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## Will discusses U.S. plight

By Elaine Reichard

"It took the United States 200 years, 39 presidents, 96 Congresses, a civil war and two world wars to get a trillion-dollar debt," said Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George F. Will, "but it took the 40th president only five years to double it."

Will was the second speaker in The University of Texas at Tyler's Distinguished Lecture Series and spoke to a capacity crowd Tuesday evening, Nov. 26.

In a speech highlighted by analogies, witticisms and anecdotes, Will said he expected the national debt to double to \$2 trillion within 10 years. Just to pay interest on the debt will require \$100 billion a year in taxes, he said.

Will attributed the major part of the skyrocketing national debt to the "hair-trigger readiness of the government to spend money and reluctance to tax enough to get the money" needed to pay off the debt.

This will mean a 6 percent or 7 percent increase if President Reagan gets what he wants within the budget.

The "bad news," Will said, is that "we, as a society, are undertaxed. I don't say that because I like taxes," he said. "I don't say it because they are good for us. They're not."

Will said he has been taught several lessons. One is that the American people are not nearly as conservative as they say they are. "One is six Americans works for the government," he said. "One in seven will get Social Security and one-third will get transfer payments."

Will said that one major problem lies in middle-class domestic programs.

He said that the "Republican Party has been misleading the public. The public has been told that the budget can be balanced without waste, fraud and abuse in a 25-year period."

The problem here lies in the fact that the government is careless in

"All over the world people are in laboratories; people are making progress in degenerative diseases. If we do not die, the tables are blown away," Will said, referring to population growth.

The oldest ritual in Washington is

fixing the Social Security system for the next 50 years.

The system is a slow one, at best. "If Reagan had gotten all he asked for military, by the time he had it, we would spend more," he said.

"If we stopped and let Russia catch

up, they'd stop," Will speculated, explaining that the Soviet Union is in a race with the United States only because they feel they are behind in most aspects.

The United States has a 450-ship Navy, but that doesn't mean much

when there are "not enough magazines to fill the guns of the ships. We need a 600-ship Navy. That costs money."

"How do you get a balanced budget?" Will asked rhetorically. "It's easy," he said. It is a problem of political will.

The American population consumes too much and saves too little. We should first "end deductability of mortgage payments"—a mere \$22 billion a year.

Will proposed a tax as income on all employer-paid health insurance policies—about \$38 billion yearly.

"Americans are 100 percent for balancing the budget and 100 percent everything to get there," he said.

He said the government sees the way to deal with deficits as outlawing them. "After all, it worked so well with gin," Will quipped. He added that there is no cure for the deep systemic parts of democracy.

As for economic growth, he said we can only make assumptions. If the business cycle is outlawed, then interest rates plummet, but he added that we can grow to a balanced budget.

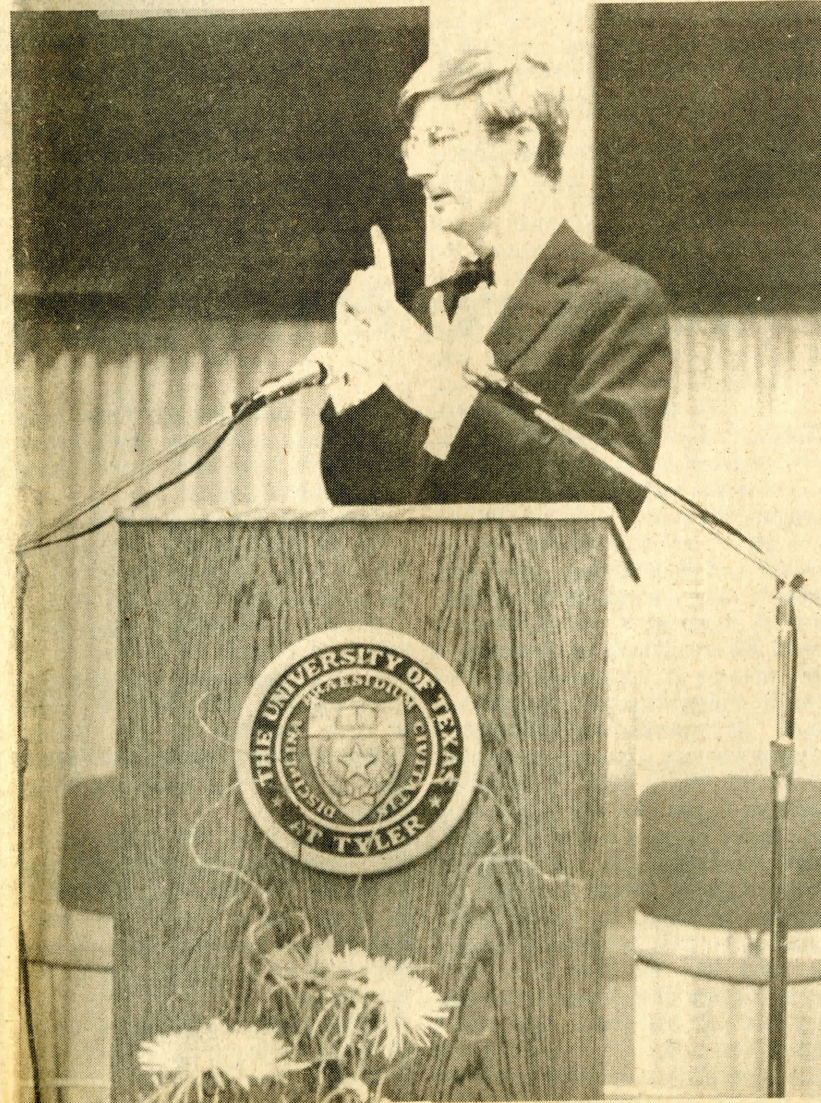
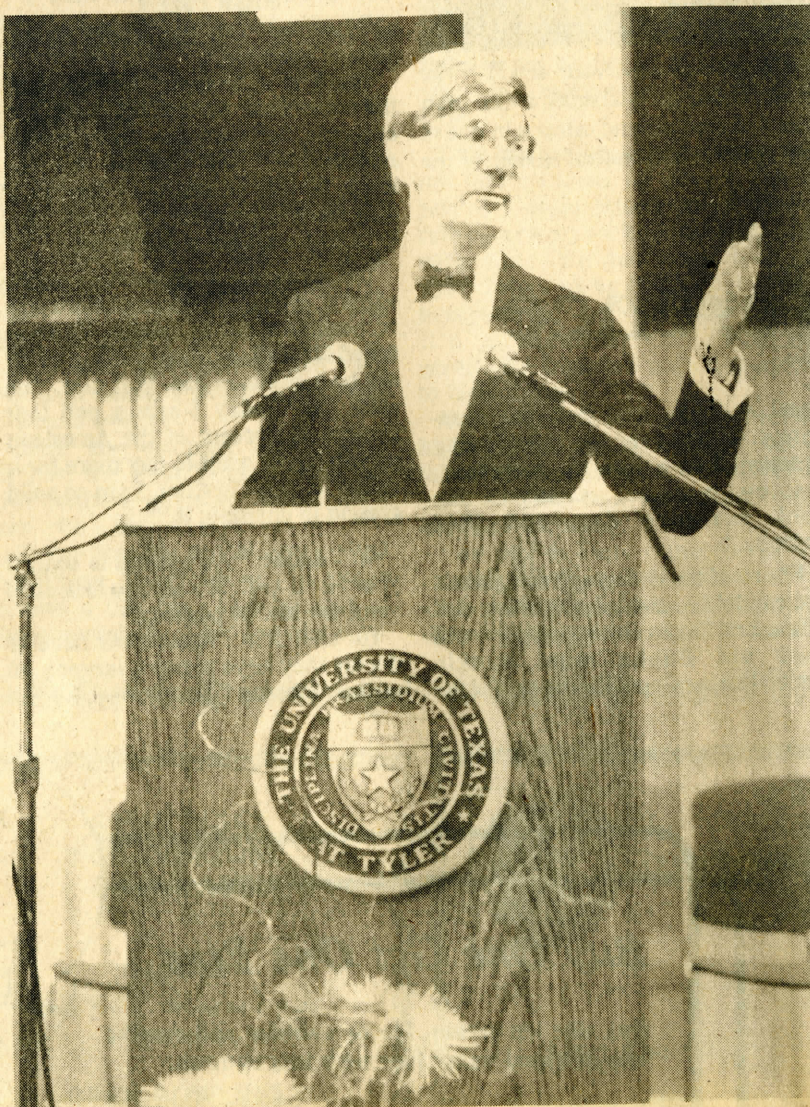
The real solution may be found in the studies done by Peter Grace, Will said. (Grace is the head of Private Sector Survey on Cost Control.) Grace surveyed the government and found waste, fraud and abuse and "other stuff they didn't want to know about." These findings are printed in 47 volumes, Will said.

A staggering 2,478 proposals were made to balance the budget. They would save \$434 billion in three years if accepted, Will said, but the government cannot accept the waste, fraud and abuse findings so they make proposals of their own such as putting soy extender in the ground beef used for school lunches. These proposals are supposed to save the government and taxpayers money.

Eleven percent of the total savings could be made by cutting federal pensions, Will said, but the government cannot accept that, either.

At this point, "compared to a farmer or cowboy, the inner-city mother is the soul of self-reliance,"

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**WILL'S WIT**—Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George F. Will spoke recently as the second speaker in the 1985-86 Distinguished Lecture series. The next speaker is Mexican author Carlos Fuentes on March 27, 1986. [Photo by Lori Gravley]



# Buckle law deprives Bubba of freedom

By Donna Dozier

Just who is this Bubba, anyway? In Texas, Bubba is known to most residents as a good ol' boy—or girl—a person who is proud of his state's heritage, and he is loyal to anything remotely Texan.

You've seen him around. When driving down almost any highway in Texas, it is likely you've met a fellow, either in his pick-up truck, his Cadillac, Chevrolet, Ford or Mercedes. It is also likely you dismissed him as part of the scenery, because he probably is, since he is such a familiar sight in Texas.

Bubba is special because of his attitude, and his rather lazy drawl is easy on the ears of fellow Texans. His eyes gaze proudly at his surroundings, and he sits behind the wheel as if perched upon a throne. His left arm is bent at the elbow, and draped along the window sill, while his right arm guides the wheel and is ready to salute you with a friendly wave.

You know who Bubba is now, don't you? He's the guy who loves the Dallas Cowboys, his mineral rights, blue jeans, his car and his state. He's partial to thick steaks, jalapenos, fried chicken, Big Macs, Moon Pies and beer—but not necessarily in that order.

Bubba thinks Texas is just about the best place on earth, and he typically believes Texas should secede from the Union rather than put up with some of the notions that come out of Washington.

Bubba loves his car, and the freedom it offers him to move about his beloved state. To get there under

his own steam is very important to Bubba. Of the 130 million cars in the United States today, 17 million of them belong to Texans—that's almost two cars per Texan, according to "Texas Monthly."

To Bubba, his car is more than a material possession, or a simple means of transportation. It says something about him—it is his private coach, equipped with whatever options he can manage. One option, however, is no longer

available: the option to use seat belts. Texans are not protesting the use of seat belts. The idea that galls Bubba so much is that by passing the law, a portion of freedom has been yanked away. Bubba is angry that he is being forced to buckle up—or under, as the case may be, to the legislators who have been manipulated into passing the law. He is upset that one of the joys he shares with other drivers is gone. The freedom offered by the highway is not nearly as enticing

when he is strapped into his very symbol of freedom: his car.

"It was always nice to know that when you went out to get in the car, you were sort of able to escape for a little while," said Jimmy Slater, a Kilgore junior at The University of Texas at Tyler. "I know wearing seat belts is supposed to save lives, but the way they [legislators] went about it seemed all wrong to me," he said.

"What are they going to do next? Make us put bed rails on our beds so we don't fall out and sue the manufacturer?" asked a business major who wanted to be identified as "...another concerned Bubba." He added that he wonders "...where all the power they [legislators] have will end up? It's really scary!"

Some worry about policemen, who are required by the Texas law to stop violators. "Won't the time they waste stopping people for not wearing their seat belt take away from the time they could be spending for solving crimes?" asked an education major from Marshall.

A policeman with the city of Tyler, who requested that his name not be used, said that he doubts officers will stop someone for the single crime of not wearing a seat belt. "If the motorist is not wearing his belt when stopped for some other traffic violation, he would be ticketed. Personally, I've only noticed about 30 percent cooperation so far, so if I stopped those not wearing their belts, I'd be pretty busy," he said.

Sherry Thomas, a self-employed artist and part-time student from Athens, said whenever she gets in her car, she buckles up. "I think it's mainly just a habit, but I do it. I don't know if it will save my life or not, but I'll keep on wearing it, just in case!" she declared, adding, "And it doesn't matter to me if it's a law or not."

Some motorists are not sure if the issue at hand is a safety question or not. Joni Murphree, a Whitehouse resident and first-semester student at UT Tyler, said that she has heard of people who lived by not wearing a seat belt, because they were thrown clear of a burning car. On the other hand, "I have read about people who

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## UT Tyler sets first fall grad ceremony

The University of Texas at Tyler will hold its first December graduation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center on Saturday, Dec. 20.

The commencement address will be given by Dr. George F. Hamm, university president.

According to Clarlynn Jones, assistant to the registrar, 271 students have filed for graduation.

She said that there was not enough space in Harvey Hall last spring for all the graduates, so a December graduation ceremony decided upon.

This year's December graduation should cover the entire first floor of the University Center, Jones said.

Dot Atkins, acting director of public information, said of December graduation exercises, "We have enough students who wanted it. We want to make it available to them."

## Hospital stay builds patience

By Leona Sellers

If the last time you were in a hospital was when you had a tonsillectomy or a baby, and that was half a life ago, be on guard. The long finger of the law of averages may suddenly reach out and tap you and you will find yourself looking at the outside world through the bars of a hospital bed.

If you are confined, be aware that hospitals do not encourage individuality or advance modesty. Those who zealously guard your body space may find a stay in a hospital can be, if not a rude awakening, at least an eye-opening experience.

The blurring of identity begins immediately after admittance when you will be presented with a unisex, one-size-fits-all cotton garment known as a hospital gown. Gown is not an apt description, for this little number

more nearly resembles a wrap-around apron with ties in more or less strategic locations. It is definitely not designed to enhance either glamour or masculinity.

