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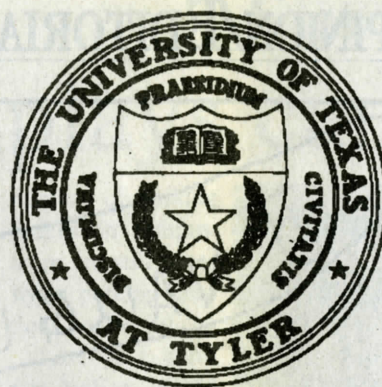
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President approves reorganization plan

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

President Rodney H. Mabry announced Friday the official plans for the reorganization of the University's six colleges, which include combining the College of Liberal Arts with the College of Sciences and Mathematics.

A new college, the College of Arts and Sciences, will be formed.

Other changes include, combining the College of Engineering with the Department of Computer Science to create the College of Engineering and Computer Science and combining the health and kinesiology department with the College of Nursing to form the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

"The academic reorganization is an important milestone in our effort to improve the University. These structural changes will align UT Tyler's academic discipline more clear-

"The academic reorganization is an important milestone in our effort to improve the University."

— RODNEY H. MABRY,
PRESIDENT

ly with the major elements of our strategic plan, the New Millennium Vision," Mabry said.

This plan was originally drafted by Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president for academic affairs, in September.

Baker introduced the plan for reorganization in August at a Faculty Senate meeting.

The plan generated some concern from faculty members, especially from the College of

Sciences and Mathematics.

Merging the two colleges brings up many questions, such as would the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts take over as the dean of the new college, or would someone from an outside source be hired to fill the position?

Dr. Lynn Sherrod, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, announced his plans to retire, so he will not be a candidate for the position.

Faculty from the College of Sciences and Mathematics who believe the merger will weaken the structure of their departments expressed their concerns at a number of meetings.

Baker argued combining the two colleges would enhance the college.

Mabry charged Baker with drafting a proposal that would streamline the University's structure while making the curriculum better able to meet the University's needs.



—by Ernest Celaya

FIRST DAY CHAOS : A Campus Drive collision on Jan. 8 sent one student to the hospital with minor injuries. No tickets were issued, although police say excessive speed was a factor.

Student injured in accident

by Jan Warrick
Staff writer

Campus police say speed played a role in a head-on collision that shook up two University students attending their first day of classes.

The accident occurred about 9 a.m., Jan. 8, on Campus Drive at the south entrance of parking Lot 6 near the main entrance.

Donna Brittain, 39, of Palestine was attempting to turn into the parking lot when her Ford Expedition collided with a Honda Accord driven by Tamika Quarels, 25, of Tyler, according to a police report.

Quarels was taken to Trinity Mother Frances Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Brittain was not injured,

police said.

Both vehicles were towed from the accident scene.

In his investigation report, Lt. Allen Brown said Quarels was traveling "at a higher speed than is posted for campus roads."

The speed limit on Campus Drive is 20 m.p.h.

Police said no tickets were issued.

A lasting monument



WITH THIS RING: Workers unload a 2,220 pound bronze bell, the largest of 57 bells destined to become apart of the Riter Millennium Tower. The bell is on display between the Administration Building and HPR. President Rodney H. Mabry is encouraging students, faculty, staff and visitors to ring the bell and to sign a commemorative book. As of last week 69 ringers had signed the book just inside the Administration Building.

—by Wendy Moore

Police investigate UPines' burglaries

By Jan Warrick
Staff writer

Nine burglaries within 12 days netted someone more than \$6,700 in property from the University Pines Apartments last month, campus police said.

Items taken during the burglary included computers and other electronic equipment, jewelry and clothes. Four of the burglaries occurred on the same day.

Police are warning residents to lock their doors since there were no

signs of forced entry into any of the main doors.

At least two victims said police believe some residents may have unknowingly interrupted the burglar or burglars.

"My roommate came home and found the door standing open," 18-year-old Torey Chreene said.

She said her roommate closed the door and left again and upon her arrival the second time the door was open again, and she discovered the burglary and reported it.

Chreene and resident Barbara Horton, also 18, said each bedroom door in the apartments has a separate lock and both of their doors had been broken into.

"The doors still have not been fixed," Horton said.

Police records gave the following information about the burglaries:

- Dec. 17 - a cellular telephone, Versace glasses, shoes, clothing and sports bag stolen from apartment 710,

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SGA president resigns, Griffy accepts new role

By Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

The top offices of the Student Government Association will have a different look and a different approach this semester.

Aimee Griffy, the former vice president, took over as president on Jan. 5 after the sudden resignation of Michelle Ledoux.

Alan Thomas, a senior sociology major, has been appointed to replace Griffy.

Ledoux could not be reached for comment, but Griffy said her former roommate wanted a change.

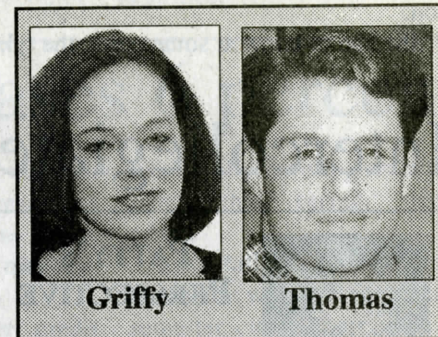
"Michelle told me she was tired of Tyler," she said. "She just decided in one day."

Ledoux did not register for classes this semester, and she now lives with her parents in Palestine, Griffy said.

University administrators said the resignation was unexpected.

"It was a surprise to me; we learned about her resignation at the last minute," Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, said.

Just last month, Ledoux accused Lunsford and the administration of trying to use their authority to sway the opinions of student government officers.



Griffy

Thomas

In a Dec. 2 letter, Ledoux said Lunsford blamed the SGA for not placing voting booths on the Longview and Palestine campuses during the Nov. 29-30 referendum election.

Administrators said there were no hard feelings toward Ledoux after she sent the letter throughout the campus.

In an interview last week, Griffy outlined three goals she has set for the SGA this semester. They are:

- conducting a smooth election in March for SGA officers;
- doubling student participation in the formal dance planned this spring; and
- improving the organizational structure of the SGA.

Griffy is a junior psychology major who came to the University with the first class of freshmen in 1998.

See President, Page 4

Four down, one to go

Provost search continues

by Melissa Tresner and Mary Hall

As of Friday, University officials have interviewed four of the five candidates for the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The fifth finalist is scheduled to be on campus Monday for a series of events.

The position, currently held by Dr. W.A. Baker, will be available when he retires at the end of this semester.

Baker began his career at the University of Texas at Tyler in June of 1995.

He announced his plans to retire in April.

President Rodney H. Mabry appointed a search and screening committee two months after the announcement.

Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of nursing and chair of the search committee worked with other committee members to find

qualified candidates to fill the position.

The screening committee was in charge of reviewing each application.

Personal interviews with faculty and students also were arranged by Klotz and the screening committee.

Each candidate met with deans, the search committee, students, Baker and Mabry while on campus.

Dr. Gary Peer, Central Michigan University; Dr. Galan Janeksela, University of Tennessee; Dr. David O'Keefe, Cameron University; and Dr. Bruce Speck, University of North Carolina came to the University earlier this month.

Dr. Roberto Villareal, the University of Texas at El Paso, is the final candidate.

Mabry will make the final decision of employing a new provost.

See Provost, Page 4

Editorial

Service, cleanliness and selection are key factors in any food service.

The Campus Café lacks all three.

Service

The cashier is often not available when he/she is needed.

On several occasions, a student selects his entree and stands around waiting for someone to ring up his meal. This is inconvenient, especially when a student is quickly grabbing a bite between classes.

The food servers are usually attentive, though. They efficiently put together student meals and are usually friendly.

Cleanliness

During the first week of school, customers found the café at its worst.

For instance, employees left the salad bar empty, with dirty water lining the metal bin. They also did not clean up a ladle which oozed ranch dressing onto the counter.

Sometimes the food is cold. The servers forget to cover the food so it does not remain at serving temperature.

The servers wear gloves - sometimes. However, when the cashier has to cover for the server, she rings up a customer, moves behind the counter and prepares food. This is unappetizing because she usually doesn't wash her hands after handling germ-infested money, nor does she put on gloves.

Practices like these are unsanitary and should be corrected.

