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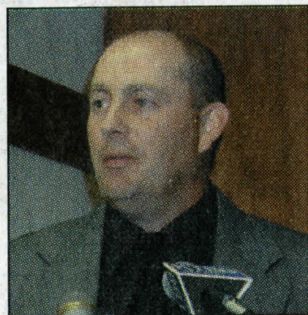
# THE PATRIOT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

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TJC selects new basketball coach.

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Student realizes dreams of acting career.

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# Attorney general rules in Patriot's favor

## *Precedent-setting decision says student reporter's notes not public information*

by **Patty Brown**  
Staff writer

*The Patriot* does not have to turn over notes about last spring's student government elections because the newspaper staff is not governed by open records laws, the Texas attorney general's office ruled June 19.

The precedent-setting decision came exactly three months after the story was published.

Psychology major Aimee Griffy,

who then served as the Student Government Association president, filed a request asking for notes and recordings used in the article about alleged election code violations.

According to the four-page written opinion by Nathan E. Bowden, assistant attorney general, the requested information is not public information because the notes were collected by students instead of university officials.

"The student editors make most,

if not all, of the daily decisions for the newspaper. Under these circumstances, we do not believe that the requested notes and recordings are collected, assembled, or maintained by or for the university ... it does not appear that the university either owns or has a right of access to this information ... the requested notes and recordings are not 'public information for the purpose of the Act and thus are not subject to required disclosure under the Act," Bowden

said.

Michael C. Hiestand, staff attorney for the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Virginia, wrote a brief supporting *The Patriot*. He said the decision set a precedent for all student newspapers.

"This is really the first situation in the country where an official ruling was handed down in this type of case. It was important the attorney general understood what a great issue this is," Hiestand said.

Melissa Tresner, editor-in-chief and writer of the article, found possible violations of the SGA election code concerning candidacy deadlines and applications, as well as problems with the public notification of the election.

She said she is relieved the issue is resolved.

"This has been going on for three months. It's time to move on, and I'm just glad it's over," Tresner said.

Griffy filed her request for the

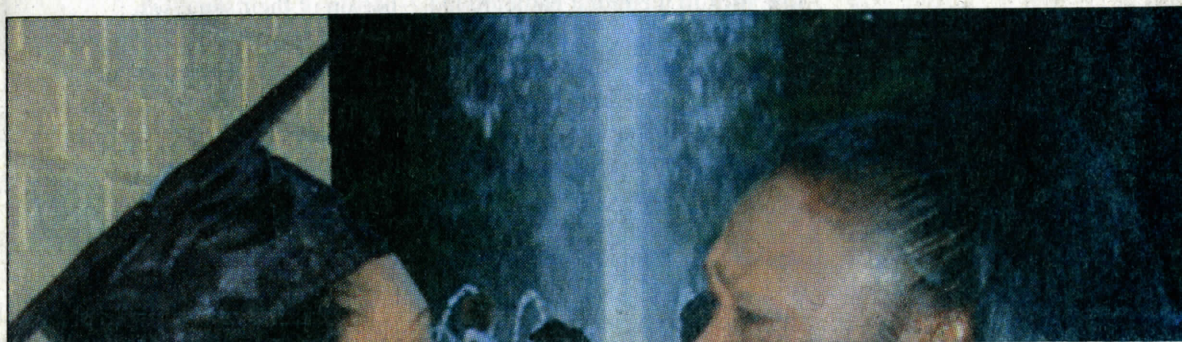
notes and for student stipend information with the University under the Texas Public Information Act. She claimed she was misquoted in the article and that Tresner misinterpreted SGA rules.

Griffy said in a previous interview she wanted Tresner's notes to prove her allegations.

Tresner denied Griffy's allegations and declined to turn over her notes because she said she believed

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## Tearful moment



# University selects Patterson to direct athletic program

by **Melissa Tresner**  
Editor in chief

The University's plan of implementing intercollegiate athletics became more of a reality Aug. 15 when Dr. Howard Y. Patterson joined the staff as athletic director.

The University held a press conference July 30, and

Mabry said Patterson's educational background was one thing that made Patterson stand out above other candidates.

"The fact that he had an earned doctorate proved his dedication to academics," Mabry said.

Patterson was the athletic director at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio for 11 years where he





—Melissa Tresner/The Patriot

**POST GRADUATION :** Lillian M. Bowens, candidate for Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Speech Communications shares a special moment with her family after the Aug. 10 commencement ceremony. Lana Cain, Student Government Association president, and Dr. Mary L. Fisher, immediate past president of the University's Faculty Senate spoke to 161 degree candidates from six colleges. As of Aug. 1 the University reorganized into five colleges.

## Subway surfaces on campus

by Brant Spraggins  
Staff writer

After a summer without food service, the University, last week, opened a Subway franchise officials say offers more than a traditional menu at reasonable prices.

The extended dinner menu includes eight-inch personal pizzas that can be made to order in 85 seconds - an item that makes the University's franchise the only Subway in the state to offer pizza, said Lynne Culverhouse, assistant vice president of business affairs.

The University Subway also offers "The Patriot," a specialty

sandwich, selected by students, which will change quarterly with different student suggestions. All of the usual Subway sandwiches, such as the Cold Cut Trio and the Steak and Cheese, will be offered daily, she said.

Breakfast items include staples such as eggs, biscuits and gravy, French toast and omelets. Subway-style breakfast sandwiches also will be offered.

Coffee also is making its way back to campus just in time for those early morning fall semester students.

"We wanted to make our Subway

different, and they have been a top-notch organization to work with in doing this," Culverhouse said.

The grand opening will be Aug. 22-23 and will offer specials such as a buy one-get one free deal.

The Subway also has teamed up with Columbo Yogurt to have a drawing for a mountain bike.

Students can register in the Subway to win the bike, Culverhouse said.

The Subway corporation offers franchise owners four different pricing levels to choose from, and the

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## SGA sponsors week of welcome

by Brant Spraggins  
Staff writer

The Student Government Association will be attempting to establish a new tradition this year by sponsoring the first Welcome Week Aug. 27-31.

Each day will offer a new activity allowing students to mingle and get to know each other better, an organizer said.

"This welcome week will be for

everyone, not just freshmen. We want everyone to get together," SGA president Lana Cain said.

Cain said she wants the University campus to have more tradition and togetherness and the Welcome Week will be a good place to start.

The event will start Aug. 27 with free doughnuts and juice offered in almost every building on campus.

The SGA and University Pines will team up for a luau on Aug. 28.

The luau will be from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. near the pool at University Pines. The luau will feature grilled chicken and shrimp and non-alcoholic beverages at no cost to students, Cain said.

On Aug. 29 the SGA will sponsor "Sign Up Day." On this day all clubs and organizations on campus have been invited to set up tables in the University Center from 10 a.m. until

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Dr. Dale Lunsford, dean of students, introduced Patterson as the new athletic director with a starting salary of \$72,500.

President Rodney H. Mabry said the University received numerous responses.

"We had some excellent candidates. We received applications from coast to coast; it was a difficult search," Mabry said.

Patterson and two other finalists, Gil Cloud, athletic director at Arkansas Tech University, and Kent Reeves, athletic director at East Texas Baptist University, were chosen to visit the campus last month.

managed a program with 19 intercollegiate sports and directed marketing and promotional fund-raising activities.

In 1996 he was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for his work coaching men's soccer at Incarnate Word.

He has worked in higher education for 28 years, beginning at Midwestern State University in 1973, then at the Incarnate Word.

Under Patterson's leadership the University will

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## Officer, senator vacancies prompt SGA fall elections

by Matt Jones  
Staff writer

The Student Government Association will conduct an election this fall to fill the positions of parliamentarian, University Pines Apartments senator and senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, SGA president Lana Cain said.

The positions became vacant when the incumbents no longer met requirements of the office.

The SGA consists of five officers, three senators from each of the University's five colleges and a senator representing University Pines.

