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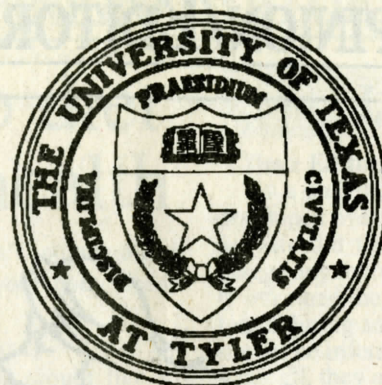
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Jury convicts former student of bribe charge

by Wendy L. Moore
Staff writer

Jurors on Tuesday convicted a former University Pines resident of attempting to bribe a campus guard who cited him for parking in a handicapped spot.

The jury of five men and one woman deliberated about 90 minutes, before finding 29-year-old Marcus Adkins guilty of the Class A misdemeanor: offering a gift to a public servant.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on May 10 before County Court at Law Judge Floyd Getz.

Adkins is eligible for probation but could receive up to two years in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000.

Adkins was arrested for offering money to Chris Dickson, a University security guard, on Sept. 7.

Adkins, a former Tyler

the vehicle Adkins asked if he was going to give him a ticket. When Dickson said he was going to issue a \$50 ticket, Adkins tried to persuade him not to issue the ticket by offering him money, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

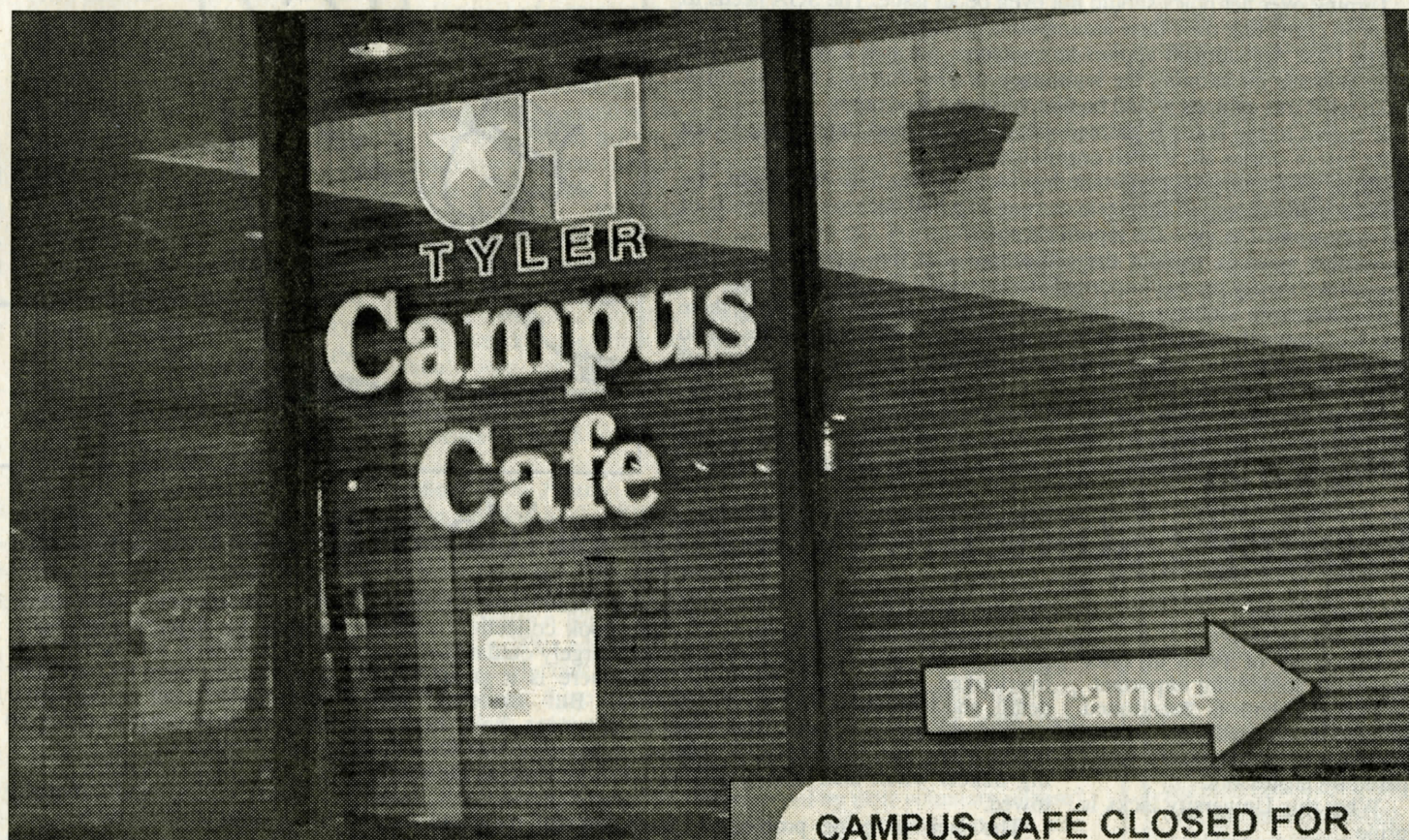
"He said 'I'll give you \$30 to make it go away,'" Dickson told jurors.

Dickson said he never gave any indication he could take money from the defendant.

Adkins said he did not offer \$30 to Dickson, he just wanted to pay the officer the ticket fine.

"I told him to take the money now and save me all the hassle," Adkins said. "I just wanted to get it over with."

Defense attorney Leslie Mclean argued to jurors that Adkins thought it was acceptable to pay for the ticket when it is issued. In Illinois, where Adkins lived the majority of his life, it is common practice to



— by Melissa Tresner

WHERE'S THE BEEF: The Campus Cafe closed its doors April 3, leaving students and faculty without campus food services.

Campus Cafe ends contract

**CAMPUS CAFÉ CLOSED FOR
REMAINDER OF SEMESTER**



WE APOLOGIZE FOR
THE INCONVENIENCE...
LOOK FOR NEW
FOOD SERVICES
AVAILABLE THIS
SUMMER.

— by Melissa Tresner

Junior College student, said he parked in a handicapped space so his friend could retrieve her license from her apartment.

When Dickson approached

pay an officer at the time a ticket is issued, she said.

Adkins testified he had received three speeding tickets

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Activities planned for first Patriot Days

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

"Patriot Days" are coming to the University during the first ever Student Appreciation week from April 16 to 21.

The six-day event will feature free food, a car wash, a scavenger hunt, field events, live entertainment, and a virtual reality rollercoaster ride.

The Patriot Days are "fun, enjoyment, excitement, and activities for students," Ernest McAllister, student activities coordinator, said.

He compared the event to the "Spring Flings" held on other campuses.

The Patriot Days officially begin on April 16 with a pizza party at the Longview University Center at 5 p.m. Donuts will be served at the Palestine campus the next

morning.

Wednesday marks the first day of events in Tyler, with a free car wash run by faculty members at University Pines, a scavenger hunt, and cookies served in the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth and Business Buildings and the University Center.

The "Patriot Games" begin on Thursday at 2 p.m. Students participate in a variety of field events from a three-legged race to a bungee run, with prizes for the winners.

To participate in the games, students must first register with McAllister or Mark Matthews in UC Room 282 by April 18.

Students must register in teams of four—two females and two males. The cost is \$20 per team, and the winning team of

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unexpectedly

By Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

Food service on campus will be limited to vending machines for the rest of the semester since J.W. Finn's Campus Café closed its doors April 3.

"We met with the operator..., and we mutually agreed to terminate [the contract] early to explore other possibilities," Scott Scarborough, vice president for business affairs, said.

Efforts by *The Patriot* to reach Jim Finninger, the operator, were unsuccessful.

The contract between the University and Finninger has been effective since February 1998 and was set to expire in August.

The café was the lowest rated department on campus, according to an October faculty survey. Scarborough said Finninger was not "making money," and he wanted out of the contract.

"We are currently exploring several options for future food service operations," he said.

The Campus Café not only

LOOK OUT: The University of Texas at Tyler is exploring options for new food services. The University and Finn's mutually agreed to terminate their contract early.

provided food in the University Center, but also catered University events.

The closing has affected students and faculty members who depended on the café for lunches and catering.

"I have to go all the way home for lunch," music student Dusty Windom said.

Windom lives at the University Pines Apartments, so she does not have as long a trip as commuter students.

Scarborough said he is unsure of how much time it will

"We need time to explore options and circulate proposals."

— SCOTT SCARBOROUGH

take to find a replacement for Finn's.

"We need time to explore options and circulate proposals," he said.

Newspaper seeks attorney general's opinion

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

University system attorneys and *The Patriot* asked Attorney General John Cornyn to rule on whether the student newspaper must comply with an open records request seeking reporters' notes and recordings.

Aimee Griffy, Student Government Association president, filed the request March 21 saying she needs the notes to prove a previous article about SGA violations is inaccurate.

The Patriot declined to release any notes and recordings because it believes the information is protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Michael Heistand, an attorney at the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., prepared a brief for the attorney general supporting this claim.

The SPLC provides legal assistance to protect and educate the student media on their First Amendment rights and

freedom of information, Heistand said.

The Patriot also asked Cornyn to determine if the material could be classified as public information since the certainty of whether the student newspaper is a "governmental body" has not been addressed.

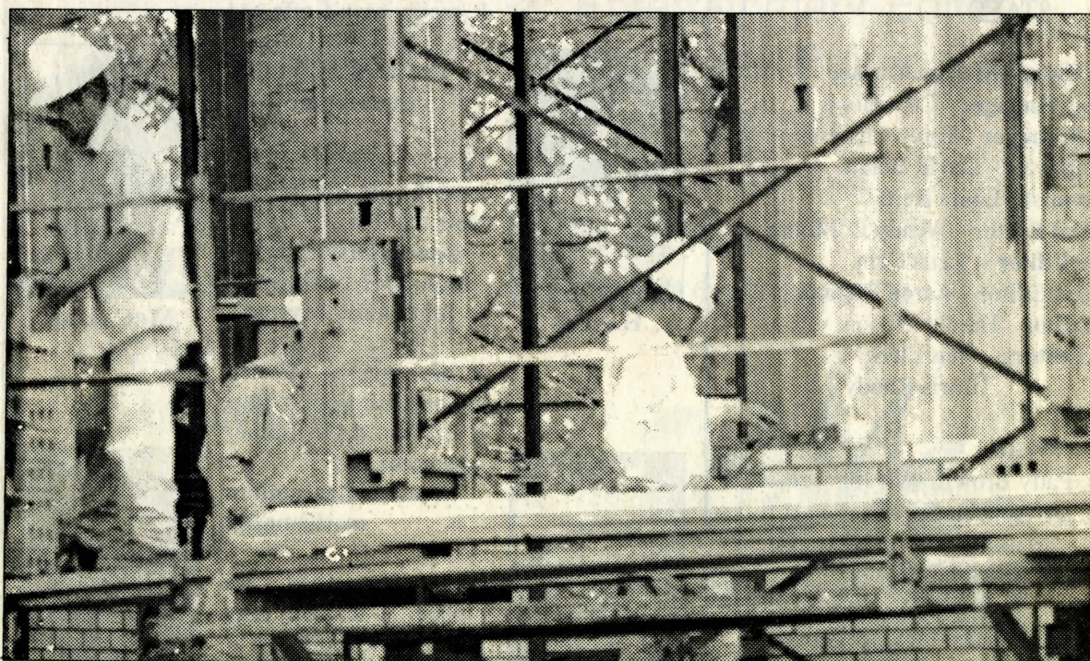
"Courts in other contexts have consistently ruled that student journalists, are not 'state actors' subject to the same limitations or regulations as other government officials or employ-

ees," Heistand said in his brief to the attorney general.

