA of at least 3.1

"It is an important group that brings together students who love history and have shown they can do excellent work in that field," Dr. Gajda said.

Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society

Adviser: Dallas Cothrum/ Stephen Daniels
The Webb Society encourages students from history as well as other disciplines to become actively engaged in the historical process. To that end, the club visits historic locations and professional conferences and anyone can join.

Activities include a trip to Houston for the annual Texas State Historical Association's meeting

Contact: Dallas Cothrum, Ext 7392 or dcothrum@mail.uttyl.edu

The Engineering Student's Association

Adviser: Dr. Bob Greendyke
The Engineering Student's Association shall enhance the engineering curriculum at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Engineering student's or student's with an interest in engineering may join

Planned activities: Field trips to various engineering industries, Annual Engineering Student's Banquet, Speakers on Engineering.

The club meet every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Contact Dr. Greendyke at 566-7245 for more information.

Association of Texas Professional Educators

Adviser: Reg Killingley
The local chapter is organized to further education as a service and as a profession through supporting ATPE members in activities, services, and training. ATPE supports education as a profession and is committed to developing and maintaining high standards of professional ethics among all professional educators. Open

membership.

They meet Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.

Contact Janice Stevenson at 939-9016 for more information.

Pi Upsilon Pi

Pi Upsilon Pi is a co-ed christian fraternity that meets every Tuesday night at 7pm UC 118. Everyone is invited. Meetings usually involve singing and Bible study. Contact Scott Scarborough for more information.

Alpha Psi Omega

Alpha Psi Omega theatre department honorary organization.

Advisers: Shellie O'Niel, Mary Ellen Wright, Dr. James A. Hatfield

The organization honors participation in the theatre arts by students performing and producing theatre on campus. The organization is nationally known and membership is recognized as a significant student achievement in performing arts.

Any student can gain apprenticeship points by participating in Theatre Program activities. Auditions and assignments open to all students and majors.

Activities: Students perform, work back stage and staff front of house positions for theatre activities including all season performances including Pygmalion and My Fair Lady.

Contact Shellie O'Niel at 566-7496 for more information.

Association of Psychology Students (APS)

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology (Psi Chi)

Advisers: Dr. Carol Grothues and Dr. Ron Livingston
The club's purpose is to encourage, facilitate and maintain excellence in scholarship, and advance the science of Psychology.

Undergraduate and graduate students interested in Psychology can join.

Psi Chi: Undergraduate and graduate students in Psychology who meet specific academic criteria.

Planned activities are guest speakers, service projects, banquets, trip to Rusk and holiday parties.

Contact Grothues or Terri Dickson for more information.

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Mounting financial losses force UTHC to close Tyler campus health clinic after two years

by Apryl Vance
Staff Writer

The doors to some students' primary form of health care closed May 5 due to financial losses to the University of Texas Health Center.

According to the financial records acquired by *The Patriot* through the Texas Public Information Act, the nursing clinic brought in only \$12,973.79 since the doors opened in November 1998; while the expenses for that time totaled \$221,712.90 — repre-

variety of reasons. It was a place for students, faculty and staff to receive personalized care, but mainly it was a place where nursing practitioners on the University faculty could fulfill their state requirement to practice a certain number of hours, Dr. Linda Clots, dean of the nursing department said.

Dependents of faculty, staff, and student's also received health care services through the nursing clinic, Jalana McCasland, the vice president of clinics and external pro-

effort between the UT Health Center and the UT Tyler Nursing Department. Clots said the UT Health Center was hit hard by losses because it was paying the salaries of the physicians and the nursing practitioners.

McCasland, the main advisor after the opening, said the health center was cooperating with the school, "trying to build a relationship" so many things were donated without help from outside sources.

When the doors were opened, the

expecting to build capital through third-party insurance payments, but most patients didn't have insurance so they were charged a \$10 co-pay every visit, leaving the health center to cover the remainder of the charges, Clots said.

Students should know health insurance is available, and if purchased, it will allow students to be seen in clinics throughout Tyler, Clots said. But if students are willing to pay an extra \$9 fee-eliminating the \$10 co-pay-it may be possi-

will not act on this proposal unless students speak up and tell him what services they would like to have, said Clots.

