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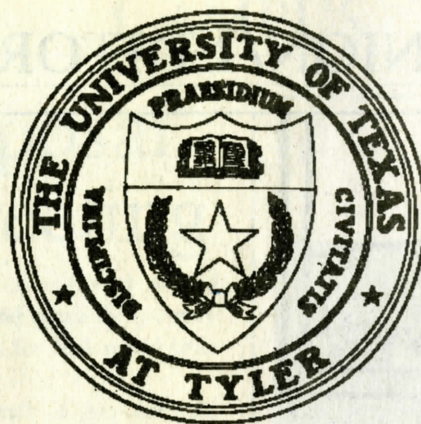
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Sport fee passes by landslide

By Harold Wilson
 Staff Writer

With the future of intercollegiate athletics strongly in their hands, University students overwhelmingly approved an athletics fee of up to \$7 per credit hour during last week's referendum election.

Official election results show 279 or 66 percent favored the referendum and 141 or 34 percent voting against it.

"This is a solid yes vote," Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, said.

"I expected it to pass, but I'm surprised by the [wide] margin. This makes it very likely we will start sports next fall."

Roughly 12 percent of the student body cast ballots during the Nov. 29-30 election held at three different Tyler campus locations.

Last March, only 8 percent or 285 students voted concerning a fee for the new physical education building.

"This shows the campus is more involved in this issue than in past votes," Lunsford said.

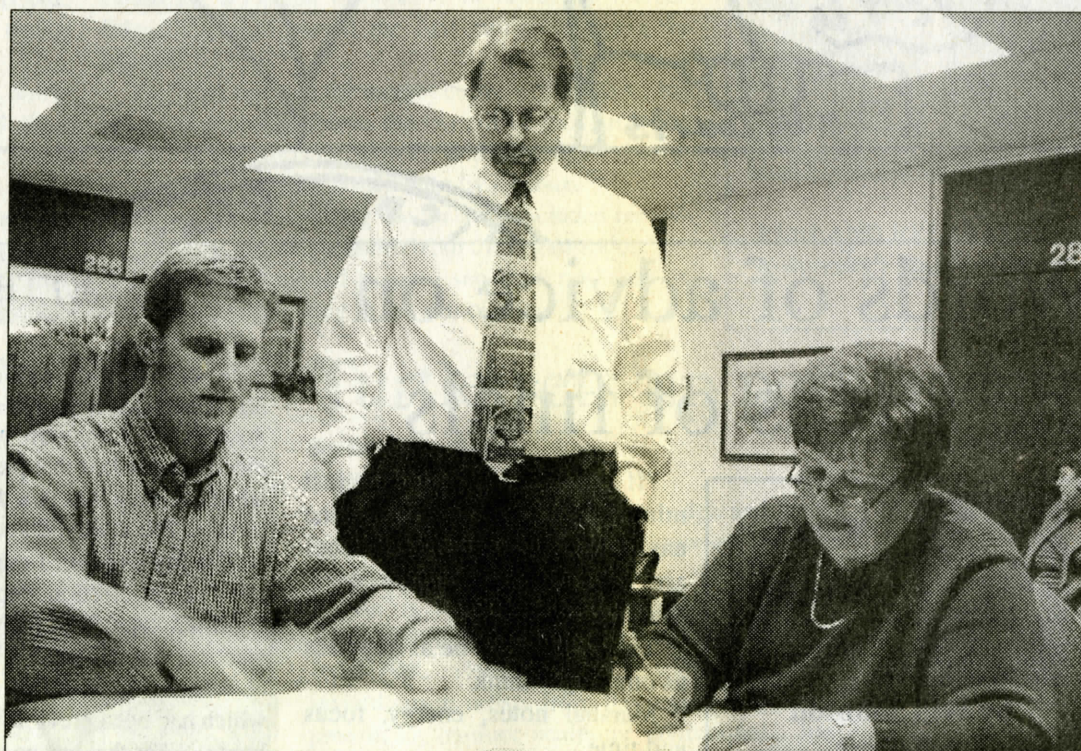
University officials now must gain approval from the University of Texas System Board of Regents and state legislators before assessing the fee and implementing athletic programs.

Legislators begin their biennial session next month and will meet until the end of May.

Lunsford said he would meet with state Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, who will draft and file a bill legally establishing the fee.

State approval is impossible without student support, he said.

Now with student support, the University's academic council will determine which sports to compete in before making a recommendation to President Dr. Rodney Mabry. Lunsford said



WHAT'S THE COUNT?: Mark Matthews, student development specialist (left), Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs (center), and Terry Merriman, administrative secretary (right) count ballots Nov. 30 for the intercollegiate athletics fee referendum.

Lunsford proposed an option showing the University implementing the required number of teams in five years. Under his plan, men and women's tennis would begin next year - a revival of a program that was discontinued in 1997 for financial reasons.

Appearing next would be men and women's golf and soccer squads in 2002-03; men and women's basketball teams in 2003-04; and base-

Based on current enrollment of about 3,600, a \$4 fee would generate more than \$400,000 in revenue annually. A \$7 fee would add more than \$600,000 per year.

Lunsford said other potential funding sources include advertisement and fundraising activities, game proceeds, and community support.

The University also may seek nearly \$3 million from private investors to help build the new

Longview students express concerns about fee elections

by Becky Eddington
 Staff Writer

LONGVIEW - Some University students in Longview say last week's athletic fee election was unfair because they were not informed about the event or allowed to vote on their campus.

Officials provided three voting booths for the Nov. 29 and 30 election, all on the Tyler campus. Students attending classes at the Longview or Palestine campus had to drive to Tyler to vote.

In interviews with *The Patriot*, students said they felt like a "stepchild" because the consideration given to students at the Tyler campus was not given to students who attend in Longview.

"I would not have driven to Tyler to vote. That's why I take classes in Longview - so I don't have to drive," junior Sandra Johnson said.

The *Patriot* interviewed more than a dozen Longview students, a majority of whom did not even know students were being asked to approve a fee of up to \$7 per credit hour to support intercollegiate athletics.

"There had been no mention of a

"I would not have driven to Tyler to vote. That's why I take classes in Longview..."

— SANDRA JOHNSON

Tyler to vote no."

The monitor is an electronic message screen located at the campus entrance. *The Patriot* has a newsstand at LUC, and the latest issue had front-page election coverage.

One student said she saw the headline, but did not read the story. She also said she would not have driven to Tyler to vote.

Another student said he knew about the election from his Tyler classes.

"I didn't vote because it doesn't affect me since I'm graduating," senior Michael Whittle said.

All students interviewed expressed agitation about not having a ballot box at the Longview

Earlier this year, Mabry said the University may compete at the NCAA Division III level. Division III schools cannot offer athletic scholarships and must field teams in five sports for both men and women.

ball and softball teams in 2004-05, according to his plan.

The athletic fee could start as low as \$4 and increase to a maximum \$7 fee when all teams have begun competing, Lunsford said.

ed fields and stadiums, along with \$50,000 yearly to assist the teams.

Outside support, however, won't be sought until Mabry approves the council's plan and has a blueprint, he said.

monitor or teachers could have mentioned it," junior Brandon Bryce said. "I would have drove to

University Center. "We would love to vote, but don't want to drive over," junior Amy Wilson said.

Security guard claims student bribed him to dismiss ticket

by Wendy L. Moore
Editor in chief

University security guard Chris Dickson said a Tyler Junior College student offered him \$30 to make a parking ticket "go away," according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

The affidavit was submitted by police officer Mark Pierce and was filed with 114th District Court under Judge Cynthia Stevens Kent.

The Patriot filed an open records request for the arrest warrant affidavit and received a copy on Dec. 5.

Marcus Adkins, a Tyler Junior College student and resident at University Pines apartments, was arrested Nov. 12, for allegedly bribing an officer on Sept. 7.

According to the arrest warrant affidavit, Dickson returned to the campus police department and told Pierce what had happened.

Dickson said while on patrol at University Pines Apartments Sept. 7, he saw a vehicle parked in a handicapped space in front of apartment 301 at about 11 p.m.

He said when he approached the vehicle, the driver asked Dickson if he was going to give him a ticket. When Dickson said he was going to issue a ticket, Adkins tried to persuade him not to issue a ticket by offering him money, according to the affidavit. Parking in a handicapped spot institutes a \$50 fine.

"At this point Adkins told Dickson, 'I'll give you

"At this point, Adkins told Dickson 'I'll give you thirty dollars to make it go away.'"

— OFFICER MARK PIERCE

thirty dollars to make it go away," Pierce said in the affidavit.

In a previous interview with *the Patriot* Adkins admitted he parked illegally but said he only tried to pay his parking fine to the officer.

"I told him to take the money now and save me all the hassle. Dickson just smiled and said he could not do it that way," he said. "I was thinking I'd forget. I just wanted to get it over with," he said.

Adkins said he thought the bribery allegation did not make sense.

"It's just a parking ticket. It doesn't go on my record. It doesn't make any sense," he said.

The case was assigned to County Court at Law No. 3, and Adkins is scheduled to appear before Judge Floyd Getz on Feb. 3.

Bribery is a Class A misdemeanor that carries a possible fine of up to \$4,000 and a prison term of up to \$4,000 and a prison term f up to one year if convicted.