University system attorneys also questioned whether *The Patriot* would be subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

"While The University of Texas at Tyler is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act under the provisions of Section 552.003, Government Code, it is not clear that the activities of the student newspaper are covered

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— by Melissa Tresner

NO SLACKERS HERE: Construction workers began laying bricks last month on the outer shell of the Riter Millennium Bell Tower. Rain has delayed the project, but it is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Bricks stacking up on bell tower; completion date moved to June

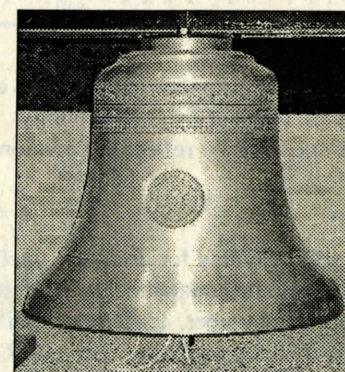
by Brandee Boyd
Contributing writer

Workers began last month building the outer shell of the University's latest construction project that, by the end of June, will stack up to be a towering 30,000 bricks.

Construction on the 88-foot-tall Riter Millennium Bell Tower began last fall, after the A.W. "Dub" Riter family donated \$1.35 million for the structure.

Construction foreman Steve Martin said rain delayed the progress by nearly two months, but the building continues.

The tower will house 57 cop-



per bells, with the smallest being five and a half inches in diameter and the largest 44 1/2 inches.

The bells can be programmed to play almost any type of music, Martin said, including

the wedding march.

Four Roman-numeral-faced clocks, each eight feet in diameter, are expected to arrive and go up about the same time as the bells, Martin said.

A circular concrete sidewalk will be poured, with spoke-like walkways leading into the center of the tower floor.

A granite block, four feet in diameter, will display the University seal.

According to the blueprints, landscaping will be added after the tower is complete.

Workers will plant azaleas, perennials and hollies, as well as other plants.

Editorial

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the rights of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

There you have it. The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in all its glory. It's very straightforward and easy to understand. How some students on this campus feel about it is another story.

Apparently there are a few mistaken students on campus who believe this particular freedom should not apply to *The Patriot*.

Last week student government president Aimee Griffy filed an open records request to view copies of interview notes taken by our student newspaper's editor. *The Patriot's* editor has come under intense fire from the SGA for reporting the multiple violations of their own constitution.

Now, because the editor refuses to turn over her notes, some students are charging her story is inaccurate. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As journalists, certain responsibilities are shouldered that are undeniable. Truth, accuracy, and fairness are just a few. All three of these responsibilities were pursued for the SGA story. Interviews were conducted, facts checked and rechecked, and even excerpts from the SGA constitution were used in the story as a reference.

Turning over her notes should not even be an issue. The SGA needs to focus on correcting their false assumptions about their rules and by-laws.

The First Amendment applies to everyone, not just a select few. For those students questioning the legitimacy of *The Patriot's* actions, think about what this campus would be like without a free press.

If access to the notes is granted, people could start demanding to see notes before stories are written or published.

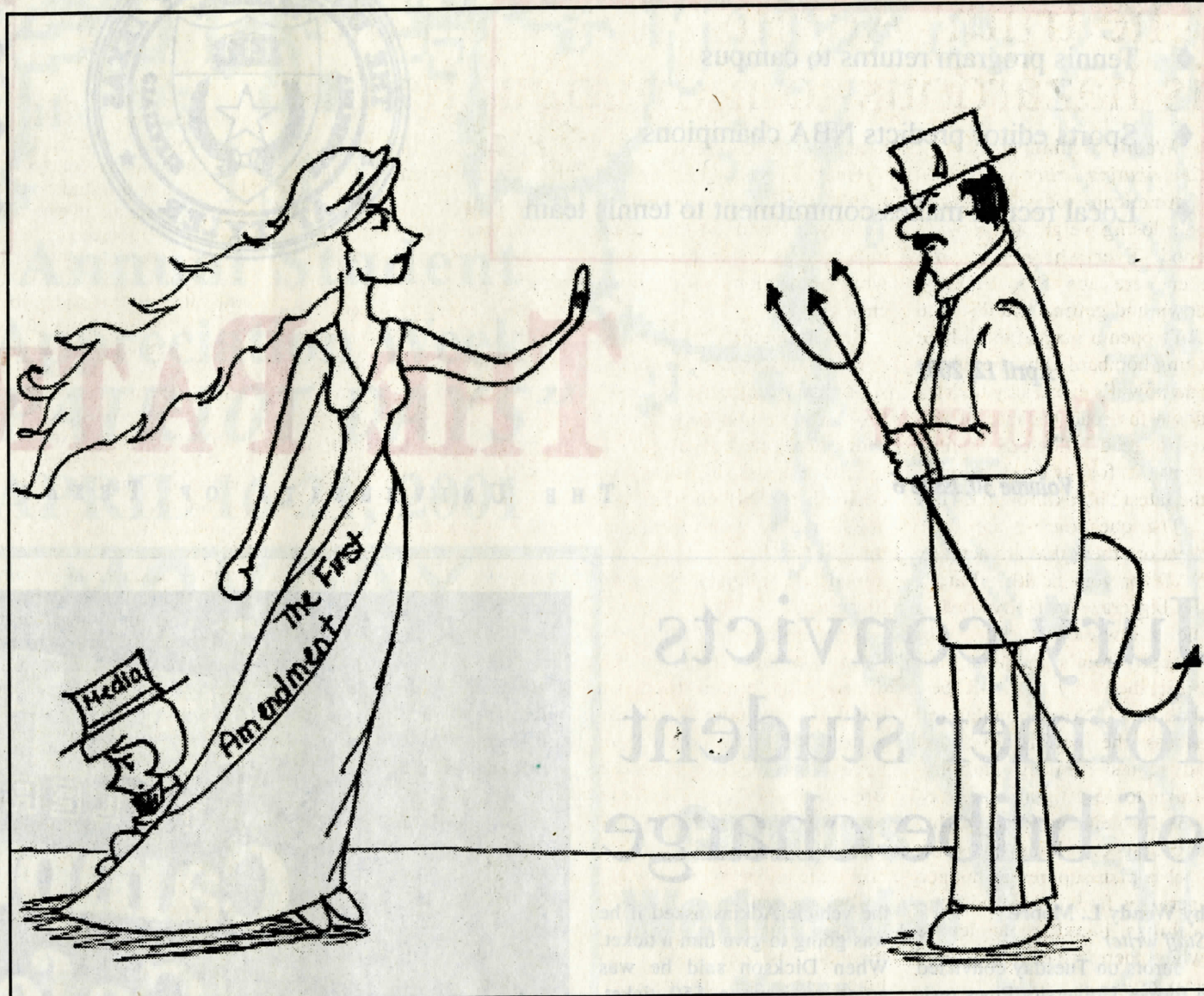
Think about all the important historical stories like Watergate, the tobacco industry, and Monicagate coming to a halt because the objects of the story wanted to view the reporter's notes.

Another issue is without the protection of a free press anonymous sources would dry up and important stories would disappear forever.

To quote from a letter to the editor received last week, "Obviously, there is at least one other, legal and proper manner in which these notes could be obtained...the notes could be surrendered for public review by the staff of *The Patriot*."

The problem is it would not be legal or proper.

Think about the ultimate consequences of voluntarily giving up our rights under the First Amendment. Is that where this university is headed?



College students lacking pride are not alone

by Ann Wilson

Contributing writer

University of Texas at Tyler is lacking something important.

The problem is mentioned quietly in the hallways among students, even sheepishly whispered by professors.

What this University lacks is pride.

In Temple, Texas, where I live, there is a small community college. It has great teachers and professors, a wonderful library and a brand new administration building.

But like UT Tyler, Temple College has a serious lack of pride problem. So what is wrong?

At Temple College, the problem seems to stem from the neglect of little things.

For example, last year the college built a new administration building. Nice, big, unified,

parking lot has shrunk.

The new building was supposed to be helpful. But they overlooked a seemingly small detail, and blew it.

Students get mad and frustrated when they receive parking tickets when their cars are towed.

The lack of pride problem gets worse.

So what does this story have to do with UT Tyler? The administration here is also trying to do something helpful, something to create pride.

This year, there is a lovely new water fountain, and a bell tower is going up. The things are intended to be symbols of pride.

When students look back at the college experience, it isn't the bell towers and water fountains that matter. Those are only symbols.

desperate need of new books.

The book collection is meager and largely outdated.

Yes, there is a great online archive. But students need books they can hold in their hands, take home with them and fall asleep reading on the couch.

Why don't we have them? Please don't tell me about budget.

If we can get someone to donate a bell tower, we can get someone else to donate enough to fill up the library.

And though it is a very big deal, the library isn't the only problem.

Let me tell you a few UT Tyler stories. Things I have experienced myself or was told by close friends:

A fired professor waits broodingly for his last day on campus to arrive. In the meantime, he repeatedly tells his

of congratulations to or gratitude for the departing seniors.

A professor scolds her students, telling them that are they don't understand a particular allegory, they can't possibly be good Christians.

Little things? Perhaps. Every college and university has its problems. But.

What this and other schools may have forgotten is that they are running a business, and the students are the customers. Yes, the idea is to teach and to instill respect and pride.

But how are you going to do that if the "customers" are not pleased with what they are buying or with the service?

So as I prepare for graduation and to leave a second place of higher learning with a serious lack of pride problem, here is my advice, wanted or not, to the administration.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the February 8 edition of *The Patriot*, members of the editorial staff (hereinafter p-staff) argue that parking at UT Tyler is "less than adequate." We empathize. Among our top ten least favorite experiences in college, we list trying to find a parking place at peak parking hours right up there with taking a pop quiz, failing the pop quiz, and realizing that you've already used up the one bad grade the professor will throw away on the last pop quiz.

Our empathy notwithstanding, we draw a distinction between the act of finding a parking space and actual parking space availability. Since p-staff doesn't quite make clear their standard of "adequacy," we're gonna guess a bit here. If by adequate they mean something like, "The parking situation is such that too many students too much of the time have to park too far away from their classes," that would be one thing. On the other hand, if they are suggesting that there aren't enough spaces to accommodate students, she has miscalculated.

According to Sgt. Smith of UTT's police department, the actual number of parking spaces available at UTT is 1,440. Of these, 1,128 are designated for students only. According to Sherri Watley, of UTT's Institutional Research Department, the maximum number of students on campus at any given time of the day does not exceed 700 — a liberal estimate. By our calculations, this leaves some 428 (or 38%) parking spaces yet available, during peak times.

p-staff further laments that parking spaces paid for by students

needed. They put it right smack in the middle of what used to be one of the largest parking lots on campus.

Then they tore up the rest of the pavement and put in grass and trees. Also nice.

Except they forgot to purchase more land for parking. So the college has grown, and the

To stand for something, a symbol must have original meaning. The pride must be there in the first place.

Like in Temple, some real student needs have been forgotten.

