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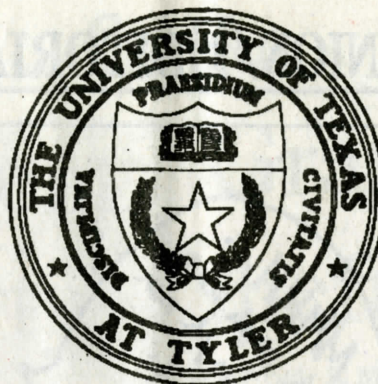
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- ◆ TJC earns chance at nationals
- ◆ International tennis tournament held at University



- ◆ Two juniors running for SGA vice president
- ◆ SGA has two candidates for treasurer
- ◆ Eight candidates running for engineering representative

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## Investigation suggests SGA violated own election code

By Melissa Tresner  
 Editor in chief

Seven Student Government Association candidates may run for office even though they submitted their applications after the filing deadline, the association's adviser decided March 5.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, determined it would be unfair to the late applicants not to accept their applications since they were informed by some SGA officers the deadline would be extended.

"Although errors were made in announcing election procedures and in collecting the application documents, the SGA effort did result in a healthy number of applications," Lunsford said.

Also, in a March 5 press release issued by vice president Alan Thomas, the association contends it was "...attempting to do everything within its ability to provide complete student representation for the coming term..."

Questions have been raised as to why at least five other applicants were disqualified for



— by Aaron Roberts

**PATIENTLY LISTENING:** Student Government Association candidates wait for their turns to speak at the March 5 candidate's meeting.

during *The Patriot's* investigation.

The investigation revealed evidence the SGA violated its constitution by not following the Election Code "as a strict

The elections will be held March 27-28, and voting booths in the University Center, the Business Building, the library and the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days.

ticipation in the elections.

Out of eleven races, four are contested, including the offices of vice president, treasurer and parliamentarian and senators for the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

## SGA candidates

### OFFICERS

#### President

Lana Cain

#### Vice President

Stephanie Flanery

Angela Roe

#### Secretary

Nancy Arellano

#### Treasurer

Shelly Hamrick

Elina Hong

#### Parliamentarian

Brandy Baggett

### SENATORS

#### Arts & Sciences

Josh Cohagen

#### Business & Technology

Joe Angell

Billy Borunda

Jammie Maze

#### Education & Psychology

None

#### Engineering & Computer Sci.

Nicholas Cardwell

Justin Grolemond

Shaun Halberstadt

Stephen Hughes

Jeff Little

Willie Rollins, Jr.

Ramsey Williams

G. Burke Zimmerman



not meeting the eligibility requirements specified in the Election Code, but late applications were accepted.

Accepting late applications is one of three or possibly four violations of the SGA's constitution and Election Code, found

The association also violated its Election Code by allowing a candidate to accept other candidacy forms and apparently not giving proper notification of the March 1 filing deadline, according to *The Patriot* investigation.

The official notification of the election to *The Patriot* did not include voting booths at the Longview or Palestine campuses.

SGA members visited classrooms to encourage student par-

However, students are allowed to enter write-in candidates when they vote.

Students will elect three senators from each of the five colleges and one senator from

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**Health Sciences**  
**Malae' Moses**  
**University Pines**  
**Brandy Williams**

## Untersee promoted to vice president

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

Mary Untersee assumed a new position as vice president for university advancement on March 1, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

Her salary increased from \$91,234 to \$100,000 as a result of this promotion, Scott Scarborough, vice president for business affairs, said.

Untersee's previous titles at the University include director of development.

She was responsible for securing private support for the University.

She also served as director of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Prior to 1994 she was community relations director for a national head injury rehabilitation center and director of marketing and news anchor for the NBC affiliate in Waco/Temple.

"This title change simply reflects the expanded role Ms. Untersee had already taken on in the last year or so," Mabry said.

"Moving her to the vice presidential level adds some diversity to our top administration," he said.

# O'Keeffe named new provost

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

Dr. David O'Keeffe, Jr. was chosen out of five finalists to be the new provost and vice president for academic affairs effective June 1, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

O'Keeffe will replace Dr. W.A. Baker who will retire this summer after six years at the University.

The new provost has been the dean of the School of Science and Technology at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma since 1996.

O'Keeffe will manage the academic reorganization Baker proposed to realign the University's six colleges.

"As a team we will use the New Millennium Vision to ensure that UT Tyler is recog-

nized as a rising star in higher education," he said.

O'Keeffe's other duties as provost and vice president for academic affairs include providing leadership and vision for the development, administration, growth and quality of all academic programs.

He also will be responsible for academic planning and resource allocation, academic budgets, academic policy development and implementation and all faculty matters.

"I am very pleased to join the University of Texas at Tyler community and look forward to working with the university's distinguished deans and faculty, the superb support staff and



O'KEEFFE

excellent, highly dedicated administration led by President Mabry," he said.

He was selected from a group of finalists who visited the campus from Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas

and Oklahoma.

O'Keeffe's academic career began in 1978 at the University of Akron as an assistant professor in the department of chemistry.

Later, at the University of Michigan-Flint he attained the rank of professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry.

He worked at the University of Michigan-Flint for 13 years before moving to Oklahoma and accepting the position at

Cameron University.

O'Keeffe earned a B.A. degree in chemistry from Western Washington State College and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Arizona State University.

His research in the areas of biochemistry and environmental chemistry has allowed him to publish numerous articles. He said he was involved in securing more than \$8 million in grant monies.

"Talking to others around campus, I know the university community is looking forward to this exciting transition in the life of U.T. Tyler," Mabry said. "This will be another milestone passed as we continue on the road to becoming the nationally recognized university described in our vision."

## Cowan Center launches membership program

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

Supporting the arts is not just for the wealthy and elite, Susan Thomae-Morphew, director of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center, said.

For \$25, students, faculty and members of the community can buy an individual membership in the Circle of Friends program.

The Circle of Friends was designed to assist in funding arts and educational programming at the Cowan Center.

The center will launch its third year of the program later this month, she said.

During the 2000-2001 season, the program had 82 individual members and 177 total members

in five categories.

Members in each category receive different benefits.

"Most people join so they can get better tickets," Morphew said.

Members can pledge \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or \$5,000.

Show sponsors who pledge \$5,000 enjoy several exclusive benefits, including 10 complimentary tickets to a sponsored show and listings on all show advertising, season brochures and show programs.

While the other categories do not receive as many benefits, each member is given an opportunity to purchase tickets to all shows before they are offered to the public, Morphew said.

*"Most people join so they can get better tickets."*

— SUSAN THOMAE-MORPHEW

Each member also is invited to an annual champagne reception.

Money from the Circle of Friends program is used primarily for equipment and to expand programming, she said.

"The better equipped our facility is, the better our shows," Morphew said.

Money is budgeted for the Distinguished Lecture Series, but donations and ticket sales support other events.

For the past season the Circle of Friends donated almost \$60,000.

## Pay telephones not cost efficient, Southwestern Bell tells University

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

Making a call from a campus pay telephone may soon become difficult.

Southwestern Bell notified the University that 11 of the 14 pay telephones on campus were "not cost effective" and are scheduled for disconnection, Steve Wilson, Director of Information Resources, said.

The three remaining pay telephones will be inside the University Center, according to Bell's notification letter.

"It's a sign of the times," Wilson said.

"Everyone has cell phones and e-mail."

Some of the pay telephones on campus were never used, he said.

"I think it's a bad move because not everyone has a cell phone and is able to get over to the UC to phone someone," Will Johnson, senior English major, said.

Johnson said removing the telephones will place a strain on him because he relies on pay telephones to call someone to pick him up after Tuesday night classes.

"We hate it, but there is nothing we can do," Wilson said.



— by Melissa Tresner

**GET READY: Southwestern Bell officials notified the University they would remove 11 of the 14 pay telephones on campus. The three remaining pay telephones will be at the University Center.**



## Editorial

The Student Government Association should set a good example by following its rules, but concerning the election, they have been picking and choosing which rules to follow.

A constitution provides rules and regulations for a governing body and should not be broken, even for noble reasons.

When the SGA violated its own constitution and Election Code March 2, officers insisted they were only trying to build up officers for next year.

However, their constitution requires that all SGA elections follow the Election Code as a "strict guideline."

By accepting applications until midnight March 1, seven hours after the deadline, the SGA violated its own rules. To make matters worse, three SGA officers held a questionable meeting and extended the deadline to 5 p.m. March 2.

*The Patriot* received conflicting information from two of the officers concerning the meeting.

SGA president Aimee Griffy said the meeting was an "Executive Council" meeting with vice president Alan Thomas and secretary Adam Clay attending, although treasurer Lana Cain and parliamentarian Kevin Montgomery were not present.

Later, Thomas referred to the meeting as an "ad hoc Rules Committee" meeting and accused *The Patriot* of "misconstruing" what Griffy said.

The SGA again broke its own rules by allowing a senator to accept applications even though she intended to run for office.

Thomas admitted that the applications were handled incorrectly but "in no way was there malicious intent in any action taken by an SGA officer."

It does not matter if the officers intended malice. Article VI, Section C of the Election Code states, "No candidate may be involved in collecting candidacy forms."

Paradoxically, several applicants were disqualified because they did not meet the SGA's other eligibility requirements.

The SGA also accused *The Patriot* of sensationalism.

"I don't know why you would be interested in this [deadline extension]," Griffy said. In other words, the students, our readers, should not be interested in the SGA's disregard for its own rules.

Noble intentions do not justify wrong actions.

"Why are you trying to make us look bad?" Thomas asked.

The SGA's blatant violations and selective rule enforcement make them look bad; they don't need our help.



## Acquiring financial aid is a few steps away



### WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ...

by Will Johnson  
Staff writer

Do you receive financial aid? During the 1999-2000 school year, about 45 percent of your fellow students did too. The financial aid office of the University of Texas at Tyler distributes financial assistance with money derived from various sources: federal and state grants, scholarships, and loans, to name some common programs. Two of the most heavily utilized are Pell grants and Stafford loans.

The fundamentals aren't difficult to understand. To begin the process, file an application, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Department of Education

ty number, etc. The requirements are listed in handbooks about federal aid, not to mention the booklet accompanying the FAFSA.