The SGA constitution requires an election within 30 days of an office vacancy. Cain said the three vacancies will be officially announced on Aug. 22. Candidates will then have two weeks to file applications and then two more weeks to campaign before the election.

"It is difficult to lose part of your team, but fortunately we have good people to step in and fill those positions until they are permanently filled," Cain said.

She said the SGA Executive Committee appoints a student to temporarily fill the seats by reviewing previous election returns. Those candidates who placed second in their respective positions are asked to serve in the interim.

**"It is very difficult to lose part of your team, but fortunately we have good people to step in..."**

—LANA CAIN

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT

Brandy Williams is serving as the parliamentarian, succeeding Brandy Baggett. Williams' seat as a University Pines senator became vacant when she moved out of the complex, Cain said.

In the spring election, three people seeking the University Pines post tied for second place, but since then two of them have moved and the other has declined to serve, Cain said. Senator Jay Beam, who represented the College of Arts and Sciences, resigned this summer because of family obligations, Cain said.

That post has been temporarily filled by the appointment of Lara Riggins, she said.

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## Matthews resigns to 'higher calling'

by Melissa Tresner  
Editor in chief

For the past year Mark Matthews has been known as Student Development Specialist at the University, but he resigned and will have a new title of Single Adult Minister at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas as of Aug. 18.

He gave his notice of resigna-

tion last month after he was offered the position at Prestonwood.

"It's what I feel called to do. It's what I want to do long term," Matthews said.

He said the University will keep his position open until a replacement is hired.

While working for the University Matthews implemented several new programs and revived

existing ones.

"We have grown from 28 or 29 student groups to now 34 on campus," he said.

Matthews implemented a program in the spring in which student organizations competed for points, and the winners received cash prizes.

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## Editorial

The administration is tampering with one of the most attractive qualities on campus: our trees.

In an attempt to appease financial donors, administrators gave the go-ahead to remove six post oak and two blackjack oak trees surrounding the Riter Millennium Carillon Tower.

Landscaping workers were ordered to cut down the trees because they blocked the view of the \$1.35 million tower.

The Patriot received conflicting information about why the trees were removed.

According to a site layout plan obtained from the Office of Business Affairs, the trees were removed at the tower donor's request.

However, President Rodney H. Mabry later gave a more environmentally conscious excuse.

He admitted one or two of the trees interfered with the sight line of the bell tower, but the others, he said, were "diseased" or "misshapen."

If they were so diseased, why weren't they removed before construction began in October?

The administration would like faculty and students to believe their explanation, but in reality it is a typical excuse to ease the minds of the environmentally minded and the tree lovers.

Twenty trees remain in the circular plaza surrounding the tower, but many believe they have been trimmed excessively, altering their natural shape.

Now there really are misshapen trees surrounding the carillon tower.

Mabry said keeping the park-like look and feel of campus is a main priority, but so far the administration's main concern appears to be keeping rich donors happy.



## Editors get brunt of criticism



### What I Think

MELISSA TRESNER

Two months after taking over as editor-in-chief of *The Patriot*, I became entangled in a mess.

I never expected to make anyone angry, especially the new president of the Student Government Association.

I thought we were on the same side; we had both taken over critical leadership positions in January.

I received, however.

SGA members changed the filing deadline they had set to receive applications from candidates.

They had good motives; they didn't want any vacant seats in next year's student government.

But good intentions don't justify their violations.

After seeking advice from agencies with experience handling these types of issues, I declined to turn over the notes.

Some students expressed concern that I had something to hide.

I received a letter to the editor from one concerned individual.

He said I should voluntarily relinquish the notes to prove Griffy had not been misquoted.

I faced a dilemma.

Should I turn over my notes and

If I plastered them to every wall on campus, everyone would know I never misquoted Griffy or anyone else.

Giving in to disgruntled SGA officers and turning over my notes would be like turning over my rights.

Griffy would not be the last. Every time I wrote a controversial story someone would want to see my notes.

In June, the Texas attorney general's office ruled in my favor, saying I could not be forced to turn over my notes because *The Patriot* is run by students, not by the University.

I believe I made the right decision by not turning over my notes.

I am sorry if my decision angered anyone or made me look like I was hiding something.

## Stop, think about life's choices



### Guest Column

DE'AUNDELA WEEKLY

Recently, I have become fascinated with gay cinema in America.

I was watching television one night and as I channel surfed I flipped past a delightful little program on Showtime called "Queer as Folk," and thus ensued my pursuit of knowledge about this highly criticized lifestyle.

Issues like coming out, being outed, AIDS, gay bashing, unconventional families, friends, families and the unforgiving society gay people face.

Shows like "QAF" are not the only ones that address these topics; there have been movies and plays, some of which may take a humorous look at the gay world and some that stick to the brutal battleground side.

Movies like "The Birdcage," "Trick," the fabulous "Get Real," and "The Broken Hearts Club" all deal with homosexual lifestyles.

Watching and researching has opened my mind to the realization that all they want is acceptance and love.

As a society we tend to view

outcast than any other individual calling themselves human.

Being gay or lesbian for most of these men and women is not a preference, but a choice.

Although some people argue it is biological.

For the most part many of these people have never had a sexual encounter with anyone other than a person of their same sex.

Sexuality is a choice, not a preference. Some people may disagree, but it only becomes a preference when a person has experimented sexually with both genders.

It's hard to change but it is harder to accept, and before we become critical of the article or the lifestyle so many find immoral, we should stop and think.



records request for copies of my notes regarding an investigation of SGA election code violations, I was surprised, to say the least.

The article was not a personal attack on Griffy or any other member of the SGA.

I could not ignore the information

prove my journalistic integrity or stand firm and allow America's laws to prevail?

My notes do not contain some deep, dark secret. They are simply notes from interviews I conducted with Griffy and former SGA vice president, Alan Thomas, as well as Mark Matthews.

This experience has taught me an important lesson; unfortunately, journalists sometimes make people angry.

My job is to inform students and faculty about what occurs on this campus, whether it is good news or bad, and even if it is going to make someone angry.

This show takes a hard look at gay and lesbian friends trying to get their lives together.

Now this show does not represent the gay and lesbian community as a whole, but it does an extraordinary job of representing the issues.

anything or anyone who does not follow the norms as socially unacceptable, but what we fail to see is we are all different; we look different, talk differently, think differently and do a great many things differently.

Homosexuals are no more of an

There are so many people out there suffering in silence for fear that their sexual choices will never be accepted.

It could be you, a friend, or a family member. Think.

"It's only love, what is everyone so afraid of," Ben Silverstone said.

# Saying no thank you while looking gift horse in the mouth



## Patty's Perspective

PATTY BROWN

Not being rich has its hardships. Most of us will never know the joy of seeing our family name engraved in stone, living on after our earthly bodies are gone.

But one such Tyler family will know that joy at the Aug. 20 dedication ceremony of the new Riter Millennium Carillon Bell Tower.

The Riter family is a long-time and very dedicated contributor to many worthy projects and causes associated with the University of Texas system.

Unfortunately, questions have been raised as to why we need a tower.

I still do not know why, but after speaking with an administrator, I had a better understanding.

I was under the mistaken impression this administration went to the Riter family and asked for this

tower.

That's what a faculty member originally told me.

The tower was what University Regent A.W. "Dub" Riter and his family wanted.

It was the Riter family that came to UTT with their request.

Ours is not to reason why. Personally, I was stunned and offended by what I perceived as a monumental waste of money.

I know the University looks upon this gift as a great gesture, but I still struggle with the amount of money used to build a monument to one family's greatness.

Knowing that it was not my

revered university that made this, in my eyes, unreasonable expenditure made me feel better.

I could not imagine why, with all the genuine needs this school has, they would agree to such a thing.

Then I realized, they accepted because it was offered.

My intentions with this column are not to make the Riter family upset, but to convey the feelings of the majority of students that I have asked about this issue.

Many students do feel outrage that \$1.35 million was spent on a bell tower when, at the same time, our student fees went up, you could

not get food on campus anywhere but from a vending machine this whole summer, and many beautiful trees were cut down to make way for this testament of mortar and bricks.