No, we don't really have a parking problem here, but there are a few very real problems.

For one thing, the library is in

classroom or students everything he hates about this University.

A financial aid office worker rudely tells desperate students that there is no available emergency aid. Turns out, there is. It just takes persistence and going over her head.

A December graduation takes place with no reception, token

Take a close look at the little things. Pay attention to how the students are treated by faculty and staff.

Pay attention to what is said about the University in the classrooms and in the hallways. Pay attention to whether students are happy, and why.

And for heaven's sake, do something about the library.

"should not be designated for visitors who do not pay for them." In defense, one member of p-staff in particular relates heartfelt personal testimony concerning the evening of January 25 when she had to wait in a line of cars after a night class, battling a Cowan Center audience for 20 minutes just to get out of the parking lot. We feel her pain. Her story, however, further illustrates our point. Even if she had to wait in line for 40 minutes because all of the UTT parking spaces in sight had been used up, this would only show that parking was indeed adequate. It would be the cars leaving from outside the parking lot that would raise our suspicions.

Again, p-staff, we empathize. Parking at UTT can be a real — problem. Not because of the lack of available parking spaces, but because we can't find reasonable grounds to complain to the extent we would like because, well, because the moon is so very, very far away. And we're not on it.

Jared Denniston, Jason Gerdes, Doug Williams

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

University gives students career opportunities



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

**by Will
Johnson**
Staff writer

An Education Career Fair filled the White Lobby at the front of Cowan Center on April 3. From 9 a.m. to 1p.m. school districts from around this area and beyond looked to hire teachers. Forty-four districts waited eagerly to tell potential employees why they should sign up with a particular district.

Representatives of the school districts displayed bright, well-crafted pamphlets and other written materials to everyone interested: factual information giving a run-down of salaries and benefits, forms of compensation competitive with starting packages offered to new graduates in many fields.

Krista Richardson, coordinator of career services at this University, organized the career fair. The demand for teachers is high, and Career Services receives many calls from school districts looking for qualified teachers.

"I've had lots of calls from districts, people looking to hire," Richardson said.

Wandering among the representatives, the enthusiasm is obvious and high. Any idea that teachers aren't respected professionals is quickly shattered. The pay and benefits offered for starting teachers begins at a state-mandated \$24,240. From there, districts offer a full range of benefits from things most would expect, like health and life insurance, to things that might surprise some, like cash stipends.

Recruiting is spirited; the districts present at the education career fair made no secret of the fact they need teachers and are looking for good candidates. Representatives from the Irving Independent School District said their district needs good people everywhere in that district, at every level.

Judy Moore of Gilmer touted the small size of her district relative to others.

"We're smaller, but the cost of living is smaller too," Moore said.

Margie Centers of Tatum emphasized the closeness of her community.

"We don't have a high turnover rate. People move sometimes, but mostly they stay. We're looking for good candidates who like stability," Centers said.

The education career fair is an annual event held by the University of Texas at

Tyler's Career Services to help provide school districts and students interested in teaching an opportunity to interact.

A memo from Professor Reginald Killingley on March 23 advised all student teachers to attend, reminding them that their appearance needed to "reflect the level of professionalism that would encourage an employer to hire you on the spot."

The career fair was advertised by flier, e-mail, and table tents. Intercom Online, a campus faculty and staff newsletter, told professors about the fair.

"All education majors or students thinking about a career in education are encouraged to attend," said Richardson of career services.

About 100 students came, with a generally positive reaction. Being impressed with the range of districts present and having a convenient way of locating potential teaching positions were common reasons stated for student enjoyment of the career fair.

Evaluations of the career fair by attending school districts were positive as well. Districts from Longview Independent School District to Port Arthur ISD thought the fair was well organized with good hospitality and a great selection of candidates.

The career fair included lunch, and students could register for door prizes.

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CAMPUS VOICE

How has the Campus Cafe's closing affected you?



HALL

I had to go to Jason's Deli. It was out of my way.

**Mendi Hall, senior,
elementary education**



BEDFORD

I usually buy cokes here, but today I had to drive to Subway for my drink.

**June Bedford, senior,
elementary education**



HANLON

It really hasn't affected me.

**Tim Hanlon, junior,
general business**



MCCARTER

I used to eat there twice a week with my friends. Now that's it.

**Jonathan McCarter,
sophomore, computer
information systems**



LEE

It has greatly affected me because I don't have a car to drive somewhere and eat.

**Amber Lee, junior,
mathematics**



JOHNSON

Now that they are closed, I cannot buy latte for the mornings or salads to snack on.

**Will Johnson, senior,
English**

The truth: Adkins' low-carb diet is hazardous to individual health

by Wendy Williamson
Contributing writer

Americans today are crazed over losing weight and looking good. Everywhere you turn, there are ads for slimming down and getting healthy. You can't open a magazine without being bombarded by diet plans, and now it's even risky to drive down the road because of trying to read billboards or little signs at four-way stops with the latest "breakthrough diet."

The question is: are there diets out there that are actually BAD for your health? Lately, the big craze in Hollywood is the low-carb diet, or Carbohydrate's Addicts diet, prescribed by Dr. Robert Adkins. Now popular all across the nation, this diet advocates limiting carbohydrates to 15-60 grams per day, while protein and fat are highly encouraged. Adkins states that such a plan suppresses hunger, increases fat burning and helps stabilize blood sugar levels, which therefore decreases food cravings.

Is this statement fact or fiction? It is not true, according to most health professionals. Lynn Greiger, states the Adkins' diet promotes a byproduct in our body, called ketones, which are formed when our body breaks down stored fat to supply energy from a lack of carbs. Ketones suppress appetite but also cause fatigue, nausea and potentially dangerous fluid loss. Though the majority of these dieters lose 10-16 pounds the first 10 days, a lot of it is water loss.

Low carb dieters have complained of tiredness, irritability and, from the lack of carbohydrates, low blood sugar, which can cause unconsciousness. Gee, you may lose some weight, but it doesn't sound like too much of that feeling

great is in the contract.

One 27-year-old Adkins dieter, who lost nine pounds in 10 days, found herself lying unconscious in her living room while home alone with her two children.

She immediately called a doctor and was told her blood sugar had become dangerously low and her body had gone into shock. She gave herself a cookie and a glass of juice and decided right then that her health was not worth risking on this diet and has since maintained a balanced, healthy lifestyle.

The diet plan is where Adkins attracts most of his dieters. High-protein foods are limitless, which means you can go to IHOP every morning and have the Meat Lover's Breakfast with eggs, sausage, bacon and a pork chop. But then you have to toss the biscuit aside and skip the morning coffee; ice water will do.

You can hit the drive-through at McDonald's for lunch, but be sure not to eat the bun, only the hamburger patty. And sorry kids, no fries with that. For dinner you can have a huge juicy steak, some more sausage, and even some fried chicken, but peel off the skin. Oh, and make it another HUGE glass of ice water (64 ounces a day is the rule).

Notice there is no mention of fruits and vegetables. That's because fruits are loaded with carbs, and for the first 14 days of the diet, veggies are even limited. Grains and all high fiber foods, which help with digestion and blood flow, are severely restricted to 20 grams a day, at first, then gradually increased.

Adkins recommends you take the supplements while on his diet.

Any diet that requires supplements obviously means the

diet plan doesn't include all of the nutrients your body needs to be healthy.

And that's scary.

Sure, anyone would like to believe that these foods recommended by Dr. Adkins are health foods, but they aren't. According to Dr. Dean Ornish, there is more scientific evidence than ever that a diet high in fat and animal products is strongly linked with heart disease, prostate cancer, breast cancer and other diseases.

Is this another failed diet? You betcha. Weight loss can be reached on almost any diet. The problem is keeping it off. A government survey a few years ago, of many different weight loss plans, found that two-thirds of people who lost weight gained it all back within a year.

Ninety-seven percent gained it back within five. Though many Adkins followers have said they lost 14 pounds in the first 10 days, many gained it back as soon as they increased their carb intake ever so slightly.

Adkins has never published a single article in any medical journal showing that his diet can help people lose weight and keep it off, according to Ornish.

One of the reasons for the quick weight loss on Adkins' plan is that our body urinates to rid itself of the toxic substances it accumulates and it goes into the ketotic states Ornish says. Even if you lose weight and keep it off, you may be mortgaging your health in the process.

Instead of hurting your body for temporary weight loss, why not try the sensible method of decreasing your calories, maintaining a balanced diet and exercising moderately? It works, and you'll feel great for life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a student I am utterly appalled at the controversy that has developed over *The Patriot's* student government investigation. In no way did the article defame or discredit the SGA, nor did it charge any individuals with major wrong-doing. *The Patriot* merely informed the student body of infringements and discrepancies it found during an investigation. Does the SGA not feel that students should be informed of the plans and goings on of the organization? After all, they are our elected officials, chosen by the student body to be our voice to the school. So in a sense do they not have an obligation to the student body, to inform us of their decisions? The SGA is an entity, which we as students grant power. Often as we vote, we simply choose the names that are familiar. Hardly ever do we have a face to put with the name on the ballot. As voters we know very little about the actual person represented in the posters we see on campus. Many of us pass SGA members in the hall and do not even realize it.

It is the responsibility of the media to inform and educate the public of all matters concerning them, good or bad without bias and without the fear of repercussions. This it is the duty of *The Patriot*. To inform the students of UT Tyler of any and all information that affects our lives as students on this campus. A newspaper cannot simply pick and choose which stories it reports. If a story presents itself and is of importance it must be reported or the integrity of the paper is compromised, and will be questioned in the future.

The ability for journalists to freely report the news without fear is one of the founding principles of this country. Our forefathers knew this when creating the constitution. They knew that the press is the best way to inform the public of situations in government, thus allowing them to make educated decisions when voting. The fact that the Aimee Griffy has requested *The Patriots'* notes in this matter is a farce. Why on earth would they want to see notes on a story that does not hurt them in anyway? *The Patriot* only did its duty to its readers by disclosing the information it found during the investigation, informing us of our government's activities. The SGA is acting like a group of children who took the article as a personal attack rather than an objective news story. Perhaps they should step back and analyze the situation like adults and then judge what they are doing and how it makes them look.

Laura M. Reiff

Editor of the Patriot:

In the March 29, 2001 edition of the Patriot, in the article entitled, "Griffy files records request....," includes a statement which commits a fallacy of logic. The statement is:

"Attorney Michael Heistand said the only way the students can get the information [reporter's notes concerning a story printed in the March 19, 2001 edition of the paper] is to get a court order, but the courts are reluctant to force news reporters to relinquish their notes."

Obviously, there is at least one other, legal and proper manner in which these notes could be obtained by Griffy et al - the notes could be surrendered for public review by the staff of *The Patriot*. Perhaps the constitution protects *The Patriot* staff from the forced release of its notes, but might not Truth be protected by their voluntary release?

Scientists' papers, research notes and experimental data are also protected from forcible release by the Constitution. However, any scientist making a claim about his observations voluntarily and completely surrenders her data in support of her claim. Refusal to do so would immediately call into question both the veracity of the claim and the integrity of the scientist.

Situations can be hypothesized when a scientist may want to keep a discovery secret, or may want to voluntarily suppress data processes he has discovered. Likewise, similar situations can be hypothesized where a journalist may best serve the interests of herself, the public and her medium by refusing to release her notes or sources. However, the refusal to release information by a journalist must be accompanied by a compelling reason to do so. Otherwise, a reasoning and discriminate reader must question the veracity of every word reported by that journalist. A journalist who willingly releases notes whenever possible builds integrity and trust with the thinking public.

