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The wait is over!

University Center, art complex open doors

Staff Reports

Students in sheets celebrated the completion of the University Center Friday with a toga party, one of two celebrations that heralded continued expansions on campus.

Chilly temperatures dominating much of the week failed to chill the excitement over the new center, which features a coffee bar, Subway sandwich shop and Grill Works, a new hamburger eatery.

The new UC also includes a new multi-level Barnes & Noble Patriot Bookstore with school supplies, school-related merchandise and general-interest books and textbooks.

The unveiling of the new center comes a day after authorities celebrated the expansion of the Fine Arts Complex.

Thursday's celebration included a tour, remarks from University leaders and a special performance by the Jazz Patriots Combo.

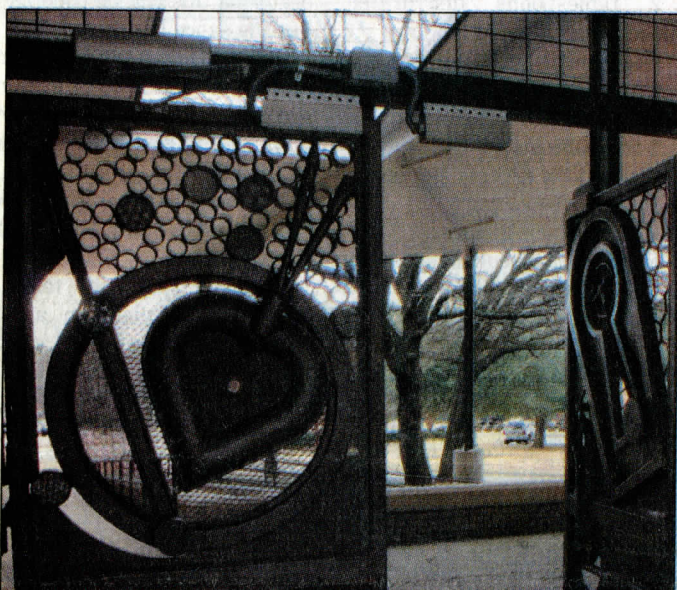
"The Department of Art and History is already known for our exceptional faculty and programs, and now we have the facilities to move forward and realize our growth potential," Gary Hatcher, professor and department chair, said.

The 29,000-square-foot arts complex features a 120-seat lecture hall, 20-seat seminar room, seven studio classrooms and ample office space.

Photos by Jessica Sibbing, Mechelle Woods and Sarah Baker



SGA sponsored a toga party Friday to celebrate the opening of the University Center. From left, Cody Patterson, John Grubb, Emily Smith, and Kacy Aldredge attend the event.



Agents still examining evidence in church fires

Allie Abel
Managing Editor

University students continue to voice disbelief that a former UT student is one of two men accused of torching an East Texas church.

Friends and family of Jason Bourque, 19, are expressing shock at his arrest for one of a series of church fires reported since Jan. 1.

Former UT lecturer Geanina Barna taught Bourque in her fundamentals of speech class in spring 2009.

Bourque dropped the speech class about a month into the semester, Barna said.

"He appeared very intelligent," she said. "He showed an inquisitive mind and was much more mature than his age."

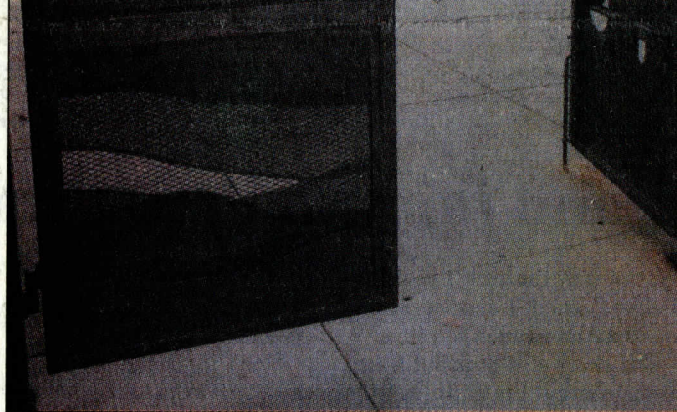
Barna said Bourque had a talent when it came to debate, and his answers always stood out in the classroom.

"There were times he dropped Bible verses," she said. "It is not something you would expect from a man his age."

Authorities say they have enough evidence to link him to

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Microwaves, politics top SGA agenda



Above: Custom metal doors welcome guests to the University's new Fine Arts Complex, which opened Thursday. **Upper middle:** new landscaping and a modern entry complete the look.



Above: Ashley Mendoza, left, and Shelby Morris get jiggy with it while attending SGA's toga party.

Left: from left, Bradley Pennington, Adrian Amerson and Amber Anderson show off their moves while dancing to "Imma B" by Black Eyed Peas.

Hattie Kemp
Copy Editor

Student Government Association members passed a motion at their Feb. 25 meeting to purchase two new microwave ovens for the Business Administration Building.

SGA treasurer Andrew Barnson, who made the motion, explained why the organization was replacing one broken microwave with two.

Barnson said because so many students eat lunch and dinner there, he saw a need for two microwaves.

He said sometimes there are several students waiting in line to heat their food, and two ovens would give them more time to eat.

The motion stated the cost of the two microwaves must be under \$200 and be paid from the SGA budget.

The student senate discussed another motion about hosting political candidates.

The motion stated, "SGA will allow political proponents/commentators access to University grounds and facilities for the purpose of providing the University community accessibility to varying political views for the 2009-2010 academic year."