Many students believe there are too many needs of this university and the community that are not being met to have, in my words, wasted such an extraordinary sum of money on bricks, bells, and engraving.

What the Riter family did was extremely generous, but they must understand that in the perception of a working mother, going to school, raising her family, and building up

almost \$50,000 worth of student loans that need to be paid off, the generosity was questionably placed.

We all want to think that our lives here, as short as they are, are not wasted and that we will live on.

For most of us, we live on as memories in the hearts and minds of the family and friends we leave behind. Those memories are free and, we hope, generously used.

The Riter Millennium Carillon Bell Tower will live on long after this generation of Ritters is gone, and students 100 years from now will have the bell tower to look at and wonder.

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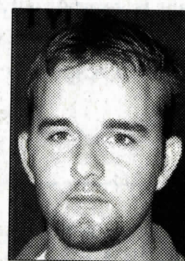
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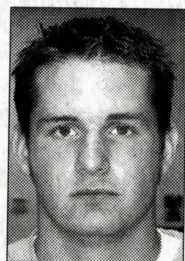
What is your reaction to the cutting of trees on campus for the sake of new construction projects?



CUMMINGS

"I never really thought about (preserving trees) as a priority over construction."

- Dustin Cummings, senior, electrical engineering



SPARKS

"I do wish that some of the trees were back, but I think it's going to help in the long run."

- Ted Sparks, sophomore, computer science



STEVENER

"I don't think we need all of (the new construction). I prefer the campus smaller with better academics, over larger with all of the extra-curricular activities."

- Marcy Stevener, junior, nursing



ETHEREDGE

"The school has recently experienced a lot of growth, and it will be beneficial in the long run."

- Troy Etheredge, junior, computer science



WILLIAMS

"It helps the campus because it's growing, and it'll make it a lot better."

- Julie Williams, junior, nursing



# Theater: life and liberty

## Student expresses interest, desire for dramatic career

by Lisa Robinson  
Staff writer

As the spoken words suddenly end and music begins to softly play in the background, the stage lighting of The Theatre fades into the darkness of the room, then brightly re-emerges to showcase the actors bowing to the much-appreciated applause.

Michael Stephens, playing the dual role of Grandfather and Uncle Roger, has just finished a three-night "chamber theatre" style production of A. R. Gurney's *Ancestral Voices*.

As a graduate student working on a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Stephens has been a part of the theatre since elementary school.

"My first role was in early grade school in a school production for the Centennial," Stephens said. "I really took to the idea when I discovered that having a lot of energy and being animated really felt right on a stage."

These animated antics, however, sent Stephens to the principal's office on occasion.

"I was always being sent to the office for talking too loud. So I do remember the exact moment when it all clicked with me," Stephens said.

"It was when the principal who had given me licks with the paddle at the beginning of the year was handing me a certificate for doing well in the play at the end of the year. In both instances, I was doing essentially the same thing, just one was onstage and one was off," Stephens said.

In choosing specific roles to focus his energy, Stephens said, research plays an important role.

"Classical roles have a lot of material to look at, from who has done it before to what directors have had success with the script and where and when those productions took place,"

strong foundation on which to build," Stephens explained.

"My first goal as a performer is to let the audience feel like the character does, to allow for an audience to know why the character does what they do," Stephens said.

The same background development was used for his role of Grandfather in this summer's production of *Ancestral Voices*.

"The grandfather loved his grandbaby for the reasons

production a joy to do and their growth has been a help to bringing Grandfather about," Stephens explained.

It has been an interesting summer for Stephens.

He not only worked on the production of the play, but he also had the opportunity to travel.

"This summer started out with a travel study trip to Rome, Paris and London. A small group of us saw all the major sights, some great theatre, and I celebrated my birthday in May in Paris," Stephens said.

"That was a definite lifetime memory."

Stephens plans to graduate in May.

"After graduation, I hope to go to a major market like New York and work for a season. I am applying for professional internships at various locations," Stephens said.

"Right now, the most important thing to me is being happily focused on my goals," Stephens explained. "In the future I would like to have other responsibilities apart from acting. I have been looking at design aspects and more hands on roles."

Theater has had a definite impact on Stephens.

"It has caused me to see others as more sensitive than I otherwise would have given them credit for being, he said."

"It has allowed me to experience the alternate feeling of what someone else feels and has allowed me to keep a better perspective of my own experiences."

Stephens said.

Colonel Pickering from "Pygmalion" and "My Fair Lady" are among his favorite roles.

He also compares his own personal experiences to the characters and looks at any blatant differences that should be addressed.

"I always look for established points because I want to have a

that the play explains better than I can. I just wanted to relay the joy that time spent with children and grandchildren is precious and is remembered in moments like the script suggests," Stephens said.

"The summer production of *Ancestral Voices* has been a tremendously wonderful experience. The other cast members have made this



# Cowan putting on hits to celebrate fifth year

by Lisa Robinson  
Staff writer

A famous Tylerite, the world's greatest mime and a Pulitzer Prize winning musician are among the line-up for the fifth season of the Performing Arts Series of the University's Cowan Center, director Susan Thomae-Morphew said.

"We are thrilled to offer the genius and talent of Wynton Marsalis, Marcel Marceau and Sandy Duncan all in one season," she said. "And to round out the series with the world's greatest choreographer from Russia's Bolshoi Ballet, the legendary Buddy Holly musical and American masterpiece 'Porgy and Bess,' it is truly a landmark season to help celebrate our fifth year serving East Texas as a cultural center."

Tyler native Sandy Duncan will open the series Sept. 22 with "A Celebration of Broadway's Best."

Along with Guy Stroman and her husband, Don Correia, Duncan will present a night of non-stop singing and dancing featuring music from several Broadway musicals including "A Chorus Line" and "Gypsy."

Universally acclaimed as "The World's Greatest Mime," Marcel Marceau will perform Oct. 12.

"He is truly an artist. I saw him perform 10 years ago in Texarkana, and it was absolutely one of the best pieces of theater I've ever seen," Thomae-Morphew said. University student ticket-holders will have the opportunity to attend a special seminar with Marceau the night before the performance entitled "Marcel Marceau Speaks."

Following a 30-minute video of his work, Marceau will offer students a rare look in to his art form.

"He doesn't like to speak about his work unless everybody has seen him perform," Thomae-Morphew explained.

"Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" will be featured Nov. 20.

The Broadway musical will take the audience back to the 1950s, chronicling the rise of Lubbock's favorite son with over 20 of his greatest hits.

"Buddy" is a really popular Broadway musical that has never come to Tyler before. It actually started in London, instead of New York," Thomae-Morphew said. "I've talked to more people on this campus that have seen this musical in London and loved it. It should be really fun."

The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra led by Wynton Marsalis will perform Feb. 1.

The orchestra includes 15 of the greatest jazz soloists and ensemble musicians working today.

Led by the Pulitzer-Prize-winning Wynton Marsalis, the performance will include compositions by Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie and Benny Goodman, among others.

Bolshoi's "Spartacus," the powerful story of the uprising of Roman gladiators and slaves in first century B.C. will be performed Feb. 19.

Choreographed by Yuri Grigorovich, Bolshoi's Ballet delivers a dramatic reflection of real events that occurred in Roman history.

"Grigorovich's approach to dancing is really theatrical, not at all pretty like Swan Lake. It is going to be a very powerful ballet," Thomae-Morphew said.

The Gershwin's American masterpiece, "Porgy and Bess" will close out the Performing Arts Series on March 8.

Considered the only American operatic work, "Porgy and Bess" entwines passion, prejudice, and pride with a musical score including "Summertime," "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'," and "It Ain't Necessarily So."

For ticket information, contact the Cowan Center box office at (903) 566-7424.

# Journalist, political adviser slated for Distinguished Lecture Series

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by Lisa Robinson  
Staff writer

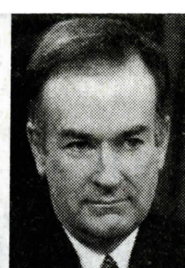
Award-winning journalist Bill O'Reilly and political adviser James Carville will be the featured speakers in the 2001-2002 Distinguished Lecture Series, Cowan Center director Susan Thomae-Morphew said.

