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GUNS ON CAMPUS

Texas legislation may legalize weapons in classrooms

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LOCKDOWN Vulnerability

TALON GRAPHIC BY KAMREN THOMPSON

Kamren Thompson
Editor in chief

Students, faculty and staff may be able to carry concealed handguns on college and university campuses if Texas legislators pass Senate Bill 354.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, authored a concealed-handgun bill allowing owners to carry a weapon "on or about the license holder's person" while on campus.

Wentworth said in a CNN television interview on Feb. 23 that the bill is to increase self-defense, calling gun-free zones, "victim zones."

"How are you safe if you are sitting in a classroom unarmed, and some mentally-deranged person comes in

Cigarroa sent a letter to Gov. Rick Perry speaking against the legislation, citing parent, student, faculty, mental-health professionals and law-enforcement concerns.

"I must concur with all the concerns and apprehensions expressed to me, that the presence of concealed weapons, on balance, will make campus a less safe environment," Cigarroa said in the letter.

However, criminal-justice major Jordan Baker said he fully supports the legislation.

"When I was first reading into this possible change, I got extremely excited because I am a concealed-permit owner," Baker said. "I feel that it would make campus a little safer."

Concealed handgun facts

Requirements: Applicants must have 10 hours

» Student Government Association

Study days authorized for fall '11

Students given two days before finals to prepare

Andy Taylor
Print Managing Editor

University administrators approved a temporary study-days resolution presented by the Student Government Association last semester, giving students two class-free days to prepare for finals.

The plan calls for no mandatory academic events to be held on the Friday and Monday prior to final exams, beginning this fall.

The only exception is for classes held exclusively on Monday, which will maintain their current schedule.

While the ruling incorporates the concept of study days, it does not reflect the specific recommendations originally presented to Provost Peter Fos.

That document called for a greater number of study days, as well as a provision allowing professors to issue their exams early.

In the absence of SGA president Sara Khalifa, who was attending a conference in Austin at the time of the announcement, vice president Kortlan Porter read the official statement released by the University:

"Deans and the Provost supported the request of study days on a trial basis for 2011-2012," Porter said. "President Mabry has approved the study days and accepted the changes to the 2011-2012 calendar."

Administrators plan to revisit the issue when the trial expires in 2012.

mentally-deranged person comes in and starts shooting people," Wentworth said in the interview.

University President Rodney Mabry did not comment on the potential law, but said the response from The University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa stood for UT Tyler.

make campus a little safer."

As of 2008, laws in 26 states prohibit guns on public campuses while 23 states have discretion over the choice, and only Utah prohibits state institutions from barring guns on campus, accord-

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“Guns increase violence, never lower it.”

>> Dr. Mary Linehan, history professor

Requirements: Applicants must have 10 hours of class or gun-range training, pass a handgun-proficiency exam and be at least 21 years old.

Smith County: There were 1,256 applicants from September of 2009 to August of 2010 in Smith County. All but two were issued licenses.

College aged carriers: Of Texas citizens aged 21 to 25, 8,876 received concealed handgun permits from September of 2009 to August of 2010.

Source: Texas Department of Safety

the trial expires in 2012.

STUDY >> 5

SGA, CAB to sponsor new \$3,300 foam party

Andy Taylor
Print Managing Editor

Student Government Association members plan to sponsor a multi-media foam party for up to 400 students in lieu of their previously scheduled Patriot Days festivity.

The senate approved senator Michael Suarez's second motion to cancel their annual Toga Party in favor of a new event set to feature a laser-light show, professional disc jockey, multi-LED light bar, high-output smoke machine and an inflatable foam pit.

"Since it will be around the time of elections, this is a great way to promote SGA itself, as well as future elections, senators and executive board members," Suarez said.

He presented a similar motion the previous week, but was denied by SGA representatives because of concerns regarding the \$3,603.55 price tag.

Suarez responded by finding a way to bring the cost down to \$2,703.55.

He accomplished this feat in part by seeking contributions from other student organizations, including \$600 from the Campus Activities Board.

During the discussion of his first motion, Suarez opposed approaching CAB for support because he wanted SGA to be the only organization recognized for the event.

"Speaking to a couple of senators, ... I was under the impression that SGA should be solely responsible for this event, given that CAB in the past has tended to take over," he said. "They will put their name on the advertisement, as well as ours; so I feel like if CAB were to host the event with us, they should equally share the load, which they are not willing to do."

Thirty-two percent of the funding for Suarez's plan comes from the Student Government Appro-

PARTY >> 4

Campus community garden rejected

Admin.: garden too large, expensive

Lea Rittenhouse
Web Managing Editor

Andy Taylor
Print Managing Editor

When a group of students decided to start an on-campus community garden project, they thought the idea was a no-brainer.

After six months of research and the drafting of a detailed proposal, administrators put their plans on hold.

Adrienne Stein, a senior art major, said the group is currently crafting a professionally-organized student petition in hopes to push the project through.

She anticipates completing the petition process by the end of the semester.

Stein said the idea began as a research assignment.

She was working on a project for her art class when she discovered the concept of guerilla gardening, which she said involves making use of otherwise unoccupied land.

"It started in urban cities where communities get together and take an abandoned lot and turn it into a garden that anyone who lives in the

area can get food from," she said.

Stein continued researching the subject after turning in her project, enlisting the help of former Students in Free Enterprise president Cedrick James, and Student Government Association president Sarah Khalifa.

They began by asking the city of Tyler's horticulturist to check the soil around campus to find the ideal location for a garden.

Stein said the horticulturist found a plot with healthy soil near the intersection of Campus and Patriot drives.

She called the area an "eye-sore" and believed it to be the perfect place to start a beautification activity.

The group also discovered the land contains a 30-foot water pipeline, which they said prevents it from being used by the University for future building projects.

"To us, it was a great opportunity to take some land that can't be used and turn it into something positive," James said. "UT Tyler will never be able to use that land without getting the city of Tyler to move the water pipe."

Khalifa's father, who owns Pyramid Homes in Tyler, offered to donate funds for irrigation, landscaping



TALON >> GRAPHIC BY KAMREN THOMPSON

University students proposed a plan for a community garden on Campus Drive, but administrators did not approve the plan.

and aesthetic enhancements.

Stein said they were also approved for a \$1,000 community-service grant from Starbucks.

James, Khalifa, and Stein compiled all of their research, including information from the horticulturist and the offers of financial support, into a formal proposal.

They scheduled a meeting with president Rodney Mabry on Feb.

9, 2010, to discuss what they called "Project Rothburry."

Mabry said he hesitated to support the idea because of budget concerns.

"The primary thing is that it sounded like it would be a University-owned project," he said. "We just are facing an awful lot of budget

GARDEN >> 4

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Patriot Tennis

>>The men's and women's tennis teams are returning from California where they competed in several matches.

Provost accepts position in New Orleans

>>Provost Dr. Peter Fos accepted a position in New Orleans starting April 1. Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of graduate studies and vice president provost, will be the interim provost.

Patriot Golf

>>Men's golf team won the Schreiner Shootout and the women's team placed second.

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Nerdy kids strung out on stress

My nerdy perspective

Kamren Thompson



I get high almost every day. It's usually a result of procrastination. I wait until the last minute to do a giant amount of work and become absurdly stressed out.

I usually finish the work just in time to turn in it, and I get this incredible rush — a stress high.

Yeah, it probably isn't as cool as whatever you were thinking, but it's how I get my kicks, and I am completely addicted to the feeling.

A specific personality type feeds off the rush of stress. Quite a few members of the *Patriot Talon* staff have that personality type, hence the stressful career choice.

Discovery Health states people with "Type-

A" personalities are more prone to stressful situations. They are typically rushed, impatient, ambitious, time-conscious, competitive and driven people.

Every year, we "Type-A" people sign up for too many activities, knowing what the result will be.

While I enjoy the high and feed off the addiction, it is probably about as good for me as a high from a socially-unaccepted drug like marijuana.

According to the Health Resource Network, stress contributes to heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes and many other illnesses because it decreases the immune system.

It also contributes to the development of alcoholism, obesity, suicide, drug addiction, cigarette addiction and other harmful behaviors.

As a result, tranquilizers, antidepressants and anti-anxiety medications account for one-fourth of all prescriptions in the United

States.

And to top it all off, stress actually makes you less intelligent.

According to "The Human Brain," a study conducted by The Franklin Institute in January, chronic stress floods the brain with powerful hormones that are only meant for short-term, emergency situations.

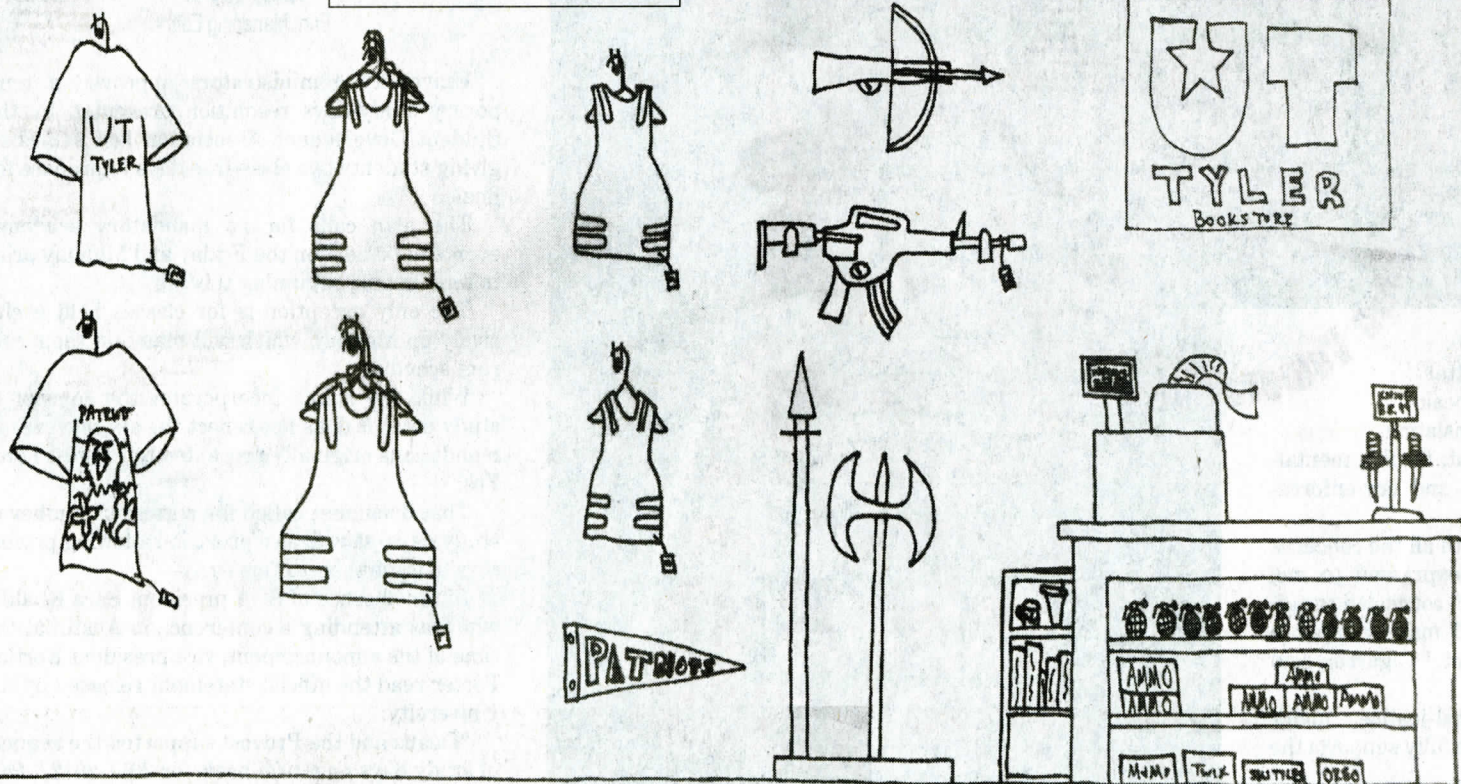
Continued exposure can damage, shrink and even kill brain cells.