Pouring the ice



— by Joe McArthur

SETTING THE STAGE: Workers pour ice onto the Cowan Center stage Nov. 29, preparing for the Holiday on Ice performance.

Regents grant \$4.8m for nursing building

by Jan Warrick
Staff Writer

Regents granted the University \$4.8 million last month to help build a new nursing building.

The allocation makes up more than half of the \$7.2 million needed for construction. An anonymous donor has pledged \$2.5 million.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin next fall and will take about 18 months to complete, University officials said in a press release. The new building is part of the Master Plan designed to accommodate more students as

the University makes the transition from a two-year, upper-level institution to a full four-year university.

The structure also is needed to assist in the allied health sciences programs and to establish a limited-service health clinic on campus.

"I am so excited about the nursing building," President Rodney H. Mabry said. "Right now we are having to turn nursing students away because of the lack of facilities and staff."

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Students challenged in 'Blizzard of Bucks'

by Michael George
Staff Writer

Freshman Christopher Norris grabbed \$113 of flying money in 60 seconds to win top honors during the "Blizzard of Bucks" game held Nov. 29 in the University Center.

The event, sponsored by Student Activities, included a series of physical challenges. The winner earned 60 seconds in an octagonal booth where air blowers sent cash twirling around the contestant.

Norris netted his chance in the Money Machine after blowing a bubble from a piece of gum faster than another contestant. The gum had to be retrieved from the bottom of a whip cream pie.

"I was kind of nervous because all this money was flying around and [I] was trying to grab it," Norris said. "I feel richer."

"I was kind of nervous because all of this money was flying around and [I] was trying to grab it."

— FRESHMAN CHRISTOPHER NORRIS

Freshman Lindsey Bates earned \$50 after placing second and student Latosha Jones won \$25 for her third place win.

"This is more that what I had when I came in," Bates said.

Contestants competed while friends and classmates tried to win games like "Chubby Bunny," a game in which contestants stuff their cheeks with marshmallows and try to recite tongue twisters.

The winners move on to the next round of challenges.

Student Activities Director Ernest McAllister said about 46 people attended the hour-long show.

"I was pleased to see people waiting for the show to start. I wish it could have been more," he said.

Other contestants said they enjoyed the event. "It was exciting because I love competition," sophomore Vicki Stokes said.

She lost her chance at the Money Machine when she was beat trying to put a pillow in and out of a pillowcase while wearing boxing gloves.

"Blizzard of Bucks" owner/operator Jarvis Kaler said he travels to 48 states a year running the game on college campuses.

"I always enjoy doing shows for Texas crowds. They are more enthusiastic," he said.

Editorial

More students are concerned about campus issues and want their voice to be heard.

This is what it seems from the results of the recent athletic fee election.

Students who voted in the election last week should be praised.

They took the time to contribute to the University, which will now be a step ahead because of the election.

Although one would expect students to vote, it seems rare at the University of Texas in Tyler.

Students pay money to go to this University. They should express their opinions on the decisions made for the University, which almost always will directly affect them in some way.

Students cannot complain if they have not voted or attempted to express their opinion to the administration.

So hopefully we will hear less complaining from students on campus...in our dreams.

Students will still complain. You can't please everyone all the time.

And for those who voted against the athletic fee and are unhappy that it passed...you have more right to complain than those who did not vote at all.

This election was an important step in the University's pursuance of intercollegiate athletics.

At least a few more students realized its importance.

In past elections, the typical percentage of students who participated is four to five percent.

This time, 12 percent of the students voted.

A typical reaction would be "That's not very much."

But, if you think about it, it's a big improvement from as little as four percent.

And when you look at the actual number of students included in that 12 percent, it sounds worse.

A total of 420 students voted in the election. These students made a big decision for the entire 3,594 students in the UT-Tyler population.

It's a good thing there are some students (at least 420) on this campus who care about not only the present, but the future of their University.

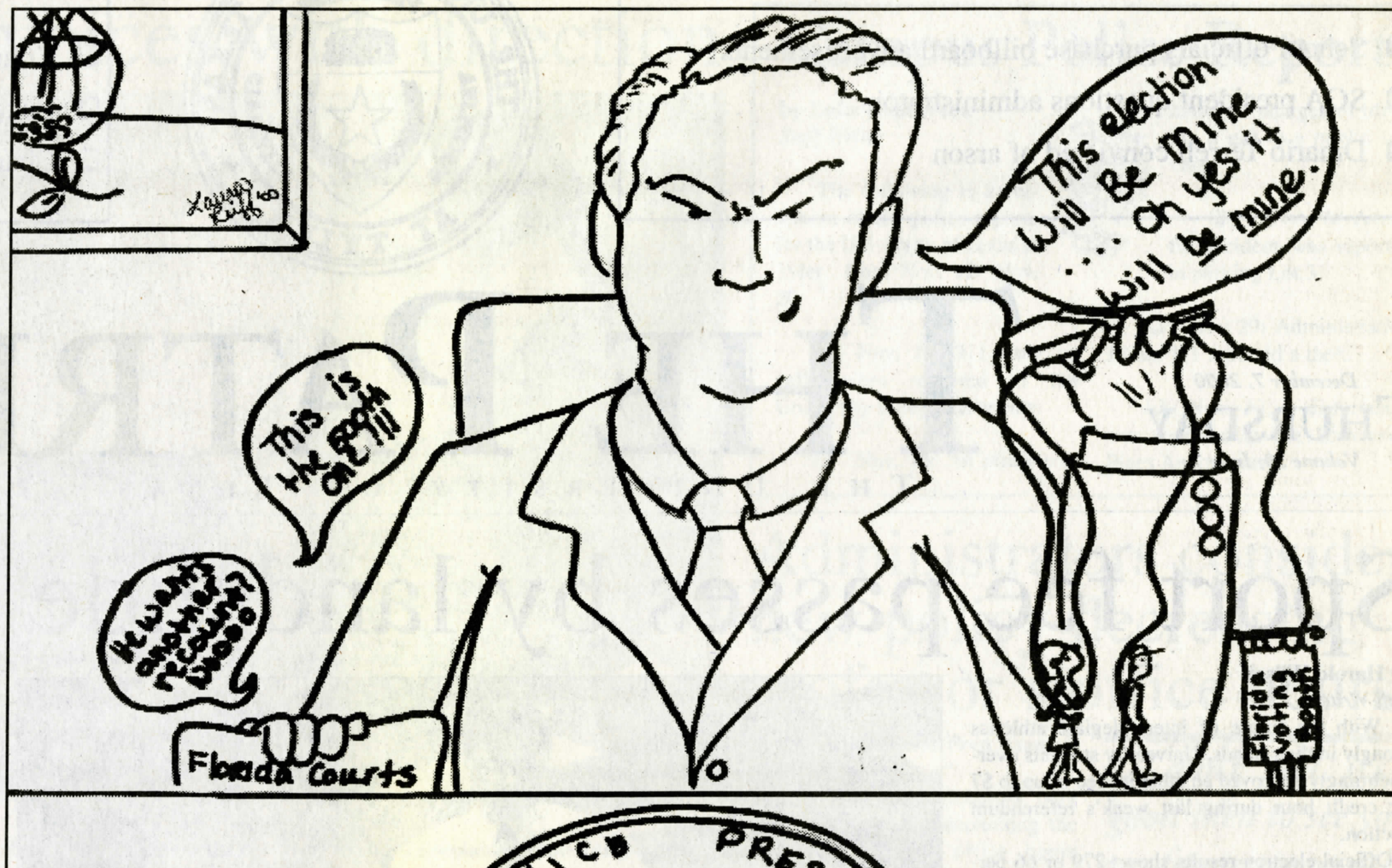
Maybe there are many more students who do care, but just didn't take the time to vote.

If we have learned anything from the recent presidential election circus, it should be that our individual vote counts. It's a concept true everywhere.

So next time an election is held at UT-Tyler, we can only hope this positive student voting pattern will continue.

The administration cannot know what the students want until we let them know.

So join 12 percent of your fellow students and speak your opinion from now on.



Words of advice on the stress of finals



What I have to say...

by Will Johnson
Staff Writer

Is stress your constant companion this time of year?

For many, lack of time and procrastination lead to desperation.

Schoolwork and daily stress can really hurt the ill prepared.

Depression, insomnia, moodiness, and irritability are a few symptoms of stress.

Finals week approaches steadily, and it accelerates as it draws

"If you wait until the last minute and you haven't done anything all semester, chances are you get what you get," MacDonald said.

Things need not be as hopeless as one might think.

Marshal notes, energy, focus and time.

Prioritize and organize each based on what needs the most work to the easier subjects.

Ask questions of professors and find out which areas of each subject need the most concentration.

Be aware of opportunities for extra credit in each class.

Read the syllabus and, if not listed, ask your teacher.

Student and faculty relations get strained sometimes, but

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In regards to the past election on the student sports fee on Nov. 29 and 30, there have been many inquiries as to why there were not any voting areas at the Longview and Palestine campuses. At one of the past SGA meetings, I asked that precise question and the response I was given by the administration was that the students at those campuses could drive to Tyler to vote. The administration was not going to have booths set up there.

The main reason I am writing this letter is to clarify who was actually running this election, because it seems to me that the administration is a bit confused. The SGA had no part in setting up this election, manning this election, nor advertising this election.