"The students are blessed to have a president who cares about their pocketbooks," Clots said.

The clinic closing will have a couple of negative effects on students and faculty who frequented the clinic, McCasland said. Receiving health care at the UT Health Center is one option, but it's not only more expensive, but it's

access to preventative care on campus, McCasland said.

The decision to close the clinic was made by the president of the UT Health Center and President Mabry of UT Tyler. Clots, Susan Brown, an associate at the UT Health Center and McCasland herself, met with the UT Health Center president and Mabry two to three times a year to discuss the clinic, McCasland said. After seeing the financial losses totaled, they decided it was time to close its doors, McCasland said.

senting a financial loss of \$208,739.11. The nursing clinic opened for
grams at the University of Texas Health Center said. The clinic was as a collaborative
founders were hoping patient revenue would supply enough money to keep the clinic open. They were
ble to have another service similar to the nursing clinic available, Clots added. President Rodney Mabry
also an inconvenience to drive out to the health center on State Hwy. 271. Also, there will be no direct
"The clinic was a good idea. We enjoyed it and would like to try it again when we can find a better way

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Alpha Chi Scholastic Honor Society,

Texas Alpha Xi chapter

Advisers: Suzanne Pundt, James Koukl

Membership in Alpha Chi recognizes previous accomplishments and provides opportunity for continued growth and service.

The purpose is to encourage, facilitate and maintain excellence in scholarship, and advance the science of Psychology.

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As a general honor society, Alpha Chi admits membership to students from all academic disciplines. A member institution, which must be a regionally accredited, baccalaureate degree-granting college or university may invite to membership no more than the top ten percent of the junior and senior classes.

Planned activities include a fall induction Nov. 10 and attend either a national or regional Alpha Chi Convention.

They meet in April to elect officers for the upcoming year. Occasionally, meetings will be called to plan convention attendance.

Contact Suzanne Pundt at 566-7166 for more information.

The Criminal Justice Student Association

President: Nikki Simmons
Vice-President: Kim Rudisel
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Public Relations: Drew Ballard
Membership applications are available in Bus 221.

American Society of Safety Engineers Student Section of UTT

The ASSE Student Section at UT Tyler officers students who are interested in the Industrial Safety profession an opportunity of close association with safety professionals and future colleagues through the East Texas ASSE Chapter.

Contact Dr. James Harbaugh at 566-7331 for more information.

Beta Beta Beta

Co-Advisers: Dr. Ron Gutberlet, Dr. Don Killebrew

Beta Beta Beta is a Biological Society for students, which emphasizes a three-fold program: stimulation of

with an interest in biology to join. Activities vary from volunteer work for the community, participation in scientific conferences, to camping trips. A camping trip is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 13-15.

Club meets Mondays. Look for posted announcements or contact president for specific times.

Contact Lori Drinkard, Bre Dorsett or Dr. Gutberlet for more information.

Student Literacy Council

Sponsored by the Reading faculty of UT Tyler.

Their purpose is to promote literacy efforts at ages kindergarten through adult.

Service projects include literacy tree at Christmas, the Young Authors Contest and literacy workshops.

Affiliated with: Texas State Reading Association.

Debate Team/Club

Adviser: Linda Sandefer
Anyone interested in developing speech/debate skills may join.

Activities include debate meets at various Universities in Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky. They meet Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in HPR 277.

Contact Meredith McClung by email: Mimi75704@hotmail.com for information.

PreMed Club

Adviser: Dr. Don Killebrew
The purpose is to promote student awareness about entering medical, dental, veterinary medical, pharmacy schools.

Anyone interested in health professions may join.

Planned Activities: visit medical schools, invite physicians to give seminars, MCAT study groups
Meetings to be announced.

Contact Dr. Killebrew or Edgar Cardenas for more information.

College Democrats

Adviser: Dr. Luke Niiler
Purpose is to develop and maintain a Democratic party organization for UTT students; to encourage Democratic party activity; to support the Democratic party platform and candidates; to provide a forum for debate and exchange of ideas related to this and other political parties.

All interested students in good standing may join.