Further loss of identity is fostered by the removal of all personal property. If you cling to the trappings that symbolize identity, you may be slightly disturbed by being divested of your jewelry. The hospital wants you to wear their jewelry, a spiffy plastic bracelet inscribed with your name.

For the sensitive, modest soul, another perturbing discovery may be that you are sharing a bedroom with a stranger, with only a curtain and a few inches separating the two beds.

To survive the series of unfamiliar and possibly alarming processes or things administered to or inflicted upon your body, developing a third-

person sense of guarded curiosity and proprietary interest may help. There are times, such as when a lab nurse appears to draw blood, when it may seem more prudent to tightly close your eyes than to watch the process.

One of the first treatment devices which may appear is the IV, a rather forbidding-appearing contraption of various tubes and a liquid-filled bottle on a stand. This is trundled in by nurses who tap your arms searching for a suitable spot (vein) as if searching for a hidden treasure. Small stings, unpleasant but not unbearable, may serve to instill a glimmer of confidence in you fellow chicken-hearted compatriots that perhaps you are braver and tougher than you thought. The free-spirited will find the IV considerably curtails freedom and may familiarly dub it

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## Who's Who list revealed, UT students acknowledged

By Bruce Thompson

Thirty-three University of Texas at Tyler students have been selected for the 1986 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

These students were selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Selections were based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

There were certain requirements, according to Jerry Alexander, coordinator of student services. "The undergraduates must have at least a grade point average of 3.0 and have taken a minimum of 18 hours at UT Tyler," he said "and the graduates must have at least a grade point average of 3.5 and have taken a minimum of 12 hours at UT Tyler."

Alexander also pointed out that the students had to be nominated. "We didn't just go through and pick out the students who met the requirements," he said. "They had to be nominated by a member of the faculty, a friend or they could nominate themselves."

The students named this year from UT Tyler are as follows:

Melinda Hall Beavers, English; D'Lynn Lott Bonds, journalism; Julia F. Bradley, nursing; Suzanne Brians, clinic psychology; Margaret June Brown, elementary education.

Kenneth L. Combs, English; Barbara Smith Cope, journalism; Carole Lynne Dobroski, reading; Susan Duncan, English; Judy Durland, accounting.

Lori A. Gravley, English; Jeanie L. Griffin, M.A. history; Laura Hughes, M.A. interdisciplinary studies; Shana Wynne Jenkins, education; Kathy J. Johnk, English; Karen Smith Kerr, early childhood education.

Sherrie Murray Lloyd, accounting; Francine Elizabeth McPherson, psychology; Elaine Merrbach, music; Towson K. Minor, M.S. public administration; Jerry W. Norris, computer science; Beverly Nuckols, biology.

Carolyn Joyce Ratcliff, elementary education; Helen Elaine Reichard, journalism; Donald Foster Reynolds, computer science; Stacey R. Sullivan, English.

Jason Bryan Waller III, criminal

justice; Laurie Jeanne Walter, psychology; Sabrina Ann Warr, accounting; Cheryl M. Wells, nursing; George Martin Whitson IV, computer science; Tony Ray Williams, computer science; and Tamara Lynn Wilson, nursing.

The selection committee was comprised of three students and three faculty members. The students were Bruce Thompson, Naples senior; Kay Buchanan, Athens senior; and Phyllis Aldridge, Tyler senior. The faculty was represented by Dr. Karen Lee, business; Dr. Bill Saben, criminal justice; and Colleen Randel, education.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

## Crew works to groom grounds year-round

By Leona Sellers

Those who grow weary this time of year defending their lawns against an assault of leaves may well consider the plight of Wheeler Willbanks, who must keep 206 acres (with 60 acres of trees) tidy.

Willbanks, grounds supervisor of The University of Texas at Tyler, and his crew of eight men go forth daily to push back the invasion of leaves on the campus. Unlike the average homeowner, however, Willbanks and his crew are well armed with hand rakes, leaf blowers, tractors and sweepers which vacuum leaves.

At other times of the year, this corps of grounds keepers may be seen patrolling on riding mowers, pushing hand mowers and wielding weed eaters, edgers, trimmers and various other hand tools.

For Willbanks, who has been at UT Tyler for five years, different tasks mark the seasons. He explained that maintaining the neat appearance of the campus includes fertilizing, mowing from spring until frost, taking care of the sprinkler system in summer, raking leaves in the fall and removing ice and snow from walks,

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# Hospital bars ego

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the traveling companion.

Another device which may arouse anxiety when introduced by your friendly nurse is the catheter. Eye it suspiciously. Ask questions. The nurse will explain that insertion does not really hurt. Passing another hurdle increases your confidence.

Your last vestige of a sense of autonomy and of maintaining control over your body will be effectively erased by the presentation of a "Release and Consent Form," which states in formidable medical technology the procedures to be done, possible consequences (adverse) and release the hospital from blame if such should occur. Since the alternative could be more threatening than undergoing the operation, stiffen your upper lip, still your somewhat shaky hand and stoically sign.

After the ceremonial signing you may experience a feeling of calm resignation. What was a dreaded possibility will be a definite reality. You will wish for time to stop, you will wish it to race forward. This could be a time when you might lapse into solemn contemplation, but the hospital has planned a steady series of events as diversions so you may only have time for brief, earnest prayers.

Expect a visit from your anesthesiologist who will come by for a bedside chat to explain his role and forestall anxiety. Your feeling of individuality may be somewhat restored when he explains that if you are not a heavy drinker or take "recreational drugs" you will need a much smaller amount of anesthesia to keep you "under."

A nurse will come bearing an addition to your wardrobe—a pair of thick white elastic stockings which fit snugly from toe to thigh. As a beauty aid their appearance is negative, but this is a time when staying warm and having good circulation takes precedence over fashion.

Your next visitor will come to take. The lab needs more blood. If you have a purple mark from the previous time, a compassionate nurse will substitute a "baby needle" to avoid inflicting another bruise. The hospital does have sensitive hearts!

Soon you will be taken for a bed ride. This is not a new kind of amusement ride, but it is the mode of transportation in hospitals. Nurses will push you down the hall, into the elevator and through the double doors into the pre-op room. Here you will be dressed in a crinkly green gown and matching chic cap and bundled into blankets toasty warm from the warmer.

Then finally, your life is truly in the

Major milestones on your somewhat wobbly road to recovery will be weakly sitting in chair, gingerly taking the first steps with assistance and taking short walks without assistance. Removal of the IV and catheter will be a cause for celebration. This will restore a wonderful sense of freedom and allow you to graduate to longer walks in the hall, some of which may possibly midnight or early dawn strolls when discomfort keeps sleep away.

Eating solid food, experiencing the remarkably restorative power of a warm shower on both body and spirit, and regaining previously unnoticed body functions will all be morale boosters. However, the highlight of your hospital stay will be when the doctor announces that your confinement is over and that you will be released to freedom the next day.

The realization that capable hands have cared for you, that unknown people have used their knowledge and skill to heal and to help and have unhesitatingly come to help when summoned will give you a feeling of mingled wonder and thankfulness. You may discover a feeling of great gratitude for living in this age of modern hospitals, effective drugs and dedicated doctors and nurses.

# Bubba resents interference

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would have been killed if they had not been buckled in. It's hard to say, since it works both ways. I do wear it, though," she said.

"I don't see what all the flap is about," said Wade Ridley, a graduate student. "The lawmakers are saving us a lot of money by not making us spend all our dough on insurance. They may be saving lives in the process. Now! Isn't that just...horrible of them!" he remarked sarcastically.

Bobby Carlton, a pre-law student at Baylor University, said, "I think it's ludicrous to say that any of this was done in the name of safety. The only safety involved is that the people in Congress have saved themselves. Besides, the point I think is the most significant is that government is easing itself into our lives more and more. That is what I resent, not the fact that seat-belt use is now mandatory," he said.

Some people become very angry at the thought of government taking over our everyday lives. Sarah Hammonds, a bank teller, said that even

which mandates the use of seat belts by Texas motorists, the state's lawmakers have been overwhelmed with letters of protest.

Even though the letters seem to express the same notions, the contents did not prove to be as important as the writers themselves. The new law generated a response from a wide variety of Texans—such a variety, in fact, that legislators lumped the group together, and collectively refer to their reaction as the "Bubba Backlash," according to "Texas Monthly" and "U.S. News and World Report."

Sen. Ted Lyon, the bill's author, told "Newsweek" magazine, "I was afraid the law was dead. We have a lot of Bubbas in Texas!" However, regardless of the efforts put forth by a large number of Bubbas, the bill did become law.

Texas is not the only state embroiled in the controversial seat-belt-law problem. Sixteen states have recently passed a similar mandatory law, requiring the use of seat belts, but this number is far fewer than that re-



**THE GOOD EARTH**—Wheeler Willbanks, ground supervisor at UT Tyler plants a Yew tree outside the administration building. Willbanks is the man responsible for the campus landscape and can be found around campus in one of his many jobs of mowing, trimming, raking, planting and general upkeep of the grounds. [Photo by Lori Gravley]

# Keeper grows green

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steps and parking lot in the winter-time.

They also cut dead or damaged trees, clean the sidewalks and clear trash from the parking lots.

"It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter, but I really enjoy the outside work," Willbanks commented.

Willbanks and his crew are also responsible for caring for the azaleas and roses which bring seasonal displays of loveliness to the campus. They build the flower beds, put in and care for the plants and weed. When new flower beds are needed, Willbanks said that the landscape designer of the UT system, Charles Chenault, helps design and approves them.

The crew is now in the process of removing the rocks around the flower beds and replacing them with landscape timbers. Willbanks explained that the timbers make caring easier, because grass grew between the rocks.

A native of Tennessee, Willbanks worked at junior colleges there for six years before coming to UT Tyler. To improve his landscaping skills, he attends seminars, takes college courses and acquires helpful tips from others in his field.

Willbanks said he and his crew all take pride in their work and try to do a good job. "I like to do a good job, because if I do, other people notice and I get compliments. That makes me feel good."

# Will speaks out

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he observed. But the trends do not have to continue.

There is a peculiar perversion of the democratic theory, Will said. For example, "all candidates pledge to be responsible." Will pointed out the irony of this situation by saying if they were responsible, they were likely to be incapable of leadership.

The government operates on public opinion. Will said President Ford was responsive to public opinion. He was asked his feelings about putting a stiff tax on a gallon of gas. Will said, "He said, 'No. Today I saw a poll that showed 80 percent of the American people do not want to pay more for a gallon of gas. Therefore, I am on solid ground in opposing it.'"

Will added, "All ground is solid if your ear is to it. It's hard to look up to someone in that position."

He said that "Americans have to decide they have to pay a larger sum of their income." In this way, we can

"indefinitely" have a "larger tax income."

The country must become "acclimated to a longer view," he said. He suggested preparing young people by teaching history and political philosophy, especially of this country, in universities. This move was one Will designated as a "must."

On the lighter side, Will said that after visiting Tyler, he had decided to stay two years—or until he figured out the liquor licensing laws.

Will was described by Dr. George F. Hamm, president of UT Tyler, as a "political scientist by training and a columnist, commentator and political analyst by trade."

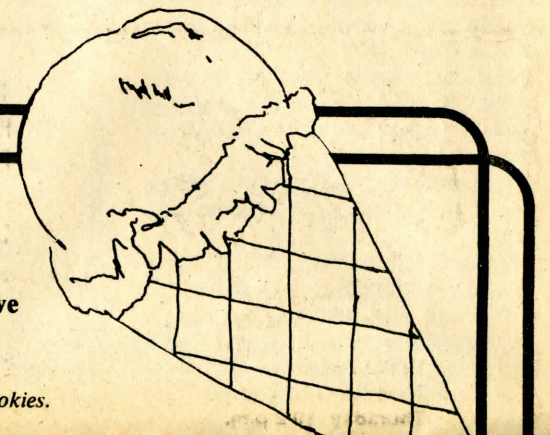
Hamm said, "He is an outstanding practitioner of his craft for the lucidity and grace of his style."

The final speaker of the 1985-86 Distinguished Lecture Series will be author Carlos Fuentes on March 26, 1986. Fuentes is the recipient of Mexico's highest literary award, the National Prize for Literature.

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hands of others and of God. When the action is thickest, you will know nothing. It is preferable this way.

After you drift back to reality, a multitude of sensations will assail you, all seeming to blend together into a hazy collage of a dry mouth, tickling throat and soreness.

This is the time to think positively. Instead of dismay, accept these small signs of discomfort as indications that you can still feel, and congratulate yourself (also doctors, nurses, God). You're alive. You made it through! Now obediently turn your hips for another tiny shot which will fade you off to sleep again.

As you become more cognizant, the outside world may seem impossibly far away and you may tend to concentrate on your discomfort. Once again the thoughtful nurses have arranged for your diversion by interrupting your contemplation to take your temp, your pulse and your blood pressure. In their enthusiasm, they will even interrupt your sleep. You may find that a sense of camaraderie develops with your roommate from being partners in pain and sharing symptoms.

though she does wear her seat belt, she regrets that she has to do so. "I can't help but wonder, though, about this law and all the confusion about it. Other laws have been arbitrarily passed and there wasn't anybody complaining then. Maybe we've just waited too long to rise up and decide to let our opinions be heard," she suggested.

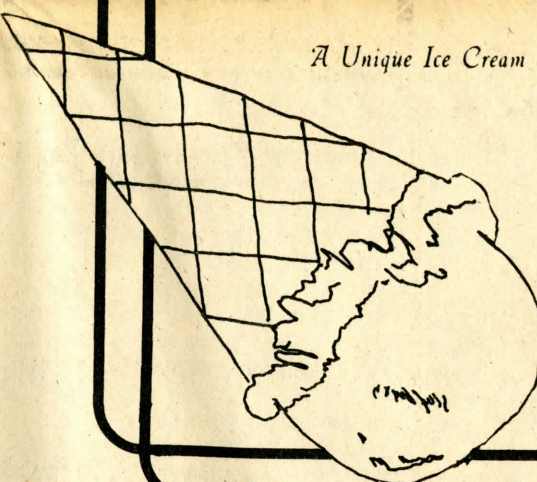
"When Mark White signed that bill, he strangled two of our most revered freedoms in this state: the freedom to command your own vehicle and the freedom to live without mandatory controls on our lives as we use our most prized possession—our vehicle!" said John Blackman, a volunteer fireman.