What the SGA did do was pass a resolution that changed the original fee, which had been previously set by Dr. Lunsford, to one that capped off at 15 hours. What this means is that the SGA did not support the original design of the student sports fee, and because of our resolution, Dr. Lunsford quickly changed the accumulation of the original fee.

Now, to the point, a fellow student questioned Dr. Lunsford yesterday about why there were not booths at the other campuses, and Dr. Lunsford's reply was, "Having booths at those campuses was up to Student Government."

Now, it clearly appears that something is not right. On one hand, I am being told by the administration that booths will not be set up, and yet another student is being told that it was the responsibility of student government.

My question to the body: Why would student government not set up booths at campuses that are considered part of the UT-Tyler System and to best represent the students at large when considering an increase in tuition?

Peace and goodwill of an early Christmas

nected in a world whizzing by. And what connects



over again

by Becky Eddington
Staff Writer

Miles of twinkling lights glitter in the dusky night.

No doubt about it, Christmas is here and it's been here since about October.

Some stores had Halloween and Christmas aisles side by side.

What's the holiday hurry?

Scrooges might be tempted to say it's consumerism running rampant.

My grandma says people just want more because they are never satisfied.

I, however, have come up with another conclusion for the earlier and earlier Christmas extravagance.

I believe people yearn for a simpler, gentler time.

Just think about it.

Our lives keep us going in so many different directions that it's very easy to feel discon-

better than Christmas? Participating in family traditions is the thread that weaves us back into the quilt of humanity.

Christmas is celebrated for different reasons, but Christmas effects are the same.

People want to be awed by the wonder of Christmas lights and to be reminded that it's okay to believe.

So much of life is downright ugly.

Its meaning can get lost in the daily trudge.

But there's something about Christmas that brings back the magic of being a kid who believes not just in baby Jesus or in Santa, but also in dreams with happy endings.

Remember when anything was possible and a wish could come true?

Although it may be impossibly romantic thinking, I'm going to believe that we're not greedy hogs--just lost children longing for peace and goodwill.

closer. Anticipating weeks of cramming? Think again. Maybe it'll work, perhaps not. Of course, constant, gradual absorption of the listed material, assignments, etc., i.e. studying, is best, but even those with good study habits get overwhelmed sometimes.

If you are on the verge of a meltdown, Student Services gives a way out.

Ida MacDonald and Kim Harvey-Livingston are both counselors who have experience and training in dealing with student anxiety, both emotional and school-related.

"Me and the other counselor (Harvey-Livingston) can do a variety of things to assist with study habits and test anxiety," MacDonald said.

A broad range of techniques from relaxation and breathing to common-sense things like enough rest and a proper diet can help when someone is under pressure.

Cramming is almost always a bad idea and can lead to negative consequences, like fear of failing a test leading to not studying for it.

The key there is NOT to cram.

remember faculty members were once students.

They aren't here to fail you on purpose, and most will help you if they can.

"Waiting until the last minute [hypes] adrenaline and kills creativity," MacDonald said.

Perfectionism is another bad habit.

No one is perfect, and falling short of it is something everyone must face sooner or later.

MacDonald suggests something called "catastrophizing" - inflating worries to a ridiculous, laughable level.

Such as turning the statement, "My Dad is never going to talk to me again" into an imagined scenario so complex, it's unlikely.

Point is, finals are survivable, not even necessarily traumatic.

Yes, hard work is the name of the game.

Working hard enough, soon enough will keep away much anguish. All together now:

"I will not procrastinate. Chill is my middle name. If things do pile up, I'll call 566-7079 for assistance, not climb the administration building with harmful intent."

For this is my job, as well as the other officers and senators I work with on a daily basis. We are here to represent the voice of the students, all the students. Lately, the SGA has been passing resolutions that concern everyone and the administration is continually upset by our actions and our beliefs. For instance, after rejecting the standardized testing that the administration wants to impose on everyone, as well as rejecting the college merger proposal, Dr. Lunsford, as well as the administration, have been coercing your SGA officers to try and sway the Senate to pass such resolutions in favor of the administration.

Frankly, as your SGA president, I am tired of all of the ill politics that surround our campus and that none of the students nor faculty know much about. It is quite amazing to see the lengths of sucking-up some members of the administration go to in order to get what they want.

And I am not saying that sports is something this University does not need, because it is. What I am trying to get across to all the students and even faculty is that this is our university, and if we want change or if we don't than we need to speak up and . . . take action.

Students, you have been too idle in the past months. If you believe in something then stand up for it. Less than 400 people voted on this fee, yet it will affect over 4,000 students. Next time you are faced with a decision, make sure that you remember this is your university; that this is your home.

Michelle L. Ledoux
SGA president

The Patriot wishes students good luck on finals!

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What are you going to do over the Christmas break?



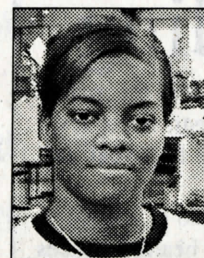
WADE

"I'm Going to eat and sleep...take it easy, relax..."
--Curtis Wade, graduate student, biology



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"I'm going to chill out, work a little, make some money..."
--Ryan Rodriguez, junior, biology



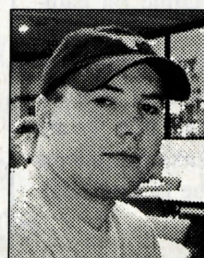
PINSON

"Probably do a lot of shopping."
--Nicole Pinson, freshman, education



WADE

"Probably a lot of sleep."
--Chad Wade, freshman, mechanical engineering



HIBBERT

"Working and staying home."
--Dustin Hibbert, freshman, business



HORTON

"Going home to get some sleep."
--Barbara Horton, freshman, electrical engineering

SGA says 'no' to testing, proposal to combine colleges at last meeting

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

Student Government Association members rejected proposals for standardized testing and a University college reorganization plan during a Nov. 27 meeting.

Members voted against the testing plan and decided to propose alternatives to help the University of Texas System establish "accountability" in the system's curriculum.

SGA president Michele Ledoux said the resolution for the testing came up for discussion at the last board of regents meeting.

"The topic came to the regents under the Accountability System Resolution," Ledoux said.

The majority SGA members at the meeting believed it is important to "consider how this effect the students."

Administrators present at the meeting made sure the students realized the purpose of the resolution.

"The politics of this...is that taxpayers feel they pay too much money on universities," Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, said. "All we are doing is trying to pass this resolution before a legislator does."

Lunsford explained the testing would help show whether the students are learning the material they needed. This would give the community an idea about how their money is being used.

Senator Amber Jackson argued that some teachers might not teach the material on the standardized test.

"It is not the students' fault if they do not learn that material," she said.

Other members argued the material on the test would be all that some teachers taught and these things may not necessarily prepare the students for real-world situations.

"Why should they [teachers] teach if they are just going to have to train us to pass a test?" SGA secretary Adam Clay said. "We have an accountability test, they are called grades."

In other matters, the organization discussed a proposed University reorganization plan which would reduce the number of colleges from six to five. Under the plan, the College of Liberal Arts would be combined with the College of Science and Mathematics to create the College of Arts and Sciences.

Also, the group discussed the college merger resolution.

"How will this benefit the students?" one attendant asked.

After a brief discussion about the merger, Ledoux called for a motion to approve or reject the merger. Edgar Cardenas passed the first motion to reject the merger.

The SGA rejected the merger because "the SGA...has not been properly shown the benefit of this particular merger to the students, as well as the faculty," according to a press release issued later by Ledoux.

Other decisions during the meeting included removing Senator Samantha Smith from the organization.

Smith was removed because she "had no hours on record for participating in the association."

Reeling them in



REST AND RELAXATION: A local fisherman takes advantage of the nice weather to go fishing at the University's Harvey Lake.

— by Joe McArthur

Turtle sets up permanent residence near Harvey Lake

by Brandee Boyd
Staff Writer

He transferred here eight years ago and made his home on the grassy knoll between the two ponds.

"He" is the giant turtle on campus - a piece of art some call the "East Texas Watchdog."

In 1992, visual arts professor James Pace invited seven artists from the region to participate in an outdoor sculpture invitational. Joe Barrington, the turtle's creator, was one of the seven.

"Barrington was from Throckmorton, Texas. His father was an industrial welder. He grew up welding and he turned it into an art form," Pace said.

The turtle is constructed of steel and was the smallest of the 10 pieces placed around campus, Pace said.

He said the original plan was to have the artists bring their work and leave it for a year.

"I looked at the work of several artists, picked those seven, and paid for their travel with the

"I've heard so many people ask me if it is a cross between a turtle and a dinosaur."

— GREG RAWLINSON

money I had raised," Pace said.

More than \$10,000 was raised so the University could play host for the invitational. Some of the funding came from private individuals and the Friends of the Arts organization, he said.

"Most of the artists came back and picked their pieces up the next year, but there was an interest shown in buying some of the pieces from them," Pace said.

A local citizen who traditionally supported the arts bought and donated the turtle to the

University, he said.

"He definitely fits right in here," Pace said.

