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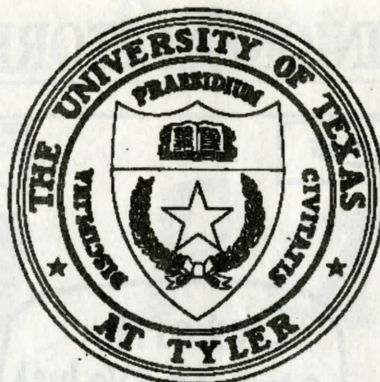
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TABLE SCRAPS: All Saints team members sort through junk at Tuesday's Scrap Pile Challenge.

All Saints students rise to top of heap in contest

By Melissa Tresner
 Editor in chief

Six students from All Saints Episcopal School "swam" away with a medal at the first Scrap Pile Challenge sponsored Tuesday by the College of Engineering.

All Saint's team made up of John Howard, Chad Maddux, Donny Taylor, Heather Ferguson, Nirmal Patel and Andy Hughes used two empty milk containers and various other scrap parts to construct the winning buggy.

"We're trying to involve local high schools in making them more aware of engineering," Dr. Jeffrey Mountain, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, said.

"There has been a fair amount of excitement about The Learning Channel's show 'Junkyard Wars,'" Mountain said.

The contest was held in conjunction with National Engineers Week.

Teams from three area private high schools participated in the contest, including All Saints, Grace Community High School in Tyler and Brook Hill School in Bullard.

Teachers competed as a team against the student teams.

"We're trying to involve local high schools."

— DR. JEFFREY MOUNTAIN
 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Only the "expert" students from the University of Texas at Tyler knew before Tuesday what the task would be, Mountain said.

"Experts" were assigned to each student team to help propose designs and assist with building a "wire-guided electric amphibious swamp buggy" using scrap electrical and mechanical parts.

They then competed to see which buggy was fastest on land and water.

A team from Grace high school had the lowest combined time in the land and water races, but they were disqualified because their craft exceeded the maximum length requirements.

Grace received certificates for Innovative and Unique Design and the SPC Titanic Pooff Award.

The teams, along with "experts,"

had 2 1/2 hours to design and build their buggies, using an assortment of available parts.

"We probably had as much fun as the kids," David Carter, All Saints expert, said. "It [Scrap Pile Challenge] would be good on a continuous basis."

Styrofoam pieces, plastic juice bottles, hangers, duct tape, Popsicle sticks and batteries were available for the teams to use.

The designs had to include certain constraints, such as:

- an on/off switch and two eyelets for attachment to a guide wire,
- the ability to drive straight and be self-contained, (Dependence on the guide wire was not allowed.)
- relatively little force on the guide wire. (Penalties were added to the time of travel to correct flaws in design.)

Team members had access to hot glue guns and super glue between races.

After a few minor repairs, all the buggies functioned properly.

Mountain said he would like to see this event expand to include public high schools, as well as private.

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New bills sent to House; committee will vote on fees

By Harold Wilson
Staff Writer

State Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, recently filed two financial bills asking legislators to allow the University of Texas at Tyler to implement an intercollegiate athletics fee and a student recreational facility fee.

If approved, the fees - up to \$7 a semester hour for athletics and up to \$40 per semester for the recreational center - could take effect at the beginning of the fall semester.

Both bills have been submitted to the House Committee on Higher Education and will not become law unless approved by two-thirds of the House.

According to the proposed bills, the Board of Regents for the University of Texas System may impose the fees if the measures receive a majority

vote in a student election.

In November, students voted 279-141 in favor of the athletics fee in a referendum election that attracted 12 percent of the student body.

University officials want teams to compete in tennis, golf, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. The tennis program is scheduled to begin this fall.

The \$7 fee applies to a minimum of six semester credit hours and a maximum of 15. Therefore, the minimum fee assessed per student would be \$42 per semester; the maximum a \$105.

Based on the latest enrollment figures, a \$7 fee would bring in more than \$600,000 a year.

The proposed bill states the fee may be used to develop and maintain an intercollegiate ath-

letics program at the University, but the fee cannot be increased without student approval.

RECREATIONAL FEE

Students approved the recreational facilities fee in a 231-54 vote last March. The fee will pay for half of the operation costs of a proposed \$19.3 million health and physical education building.

Students will be charged \$40 for each regular semester, \$30 for each summer session of 12 weeks or longer, \$15 for each summer session of six to 12 weeks, and \$10 for a summer session that is less than six weeks.

Revenue from the fee can be used to finance, construct, equip, operate, maintain, or improve a recreational facility or program at the University.

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Officials expect new traffic light to improve safety conditions

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

New traffic signals will soon direct vehicles traveling through the University Boulevard and Old Omen Road intersection.

Stoplight construction will be finished by the middle of March, Kevin Tyler, traffic engineer for the city of Tyler, said.

Tyler studied the intersection and determined a signal should be put in place.

"Traffic volumes have risen over the years to where a signal is warranted," he said.

Tyler said he believes the signal will improve the safety at the intersection by allowing drivers on Old Omen access to University Boulevard while traffic is stopped.

At least five accidents have been reported at the intersection within a year, Tyler said.

Striping Technology, a Tyler contractor, received the contract for installing the traffic signal, Tyler said.

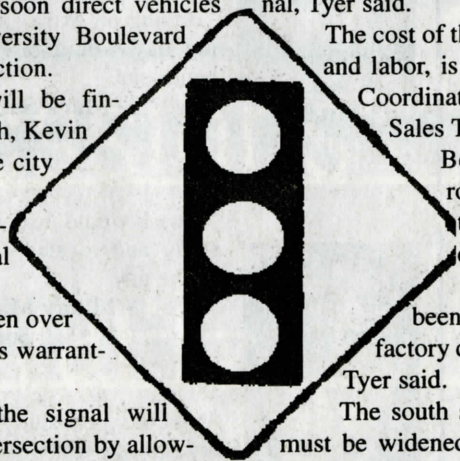
The cost of the project, including materials and labor, is \$100,000, Bill Ward, Project Coordinator at Tyler One-Half Cent Sales Tax Corp., said.

Both a factory problem and roadwork necessary to prepare the site for the traffic signal delayed construction.

The poles for the signal have been on order for six months, but a factory delay has left workers waiting, Tyler said.

The south side of Old Omen Road also must be widened to accommodate a left turn lane, Tyler said.

"When the signal is operating, we ask motorists to be cautious until everyone is familiar with it," Tyler said.



Colleges lose senators

by Lana Cain
and Jennifer Jones
Staff writers

The number of student senators for liberal arts and sciences and mathematics will be reduced next semester due to a presidential decision to combine colleges.

Students will elect three senators from each of the five

colleges and one senator from University Pines during the March 27-28 Student Government Association elections.

Students have until March 1 to register as a candidate for one of the five officer positions or as a candidate for senate in their respective college.

All candidates are required

to attend a forum at 5 p.m. March 5.

Students may vote in the University Center, the Business Building, the library and the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days.

The top three vote-getters will win seats as senators from each college.

Campus clubs compete for cash; Matthews creates point system

by Wendy L. Moore
Staff writer

Mark Matthews, student development specialist, created a point system so campus organizations can compete for a cash award each semester.

Matthews said the Outstanding Student Organization Award was created for organizations on campus who needed financial help.

"We didn't have enough money to give to all of the clubs, so we came up with awards, cash prizes to give those who do outside activities" he said.

Each semester the club that has the most points

gets \$200 at the end of the semester. The club that comes in second gets \$100 and third place receives \$50.

At the end of the school year, both semesters of an organization's points are added together and the organization with the most points will receive an additional \$200 cash award for the entire year.

"An organization who wins both semesters could possibly get up to \$600," Matthews said.

Organizations can receive points for sponsoring an event on campus, attending other events or

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— by Joe McArthur

GROUND LEVEL: A Striping Technology crewman begins working on a new traffic signal at the intersection of Old Omen Road and University Boulevard.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am directing this letter to those responsible for the decision to realign our academic structure despite the pleas of both students and faculty.