President Amy Whitehouse explained to the assembly before they voted that if the SGA members invited one political candidate, then they would have to invite all.

"We must be unbiased," Whitehouse said.

The members unanimously voted to pass the motion.

SPRING BREAK

Students bust 'party-hardy' stereotypes

Jennifer Harris
Contributing Writer

Spring break. A week of absolute freedom—parties, alcohol, drugs and one night stands. College students around the world travel to breathtaking venues every year to celebrate the biggest party of the year.

What are you planning this year?

Spring break 2010 is fast approaching, and students all over are raving about the school-free week. Here at the University, students are researching locations, choosing destinations and making plans in hopes to jump-start the much-needed break.

Many college and university students consider spring break

a rite of passage. Thousands of young people head out each year expecting to have the time of their lives. The term "spring break" connotes partying, getting wasted and making stupid decisions.

For many University students, spring break is a time of mental refreshing, a time to catch up with friends and spend some quality time with loved ones.

Journalism major Jad Dusek, a junior from Mineola, is escaping to Daytona Beach, Fla., with his family to soak up the sun.

"I just can't wait to play some golf and go surfing," Dusek said.

Sandy beaches not your cup of tea?

You may decide to go on a ski trip with your friends like sopho-

more Rachel Hackbarth, public relations major from Tyler. Hackbarth plans to ski the slopes, drink some hot cocoa and lounge by a cozy fire.

Other University students are focusing on the less fortunate this spring break. The University's office of community relations is offering students an "Alternative Spring Break Trip" with a community service opportunity. Students plan to work with Habitat for Humanity in the Galveston area helping to restore the community to its former beauty.

Sophomore Alex Galaviz, a business major from Diboll, plans to do just that.

"I just hope I can help make a

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Is spring on the way?

Winter weather visits campus for a second time

Sarah Baker
Staff Writer

Winter weather once again pummeled the campus Tuesday, a mere two weeks after the last record East Texas snowstorm.

Some students did not welcome this one with much enthusiasm.

"It's fun for the first couple minutes, but it gets old after a while," Ashley Rodriguez, a nursing major, said.

Other students seem ready for spring.

"I think it's Texas, and it's supposed to be hot," Amanda Ferguson said.

Peter Fos, executive president of academic affairs, canceled night classes Tuesday due to weather conditions.

A committee monitors weather and road conditions.

They make recommendations to Fos as to whether the campus should remain open.

The University Web site and the Emergency Notification System notifies students by e-mails and text messages.

They report any type of emergency, including weather conditions and school closings.

Students can register through POPS to receive alerts by putting in their cell phone numbers.

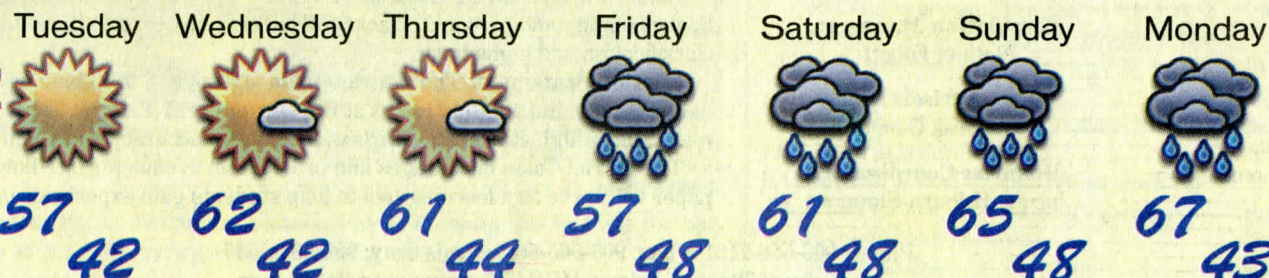
Tuesday's snowstorm continued through the day and ended around 7 p.m.

Dismayed students lost their hopes for a day off.

"I don't ever get tired of it," Natalie Williams said.

Weather

Information compiled from various sources including the National Weather Service.



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Be proud every day, not just in February



Closer Look

by Sarah Fields-Thomas

you want, do as you desire, and choose the leaders you please.'

You do not take a man who for years has been hobbled by chains, liberate him, bring him to the starting line of the race, saying, 'You are free to compete with all the others,' and still justly believe you have been completely fair ...

We seek not just freedom but opportunity—not just legal equity but human ability—not just

equality as a right and a theory, but equality as a fact and as a result."

I believe President Johnson would agree he could not justify the same speech today.

For today, his words no longer resemble the

face of our nation.

I propose we make use of our equality in a manner that directly reflects not where we have been but where we are now.

Yes, we should be proud.

Yes, we should educate ourselves and our children about the black men and women who broke the mold and outlived every stereotypical prediction thrown their way.

However, wouldn't it serve us better to maintain that pride and curiosity every day of every month—not just in the 28 days set aside each year.

Let us do away with the institutions that increase the distance between races.

Let us deny these institutions reasons to inject their idiotic notions into our lives: notions that have been dormant for almost 40 years, notions that no longer bare any resemblance to the life our ancestors have afforded us.

Brown v. Board of Education, 1954, resulted in integrated schools.

The Civil Rights Act passed in 1964. Affirmative action took hold in 1965.

Notice anything?

All legislation for equality is more than 40 years old.

During the 40 years since an executive order was necessary to enforce equality, America has

made tremendous strides in making success and advancement in society available to all.