It's amusing that while the effects of stress are so detrimental, most of society would simply pat me on the back and call me a hard worker.

Like most addicts, I likely will ignore the warnings and continue the abuse until one day when I'm strung out on a just-in-time-deadline, I will have a heart attack or something.

But hey, tell an employer you're addicted to stress or you're addicted to speed and see which one he or she responds to more negatively.

15% off
bulletproof vests
thanks to the new
state gun legislation



CAMPUSVOICE

What do you think about the recent rise in the price of gasoline?



STAPLES

“It’s ridiculous. I’m definitely going to have to put my car down and get a bike. I haven’t been going anywhere as much.”

» Christina Staples
human resources major



BOLLAMPALLY

“We are the ones responsible for those high prices. Something should be done to find an alternative for that. Utilizing solar energy should be increased or improved.”

» Sanjay Bollampally
engineering major



DUPREE

“Gas prices not only reflect inflation or other issues, but mainly how society is functioning at the time. If there’s a conflict somewhere, the prices are going to go up.”

» Nakia Dupree,
political science major

Remembering two men with grit, 'True Grit'

Meals, Munchies & More Hattie Kemp



Watching the Academy Awards two weeks ago rekindled memories of a movie, which holds a special place in my heart and always shall.

The movie is "True Grit." And no, I'm not referring to the current remake by Joel and Ethan Coen.

I mean the original movie, the one starring "The Duke." You know, John Wayne. The actor whose career spanned five decades and more than 175 films. The movie legend who became an American icon.

Well, the movie opened in theaters in June of 1969, premiering in several cities throughout the country. Dallas was one of them.

My aunt Merle, who lived there at the time, asked me if I would like to attend. Of course, she knew all along my answer would be an emphatic, "Yes!"

Subsequently, she purchased four tickets for our small entourage, comprised of my mom, my best friend Michelle, herself and me.

The movie premiered in downtown Dallas at the Majestic Theater, one of a few which had a stage. Built in 1921, the theater not only featured films in the past but also traveling vaudeville acts.

Another facet of this grand old theater, besides its stunning architecture, was an awe-inspiring organ, which rose up through the floor and perched itself at the foot of the stage.

None of us can recall the exact date of the premiere, but we know it was on a Saturday,

about the middle of June.

Michelle and I, both 15 at the time, had teen crushes on Glen Campbell, who, in his first movie role, played Texas Ranger La Boeuf. Campbell was one of the hottest celebrities in 1969. Not only was he a crossover-singing star, with numerous number-one hits, but also he was starring in his own TV show, "The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour."

We arrived at the theater early to stake our claims on the best — closest to the stage — seats possible.

Inside, Merle led the way, with my mom, Michelle and me following behind. This procession allowed me to end up on the aisle seat, which later on turned out to be the perfect spot for what was about to transpire.

The master of ceremonies came on stage and announced that the car chauffeuring Kim Darby, who played Mattie Ross, had been in a minor traffic accident. He said she was not injured, but she would be late.

Then, he introduced Glen Campbell.

Everyone in the audience began looking around to see where he was.

All of a sudden, I realized he and his wife Billie were walking arm-in-arm down our aisle, and on my side, too.

Campbell, dressed in a western-cut, mossy-green-colored suit, had his right arm bent, as he walked past me.

I very gingerly placed my left hand on his forearm, resting it there for a fleeting moment. I'll never forget the velvety softness of his cashmere jacket.

To my amazement, Campbell stopped, turned around, looked back at me and said, "Well, hello there, young lady."

I beamed at him, as he turned, continuing on his way to the stage.

I sat there frozen in utter disbelief.

Then, Michelle and I started whispering about what had just happened until the an-

nouncer called out Wayne's name.

I craned my neck to see him and hoped I'd get a chance to touch him, too. But, ah, it wasn't meant to be.

Unfortunately for me, he walked, as only he can, down the middle of the aisle unescorted, just beyond my arm's reach.

As he passed by, he seemed to be 10-feet tall although he was only 6 feet 4 inches.

I really don't remember much after that, except the announcer asked Wayne and Campbell questions about the movie.

Michelle said they sat on the front row during the showing of "True Grit," and the audience applauded when Darby arrived late and took her seat.

It wasn't until we were in the car I learned the truth surrounding my encounter with Campbell.

I was in the process of telling everyone about how I had lightly touched his arm when Michelle spoke up.

She said she had reached around behind me and had grabbed his elbow.

That explains why he turned and spoke to me because he thought I was the one who grabbed him.

Michelle and I talked about this experience for months and were delighted when Wayne received an Academy Award nomination for his portrayal of Marshal Rooster Cogburn.

Then, in April of 1970, I watched the Academy Awards, keeping my fingers crossed that Wayne would win the Oscar.

I was ecstatic when Barbra Streisand called his name and presented him his award.

"If I'd known that, I would have put that eye patch on 35 years earlier," he said, wiping tears from his eyes.

As for me, I cried, too.

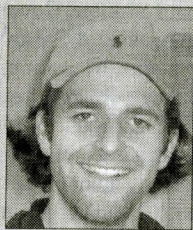
To see this week's recipe of Baked Garlic Cheese Grits in Hattie's Recipe Box, go to www.patriottalon.com.



WHITE

“ I think it's definitely unfortunate. I think we should take steps to reduce the amount of gas cars use or try to get ourselves on a different fuel source. ”

» Dwayne White
sophomore English major



PAYNTER

“ Speaking from experience since I'm from Connecticut, I'm glad it's not as bad as up North or the West Coast. I'm glad I'm in Texas. The diesel prices down here are the same as regular prices up North. ”

» Oliver Paynter
business major

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Part 3 of a series

Student Belief



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Muslim students strive for moral discipline

EDITORS NOTE: This series presents different personal accounts, information and backgrounds on various student's religions and beliefs. To read part one and two of the series, go to the *Patriot Talon* website at www.patriottalon.com.

“It kind of hurts whenever you're approached and you're called a terrorist because I've



» SENIOR RANA KHALIFA

University Student Rana Khalifa finds a quiet place to pray five times a day in the midst of taking classes and working.

Khalifa grew up actively practicing the Islamic religion.

“It’s a very humble religion,” she said. “You have to keep your religion on your mind all of the time.”

Along with humility, Khalifa describes the religion as peaceful and modest.

She wears a covering over her head called a Hijab that promotes modesty.

“Part of my religion is trying to be modest all the time so you’re not overly showing too much skin or too much of anything, so that you’re not really sticking out,” she said.

She recognizes that wearing a head covering could make her stick out, but not for “the wrong reasons.”

She said Islamic belief has five major components the first of which being belief in one God “Allah,” and the second is belief in his angels.

They believe in a group of prophets, who traditionally includes the biblical characters Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and the prophet Muhammed.

Salah Momani, principle of Islamic Faith Academy in Tyler, said Muslims have to believe in all of the prophets.

“We cannot just limit that to one messenger it has to be all messengers mentioned in the holy Quran by name or without name,” he said.

“We believe in all of the prophets, and we believe in them equally no one is higher than the other,” Khalifa said.

Muslims believe in the holy books, which are the Quran, Torah, the Bible and other preceding holy books.

The fifth component is the belief in the Day of Judgment.

The Day of Judgment to Islam is the day God will destroy the universe and the dead will be raised and people will answer to God about their life.

According to the Quran, “those who believe and do good deeds, they are dwellers of Paradise, they dwell there in forever” and “those who believe there is no true God but God, and Muhammad is the Messenger (Prophet) of God” will be in paradise.

Khalifa said morally the religion requires several expectations of an individual additionally to being modest.

“We are not allowed to drink or do drugs or any of that so that also plays a big factor into especially being in college

with college parties and stuff,” she said.

She said people who practice the religion have to be honest and not lie, as well as refrain from cursing.

“You really have to watch your language all the time and try not to have bad vocabulary which you know, for college students sometimes is a little hard,” Khalifa said.

She said she has been treated differently because of her faith which she believes is a misunderstanding.

“All they see is what’s portrayed on the news and the media. They see on TV ‘Muslims just bombed this or bombed that,’” Khalifa said. “It kind of hurts whenever you’re approached and you’re called a terrorist because I’ve had that happen.”

Khalifa believes three main misconceptions to be the most prevalent.

She said many believe Muslims are terrorists after the Sept. 11 attack.

“In the Quran it says that you don’t commit suicide because if you do you get sent straight to hell when it’s the Day of Judgment and you don’t murder other people,” Khalifa said. “Whenever people label these extremists on TV as Muslim it really affects actually Muslims big time.”

She said people often believe that women are forced to cover themselves, and women are not equal with men.

“I wasn’t forced at all and you’re actually supposed to start covering whenever you hit puberty but it’s your choice,” she said. “Some people think that Muslim women, especially in the Middle East you know the ones that are fully covered and are made to stay at home and that always culture not religion.”

