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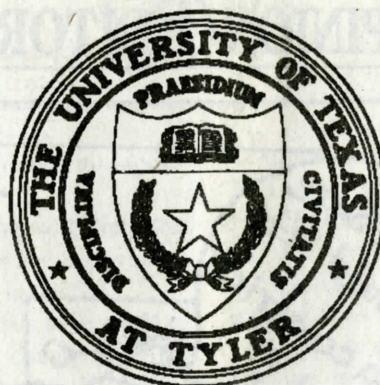
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## Student Government Representatives 2001-2002

### Officers

**President**  
Lana Cain

**Vice President**  
Angela Roe

**Secretary**  
Nancy Arellano

**Treasurer**  
Shelly Hamrick

**Parliamentarian**  
Brandy Baggett

### Senators

**Arts & Sciences**  
Josh Cohagen  
Honey Golden  
Aaron Roberts

**Education & Psychology**  
Stephanie Heeren  
Adam McKnight  
Katrina Lacey

## Voters elect new SGA officers

by Melissa Tresner,  
Wendy L. Moore  
and Aaron Roberts  
*Staff writers*

The Student Government Association will have a new slate of officers for the 2001-2002 school term.

The new officers are: Lana Cain-president, Angela Roe-vice president, Nancy Arellano-secretary, Shelly Hamrick-treasurer and Brandy Baggett-parliamentarian.

Voter turnout was about 8 percent with 277 total votes cast, Aimee Griffy, current SGA president, said.

Officers are paid \$1,000 per year, but the president's stipend is \$2,000 per year.

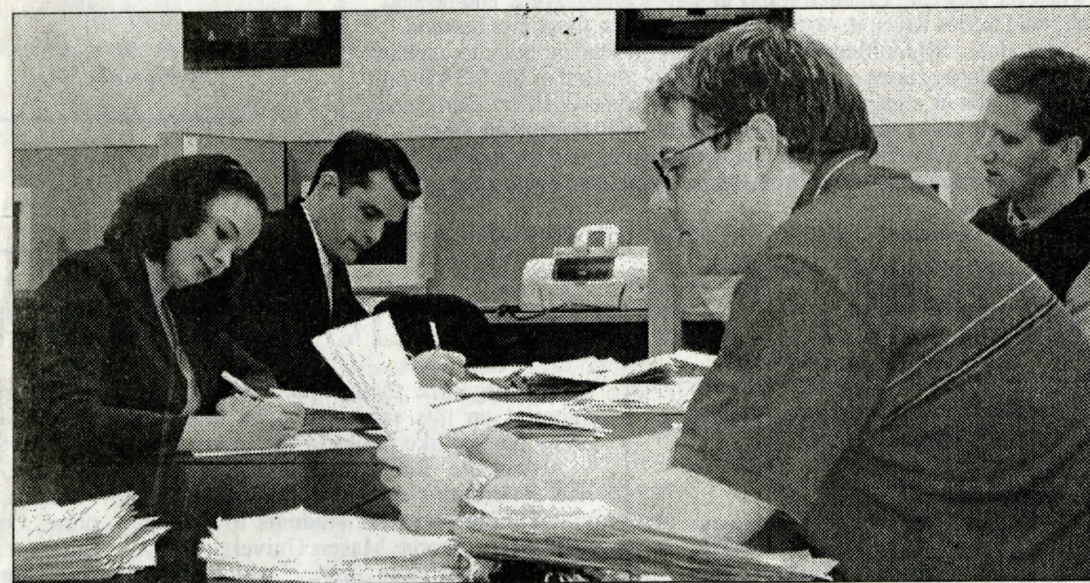
#### **President**



CAIN

Lana Cain received 183 out of 213 votes cast for president.

Five write-in candidates received votes for the



— by Aaron Roberts

**NO CHADS HERE:** Student Government Association officers-front, Adam Clay, left, Aimee Griffy and Alan Thomas along with Mark Matthews, student development specialist, count ballots Wednesday night after the two-day elections for officers and senators.

office of president, but none came close to winning.

With 26 votes Angela Roe received the most votes as a write-in candidate.

The other write-in candidates, including Caesar the guinea pig, got one vote each.

"My first reaction was relief," Cain said.

Cain said she was relieved she won the election because "there was rumor that a group of people were writing in another candidate for the president's position."

The group was writing in someone without her permission, Cain said.

"I not only feared for my own SGA position, but I also feared it would take away votes from

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## Longview, Palestine students vote



## Technology

Joe Angell  
Billy Borunda  
Jammie Maze

## Computer Sci.

Jeff Little  
Ramsey Williams  
Shaun Halberstadt

## Health Sciences

Malae Moses  
unavailable  
unavailable

## University Pines

Brandy Williams

by Melissa Jacquez  
and Jennifer Jones  
Staff writers

For the first time since the Longview University Center opened last year, students voted on their own campus during this week's Student Government Association elections.

Three votes were cast at the Longview University Center.

Associate Director Chris Heiden said he believes students did not know about the Longview ballot boxes because

it "was announced too late."

An SGA officer placed typed fliers on bulletin boards at the Longview campus last week, but only one candidate placed campaign literature at that campus.

"They [SGA] treat the Longview campus as if the people here are not actually students," Raymond Muhala, a Longview graduate student, said.

Wednesday morning, an SGA officer placed one sign on

**"They [SGA] treat the Longview campus as if the people here are not actually students."**

— RAYMOND MUHALA

the main entrance of the campus which let students know where and when to vote.

The sign was an 8.5" by 11" piece of typing paper with the message written in highlighter.

Another similar sign was taped to the door of the office where the voting booth was located.

SGA members decided to

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# Griffy files records request for student reporters' notes

by Wendy L. Moore  
Staff writer

Junior psychology major Aimee Griffy filed an open records request March 21 seeking reporters' notes collected during The Patriot's investigation into alleged violations of Student Government Association's bylaws.

Griffy, who serves as SGA president, contends *The Patriot's* article about this week's election is inaccurate and she said she needs the notes to prove it.

"We want to assist in correcting past articles in *The Patriot*



GRIFFY



TRESNER

that were inaccurate. One thing that would help us is to get the information," Griffy said.

Melissa Tresner, the student newspaper's editor in chief, has declined to turn over the requested materials, saying she believes the request violates the newspaper's constitutional

rights. Lawyers at the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va. support her decision.

Attorney Michael Heistand said the only way the students can get the information is to get a court order, but the courts are reluctant to force news reporters to relinquish their notes.

"The law prevents them from simply bullying the newspaper into disclosing this information," Heistand said.

Griffy's request came two days after *The Patriot* published Tresner's article, which stated the SGA violated their constitution. See REQUEST, Page 4

# University officials offer Olivier position as Patriot tennis coach

by Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

Administrators believe the University will move closer to implementing intercollegiate athletics with the appointment of Ken Olivier as the new tennis coach.

"It's one step toward our plan of intercollegiate athletics," Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, said Wednesday.

Last fall students voted in favor of a fee of up to \$7 per semester hour to implement athletics at the University of Texas at Tyler.

President Rodney H. Mabry said the next step in beginning athletics is to hire an athletic director.

"Tennis has been here and been successful in the past, so we started there," Mabry said.

Olivier was the only applicant for the position, which will take effect April 2, Lunsford said.

"An offer has been made,

**"He's [Olivier] a sports legend at UT Tyler."**

— DALE LUNSFORD  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

and we've gotten an oral acceptance," Mabry said.

The new tennis coach has been an adjunct faculty member

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# Patriot Days coming soon

by April Gill  
Contributing writer

Students who like free car washes, live music and door prizes should enjoy Patriot Days, a University-sponsored event schedule for April 16-21 on campus.

Ernest McAllister, student activities coordinator, said the weeklong event was developed in response to complaints that there are not any campus activities.

The activities are designed to get students more involved, he said.

Planned games include a bungee run, egg toss, water balloons, three-legged race and maybe an opportunity to dunk a favorite teacher in the dunking booth.

Games will be played on the field by the tennis courts, McAllister said.

A live band will play outside the University Center for students who would like to dance.

Door prizes include free CDs, free software, restaurant coupons, and oil changes.

Event coordinators are also

planning a car wash for administrators to wash students' cars for free.

Hot dogs and hamburgers also will be served, McAllister said.

Patriot Days T-shirts will be available for sale to promote the event and give students something to remember Patriot Days, McAllister said.

