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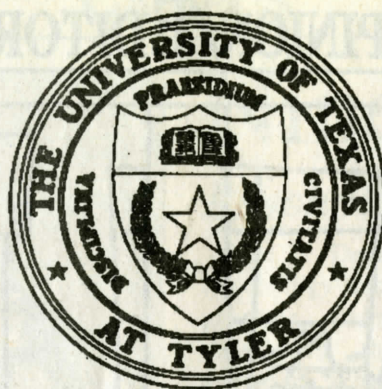
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## Reorganization plan takes effect this fall

By Melissa Tresner  
 Editor in chief

President Rodney H. Mabry said the plan to streamline the University's six colleges will not result in a loss of jobs or departments.

"We will not be losing people or reducing jobs," he said.

Mabry announced Friday his approval of the plan, but *The Patriot* was unable to contact him before publication.

Under the new plan, which takes effect this fall, the College of Liberal Arts will be combined with the College of Sciences and Mathematics to form the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mabry said Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of liberal arts, will be the dean of the new college, since Dr. Lynn Sherrod,

dean of sciences and mathematics, will resign effective Aug. 31.

Sherrod announced his plans to retire before talks of reorganization began.

Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president for academic affairs, presented the controversial reorganization plan last fall.

After Baker presented the plan to the Faculty Senate, members expressed concerns.

In October, faculty members from the College of Sciences and Mathematics presented a resolution denouncing the plan to the Faculty Senate.

The senate approved the resolution.

Other features of the restructuring plan are:

- combining of the College of Engineering and the

computer science department into a College of Engineering and Computer Science

- transferring of the technology department to the College of Business Administration to form the College of Business and Technology

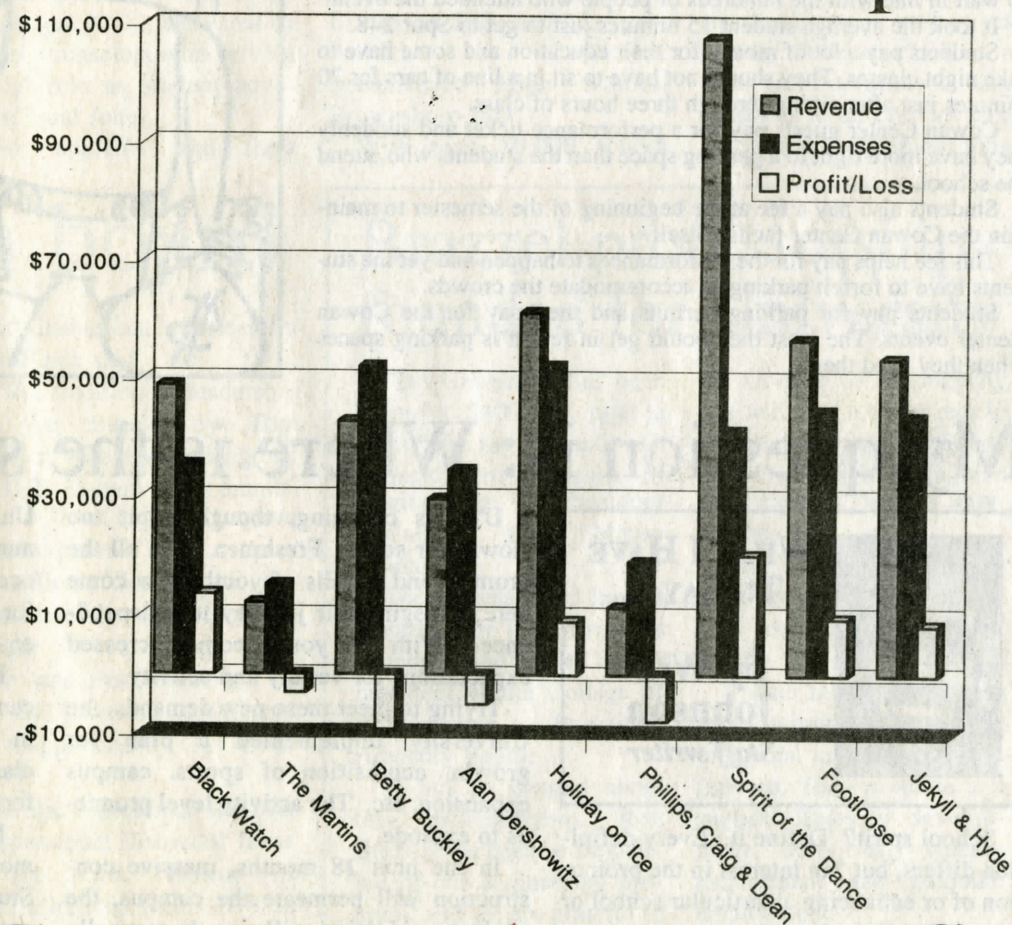
- combining the College of Nursing with the health and kinesiology to form the College of Health and Kinesiology.

"It is my belief that the plan will help position the University for future development, be consistent with our mission and goals, assist in preserving core academic values and make us a stronger institution as we grow and further develop our four-year and graduate programs,"

See Reorganize, Page 4

## Slow and steady

## Cowan Center event report



## Center experiences profit

by Melissa Tresner  
 Editor in chief

The Cowan center reportedly earned a revenue of \$36 million last fall, even though the

According to a preliminary financial report from the Cowan center, only 706 tickets were sold for Alan Dershowitz, a member of the

Spirit of the Dance was the largest money-maker for the center.

The center's share of the profits from the show equalled





— by Pam Clark

**WORKING THE WHEEL:** Tamara Madl, senior art major from Gilmer, works on a project for her ceramics class.

## Nursing students given chance to practice on human subjects

By Robert Boggs  
Staff writer

Faculty from the College of Nursing administered flu and pneumonia shots to about 300 people last week in a two-day vaccination drive, Vicki Clendenen, a senior lecturer in the Nursing Department, said.

The Smith County Department of Health provided vaccines for the event, which was held in several locations in Tyler, Lindale, and Whitehouse, Clendenen said.

Becky Sacrey of the College of Nursing organized the vaccination drive on campus, Clendenen said. Flu shots were \$7 and pneumonia shots \$10.

Some of the money will be used to pay for the medication; the rest will go to programs for the nursing students, Clendenen said.

About 55 nursing students administered the vaccinations.

The event was an opportunity "to let students get practice giving injections," Clendenen said.

The drive is usually held in the fall, but a shortage of vaccines delayed the event this year, she said.

Every year, 20 to 50 percent of the nation's population is affected by the influenza, more commonly known as the flu, with the highest incidence in children from the ages of 5 to 14, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

While most people recover within a week of their first symptoms, the disease and its complications, which include pneumonia can be life threatening to the elderly, newborns,

and people with certain chronic illnesses.

Vaccines are produced every year based on the expected strains of the virus. Each strain has its own unique shape, and antibodies only work against one specific form of the virus.

The worst epidemics of the flu occur when an entirely new strain appears. The last such epidemic occurred in 1968 to 1969 and caused 34,000 deaths in the United States alone, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

To make the vaccine, viruses are grown in chicken eggs and killed so they cannot cause infection. People who are allergic to eggs should tell a doctor before receiving a flu shot because egg proteins can remain in the vaccine, according to the institute's article.

Christian Music Series and the Distinguished Lecture Series suffered losses.

Christian artists, such as The Martins and Phillips, Craig and Dean, cost the center over \$10,000.

Distinguished Lecture Series.

However, the center sold over 3,400 tickets for a December performance of Holiday on Ice.

The show brought in over \$60,000 in revenue.

over \$20,000.

Footloose also brought in high profits for the Cowan center.

The Broadway Series brought in more revenue than the other series combined.

## Search for provost continues; five candidates tour campus

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

The task of filling the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs continues.

Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of Nursing, and chair of the search and screening committee charged with selecting qualified candidates to fill the position, arranged for each candidate to visit the campus and participate in a series of events.

Faculty and students had the opportunity to meet with each of the five candidates.

The candidates also met with deans, the search committee and administrators while on campus.

President Rodney H. Mabry originally charged the committee with recommending four candidates.

Mabry said he hopes to fill the position before the current provost retires in August.

Dr. W.A. Baker has held the position since June of 1995, and he announced his retirement last April.

The screening committee reviewed each application and weeded out those that did not meet the specified qualifications.

It selected Dr. Gary Peer, Central Michigan University; Dr. Galan Janeksela, University of Tennessee; Dr. David O'Keefe, Cameron University; Dr. Bruce Speck, University of North Carolina; and Dr. Roberto Villarreal, University of Texas at El Paso.

Mabry said he is waiting for the committee to give him a list of each candidate's advantages and disadvantages before determining what the next step in the selection process will be.