Selection

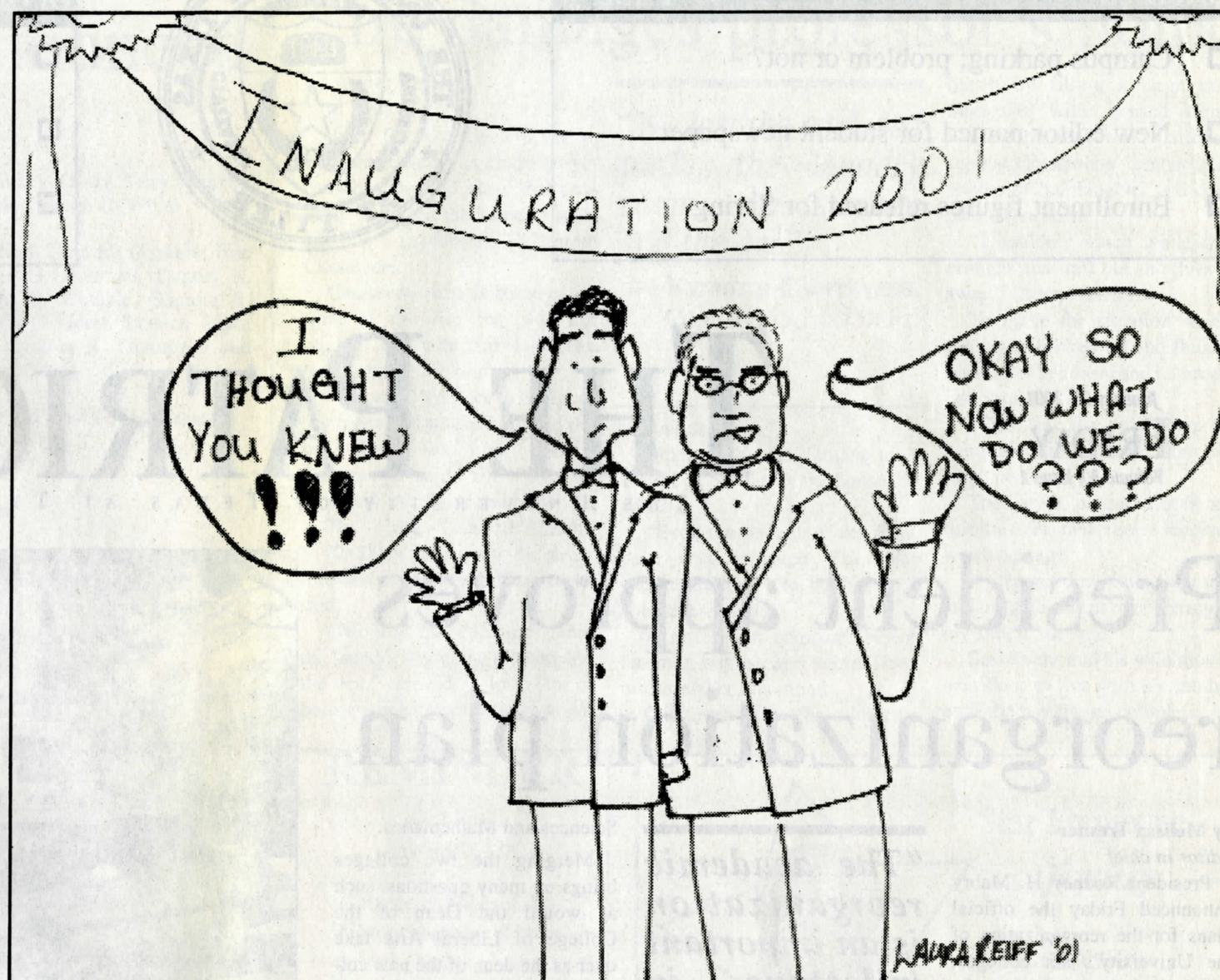
The options for food choices lack variety at the Campus Café.

On any given day, a student can choose from hamburgers, half the size of a Whataburger but for the same price, and hot dogs, corn dogs and chicken strips. They may also choose from a skimpy taco bar or the mediocre daily special.

The daily special is comparable to the cafeteria food served in grade school, but costs much more.

Students can make a difference in the Campus Café by simply speaking out. Students can write a suggestion to the owner, write a letter to the editor of *The Patriot* or talk to members of the Student Government Association.

The Campus Café's contract comes up for renewal in August. With the help of the students and SGA, a new food service can be selected or J.W. Finn's can sign another contract with different specifications. Regardless, students must speak up or nothing will change.



Children should be accepted at registration



WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ...

by Will Johnson
Staff writer

A shrill cry breaks through the collective noise: "Mommy, I want it!" The statement's repeated, containing equal volume and urgency, several times. Brief periods of silence punctuate the shrieking as a weary mother glares her offspring into submission. During this episode, many people complete their course registration and leave.

On the way out, several comment on

would get tired and begin wailing like a police siren.

More than likely, a weary mother, fully aware of the danger of a bored, tired kid, dreaded coming to register.

So, why do it?

Possibly, she didn't have any choice. What's a mother to do when completing her education and providing a better home for herself and her children clashes with caring for the children?

Whatever she must to accomplish her goal.

"Sometimes the kids get tired in the long lines, but [the mothers] still have to register," said *Patriot* editor Melissa Tresner, mother of two.

Sometimes that means doing things that might inconvenience others. Like having to orchestrate getting through registration

registration. "I understand," Nichelle Stevens said. Working registration in Longview, Mrs. Stevens recalled instances of children making things interesting.

Stevens said she realized what the mothers had to do and kept some perspective on the situation.

Keeping perspective in most circumstances is a good idea, and here are a few statistics to lend some: The 2000 Fall semester brought 3,594 students to UT Tyler.

Of that number, 2,365, or 66 percent, were female.

While the school doesn't record the percentage of the student populace with children, the census bureau has female participation in county households at 69 percent. It's a safe bet the child-rearing population on campus is significant.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is in response to staff writer Aaron Roberts' article (UT-Tyler Patriot, Nov. 15).

To begin with, let me make a humble confession: I am one of those "staff" members who do "some of the half-baked whack jobs" he alluded to in his piece.

I hold two masters degrees—one in mathematics, one in computer science - and a PhD in mathematics, all from reputed universities. I have been academically associated with UT-Tyler for more than 20 years and I feel offended by his arguments that simply because part of my salary comes from tuition money, the students should have the right to hire and fire their teachers.

My students evaluate my performance every semester and I would like to think that it has a direct bearing on my retention, promotion and pay-raise. Yes, we do have systematic policies and procedures for hiring, and firing faculty members. Are the students qualified to evaluate teachers' credentials, including transcripts, research, books and experience? The author's criteria for evaluating a teacher seem highly subjective. He writes: "Next time you get a test or project back with a less than perfect grade on it, just remember who's the boss around here."

Is getting a perfect grade the only measure by which he assesses the teacher? What about learning something in his/her class?

now annoying the situation became.
What could that mother have been thinking?

Doubtless, she rose on Jan. 5, intending to drag her child through the lengthy, often frustrating process of on-campus registration.

She had to know at some point, the tyke

with a small bundle of energy.

Not a simple task.

Patience is called for on all fronts. The staff assisting students seemed to take it in stride.

"There were a few [loud kids], but most of them seemed okay," said Mike Johnson, who worked in the cashier's office during

So, the next time you're feeling a bit impatient because some lady with children causes a ruckus, just remember on the other end is an exhausted person trying hard to do what everyone has to the best they can with what they've got. Try a bit more patience.

Getting a quality education should not be compared to buying a shirt from the mall, and success in life depends on many other factors, other than a college education. Finally, did the author of an article advocating student rights, conveniently miss the word student responsibilities?

Dr. M.S.T. Namboodiri
Lecturer in Computer Science

Intercollegiate athletics: are they right for us?



PATTY'S PERSPECTIVE

by Patty
Brown
Staff writer

Last semester, the University of Texas at Tyler students voted to approve a \$4-7 per semester hour increase in our tuition to bring athletics to campus. I firmly believe there is a time and place for athletics in every school. Athletics for fun and recreation, like we have now, is always welcome. Athletics for competition at such a small campus like ours is ridiculous.

I understand that UTT will not always be a small campus and the point of the athletic program is to make us grow, but with our limited enrollment and space restraints, we need to be realistic.

The issue that concerned me the most was the fact that Longview and Palestine UT students didn't get the opportunity to vote for the extra fee on their own campus. They had to drive to the Tyler campus if they wanted to cast their vote. Since they are directly affected by the increase, they should get to vote at a location convenient for them: their own campus.

Is the administration afraid the measure would fail if put to a true vote of all the students? I'm not asking for a recount; I respectfully request a re-vote. The administration should see the unfairness of this issue and take whatever steps necessary to make it right. Finger-pointing at the Student Government Association and disenfranchising students from the other campuses aren't the answers.

After reading the e-mail from the SGA president and the administration last semester concerning this fiasco, it seems to me the powers that be would want to stand up, take responsibility, and let's vote again.

So what if the vote fails? I don't believe UTT needs competitive athletics to make us a better school. I do not subscribe to the philosophy that athletics make for better people or a more desirable school. I may be one of the few people who oppose this fee. That's okay. I like the campus the way it is.

For what I pay in tuition for the privilege of attending here, I expect to receive the opportunity to achieve a top-notch education.

The classes here are small enough to be intensely personalized. The professors aren't so overwhelmed with students as to lose their humanity.

I feel strongly about not letting our classes be "dumbed down" to accommodate the jocks. I lived through that at Tyler Junior College. I don't believe TJC prepared me for the university-level classes students experience here. I would hate to think UTT followed the same path and stopped preparing us for our next level, whatever that may be.

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CAMPUS VOICE

What do you think of the Campus Café?



GERDES

"The food was good but the options were limited."

—Jason Gerdes
senior, speech



OWENS

"I thought the price was kind of high and the quality wasn't that good."

—Starr Owens
junior, mathematics



JOHNSON

"The service was prompt and very attentive."

—Curtis Johnson
junior, CIS



MIEKOWSKI

"It's good for just fast-food-type stuff. I wasn't thrilled with the entrees. They're willing to do what they can to serve you."

—Tina Miekowski
junior, nursing



JUDD

"I thought it was too expensive."

—Emilie Judd
junior, elem. ed.



TUEL

"It wasn't very good. No flavor."

—Kalvin Tiel
senior, comp. science

Questions - Complaints?

Voice Your Opinion!

Write a letter to the editor and let us know what you think about our columns, editorials or any activities on campus.

Administration downplays campus parking concerns

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

University administrators and students believe there are "relatively little" parking problems on campus compared to other Universities.

UT Arlington charges students \$300 per year for parking in remote garages, Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said.

In contrast, students and faculty at UTT pay \$15 per year.