When I first heard of the proposal to realign the academic structure of our school, I asked, "Why?" As a Student Government Association senator for the College of Science and Mathematics, I investigated the opinion of the students in my college, which were overwhelmingly against such a reorganization.

During an SGA meeting, we invited Dr. Baker to field questions about the reorganization. The general explanation we received matched what the Patriot reported, "...[the reorganization proposal] would streamline the University's structure while making the curriculum better able to meet the University's needs."

Just how exactly would it do this? We never heard factual information like, "it will cut down student costs" or "it will improve student-to-teacher interaction."

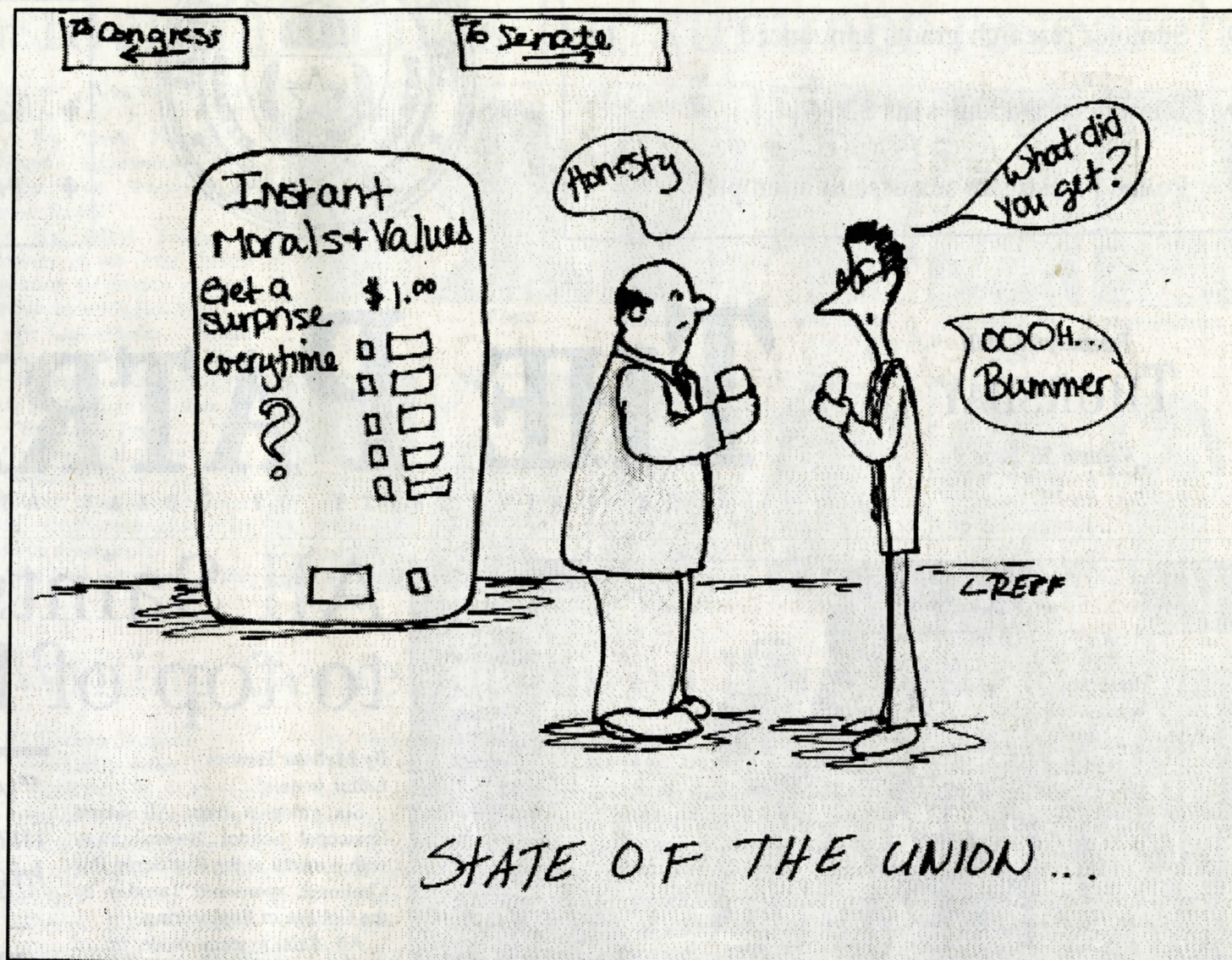
With no apparent use for the realignment, the SGA passed a resolution against the reorganization proposal, echoing a similar resolution that the Faculty Senate also passed.

We live in a democratic nation where the voices of the people matter, and it makes me vehemently upset that our efforts and voices were not heard.

What is the point of trying to find out what our students or faculty want if we are going to be over-ruled by dictatorship in the end?

Although I am graduating this May, I deeply fear for those left in conditions where such far-reaching decisions do not take into consideration student or faculty desires.

Edgar Cardenas
Tyler
Senior chemistry major



Balance of church, state is bushwhacked; taxes feed churches

THE VOICE OF DISCONTENT

by T. Evan Fisher
Contributing writer

One of the first proclaimed victories of the new Republican administration is the creation of a new office in Washington to provide federal welfare dollars to so-called faith-based initiatives. Federal money will now be distributed to churches that provide services such as free meals or temporary shelters to the homeless to help fund those community outreach activities.

Our president, George II, assures us that the intent of this program is not to promote any particular religion but to see that federal dollars are spent more efficiently.

The groaning you hear is a wave of disgust seeping across the nation. Taxpayers are going to

charity is considerably more efficient and effective in providing aid than government welfare programs, the president's plan is inherently unfair, inefficient, and unconstitutional.

The taxpayers who earned this money so frivolously tossed about by George II will have no say in determining which churches will receive the federal aid. Bush alone will appoint the officials who will be charged with redistributing our wealth.

Is it likely that his cronies will be funding Buddhists? Or Transcendentalists? Will Wiccans get any money? What about Druids, or Ganelites, or Taoists, or Hindus, or Shintoists, or Odinists, or, dare I say, Satanists? Mormons, Muslims and Hasidic Jews should probably not hold their breaths waiting for government funding. Even in the most far-fetched scenario of fairness, some groups are bound to be overlooked, and the government, contrary to the First Amendment, will be sanctioning certain religious groups and practices above others.

Republicans tried to dismiss naysayers by

ing the tab will allow another dollar to be spent on billboards, steeples, brochures and choir trips to Disney World. To properly monitor the accounting of every church receiving funds, the IRS would have to hold a job fair so large they would need Dick Clark to emcee the event.

Nothing comes free from the government, and every dollar has strings attached. Just as the Clinton administration used federal highway funding as a carrot to dangle in front of states that were slow to conform to his national initiatives, who could stop the Bush administration from using faith-based initiative dollars in the same manner? Churches that are even the least bit controversial or spread a message that offends anyone will find themselves facing an ultimatum and risking their federal funding.

Shrewdly, George II established this program with an executive order, bypassing Congress entirely, where unsightly debate was likely to occur. In opposition, Democrats would have argued that the money should be put right back into

rather is confiscated from the taxpayers - siphoned directly out of their paychecks before they can even smell it.

Why throw money down the tubes of failed government programs? Why extend the taint of government control to churches that provide charitable services? How efficient is it to put money into private welfare programs when doing so requires creating government offices and employing an army of auditors? Where in the Constitution is the federal government empowered to fund any religious organization or redistribute the wealth of its citizens? Is charity really charity when it is no longer voluntary?

Instead of ruining a good thing, George II should swallow his presidential pride, abort his new policy and seek to end federal welfare entirely. He should embrace the libertarian principles he claims to support and give wasted money back to the taxpayers who earned it. Then, he could let them donate it to any church or charitable organization they choose to support. Of course, George II

see their hard-earned money filling the coffers of churches they do not necessarily attend, support, or agree with. While studies have proven that private

claiming the program runs only the community outreach aspects of churches, rather than religious functions. But, dollars are dollars, and every dollar saved by a church because the government is pay-

the federal programs, all of which are proven failures. They, like the Republicans, have somehow forgotten that tax money does not magically appear in a pot at the end of a rainbow on Capitol Hill, but

cannot be expected to do anything so bold, drastic, or reasonable. However, with any luck this grossly unconstitutional and wholly reprehensible act will be challenged in court and soundly defeated.