Important "priority date," official and unofficial, exist. For example, April 1st marks a point at which the financial aid office is going over SARs and beginning to award aid. Complete financial aid files receive aid. Incomplete files do not. Incomplete files are those needing correction or additional information.

"One of the reasons for priority dates is so students have enough time to be certain their files are complete and corrections can be made. It's much easier and quicker to correct a complete application," Ms. Candace Garner, associate Dean of Enrollment said.

State funds, like Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, run low towards the end of May. Block allocations aren't guaranteed like federal money, i.e., everyone qualified won't receive them. It's first come, first serve, and when they're gone, there's no more cash for another year.

full-time, three-quarters time, half-time or less, the answer gets used along with the cost of attending at whatever the estimated level and other factors to compute the level of funds needed.

Spending the funds creates an expectation that the student will complete the courses taken. Completed credit hours fills the expectation, shows the student intends to use the money appropriately, and establishes a basis for getting aid in the future.

Should a student fail to finish the necessary number of credit hours, he or she may not qualify for aid the following year. Exceptions to this rule include the student finishing the needed hours before the following regular school year, begins. The student will not be eligible for aid during this time.

"A student must complete the hours for which he's funded or a deficiency exists," said Ms. Garner.

Or, if the student believes his or her particular situation warrants special consideration, the student may file an appeal. The

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am a graduate student and. I also work part time at the East Texas Crisis Center. Our program provides services to the perpetrators of domestic violence.

I have been assisting my supervisor, Angela Pulley L.S.W., gather statistics regarding domestic violence in our area. One of the difficulties we have faced in the recent past has been that domestic violence assaults are classified as general assaults. To anyone knowledgeable about domestic violence, this is unsettling. Failing to differentiate domestic violence assault from other forms of assault misrepresents the dynamics of domestic violence. Domestic violence assault, an assault perpetrated on someone with whom a previous relationship has been established, is not a negligible matter. As many as one third of all women who are murdered in the U.S. are killed by an intimate partner. Does lumping D.V. assaults in with other assaults aid in accurately depicting this national epidemic?

Frustrated after trying to make sense of our society's misperception of domestic violence, I attempted to take solace in the UT Tyler *Patriot*. To my dismay, the February 22nd article, "Are you safe on campus?" cited statistics by the UT Tyler Police department that included the same oversight. Assaults were classified as aggravated, knife or cutting instrument, other dangerous weapon, hands or feet, and simple assault. I do not have an accurate view of domestic violence on the UT Tyler campus. However, if our student body is representative of our society as a whole, then logic would suggest that it does not matter how we classify these acts, as long as we



processes the application and determines eligibility for federal aid. Schools also use the FAFSA for determining eligibility for other aid programs.

A Student Aid Report, generated by the central processing system of the DOE, gives the student his or her computed eligibility, based on DOE criteria, which includes demonstrating financial need, a high school diploma or GED, enrollment in a federally recognized course of study, being a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, a social securi-

Though the process itself is straightforward, planning ahead may help avoid trouble. These days, the government requires a student to use the money given to attend classes. No more dropping out just after registration and taking the refund. Students must finish the number of hours for which they get funded.

If financial aid pays for 12 hours, 12 hours of credit need to be gained for the term. When you answer the question about your attendance status for a given period,

financial aid office will explain the necessary steps to file an appeal. An appeals committee at the UT Tyler will decide the validity of the student's claim. However, should the committee decline the appeal, no other option is available.

"The deficiency can be remedied by gaining the necessary hours in, say, summer school, or the student may file an appeal. We have an appeals committee here, at the school, which would meet to decide," Ms. Garner said.

gest that it does occur here. I was unlucky enough to watch a fellow student verbally abuse his female partner in the parking lot. He screamed at her to get out of the truck and to shut the #\$%#! up. Now, I am fully aware that this is does not meet the legal definition of domestic violence. However, the majority of time I spend facilitating batterer's groups at the Crisis Center, we are discussing instances of verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse, like the one described above. Only looking at physical violence is no way to understand the prevalence of domestic violence in our society. Classifications that depict domestic violence assault no differently than other assault confuses things further. I would hope that in the future, the UT Tyler Patriot and the UT Tyler Police Department do not contribute to the misconception of domestic violence. To give anything but an accurate view of domestic violence does nothing but perpetuate and contribute to the problem. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sam Dwyer  
Assistant Coordinator of the Violence Intervention Network

## Eminem's messages meant to create controversy



### PATTY'S PERSPECTIVE

by Patty  
Brown  
Staff writer

For a class assignment this week, my professor wanted me to write a column. As an example of a decent column, he gave the class a handout of a U.S. News and World Report columnist, John Leo. Leo wrote about society's steady degradation of morals and decency and he listed four examples.

Eminem, the rap artist, he said is proof of

America's rapid descent into Hell right alongside the Marquis de Sade, Hannibal Lector, and the Brooklyn Museum of Art's display of a naked female Jesus at the Last Supper.

Oh, please. Leo resorted to name-calling, "musically talented dolt" he says, while he bashes Eminem, his music, and his message. It was painfully obvious this columnist had never seen an interview, listened to his music, or watched any of his videos.

The only thing Leo wrote that I agreed with was "Eminem's fans include millions of young people who clearly aren't interested in hating women or gays." These same fans appreciate the music, they aren't reacting to the words.

Eminem enjoys his notoriety and tries to stir up controversy. That is the point. He wants to elicit some kind of reaction from people. He uses his lyrics to jab at the kids

who picked on him in school, to get back at his mother, and to publicly humiliate his wife and make her hurt as she has hurt him. Eminem writes about his feelings and he obviously has hit a nerve.

But his words make some people nervous. His songs are graphic and full of profanity. He sings of anti-political correctness. He also sings of obsessive love, and if anyone can listen to "Stan" without crying, they're not human.

That is the rub. In this age of enlightenment, Eminem is a partial throwback to old-fashioned American prejudices and gives them a voice.

I say partial because my personal interpretation of him and his music is he doesn't truly believe all the topics he sings about. He puts his daydreams and fantasies on compact disc and the world rewards him by making him a millionaire.

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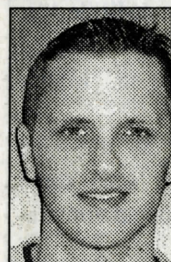
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## CAMPUS VOICE

How do you feel about the pay phones being taken from campus?



SPRAGGINS

"I feel the University is doing a disservice to the students by removing the pay phones. Not everybody has a cell phone."

— Brant Spraggins,  
senior, journalism

"Since I don't regularly use the pay phones I don't see it as an inconvenience."

— Todd Towles,  
junior, computer science

"I live across the street so I don't really care."

— Michael Hanks,  
senior, theater

"I think we need the phones. If someone needed to use a phone, it makes more sense for them to use a pay phone rather than try to hunt for a phone."

— Karisa Glenn,  
junior, elementary ed.

"It is not relevant to me because I have my own phone."

— Rachel Richardson,  
senior, marketing

"I use the pay phones all the time because I live out of town and need to check on my son. I think we need to have some phones for the students to use."

— Jaime Hodges,  
senior, criminal justice



TOWELS



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HODGES



## Police arrest TJC student, recover stolen property

By David Belew  
Staff writer

A Tyler Junior College student faces a theft charge after he allegedly took a University student's backpack on Feb. 20.

Campus police arrested Windell Carter Pringle, 19, of Tyler shortly after the item was reported stolen from the back of a flatbed truck parked near the Engineering Building. He is charged with Class B misdemeanor theft, according to a police report.

Brian Shelton, a 22-year-old University student, told police he had left his Nike backpack containing \$385 in books, notebooks and two cal-

culators on the truck bed only to return a few minutes later and find it gone.

Shelton contacted Officer Kyle Benson who was patrolling the area at the time. Benson spotted two males walking on Varsity Drive. One of the men was carrying a backpack matching the description of Shelton's property, the report said.

While the officer was questioning the two men, the victim appeared and identified the backpack.

Pringle admitted taking the backpack but contended he thought the books "would be considered lost," according to

the report.

The man with Pringle told police the suspect left the two calculators and some notebooks in his Emerald Ridge apartment.

He also said Pringle asked him to sell the textbooks to the campus bookstore. He said he did not know the items had been stolen, according to the police report.

Pringle told police he is unemployed and received a grant to attend TJC but already had spent those funds. The suspect said he needed money and that he "saw the backpack sitting there and couldn't help it," according to the report.

## Speeding concerns prompt request for radar equipment

by Robert Boggs  
Staff writer

University police want to buy at least two radar guns to assist them in enforcing the speed limit, Police Chief Robert A. Hudson said.

Hudson said he turned in a budget request for \$4,100 to purchase the equipment for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1.

The radar units mount on a patrol car's dashboard and have "antennas" by the front and back windshields to measure a vehicle's speed.

The police department does not have radar units, but can still issue tickets to those driving too fast

Drive is 20 mph. Hudson said there is a speeding problem on campus during "all hours."

"It's creating a hazardous environment," he said.

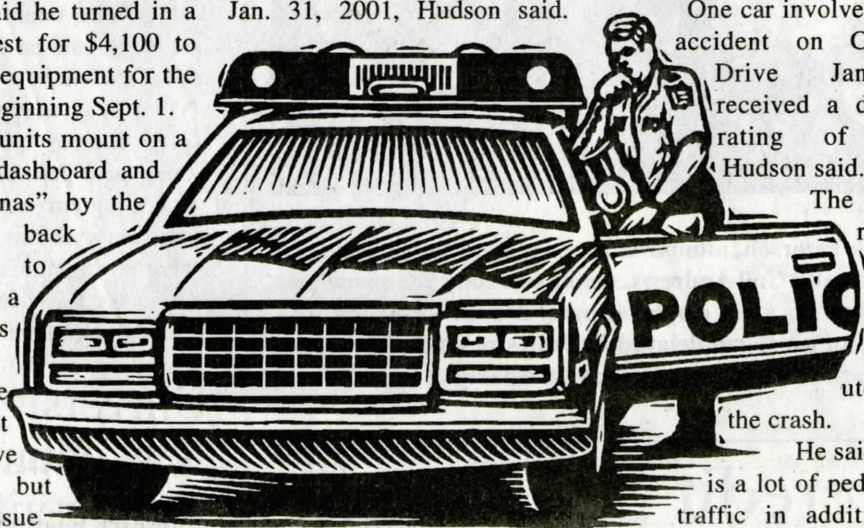
Nineteen accidents were reported from Jan. 1, 2000 to Jan. 31, 2001, Hudson said.