Clarification

A March 19 article in *The Patriot* stated the Student Government Association violated Article VI, Section C of its Election Code by allowing a business senator who was running for secretary to accept applications from other candidates.

At the time the forms were in the hands of the senator, she had not turned in her own application, so she was not a candidate yet, SGA president, Aimee Griffy said.

However, in a press release issued by vice president Alan Thomas, the business senator intended to become an applicant.

"This was a mistake in the handling of applications, but in no way was there malicious intent in any actions taken by an SGA member," Thomas said.

The same article stated the SGA possibly violated Article VI, Section A by not giving proper notice of the filing deadline.

Griffy said fliers were posted on campus two weeks before the March 1 deadline. However, *The Patriot*, the official source of campus news, received notice about one week before.

Correction

A March 29 article in *The Patriot* should have stated: "Two people from the Longview University Center and one person from the Palestine campus voted in the SGA elections."

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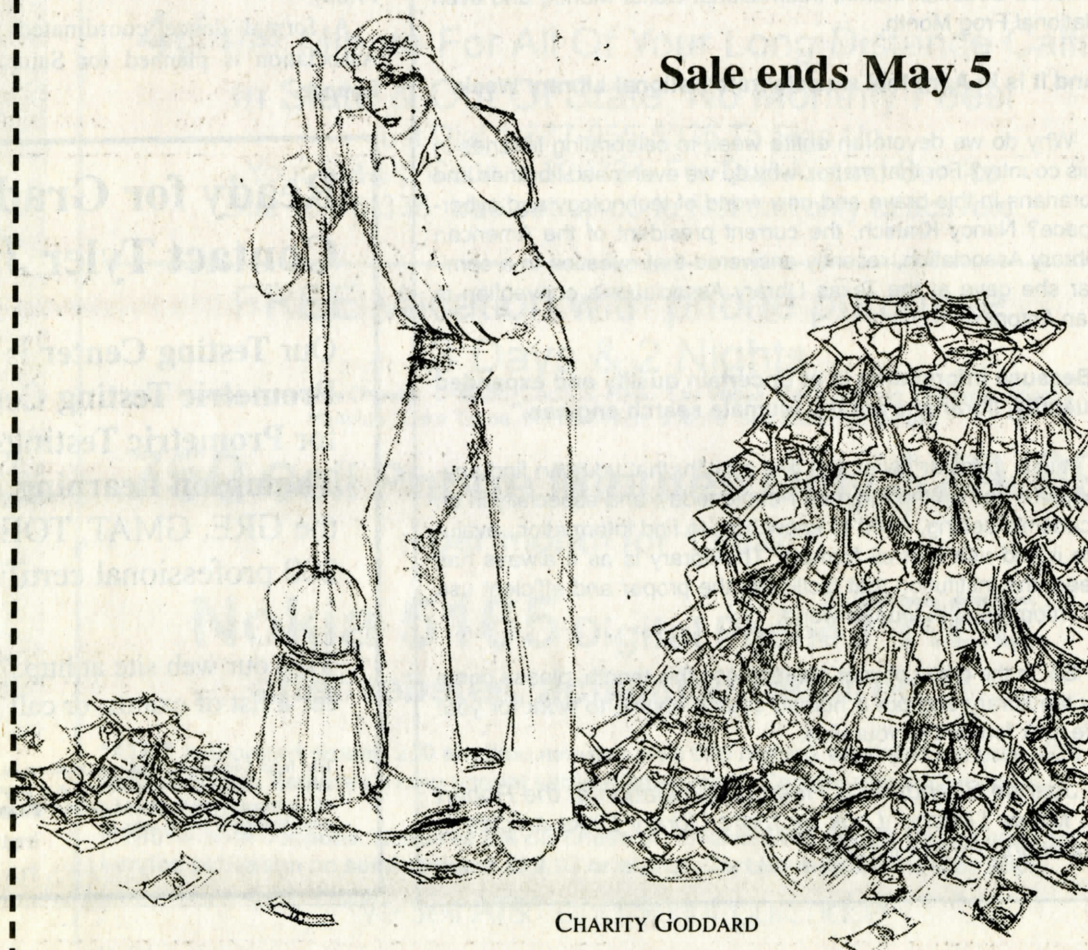
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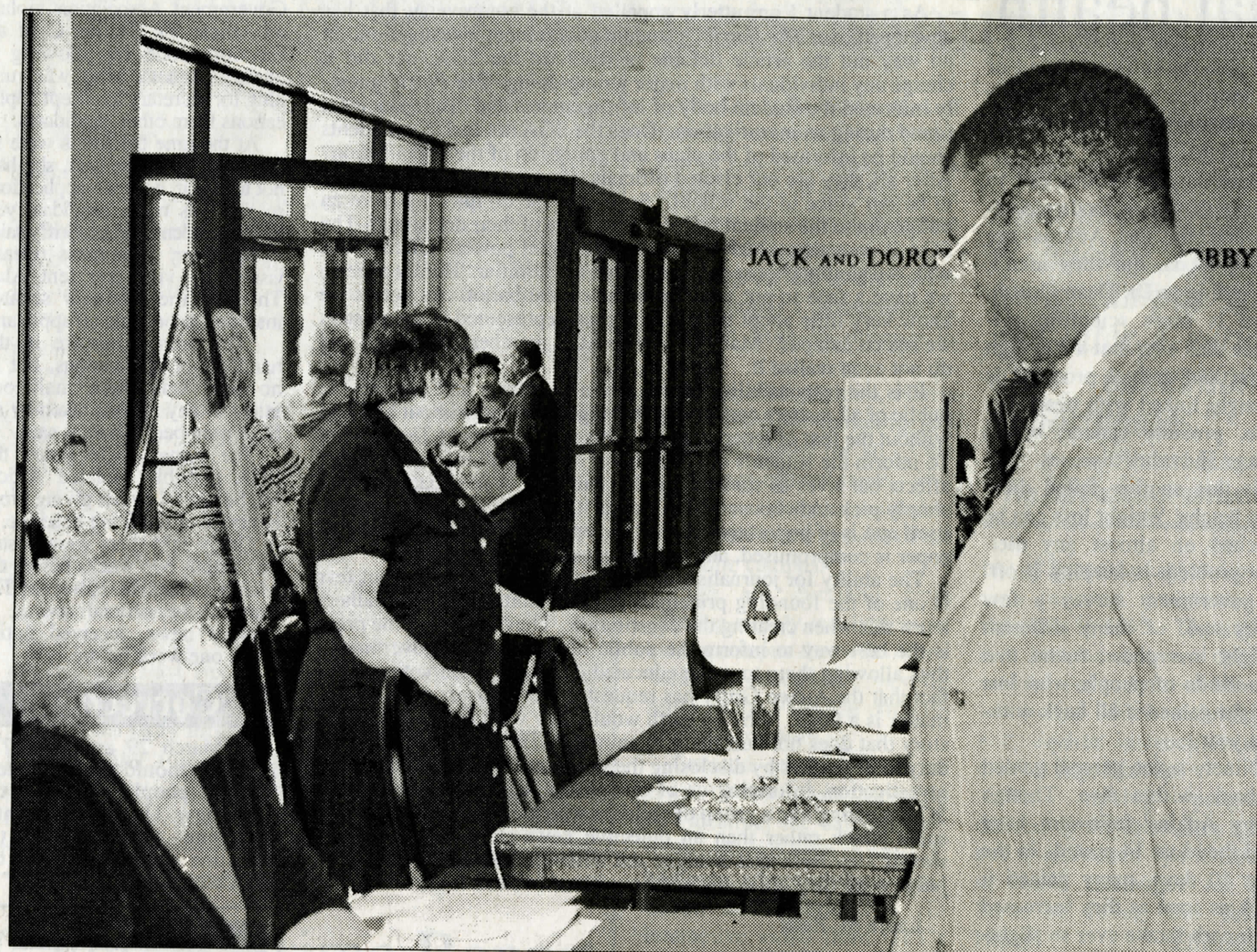
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Future educators prepare



WOOLING EDUCATORS: Sammy Tabafor, a special education major, speaks to a representative of Charter Schools USA at the Education Career Fair held in White Lobby of the Cowan Center April 3. Tabafor said he would like to teach somewhere between Tyler and Dallas. Charter Schools was one of 40 schools expected to attend the event, Krista Richardson, coordinator of career services, said.

— by Melissa Tresner

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by the Act," J. Robert Giddings, a University system attorney, said in his brief to the attorney general.

"The Public Information Act," according to the 2000 Texas Public Information Handbook, "applies to information of every 'governmental body.'"

"Student news media are no different from their commercial counterparts," Heistand said.

Courts can issue a subpoena to force reporters to release their notes, but generally, courts are reluctant to force news reporters to release their notes, he said.

"The SGA has, in effect, requested the right to have advance knowledge of the

Patriot's editorial coverage," Heistand said.

Heistand said, if the attorney general rules the material is subject to open record laws, "It would, as a matter of law, be hard to distinguish between those materials and a future request for a draft copy of an unpublished article or editorial."

The Patriot also declined to release information about stipends because staff members do not receive stipends.

Most staff members, including reporters and the editor in chief, are awarded scholarships.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of student records, such as scholarship

amounts, to the public.

Griffy requested "copies of notes and recordings of the *Patriot's* investigation of the SGA's 'alleged' violations of their Election Code."

She also requested "official documents from the *Patriot* to the SGA requesting interviews during the investigation," and "information concerning stipends granted to those involved with the *Patriot*, including reporters and the editor-in-chief."

Griffy's request came two days after *The Patriot* published the article stating the SGA violated its constitution and Election Code.

The attorney general is required to make

Senate vacancies filled by write-ins

by Melissa Tresner
Editor in chief

The Student Government Association will start next semester with a new slate of senators for each of the University's five colleges.

No one applied for the position of senator for the College of Education and Psychology. However, write-in candidates will assume the vacant positions.

Stephanie Heeren and Adam McKnight are eligible for the positions and have accepted, Mark Matthews, student development specialist, said.

Ten other write-in candidates received one vote each.

Only one person, Rachel Round, showed interest in the position, Matthews said.

He said Round is eligible for the position, and she has accepted.

Josh Cohagen, Honey Golden and Jay Beam will be senators for the newly formed College of Arts and Sciences.

The College of Business and Technology also will have three new senators, including Joe Angell, Jammie Maze and Billy Borunda.

Senators for the College of Engineering and Computer Science will be Jeff Little, Ramsey Williams and Shaun Halberstadt.

The College of Health Sciences senators will be Malae Moses, Chidi Onyi and Amanda Kimball.

University Pines senator will be Brandy Williams.

Campus group named Star Chapter at event

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

The Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of the University of Texas at Tyler attended a three day convention in Savannah, Ga. last week.

Faculty society sponsor Suzi Pundt said seven members from UTT attended the convention.

Dana Dudley, Karen Taylor, Lindsey Marshall, April Scalen, Drew Riley and Melinda Stanley attended the event.

The students presented "scholarly papers."

Scalen competed for a schol-

arship but did not win.

"It was a very tough competition," Pundt said.

Seventy students competed from all over the country, but only ten received awards, she said.