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CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 8 edition of *The Patriot* incorrectly stated the amount of revenue the Cowan Center earned during the fall semester.

The lead paragraph of the story should have said, "The Cowan Center reportedly earned a revenue of \$36,000 last fall even though the Christian Music Series and the Distinguished Lecture Series suffered losses."

CAMPUS VOICE

How do you feel about having the Monday of finals week off for studying?



COTTEN

"It really doesn't matter to me either way."

- **Kristina Cotten,**
education, senior



BERRY

"I would use it if I had it."

- **Becky Berry,**
education, junior



MILES

"I would use it because I have to work during the week and I need the time to study."

- **Jonathan Miles,**
sophomore



SACREY

"Having an extra studying day would be very beneficial"

- **Mark Sacrey,**
freshman



MINOR

"Yes, I would use it to study and to sleep half of the day"

- **Mindy Minor,**
junior



HIBBERT

"I would just study for my biology test"

- **Dustin Hibbert,**
freshman

Fashion Parade

Predictions for the future

By De'Aundela Weekly
Staff writer

Fashion is what ever you wear and how you make it look.

Here are some highlights on what is going to be fashionable for the spring and summer 2001 season, some tips on bargain shopping, and where you the consumer can go to find the fashion you are looking for.

Basic blues, blacks, whites and grays will be staples of dress society, but here are some new colors for men and women this season.

Color and Style

Red is a vibrant and sexy color. So for all the red lovers this color is going to be a must for the spring and summer.

New yellows, pinks, corals/melons, greens and a variety of print patterns will be in style this season.

The trick for most people is finding the look. Whether plus size or petite, big or tall, will provide the places to go in search of the look.

For women, popular spring and summer items will be ruffled dresses, slipdresses, halter dresses, Capri pants, crop pants, tie-dyed jeans and shorts, keyhole neck tank tops, crewneck and square necked tees, prints-leopard, tropical, stripes and denim.

Other favorites include mule, slingback, slides, thong sandals and canvas tennis shoes.

Whipstitch and crochet handbags, crystal, temporary or permanent tattoos and jeweled shades will be fashion must this season.

Also this season men will be wearing denim and khaki cargo shorts, plain zip chino pants, Polo shirts, crewneck tees, lounge slides, thong sandals and Aviator sunglasses.

Colors for men this season will be grass - a shade of green, cloud, grey Heather, navy and the popular white. When looking for a pattern checks, stripes and tropical will be the likely choices.

Budget and Shopping

Shoppers should start out with a budget. It is important to know how much you want to spend before starting. Tap into other sources when budgeting for a good shopping trip.

Look for buy one get one half off sales, clearances, 50 per-

cent off, pre-red apple days (Foley's Department stores,) and stores that do competitive pricing (i.e. Wal-Mart and Dillard's.)

Also look into on-line shopping. On-line shopping gives people access to greater bargains. There are more discount merchants located on-line than in many surrounding areas.

However, be careful when it comes to giving out credit card numbers on-line. If this payment method is uncomfortable, try finding the retailers address and order this way.

Consignment stores and other resale stores are an option (i.e. Hand Me Ups, My Sister's Room).

The next thing is to decide on the colors or prints you would like to see yourself in. This cuts down on the time spent trying on clothes, and finally shoppers need to narrow down what store a particular look can be found.

For example, for a plus size person find the stores that specialize in plus size fashions such as Lane Bryant's, Catherine's, Big and Tall and Added Dimensions.

Where to Shop

There are several places to shop in the Tyler area when looking for fashions that will

satisfy most shoppers.

Start at Broadway Square Mall, which house such stores as Lerner's, Express, The Buckle, Sears, Dillard's, Claire's Boutique and Afterthoughts which specialize in piercing, jewelry, shades and temporary do it yourself tattoos.

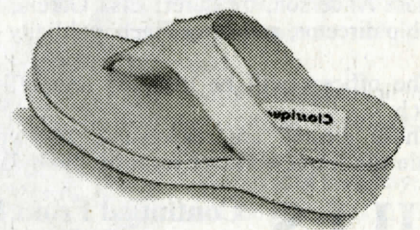
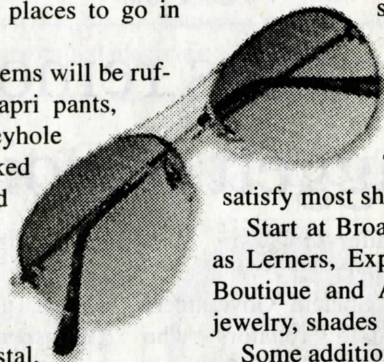
Some additional places that specialize in permanent tattoos are Firing Line Tattoos, Kelly's Tattoos and Tattoo Factory all of Tyler.

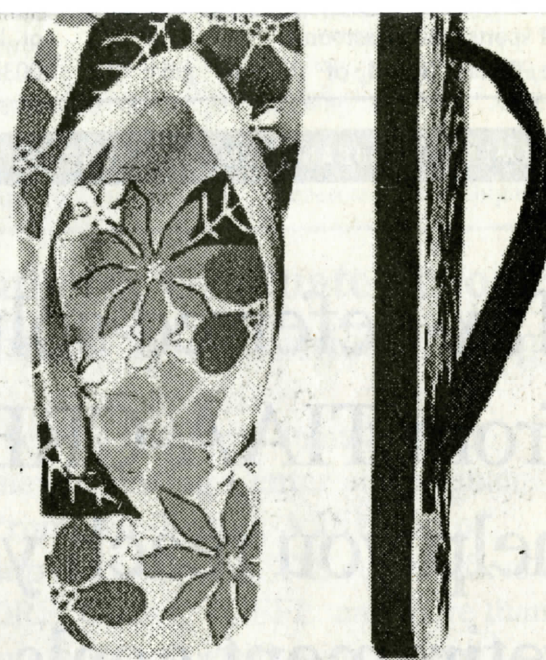
Other places shoppers can take advantage of are the area Wal-Mart, Stein Mart, Marshalls, Goody's Family Clothing, Payless Shoe Stores, Target and more, all of which specialize in family fashion and footwear.

If the shopper is not from the Tyler area and would like to find these fashion, try malls and outlet malls in their area.

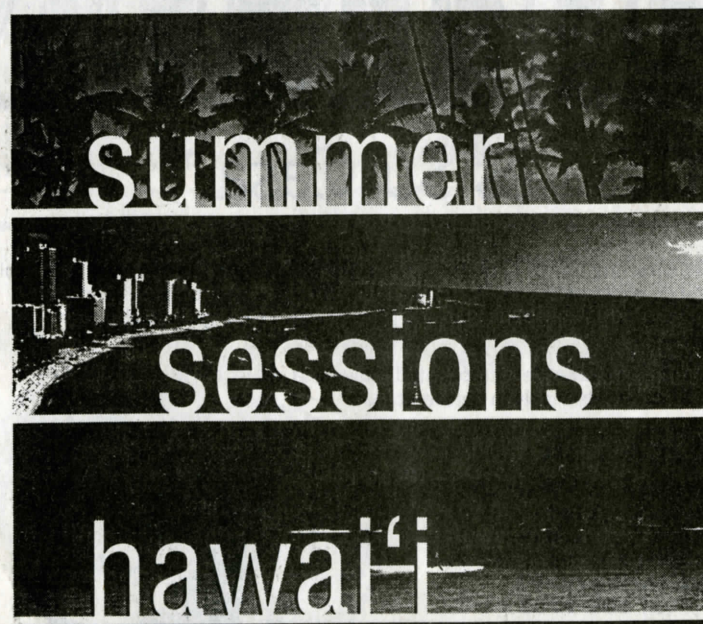
If there are not any available, try the local boutiques, and if this is not a useful source, then catalog shopping from JC Penney, Sears, Jcrew, Romans, Eddie Bauer and many more is another option.