Tyler Junior College began offering students bus tokens in the fall semester because they did not have enough parking spaces on campus, Fred Peters, director of public information at TJC, said.

The college issued 400 Tyler Transit bus tokens to students "in hopes they would ride the bus" and alleviate some of the parking problems, Peters said.

TJC students pay twice as much as UTT students for parking.

Some students at UTT think any parking problems on campus are the result of students' unwillingness to park on one side of campus and walk to class.

"There are plenty of parking spaces on campus, but students are too lazy to walk to the other side of campus," senior Mandy Ptacek said.

Others think there are no problems with parking.

For instance, junior Jeremy Daw said, "If students here think we have a parking problem they should go to a larger university."

Some administrators believe parking becomes congested only when other events are occurring on campus.

"The only significant parking problem is when Cowan Center events coincide with night classes," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said the University's Master Plan includes additional parking lots that will relieve some of these problems.

An additional lot is scheduled to be completed at the same time as the new nursing building in 2002, he said.

Over the next five years a physical education center and engineering and sciences building will be added to the campus.

Both of these buildings will have separate parking lots with them, according to the Master Plan.

Scarborough said he is "optimistic" the 1,498 parking spaces on campus will be adequate for almost 4,000 students and faculty until construction is completed on the other parking areas.

Although many are satisfied with the

number of parking spaces on campus, there are still times when parking citations are issued.

Last year campus police issued 1,092 parking violations that brought the University \$3,265 in revenue, lieutenant Allen Brown of the University Police, said.

"We have not been writing as many citations as we did last year," Brown said.

Brown attributed the drop in the number of parking violations to student awareness.

Blocking spaces, occupying two spaces or parking without a permit are violations.

Parking in spaces reserved for handicapped or fire lanes are also subject to citations.

Parking violations carry an \$8 to \$11 fine, except for illegally parking in a handicapped space.



— by Joe McArthur

PATIENCE IS KEY: Some UT students and administrators disagree about parking issues on campus. This motorist is trying to find a parking space in front on the UC.

The fine for parking in a handicapped space is \$50.

Citations are written at the officer's discretion, Brown said.

After 5 p.m. students and faculty may park in any space other than those reserved for the president, vice president or handicapped.

Those spaces are patrolled at all times, Brown said.

Since faculty pay the same \$15 fee

for parking each year, they too may be issued citations for parking violations.

Students and faculty must pay parking fines in the Cashier's Office located on the first floor of the Administration Building.

"If tickets aren't paid, the University will hold the student's grades so they can't transfer to other schools," Ernest McAllister, student activities coordinator, said.

Student aid worker fired from position

by Wendy L. Moore
Staff writer

University officials fired a student financial aid officer on Oct. 9 for falsification of institutional records, according to a notification of disciplinary action submitted by the dean and assistant dean for enrollment management.

According to the document, Cecilia Jones broke four policies. In addition to document falsification, the document accused Jones of theft, dishonesty or unauthorized use of institutional property including records, failure to adhere to established rules and regulations, and for the violation of

affairs, omitted the specific actions Jones performed because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 which "governs the availability of student records held by educational agencies of institutions that receive federal funds."

Jones received notice of her termination on Oct. 6 and was given the opportunity to tell officials if the accusations were not justified or if she had a reason why she should not be dismissed from employment.

On Oct. 9, Jones received a memorandum informing her that because she failed to appear

Longview UC director Lee retiring

Karen S. Lee will retire as director of the University of Texas at Tyler / Longview University Center effective Jan. 31, President Rodney H. Mabry has announced.

A new director will be appointed immediately.

"It has been a pleasure working on the Longview University Center. It is not often in one's career that the opportunity arises to be present at the creation of a new venture. I am grateful to the University for that opportunity," Lee said.

Lee was appointed to the position in June 1999.

"I truly regret that Karen's time as the first leader of the Longview University Center

"It has been a pleasure working on the Longview University Center."

— KAREN LEE

Lee worked for more than a year with UTT administrators to develop the Longview University Center's academic course offerings for the Fall 2000 semester.

She also spoke to numerous citizens' groups, arranged information forums for prospective students and developed targeted mailings to inform East Texas residents of the higher education opportu-

and will continue working on several projects on behalf of UTT and the Longview University Center.

A long-time resident of Longview, Lee served as senior lecturer of accounting at UTT from 1984 to 1994 when she was appointed Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C.

At UTT she taught business,

the Small Business Administration, a position she had held since December 1997.

Lee holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, a law degree from the University of Minnesota and a graduate certificate in accounting from American University.

She is licensed as a certified public accountant in Texas and as an attorney in Texas and Minnesota.

She began her federal career in 1964 as an attorney with the Veterans Administration.

She was also Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation;

policies or rules of the institution or the University of Texas system.

This information was given to *The Patriot* after a staff reporter filed an open records request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Lynn Culverhouse, assistant vice president of business

at the pre-disciplinary hearing, her termination was effective that day.

She was also given the opportunity to appeal the decision of her termination within five working days of her termination.

Jones did not file an appeal, Culverhouse said.

has come to an end. I am thankful that she was there to bring this new campus to life. She did an outstanding job, resulting in great success for the center," Mabry said.

nities offered by the new center.

She will serve as a senior lecturer for the College of Business Administration during the spring 2001 semester

federal income tax, and accounting in the College of Business Administration.

She returned to Longview after retiring from the position of Acting Inspector General of

Special Assistant and Staff Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice; and Deputy Director, Management Programs and Budget Staff, U.S. Department of Justice.

Spring 2001 enrollment increases 6 percent

Spring enrollment for 2001 at The University of Texas at Tyler showed a 6 percent increase in headcount, and a 14 percent increase in semester credit hours compared to spring 2000 enrollment figures, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

"We welcome this substantial growth, and the opportunities it has created and will create in the future. A larger university will result in better classroom learning situations, more course variety and more effective services for our students.

At the same time, reasonable growth will allow individual faculty members to offer the

same courses more often, reducing their preparations and giving them more opportunities to specialize," Mabry said.

The Spring 2001 preliminary numbers, which include enrollment at both the Longview University Center and the Palestine Extension Campus, show a headcount of 3,403 with 32,384 semester credit hours, in comparison to 3,212 and 28,413 respectively from a year ago.

"These preliminary numbers usually show a decrease of about one percent after the 12th class day when students have dropped classes or withdrawn from the university and enroll-

ment numbers become official. Nevertheless, this is great news for the university," Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management, said.

The total semester credit hours for 2001 is the largest spring semester number recorded in 10 years, and the headcount total exceeds fall enrollment totals for 1997, 1998 and 1999, according to Hutto.

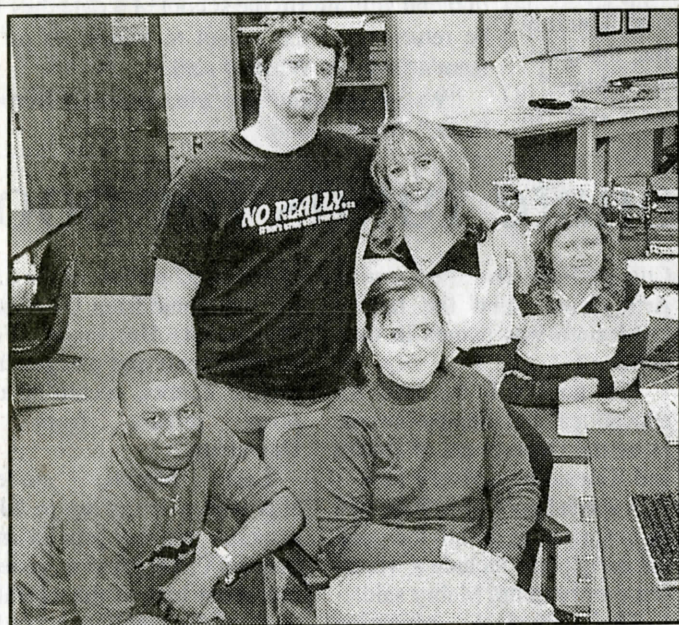
"It is very unusual for a spring enrollment to be higher than a fall enrollment. Spring semester usually isn't a primary entry point for enrollment. Most students begin college in the fall semester, so fall semes-

ters usually have higher enrollments than spring," Hutto added.

Last fall UT Tyler's total headcount was up 6 percent and semester credit hours were up 9.7 percent.

"As always, thanks go to Dean Hutto and to all of his excellent professional staff in the enrollment management area.

"They have done a super job, and since enrollment is a team effort, we also thank our great faculty and outstanding support staff for attracting great students in such large numbers," Mabry said.



— by Joe McArthur

SPRING STAFF: *The Patriot* editorial staff for the spring semester consists of, front row, Harold Wilson and Melissa Tresner. Back row, Aaron Roberts, Lana Cain and Wendy Moore.

Tresner named editor; open house scheduled

Melissa Tresner, a junior journalism major from Arp, has been named editor in chief of *The Patriot* for the spring semester.

Tresner is responsible for the overall newspaper production.

Two thousand copies are distributed on the Tyler, Palestine and Longview campuses.

During her first semester at the helm, Tresner said she will become familiar with the general operations before considering any changes.

"My main concern is that the students learn something and that we have an overall good newspaper that is accurate and fair," she said.

I also want the student body to know if they have an

issue or concern they can come to me."

Tresner graduated from Henderson High School and attended Tyler Junior College. She obtained an associate's degree from Texarkana College.

While attending TC, she worked on the student newspaper as a reporter and page editor.