The Star Chapter of Alpha Chi was awarded to the Texas Alpha Xi for the 1999-2000 school year.

Alpha Xi was one of only 33 of the 357 chapters to earn this designation.

Melinda Stanley will become an assistant sponsor of Texas Alpha Xi.

Beauty and the Beast bicycle tour April 28

Hundreds of bicycle enthusiasts are expected to participate in the Beauty and the Beast bicycle tour scheduled to begin

Registration is open until April 21 and includes race lengths of 12, 20, 33, 41, 52, and 64 miles. The registration

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in Illinois, and each time he paid the officer when the ticket was written.

Dickson said when Adkins said he would give him the money to make the ticket go away, "it seemed like he was trying to pay me so I wouldn't write the ticket."

When asked if it was possible Adkins was attempting to pay the ticket and the conversa-

tion was a misunderstanding, Dickson admitted it could have been.

In his closing statement, prosecutor Scott Ellis compared Dickson's admitting the conversation could have been a misunderstanding to whether pigs could fly.

He said a misunderstanding was possible, but not likely.

Both Dickson and Adkins

testified that when Dickson approached the vehicle Adkins said, "Look, it's your favorite person."

Adkins admitted he was sarcastic when talking to Dickson because he believed Dickson did not like him.

In his testimony, Dickson said he had given Adkins two verbal warnings about a month before the parking incident, one

for trespassing and another for drinking alcohol at the apartments.

Adkins said Dickson warned him and his friends after they climbed a fence to go swimming after hours, but he was never charged.

However, Dickson testified he had no personal vendetta with Adkins. "I like Mr. Adkins," he said.

April 28 on campus.

The event is sponsored by The Tyler Bicycle Club and The University of Texas at Tyler.

A free Kids Race for ages 5 through 12 will be added to this year's event. The campus parking lot will be the race course for the children's supervised event.

The tour begins at 8 a.m., rain or shine. The course closes at 2 p.m.

fee for the 12-miles event is \$10 and \$20 for all others if paid by the deadline.

Those people registering after the deadline must pay an additional \$5.

Send checks or money orders to: Tyler Bicycle Club, P. O. Box 6734, Tyler, Texas 75711.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the UT Tyler Scholarship Program and the Texas Bicycle Coalition.

Students may be eligible for \$1,000 tuition rebate under education code

by Linda Maikori
Staff writer

A tuition rebate is available for some students receiving their first baccalaureate degree.

Qualified students are eligible to apply before graduation for a rebate of a portion of the undergraduate tuition paid according to section 54.0065 of the Texas Education Code.

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"Few, if any, are even eligible," Nina Rogers, registrar, said.

Complete Eligibility Information and Tuition Rebate Application Forms are available at the Registrar's Office, Rogers said.

LIBRARY LINKS



April, A Month of Celebration and Awareness

In April U.T. Tyler celebrates our students by devoting an entire week to student appreciation. Another week in April is designated as Staff Appreciation Week on campus. April is National Poetry Month. April also is National Stress Awareness Month, National Alcohol Awareness Month, National Informed Woman Month, National Humor Month, National Garden Month, Autism Awareness Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, International Guitar Month, and even National Frog Month.

And it is in April that we celebrate National Library Week.

Why do we devote an entire week to celebrating libraries in this country? For that matter, why do we even need libraries and librarians in this brave and new world of technology and cyberspace? Nancy Kranich, the current president of the American Library Association, recently answered that question in a seminar she gave at the Texas Library Association's convention in San Antonio.

"Because information is of uncertain quality and expanded quantity, librarians are the ultimate search engines."

It is a popular belief, but it is a myth, that you can find anything for free on the Internet. People today, and especially in an academic setting, need to know how to find information, evaluate it and use it in all formats. The library is as it always has been, the institution that facilitates the proper and efficient use of information in today's world.

So, in the midst of your celebrations this month, please come by the library and put a human search engine to work for you! We look forward to your visit.

Joanne Buendtnr is Head of Circulation at the Robert R. Muntz Library. Look for more Library Links articles in upcoming Patriot issues.

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the games will receive all the entry money.

"The more teams we have, the better," McAllister said.

Other prizes that will be given during Patriot Days include complimentary hotel stays at Residence Inn, oil changes, tee shirts, and computer software, McAllister said.

"We have over \$500 in door prizes," he said.

Friday's entertainment includes live music by local band Country Thunder and a virtual rollercoaster simulator called "Omega."

Omega features five of the most famous rollercoasters in the country. Riders see the experience on a movie theatre screen while riding in a four-seat machine that moves to simulate an actual rollercoaster ride. Omega will be running from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

A formal dance coordinated by the Student Government Association is planned for Saturday. The theme is "Satellite Lounge."

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— by Aaron Roberts

STOMACH PAINS: Goro Rappoport Victoria's etching called "Biological Clock" hangs in the Meadows Gallery for the 16th Annual National Works on Paper exhibit.

Rap-metal: scraping barrel bottom, going even lower



My freakin' opinion

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

Marilyn Manson, musicians have always looked for the newest edge in music.

Great strides in music have been made over the years by musical giants like Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Led Zeppelin, Ozzy Osbourne, Metallica and Trent Reznor.

These bands and artists actually contributed something great to the music industry. They laid stepping stones to bring us the modern day sounds like Tool, Offspring and Rob Zombie.

With the height of great music today comes an invasion from a new genre of music that can only be described as "rap-metal." The music has the hard, heavy beat of metal music but has the lyric design and rhythm of rap music.

Is this really the best that musicians, and I use the term loosely, could come up with? Personally, I have enjoyed listening to "N.I.B." sung by David Hasselhoff more.

This steaming pile of creativity called music has borne overnight success freaks like Papa Roach, Limp Bizkit, and Insane Clown Posse.

From the first drug-induced chords of Jimmy Hendrix's guitar to the satanically glorifying lyrics of

Now that the bands have been identified, I would like to send a "shout out" to these people.

Just because two words rhyme, it doesn't mean that they should go into the same song, much less the same line.

A song needs to have a certain rhythm in which the lyrics flow gracefully with the music.

With rap metal, the lyrics and the music fit together about as well Spam and yogurt.

It is not that the idea itself lacks creativity. The ability to combine two such different forms of music should be applauded.

The problem is the way in which the bands deliver the music. The apparent formula for lyrics seems to be that, in the event you don't have a word that rhymes or completes the thought in the song, insert the word "f&\$k" or "s#@t."

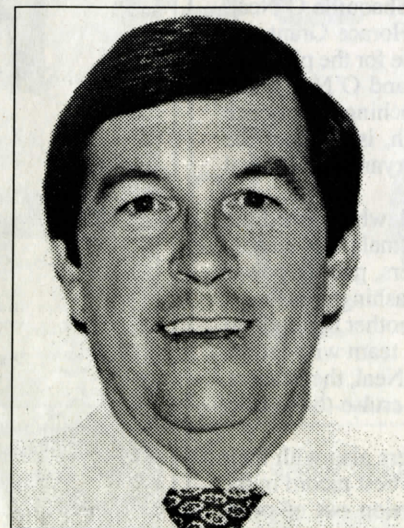
Sorry, I guess I don't see where this could be considered art.

The only positive point I can see about this type of music is that it has given me an outlet to make millions later in life if I can reduce myself to it.

If I can't make money through talent, I can simply start a rap-metal band.

All I have to do is paint my face up like Bozo from Hell, gather three screaming idiots to play along and get Andrew Dice Clay to co-write my song lyrics.

Jordan speaks at Cowan Center as distinguished lecture series ends



Author and former presidential chief of staff Hamilton Jordan is scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. April 26 in the Cowan Center as the part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Jordan was the chief of staff for President Jimmy Carter and later wrote the best selling novel "Crises" which dealt with the secret negotiations of the American hostage release from Iran.

With the help of his wife,

Jordan started Camp Sunshine in 1982, a camp for children suffering from cancer.

Jordan has battled three forms of cancer during a 12-year period.

Jordan also has started a series of "dot-com" companies as part of his business life.

Jordan will conduct a student question and answer session before the lecture at 4:30 p.m. in the Braithwaite Auditorium.

Art sale in University Center scheduled to help students pay for costs of work

by Aaron Roberts
Staff writer

The Art Department will sponsor an art sale from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. April 17-18 in the University Center.

The art is being created from students in all the departments, art club member Patty Fuessel said.

"We will have several hundred pieces," Fuessel said. "Alone I have 70 pieces."

The sale will include prints, paintings, sculp-

ture and pieces of pottery.

Money from the sale will go to pay the expenses of the art students while creating their pieces, Tamara Madl, art club treasurer, said.

"A percentage of the money will go to fund the art club," she said.

Madl said she would have a few small drawings in the sale, but the bulk of her contribution would be in pottery and ceramic pieces.

Fuessel said the art department has an art sale about twice a year.



— by Melissa Tresner

BODY SHOT: "Warrior Woman" by 43-year-old art student Tamara Madl hung in the UC Art Gallery. Madl's show included several large works like this including some smaller pictures and numerous pieces of pottery and ceramics. Some of Madl's pieces will be sold at the student art sale April 17-18, but she said that this piece would probably not be for sale.

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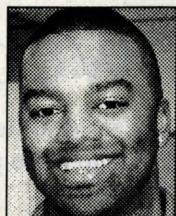
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In the Huddle

by Harold Wilson
Staff writer

Contenders prep for NBA playoffs

With the NBA regular season winding down, favorites are beginning to emerge as the two-month playoff season approaches.

Leading contenders in the Eastern conference include the Philadelphia 76ers, Miami Heat and New York Knicks. Heading the list in the Western conference are the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, San Antonio Spurs and Portland Trailblazers.

The 76ers, paced by NBA scoring leader Allen Iverson, will be looking to improve on second round losses to the Indiana Pacers the past two seasons. Philadelphia tops the eastern conference in wins and will have home court advantage through at least the first three rounds.

The midseason acquisition of center Dikembe Mutombo gives Philly a dominant inside presence and a compliment to Iverson's sizzling outside game.

With the East low on dominant big men, the addition of Mutombo, among the league leaders regularly in blocked shots and rebounds, serves the 76ers well. For Philly to advance to the finals, they likely must knock out all three Eastern Conference heavyweights (Indiana, Miami and New York) in succession, a daunting task.

The Miami Heat, preseason favorites in the East, welcomed back reigning defensive player of the year Alonzo Mourning this past month. Mourning surprisingly returned to the Heat after doctors diagnosed him with a career threatening kidney ailment prior to the season.

After getting ousted last season in the first round by New York, Miami bolstered their lineup in the off-season by adding a much-needed shooting guard and inside help for Mourning. The Heat acquired all-star guard Eddie Jones and forward Anthony Mason (both from Charlotte) along with power forward/center Brian Grant (from Portland). If Mourning returns to form and injury-riddled point-guard Tim Hardaway stays healthy, the Heat should win the Eastern Conference.

The Knicks, meanwhile, lost their identity with the departure of veteran center Patrick Ewing (to Seattle) prior to the start of the season. Once a half-court and low post-oriented team, the Knicks, Eastern Conference finalists a year ago, now rely on their shooters and run more.

With guards Latrell Sprewell and Allen Houston paving the way, New York will have a good chance. New acquisitions Mark Jackson (from Toronto in a mid-season trade) and Glen Rice (from LA in an off-season trade) give the Knicks an experienced floor general (Jackson) and another outside threat (Rice). The success of the Knicks hinges on the play of undersized center Marcus Camby. Whether Camby can deliver against the premier centers in the East, Mourning and Mutombo, will determine how far New York advances.