See Provost, Page 4



— by Will Johnson

**THIS WON'T HURT:** First level nursing student, Julia Flora, administers a flu vaccine to Barbara Ross-Wooldridge, associate professor of marketing, while Becky Sacrey, senior lecturer of nursing looks on. Over 300 people received vaccinations on campus last week.



## Editorial

Each year students pay \$20 for a permit so they can park their vehicles during classes.

Why do students pay money for a permit if officials can take their spaces away at will?

Parking always will be an issue at any institution and this University is no exception, but there have been several instances recently when student parking was less than adequate.

Twice this semester several parking spaces were designated for visitors.

On any given day a student can expect to spend at least five minutes searching through the sea of cars for an empty space before he's late to class.

When officials block off 10-15 extra spaces for visitors, students are forced to spend even more time searching for a parking space.

Time is an issue many students face every day. Teachers frown on tardiness and students never really know how long it will take to find a parking place.

The purchased permits are supposed to allow students to park in any space not designated for something else.

With parking at a minimum, spaces students pay for should not be designated for visitors who did not pay for them.

At nighttime students have another battle to fight: the Cowan Center audience.

On Jan. 25, night classes let out at the same time as a Cowan Center event. The unfortunate students leaving campus were forced to wait in line with the hundreds of people who attended the event.

It took the average student 15 minutes just to get to Spur 248.

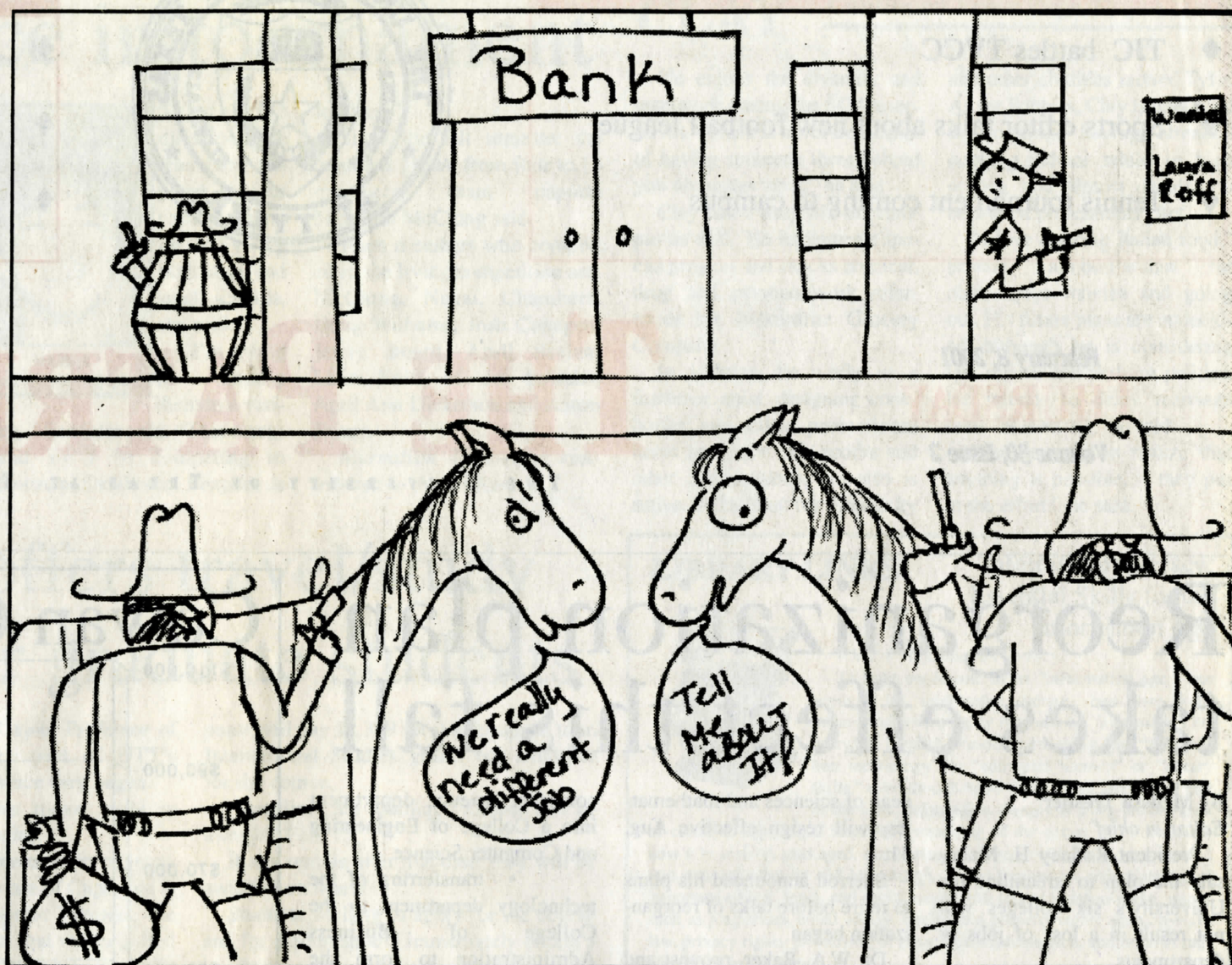
Students pay a lot of money for their education and some have to take night classes. They should not have to sit in a line of cars for 20 minutes just after sitting through three hours of class.

Cowan Center guests pay for a performance ticket and suddenly they have more right to a parking space than the students who attend the school.

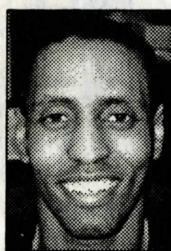
Students also pay a fee at the beginning of the semester to maintain the Cowan Center facility itself.

This fee helps pay for the performances to happen and yet the students have to forfeit parking to accommodate the crowds.

Students pay for parking permits and they pay for the Cowan Center events. The least they could get in return is parking spaces when they need them.



## My question is: Where is the school spirit?



### WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ...

by Will Johnson  
Staff writer

School spirit? Define it. Every definition differs, but "an interest in the promotion of or enhancing a particular school or campus" strikes close to many.

The University of Texas at Tyler lacks the common bonds which tie some schools and their students together. Since its beginning in the early 70s, when it was Texas Eastern University, this campus served as a functional tool for area persons trying for a bachelor's degree, but who for any number reasons couldn't go

UTT is changing, though a bit too slowly for some. Freshmen, with all the promise and pitfalls of youth, now come here to begin their journey to independence. With the young come increased expectations for variety and activity.

Trying to meet these new demands, the University implemented a plan for growth, acquisition of sports, campus expansion, etc. The activity level promises to explode.

In the next 18 months, massive construction will permeate the campus, the student population will rise dramatically and the entire academic structure of this school will begin to reorganize.

Whoa. Progress can be an unsettling thing. The die's cast, the path set. Not everyone agrees with everything, but the momentum gathers, driving all in a particular direction.

So far, though, school spirit hasn't

Unforeseen problems, delays, and any number of stumbles along the way will occur. The up side? No one need wait for a single plan to be finished in order to enjoy themselves.

Right now, many opportunities exist on campus. Look around, on bulletin boards, in student e-mail, in campus mailings, classroom announcements. Possibilities for involvement abound.

Like sports? Try intramurals. Want to more directly influence campus life? The Student Government Association loves to get more people more active.

Think you can write? *The Patriot* (you know, the campus newspaper) always needs columns and material. Why not yours?

Get passionate about something. Many majors affiliate with national organizations full of people passionate about

## And the bell tolls

The following are comments from the book signed by people who have rung the bell for the Riter Millennium Tower.

"Thank you for this gift of music! It will serve as an indicator of great vision at this university and a source of pride for all staff and students for the future."

"My words cannot express how much I appreciate your wonderful gift. It will mean so much to UT-Tyler students, graduates, and the community at large."

"Thanks so much for making the world a lovelier place. Your gifts will ring on forever!"

"Beautiful Inscription."

"It was 'bell'y nice. A great symbol so that all in Tyler can hear us hard at work."

"Loud!"

"The inscription on the back is an awesome way to proclaim God's awesomeness!"

"It's bigger than A&M's."



elsewhere to complete one.

"Park and learn," a phrase commonly used to describe the attitude of students at this school, refers to the lack of on-campus involvement. The school still wears its commuter hat. The academics are good and the student population tends to be highly goal-oriented, their social schedules set in a way common to older students with families, careers, and everything that comes in life.

caught up. Park and learn doggedly hangs on, and students have yet to kick it into a higher gear.

At present, a feeling of subdued anticipation resides on this campus, a result of unrealized potential. Possibly, the sheer size and scope of things to come combined with the fact they haven't come yet keeps excitement capped.

