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University student carries
Olympic torch through Austin.

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Women's tennis players get atten-
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Pledge of remembrance



Dormitory approved

Proposed building called 'nontraditional'

by Melissa Jacquez
Staff writer

University of Texas System Board of Regents on Feb. 14 approved \$1.4 million for new student housing on the Tyler campus, Lynne Culverhouse, the interim vice president for business affairs, said.

The regents approved the funding during a quarterly meeting in San Antonio.

The plans call for a 10,000 square foot dormitory to be built on Lake Drive. Once completed it is expected to provide 18 bedrooms for 36 students.

School officials are undecided on what classification of students should live there, she said.

School officials have not decided what to name the dorm, but for now they are referring to it as a "student house" because it is not a traditional dormitory, Culverhouse said.

The student house is designed to house fewer people than a traditional dormitory, but the initial plans include amenities such as a television lounge, parlor, dining room and laundry room, she said.

The plans for the student house are more like apartments than traditional dorms that have long corridors full of doors and scarce bathrooms, Culverhouse said.

Officials expect construction to begin this fall, she said.

Construction should be com-

plete a year later, Culverhouse said.

To pay for the student house, the University is using revenue debt service, which means they will borrow the money from the University of Texas System and make payments on the loan using the revenue from rent, Culverhouse said.

School officials have not determined how much it will cost a student to live in the house because plans have not been finalized.

Currently, University Pines Apartments is the only option for students wanting to live on campus.

The University pays for outside management of UPines.

Students blast off in scrap challenge

by Shalina Ramirez
Staff writer

Piles of Styrofoam, aluminum foil, half-liter soda bottles and hot

Mountain said junior and senior high school students were divided into teams and asked to make water rockets out of reusable mate-

Soccer coaches selected



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

PLANTING MEMORIES: Tri Beta Honor Society students Christy Garland, left, and Angela Roe, right, assist Biology professor Lynn Sherrod in planting an oak tree in remembrance of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. See related story on page 3.

VP search narrows; finalists visit campus

by **Hannah Buchanan**
Staff writer

Committee members assisting in the search for a new vice president for business affairs scheduled on-campus interviews with four finalists.

Faculty, staff and students have a chance to meet with each of the candidates on campus in open meetings on the following days:

Feb. 18: Mr. William (Bill) Hopper, former senior vice president for financial affairs and treasurer, Troy State University system

Feb. 22: Mr. James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, University of Nebraska

Feb. 25: Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president for administrative services, Auburn University

March 1: Dr. Gary Rogers, financial accounting and reporting director, Oregon University system

All open meetings take place at 3 p.m. in LIB 401 and copies of the finalists' resumes can be seen and will be placed on reserve in the library.

The search committee is being chaired by Dr. Mill Clark, dean of the College of Education and Psychology, said Lynne Culverhouse, interim vice president of business affairs.

Culverhouse became the interim vice president for business affairs in September when

Scarborough, who had been with the University for five years, resigned to accept a position with a division of the Texas Comptroller's Office.

"Interviews for the four candidates invited to campus will be completed on March 2.

President Rodney Mabry will make a final selection after that date, Clark said.

The search committee was assembled on Nov. 15. Members are: Chip Clark, physical plant director, Thomas Crippen, professor of mechanical engineering, Mary Fischer, professor of accounting, Barbara Hart, chair and associate professor of criminal justice and social science, Wendy Minix, accounting group supervisor in financial Services, Jeanne Pyle, Library Director.

Other members are: Steve Rainwater, associate professor of computer science, Susan Thomae-Morphew, fine and performing arts director, Gayle Varnell, associate professor and assistant dean in nursing, Steve Wilson, information resources director, and Joe Vorsas, ex officio, human resources director.

President Mabry selected the committee members.

The University received 65 applications for the position. Of those, only four applicants were chosen for on-campus interviews, he also said many applied.

SGA Candidates

President

Stephanie Heeren

Vice President

Nancy Arellano

Secretary

Jennifer Skinner

Treasurer

Ryan Hattier

Erin Price

Dustin Hibbert

Parliamentarian

Loree Ainsworth

Olakunie Oguntodu

College of Arts & Sciences

Ryan Hattier

Dustin Porter

Carla Reynolds

College of Business & Technology

Michael Ellerbrook

Terri Martin

College of Engineering & Computer Science

Mitchell Spradlin

Eric Smith

Timothy Schultz

College of Education & Psychology

Kim Hill

College of Health Sciences

none

UPines

none

Students prepare for SGA election

by **Melissa Tresner**
Editor in chief

The Student Government Association will conduct its spring election March 6-7 at various campus locations, parliamentarian Malae Moses said.

Voting booths will be set up at the University Center and the Business Building from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on both days.

There will be evening voting times at the Business Building from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.

Students also will be able to vote at the Science and Mathematics Building and the Engineering Building from 9:30 a.m. until noon on both days.

Longview and Palestine stu-

glue guns greeted area high school students Wednesday at the Robert R. Muntz Library.

Students from T.K. Gorman, Grace Community, Brook Hill and All Saints Episcopal were on campus to take part in the Scrap Pile Challenge sponsored by the engineering department.

Dr. Jeffery Mountain, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, said the challenge was held in conjunction with National Engineers Week, Feb. 17 - 23.

rials such as foam, bottles and tape.

The students did not know what the challenge would be until they arrived at the library.

Teachers also competed as a team against the students.

"We're trying to involve local high schools in making them more aware of engineering," Mountain said.

"Experts" were assigned to each team to help with the design and

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dents will be able to vote on their campuses from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. either day.

Out of 11 races, two are contested including the offices of treasurer and parliamentarian. Students may enter write-in candidates when they vote.

No students applied for senator of the College of Health Sciences or University Pines Apartments.

Students will elect five officers and three senators from each of the five colleges and one senator from the University Pines Apartments.

The SGA president receives a \$2,000 stipend during the year. Other officers, including vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian receive a \$1,000

stipend. Senators receive \$300 per year for working on the SGA.

Lana Cain, SGA president, said in a previous interview being in SGA means a lot of work with administration that most students do not know about.

The SGA also ensures "things are running smoothly for the student body," Cain said.

A forum was held Feb. 20 in which seven out of 16 candidates were present to introduce themselves and give a brief explanation of why they are running for an SGA position.

Those who were not present at the meeting are not allowed to campaign before the election, according the SGA Constitution.

by **Melissa Tresner**
Editor in chief

The number of coaches on campus increased by two this week, but University officials still await signatures on the dotted line before releasing their names.

Athletic Director Dr. Howard Patterson said he will announce who will coach the men's and women's soccer teams at a 2 p.m. press conference Tuesday in the University Center.

Patterson released the names of the applicants who had been interviewed for the positions.

Out of more than 100 applicants, University officials interviewed six men and four women for the coaching positions.

Patterson said he, Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs, and two committees made up of staff members, faculty members and students reviewed each application.

Their first priority was weeding out the ones that did not meet the requirements outlined in the positions' job announcements, he said.

Patterson said applicants were required to have a bachelor's degree, although a master's degree and college coaching or playing were preferred.

He said the committees then called references for each of the remaining applicants.

They wanted "to try to get as good a feel for them as possible," Patterson said.

Patterson said the finalists for the men's soccer coach are:

•Dawson Driscoll, head soccer coach at the University of Missouri at Rolla;

•Duane Cummings, head coach at St. Gregory University in Shawnee, OK;

•Kenneth Jones, former head coach at the University of Dallas;

•Mark Thomas, former professional player for the Baltimore Blasts;

•Scott Turner, assistant coach at the University of Texas at

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CAMPUS VOICE

"How does the prediction about businesses hiring fewer college graduates affect your college and career outlook?"



"It doesn't affect me. I have my own business and came back to school to increase my knowledge...I apply what I learn to my own business."

Donna Cummings, junior, graphic design



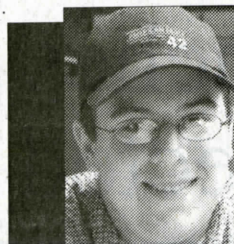
"There are going to be more college graduates working at restaurants this year!"

Nathaniel Edwards, graduate student, non degree



"I don't feel like it will really affect me because I am an international student."

Yayoi Yamaoka, junior, psychology



"It really doesn't affect me. Right now there are so many lay offs anyway. If it came down to it a person with experience would probably get hired."

Jeremy Neville, senior, computer

Companies expect to hire 20 percent fewer new college graduates this year than last, according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.



Cashier's office swarms with activity



WILL JOHNSON

What I have to say...

The cashier's office: hallowed ground on payday, a war zone when bills are due

Sometimes confused with financial aid, the Financial Services Office consists of several individual offices which handle the day-to-day business affairs of the University.

The office carries the ball for everything from equipment inventory to the accounting needed for mandatory public reporting.

Those who work here laugh, get tired, have good days and bad hair days like anyone else.

University community to her office personnel.

She plans a "meet and greet" later this spring, which she said will help "to put names with faces, hand out organizational charts, know who to call with particular questions, etc.."

Some of the staff in financial services graduated from UT, and thus share a special affinity with students.

Clayton graduat-

classes at the University.

She sees both sides since her job involves student receivables and collections.

"I enjoy working with the students, helping them work out school payment arrangements, if possible," Stevens said.