Khalifa said she has never questioned what she believes and believes in her religion strongly.

Khalifa said students at the University have embraced her and have been welcoming.

“Students here are so accepting and so loving and I don’t think I’ve ever had but like one or two bad encounters on campus and after the person was confronted there were like ‘oh you’re not a bad person.’”

She believes other campuses would not be as accepting.

Khalifa said she hopes students will become more open to different points of

views.

“Be very open minded towards other people and to be understanding towards other people with their beliefs and their understandings because you see some interesting things in college and so that’s always my outlook on things, she said. “I wish that more people were more open minded.”

Geography Professor Ali Shaaajat, practices the Islamic belief and said Islam is a religion of peace.

Islam is derived from the Arabic root *salem* which means peace, purity, submission and obedience.

About 0.6 percent of the United States population is Muslim, according to the Pew Foundation on Religion and Public Life but sources vary between 2 and 8 million.

Momani said that the local Muslim community is small, but comparatively there are many Muslim college students.

“We have a good number of students who are attending colleges like TJC or UT Tyler,” he said.

He said America provides a place for different cultures and religions to function.

“America has enough freedom for every culture to grow and have the liberty to practice their cultural life,” Momani said.

Shaaajat said all Muslims must believe in the five components of faith otherwise an individual cannot be a Muslim.

Shaaajat said belief in the one God Allah means there is no other deity.

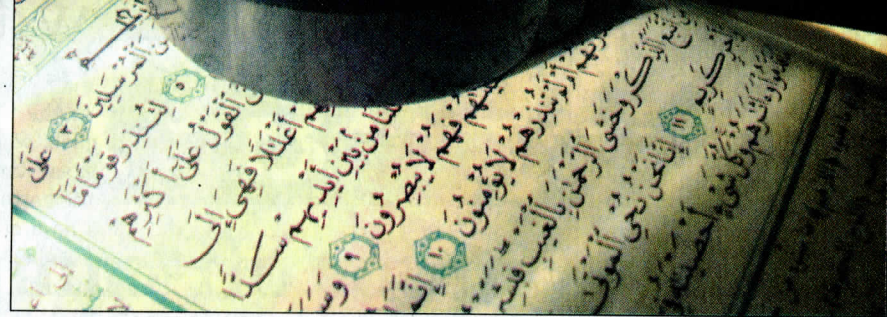
“God is an absolute entity,” he said. “He is the soul creator of man, angels and the earth and heavens, the universe, everything.”

Once a Muslim believes the five elements of faith there must be an action of discipline, which includes four fundamental disciplines.

“Everything is in a disciplined order and you cannot not violate the discipline,” he said. “If you violate the discipline then you are a transgressor.”

Like Khalifa, all Muslims must pray five times a day and the prayers cannot be all at once.

Fasting is another fundamental of discipline, and during the month of Ramadan Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.



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The Quran is the book of guidance for Muslims, Shaaajat said. It contains revelations from the prophet Muhammad who is believed to be the final prophet to Islam. Muslims believe the text to be the words of God verbatim.

Muslim statistics

About **0.6%** of American adults consider themselves Muslim.

The world’s Muslim population is expected to grow by about **35%** in the next 20 years.

Source: Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life

“No eating or drinking and no medication. Nothing can enter into your body except the wind,” Shaaajat said.

Muslims have to have give to charity as a part of their discipline.

Two and a half percent of their annual savings must be given to the poor, Shaaajat said.

“Any needy or poor in the society and the community or somewhere else in the world, he said. “Anybody in crisis like flood, famine, drought, war.”

Shaaajat said the final fundamental is pilgrimage to Mecca.

“If you’re wealthy and healthy and you have enough money to travel to Mecca once in your lifetime,” he said. “That’s a once in a lifetime event and if you have money then you have to do it.”

He said the Quran is their book of guidance and is equivalent to the use of the Bible to Christians.

“You must read it, understand it and follow it,” Shaaajat said. “Once you follow it then your life will be all disciplined because that is the book of guidance and that tells us how to lead life.”

He said the Quran presents boundaries and rules Muslims must follow.

“Islam says okay you will stop at the root not at the stem and you will stop it at the root so that it will not germinate or go from there,” Shaaajat said.

For an example Muslims are not al-

lowed to drink alcohol.

“Once you are intoxicated you lose your common sense and then you do a lot of violence,” Shaaajat said.

He said Muslim parents teach their children religion in a practical way so they can apply it to living in society.

“We don’t say ‘the book says this, the book says that.’ The book is there, but more than that is how you perform that in your life,” Shaaajat said.

Muslim parents teach their children what is moral and what is not, he said.

“If you do something that is immoral, I may not see it, but somebody is watching you and that somebody is God and God would punish you because you would be a transgressor if you do that,” he said.

The Muslim Student Association was established in 1963 and exists to serve the best interest of Islam and Muslims in the United States and Canada to enable them to practice Islam as a complete way of life, according to their constitution.

“These people make sure they gather in a group for congregation and they pray every week, Shaaajat said.

Universities can be affiliated with the organization to service and assist Muslim students.

The University does not currently have a MSA chapter.

PARTY

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priations Committee, lead by treasurer Lee Radley.

According to the committee's mission statement, its primary goal is to "enhance the quality of the student life, benefit the student body, and/or better The University of Texas at Tyler, by financially subsidizing activities, events, and projects sponsored by registered student organizations."

The committee's fund actually ended the fall semester with an \$860.55 surplus.

In the discussion of the first motion, Suarez expressed the desire to use the entire amount because of concerns that any unspent funding would be deducted from SGA's 2011-2012 budget.

"That's actually a multi-factor issue," parliamentarian Rene Hernandez said. "The student fees committee basically has to take the student-fee amounts and distribute them amongst everybody. And if they keep allocating you \$10,000 more than your using each semester, it's more likely that they will cut that money

out of your budget."

So, rather than use the \$860.55 to fund projects from other organizations or avoid spending the excess money so that it may be fairly distributed in the spring, Suarez sought to spend it on an SGA-sponsored party.

Hernandez did not support the senator's wishes.

"We're not primarily an event-planning body," he said. "I don't know how we can rationalize to our students and administration \$3,000 on an event where we're looking for 400 people, when we do our annual pool party for less than \$2,000 and we have a little bit over 400 people."

Hernandez was one of only two representatives who voted against both of Suarez's motions.

His partner in opposition was senator Jamie Newburn, who said he could not support the idea because of concerns regarding the future of his constituency.

"Well, even beyond the funding issue, which some students are outraged about, I



TALON >> COURTESY OF FOAMALICIOUS

SGA is sponsoring a foam party using Foamalicious, a company from California that provides materials and personnel for parties all over the country.

represent the College of Education and Psychology," Newburn said. "Parties such as the foam party have a tendency of getting out of hand quickly. Sometimes if something like that happens, let's just say it could ruin the careers of future teachers and psychologists."

The website for Foamalicious, the company supplying the materials and personnel

for the party, depicts images of students in swimsuits lathering foam on one another.

Suarez said Assistant Vice President Ona Tolliver suggested a shorts-and-t-shirt dress code.

Due to scheduling conflicts with Foamalicious, SGA plans to hold the event April 8, the Friday before Patriot Days officially kicks off.

GARDEN

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choices right now, and that's probably not at the top of our list, as we look at faculty members and programs rather than trying to add activities."

James, who graduated in December with a degree in business marketing, said he believed funding to be a non-issue because of the various offers of support from local donors.

"It would have been no problem to get funding," he said. "Personally I know at least three prominent figures in Tyler that would have loved to help us out."

Mabry also said there was miscommunication regarding the purpose of the garden.

"I remember Sarah talking about big trees and students picking things," he said. "It didn't sound like a garden where tomatoes are grown, it was a very large area they were talking about."

James said their plans for the garden, which they hope to name "Sherwood Forest," are not of the sizeable scale Mabry described.

"Our plan was to get a garden with fruit trees and a few fruit-bearing bushes," he said. "It wasn't going to be huge but big enough to where we could have alumni sponsor the trees, and it would give them a reason to come back and see their tree grow."

The group also spoke with representatives from Aramark, the company that provides the University's food services, who agreed to use fresh produce from the garden in the Met to help cut costs.

James said Harold Doty, dean of the College of Business and Technology, supported this idea.

"His take on it was if we could somehow make it a sustainability project where the fruit that we grow in that garden (could be sold) to the cafeteria, they could use fresh fruit and fresh vegetables," he said.

Mabry said he doesn't see students committing long-term to grow produce.

"I just don't see a long-term project of students convincing other students in the

future to grow produce for Aramark," he said.

Stein said she believes part of Mabry's motives for not pursuing the garden come from his desire to build a parking lot over the desired land, which she reiterated was against city ordinance due to the water pipeline.

Mabry said he doesn't believe the pipeline alone can prevent future development.

"I don't know what line goes through there, but it doesn't mean it can't be used for other purposes. It just means we have to work around it," he said. "Other alternative uses of the land come to play, but I don't know that we've even gotten to a stage to say it will (or will not) be a parking lot. That's a place holder for any number of things that could happen there."

James said former Vice President Gregg Lassen supported the group early in the project's planning.

"He was all for it," he said. "He thought it was a wonderful idea."

Police Reports

The *Patriot Talon* collected the following information from public reports released by the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department. All police reports obtained by the *Talon* are public records as defined under Texas Open Records law.

Feb. 22

- Motor Vehicle Accident: Damage Only

Officers responded to a collision at the entrance of University Pines Apartments.

Feb. 23

- Criminal Trespass

Campus police arrested a suspect at University Pines Apartments for refusing to leave after being issued a Criminal Trespass Warning.

Feb. 27

- Disturbance

A student reported a disturbance behind Patriot Village Apartments Building 2. Responding officers said they discovered a fight but did not issue criminal charges.

Feb. 28

- Drug Possession

Police received a report of an individual smoking marijuana at University Pines Apartments Building 8. Officers arrested one person for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

March 1

- Criminal Trespass

Officers responded to a call concerning an individual who previously received a Criminal Trespassing Warning.

A resident adviser reported seeing the individual in Ornelas Residence Hall. Police arrested the suspect after confirming the previous warning.

March 2

- Motor Vehicle Accident: Damage Only

Campus police dispatched an officer in response to a motor vehicle accident in parking Lot 3. The operators of the vehicle exchanged information and received Texas Driver's Crash reports.