Here's the thing: progress, no matter how swift, doesn't always flow smoothly.

various areas of interest. Find one that fits.

Take off those commuter attitudes. More and more, UTT grows into a true community, with its own personality. Help set the tone. Stop waiting and wishing something would happen, and influence what does. Do it for yourself, do it for the University, do it for the future. Come one, come all. Lots to do, no waiting. Grab some school spirit and dive in.

## Tyler moves toward tolerance, understanding



### PATTY'S PERSPECTIVE

by Patty Brown  
Staff writer

It is interesting to ask people who aren't from Tyler why they moved here and why have they have chosen to stay. I've received some very interesting answers over the years, but the majority of the responses are consistent.

The most popular answer is because they married someone from this area. Moving to East Texas to make the little woman happy seems to be a common theme.

The next answer is because of their job. With Tyler's booming economy, more jobs are being filled by people who transfer from other locations, usually from up north.

These Northerners are usually less happy about being here; they feel Tyler is still very backwoods and redneck. I agree but Tyler is moving beyond its antiquated and racism-plagued past. We need to put the prejudices of our parents behind us.

I left Tyler for almost 10 years. This gave me the opportunity to meet other people and experience other cultures.

In many other countries, skin color is not an issue and does not influence who gets married, what schools people go to, or what side of "the tracks" they live on. For many people, love is truly colorblind.

For Tyler to have grown so much in

those 10 years, it could not continue the divisiveness so many of us grew up with. This city could not prosper with minds set in the past. But Tyler still has many obstacles to overcome to be the welcoming and tolerant city many want it to be.

Racism and homophobia still exist in our community. Education is the key to expanding minds as well as horizons. Education needs to come not only from the city's colleges and universities, but also from the religious leaders and the pillars of the community.

Tolerance, understanding and compassion are learned behaviors. We are not born with empathy for our fellow man. We need to stop perpetuating the hatred and stand up for human rights and basic human dignity. We must step forward and let our voices be heard.

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"A beautiful piece of art."

"This is one loud bell."

"I'm so proud to be part of this landmark!"

"Big gong."

"I have a belly button!"

"Well, oh well, go forth the bell.

Prior to the ring, may it gong instead of sing."

"May the bells toll for the continued freedom of education at UT-Tyler"

"All the world's a stage . . ."

Compiled by Brandee Boyd, contributing writer

## CAMPUS VOICE

What time of day do think parking is most difficult? Why?



RUSSELL

"I don't normally have a problem."

— Jim Russell,  
English, graduate student



TAYLOR

"10 a.m. because so many people have classes at that time."

— Brooke Taylor,  
math, graduate student



ADAMS

"9 a.m. That's when all the classes are."

— Larah Adams,  
nursing, junior



EVERETT

"Around 9 a.m. because everyone is scrambling to get here and finish their assignments before class."

— Patrick Everett,  
nursing, junior



STONE

"Early morning because many people take early classes and are rushing to get a spot."

— D.J. Stone, speech communication, freshman



JENKINS

"Tuesday and Thursday mornings in front of the business building."

— Katie Jenkins,  
theater, freshman





**COUNSELOR LINE-UP:** School counselors recognized by Dr. Shirley Jones, University of Texas at Tyler associate professor of school counseling. Standing, from left: Julie Davis, Bill Irvine, Jones, Patricia Hubbard, Cynthia Martin, Nan Garrison. Seated: Lyndia Neill, Amanda Jones, Janelle Bowland and Marianne Parham.

— Courtesy Photo

## Programming contest slated for March 9

The 8th Annual Association of Computing Machinery High School Programming Contest will be March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Robert R. Muntz Library Room 401.

The University's ACM Student Chapter sponsors the contest.

The entrance fee is \$30, and all high schools are invited. Each school is eligible to send two teams to participate.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Registration forms need to be returned by Feb. 15.

Anyone interested in the contest can contact Dr. Kulkarni, computer science department, 566-7309.

ACM Student Chapter meetings are held every

## Evans resigns from board

AUSTIN - Donald L. Evans, chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System since 1997, resigned from the board Friday in preparation for his service as Secretary of Commerce in the Bush Administration.

"The opportunity to be of public service to the State of Texas during my term on the Board of Regents has been a high honor and a great privilege," Evans said in a letter of resignation to Gov. Rick Perry.

Tom Loeffler, who has been the board's first vice chairman, became chairman on Evans' resignation.

He will serve during the rest of his board term, which expires in February, and will continue to serve until new regents are appointed by Perry and confirmed by the Texas Senate.

*"It has been an honor to work with Don Evans during his term on the Board of Regents."*

—R.D. BURCK

The board will elect a new chairman and other officers after new regents are confirmed. The next meeting of the board is in Austin on Feb. 14-15.

"It has been an honor to work with Don Evans during his term on the Board of Regents where he has served the U.T. System and Texas with

great distinction," Chancellor R.D. Burck said.

"The tradition of leadership will be upheld by Tom Loeffler, whose knowledge of the U.T. System and commitment to Texas higher education are unsurpassed."

Loeffler, of San Antonio, has served two six-year terms as a regent.

He was first appointed by Gov. Bill Clements in 1989 and was reappointed by Gov. Bush in 1995.

He also represented the 21st Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987.

He was the first Republican elected to Congress from that district. He served on the House Energy Commerce, Appropriations, and Budget Committees.

## Nine students recognized

### Psychology department acknowledges counselors

The Department of Psychology recognized nine graduate students who are completing their master's degree in school counseling. Dr. Shirley Jones, associate professor of counseling education, announced.

All students are currently enrolled in the "capstone" course, Supervised School Practicum, and will graduate in May.

"February 5-11, 2001 is National and Texas School Counselor Week and an appropriate time to recognize the importance of school counseling services for students, teachers, and parents in the school setting, pre K-12, delivered by school counselors who serve a critical role as student advocates," said Jones.

The students and their

school districts are Janelle Bowland - Counselor, Lakeview Elem., Mabank ISD; Julie Davis - Counselor, Elkhart Middle School (6-8), Elkhart ISD; Nan Garrison - Practicum at Andy Woods Elem., Tyler ISD; Patricia Hubbard - Counselor, Lindale Junior High, Lindale ISD; Bill Irvine - Counselor, Kissam Intermediate (3-5), Chapel Hill ISD; Amanda Johns - Practicum at Higgins Intermediate, Whitehouse ISD; Cynthia Martin - Counselor, Pinetree Primary (pre K-K), Pinetree ISD; Lyndia Neill - Teacher and Practicum at Madge Griffith Elem., Brazosfort ISD; and Marianne Parham - Counselor, Brownsboro High School, Brownsboro ISD.

With over 10,000 school

counselors in Texas, the professional focus for 2001 is "One Vision, One Mission, One Voice," an effort to advocate for strong guidance and counseling programs, reflecting the Texas Comprehensive Guidance Program throughout the state.

The UTT school counseling program strives to prepare graduate students to successfully meet the primary goals and objectives of the educational mission of public schools.

Competent school counseling training has become more and more critical as counselors are required to handle a myriad of student needs, including crisis management, and to teach coping skills to children and teens from a variety of family lifestyles in an ever-increasing complex society, stated Jones.

## Brazzel professorship founded for University

The University has been given a \$100,000 gift to establish the Ronald D. Brazzel Professorship of Engineering, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

The professorship honors Brazzel, who is a University supporter and serves as the president of the College of Engineering Executive Advisory Board.

"I am so pleased about this professorship. Ron Brazzel has been so supportive of our engineering program, and we are grateful to him for being such a strong source of guidance on our advisory board," Mabry said.

"This professorship will serve as a leadership gift for

the College of Engineering and will play a major part in the quality and continued growth of the program," Dr. Troy Henson, dean of engineering, said.

The UT Tyler professorships are awarded to nationally recognized UT Tyler faculty.

These faculty members serve to propel other faculty members and departments forward. They promote and support financial development activities, student recruitment and graduate employment.

Along with the executive advisory board, the faculty members provide advice, counsel and guidance with respect to the College of Engineering.



other week in SCI Room 248. The next meeting will be on Feb. 21.

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## The Press Club wants to thank you

We appreciate everyone who attended the Patriot's open house last week. We hope you enjoyed the party.

## Campus Cafe scores positive on county health inspection

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

J.W. Finn's Campus Café received no infractions during December, according to the Smith County Public Health District report.

The inspector, John Duke, checked the restaurant in three major areas.

"We look at 27 critical items," said Brenda Elrod, chief sanitarian for the district.

Food/Temperature/Time Requirements include checking to make sure food is properly

prepared and cooked at the required temperatures.