The University requires various support services, some of which financial services staffers provide.

Brenda Bowie tracks equipment for the University, such as comput-

Editorial

College graduates generally earn more money and get better jobs than workers without degrees.

Money motivates most students' choice to continue their education, but the lagging economy may put a damper on their expectations of securing a job upon graduation.

Companies expect to hire about 20 percent fewer new college graduates this year than last according to a survey by the Bethlehem, Pa.-based National Association of Colleges and Employers.

However, an association spokesman, Jerry Bohovich, said there are still opportunities out there.

Students can better prepare for the job market if they are aware of the current slump.

For instance, instead of placing all their faith in one company, they can play the field by applying at several companies.

Also, they should be willing to wait out the recession if the right job does not fall into their laps after graduation.

Graduate school is one option for those who enjoy learning and want to improve their chances.

Another option is to settle for a less fulfilling job until a better opportunity presents itself.

Waiting tables or working at a fast food restaurant can provide an adequate income while recession lingers.

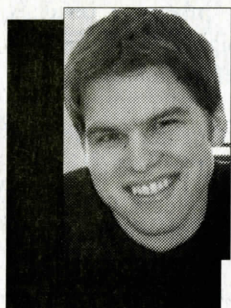
The best thing a graduate can do is keep trying.

Working at McDonald's will help them pay the bills, but they should hold on to their dreams and remember why they chose to attend college in the first place.

College costs a lot of money and time, so eventually the education should be used for a worthwhile enterprise.

The good news for students trying to cope with the stress of an uncertain future is that the recession will not last forever (most recessions last only nine months), so graduates should keep their resumes up to date and keep their eyes and ears open for new job opportunities.

science



"That is best answered with a quote I've heard. 'I may not know what my future holds, but I know who holds my future.' Doors open and doors close, but my God will put me where He wants me."

Adam Gahagan, freshman, business management

Handling student payments for tuition and fees is only one of many tasks tackled, just as the cashier's window is but a single office.

"Students come in and sometimes they need more help than others. We answer their questions if we have the information, or try to help them any way we can," Valerie Perry, who works in the cashier's office, said.

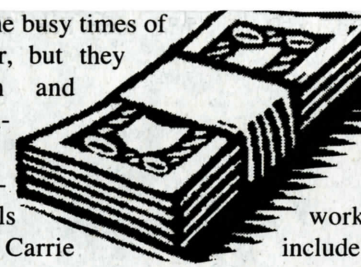
The Office of Financial Services wants to add some depth to public perception.

They dread the busy times of the school year, but they knuckle down and attend to business.

University fiscal business fills the mind of Carrie Clayton, director of financial services. Clayton enjoys her position, which she assumed last November.

"The able staff made the transition smooth," Clayton said.

Clayton wants to introduce the



ed from the accounting program in 1988 and is pursuing a master's degree.

Other school alumni working in the office include Sherry Morton, Greg Mekalip, and Cindy Troyer.

"I graduated in 1993, and began working here part-time in the fall of 1994," Troyer said.

Nichelle Stevens, working on a criminal justice degree, works in the office full time and attends

ers and other kinds of office machinery.

Faye Baxter-Jones manages supplies for financial services, and reviews purchasing requests from all over campus.

"We look at the purchase orders to make sure everything's in order before they go out," Baxter-Jones said.

Jim Pearson and Belinda Dean handle the school's payroll.

"Belinda works with payroll processing; I do payroll exceptions and appointments," Pearson said.

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Commercials invade the good ole days of cinema



CONCHETTA
SAN FILIPPO

Life and other jokes

It all started with a little SUV called the Aztek.

Remember when watching previews was half the fun of going to the movies? Moviegoers would arrive early to see the upcoming latest and greatest from Hollywood.

Before the feature presentation, three or four two-minute teasers with booming music, special effects and provocative scenes tantalized audiences and ensured that they returned every few weeks.

It was the natural order of things.

Even after watching a ridiculously bad movie, fans could always leave knowing it was not a total loss. At least the previews were good.

Then, a few years ago, as audiences everywhere sat unsuspectingly with popcorn and soft drinks in hand, everyone saw some happy little couple zipping around in their new sports utility vehicle.

They went to a ski slope and a ball game. They played chess in the back during a cam-

Moviegoers immediately showed interest

in what they assumed was a quaint romantic film.

Hopes were dashed as a little voice at the end of the clip revealed that it was a COM-MERCIAL. Even worse, it was a CAR commercial.

Then, the movie studios began to sell more and more beloved preview time to advertisers. The world that many had expected to be free of such rubbish was suddenly invaded with car commercials, advertisements for soft drinks and plugs for TV shows.

Greed has now reduced the classic theater-going tradition to several commercials and maybe one hurried preview before the real show.

In the grand scheme of things, this phenomenon is not that important. This writer will be the first to admit that it is nothing more than nostalgia.

Like the full-service gas station, the long hand-written letter, and the old-fashioned soda shop, it is just a little thing.

The loss of these little things is saddening. The world is an ever-changing place.

In one lifetime, society has witnessed the fall of Russian communism, the end of apartheid, the Internet revolution, and the introduction of cookies-and-cream Hershey bars.

Yet, in the wake of such progress, remember some of the miniscule quirks that have disappeared from pop culture. Some quietly fade away, and others are flattened by a Pontiac Aztek.

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—Shalina Ramirez/The Patriot

ROCKETEERS: T.K. Gorman High School Students (left to right) Layton Field, Courtney Gay, Sam Green and Will McCauley make rockets from scraps during the "Scrap Pile Challenge" Feb. 21.

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building of the rockets.

Mountain said the rockets had to include certain constraints:

- * contain no more than 40 milliliters of water to use as fuel;
- * have a wingspan or width of no more than 16 inches;
- * weigh no more one and a half to two times the weight of the empty bottle they started out with; and
- * each rocket had to carry at least two car or house keys.

Each team had two hours and

fifteen minutes to complete their rockets.

After completion, students launched the rocket and measured the distance and degree of flight.

Mountain said the longest flight recorded was an estimated 106 feet.

"The reason I say estimated is because the measuring tape stopped at 100 feet," Mountain said.

He said three awards were given out, but each student received a

certificate for participating.

The Scrap Champion award went to a group from Brook Hill.

Another group from Brook Hill received the Unique and Initiative Design Award, Mountain said.

He said the Scud-Dud Puff Award went to the T.K. Gorman team for the most erratic flight.

This is the second year the engineering department has invited high school students to compete in the challenge.

Campus group dedicated to community service

by Jennifer Murray
Staff writer

Now in its second semester on campus, VOICES continues to seek more student members who are interesting in serving their community.

The organization, which stands for Volunteer Organization

help others in the community, an officer said.

The volunteer group provides services in a variety of community projects.

One of the main jobs of VOICES is to help raise money through different fund-raisers.

Group officers are: president

Johnson and treasurer Tiffany Morse.

MarQuita Manning Hackett serves as the group's adviser. She also is a financial aid counselor.

"We're trying to help everybody in the Tyler community. It helps in volunteering," Hill said.

The next meeting will be held at

Tri Beta members secure growing campus memorial

by Conchetta San Filippo
Staff writer

The Tri Beta Honor Society planted five trees Feb. 3, in front of the Science and Mathematics parking lot in memory of the 9-11-01 tragedy.

Eleven Tri Beta local chapter members, including Tri Beta adviser, Dr. Ronald Gutberlet and biology professors Dr. Lynn Sherrod and Dr. Neal Ford, participated in the group event to provide shade and to add to the campus landscape.

Bobby Jo Tew, the Tri Beta historian, said a plaque will be installed near the trees to commemorate the dedication which will include the trees scientific names, *Quercus phellos* or Willow trees, and *Quercus nuttali*, better known as Nut-all, engraved on the plaque.

Weeks of planning went into the tree project, Tew said. He said he coordinated the effort from obtaining permission to plant the trees on campus to finding nurseries to donate the oak trees.

"The trees add to camaraderie and togetherness we all feel in light of the September 11 event" Tew said.

Gutberlet said he appreciated the students' help.

"I was very proud of Bobby Jo and the other folks for pitching in," Gutberlet said.

Breed Love nursery donated the Nut-all oak trees and Thompson-Hills donated the two willow oaks.

"Hopefully we've set a precedence for future Tri Betas," Tew said.

Building good credit history requires patience, persistence

(NAPS) - For many consumers, credit cards have become a vital method for having a better lifestyle. Unfortunately, some people get into a dangerous spiral when it comes to managing their financial reputation, thinking they can "play now, pay later." In fact, a little lapse with credit now can affect your life for years to come, making getting a mortgage, car loan or business loan a more difficult and costly task. There are, however, ways to avoid playing "the credit score blues," according to Chicago-based TransUnion, a leading consumer credit reporting agency. Improve your financial reputation by learning how to manage your credit and improve your credit profile in the process.