O'Reilly will present his lecture on Oct. 25 and Carville will speak on Feb. 28.

A third lecture, usually sponsored by University of Texas Health Care Center, will not be presented this season due to scheduling problems, Thomae-Morphew said.

"The main reason the Health Center is not doing one this year is that everyone they wanted either wasn't available, or cost too much," she said.

"When you are trying to book somebody and really make a difference, it's hard to find people who are going to fit into your schedule. It just didn't work out this year by the deadline."



O'REILLY



CARVILLE

The first lecture, sponsored by the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, will feature O'Reilly, host of the cable news program "The O'Reilly Factor."

He is also a *New York Times* best-selling author of the book by the same name.

With his "tell it like it is" style, O'Reilly will comment on his 20-year career in network television reporting on the state of America and his new book due out this fall.

The second lecture in the series, sponsored by Vernon and Amy Faulconer, will feature Carville, best known for his sharp wit and colorful

style as chief campaign strategist for the 1992 Clinton/Gore campaign.

Carville also made his mark as senior adviser to the Clinton administration.

"The title of his lecture will be 'James Carville Looks at American Politics,'" Thomae-Morphew said.

With a current identification card, students may attend a special student seminar prior to each lecture from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Braithwaite Recital Hall.

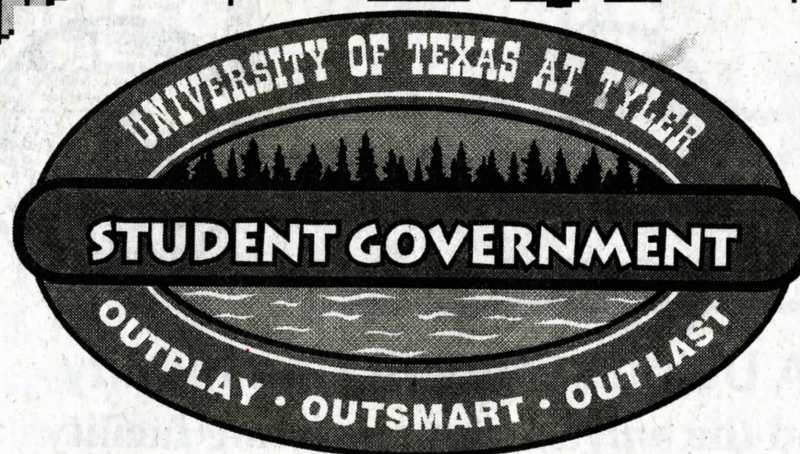
This seminar will provide students the opportunity to exchange ideas and ask questions of the featured lecturer.

Following the seminars, each lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in the Vaughn Auditorium.

Students may receive one complimentary ticket by presenting a current student identification card.

These tickets will be available four weeks prior to each lecture in the Cowan Center box office.

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**GO PATRIOTS:** President Rodney Mabry, right, and Dale Lunsford, dean of students, left, introduce Dr. Howard Patterson as the University's new athletic director at a press conference in the UC July 30. Patterson will head the athletic program on campus.

## ATHLETICS

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develop 13 athletic programs funded in part by student fees.

In November students voted to assess themselves a fee of up to \$7 per semester hour to support intercollegiate athletics.

The student fee will pay for coaching salaries, facility development and maintenance and related team functions, Lunsford said in a previous interview.

Other potential sources of revenue are advertising, fund-raising and team profits, he said.

In an effort to keep "academics the main thing," Mabry said UTT will seek National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III membership.

Division III offers no athletic scholarships or other financial aid based on athletic ability, placing the highest priority on education and the graduation of students.

In Patterson's resume, he said he believes he is "ideally suited to

**"I look upon it as a tremendous challenge."**

—HOWARD PATTERSON  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Statement and NCAA DIII Philosophy."

Patterson will hire, supervise and evaluate coaches, administrators and staff in the athletic department.

He also will set fiscal and administrative policies, conform budgets to NCAA rules and coordinate scheduling of sporting events and game administration.

He said he is excited to be involved in building an athletic program "from the ground up."

However, the transition into a

overnight; it will be a gradual process, Lunsford said.

According to a fact sheet of intercollegiate athletics the University plans to:

- expand Summers Tennis Center,
- begin construction on soccer fields and an athletic complex in fall 2001,
- seek NCAA Division III membership in 2002,
- launch intercollegiate athletics with men's and women's tennis in spring 2002,
- start men's and women's soccer and men's and women's cross country in fall 2002, and
- start men's and women's golf in spring 2003.

Other sports, including men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, baseball and softball, will begin later.

The University plans to build a baseball and softball complex to accommodate games.

## Tennis: back in the swing of things

by Matt Jones  
Staff writer

The man who helped put the University of Texas at Tyler Tennis Program on the map will reintroduce the program this fall. After a four-year absence, the UTT tennis program is back and will be headed by Coach Ken Olivier, who will be running the men's and women's tennis programs for the University.

Olivier has been working behind the scenes for the past few years trying to help UTT revive its tennis program. While plans for the tennis program have been in the works, Olivier has been teaching tennis classes, coaching junior players and running parks and recreation programs at UTT's Summers Tennis Center.

With the season just around the corner, Olivier has great, yet realistic, expectations for his teams.

"I want to set a standard in terms of practices and making sure the players are well grounded in their academic studies," said Olivier. He stressed that he is not interested in recruiting kids who can just play tennis.

"That's key to our program," said Olivier. "It's a privilege to play tennis for UT Tyler."

He also thinks that it is a privilege to coach at the University, and he shows great enthusiasm for the opportunity he has to develop his players' skills, along with their character.

"I expect my players to work hard and compete to the best of their abilities for the University," Olivier said.

He said things do not happen overnight with a new program. He fully expects it to be a work in progress and sees it taking a year to grow the program.

If UTT's pending application for Division III classification is approved, most of the team members will be people who want to attend college and play tennis but have not necessarily had good coaching.

"This gives me the opportunity to

### UT Tyler Tennis Teams

#### Women:

- Stephanie Hughes - Major: Health - Senior
- April Bancod - Major: Biology - Sophomore
- Tiffany Zempel - Major: Undecided - Freshman

#### Men:

- Bryan Whitt - Major: Political Science - Senior
- P.J. Alexander - Major: Pre-med. - Junior
- Steven Brouer - Major: Business - Sophomore
- Nick Walker - Major: Engineering - Sophomore (from Midland)
- Chris Paciotti - Major: Business - Sophomore (transferring from Lamar; plans on attending UT in the spring after a brief stint at TJC this fall)
- Mayur Naik - Major: Business - Freshman
- \* Maciek Huneck - Major: Business - Freshman (International student from Canada)

Rafael Gonzalez from Mexico City, also plans on coming to UT Tyler to play tennis this year.

Olivier.

He won both the singles and doubles national championships in 1989 and is currently world ranked in doubles.

The short-term goal for Olivier and the UTT tennis program is to be able to field both men's and women's tennis teams. Currently, Olivier has enough players for a men's team and is only two or three players short of fielding a women's team. It takes at least six student athletes to make up a team. This, however, does not seem to concern Olivier.

"I'm very confident that when October 27 rolls around that we will have enough players for a women's team," Olivier said.

Recruits are visiting the campus daily, and it seems the attitude of the program is more along the lines of "what players do we want," instead of "will we have enough."

Over the long haul, Olivier's plans are to build a program with

That's not to say that Olivier doesn't plan on adding another trophy or two to the shelf.

UTT will unveil five new tennis courts, for a total of eight lighted courts at the Summers Tennis Center. The university will have the only courts in East Texas to meet professional standards.

"The new courts demonstrate that UT is committed to athletics long term," Olivier said. He added that the new facilities should help immensely in recruiting.