A spring dance, sponsored by the Student Government Association, will cap off events on Saturday.

The dance will be held in the Cowan Center lobby.

# Next step for University bills: approval from House, Senate

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

Two proposed bills concerning University fees passed through the higher education committees in Austin early this month and will now be presented to the Texas Senate and House of Representatives for final approval.

Students voted last spring for an additional fee of up to \$40, to be assessed in the fall of 2003, to fund half of the cost needed to operate the proposed Health and Kinesiology Physical Education Center.

In the fall, students approved assessing a fee of up to \$7 per semester hour for intercollegiate athletics.

Although students approved the new fees, university officials still need Legislative approval.

State Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, proposed bills in the House. Senator Todd Staples, R-Palestine, proposed the bills in the Senate.

**"The University is bound by what the ballot said and what the students voted for."**

— LEO BERMAN  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The wording in the bill for the recreational facility fee indicates University officials could begin assessing the fee in the fall and use the revenue for construction, equipment, or maintenance of the facility.

Students were told during the election the fee would probably not be assessed until 2003 and

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## Editorial

The Student Government Association accelerated their efforts last week to divert attention and blame from themselves for disregarding their own election rules.

SGA President Aimee Griffy filed an open records request March 21 asking to obtain notes and financial information concerning The Patriot staffers.

What makes this particular action so onerous is the fact it is so unnecessary. When confronted with documented evidence of their violations, SGA officers attempted to cover up the truth.

When pressed for comment concerning the allegations, the SGA issued a rambling press release desperately trying to explain why the candidacy deadline was extended. The fact is the release did not correspond with any explanation already given by some SGA members.

In true Hollywood style reminiscent of "Wag the Dog," the SGA is desperately trying to divert the negative attention onto *The Patriot*.

Accusing members of the staff as being "out to make them (SGA) look bad" is ridiculous. What possible motive does *The Patriot* have in undermining the SGA?

*The Patriot* is doing its job.

A remedy for examining the questionable actions of the SGA is in its own constitution. Article VI, Section 5 addresses these exact problems. "The Student Judicial Board shall be charged with interpreting this Constitution and acts of the Student Association."

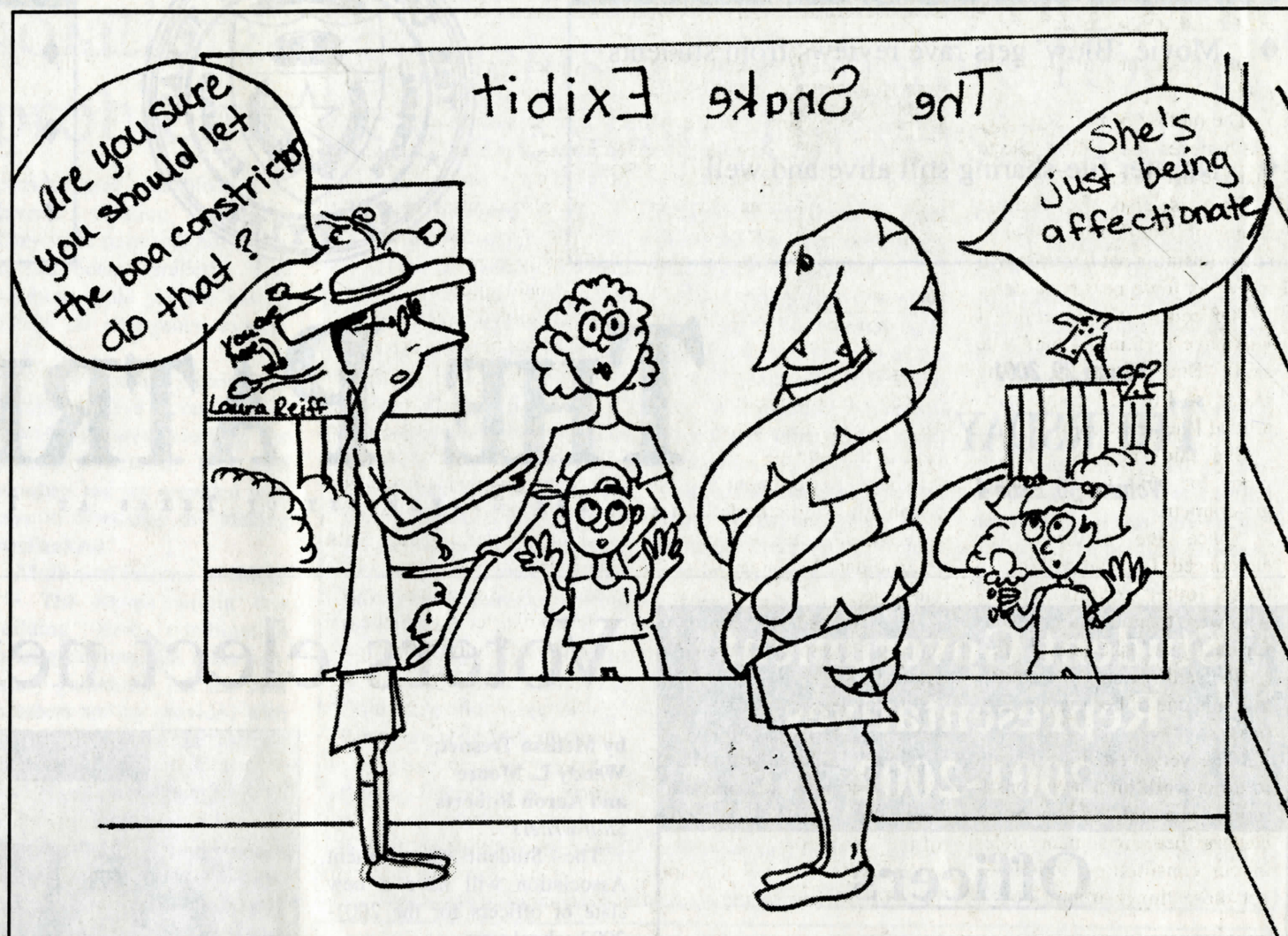
Any member of the SGA can petition the SJB to hear this case. Why has this not been done? Is this just another example of our elected SGA officers not reading their own constitution?

When mistakes are made, adults stand up, take responsibility, and fix whatever they can. Children resort to name-calling, lying, and he-said, she-said tactics which is what this year's election fiasco has become.

As adults, SGA officers have a duty to the student body to explain their atrocious actions and stop immediately. Instead of the SGA using this situation as a learning experience, they want to deflect blame and cause unnecessary trouble for other students only doing their jobs.

The SGA advisers are missing a grand opportunity to sit down with the officers and point out their mistakes, show them how to learn from them, and move on.

College is a learning experience. Why not learn from your mistakes as well?



## Planning, organization is key to success



**WHAT I HAVE  
TO SAY ...**

**by Will  
Johnson**  
Staff writer

It's that time again. The time in each semester when a student pauses, reviews progress in each course, takes stock of all available options, and plans class strategy to maximize final grades. An orderly, gradual process rooted in logic; not a hint of panic or indecision anywhere.

Some people probably live this way, calmly completing assignments and necessary reading materials well in advance, able to prepare effectively for exams. A great way to approach a college education. However, many students live several roles simultaneously. Employee, husband, wife, mother, father are just a few of the other responsibilities students may fill.

people organize their time. But lots of material on this subject can be found in many places, like books or the internet.

A website found at [academictips.org](http://academictips.org) lists general tips and hints designed to provide simple ways for students to manage time well. George Mason University posted a "Personal Time Survey" which begins by getting the student to estimate the time he or she spends doing various activities through the week and on weekends. Everything from travel time to working hours to time spent in class, sleeping and socializing. After adding it all up, the total is subtracted from 168, the total number of hours in a week. The difference yields the amount of study time available.

A means of charting time needed for making an acceptable grade, based on receiving an A, is given. Divisions in the chart reflect perceived course difficulty. For instance, an easy course gets two hours of study time for every one hour spent in class per week. An "average" course gets three hours. Hard classes get four hours. Also, the website gives tips to aid in freeing more time to concentrate on studies.

Making a daily schedule will help to

is perfectionism. Perfect people and perfect situations are illusions. No one excels at everything all the time. Set achievable goals. Challenging, but achievable.

Utilizing limited time requires discipline. Often, people find themselves in a time crunch because they can't say no. Not wanting to turn others down sometimes eats away valuable minutes, even hours, better spent on homework. It might not always be the popular thing, but learning to say no politely can save time needed elsewhere.