Your ability to obtain a mortgage, auto loan or credit card depends on both your past credit behavior and your current ability to repay the amount you want to borrow. That credit history is what you see when you get a copy of your credit

that some lenders may view negatively before offering their best rates, include: late payments, excessive recent credit inquiries, over-extended credit, limited credit history, paycheck garnishments, liens, and bankruptcy. There are ways to improve your credit health if your history contains any of the warning sign, or "red flags," that potential credit issuers or lender look for. These include:

- Applying for a department store card or gasoline credit card, which tend to be easier to qualify for, and paying those bills on time.
- Remembering to pay all your bills on time. When you are delayed or delinquent in a payment, late fees are charged, more interest accrues, and your credit health is negatively affected.
- Contacting your card issuer immediately if you were unable to pay your bills on time or if you found an error in a bill. Be sure to get any complaints or corrections in writing.

accounts. Creditors look at your potential for going on a spending spree and falling too deeply into debt.

• Keeping your debts reasonable. As a rule of thumb, financial experts say that non-mortgage debt payments should not exceed 10 to 15 percent of your take-home pay each month.

• Avoiding unnecessary inquiries. If you have a large number of inquiries in a short amount of time, creditors may decide you are either applying for too much credit because of financial difficulties or taking on more debt that you can repay.

Smart consumers are the ones who learn more about managing their money, who establish and build a good credit history and avoid hidden traps that can easily pull a person into a deep hole of debt.

For additional tips on how to improve your credit profile or to obtain your credit report and score, visit the Trans Union Web site at:

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Inside women's tennis



Stephanie Hughes

Major: Health with emphasis in Business Administration. I would like to do personal wellness.

DOB: October 29, 1978.

Playing style: "Mostly a baseline player. I don't mind the net, but it isn't my comfort zone."

Best thing about being a Patriot team member: "The team togetherness. It is fun being apart of the first year of tennis, as well as any sports in general, at UTT. Being a part of a team at school also creates more of an attachment to the school."

Tennis goals: "To play well, have fun, and beat the competition. This is my last year competing in college, but I will definately keep playing."

Describe worst game: "When you can't seem to do anything right. Can't think of a particular instance."

Describe best game: "Winning a Nationals title in doubles (NJCAA Division II) while I was playing at Collin County Community College in Plano. My partner and I played well, but more importantly we hung in there mentally when it got tough."

Karoline Jacobs

Major: undecided

DOB: February 17, 1984

Playing style: singles

Best thing about being a Patriot team member: "Travelling in a team and not playing by myself"

Tennis goals: "To one day be as good as I can ever get."

Describe worst game: "Playing three sets and everyone really close in pure heat for about three hours, and I ended up losing."

Describe best game: "When I won the regional championship in high school. I was so nervous that my coach talked to me about fingernail polish and makeup in between the games in order to get my mind off of being nervous. It worked!"

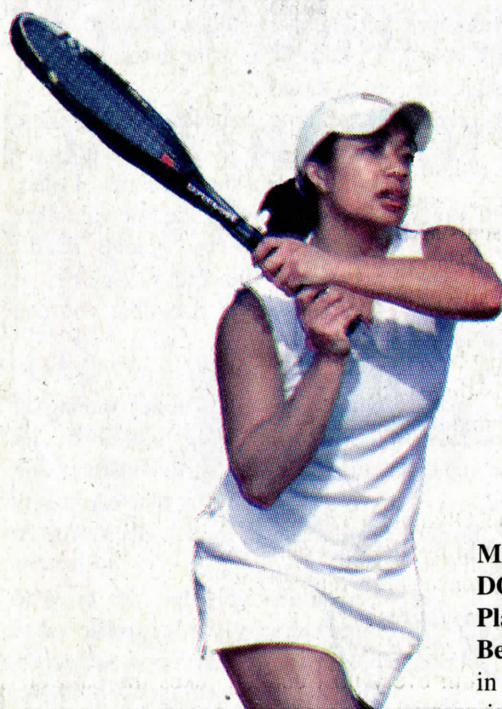
April Bancod

Major: Pre-med (biology/chemistry)

DOB: April 18, 1982

Playing style: doubles

Best thing about being a Patriot team member: "I've known Coach Olivier since I was in high school; his wife was my high school tennis coach. Tennis has always been a passion of mine. Both my brother and my father play. It is somewhat of an honor to be able



Patriot Tennis

Feb. 22

UTT @ Harding University



to play on this team because it has been the first sport brought back to this University.”
Tennis goals: “I think it’s a sport that has longevity. I just hope that I will be able to positively contribute to the team. It is something that I will hopefully be playing for many years to come.”
Describe worst game: I would say that my most devastating loss came when I was a senior in high school, and it was my two trip back to Class 4A State Tennis Doubles Championship in Austin.”
Describe best game: “It was the Regionals Finals my senior year, and my doubles partner and I had to play the same girls that kept us out of the state tournament our sophomore year. We ended up beating them in the longest three setter that I think I have ever played.”

Feb. 23 6:30 p.m./Conway, AR, men only
 UTT @ Hendrix College
 men 9 a.m., women noon, Conway
 March 9 UTT @ UT Dallas
 1 p.m./ Dallas, men & women
 March 22 UTT @ University of Dallas
 3 p.m./Dallas, men & women

Patriot tennis teams continue winning ways

by T. Evan Fisher
 Staff writer

Both men’s and women’s tennis teams succeeded against Abilene netters during Feb. 9 and 10, continuing what has been a promising season for Patriot tennis.

Both teams met Howard Payne University the first day and then they competed against McMurry University on the second day.

The women’s team dominated, handily defeating both schools and dropping only one match all weekend.

They remain undefeated this season with a record of 3-0.

Meanwhile the men’s team suffered a narrow defeat the first day at the hands of the Howard Payne University team for their first loss of the year, but rebounded to win the next day improving their season record to 2-1.

Both teams are coached by Ken Olivier.

The women’s team members are April Bancod, Stephanie Hughes, and Karoline Jacobs

and the men’s team members are P. J. Alexander, Justin Duke, Maciek Hunek, Mayur Naik, and Bryan Whitt.

Feb. 9 results:

Women’s Doubles

Bancod/Hughes (UTT) def. Williams/Bond (HPU), 8-5

Women’s Singles

Williams (HPU) def. Bancod (UTT), 6-4, 6-0

Hughes (UTT) def. Bond (HPU), 7-5, 6-4

Jacobs (UTT) def. Heston (HPU), 6-0, 6-3

Men’s Doubles

Hunek/Whitt (UTT) def. Armstrong/Park (HPU), 8-5

Richards/Heston (HPU) def. Naik/Duke (UTT), 8-6

Schuelker/Fishback (HPU) def. (default)

Men’s Singles

Hunek (UTT) def. Armstrong (HPU), 6-0, 6-3

Whitt (UTT) def. Park (HPU), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4

Richards (HPU) def. Naik (UTT), 6-4, 6-4

Duke (UTT) def. Heston (HPU), 4-6, 6-3, 10-9

Schuelker (HPU) def. Alexander (UTT), 6-4, 6-2
 Fishback (HPU) def. (default)

Feb. 10 results

Women’s Doubles

Bancod/Hughes (UTT) def. Emery/Pace (MU), 8-0

Women’s Singles

Hughes (UTT) def. Powell (MU), 6-0, 6-3

Jacobs (UTT) def. McKay (MU), 6-1, 6-1

Bancod (UTT) def. Stephen (MU), 6-1, 6-1

Men’s Doubles

Salazar/River (MU) def. Hunek/Duke (UTT), 8-6

Rosenquist/Ringo (MU) def. Whitt/Naik (UTT), 8-6

Men’s Singles

Hunek (UTT) def. Rosenquist (MU), 6-3, 6-2

Salazar (MU) def. Whitt (UTT), 6-1, 6-4

Duke (UTT) def. River (MU), 6-0, 6-2

Naik (UTT) def. Mazur (MU), 6-0, 6-3

Alexander (UTT) def. Gilbert (MU), 6-0, 6-3

SOCCER

Continued From Page 1

Dallas and

•Chris Shinn, former head coach at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.

The athletic director said the finalists for the women’s coach are:

•Jody Lovell, head coach at McMurry University in Abilene;

•Kara Lowery, head coach at St. Gregory University;

•Rena Richardson, assistant coach at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and

•Margaret Wright, director of coaching at the Longview Soccer Club.

The coaches will start March 1, and begin by putting together teams, Patterson said.

The soccer teams are set to begin pre-season competition in mid-August, he said.

Patterson said the next goal for intercollegiate athletics is hiring golf and cross country coaches.

Basketball team play will begin in 2003, so Patterson said he hopes to select coaches during the summer.

The University also plans to implement women’s volleyball and baseball in 2003.

The proposed timetable for introducing sports was drafted last year after students voted to assess themselves a fee of not more than \$7 per semester credit hour to pay for operating costs of intercollegiate athletics at the University.

Easy stretch



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

FREQUENT FLYER: Barry Beasley goes for the jump shot at a Feb. 3 intramural game. The Patriots won the game 68 to 50.