Inspectors also check Personnel/Handling/Source Requirements, such as proper hand washing and hygienic practices.

Proper handling and labeling of foods also comes under this heading.

The third "critical" item to check is Facility and Equipment Requirements.

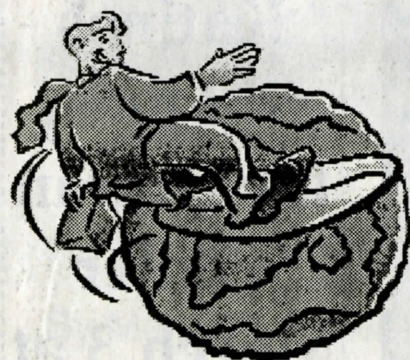
The restaurant received seven demerits during an August 1999 inspection.

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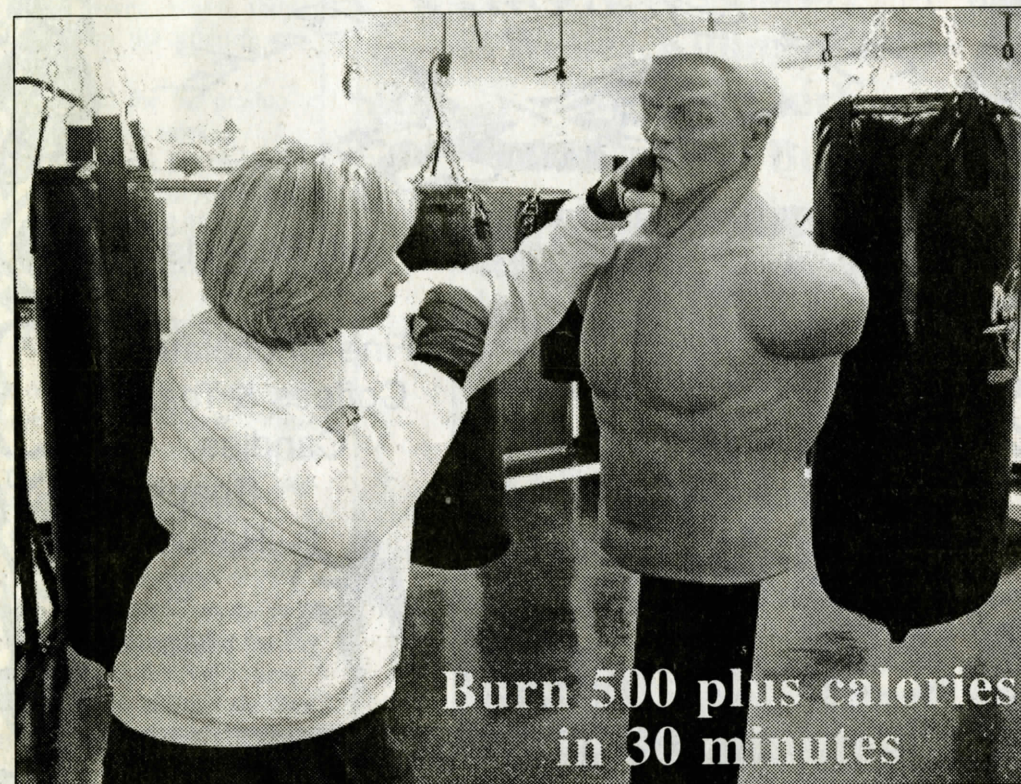
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Baker said.

Some faculty from the College of Sciences and Mathematics, including Sherrod, did not want the two colleges to be combined.

They believed merging the two colleges would reduce the visibility of sciences and mathematics, but Baker argued it would enhance the college's visibility.

"My reaction has already been made public," said Sherrod, who declined to comment further.

Sherrod spoke against the plan at an Oct. 31 Faculty Senate meeting, as well as other meetings last fall.

Other college deans expressed their approval of the plan.

Dr. Jim Tarter, dean of business administration, said the addition of technology "is going to be a significant, positive improvement for students, employers and the region."

"We [business and technology] serve similar employers," he said.

Dr. Troy Henson, dean of engineering, said the "overall effect will be to strengthen the University."

Some deans expressed their eagerness to implement the plan and make the transition smoothly.

"We need to move together to meet University goals with no disruption to faculty, students or programs," Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of nursing, said.

Dr. Milford Clark, dean of education and psychology, also supports the plan.

"After hearing all the debate, I think you can find reasons for the plan and for staying the same," Clark said.

Clark said the reorganization would allow the University to do things outlined in the New Millennium Vision over the next several years that would not be possible under the current structure.

Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of liberal arts, was out of town and was, therefore, unavailable for comment.

"I am convinced that this reorganization is the right thing to do. It will help our students right away and make the future of our university brighter," Mabry said.

## New asphalt planned for HKPE complex

by Linda Maikori  
Staff writer

Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said a new parking lot would be built in order to provide additional parking spaces for the health and kinesiology center. The new lot will be located south-east of the PHE Building and the Power Plant.

Scarborough says the physical plant department is managing the construction while the Department of Business Affairs is overseeing the whole project.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the middle of April and will be completed by the end of July.

The planned lot will help to ease the parking shortage expected when construction begins on the HKPE Complex, which will require partially blocking off parking Lot 2.

"Completing this new parking area prior to blocking off existing parking will minimize any inconvenience to students and faculty," said Chip Clark, UTT Physical Plant director.



— by Aaron Roberts

**DROPPING A LINE:** LaKendra Johnson, music major, left, and Tracee White, history major, fill out forms and go over their lines before the Feb. 3 tryouts of "My Fair Lady."

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**Bruce Speck**

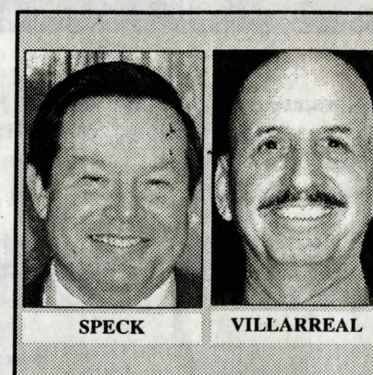
Dr. Bruce Speck is the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Speck believes that "an administrator's goal should be to facilitate the work that professors do to ensure that students receive a high quality education."

Students should have a "very close connection and relationship" with the provost, he said.

Speck said he is enthusiastic about the implementation of athletics at UTT.

"Athletics is a very positive part of the academic experience," Speck said, "but it should be tied to



SPECK

VILLARREAL

academics and not take away from the academic mission."

Speck said he would like to come to Tyler because "the UT system is really well known" and UTT is "full of opportunities."

**Roberto Villarreal**

Dr. Roberto Villarreal serves as chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University of Texas at El Paso.

He has worked in the UT System for over 20 years as a professor and administrator.

He worked for six years as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at UTEP.

Villarreal said in his resume he has "extensive experience in working closely with higher education groups."

He said implementing an athletic program at UTT is "vital" in getting more student involvement.

"Having a good sports center could make a difference for some people," in choosing a college, he said.

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## Student research deadline April 1

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The submission requirements are: a title and brief description of both the project and its format. The submission deadline is April 1. Address all questions and materials through campus mail to Lucas Niller, Bus 256A-566-5701; or Allen Barger, Eng 104-566-7383.