Because of the recently passed law


quired by Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole.

Even though the seat belt laws are controversial in other states, Texas has received more attention because of the overwhelming public reaction to the new law. Lawmakers have been deluged with letters protesting the idea of more government intervention.

According to Dick J. Reavis in "Texas Monthly," a poll that was conducted revealed that "...the Yankees were for seat belt use; the rebels, cowboys and plowboys were agin it." He pointed out that the push to make Texans wear seat belts did not appear to be popular, not only because less than 10 percent did so voluntarily, but because "any pro-



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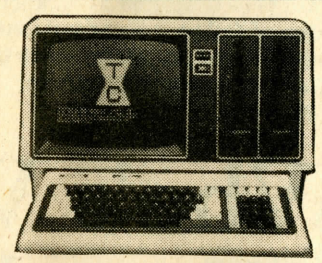


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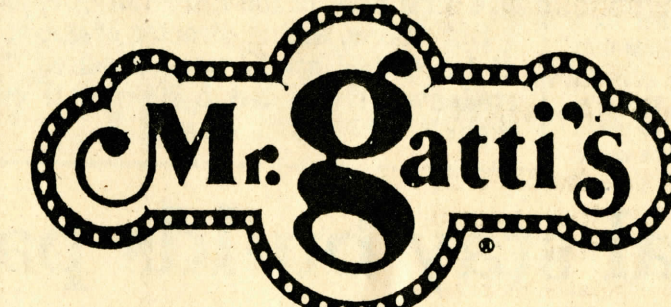
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# No holding back

By Tom Pettit

Twenty-two years ago, Laura Smiley was born in Corvallis, Ore., with the birth defect known as spina bifida, a severe curvature of the spine in which the spinal column is broken and exposed along the back. Her legs were twisted and misshapened, folded beneath her body.

The doctors explained to her parents that other serious conditions would emerge as she grew older, and, most certainly, she would never walk.

Twenty-eight operations later, Smiley is a junior at the University of Texas at Tyler, majoring in psychology. Her cheerful smile and pleasant personality belie a life spent in hospital beds, operating rooms and a wheelchair.

"My first operation was four hours after I was born," Smiley said in a recent interview. "The doctors closed the opening on my back where the spinal chord was exposed. Over the next few years, I had quite a few operations to straighten my legs."

The doctors succeeded in reshaping her legs, although she has no feeling in them.

The petite, brown-haired student is refreshingly open about her life and her handicap. She discusses her disability as one might discuss the weather: you might not like it but there's not much you can do about it.

"I don't get depressed or frustrated about being in a wheelchair, and I don't feel that life has dealt me a rotten hand. You just accept it and go on living."

Her parents were divorced two years after she was born. Smiley does not feel that she was the sole cause of the breakup, although she admitted that her physical condition must have added stress to the marriage.

"Luckily, my father's mother was around and she adopted me after the

divorce. So my grandmother is my mother," Smiley said.

"We moved to Los Angeles and lived there for the next six years. When I was old enough to go to school, my mother found out that handicapped kids could not attend regular public school. I would have to go to a special school for handicapped students.

"Well, my mother was very upset about this. She made phone calls but nobody could—or would—help. We had relatives living in Abilene and we found out that schools in Texas allowed handicapped students to attend regular public schools. I guess that schools here were more progressive. So we moved to Abilene and I went all the way through high school there."

By any standards, Smiley's school years would be considered active. She was a member of the drama club, choir and speech team. She also played cornet in the school marching band.

"I went to the football games and marched at halftime like everyone else, except that someone would push me in my chair. I can remember nights it rained; but, of course, we still marched."

Smiley also kept active in community service organizations and was honored as the volunteer of the month in Abilene.

She learned how to drive while in junior high. "The school had a driver education car which was fitted with hand controls. I went out with the teacher and other students, and when my turn came, I would drive using the hand controls."

After she obtained her driver's license, the West Texas Rehabilitation Commission helped Smiley get a van with a lift.

By the time she was 15, Smiley had undergone 16 operations. "I never missed a day of school because of those operations," she proudly said.

"Not until college did I miss any school, and then I missed an entire semester because I had pneumonia."

Smiley and her mother moved to Big Spring so Smiley could attend Howard Junior College, where she received an associate's degree in psychology. At Howard, Smiley remained active in both school and community affairs. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Office Education Association, and maintained her interest in the theater, receiving the Outstanding Drama Student Award.

After graduation, the two moved to San Angelo so that Smiley could attend San Angelo State University. A former March of Dimes poster child for San Bernadino County, Calif., Smiley chaired the San Angelo Poster Child Committee.

"I wanted to come to the University of Texas at Tyler because of the psychology department. It has a very fine reputation. Unfortunately, I had to leave my boyfriend in San Angelo when my mother and I moved to Tyler.

"My mother has done so much for me. She's moved all across Texas just so I could attend school. She's retired now so we both take care of each other. We had never been in Tyler before so we didn't know what to expect. But we're very happy here. It's a beautiful city, and so green—the trees are huge compared to West Texas."

Smiley has had a lifelong interest in helping other people, as can be seen in her volunteer work at a blood bank and a Veterans Administration hospital.

"As long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a psychologist. I want to work with people, help them solve their problems. I'd like to be in

private practice, perhaps associated with a hospital.

"Just because I'm in a wheelchair doesn't mean I want to work only with the handicapped. In fact, my main interest is in physiological psychology—how certain chemicals in our body affect our behavior and emotions. I intend to get a master's degree and perhaps a doctorate. I'd like to go to graduate school in the San Francisco area."

Smiley keeps in shape through such activities as bowling, horseback riding, swimming and weight lifting. "I haven't lifted weights in a while, but I used to be able to lift 70 pounds on a Nautilus."

The hilly UT Tyler campus does not bother the young coed. She has no trouble getting from one building to another. "I don't use an electric wheelchair around campus—they're heavier and bigger than a regular chair. I do have an electric scooter as well as a regular wheelchair."

"There's no place I can't go in my wheelchair. But I do get upset when I want to go shopping or out to a restaurant and they don't have a ramp."

Life in a wheelchair may seem depressing to those who take their freedom of movement for granted. It's difficult to imagine the obstacles that are present in everyday life for the handicapped: the library book on the top shelf, the food in the cupboard, the classroom with stairs and no ramp, the elevators few and far apart.

Perhaps those who are deprived of so much are also given that extra something to get them through. As Smiley said, "I don't think about the things I don't have. I'm just thankful for the things that I do have."



AGAINST ALL ODDS—Tyler psychology major, Laura Smiley, doesn't allow her problems to get in the way of her work helping other people. [Photo by Lori Gravley]

## Past turns future

By Rochelle Doucet

Fashions! Fashions! Fashions! Fashions for the 1985 fall season are brighter and bolder for the young college student. Guys and gals are seeing changes in the styles. The styles have a faddish appearance, but some styles are back from the Dick van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore shows, said Debbie Welch, a Tyler Junior College fashion merchandising instructor.

Welch, a fashion buff, said, "Everything is showing the body." The clothes are showing the shape of the body and they give a feminine air. She said the mini skirts, that are now body hugging, are still in for 1985.

Mark Witson, a TJC fashion merchandising student, said, "The bodysuit will hit big this season and it will exaggerate and define the shoulders and hug the waist to give detail to the hour-glass figure."

The stirrup pants are coming back from the Dick van Dyke show of the '60s. The pants are a little different, said Welch, but they are basically the same. The clinging pants are for the long, leggy gal, but matched with a large, oversized shirt or sweater anyone can wear then, she said.

The oversized shirt or sweater contrasts with the fitting clothes, but they are a perfect match. Welch said that these are popular together.

Nancy Makowski, assistant manager at Casual Corner, said, "Anything goes." She said to wear

freer. And this is true with colors in the fall fashions.

"The attention-getting clothes have real strong colors for guys and gals. The patterns are very bold, some of them are even fluorescent," said Welch.

Witson said this fall will bring in bold hues of yellow, red and green to dark hues of the richest deep purple and royal blue. And the paisley prints that have a swirled pattern of curved shapes will come to life with these colors.

Welch stated that there is another look for the college student and that is the soft look: the young, fun, but professional look. The look is established with the long form fitting skirt and the padded shoulder jacket which is tapered in the waist. Witson said the dresses will be more defined and feminine for the girl on the go.

The accessories which are a major part of dressing are very widespread this season. Pins are very popular this season. You can get your grandmother's brooches and be very stylish, said Welch. The brooches are large and antique looking. The silk scarves tied around the neck and a large broach pinned in the middle gives a Victorian look, said Makowski.

The earrings have come in all shapes and sizes, but this season they are larger. Pearls and bracelets are very popular to set off an outfit.

Other accessories that are popular are hats and belts. The popular hip

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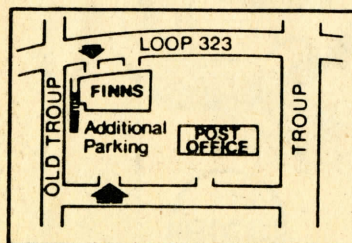
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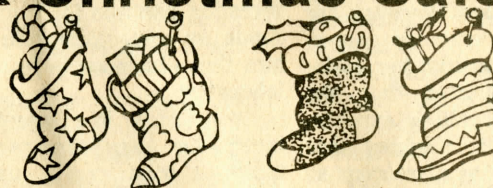
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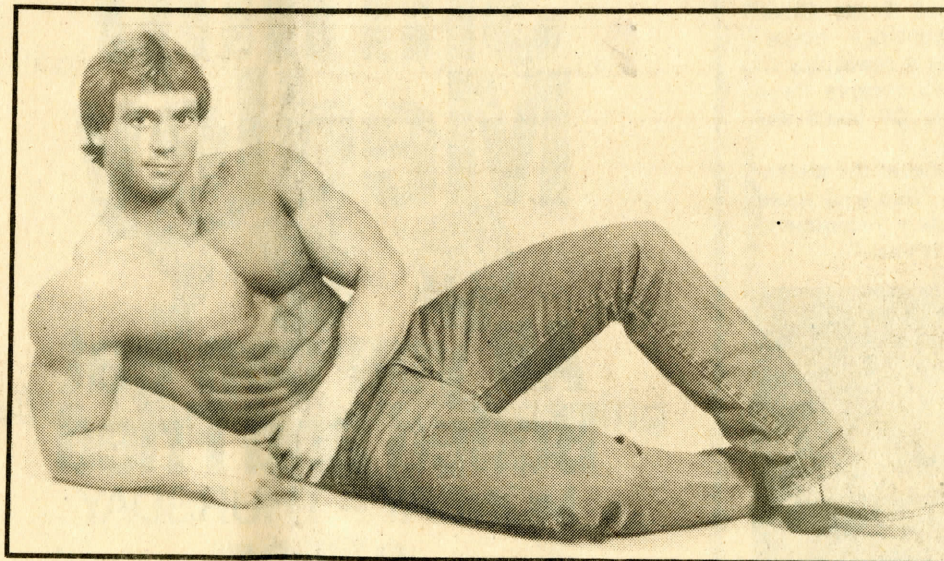
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whatever you feel comfortable in because the fashions seem to be

bel hangs on the hips, said Welch. Belts are also popular with a sweater, said Makowski.

Hats are very popular to complete a outfit. The beret and six-way hat are favorites. Shoes, socks and hose are very important assets to your clothes.

Makowski said hose should be lighter than your shoes; they should never overpower the shoes.

The textured hose, along with the colored hose, are in. Witson said, "Designer hosiery are really big this season in a wide variety of hues, lacy designs and patterns."

Today's guys are dressing better than ever, said Witson.

Welch said, "Men are following the same pattern as women, but in a lesser degree." Men are wearing bolder plaids in dark hues and bright autumn colors. He said sportswear is more casual with small paisley-print untucked shirts over large bulky paisley sweaters. Also shirts and pants made of heavy cotton in the fall colors will be popular.

The 1930s look of elegance is back in men's suits, Witson observed. He said this year sent some top designers back to the Gershwin era for inspiration. The college men can be sleek in a classic pin-striped suit in deep shades of green and brown, and suits in charcoal-blue and gray flannel with various color stripes. He added that the suits are made to go with the natural lines of the male physique, giving him and elegant fitted look.



# Supercomputer will help upgrade problem solving in research

By Kim Thompson

The University of Texas System is currently in the process of having a \$15 million CRAY X-MP Supercomputer installed. The central computer system will be located in Austin and every campus in the UT System will have access to it through the use of a remote job entry station. This is the first time that UT Tyler has had anything of this nature that is comparable to UT Austin.

The CRAY X-MP is the most powerful computer in the United States today. It is estimated that, after the system is completely installed and upgraded, a total of \$50 million will have been spent.

This supercomputer is used primarily for solving problems in science engineering and operations research. The entire university will have access to the computer but computer science students will have a special interest in it. "The administration, faculty and students are excited about the potential of this system for supporting research here at UT Tyler," stated Dr. George Whitson, associate professor of computer science.

The university environment in which a supercomputer would

operate is characterized by a wide diversity of research problems, solution techniques and resource requirements. A supercomputer could move the UT System forward to a position where applications requiring such performance should derive significant benefit, Whitson said. Also, this supercomputer will provide the flexibility to enable research into modern aspects of supercomputing and move the UT System into a leadership position.

The CRAY X-MP will provide a high level of performance in a wide range of applications in a general purpose environment using existing programs without extensive recoding of the software. It will be designed to enable networking with other machines and to provide access to high performance graphics. The initial installation will provide one or more clear paths of development to accommodate future growth and provide, if possible, a path to future computer architectures, he said.

Another aspect of the supercomputer's usability is the available size of its main memory. This size of the main memory translates directly into a limitation on the size of problems

the user can solve without using a several step method. Also, another aspect of its usability is the ability to store data generated by the supercomputer to absorb large amounts of data. The commonly used magnetic tape and disc devices are supported by both machines to achieve a performance compatible with the supercomputer.

All of the systems have some provision for graphics. CRAY has a special graphics laboratory which continues to develop graphics software for a wide variety of commercially available graphics devices, Whitson said.