Prioritizing essential tasks and obligations helps students avoid procrastination. Making "to do" lists keeps important things, dates, activities, etc., in mind. Expanded lists should relate what needs to be done to when it should be done. Accomplishing tasks in a timely manner will keep a student from forgetting something important, and could make the difference between good grades and academic stress.

A method to increase efficient use of time involves combining activities. Doing laundry while studying is an oldie but a goodie. Creative combinations such as

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In an article appearing in the Feb. 22 edition of *The Patriot*, contributing writer Evan Fisher takes aim at President Bush's initiative to provide federal funding for faith-based programs. Mr. Fisher says the plan is inherently unfair, largely unpopular, and implicitly unconstitutional. Quite a mouthful.

On the charge of unfairness, Mr. Fisher argues that certain sorts of faith traditions are likely to be denied fair access because the President's "cronies" won't fund groups whose ideology they oppose. Apparently, Mr. Fisher has contacts at the White House that the rest of us don't. We can't say, for instance, what the various ideologies of the various members of the administration might be. And we won't even pretend to say to what extent, if any, that administration's private beliefs would influence their constitutionally-mandated public behavior. We can say that as matter of good faith, and in the absence of any evidence to the contrary - nobody has been given any funding as of yet - the president's cronies should be given the benefit of the doubt.

On the charge of unpopularity, we agree with Mr. Fisher that Bush's plan is unpopular with some. For one, President Bush's budget includes tax breaks that are already controversial with certain members of Congress. In view of Mr. Fisher's Libertarian-inspired counterproposal, however, we wonder which side would fare the worse in that popularity game. At our last count there were no Libertarians in Congress. As for the popular vote, less than one percent of the electorate voted libertarian in the past election — not counting Florida. Consequently, Mr. Fisher's plan appears less popular with both Congress and the American people. Nothing like trading a little broccoli for a bit of sauerkraut.

On the charge of unconstitutionality the president, as Mr. Fisher may recall, has executive authority to declare how fund allocation



These obligations bring challenges students must overcome if they want to earn a degree. For many, balancing the challenges is more art than science. And not everyone masters the art. Time management is a tool used to help students organize their time more effectively, for the purpose of maximizing academic performance.

Several methods of time management exist. Even more numerous are the means available to access the information. Some professional services charge money to help

visualize time and allow more efficient allocation. Writing down daily tasks and the time each requires for satisfactory completion gives a better picture of realistic study opportunities. While this might seem restrictive, it can tell what can honestly be expected in terms of the supply of time. There's only so much, and failing to recognize available quantities risks wasting too much of it and running out of a precious resource when it's needed.

A trap many students find themselves in

paying bills while watching television or reviewing notes by tape while driving, cooking or even exercising gives extra study time.

Precise, honest scheduling produces the best returns. Time management is a great habit. Adjustments may be necessary. Students must make it work individually. Remember, managing time effectively demands sincerity. Dishonest efforts make time management pointless.

laws passed by Congress should be applied by agencies within the executive branch of government. The president cannot circumvent the will of Congress, as Mr. Fisher implies. Congress can pass a law rendering a president's executive order moot. Congress can refuse to appropriate the funds necessary to support an executive order. As to the Church-State issue, providing funds to religious institutions for a "legitimate secular purpose" is not only not unconstitutional, it's the law, Mr. Fisher (see Board of Education v. Allen, 392 U.S. 236).

Now, we do not believe the president's plan is beyond criticism. Quite to the contrary. But for all of the concern about the president's alleged cronyism, Mr. Fisher's arguments strike us as a bit confused, generally unsubstantiated, and excessively priest-ridden. And while we support his right to serve sauerkraut, we prefer he didn't do it at our table.

Jenny Board, Aaron Evans

*Editor's Note: This is one of three letters submitted by Dr. Michael Eidenmuller's Contemporary Rhetoric class.*

## Overweight children should not be singled out

by Brandee Boyd  
contributing writer

I was in the first grade. My mom had dressed me in a sleeveless shirt that day. I was standing around the water fountain and this blonde boy pointed to a fatty pudgy sticking out of my shirt, where my arm met my chest. He poked it and asked, "What is that?" I was horrified.

That very second began a lifelong hatred for sleeveless shirts and a never-ending battle of the bulge.

For as long as I can remember I was on a diet. Watching what I ate and counting calories became as routine as brushing my teeth.

And every minute of it was pure hell.

Obesity in children has hit an all-time high and I agree that something must be done about it. But I do not agree with putting children on diets and setting them apart from the rest of the family, making them feel punished for being the way they are.

According to AOL Health: Kids eating healthy should be something that the entire family strives toward. Focus on the entire family. Family involvement will teach good habits to everyone, but it does not single out the overweight child.

There were times when I was a kid that my grandmother would not let me have the same snack as everyone else. It only made me feel embarrassed and ashamed of who I was.

AOL Health experts say support, acceptance and encouragement are the keys to helping a child reach and maintain a healthy weight. Let them know they are okay whatever their weight. Children's feelings about themselves are often based on their parents' feelings about them. If you accept your children at any weight, they will be more likely to accept and feel good about themselves.

My mom helped me learn that I was okay, big or small.

Mom was always very protective of her chubby-cheeked children. When I was a kid, she'd send ugly looks to any stranger who looked too long at my little brother or me. I always knew she would love me regardless of my weight.

But I knew I had a problem. The question was how much could I love myself?

Parents must talk to and inform their children about weight and health issues. Chances are, the child is well aware of the

fact they have a weight problem.

If the potential for heart disease, diabetes, heart attack and possibly cancer is not enough to catch the child's attention, the ridicule and embarrassment they put up with from peers will.

One way or the other, overweight children will be reminded of the fact they are different.

For instance - physical education classes - I despised them. I could never run a mile in the allotted time period, never crossed the monkey bars, never climbed a rope, and could never, ever do a chin up.

The worst part was the entire class stood watching me as I dangled from the chin-up bar.

Being fat was humiliating, but so was trying to complete the activities that I was made to believe would help me get into shape.

Kids will always be cruel, but parents don't have to be. Help your children feel good about themselves. Do not remind them of their weight problem; rather, remind them of the benefits of living a healthier, more active lifestyle.

And don't dress them in sleeveless shirts.

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## CAMPUS VOICE

Why do you think it is important for the student newspaper to report the news, even if it is controversial?



MC GUFFEY

"Everybody doesn't always agree. People have different opinions and there will always be controversy. As students we need to know what's going on."

**Anna McGuffey,**  
education, Junior

"I don't live on campus so it helps me to know what's going on-things I wouldn't normally know since I'm only here for class."

**Michelle Bonner,**  
psychology, Senior

"Because a lot of people are not involved around here and reporting the news gives insight on what's going on."

**Greg Hayes,**  
Computer Science,  
freshman

"News needs to be controversial. I like to read things I need to think about."

**Jay Bean,**  
pre-med, junior

"Everybody needs to know what is going on."

**John Montgomery,**  
engineering, sophomore

"I think the students should know what's happening on campus, especially if it's controversial."

**Chace Beddingfield,**  
mechanical engineering,  
sophomore



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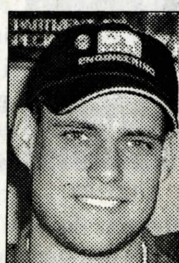
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# ELECTION

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"the office she wanted," Cain said.

The mother of two sons said she believes she will be able to manage her time.

Cain is also the Feature Editor of *The Patriot*, although she is unsure what her time will allow her to do next semester.

"Of course it's something I will have to think about," she said. "But journalism is my major, so I'm still going to be around [the newsroom]."

She said she has a lot of plans for next year's student government.

"Once the election was announced I began talking to those [other representatives] who were there about my plans for next year," she said.

She said revising the constitution is one of her main priorities.

"The very first thing I want to do is work on a new constitution," she said. "It's important because there are so many holes in our constitution, and if we get those things ironed out, it

## Vice President



ROE

**Pre-med student** Angela Roe won the election for vice president in a race that drew one official candidate and one write-in candidate.

Roe won the position with a 187-78 vote margin or 70 percent of the vote.

Roe's opponent was Stephanie Flannery, who received 77 votes, while write-in candidate Jo Barnes received one vote.

Roe said she is "relieved and enthused" now that the election is over.

"I am ready to work," she said.

Now that the race is over, Roe says she will "continue to focus on my studies for the rest of the semester."