- Drug Possession

A student reported loud music and possible alcohol usage at a University Pines Apartments unit. After being given permission to look for alcohol, officers observed marijuana in plain sight on the kitchen counter. Police arrested both tenants for possession of marijuana.

Lost and Found

University police have the following items in the lost and found department. All items will be held for 60 days of publication. To reclaim, call Officer Michael Seale at (903) 566-7060 and give the item number and description.

Item	Date	Location
Master card	2-6-11	RBN
Women's ring	2-15-11	Lot 11
Mazada key and key fob	2-15-11	HPC
Ipod	2-15-11	HPC
Black watch	2-15-11	HPC
Headphones	2-15-11	HPC
House key	2-14-11	UC
Black wallet	2-15-11	Cambridge Apts.
Sunglasses	2-22-11	HPC
Earphones	2-22-11	HPC
Ipod and earphones	2-22-11	HPC
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Ipod	2-25-11	HPC
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ing to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Cathy Cline, a senior biology major, said she believes people should have the right to carry guns anywhere if they have a permit.

"I think it's weird to have a permit to carry a gun but have places you can't carry guns," Cline said. "You either should be able to or shouldn't be able to."

Josh Carroll, a freshman biology major, said the legislation would not make him feel safer.

"I think it's really unnecessary for students to have guns," Carroll said. "There is not a legitimate reason to carry a gun on campus. I would definitely not feel safer."

Brandon Voss, a junior kinesiology major, also doesn't support the legislation but would pursue a concealed-handgun license to prevent being defenseless after the legislation passes.

"Guns don't need to be in a classroom," Voss said. "It's not for a learning environment; but if I walk into a classroom, and 15 other people have guns, and I don't, I would be defenseless."

Section 46.03 of the Texas Penal Code currently prohibits weapons on the premises of a school or education institution, polling places, court offices, racetracks, airports and prisons.

Wentworth said the Texas Senate passed the bill in 2009, and the bill had the votes to pass in the Texas House of Representatives, but the session ended before representatives could vote.

"We have more support in the House this time," he said. "I'm pretty sure the bill will be passed and signed by the governor in about the next month or so."

Under Wentworth's law, private schools would have the ability to choose to abide by the law after consulting with students, faculty and staff, but public universities would not have that opinion.

Dr. Mary Linehan, University history professor, does not support the legislation.

"Guns increase violence, never lower it," she said.

Linehan said the confusion during a shooting can escalate with the presence of more weapons, citing the recent incident in Tuscon, Arizona, when suspect Jared Loughne allegedly killed six people and wounded 13, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

"Shoot first, think later is not a safety precaution," she said.

Dr. Barbara Hart, criminal justice department interim chair, said while campus shootings are rare, students reacting physically and mentally in varying de-

grees due to the stresses of college and life is very common.

"When you add the fact that the common age for college students is about 19 to 24, you have young individuals with limited-life experience facing enormous problems," Hart said. "Almost all instructors personally know of these inner-most struggles suffered by their students, and, now, you ask if instructors are in favor of these students having weapons while they are being graded by that instructor."

Linehan said she was a professor at Grand Valley State University in Michigan in the early 1990s when two students working on a project for class got into a dispute. She said one student had a legally-concealed weapon and shot and killed the other student.

"As an educator who has dealt with student emotions, I would be afraid to pass back papers if students could be carrying guns," she said.

However, Wentworth said in the CNN interview, people do not go through the licensing process lightly.

Texas state law requires applicants have 10 hours of class or gun-range training, pass a handgun-proficiency exam and be at least 21 years old to obtain a license. Wentworth said less than 2 percent of Texans have the license.

Wentworth said students with the proper training and permits would better be able to defend themselves and others.

Baker agreed with Wentworth.

"The biggest contradiction to this law I have heard has been that the students would be able to just carry openly," Baker said. "This is extremely false and for those of us that have paid our money and taken the 10-hour class, it seems a little ridiculous that we can carry everywhere else in the state to protect those around us and ourselves; yet in school, we can't."

However, Hart said while a student successfully stopping a shooter is possible, she believes it is not probable.

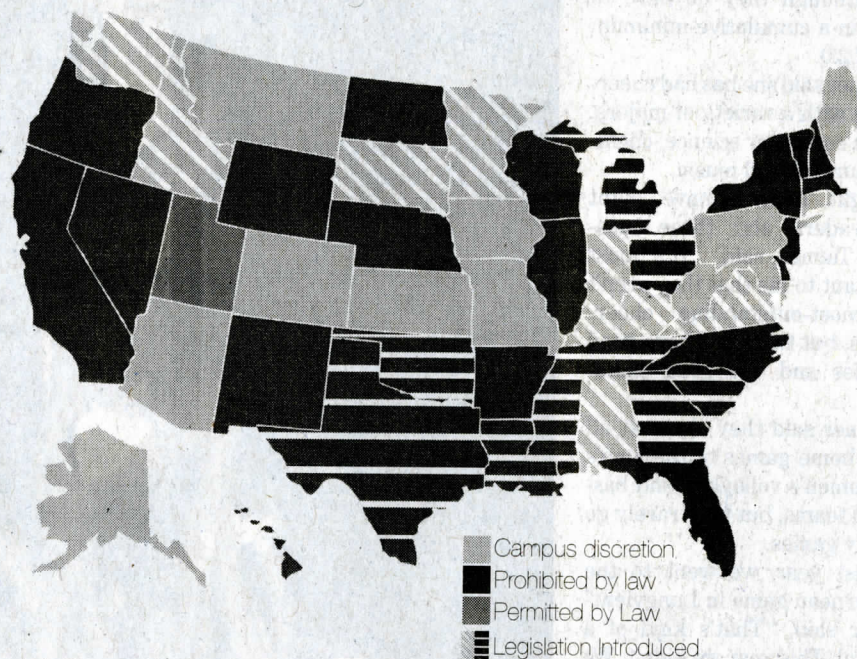
"Note the Fort Hood situation, but that was stopped by a trained officer," she said. "These shootings occur with no warnings — no time to prepare — and are usually over in a matter of minutes if not seconds," she said.

Hart said she believes not many people, even those with the 10 hours of training, could successfully confront the shooter and, at the same time, avoid shooting innocent people.

"The justification that all students should or could have guns on campus, in order to stop such a shooting, may be idealistic rather than realistic," she said. "There is some research that suggests

Campus Weapon Policies

Twenty-six states ban concealed firearms by law on University campuses, while 23 states provide for campus discretion and one state permits guns on public college campus by law as of 2008.



Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures, Legal Community Against Violence and American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

that the potential for gun violence may be reduced if the shooter has reason to believe anyone else present may also have a weapon. However, that hypothesis is difficult to test."

Anthony Emmel, University history instructor, said the age limit would rule out many of the younger students, and the bill should only allow faculty and administration to carry weapons.

Emmel said he could see both positive and negative aspects.

"I can see the potential to protect one's self after night classes as a positive," he said. "But I think it is a sad comment on our society that it is even necessary to still have the need to carry weapons."

All but one of the students interviewed said they don't believe the threat of students and faculty with guns would stop most school shooters.

"I wouldn't feel safer because I wouldn't carry one myself," Cierra Cline, a freshman psychology major, said. "And I don't think it would deter a shooter because a person that is going to shoot someone is psychologically off. So, they may think of it as a challenge."

Josh Ware, a sophomore English major, also said he didn't believe the legislation would deter a gunman.

"If someone is going to do that, they will do it anyway," Ware said. "They probably want their life to be ended anyway. It's not about being afraid."

Ware said he would be concerned about accidents as a result of the legislation.

"What if someone loses track of their gun on campus?" he said.

Beayonka Askew, a senior health-studies major, said she would also be concerned with regulation and whether campus-security personnel would check licenses.

Askew said school shootings are usually isolated incidents, and she believes campus-security personnel do a good job keeping the campus safe.

"I don't know if we would necessarily need firearms," she said. "We have campus security, and they make rounds often."

In addition to Chief Mike Medders, there are eight officers and six security guards, and campus security officials said officers are constantly patrolling campus.

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SGA representatives first addressed this topic in September, when the senate spent two weeks deliberating and amending their proposal. They unanimously approved the resolution on Oct. 7.

Their recommendation included the extinction of mandatory classes during the Monday-Friday business week prior to final exams.

It also provided a loophole for professors who desired to issue their final exam one week early, as long as they outlined their intention in the class syllabus.

The University's official ruling included neither of these provisions due to concerns regarding the amount of days public universities are required to hold classes.

Registrar Sonja Morale said the state mandates the University to provide 2250 minutes of classroom contact.

"If we were to try to get more days, we would have either have to take away days from winter break, start earlier in the summer or change class lengths," Khalifa said.

Associate Professor of Biology Blake Bextine supports the University's compromise and said many classes already limit activity on the days in question.

"In a lot of ways, most professors provide (study days) anyway," Bextine said. "I don't usually organize my classes to where there are tests the week before (final exams)."