Planned activities: Voting drive; debate

Contact: Josh Fite at 592-1324 or Lisa

employment and career opportunities. The club meets every other Tuesday in *The Patriot* Newsroom.

Student Government Association

Adviser: Dr. Dale Lunsford; co-adviser - Mark Matthews

Their purpose is to serve as a recognized forum for student opinion.

Club meets altering Mondays in UC 118.

Membership is open to the student body

The club has many planned activities and service projects.

Texas Association of College Teachers, UTT chapter

W. Allen Martin, Professor in the department of Social Sciences and president (and state president)

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school programming competition. Club meets every other Wednesday at 11:30 unless otherwise posted and a recap at 12:00 for all those in class at 11:30.

Contact any officer for more information

Sigma Tau Delta

Adviser: Dr. Dana Adams
President: Catherine Davis

Vice-President: Lana Cain
Secretary: Sandra Maskelee

Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, seeks excellence in written expression. The organization encourages worthwhile reading and fosters fellowship and scholarship among men and women professionally engaged, or planning to be, in the study or teaching of the English language and literature. Members may be recognized students and faculty at UT Tyler.

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New peer group helps freshmen adjust to college

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

Fitting in and making new friends can be just as hard as making good grades when starting out at a major university.

Created to help incoming freshman adapt to college, The Peer Mentor program was started a little over a year ago by Student Services Counselor Kim Harvey Livingston.

Working like a Big Brother program, freshman are placed with current students who already know their way around campus.

"It's someone to look out for the freshman," Student Development Specialist Mark Matthews said.

The program helps get the freshman involved with campus activities and it gives them a friend to contact when they need it, Matthews said.

"We partner the students for success," he said. "It's our way to let the students know they are important."

The group kicked off the semester with a "First Friday" function.

"We had music and refreshments and handed out identification tags," Matthews said.

Among the mentor's jobs, they are responsible for getting the freshman from place to place during freshman orientation and contact the students on a bimonthly to keep them aware of activities scheduled.

With about 170 freshman at orientation, the 10 peer mentors have a full load with their students.

"Each mentor had about 17 freshman to work with," Matthews said.

Seeing how much work is involved with the program, some people would have to ask why a student would take this kind of responsibility.

"My freshman year, I was lost and I didn't know my way around," mentor Kerri Boykin said. "I didn't want the students to have to go through that."

Boykin believes the program gives the freshman a better understanding of how the University works.

Among the listed mentors are Stephanie Barker, Kerri Boykin, Meagan Hatfield, Shanna Humphrey and Ambrosiour Jackson.

Other students are Michelle LeDoux, David Norman, Caycie Vincent, Juliet Williams and Jennifer Ziegler.

The freshman are not the only people who benefit from the program.

It teaches the mentors leadership training and helps them meet new people.

Matthews pointed out that being a mentor helps the students with their resumes.

Any student who has a desire to be a mentor is urged to join up.

"We need people to be a role model," Matthews said.

scholarship; dissemination of scientific knowledge; and promotion of biological research.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in biology. Biology majors can become full members. Students with different majors can become associate members. They encourage anyone

Falzone at 595-4389

Press Club

Adviser - Vanessa Curry

Their purpose is to organize and provide mutual support for all student journalist; to encourage the study and practice of journalism and mass communication; and to further

change of information and by promoting the highest professional and ethical standards.

Everyone interested in computing machinery may join.

Planned activities include local representative lectures, Fall programming competition and spring annual high

Headquarters.

Section meetings are once per month. Students enrolled at UT Tyler who are interested in participating in the student section, please contact the group adviser, Dr. James F. Harbaugh at 566-7331.

The students also receive other benefits from being a mentor.

They become a certified member of the Bacchus/Gamma Peer Educator club and they also receive free leadership skills training with a licensed professional.

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Eres is a user-friendly, web-based, service that uses the latest technology to provide document delivery in an electronic format, allowing students to access reserve material from any computer location that has Internet access. The system allows students to find, view and print course materials that have been placed on reserve by instructors. Faculty who make use of Eres will have separate web pages set up for individual classes. Examples of items that can be placed in an electronic reserve format include syllabi, study guides, pictures, charts, graphs, old tests, articles and short book chapters. Links to other web sites can be made also. There is a bulletin board feature that can be used for announcements and student questions, as well as a real-time chat room option, which could be of particular benefit in distance education classes.