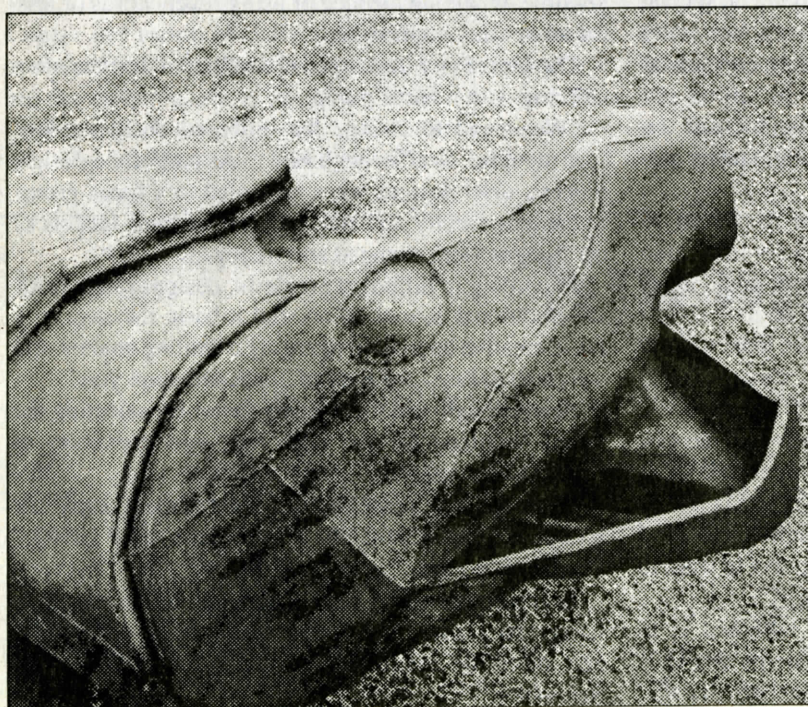
For some, the turtle has become a campus symbol.

"I see it as symbolic because turtles are ancient creatures. It symbolizes survival. To me, it tells students to hang in there and just keep moving toward the goal," international admissions counselor Donna Henson said.

For others, the turtle provides a bit of humor. Greg Rawlinson, senior marketing major and student worker in the admissions office, recalls several funny incidents from his work as a campus tour guide.

"I've heard so many people ask me if it is a cross between a turtle and a dinosaur," he said. "The funniest thing was when a little kid who was on a tour asked me if he could go stick his head in it."

Rawlinson said to him the turtle is a protector of all the little turtles, ducks, and squirrels around campus.

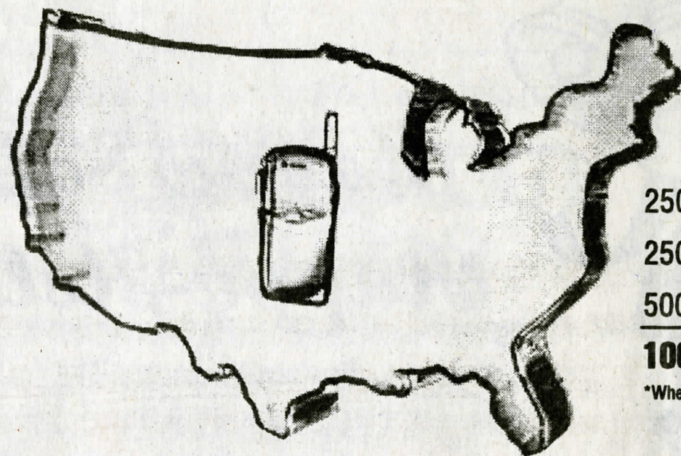


— by Joe McArthur

SUN BATHING: Turtle sculpture greets University students as they cross Harvey Lake between classes.

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Student Government president questions school administration

by Wendy L. Moore
Editor in chief

Michelle Ledoux criticized administration Dec. 3, saying they attempted to coerce student government officers to use their power to influence others.

She also contended administrators tried to blame SGA for lack of voting booths on Longview and Palestine campuses.

"The SGA had no part in setting up this election, manning this election nor advertising this election," she said.

Ledoux wrote a letter to the editor of *the Patriot* and submitted it to every mailbox on campus through her own student e-mail account.

In the letter, Ledoux said a student asked Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of students why booths were not set up on Longview and Palestine campuses and he said having booths at those campuses was up to Student Government.

Ledoux said this was not true.

Mark Matthews, student development specialist, said he did not know if Lunsford told a student that the Student Government Association was responsible for those ballot boxes and "it didn't make sense that he would lay the blame with SGA."

Lunsford was unavailable for comment because he is out of town

this week.

"For the most part SGA didn't participate in the election," Matthews.

Ledoux said she asked members of administration, in a meeting before the election, why booths would not be set up at Palestine and Longview campuses, and members of the administration told her "that the students on those campuses could drive to Tyler to vote."

She also made allocations that some administrators tried to convince her and other officers to sway the SGA members to pass resolutions.

Also in the letter, Ledoux said, "Dr. Lunsford, as well as the Administration, have been coercing your SGA officers to try and sway the Senate vote to pass such resolutions in favor of the Administration."

She said this was in reference to a meeting she had with Lunsford and Matthews before the administration proposed the intercollegiate athletics fee to the SGA. Lunsford and Matthews took her to eat pizza at Mazzio's, she said.

She said Lunsford asked her how she was going to approach the student government. She said she was going to present the "pros and cons" of intercollegiate athletics and let the members decide for themselves.

Ledoux said Lunsford did not agree with her answer. "He said 'I don't believe this is how you should approach the situation' and he said I was 'copping out,'" Ledoux said.

She said she told Lunsford she didn't believe she was "copping out," that she thought it was not her job to help student government members decide but to present them with both sides and let them decide. Matthews said Ledoux was not told she had to tell people how to vote.

"There was a difference of definition of leadership between them. There was nothing said about you have to vote for or against this," he said.

Matthews said Lunsford thought Ledoux should not be completely impartial.

"There is nothing wrong with being passionate and saying this is how I'm voting and this is why. That's part of being a leader," Matthews said.

Matthews said he did not want to get into a war of words with the student government and there was no animosity between the administration and the student government.

"I'm glad she [Ledoux] has strong convictions and beliefs. She's a good president. From what I hear she's the best we've ever had," Matthews said

Dinario Terrell convicted of arson Monday; University secretary killed last year in fire

by Luke Henderson
Staff Writer

A jury deliberated about two hours Monday before convicting an 18-year-old Tyler man of arson for a 1999 fire that killed a University secretary and her daughter.

Dinario Terrell Jones set the blaze to "cover his tracks" after burglarizing a Blackwell Street house next to Shelly ' home. The 26-year-old Haynes and her three-year-old daughter, Hannah, were asleep when their home caught fire.

Haynes has worked for the University of Texas at Tyler as a secretary in the chemistry department for

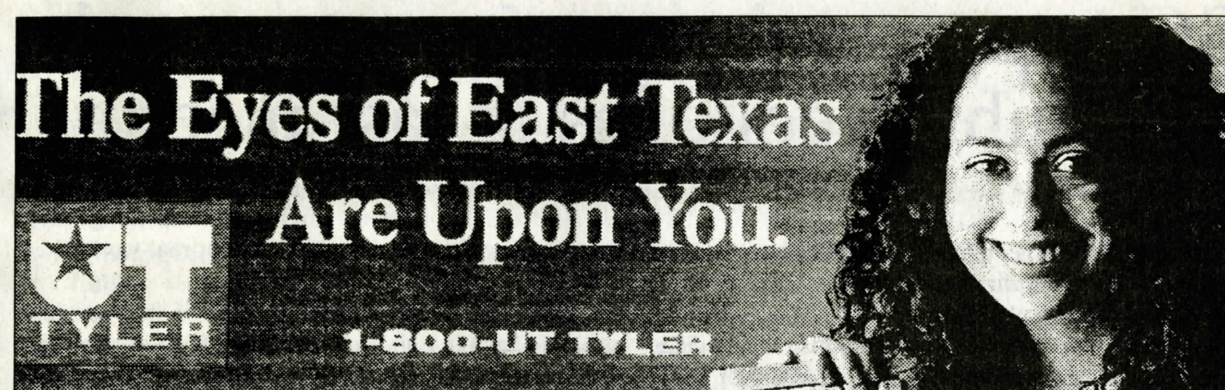
about two months before her death.

Haynes was able to dial 911 before she collapsed inside the burning home. When paramedics and fire fighters arrived, both victims were unconscious.

Hannah died of smoke inhalation that day; her mother died the next day.

State District Judge Louis Gohmert will sentence Jones during a hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 18, at 10 in 7th District Court.

He could receive a sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison. Jones still faces a murder charge in connection with Haynes' death.



— Courtesy photo

BILLBOARD: This is a reproduction of one of the billboards purchased for University advertisement.

Officials buy billboard advertisements

by Tara Holley
Staff Writer

Campus officials plan to employ the use of billboard advertising in Dallas/Ft. Worth as well as the East Texas area to promote student enrollment.

Scott Scarborough, vice president for business affairs, said the total cost of these billboards is expected to be about \$115,000 a year and will be paid out of local school funds.

"We need the current billboards to generate approximately 25 new students to break even," Scarborough said.

He said just to sustain current resources, the University's goal is to go from 3,600 students to 5,000 to 7,000 students.