The department relies on a scale used by the Department of Public Safety to classify the damage to a vehicle in an accident. The scale runs from one to five, with five as the most severe damage.

One car involved in an accident on Campus Drive Jan. 8 received a damage rating of four, Hudson said.

The police report said speed contributed to the crash.

He said there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in addition to vehicles, and he said he



## Grand jury investigating theft of University tractor

by Wendy L. Moore  
Staff writer

A Smith County grand jury will continue hearing evidence March 22 concerning the misappropriation of a University tractor and brush mower, Assistant District Attorney Jim Huggler said.

Huggler said the case was already presented to the grand jury and the case was passed for consideration in another session.

Grand jurors can pass a case for reasons such as not enough information was available for the jury to reach a decision, the jury requested more evidence or would like to get more information or they ran out of time to reach a decision.

Huggler could not comment on the reason this particular case was passed.

The misappropriation of the

University's equipment led to last summer's dismissal of physical plant employees Mike and Dana Howard.

The University's investigation concluded the couple obtained the equipment for personal use and falsified documents to make it appear the tractor was purchased at a surplus auction, according to documents obtained by the student newspaper.

*The Patriot* obtained details of the interviews and documentation of physical plant transactions after filing a request under the Texas Public Information Act. The newspaper also obtained part of the police report.

Mr. Howard said he gave Arthur Heredia, former director of the physical plant, a \$100 check to purchase the equipment on May 28.

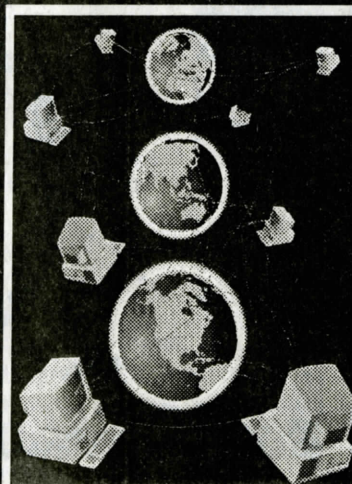
He said Heredia forwarded the check to the auction company, according to the documents obtained by *The Patriot*.

Heredia resigned from his position in December for personal reasons and now works for Ball State University in Indiana.

Heredia denied being involved in the incident and said he was unaware of the University's investigation in a past interview with the newspaper.

Scott Scarborough, vice president for business affairs, said in a past interview that from the University's standpoint, the case was closed.

Campus police investigators turned over evidence they obtained in the case to the Smith County District Attorney's office for further review.



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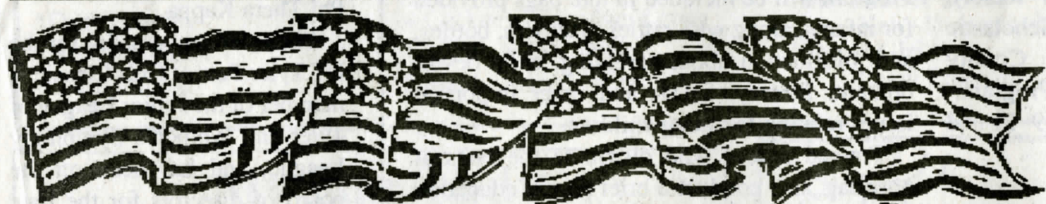


for the conditions, Hudson were minor tender-benders, believes the radar units will said. but Hudson said there were "slow down the cars and make it safer for everybody." The speed limit on Campus four or five major accidents.

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How to CARE

(Cancel Alcohol Related Emergencies)

By *Belinda Deal*



**March 28**

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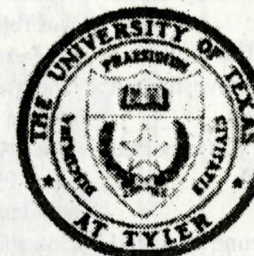
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# SGA plans formal; dean talks to group

By Jennifer Jones  
Staff writer

Student Government Association members decided Feb. 28 this year's spring semi-formal will be held at the Cowan Center with the theme "satellite lounge."

"We were supposed to vote on a location, but it turns out we don't have much of a choice of where to hold it," president Aimee Griffy said.

The association previously considered the University Center and the library, but both locations are already booked, she said.

Vice president Alan Thomas suggested the "satellite lounge" theme for the semi-formal and secretary Adam Clay previously had mentioned a "retro-type" theme.

In other business, Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of students, presented the campus master plan and asked members for their comments.

The master plan outlines the University's proposed physical expansion.

Lunsford said any comments and suggestions from students could be taken into consideration.

"A master plan can always be changed," he said.

Lunsford said officials want to keep the campus as green as possible, but that some trees would be lost during construction.

Lunsford also discussed additional parking.

"The president has been attracted to multi-level parking

**"A master plan can always be changed."**

— DR. DALE LUNSFORD  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

garages because we could keep more trees, but we are learning these parking garages are incredibly expensive," he said.

New parking lots are indicated on the plan and include trees between rows, Lunsford noted.

Construction may begin on at least one lot this summer, he said.

Lunsford said funding for the new parking lots would come from parking fees, but the current fees would not be increased.

Other additions include more campus lakes in an area determined not suitable for building and a small lake at a new main entrance, he said.

New buildings include the physical education/recreation building, engineering and sciences building and a nursing building.

Two new forms of student housing also are included in the master plan.

The University plans to expand University Pines Apartments with a residence hall located across from the University Center.

Lunsford said University officials need to decide which housing project should be built first.

## ELECTION

Continued From Page 1

University Pines, as well as five officers' positions.

Senators receive \$150 per semester, and officers are paid \$1,000 per year.

The president's stipend is \$2,000 per year.

A candidate's meeting was held March 5 in which 13 out of the 23 candidates were present to introduce themselves and give a brief introduction of why they were running for a position in the SGA.

According to the Election Code, students who do not attend the candidate's meeting are not allowed to campaign until election days.

The Patriot investigated the SGA's apparent violations and concluded the SGA violated:

•Article V, Section 6 of the constitution which states "The Election Code of The University of Texas at Tyler shall be followed as a strict guideline for all Student Association Elections."

•Article VI, Section A of the Election Code which states "There will be a two week period in which applications for candidacy will be accepted."

The Patriot received an election notice a few days before its Feb. 22 edition, which gave candidates about one week to apply.

•Article VI, Section C of the Election Code states "No candidate may be involved in collecting candidacy forms." SGA president, Aimee Griffy, said

applications were accepted by a business senator who is running for secretary. Those applications were not turned into the Student Affairs Office by the filing deadline as required.

•Article VI, Section D of the Election Code which states "Completed application forms are to be returned no later than 5 p.m. to Student Affairs...by the filing deadline."

The official election notice to The Patriot listed the deadline as March 1, and on that day a journalism instructor was told the deadline was midnight.

On March 2, Griffy informed the newspaper the deadline had been extended to 5 p.m. of that day.

Griffy said the decision to

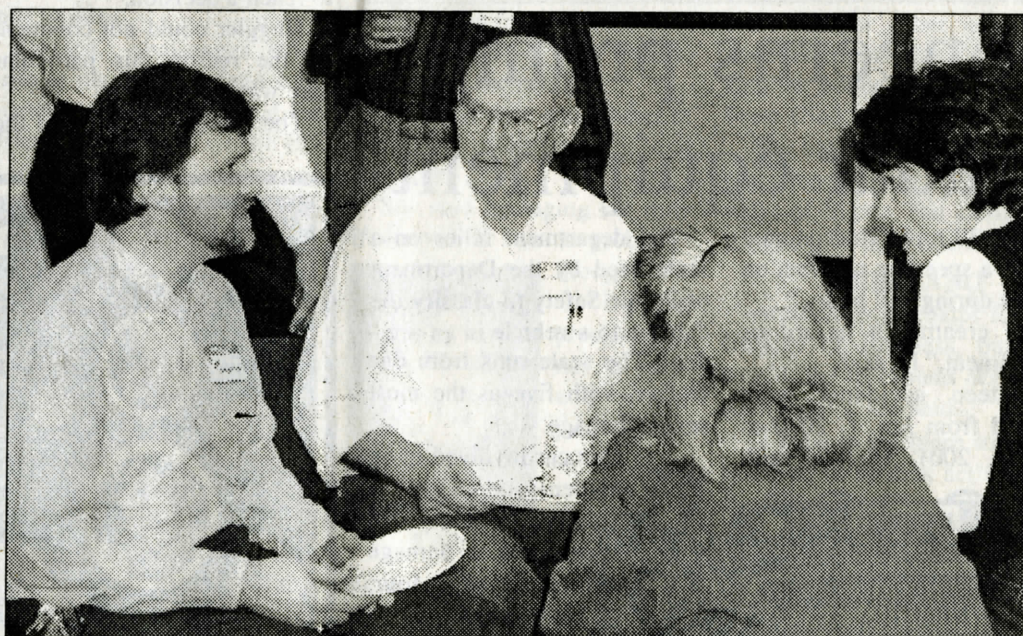
extend the deadline was made by her, Thomas, and secretary Adam Clay.

Neither the constitution nor the Election Code say the filing deadline may be changed. Changes to the constitution must be voted on by the student body in a separate election.

The SGA stands by its decision to allow late applicants and those who turned in their forms to another candidate to run.

In Thomas' press release he said, "...we have found areas in the Constitution and the Election Code that need to be revised to prevent further misunderstanding and allow the avoidance of potential unfairness in the election process in the future."

## Christmas in March



— by Aaron Roberts

**WEATHER DELAY:** Left to right, Rick Peterson, administrative assistant for liberal arts, Dr. William B. Stephens, professor of art and Gail Andrews, senior secretary for visual and performing arts, chat and enjoy refreshments at an employee party March 8. A Christmas party was scheduled in December, but an ice storm delayed it. Professors, administrators and staff from liberal arts and mathematics and sciences attended the party at the 2nd floor lobby of the Business Building.

## Briefs

### Nursing students, mentors honored for volunteering

Two University nursing students were honored March 8 at a volunteer brunch at Clarkston Elementary in Tyler.