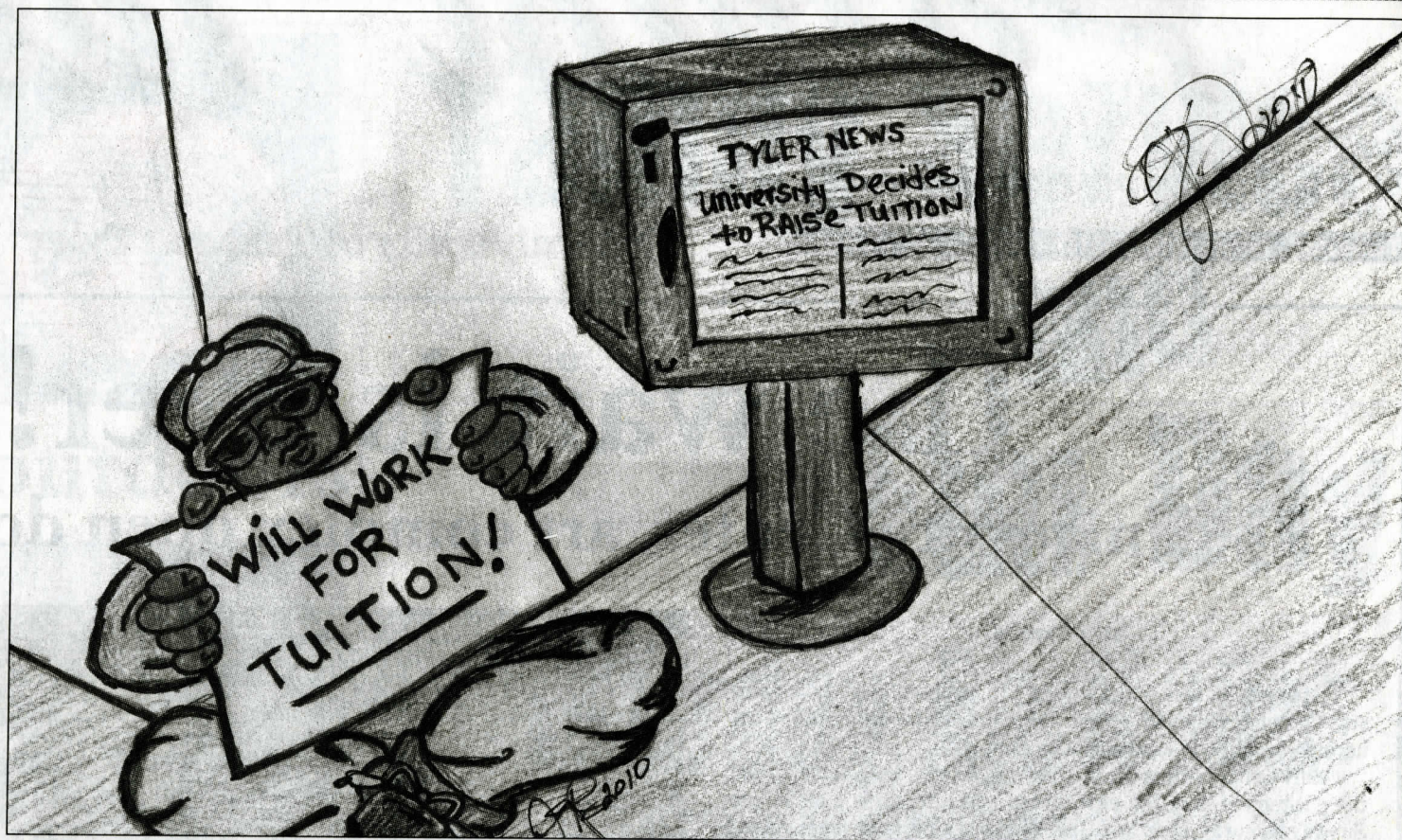
Our fellow Americans DO judge us based on the content of our character. The same educational training and employment opportunity IS afforded to all. The American dream is alive and well.

We want equality, yet we continue to lend credence to organizations and celebrations that drive the wedge deeper.

With Barack Obama sitting in the White House, I find it difficult to see the relevance in organizations and celebrations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, United Negro College Fund and Black History Month.

President Lyndon B. Johnson gave a speech to the 1965 graduating class at Howard University.

"You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: 'Now, you are free to go where



'Discount Diva' strikes again, lands a spicy bargain



Meals, Munchies & More

by Hattie Kemp

My 16-year-old, 25-inch Sony TV went on the fritz in January after it made a loud popping noise.

The picture quality afterward had a greenish hue and the sound crackled with static.

I had been longing to own a new high-definition, flat-screen TV, so I wasn't particularly upset by my old model's timely demise.

I was sure a 31- or 32-inch set would fit easily inside my entertainment armoire, the focal point of my living room.

This massive piece of furniture, which was so popular in the '90s, is now an antiquated room hog taking up entirely too much space. I shopped around looking for the best buy and found it at Best Buy. What a coincidence!

I bought a 31-inch Samsung and took advantage of their three-

I've been searching the sale papers for a bright red, 4 ½-quart Crockpot® for a while, and was so excited to discover Best Buy had one on sale that week.

I rushed to get there the next day and grabbed the last one in stock—it was meant for me—and proudly handed the cashier my \$15-off coupon.

The original price was \$24.99, but the sale price was \$16.99.

The cashier deducted my coupon, making the final price \$2.15 with tax. Woohoo! The Discount Diva scores again!

This latest addition is number-four in my slow-cooker collection.

You may recall I sang the praises of slow cookers in my column before Christmas and urged you readers to add one to your wish lists.

Well, did Santa deliver?