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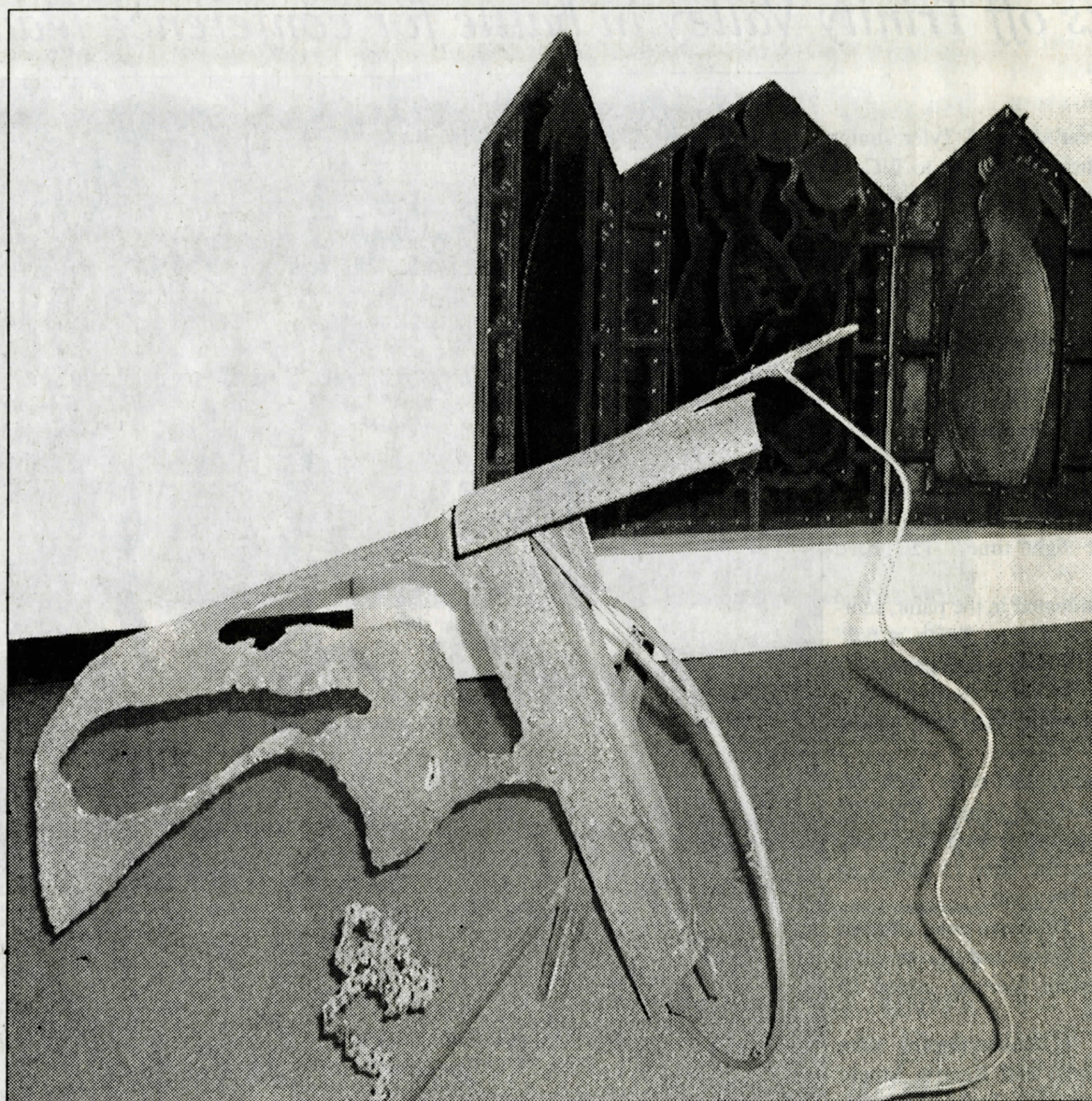
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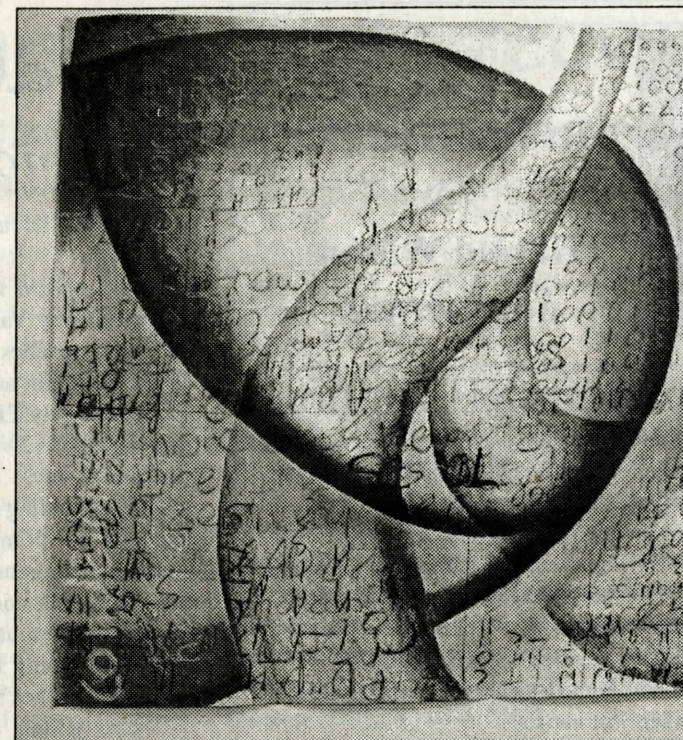


## Prize winning steel



— by Aaron Roberts

**3-D THIS:** The Annual Juried Student Exhibition is on display in the UC Center Art Gallery and will continue through the end of February. The pieces include 3-D art, oil paints on canvas and pottery. "Holy Holes" in the background shows a 3-paneled steel frame joined by hinges and resembles a religious scene with human images replaced with steel silhouettes. "S.K. Coming My Way" by Jessica Green, foreground, won 3rd place in 3-D.



**WALL SCRIBBLES:** Jared Thornton's picture "Studies in Motion" won best of show in the student art show.

Thornton's picture used conte, graphite and gesso.

Thornton explained that conte is a wax based crayon used to color the picture. The gesso is a white primer paint.

— by De'Aundela Weekly

## Students take home prizes for art work

by De'Aundela Weekly  
Staff writer

The art program and The University Gallery present the Annual Juried Student Exhibition.

The show opened on Feb. 1 and will continue through March 1.

Kim Bush-Tomio, Director of the Tyler Museum of Art, Juried this year's selections by the students of the Art Program.

Awards were given for both two-dimensional and three-dimensional works, as well as Best of Show.

Kelly Buchanan won first in 2-D with "Much Worse." This exhibit looks like slides of the human tissue, cells

bending and exploding.

"Self Portrait in Black, White, and Grey" by Jared Thornton won second in 2-D and "Studies in Motion" won Best of Show. His interruption of motion is imaginative, his use of the color red is poetic, its like he put color to wind.

"Indifference" by Judy Duravoich placed first in 3-D.

"S.K. Coming My Way" by Jessica Greene won second in 3-D.

All exhibitions are free and open to the public. Located in Room 101 of the University Center, the Gallery is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Audience frightened by ticket prices of "Valentine"

by Aaron Roberts  
Staff writer

The new release "Valentine" reminds viewers that an old dog can be taught new tricks, even the same tricks, over and over again.

We have seen this plot before—a menacing figure from some-

to their meaningless dialogue for very long.

I know what you're thinking, "What about an underlying message?" Even though the message, "Never pick on the dorky kid," was about as hard to pick up as a prostitute is by an NFL star, the

## Theater releases cast list for "Blithe Spirit"

by Aaron Roberts  
Staff writer

Theater officials have picked 14 people to perform the April showing of Blithe Spirit.

The part of Ruth will

Manly.

Officials assigned double casting for this play due to "the extraordinary talent available for the show."

According to theater director Dr. James Hatfield, dou-

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one's past comes back to kill every person in the movie.

Director Jamie Blanks should have left this tired plot alone when he finished "Urban Legend." He didn't.

No modern day horror flick would be complete without a cast of slinky, sexy coeds donning their skimpy nightgowns while being chased by a crazed psychopath.

Of course, an entourage of dopey, never-see-it-coming boyfriends accompanies the coeds. Fortunately, the guys die quickly, so you are not subjected

writers, illustrated it about 10,000 times during the show.

If you haven't seen "Valentine" yet, I recommend you hold out until it hits the 49 cents rack at Speedy's Video. Maybe you will get a free package of microwave popcorn and won't feel quite so burned by the deal.

If you have seen the movie, the only thing I can say is, "I'm sorry."

Movies like Valentine prove that there are directors who stand on the shores of the sea of predictability and say, "I like it."

played by S'Zann Ryan and Val Frazee.

Charles will be played by Mike Stephens and Zach Echols.

Elvira will be played by Aletha Nelligan and Beverly Pearson.

Berry Jackson and Jerone Turner will play the part of Dr. Bradman.

Lisa Ryan and An'janette Maxwell will play the part of Madame Arcati.

Edith will be played by Tracee White and Heather

ble casting "places two actors in each role, creating dual casts each with their own performances, costumes and character interpretations.

"The play illustrates the predicament of a man who must face his imperious and jealous wives when they return from the afterlife to haunt him."

Rehearsal for the production begins this week.

Performances for the play are scheduled for April 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29.

**Sha-Risa Cates**  
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## Students flock to UT from five state area for festival

by Aaron Roberts  
 Staff writer

More than 1,000 students and faculty will flood the UT Tyler campus Feb. 20-25 for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival regional play festival, theater director James Hatfield said.

The Regional Theater Festival was housed at UT Tyler last year also.

"The honor of being accepted a second time to host the KC/ACTF regional festival is affirmation of the growing regional

reputation of the UT Tyler Theater department," Hatfield said.

The guests will come from schools for the five-state region of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Approximately 120 plays were submitted by students; ten will be presented.