The purchase of the CRAY X-MP Supercomputer by The UT System marks a real move of The CRAY Corporation into Texas, he said.

This supercomputer will prove to be the most useful access of technology in the state of Texas. By hooking these networks together, Texas could lead the nation in high technology.

"This system, and the uses of this system, is the way in which Texas plans to move into higher technology," reported Whitson.

# Internships give students experience for college credit

By Donna Dozier

It has often been said that experience offers us the greatest lessons in life. It is certain that the many students who have been involved in the various internship programs would agree that the experience gained through working in the field has provided them with more knowledge than hours of classroom instruction.

With more than 27,000 different career titles from which to currently choose (and an expected 2,000 will be added to that number next year), graduates are faced with a tough decision. "By going the internship route, students have a chance to work directly in the field they are thinking about entering," says Martin Hexler, former assistant to the careers counselor at North Texas State University.

Hexler believes the student benefits, not only because of the amount of experience gained, but also from being around people who

are headed for. In my opinion, there is no doubt that companies are more likely to hire someone who has been with them in an internship capacity, than some John or Mary Doe who wanders in with a resume."

Kelly Cope worked for the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas and was hired following her non-paying internship as an assistant to one of the department heads. "All that work, staying late hours and time I gave to them must have really helped," she laughed.

"A lot of my friends are having a tough time finding a job, and I think my internship set me apart; it gave me an inside track. Employers looking for new people can usually recognize someone who is willing to work, but if it is proven to them, by your working for them without pay, then they could only benefit themselves by hiring you. I guess I must have proved myself, but I certainly made my share of mistakes!"

Being able to choose the activity she liked best, Walsh said, was very nice. "There is work such as answering the hot-line, peer counseling or teaching various programs to the kids for the Tuesday night children's program," she explained.

For more information about an internship, check with your faculty adviser. There is also a book that might be helpful for you to look over, called "Internships 1985," which is updated annually. If you would like to get three hours credit (in some cases, six hours credit is awarded), gain experience and maybe help in finding a job for yourself, maybe an internship is in your future—or better yet, there could be a future in your internship.



**IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE**—The 1985-86 officers of the Business Student Organization are, from left, secretary Jessica Knoff, Jacksonville marketing major; treasurer Mitch Schuman, Tyler management major; vice president Rob Wadell, Tyler general business major; faculty adviser Don Hindsley, instructor of business; and president Frank Ortega, Tyler management major. [Photo by Lori Gravley]

# Mascot flies in foul weather

Pat the Patriot, the lovable mascot of the University of Texas at Tyler, is flying through some rough weather. The much-maligned bird is under attack to both wings—considered by some to be too 'cutesy,' and by others to be just plain silly.

Yet this battered fowl has a history worth noting. In a recent interview with Winston Green, media director of the University of Texas at Tyler, interesting facts were uncovered which may give new lift to this enigmatic eagle.

Green designed the official logo used by UT Tyler on most of its publications. A trip through the UT Tyler Bookstore will reveal various articles—T-shirts, coffee cups, notebooks, pencils, ashtrays—all bearing his handiwork.

Green also gave us Pat the Patriot.

"Pat the Patriot filled a gap that existed on campus," Green said. "We didn't have a mascot or symbol like other schools. For example, SMU is called the Mustangs; and it has a pony, Purina, which the school parades around," he said.

UT Tyler had a problem. The school was known as the Patriot, but there was no one good idea of what a patriot should look like. The school needed a symbol, a mascot, a rallying figure. Enter the bird.

As any good organization would do when confronted with a problem of minuscule proportions, they held a contest. Out of more than 100 entries was born Pat.

"Pat was picked over 'Paul Revere-type' entries," Green said. "It was thought that he would make a better mascot—one that could be in a parade, or march around at school events."

"Actually, Pat's not a 'he,'" Green said. "It was decided that it would not be either female or male." Our bird has been plucked.

And Pat is not a chicken, or a hawk, or a poor attempt at a pigeon. Pat is an eagle.

Kyle Stewart, an audio-visual technician in the Media Center, knows first hand about Pat. Stewart is—or, at least, once was—Pat.

"I volunteered to dress up in the

costume during registration one year," Stewart admitted. "It's got a big head with eyes up high, so that you have to tilt your head down to see out."

"There are wings, and feet you strap on. They look like chicken feet," he said. "And you have to wear brown leotards."

"I don't think I'll be Pat again," Stewart said. "I got a cold last time. You get so hot in the costume, you have to take the head off for fresh air all the time."

What's the future for our feathered friend? Green said he heard some rumbling a few years ago about changing our mascot and he drew up a few alternative designs. They are birds, also eagles, but they look more like the kind of eagles most people imagine.

"No one has ever come to me asking for a new design," Green said. So his latest work sits unnoticed in a file cabinet, tucked away in his office.

Yet the grumbling continues. Throw out the bird, some say, but they can't agree on how to replace it. Many agree on one thing: when it comes to Pat the Patriot, we laid an egg.

# Professor refs football

By Jackie Williams

University. A friend of Riddle's was a Players get mad. Fans get mad. It's



snare the same interests and concerns.

"There is no substitute for actually being in the job situation," Hexler claimed, "because no amount of studying a book can get you accustomed to the everyday aspects of a job."

Hexler, who is currently enrolled in a graduate-level night class at UT Tyler, also says that an internship can help you get rid of "...unrealistic job expectations, and possibly even help you to see that what you thought you wanted to do as a career is not for you after all."

He said, "It [the internship] might help you avoid a costly mistake somewhere along the way—not only a monetary mistake, but mental mistakes, too. Some people sort of go off the deep end if the career they studied so hard for doesn't turn out to be as wonderful as they always thought it would be."

According to a survey conducted by the Institute For Career Aptitude Testing (ICAT), most college graduates change jobs within two to three years after graduation.

The ICAT survey revealed that graduates change jobs about eight times and will make at least three major career changes before the age of 50. Job dissatisfaction is high on the list of reasons for switching careers. Therefore, in order to help people decide what career they are suited for, and to avoid such high turnover rates, many companies are more than glad to sponsor an internship program.

"More and more companies and businesses are offering internships because they see them as advantageous to everyone involved," said Mary Blaine-Colson, with Snelling and Snelling, a national job-search company, "and it seems pretty popular right now, since so many people are taking them up on the offers."

"An internship," according to Barry Lorraine, who is now an executive for Agency Rent-A-Car, "is the best way to get into the area you

she said.

Tina Peoquez is one of the fortunate ones who learned before it was too late that she was headed for the wrong career. She did her internship at a small hospital outside of Houston, where she had hoped to work in administration. However, her experiences with a demanding supervisor led her to reconsider her goals. Also, Peoquez admitted that she learned she had unrealistic expectations about the job, thinking that "...hospital life was as glamorous as we see on television."

"I'm glad I got out in time. I couldn't have stood going to a job I hated. I think my internship saved me from a big mistake. And, I wouldn't have listened if anyone had tried to tell me this. I had to see it for myself to really understand," she said.

If you have been to the offices of "Tyler Life," a local magazine in circulation for a year now, you may have recognized a classmate there. Susan Andrews is doing her internship at the magazine this semester. Although she has not been there very long, she is already working hard at researching articles for future feature stories in the monthly magazine.

Allison Fazel is doing her internship with the public relations department at Brookshire's Grocery Company. Her work there has given her the chance to work with many aspects of the company's publicity, from writing for the company newsletter, to conducting tours of Brookshire's Wildlife Museum.

Helen Walsh has completed her internship at the East Texas Crisis Center. As a psychology major, Walsh said she finds it rewarding to help others. She will receive three hours credit for the 150 hours she spent at the center.

Walsh said she believes the internship will help her to "find a job more easily, and I definitely recommend an internship for everyone."

Several days ago, I was given a picture of Dr. David Riddle, chemistry professor at the University of Texas at Tyler. He was wearing a black and white striped shirt, standing on a muddy field and refereeing a local football game. I found this to be an interesting pastime for a teacher so I made an appointment to interview him that afternoon in his chemistry laboratory.

Since Riddle is a scientist, I pictured a Dr. Jekyll-type person in my mind: a man with a mischievous grin, wearing a long white coat, working on his latest experiment with white rats. Since I knew he was a referee, I also expected him to have a large athletic build so he could defend himself against angry coaches and players.

When I walked in the lab, I began looking for the "mad scientist," but everyone looked like a normal student. I asked for the professor and a young man said that he was Riddle. I was really surprised!

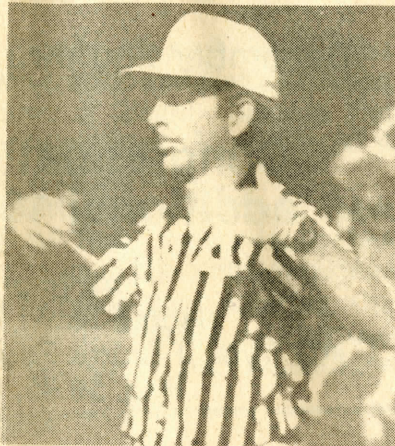
Riddle is about 5 feet 9 inches tall and has a rather small frame. He seems to be a little shy and speaks only when spoken to. He was sitting down at a table, grading papers and watching his students.

I introduced myself and showed him the pictures I had of him refereeing.

Riddle began refereeing football games in 1971 while attending graduate school at Texas A&M

and suggested he try it. "It was a nice break from the normal routing of graduate school," said Riddle.

The professor occasionally works junior high and college football games but prefers refereeing local high school games. "My children (one in the fifth grade and one in the eighth grade) are becoming involved in various school activities. Pressure to do things with them on the



DR. DAVID RIDDLE

weekends is getting greater and greater. I've already turned down opportunities to referee college football because of the Saturdays it takes away from my family," said Riddle.

Refereeing seems to be a tough job because many people don't agree with the decisions made for the various plays. "Coaches get mad.

mostly verbally, though. If it's the coach, I try to explain what has happened. If it's the players I tell they are out there to play, I'm out there to referee. If they want to referee, they can go get them a striped shirt. With the fans, you just ignore them because most of them don't know what they are talking about anyway," said Riddle.

To become a referee, you must be physically fit, know the rules of football and pass an entrance exam. Also, every year you have to take a test before the season begins to renew your license and make sure all the rules of the game are updated.

This chemistry professor and referee is also a musician. Riddle sings, plays the piano, the guitar, and the bass violin. He considered pursuing music as a career but decided the job opportunities in teaching chemistry were more promising. "I can still carry out most of what I wanted to do in music without being a professional musician. I come from a rich family heritage—my grandfather and father were both excellent musicians. It is something I've done and enjoyed all my life," said Riddle.

Like every musician, Riddle has dreams of directing an orchestra or a chorus or making an album. He said, "These things may never happen, but Please See RIDDLE, Page 7

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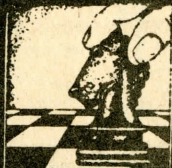
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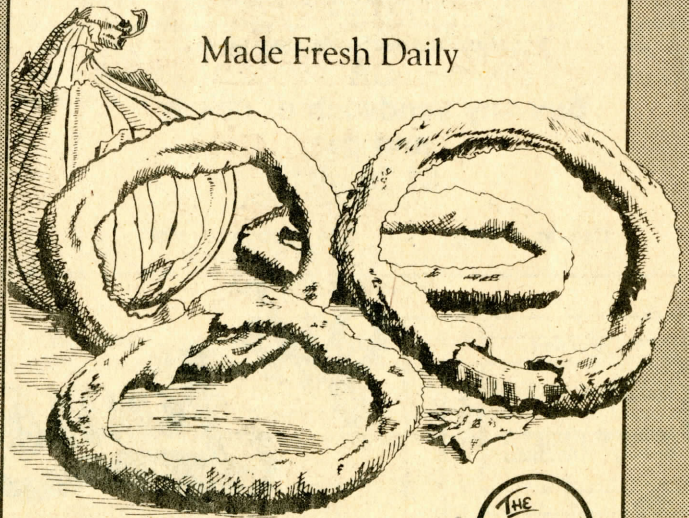


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# Wives, moms return to class

By Joni Murphree

Dinner is over, the children are doing their homework and mom is right beside them poring over her studies as diligently as her offspring. A husband comes home from the office and asks his wife about her day. She informs him about the latest joke by her favorite instructor, the test results in another class and a humorous episode in the University Center. More and more scenes like these are taking place over the nation as women assume the role of student in addition to their roles as wife, mother or employee, and in some cases all three.

In 1950 the percentage of women with one to three years of college education was 7.5, and in 1982 that percentage had more than doubled, according to a survey by the Women's Studies Program at the University of Virginia.

Why are married women returning to school? The reasons are as diverse as the women who give them, but one answer is more prominent than others, "I wanted to do something for me." As Vivian Sessions, a UT Tyler junior and mother of three said, "I have been a wife and a mother, now I'm starting my time."

Dr. Robert Geffner, associate professor of psychology, said that the trend in this area of the nation toward more married women returning to school has come about in the past five years. Geffner said it seems to be a combination of society and other influences. "A lot of it is internal pressure. Women are realizing the options that are available to them," Geffner said. "In today's society it is

almost a necessity for the woman to work. You don't see a lot of women here just for fun."

A UT Tyler senior majoring in sociology said she decided to continue her education "in order to support myself and my kids if necessary and as a goal for myself. I have worked part-time temporary work before, but it has shown me the importance of having a college degree."

While most of the mature age female students have a specific career in mind for after graduation, it isn't always because they feel that they have to work to support the family. Karen Kerr, a junior at UT Tyler majoring in early childhood education, returned to school after 10 years of being a wife, mother and homemaker. Kerr said she "worked some part time during those years just for fun money." Now she is enrolled in 12 hours at UT Tyler and six hours at Tyler Junior College, from where she graduated in 1969.

She said this is her "hardest semester so far." Kerr gave her reason for returning to college: "The real reason is that I felt it was God's will in my life to become a teacher." She said she waited because "I am a dedicated mother. I didn't want someone else to enjoy my children. When Andrew started school the timing was right." Six-year-old Andrew is Kerr's youngest son. When she graduates Kerr hopes to obtain a teaching job in the area. "I just think it's (teaching) right for me."