Electronic reserve material may be accessed through the library's home page at any time. A student can find material in Eres by searching the system by an instructor's last name or department name to find the appropriate course and name number. In order to comply with copyright laws and policies, the course page is assigned a password that is given to the student by the instructor of that course. Since the electronic reserve system is web based, you may print from any place you have Internet access. You can print directly to a printer or if a printer is not available, download it to a disk to take to a printer. There are six work stations available in the library during all hours the library is opened.

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Jan Harp is a supervisor in the Circulation Department in charge of reserves and distance education. Look for more Library Links articles in upcoming *Patriot* issues.

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SGA plans talent show, discusses committees

by Jennifer Jones
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association is planning to hold a talent show fund-raiser in November, Treasurer Lana Cain said in the Sept. 18 meeting.

Cain spoke to the SGA. She requested all members to help organize the fund-raiser. Campus clubs and organizations are asked to pay \$10 entry fee to perform in the show. Money raised through the fee will be given to the winning club or organization. The talent show will be held in the University Center.

After Cain spoke, Senator Shanna Humphrey asked members or anyone interested to join her on a team for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Senator Justin Grolemond, chair of the investigative committee, gave a report on the committees attempts to contact the owner of the Campus Café. They plan to discuss student concerns and ideas. SGA members agreed to organize this committee because they feel it is an important issue to the students.

Parliamentarian Kevin Montgomery announced that student/faculty surveys are ready to be distributed. Student/faculty sur-

veys were created by the SGA to let members know what issues students and faculty are concerned about, Montgomery said. Members will discuss the results of the surveys at future meetings to decide what issues they will work on next.

Members discussed methods of making the surveys available to students. Ideas included and agreed upon were to hand them out during elections, put them on SGA News stands with a drop box, student e-mail, and advertise in *The Patriot*.

Griffy asked members to give university committee recommendations. The SGA recommends students to be placed on university committees. Five positions available already were filled in the student services committee, Griffy said.

Positions in the fine arts and library committees were still open at the time of the meeting. Senator Edgar Cardenas volunteered to be on the Fine Arts Committee and Senator Justin Grolemond volunteered to be on the library committee. This left one position open on each committee.

Griffy said any student who wants to become active in the University and would

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—Aimee Griffy

like to be on a committee could be recommended by the SGA.

"We need to have students on these committees, if not, faculty and administration will fill these positions and students won't get a voice in what happens."

It is important that a student who is active, involved, and will help promote student interest sits on these committees," Griffy said.

Before ending the meeting early to divide into committees for discussion, Griffy expressed the importance of the SGA committees.

"The committees is where most of the work takes place. We implement procedures in the committees, carry them out, bring them forth

to the meetings and have them approved. So the committees are actually where everything the SGA does comes from. Committees are one of the most important things we do here at the SGA," Griffy explained.

Members then went into their respective committees to discuss issues and events being planned.

The SGA committees include a rules committee, a student life committee, a communications committee, an investigative committee, and a treasury committee.

The rules committee is discussing plans for the next student spring event to be held by the SGA. They plan to work on rewriting the soon.

The Student Life Committee is working on plans for community involvement and charitable activities for Christmas.

Members of the Communications Committee are working mostly on the SGA News, while waiting for their committee chair to be elected—the future SGA secretary.

The meeting was conducted by vice-president Aimee Griffy, because president Michelle LeDoux was absent.

The next meeting is at 5 p.m. Monday.

Vehicle crash kills student

A University student and three family members died Sept. 8 in a one-vehicle accident east of Palestine.

Jeanna Carroll Weeks, 29, was enrolled at the University of Texas at Tyler this semester.

Weeks, her husband, Scott Alan Weeks, 30, and two children, Jacob Cole Miller, 5, and Alicia Ann Miller, 11, died from injuries they received during the wreck.

Scott Weeks was driving the vehicle that ran into an oak tree, Texas Department of Safety Sgt. Hank Sibley told the *Palestine Herald-Press*.