She says she will now prepare for the upcoming year in

the student government association.

She said she will "improve on weaknesses and expound on the strengths" in the SGA.

She also wants to be a part of all the new changes as the University grows.

"I would like to get the students involved," she said.

The vice president receives a stipend of \$1,000 per school year.

The vice president 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.

## Secretary

Nancy Arellano won the election as the SGA's new secretary with 206 out of 210 votes.

Four write-in candidates received one vote each.

She has been a senator for the College of Business

Administration for the 2000-2001 term.

Arellano said she applied for the secretary's office because she wanted to expand her leadership skills.

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

She works full time, as well as attending classes full time.

She also is the secretary for the Marketing and Management Association.

## Treasurer



HAMRICK

**Junior** Shelly Hamrick gained 77 percent of the vote to win the post of Student Government Association treasurer during this week's two-day election.

Junior accounting major Elina Hong came in second with 63 votes, only 115 less than Hamrick's 178.

Neither Hamrick nor Hong were at the election-night party Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

As treasurer, Hamrick will serve as the chairperson of the Treasury Committee, maintain financial records of the association and be responsible for publishing a biannual financial report in the student newspaper.

As an officer, she will be paid a \$1,000 stipend for serving the student government for a year.

Hamrick now serves as a senator from the College of Health and Kinesiology. She will make the transition to treasurer on May 1.

A 1998 graduate of Quitman High School, Hamrick served as both representative and historian of her student government.

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

## Parliamentarian



BAGGETT

With 203 out of 205 votes Brandy Baggett will be the Student Government Association's new parliamentarian for the 2001-2002 term.

One write-in candidate received two votes.

Baggett, a freshman art major with a minor in Spanish, said she wants to make sure the SGA's meetings and activities are done right.

She said she is already on the SGA's Rules Committee, which the parliamentarian is in charge of.

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

She would like to be involved in making things run smoother.

Baggett works two jobs, in addition to the SGA.

# Outcomes of uncontested senator races surprise some winners

by Harold Wilson  
Staff writer

Twelve student contenders representing five colleges won bids to become Student Government Association senators, including five write-in candidates.

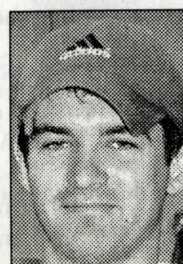
The winners will assume their new posts May 1, except for write-in candidates, who must first accept their nominations and meet eligibility requirements.

SGA senators receive a \$150 stipend per semester.

The Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Technology and Education and Psychology elected three senators each. Two other Colleges (Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences) and the University Pines each chose one senate representative.

## Arts and Sciences

Of the three senators selected from



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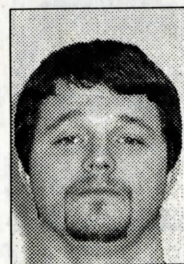
include Honey Golden and Aaron Roberts.

Cohagen received 59 votes, Golden nine and Roberts seven.

Running uncontested didn't bother Cohagen, who said he could have won a contested race.

"I know people are aware of my true concerns for this school and (College of) Arts and Science," Cohagen said.

"I have confidence they would have voted for me even if there would have been a strong challenge," the 23-year-old junior speech communications



ROBERTS

tory as a write-in candidate.

"Shocking," Roberts called his triumph.

"This tells me I have (at least) seven friends on this campus," the 23-year-old senior majoring in journalism said.

Roberts may not be eligible to become senator since he plans on graduating this December, and SGA members have to be enrolled for both the fall (2001) and spring (2002) semesters.

Thirty-four other students received write-in votes, ranging from one to five total.

## Business and Technology

The three slots for the College of Business and Technology senators went to the only three official candidates. Joe Angell, a sophomore general business major, garnered the most votes with 50. Jamie Maze, a junior, and Billy Borunda, a senior marketing major, each claimed 49 votes.

## Education and Psychology

No names appeared on the official ballot for the three College of Education and Psychology senate positions. Still, 17 students were nominated through write-in votes. The three winners topping the list are Stephanie Heeren, 9 votes, Adam McKnight, 3 votes, and Katrina Lacy, 2 votes.

## University Pines



WILLIAMS

Brandy Williams won one of the least contested races for University Pines senator.

Williams, an 18-year old freshman majoring in speech communications, had 59 votes. Three

other students picked up one write-in vote apiece.

Instead of worrying about the election result, Williams said winning

the nervousness out of it," she said.

She decided to run because she wanted students to be more aware of issues concerning the campus as well as University Pines.

"I've lived there (at University Pines) for eight months and there needs to be more publicity to let people know about the Pines," Williams said.

## Health Sciences



MOSES

In another lightly contested race, Malae Moses won her solo bid for the College of Health Sciences senator.

Moses, a health and kinesiology major, wasn't challenged, as only two

other students received write-in votes.

The exact results for the Health and Sciences senate race were announced Wednesday night, but *The Patriot's*



one, Josh Cohagen, was listed on the official ballot. Write-in candidates major said. Three other students received one write-in vote each. copy of the results was missing the race for health sciences senator.

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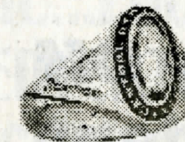
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# Stewart blood center drive attracts donors on campus

by David Belew  
Staff writer

The spirit of giving was in the air as students and faculty on Wednesday donated their time and blood.

The Stewart Regional Blood Center was on campus looking for donors who could possibly save a life.

"I haven't donated blood in a number of years and I thought that it was about time for me to get back into the action," graduate student Bret Hayes said.

Blood supply is low and the center is in critical need for all types of blood. One pint of blood can save 3-4 lives, Shirley Jones, the phlebotomist team leader at Stewart said.

"If you donate every eight weeks, you can save twenty lives," she said.

**"If you donate every eight weeks, you can save twenty lives."**

— SHIRLEY JONES

Not only were students in the spirit of giving, but faculty members were as well.

"It's a small way to serve others," Reg Killingley, Coordinator of student teaching and field experiences said. "It's also a great way to lose weight."

In order to donate blood, a person must be 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and

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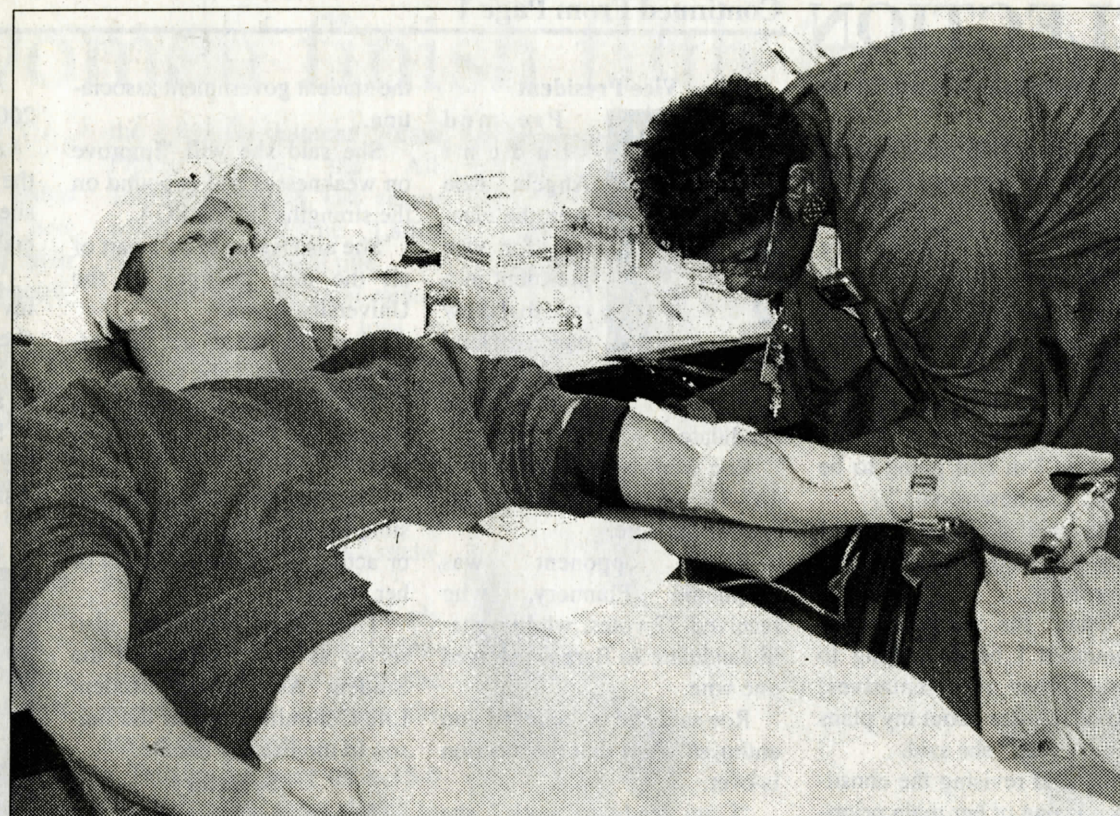
Some students said they donated to help family members.