I hope so because I am sharing one of my favorite slow-cooker recipes with you today.

Actually it is my sister Beckie's Internet find for barbecued ribs, but I have tweaked it a bit to suit my taste.

Sharp knife
1-cup liquid measure
Measuring spoons
Large baking pan
Large and medium-sized mixing bowls
Large slow cooker (6 ½-quart capacity)
Tongs or 2 large spatulas

Ingredients for cooking sauce:

2 slabs pork baby-back ribs
24 oz. cola (Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper, or any store brand)
2 tablespoons dehydrated minced onions
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons molasses
3 cups barbecue sauce (any brand and any flavor)
Cooking spray

Ingredients for basting sauce:

1 tablespoon dehydrated minced onions

Directions:

Remove the membrane on the back of the ribs, if there is one, by using a flat-head screwdriver to loosen it at one end and then pull it off.

Cut the ribs into thirds and place in a large slow cooker.

Mix all the ingredients except the ribs in a large mixing bowl.

Measure out one-half of the ingredients except the cola and place in a medium-sized bowl; mix, cover and place in the refrigerator as this will be used as the basting sauce later.

Pour cooking sauce over ribs in slow cooker, making sure ribs are completely submerged; cover with lid and cook for four hours on high.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees just before the four-hour cooking period is done.

Remove ribs with tongs or spatulas and place in a large baking pan coated with cooking spray, discard the cooking liquid.

Remove the basting sauce from the refrigerator and brush onto the ribs.

I am woman, hear me roar: insight on a female's pride



Libby's Label
by
Libby Moore

When I was a little girl, I was frequently told I could grow up to be whatever I wanted.

I was told I was smart and completely capable of performing my future career choice.

Like many other young women of my generation, I was told I could do anything boys could do.

I disagree.

And no, I am not sexist, and I don't condone chauvinist ideals, but rather I accept there are certain things I am never going to be able to do because I am a woman.

Because I am female, I am never going to be as physically strong as a man. I am never going to assess a situation or process a concept the same way a man does.

I am going to forever be held to a different standard in regards to my behavior, my hygiene, my language, my decorating skills and my ability to coordinate colors within my apparel.

All of this has nothing to do with believing men and women should be treated equal, but rather an acceptance of the fact that men and women are simply wired

differently.

Men and women coexist because each offers something the other does not. Genetically, each possesses different qualities.

Women of generations past were so eager to gain equal rights as men, and thankfully in our society we have.

But I believe it is outdated to say, "You can do anything a boy can do."

This ultimately undermines the prospect of being a girl, and practically suggests that being a girl is not good enough; you must strive to do whatever a boy can do.

Consequently, young women still hold themselves to a standard they not only cannot achieve, but a standard they should not want to achieve in the first place.

Women should be proud to be women and should strive to be successful as women.

The sooner we accept the difference and stop assuming we must fight in a man's world, the sooner we can be led by women who are truly proud of their sex.

I hope one day I have the opportunity to raise strong, intelligent and goal-oriented girls.

And if this opportunity presents itself, I hope I never catch myself saying, "You can do anything a boy can do," but rather, "You can do anything."

years-no-interest payment plan. I had never financed a purchase there before, so I was delighted to learn I would be receiving rewards coupons in the mail for future purchases. The first coupon arrived last month right before my birthday.

Barbecued Pork Baby-Back Ribs
Supplies:
Flat-head screwdriver
Whisk or large spoon
Basting brush

1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon black pepper
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
¼ cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon molasses
1 ½ cups barbecue sauce

Cook ribs in oven for 15 minutes. Brush ribs again with basting sauce and cook for another 15 minutes. Visit Hattie's Recipe Box online to find another slow-cooker recipe.

Ah spring, the time for love and juicy ... literature?



The Flip Side
by
Tina Bausinger

Don't tell my husband, but I think I've fallen in love.

Now don't get too excited. It's not that juicy.

I haven't met some tall, dark stranger on the midnight train to someplace exotic. If I did, I'm pretty sure he'd keep walking. The minivan and excess baby weight are kind of a turnoff. Can I really call it baby weight if the baby is ten?

Oh, right. I'm getting off topic here. I won't leave you hanging.

I've fallen in love with ... American literature. Wait. Stay with me here.

I remember as you do those bad experiences as a high school freshman. I was mildly interested in taking a class called American Sampler, which, if memory serves, included such classics as "Red Badge of Courage" and "Huckleberry Finn." Gag.

I was only interested in "Huckleberry Finn" because of the disclaimer about offensive language and violence. I was seriously ripped off. What happened was a combination of factors.

First, I had Mrs. Felding, whom I am sure is the oldest-living English teacher on the planet. When she started teaching, all the girls would stand around talking about that hunk, Clark Gable. She left class at least twice a class period to go to the bathroom. I suspect the prune juice, or some kind of attempt to avoid a nervous breakdown.

Also, I had the bad luck of sitting behind Michelle Selby, who cursed like a truck driver, and for some reason I always got blamed for it. Please. I'm much better at cursing now. I've really mastered the language of obscenity. Not that I use those words. Come on, I'm an English major ...

Another unpleasant experience was the fact that the room the class was held in was so freaking hot all the time it should have been reserved for the class called "Dante's Inferno."

Plus, American Sampler was first thing in the morning and for some reason I was always sick to

my stomach the first two hours of class. I think I subconsciously equated American lit to vomit.

The short of it is this: I found "Huckleberry Finn" to be the most boring book with the stupidest dialects ever written. I'm sorry, but I still feel this way. I believe that Mark Twain was really drunk most of the time he wrote this novel.