Think smart when shopping and you can look good without all the expense.





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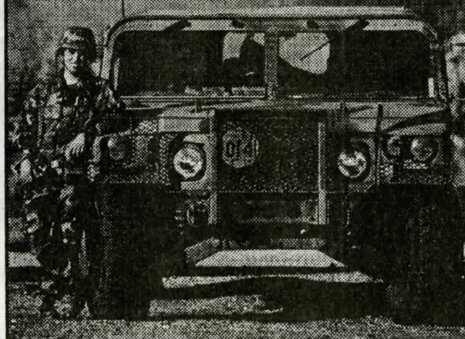
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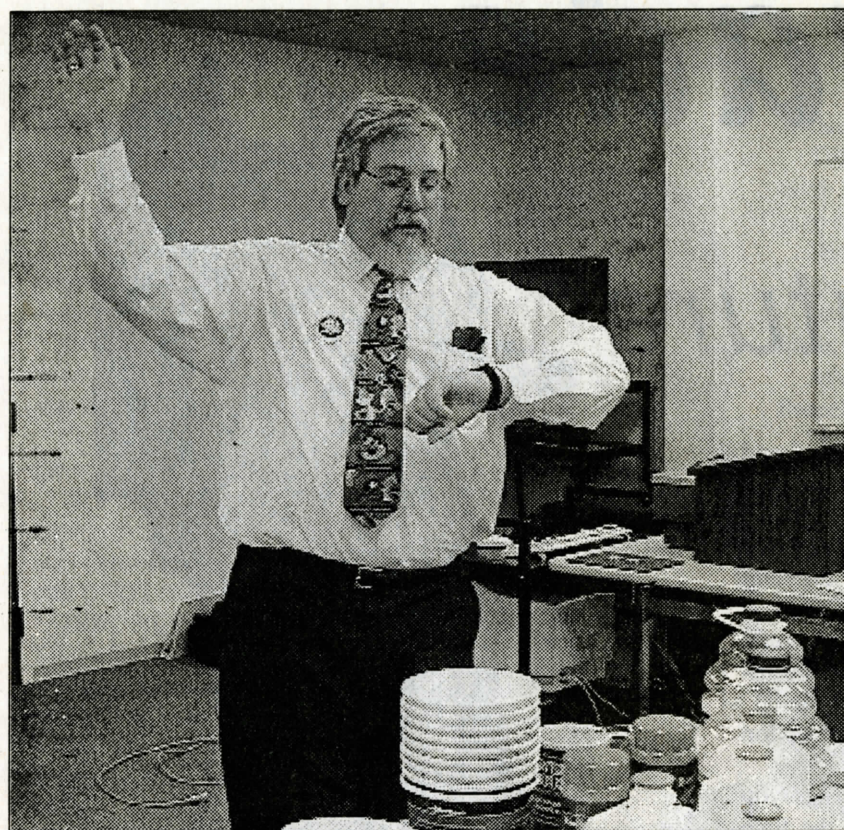

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Area high schools compete in Scrap Pile Challenge



— by Joe McArthur

ON YOUR MARK: Dr. Jeffrey Mountain begins the countdown for the Scrap Pile Challenge.



— by Melissa Tresner

READY, SET, GO: John Howard, a high school student from All Saints prepares to launch his team's buggy.



— by Melissa Tresner

GROUP WORK: The team from All Saints Episcopal High School won medals for their amphibious craft at the engineering college's Scrap Pile Challenge. On the back row are Nirmal Patel, John Howard, Heather Ferguson and Chad Maddux. Andy Hughes and Donny Taylor are on the back row.

New officers for nursing association selected after a one-week election

by Linda maikori
Staff writer

Nursing Student Association members selected new officers during a Jan. 29-Feb. 2 election.

Candidates were elected through a ballot system with votes being counted by three members of the College of Nursing faculty.

Those elected were: Darci Koller, president; Chidi Onyi, vice president; Jo Barnes, secretary; Tamara Anderson, treasurer; Elsa Garcia, membership director; and Amy Finch, publicity director.

The officers will be installed into office on March 5.

Those elected are responsible for working within the framework set forth by the bylaws of

the nursing association.

The association is a pre-professional organization sponsored by the American and Texas Nurse's Association.

The association promotes student participation in interdisciplinary activities as well as providing collaborative relationships with other nursing-related health care organizations.

Dr. Marian Rowe, a nursing professor, said candidate information for the election was posted on bulletin boards around the Tyler and Palestine campuses for those interested in seeking an office.

Candidates gave speeches on the Tyler campus and two Palestine students participated through interactive video, she said.

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according to Berman's bill.

Plans call for building the center on the northeast corner of campus near the existing health and kinesiology building.

The facility will include fitness equipment, an outdoor swimming pool, rooms for recre-

University \$9.7 million in Permanent University Funds for construction. The balance of the cost will come from donations, officials said.

Although Berman's bill indicated University officials can begin assessing the fee this Fall, University said previously the assessment would

Senators removed from office; Baggett appointed to position

by Jennifer Jones
Staff writer

Four Student Government Association senators who failed to meet requirements were voted out of office during a Feb. 14 meeting in which one new senator was appointed.

Freshman Brandy Baggett is a new senator representing the College of Liberal Arts.

Secretary Adam Clay's motion to appoint Baggett passed unanimously.

Nick Cardwell, Josh Gentry, and Justin Grolemond, senators representing the College of Engineering, and Crystal Thornsberry, senator representing the College of Nursing, lost their seats.

ing last spring's elections. Thornsberry was a write-in candidate during that same election.

The College of Nursing already lost two senators when Amber Jackson resigned and Samantha Smith was removed.

Both colleges are now without representation in the SGA. "We did notify them to come before the executive committee today to plead their case and we let them know if they did not come we would



Baggett

SGA president Aimee Griffy said.

None of the senators came to defend themselves, she said.

SGA members now have 15 representatives, but there are 24 available positions.

In other discussion, the Communications Committee, lead by Clay, reported members are working on having election booths at the University's satellite campuses — Longview, Palestine, Corsicana, and Mexia.

During a fall referendum election, students from the Palestine and Longview campuses had to vote in Tyler.

The Rules Committee is planning to schedule a group

ational sports, and classrooms.

The Texas Board of Regents gave the

not begin until construction in completed in

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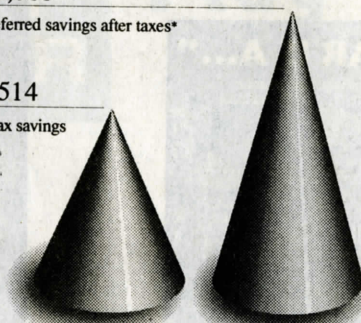
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Cardwell, Gentry and go ahead and put them before to man the booths in the Grolemond were elected dur- [the SGA] to be voted out," March elections.

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participating in an activity of their own.

Clubs also can get points for turning in their registration packets on time, Matthews said.

Matthews distributed a packet of information for the award to all club advisers and students. This information includes a point sheet an organization can fill out to get their points and a list of approved activities for which clubs can receive points.

"Typically, the points are awarded for on-campus activities, whether it be for a student mixer, alcohol awareness or turning in their registration packets on time," Matthews said.

"They have to contact me a couple of weeks before an activity to get points and a group has to have at least three members present."

Matthews also said groups do not get points for having the most participants because it would not be fair to the smaller clubs.

Approved activities also include sponsoring officer's meetings, having club members active in

the Peer Mentor Program, and for participating in intramural sports.

The Patriot Games, student appreciation week, is another event an organization can earn points for participation.

Matthews said all points double for involvement during the week's activities.

The Patriot Games this year will be April 16-21.

Matthews said several clubs already have turned in and received points for activities.

Because student activities needs help with the Spring Formal and alcohol awareness week, clubs can earn points for helping, Matthews said.

Matthews said groups such as the Student Government Association who already have money, are excluded from the OSO award.

"This is really targeted toward those organizations who don't have their own budget," he said.