The first day of scheduled practices and tryouts will be Sept. 4. The season officially gets underway on Oct. 27-28 when UTT will play host to the Discovery Science Tournament. Olivier said the new facilities definitely influenced the decision to hold the tournament here. The new facilities also will allow UTT to conduct a pre-qualifying professional tournament slated later in the year.

The rest of the schedule has not yet been set, in order to give Olivier a chance to see exactly what his players can do under fire.

"I'm not scared of losing, but I don't want to get killed. That would not do any good for our program."

Instead, Olivier will assess his team during the first tournament to see how he will schedule them for future contests.

Several coaches already have expressed interest in playing Olivier's teams due to his reputation.

Olivier has, however, penciled his teams in to play the first tournament of the spring at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene on Feb. 8-9.

Other teams competing in that tournament are Howard Payne, Temple, University Of Dallas and Seward Junior College.

The UTT women's tennis team currently consists of three players, and that number will increase by the beginning of the season.

The men's team is made up of seven players and that number is also expected to rise.



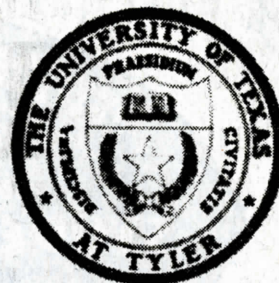
build the athletics department at UT Tyler in line with its Mission University with intercollegiate athletics will not be accomplished challenge," Patterson said.

develop these athletes and to use my experience to help them," said

great student athletes who will compete effectively.

Most of the players have received academic scholarships.

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## TJC names Marquis new head coach

by Matt Jones  
Staff writer

Tyler Junior College officials introduced Michael Marquis as the new head coach for Apache men's basketball during an Aug. 7 press conference at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Marquis, who served as head coach at Indian Hills (Iowa) Community College the past two years, replaces Chris Crutchfield, who resigned in early July to accept an assistant coaching position at New Mexico State University.

Marquis led Indian Hills to a fourth-place finish in the 2001 national junior college tournament. His Warriors defeated San Jacinto Community College of Texas in the first round.

Prior to being named Indian Hills head coach, Marquis served as associate head coach when the Warriors won the NJCAA title in 1998-99.

As the head coach, Marquis amassed a record of 60-10.

His overall coaching record consists of 295 victories and 116 losses.

"We are delighted to have Michael on board and we are extremely pleased at the selection of the committee," said John Peterson, TJC athletic director and tennis coach.

"We've hired too many basketball coaches in the past and we were looking for a man who would bring stability and for someone who wants to stay and take roots in the community. We think we've found that



—Tre Cheney/The Patriot

**NEW APACHE:** Michael Marquis, standing in front of a picture of coach Floyd Wagstaff, addresses members of the media at Wagstaff Gymnasium Aug. 7 after taking over as head coach of men's basketball.

man."

Peterson said this is the first time the college has "gone outside the circle" to hire a coach, but "it's good to go outside and bring in some new blood and new thoughts."

Marquis attended Marshalltown Community College and Grand View College, majoring in English.

He previously served as head coach at MCC from 1987-1997, leading them to 10 straight winning seasons, including school records for wins in four consecutive seasons.

"I'm delighted to be here and I look forward to going to work," Marquis said. "We know that the talent is already here. We will work hard as a team and my experience has shown me that every bit of hard work eventually produces good results."

Marquis has been coaching at the junior college level for more than 15 years and said he believes his experience will help aid his players in their maturing process.

Marquis was the youngest junior college head coach in America in 1987 at the age of 23. In 1988, he served as head coach for men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, and men's baseball at Marshalltown.

His teams had winning records in all sports.

In 1989, he became the nation's youngest junior college athletic director at the age of 25.

After the 2000 season, NBA teams drafted two players from his Indian Hills squad in the second round.

In 2001 Marquis was named District XI Coach of the Year.

## 2001 Tyler Junior College Football Schedule

### Non-conference

9/1	Navarro	7 p.m.
9/8	Kilgore	7 p.m.
9/15	@Cisco	7 p.m.

### Apaches 2000

10/13	
10/20	
10/27	
11/3	
11/10	

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9/22	@Blinn	7 p.m.
9/29	NEO	7 p.m.
10/6	@Navarro	3 p.m.
10/13	Cisco	3 p.m.
10/20	@Ranger	3 p.m.
10/27	TVCC	7 p.m.
11/3	@Kilgore	3 p.m.
11/10	1st playoff game	TBA



## Dean's, President's Lists announced

The University has named 169 students to the spring semester's Dean's List.

To be named to the list, a student must have completed at least nine semester credit hours with a grade point average of 3.7 or above.

This are the students named to the Dean's List:

ALBA - Stephanie L. Russell  
 ARP - Melissa G. Tresner  
 ATHENS - Leighanne H. Austin, Sonya G. Burnett, Linda E. Frater, Jennifer A. Lehr, Stefani A. Martin, Kevin L. Hanes, Bowen C. Reed, and Angie J. Murphree  
 AUSTIN - Leah B. Turner  
 BECKVILLE - Carroll D. Russell  
 BIG SANDY - Deborah R. Wigginton and Rhiannon N. Gage  
 BROWNSBORO - Yuriiko T. Gravitt, Joe R. Angell, Robyn R. Jay, and Billy S. Borunda.  
 BULLARD - Thomas H. Breedlove, Lalla G. Hansen, Frank H. Sullivan, and Pearl A. Sherman  
 CANTON - Melinda B. Waters, Cristie M. Guy, and Angelia L. Garrison  
 CARROLLTON - Jill R. Mayo  
 CHANDLER - Jasmin Kinserlow, and Jason L. Odom  
 CORSICANA - Andrew M. Pearson  
 ELKHART - Billy G. Howard  
 EUSTACE - Terri A. Parmenter  
 FLINT - Rose A. Ellis, Rosa M. Bayona-Seymour, Kenneth C. Jeffcoat, Tiffany A. Morgan, and Jennifer R. Edwards  
 GILMER - Randal R. Hodges, Amber D. Legan, Robert E. Boggs, Starr P. Owens, and Patricia R. Lowery  
 GLADEWATER - Jennifer L. Miller  
 GROSEBECK - Brian C. Samford  
 HENDERSON - Mendi J. Hall and Heather L. Martin  
 JACKSONVILLE - Leslie M. Huval, and April E. Scalen  
 JASPER - Morgan L. Crowson  
 KEMP - Christie L. Stearman  
 KERENS - Jeanna K. Thompson  
 KILGORE - Angela E. Beck  
 LEESBURG - Susan L. Honeywell  
 LINDALE - Jefferey A. Little, Lisa R. Brown, Kathleen S. Simmons and Linda K. Wood, Chris L. Drake  
 LONGBRANCH - Monica L. Pless  
 LONGVIEW - Samantha A. Cole, Melissa J. Wiklund, Courtney A. Franks, Eric E. Good, Brett T.