Tresner and her staff will sponsor an open house from noon until 2 p.m. Jan. 31 in HPR Room 274. The event is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Other editors serving this semester are: Wendy Moore, opinion/editorial page; Lana Cain, feature; Aaron Roberts, entertainment; and Harold Wilson, sports editor.

Judge denies new trial for arsonist in fatal fire

Teen defendant faces second trial on separate felony charge involving death of University secretary

by Jan Warrick
Staff writer

Convicted arsonist Dinario Jones lost his bid for a new trial earlier this month.

State District Judge Louis Gohmert denied the defense motion during a hearing Jan. 11.

A jury of seven men and five women convicted the 18-year-old Tylerite of arson. Gohmert sentenced him to 70 years in prison.

Jones will have to serve half of his sentence before he will be eligible for parole because he was found with a deadly weapon.

In a motion for a new trial, defense attorney Jeff Haas alleged Jones did not get a fair trial because "the jury was given erroneous jury instructions."

The trial started on Nov. 28 and ended on Dec. 4.

The jury returned a guilty verdict of arson, and Jones was sentenced on Dec. 19.

In Jones' confession he told police, "I needed money because I didn't get any for my birthday."

According to court documents, Jones said he was walking to a friend's house and noticed the empty house on Blackwell Street.

He admitted he kicked in the door of the house and stole a television, CDs, jewelry and a gun.

"I first lit the sheet on the bed and set the bed on fire with my lighter by the window and then lit the other side and then I left. I didn't know if it would burn for sure because the fire was small when I left," Jones said in his confession.

The fire spread to the house next door, where University secretary Shelly Haynes, 26, and her three-year-old daughter Hanna lived.

Haynes and her daughter died of smoke inhalation.

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Ice storm chills campus; exam schedule disrupted

Power outages and icy roads forced hundreds of University students to reschedule some exams and delay their holiday plans during finals last month.

Officials closed the Tyler, Longview and Palestine campuses on Dec. 13 after canceling exams the night before.

The Longview campus remained closed for a second day while workers restored power.

The closing marked the second time within a year the University canceled classes because of inclement weather.

"I was ready to take my finals and depart for Lufkin for the holidays," Stephanie Sparks, a sophomore elementary education major said. "I tried to take one of my exams on that Thursday, but my teacher was not able to make it to class. Instead, I had to take most of my finals . . . the following week."

Students said the weather not only inconvenienced their travel to and from school, but how they prepared for their tests.

"I was very cold while studying in the dark," sophomore Chelsie Gaston said.

Some professors said they tried to accommodate students and their changed schedules.

Dr. Roger Anderson, an English professor, said he gave some students an incomplete until they were able to make up their exams.

Andrea Avila, a Spanish lecturer, said she allowed a student to take an exam at a different time because conditions left the student unprepared.

The University's Adverse Weather Committee recommended closing the school after evaluating road conditions and

weather reports, said Beverley Golden, news and information director for the University.

Golden serves on the committee with Chip Clark, the physical plant director, and Police Chief Robert Hudson. The committee makes a recommendation to President Rodney H. Mabry, who then makes the final decision, she said.

Golden said there was a "slight" problem in getting news of the closing to students and employees. She said local television stations were late in broadcasting the announcement on that Wednesday morning, and at least one station incorrectly reported the University - instead of just the Longview center - would be closed on Thursday.

"Some students did miss finals [because of the incorrect information] and had to reschedule," she said.

Junior Kristi Kirksy, who also attends classes at Kilgore Junior College, said misinformation about the closing affected the way she studied.

"Due to the ice, I didn't think we would have school; therefore, I did not fully prepare for my finals," she said.

Golden said University officials may consider revising its closing policy to consider circumstances in which only one campus may need to be closed.

She also said officials will work on ways to improve communications through the local media.

The ice storm also damaged some trees on the Tyler campus. Workers spent days clearing downed limbs from roadways and campus walkways.

Clark said city power outages shut down



— by Ernest Celaya

FROZEN FOREST: Mother nature's cold fury transforms campus foliage into a winter wonderland.

water pumping stations which also serve the University. Residents at University Pines Apartments were without water and electricity for three days, Security Guard Ken Webber said.

"When President Mabry and I arrived at the University apartments, the students were actually all helping each other out. A large group had gathered and were barbecuing because their stoves and microwaves wouldn't work," he said. "They really pulled together like a big family."

The Longview campus was without power for two days, forcing students and faculty members to reschedule final exams on that Thursday, Chris Haiden, associate director of the Longview Center said.

This report was compiled by students in Journalism 3305 class.



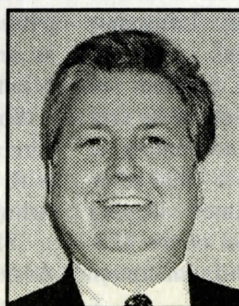
— by Ernest Celaya

WARNING: Campus signs took on a more serious tone in ice storm.

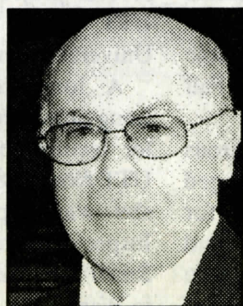
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Peer



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Speck

SACS grants reaccreditation; University meets guidelines

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools officially reaccredited the University of Texas at Tyler on Dec. 5 Sherri Whatley, assistant director of the self-study.

SACS issued its preliminary report last semester with a list of 38 items the University lacked or needed to change. Whatlev then wrote a response

one case of a part-time faculty teaching at the master's level, the individual was found not to hold the terminal degree." Also, SACS said the person was said to have expert knowledge in the field.

In Whatley's response she said a "worksheet provided at the close of the visit included two part-time teachers without a terminal degree who

Peer

Dr. Gary Peer is serving as vice provost for academic affairs at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Peer majored in counselor education with a minor in higher education administration at Indiana University, where he received his Doctor of Education in 1971.

He sees education as a "personalization of rigorous and stimulating learning environments."

Peer said he enjoys working closely with deans, department chairs, faculty and staff in "pursuing the institution's academic agenda."

He also said instituting an athletic program would be great for UTT as long as the university remains "based on academic principles."

"Academic quality," Peer said, "is an important and demonstrable value."

Janeksela

Dr. Galan Janeksela is serving his fifth year as dean of the College of Health and Human Services and professor of social and community services at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Janeksela believes his 25

years in academic administration/student services give him the credentials needed for provost and vice president for academic affairs at UTT.

"I have experience in working across departmental, college, and institutional boundaries."

Janeksela said he is "one-hundred percent behind" implementing a "strong honors program" with a group of students who proceed together.

He believes the learning community is critical, especially for an honors program.

Janeksela said an athletic program will contribute to the overall campus environment and, as a growing university, this is important for UTT.

If he receives the position of provost and vice president, Janeksela plans to get the students involved in as many decision-making structures as possible. He believes input from both current and former students will help the faculty better evaluate themselves and UTT.

"I am in support of a role that allows students to express viewpoints of things that are both interior and exterior to the campus."

O'Keefe

Dr. David O'Keefe is the

Dean of the School of Science and Technology at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma

He is also a professor in the Department of Physical Science.

O'Keefe said he is "concerned" about implementing athletics at the University, but the programs can be valuable if "used as a vehicle" to promote the University.

"I'm going to do a little more looking, so I'll be more prepared," he said.

He believes Tyler is more "livable" than Lawton, and he said he looks forward to working in a more progressive town.

Speck

Dr. Bruce Speck is the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

In a letter sent to the search committee, Speck said, "I believe that an administrator's goal should be to facilitate the work that professors do to ensure that students receive a high quality education."

Speck is expected to meet with students Friday afternoon.

The Patriot was unable to attend the meeting before this publication was printed

to each item of SACS list.

Among the items SACS outlined was the recommendation that "at the time of the Self-study and the Reaffirmation Committee's visit, the New Millennium Vision had not been approved, nor could the institution document an existing planning and evaluation process to support the achievement of its mission."

The response to the recommendation said, "On April 28, the UT Tyler Faculty Senate approved a resolution endorsing the 'New Millennium Vision' process and recommended that the document be reviewed and revised by stakeholders."

Another recommendation from SACS said, "In

Vaughns donate funds for pool

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

The University accepted a gift of \$800,000 for the recreation and therapy pool to be constructed in the proposed Health and Kinesiology Physical Education Complex, said President Rodney H. Mabry.

Dr. Jim and Bonna Bess Vaughn donated the money for the pool, Mabry said.

"The Health and Kinesiology Physical Education Complex is UT Tyler's top institutional priority, and this very generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn brings us one very important step closer to realizing this goal," Mabry said.

The Vaughns were major contributors to the R. Don

Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center, and the largest auditorium was named in their honor.

The pool will be used for educational and therapy purposes by the Department of Health and Kinesiology, Mabry said.

A special pool consultant will be contacted to design the pool, but early plans include a wheelchair entry ramp, Mabry said.

The physical education building is scheduled to open in fall 2003.

In addition to the pool, the building will include a fitness/recreation center, convocation/sports center, classrooms, laboratories and faculty and staff offices.

The project has an estimated cost just under \$20 million.

taught master's level courses.

The two instructors are Angela Hill and Robert Behnke.

In the response Whatley wrote, "Ms. Hill taught EDSP 5363," and that she had 17 years experience with emotionally disturbed children.

"Mr. Behnke taught TECH 5313," and taught in this field for 20 years.

The self-studies department is now waiting on a letter from SACS which will mention accreditation and will inform the school of a date they will be returning to the school to follow up on the team's findings, Whatley said.

"We are not quite sure what to expect from the letter," Whatley said.