"I have two boys and I want to make sure that they are protected if anything happens to them," senior Adam Rodberg said.

The goal of the day on campus was fifty pints, but only fourteen were received from University students and faculty.

The Stewart Regional Blood Center is located on 815 South Baxter in Tyler and other locations are in Longview, Lufkin and Marshall.

"Give the gift of life and save a life through giving," Jones said.



— by David Belew

**THIS WON'T HURT:** Adam Rodberg, a senior marketing major, donated a pint of blood Wednesday at the Stewart Regional Blood Center's drive held on campus. Organizers said 14 people donated blood during the drive.

## VOTING Continued From Page 1

conduct off-campus voting in Palestine and Longview during a March 21 meeting. Receptionists at both locations agreed to take ballots during the two-day election, secretary Adam Clay said during the meeting.

"Receptionists taking votes will be given a lock box, which only we have a key to," SGA president, Aimee Griffy said. "It will be locked at all times when they are not at their desk," SGA president Aimee Griffy said.

"Sixty percent of the students in Longview are night students, so we are working on having volunteers from the Longview Junior League to come and spend three hours taking ballots in the evenings," Clay said.

Griffy said using the receptionists is just a temporary solution to the problem.

"Year after year we cannot

go to the Longview and Palestine campuses and ask receptionists to do this," she said. "This is not their job, but they do it because they feel those campuses need to be involved."

Griffy said the SGA should find a permanent solution.

"We didn't have much time to talk it over this time, but we do have a good temporary solution," she said.

Clay said some people have recommended installing an interactive television SGA, so there could be senators from Longview and Palestine.

Several student governments have interactive television senators, Griffy said.

In these situations, the SGA meets in an interactive television room so everyone is able to interact and talk as if they were in the same room.

## Computer science candidates campaign together Engineering candidates were shut out in the SGA senatorial race

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

Computer Science majors ran away with senate seats for the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

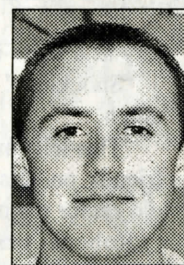
Jeff Little received 44 votes, Ramsey Williams 41 votes, and Shaun Halberstadt 38 votes for the win.

All three candidates campaigned together preceding the election.

"I think it gave everybody a good idea of who to vote for with all three of us running together," Williams said.

Williams said they campaigned heavily in their department, and they had the support of the Association of Computer Machinery members behind them.

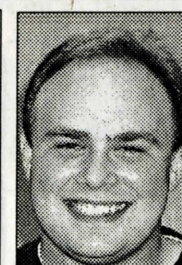
Their campaign was more than posters.



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WILLIAMS

"Professors let us speak to their classes" he said.

Williams said he is ready for the new year.

"I want to have regular meetings with the constituency, both with computer science and engineering. I want to get input on the issues from both groups," Williams said.

Voting is another issue Williams said he wants to concentrate on.

"A polling place for Longview and Palestine students as well as the more isolated on-campus buildings is important," Williams said.

Senator Little said he believes it is important to have an officer that is committed.

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

Little said in a previous interview with *The Patriot*, his main focus would be expressing views and concerns of other students.

"It's the most important function of an officer," Little said.

Three write-in candidates received one vote each.

## REQUEST Continued From Page 1

tion and election code.

More specifically, the newspaper's investigation revealed

you and ask you for comments or quotes about what's going on, just tell them 'no comment'

She also asked for information concerning stipends given to *Patriot* staff members,

line" and the definition of guideline is outline, she said.

Griffy said the constitution



in the Department of Health and Kinesiology since 1999.

"He is well known on campus," Mabry said. "We're very confident in him."

Before working as a lecturer at the University of Texas at Tyler, Olivier served as the director of the Tyler Community Tennis Association.

Although not employed by the University, Olivier coordinated several University events, including a summer tennis camp and intramural events with Tyler Junior College.

Olivier also helped organize the First Men's Futures Professional Tennis Tournament held on campus this semester.

He received two degrees from UTT: a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology in 1991 and a Master of Science degree in kinesiology in 1993.

As a UTT student, Olivier was a member of the men's tennis team.

"He's a sports legend at UT Tyler," Lunsford said. "He's perfect for the job."

the SGA failed to follow its Election Code "as a strict guideline" by extending the candidate filing deadline and by allowing a candidate to accept candidate applications.

The article also revealed the SGA may not have given students the required two weeks' notice of the March 1 filing deadline.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of student affairs, said it would be unfair to decline the seven late applications because some SGA officers told those candidates the deadline had been extended.

The article created a rift between some SGA officers and the newspaper staff.

In a March 21 SGA meeting, secretary Adam Clay advised members not talk to reporters seeking comment about the controversy.

"Should *The Patriot* come to

because right now our quotes aren't being reported right,"

Clay said. Tresner stands by her article. "I don't think that any of *The Patriot* members, including myself, did anything wrong during the investigation," she said.

Tresner also said she believes the article needed to be printed because it is important for students to know what goes on in student government.

"Student government leaders are elected officials; therefore, the students on campus need to know what these officials are doing. Student government is here for the students," she said.

In her written request, Griffy asked the University for specific notes and recordings taken by *Patriot* reporters during interviews about the election investigation.

including reporters and the editor in chief.

Griffy said she believes getting this information will help the student government find information that is inconsistent with Tresner's article.

Tresner said she doesn't believe any of the staff members' scholarships are relevant to the student government's investigation.

"We don't get stipends, we get scholarships and that's not public information," she said.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of student records, including scholarship information, to the general public.

Griffy insists the SGA did not violate their bylaws, contending the constitution states the election code is an outline.

The constitution is a "guide-

emphasizes main points, but does not address every situation that may arise.

It acts as a guide for the SGA to follow and decide what they should do, she said.

She also said the student government did not allow a candidate to accept applications.

"As of that point she (the candidate) had not expressed her intention to run nor had she filled out or signed a candidacy form," Griffy said.

Griffy also contends the SGA's Rules Committee had a meeting and began posting fliers two weeks before the deadline.

She says nothing in the constitution requires *The Patriot* be informed two weeks before the deadline, just that it must be informed.

Staff writer Jennifer Jones contributed to this report.

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the funds raised from the fees would be used for paying half of the operating costs.

Berman said all University bills are written "in the same language" and, therefore, it does not change the intentions of the original referendum.

"The University is bound by what the ballot said and what the students voted for," Berman said.

President Rodney H. Mabry said UT system lawyers drafted the bill, but that he would honor

the original intent.

"Regardless of what the bill says, the student fee to pay for roughly half of the operating costs of the HKPE recreation center will not be assessed until the semester that the center opens," Mabry said.

"In other words," he said, "we will collect no funds from the students until they can actually use the center."

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## Hung jury



— by Aaron Roberts

**FACE TO FACE:** One of the student exhibits from the Junior College Art Symposium hangs in the wall of the UC art gallery. "The Jury" is an oil painting on canvas.

## Ted Demme's new film 'Blow' scores big with story of '70s cocaine dealer

By Aaron Roberts and Michael George

Staff writer and contributing writer

"Blow" hits the streets April 6 with more up its sleeve than sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

The movie tells the true story of George Jung, the first American to have cocaine smuggling ties with the Colombian drug cartel in the 1970s.

Director Ted Demme puts together a top notch cast including Johnny Depp ('The Ninth Gate' and 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow') as Jung. Ray Liotta ('No Escape' and 'Unlawful Entry') played Jung's father.

Spanish bombshell Penelope Cruz gives an outstanding performance as Depp's wife "Mirtha."

Demme said he was excited to have Cruz in his movie and described the conversation he had with her.

— [http://movies.go.com/movies/B/Blow\\_2001/index.html](http://movies.go.com/movies/B/Blow_2001/index.html)

**SNAPSHOT:** Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz play out a scene in 'Blow.' Director Ted Demme said his next project will be a documentary about movie directors.