M. Wilson, Amber L. Ridgers, Mark L. Davis, and Dana Dupree  
 MABANK - James B. Lausier, and Misti K. Bevill and Senthia C. Shoecraft  
 MARSHALL - Holli M. Petersen  
 MINEOLA - Timothy S. Leisure, and Debra A. Davis and Christina M. Speights  
 MOUNT PLEASANT - Sarah M. Moore  
 MURCHISON - Shannon K. Milner, and Sarah R. Neal  
 PALESTINE - Deborah L. Blackwell, and Kenneth H. Martin  
 PITTSBURG - Vicki H. Stokes  
 OAKWOOD - Kelly N. Young  
 OVERTON - Omera A. McLeod  
 QUITMAN - Donald H. Edwards, Leah B. Carrell, David A. Denney, and Brandy N. Williams  
 RUSK - Joshua T. McElroy, Sarah A. White, and Stacy L. Welch  
 TEAGUE - Michael E. Symank  
 TEMPLE - Elizabeth A. Wilson  
 TROUP - Amber L. Lindsey  
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 SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA - Claire A. McDonald  
 HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK - Christina M. Ping  
 The University has named 128 students— including 34 Tyler residents— to the President's Honor Roll for the 2001 spring semester.  
 To be named to the President's Honor Roll, a student must have completed in one semester 12 or more credit hours with a grade of "A" in all courses.  
 The following students were named to the President's List:  
 ALBA - Lana C. Haggerty  
 ALTO - Daniel C. White  
 ARP - Krissi A. Kee, and Grady M. Haffner  
 ATHENS - Lori L. Cincar, Laura S. Ballard, and Kristin M. Batt  
 BEN WHEELER - Lisa A. Page  
 BROWNSBORO - Jennifer L. Parker  
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 GLADEWATER - Jamie E. Gothard, Scarlet I. Worthen, Rachel L. Kerns, Jaclyn A. McDaniel, and Donovan W. Flowers  
 GOLDEN - Mary L. Bass  
 GRAND SALINE - Angela D. Stanley  
 GUN BARREL CITY - Sarah E. Shipley  
 HALLSVILLE - Jessica R. Young  
 HENDERSON - Abigail E. Anderson, Amy L. Bradbery, June T. Bedford, Ashley M. Davis, Bethany M. Kuykendall, and Samantha J. Shallcross, and Durenda M. Adams  
 HUNTSVILLE - Jennifer L. Gibson  
 JACKSONVILLE - Brady E. Brooks, Natalie L. Welch, and Tracie Jowell

LINDALE - Daniel G. Brooks, Adam B. Crockett, Micah D. White, Linda F. Drake, and Deborah A. Stills  
 LONGVIEW - Tracee J. White, Jennifer D. White, Leeann Sims, and Shanna R. McKelvey  
 MABANK - Amber M. Glosup and May A. McDowell, and Rachel D. Killian  
 MARSHALL - Melissa C. Jacquez  
 MEXIA - John M. Lindsey  
 MINEOLA - Heather R. McConnell  
 MOUNT ENTERPRISE - Heather D. Madlock  
 MOUNT PLEASANT - Rachel S. Grigsby, Jennifer T. Miller, and Rhoda K. Bicknell  
 MURCHISON - Kimberlee D. Dunn  
 NEW LONDON - Wendy L. Williamson  
 PALESTINE - Robyn S. Brown and Bonnie J. Linam, and Richard T. Edwards  
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 VAN - Kristopher D. Pagitt, criminal justice; Ronnie C. Lancaster, industrial safety; and Holli M. Darragh, interdisciplinary studies.  
 WHITE OAK - Robin R. McNeely, interdisciplinary studies; and Joshua D. Jones, mathematics.  
 WHITEHOUSE - Casey L. Plummer and Kati J. Polak, biology; Brian P. Turner, finance; Ella M. Moore, interdisciplinary studies; and Crystal D. Morgan, major undecided.  
 WINFIELD - Stephanie R. Heeren, interdisciplinary studies.  
 WINONA - Michael J. Chastant.

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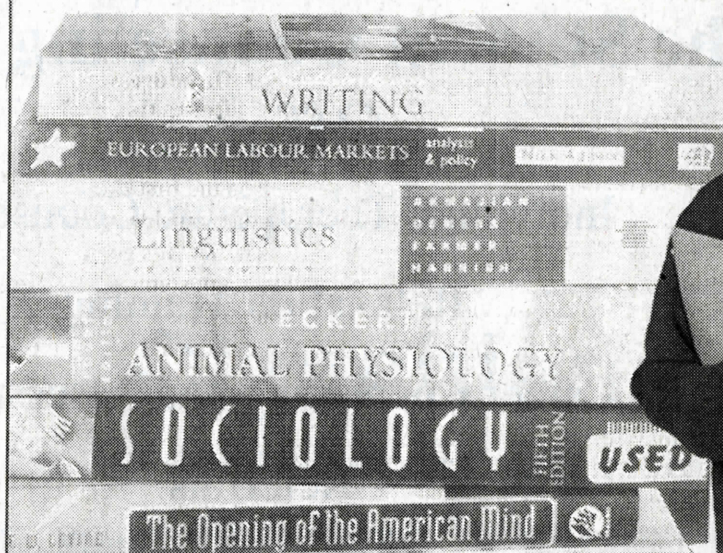


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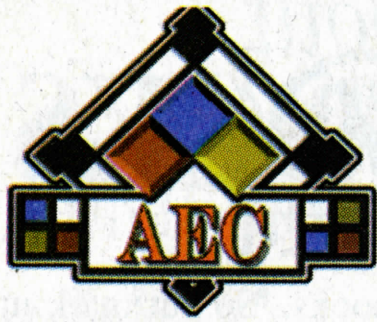
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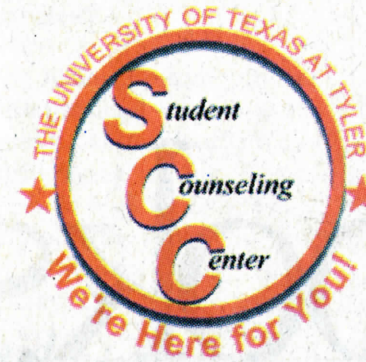
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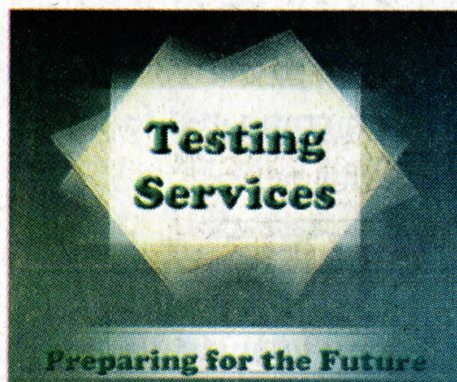
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—Brant Spraggins/The Patriot

**TESTING ONE, TWO, THREE: Chuck White, a service technician tests the operation of the carillon tower's keyboard.**

## SGA revamping constitution, needs approval

by Matt Jones

Staff writer

Students may be asked to decide proposed changes to the Student Government Association's constitution during a September election - a project the SGA considers a top priority, president Lana Cain said.

The proposed changes range from recalculating the number of student representatives, and reassessing duties and qualifications, to changing election dates.

"Some changes are major and some are minor, but they are changes nonetheless," Cain said.

Once the SGA approves the proposed changes, the propositions must be presented to the student body for approval.

The election results must then be presented to University President Rodney Mabry and then finally approved by the University of Texas Board of Regents - a potentially lengthy process Cain said is important.

"If the changes are made, they

won't be in effect until next year, so myself and many others of the Student Government Association won't even be at UT Tyler," she said.

"That definitely shows that we are doing this in the best interest of UT Tyler, not something to benefit ourselves."

Cain said the changes now being considered by the SGA include:

- Increasing the number of representatives from each of the colleges and adding representatives from the Longview and Palestine campuses.
- Deleting a constitutional article requiring the SGA to meet in May because of finals.
- Requiring the SGA president to attend bimonthly academic council meetings.
- Adding a list of responsibilities required for senators.
- Requiring officers to work in the office at least five hours per week during the summer.
- Allowing proxy voting under certain circumstances such as when

a senator or officer must attend class.

• Requiring president and vice president candidates to serve at least one year in the SGA before seeking those offices.

• Requiring secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian candidates to serve at least one year as an officer or senator, or serve on an SGA committee for at least one semester before seeking those offices.

• Extending the period in which the SGA can conduct spring elections from March 15 through April 15 to March 1 through April 15 to account for Spring Break.

• Conducting separate elections for officers and senators.

Cain said she believes the number of senators should be changed to coincide with changes made by the University.

Last year, Mabry approved a reorganization plan that reduced the number of colleges from six to five.

Under the current constitution, the students elect three senators

from each college.

However, since the reorganization the total number of representatives was reduced from 18 to 15.

Since some of the colleges are now larger, Cain said SGA members would like to be able to assign more than three senators.

Proposed changes in the candidate requirements and separate elections reflect a desire to attract experienced students, as well as give students more opportunities to serve the student body, she said.