Read about ACTF on page 5

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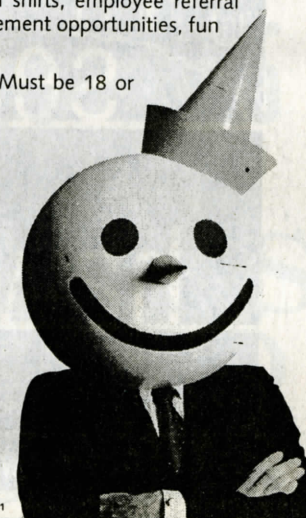
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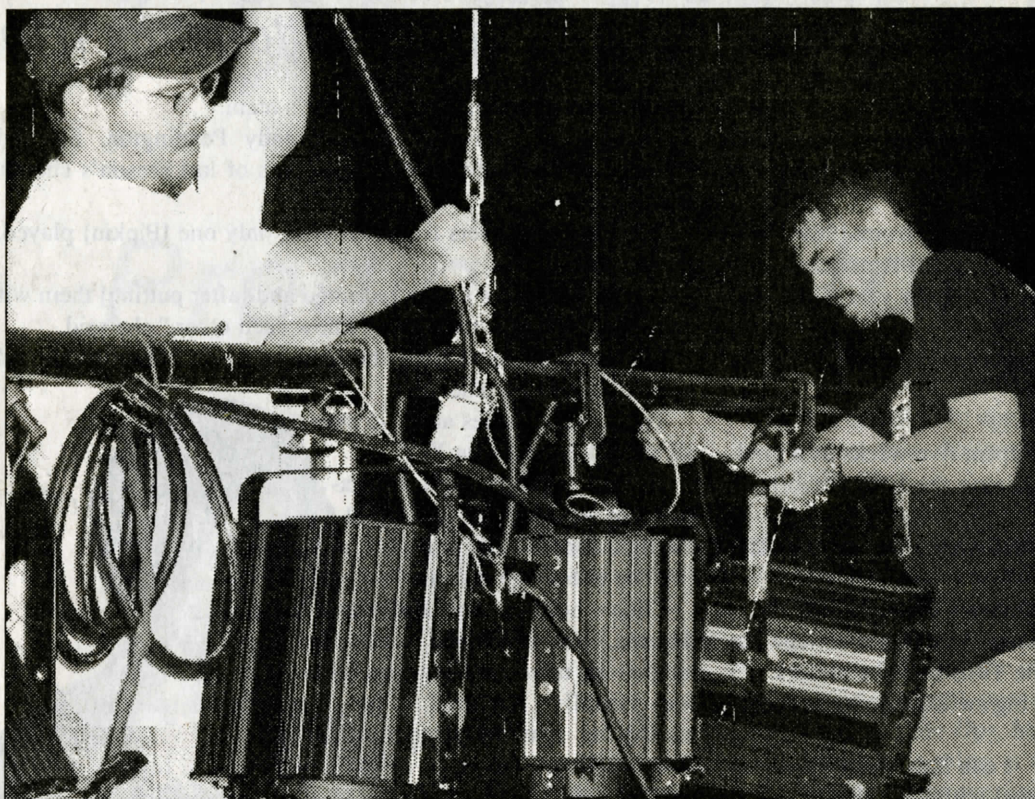
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Hard at Work



— by Aaron Roberts

SETTING THE STAGE: Stage technicians Berry Jackson, left and Michael Hanks, right setup the lights backstage of the Vaughn Auditorium for the American College Theater Festival. Hanks, a theater major, explained the poles the lights are hanging on are called battens. When lights are attached to the battens they are called electrics.

Alan Keyes to speak at Cowan Center

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

Alan Keyes will visit UT Tyler as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series Mar. 1.

Keyes was the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

He later served as the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations.

Keyes gained the title of the world's greatest orator during his 1996 campaign for presidency.

Keyes wrote "Masters of the Dream: The Strength and Betrayal of Black America."



Pat Green, David Allen Coe draw energetic crowd with Texas music revolution style

by Mac Carl
Contributing writer

On Feb. 10, the Texas revolution reached East Texas.

The Texas Music revolution that is. And it came in the form of popular Texas singer-song-

eventually formed his band. He has recorded three full-length albums and two live albums since. In his most recent project, he teamed up with fellow Texas musician Cory Morrow to record "Songs We Wish We'd Written," a tribute to Texas songwriters.

Theater Festival begins

Students prepare their performances for Irene Ryan competitions this week

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

Laughing while being strangled could prove to be hard for some people, but English major, Bev Pearson did just that on Tuesday.

Theater major Jerone Turner pretended to throttle Pearson while they rehearsed a scene from "Othello" for the Irene Ryan try-outs portion of the American College Theater Festival.

Turner and Pearson polished their lines and discussed improvements before their 6 p.m. performance. Pearson also performed a monologue from "Pygmalion."

"Jerone just turns around and looks at the wall while I do my piece," she said.

Pearson explained they were on a time crunch to get their performances done.

"We have to do our scene and my monologue in five minutes and 15 seconds," she said.

Turner, a transfer student from Trinity Valley Community College, said this was his first time to perform at the ACTF.

"I like the fact that she [Bev] asked me to be a



— by Aaron Roberts

PLAYING THE PART: Bev Pearson and Jerone Turner rehearse scenes from *Othello* for the Irene Ryan competitions.

part of the scene," Turner said.

Pearson was named an alternate for her performance, which is "hard to break," she said.

"It would have been fun to do it again," Pearson said.

"I think we did real well," Turner said.

Students display work at ACTF competition

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

The sounds of masks and costumes being nailed to plywood filled the Jack and Dorothy Fay White Lobby of the R. Don Cowan fine and performing arts center during the American College Theater Festival.

Unique from the rest of the ACTF events, the design competition occurs among the students and not between the different colleges or regions.

"The students are competing for cash prizes, recognition and advancement in the competition," design

included scenic design, lighting, costume design, makeup design, sound design, program graphics and stage management.

design."

"This is a much stronger competition than last years," Gilpin said. "We have a lot more entries.

The students mounted lighting schematics, pictures of models, theater masks and costumes to vertical pieces of plywood.

Gilpin explained that the students have certain guidelines to follow.

Gilpin said they have to show the processes in their work that lead to the finished work.

They must also have photos of their finished work.

— by Aaron Roberts



DRESSED TO THRILL: Silhouette figures are a concept statement that tells how they did their

writer, Pat Green.

Texas music blends country, rock and folk music and uses lyrics to tell stories, often about our state. This genre of sound is also classified as Americana music.

Songwriters such as Willie Nelson, Bob Wills and Townes Van Zandt all helped establish Texas music and paved the way for promising artists such as Charlie Robison, Cory Morrow and Green.

The music is immensely popular in other regions of Texas, especially around large universities, but it now finds broader acceptance, even in neighboring states.

The obvious question is: If these artists are so popular, why don't they go to Nashville and sign major record labels?

Green said he would love to record in Nashville, but would only do so with his band, and without interference from the record company.

Green doesn't compromise his music or lyrics to create a hit record. This is a popular ideology among Texas music artists.

Green was born in San Antonio and was raised in Waco. He then attended Texas Tech University where he earned his bachelor's degree in General Studies.

When Pat was young, he began playing the drums, but later fell in love with writing songs and playing the guitar. He then began performing in local dance halls and fraternity parties, and

The band records successfully, (100,000 sales) but any fan will tell you to see their live shows. This seems to be the band's strong point.

Teamed up with opening act David Allen Coe, this show raised the eyebrows of those who had not seen a Texas musician perform.

When Green and company took the stage, hundreds of teenagers and twenty-somethings rushed the stage, screaming like they were at Woodstock.

Fans of all ages converged to the front as the band ripped through their opening number.

Green then hurled his weathered cowboy hat to the crowd as the fans gave him an enthusiastic response.

Then Green turned to the crowd holding a Tyler rose in his mouth signifying their appreciation for the crowd attending their first show in town.

Between the sing-alongs about Texas, love, and love lost, Green periodically showed his sense of humor.

He joked about a wide variety of topics, including George W. Bush telling "Al Gore and the rest of them Yankees that they could go on home."