About 92 percent of the funding will come from UT System Permanent University Fund commitments and pledges from private donors, according to a press release from the University.

Last March, students approved a fee of up to \$40 a semester that will provide more than \$400,000 per year, generating about half of the operating costs of the building, according to the press release.

The University will cover the remaining expenses.

"As the University expands to meet the growing educational needs of the region, students desire a facility that will provide a central focus for student-life activities," Mabry said.

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She said she assumed the presidency because she wanted to and not because she was obligated to do so.

She said she enjoys going to meetings and interacting with people.

"My first year here I was not very active," Griffy said.

She said she missed the high school atmosphere, so she got involved in the SGA as its treasurer.

Last year she was elected vice president.

"We're fortunate to have somebody who is familiar with the SGA," Lunsford said.

Griffy attends classes full time and also works two jobs, so she was concerned she would

not have enough time to devote to student government.

Both employers are willing to work around her schedule to accommodate classes and meetings for the SGA, she said.

"I am going to do my best," she said.

SGA members confirmed Thomas' appointment as vice president at a Jan. 17 meeting.

Thomas has six years experience as a paralegal.

Griffy said she supports Thomas.

"He is probably the most organized person I've ever seen. He is very dedicated," Griffy said.

Staff writer Jennifer Jones contributed to this report.

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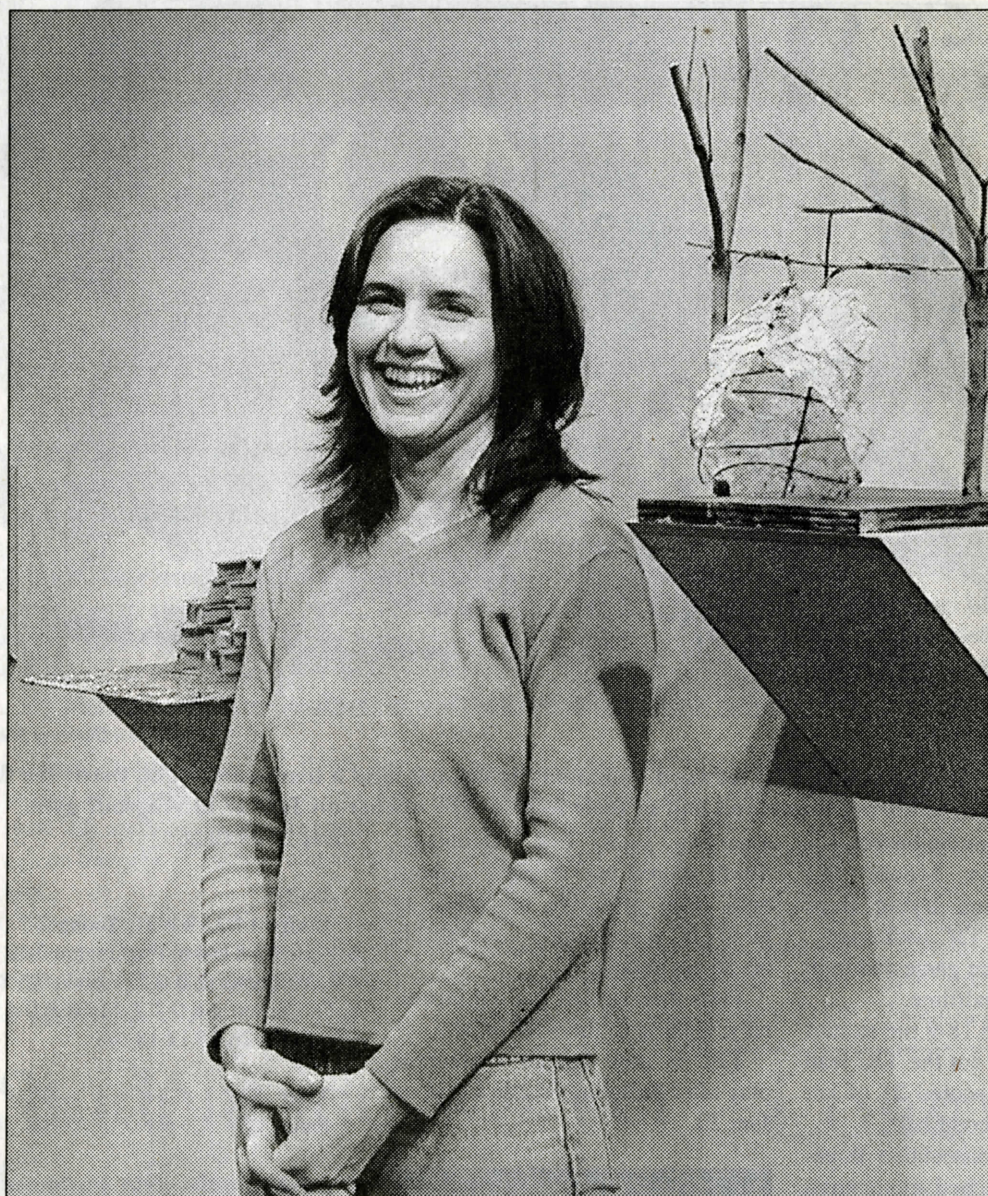
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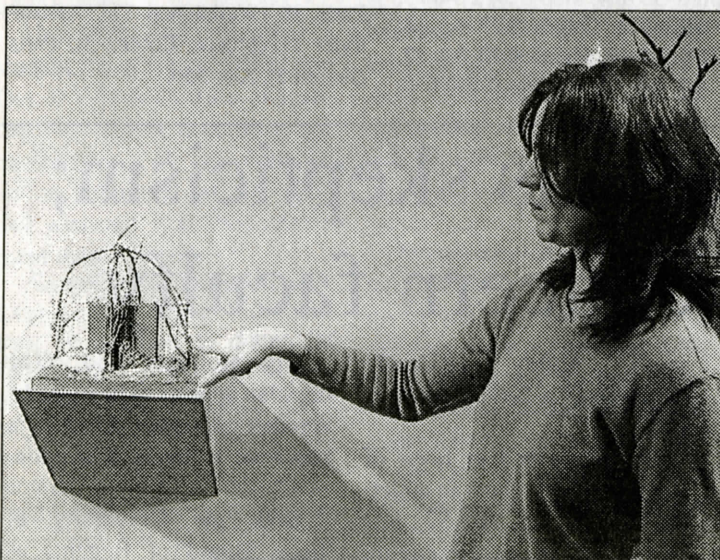
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**Meet the final provost
candidate Monday in Library
Rm. 401 at 2 p.m.**

Art professor shows her work at Meadows Gallery



SCALED MODELS: Gerhauser stands next to models of pieces she has made in larger sizes. She plans to build some of the pieces later.



LOOK HERE: The piece Gerhauser is pointing at consists of four mirrors arranged in a "X." In each corner Gerhauser put in mounds of different kinds of objects. The mirrors make the objects appear as though they go all the way around the mirrors. Gerhauser said the piece resembles the need to carefully look at the whole picture.

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

Boat halves and giant snake skins have filled the walls of The Meadows Gallery in the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Sculpture and drawing professor Amy Gerhauser submitted these abstract sculptures as part of her "Journeys and Destinations" exhibit.

Gerhauser describes her work as "theme-driven" and says that it "addresses ideas about transformation, transience and a sense of place."

She uses a combination of steel, hand-made paper, wood, clay and tree branches to create sculptures resembling everything from snake skins or "a fish" to the front half of a boat made from sheet metal and wood timbers.

When Gerhauser says she uses hand-made paper in her work, she means "hand-made paper."

She buys the paper fibers of the inner-bark of trees and boils it in soda ash.

The pulp is then combined with water in small portions and put in a blender. The mixture is then poured into a tub. The pulp is strained from the water and is approximately 1/8" thick.

The pulp is then dried and laid onto the sculpture.

Gerhauser explained that with the fragile nature of some of the sculptures, they are "short-lived due to ephemeral materials; others are temporarily installed and then the materials are recycled."

"My intention is to create forms of strong physical presence and brief duration, evoking the absent body to which they allude," she said.

Gerhauser started teaching at UT Tyler last fall.

"This is a really pretty area and the people are nice," she said.

She last taught at Old Dominion University and Governor's School for Art in Virginia.

Gerhauser grew up in

California, attended UC Santa Cruz and went to Old Dominion for her MFA degree in Visual Studies.

Gerhauser will talk about the sculptures during the opening reception Jan. 26 from 6-8 p.m. in The Meadows Gallery.

The exhibit will start March 9.



— by Aaron Roberts

ALL ABOARD: This boat half is made from a sheet metal and carved-wood structure and lined with chicken wire inside. One of Gerhauser's pieces is on display at Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

The Big Screen

Mixed emotions for new movie 'Anti Trust'

by De'Aundela Weekly

She plays girlfriend to Phillipine's mousey charac-

Southern Methodist professor lectures on Bombal's novel

by De'Aundela Weekly
Staff writer

The Department of Literature and languages invites everybody to attend a lecture on February 5.