Jenny Carmen and April Hunter were recognized for volunteering once a week through the Big Brother Big Sister First Mentors Program.

They started last October and go one hour every week and work one-on-one with an at-risk student.

Two other nursing students, Kelly Murray and Destiny James have participated in the same program at other Tyler elementary schools.

For information about volunteering for this mentoring program call 592-0890.

## University gets new counselor for recruitment

Carla Gonzalez is a new

## Campus Police Report

by David Belew  
Staff writer

The following is a record of the police reports from Jan. 2

lost property at the Business Building.

• Jan. 12: investigated an attempted break in into a

Students get 6 credit hours while visiting Mexico, learning culture



- to Feb. 20.
- Jan. 2: a burglary was reported at University Pines Apartments.
  - Jan. 3: a property theft was reported at University Pines Apartments.
  - Jan. 6: an auto burglary was reported at University Pines Apartments.
  - Jan. 8: a traffic collision with injury was investigated on Campus Drive.
  - Jan. 9: a theft was reported at University Pines Apartment.
  - Jan. 12: someone reported

- vehicle in parking Lot 3.
- Jan. 16: an instructor reported her purse was stolen while in class in Room 332 of the Administration Building.
- Jan. 16: a burglary was reported at University Pines Apartment.
- Jan. 17: a traffic collision was reported in parking Lot 3.
- Jan. 26: a red 1996 Chevrolet Caliver was hit during the night in the University Pines Apartments parking lot.
- Jan. 29: a minor, two-vehicle accident was reported at the Cowan Center loading dock.

By David Belew  
Staff writer

Earning six elective hours can be a learning experience and fun especially if the classroom is in Mexico.

An educational trip is being planned for University students who are interested in traveling to Guadalajara, Mexico.

The trip will be during the June 2-24 Summer I session to earn elective and transferable hours. The trip also is for those students who want to experience being taught at a college

campus in Mexico.

"Any UT Tyler student is invited on the trip," Gary Clendenen, an associate management professor, said. "Scholarships are available for those who are interested in going on the trip."

In order to receive a scholarship, all interested undergraduate students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

For graduate students, a 3.0 GPA is required. Students who do not receive a scholarship must pay a \$1,900 fee, which

includes room and board.

Participants will be enrolled in two classes. The classes offered are Business in Mexico and Mexican Culture.

"The classes will be taught by teachers who are from Mexico, but they will be taught in the English language," Clendenen said.

Clendenen said students would learn about other cultures and more about there own.

Students interested in participating in the Mexico trip should contact Clendenen at 566-7354.

admissions counselor for the University, Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management, announced March 2.

Gonzalez will be involved in recruitment activities, including high school and junior college visitations and working with alumni volunteers.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Texas at Tyler in December with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance.

She was on the National Dean's List and a member of the Financial Management Association, Omega Chi and Beta Gamma Sigma.

Gonzalez graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tyler Junior College in 1993, receiving an associate in arts degree in business. She was on the National Dean's List and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

She is an Ambassador for the UT Tyler Patriot Golf Classic, a member of the Junior League of Tyler and Women's Symphony League, and has been on the board of directors for the East Texas Crisis Center and American Heart Association. She has been a volunteer for the Texas Rose Festival and involved with the Tyler Museum of Art.

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## Education honor society sponsors fair for Champions for Children

The University's education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi, is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair to benefit the Smith County Champions for Children Smart Start Program.

The fair is in UC 118 from March 19 -21 and in UC 234 on March 22 and 23.

Hours for the fair are:

- March 19 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- March 20 and 22 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- March 21 - , 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- March 23 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Board books donated to the Smart Start

Program will be included in tote bags provided for infants, along with rattles, pacifiers, bottles, and information about parenting, child development, literacy, SIDS, and other important issues relating to young children.

Trained nurses who distribute the bags at hospitals also conduct a brief parent education program with mothers of infants.

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# Alan Keyes discusses Americans losing their rights

by Aaron Roberts

Staff writer

People slowly losing their freedoms and a lack of morals in government highlighted Dr. Alan Keyes' March 1 lecture in the Vaughn Auditorium.

Keyes, a 1979 Harvard University graduate, received a doctorate in government affairs. He was later appointed Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council by President Ronald Reagan, UTT president Rodney H. Mabry said.

Throughout his speech, Keyes returned to the heart of his message, "How did we get here?"

When he asked this, he discussed the unconstitutionality of the income tax and how much of a detriment abortion is to society.

Keyes described the income tax as a "chain that Americans have to drag around with them."

Even though he believes slavery was a great injustice to African American people, "at least they didn't have to buy the chain."

His views about government money led to the statement that the "government doesn't have any money that doesn't come directly or indirectly from you." The point to his message was government really relies on the people for its funding; therefore, the people should have all the power.

One of Keyes' issues with the income tax is that there was no income tax when the nation was first created. He denounced the income tax saying, "It gives the government a preemptive right to know how much money you make."

Keyes also opposes abortion.

He explained all of our rights came from God and it is "His choice."

Since it is God's choice that a child should be born and not the mother's choice, all children have the right to life.

Despite a mother's "God like" influence over her children, Keyes said, "No identity exists between the two."

Keyes described abortion as a kind of tyranny.

The tyranny comes from the fundamental principle that a human

has the same rights over life that God has, Keyes said.

Abortion, he said, "is the slaughter of our children in the womb."

"If choice is the essence of freedom, what happens when power chooses abuse," he asked.

Keyes made quick references to the problems with campaign financing.

"Only citizens with the right to vote should be able to contribute money," he said.

Keyes also talked about the importance of people's rights and their direct connection with God.

"When the nation was founded, the rights came from the power of God almighty," he said. "There is no one in America whose liberty came easy."

He also stressed the importance of displaying responsibility when endowed with power.

"The history of mankind is the abuse of the many by the few," Keyes said.

Liberty and power may be ideas practiced and illustrated in the constitution, but Keyes said it is important to remember the source of liberty to begin with.

"True liberty is about doing what pleases the one who established your freedom in the first place," he said.

During a press conference, Keyes discussed the problem of Americans slowly losing their freedoms and rights.

He attributed the loss of freedoms to cultural and social changes and the consequences from World War II.

"It is easier to take people's freedom when you are at war with someone," he said. "War is a great excuse for government control."

After WWII was over, Keyes said the politicians "couldn't give up the idea of war."

When we ran out of countries to go to war with, Keyes explained, we went to war with ourselves.

We have a war on crime, a war on drugs and a war on so many other things, he said.

One of the problems with this is that the war on drugs is eroding the fourth amendment which protects people from unlawful searches and seizures, he said.

One of his final comments on the subject in his lecture was stating that predictions made by philosophers have come true.

"Once you have lost freedom, you don't even remember what it was," he said.

During a student session Keyes answered questions from students and faculty about specific issues. Keyes attended the 4:30 p.m. session before he gave his lecture.

A big issue concerned the last presidential campaign when Keyes was asked about the media's effect on the outcome.



— by Aaron Roberts

**MAKING A POINT:** Dr. Alan Keyes answers questions from the press after his 4:30 p.m. student session at his March 1 lecture. During the press conference, Keyes outlined some of the things he would address to the audience.

"I felt that the media was shown up," he said. "The media found out that it is far less important than they think they are."

Keyes explained that the media, like everyone else, is just a spectator.

As far as the election goes, Keyes believes both candidates lost. "Bush won the presidency but lost the popular vote. Gore won the popular vote but failed to win over the Electoral College," he said.

Keyes said the real winner in the election was the constitution.

"The constitution was designed to handle problems like this and this election proves that the constitution works," he said.

Keyes has his own nationally syndicated radio show called the "The Alan Keyes Show: America's Wake up Call."

Keyes has appeared on ABC's Nightline, CBS' Morning News, NBC's Today, Fox News Sunday, PBS' MacNeil Lehrer Report, and CNN's Larry King Live.



— by Aaron Roberts

**SOCIAL VISIT:** Dr. Alan Keyes and junior Josh Cohagen discuss the Drop the Debt campaign recently proposed by Congress. Cohagen asked Keyes about his views as a fiscal conservative.



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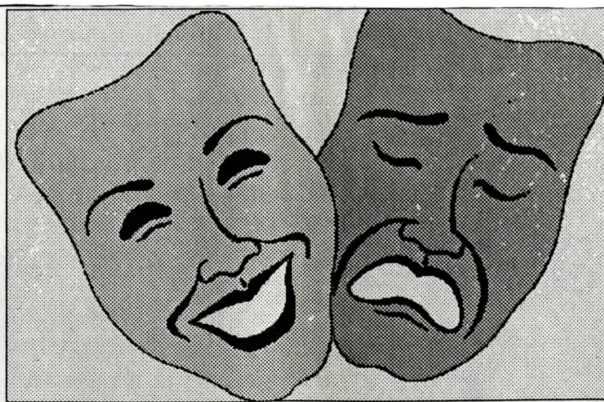
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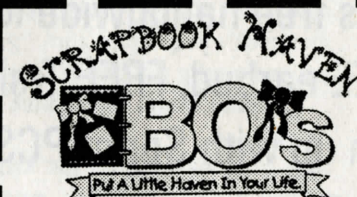
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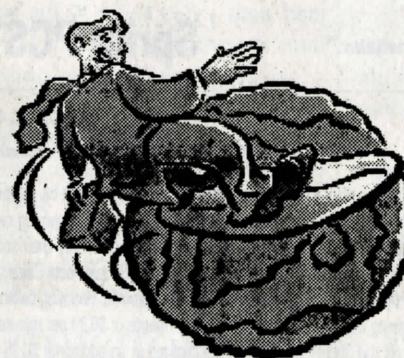
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# ONE CROWN TO GO

## Apache Ladies capture Region XIV title; four victories from national championship

by Harold Wilson  
Staff writer

Tyler Junior College delivered the decisive blow in this year's trilogy with Trinity Valley Community College, earning the Region XIV championship and a national tournament bid in the process.

TJC (26-6) knocked off TVCC 65-55 on March 9 at Wagstaff Gymnasium before 1,600 fans, avenging a 72-63 loss to the Lady Cards six days earlier in Athens. The Apache Ladies defeated the Lady Cards 84-76 on Feb. 17 in Tyler.