Patty Mascorro, a UT Tyler junior education major, made her choice early in life. Mascorro said she decid-

ed on her major when she was in the ninth grade. "My sister was a senior and crying over the decision of what to do in college and I knew I didn't want to go through that. I decided then what I wanted to do and I've never changed my mind." Even though she made her choice at an early age Mascorro said she wants to "stay home and enjoy the kids" when she starts her family.

When wives and mothers become students there has to be an effect on their family and home life. How do men react to this disruption? Geffner said that most spouses seem supportive and "they like to see their wives or husbands in school achieving goals." The women interviewed at UT Tyler described their husbands as supportive and helpful, even if it meant becoming head of the car pool

or putting fish sticks in the oven for a quick supper during test week.

Judy Boehms, a Tyler senior said, "My husband is my biggest supporter...he loves me, encourages me and is not one bit jealous of college. He's seeing it in an unselfish way in that it is fulfilling me emotionally."

Mascorro said that her husband even helps her with homework. "He's very supportive. Sometimes I think I would already have quit if it weren't for him saying 'you can do it.'"

Sessions remarked that it was her husband's idea for her to go to school full time and major in something that would "pay enough to be worthwhile." In a world where men are sometimes intimidated by "smart women," she said her husband wasn't threatened by her educational goals. Kerr said her husband

wanted her to "do what made me happy. He has taken over some of the the car pooling and does his share around the house."

Only one student of those interviewed described her husband as apathetic toward her education. She said, "He says he supports my decision to go to school, but he still expects me to do all the other things I've always done."

Geffner commented, saying that spouses who respond to the situation in this manner are in a sense saying, "I'm going to support you in this decision as long as you don't change." Geffner said he had seen marriages break up because the spouses wouldn't adapt. But he also said that most people are looking for more mutual roles and not necessarily categorizing them as traditional or

modern.

Along with the support of their husbands, the married students said they also had encouragement of their children. Kerr said that her children, 6, 11 and 14, "thought it was funny at first that I was a student. Now they know it's serious and that, when I go in a room and say I'm studying, that it's for real."

One UT Tyler senior and mother of five said of her children, "They think it is real 'neat' and are so proud of me, but it is difficult for them to understand my lack of time for some things."

Campbell's son is 15 and she said, "He thinks it's great to have a mom who is a college student. He says, 'You're more understanding of my own problems than my friends' mothers are.'"

## Music may fulfill last talent hope

By Tonya Clay

Have you ever wished that you had learned to play an instrument or learned how to sing? Have you ever attributed the loss to lack of time or inconvenience?

If you have done this and would like the opportunity to take instrument or voice lessons, then The University of Texas at Tyler might have a solution.

Several voice and instrument lessons are offered on the UT Tyler campus that require little or no musical background.

Aside from giving you the opportunity to learn something new, the music lessons, which include individual and group sessions, allow you to earn college credits as well.

Dr. Kenneth Muckelroy, the professor of music and chairman of the music department at UT Tyler, teaches various music lessons which include mostly brass instruments, the clarinet, some woodwinds and folk guitar.

People interested in choir activities are welcome to join the UT Tyler Chorale, which is directed by Dr. Mark Mecham, assistant professor of music and choral director at UT Tyler.

Daisy Highfill, director of music at UT Tyler, teaches voice lessons



**VOTING ELEPHANTS**—The newly elected officers UT Tyler of the Young Republicans are, from left, activities director Sheila Moore, Tyler general studies major; president Randy Hutton, Tyler political science major; vice president Mychele Herring, Tyler public administration graduate student; treasurer Tom Nourse, Tyler business major. [Photo by Lori Gravley]

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Bolins is available to assist those students having difficulties in any area of mathematics. Math tutoring hours are 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Tyler Kiwanis clubs have begun the 1985 Spirit of Christmas food drive.

The drive provides needy families in East Texas and northwest Louisiana with food at Christmas. The drive, which began Dec. 2, aims to provide assistance to at least 600 families, according to Jim Powell, Brookshire's vice president of advertising.

Powell said that donations can be made at all local Brookshire's and B-Mart's. Area residents are being asked to donate canned goods and other non-perishable food items to the drive by placing them in the containers.

"The success of this food drive depends entirely upon the generosity of area residents," Powell said.

one large chicken hen to each family that receives food donated during the drive.

Members of the area Kiwanis clubs retrieve the food from the containers, package it and deliver it to needy families in the participating communities during the week before Christmas.

"The people we are trying to assist through this effort are among the most severely needy in our area," Powell said.

"This is one of the largest privately sponsored charitable efforts in this part of the country, and it gives people a chance to do something to help the needy in their own community," Powell said.

Tyler radio stations KTBB/KNUE are co-sponsors of the drive this year.

Recipients of assistance are selected through the files of the Texas Department of Human Services in Tyler.

This year is the fourth that the drive has been sponsored by Brookshire's and the Kiwanis clubs. Last year, 330 families received assistance in the Tyler and Longview areas as a result of the effort.

which include classical voice training and pop musical styles as well.

If you are interested in piano lessons, UT Tyler offers Vicki Conway. She teaches individual as well as group piano lessons.

UT Tyler also has several part-time instructors for students.

Gerald Orr teaches piano lessons as needed on campus.

Scott Rhame teaches private and group sessions in folk guitar.

Classical guitar is taught by Frank Kimlicko and is done in private sessions only.

The part-time instructor for string instruments is Susan Astroff and these sessions are done privately as well.

According to Muckelroy, many of these lessons require little or no musical background and the lessons are scheduled for the convenience of the student as well as the instructor.

If you are interested in music lessons you should contact any of the above mentioned instructors or inquire in the music department which is located on the second floor of the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building, Room 272.

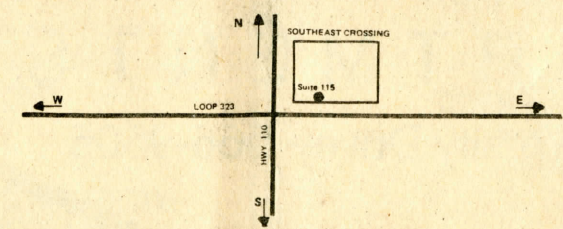
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## Canadian joins team

By Rod Marti

Josee Lemire is the youngest member of The University of Texas at Tyler women's tennis team. Lemire, a French Canadian, turned 20 in September and comes from Laval, a city some 15 minutes from Montreal.

A tall woman at 5 feet 10 inches with brown hair and brown eyes, Lemire is an only child. She started to play tennis when she was 10, and the two years before this, she was involved in swimming.

Lemire said, "My father started me with tennis. He was very patient with me and would always want to play tennis in our spare time. The hours my father and I spent on the court made it possible for me to play tennis at college." Lemire's father is a tennis coach in Laval.

The hours on the court paid off for Lemire as she began to climb the tennis ranks in her home province of Quebec. She consistently ranked in the top 10 juniors in her age group and twice competed in the national tournament in Ottawa. In 1980 and 1982, Lemire's ranking of fourth qualified her to play in Canada's national junior tournament. In 1981, Lemire won the singles for the 16-year-old division in Quebec. During April of 1983, Lemire and her father drove from Canada to Florida in search of a college with a good tennis program. Lemire explained, "I had almost left it too late to find a college for the fall semester because most programs had been filled." She visited several colleges and was promised a scholarship at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Lemire returned to Canada and waited for confirmation from the tennis coach from IRCC. By late August, Lemire had arrived in Fort Pierce to commence her college career. The IRCC tennis team qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association tennis tournament in Ocala, Fla., in the spring of 1984. Playing at the No.2 singles position Lemire reached the semifinals. She also reached the semifinals playing on the No.1 doubles team.

For the summer Lemire went back home and helped her father with his tennis coaching business. Lemire added, "To take a break from tennis I tried to go boating and water-skiing as often as I could."

The spring of 1985 saw the IRCC tennis team qualify for the national tournament again. She was a quarter-finalist at both the No.5 singles position and the No.3 doubles position. The team finished third in the nation both years.

The tennis coach at IRCC had contacted UT Tyler tennis coach Fred Kniffen and recommended three of her players to him. Consequently, Lemire was recruited by Kniffen with junior college teammates Sylvie Bailo and Maria Vinterstad.

Lemire said, "I had heard that Coach Kniffen had recruited top junior college players from other schools. Also Sylvie and Maria were going so I knew we would have a good team."

The adjustment to UT Tyler has been an easy one for Lemire. She said, "I like it much more at UT Tyler than at IRCC. Coach Kniffen has confidence in the team, and when I practice, I am more willing to make the best of it."

According to teammate Katja Rydin, "Josee is very easy to get along with because she is always in a good mood. She is open and friendly to people around her, too. On the court Josee is a consistent player and runs a lot."

A kinesiology major, Lemire plans to graduate by the fall of 1987. Lemire laughed when asked what she planned to do after graduation and said, "That is two years away yet; I might stay in Texas or I might go back to Canada. Actually, I have no idea."

## Hours set

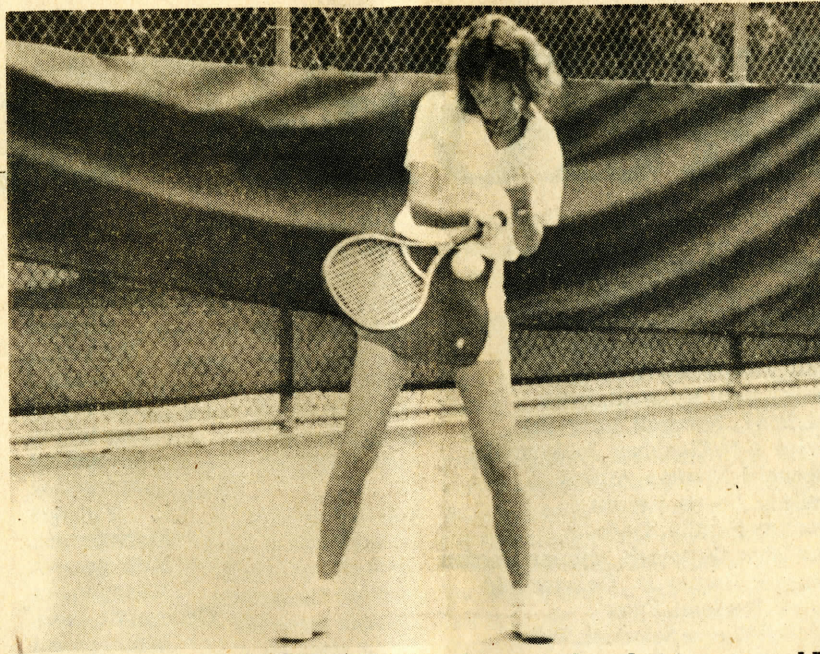
The Robert R. Muntz Library will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 20 for the Christmas holidays.

The library will reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 2 and continue through Jan. 13 with the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library will be closed on the weekends of Jan. 4-5 and Jan. 11-12.

During registration, Jan. 14, the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regular hours will resume Jan. 15.



**PRACTICE AND PATIENCE**—Canadian native Josee Lemire comes to UT Tyler's women's tennis team from Fort Pierce, Fla., where she, along with a team including her current teammates Sylvie Bailo and Maria Vinterstad, captured the No. 3 national title. [Photo by Lori Gravley]

## Student reflects about school incompetence

A state survey found that at least 25 of Texas' public colleges and universities are giving credit for remedial courses.

The four junior colleges that supply UT Tyler with the majority of its students are included in the 25.

These colleges include Tyler Junior College, Henderson County Junior College, Panola Junior College and Paris Junior College, according to the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

The practice violates state higher education policies and the schools could lose state funding if they continue offering degree credit for such courses, Kenneth Ashworth, Texas

commissioner of higher education, said in a "Dallas Morning News" article.

The remedial courses teach basic English and math, and are intended to teach students fundamentals which they may need in actual credit courses.

The survey was conducted this summer after Larry Temple, Coordinating Board chairman, received a research report on the large number of schools in the South which offered remedial courses for credit.

"I was surprised to learn any Texas institution was doing this. In many cases, transcripts do not identify courses as remedial," Temple said in the "Dallas Morning News."



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Chairman of this year's event, Dr. Richard Ulrich, Tyler neurologist and car enthusiast, said, "We are currently accepting show quality vehicles of all types, as well as commercial display entries."

Entries are expected from Houston, Shreveport and Dallas auto clubs, as well as local and area entries for the show. Awards and trophies will be presented for outstanding vehicles in each category. Last year's winner of the People's Choice Award went to a Tyler participant, Lloyd Uzzel.

Rose City Rods Inc., a Tyler street rod club, and KNUE Radio are hosts for the two-day event. Special drawings and door prizes will be held for the visitors to this auto extravaganza, including the awarding of a reproduction of a 1902 Oldsmobile and a 1965 Thunderbird.

Proceeds from the East Texas Auto Show will help fund local programs for patients with any one of 40 neuromuscular diseases covered by the MDA. MDA serves nearly 300 patients monthly through the outpatient clinic held at The University of Texas Health/Science Center at Tyler.

MDA provides a complete program of diagnostic testing, orthopedic appliances, physical therapy, recreational activities and counseling to patients and their families.

For additional auto show information or entry forms, contact Ulrich at (214) 597-0711 or the MDA office at (214) 595-3677.

## Riddle calls games

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if you're going to dream, you might as well dream big."

Riddle has been working as a minister of music in churches for 20 years. He has served as choir director and leader of congregational singing and arranges for special services within the church.

For the past two years, Riddle has been the university sponsor for the Baptist Student Union. The organization holds Bible studies and fellowship programs to "encourage students, as well as the staff, who are dedicated to studying and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ to the university community," said Riddle.

Riddle was raised in Marshall, where he received his bachelor's degree from East Texas Baptist College. He earned his doctorate in philosophy from Texas A&M University. He has been teaching chemistry at UT Tyler for 11 years and also teaches geology during the summer semesters.

Riddle enjoys teaching students. He feels he has the ability to express himself well and to get ideas across to the students. "I get a lot of satisfaction in seeing the students come in who don't know much about chemistry and watching them as they learn, dealing with their questions and helping them get an appreciation for science," said Riddle proudly.

When Riddle is not teaching, he enjoys playing racquetball, tennis

and golf, working on cars, reading going to church and spending time with his family.

Riddle is a very busy man. He said, "It's just a matter of using the time you have as best as possible. Things get a little complicated at times. Occasionally, I'll play racquetball on my lunch hour."