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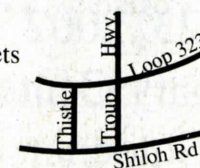
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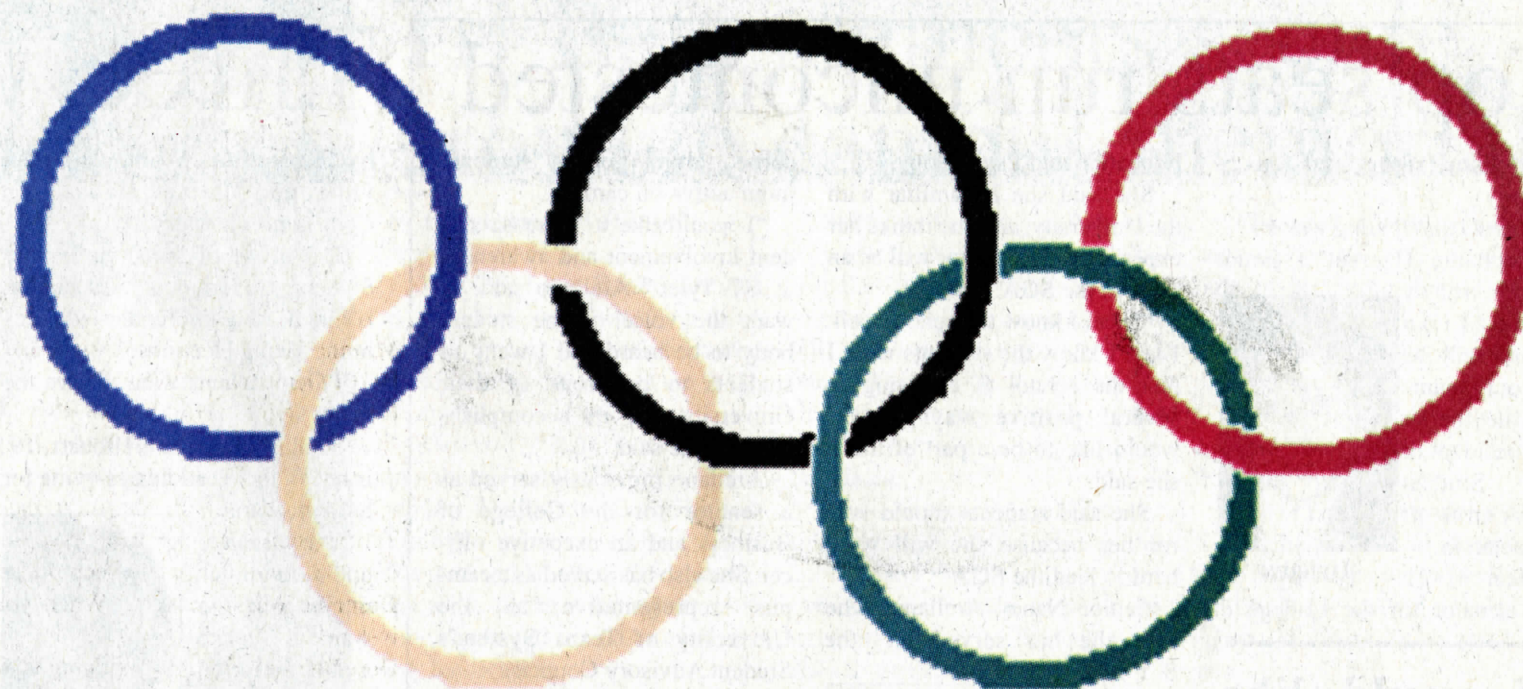
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Olympic moment



Student keeps relay tradition burning

by Shalina Ramirez

Staff writer

While most students crammed for fall semester finals, University freshman Ryan Palmquist concentrated on a two-mile run through downtown Austin.

He was one of 11,500 people from across the U.S. to take part in the 65-day journey through 46 states as torchbearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

An automobile dealership in Palmquist's hometown of Fairfield nominated him for the position.

"One of the main sponsors is Chevrolet and a local car dealer in my hometown nominated me because I do some work with the youth soccer," Palmquist said. "He knew I would be in shape."

Palmquist, a computer science major, carried the torch down Congress Avenue on Dec. 11.

Not only was Palmquist



YOU CAN DO IT: UT at Tyler freshman, Ryan Palmquist (in blue), acts as a support runner two torch bearers as they pass the flame. Palmquist was one of 11,500 runners from across the U.S. to take part in a 65-day journey through 46 states as torchbearers for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

—Courtesy Photo

shaped like a sickle.

"Every time they passed the flame it was to a different place," he said.

"It was the first torch to where the flame it was to a different place," he said.

Did you know?

* The most familiar of the Olympic symbol, the five interlocking rings represent the union of the five original continents: Africa, Australia, America, Asia and Europe.

* The five colors of the rings: blue, black, red, yellow and green can be found on most flags of the world and although they hold no particular significance, some believe each color represents a certain continent. (Blue = Europe, Yellow = Asia, Black = Africa, Green = Australia, Red = America)

* Olympic medals must be at least 60 millimeters in diameter and at least three millimeters thick. The silver medal must be made of 92.5 percent pure silver and the gold medals must be gilded with at least six grams of gold.

* The lighting of the Olympic flame derives from the ancient Greeks who used a flame lit by the sun's rays at Olympia, the site of the original games. This concept was revived in 1936.

* The Olympic oath is a gesture of sportsmanship traced back to the 1920s. One athlete from every host country takes the oath on behalf of his or her teams promising to respect and abide by the rules



responsible for transporting the torch down a two-mile route, but he also served as a support runner.

"I had to run about two miles, but I actually got to carry the torch for about a half a mile," Palmquist said. "And I was also a support runner for the next mile and a half."

He said the run wasn't that difficult and it didn't seem to last long at all.

"The adrenaline was flowing so heavily the two miles seemed like nothing," Palmquist said with a laugh. "My dad has a 10 second video of me flying by him."

Palmquist said the torch was made of glass and pewter and

you can actually see the beginning of the flame," Palmquist said. "Normally the torches has something around where the flame originates."

He said the torches contained gas canisters inside them to keep them lit.

Palmquist said each runner would carry a torch and then pass the flame from person to person.

"The adrenaline was flowing so heavily the two miles seemed like nothing."

— RYAN PALMQUIST
UTT FRESHMAN

again if the opportunity arises.

"It's kind-of beyond words, the joy and togetherness that I felt just with the amount of people there," Palmquist said.

actual flame that I carried was the one that originated in Greece and ended up in Salt Lake City."

Palmquist said it was an honor to be nominated for the event, and he would definitely do it

One guy who had founded a school in Austin had like two hundred people there watching him and cheering him on," Palmquist said.

He said one of the main attractions during the torch relay was Olympic athlete Lance Armstrong who carried a torch while riding his bicycle.

"Before the torch relay, I thought of the Olympics as sort of an abstract thing," Palmquist said.

"But when you actually get involved, it shows you how awesome it is to have everyone in the world come together and compete for gold, silver and bronze," he said.

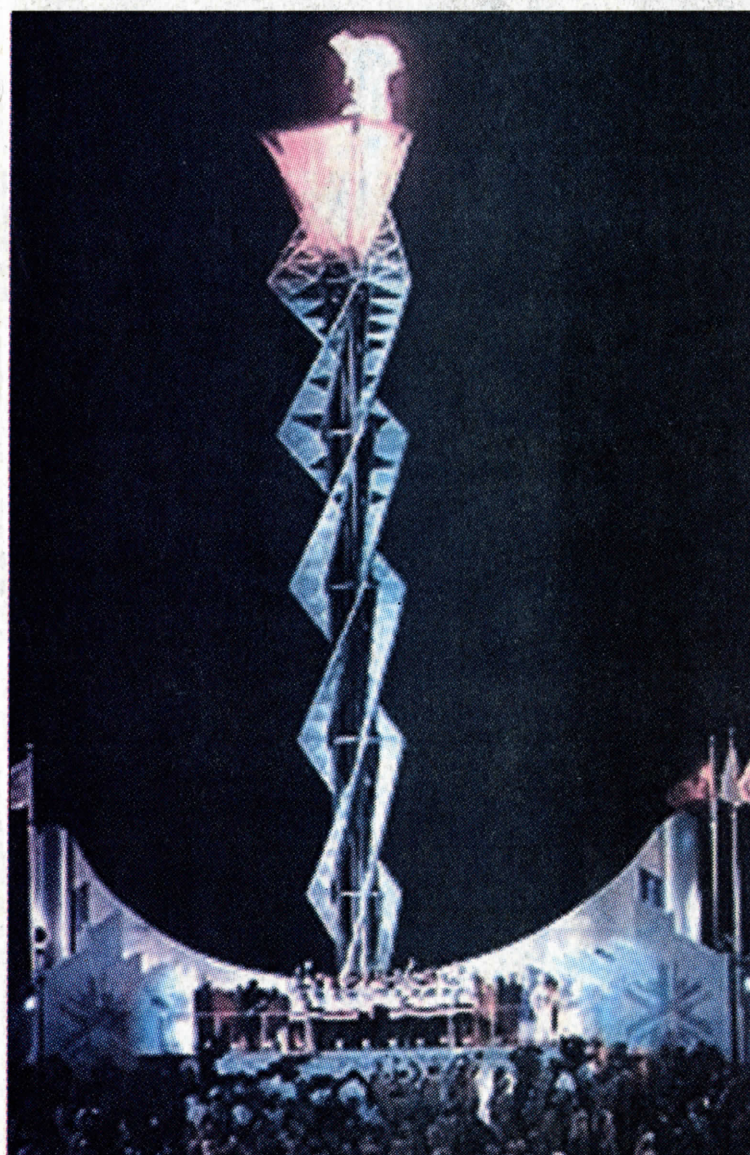
that govern the games.