Demme said he told Cruz she would "wear strange outfits, swear like a truck driver and by the end of the movie, everyone will probably hate you."

Cruz responded with a single answer: "Great."

Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman) plays the part of Derek Foreal, Jung's dealer in California.

While most movies about the '70s include the same plots about people performing participated in sex and consuming massive amounts of narcotics, Demme adds humor to the story.

The unsuspected comedy unfolds through real life situations.

At one point Bobcat Goldthwait snorts a line of cocaine and proclaims, "I can't feel my face. I can touch it but I can't feel it."

Demme presents a very human story about the destructive nature of drugs and drug smuggling.

Jung's story chronicles his life from his troubled childhood to his marijuana-smuggling career in the late '60s.

While spending time in prison on drug charges, Jung meets a Colombian inmate who introduces him to the infamous Pablo Escobar after his release.

"Blow" goes to great lengths to present the despair Jung faces after trying to rid his life of cocaine only to be busted and returned to prison. He goes from having \$600 million in cash to being divorced and losing his daughter.

After watching the world of cocaine smuggling through Jung's eyes, by the end of the movie the audience almost sympathizes with everything he went through.

During the closing lines of dialogue, Jung philosophizes about life by saying it passes most people by while they are planning for it.

This movie is rated R for pervasive drug content, language, some nudity and sexuality.

## Courts to decide Napster's future: File sharing still active on Internet



The Road Less Taken

by Michael George  
Contributing writer

A recent judgment against Internet file-sharing giant Napster wounded the hugely popular

The songs are then available to anyone who downloads Napster's search engine.

In the past two years, Napster defended itself in court and recently lost its right to store copyrighted material on its servers.

However, this does not mean Napster must shut down completely, nor is it the end of file sharing.

Many songs available on Napster are not subject to the court-ordered ban.

Therefore, tons of music will be available to download; the only problem is, much of this consists of unknown music put there by bands looking to promote their music.

act of sharing music on the Internet, but did not kill it.

The phenomenon continues.

Napster came online in September 1999.

## A packed house





Napster came online in September 1999. Since then, it has grown to over 64 million registered users, approximately a quarter of the population of the United States, according to ABCNews.com.

Napster creator Shawn Fanning was only 18 when he coded the MP3 swapping program. MP3 is a type of file compression that makes large amounts of data downloadable and readable.

The Napster craze grew so fast, many universities banned Napster servers because the heavy traffic slowed high-speed connections on their systems.

The Recording Industry Association of America filed suit only four months after Napster launched its program.

The RIAA claimed copyright infringements under the recently passed Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 due to the large number of songs placed online by Napster's users.

Likewise, recent partnerships with media giant Bertelsmann, parent company of the BMG music label, could save the Napster cooperation by switching to a subscription based service where users would pay for the right to download material, thus generating revenue for artists.

Even if courts force Napster to stop their services, many other fledgling sites offer the same file-sharing capability.

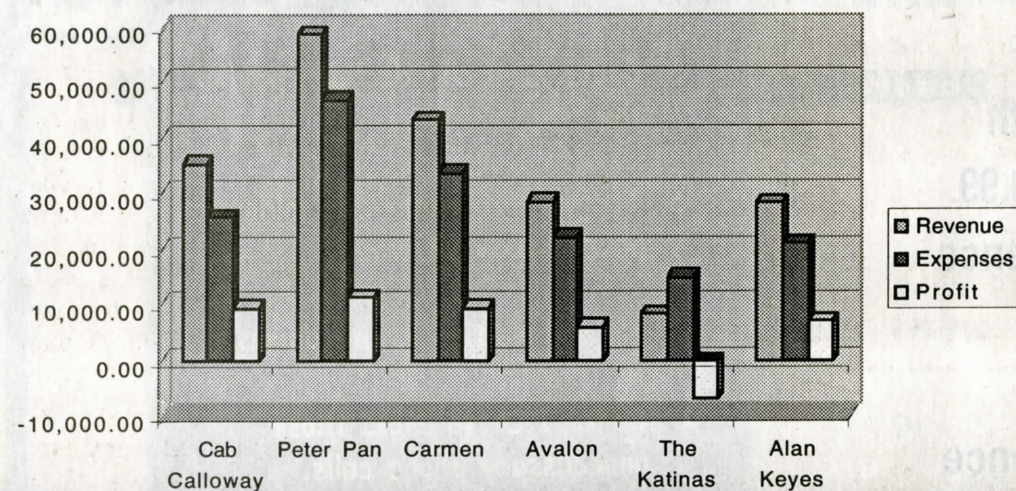
Uploading MP3s via File Transfer Programs preceded Napster and will continue to exist beyond it.

Sites like MP3.com, Gnutella, and MP3 Center all host MP3 servers with a wide variety of music available.

Look for changes in the Napster format but don't worry about not being able to download music.

There will always be a way to find music on the Internet.

## Cowan Center Show Reports Spring 2001



— by Aaron Roberts  
**KEEPING WARM:** Theater students perform one of their final rehearsals for 'My Fair Lady' before they enact their stage performance this Saturday.



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## In the Huddle

by Harold Wilson  
Staff writer

### Defending champs face tough odds

Winning a championship once is a difficult task. Trying to defend it presents an even bigger challenge.

With a new year come fresh players and different circumstances. Gone are the departed leaders from a year earlier who brought their valuable experience to the court.

The Tyler Junior College women's basketball team found out how valuable experience can be after coming up short in their bid for back-to-back NJCAA crowns. The Apache Ladies did manage to defend their Region XIV title, but placed a disappointing fifth at the national tournament in Salina, Kansas.

The 2000 team, coached by Leann Riley (now associate head coach at the University of Missouri), revolved around the guard play of twins Jessica and Nicole Guild, both now at Stephen F. Austin State University.

On the flip side, posts dominated the 2001 Apache Ladies squad, led by Aiysha Smith and Chinyere James.

Smith, a 6'2" sophomore transfer from Detroit, earned Kodak All-American, Region XIV Player-of-the-Year honors.

James, a 6'1," freshman from Columbus, Ohio, was named Freshman of the Year in Region XIV.

James and Smith both made the All-Tournament team at the nationals.

This year's team, which finished 29-7, returned only four players and was led by first-year coach Trenia Tillis. Two of the veterans, Smith and post Kelvona Lincoln, transferred.

While they wore the same uniforms as the previous year's team, this team didn't follow suit.

In NCAA action, the Michigan State men and Connecticut women are still alive in their bids for consecutive national championships.

Michigan State lost two NBA players in Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson, but returned five seniors who have all been to the past three final four's.

The Spartans (28-4) won the South region championship Sunday, topping Temple 69-62.

Unlike the Apache Ladies, the high-flying Spartans have kept their identity. Once again, they led the nation in rebounding.

To repeat as champions, the Spartans must first knock off Arizona, the 1997 national champions, who failed in their attempt to repeat in 1998. The other two final four qualifiers are Maryland and Duke, the last team to repeat as champions in 1991-92.

Connecticut (32-2) has faced and endured the toughest road toward a second straight title. The Lady Huskies rolled right into the final four despite losing their two All-Americans, Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph.

Tradition has helped the Lady Huskies, who won NCAA crowns last year and in 1995 before failing to repeat in 1996. Connecticut also qualified for the final four in 1991. Losing their star players didn't change the Lady Huskies' expectations of winning another title.

To win it all a second consecutive time, something must remain in the tank from the prior season.

TJC came close but ran out of gas at the end with their overhauled roster. If Michigan State and Connecticut plan on join-

# TJC women finish fifth in nation

by Harold Wilson  
Staff writer

Tyler Junior College ended their season on a high note despite falling short in their quest for back-to-back championships.

TJC won their last two games against Cincinnati State (78-68) and Jefferson (Mo.) to claim fifth place at the national tournament in Salina (Kan.).

Tyler, the Region XIV champions, fell out of title contention when they lost their second round game against Tallahassee (Fla.) 56-50.

TJC defeated Western Nebraska (62-58) in the first round.

The loss to Tallahassee dropped the Apache Ladies into the winner's consolation bracket. They bounced back with two of their strongest outings of the season.

Against Jefferson in the season finale, the frontcourt trio of Chinyere James, Shalonda Pipkin and Aiysha Smith carried the Apache Ladies once again.

Smith scored 25 points and Pipkin 20 to pace the TJC scoring attack. James contributed 12 points and 17 rebounds.