So you can imagine I was apprehensive about enrolling in Dr. Beebe's American Renaissance class, especially after I saw the syllabus.

To be sure, I wasn't really impressed with Emerson, or for that manner Thoreau. But when I read the first page of Frederick Douglass' narrative, it hit me. I was hooked.

The slave narratives were a whole new world for me. Heart-breaking and achingly poignant, they touched me in a way no literature ever has. The class also included Emily Dickinson's poetry and "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Loved, loved, loved those!

I also was very fond of Edgar Allen Poe and Nathaniel Hawthorne—really good stuff.

This I owe to Dr. Beebe, who

introduced me to American literature, which I can't seem to get enough of.

Don't think this is to suck up, as I'm not even taking her classes this year.

Her enthusiasm is unmatched. For instance, she always came rushing into class, as if running from a fire. But you knew she was just in a hurry because she loves her job.

That's what I think happened. I caught English lit fever from Dr. Beebe. I heard it's passing, but it really seems to be hanging on.

My English-major friends all shake their heads in dismay. They come down pretty hard on me, in some instances coming short of calling me ignorant, claiming I don't know any better because I haven't been exposed to anything else.

So to my poor friends, who don't know what they are missing, I just ask them, "Have you taken Dr. Beebe's American Renaissance?"

I know the answer by the blank looks on their faces.

But they will take it.

Just wait. I think love is in the air.

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Student Q & A

What are you planning to do for Spring Break?

"I was going to go to Keystone, Colo., but I decided to save money and go to New York and see Broadway and shop instead."

Leanna Carlile, freshman, nursing



"Going home to Athens, Texas, and sleeping, also seeing friends."

Nick Grant, sophomore, undecided

"I am doing something in the sun. I do not care what."

Samantha Maynard, junior, business management



"Nothing, I'm working at Starbucks, also enjoying the break away from school."

Joe McSweeney, junior, journalism

"Planning on going to Houston with friends, then going to Padre Island, and maybe Medieval Times."

Jacob Mosely, senior, communications



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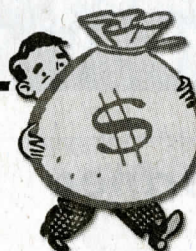


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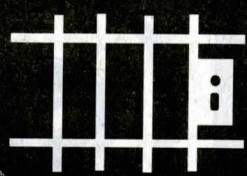
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POLICE BEAT



The *Patriot Talon* collected the following information from public reports released by the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department.

On Campus

Feb. 19

- Failure to comply with requirements on striking unattended vehicle

At 2:03 p.m., a student reported his vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle in Parking Lot 4.

Feb. 21

- Lost and found report

At 4:50 p.m., police received a lost-and-found report about a cell phone lost in the Patriot Center.

Feb. 23

- Motor vehicle accident/-non-injury

At 11:36 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in Parking Lot 9.

Feb. 24

- Assist outside agency/Driving while intoxicated

At 12:23 p.m., police received a call of an intoxicated driver hitting a parked/unoccupied vehicle in the UT Health Clinic parking lot. The suspect was at the scene and Tyler Police were called to handle the case.

Feb. 24

- Disorderly conduct

At 1:55 p.m., a person filed a harassment complaint with the University police department.

Feb. 24

- Disturbance

At 3:29 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the business building about a disturbance. A student was improperly downloading information on a computer. The student was told to leave the lab but refused to do so.

Feb. 24

- Theft greater than or equal to \$50

At 5:16 p.m., a student reported her cell phone stolen from the bookstore.

Cambridge Apartments

3088 Old Omen Road

No incidents were reported

Varsity Place Apartments

3333 Varsity Drive

No incidents were reported

The Reserve Apartments

2851 Adam Henry Road

No incidents were reported

Fire

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the crimes.

Footprints of a Red Wing boot and Skechers shoe found at the Dover Baptist Church matched other prints discovered at previous church fires, according to arrest affidavits obtained by the *Patriot Talon*.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents found Bourque at his residence in Lindale.

Agents received a tip from a cooperating individual leading to Bourque's whereabouts. While agents were at his home, Bourque's grandmother backed out of the garage, exposing a pair of muddy Skechers shoes. The affidavit said agents recognized the pattern on the soles of the shoes was consistent with the pattern found at several church locations and attempted break-ins.

The affiant, Texas Ranger Sgt. Brent Davis, spoke to a fam-

ily member of Daniel George-W McAllister. The affidavit said McAllister wears a size 13 or 14 boot and the family member recognized the sole of a Red Wing boot as the type McAllister owns. It also said the family member took McAllister to a Greyhound Bus station in Dallas on Feb. 10 where McAllister purchased a one-way ticket to San Antonio.

Also in the affidavit, Davis said surveillance video from the R. Tiger Express Exxon Service Station, located at the intersection of Interstate 20 and State Highway 110, shows Bourque and McAllister on the premises about the time the Dover Baptist Church fire was discovered.

According to Google Maps, the walking distance between the church and gas station is about 12 minutes.

The second video cited in the affidavit refers to the Running

W Convenience Store, located on 24782 Interstate 20 W, about two miles north of Clear Spring Missionary Baptist Church. Bourque reportedly walked into the gas station about 10:35 p.m., less than an hour after the fire was discovered at the church.

The affidavit includes reports of witnesses seeing a dark blue or purple four-door vehicle, similar to a Dodge Neon, parked near a storage building before a fire ignited the Clear Spring Missionary Baptist Church. The vehicle sped away as a witness tried to flag down the driver.