In the West, the Lakers continue to struggle at times in their repeat bid, but still possess two of the game's top two players in Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal. The Lakers lost Rice to the Knicks but gained power forward Horace Grant and controversial shooting guard Isaiah Rider, who may be unavailable for the playoffs.

The Lakers have the needed criteria: the superstars (Bryant and O'Neal), key role players (Robert Horry, Rick Fox and Ron Harper) and coaching experience (Phil Jackson with seven NBA titles). The big question, though, is whether the Lakers can recapture their team chemistry of a year ago when Bryant and O'Neal worked together and not apart.

LA received their biggest challenge last season from Portland, who pushed the Lakers to a decisive seventh game in the Western Conference finals last season. The Trailblazers boosted their lineup in preparation for the Lakers, getting power forward Dale Davis (from Indiana) and Rod Strickland (from Washington).

Davis, one of the league leaders in rebounds, gives Portland another big body to throw at O'Neal, last season's most valuable player. If Davis can team with fellow big men Rasheed Wallace and Arvydas Sabonis to slow down O'Neal, the Blazers, perhaps the deepest and most talented team in the league, could cruise to the title. The two heavyweights could meet in the first round.

The San Antonio Spurs, champions in 1999, can test the Lakers also with their tandem of Tim Duncan and David Robinson. The Spurs sport the best record in the Western Conference. If San Antonio can get continued production out of point guard Terry Porter and shooting guard Derek Anderson, they have a strong chance

Tennis returns from four year grave

Olivier ready to take program back to past glory

by Harold Wilson
Staff writer

One of the most storied athletes in school history will lead the resurrected tennis program into a new era.

Ken Olivier accepted the job last week to become head coach of the University's men's and women's tennis teams, which will begin competition this fall.

Tennis ceased in 1997 after 13 years of competition due to financial reasons.

Olivier led the University to a NAIA team championship in 1989, capturing titles in singles and doubles competition. He also served as assistant coach to Fred Kniffen in 1990.

The past three years, Olivier has worked at the University as a part-time faculty member in the kinesiology

"I'm looking forward to building a ... program where we put academics first and win national titles."

— KEN OLIVIER

department and director of Summers Tennis Center.

"Some of my best college memories are here [at the University]," he said. "I was pleased with the offer. It is humbling and will be challenging leading young people in their lives."

With the fall semester less than five

months away, Olivier has had to begin preparing right away.

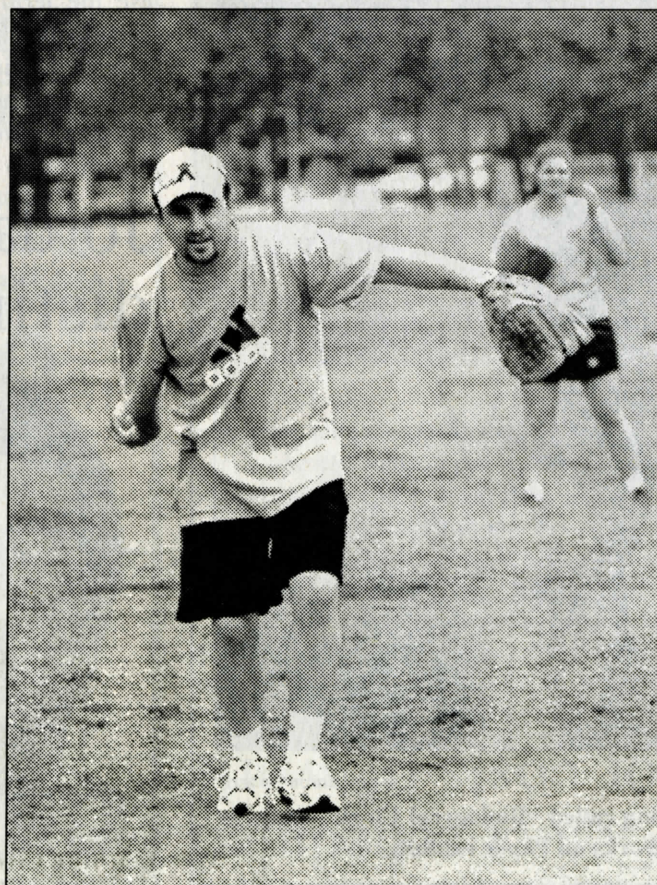
Olivier has already started the recruiting process by attending high school and junior tournaments to let people know what the University is doing, he said.

He plans to recruit tennis players who are good students first and foremost. The athletes still will be eligible to receive academic scholarships.

He expects each team to consist of 10 to 15 players, with six to eight players competing. He said the team should be more prepared and have a full schedule during the 2002 spring season when major tournaments, such as state, sectionals and nationals, are played.

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Making the pitch



Tennis team gains first commitment

by Harold Wilson
Staff writer

Choosing the next college proved simple for Tyler Junior College sophomore Justin Duke: he would only transfer to a school that had a tennis program.

With tennis returning to the University next fall, the Tyler native can continue his dream of playing tennis and staying home.

"If UT-Tyler didn't have tennis, I would've gone somewhere else," Duke said.

Duke, who played varsity tennis at Chapel Hill, said he practices on University courts six days a week for up to 18 hours.

Knowing Ken Olivier helped make his choice even more easier, he said.

"Coach [Olivier] really knows what he's doing," Duke said. "He has a lot of experience and can tell me what I need to do to get to the next level."

Besides the school's location and new coach, Duke said the school's academic reputation attracted him also.

"This school is not easy and those who graduate from here have been dedicated and achieved a lot," Duke said.

He believes academics and athletics coincide, since the University can gain exposure due to the tennis program.

Having a strong work ethic in the classroom could carry over to success in tennis, he said.

"Everything in life goes together," Duke said. "Playing tennis teaches life skills such as control, dedication, hard work and leadership, which can

The big key will be whether they can match the athleticism of the Lakers or Blazers, which they may not be able to do.

Looking at the big picture, Miami versus Los Angeles in the finals sounds reasonable. Lakers in seven for back to back titles.

Courtesy photo
FLIP MODE: University employees Chad Kurtz, left, and Krista Richardson, right, practice at the University softball field for the upcoming corporate challenge.

transfer to a job and marriage.
More students like Duke will get the chance to continue their education and participate in athletics at the same time when tennis reappears in the fall.

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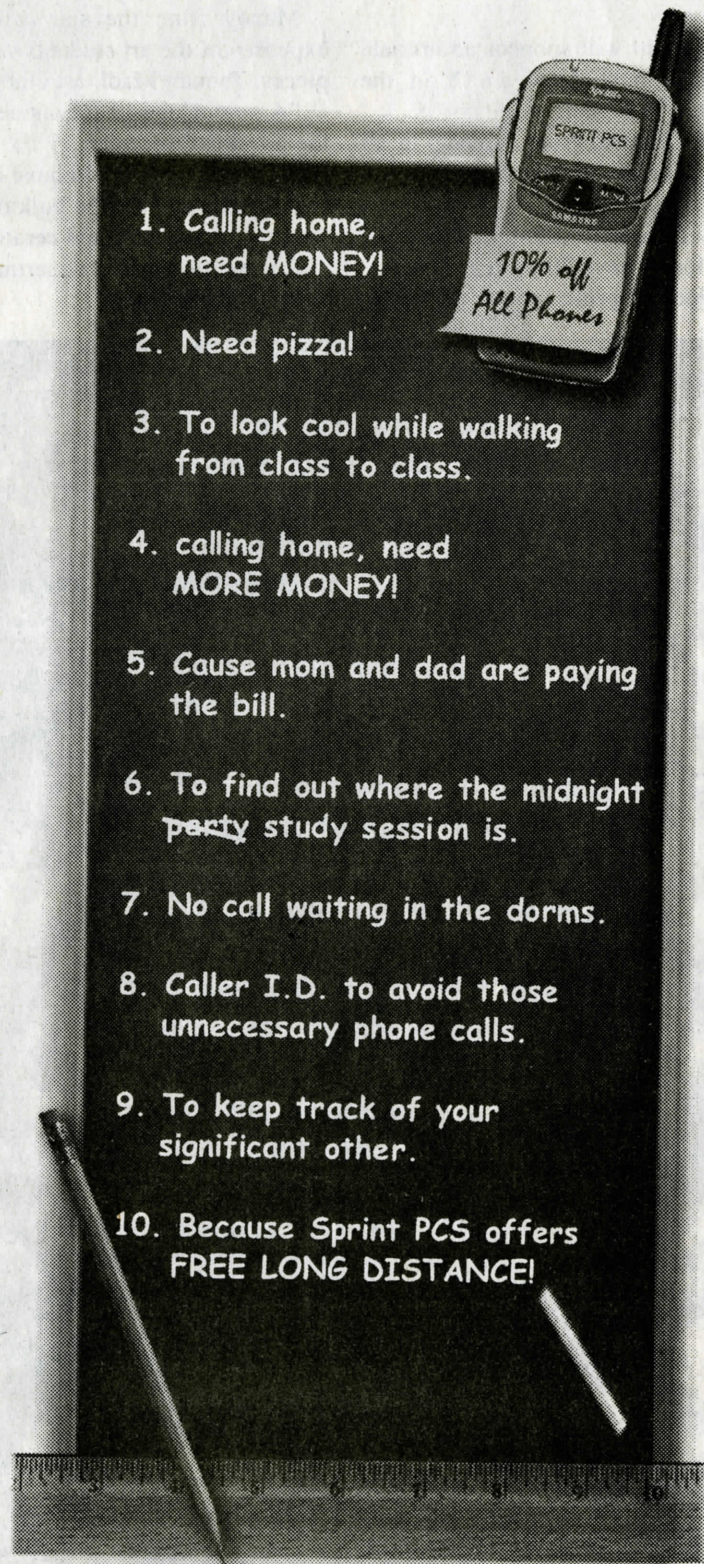
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— by Lana Cain

MAKING FRIENDS: Alicia Magura spends her mornings taking care of her two-year old son, afternoons taking care of three-year olds and her nights in school.



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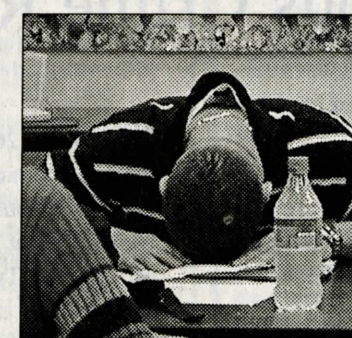
by Lana Cain

Alicia Magura, junior dents, Jason Moore and Christy



— by Lana Cain

DOUBLE CHECKING: Many University students work to make ends meet. Jason Moore, a



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TAKING A BREAK: All work and no play make Jason tired.



— by Lana Cain

Staff writer

Hollywood directors tend to make school and work look easy, but in real life juggling both, and more, just is not that glamorous.

Movie cameras may never grace the University's campus, but the non-traditional students who combine work and school together know the reality.

Although the non-traditional student is hard to define, James Hutto, Dean of Enrollment, said it is generally anyone who did not take the traditional path to college at age 18.

About 40.6 percent of University students hold down jobs while attending school, according to financial aid records.

"Roughly, 22 percent of that group work full time," Hutto said.