This marked the fourth time in a row the two squads have met for the Region XIV title. TVCC (28-4) won in 1998 and 1999 (when they were national champs), while TJC claimed the conference crown last year along with the national championship.

Kearria Moore, a 5'4," freshman guard from Cincinnati, helped the Apache Ladies pull

away in the closing minutes, hitting six clutch free throws in the final 90 seconds of the game. Moore scored a game-high 20 points and went 9-10 from the free throw line.

"I had to step it up," Moore said. "I knew I had to make the free throws. There were no ifs, ands or buts about it."

Aiysha Smith made two free throws and Brandy Pennington another to round out the Apache Ladies scoring in the last 1:10.

After Moore hit a bucket with 9:20 remaining, the Apache Ladies led 48-38. The Lady Cards responded with a 17-8 run to get within one point, 56-55, with 1:40 showing on the game clock.

Daphney Andre scored nine of her team-high 16 points during the Lady Cards final run. She also led TVCC with eight rebounds. Natasha Starkes chipped in 15 points for the Lady Cards.

Both teams went scoreless in the first two minutes of the game. The contest stayed close in the first half and the Apache Ladies, who led the entire game, held a 25-21 advantage at half-time.

A Shalonda Pipkin bucket gave the Apache Ladies a 38-26 lead with 13:45 to go in the second half. The Lady Cards started pressing full court afterward and picked up their seventh team foul eight minutes into the second half, putting TJC in the penalty the rest of the way.

For the game, TJC shot 22-33 (66 percent) from the free throw line. TVCC made 11 of 16 shots from the stripe.

TJC twin towers Chinyere James and Smith each notched a double double. James, a 6'1," freshman post from Columbus, Ohio, scored 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

See TJC, Page 10



— Courtesy photo

**ON HER WAY:** TJC guard Kearria drives toward the basket in the Apache Ladies Region XIV championship game against Trinity Valley Community College March 9 at Wagstaff Gym. Moore scored 20 points to lead TJC into the national tournament March 20-24 in Salina, Kan.

## Tourney shines despite washouts

by Harold Wilson  
Staff writer

The first Men's Futures Professional Tennis Tournament at the University ended on a sunny note back in Tyler after four consecutive days of rain forced the event to be played in Shreveport.

The championship round took place at the Summers Tennis Center after the main draw portion of the tournament was moved to Shreveport's Christus Schumpert and Indoor Racket facilities.

Spectators received free admission to watch the final day of singles action on March 4.

American Jeff Morrison claimed the singles title, beating fellow American Levar Harper-Griffith in straight sets 6-3, 6-4.

African team of Jeff Coetzer and Damien Roberts. They defeated the United States tandem of Harper-Griffith and Geoff Abrams 6-2, 6-3.

"The tournament was wrapped up in a wonderful way and on a beautiful day," Ken Olivier, director of the Summer's Tennis Center and the tournament co-director, said.

"It's unfortunate we had five straight days of rain," he said. "But the support of the community helped us pull it off."

Texas College and Tyler Shuttle provided buses for transportation to and from Shreveport, Olivier said.

The Futures Tournament, which is run by the United States Tennis Association,

basis for players' international rankings.

Thirty-two players competed in the main draw for the singles title, while 16 teams played for the doubles trophy.

The international tourney brought in many players from around the globe, including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Finland, France, Morocco and Russia.

Olivier said the tournament helped the University receive recognition on a grand scale.

"We (the University) gained international exposure at a level of excellence," Olivier said. "Now, the players who competed can tell others about the tournament and UT Tyler."

The University has secured the Futures Tournament next



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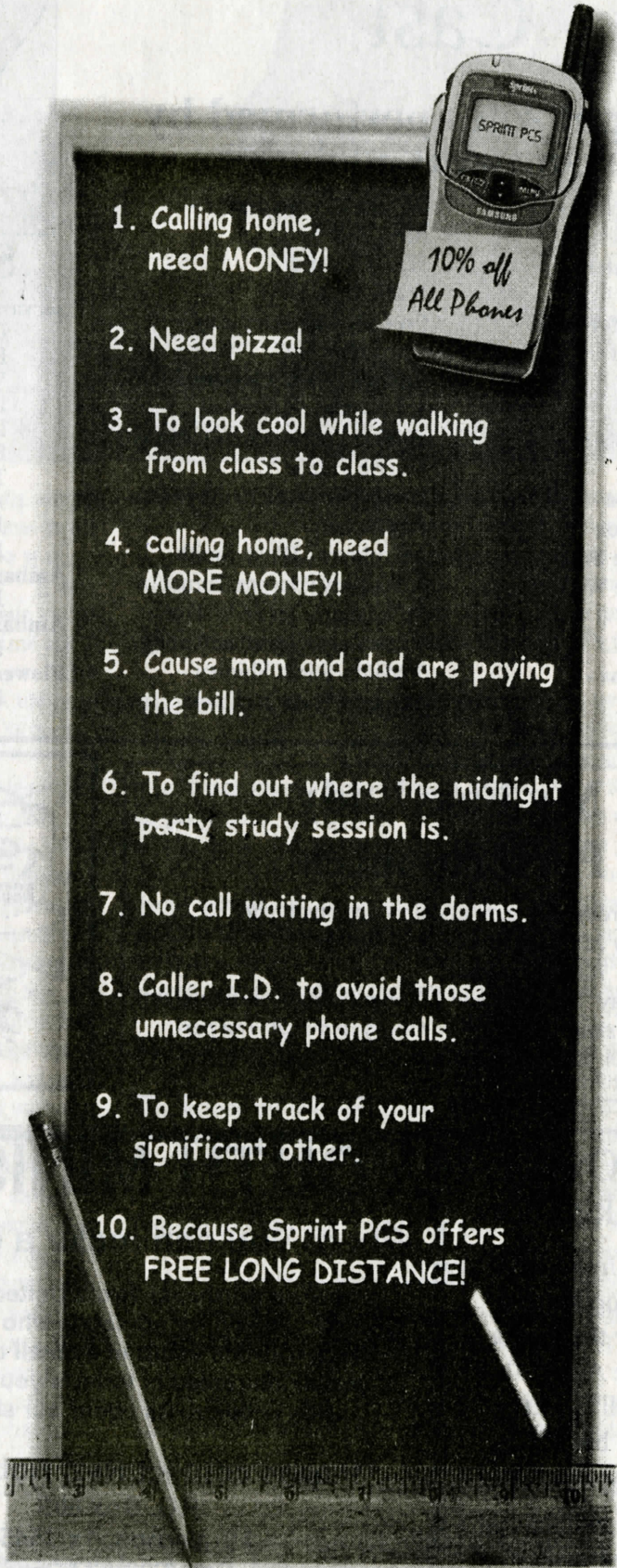
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# AUTOMOBILE LEASING

## Another way to have the car you want

by Christopher J. Rhudy  
Contributing writer

Lots of fast and expensive cars grace the University's parking lots, but not all belong to department chairs with tenure.

Plenty of these flashy automobiles are high school graduation gifts, and some are the fruits of tireless labor, but several are from another group - those that are leased.

Leasing a car is an option for those people who have fancier taste than deep pockets.

Leasing is essentially paying for the use and depreciation of a car with a little bit tacked on for interest and taxes. Leasing is not owning or buying.

A lease is a contract in which a financial institution purchases a car and charges the consumer to drive it. Since they don't own it, consumers only pay for the depreciation, interest, and taxes; in other words, the consumer pays the financial institution for the use of its car, which amounts to a lot less per month than if the consumer bought the car outright.

Cherie, a Navy Federal Credit Union TIB counselor who asked that her last name not be used, said a \$21,000 car loan would cost the consumer \$421 a month for five years, but a four-year lease would only cost \$327 a month, savings of about \$100.

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Most lease consumers prefer the lower monthly payments and the fun of driving a new car every couple of years, without the hassle of negotiating a trade-in value, using ebay or some other means of selling their old car.

Consumers must consider several adverse elements of a lease before running out to jump into a shiny new automobile and a 36-month agreement.

Since a leased vehicle belongs to the leasing company, strict rules regulate the use or misuse of the vehicle.

For example, all leases allot a specific number of miles to the term of the lease, normally 12,000-15,000 miles per year.

At the end of the lease, the lessee must pay for any mileage accrued beyond the specified allowance, usually 10-25 cents per mile.

Leases also restrict the consumer from making any modifications to the vehicle, such as a performance intake and exhaust.

Whenver a car is financed, be it purchased or leased, the financial institution requires the consumer to insure the vehicle.

In some cases, leased vehicles require more coverage because the vehicle belongs to the financial institution instead of the consumer.

Lease contracts are meticulously detailed and quite confusing to the lay reader. LeaseGuide.com recommends picking up a blank copy of a lease contract before doing any business; pick one up, read it through and prepare to play a hard, fast game with a lot of lingo and algebraic equations.

Here are several of the key terms and equations that make up a lease agreement:

**MSRP** - Sticker price - not including add-ons and destination charges, etc.

**Capitalized Cost:** The negotiated price of the car - cost of haggling. In a lease, the capitalized cost is always negotiable, and if the dealership will not negotiate, go elsewhere.