Federal agents checked Bourque's vehicle, a blue 2008 Ford Focus, before his arrest.

Efforts are under way to compare the suspects' DNA with evidence collected at the fire scenes.

Both men remain jailed in Smith County. Bonds are set at \$10 million each.

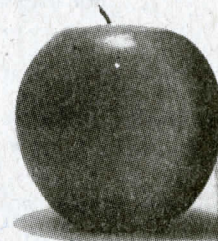
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Break

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difference," Galaviz said.

Some University students are staying put this spring break, including senior Rachel Scott, a nursing major and native Tylerite.

"I really need some peace and quiet," Smith said.

She is ready to kick back and relax after a grueling first half of a semester filled with tortuous tests and 12-hour clinical days.

Then there are the students planning to party—exactly how the world views spring break. It's

a time for them to let loose, get wild and have the time of their lives.

There are countless fantastic spring-break destinations the world has come to love and know. Hot spots for 2010 include several in Mexico and Florida because they continue to live up to their reputations year in and year out.

The top, sizzling spring-break destinations for this year are Lake Havasu, Ariz.; Panama City, Fla.; Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; South Padre Island, Texas; Ne-

gril, Jamaica; Daytona Beach, Fla.; Cancun, Mexico; Miami Beach, Fla. Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Nassau, Bahamas.

Spring break 2010 is March 8 through March 12 for University students. So whether you are going to spend time with family and friends, rebuild a city or party like a rock star, make sure to have fun and be safe.

My family and I are heading to our former home in Panama City, Fla., where the beaches are white, and the sun is shining bright.



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BASEBALL

Feb 19. at Home
Texas Lutheran 5
UT Tyler 1

Feb. 20 at Home
Texas Lutheran 8
UT Tyler 5

Feb. 22 at Home
Castleton State 4
UT Tyler 19

Feb. 22 at Home
Castleton State 3
UT Tyler 8

Feb. 27 at Home
Hardin-Simmons 1
UT Tyler 5

Feb. 27 at Home
Hardin-Simmons 22
UT Tyler 5

Feb. 28 at Home
Hardin-Simmons 3
UT Tyler 8

March 2 at Richardson
UT Tyler
UT Dallas

BASKETBALL

MEN

American Southwest
Conference Tournament

Feb. 26 at Belton

UTT	26	35	61
UMHB	42	40	82

SCORERS:

UTT -- Twine 5-11 0-0 10; Ka-
reem 2-7 0-0 4; Porchia 0-6 6-6
6; McMarion 2-7 2-4 7; Johnson
5-11 0-0 13; Levine 0-0 0-0 0;
Shaw 2-7 1-3 6; Welch 1-6 0-0

Pitching lifts Patriots,
begins season on wins

Clay Ihlo
Sports Editor

The University's softball team opened its season with a double-header sweep over Concordia on Thursday. The Patriots defeated the Tornadoes 4-1 and 1-0 at UT Tyler Ballpark.

The Patriots struck first in the third inning when Whitney Haynes drew a bases loaded walk, scoring Brittanie Knowles.

Joey Cronin added two more runs in the fourth inning on an inside-the-park home run that scored Megan Hutson.

Concordia scored its lone run in the sixth inning. Vicky Recek led off the inning with a double, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Kassie Fuller.

The Patriots added an insurance run in the bottom of the inning on a single by Knowles that scored Hutson.

Stacy Shepherd shut the door on the Tornadoes in the seventh and earned the first win of the season.

Shepherd allowed eight hits over all seven innings, struck out two and walked one.

Lyssa Yates received the loss. Yates pitched 3.2

innings, allowed three runs on five hits.

Game two featured dominate pitching from both teams.

Kimber Bossom for the Patriots and Haylee Station for Concordia allowed a combined five hits and together stuck out 14 batters.

The game's only run came in the second inning. Howell drew a lead off walk and Rachael Roeten came in to pinch run.

Brittany Hanna moved Roeten to second on a sacrifice bunt. Amanda Busby followed with a single that scored Roeten.

Concordia loaded the bases in the third and fifth inning, but failed to score.

Station received the loss despite allowing two hits over six innings.

Bossom earned her first win of the season pitching a complete game shutout.

The Patriots are scheduled to travel to Farmers Branch, Texas for the American Southwest Conference First Pitch Tournament on March 5-6.

During Spring Break, the team plans to travel to Panama City Beach, Fla. to compete in the NFCA Lead-Off Classic, against top teams in the country.

The Patriots' next home game is scheduled for March 18 against Husson University.



TALON >> RICHARD SARMIENTO

Whitney Wyly at bat against Concordia on Thursday. Wyly earned All-American honors last season by NFCA and was named American Southwest Conference East Division Preseason Player of the Year.

Patriots rope Cowboys over weekend

Clay Ihlo
Sports Editor

The University's baseball team bounced back from a 22-5 loss on Saturday against Hardin-Simmons and defeated the Cowboys 8-3 on Sunday afternoon to close out the three game weekend series.

The Patriots won 5-1 in the first game of Saturday's double-header.

Saturday

Corey Henderson put the Patriots on the board first in game one Saturday.

His single drove in Justin Ju-neau, who doubled to lead off the inning.

The Cowboys answered in the top of the third.

Blake Sieck singled to start the inning and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jordan Dotson. He later scored on a single by Brian Weeks.

season, allowing one run on seven hits. He also struck out seven.

The Cowboys took over game two of the double from the beginning, scoring nine runs in the top of the first inning on one out.