I guess Grandma was always right—an idle mind is the devil's workshop.

## New MSU organized

The Minority Student Union is open to all minority students, said acting president Mary Walker. The University of Texas at Tyler organization has many objectives. One is "creating an effective atmosphere and opportunity for good understanding and encouragement."

"Also the advancement of our social and economic developments as well as solving of academic problems with the spirit of oneness. The organization believes in the spirit of oneness, self-esteem and patriotic entity. "These objectives were written by Sunny Okorie, a criminal justice and political science major at UT Tyler.

Their first meeting was held Nov. 20 and the nomination of officers took place. Officers will be elected soon.

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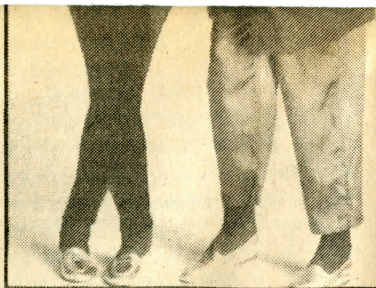
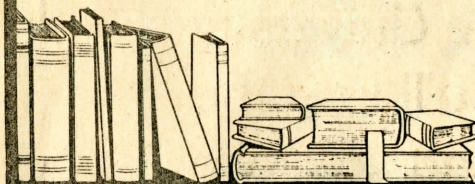
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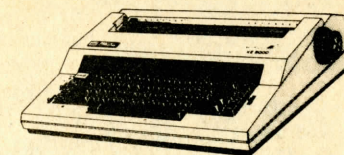
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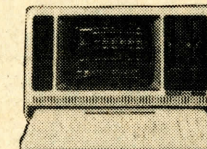
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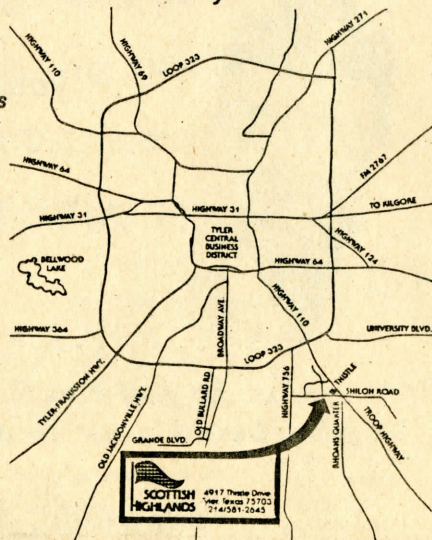
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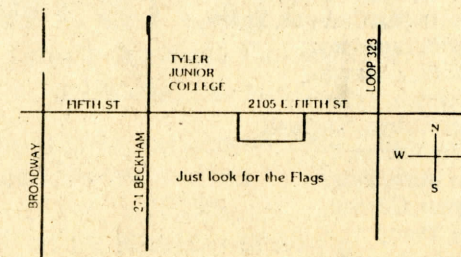
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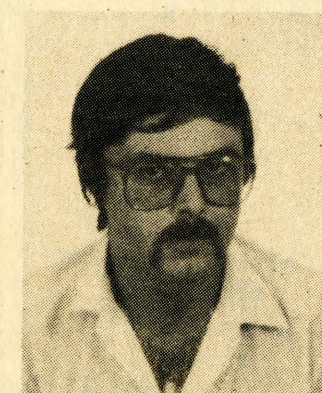
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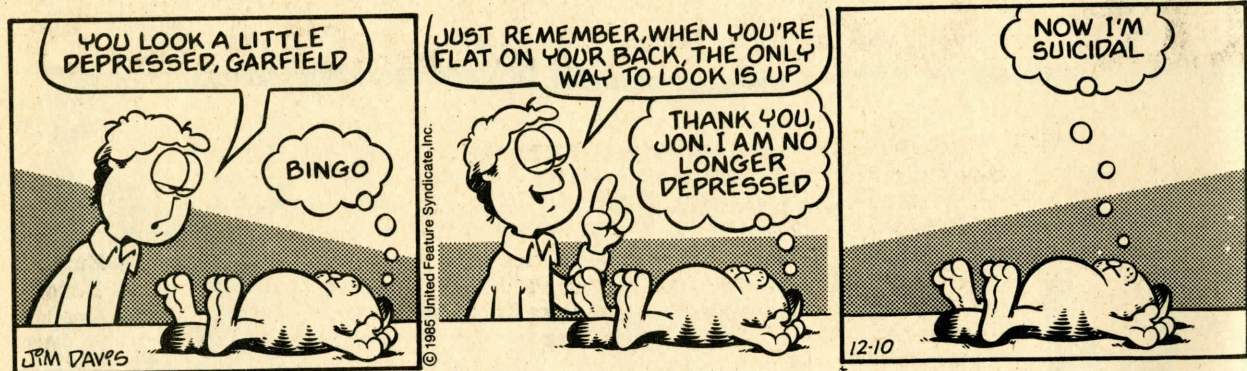
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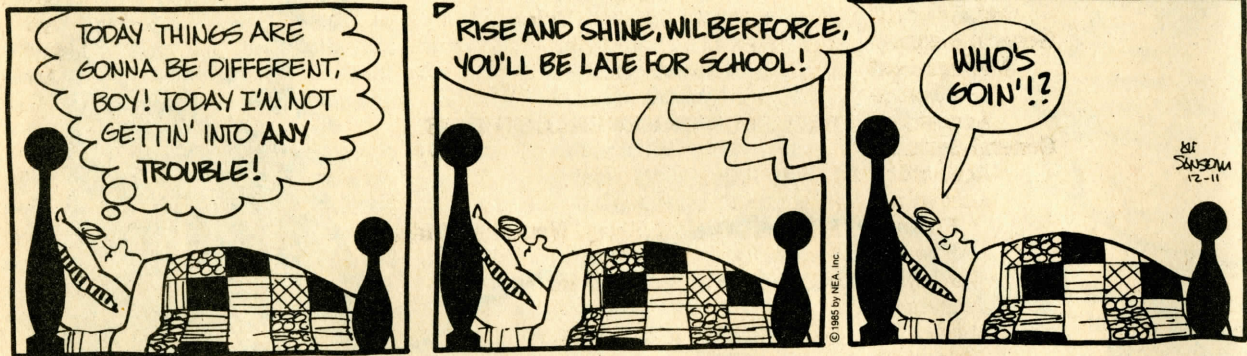
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"He's trying to butter up the mailman to bring him some Christmas cards."

Movies...

By Rick Allen Mauch

Just when you thought the world had forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, Alexander Salkind gives us a nice reminder in the form of a holiday present titled, "Santa Claus—The Movie." If you have any Christmas spirit at all, see this movie.

You know the legend of Santa Claus. He and the Mrs. and the elves make toys year-around, and on Christmas Eve, he delivers them to the boys and girls of the world (the good ones only, of course). It's all here, right down to making a list and checking it twice. Did you know, though, that he used to be just a normal guy who loved to make toys and deliver them to the boys and girls in the neighboring village? This movie tells the story of how he and Mrs. Claus were guided to the North Pole and were given the gift of living forever so they could supply the children of the world with gifts.

The story deals with Santa facing a problem, though. His favorite elf, Patch, played by Dudley Moore, leaves the North Pole after losing his

assistant's job. He goes to New York and takes a job with BZ (an exceptional performance by John Lithgow), the toy manufacturer who wants to take away Santa's fans for his own profit. What happens is Patch wants Santa to be impressed and ask him back, so he makes some candy that makes people fly. The candy, however, turns out to be dangerous, since it explodes under heat. Santa must come forth to save the world, including Patch.

David Huddleston is great as the jolly old St. Nick. If you remember him from such past performances as "Blazing Saddles," he was already a tad bit pudgy. He gained at least 40 pounds to play this role and he looks great.

The most impressive performance in the movie, however, was turned in by Moore. He makes a great elf. I have always admired him as a personal favorite, and this proves my belief that he is versatile and can perform any role given him. Not one

time when he was on film did his character fail to stand out.

The special effects in this movie are hard to beat. When Santa is flying in his sleigh with the reindeer delivering toys, Superman—eat your heart out. Also, the disappearing effects when Santa goes up a chimney or from one place to another are excellent.

Hats off to the camera crew and costuming people as well. The costumes were just what I envisioned Santa and his helpers as wearing when I was a little tike, and the camera work is nothing short of fabulous. Almost every scene was superb and beautiful.

Most important, though, the movie was good for children. It made me feel that this is what Christmas should be, and continue being. Santa brings presents to the good boys and girls, answers their letters, and stops the bad guy from ruining Christmas. I really left the theater feeling good. You will also.

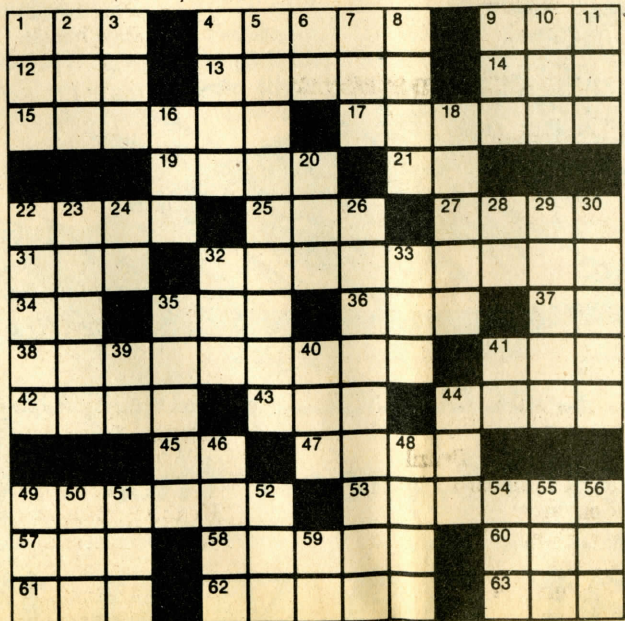
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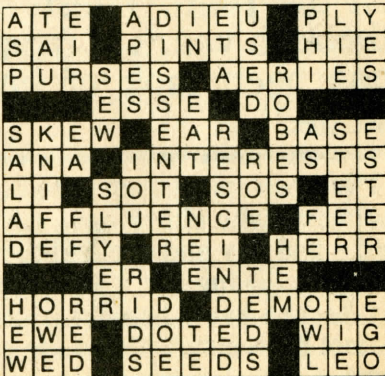
The time of roasted chestnuts and the smell of fresh pine, cranberries and holly is upon us again.

This is a happy time for most of us, and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. I know that some of the UT Tyler population do not celebrate this Christian holiday, but to them I wish the very best that this or any other time can bring.

Students, faculty and staff of this university can be thankful to be associated with such an institution, one which is gaining in its good reputation daily.

So, at this point, with the jingle of sleigh bells mingling with visions of sugarplums in my head, I bid each of

you a happy and safe winter vacation. I'm off to rejoin my wrapping paper and ribbons. See you in the spring! L.





# Age brings bone loss

By Elaine Reichard

"Three strikes and you're out," said Dr. Roy V. Talmage, a member of the University of North Carolina Medical School at Chapel Hill, as he spoke to a capacity crowd Friday, Nov. 22.

The seminar, "Bone Loss With Age In Women: The Effect of Diet and Exercise," was sponsored by the biology department of The University of Texas at Tyler.

Talmage said there are three periods in a person's life when she can do something about bone loss. If she doesn't make an attempt at helping herself during one of those times, she is a candidate for a fracture.

Talmage pointed out that he said "she" because the incidence of osteoporosis, bone loss during the aging process, is 99 percent a problem of females.

A massive \$4 billion yearly is spent in medical care, he said. "Osteoporosis is not new," he said. It is receiving more attention now because: 1) women live longer and a longer life means more broken bones; 2) the United States has become health conscious and is concerned about health; 3) new techniques have been developed to measure the amount of bone a person has without pain and by non-invasive means. This means "no needles," he said.; and 4) progress has been made in understanding bone itself.

Now bones can be measured by a densitometer, Talmage said. Previously the only way to tell about bones was by X-rays and it took a loss of 30 percent for it to be detectable.

At the onset of menopause bone mass is lost at a rate of up to 1 percent per year. By the time a woman is 80, she will have lost 30 percent. "This is a normal, healthy situation," he said.

Bone mass is lost from every bone, but not necessarily at the same rate in each bone. And, Talmage added, black women are fortunate in that they have 10 percent more bone to start with and the condition doesn't affect them as much as it does white women.

"The average value of bone mass

for a 75-year-old Caucasian woman is at risk level for fractures," he said.

Bone is lost because of body systems, he said. First, the body adds bone for growth. Second, the system begins to stop producing new bone—around 15 for women and 21 for men. Third is the stage when bone is lost.

Four factors determine the amount of bone density a person will have: genetic inheritance, dietary history, physical exercise and hormonal balance.

The key to retaining bone mass as much as possible lies in two areas which are completely controllable by the woman herself, Talmage said.

Women, and all Americans, eat too little calcium-rich foods. "If you drink three glasses of milk a day, you'll get all you need," he said. And physical exercise is as important as the calcium, he added.

With this in mind, Talmage pointed out that the first time a woman can do something about bone loss is in her adolescence. A girl needs one gram of calcium a day.

"There is a direct ratio between the amount of calcium taken per day and the amount of bone she has when she is grown. The maximum is determined by genetics," Talmage said.

Girls also need a regular exercise program of two-to-three times each week, he said. By the time she is 20, she will have attained the maximum amount of bone she will ever have. If she fails during this time to do something for her body, it's strike one.

The second period of life is from 20 to 45. The average Caucasian woman maintains bone during this time because her lifestyle is usually set. "For some reason, if she has two or three children a couple of years apart, her bones will be better—probably because she worries over diet," he said. If she does nothing during this time for herself, it's strike two.

The final stage is in the 40s. During this time women lose estrogen, the prelude to menopause. Taking estrogen at this time, Talmage

said, can slow down the process, but physicians can't agree if it risks cancer. At this time, a woman needs 800 milligrams of calcium each day. "There is a point of no return," Talmage said. At that point only 5 percent of the lost 30 percent of bone can be replaced.

Exercise at this time is crucial, but with a doctor's permission, he said. And a woman can take as much as 1,500 milligrams of calcium without a doctor's approval because of slowed digestion. If a woman fails to do anything at this point in her life, it's strike three and she is almost sure to suffer a fracture.