Cain said some SGA members would like to see officer elections held first in order to give those who do not win a chance to run for a senator position.

Under the current constitution, a student can run for only one position.

Although holding two elections would be more costly, Cain said it would benefit officer candidates by giving them a better chance of being involved with the student government.

## Police chief resigns after poor evaluation

by Tre Cheney

Staff writer

Interim Police Chief Robert Hudson resigned last month after an evaluator rated his management performance as below average and noted he had failed to show progress in obtaining his bachelor's degree, according to documents obtained by *The Patriot*.

Hudson, who was promoted to the position last August, was given the option of returning to his previous position as lieutenant within the department or face being re-evaluated after 60 days and terminated if all goals were not met.

Hudson initially elected to remain with the department, but in a July 24 notice, he submitted his resignation.

The notice said the resignation was effective Aug. 13 and that Hudson would transfer to the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Officials began advertising for a new chief in early July.

"We have begun the search to fill this position on a permanent basis with a candidate who meets all of the qualifications of the job," said

marketing at the University of Texas Health Center where the police department is based.

Hudson has more than 23 years experience in law enforcement.

He began working for the University of Texas system in 1987.

Hudson was hired on an interim basis and was to remain on probation until his one-year evaluation.

Hudson's evaluation was performed by Martha Whitehead, vice president for development and University affairs.

She rated Hudson as "sometimes failing to achieve positive expectations" in such areas as organization/productivity and interpersonal skills/communication conduct.

Her evaluation also noted that Hudson had not completed his bachelor's degree as required by the terms of his employment as interim chief.

In the evaluation, Whitehead said Hudson had poor communication and leadership skills and had "doubtful 'director' ability."

Hudson declined to discuss his resignation with *The Patriot*, but in documents obtained by the student newspaper, he told Health Center

formance evaluation.

"If my performance was this bad, why was I not told something sooner so it could be corrected. I have been in this position for almost a year and no indication had been made that there were any problems," he wrote on the employee comment portion of the evaluation.

In a supplemental letter, Hudson admits, "I have some problems in certain areas, such as budget preparation," but insists he asked for help and prepared the budget "according to what I was told."

"During my entire employment with the Health center, from the first day, I have tried to serve the Health center community, to provide a safe environment and facilitate the mission of the Health center," Hudson said in supplemental comments.

They plan to interview at least four of the 21 applicants for the police chief position, Sally Stuart, assistant director of human resources, said.

Those four are Paul Drewry, Terry R. Morrow, Charles R. Oliphint and Norris A. Wimberly, Stuart said. She declined to release any detailed

## Adkins accepts jail term after bribery conviction

by Mac Carl

Staff writer

A Smith County judge sentenced former Tyler Junior College student Marcus Adkins to five days in jail and fined him \$500 for offering a gift to a peace officer on the University campus almost a year ago.

In a July 20 hearing, County Court at Law Judge Floyd Getz gave Adkins the choice between serving time or receiving a six-month probation sentence.

Adkins chose to begin serving his five days on July 27.

Adkins, 29, who lives in St. Louis and travels often, said if he had chosen probation he would have to travel back to Tyler from an undisclosed filming location of a reality show in which he may be a contestant.

Getz allowed Adkins to complete



ADKINS

In an interview with *The Patriot*, Adkins said he could not reveal which series he will be appearing on because of a confidentiality agreement with the network.

Adkins was arrested on Sept. 7 for allegedly offering \$30 to campus security guard Chris Dickson to forget a \$50 citation for parking in a handicap space at University Pines where Adkins then resided.

Adkins contends he was trying to pay his ticket, not offer a bribe.

Dickson testified Adkins told him, "I'll give you \$30 to make it go away."

The offense carries a possible



# Coming Soon . . . . .

## Student Activities Programming Board Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 22 @ 5 p.m. UC118

- Thurs., Aug. 23 — "Big Scoop" Ice Cream Party: 1:30 p.m. UC 118.
- Friday, Aug. 24 — Back2School Pool Party: 6 p.m. UPines Pool & Clubhouse.
- Tues, Sept. 4 — Softball Mtg.: 5 p.m. UC 118.
- Wed., Sept. 5 — Intramural Golf Tournament: Registration Ends
- Thur., Sept. 6 — Student Activities Movie: 5 p.m. UC 118.
- Friday, Sept. 7 — Intramural Golf Tournament: Pines Springs Golf Course.  
Fee:\$35 students, \$40 faculty, staff, others

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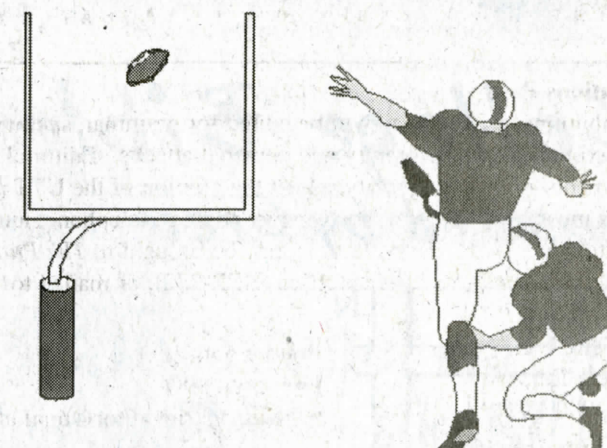
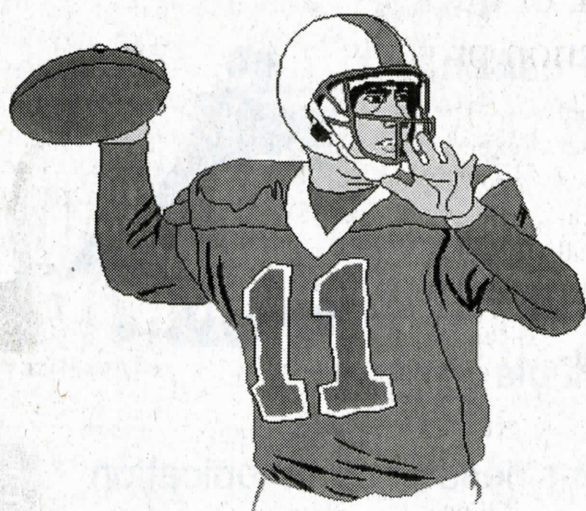
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# OPINION

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they are protected under the First Amendment and are not subject to open record laws.

The Texas Public Information Handbook provides that when a governmental body receives a written request for information it wishes to withhold, it must seek an attorney general decision and state the exceptions to disclosure it believes are applicable.

Griffy said she was not involved in the decision to seek an attorney general's opinion.

"It was never my decision to send the request to the AG. I submitted the request to Lynne Culverhouse, assistant vice-president of business affairs, with the intention of using the information to file a formal complaint against *The Patriot*. The AG's opinion does not affect me; I did not go to him with this request," Griffy said.

Griffy declined to discuss the case any further.

However, in an interview with UT-Austin's *The Daily Texan*, Griffy said she took her complaint to *The Patriot's* adviser first.

"[Vanessa Curry] told me it was my word versus the editor's, and said if I was misquoted I could never prove it," Griffy told *The Daily Texan* in a published report.

Curry said she met with Griffy and took her complaint seriously.

"It's not unusual, in a controversial situation, that the parties involved misinterpret the actions of others," Curry said. "I listened to Ms. Griffy's complaint and I assured her I would review all the facts in the situation. Although I did not find

any major factual errors in Mrs. Tresner's article, I cannot dispute or confirm Ms. Griffy's complaint ... I was not personally a part of that conversation. Therefore, it is the word of one student against another."

In an official response to the AG's office, J. Robert Giddings, general counsel with the University of Texas System asked for clarification of the open record rules.

In his brief, Giddings indicated he believed *The Patriot* fell under the open records law.

"The student newspaper is funded by student fee monies ... The University is the publisher of the student newspaper but many, if not most, of the daily decisions are made by student editors. The newspaper is located on the university campus in a university building. University equipment, furniture and property are used by the newspaper staff. The secretary of the Communications Department provides secretarial assistance to the newspaper and there is a faculty advisor assigned to assist the student editors," he said in his written opinion.