Hutto said the other 18.6 percent indicate part-time and the figures do not include on-campus jobs.

accounting student, may not be a movie star, but her boss, Leigh Evans, director at Green Acres Early Education Center said she deserves an Oscar for her multiple character roles.

"I don't have any free time," Magura said, "but I have to work to support my two-year old son, Ryan."

Magura is a single mother, full-time student, and works 25 to 30 hours each week.

Magura stays home with her child each morning, and her mother keeps the baby while she works in the afternoon.

"It's difficult to work around college schedules," Evans said, "especially when students get further into their education and classes are only offered at one time."

She said it can become a "staffing nightmare."

"But for a valuable employee, I'm willing to work with it," Evans said.

Across town, University stu-

Corley, spend their afternoons in a glass cubicle working for the Southside Motor Bank on Broadway Avenue.

"We have about half a dozen college students working at this location," Mark Towns, manager of the Southside drive-thru, said

Towns said he tries to work around college schedules and be as "forgiving" as possible.

"The hardest thing is scheduling lunch breaks," Towns said.

Towns said if a college student is running late because of class, it puts them off schedule.

"We have to keep eight lanes open at all times. If our students are late, it can really mess us up," he said.

Corley said the hardest thing about working and going to school is the time factor.

"I'm constantly busy," Corley said, "Even when I'm finished with classes and work, I still have homework to do."

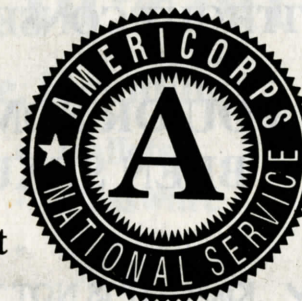
University senior, helps a customer at Southside Bank.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT: Christy Corley works daily at Southside Bank.

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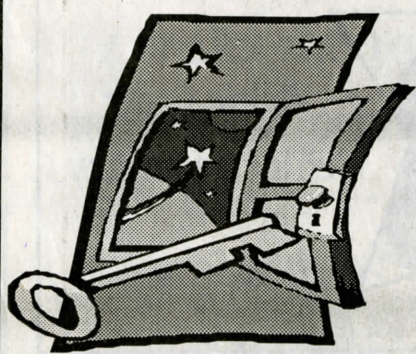


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Mabry chooses Fisches as Patriots of the Year at President's dinner

by **Melissa Tresner**
Editor in chief

Each year the University honors individuals with the Patriot of the Year Award for their contributions to campus and community advancement.

President Rodney H. Mabry presented this year's award to Dr. Ben R. and Maytee Fisch at a President's Dinner on April 5.

"This quiet, unassuming husband and wife team is as good, honest and nice as anyone who has walked the sands of East Texas.

They make a difference in the lives of others, simply by being role models of how to have and uphold honest values and basic

goodness, not to mention their philanthropy behind the scenes," Mabry said.

The Fisches donated major gifts for University buildings, scholarships and sponsorship of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

They serve on the UTT Development Board and the UTT Foundation.

Dr. Fisch is a member of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center Circle of Friends, Friends of the Arts and the President's Associates.

"We feel honored, but very humble because there are many others that we feel are more deserving than we," Dr. Fisch said.

Palestine campus gets administrator

Dr. Linda K. Klotz, dean of nursing, announced that Susan Harris has been appointed as administrator of the University of Texas at Tyler's Palestine Extension Campus.

Harris served as the extension campus's administrative assistant from its opening in 1995.

In her new position, Harris will oversee the marketing and recruiting duties for all of the disciplines offered there.

Harris said she is excited to play a role in the growth of the Palestine campus.

"We are evolving from offering mainly nursing courses to a campus that will offer a variety of educational opportunities to the Palestine community," Harris said.

Located at the corner of Hwy. 19 North and Loop 256 in Palestine, the campus currently offers classes in nursing, business administration, education and liberal arts via interactive video from UTT's main campus.

The University began offer-

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— **SUSAN HARRIS**
PALESTINE ADMINISTRATOR

ing its baccalaureate and master's nursing programs in Palestine in 1995. The extension campus utilizes a combination of state-of-the-art Interactive Video technology and on-site instruction and clinical experiences.

The nursing program offered at the extension campus is accredited by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and by the National League for Nursing.

Catch this



— Courtesy photo

PLAY BALL: University of Texas at Tyler employee Krista Richardson practices softball for the UT Tyler team in the Tyler Corporate Challenge.

Campus Crime Report

by **David Belew**
Staff writer

The following is a list of offense reports from the UT Tyler campus police for March 6 to April 4.

□ March 6: Police were dispatched to University Pines for possible break-in or entry of vehicle.

□ March 6: A dispatch went out concerning an assault in the University Pines apartments.

□ March 23 A suspicious vehicle was seen going behind the Engineering building

□ March 26 A report was taken concerning an attempted burglary at Air Handler #1 at the University of Texas at Tyler Longview Campus.

□ March 28 Police officer went to University Pines Management Office to take an assault report.

□ March 31 Police were dispatched to University Pines about an harassment complaint.

□ April 4 A University student approached a cop to turn

Events planned for employee's week

by **David Belew**
Staff writer

Fun, food and festivities are being planned for University employee week scheduled for April 23-27.

The third annual employee week is coming with free on-and-off campus activities.

Also, a barbecue will be held that Friday following the service award program which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The UT Tyler/Tyler Junior College jazz band will provide entertainment.

The University Staff Advisory Council is sponsor-

Hawaiian attire. An award for best dressed Hawaiian/beach attire will be handed out.

Employees can make lunch reservations for the barbecue by calling extension 5584 no later than April 18.

The employee must leave their name, department, telephone extension and how many in their family will be attending.

Schedule:

April 23:

• 1:30-3:30 Laser Tag

April 24:

• 1:30-4:30 Bowling-Green Acres

• 2:00-4:00 Cards/board games, Dominoes, Air Hockey, Foosball (University Center)

April 25:

• 2:00-4:30 Movies-Hollywood 6 East

• 2:00-4:00 Cards/board games, Dominoes, Air Hockey, Foosball (University Center)

April 26:

• 1:30-4:00 Putt-Putt Golf

• 1:30-5:00 Golf-Pine Springs Golf Course

University policy for "incompletes"

If an "I" grade is assigned, it is the responsibility of the student to see the instructor as soon as possible and no later than the first week of the next semester including summer to get a clear understanding of what must be completed to fulfill the requirements for a grade change.

Should the student fail to complete all the work for the course within the time limit, the instructor

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- ✓ Go to a friend's house or somewhere you can get emotional support.
- ✓ Seek counseling. The Student Counseling Center (566-7079) offers free, confidential counseling with a Licensed Professional Counselor to all currently enrolled students. The East Texas Crisis Center (595-5591) is also available to aid victims of sexual assault at no charge.

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- ✗ Bathe, shower, or douche
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- ✗ Change clothes
- ✗ Eat, drink, or chew gum

*Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) are registered nurses specially trained to provide comprehensive care to the sexual assault survivor. East Texas Medical Center Healthcare System and Trinity Mother Frances Healthcare System both have SANE programs, which are accessed through their emergency rooms.

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ing the event and they encourage everyone to wear

•2:00-4:00 Skating-Tyler
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April 27:
 •11:30 Service Award
 •Barbecue

may assign zeros to the work.

OLIVIER

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President Rodney Mabry earlier indicated the University's plans to compete in NCAA Division III, which doesn't offer scholarships.

Olivier figures they will seek membership into the American Southwest Conference, which includes the likes of Hardin-Simmons, Howard Payne and UT-Dallas among others, he said.

"Division III has good athletics and if you get good coaches, you can be competitive," Olivier said.

The American Southwest Conference consists of 16 schools, 13 in Texas ranging from 1,200 to 4,000 students. Of the 16 members, 14 have women's tennis teams and 13 have men's tennis teams.

Joining Division III allows the University to stay focused on academics while providing local students a chance to continue playing the sport they love, he said.

"Competing at Division III will create a wonderful opportunity for local kids to get an education and play on a college tennis team as well," Olivier said. "I want to let people interested in the community know that we're now an option."

Having a strong educational and tennis background should help the new coach, who holds a Bachelor of Arts and

Masters of Science degrees in kinesiology.

He also is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, which is the area he believes he can help athletes the most.

"I expect good athletes to come here because they want to be developed. Athlete development comes first and winning second," Olivier said. "I want to focus more on the process instead of the outcome. The winning will take care of itself."

Olivier considers his coaching style cooperative, but said there are still times when coaches must incorporate other styles such as disciplinarian and submissive.

Tennis has been a part of Olivier's life the past 32 years.

After graduating from high school in northern California in 1980, he took a break from

school and played in open tennis tournaments for five years, he said.

He returned to school in 1985 at San Diego City Junior College. Olivier moved to Texas the following year and attended Texas A&M-Commerce from 1986 through 1987.

There, he became the top-ranked player nationally in NCAA Division II and compiled a 48-2 dual match record while at TAM-C, he said.

He played professionally in 1988 before finishing his last collegiate season at the University.

"I've been in the heat of battle and proven to be a winner," Olivier said. "I'm looking forward to building a nationally recognized tennis program where we put academics first and win national titles."



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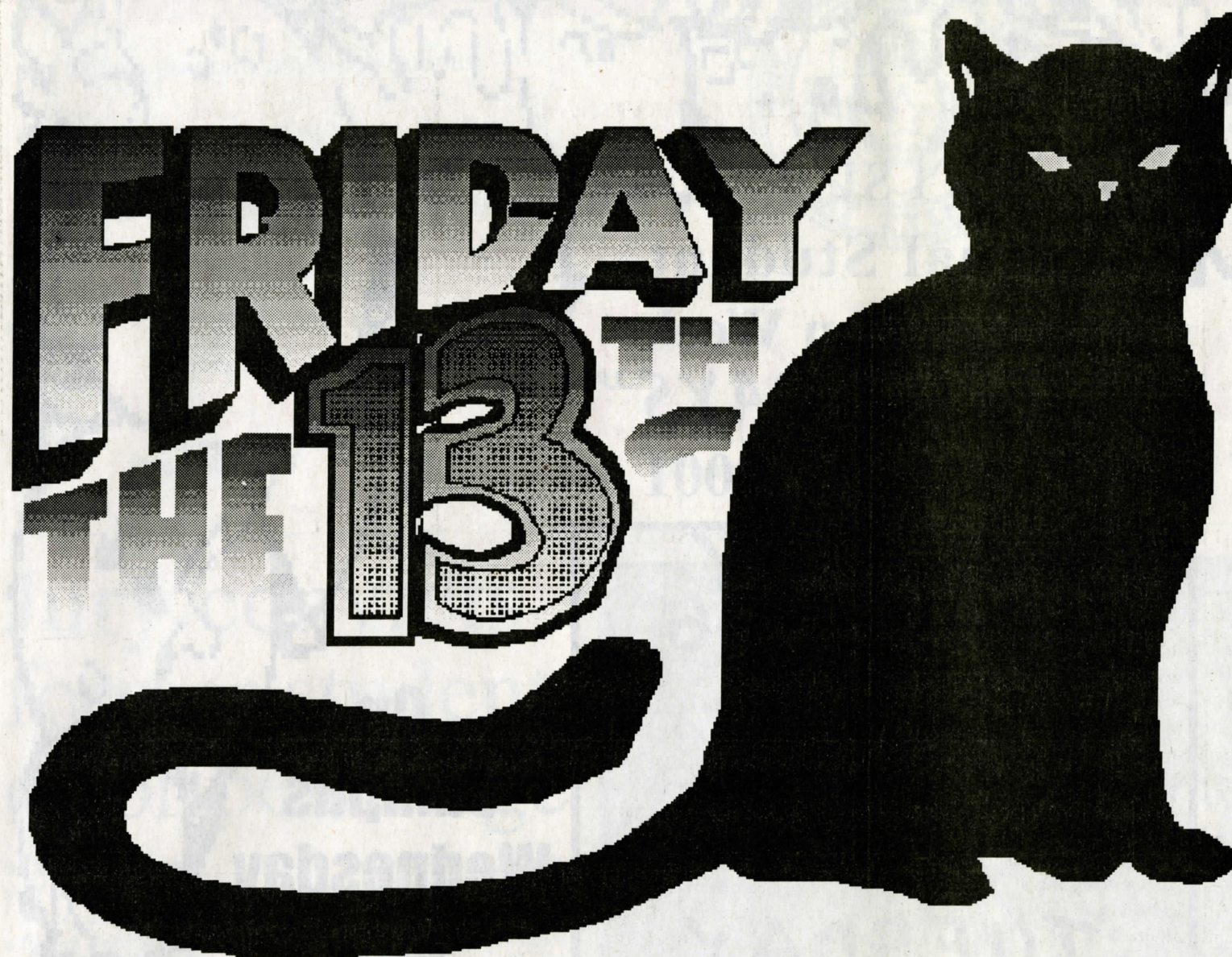
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Triskaidekaphobia: *For those who fear the number thirteen*