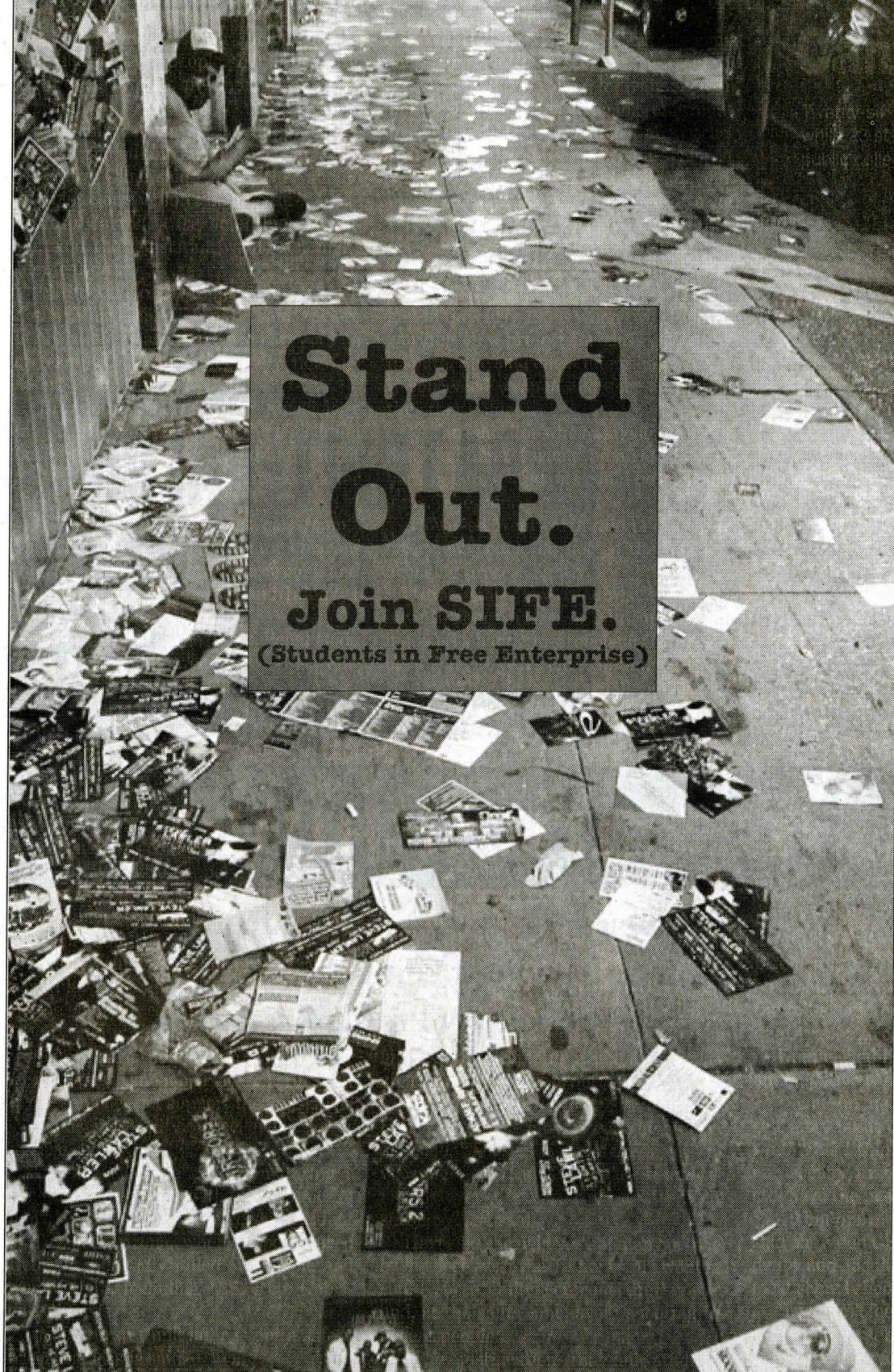
Michele Jenkins, a junior chemistry major, agrees the policy won't have a significant impact on test preparation.

"Usually those days right before finals week, the teacher gives up to review anyway," Jenkins said. "In that sense, I don't know how much more of a benefit it would be."

Anna Strout, junior at A&M University, said gives students the ability to study without being interrupted.

"I always feel like right when I'm getting some good studying in I have to get up and go to class at other school where they don't have dead week," she said.

A&M gives students three days off before finals.



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Spirit Squad recruiting members

Cheer, dance team tryouts scheduled April 16

Hattie Kemp
Opinion Editor

The University's Spirit Squad needs new recruits to join next year's cheerleading and dancing squads.

Carla Turner, the cheerleaders' coach, and Natalie Spurr, the dancers' coach, have scheduled tryouts for students interested in joining the squad for April 16 in the Herrington Patriot Center.

Katy Cline, Student Life and Leadership administrative associate, said the Spirit Squad has two parts: the Patriot Cheerleaders and the Patriot Dancers.

Cline said the purpose of these upcoming tryouts is to select members for the 2011-2012 squads.

She said they are open to everyone interested in trying out.

"In the fall, we often have tryouts that are open to fill any remaining slots," Cline said. "Of course, we have people who graduate in the spring that need to be replaced."

Turner said she doesn't have a certain number of positions to fill.

"I'm just going to see what the turn out is and go from there," Turner said. "We tend to have a lot more that show up for our fall tryout. I do a tryout in the spring and in the fall, but the ones I take in the spring get to go to tryout camp with me. So, that's a big deal."

Cline said because the dancers are a competitive squad, maintaining 10-12 dancers is the recommended number for competition purposes.

"Currently, there are 11 dancers," Cline said. "This year, they will complete one competition. Our hope for next year is two."

Cline said on competition at the camp they attend in the summer and a national collegiate competition is at the University of North Texas at the end of March.

Turner said the cheerleaders are not a competitive squad.

"Our main focus on cheerleading is being an ambassador for UT Tyler and being a face for UT Tyler," Turner said. "We are tra-

believes some have the misconception they can't be successful students and also do cheerleading.

She said that simply is not true although they do have to maintain a cumulative-minimum GPA of 2.0.

Turner said she has had cheerleaders with a variety of majors, such as computer science, chemistry, nursing and music.

"Right now, I have eight cheerleaders and three mascots," Turner said. "It's most important to me that they aren't just most-outstanding cheerleaders, but that they have good attitudes and are good examples."

Turner said they cheer at all of the home games of the men's and women's volleyball and basketball teams, but they rarely go to away games.

"Last year, we went to the LeTourneau game in Longview," Turner said. "That's kind of a big rival. This year we didn't. We don't usually travel to the games. Of course, we always travel to camp, which is usually at Texas State University in San Marcos in July."

» Eligibility requirements for candidates include the following:

» A student must be in good standing with the University

» A student must have a 2.0 minimum cumulative UT Tyler GPA

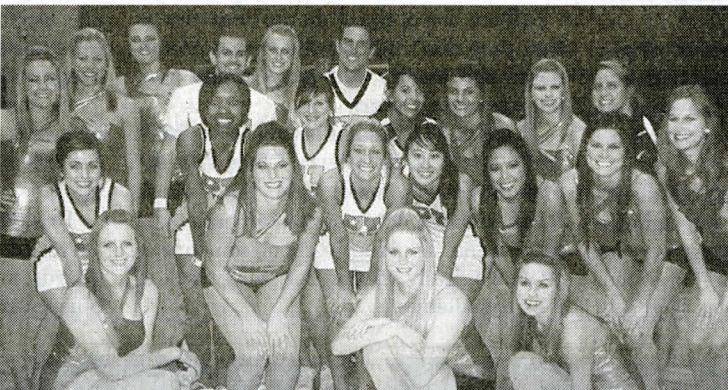
» A student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate for Fall 2011

Turner said they are having open-cheer practices at 6 p.m. on April 4 and at 2 p.m. on April 8 along with a cheer clinic at 2 p.m. on April 15. Coordinators scheduled the tryouts for April 16.

"It will probably be held in the Physical Health and Education Building, where the old bookstore used to be," Turner said.

Cline said if weather permits, the clinic will probably be conducted outdoors, as it has been in the past.

Interested students can contact Turner at cturner@uttyler.edu for cheer information and



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
 1 Arabic letter
 4 Fr. priest
 8 Barge
 12 Kimono sash
 13 Mayan year
 14 Sayings (suf.)
 15 E. Indian timber tree
 16 Calm
 18 Lop
 20 Fr. artist
 21 Month abbr.
 23 Musical instrument (string)
 27 Bonga (2 words)
 32 Counsel
 33 River (Sp.)
 34 Of vision
 36 Sheep disease
 37 Fraction of a rupee
 39 Kind of gypsum
 41 Small anvil
 43 Licensed practical nurse (abbr.)
 44 Book of the Apocrypha
 48 Growl
 51 Pierides (2 words)
 55 Amazon tributary
 56 Polish border river
 57 Melville's captain
 58 Cut edge of coin
 59 Jewish title of honor
 60 Similar
 61 Girl Scouts of America (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
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 BEET AWAY HAI
 SERA NONSENSE
 ABIELE TRET
 HASLET HEN
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 LAS BOB WASTE
 KEA DOGGED
 ACEA JOKER
 DREADFUL NAID
 NAB LOBO OCTA
 ABU EGER READ

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 2 Dayak people
 3 Stele
 4 Asian gazelle
 5 Judges' bench
 6 Pressure (pref.)
 7 Ivory (Lat.)
 8 Sieve
 9 Rom. first day of the month
 10 Unity
 11 Gob
 17 Pro
 19 River into the North Sea
 22 Palestine
 Liberation Organ. (abbr.)
 24 Basic
 25 Revise
 26 Give up
 27 Unruly child
 28 One (Ger.)
 29 Nat'l Park Service (abbr.)
 30 Shoshonean
 31 Sesame
 35 Celsius (abbr.)
 38 To the rear
 40 Negative population growth (abbr.)
 42 Stowe character
 45 Golden wine
 46 Yahi tribe survivor
 47 Tree
 49 Galatea's beloved
 50 Indian music
 51 Mine roof support
 52 Mountain on Crete
 53 Modernist
 54 Compass direction

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Sudoku Puzzle

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	7	6		1			5

tyler. Turner said, "We are traditional game-day cheerleaders that support our sports teams and coaches and our overall student body."

Turner said her main goal is to have good students, and she

edu for cheer information and Spurr at nspurr@uttyler.edu for dance information.

For applications and information, students can visit www.uttylerpatriots.com/spiritsquads online or call (903) 565-5634.



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The Spirit Squad plans to have a clinic and tryouts in April.

NEWSbriefs

Speaker scheduled for art colloquium

Coordinators from a variety of organizations plan to present an art-themed colloquium titled "Pixels, Panels, and Prose: Pop-Culture in Animation & Beyond" on April 9.

Students from area colleges and universities will have the opportunity to discuss various art forms with their peers and industry professionals.

"This event was designed by UT Tyler students, not faculty," organizer Michael Hale said. "The emphasis on the 'colloquium' is to allow for dialogue between guest speakers and the audience."

Hale said attendees would be given a space to display academic papers, presentations and dialogue topics.

Guest speakers include Crispin Freeman, James Portnow, Dr. Marc Hairston and Jesse Dobson.

Freeman is a professional voice actor who plans to present his mythology performance titled "Giant Robots and Super Heroes." He is perhaps best known for his works: Alucard from "Hellsing," Tsume from "Wolf's Rain" and Itachi from "Naruto."

Portnow, who received his master's degree from Carnegie Mellon Entertainment Technology Center, served as a designer for Activision's Call of Duty series before establishing his own company, Divide by Zero Games.

Hairston is a regular speaker at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design's annual Schoolgirls and Mobilesuits Conference. He plans to discuss his most recent film, "Summer Wars."

Dobson is a University graduate and contributor to the writing center.

"(He) will be providing commentary on comic books, their mythology and their importance as an artistic medium," Hale said.