The number of dancing couples and singles grew as the night went on.

This show was East Texas' first taste of Texas music's honest approach and contagious energy, but judging the crowd's response, it will not be the last.

chair Doug Gilpin said. design competition portion of the American work, Gilpin said.

Gilpin is responsible College Theater Festival.

for getting the design centers set up and encouraging the students to get their work to the contest.

The different categories

Gilpin explained that stage management was a new category this year and that, "this is the second year for the makeup

The entries were "responded to" Thursday morning by Nels Anderson, Louisiana State University and Arden Weaver, University of Minnesota Duluth, Gilpin said.

Distinguished Lecturers student session

Students are invited to interact with the distinguished lecturers before they speak.

- Alan Keyes' session will be March 1 at 4:30 p.m.
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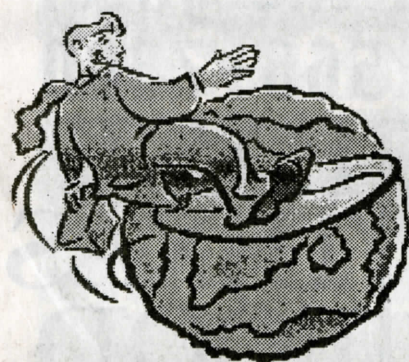
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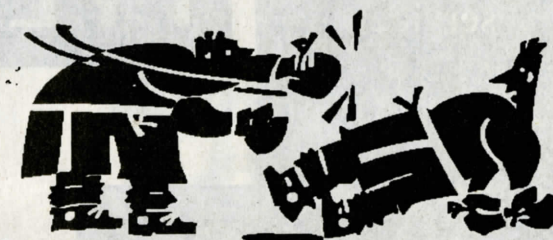
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Tillis takes charge of defending national champs

First year coach guides squad near second straight league title and national tourney trip

By Harold Wilson

Staff writer

Trenia Tillis knew she had large shoes to fill when she decided to take over as head coach of the reigning NJCAA women basketball champions at Tyler Junior College.

But, being accustomed to battling and winning regularly like she is, the choice was not hard to make.

"I get to run my own show now the way I want," Tillis said.

"It's a lot of pressure taking over the defending national champions, [but] I like it."

Tillis, 30, came to TJC after working as an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas from 1996 until last year when she assumed her current post. The Lady

Razorbacks advanced

to the NCAA Women's Final Four in 1998.

Tillis, who stands 5'11," starred in basketball at Grapeland High School, earning all-District and all-State honors during her prep career.

She played college ball at Stephen F. Austin from 1989-1994, where she later became a Kodak second-team All-American.

SFA won the Southland Conference title each year Tillis was there.

After her career at SFA, Tillis played professionally in Barcelona, Spain from 1994 until 1996.

"It was a great experience," she said.

Tillis moved back to east Texas and spent five weeks as a graduate assistant at TJC in 1996 before joining the Lady Razorback staff in Arkansas.

Now, she is back in black and gold land after receiving the offer to coach the Apache Ladies.

She said officials from TJC contacted her about the job.

Transferring from a large university to a junior college has been an adjustment, but one Tillis said she prefers.

"It's been a big switch coming to Juco," she said.

"Now I can have more hands on [coaching] with the kids.

Taking over a championship squad, however, has brought high expectations along with comparisons to last season's team and Coach Leann Riley.

"There is no comparison with Leann [Riley] and me, Tillis said.

"Her team was more guard-oriented; this one is more post-oriented."

Instead of constantly pressing full-court, Tillis said she likes sticking to the half court defense.

"I believe we can win with having a strong half court defense," she said.

The Apache Ladies struggled early in the season, with only

four players returning from last year's team.

Sophomore's Bertha Collins, Brandy Pennington, Shalonda Pipkin, and Ty Wady were all members of last season's championship team.

"Of the four players from last year, only one [Pipkin] played," Tillis said.

"I took four more Leann recruited and [after putting] them with the four I recruited, they didn't know each other," she said.

TJC has regrouped from the slow start and currently has sole possession of first place.

The Apache Ladies are 21-5 overall and 10-0 in Region XIV.

"It took the first half of the season, but now we are gelling at the right time," Tillis said.

"The chemistry is there."

Tillis holds two bachelor's degrees, one in mental rehab and another in orientation and mobility of the visually impaired. She earned her master's degree in counseling.

She said these three degrees all play a vital role to her coaching approach.

"The counseling is for the children (players), the visually impaired is for the referee's and the rehab is just for me," she said.



TJC remains unbeaten in conference

By Harold Wilson

Staff writer

The Apache Ladies continued dominating Region XIV foes, winning twice last week against Angelina and Panola to stay undefeated in conference action.

Last Saturday, Tyler Junior College overcame a 12-point halftime deficit to defeat Angelina 69-60 at Wagstaff Gymnasium. The win improved the Apache Ladies record to 21-5 on the season and 10-0 in league action.

TJC can wrap up their second consecutive conference title

While the Apache Ladies struggled, they trounced Panola 83-25 last Wednesday at Wagstaff Gymnasium. TJC's defense stifled the Fillies the entire game, forcing Panola into 32 turnovers. Panola shot only 21 percent (10-48) from the field.

"This type of win pumps us up toward reaching our goal," TJC guard Keshun Irving, who scored eight points and added two assists and two breakaway steals, said.

"We want to go 16-0 in conference and reach nationals."

The duo produced an all-around effort as Smith grabbed six rebounds and notched five steals. James pulled down 11 boards and had five steals.

TJC jumped out to a 7-0 lead and never looked back. They led 32-6 at one point in the first half and took a 35-10 lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the second half, Panola struggled at setting up their half-court offense. TJC converted most of their 32 steals into uncontested lay-ups.

"Our defense was the key to this win," Irving said.

From there, Smith handed out five assists, while James shot 9-12 from the field.

TJC went on a 30-9 run to open the second half, which increased their lead to 65-19.

TJC shot 60 percent (37-62) from the field and held a 35-22 edge in rebounds. The Apache Ladies scored most buckets in the paint and attempted only two three-pointers.

The large victory allowed 11 Apache Ladies to see action, with 10 scoring. Shalonda Pipkin, a 5'8," sophomore forward, chipped in 14 points, six

Region XIV Standings

	Conf.	Season
	W-L	W-L
Tyler	10-0	21-5
Trinity Valley	8-2	23-3
Kilgore	6-4	16-10
Angelina	5-5	14-12
Blinn	5-5	13-13
Paris	3-7	15-11
San Jacinto	2-8	13-13
Panola	1-9	10-15

SEASON LEADERS

SCORING	Avg.	ASSISTS	Avg.
1. Rasheki Howard, SJC	19.5	1. Jennifer Ferrell, Paris	6.6
2. Charla Denmon, SJC	15.9	2. Kimberly Coleman, TV	6.3
3. Sonya Hodge, Paris	15.6	3. Sara Navarro, SJC	6.0
4. Charissa Greene, TV	15.0	4. Natasha Starks, TV	5.0
5. Meosha Nash, KC	14.6	5. Charese Brown, Panola	4.9
REBOUNDS		STEALS	
1. Cherry Kendall, Panola	10.6	1. DeKedria Johnson, TV	3.8
2. Tiffany Washington, Paris	9.9	2. Charese Brown, Panola	3.8
3. Keila Rasmussen, AC	9.7	3. Georgia Olumoko, SJC	3.4
		4. Rasheki Howard, SJC	3.2

4. Robin McNair, SJC	9.2	5. Aiysha Smith, TJC	2.8
5. Aiysha Smith, TJC	9.1		

along with home-court advantage throughout the conference tournament with three victories in their last four contests.

Twin towers Aiysha Smith and Chinyere James, both 6'2," scored 18 points apiece to lead TJC.

The one-two punch of James and Smith kept dominating after Smith moved outside the key to allow James more inside room.

rebounds and four steals. The Apache Ladies were ranked eight in the latest NJCAA women's poll.