The accident occurred on U.S. Highway 84 one mile east of Palestine at 10:01 p.m.

Jeanna Weeks and her children were pronounced dead at the scene by a justice of the peace. Her husband died later at a Palestine hospital.

UC computer lab unknown to students

by Robert Boggs
Staff Writer

Hidden upstairs in the University Center is a unique computer lab featuring 22 Macintosh computers and colorful wall paintings.

The Center of Professional Development of Teachers computer lab, located in University Center room 214, is available to all University students for doing homework, surfing the Internet, research, and more, Satoo Nakai, computer lab assistant, said.

The lab is used primarily by the education department.

"I think it's great that we can come in here and work on our projects," June Bedford, an education major with classes in the lab, said.

Although there is a wide range of software available, many people don't seem to know about the lab, Nakai said.

Sharon Back, supervisor of the lab, attributes this in part to the lab

not being publicized to new students.

She said she is trying to change this.

"I'd love to see the technology being used," Back said.

Resources available at the lab include Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator.

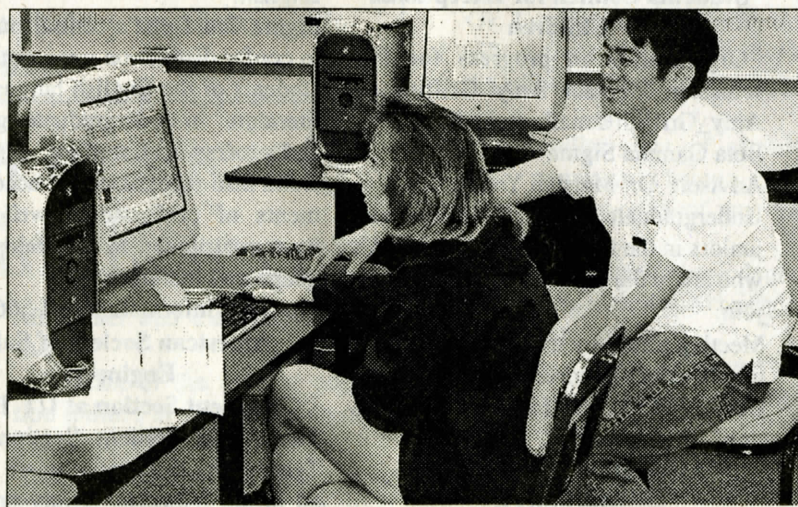
There is a variety of educational and recreational software ranging from a typing instructor to a crossword puzzle creator, Back said.

Perhaps the most unique feature of the lab is the painted walls.

Lab users are surrounded by colorful images including a jungle, an oriental garden, and the Statue of Liberty.

"It's very refreshing to look up and see artwork when you're frustrated at the computer," Jessica Wedgeworth, an education major who uses the lab, said.

Local artist Karen Davis finished painting the murals in early June,



—by Robert Boggs

WORKING HARD: Lab assistant, Satoo Nakai, helps Kim Gilbert with her work in the Center of Professional Development of Teachers computer lab.

Back said.

"We wanted to make it a little more exciting and user-friendly," Back said.

Lab assistants are present at all

times when the lab is open. Assistants help visitors to log in to the computers, keep the lab clean, and help others with their homework, Nakai said.

Campus Police Report

The following is a record of the police reports for Sept. 2 - Sept. 24, 2000.

□ Sept. 7: An unruly person has to be escorted out of a lab in the Science and Math Building.

□ Sept. 7: A bribe was offered to a guard to let someone out of a ticket at the University Pines Apartments.

□ Sept. 8: A bad smell was reported in the Science and Math Building.

□ Sept. 16: A fire alarm was reported in the Hudnall Pirtle-Roosth.

□ Sept. 17: A minor in possession was given in the University Pines Apartments.



□ Sept. 17: An injured person was reported at phone #7 by Harvey Lake.

□ Sept. 18: A fire alarm was reported in the Hudnall Pirtle-Roosth.

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□ Sept. 19: Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the University Pines Apartments.

□ Sept. 22: A potential assault was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

□ Sept. 24: Two minor in possessions were given at the University Pines Apartments.



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