Hardin-Simmons loaded the bases with one out.

Courtney Harris singled to bring in the first run. An error scored two and a single by Sieck plated two runs.

The next four runs all scored on singles by Dotson, Weeks, LeJuan Edwards and Taylor Berlin.

Skeen hit a two out solo home run to left field in the bottom of the second for the Patriots' first run.

The Cowboys answered with two runs in the top of the third and fifth inning, and three runs in the sixth.

Andrew Rehling, Jay Hiller, Sieck, Berlin and Harris picked up RBI's in those innings.



TALON >> JESSICA SIBBING

Matt Sparks earned his second win of the season on Sunday afternoon against Hardin-Simmons. Sparks pitched six innings, allowed three runs on nine hits and struck out three.

5-11 0-0 13; Levine 0-0 0-0 0; Shaw 2-7 1-3 6; Welch 1-6 0-0 3; Murray 0-0 2-2 2; Joyner 2-3 2-2 6; Jones 1-1 0-0 2; Tarpley 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 21-63 13-17 61.

UMHB -- Moore 1-2 0-0 2; Ard 4-7 4-7 12; Johnson 3-9 0-0 6; Johnston 4-9 0-0 8; Phillips 9-16 3-5 23; Neal 1-3 3-4 5; Todd 4-6 2-2 10; Jones 0-0 0-0 0; Pele 1-7 2-2 4; Gunter 0-0 0-0 0; Jackson 0-1 0-0 0; Waller 0-0 0-0 0; Meals 0-0 0-0 0; Wiernas 3-5 1-2 7; Purnell 2-3 1-2 5; Magnani 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 32-68 16-24 82.

SOFTBALL

Feb 25. at Home
Concordia 1
UT Tyler 4

Feb. 25 at Home
Concordia 0
UT Tyler 1

March 5 at Farmers Branch
Hardin-Simmons
UT Tyler

March 5 at Farmers Branch
Howard Payne
UT Tyler

March 6 at Farmers Branch
Mary Hardin-Simmons
UT Tyler

March 6 at Farmers Branch
Schreiner
UT Tyler

TENNIS

Feb. 20 at Home against
McMurry University

M - 8-1 (3-0)
W - 9-0 (3-0)

Feb. 27 at Home against
Southwestern University

M - 9-0 (4-0)
W - 9-0 (4-0)

March 3 at Home against
LeTourneau
3 p.m.

son. He later scored on a single by Brian Weeks.

The Patriots put the game away in the fifth inning, scoring four runs on three hits.

Aaron McCain singled on a bunt to start things off. Keenan Duke followed with a walk, and Austin Newell singled to load the bases.

Cody Jones singled to left to score Duke and McCain.

He later scored on a sacrifice fly by Henderson. Newell scored in the inning on a sacrifice fly by Skeen.

Patriot starter Chase Willard closed out the sixth and seventh and earned his third win of the

Sieck, Berlin and Harris picked up RBI's in those innings.

Jones hit a two run home run in fifth that brought home Newell, who singled in a run earlier in the inning. The Patriots scored their final run in the sixth.

Hardin-Simmons scored five more runs in the eighth and one in the ninth.

Berlin finished the game with four RBI's and three runs scored for the Cowboys. Harris finished batting 3-6 with three RBI's and five runs scored.

Sharp took the loss for the Patriots, his first of the season. Sam Walker earned the win, pitching 5.2 innings.

Matt Sparks earned his second win of the season on Sunday afternoon against Hardin-Simmons. Sparks pitched six innings, allowed three runs on nine hits and struck out three.

Sunday

Duke singled and scored in the bottom of the first to put the Patriots up 1-0 early. Skeen recorded the RBI on a single to left field.

Hardin-Simmons took the lead in the third. Dotson led off with a single and scored on a single by Edwards. Edwards later scored on a hit by Harris.

Skeen tied the ballgame in the bottom of the inning on single that plated Jones, only to see the lead go back to the Cowboys in

the fifth on a wild pitch.

The Patriots took the lead for good in the bottom of the fifth. Skeen drove in Newell for his third RBI of the game, and later scored on an error.

The Patriots added their final three runs in the eighth on one hit.

McCain, Juneau and TJ Martin all scored unearned runs.

Matt Sparks earned his second win of the season, pitching six innings and striking out three.

Kyle D'Alessio took the loss

for Hardin-Simmons.

"It's huge for us to come out and win a series," head coach James Vilade said.

"We just need to keep guys off the bases ... my hat is off to the defense, our guys defended well."

The Patriots are scheduled to play their next eight games on the road, starting with The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson on March 2, and will return home March 16 to face Hendrix.

FOUL!



TALON >> JESSICA SIBBING

In the game versus Hardin-Simmons Cowboys, Patriot Keenan Duke foul tips the ball during his turn at bat. Duke batted 1-4 and scored a run Sunday.

Pats routed by UMHB, season comes to an end

Clay Ihlo
Sports Editor

The University's men's basketball team failed to hold a lead in their season's final game Friday evening in Belton.

Mary Hardin-Baylor defeated the Patriots 82-61 in the first round of the American Southwest Conference tournament.

The Patriots missed eight of the first nine shots as the Crusaders built a 10 point lead in the game's first six minutes.

The Crusaders scored on their next three possessions, which spurred a 14-4 run.

Mary Hardin-Baylor continued to build their lead behind Sterling Phillips, who finished the first half with 11 points and shooting 4-6 from the floor.

The Patriots struggled the entire half, shooting 24 percent from the floor, and trailed by 16 at halftime.