Tresner said she contacted the SPLC for advice and assistance in protecting her notes.

The organization provides free legal advice to student media about their First Amendment rights and freedom of information laws.

Hiestand responded with a four-page opinion in which he argued that student reporters should not be treated any differently than "commercial counterparts" and therefore

are protected under these circumstances.

"A state open records law, designed to ensure public access to government business, has never been used in this country to pry open a reporters' notebook or snoop in a newsroom's computer files and tape recordings. This is not the intent of such laws. It is not permitted by the First Amendment," according to his brief.

The AG also rejected Griffy's request for stipend information "... to the extent any responsive scholarship information contains student identifying information, the information is excepted from disclosure under FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) and section 552.114 of the Government Code."

The attorney general's office extended the deadline for issuing the opinion by 10 days because of the research needed in clarifying the legal issues raised in the open record request. By law, an opinion must be issued within 45 working days from the date the attorney general's office receives the request, unless an extension is granted.

The decision was subject to news articles in *The Daily Texan*, the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* and the SPLC on-line newsletter.

Students wishing to review the attorney general's full opinion, it is available in the office of the Department of Communication, HPR 272, or at [www.oag.state.tx.us/opinopen/opinions/orl49cornyn/orl2001/or012594.html](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/opinopen/opinions/orl49cornyn/orl2001/or012594.html).



—Brant Spraggins/*The Patriot*

**THE BEEF IS BACK:** Subway opened in the University Center Aug. 16. It replaced the Campus Cafe, which closed in April after suffering financially.

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University has opted for the lowest one. Other Subways in Tyler use the second pricing level, she said.

"We're here to provide a service, not just make a profit," Culverhouse said.

The University Subway will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, although hours could be extended if needed, she said.

Patrons who want a more intimate lunch or dinner can use the two-seat booths in the renovated restaurant.

The remodeling was done by Construction of Tyler. Students also

can sit at the University Center tables.

Phone-in orders and executive sack lunches also will be available, Culverhouse said.

The University Subway replaced the Campus Café, which closed its doors April 3 after owner Jim Finninger reportedly told officials the business was not profitable, and he wanted out of his contract.

The contract between the University and Finninger had been effective since February 1998 and would have expired this month.

The café was the lowest rated department on campus, according to

an October faculty survey, Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said in a previous interview.

Earlier this summer, the University hired Robert Knight as the Subway manager, but he was later replaced by Shannon Mariani who will assume the post once training is completed.

Knight, who began work at the University on June 18, did not graduate from the Subway school in Milford, Conn., Culverhouse said.

"We appreciate the work that Knight did. He was very helpful," Culverhouse said.

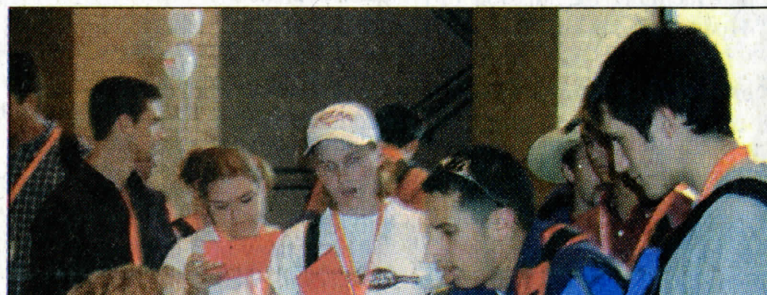
# WEEK

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1 p.m. to recruit new members. Door prizes of double-sided highlighters will be given on a first-come first-serve basis to students who participate, Cain said.

The first SGA meeting of the fall semester will take place in UC room 118 at 5:00 p.m. on Aug. 29. Free

# Wow



# SEARCH

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"The OSO [Outstanding Student Organization] Award is very satisfying because it helps to put more money in the hands

# University state owned, ordinance does not apply

by Tre Cheney  
Staff writer

Although a city of Tyler ordi-

Scott Scarborough, vice president of business affairs, said University officials are aware of how important



pizza will be served at the meeting. "The SGA invites all students, members or not, to come to this meeting to get to know the student government representatives," Cain said.

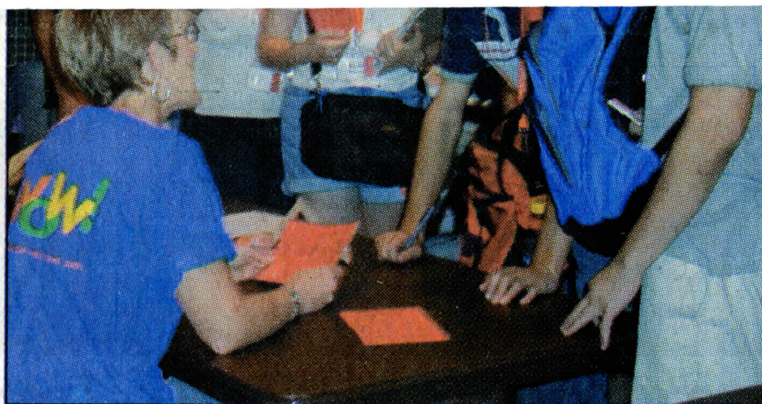
On Aug. 30 a "Welcome Back Picnic" is planned from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the grassy area behind the UC. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and cookies will be offered and the first 50 to attend will receive a free T-shirt.

Aug. 31 will be "University Chill Out Day." SGA members will be serving free snow cones from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the UC.

Longview and Palestine students will not be left out of the Welcome Week festivities. On Aug. 30, sandwiches will be delivered by Jason's Deli to both campuses.

Students from Longview and Palestine also are encouraged to come by the Tyler campus to participate in all of the other activities as well, Cain said.

"Welcome Week is all about the new tradition that we [SGA] want to instill on our campus," Cain said.



—Lisa Robinson/The Patriot

**WELCOMING FRESHMEN:** Freshmen gather to discuss potential majors with Lisa Davis-Allen of the Art Department at the Weekend of Welcome Information Fair held July 27 at the Jack and Dorothy Fay White Lobby.

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of student groups," Matthews said.

Matthews said programs like the OSO Award and Peer Mentors have taken away students' complaints of nothing to do on campus.

He also worked as co-adviser of the Student Government Association during his time at the University.

"He always had very positive things to say, and he was very encouraging," Lana Cain, SGA president, said.

Matthews said he will miss working with students because "they are learning to think and develop their own views," he said.

He said he also will miss working with a "proactive administration."

He said leaving his job at the University was a difficult decision.

"It will be tough, but this is the right move for me and my family," he said.

nance may protect Mother Nature from being overrun by urban development, the fate of campus trees appears to be at the mercy of University officials.

What will happen or has happened to dozens of trees raised some concern this summer as the University oversees construction of a new bell tower, tennis courts and soccer fields, a new nursing building and a physical education building. Pink or red ribbons around campus trees designate which ones are scheduled for trimming.

"In a lot of ways, they're going to ruin what makes the campus pretty . . . but if it's necessary, then it's necessary," Holli Darragh, a senior interdisciplinary studies student, said.

Under the city ordinance new businesses are required to maintain 10 percent of their property as landscape after construction. However, the law does not apply to the University because the campus is state owned, said Stephanie Rollings of the city of Tyler landscaping department.

the trees are to the campus community.

"We have the most beautiful campus in the UT system and . . . [we] want to keep it that way," he said.

One of the most notable changes this summer has been the number of trees cut down or trimmed at the site of the new Riter Millennium Carillon Tower. Workers removed some trees for construction as planned, but later other trees were cut down or trimmed to improve the view of the tower, President Rodney Mabry said in a written report.

The trimming drew some criticism for being too severe. Scarborough said the company that trimmed the trees was instructed not to trim more than 20 feet from the ground. He said that company would not be used again.

He said part of the short- and long-term development plans for the campus is a vigorous tree planting that "would not only replace the number of mature trees that are removed, but would actually increase the number of trees."

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