* The Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius," is Latin for "Faster, Higher, Braver," but is universally known as "Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

* The words of the Olympic creed can be attributed to the founder of the modern Olympic games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin. He said, "The most important thing in the Olympic games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

For more information about the Olympics check out: http://www.usfieldhockey.com/games/oly_symbols.html



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Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	9	15	7	31
United States	8	9	8	25
Norway	10	6	2	18
Austria	1	4	9	14
Russia	5	5	3	13
Italy	3	2	4	9
France	3	3	2	8
Switzerland	3	1	3	7
Canada	2	1	4	7
Finland	3	2	1	6
Netherlands	2	3	0	5
China	1	0	2	3
Sweden	0	1	2	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Spain	2	0	0	2
Australia	2	0	0	2
Korea	1	1	0	2
Croatia	1	1	0	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1
Great Britain	0	0	1	1

Results as of Feb. 20 obtained from Yahoo Sports

Top seats run uncontested

by Melissa Tresner and Jan Massey

Staff and contributing writers

Stephanie Heeren, a junior elementary education major, will be the only name on the ballot for president of the Student Government Association.



Heeren, 21, is a senator for the College of

"I would like to increase student involvement and awareness at UT."

— Stephanie Heeren
CANDIDATE

Education and Psychology.

She said she is familiar with the University, and she thinks her experience as a senator will be an asset to the SGA.

"I feel I know the school well. I feel I know the students well. I feel the school is changing in several positive ways, and I would like to be a part of that," she said.

She said students should vote for her because she will work hard to lead the SGA.

Senior Nancy Arellano, who said she has served in the Student Government Association for nearly two years, is now seeking one of the organization's top offices.



The 21-year-old marketing major is running unopposed for the vice president's post.

The candidate said she is con-

cerned about getting students more active on campus.

"I would like to increase student involvement and awareness at UT Tyler," Arellano said. "I want the voice of the student body to be heard and I want all students to be proud of their University and its accomplishments," she said.

Arellano previously served as a senator for the College of Business and an executive officer. She also has served as a campus representative to the University of Texas System's Student Advisory Council.

"I think students should vote for me because I have been actively involved with student activities since my freshman year," she said. "I enjoy representing my student body and serving as a communication tool to facilitate the exchange of information."

Jennifer Skinner, who was unavailable for comment, is running unopposed for the SGA secretary position.

Three vie for treasurer

by RaDonna Womack, Lisa Finley and Matthew Hall

Contributing writers

The office of treasurer for the Student Government Association is one of only two contested races in the spring elections.

Three students want to earn the position.

Sophomore Dustin Hibbert, 19, is one of three candidates vying for SGA treasurer.

The finance and economics major said he wants to "make a difference on campus" and to broaden his college experience.



HIBBERT

Hibbert said the issues he is concerned with include student satisfaction, faculty response to expansion of the freshman class, and planned tuition increases.

Students should vote for him, Hibbert said, because he will listen to others.

"I will try to do the very best I can for this campus," he said.

Senior Ryan Hattier wants to make a difference in school spirit by improving awareness of activities available to University students.

"I have the integrity, drive and the ambition to change things for the better," said Hattier, who is a dual candidate for the upcoming Student Government Association elections.

Hattier, a 24-year-old history and health major, is running for treasurer and as a senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



HATTIER

This election marks the first time students can be a candidate for an officer's and a senate position, although they may only serve in one.

Hattier said he wants to be instrumental in improving student involvement. He said he believes other schools have much more student involvement.

He attributes the lack of advertising for low student participation at the University of Texas at Tyler.

"We lack a sense of school pride and belonging as a whole. Through the use of advertisement and commentary the school spirit could be increased," he said.

Hattier said he also believes there needs to be more diversity in

the activities provided so students could find something that they would like.

He suggested weekly meeting so students could brainstorm about what activities to offer.

Hattier is a youth pastor and has been involved in Sky Ranch Youth Ministries.

Treasurer candidate Erin Price believes she understands the needs and wants of University students and can be an advocate for more student participation in government.



PRICE

The 18-year-old freshman has served as a senator at-large for the Student Government Association since last semester.

She said she also has experience in high school student government.

Price, an English major, said she has enjoyed being involved with the SGA and wants to continue in a more influential role.

The candidate said she would like to see more money raised for student services so that the activities offered at the University increase with the growing school population.

SGA Parliamentarian job open for Ainsworth or Oguntodu

by Jennifer Morvan
Contributing writer

Loree Ainsworth, a freshman, wants to see more students involved in the Student Government Association.



AINSWORTH

The 18-year-old biology major is one of two candidates running for the position of parliamentarian.

"I want to get more involved in student body..."

— LOREE AINSWORTH
CANDIDATE

She is also the current SGA University Pines Senator. Ainsworth was the first freshman to be elected to a position of student government here on campus.

"I want to get more involved in the student body and the decisions that affect the students," Ainsworth said.

She believes that her dependability and work ethic would aid her in doing a worthy job as parliamentarian.

Olakunle Oguntodu is also running.

SGA ELECTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 6

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. UC, Business building
9:30 a.m. - noon Science & Math, Engineering buildings

Satellite campuses

8:30 - 4 p.m. Longview, Palestine

Evening schedule

5:45 - 7:45 p.m. Business building

Thursday, March 7

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. UC, Business building
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Science & Math, Engineering buildings

Satellite campuses

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Longview, Palestine

Evening schedule

Ainsworth already has several years' experience in student gov-

school student council as treasurer and vice president.

ning for parliamentarian but was unavailable for comment



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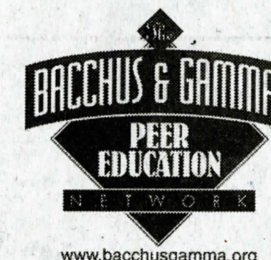
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Candidate wants to be elected first senator from engineering

by Conchetta San Filippo
Staff writer

Engineering student Timothy Schultz said his senate campaign is based on the need for better representation on the Student Government Association.



The 23-year-old electronic engineering student said he wants to make the school more aware of the College of Computer Science and Engineering.

The candidate said he is the first engineering student to run for the senate seat since the College of Engineering merged with the Computer Science department.

"I feel like I have a good idea what the teachers and students... need and want."

— TIMOTHY SCHULTZ
CANDIDATE

"I feel like I have a good idea what the teachers and students from the engineering department need and want," he said.

Schultz said he believes the need for benefits is one of the most

important issues facing University students.

He said since many full-time students are able to work only part time, without any medical insurance coverage, some sort of basic insurance should be offered through the school.

Schultz said he has served on student committees in high school but is a first-time candidate for a student government post.

He said he believes he can make a difference as an SGA senator.

Also running for the computer science/engineering senate seats are Eric Smith and Mitchell Spradlin both from the computer science department on campus.

Smith and Spradlin were unavailable for comment.

Voters will elect three senators for each college on May 6 and 7.

Education, business seats open

Kim Hill will be the only name on the ballot for the senator position for the College of Education and Psychology.

Write-ins will be allowed, however.

The SGA has three senator positions open for each of the five colleges.

Terri Martin and Michael Ellerbrook are running for senator of the College of Business and Technology.

These candidates did not attend the Candidate's Forum held Feb. 19, so they will not be allowed to campaign before elections.

Hill, Martin and Ellerbrook

Arts and sciences pulls 3 candidates

Running for senator for the College of Arts and Sciences are Ryan Hattier, Dustin Porter and Carla Reynolds.

Hattier is a dual candidate for the upcoming Student Government Association elections.

Hattier, a 24-

year-old history and health major, is running and as a senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Thanks to changes in the SGA constitution, this election marks the first time students can be a can-

"We lack a sense of school pride and belonging as a whole."

— RYAN HATTIER
CANDIDATE

both seats he will have to choose which position he would like to accept, according to the SGA Constitution.