Hatfield stressed that, "This is not a competition." He explained it is "hard for the shows to compete because they are different."

UT Tyler playwriting student Barbara

Kenning wrote one of the plays being performed. Theater students Valerie Frazee and Michael Stephens will perform "Commitment." The show will be performed in Braithwaite Recital Hall.

Other participants will present their plays in the Vaughn Auditorium.

Festival passes are available to the public for \$20. UT Tyler students and faculty receive free admission to festival events.

For more information contact the theater department at 566-7490.

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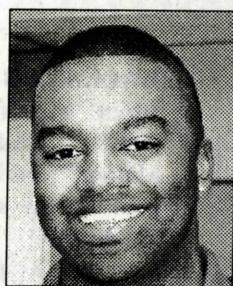
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**In the Huddle**  
by  
**Harold Wilson**  
Staff writer

## Football fans gain XFL option

While the National Football League concluded its season this past weekend, the Xtreme Football League debuted, giving professional football an unusual spring presence.

The two leagues differ greatly though. Most XFL rosters consist of former NFL players who were cut. The XFL, co-owned by NBC and the World Wrestling Federation, promotes action, entertainment and excitement first.

The XFL seems intent on creating superstars like its WWF counterparts. Many players donned nicknames on the back of their jerseys instead of their last names.

Cheerleaders pranced around the field provocatively, while reporters interviewed fans and players during the game. Cameramen wore helmets and filmed directly on the field behind the offense. Viewers could see inside the huddle and hear what plays the offense called.

The eight-team league is divided into two conferences (east and west) and each contains four teams. Team mascots are another extreme, promoting hard-hitting action.

In the east are the Birmingham Bolts, the Chicago Enforcers, the New York/New Jersey Hitmen, and the Orlando Rage.

The west is comprised of the Las Vegas Outlaws, the Los Angeles Extreme, the Memphis Maniax, and the San Francisco Demons.

Other differences between the two leagues are rules. In the XFL, no fair catches are allowed and teams must try a two-point conversion after each touchdown. These changes are designed to keep the game interesting.

NBC decided to join forces with the WWF after getting outbid by CBS for the NFL games two years ago. This past football season, the WWF viewership heavily outnumbered Monday Night Football, most notably with males between the ages of 14-24. This is the main target audience as well for the XFL, which explains the subplots featured in the games.

Whether this new breed of football will be recognized as a "real" sport remains to be seen. Most major newspapers did not treat the XFL as such after the first weekend, declining to make space for stats and standings.

All previous competitors to the NFL failed, mainly due to a lack of money and talent. The XFL, however, has the funding and television exposure (NBC and UPN) needed to compete. Also, the XFL already has a large audience base due to the popularity of the WWF.

Another advantage for the XFL is timing. With the NFL season now over, football-starved fans suddenly have another option.

Springtime football is here, just not the kind we are accustomed to. If you are looking for football with a fun and entertaining edge, check out the XFL. However, if you want the real thing, start counting down now. The NFL begins again in only

# Apache Ladies strike first blow

## TJC knocks off Trinity Valley in battle for conference lead

by Harold Wilson  
Staff writer

Round one of this year's annual Tyler Junior College-Trinity Valley showdown went to TJC, as the Lady Apaches cruised to an 84-76 win over TVCC last night at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

The win puts TJC (18-5, 7-0) two games ahead of second place TVCC (20-3, 5-2) midway through conference play.

TJC, defending national champions, led by as many as 19 points before holding off TVCC, national champions in 1999. The two clubs meet again in March and could face each other also in the conference tournament.

After dropping five games early in the season, the Lady Apaches seem to now be peaking.

"We're jelling at the right time," TJC head coach Trenia Tillis said.

The Lady Apaches dominated in the paint, scoring on many easy lay-ups. Aiysha Smith, a 6'2" sophomore post, scored 18 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to lead the way for TJC.

"We are more post-oriented this year," Tillis said.

The Lady Apaches struggled early with the TVCC full court press and fell behind 5-0. TJC quickly regrouped and began to penetrate the Lady Cardinals defense, scoring the next 13 points en route to claiming the lead for good.

Chinyere James, a 6'1" freshman post, chipped in a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Ty Wady, a 5'8" sophomore forward, added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Other Apache Ladies in double figures were Sholanda Pipkin (11 points) and Kearria Moore (16 points). Moore kept the Lady Cardinals defense honest by providing TJC an outside threat. She made three three-point baskets after TVCC continued to collapse their defense down low.

TVCC entered the game ranked fifth in the latest national junior college women's poll, with TJC claiming the number 23 spot.



— Courtesy photo

**ELBOW ROOM:** Apache Lady Ty Wady, left, heads to the basket against a Trinity Valley Community College defender during Wednesday night action.

## International tennis tournament slated on campus

The University will play host to a Men's Pro Tournament Feb. 24-March 4 at the campus tennis courts.

There will be 150 players internationally competing in the tournament for world-ranking points and money, Ken Olivier, director of the Summers Tennis Center said.

to host a professional event and we are very lucky the USTA recognizes Tyler as a potential site," he said.

Olivier said tournament organizers are seeking housing for the top eight seeded players, sponsors, committees to help distribute information, Pro-Am participants, ball boys and girls

tournament.

"In order to keep this event here in Tyler it is important we have community support," Olivier said.

The tournament benefits Tyler by allowing local college players and juniors to compete in the qualifying tournament for a possible spot in the draw and

the top ranked players.

The event will consist of a 32 draw tournament and offer \$15,000 in prize money.

There also will be a pre-qualifying and qualifying event. The qualifying event is expected to attract about 128 players.

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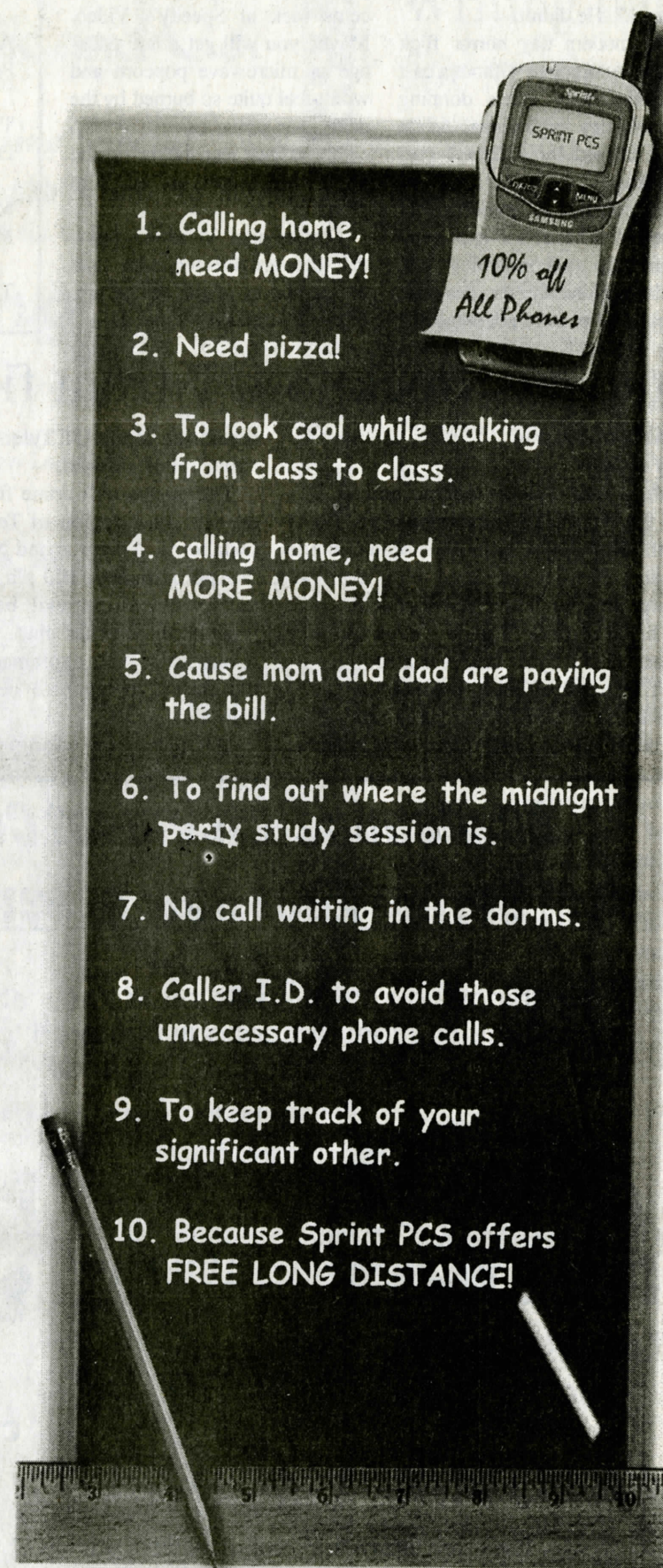


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# Getting to know the leaders

## New SGA president steps up to the plate

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

The saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person" certainly describes Student Government Association president Aimee Griffy.