"U.T. Tyler must grow enrollment to sustain the level of programs and services that we provide," Scarborough said. "Currently, we are relying on special item appropriations from the state, which is a temporary source of funds. Thus, from my standpoint, enrollment growth is U.T. Tyler's top priority."

The University's current advertising focuses on direct mail sent to students who have recently taken college entrance exams.

Scarborough said billboards are the next step to extend the University's recruiting boundaries to include Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, and Shreveport, while maximizing the enrollment potential in East Texas.

"In order to hit our enrollment goal, we must expand our recruitment efforts outside of East Texas," Scarborough said.

Junior journalism major Aaron Roberts said he saw one of the billboards in Dallas this past weekend.

"I saw this billboard on the side of 635 in Dallas. At first I couldn't believe it and then I thought it was kind of wasted billboard," Roberts said. "Who would want to go to school in Tyler if they live in Dallas?"

Scarborough said the purpose of a billboard is to inform prospective students and their parents that U.T. Tyler exists and, most importantly, to get them to call.

"If they call, the goal is to get them go visit the campus," Scarborough said.

"If they visit the campus, there is a good chance that the student will enroll."

"We need the current billboards to generate approximately 25 new students to break even."

— SCOTT SCARBOROUGH,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS

whether they believe they will have a good time," Scarborough said. "The initial set of billboards are intended to focus on those factors."

He believes trying to narrow the University message to seven words or less "has been [their] challenge."

Scarborough said the University works with Lamar Billboard Company, primarily, and Eller and McCrary Billboard Companies to find the most effective methods possible, including the idea of using seven words or less for an optimal impression.

The University developed six billboard designs after working with a focus group.

"We intend to change the billboard designs every four months," Scarborough said. "As part of the design process, draft designs were presented to a focus group of campus faculty and staff. Based on their feedback, the designs were changed and finalized."

According to billboard previews, designs range from the traditional school colors and a basic message to a more creative approach, picturing a smiling student and the catch phrase "the eyes of Texas are upon you."

Scarborough said the primary factor for selecting the initial locations for the billboards was proximity to major junior colleges.

"This makes sense because enrollment caps for freshman enrollment do not expire until 2002," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said currently there are billboards up in Longview, Dallas, Lufkin/Nacogdoches, near the Tyler exit on I-20, and there are plans for billboards in Shreveport.

Scarborough said the University plans to measure the impact by asking all callers to the 1-800 telephone number whether they have seen one of our billboards.

Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management, said the

The new nursing building will be 33,000 square feet and contain four interactive television classrooms, 12 clinical classrooms and seminar rooms, and 40 faculty offices.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents

approved the fund allocation during a Nov. 16 meeting in Tyler. The announcement was made during a meeting held at the University of Texas Health Care Center.

The \$4.8 million will come from the Permanent University Fund bond proceeds, officials said.

Wind symphony plays at Cowan Center

by Aaron Roberts
Staff Writer

The University of Texas at Tyler and the Tyler Junior College Community Wind Symphony played to a small but receptive crowd Tuesday night in the Vaughn Auditorium.

The group began the performance with compilation piece that combined traditional songs including "Jingle Bells," "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls," and finished with "We Wish you a Merry Christmas."

The group brought the tempo down with a somber selection of "In the Bleak Winter." The song started with a single horn followed

by the chimes. The other instruments joined in with the drummer leading the way.

The tempo was brought back to a high point with select pieces from the "Nutcracker Suite." Flutists assembled at the front of the stage with the cello to perform "Dance of the Reed." The orchestra regrouped to perform "Valse des Fleurs" followed by a mellow version of "Jingle Bells."

After intermission the group started up "A Christmas Festival" followed by an incredible rendition of "Greensleeves."

The players performed "Portraits of Christmas" before ending the show with "Sleigh Ride."

The university plans to focus the billboards on several key issues considered to be the most important by experts.

"According to student recruiting research, students make decisions about which university to attend based on academic reputation, financial aid and scholarships, availability of their major, campus facilities, and

billboards have already generated some calls.

Scarborough said as it gets closer to 2002, the time when the freshman enrollment plans expire, he believes U.T. Tyler will look at some other advertising media, like radio and TV.

"It's an exciting time to be at U.T. Tyler," Scarborough said.

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Double shot of art



— by Joe McArthur

WALL TO WALLART: Artists Joyce Whitney and Johannah Marie Ward share exhibit space in the University Center art room. Ward's exhibit "Internal Principle of Motion" used long pieces of canvas to paint large murals. "Existentialism" and "Building Integrity" embodied abstract scenery accentuated with dark color giving the paintings more emotion. Whitney created a tangible exhibit in "Benchmarks." The series of sculptures used materials ranging from wood to heavy pieces of metal. "Bill," one of the steel sculptures portrayed, an elk on roller blades while "Level Head" resembles a head using smooth pieces of wood.

New restaurant gives south Tyler a "wonderful" addition

by Luke Henderson
Staff writer

Le Peep, a popular breakfast and brunch stop that started in Colorado, has now opened its doors here in Tyler.

Located in the Times Square center, in the 5000 block of South Broadway, Le Peep brought a new kind of Le Breakfast, Le Brunch, and Le Lunch to East Texas.

Le Peep is open only from 7a.m. to 2p.m. each day. It caters to the early riser with a wonderful array of breakfast foods. Specifically, the restaurant is known for its breakfast foods and for its mouth watering pancakes, which come in an array of flavors. But one

Can't go wrong with good old-fashioned regular pancakes, which some maple syrup.

The pancakes come in both short and full stacks and are priced a bit higher than Tyler residents are used to from local pancake makers, but they are worth the extra money. The delicious cakes dissolve in the mouth and fill up the tummy perfectly.

A good start for anyone trying Le Peep would be The 18-Wheeler. Which contains

French toast, bacon and eggs. French toast is possibly the second best entree offered at Le Peep, next to the pancakes of course. The bacon is always just the right crispiness, and the eggs are perfectly fluffy.

In addition, nothing adds to a good breakfast like a great cup of coffee. Le Peep offers a huge selection of coffees, as well as other drinks at the bar. However, its specialty coffees, like

Irish Creme, are the winner. They are a rich mix of strong coffee and great flavor.

Another positive for the restaurant is the variety of discount cards located at the front of the store. These range from senior citizen discount cards to punch cards that give you a free entree or a free gourmet coffee after so many visits. Little things like that can make or break a new restaurant starting out in a city like Tyler.

But not everything is totally perfect at Le Peep. For one, floodlights located on the ceiling and aimed down at the consumer can be quite irritating, when one sits in certain places.

Also, two small things that go with a new restaurant are a problem; inexperience of staff, and overcrowding. Given the proper amount of time, the staff will learn how to work better together and how to work better for Le Peep.

On the issue of overcrowding, the only problem is a short wait for a table, which over time will die down as the city gets used to its new toy.

But when one does get a seat, a request for a table outside should be made. The weather of late has been chilly, but when it's just right, the smells of the restaurant and the heritage of the old Times Square center add to a wonderful environment.

Overall, Le Peep is a welcome addition to Tyler.

Its setting, food and price are all terrific and with a few small changes, the restaurant will build a following in Tyler that will lead it to years of prosperity.

Spring 2001 Course Addition

The following courses were accidentally left out of the official Spring 2001 schedule

Call #	Course ID	Section	Prereq	Title	Instructor	Location	Start time	End Time	Days
22305	MANA-5350	98	Y	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Gullett C	LUC	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	W
22334	MANA-5350	78	Y	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Gullett C	PAL	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	W
22302	READ-5363	81	Y	REMEDIAL READING	Staff U	TBA	5:00 PM	7:40 PM	M
22303	EDAD-5320	81		SCHOOL LAW	OglesbyD	UC 232	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	T
22306	TNDV-4322	81		CONCEPTS OF DISTANCE LEARNING	Dobbs R	HPR 251	7:05 PM	9:45 PM	T
22307	TNDV-4322	98		CONCEPTS OF DISTANCE LEARNING	Dobbs R	LUC	7:05 PM	9:45 PM	T
22308	TNDV-4322	68		CONCEPTS OF DISTANCE LEARNING	Dobbs R	MEX	7:05 PM	9:45 PM	T
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20322	POLS-3300	81		US CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOP	Carter L	BUS 106	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	W
20322	POLS-3300	81		ADMIN OF CRIM JUST AGENCIES	Blum D	BUS 106	12:30 PM	2:15 PM	T

20800	CRIJ-3311	01		ADMIN OF CRIM JUST AGENCIES	Phillips P	BUS 106	12:30 PM	3:15 PM	T
20826	ANTH-3380	01		PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	Supek O	BUS 106	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	TR
20843	SOCI-3321	01		MULTI-CULTURAL STUDI	Jedlicka D	BUS 104	2:00 PM	4:40 PM	T
20853	CRIJ-3332	81		AMERICAN POLICING	Phillips P	BUS 106	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	T
20875	CRIJ-5310	81		TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE:	Phillips P	BUS 106	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	T
20898	ECON-5320	81	Y	ADVANCED ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	Kane T	BUS 010	6:00 PM	8:40 PM	T
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20958	HIST-4385	01		AGE OF WASHINGTON,JEFFERSON,JACKSON	Cothrum D	BUS 106	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	TR
20959	HIST-4387	01		INDUSTRIAL/PROGRESSIVE AMER	Falzone V	BUS 106	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	TR
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22309	SPCM-4330	01		TECH OF INTERVIEWING	Conaway R	HPR 253	9:00 AM	9:50 AM	MWF
22335	SPCM-4331	01		INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	Thrash A	HPR 253	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	MW
22304	BIOL-5380	01	Y	TOPICS IN ADVANCED BIOLOGY	Killebrew D	SCI 139	10:00 AM	10:50 AM	MWF
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Christmas party at Clicks to benefit Tyler families

by Michael George
Staff writer

Soul Grind, Flatline, Hello, S.O.E., and Tim Wheeler and the Soul Shufflers will perform at Clicks Billiards Christmas party Dec. 16 to raise money for East Texans who are "in need this holiday season."