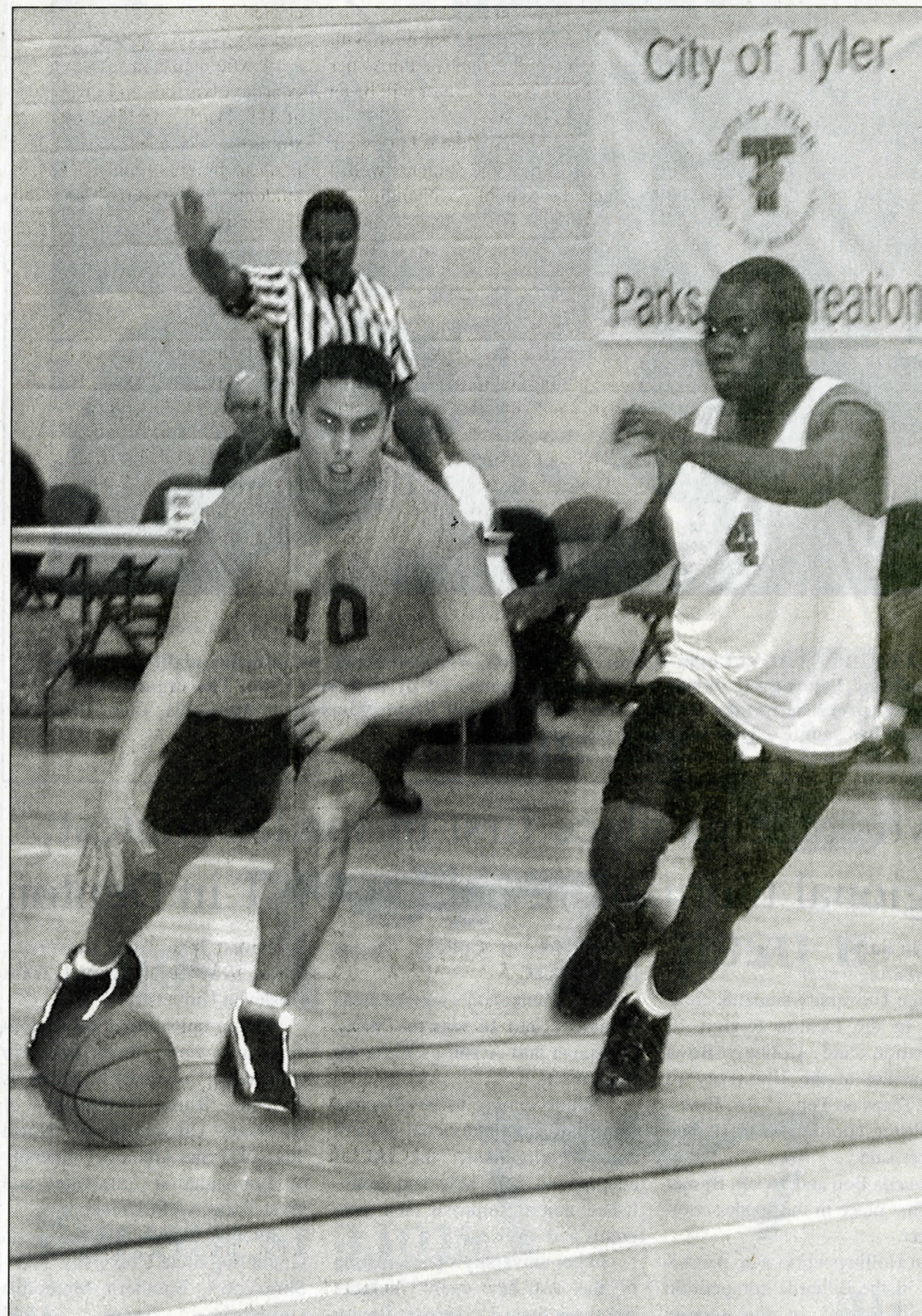
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—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND: Jed Sitar, left, goes around a member of the Wolf Pack of Mother Frances in the second quarter. The Patriot intramural basketball team won the

Two senate seats free for write-ins

by **Melissa Tresner**
Editor in chief

No one applied for the senator positions for the College of Health Sciences or University Pines Apartments.

The filing deadline for applications was Feb. 15.

Although the deadline to apply has already past, students may write-in their votes for candidates when they vote.

In previous elections, write-in candidates have won vacant seats.

In last spring's elections, five write-in candidates won senator seats to represent the five colleges.

Candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements, according to the SGA Constitution.

They must be enrolled in the University and able to serve for one year.

Students graduating in December, therefore, would not be eligible.

University Pines has only one senator.

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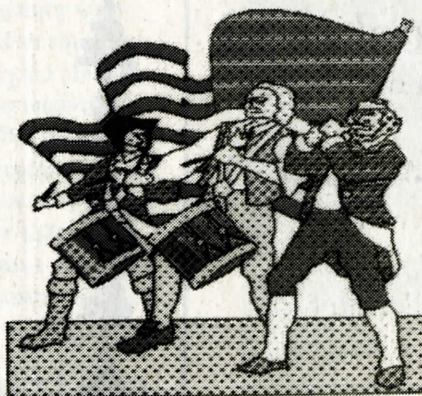
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LUCK BE A LADY: Linda Tucker of Tyler, left, won two tickets to Saturday night's performance by Lyle Lovett during a fund-raiser sponsored by the Press Club. The organization is using proceeds to take a trip to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn. Club member Jeanie Carter sold the winning ticket.

Two students place first in spades contest; regional tournament held at UNT in Denton

by Erin Suttin
Contributing writer

Three University students competed in the Denton Region 12 Recreation and College Bowl Tournament at the University of North Texas on Feb. 15-16, Ernest McAllister, coordinator of student services said.

Amanda Bell and Steven Brouer won first place in the spades competition.

Jon Hollingsworth who participated in the billiards competition was eliminated in the second round.

McAlister accompanied the students to the event.

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Texas A&M-Kingsville and Texas Wesleyan University,

Also participating in the regional contest were: Texas Southern University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, University of Houston, University of North Texas, UT San Antonio, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and West Texas A&M University,

Student representatives from Grambling State University, LSU-Shreveport, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University, Texas Women's University, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, UT Austin, and UT

Timely tax tips, computer software could help reduce business taxes

(NAPS) — For small businesses, tax season need not to be a source of stress.

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Q: When does a room in your home qualify as a home office?

A: These rules have relaxed somewhat. A home office now qualifies as a principal place of business if you use it regularly and exclusively to conduct business and there is no other fixed location where you conduct substantial administrative and management activities.

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Debate members compete as team, fair well in Louisiana tournament

by Melissa Jacquez
Staff writer

Seven University debate students won awards at a debate tournament in Lake Charles, La. on Feb. 8-10, debate coach Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs said.

The Mardi Gras Madness Debate Tournament held at McNeese State University played host to students from 11 colleges and universities from Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi.

Hobbs said, "the team did really

well" and put forth a "team effort" at the tournament.

Aprill Ann Dickerson and Ryan Norris tied for third place with Rice University in parliamentary debate.

This is the third time this year for Dickerson and Norris to place in a tournament, Hobbs said.

"This was our first tournament as a team. I'm really pleased with how well we worked together," Dickerson said.

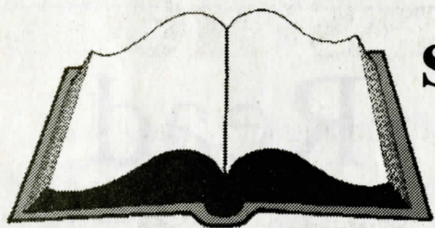
In the public debate division,

Coriana Lucas reached the quarter-final round and was recognized as the top novice speaker, while Sarah Cole advanced to the final round and placed second to a student from Louisiana Tech University.

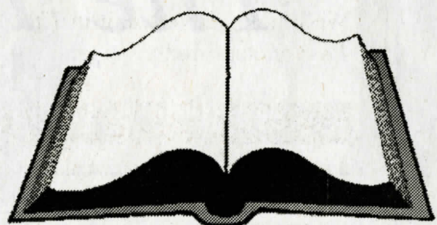
The University debate team placed second in overall debate sweepstakes. Contributors to the sweepstakes total with wins in the preliminary rounds were Alice Gerth, Raymond Gerth, Jr., and Ryan Palmquist.

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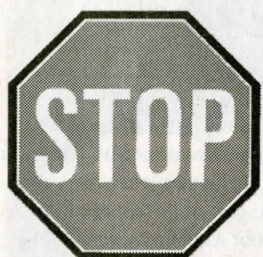
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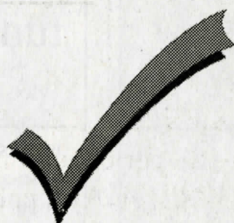
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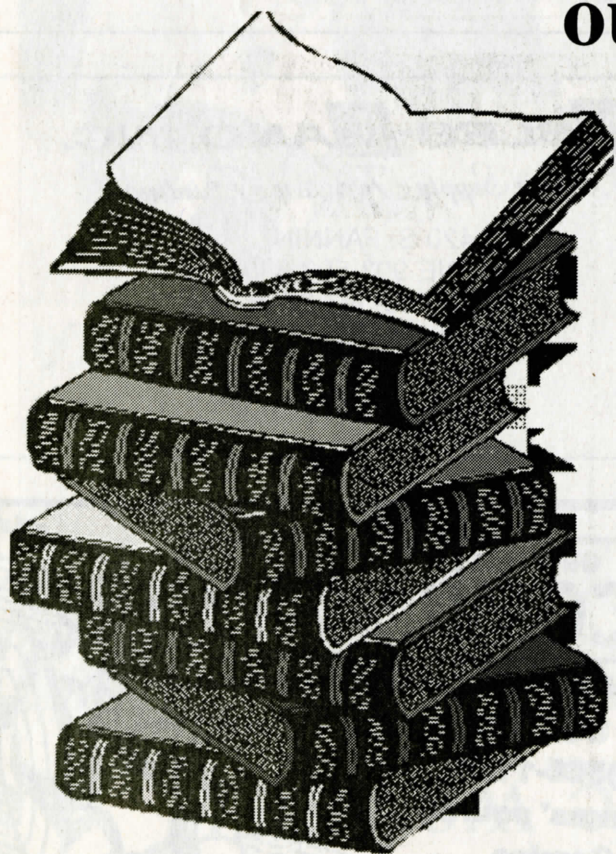
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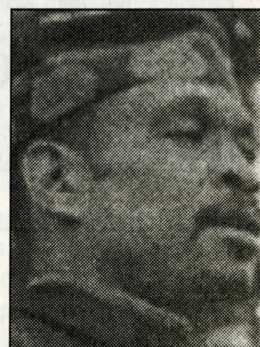
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—Robert Boggs/The Patriot

Tara Holley: behind the voice

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

Tara Deason might never be recognized on the street, but to country music fans, her voice may sound a bit familiar.