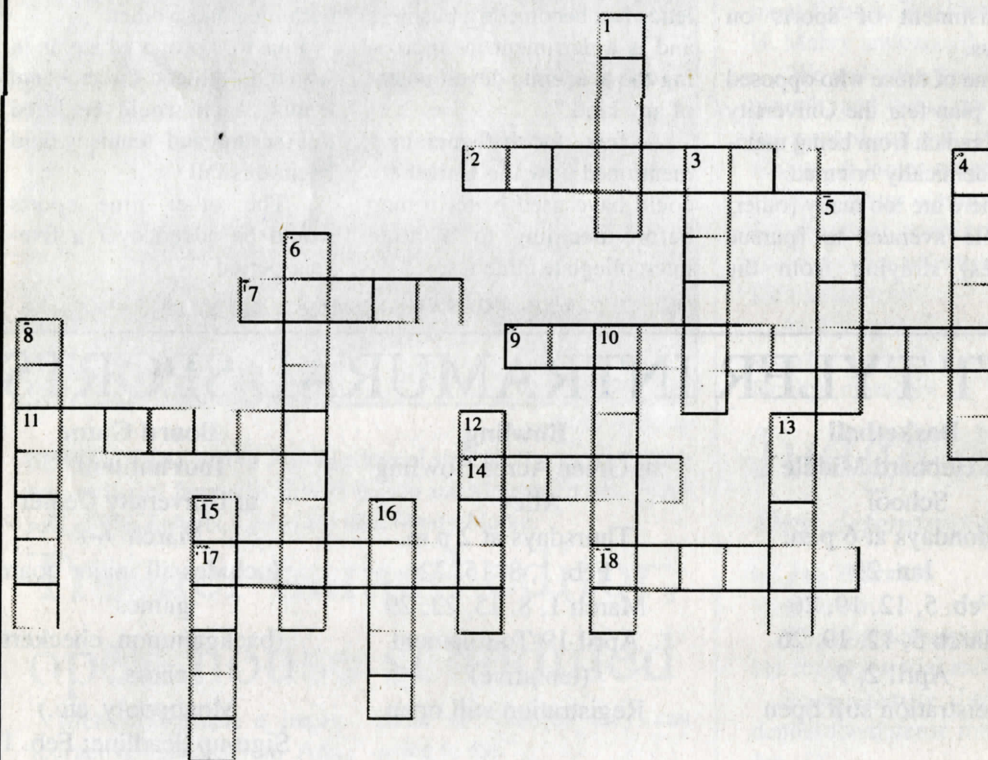
Professor Rene Prieto of Southern Methodist University will lecture over the

Chilean novel "The Final Method" by Maria Luisa Bombal.

Admission is free to students and the general public. The lecture starts at 6 p.m. in Room 244 of the Robert R. Muntz Library.

For more information contact Dr. Greg Utley at 566-7464.

Crazy Campus Crossword



Across

- 2. English Professor
- 7. Library
- 9. Recital Hall
- 11. Entertainment Editor
- 14. SGA president
- 17. Shortage
- 18. President's first name

Down

- 1. Teacher Certification
- 3. New Fee
- 4. Tennis Center
- 5. English Paper
- 6. Dean of Students
- 8. Street
- 10. Degree Requirement
- 12. Auditorium
- 13. Bell Tower
- 15. Plaza
- 16. Campus

Answers

- 15. Fins
- 13. Spence
- 12. Ritter
- 10. Algebra
- 8. Varsity
- 6. Lunsford
- 5. Essay
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- Down
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- 17. Parking
- 14. Almee
- 11. Roberts
- 9. Brathwaite
- 7. Muntz
- 2. Anderson
- Across

Staff writer

Peter Howitt's film "Anti Trust," starring Ryan Phillippe (Little Boy Blue, Studio 54, and Cruel Intentions), Rachael Leigh Cook (She's All That, Get Carter), Claire Forlani (Meet Joe Black) and Tim Robbins (Bull Durham) is not a "must see" movie.

Even if you miss the first 10 minutes you will be able to pick up on the Good vs. Evil plot.

Phillippe puts his brain to work in the film. As always, his acting is wonderful and the film should do well at the box office.

The other cast members did solid work in this film. Forlani's acting was better in this movie than in previous works.

ter. Cook also gives a convincing performance in the technological flick, even though her lines were few and far between.

The director could have done a better job with some of his casting choices. For example, he could have looked much harder for someone to play Robbins' role although he did the best he could to bring life to his character.

The whole cast does a good job of holding the film together, which is apparent about 30-35 minutes into the film.

Parental Guidance is encouraged due to language and strong violence.

Waiting until this one is put on video won't hurt.

Pitt gives great performance with 'Snatch'

by Patty Brown
Staff writer

"Snatch" is the most recent cinematic effort of Mr. Madonna, Guy Ritchie. Ritchie wrote, directed and co-produced this slow-starting, muddy dialect-filled film, now showing at the Hollywood Rose Theater in Tyler.

The movie stars Brad Pitt, Benicio del Toro, Dennis Farina, and colorful British actors Vinny Jones, Jason Statham, Jason Flemyng and Alan Ford.

The movie's premise is London's backstabbing, double-dealing underworld and the murderous lengths they go through trying to steal a flawless 86-carat diamond from each other.

"Snatch" is a mind-boggling series of double-crosses: Russians work with a British mercenary, hitmen are sent to kill the mercenary, mobsters try to outwit the hitmen, Jewish jewelers undermine the mobsters and a crazed Irish gypsy looks for both payback and a payday.

This film has a "Pulp Fiction" feel, utilizing numerous flashbacks to explain the current on-screen action. "Snatch" tries to be a caper movie but lacks the ability to make the audience care about any of the characters.

Pitt, by far, has the most interesting role. He plays the Irish gypsy named Mickey, drawn into the illegal, bare-knuckle boxing world for both money and

revenge. A running gag in the film is Mickey's mush-mouthed English that none of the other characters can understand, neither can the audience.

The film does have its moments. Jones plays the menacing figure of Bullet-Tooth Tony, the British mercenary. When asked how he would prefer to be addressed, as Bullet, Mr. Tooth, or Tony, he replies, "You can call me Suzy if it makes you happy." Great comedic lines like that are so rare, the audience laughs desperately louder at each one.

A dog named Dog was welcome comic relief. After consuming a small squeaky toy, the dog squeaked throughout the rest of the movie.

Ford plays the terrifying Brick Top, pig farm owner and leader of the illegal bare-knuckle boxing and dogfight club many of the film's characters find themselves deeply involved with.

Historically, British films are not commercially successful in the United States, for example, "Trainspotting" and "The Full Monty." The heavily accented English is hard to understand and American audiences are usually not familiar enough with British slang to comprehend most of the references.

I really wanted to like this film. Pitt was relaxed and at his comedic best, but it was too little, too late. Disappointing is the first word that comes to mind when recalling this film.

This film is rated "R" for the murder, mayhem and strong language that abound.

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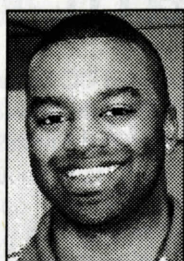
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In the Huddle

by
Harold Wilson
Staff writer

Defense makes champions

Coaches often tell their players that while offense wins games, defense wins championships. The Baltimore Ravens, thanks largely to their record-setting defense, look to prove this saying true in Super Bowl XXXV, set for Sunday in Tampa, Florida.

Neither the Ravens nor their Super Bowl opponents, the New York Giants, possess a high powered offense. The league's best offensive teams, however, will watch these top defensive clubs compete for the biggest prize in football.

The league's leading offenses failed at stopping other teams during the playoffs. Scoring is an important part of the game, but it is just that—a part. Other crucial components are special teams and defense.

The Raven defense, fueled by middle-line-backer and defensive player-of-the-year Ray Lewis (137 tackles, three sacks, and three forced fumbles), has enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in league history. During the regular season, Baltimore's defense allowed less than 260 yards per contest, yielded a mere 10.2 points a game and recorded 43 sacks. In addition, the Ravens defense pitched four shutouts and forced 49 turnovers.

The defense and special teams helped boost the lagging Ravens offense, providing them with great field position and points. Return man Jermaine Lewis, a pro bowler, averages a booming 16 plus yards on punt returns and has scored two touchdowns off returns. Kicker Matt Stover, also a pro bowler, hit on 25 of 27 field goals during the regular season.

These other important components helped the Ravens make it through a five-game stretch without scoring a touchdown. Baltimore managed to win the first two of those five games behind the leg of Stover. The Ravens have won their last 10 games since the offense found the end zone.

While the conservative, ball-control Ravens offense has been inconsistent, the defense has played big every week. Bad weather can stop a great offense, but not a great defense, which can also stop a great offense.

The Ravens offense averages a meager 20.8 points a game, but when coupled with a defense that gives up only 10 points a game, 20 should be enough to give Baltimore its first Super Bowl title since 1971 when they were the Colts.

TJC slips by Paris in conference opener

by **Harold Wilson**
Staff writer

Tyler Junior College nearly gave away a gift after failing to cash in from the charity stripe.

The Lady Apaches, national champions a year ago, held off a furious last-minute rally by Paris to preserve a 71-68 win on Jan. 17 at Wagstaff Gymnasium in the Region XIV conference opener for both squads.

Poor free throw shooting by TJC kept Paris in the game. The Lady Apaches shot 39 percent (10-26) from the free throw line, which included six misses during the final two minutes.

Trailing 69-62 with 1:07 remaining in the game, the Lady Dragons scored three quick baskets to cut the TJC lead to 70-68. TJC made a rare free throw to increase their margin to three with two seconds remaining, leaving Paris one final attempt to tie the game and force overtime.

The Apache Ladies defense came up big, forcing the ball away from Paris guard Sonya Hodge, who netted a game-high 31 points. Cristy Young's three-point attempt fell short as time expired.