Griffy not only takes 12 hours at the University, but she also works two jobs: one on campus and one off.

"I've worked two jobs for as long as I can remember. It has become expected," Griffy said.

To top it off, Griffy has accepted the position as SGA president, a job that can involve as many as 80-plus hours a week.

"When Michelle first told me she wasn't returning to UT, I was overwhelmed. But as it started sinking in that I would have the opportunity to step up as president, I knew that I could do it," Griffy said.

Already, Griffy has reorganized the structure of the SGA committees to make them more

efficient and accountable.

Griffy graduated from Gilmer High School in 1998, where she was a cheerleader and wrote for the school newspaper.

"I moved around a lot, at least eight times in my school life, so I was always the new girl. I believe this made me more aware of other people's feelings," Griffy said.

Beyond high school, Griffy's only plan was to attend college.

"I lived with my grandma my junior and senior year of high school. She got sick my senior year and I knew that I could not go far away to college," Griffy

said.

She said her school counselor told her about UTT and the scholarship offered to the first class of freshmen. Griffy said that was the selling point for her.



— Courtesy photo

**SPENDING TIME:** Griffy plays with "little sister."

Besides SGA, Griffy is involved in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She said she was matched with a third grader named Michelle in December of 1999.

"We do a lot of fun things together," Griffy said. She said that her "little sister" is from a

single parent home and is on government assistance.

"If she goes to college, she will be the first in her family. It is part of my job to teach her that she can go to college," Griffy said. "It's part of being a role model."

In her spare time, Griffy enjoys reading, karate, and yoga.

"I also love going to the zoo, even though I was attacked by a raccoon my senior year and had to have rabies shots," Griffy said. "I'll never live that one down."

Loving to travel, Griffy said her dream vacation would be to go to Hawaii.

"I could lay on the beach and let the location overwhelm my senses," Griffy said.

Griffy said her pet peeve is littering.

"It makes me so mad," Griffy said. "All my friends know never to throw their trash out when I'm with them."

**"If you could go to dinner with anyone in the world - dead or alive - who would it be and why? Where would you go?"**



"I would get the most satisfaction in the long run by taking the person who needs dinner the most in the world - whoever it happens to be that particular evening. I would enjoy that." - Thomas

"I know I should say somebody intellectual, but in all honesty I would love to have dinner with Heath Ledger. We could fly to Paris for dinner." - Griffy.



"Mike Modano. Even though he's a superstar athlete, all the articles I've read about him make him sound like a normal guy. I also admire the fact that he started his own foundation for needy children. That's impressive to me. I'd say we'd go to a comedy club." - Cain.

"Sarah McLachlan because her music is very therapeutic. We would probably end up at McAlister's or some off-the-wall place like Whataburger or Chuck E. Cheese." - Montgomery.



"My grandfather, I never got to know him. I look a lot like him, and people tell me he was a great man." - Clay.

## Grabbing the reins

by Pam Clark  
Contributing writer

Joining the Student Government Association as secretary mid-fall, Adam Clay completed the circle of officers.

Clay attended Klein High School, near Houston, where he was a member of the newspaper and yearbook staffs. He also participated in drama and



— by Lana Cain

**HANGING OUT:** Clay waits

ternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and served on the staff of the campus newspaper The Vermilion. He takes pride in being the youngest person ever elected president of the Greek Council, the highest active Greek position on campus.

A few years ago, his parents asked him to move to Tyler so a family member would be near his grandparents. After relocating,

## Vice president is ready for the new challenge

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

One year ago this March, Alan Thomas sat in UC 118 along with the other Student Government Association officer and senator candidates waiting to hear the results of the election.

"Why just run for senator? I thought that if I was going to make a change, why not go for president?" Thomas said.

It was the most publicized presidential race in the University's history, thanks not only to the Patriot's coverage, but also to the candidates themselves. Both Thomas and Michelle Ledoux campaigned

from the student body," Thomas said.

Although Thomas lost the election, he stayed active in student government. He was nominated for a seat on the University of Texas Student Advisory Council, along with Aimee Griffy and Ledoux.

Thomas said the council consists of representatives from each of the UT system components.



Thomas is a graduate student

in sociology. He received his bachelor's degree in December 2000.

"I immediately enrolled in graduate classes because I'm

ored to have been asked by President Griffy to work with her and I am highly confident in her leadership," Thomas said.

The new SGA vice-president comes to school dressed to kill, his professional attitude shining through.

STAYING INFORMED: Thomas

said. "I'm still open to which law school I'll attend."

Beyond student politics and his career, Thomas loves sports. He played baseball all through high school and currently plays softball. He also plays on an indoor and outdoor soccer team in Tyler.

For entertainment, Thomas says he's always up for a night at the theater.

"It would start with a nice dinner, followed by a play and then going out after it's over," Thomas said.

Although Thomas said he had no monumental high school experiences, he said he did hang out with Ginger Spice at a



...for executive council.

Clay earned an associate degree with honors in graphic design and photography from Tyler Junior College.

"I lettered four times and have never worn the jacket," Clay said.

He began his collegiate career at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

"I chose to go as far away from home as possible for independence," he said.

At USL, Clay joined a fra-

Clay is enrolled in the Applied Arts and Sciences program at the University of Texas-Tyler. He has enjoyed his experiences here and is excited about the opportunities available at UTT.

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heavily on campus.

"Sitting and waiting for information like that is an exhilarating time for a person," Thomas said.

Mabry's announcement of Ledoux's victory came all too quickly for Thomas.

"Admittedly, I felt relief of sorts, followed by disappointment that together gave me a feeling of accomplishment due to the number of voters we drew

council reads his favorite newspaper.

thoroughly intrigued with the discipline," Thomas said. His goal, however, is to take the LSAT in February so he can attend law school.

Thomas worked his way up from a runner at a law office to a paralegal.

"When you've been at a job for over seven years and still look forward to going to work, that's a good feeling," Thomas

thoroughly intrigued with

Mavericks game in LA while in college.

"She accidentally elbowed me in the knee and we ended up hanging out at the game," Thomas said.

Thomas adds that he was in LA to visit a couple of ex-Maverick dancers.

Thomas relates the story of his life to the sitcom "Seinfeld."

"If there is an episode, I've lived it," Thomas said.

## Treasurer maintains hectic pace

by Jennifer Jones  
Staff writer

With the positive, energetic, and sharp impression put forth from the University's Student Government Association treasurer one could not imagine her average day.

Lana Cain wakes at 5:15 a.m. to prepare herself and her two boys, Cameron, seven years old, and Caleb, 17 months, for a full day.

After taking Cameron to first grade and Caleb to day care, she takes herself to a middle school for teacher education through the University of Texas at Tyler.

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. she can be found in class, working toward her chosen degree.

Cain doesn't let the hustle of her everyday life get in the way of her dreams. She plans to graduate in the summer with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism. She hopes to begin teaching in either middle or high school in the fall, after doing an internship and obtaining an emergency teaching certification.

Cain looks forward to teaching, for one, because she will have a schedule similar to her children's.

She said her children are a dream come true. "They are true gifts from God."

After classes Lana works from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. at



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**TWO OF A KIND:** Cain and her son Cameron..

Hollywood Portraits in Broadway Square Mall. This is 30 hours of work a week on top of the 18 hours of college classes she takes this semester.

By 10 p.m. she makes it back

to her Gresham home to her husband and children.

This may be an average day for some students, but this is not all Cain is involved in.

Not only does she serve as an SGA officer but also is the only SGA officer who also serves as a PTA officer.

At UT-Tyler, Cain is the Press Club president, the Sigma Tau Delta vice president, and The Patriot's features editor.

Outside of school, Lana is the reigning Mrs. Texas Achievement. This program, says Cain, is different from most pageants because it honors women for their life accomplishments instead of their physical appearance. She has worked with Special Olympics, March of Dimes, and has read to students at Tyler Independent School District and local day-cares.

"I'm one of those people who has to be in the middle of everything. It drives my husband crazy, but that's part of who I am," Cain said.

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## Parliamentarian continues to serve

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

After graduating from Pittsburg High School in 1998, Kevin Montgomery planned on attending Northeast Texas Community College for two years. From there, he would complete his education at a larger university.