Triskaidekaphobia, otherwise known as the fear of the number 13, is a common superstition worldwide.

Many people cringe at the thought of spending the night on the thirteenth floor of a hotel or taking a trip on the thirteenth day of the month.

For those who suffer from triskaidekaphobia, 1998 was an unpleasant year because it had three Friday the thirteenths: in February, March and November.

Although many people believe there is no reason why one day should be any luckier than another, some still believe Friday the thirteenth is unlucky simply because the number 13 is unlucky.

Professor Ronald Hutton of Bristol University said the superstition is rapidly weakening, and few people think much of it these days.

"Having said that," he said, "whenever I have flown the Atlantic on Friday the 13th I notice the plane is much emptier."

The superstitious day was a potent symbolic date in the Middle Ages and the superstition remains widespread in Britain, Ireland, the United States, Australia, Asia and parts of continental Europe.

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Friday the 13th is no cause for alarm; it's just another day on the calendar

by Pam Clark
Staff writer

Remain calm. All is well.

Despite the fears of historical (hysterical?) figures, Friday the 13th -- tomorrow, in case you haven't been paying attention -- is really just another day.

Anecdotal evidence would lead us to believe otherwise, however.

Winston Churchill avoided traveling on Friday the 13th, preferring to avoid cars and planes during those "unlucky" 24 hours.

The Savoy Hotel in London encourages its patrons to dine with Kaspar, a carved black cat, when their parties number 13.

This practice began in 1898, when

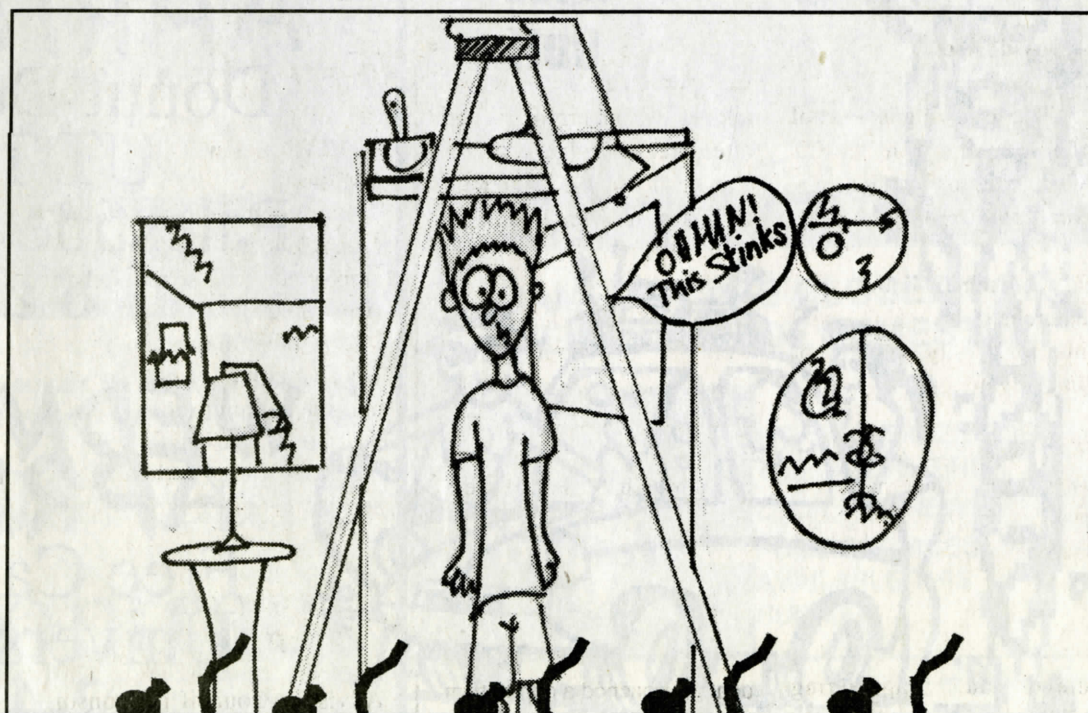
13th floor. The floor above 12 becomes 14, an exercise in illogic which often results only in confusion.

Even Hollywood created a machete-wielding psychopath in honor of Friday the 13th.

And no one can forget the 1972 Andes plane crash which turned the survivors into cannibals. Yes, the plane went down on Friday the 13th.

But before you panic, remember that calendars are the artificial creations of popes and emperors.

Tomorrow, the sun will rise in the east and set in the west. Washington bureaucrats will spend our tax dollars on programs we like and dislike. People will love and fight, laugh and

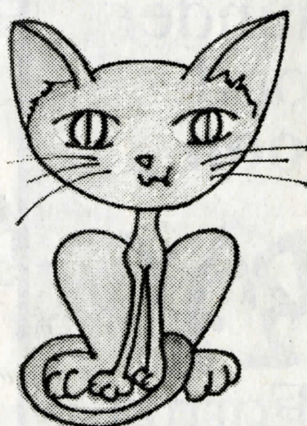


one guest was murdered shortly after attending a dinner party on Friday the 13th, with 13 guests. It is not uncommon for tall buildings to have no

cry, work and play. So don't think of Friday the 13th as a disaster waiting to happen. It's just another day.

Common Superstitions

1. Don't open an umbrella in the house, or the house will catch on fire.
2. If a bird tries to fly into the house and kills itself by flying into the window, there will be a death in the family or among your close friends.
3. If your right hand itches, you will meet someone new and shake his or her hand. If your left hand itches you will receive money.
4. If you hear a cow moo at night, it means death in the family is soon to come.
5. Close your eyes when driving over a cattleguard (keeps you from seeing evil spirits under it). Lift your feet when going over a bridge. Doing these two while driving can be pretty tricky.
6. When moving into a new house, never take any mirrors with you. Leave them in the old house and buy all new ones. The reason is that spirits can be transported from place to place with mirrors, and to avoid taking evil ones along it is better to leave them.
7. To stop someone from having hiccups just say, "I dare you to hiccup." Odds are they won't be able to hiccup again (a truck driver did this to me; it worked).
8. If a black cat crosses the road in front of you, it is bad luck. To lure off bad luck, draw an X on your windshield.
9. Also a new one my brother thought of is, "Never stand on a mountain in a lightning storm with steel-toed boots on. You are sure to be struck by lightning." He was struck and survived.
10. In China, men who are struck by lightning and survive are sure to become famous.



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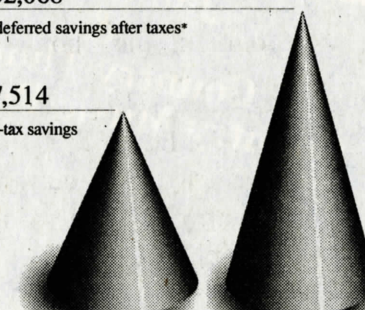
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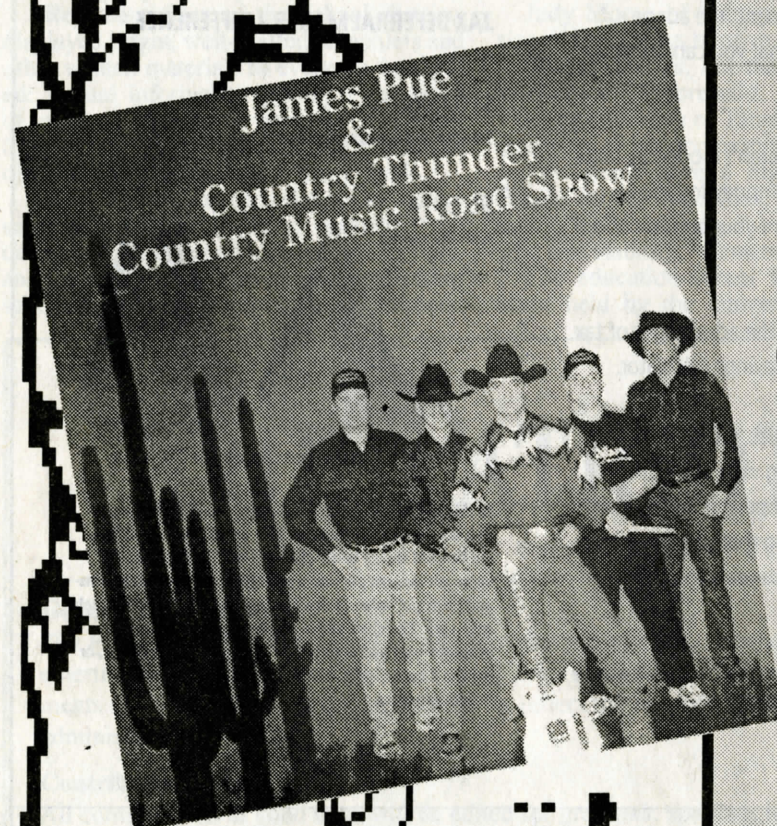
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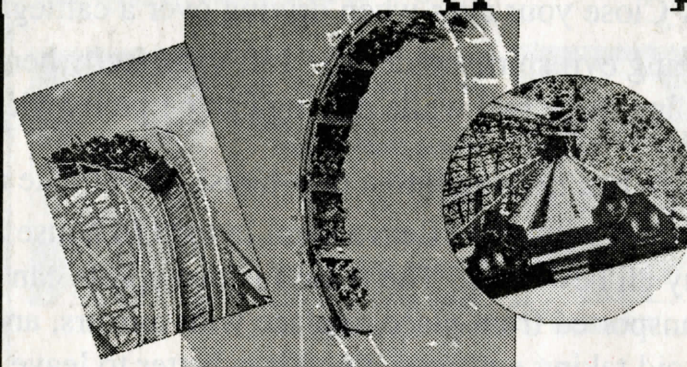
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