**Cap Cost Reduction:** A cap cost reduction is anything that lowers the established cap cost, such as a down payment.

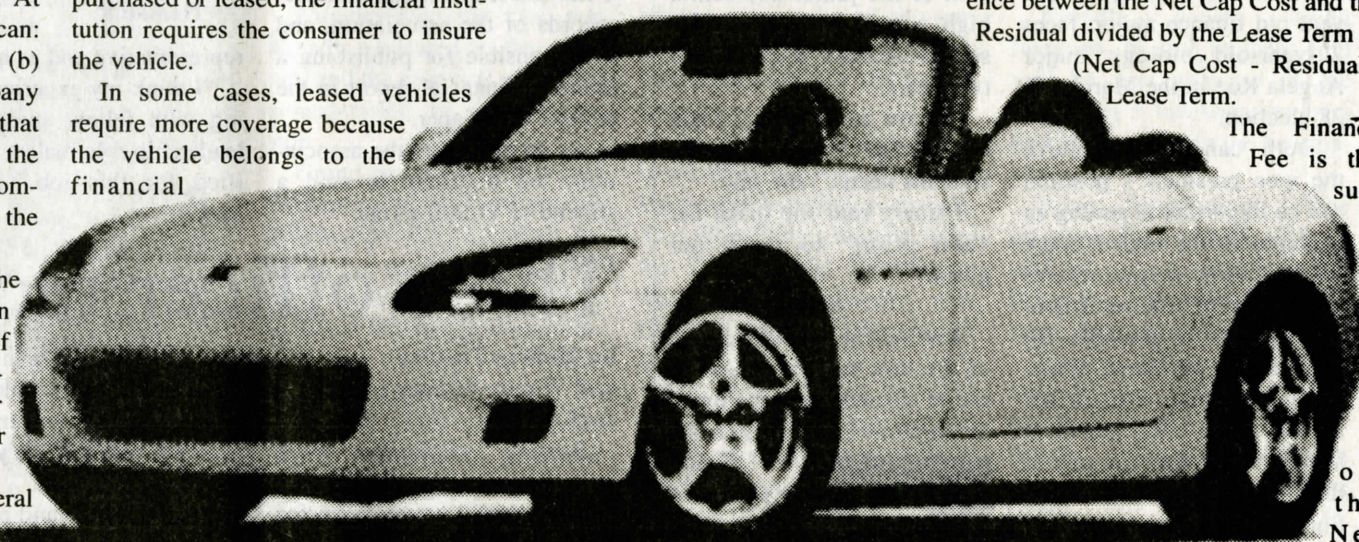
trade-in, factory-to-dealer incentives and customer rebates.

The result is the Net Capitalized Cost or Adjusted Cap Cost.

almost all cases adheres to the following equation: Depreciation Fee + Taxes = Monthly Payment.

The Depreciation Fee is the difference between the Net Cap Cost and the Residual divided by the Lease Term or (Net Cap Cost - Residual) / Lease Term.

The Finance Fee is the sum of the Net



of the Net

Cap Cost and the Residual multiplied by the money factor or (Net Cap Cost + Residual) x Money Factor.

The taxes vary from state to state but tend to be equal to the state sales tax.

In most states, the tax is figured only upon the leased value of the car or the sum of the depreciation fee and finance fee.

In Texas, the tax is figured upon the Cap Cost - bad news for Texans.

A lot of the information found in this article can be viewed on web sites such as LeaseGuide.com, an excellent site that addresses every aspect of the leasing process.

Before leasing, the consumer should consider his lifestyle, if the mileage restrictions fit that lifestyle, and if he believes he can take meticulous care of the car to avoid charges for more than "normal" wear.

Be sure to shop around. Choose a car or truck that has a high residual value and negotiate the lowest possible cap cost in order to receive the lowest possible monthly payment.

**Residual Value:** The value of the leased car at the close of the lease; in other words, the depreciated value of the car. Obviously, since leasing means paying for the use of depreciation of a car, it is best to lease those cars that have a high residual value because they will be cheaper to lease.

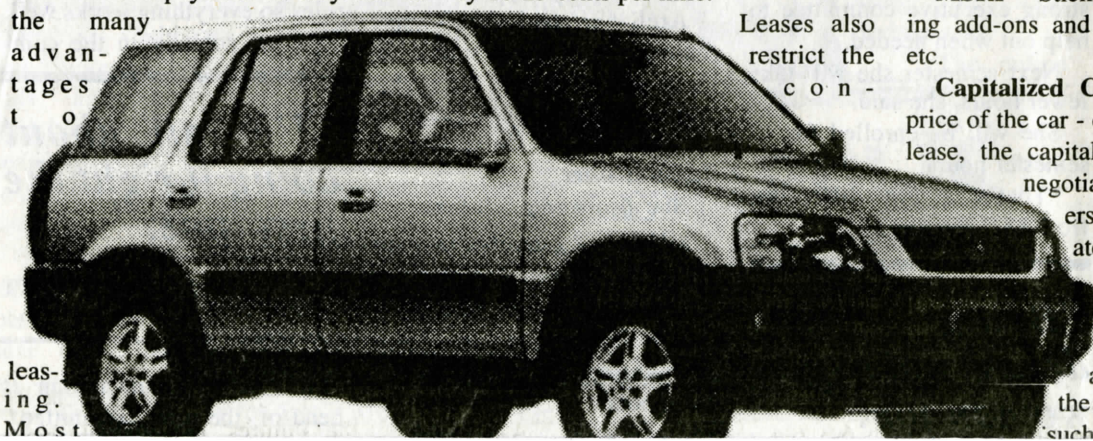
**Money Factor (lease factor):** The money factor is the interest rate charged by the financial institution for the money it has tied up in the car.

The money factor is not an annual percentage; in order to find the APR, multiply the money factor by 24, regardless of the term of the lease. For example, Navy Federal Credit Union's money factor is .0032, and its lease APR is .0768 (7.68 percent).

**Lease Term:** Length of lease in months (i.e., 12, 24, 36 etc.).

These terms will make translating a lease contract less difficult. Put them to the test; use these terms to figure out what the monthly payment should be and avoid being duped by the dealer.

A lease's monthly payment in



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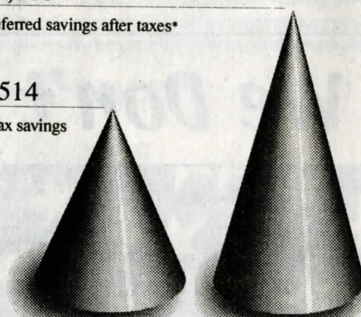
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## Flanery, Roe run for vice president

by Rhonda Sterling  
and Katie Jenkins

Contributing writers

Two University juniors vying to be vice president of the Student Government Association said they want to improve student involvement on campus.

Stephanie Flanery, a 21-year-old finance major, faces 22-year-old biology major Angela Roe in the March 27-28 election.

Both candidates believe the vice president's position can be important in setting an example for the student body.

The vice president receives a stipend of \$1,000 per school year and is responsible for assisting the president, or acting as president in his or her absence. The vice president also serves as the chairman of the Student Association Student Life Committee and as the liaison to the Faculty Senate.

### FLANERY

Flanery said she believes the key to a successful student association is to have more student involvement.



FLANERY

She said she wants to help students become more active in an effort to make the campus known for its student activities.

"Student involvement is number one. That is so important to me," she said. "Student activities should be held more frequently that what they are now. I want to go out and see what the student interests really are."

planned to do and I will not stop until it is done."

The candidate said she is convinced her previous student government experience will guide her in her efforts to make the University more student oriented. Flanery said she has served as vice president of her junior and senior high school class. She also served as class secretary for two years.

"I have the experience and knowledge of meeting the students needs," she said.

Flanery said she make her "best effort" to reach her goals.

### ROE

Roe said she is fully aware of the task that lies ahead if she is elected and has vowed to "improve on the weaknesses and expound on the strengths" of student government.



ROE

"This is going to be a critical year," Roe said. "With all the new changes as the University grows, I want to be a part of that and especially would like to get students involved."

Roe, is a pre-med student, said her experience is the cornerstone of her campaign.

**"This is going to be a critical year."**

— ANGELA ROE

As a University student she serves as vice president

## Hamrick, Hong vie for treasurer

by Josh Cohagen  
Contributing writer

Two University students face each other face-to-face in the race for treasurer.

Shelly Hamrick is running against Elina Hong, both juniors, in the March 28-29 Student Government Association election.

The treasurer serves as the chairperson of the Treasury Committee, maintains financial records of the association, and is responsible for publishing a biannual financial report in the student newspaper.

As an officer of the association, the treasurer is paid a stipend of \$1,000 a year.

Shelly Hamrick, current senator for the College of Health and Kinesiology, now seeks election as treasurer.



HAMRICK

Before graduating from Quitman high school in 1998, Hamrick served in student government as both a representative and as historian.

"I think my experience dealing with fellow students in a leadership role makes me qualified for this job," Hamrick said.

As senator of the college of Health and Kinesiology, Hamrick took part in planning and organizing several school functions including the annual spring formal.

While Hamrick says the past year in the SGA has been productive, she wants a chance to do more.

"The SGA has done a lot to make this campus a better place to live and learn, and I look forward to further improving on what we have done in the past year."

Hamrick said that her main concerns are letting students know who their representatives are, amending the constitution

to make the SGA more productive, and making the SGA a more visible presence on campus.

Hamrick believes that "parts of the constitution are too vague," and must be specified.

She also said that the constitution must be "strictly adhered to" under all circumstances.



HONG

Hong is an accounting major.

The Patriot's efforts to reach Hong were unsuccessful.

## Three officer races remain uncontested

by Melissa Tresner  
and Wendy Moore  
Staff writers

Barring challenges from write-in campaigns, three candidates remain uncontested for officer positions on the Student Government Association.

Lana Cain, a junior journalism major, is seeking the president's post after serving one term as the SGA's treasurer.

The president presides at association meetings, recommends agenda items and sets the meeting agenda, executes all actions approved by the association, confirms appointments made by officers and senators, and executes and enforces all decisions made by the Student Judicial Board.

Nancy Arellano, who currently serves as a senator, is seeking to be secretary.

The secretary's duties include serving as the chairperson of the Student Communications Committee, maintaining a record of all proceedings and managing all the correspondence of the association.

Brandy Baggett, a recently

ago because she "wanted to be involved." She would like to be the voice for non-traditional students because "they need to be heard," she said.

Cain is a wife and mother of two sons, Cameron, 6, and Caleb, 1.

She said managing her time if elected is "not a problem" though.



CAIN

"Being president is not a one-woman job," she said.

She said she hopes to have a strong executive committee to help out when needed.

Next semester she will take fewer hours, she said.

She will be enrolled for 12 semester hours.

"That's a big difference from 18," she said.

**"Being president is not a one-woman job."**

The presidential candidate said she will have to give up some of her other activities, such as Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, and the Press Club.

She has been involved in the clubs for one year as vice president of Sigma Tau Delta and president of the Press Club.

### ARELLANO

Arellano is a senator for the College of Business, but she would like to expand her leadership skills, she said.

"I hope to get more students involved in student activities," she said.

Enrollment at the University is "growing rapidly," she said.

Arellano said she must maintain full-time status to keep her scholarship since she was among the first class of freshmen at the University of Texas at Tyler.

She also works full-time.

Her other activities include secretary of Marketing and Management Association.