"Then I was given a scholarship application to the University of Texas at Tyler by my high school counselor,"

**If you were a contestant on Survivor, what would be your one luxury item?**

**Griffy** - teddy bear  
**Thomas** - waterproof matches  
**Cain**- toothbrush  
**Montgomery** - hair gel  
**Clay** - "I wouldn't go on Survivor."

Montgomery said.

He said he filled it out but didn't expect to hear anything.

"But a month later I received a letter stating that I had been accepted. For that simple reason, I decided to come to UT Tyler," Montgomery said.

He said his experiences at the University have been good.

"My job as an SGA officer is important for the simple fact that I'm representing the student body and their ideas, thoughts, and concerns," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said the University has a "tight fitting" group of individuals as officers.

"We all get along very well and our beliefs and ideas compliment each other," Montgomery said.

Serving his second term as parliamentarian, Montgomery said his friends Griffy and Ledoux talked him into running the first year.

"They thought it would be something interesting for all of us to do," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said his hobbies include relaxing and sleeping and his claim to fame is that he is double-jointed.

"I have this special talent for popping my shoulder blades out of place," he said.

Montgomery likes to travel and would most like to vacation in a tropical paradise.

"Without a care in the world and no one to bother me," Montgomery said.

His plans include finishing college.

"After that, it's up in the air," Montgomery said.



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**STYLE: Montgomery is the the sharp dressed man.**



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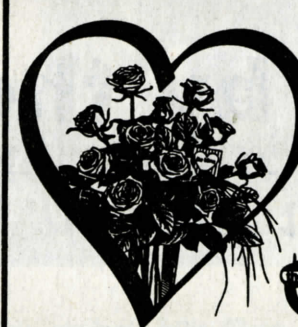
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# Two debaters place in tournament

Two University debate team members placed fourth and sixth in a collegiate tournament last weekend in Irving.

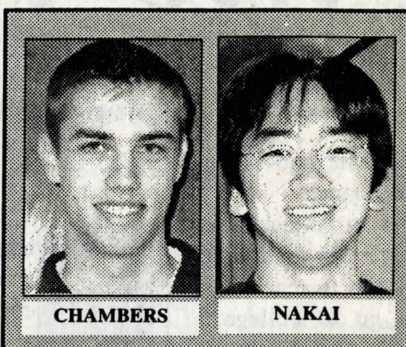
Dennis Chambers, the only freshman member of the team, placed fourth in persuasive speaking, and junior Satoo Nakai placed sixth in after-dinner speaking.

The 10-member participating team placed fifth in sweepstakes competition involving 29 other Texas schools at the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics

Association Tournament.

"I'm proud of the team. I couldn't ask for a better team," team adviser Linda Sandefer said.

The wins are the second time this school year the University team has placed under



Sandefer's direction. The team has competed in four tournaments involving both large and small schools, she said.

"I'm trying to expose them to a variety," Sandefer said. "This weekend we'll be competing in Norman, Oklahoma. I expect us

to place."

Since the fall semester the team has grown from four to 13 members, team captain Meredith McClung said.

Team members who competed in the Irving competition are: McClung, Nakai, Chambers, Doug Williams, Josh Cohagen, Jenny Board, April Sealen, Laura Reiff, Mi Joi Bowens, April Ann Dickerson and Aaron Evans.

*Journalism 3305 class contributed to this article.*

# History department offers travel/study courses to Europe for graduate students

The Department of History is offering a travel/study course as part of the University of Texas at Tyler's International Programs.

The six semester-hour course (HIST 5668, HIST 4668), entitled Imperial Rome and Its Legacy, will examine the history of imperial Rome and its legacy through the Renaissance and across the centuries to Mussolini's new Roman Empire in the era of World War II.

The course is open to graduate students and advanced undergraduates and will be

led by Dr. Patricia A. Gajda, Professor of History, who has been part of UTT's International Programs since they began.

The itinerary includes major visits to Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Also included are shorter visits to interesting places such as the Isle of Capri that is associated with the Emperor Tiberius, the excavated city of Pompeii that was engulfed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79 and several other historical cities.

In addition to tuition and fees, partici-

pants will pay \$2,399 for the European tour. International Studies grants are available for the course.

Deadlines are looming. Grants will be awarded Feb. 15.

If any remain after that date, they will be awarded on March 1.

Students wishing to apply for the course and for a grant should immediately obtain a brochure and grant application from the Department of History or from the bulletin board outside Dr. Gajda's office (BUS 235).

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She has been driving her husband crazy for eight years. Valentine's Day is their anniversary.

In 1993, the Cains tied the knot in what she called a "non-traditional wedding." The bride walked down the church aisle to a 1980s hard rock love ballad.

Afterward, they shared their honeymoon dinner at Chuck E. Cheese's in Dallas.

"We spent our five-year anniversary in Jamaica, which more than made up for the honeymoon," Cain said.

For this year's anniversary, the couple can be found cele-

brating a hockey game.

She has one pet peeve. "If you want to punish me, lock me in a room with no way to get out and start playing country music. It drives me insane," Cain said.

Cain said she was considered a rebel at Gatesville High School, where she graduated, because she refused to wear cowboy boots.

She graduated from high school in 1987 and then attended Trinity Valley Community College as a member of the Cardette drill team.

"It was never a question of if I was going to college, but

were two things I did know: I wanted to move as far away from Gatesville as I could and I wanted to continue participating in drill team," Cain said.

Lana's love for dance led to another dream come true.

She taught dance for six years at her studio, Dance Electric, in Frankston, beginning in 1992 after leaving college.

Lana says she was fortunate to be able to teach dance for those years.

"When you can do something you love for a living, you are very blessed," Cain said.

book published. She says *Stubborn Hearts* is in the process of being reworked for publication.

"I know it sounds like a lot, but that's the challenge. If anybody tells me I can't do something, then it becomes my mission to prove them wrong."

Cain believes that being in the SGA, among other things, has enriched her college experience.

"I think it is important for everyone to get involved in their college experience - involved beyond just coming to classes and going home - no matter how young or old they

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He enjoys the diversity and teamwork among the SGA executives. "There is never a question of having someone there behind you no matter what," he said.

Clay has a busy life off campus as well. He implements special projects and checks criminal, drug and personal/work references for Brookshire Grocery Company.

In addition, he works as a freelance artist, designing cookbooks and other promotional items for bands, non-profits and other organizations. He also is active in Habitat for Humanity

and other charities around Tyler. As for hobbies, Clay is interested in cooking, having attended cooking school while in high school, and almost decided to become a professional chef.

"I love cooking Italian food," he said. "I am best at that." He also enjoys movies and going out. His future plans are undecided, although he is considering law school and perhaps politics. He intends to delay marriage until "at least 30," he said.

"People need to realize that anything is possible, if they put in the effort," he said.

## LIBRARY LINKS

## Information Literacy: Essential Skills for the Information Age



What is "Information literacy?"

To fully participate in an "information age," one needs to be "information literate." Not many folks understand what exactly is meant by "information literacy." It is much broader in meaning than "information technology" or "computer literacy" or "library skills," even though these skills are all an integral part of the idea. Information literacy is a big picture kind of concept, implying a broad understanding of the nature of information, how it is created, packaged, distributed, retrieved, evaluated and processed into new information and knowledge. It also implies an understanding of important ethical, legal, and social issues with regard to information, issues such as plagiarism, equal access, intellectual property rights and copyright law, privacy rights, privatizing of government information, and Internet regulation, to name a few.

One of the goals of higher education (or any education) should be to produce graduates who are independent lifelong learners with the ability to think critically. When these graduates need new information they will be able to express that need and know how and where to satisfy the need. Once they have found information they can evaluate the usefulness and appropriateness of the information, its accuracy, relevance and comprehensiveness, and then select the best of it to fulfill their need. And lastly, they can use the information to produce new information or add value to it, make inferences, connections and conclusions, and then communicate these results to others in the most appropriate manner. That is a tall order indeed!

*How do we achieve this important goal and why are librarians involved?*

Through collaborative efforts involving librarians, faculty, and academic support staff in planning academic programs, we can achieve our goal of producing information literate graduates. Learning of this type happens best when it is totally integrated into course instruction and assignments. Here in the library, we are always interested in how we might work with faculty to design course assignments that utilize our many great online information services. Librarians are also concerned that students are prepared with the right understanding of other resources such as those found on the Internet. We are excited about the new core curriculum, "the Tyler Tradition," as outlined in *The New Millennium Vision*. We see it as an opportunity to integrate information literacy instruction into the new core at a basic level. And we look forward to working with others that are also involved in this effort.

Marilyn Greene is the Instruction Coordinator at the







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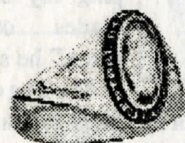
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