"We have always wanted to do something like this," Soul Grind lead singer Bill Uren said.

Uren explained the need to help others around Tyler, especially younger people.

"There are so many kids that go without and I just want to help," he said.

"This will be the most important gig of the year for us."

The money collected from the door fee will be donated to a charity chosen by the bands.

Door prizes for the event include free Bennigan's food, car washes from Southpark Car Care and a 46-inch big screen television donated by Circuit City.

"We have never done this before," Clicks assistant manager Myron Thomas said. "We are the only ones in the corporation doing it for charity."

Thomas said about 300 people are expected to attend.

"We wanted to have a big party and do something good with it," he said.

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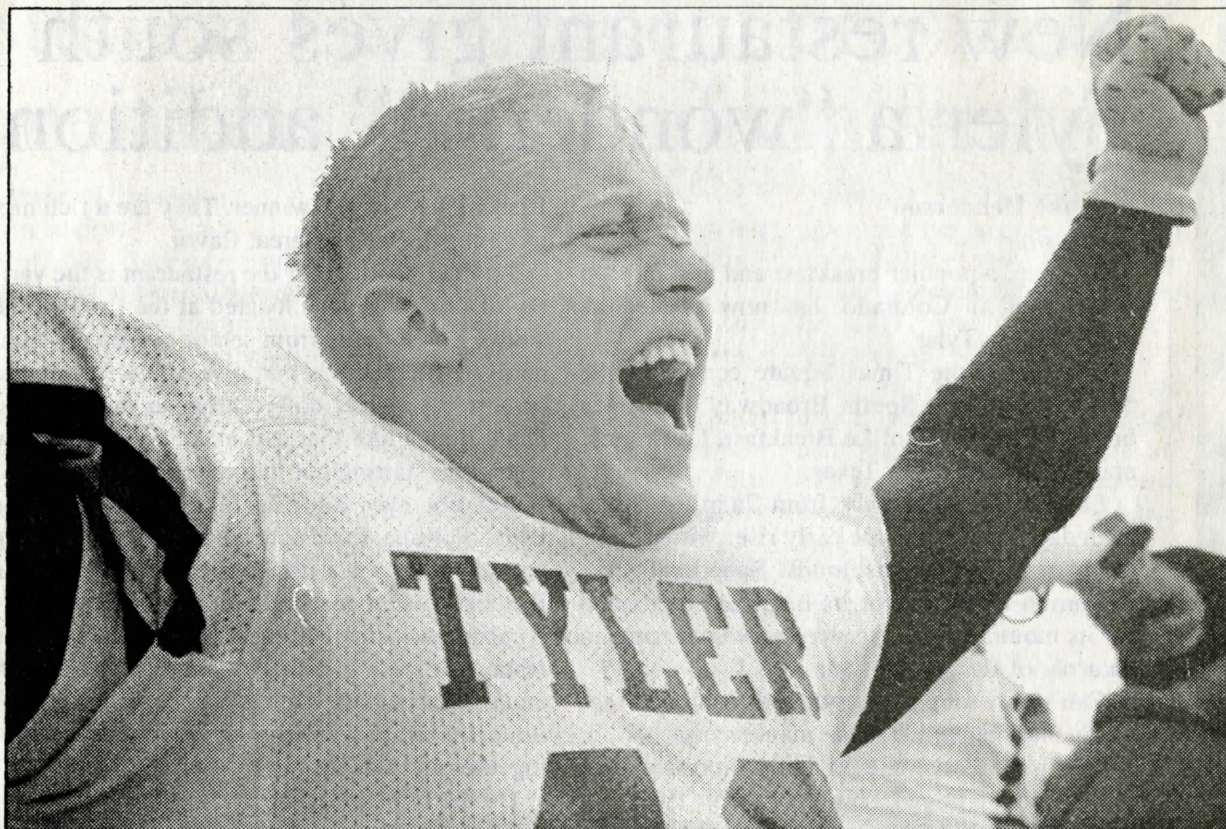
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CELEBRATION TIME: TJC linebacker Tommy Perry, former Robert E. Lee standout, savors the moment after helping lead his team past Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship game held Saturday in Bedford. Perry was named defensive MVP.

Tyler sponsors national tourney; NJCAA soccer champs crowned

By Shane Stark
Contributing writer

Even though persistent rain put a damper on attendance at the 2000 NJCAA Division I Soccer Tournament a few weeks ago at Pat Hartley Field, it had no effect on the level of play. Eight teams took part in the tournament, but only one was left standing at the end.

No. 1 ranked Meridian (Miss.) Community College went 3-0 in the tournament, taking home national championship honors.

The Eagles allowed only two goals in the tournament, and shut out Bryant & Stratton (N.Y.) 2-0 in the championship game.

They also beat Essex County (N.J.) 4-1 in the opening round, and Springfield (Ill.) 3-1 in the semifinals.

Not counting the right to be national champion, the title came

had another factor for Meridian — redemption. In last year's third place game, Bryant & Stratton pounded the Eagles 5-1.

In an interview with the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, Meridian coach Steve Clements said it was on his team's mind before the game.

"No doubt they remember," he said. "That was on the exact day last year."

Eagle striker Damani Ralph stapled his claim to Tournament Most Valuable Player in the championship game, breaking the scoring ice towards the end of the first half.

A native of Jamaica, Ralph became Meridian's all-time leading scorer this year.

Goalie Ryan Simms was named to the all-tournament team after an outstanding tournament guarding the net.

many shots on goal, Simms was a dominator at his position, allowing only two tournament goals.

Sophomore midfielder Andrew McLeod also garnered an all-tournament selection.

The Eagles have become familiar with Pat Hartley Field and Tyler Junior College over the years.

Not to mention TJC being their biggest soccer rival, the Eagles have traveled to Tyler three times this year, making Pat Hartley a home away from home.

Also, the Eagles played TJC in their first ever soccer match, losing 3-2.

In the third place game, No. 4 ranked The College of Dupage (Ill.) and in-state rival Springfield tied 1-1, to share third place. Mike Ngonyami scored the tying goal for Springfield.

Apaches win Red River Bowl TJC claims conference title with 23-21 victory over NEO

By Harold Wilson
Staff Writer

BEDFORD — Tyler Junior College wrapped up their season the way every team envisions at the beginning of the year, as champions.

TJC captured the Southwest Junior College Football Conference title by knocking off Northeast Oklahoma A&M 23-21 Saturday in the Red River Bowl at Bedford's Pennington Field.

TJC (9-3) completed their turnaround campaign by winning their final six games after dropping three of their first six contests.

NEO (8-3) missed a chance to take the lead when kicker Jonathon Knott's 31-yard field goal attempt drifted wide right with only 15 seconds remaining in the game.

A pass interference call against the Apaches on fourth down kept the Golden Norsemen from Oklahoma's drive alive with just

over a minute left.

The TJC running game keyed the victory as the Apaches totaled 209 yards on the ground. Leading the TJC attack once again was all-conference running back Olan Coleman, who had 96-yards rushing on 14 carries. Wide receiver Tray Porter's lone carry produced the game's first touchdown. Porter, who scored on a 34-yard reverse, also led the Apaches with three receptions for 27 yards.

NEO tied the game at 7-7 on Kelvin Galbreath's 4-yard run in the first quarter. Galbreath, the game's Offensive MVP, gained 196 yards and scored twice on the afternoon.

The teams went into halftime with the score still knotted at 7.

NEO grabbed a 14-7 lead in the third quarter when Galbreath scored his second touchdown of the game, this time on a 10-yard run.

TJC scored 16 unanswered points

to reclaim the lead, 23-14.

NEO came right back, though, needing only one play to cut the Apache lead to 23-21 with just under nine minutes remaining. NEO quarterback Kokain Mothershed connected with Jeff McCoy for the 62-yard touchdown pass.

The Apaches defense, led by linebacker Tommy Perry, the conference defensive MVP, held off the Golden Norsemen the rest of the way.

TJC defeated NEO for the second time this season, handing the Golden Norsemen two of their three defeats. In the team's first meeting, the Apaches also claimed a two-point win, 28-26, in triple overtime. NEO entered the four-team SWJFC playoffs as the top seed after completing the regular season with a conference-best record of 6-1.