TJC (12-4) featured a balanced attack as five players scored in double figures. Sophomore post Aiysha Smith paved the way with 16 points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Apache front court did the most damage, scoring 54 of their 71 points. Forward Bertha Collins (14 points, four rebounds, two steals), forward Sholanda Pipkin (12 points, seven rebounds) and post Chinyere James (10 points, six rebounds, three blocks) teamed with Smith as TJC dominated the smaller



Courtesy photo

FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION: TJC forward Sholanda Pipkin, left, and a teammate, right, battle for the ball with a Paris player during the second half of their Region XIV opener on Jan. 17 at Wagstaff gym.

Lady Dragons under the basket.

Guards Kearria Moore (13 points) and Keshun Irving (four steals) sparked the TJC backcourt.

TJC led the entire game and took a 37-27 lead into halftime.

Paris went on an 18-9 run to start the second half to cut the TJC lead to 46-45. Hodge scored 21 of her 31 points in the second half.

Moore's two consecutive three-point baskets switched momentum back to TJC, giving the Lady Apaches a 59-51 lead with 5:52 left to play.

After Young made her second three-pointer to cut the lead down to 62-56, the Lady Apaches began

asserting their size advantage. Smith scored two straight baskets, both from offensive rebounds, to give TJC a seemingly comfortable 66-56 advantage.

Paris then started fouling repeatedly, leading to the wild finish.

TJC is now 2-0 in conference play after defeating Panola 81-31 on Jan. 20.

Stats

TYLER

Irving 1-5 2-8 4, Moore 5-12 0-0 13, Wady 1-6 0-0 2, Collins 5-17 4-8 14, Smith 7-8 2-4 16, Pipkin 6-13 0-1 12, James 4-5 2-5 10. Lincoln 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals 29-66 10-26 71.

PARIS

Hodge 14-23 2-4 31, Young 2-7 0-0 6, Ferrell 3-8 0-0 6, Washington 3-12 2-4 8, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Woods 0-3 8-8 8, Pemberton 3-6 0-2 7, McBeth 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 26-65 12-18 68.

Tyler	37	34	—71
Paris	27	41	—68

3-Point Goals—Tyler 3-6 (Moore 3-5, Irvin 0-1), Paris 4-9 (Young 2-5, Hodge 1-3, Peniberton 1-1). Rebounds—Tyler 35 (Smith, Pipkin 7), Paris 38 (Washington 11). Assists—Tyler 11 (Moore, Collins 3), Paris 7 (Ferrell 5). A—550.

Region XIV Standings

	Season	Conf.
Trinity Valley	17-1	2-0
Tyler	13-5	2-0
Angelina	11-7	2-0
Paris	13-5	1-1
Blinn	9-9	1-1
San Jacinto	11-7	0-2
Kilgore	10-8	0-2
Panola	9-7	0-2

Last Week's Scores: Angelina 82, Panola 58; Angelina 79, Kilgore 62; Trinity Valley 109, San Jacinto 82; Trinity Valley 55, Blinn 46; Blinn 91, Kilgore 85; Tyler 71, Paris 68; Paris 83, San Jacinto 73; Tyler 81, Panola 31.

Survey reveals skepticism; athletics concern faculty

By **Harold Wilson**
Staff writer

Faculty members expressed concern in an e-mail survey about the University's decision to begin intercollegiate athletics, worrying that academics

small, highly academic University," a faculty member said.

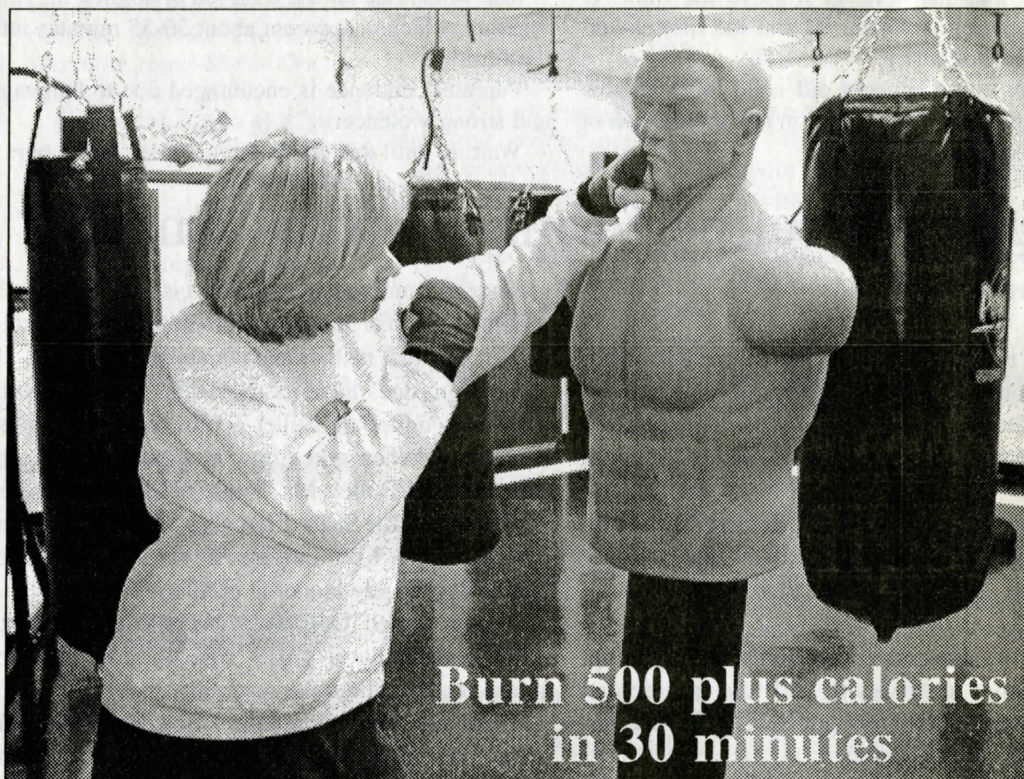
Students voted in favor of assessing themselves an athletic fee of up to \$7 last November in a referendum

One professor said, "The decision appears to be rushed." Another professor called it "a bad time to begin this initiative."

Both the University of Texas Board of Regents as

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and finances may be sacrificed as a result.

The survey, conducted by the Student Affairs Committee, asked faculty members whether they were for or against adding an athletics program at the University.

All responses were anonymous.

In all, 48 responded with 20, or 42 percent, voicing support for athletics and 11, or 23 percent, disapproving.

The other 17 teachers, or 35 percent, said they were not strongly for or against the establishment of sports on campus.

Some of those who opposed to the plan fear the University might switch from being mainly academically oriented.

"There are too many [other] possible avenues to [pursue besides] straying from the

election, which would raise the University an estimated \$600,000 annually.

However, some teachers believe finances may still be a potential problem.

"The cost of athletics is more than just outfitting a team and will be much more than budgeted," one teacher added.

Another professor agreed, saying, "Great amounts of money will be diverted to athletics."

Another skeptical teacher believes "Intercollegiate athletics has become big business and is a detriment to improving the academic development of any kind."

A few faculty members mentioned how the University could have used better timing before deciding to institute intercollegiate athletics.

well as state legislators must approve the fee before it assessed, Lunsford said.

The University proceeded quickly since legislators meet every two years, he said, meaning they would have been forced to wait until 2003 had the bill not been introduced during the current session.

President Rodney Mabry earlier said the University may compete at the NCAA Division III level.

Division III schools cannot offer scholarships and must field teams in five sports for both men and women.

Lunsford proposed a plan in which an athletic director and tennis coach would be hired this spring and tennis would begin this fall.

The other nine sports would be added over a five-year period.

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Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 19-Tournament
(tentative)

Registration still open

Board Game

Tournament

at University Center
March 6-8

Includes all major board games
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Sign-up deadline: Feb. 19

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at University Center
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Play Station Challenge

at University Center
April 9-12 (tentative)

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at Hubbard Middle School

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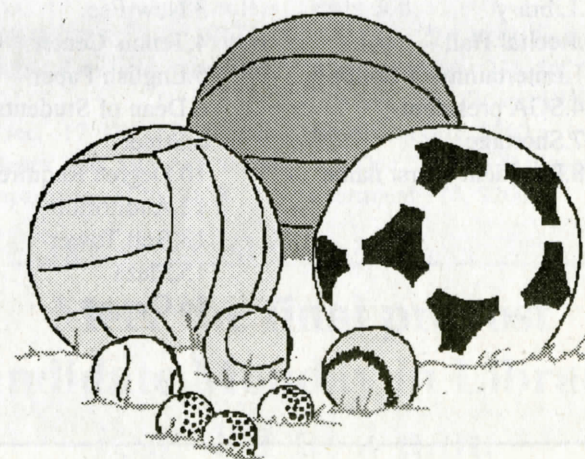
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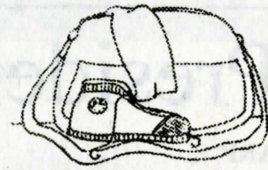
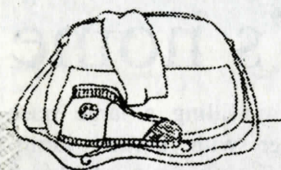
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Getting physical

Woodcreek Athletic Club offers student memberships

by Lana Cain

Staff writer

Only 962 University of Texas at Tyler students and employees take advantage of their "free" membership at Woodcreek Athletic Club, Larissa Hammer Perry, Woodcreek's fitness director said.

Membership is paid for by the student service fee, which entitles all UT students and employees to use the club each semester.

For an additional \$20 per month, family members can be added to the membership.

"We average 1,200 to 1,600 visits from students each month. That's pretty good, but we'd love to have more," Perry said.