Scheduled student speakers include Hale, Alyssa Phillips and Hayley Williams.

Six to assist in Costa Rica service project

University officials provided six students with the opportunity to participate in a joint community-service project in Costa Rica.

For the second time, coordinators plan to partner with Tyler Junior College in "Project Costa Rica—Community Service in the Rain Forest."

Juanita Rios Cardona of Dallas, Bridget Hopp of Centerville, Corey Cates of Hughes Springs, Ashley McCoy of Waco, Julie Apoderado of Tyler and Sabah Pervez of Alamo received \$1,000 stipends each for their involvement with this program.

They plan to assist in the refurbishment of a local elementary school and meet with volunteers from the country's Peace Corps when they travel to Costa Rica from May 16-25.

Patriot Preview Day scheduled for March 26

University administrators are preparing for Patriot Preview Day, an event designed to give

prospective students and their families a glimpse of University life.

Activities throughout the day include campus tours, mock-lectures and a University showcase, which will allow participants the chance to meet faculty and student organization representatives.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26 and will include a complimentary lunch.

UT officials offer incentives through fitness challenge

University officials are offering incentives for employees who participate in the Round-Up Fitness Challenge.

They designed the program to encourage employees of all fitness levels to incorporate healthful choices and daily physical activities in their lives.

Incentives include time to participate in on-campus fitness activities and wellness programs plus free access to the Herrington Patriot Center during March.

Participants must be physically active for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, for six weeks.

Officials plan to announce winners and grand prizes during a ceremony April 9.

Suzanne Truitt, head women's volleyball coach, and Stefani Webb, head women's soccer coach, serve as co-coordinators.

University society receives state Star Chapter Award

The Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society at the university received a Star Chap-

ter Award for the 2009-2010 year, Suzanne Pundt, senior lecturer in biology, said in a press release.

The society presented the award to 37 Alpha Chi chapters across the nation that maintained outstanding achievement throughout the academic year.

The University's Alpha Xi Chapter, No. 161, participated in the organization's first Super-Regional Conference in Little Rock, Ark. and collected 137 children's books for the Arkansas Children's Hospital of Little Rock.

Its members also presented scholarly papers at the annual convention.

Pundt and Dr. James Koukl, associate professor of biology, serve as chapter sponsor and assistant sponsor, respectively.

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8	3	7	9	2	5	6	1	4
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Adaptations flooding the market

Many movies based on books, literature, graphic novels

Haley Bauman

Art and Entertainment Editor

Whether it's sparkling vampires, magic spells or a popular kid turned beastly, the world of cinema seems to become overrun with book-to-movie adaptations.

Recently, Hollywood seems to be targeting the young-adult readers with movies like "I am Number Four," and "Beastly," along with more well-known series, such as "Harry Potter" and "Twilight."

"It's been said a million times, 'There are no new ideas,' and I believe that's probably true," Doug Rittenhouse, founder and director of The Center for Creative Media in Garden Valley, said. "A lot of times, you'll see something that will trigger a new concept or another idea."

This can be seen in movies, such as "She's the Man," in which the idea and some of the plot of Shakespeare's play, "Twelfth Night," is used, but there are some differences like the location and setting.

This isn't a recent occurrence. "First Blood," "The Thing," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "Psycho," "Dr. Strangelove," "Planet of the Apes," "Death Wish" and "Die Hard" are all based on books.

"Many times you need publications and research to fuel creative ideas that are totally fictional," Rittenhouse said. "I don't think the two are divorced but rather go hand and hand."

Rittenhouse said he believes movie makers and publishers are "riding the wave of each other" in regard to the pop-culture phenomena of "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" wherein producers release an entire series over an extended period of time.

English professor Victor Scherb said one reason filmmakers are attracted to books and literature as inspiration is that it's easier to pitch something that is familiar.

"I think that books and literature are a huge pool of ideas, and I'm not sure that that many film makers feel that originality is necessarily an end in itself," Scherb

said. "They want something that makes a good movie not necessarily something that is a new idea."

He said the movie makers who work with novels are still aiming to please an audience and that "there are specific expectations from the film studios and the audience itself."

In order to do this, some changes must be made, even major ones such as the ending.

"I think that since books already have a fan base, it makes it easier to launch a movie of it," Daniel Simpson, a junior history major, said.

Hollywood has a habit of releasing several movies following one character's adventures.

"I think (extended movie series) work for 'The Lord of the Rings' and the 'Narnia' books because the appeal of the series is the appeal of the overarching plot, which is essentially the maturation of the main characters," Scherb said. "The core audience is going through the experience themselves, and the older audience is coming to terms with it and don't mind reliving it."

Regardless of how successful a book-to-film adaptation is, it seems there is always an argument from readers who claim, "the book was better."

It can be difficult for film makers to decipher legitimate criticism from print bias when evaluating this public response.

Rittenhouse said he believes books tend to have an advantage in that they are more suited for describing a true story.

"Sometimes real life is the best story possible," he said. "And a lot of those publications carry real-life stories."

Because writers can insert more content into a full-length novel, it may be better suited for audiences interested in the details of a story.

Rittenhouse said that film makers sometimes run the risk of lessening the quality of a film when they try to follow the book too closely.

"Sometimes it can be harder to make a movie off a book," he

Oscar winning adaptations

Gone with the Wind (1939)

All the King's Men (1949)

From Here to Eternity (1953)

Around the World in 80 Days (1956)

Gigi (1958)

The Sound of Music (1965)

Midnight Cowboy (1969)

The French Connection (1971)

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)

Kramer vs. Kramer (1979)

Out of Africa (1985)

The Last Emperor (1987)

Dances with Wolves (1990)

Silence of the Lambs (1991)

Schindler's List (1993)

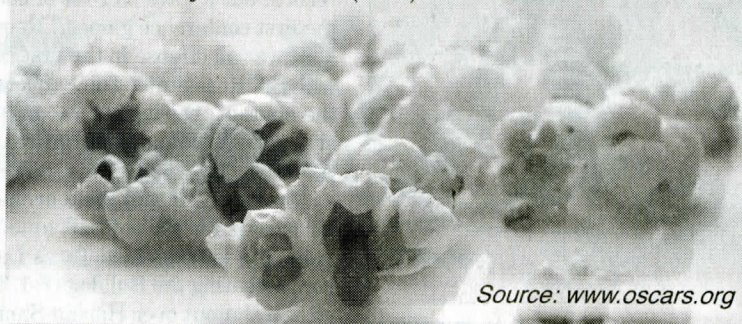
The English Patient (1996)

A Beautiful Mind (2001)

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)

Million Dollar Baby (2004)

No Country for Old Men (2007)



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said. "I think the Da Vinci Code ... is one of the worst movies in recent years ... mainly because they were a slave to making sure they relayed parts of things Dan Brown wrote."

Research shows that readers of a series hold the film to a higher standard than the rest of the public.

For example, an online poll of more than 10,000 voters cited "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," "Twilight," and "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" as the top three movies that failed to live up to reader's expectations.

However, all three of those films earned at least \$191 million at the box office.

'Maximum Ride' book-seven plot complicated

Haley Bauman

Art and Entertainment Editor

James Patterson's newest release, "Angel," book seven in the "Maximum Ride" series, brings readers a combination of complicated plot and depressing vibe.

"Maximum Ride" is a series about six children self-named, "the flock," who after being trapped in a laboratory called, "The School," live their lives away from society, hiding what is described as their 98-percent human, 2-percent bird appearance.

The flock, which consists of Iggy, Max, Fang, Nudge, Gasman and Angel, set off on an adventure to save the world, a daunting task regardless of their enhancements.

The first book, "The Angel Experiment," explains the flock's past and the beginning of their adventure, starting out with the youngest, Angel, being kidnapped by other genetically-enhanced creations called, Erasers, half-man, half-wolf.

After their semi-peaceful lives are disrupted, the flock spends the next three books on the run from their creators and the various experiments sent after them.

The series, itself, is divided into two mini-series, with the first three books called "The Fugitives" and the final four called "The Protectors." In the second half of the series, beginning with Patterson's fourth book, "The Final Warning," the plot takes a more political view, with the mission of Max and the others fighting global warming and saving the planet humanitarian style.

It is this change in the books that causes readers to pause and really decide if they want to finish the series. Fans will be disappointed to find not only does the series take a more "Captain Planet" approach, but the adversaries are almost impossible to pinpoint. Unfortunately, the relationships only go from bad to worse.

"The Protectors" seems focused mainly on the troubled relationship between friends/teammates/soul mates, Max and Fang, the love life of their dog/bird named Total and six-year-old Angel, who seems obsessed with world domination.

Relationship troubles aside, the plot in the latter part of the series lack the excitement of Patterson's previous books with more dialogue than progressive plot.

Patterson's most recent release, "Angel," combines teenage angst, lagging plots and brainwashing propaganda when the flock, now divided, faces off against the "Doomsday Group," a cult of teenagers convinced that humans are the root of the world's problems.

The craziness only gets better, as there is mention of Max and her perfect match, Dylan, introduced as a new character in previous book "Fang," going off together and creating a new species.

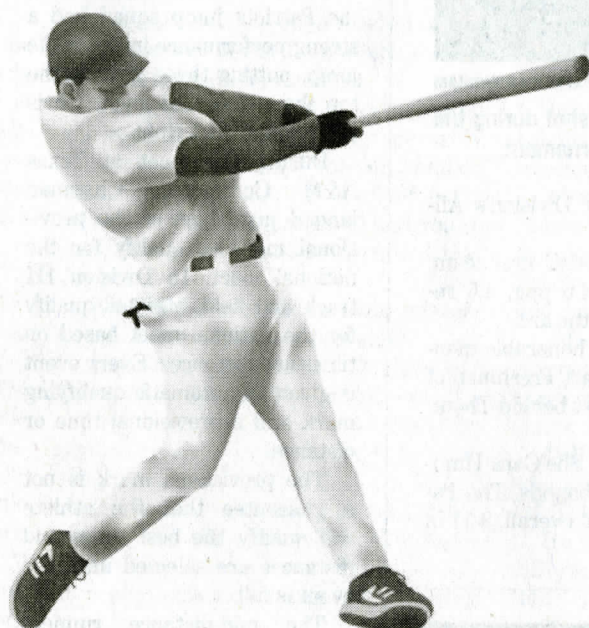
Along with the random addition of Dylan, several other characters are added, each with powers that help save the planet.