She served in the Accounting Society until December.

said she is usually the person in small groups who makes sure they do things by the rules "so we don't have to do things over again."



BAGGETT

"I'm all about doing it right the first time," she said.

As representative for the College of Liberal Arts, Baggett has seen the way things are run in the SGA and she said she would like to help things run even more smoothly. She said she'd like to be involved in altering rules so everything works well.

"I am actually in the com-

**"I'm all about doing it right the first time."**

— BRANDY BAGGETT

mittee the parliamentarian is head of: the rules committee,"



**"Student involvement is number one. That is so important to me."**

—STEPHANIE FLANERY

Flanery said she plans to encourage students by making them aware of the different kinds of scheduled campus activities.

She said she believes these activities can help in students getting more acquainted with one another.

"Everyone seems to only know one another because they take classes together. I want students to know each other by the student activities and student involvement," Flanery said. "That is what I

of the Biological Honor Society, and is the historian for the Pre-Med club.

She also serves as the senator for the college of math and sciences.

"I feel that I can make a very positive difference in student life on campus because of my experience in Student Government," Roe said.

Before attending The University of Texas at Tyler, Roe was the head cheerleader for Tyler Junior College's national championship team. She also participated in Phi Theta Kappa- TJC's honor society.

Roe also volunteers at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital and teaches cheerleading and gymnastics at Gym Tyler.

After being involved in student government this past year as a senator Roe is confident that she knows "what needs to be done."

appointed senator, is a candidate for parliamentarian.

The duties of that post include serving as the chairperson of the Rules Committee and rendering and enforcing all decisions regarding parliamentary procedures.

All SGA officers, except the president, are paid a stipend of \$1,000 per year. The president receives an annual stipend of \$2,000.

#### CAIN

"I think it's vitally important that the office of president be held by someone who knows what's going on," Cain said.

Cain said she applied for the position of treasurer one year

—LANA CAIN

She said she also will not be working.

Cain said she would like to accomplish four goals if elected president:

1. update the SGA constitution
2. see more attendance at SGA meetings, especially from students
3. see more student government activities on campus, such as a costume party after the fall festival
4. get the SGA more involved in community activi-

**"I hope to get more students involved in student activities."**

—NANCY ARELLANO

#### BAGGETT

Baggett said she wants to make sure the student government meetings and activities are done right.

"Someone has to make sure we're doing things in the right manner," Baggett said.

The freshman from Quitman

she said.

This committee is responsible for heading up the elections, making sure all senators and officers are doing their jobs, and to make sure as a whole that things the organization is doing are right.

Baggett is an art major with a minor in Spanish and she said she is not involved in any other organizations on campus.

In addition to her schoolwork and her duties in the SGA, she works two jobs. She said she enjoys student government and she really likes the people.

"The officers have so much fun together."

## Freshman running for senator in uncontested race

By Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

Brandy Williams, a freshman speech communication major, is running uncontested for the Student Government Association's representative for University Pines Apartments.

The SGA pays \$150 per semester to representatives.



WILLIAMS

"I think a lot more could be done at UPines to get students involved in the activities," she said.

Williams was involved in student council throughout high school, she said.

She also said she is a member of the Baptist Student Ministries.

"We need to provide a lot more social activities for them [students] to be excited about where they go to school and where they live," she said.

Although she is the only candidate for the position, write-in votes can determine a different winner.

## Vote For Experience

- ☒ Lana Cain for President
- ☒ Angela Roe for Vice President
- ☒ Shelly Hamrick for Treasurer

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# Eight contest engineering, computer sciences position

by Melissa Tresner  
Aaron Roberts  
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Staff writers

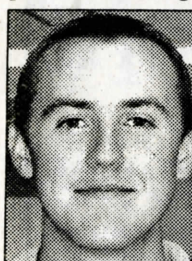
Eight candidates will compete for the engineering and computer science senatorial position in the March election.

Out of the eight candidates, Nicholas Cardwell, Justin Grolemond, Shaun Halberstadt, Stephen Hughes, Jeff Little, Willie Rollins Jr., Ramsey Williams and Burke Zimmerman, only three can be elected to the position.

The Student Government pays \$150 per semester for representatives.

## HALBERSTADT

"It's pretty much an exciting time right now with athletics coming and the cap being taken off freshmen," Halberstadt said. "I would like to be a part of the changes."



HALBERSTADT

Halberstadt said he was elected senator as a write-in candidate last year, but he was unable to accept the position due to other activities.

He is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery and was in the Financial Management Association as a freshman, he said.

## HUGHES

Student senatorial candidate for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, Stephen Hughes, believes he can make a contribution to the school community. He wants to be extremely involved and talk up the positive aspects of student government to other students.



HUGHES

"If students want more from student government, they have to give more, to participate more," he said. He wants to raise student participation in government activities to 35-45 percent of the population.

Hughes also wants to raise student government to the next level by supporting growth of the association as well as the campus.

He believes he can provide the support and cohesiveness the association needs.

He pointed out what he believes are some problem areas the student government can work on in the coming year. He opposes the executive powers of the president of the University of Texas at Tyler. Hughes thinks the president totally disregarded the voice of the faculty and students and approved the controversial school mergers at their behest.

## LITTLE

Jeff Little said if he is elected student senator for his college, he will "make sure" computer science is represented.



LITTLE

As a former Mesquite High School student council member, the candidate said he learned "it's important to have an officer that's committed."

Little is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery club, and he said he has never missed any of the weekly meetings. He also said he will be "exceptionally" committed to the SGA.

"I'll do what it takes, plus," Little said.

Little said being a member of the ACM club and a student in good standing "really qualifies me [Little] for what my department is interested in." The candidate said he has a "real desire" for the students' voices to be heard.

"My main focus is expressing views and concerns of other students. It's the most important function of an officer,"

Little said. A senator receives \$150 for the year, and their job is to verbalize students' opinions and concerns to the other officers in the SGA.

The 30-year-old computer science major said he is in contact with "probably 80 percent" of the people in his department because he is a member of the ACM club and a student in a small department.

Little said the ACM club provides him with an "open forum" to gather opinions from students. He said he also would talk to people in his classes for information.

Little said he would not only represent computer science, but engineering as well. He said information from these students will come from sitting in on departmental meetings and club meetings so "their opinion is part of the process," and their voices can be heard.

"I would want to really represent both sides equally," the candidate said.

"I'm more interested in gathering other peoples' opinions and conveying them rather than promoting my own," Little said.

## ROLLINS

Engineering and Computer Science candidate Willie Rollins Jr. believes there is a need of representation for the newly combined schools and wants the department to be noticed.

"I care about how the school of Engineering and Computer Science is being represented in SGA."

Rollins is a 22 year old Junior from Tyler that believes if he is elected, SGA will benefit from him

because he is an active representative who strives to put his best foot forward at all times.

Rollins is a very active student and involved in many organizations.

He is a current student member of the SGA, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-condi-

tioning Engineers (ASHAE), Engineering Society Association (ESA), and a participant in student activities and intramural.

The one thing Rollins wants to improve for SGA and UT is to promote more student involvement and get students interested in school activities. He wants to get more students to come to student sponsored events, performances, and banquets.

Rollins said appearing at these various occasions displays your support for our school and create more of a student unity.

"I feel as UT Tyler students we should be more supportive of these events."

Rollins also plans on getting the students to interact with each other more often. Most students just go to class and then go home without interacting with anyone. Rollins would like to see a change in habits, such as these and getting students to speak out and interact.

## WILLIAMS

Tatum native Ramsey Williams want to put his leadership experience with the Boy Scouts of America to us at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Williams is running for senator in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Williams served as vice chief of the East Texas area council of the BSA for one year. He also held the position of section level leader for the Council of Chiefs, an upper level division of the organization.

"My positions there taught me how to organize and carry out projects within an organization, and gave me experience representing others," Williams said.

Williams also served on his high school student council as a representative for his class.

Williams said his top priority as

senator would be to listen to the concerns of those in his department.

"I think a major problem right now is that some departments and colleges are under-represented on campus. I want to provide students in my college with a person that can go to when they need something," Williams said.

Williams, 21, began attending the University of Texas at Tyler as a freshman in 1998. He believes this helps him to more closely identify with the needs and concerns of those on campus.

"My main goal, as of now," said Williams, "is to give students more of a voice on campus, and to increase awareness of the representation they have in the SGA."

## ZIMMERMAN

Electrical engineering major Burke Zimmerman believes the engineering college should play a bigger role in the Student Government Association.

He believes the engineering students deserve to be represented and heard by the SGA.

"You are talking about the best and brightest of the school," he said.

Zimmerman would also like the SGA to be more involved with other organizations on campus.

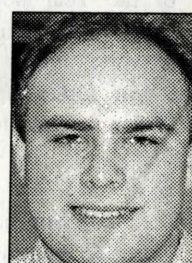
"We've never had anyone from the SGA come and talk to the Engineering Students Association," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman, 28, believes his age would make him an ideal candidate for Senator of Engineering.

"I'm older and more rowdy," he said. "I think I would be able to speak out more on issues that someone younger might try to keep quiet on."

Zimmerman is a member of the Engineering Students Association.

Sophomore candidates Cardwell and Grolemond could not be reached for comment.



WILLIAMS



ROLLINS



CARDWELL

## Three business, technology senators uncontested

## One Candidate running



by Jennifer Jones  
and Melissa Tresner  
Staff writers

Unless successfully challenged by write-in contenders, three candidates face no opposition as senators for the College of Business and Technology.

Joe Angell and marketing majors Billy Borunda, Jammie Maze are the candidates for the position.

The Student Government Association pays \$150 per semester to each of the representatives.

#### ANGELL

Joe Angell, sophomore general business major, is running for Student Government Association representative for the College of Business and Technology.

He said he is running for a

*"I feel like I know a lot of students and I want to be a voice."*

— JOE ANGELL

student government office because he would like to "make a difference."

Angell said he would like to sit in on student government meetings and "hear what is going on."

He said he has never been involved with the SGA, but he is a member of the Marketing and Management Association.

"I feel like I know a lot of students, and I want to be a voice," he said.

#### BORUNDA

Borunda, 22-year-old senior marketing major, said he wants to represent all students, and especially his culture, as a senator for the college of business and technology in the Student Government Association.