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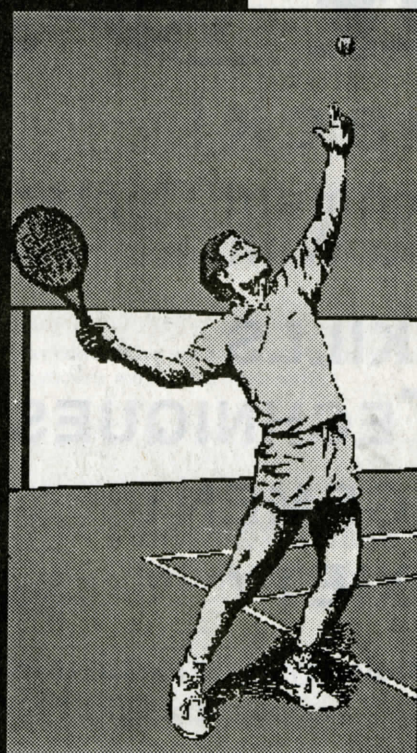
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University Crime Statistics

Crime Statistics

The following statistics for offense categories for 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999, are provided in compliance with the Campus Security Act of 1990. Any questions should be directed to the University Police Department at (903) 566-7300.

Part I Offenses

Reported	1996	1997	1998	1999
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault (Rape)	1	0	0	0
A. Rape by Force	1	0	0	0
B. Attempted Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
A. Firearm	0	0	0	0
B. Knife	0	0	0	0
C. Other Dangerous Weapon	0	0	0	0
D. Strong Arm (Hands, etc.)	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	9	12	4
A. Aggravated	0	1	0	0
B. Knife or Cutting Instrument	0	1	0	0
C. Other Dangerous Weapon	1	0	1	0
D. Hands, Feet, Etc. - Agg. Injury	0	4	7	1
E. Other Assaults - Simple	1	3	4	3
Burglary	4	14	15	8
A. Forced Entry	0	9	9	4
B. Non-Forced Entry	4	2	5	3
C. Attempted Forced Entry	0	3	1	1
Theft	28	33	39	59
A. Under \$50	3	8	9	19
B. \$50-\$200	8	9	18	22
C. Over \$200	17	16	12	18
Auto Theft	1	1	0	2
A. Autos	1	1	0	1
B. Trucks and Buses	0	0	0	1
C. Other Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
**Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0

**Hate crimes category includes: Murder, forcible rape and aggravated assault with

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

Cindy thought she was safe.

She had never been close to violence; she was a carefree college student who never gave crime a second thought.

"Evidence makes clear that the notion of the campus as a crime-free oasis is a myth,"

according to Covering Campus Crime, a publication by the Student Press Law Center.

Something happened to Cindy one warm, spring night that changed her attitude about safety at school.

She was attacked in a parking lot outside of her dorm room.

Now she is cautious and wary of strangers.

Thousands of women (and men) have been in situations like Cindy's.

While crime at the University of Texas at Tyler is not as prevalent as other universities, it does exist.

According to the Safety and Security Information Report provided by the University police department,

four assaults occurred on campus in 1999.

Developing some basic safety habits can reduce the chances of being a victim, according to safety expert, Diane Gordon's No Nonsense Self Defense Web Page.

Crime needs three elements to occur: ability, opportunity, and intent.

Eliminating one of these elements will prevent a crime.

There are several ways to eliminate a criminal's ability and opportunity.

If you can successfully take away those two elements, intent will disappear also.

Awareness is the most important key to stopping a crime.

• Glance around to see if anyone is near, and always trust your inner alarms.

If you see someone suspicious watching you, retreat.

• Too much attention is a danger sign.

"Evidence makes clear that the notion of the campus as a crime-free oasis is a myth."

— COVERING CAMPUS CRIME

• walk in groups of two or more if possible

• have your keys ready as you approach your car

• try to park your car in a well-lighted area.

The campus police, in an attempt to deter criminals, escort students and employees to their cars at night.

Using common sense always helps in scary situations, even though people have a natural tendency to panic.

Some crimes are not aimed at individuals; however, they focus on property, such as automobiles.

Following some simple safety tips can protect personal property, as well.

• Locked doors slow down carjackers.

• If possible, park your car in a garage or behind a locked gate.

Most cars are stolen off the street, Gordon said.

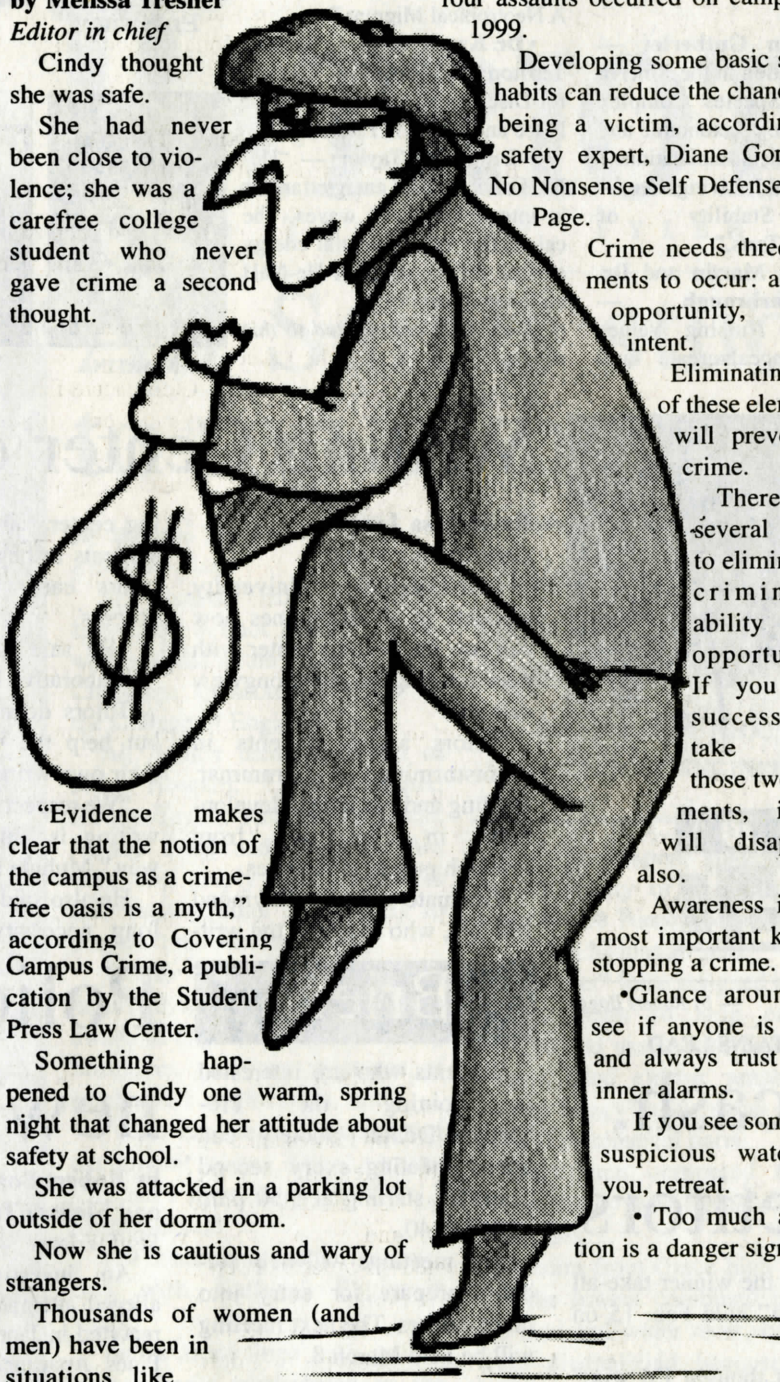
• By installing an alarm on your car, you can trip up a car thief.

• Never leave your car running.

It only takes a few seconds to steal an unlocked, running vehicle.

By developing some simple habits, the chances of becoming a victim are cut in half.

(Although Cindy is a fictitious character, she represents the thousands of college students victimized each year.)



It really is better to be safe than sorry.

The University's safety report also offers good advice, such as staying in well-lighted areas at night.