Deason—better known by her maiden name, Tara Holley—is heard by hundreds of people six nights a week on Tyler radio station 101.5 KNUE.

But she talks to only one person.

"I'm talking to that one person driving home from work," Deason said, "or that one girl trying to stay awake."

Whenever she gets in front of the microphone, she sees herself speaking as a friend to one listener, rather than a mass of people.

She said this helps keep her calm and to connect better with her audience.

Keeping her radio conversation personal and "intimate" is one of her primary goals on the air because it's what she would like to hear from a DJ, she said.

"Radio is a very intimate medium," Deason said about the connection between the DJ, the music and the listener.

And Deason should be intimately familiar with her audience.

Two others also have an important place in Deason's heart—her two Maltese dogs, Wolfgang—or "Wolfie," pronounced with the proper German 'v' sound—and Sebastian, named after composers Mozart and Bach.

Before she goes on the air, Deason follows a routine that helps prepare her for the broadcast.

Checking her e-mail to tally up countdown votes and song requests and getting the weather report make up a large part of her "show prep," she said.

Then she logs on to the computer, which she explains displays her song list so she can see and choose what is coming up.

And all that's left is to "plug in" and "talk to East Texas."

Yet being a local radio celebrity has not affected her life too much, she said.

Because of the nature of her work, most people do not recognize her face, and usually won't place her voice out of context, Deason said.

"Every now and then," she said, someone will recognize her name on a check or credit card.

But radio has taught her a lot about communication, she said, and a whole lot more about country music.

"The more I know about something, the more I

Jake's offers great experience



Janna
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Hole in the wall

With the constant influx of chain restaurants, it is becoming harder to find a place to sit down, relax, have a nice drink and dinner, without the annoyances of button-covered, stripe-wearing waitstaff trying to sell you on the appetizer of the day, or the "decadent chocolate dessert" that "you just have to try."

These cookie-cutter establishments always seem to lack atmosphere, and one can never seem to get away from the annoyances of others' loud conversations and the "theme" the restaurant is trying to suck its patrons into.

With this said, East Texans should be pleased to find a smaller, yet classic, haven from the vibrating pagers, long waits and poor service at a majority of Tyler restaurants.

Jake's, located on the south side of Tyler's downtown square, is just

what frustrated diners have been looking for in this area.

As you walk through the front door, you immediately find yourself in a dim and relaxing environment.

A polished mahogany bar lines the right side of the restaurant, and large leather chairs invite you to sit down and relax to the sound of the "blues."

Patrons can enjoy the live performance of Ida Miller as she plays the black baby grand and belts sweet blues numbers at request.

The music floats down from the second floor, drawing patrons further into the atmosphere, as the beautiful flowers on the bar and the brilliantly colored "martini" paintings hung on the original brick walls make it seem even more inviting.

Aside from the relaxed atmosphere, Jake's is home to some of the finer entrees and drinks that Tyler has to offer.

Customers may order a variety of martinis (the specialty), cocktails and beers, or enjoy a wonderful selection of wine by the glass or bottle.

The menu has even more to offer. Appetizers include lettuce

wraps, escargot and other delicious choices, but Jake's entrees really steal the show.

Filets come cooked to perfection, usually with the house favorite, scalloped potatoes.

The shrimp pastas come in huge bowls—big enough for two—and garnished with pansies and parsley.

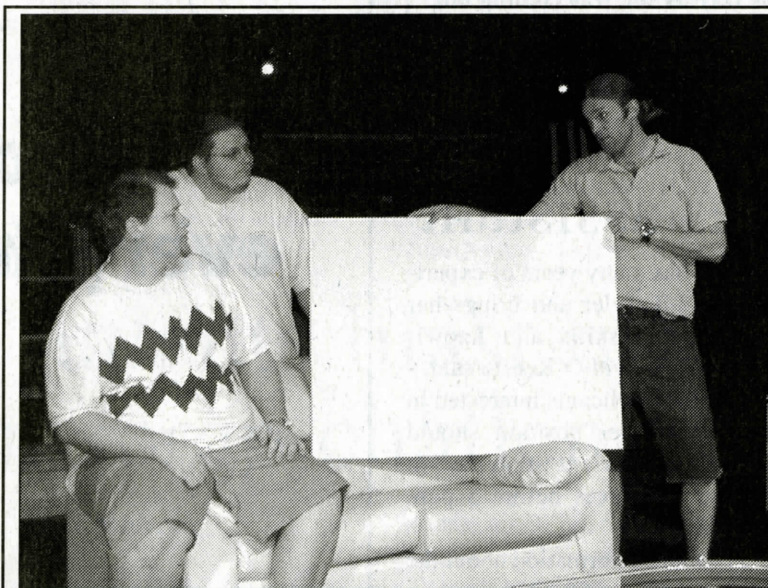
Whatever you are looking for, from beef to fish, to chicken or even a vegetarian meal, Jake's brings you a five-star entree with five-star service and presentation.

The waitstaff are cleanly presented in black and white and are extremely attentive, thanks to smaller sections.

While the entire experience of an evening at Jake's is incredible, it is even more amazing that the prices are comparable to Outback or Olive Garden, while the experience is 10 times as satisfying.

Jake's has proved, over its five years on the square, that it is here to stay and willing to keep its customers happy and satisfied.

So, the next time you are in the market for a "night on the town," do yourself the favor of an incredible dining experience at Jake's instead of an insane one at another establishment.



—T. Evan Fisher/The Patriot

'Art' opens this Friday

"Art," a comedy by French playwright Yazmina Reza, opens 7:30 p.m. Friday at The Theatre.

Students can receive two free tickets with student ID. For reservations, call 566-7254.

The comedy centers around three friends' conversation about the nature of art and friendship after one of them spends a fortune on an all-white painting.

The Broadway show won the 1998 Tony award for best play.

Additional showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 and March 1, 2 and

Born in Temple and a Tyler resident since she was 11, Deason is a true native to the area.

After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School, she attended Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler with a major in journalism.

Right now she says she is taking a "hiatus" from school but would like to finish getting her degree.

But her lineage and experience has prepared her well for the world of radio.

Her father was an "on-air personality" for a Christian morning radio show and created company jingles, she said.

Following in his footsteps, she got into radio sales and worked in Dallas for Arbitron, a media research company comparable to a radio version of television's Nielson ratings.

She found she preferred the more creative aspects of production. Missing East Texas, she returned to Tyler where she found her current position at KNUE.

She also found another unexpected blessing in the form of NBC-56 meteorologist Doc Deason.

"We just ran into each other in the hall," Deason said of her first meeting with her future husband.

They were both dating other people at the time, but met again when participating in a mutual friend's wedding, Deason said.

"And sparks flew," she recalled.

Doc himself is no stranger to the business, having been a radio personality for KNUE, 107.3 MIX FM, and 96X.

like it," she said.

When not playing country music over the air, Deason listens to artists such as Brooks and Dunn, Faith Hill, George Strait, Def Leopard and Duran Duran.

One of her particular favorites, though, is country artist Gary Allen.

His music is "genuine" and "just sounds large," she said.

"Music is supposed to show us things, inspire us," Deason said. She said she likes music that is "based on something that means something."

Passion, she adds, is contagious—and it sells. And she is glad to see the passion that has been aroused by the events of Sept. 11.

The terrorists' attempt "to destroy America back-fired," she said.

For the first time in years, people have a different focus, she said, and they are unified because "people have something bigger than themselves."

KNUE responded to the terrorists' attack by adding Clear Channel Worldwide News to their broadcasts.

"I'm very thankful for that," Deason said.

In the future, she said, she would like doing a program that mixes talk and music.

She is a big fan of Rush Limbaugh and would enjoy taking calls and conversing with listeners more.

But for now, "I love what I do," she said.

"I'm walking in faith," and she wants to "do what God wants me to do," she said.