Woodcreek offers students a special \$5 fitness assessment which includes a three-minute step test to evaluate individual cardio-fitness level, a skin-fold body fat measurement, and a flexibility test which helps assess any lower back problems.

Perry said after testing, they are able to develop a personalized program.

Each program consists of weight training and a cardiovascular workout.

"We go through the first workout with each person to show them how the machines work and to make sure they are doing things properly," Perry said.

After three months, they want people to come back to get a free fitness assessment, she said.

"We change their program up to help keep them motivated," Perry said.

Woodcreek has six certified personal trainers available. Personal training is \$25 an hour and up, depending on the trainer.

Woodcreek offers 34 aerobic classes throughout the week ranging from bench class to yoga.

During the winter, Woodcreek offers water aerobics at Tyler Independent School District swimming pool.

There is an extra fee to use TISD pool through March.

"When the water warms up around March, we'll hold classes in our pool again," Perry said.

Stationary bicycle classes are also offered.

"It's a virtual riding class that mimics riding on the road," Perry said.

Progressive Aerobic Circuit Exercise classes are offered at noon and 6 p.m.

"PACE is good for the beginner because they can work as hard or as light as they want to," Perry said. "It gets their body used to working out."

Destiny Black, a senior math major, says she tried the PACE class.

"I sweated more during that 45 minutes than I ever did running," Black said.

Black said she enjoys the PACE class because it's not the same thing over and over.

"You alternate between cardiovascular and toning exercises so you don't get bored," Black said.

Black said she likes Woodcreek because the staff is helpful and it gives her a break from school. "It's very stress relieving," Black said.



— by Joe McArthur

UP, DOWN, UP, DOWN: Woodcreek Athletic club offers free membership to students and faculty of UTT. For \$20 a month family members also can benefit from Woodcreek's aerobic classes and workout equipment

On-site physical fitness facility

by Lana Cain

Staff writer

One of the University's little known facts is the workout facility located on the second floor of the HPE center, located next to the UC.

Kim Holden, Health and Kinesiology Department secretary, says only about a dozen

students use the facility regularly.

The room contains treadmills, stationary bicycles, free weights and Nautilus machines.

"The equipment will be updated and expanded when the new HPE center is built," Holden said.

The new HPE center is

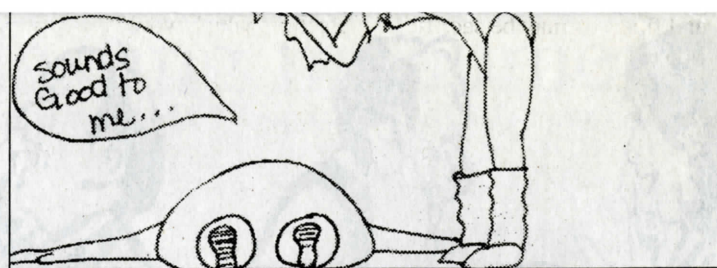
scheduled to be built in the fall of 2003.

The current gym is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but closed on Monday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. due to a class held in the facility.

WOODCREEK ATHLETIC CLUB AEROBICS SCHEDULE

TIME	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
6:00	BENCH BLAST		BENCH BLAST	*Fitness Plus Fitness 6:00am-7:30am	POWER MIX		
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Former librarian returns as director

by Tara Holley

Contributing writer

TYLER—Although Jeanne Pyle is the new director of the Robert R. Muntz Library, she is not new to the campus.

"It's nice to be back," said Pyle, who began her new duties Sept. 18.

When she left the University of Texas at Tyler several years ago after working as the reference librarian, Pyle worked with Stephen F. Austin University and the University of Texas at Arlington before she had an opportunity to return.

Pyle said size and location were factors in her return to the campus.

"Although there was much opportunity in the metro [at UTA], I missed the smaller environment," Pyle said.

Pyle said she enjoys getting to know people one-on-one so she can work more closely with individuals to solve problems effectively.

One challenge facing librarians today is the transition to digital resources.

"[We] can help strike a bal-

"I dream of some type of classroom where librarians could teach students information-seeking skills."

— JEANNE PYLE

ance between print and digital and help users navigate all of these information avenues," Pyle said.

With the infiltration of so much new information on the Internet, Pyle believes students may need a guide to help them organize this into an easily understood system.

Pyle believes librarians should "play a role in educating students in the best means of seeking information and the best way to use it."

"The reference librarian is like a traffic cop," Pyle said. "We can help guide you to the information you need."

Students may walk into the library with an assignment and begin blindly searching for what they need.

Pyle wants the "end user" to be able to use the library tools on their own, but there will always be skills a librarian can help with, such as dealing with the organization of information to apply in a systematic, practical way.

Pyle's plans for the library include a focus on student services, instruction for students and faculty in computer literacy, collections, and technology.

"I dream of some type of a hands-on classroom where librarians could teach students information-seeking skills," Pyle said.

The vision Pyle has for the library is one that encourages thought and a freer environment for more collaborative learning.

"The old stereotype of the librarian 'hushing' you is dying," Pyle said.

Pyle said there is a misconception that the library has no digital element.

She encourages students to stop in the library or go to library.utttyler.edu to see the various databases of information students can use.

"We're adding more resources every day," Pyle said.

Despite graduating from high school in Arkansas, Pyle still considers herself a Texan because she was born here and has lived here more often than not.

Pyle received her bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls and went to graduate school at North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas, to receive a degree in information science.



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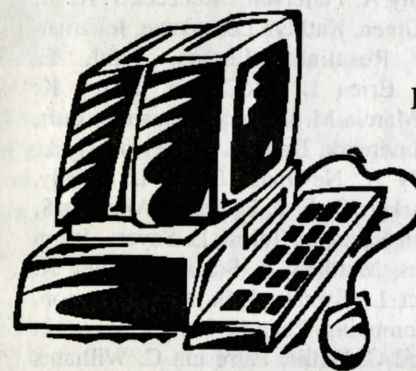
Her first library job was as a reference librarian at West Texas State University, now part of the Texas A&M System, where she was involved in the early days of on-line searching.

Pyle said she then came to UT Tyler and worked for seven years in interlibrary loans and reference, picking up a second master's degree in English before moving on to SFA, where she would watch the computer age come to power in the library.

Now that Pyle has returned to the campus, she wants to "guide the library in a direction so people on the front lines can continue to provide assistance and support to students and faculty."

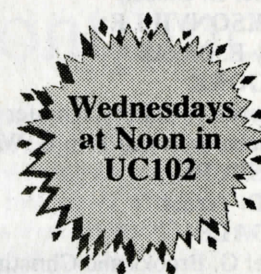
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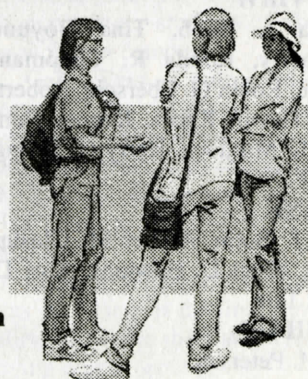
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Fire damages professor's home

by Aaron Roberts

Staff writer

Tyler fire investigators say an overheated vest in a clothes dryer caused a Dec. 30 blaze that seriously damaged the home of journalism professor Kenneth Casstevens.

Casstevens was at home at the time of the fire but was not injured. His wife Ann had been out shopping, he said.

"I opened the door to the laundry room and smoke billowed out but there was no flame," Casstevens said. "You have no idea how fast a fire can travel."

The fire caused about \$170,000 in damages to the structure and its contents, Casstevens said.

"We lost the enclosed patio, the laundry room, the kitchen and the den," he said. "I lost a lot of books, some computer equipment

"We lost the enclosed patio, the laundry room, the kitchen and the den."

— KENNETH CASSTEVENS,
COMMUNICATION DEPT.

and a television."

Smoke and heat damage took its toll on the rest of the house, he said.

"Even the outside of the front door was damaged. The heat caused the paint to bubble up," Casstevens said.

A restoration company began cleaning out ash and debris from inside earlier this month.

Casstevens said the company

began by filling a large trash dumpster with burned items. Among the items was a dartboard cabinet Casstevens' brother built, photos of his daughter and computer equipment.

"I couldn't watch while they brought this stuff out and threw it away," Casstevens said.

To make the situation worse, the sewer backed up and flooded his master bedroom and bathroom last Saturday, he said.

"This was the only room we were able to salvage from the fire," he said.

The carpet, parquet floors and furniture in that room received water damage.

"I stepped down into the room and the water went over the top of my shoes," he said.

Casstevens and his wife moved next door to live with his mother until the repairs are complete.

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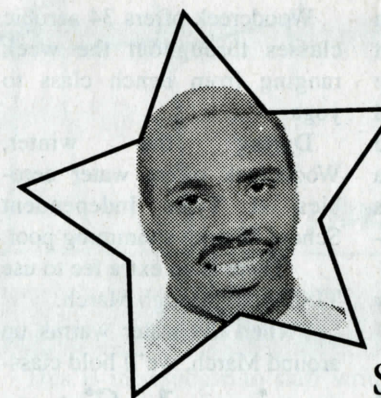
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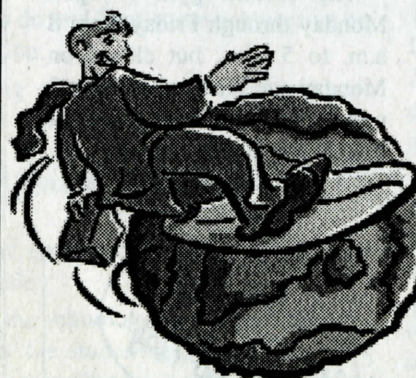
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