Think X-Men meets Frankenstein. The new characters, led by Fang, do little more than add tension among the flock. Overall the series, while entertaining at first, has slowly become something unrecognizable in its ridiculous twists and turns.

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March 4 at Farmers Branch, Tx.
UT Tyler 29
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UT Tyler 9
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UT Tyler 8
Texas Lutheran 1

UT Tyler 11
Hardin-Simmons 0

March 9 at Sherman, Tx.
UT Tyler 16, 3

Patriot baseball continues perfect start

Jake Waddingham
Sports Editor

The University baseball team may have just opened American Southwest Conference play, but they are already in midseason form, collecting their 18th win of the season over East Texas Baptist University.

On Friday, the Patriots won 7-4 and completed the sweep during the double header on Saturday, winning 4-0 and 3-1.

Nick Clifton led the way with

four runs batted in for the Patriots.

"It was a huge weekend because the conference season is critical for seeding," head coach Paul Wyczawski said.

Wyczawski is in his first year as head coach for the Patriots. He said the early home games have helped the team get off on the right foot this season.

Since early February, the Patriots have outscored their opponents 139 to 51.

Their recent success has also

helped them gain respect in the national rankings, jumping up to number seven in the latest D3Baseball.com/NCBWA Top 25 Poll.

"It is nice to be ranked, but we focus more on the next game than what is happening in the rankings," Wyczawski said.

Two Patriots are still slugging batting averages over .400. Clifton leads the team with a .443 and also leads the team with seven doubles and 21 RBIs. Teammate David Ring has a batting average

of .406.

Senior Justin Juneau is tied with Clifton for the most hits so far this season with 27 apiece.

From the mound, Chad Sherman holds a 5-0 record and a 0.77 earned run average. He has fanned 44 batters this season in 35 innings pitched.

"As a group, our seniors have done a great job leading and pushing the other guys on the team," Wyczawski said. "They are a little more seasoned and have been through the lengthy season of col-

lege."

Next on the lineup for the Patriots is a road trio to Clarkville, Ark., to take on Ozarks. The three game series kicks off Friday at 2 p.m. and continues with a double header on Saturday. The first pitch is scheduled to be released at noon.

Wyczawski said any time the team has to go on the road, it brings up new challenges. He said the Patriots will be focusing on getting better each game. As they improve as individuals, the team will improve collectively.



TALON >> KELSEY WADE

Whitney Wyly advances to third during a game against Trinity on Feb. 25. Wyly has blasted five homeruns this season for the Patriots.

Hot streak Softball team wins 14 consecutive games

Jake Waddingham
Sports Editor

After a quadruple game sweep over Ozarks University over the weekend, the Patriot softball team improved their overall record to 16-2.

"It was a great start to conference, our defense and pitching was outstanding," Coach Mike Reed said. "Any time you can go four games with no errors and only give up one run, it is a great weekend."

The Patriots got off to an unexpected start, falling to 2-2 after losing to Mary Hardin-Baylor University and Southwestern University on the road.

During their first home series, the University swept Trinity University and Austin College before going on the road again for the American Southwest Conference First Pitch Tournament.

"The tournament doesn't count for conference record, but it gave us a lot of confidence going into the first conference games," Reed said.

It was all offense in the first conference matchup with Sul Ross State. The Patriots blasted 29 runs in the shutout. During the second game, the University picked up another win over Concordia Texas, 9-3.

The second day of the tournament ended in similar results for the softball squad. During the early game the Patriots held Texas Lutheran to only one run, defeating the Bulldogs 8-1. The final game ended in a shutout over Hardin-Simmons, 11-0.

"We started hitting well with everyone in our lineup," Reed said. "Our team hitting really came together and helped us gain confidence. It was just a

good weekend that showed our mental toughness."

Due to their recent success the Patriots have climbed nine spots to 16th in the rankings put on by NFCA Division III Top 25 poll.

Coach Reed said the poll that matters is the NCAA poll that can determine making the post season. She said the other polls are nice publicity for the team, but it is more important that the team focuses on playing well.

Leading the Patriots this season are seniors Britanni Hanna and Whitney Wyly. Hanna is currently leading the team with a .510 batting average in 49 plate appearances.

She has also drawn 11 walks and only struck out once this season.

Wyly has already batted in 27 runs this season and has gone yard five times.

Taking care of the majority of the pitching responsibility for the University this season has been Katelyn Thomason, posting a record of 8-1 from the circle and an earned run average of 1.57. She also leads the team with 39 strikeouts pitched.

Kelly Burns holds a 5-0 pitching record and has only allowed two runs in 29.2 innings. Her first college start against Sul Ross was a shutout and a one-hitter.

"We are blessed with a deep pitching staff," Reed said. "We can throw something different when we have certain matchups."

The Patriots are back on the road March 19 to take one the University of Texas at Dallas in a two-game series. The next home series will be against Louisiana College on March 22.

Men fall short in ASC tournament

Jake Waddingham
Sports Editor

Late in the second half of the American Southwest Conference tournament, Mary Hardin-Baylor University held a 56-46 lead with 9:02 left to play. The



>>Track

Patriots battle wind, temps at Brook Hill

Jake Waddingham
Sports Editor

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UT Tyler 10, 0
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TRACK & FIELD

March 18 at Memphis, Tenn.
Rhodes Invitational

March 25 at Denton, Tx.
North Texas Open

March 26 at Commerce, Tx.
Texas A&M Commerce Invit.

GOLF

Feb. 28 at Kerrville, Tx.
Men — 1st
Women — 2nd

March 7 at Delhi, La.
Men — 3rd

March 7 at Temple, Tx.
Women — 6th

March 17 at Jekyll Island, Ga.
Oglethorpe Invit., 8 a.m.

TENNIS

March 14 at Claremont, Calif.
UT Tyler vs. Whitman
10 a.m.

March 15 at Pomona, Calif.
UT Tyler vs. Pomona Pitzer
10:30 a.m.

March 26 at Longview, Tx.
UT Tyler vs. LeTourneau
9 a.m.

March 26 at Home
UT Tyler vs. Louisiana College
2 p.m.

Patriots had been struggling to break the double-digit deficit since the start of the second half, trailing by 12.

"I remember thinking I didn't want it to end," junior Brandon Levine said. "We had a great group of seniors, and I didn't want it to be our last game together."

Playing in his last ASC tournament, senior Michael Johnson and teammate Levine took control of the Patriot offense, scoring the next 14 points and cutting the lead to 64-60 with just under five minutes.

UMHB converted a three-point play to regain a seven-point advantage, but Johnson answered back with a bucket from behind the line to make it 67-65.

"It was now or never, we were having trouble scoring and I wanted to do the best I could to be a spark and to help us get the win," Johnson said.

After recovering a long rebound, the Patriots had a three-on-one fast break opportunity, but the Cru managed a steal and was able to seal the victory from the charity stripe, 73-68.

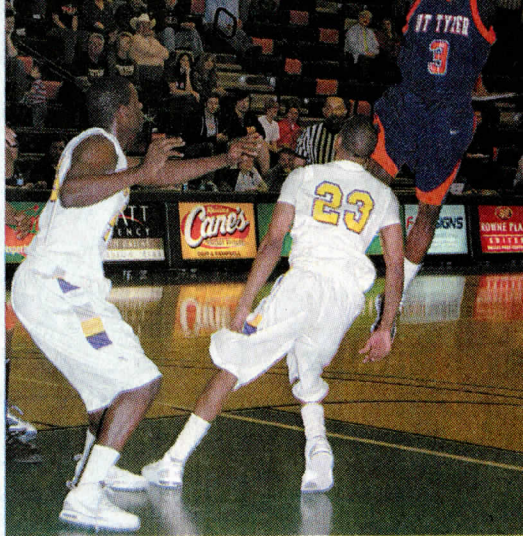
"It didn't end as well as I hoped it would, but we went down fighting," Johnson said. "We had to play through a lot of adversity this season."

The Patriot men finished the season with an overall record of 12-14 with an 11-9 finish in the conference standings. Following the ASC tournament, six Patriots were named to All-ASC basketball teams.

Levine, a junior, was named to the second team. He led the Patriots with 14 points per game. In the last four games of the season, Levine scored 27, 26, 27 and 20 points respectively.

Johnson finished the season with 10.5 ppg and was given an honorable mention spot on the ASC teams.

Pulling down 4.5 boards a game and averaging two swats a game for the University's defense, Jona-



TALON >> JAKE WADDINGHAM

Brandon Levine rises up for a jump shot during the American Southwest Conference tournament.

than Joyner earned the ASC East Division's All-Defensive Team.

Melissa Thomas landed on the ASC first team, leading the Patriot women with 14.5 ppg, 4.5 rebounds and 45 buckets from behind the arc.

Teammate Paige Parrish earned honorable mention after being named the ASC East Freshman of the Year last season. She finished just behind Thomas with 13.6 ppg.

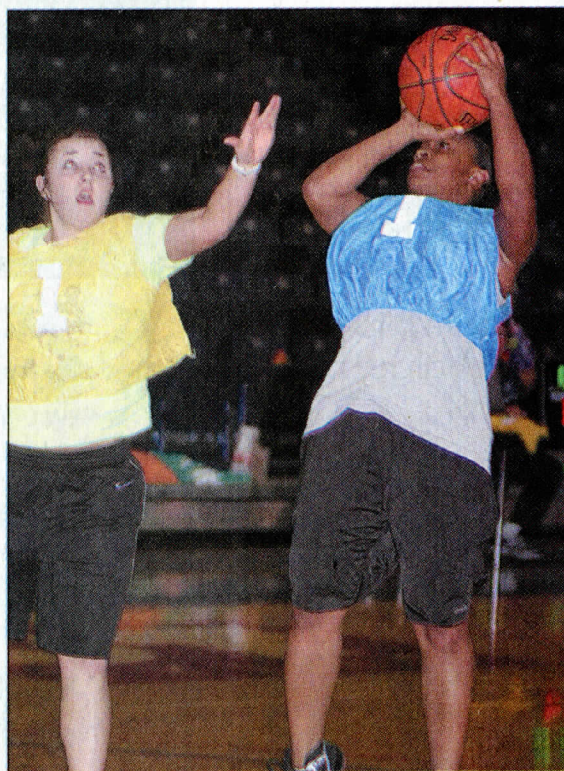
ASC East Freshman of the Year She'Cara Humphrey, averaged 5.8 ppg and 4.7 rebounds. The Patriots finished with a record of 11-14 overall, 9-11 in the ASC.