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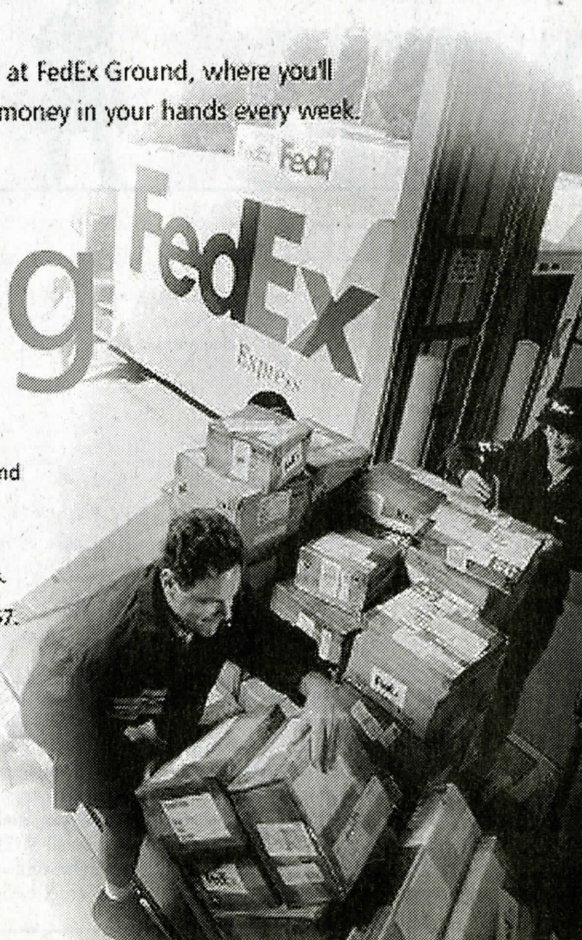
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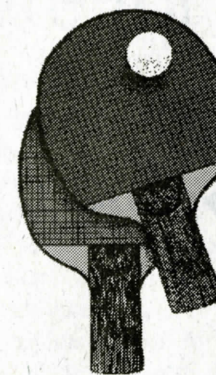
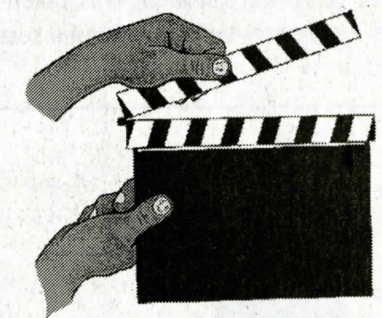


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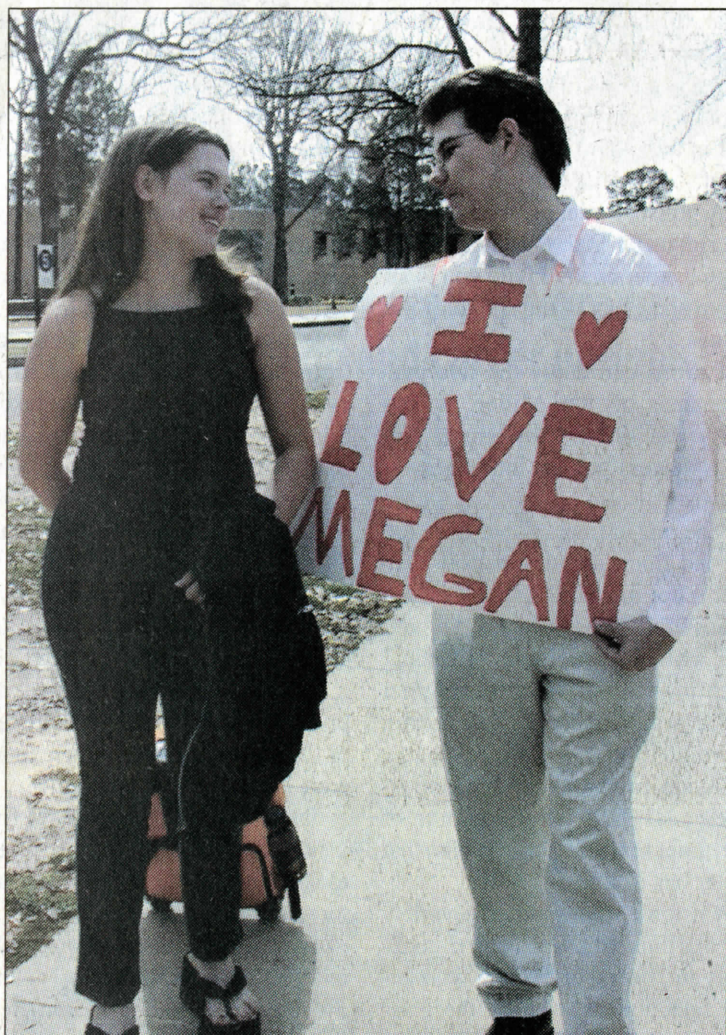
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Sign of affection



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

PLAYING CUPID: Grant McKnight, right, surprises his girlfriend Megan Cheek on Valentine's Day as she was coming out of her physio-psychology class with a sign of his affection.

Provost promotes within, selects Rhodes as assistant

A new senior administrative assistant of the office of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs was hired from within the University.

Sherry Rhodes, who has served the College of Engineering and Computer Science as an administrative assistant since August 1996, will assume her new position on March 4.

"She has many years of experience at UT Tyler and brings her considerable skills and knowledge," Dr. David O'Keeffe said.

Internal applicants interested in Rhodes' former position should deliver a current resume to Human Resources before 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

For more information about the position call at 566-7234.

Mabry elected to post in accreditation group

University President Rodney Mabry has been elected to the Commission on Colleges of the regional accrediting association, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The decision was announced by James Rogers, executive director of the Commission on Colleges.

"I believe the accreditation process is a good way of assuring quality and accountability within the education process," Mabry said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues and other education leaders in this important work."

Accreditation is a non-governmental and voluntary process concerned with improving educational quality and assuring the public that member institutions meet established standards.

Commissioners are charged with preparing a statement of standards for institutional membership, recommending membership dues assessments; conducting reviews and taking final action on the accreditation of collegiate institutions; reviewing

reports from appointed study committees; and overseeing with work of the commission's administrative staff.

Mabry served as a member of accrediting review panels for the North Central Association of Colleges before coming to the University.

He also is familiar with SACS policies and procedures since he was involved with SACS accreditation reviews in South Carolina as well as Texas.

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SACS is one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States, and includes more than 12,000 private and public schools from pre-kindergarten to college.

Founded in 1895 and headquartered in Decatur, Ga., the Southern Association works with schools and colleges in 11 Southern states from Virginia to Texas.

Campus Calendar

- Feb. 22 — Business Career Fair. 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Business Administration Building. Call 565-5750 for more information.
- Feb. 22-23 — Patriot tennis men's team vs. Harding University at Conway, Ark.
- Feb. 23 — Lyle Lovett concert. 8 p.m. at the Cowan Center.
- Feb. 24 — Music program special event: Guest duo piano recital with Mary Ric, Tyler, and Marilyn Rodman, Waco. Braithwaite Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27 — Academic Enrichment Center presents: "How to Make the Most of Your Study Time," at noon in UC Room 102.
- Feb. 28 — James Carville, Distinguished Lecture Series, 8 p.m. at the Cowan Center.
- March 2 — Patriot tennis vs. Concordia University at Austin, 9 a.m.
- March 6 — East Texas Symphony Orchestra Braithwaite Recital Series; Jeffrey Siegal "Keyboard Conversations," at 2:30 p.m.
- March 8 — University Press Club meeting, 2 p.m. in HPR 274.
- March 9 — Light classics for the piano and musical discussions, Braithwaite Recital Hall, 6 p.m.
- March 9 — Patriot tennis vs. UT Dallas at Dallas, 1 p.m., men and women.
- March 11-16 — Spring break.

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University college to sponsor computer programming contest

The University is playing host to the largest pre-collegiate event of its kind in the nation.

Dr. Stephen B. Rainwater, associate professor of computer science, said the Computer Education Association Area 7 High School Programming Contest is one of 20 contests to be held in the state during February.

Teams consisting of no more than three students will have two hours to solve as many as 18 programming problems from three categories of difficulty.

Participants will compete at both the area and state level in one of two divisions, Division I for schools classified as 5A and 4A; and Division II for schools classified as 1A, 2A or 3A.

Top scoring teams in each division from all 20 areas advance to the state contest.

High schools currently sched-

uled to compete at the Tyler contest on Saturday in UC Room 118 include Longview, Lindale, Center and Central Heights of Nacogdoches.

Ten other wildcard teams from each division also are selected for state contest based on high scores of non-first place teams.

Rainwater, who is TCEA Area 7 Director, will be serving as the Area 7 contest chair.

He also is the co-chair of TCEA's statewide programming competition.

This event, announced by Dr. Troy Henson, dean of the University's College of Engineering and Computer Science, will determine qualifiers for TCEA's 2002 State High School Programming Contest.

The contest will be held at Cypress Creek High School in Houston on April 27.

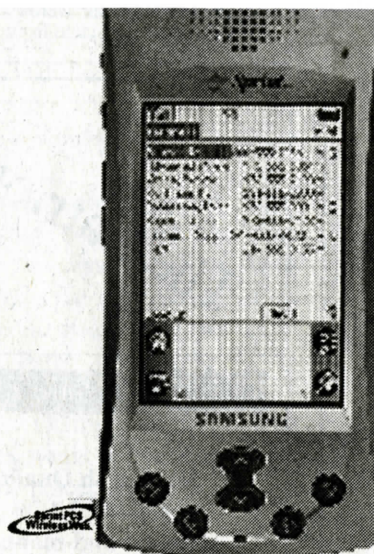
Police Reports

- Feb. 6 - A campus police officer reported accidentally striking a temporary fence in parking Lot 2. He reported damaging the side marker light area of the vehicle.
- Feb. 9 - Campus police issued a criminal trespass warning to a Tyler Junior College student at University Pines Apartments. The student had previously been evicted from the complex.
- Feb. 18 - A University student was taken to East Texas Medical Center after apparently suffering from a seizure in HPR Room 135.



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