Exercise should be a two-to-three-times-per-week commitment. "You need to sweat," he said. "It's normal to lose bone, but it's due to lifestyle."

"It's never too late to do something about it," he said. "You cannot get them back, but you can stop loss." If a woman makes the adjustments he suggested, Talmage said that hip fractures could be reduced by 50 percent.

Talmage pointed out that it's hard to get too much calcium. He added that, although tests were not complete, women on birth control pills have a little better bones. He attributed this to the fact that the pills contain a laboratory-made estrogen.

Talmage pointed out that the only instances of osteoporosis in males has been in alcoholics. Astronauts who spend long periods in space also have some irreversible bone loss.

Talmage repeated his point that the ways to prevent bone loss were exercise and calcium intake. "Drink your milk!" he emphasized. He said he realized that many people do not like milk and that, although they are a little more fattening, ice cream and pizza are both high in the necessary nutrient.

Talmage was recipient of the William F. Newman Award for outstanding scientific achievement in the field of bone and mineral metabolism.

He is a member of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research and is currently engaged in research in calcium transport, parathyroid physiology, biochemistry ultrastructure of bone: calcium and phosphates and osteoporosis.

Talmage's visit to East Texas had a two-fold purpose. He was visiting his daughter, Laney Mobley, a Longview graduate student at UT Tyler. Mobley is a graduate assistant in the biology department and is currently engaged in research under the supervision of Dr. James Stewart, associate professor of biology and chemistry and chairman of the biology department.

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# VIEWPOINT

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## Letters to the editor

The Patriot staff welcomes letters from its readers. The newspaper would like to serve as a forum for you to share your ideas about items of interest to the student body.

We encourage you to write and express your feelings about the many important issues facing us today. So take this opportunity to mount the soapbox and communicate to others about what interests you.

All letters should be typed or neatly handwritten and must be signed by the writer. It is preferred that you also enclose a telephone number and address. Names will be withheld upon request.

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## Cyclist pleads for more road rights

By Laura Peycke

I don't necessarily like to make a fuss over my rights as an American citizen or my rights as a taxpayer, but I feel like it is time to speak up for a group that I have direct contact with.

Bicyclists have rights too! According to the Texas Department of Public Safety's Drivers Handbook, "A person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the speed of the other traffic on the roadway at that time shall ride as near as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway...."

So that's it. Whether you like it or not, a bicycle has as much right as a motor vehicle to the road.

"I apologize to any motorists that I've inadvertently voiced or shown my opinions to on the road. These reactions have built up through years of frustration, and what I feel has been lack of human consideration by some."

I've been spit on, cursed at and literally run off the road by motorists who either have not been paying attention or have had a bad day and decided they don't like me on "their" road. I'm just asking for a little consideration and patience. I do my best to avoid heavily traveled roads, but sometimes this cannot be avoided. There are only so many routes going out of town.

I attempt to stay in my portion of the lane because I am com-



Just because your nose is red, Rudolph, it doesn't mean that you have the FLU!

## What do you think, Herb?



pletely aware of the consequences that may occur if some motorist hits me...I lose. I know plenty of cyclists that wish they had never chosen to ride on the day tragedy struck them personally.

So please take a little more time when passing a cyclist. Their only intentions are enjoyment and fitness. It only takes seconds to wait and pass at a safe moment. Don't get mad at an innocent cyclist if you're running late to an appointment.

It is also legal for cyclists to ride two abreast on the roadway, providing they are not unreasonably obstructing traffic. This is usually done for visibility and safety purposes.

I apologize to any motorist that I've inadvertently voiced or shown my opinions to on the road. These reactions have built through years of frustration, and what I feel has been lack of human consideration by some. But I thank the thousands that have passed me with the utmost courtesy and kindness.

I hope this plea may help motorists realize that cyclists are putting themselves in a highly vulnerable position every time they set out on a training ride. Believe me, it is not by choice that I ride on highways and city streets. God forbid you should ever have to say you were sorry you didn't take a little more caution while passing a cyclist.

By Loren Henderson

Hark the herald angels sing, fa la la la laaaaaa....Oh, hi ya doing, Herb? Listen, Herb, I was doing a little Christmas shopping the other day at K-Mart, see? I heard these two old men talk about how they couldn't get jobs for the holidays because this certain employer hired these illegal aliens since they work for less money. That made me mad, Herb.

Did you ever wonder why the United States is over-populated with illegal aliens? Don't give me this bull about America being the land of opportunity. There's got to be another reason, Herb!

How can the flow of illegal aliens be stopped—or at least slowed? Officials of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that the number of illegal aliens in this country is staggering. How staggering? How about 6 million-12 million. Wow, that's a lot of burritos.

Now don't get me wrong, Herb, but don't you think something should be done about this? Those hypocrites in Congress should be thinking up ways to solve the problem instead of thinking up ways of how to increase their salaries. Oh, yeah, they did, however, suggest that they could easily impose stiff penalties against American employers who repeatedly

hire illegal aliens. The theory behind that is the aliens won't come to the United States if they are denied jobs. It might work. In places abroad, such as Europe, such sanctions have become a deterrent against illegal alien employment. The most important thing is the sanctions would have to be stiff enough to hurt.

The Reagan administration (there he goes again) has in the past made unsuccessful attempts to retard the situation. I do know one thing, though; if Ronnie and the boys don't think of something fast, illegal immigration will continue to rise at an alarming pace—something like 500,000 new illegal immigrants each year and up to 2 million by the year 2000.

What we ought to do, Herb, is write our respective representatives in Congress about this and other problems in our country:

Senator Phil Gramm  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(Texas: Federal Bldg., 300 E. 8th St., Austin, Texas 78701)  
Ralph Hall, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515  
Charles Wilson, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

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## FIRING LINE

(Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Dr. George F. Hamm, president of the University of Texas at Tyler. It is printed with the permission of its writer. The feelings expressed in this and other letters are those of the writer only and do not express the feelings of the student body or the Patriot staff.)

Dear Dr. Hamm:

This letter is in regard to a recent cartoon illustration which appeared in The University of Texas at Tyler's newspaper, "The Patriot." On Sept. 26, 1985, your "Patriot" staff deeply disappointed and astonished me. I am referring to the cartoon in the issue on page 10 of the "Patriot" Viewpoint. Is this the viewpoint of a university that I graduated from?

I am a 1985 graduate from UT

Tyler, and I am black. As a graduate/alumni, I have spoken with people (especially black undergraduates) and recruited for a university that I held very prestigious!

As a graduate/alumni, I am very embarrassed and disturbed over the prejudice that was displayed by UT Tyler and the cartoon. As an alumni or graduate, I have a responsibility to the university, which is to recruit and retain students. If the student doesn't stay at the university, my duty is to inquire why they left. Maybe the prejudice which is reflected within the cartoon from UT Tyler in the issue of Sept. 26, page 10, Viewpoint. How can I recruit after seeing this?

Dr. Hamm, this cartoon reflects OUR university. What progress have we made at the most prestigious

university in Texas? Our progress as a university was a step back into the past. I refuse to go back to the past with your prejudices and inconsiderations. Our "Patriot" has hurt a group of people. My university has caused embarrassment and mental anguish. An apology MUST appear in UT Tyler's "Patriot." What are we (higher education) to display at The University of Texas: prejudice and ignorance or prestige and intelligence?

I have yet to see in writing where I must be ridiculed by the majority. As a component institution of The University of Texas System, UT Tyler is subjected to the same rules and regulations of the System.

You, as an upper-level and graduate educational institution, have a purpose to insure excellence for the student to instill an appreciation of aesthetics for a richer life, to prepare for a productive role in society and to establish a basis for continued self-improvement. How must I do this with the prejudice which was reflected in this cartoon?

Submitted to you on this date with all due respect, Dr. Hamm.

Sincerely,  
Sonia Henson-Sessions  
1985 Graduate/Alumni  
cc: The University of Texas  
(Mother School), Austin, Texas  
Board of Regents, Austin, Texas  
The Chancellor

(Before running the cartoon, Viewpoint Editor Loren Henderson asked the opinions of various "Patriot" staff members. The majority saw it as a ridicule of Reagan's attitude

toward the South African crisis. We do not feel an apology is necessary as no racial prejudices were intended. The point may be made more clearly by establishing the fact that Loren Henderson is a black student.)

To the editor:

TERRORISM is the act of using violence and intimidation especially for political purposes. On the other hand, it is the use of brutal, indiscriminate violence to further a cause, which of course, is the last resort weapon of the weak against the strong.

One wonders and asks: Can retaliation or applying sanctions against the terrorists be substantially enough to eradicate the epidemic of terrorist bombings, hijackings, hostage-taking and assassinations? Well, I strongly believe that the only solution is to use peaceful negotiation as a powerful weapon to settle the differences with the so-called terrorists.

Sunny Okorie  
Criminal Justice/Political Science  
Major

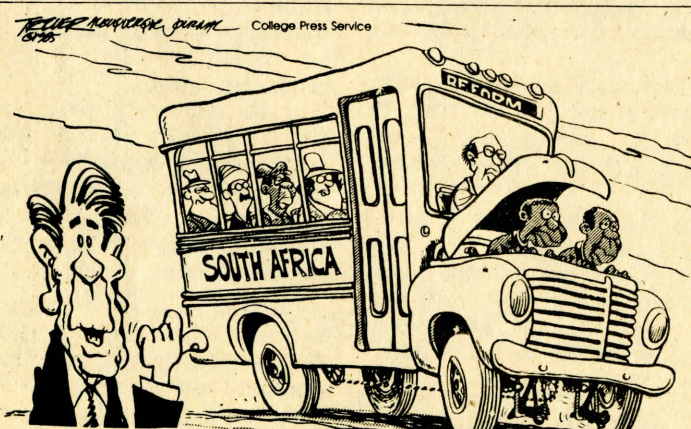
To The Editor:

Nine years ago a frightened, little, old lady started at TJC. She graduates from UT Tyler this December with a master's.

She became physically handicapped on the way, but gradually gained confidence in her mental abilities.

Thanks to fellow students, police, staff, maintenance and faculty in library, bookstore, snack bar, offices and classrooms, these nine years

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"HEY, LISTEN. THEY'RE MAKING REAL PROGRESS HERE!

DO YOU SEE ANY BLACKS AT THE BACK OF THE BUS?

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## Department's responsibility for professors questioned

By Rick Moore

Secondary education is very expensive today, and scholarships and financial aid are increasingly hard to come by. The value of the tuition dollar is increasing, propter hoc increasing the institution's responsibility to the students. From student services to the quality of the staff, this change mandates excellence from the school. Especially in the selection and quality of the staff.

During registration, guesses, hearsay, and at best, some research on the part of the students, guide course (staff) selections. The students are at the mercy of the department chairmen and the university hiring policies as to the quality of the faculty.

A break down in the staff's quality, for whatever reason, is a problem of the particular department, but the real cost of the mistake is paid by the students.

An incompetent teacher is very frustrating. The class doesn't flow. The frustrations spill over into the students other classes and activities. Classmates see only frustration in each other's eyes. Normal teamwork is of no help. The only hope is some compassion from the inept teacher, a shallow dream at best.

Recently this problem was sloughed off by a department chairman, saying in effect that it is the students' responsibility.

## Thanks!

By Loren Henderson

Before everyone leaves for the holidays, I felt it was only appropriate for me to add a personal note.

The "Patriot" has truly seen its ups and downs this semester and, frankly, without the support of members of the "Patriot" staff, faculty, administration and, especially the student body, I don't know how we would have survived.

Of course, there are too many people to thank personally one by one, but sometimes you can overlook the little things like saying two simple words like "thank you."

To be more to the point, from me and everyone else in the "Patriot" family... Merry Christmas and a Happy 1986. And thank you for your support. We'll see you next semester; if not, good luck.

# Bah! Humbug!

By Elaine Reichard

It's that time of year again when everyone works themselves into a frenzy trying to figure out what after shave lotion to buy for Uncle Jake (who, incidentally, doesn't use after shave lotion anyway) or which guaranteed unbreakable toy to get for little Sammy (who could destroy the Lincoln Memorial in the bat of an eyelash).

I hate Christmas. Oh, yes, I know; that's a terrible thing to say, but then I have come to the conclusion, that for the most part, people have done terrible things to the holiday. I, for one, do not wish to join in the homicide of a holiday that I used to enjoy tremendously.

Somewhere along the way an unwritten law came into existence that said a person must spend everything he has to make others feel remembered at Christmas. Then it was expanded to include the use of credit cards until they screamed "Enough!" It seems that more and more people spend the whole year paying off their bills from the last Christmas.

What ever became of "It's not the gift, but the thought that counts"?

I can remember as a child, and even as a teen-ager, how I looked forward to the holidays. I spent months preparing the small, but sincere, gifts that I gave each and every one of my grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles—sometimes even some of my friends.

I can still remember the handmade items that my grandmother made for me when I was younger. I still have many of them now, 20 or 25 years later, and I miss getting those gifts now that she is dead.

What happened to people that caused them to no longer appreciate the gifts of a person who cares enough to put hours of precious time and effort into the making of a special gift? Why has the American population become so engulfed in materialism?

Even those who profess to be faithful Christians do not celebrate the holiday for the reasons for which it was intended. To most, the Christmas religious services have become just another audience before which to parade in newly acquired holiday fashions. (If that steps on your toes, then you know who you are.)

I have tried to keep the old traditions in my household. Even now, when all my children are teen-agers, there will be a special gift under the tree on Christmas morning. There is usually a gift that I have made for each that is geared to the individual personality.

Santa Claus? Maybe. So what if they don't believe in the old guy any more? When they finally did admit (only two years ago, I might add) that they knew there was something not ringing true about the jolly gentleman, we agreed that the spirit of Christmas was what was important, no matter by what name we called it. They look forward to their surprise gift on Christmas morning—unwrapped—just like when Santa Claus was bringing it.

Our nation has become bombarded by commercial advertisements—buy this—mine is better—I'll make you a better deal—and it only takes the next 12 months to pay for it. Just in time to start all over again.

The American public is busier than it has ever been before in history. Both husbands and wives are working. I know this doesn't leave much time for making personal gifts by hand, but it still isn't a bad idea.