Both James and Smith made

the All-Tournament team. Pipkin made the All-Tournament team last season when the Apache Ladies claimed the national title.

Other than an eight-minute meltdown in their loss to Tallahassee, TJC played championship caliber basketball the rest of the tournament.

Tyler led most of the game's first 31 minutes against Tallahassee and led 46-37 with just under nine minutes remaining.

That changed once the Lady Eagles stepped up their defensive intensity and kept the Apache Ladies scoreless the next eight minutes.

Tallahassee went on a 15-0 run during that same stretch to take the lead for good, 52-46.

TJC completes its season with a record of 29-7, including 3-1 at the national tournament.

Cloud County (Kan.) captured the championship, knocking off top seeded Midland 71-56.

Tallahassee, who eliminated Tyler, finished third. They lost in the semifinals to Cloud County 105-96 in overtime.

Playing in their final game for the Apache Ladies were Bertha Collins, Kelvona



Courtesy photo

**TAKING CHARGE:** TJC All-American post Aiysha Smith drives to the basket during conference play. Smith led her team to their second straight national tournament trip.

Lincoln, Brandy Pennington, TJC are Keshun Irvin, Shalonda Pipkin, Aiysha Smith, Chinyere James, Tonyia Johnson, Kearria Moore and Ty Wady.

Returning next season for Meme Rogers.

## Fundraising set for revamped golf classic

By Katie Jenkins  
Contributing writer

The Patriot Golf Classic is moving in May to the Hollytree Country Club in Tyler, just one of the few changes initiated for this year's annual fund-raising event.

The event will be held May 21 at the club, located at 6700 Hollytree Drive.

"It is a different type of tournament this time," Beverley Golden, news and information director, said.

This is the tournament's 15th year, although this year for the

at Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler.

Financial concerns forced organizers to drop professional golfers from the lineup, officials announced last spring. The University also will no longer sponsor high school students at the event.

This year, 36 teams of four will compete in the tournament organized by volunteer chairmen Bryan Rossman, Tom Slack and Chris Ewert.

"Their hard work and effort is really a testament to their support of UT Tyler," Golden

biles as prizes.

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- Wagner Cadillac - Cadillac DeVille.

"We are pleased that these businesses have chosen to participate is such an exciting

East Texas in our effort to raise money for the scholarships at UT Tyler."

In addition to the tournament, the Million Dollar Hole-In-One contest will be held May 12-19 with the finalist shooting for the grand prize on May 20.

The Texas Shootout Barbecue and Auction will take place at the University Center at 6 p.m. May 19.

Robert Earl Keen, who performed at President George W. Bush's inaugural ball, will perform at the barbecue.

For ticket information about



ing the short list of repeat champions, they must continue to roll and crank up their play another notch.

first time it will be a "strictly amateur" event. In the past, the event was a pro-am event held said.

Also this year, Tyler-area car dealers have donated automo-

way," Ewert said. "This is an example of the support we're getting from all of Tyler and any of the events call the University's Office of Development at 566-7411.

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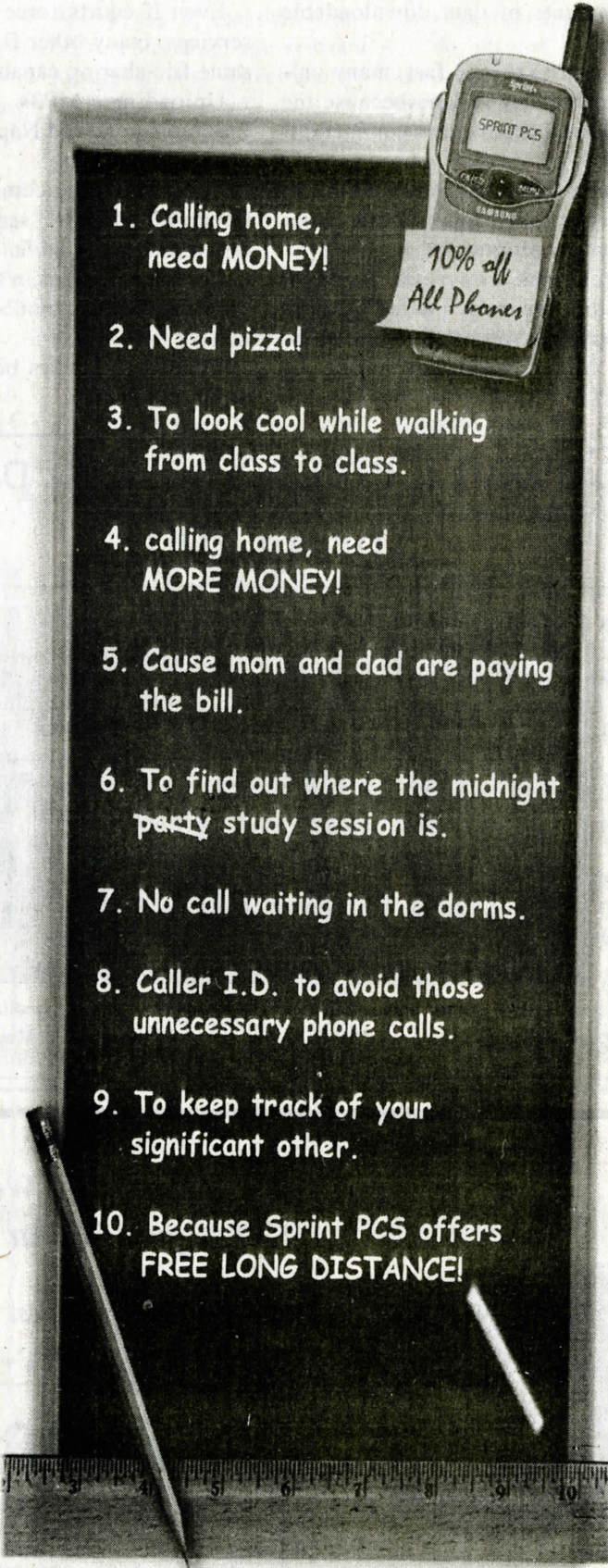


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# Non-traditional students find a **BALANCE**

## Single mother juggles school, parenthood, jobs

by Wendy Williamson  
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Ra Donna Womack, 40, and a mother of two, is not your average college student here at UT Tyler.

A resident of Chandler and a graduate of Athens High, Womack attended TVCC, TJC and the University of Arkansas. Majoring in journalism, Womack has managed to maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout her three years in college.

Divorced and raising her children alone, Womack has faced many difficulties.

She has a daughter, Nichole, 17, and a ten-year-old son, Jared.

Womack said she returned to school because she wants to provide better for her children.

"I had to wait until my children were old enough to stay home alone so I could work to support them while attending school," she said.

Womack works at both Red Lobster and the Black-Eyed Pea, the most she has held while a full-time student.

Since she is unable to spend a lot of time with her kids, Womack treasures the little they do have.

"The time we have together is now more special since I'm gone so much," she said.

A typical day for Womack begins by getting out of bed at 5 a.m., waking up the kids at six and having them on the bus by 6:50.

She's at work by 11 a.m., off at 10 p.m. and home by 11. On Tuesday and Thursday she attends school at UTT.

With everything in her life — children, work and taking care of her home and herself — just making it to class can become a tremendous hassle.

"Sometimes if I have to miss class," Womack said, "because of a sick child or work, I'll talk to my instructors and they tend to understand."

Womack said that once she and her daughter both had a history test over almost the same material and her daughter helped her study.

When Womack ended up



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**WORKING OVERTIME: Ra Donna Womack attempts to balance her studies, family and job.**

with an 'A' and her daughter failed her test, she asked Nichole why she failed.

"Well, Momma, I was helping you study!" Nichole replied.

"Nichole's never helped me study again," Womack said.

Presently receiving no financial aid, Womack says that money is very tight for her family.

"It takes all my money just to support us," she said.

Of course, with the load Womack carries, the stress can get to her.

"It's huge," she said, "but I pray and spend time with God and myself."

One would think that such a hectic life would put a strain on a family, but she said that it has not affected her family.

"Just my work has effected Nichole's social life, according to her," Womack said. "She said I've stolen her life from her with work and school, and that her life consists of school and taking care of Jared."

Womack continued, "So, I no longer work Friday nights so Nichole can have the car and a life!"

Womack said that although

she loses \$200 out of her paycheck for staying home Friday nights, she treasures the time alone with her son.