It also advises to:

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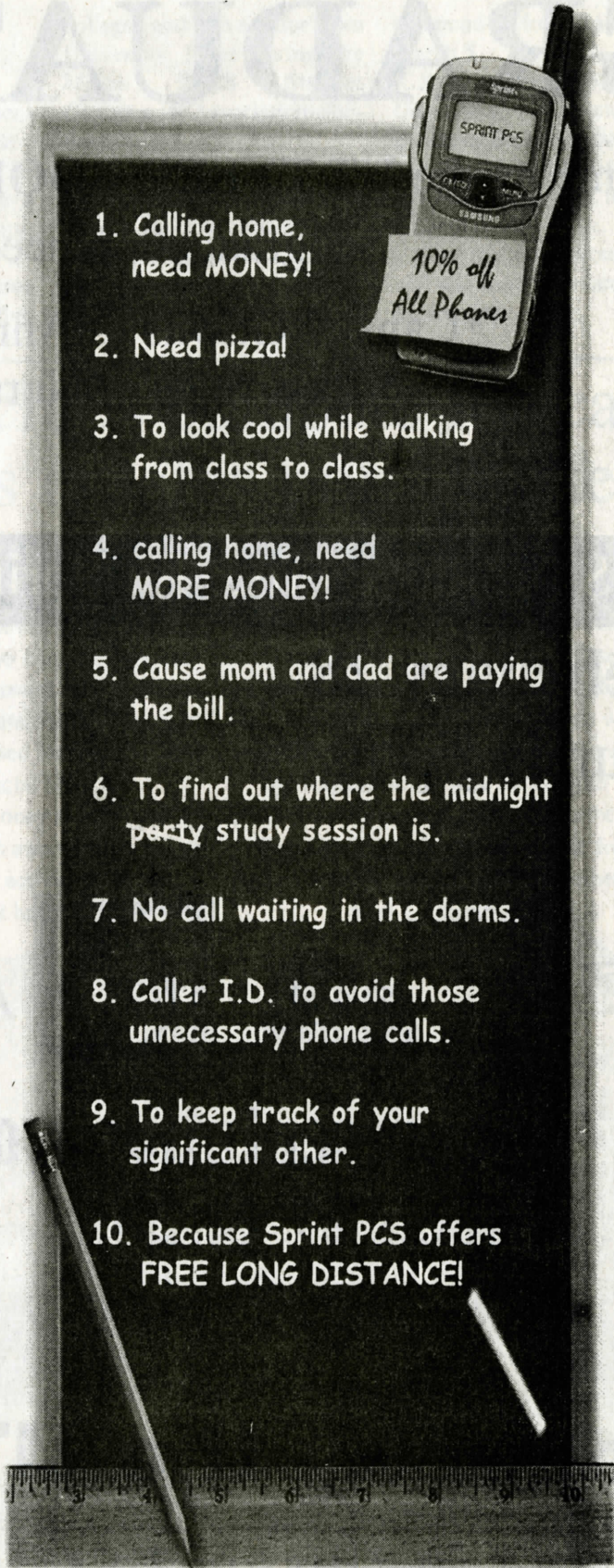
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The winners were selected from 25 submitted applications for the President's Faculty-Student Summer Research awards. Those receiving grants and their project titles are as follows:

• **Dr. Hassan El-Kishky** — "A Novel Hybrid Dynamic Electro-Thermal Model for the Design, Analysis, and Development of Corona-Suppression Systems of High Voltage Rotating Machines."

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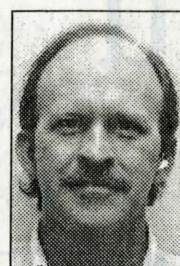
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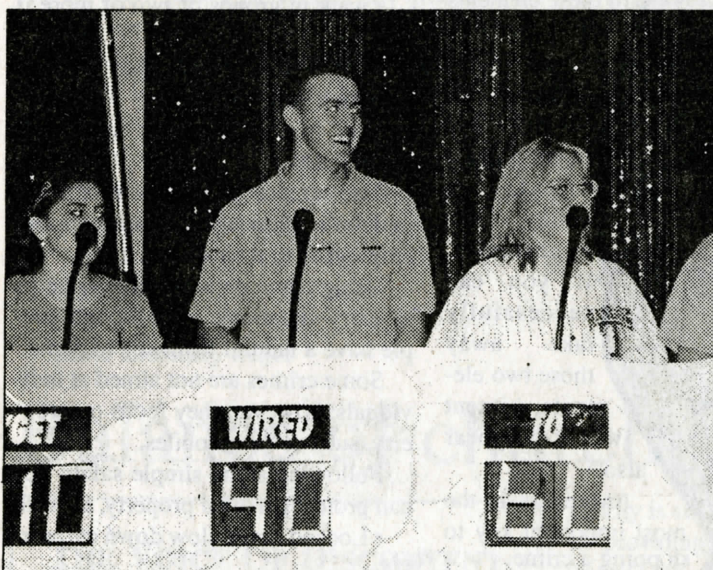
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— by Robert Boggs

CONTESTANT PATTY BROWN, RIGHT, MAINTAINS LEAD

Student wins cash, outlasts competitors

Senior journalism student Patty Brown won the winner-take-all \$200 prize during the game show "Think Fast" held Feb. 15 on campus.

"My coming out here was a fluke. I never thought I'd win," Brown said.

The show attracted about 45-50 students, parents, and teachers.

Audience members answered multiple-choice trivia questions on an electronic game pad. The top four teams then advanced to a semi-final round with that winner getting a chance to compete for cash. The audience were given extra chances to win by answering trivia questions to win a T-shirt. Wendy Moore knew the answer to

Writing Center opens on Longview campus

By Melissa Jacquez
Contributing writer

LONGVIEW - University students in all disciplines now can use the writing center with peer tutoring on the Longview campus.

Tutors assist students in brainstorming, grammar, spelling and paragraph development in everything from research papers to resumes.

Graduate student Raymond Muhula, who oversees the writ-

ing center, said he encourages students to begin working with tutors early in the writing process.

He said his philosophy is "collaborative learning."

Tutors do not grade papers, but help the students develop their own writing style.

"We respect writing... every writing is unique in its own way," Muhula said.

He also said writing is a life-long necessity, and "we all

should take advantage of the center."

Dr. Luke Niiler, head of the Tyler and Longview writing centers, said both facilities are "warm, friendly, intimate" places where students can discuss work in a non-threatening manner.

He said all tutors "are accomplished, well-trained, and sensitive to the needs of writers."

The Longview center is

located in Room 218. No appointments are necessary. The center is open on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Students from the Tyler, Longview and Palestine campuses as well as the Mexia distance learning center can e-mail their work to a tutor at www.atthat.com/tyler/wc/.

Briefs

Students who are interested in joining the Pre-Medical/Dental Society can attend meeting every second Thursday starting at 5:50 p.m. in SCI 0140.

The meetings will help students prepare for entry into these careers. The next meeting will be held March 8.

The Faculty Research Committee is accepting submissions for Student Research Day to be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 19 in UC 118.

Submission deadline is April 1. For more information call

Police check assault attempt; newspaper questions report

by Robert Boggs
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An investigation into an alleged attempted sexual assault reported in January at University Pines Apartments remains open, police Lt. Alan Brown said.

A female reported that the attempted assault occurred about 9 p.m. on Jan. 16. Campus officers arrived at the apartments to find three Tyler police cars already responding to the call, according to a campus police

Brown declined to give any details about the offense.

"If I give out any information on how or when, it could endanger the Tyler [Police Department] investigation," he said.

The Texas Public Information Act states that a "detailed description of the offense" is considered public record, but the law does allow officers to withhold specific information if police believe disclosure will hinder their investigation.

Brown did not give a specific

ger" the investigation.

Although the offense occurred on Jan. 16, *The Patriot* did not receive the police report until Wednesday. Twelve other January incident reports also were not made available until that time.

The Patriot questioned Brown on Wednesday about why the reports were not in the police log during early inspections.

"To the best of my knowledge, I don't know. Whether or not my officer failed to write them down, I don't know."

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