"Student government is a representation of the student body and basically a voice for the students. I want to be a voice for students in my college," Borunda said.

Borunda said he especially wants to stand for his Latino culture through being a part of SGA.

"I want to represent my culture...to show that Hispanics can have the opportunity to earn a college education,"

*"I want to represent my culture...to show that Hispanics can have the opportunity to earn a college education."*

— BILLY BORUNDA

Borunda said.

After graduating from high school in 1997, Borunda began college at Trinity Valley Community College. He is working full-time throughout college to support himself and fund his education. He also earns alumni scholarships and academic scholarships to help pay for tuition.

Borunda is currently employed full-time by Brookshire's Food Stores. He works 40 hours each week and is taking 12 hours in classes. He plans to graduate in December or in the spring of 2002.

Apart from work and school, Borunda said he is

involved in the League of United Latin American Citizens, a Latino organization for the advancement and uniting of the Latino community. He also does volunteer work, through Trinity Fellowship, to benefit inner city children.

Borunda was involved in the student senate both in high school and at Trinity Valley Community College.

One issue Borunda is concerned with, he said, is that there is only one bookstore available on campus.

"This country is based on free enterprise. With only one bookstore it's a monopoly...another bookstore would bring prices down," Borunda said.

Borunda also thinks students should have more of a voice in the scheduling of classes. He believes the scheduling is conformed to the non-traditional students.

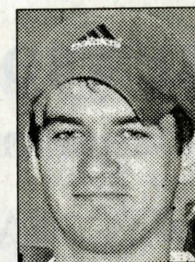
He also thinks students should have the right to be involved in the hiring of new professors and more weight should be put on students' evaluations of professors.

Junior Maze could not be reached for comment.

## FOR arts, sciences senator

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

Only one official candidate will appear on the March ballot in the senate race for College of Arts and Sciences.



COHAGEN

Josh Cohagen, a speech communication major, is unopposed in his bid for one of the three senator's positions in that college, although he could face challenges from write-in candidates.

Cohagen, says he wants to get involved in student government so he can give back to the student body.

"People have questions and don't know where to go. I want to be the person they come to," he said.

Cohagen said he has held several leadership positions, including being a program director at Pine Cove Camp, a nationwide tour manager for the contemporary Christian band Truth, and has served as a youth

*"I want to be the person they come to."*

— JOSH COHAGEN

intern at Grace Community Church. On the campus, Cohagen is a member of the debate team.

Cohagen said there also is a spiritual need on campus which isn't being filled. He said the Baptist Student Ministry is a start, but it isn't publicized enough.

"I want to pull more weight in that area," Cohagen said.

He said his goal is to put more emphasis on faith-based organizations and making them more visible.

Cohagen's other goals include making the student body feel more like a family and also establishing a school hand-signal like the Longhorns or Texas Aggies.

He said a hand signal could become a tradition before athletics started on campus.

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## Pre-med student running unopposed for health sciences senator

by Aaron Roberts  
Staff writer

Malae Moses, a health and kinesiology major, is unopposed in her bid to represent her college as a senator.

Although she is the only official candidate, she could be challenged by write-in candidates.

Senators are paid a stipend of \$150 each semester for representing the students in



MOSES

their respective colleges.

Moses said she believes being a senator for the College Health and Kinesiology she can increase student participation with school activities.

Born and raised in

Tyler, Moses graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1988 and received an associate's degree from Tyler Junior College.

She is now working on earning a degree in pre-med and hopes to attend Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Getting University students and Tyler to work together is a big issue for Moses.

"I want Tyler to be more involved with UT," she said.

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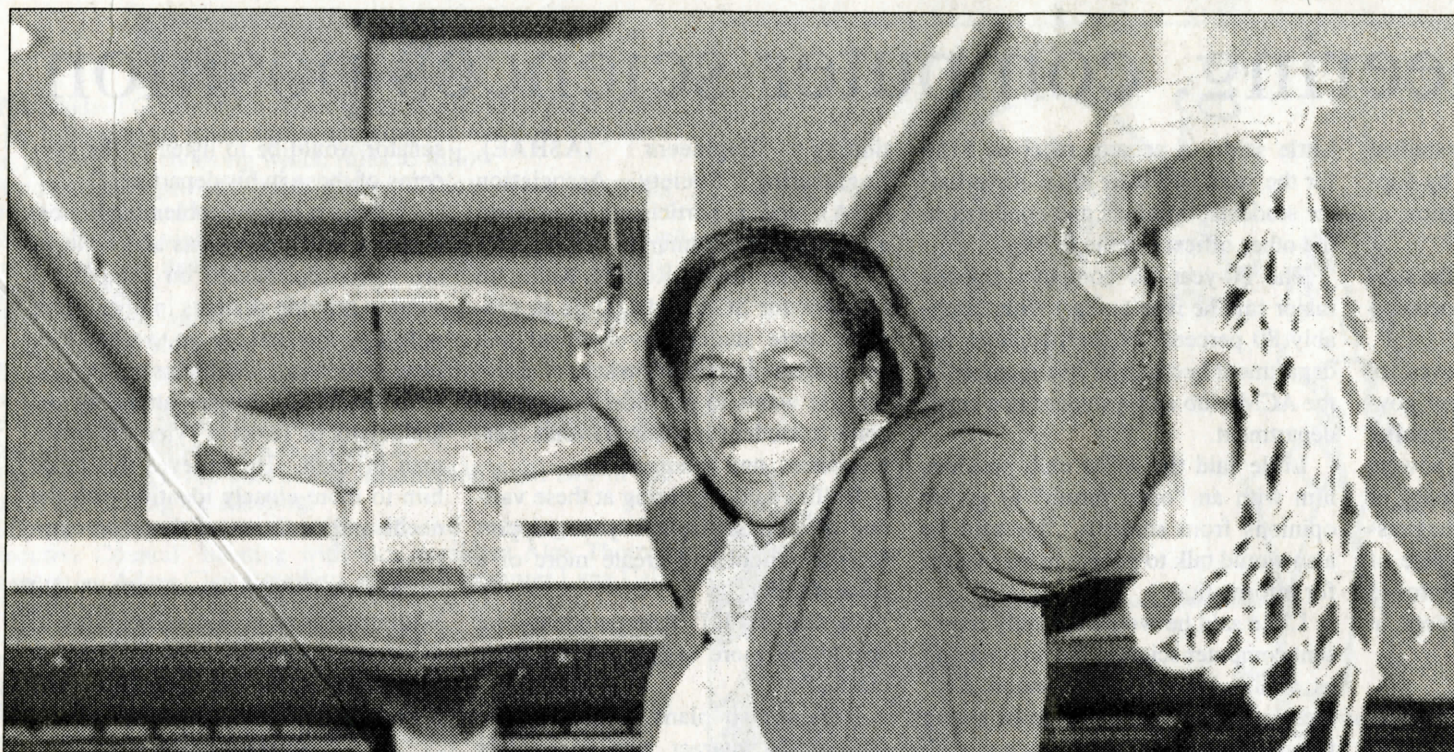
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**STILL ON TOP:** Tyler Junior College first year head coach, Trenia Tillis, celebrates after the Apache Ladies knocked off Trinity Valley Community College, 65-55, March 9. TJC now heads to the national tournament to defend their national championship.

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Smith, a 6'2," sophomore post from Detroit, added 10 points and 10 rebounds. She had to sit out the last 10:46 of the first half after picking up her second foul.

She said the team doesn't need to let up now that they've won the regional title.

"To win the nationals, we have to go out, play hard and not take anyone for granted," Smith said.

While looking forward to the national tournament, head coach Trenia Tillis plans to savor the moment. "We just need to play our style," Tillis said.

"We're having a lot of fun right now.

This is a great group of kids."

**EXTRA:** In the Region XIV semifinals played on March 7th, TJC defeated Blinn 61-54. Trinity Valley beat Kilgore 77-62 in the other semifinal contest...Tillis earned Region XIV Coach of the Year honors. Also, Smith was awarded Most Valuable Player of the region, while James was named Freshman of the Year. Others named All-Conference were Pipkin (second team) and Ty Wady (third team).

**TYLER** — Moore, 20; Smith, 10; James, 11; Pipkin, 7; Wady, 6; Pennington,

2; Lincoln, 7; Irving, 0; Rogers 0; Collins, 2.

**TRINITY VALLEY** — Sidbury, 4; Mays, 4; Johnson 4; Starkes, 15; Andre, 16; Coleman, 4; Greene, 8; Perkins, 0; Glenn, 0; Brown, 0.

**THREE POINT GOALS** — TJC: Moore; TVCC Starkes (3), Mays.

**REBOUNDS** — TJC: 38, TVCC 25.

**NEXT UP**— TJC at NJCAA national tournament March 20-24 in Salina, Kan.

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## Region XIV Final Standings

	Conference W-L	Season W-L
Tyler	15-1	26-6
Trinity Valley	13-3	28-4
Kilgore	8-7	18-13
Blinn	8-7	16-14
Angelina	7-7	16-14
Paris	4-10	16-14
San Jacinto	3-11	14-16
Panola	1-13	10-18

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### SCORING

1.Rashekii Howard, SJC	19.5
2.Meosha Nash, KC	16.2
3.Detra Ashley, ANG	16.0
4.Charla Denmon, SJC	15.9
5.Sonya Hodge, PAR	15.5

#### REBOUNDS

1.Cherry Kendall, PAN	10.6
2.Tiffany Washington, PAR	9.6
3.Aiysha Smith, TJC	9.5
4.Keila Beachem, ANG	9.4
4.Charissa Greene, TVCC	9.4

#### ASSISTS

1.Jennifer Ferrell, PAR	7.2
2.Kimberly Coleman, TVCC	6.3
3.Sara Navarro, SJC	6.0
4.Natasha Starkes, TVCC	5.3
5.Charese Brown, PAN	4.9

#### STEALS

1.Charese Brown, PAN	3.8
2.DeKedria Johnson, TVCC	3.6
3.Georgia Olumuko, SJC	3.4
4.Rashekii Howard, SJC	3.2
5.Aiysha Smith, TJC	3.0



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**GROW UP:** Coston Chambers, freshman political science major, participates in the Dash for Dollars in the University Center March 7. Courtney Smith, senior psychology major, won the grand prize of \$150. Jarrett English and Jeremy Davis each



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