"Jared seems completely content that I am home alone with him so we can play games like Scrabble, Monopoly or the Play Station," she said.

Womack says she has no regrets.

"After graduation I will acquire a better paying job so I can support my children," she said.

Womack is definitely not your typical college junior. Even though her life is extremely hard right now, she keeps pushing forward because she wants to reach her goal and finish college.

She knows that once she receives her journalism degree she can get a good job and support her family the way she wants to.

Womack is definitely motivated, knowing how she will have much more time with her children once she finishes school.

## University classifies students

In the fall of 2000, the average age of students at the University dropped to 30, according to fall enrollment statistics.

"This is down from the previous average age of 34 to 35 prior to 1998," James Hutto, Dean of Enrollment Management, said.

Although the number of traditional students is on the rise, Hutto said that the University will not completely move away from the non-traditional student.

Hutto defines the traditional student as the student who takes the "traditional path to college at age 18."

He said the non-traditional student was more difficult to define.

"Institutions across the country have different definitions," Hutto said. "But generally, the non-traditional student has come back to college to complete a degree in the field they may already work in, as opposed to the freshmen who come in looking for a major."

## Commuter student struggles with being away from child

by Lana Cain  
Staff writer

Facing a 98-mile commute to school each morning, Destiny Black has to trust others to care for the love of her life, her two-year-old daughter, Carson.

Three days a week, Carson stays with a private sitter in her hometown, Teague. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Black's mother keeps Carson at her home.

Black said she wishes there was a daycare on campus for her daughter.

A challenge for all non-traditional students with children is what to do with them when they are sick.

"When Carson is sick, I either don't

come to school or my mom has to take off work," Black said.

And if Carson gets sick in the middle of the day, Black's mom is the only one who can get to her.

"It's inconvenient for my mom," Black said.

The time involved in going to school full time and trying to raise a family takes up any extra time Black might otherwise have.

Due to the long commute each day, Black is away from her family at least 54 hours each week. Sixteen of those hours are on Monday.

Doing her homework is another major challenge.

"I can't do my homework at home because my child looks at me and I feel guilty for not being home all day," Black said.

Black said if homework doesn't get done between classes, it might not get done.

Even though she's only two years old, being away from her mother all day sometimes affects Carson's behavior.

"One day she is this really sweet kid and the next day she can be horrible," Black said with a smile. "She'll grab my hand and expect me to go wherever she wants to go whenever she wants to go there."

Trying to toilet train Carson has been another obstacle.

"It's really hard when she's at a different house everyday of the week," Black said. "And normal kids have a schedule, but Carson is up running around until eleven at night."

She also said Carson sleeps with her and her husband every night.

"Who am I to tell her she can't sleep with us after I haven't seen her all day?" Black said.

She said it is the price she has to pay to complete her degree.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Black said. "I'm almost finished with school."

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Editor's note: These features are the first in a three-part series about the struggles non-traditional students face. In a University setting where the non-traditional student is tradition, students lead unusually hectic lives. Finding a balance between children, jobs and school can be a challenge.

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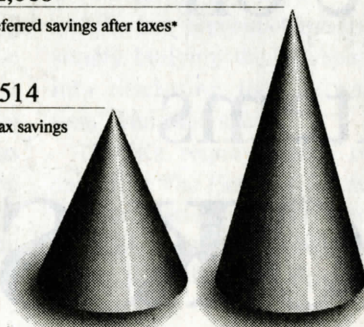
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## Fire marshal finds violations; University corrects problems

By Rhonda Sterling  
Contributing writer

A Texas Fire Marshal's inspection found some code violations on campus last October, but all have been corrected, according to a state report.

The violations generally concerned exit doors and combination lock doors in various campus buildings.

The marshal's office is responsible for inspecting state university buildings as part of a yearly report on fire hazards and safety issues. In one year, inspectors may conduct more than 8,000 on-site visits.

The University of Texas at Tyler volunteered for an inspection last year, according to the marshal's office report.

The report indicated University officials had corrected many of the fire safety violations noted in the October report.

Efforts to reach Physical Plant Director Chip Clark for comment were unsuccessful.

The state inspection at the

University revealed the following violations:

### Cowan Center

- Room 1018 was missing a closure on the door entering the corridor. Door closures should be maintained continuously.

- The Meadows Gallery corridor is subject to an occupancy load well exceeding 100 people.

- The second floor academic area has a dead-end corridor about 90 feet in length, and the common path of travel from the farthest room on this corridor is about 125 feet long.

### Health and Kinesiology Building

- The double rear exit doors were once accessible to the public and could have been utilized as an exit. The doors have now been identified as not an exit.

### Robert R. Muntz Library

- The second exit within the materials laboratory is not easily accessible. The exit path is restricted by a bookshelf, which narrows the path of travel.

### Business Administration Building

- The southwest stairwell

corridor area was blocked by several vending machines. They were removed, but another has been installed. This machine could prevent exiting during an emergency evacuation.

- The rooms within this building have combination locking devices meeting the necessary criteria, but staff members are not provided with keys to disengage the locking mechanisms.

### Math and Science Building

- The rooms within this building have combination locking devices that meet necessary guidelines, but the staff members are not provided with keys to disengage the locking mechanisms.

### Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building

- The stairwell entry door latching devices that are located near the elevator and Room 201 are missing. This affects the exit by allowing pressure generated by a fire to push the doors open, spreading flames and smoke into the stairwell.

## Students testify before House, Senate about University bills

By Jyll Richburg  
Contributing writer

Three University students testified earlier this month before Texas legislators about two proposed athletic-related fees.

Neil Crane and Ryan C. Watson spoke before the state Senate's Education Committee the week before spring break. Lana Cain, a senior journalism major, testified before the House's Higher Education Committee during the break.

University President Rodney H. Mabry and Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of students, attended both sessions.

Both committees heard testimony favoring the creation of an athletic fee to support intercollegiate athletics at the

University of Texas at Tyler and a fee for a proposed physical education building.

Last spring, University students approved assessing up to \$40 a semester for part of the cost of operating the building that will include basketball courts and other recreational facilities.

In a fall election, students approved paying up to \$7 a semester credit hour to support intercollegiate athletics.

Crane, who works in the Student Activities Office, said he testified in favor of constructing the physical education building on campus.

"I am knowledgeable about the building and have been around since the proposal was made," he said.

Watson said he is an advo-

cate of campus activities.

He serves as a peer mentor, serves on the Student Activities Programming Board and is a member of the Marketing Management Association.

He testified in favor of intercollegiate activities.

"I was very proud to be chosen to speak. I was a little nervous, but it was very exciting to see the political process go on," Watson said.

Cain, the treasurer of the Student Government Association, said she had never done anything like this before.

"The legislature likes to hear from students before they vote on the bills to find out if the athletic fee was approved by the student body," she said.

## New provost takes over this summer with lower salary than predecessor

By Jyll Richburg  
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Dr. David O'Keeffe Jr., the in-coming provost and vice president for academic affairs, will be paid \$112,000 per year, Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs said.

O'Keeffe's salary is \$14,632 less than that paid to provost Dr. W.A. Baker, who will retire at the end of the semester.

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

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

O'Keeffe earned a doctorate

in chemistry from Arizona State University and has published numerous articles based on his research in the areas of biochemistry and environmental chemistry.

He was selected as the new provost from five finalists from Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas and Oklahoma.

O'Keeffe will begin working for the University on June 1.

## Checking the stock



— by Aaron Roberts

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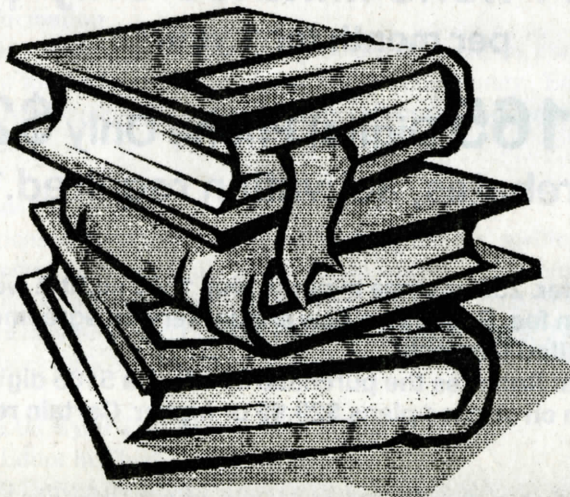


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