I think what I object to most of all is the fact that, most people, when confronted with the receipt of such a personalized gift, will unsuccessfully look semi-pleased and mutter an "Oh, thanks."

I strenuously object to the commercial aspects that have murdered the spirit that was the embodiment of a lovely holiday. How I long for the days when my grandmother would present me with a handmade, hand-embroidered set of pillow cases—in my favorite color yet.

So if I sound a little like Ebenezer Scrooge, so be it. Bah! Humbug!

Let's breathe a little old-fashioned life into the Christmas holiday. Don't buy a gift just because it is the right size or because it is convenient. If you must buy (and I realize that not everyone is talented enough to make gifts any more), then buy with the personal touch—make it right for the person for whom the gift is intended.

And if you want to get me something, bake me a "from scratch" cookie. It really is the thought that counts.

# Government's long arm interferes;



ty. The advice was to lobby other students and friends to avoid signing up for courses these "bad" teachers might teach, thus leaving the responsibility in the students' hands. What if the course is essential for graduation as is often the case in an upper-level school. Are we to just suffer through just for the credit? And what of the chair's responsibility in the hiring? Why can't the teacher be fired? Is this credited to government red tape? If that's the case, it is a lousy excuse.

Students don't have the time or resources to do the universities' leg work for them, checking out the prospective professors for the various departments, and they shouldn't have to pay the price of someone else's error.

If tradition holds, most students will accept what they get, and bear with it for their credit. But the consequence is that these students will lose their money. Although they may graduate with the credit, they never got to take the course they signed up for.

"MISS KINSLOW YOU ARE ONE OF THE MOST OPTIMISTIC YOUNG LADIES I HAVE EVER MET."



## Addresses to know

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Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20520

Jim Chapman, Room 1009, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

David Hudson, P.O. Box 2910, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78769

So wake up and smell the coffee, Herb; there are only so many jobs for us Americans. Don't you think good ol' boys like you and me should get the first crack at jobs? What do you think Herb?

# is Big Brother really watching?

By Diane Dickerson

I have long been a believer in seat belts. I am one of the few who actually wore them faithfully even before the seat belt law was passed, as well as encouraged others, especially my passengers (no reflection on my driving), to wear them.

I would be one of the first to defend the effectiveness of the seat belt. I know that statistics show that their use reduces traffic injuries and fatalities by about 25 percent. And I realize that the mandatory seat belt law will cause more people to buckle up, which in turn will save more lives.

But I, like many others, rebel against being forced by the government to do anything, whether it is for my own good or not. I resent the fact that the long arm of the government has extended its elbow another notch and reached into yet another facet of my everyday life.

Take, for instance, a regular drive to the store.

I walk out to my state-inspected, licensed and registered car, unlock the door which is windowed with government-approved safety glass and sit in my seat. My first move, of course, is to buckle up.

I crank up and back out, and proceed to drive to the store, being careful to "observe all warning signs—state law" and drive within the speed limits imposed again by the government. If I happen to be on the highway, legally I can drive no faster than a speed limit that the federal government forced on the state government, who in turn forced it on the citizens.

On the way, I happen to see a brand new car. I can tell that it

is brand new because it has an ugly, or at least not particularly attractive, extra brake light on the back, which when activated makes the average rear end of a car look like a triangle. This extra light is imposed by the government, to help prevent rear end collisions.

I guess the government doesn't realize that after looking at the rear ends of cars with three brake lights, they will look just as routine as cars with only two.

So perhaps after another few years the government will require yet another brake light, maybe stipulating that it must be at least six-feet long or purple instead of red to catch the driver's attention. Or maybe they will make all cars outline themselves in neon when cranked.

If I happen to get pulled over for breaking one of the many laws on the way to the store, I will not only have to show the officer my driver's license, but also proof of liability insurance.

This, of course, is good protection in the case of an accident with an uninsured driver, but it is yet another government-imposed regulation.

These regulations barely scratch the surface of the huge government reservoir of laws. The government has its hand in every aspect of every citizen's life in one way or another.

In some way or another, it controls the air we breathe, the roads we drive on, the cars we drive in, the money we make and spend, the homes and cities we live in, the beds we sleep in, the food we eat, the TV shows we watch....

Maybe Orwell's Big Brother concept isn't so far off base.

## Letters

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have been among the happiest in her life. Everyone was kind and helpful beyond the call of courtesy or duty.

She would like to do it all over again for now she knows how little she knows.

Thank you and God bless everyone.

Love,

Zoe

Zora V. Smoyer

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Tyler, Texas 75707

To The Editor:

I support Rick Allen Mauch's call [Patriot, 11-21-85, p.10] for a UTT radio station (FM, of course).

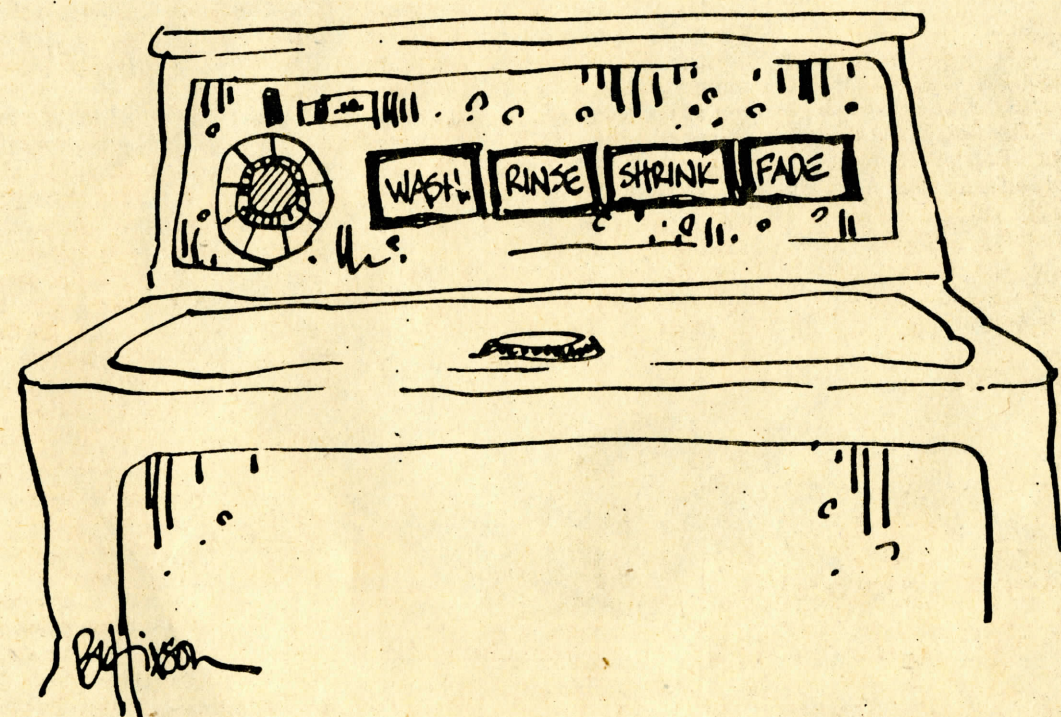
The main benefit would be precisely where he puts it: training for the students. Community cultural enhancement would be a very important by-product, with many public-relations and development ramifications.

Mr. Mauch omitted mention of two other types of programming appropriate for such a station: classical music and university announcements.

If Mauch has "six years experience in radio," an "English/Theater major" and good ideas, we may already have found our station manager. Now let's ask Dr. Hamm to find the money to fund the station.

Paxton Hart

Professor of English



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# Joys of holidays past and present

## Santa remembers fearful first time

By Leona Sellers

A scared Santa Claus? It sounds improbable, as if it might be a joke the elves made up; but Archie Ashby candidly admits that the first time he appeared in a Santa Claus suit, "I was scared to death. I didn't know what to say." Ashby, then a young man of 27, had been enlisted to play Santa Claus for the primary school in the small Louisiana town of Hana.

Ashby overcame his fear and spoke some suitable words, and thus launched a career of playing Santa Claus that has spanned 51 years. In some capacity he has portrayed Santa Claus every year since then. When Ashby began his holiday role, the country was in the midst of the Great Depression. Ashby said there was "no money, no new clothes" but he was usually given things for his appearance as Santa.

One of his favorite memories of this early period is of a 5-year-old boy who sat on his knee and requested false teeth. Somewhat taken aback by the unusual request, Ashby questioned the lad and learned he wanted the false teeth for his mother. "He asked for nothing for himself," Ashby recalled.

With his neatly trimmed white beard, Ashby appears to be an incognito Santa Claus on his daily strolls around Athens. Although he is taller and not as rotund as the widely conceived idea of Santa, he has the smile and the gentle sense of humor associated with the familiar figure of the holiday season.

Ashby smiled as he remembered the "cutest visitor" he has had, a 3-year-old girl. As the tot sat on his knee, he asked the usual question of what she wanted for Christmas. She replied, "A little baby sister." Thinking quickly, he regretfully said, "I'm sorry, but I just gave away the last one I had." The child's mother confided, "She will get a baby, but not for Christmas. She did not put in her order in time."

Ashby can attest to the universal

teen-agers as old as 15, 16 or 17 and even grown men have come to visit and have a picture made with Santa.

Because of his white beard, Ashby is recognized even in other seasons as Santa Claus. In the summer he keeps it trimmed to about four inches, then lets it grow the last few months before Christmas. It has been as long as eight inches, he said.

For the last four years, Ashby has been Santa for the Athens Chamber of Commerce with his residence in the small white house on the Henderson County Courthouse Square. This year, he will not be in the little house. "They must think I'm too old," he said matter-of-factly.

However, he will resume his yearly tradition of playing Santa at the Henderson County Memorial Library, and will also serve as Santa for various area businesses, schools and churches.

How long he will continue his career depends on his health. "You may think I carry this cane to beat the dogs off," he said with a wry grin as he motioned with the wooden cane by his side. He then explained that he has a problem with equilibrium caused by high blood pressure and cholesterol. His doctor advised him to walk, so he walks several miles each day.

Like the fabled resident of the North Pole, Ashby stays busy year round with his various hobbies and crafts. He has done copper rubbing and ceramics. When he goes for his daily walks, he carries his Polaroid camera and takes pictures of people and objects he would like to draw. "I've been drawing since I was 4 or 5," he said. He uses oils, water colors and Crayolas, but his favorite is drawing pencils, because he can take them with him when he goes walking and sketch when something catches his eye.

He likes to draw scenery, such as lakes, mountains and rivers, but his favorite subject is horses. "I love horses. I bet I've drawn a jillion



TOPPING IT ALL OFF—Don Hart, Tyler general studies major, puts the finishing touches on the University Christmas tree at the tree-trimming party hosted by the Student Association.



Photos by Lori Gravley



appeal of Santa Claus. Children from France, England, Germany and other foreign countries have visited him. He especially remembers a girl from Norway who told him, "You are the first Santa Claus I have ever seen." She informed him that in Norway there were no Santa Clauses and no cowboys either.

The magical attraction of Santa has drawn all ages to visit. Many mothers have brought tiny babies. Ashby wonderingly told of one mother who brought her 9-day-old baby one rainy cold day. On the other end of the scale (in age as well as weight), Ashby said

horses, he said. Ashby and his wife have three children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (with prospects for more, he added). The family usually gathers for Christmas in Amarillo where Ashby lived for 40 years. "My daughter asked me to bring the Santa suit," he said as he placed the familiar red and white cap on his head. As he adjusted the cap on his brow, the transformation was startling. With his pink cheeks and a wisp of blue smoke curling upward from his pipe, he became...Santa Claus.



**I SEE SANTA!**—UT Tyler students, from left, Lona Kennedy, Jacksonville, Fla., journalism major and Kay Kendrix, Tyler elementary education major, admire (and try on) the beautiful Christmas decorations. They even got a quick glance at Santa.



**ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE**—Michael Ealem, Tyler chemistry major and Sophie Barlemont, Motrouge, France, computer science major, warm their feet before the fire at the Student Association tree-trimming party in the University Center on November 22.

## Yuletide customs vary

By Diane Dickerson

The smell of cedar wafting through the air, lights twinkling on a tall green tree with brightly wrapped gifts piled high underneath, and the mouth-watering aroma of a huge turkey roasting in the oven bring images of Christmas to just about everyone.

While Christmas is celebrated in many different ways throughout the country, Tyler has some special traditions.

The festive holiday is identified with gifts, family, children, and especially food.

"We meet at my parents' home, and get together and eat," said Linda Kincheloe, UT Tyler senior.

"We identify Christmas more with children," Kincheloe said; and until the recent birth of a new family member, there were no children in the Kincheloe family.

"Now that we have a new child, Christmas will probably change," she said.

Getting together with family is a tradition Kris Johnson, Tyler graduate student, associates with Christmas.

Aside from family, "We really don't do anything that special, that other people don't do," Johnson said.

Home and family play a major part in many celebrations.

"We're always at home on Christmas," Danny Lewis, UT Tyler junior, said. The Lewis family has "either a turkey or ham, whatever we didn't have on Thanksgiving," Lewis said. Their gifts are opened on Christmas morning.

"We eat good at Christmas," Barbara Stelding, a secretary in the Business Building, said.

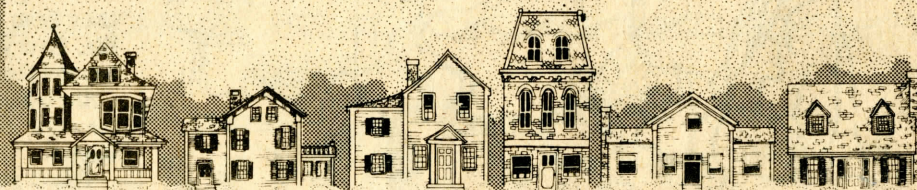
Her family also goes snow skiing, an activity that they associate with the holiday.

Linda Brown, another business secretary at UT Tyler, said her whole family gets together at Christmas for "turkey and the trimmings" and gift-giving.

"We draw names for presents because our family is so big, but we usually give in and buy something for everyone," Brown said. "The pile of gifts is bigger than the tree," she added.

Her family likes to open their gifts on Christmas morning, but "usually we end up opening them on Christmas Eve because we can't stand the suspense."

Tyler offers candle-light tours, choral programs, Santa Claus on the downtown square and festive decorations to help set the holiday mood.



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