The win gave the Apaches their first league title since sharing the

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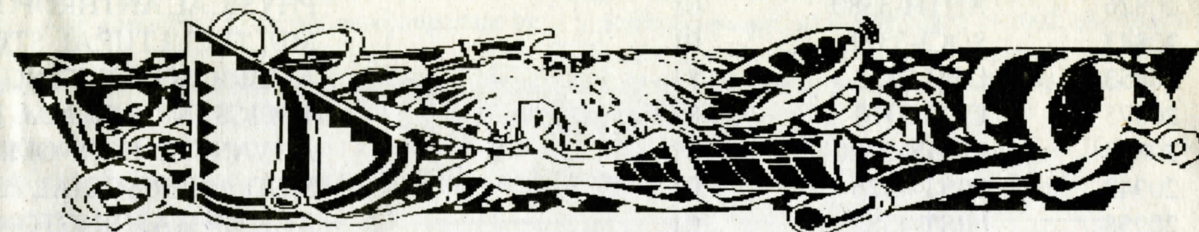
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MORE THAN JUST SHOW: Ford displays seven of his didgeridoos collection, just a few of many he has crafted himself and others.

TRIBAL SOUNDS

The making of a didgeridoo

Ancient Australian culture and music have made their way to East Texas, thanks to Dr. Neil Ford, a biology professor at the University.

About five years ago, Ford decided to try his hand at making a didgeridoo, a wind instrument which is gaining attention and popularity around the world, maybe even a little more attention since the summer Olympic games. The instrument plays an important role in the history and society of Australian Aborigines. Its long, resonant tone is said to be able to summon the powers of the earth.

The didgeridoo is a deceptively musical instrument. It may look like nothing more than a hollow tree branch about the size of a man's wrist, but playing a didgeridoo requires a level of breath control difficult for most people to achieve.

The goal is to achieve a sustained tone with no discernible rests.

Traditional didgeridoos usually are made from eucalyptus branches which have been hollowed by termites. However, modern builders substitute special tools for the natural process. Ford uses wood available locally as well as the customary eucalyptus to make his instruments.

In the past five years, Ford has made more than 25 didgeridoos, some for himself and others which he sells. Each instrument takes weeks to complete and requires multiple steps.

He begins by drilling out a green branch to form the sound chamber. Then, he removes the bark and sands carefully to prepare the wood for painting and lacquering.



ENJOYING THE SOUND: Sitting in his favorite chair, Ford plays a finished product — the ultimate prize for hours of hard work. It takes many years to perfect didgeridoo playing techniques.

The trick to playing a didgeridoo is to inhale through the nose while simultaneously exhaling through the mouth into a mouthpiece made of beeswax.

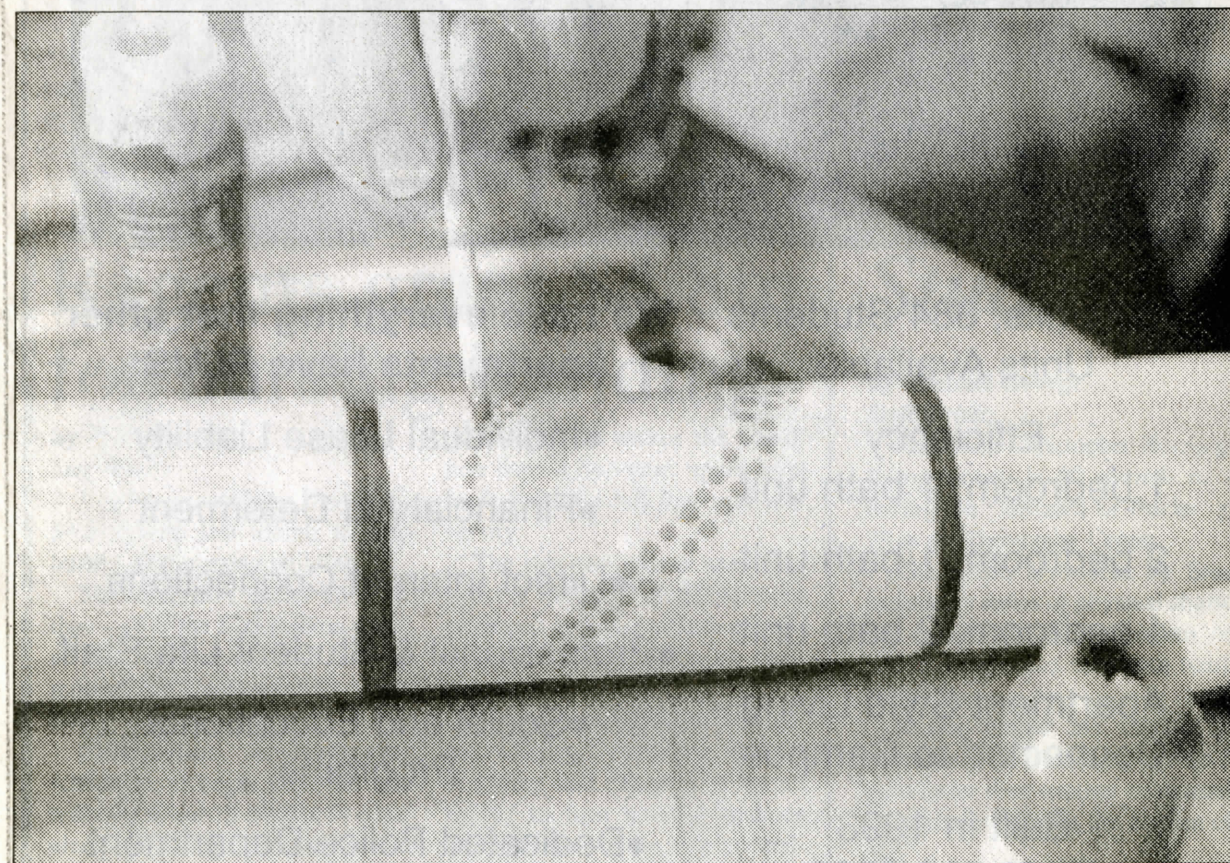
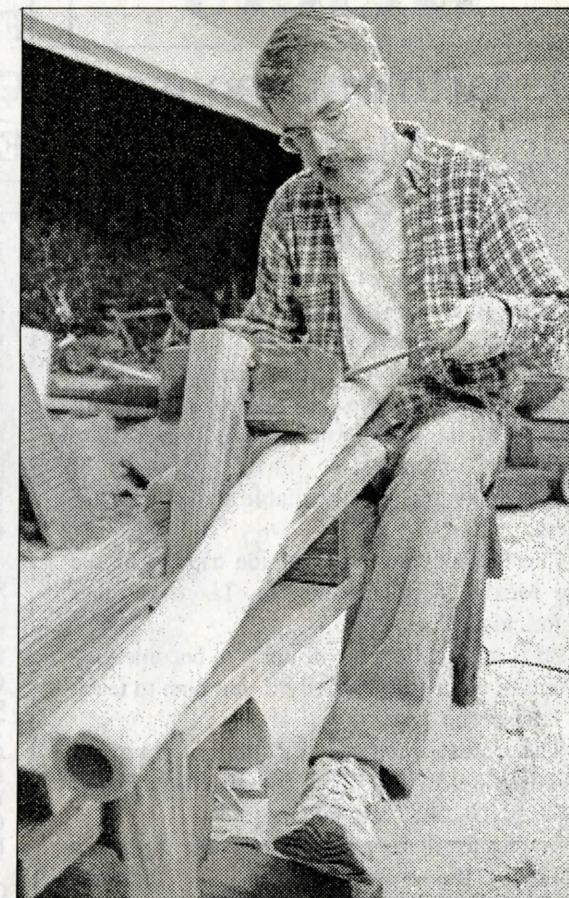
However, Ford says he gets great pleasure out of making and playing didgeridoos. "It's just a lot of fun," he said.



OUTWARD APPEARANCE: At right Ford uses hand tools to remove bark from a carefully selected branch. Removing the bark reveals the beauty of the wood grain underneath.

REAL SMOOTH: Sanding the wood takes time and patience, but it is crucial step in order to smooth the wood for painting and laquering.

Once the bark is removed, sanding brings out the special qualities of the wood grain.