The Crusaders lead remained above 13 for the second half.

Theo Ard picked up his play, scoring eight points early in the half. He finished the game with 12 points and 15 rebounds.

Phillips continued to control the game and scored an additional 12 points in the half. He also led all scorers with 23 points in the game.

Todd Brian finished the game with 10 for Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Michael Johnson found his stroke in the final half for the Patriots, scoring 11 points in 10 minutes on the court.

Johnson finished the game with 13 points and five rebounds.

Josh Twine ended the game with 10 points and five rebounds for the Patriots.

The Patriots finished the game shooting 33 percent, 27 percent from behind the arc, and end their season with a record of 15-11, an all-time high in wins.

Hakeem Kareem led the Patriots with 13.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per game in his final season, shooting 48 percent from the floor.

Kareem also led the team in minutes played with 709 and finishes his career fourth on the Patriots all-time scoring list, second all-time in games played, sixth all-time in minutes played and second on the all-time rebounds list.

Johnson and Neal Welch followed Kareem with 9.1 points per game. Dexter McMarion finished the season with 8.2 points per game.

Johnson led the team in assists with 76. McMarion followed with 70.

Welch led the team in free throw percentage with 81.3 percent. Kareem followed with 75.9 percent.

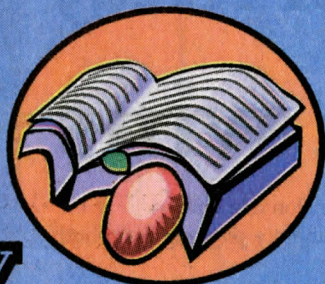
Twine and Kevin Murray led the team in field goal percentage.

Twine finished the season shooting 54.4 percent from the floor; Murray 51.1 percent.

The Patriots finished the season shooting 41.9 percent as a team, 34 percent from behind the arc and scoring 70.7 points per game, and outscoring their opponents 1837-1738 for the year.

6 >> WIDE ANGLE

STUDENT DIRECTORY



Student prefers outdoors

Sarah Baker
Staff Writer

Get to know your University classmates.

Name: Jacob Cates
Age: 21
Hometown: Winfield, Texas
Major: Sociology
Class: Senior



TALON >> SARAH BAKER

Jacob Cates enjoys regularly exploring the University's nature trails.

into international relations, specifically with Japan. But the job market for that is a bit narrow, and there wasn't a program for it. Conveniently, I hear one will be here in a few semesters.

What kind of student are you?

A tired one. Two jobs, four to six classes a semester, and all this for five years? Yeah, I just want a vacation. Other than that, I suppose I'm an enigmatic one. I love learning, but hate education.

What is your favorite past-time?

Yoga is about the only thing I have time for nowadays. It is great because I love it and even teach on occasion. Other than that, I love nature and the forest, hiking, camping, etc.

Who was the person who most influenced you and how?

Laren Stover. She wrote the "Bohemian Manifesto." With that book and some of the conversations we had, she really let me know it was ok to "live on the edge."

Where do you see yourself professionally in 10 years?

Coincidentally, still in school, but hopefully as a professor! I'd really like to work up north. It's a tie between Portland and Denver. Other than that, maybe traveling and definitely Japan and back to Ireland.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

People who leave trash in the forests, which I see as a supreme act of selfishness.

What is the one thing no one would guess about you?

Many don't know I teach yoga, but most don't know I repair old typewriters as a hobby.

Why did you choose UT Tyler?

I moved here to go to school and get my degree, move to a bigger city, and make a little money while I'm at it. I'm still working on the last part.

What are your plans after graduation?

Don't know really, maybe take a teaching job in Austin, maybe just travel around a while, and maybe work with social programs. Depends on who is hiring.

What/ who prompted you to choose your major?

Professor Doddy at Northeast Texas Community College. He was my intro to sociology professor. When I left his class for the last time one year later, I decided I wanted to be exactly that, a sociology professor. Been working towards it ever since.

What class outside your major would you like to take and why?

To be honest, I wanted to go

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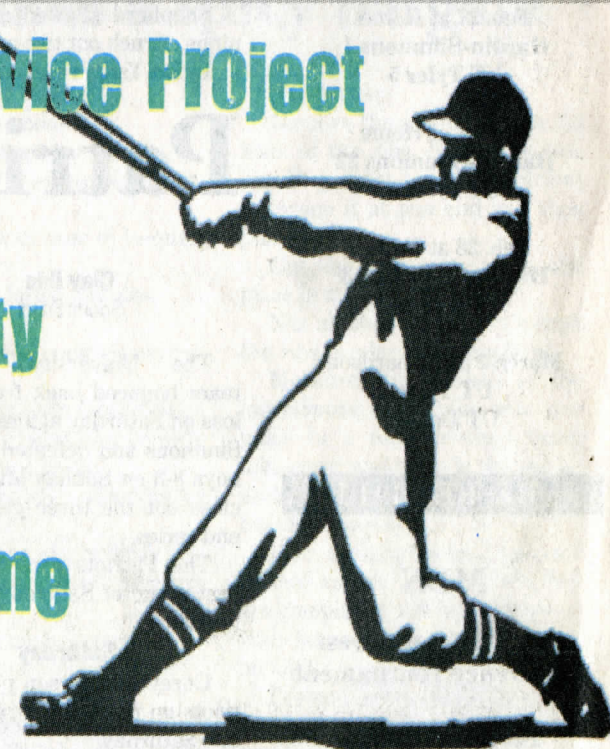
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