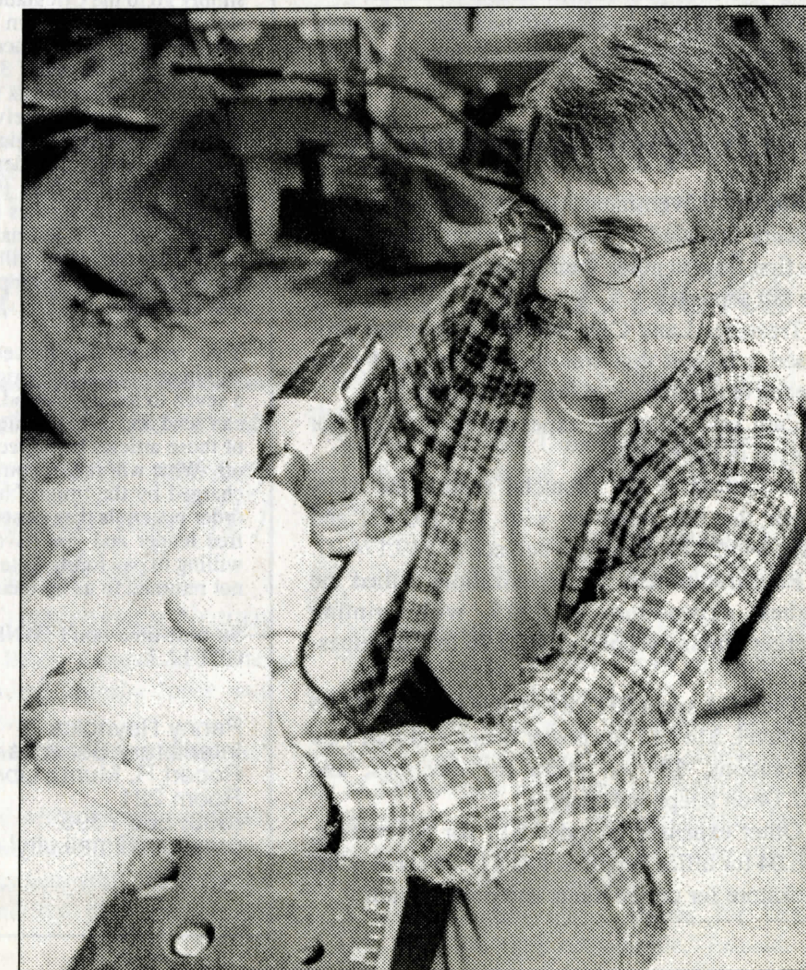
FINAL TOUCHES: Decorating the didgeridoo involves using the end of a stick dipped in paint to get the desired effect on the wood. Although this process is original, it takes many hours to complete. Some didgeridoos are left bare in order to highlight the beauty of the wood grain.

HOLLOWING:Drilling out the branch is the most precise step in making the didgeridoo. Branches are often broken during the process.

Drilling must be done when the branch is still green to prevent splitting the wood. When completed the created tunnel provides the main sound.

Story
and
photos
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Campus operators: voices with direction

by Angela Wiley
Staff Writer

They answer hundreds of telephone calls every day, giving information and connecting one person to the other, one office to another.

For the caller, the University of Texas at Tyler operator is just another anonymous voice. For many students, directing telephone traffic is a way to pay the bills.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day a crew of two full-time and four work-study employees man the switchboard located in Room 110 in the Administration Building.

The switchboard itself looks like a computer keyboard only with fewer buttons.

Operators keep a sheet of paper in front of them with campus telephone listings. The number of telephone calls they help route varies from day to day.

In their spare time, they help other departments with filing and other paperwork.

"We stay pretty busy," said Toady Moore, a full-time cashier who works as a part-time operator.

Operators receive calls for offices all over campus - even for ones that are not there.

"People have called and asked for the number of X-ray thinking we are the health center," Libby Mathis said.



THANK YOU FOR CALLING: Libby Mathis answers the main switchboard telephone in the Administration Building. Telephone operators answer hundreds of calls a day for the University.

Although The University of Texas Health Care Center is part of the UT System, it has its own operators and separate telephone numbers.

"The best part of the job is getting

someone funny on the phone or that has an interesting joke," Mathis said.

Recently operators have received telephone calls joking about the presidential election, she said.

Sometimes the operators can't help but take their work home with them. "I've even answered my front door with 'UT Tyler, how may I help you?'" Mathis said with a laugh.

University mail room handles more than envelopes

By Brandee Boyd
Staff Writer

Lick it. Stick it. Send it on its way. That is what the mail operations system on campus does day after day after day.

In a typical month, more than 45,000 pieces of mail pass through the mailroom located in the physical plant building near the west entrance.

Whether it's only a few ounces or something weighing up to 1,000 pounds, mail clerk Matt Izard lugs it to its destination.

What's inside those hundreds of envelopes and boxes may be more than just typical stuff especially when the delivery destination is the

"We receive dead cats, live snakes, frogs and crickets."

— PAT WILLIAMS

snakes, frogs and crickets," receiving clerk Pat Williams said. "It can get pretty interesting."

Izard said the first part of his day is spent sorting the incoming mail. There are slotted shelves labeled for each of the stops on his route. The mail run usually begins about 1 p.m., he said.

mail is divided between two routes. Pat has one route, I have the other," Izard said.

Incoming mail is delivered to the faculty and outgoing mail is picked up at each route stop, he said.

"We usually take the mail to the post office around 4 p.m. each day," Izard said. "Whichever one of us is not busy is the one that takes it."

Incoming mail is picked up at the post office and the sorting starts all over again the next day.

The mail system also handles interoffice envelopes and bulk mail, Williams said.

Interoffice mail is sent from employee to employee in an oversized manila envelope. That mail

bulk mail is a little more complicated, Williams said.

"Bulk mail is very time-consuming. It has to be sorted by zip code," Williams said. "We have had several bulk mail-outs here lately."

Izard said mail could be sent at bulk rate if there are at least 200 identical pieces.

Sometimes the work can get monotonous, part-time employee Karen Baggett said.

"It can get hectic, but we find ways to make it fun," she said. "Sometimes Pat talks to herself when she sorts mail."

"That takes coordination, too," Williams said with a laugh. "We are multi-talented. We do each other's

Campus Police Report

by Luke Henderson
Staff Writer

The following is a collection of the police reports for the University of Texas at Tyler from Nov. 12- Nov. 20.



made on charges of offering a gift to a public servant.

Nov. 12: 911 hang up calls were reported at the University Pines Apartments.

Nov. 29: Administration Room 111 reported a theft.

Nov. 30: A disturbance was reported at the University Pines Apartments.

Nov. 13: An arrest was

Administrators consider new policy decreasing professor's office hours

by Tim Hanlon and Fred Beam
Staff Writers

University administrators may adopt a new policy decreasing the faculty's minimum office hours from five to three per week.

Dr. Bill Baker, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said he recommended the change because five hours seemed "excessive."

"Instructors are not limited to three hours, but must hold three hours as a minimum," he said. "We don't want teachers to be less accessible, but rather more flexible in their hours."

Baker said he wants instructors and students to set appointments that fit the students' schedules.

The proposed policy change received mixed reviews from some faculty members and students, many of whom were unaware new minimum hours are being considered.

"I was not even aware of it," Dr. Tommy D. Gilbreath, an associate technology professor, said. "The professor's responsibility is to be available for the students. I am not happy with that idea (reducing hours). It is ultimately up to the professor."

Erica Hay, a senior English major, said she didn't know about

"I don't feel it's a good idea to see your professor too much."

— ERICA HAY,
STUDENT

ing students.

"I don't see my professor very often," she said. "I don't feel it's a good idea to see your professor too much."

Other professors believe they should be available to students as much as possible.

"I meet with 90 percent of my students outside of my specified office hours," Dr. A. Richard Mitchell, a mathematics professor, said. "A lot of my students are not able to meet my schedule, so I have to meet theirs. Students should have lots of access to their professors, period."

One student said the number of office hours might not be important as long as the professor makes himself or herself available.

"I still want to be able to set up appointments with professors," Jeryme Stine, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said. "I want

biology department.

"We have a mail van down here also is delivered during the after-noon mail run."

work and help each other out. It's a great place to work."

the policy change either, but said professors to be flexible to be able she does not see it adversely affect- to meet with students."

Briefs

Department sponsors trip to Mexico, study courses this summer

The Department of Literature and Languages program is sponsoring study abroad courses in Cuernavaca, Mexico, on June 6-30.

The trip will cost \$2,231. The fee pays for tuition at two campuses, airfare, room and board with local families, insurance and books, Dr. Marianthi Coroneou said.

University grants are available to qualified students.

The fee does not pay for side trips to places like Mexico City, Toetihuacan, Taxco or other historical sites.

"It is an excellent opportunity to become proficient in Spanish, especially if you plan to teach in Texas," she said.

The course offerings for the program are ENGL 4668, ENGL 4687, ENGL 4699, ENGL 5668, ENGL 5687 and ENGL 5699.

Some substitutions may be possible if you are seeking the English as a Second Language/Bilingual education endorsement.

For more information contact Dr. Marianthi Coroneou at 566-7438 or e-mail her at mcoroneo@mail.uttyl.edu.

SGA approves budget

Student Government Association senators and officers included a written itemized budget for the first time to guide their financial activities for the fall semester.

Treasurer Lana Cain and her committee proposed a budget that was then agreed to by the executive committee to use as a guideline.

Cain said there are expenses they could not foresee in the budget.

According to the financial report, the SGA began the fall semester with \$24,102.92, and spent \$4,928.85, leaving a balance of \$19,174.07.

Registration fees for organizations tallied the highest expenditure at \$915, with printing charges ranking second at \$425.96 for the semester.

The SGA spent \$312.81 on nametags, \$153.95 on travel, \$149.15 for poster board and Fall Fest decorations, \$89 on pizza for meetings, and \$67.14 on telephone charges.

Other expenses included \$17 for advertising, \$16.04 for office supplies, and \$11.58 spent at the bookstore for coffee mugs and poster board.

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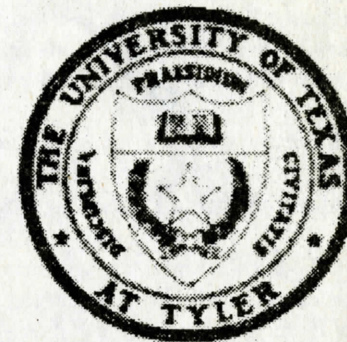
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