Intramural Basketball Championships

The Herrington Patriot Center held the intramural 5-on-5 basketball tournament championship for the men and women's division on Feb. 22.

Winning the women's bracket was Ballin' Babes - Kayla Bello, Andrea Melendez, Kristen Steele, Scarlett Tarno, Keoda Moore, Kendall Kramer, Brielle Money, Charity Ceaser, Jasmin Isom, Chelsey McKnight and Whitney Haynes.

Tune Squad won the men's division. Teammates included Kris Stanford, Mark Gill, Phillip Beasley, Peter Graddie, TJ Shaw, Michael McReynolds, Craig Murlithi, Kirk Swint and Drew Stewart.



TALON >> JAKE WADDINGHAM

The competition of other runners wasn't the only thing the Patriot track squad had to battle Saturday at Brook Hill High School during the Lon Morris Invitational. A stiff wind down the home stretch and warm conditions made racing a tough task.

Competition began at 9 a.m. with throws and jumps. Taylen Eckols won the women's shot put and Jackie Moore followed up with a third place finish.

For the second meet in a row, the Patriots jump squad had a strong performance in the triple jump, putting three guys in the top five, Josh Chapman, Chris Kearny and Joel Hunt.

During the meet at Texas A&M Commerce, Chapman landed just short of the provisional mark to qualify for the national meet. In Division III track and field, athletes qualify for the national meet based on times and distances. Every event is given an automatic qualifying mark and a provisional time or distance.

The provisional mark is not a guarantee that the athlete will qualify, the best times and distances are selected until the event is full.

The mid-distance runners continued their strong performances. After being nipped at the line at Commerce, Ross Renferoe ran away from the field in the 1500, finishing with a 4:03.

Nick Huff continued to improve in the open 800, setting a new personal best with a 1:57. He finished second overall.

"That race taught me to toughen up physically and mentally," Huff said. "It was difficult not to go out at my set pace, with the large field I had to rush the first 200 meters."

Also running the open 800, Ford Noack finished in 2:00, Cesar Rodriguez ran 2:07 and Jacob Bremer went 2:10.

Huff also helped Tanner Chambliss, Renferoe and Ford Noack in the 4x400 meter relay. The quartet was less than a second off of a new school record. Chambliss also competed in the open 400 earlier in the meet, winning his heat with a strong finish-

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ing kick.

"I slipped out of the blocks at the start of the race, but I was able to relax over the next 150 meters," Chambliss said. "I just gave it all I had, and I passed everyone and won my heat."

Also setting a new personal best was Will Krogman, improving his 1500 meter time to 4:15.

Jeff Chandler finished in third place in a large 5k field. Teammate Alex Wilson improved his time this season to 16:45.

"The Kenyan (Texas Wesleyan) and I battled the whole race, throwing random surges at each other," Chandler said. "I was happy he ran like a man and battled with me for the lead, he just had a little bit more than me on the last lap."

In the sprints, Andrew Chadborne led the way with a strong performance in the 200 with a low 22-second performance.

The Patriots 4x100 meter team of Monta Jeffley, Hunt, Kearny and Shane Burke also just missed a new school record, finishing third in the event.

Jeffley had a personal best in the long jump and improved his 200 meter time.

For the women, Jessica Waninger finished second in the 5k. The windy conditions caused a slower pace compared to her 18:55 performance at the Trinity Invitational.

In the 5k at Brook Hill, Baylee Talaska allowed Waninger to draft off of her for two laps so Waninger would not have to fight the head wind the whole race.

Waninger is going to school online this semester while living in San Antonio to train with her triathlon coach.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Kealey Gassney won the race. She also competed in the 400 meter hurdles.

Missy Herbert, Claudia Cardenas and Leah Soloman also ran for the Patriot women.

Due to the Texas Christian University meet only allowing Division I athletes, the Patriots will travel a select team to Memphis, Tenn. The group will compete against some of the stronger Division III schools from the region.

Student tries to redefine definition of beauty

Web publication aims to promote natural beauty in society

Lea Rittenhouse

Web Managing Editor

University graduate student Caleb Krause decided to create an online publication that stands for natural beauty.

He got the idea after seeing a classmate's presentation in class.

Krause said the presentation illustrated how culture is affected by the unobtainable standard of beauty.

"They showed a picture of a model getting her picture taken for an ad," he said. "The person who she was when she got her picture taken compared to the person who she was when they finished with Photoshop and all of that were two totally different people," Krause said.

He said society gives a false perception of what is considered beauty.

"In order to get it, you almost have to have cosmetic surgery," Krause said.

He said everyone in the classroom had strong opinions on the topic of beauty alterations.

"I am probably 98 percent against it," Krause said. "I understand cosmetic surgery for purposes of maybe like car wrecks and stuff like that."

Krause believes the concept of people thinking they need to enhance their careers by having plastic surgery or cosmetic surgery or use photo alterations is unnecessary.

"It's damaging the way we think beauty should be," he said. "It's kind of hindering to our culture."

Because of the motivation he received from his friend's presentation on beauty and his previous interest in writing, he decided to start an online publication that would showcase photos of models that have not had plastic surgery and have not been significantly digitally altered.

"We are trying to bring people back to natural beauty," Krause said. "In a sense, we are trying to prove that natural beauty can sell just as good, if not better than the unreal, fake beauty that is kind of being pressed into our culture."

The publication is called *Already Gorgeous* and currently has more than seven contributing writers.

Actress, writer and producer Alicia Lara is a contributing columnist for *Already Gorgeous* while living in Los Angeles.

Lara writes a monthly column with a focus on how beauty is dealt with from a point of view within the entertainment industry.

"I feel that the entertainment and fashion industries should present a wider variation of images, as they control what's in fashion," she said. "What is seen in film, on TV and in magazines shapes our society's standards of beauty, and I don't think the standards should be so rigid."

She started writing for the publication because she previously knew Krause via a connection made on Twitter.

Already Gorgeous became available on the Internet Feb. 1 and has a record of more than 300 views in one day.

Krause said the current target audience are people aged 18 to 45.

As the editor in chief, Krause decided to feature a charity each month to help support non-profit work.

"I thought that it would be awesome to use this platform to help charities," he said. "Right now, we are doing local stuff."

In February, *Already Gorgeous* featured People Attempting to Help People and currently is promoting the East Texas Humane Society for the month of March.

Eventually, Krause said he would like to see the publication in stores sold next to all the top-name magazines of its genre.

"I'm sure that's a long road away," he said. "So, right now, I'd like to see it get a lot of hits a day."

Emily Smith, a junior nursing major, said some people take body image to the extreme.

"Some people are really paranoid about how they look, and they want to be the thin people, and they want to look like models and have the perfect figure and the perfect hair," Smith said.

Smith said she doesn't agree with physical or photo alterations.

"I think it's ridiculous because that person is totally made over," she said. "It's not their true self."

She believes society makes it harder to be naturally beautiful but finds confidence in having friends that accept her.

"I don't really care too much about what people think about me, as long as my friends like me," Smith said.

Emily Hare, a junior nursing major, said she defines beauty by an individual's character and not by looks.

"It's how you feel and how you act and how you treat people," Hare said. "I think it's false to say someone is beautiful by just looking at them because you don't really know them."

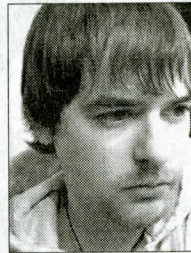
She said she has found confidence in the fact that her looks will not change.

"This is how I look," Hare said. "Even if you put makeup on me, it doesn't make me look that much better."

George Lewis, Tyler Junior College student, believes a girl is beautiful when she is confident.

"Not because of the way her hair looks or a brand of clothes she wears. To me she is beautiful because her values and personality are reflected inside out and to some degree I can relate to them," Lewis said.

Krause said he is always open to students who are interested in contributing or modeling.



KRAUSE



TALON >> COURTESY PHOTO

Models Bree Richards (above) and Jessica Alexander appear in University student Caleb Krause's web publication, *Already Gorgeous*. The publication features and promotes models who have not had plastic surgery or any type of physical alterations. The photos also cannot be significantly digitally altered.

Improv team stands again

Former University students continue comedy group

Jennifer Harris
Contributing writer

Card 53 is an improvisational group originating from former students Jamey Whitley and Aaron "Smitty" Smith, who met while taking a theater class at the University.

Together, they created the student-theater organization, Patriot Act, in hopes to improve student awareness.

"We saw a need for more support for a dying program on campus," Whitley said.

The organization was new, which meant funds were nonexistent. Whitley and Smith decided to do what they did best - be funny.

The dynamic duo knew improvisation was the way to go and recruited friend Chris Pelton, also a recent UT Tyler graduate, to help them launch their first show.

"Aaron called me up one Monday night, asked if I was free Thursday, and told me I was going to do an improv show with him and Jamey," Pelton said. "I was in from that phone call."

Card 53's first performance for University students in December 2009 was the beginning of something bigger for the trio. The show was a hit, and they knew they had done what they set out to do.

Both Smith and Pelton had an already great chemistry from working together in high school. They were in an improv group for a creative-problem-solving competition called Destination Imagination.

"I think we chose the route of improv, so we didn't have to do any work for DI and could just get up and perform and get out of school for a few days," Smith said. "What ended up starting as a farce became an obsession."

Whitley also took to improvisational comedy and found it to be a "natural love." He was introduced to comedy exercises while attending his acting class at the University.

"My outgoing personality mixed with being able to act like an idiot and get away with it made it a pretty good combination," he said.

A typical Card 53 show consists of eight sketches, or games, ranging from three to five minutes each. The beauty of improvisation is found within the audience, as each sketch requires their participation.

They ask the audience for suggestions for each game. This may include locations, emotions, movie genres or an object. Sometimes the sketches are scene-based while others require an audience member to be on stage.

The actors then perform by pure instinct. Everything the audience sees and hears is completely made up from their suggestions.

Members of Card 53 said performing comedy is a complete adrenaline rush. Not only are they getting on stage in front of a lot of people having to make stuff up on the spot, but also they realize there is a risk it may not work.

"You don't know what's coming, and you have to try your hardest to make things make sense in the skit," Smith said.

As Card 53 grew in popularity, so did its size. The group seemed to add an additional member almost every show.

The comical team now has three more members, making a total of six.

Lukas Neubauer, Brad Johnson and R.J. Norman bring their own sense of comedy and energy to the group.



SMITH



WHITLEY

Whitley said they are just a group of friends goofing off that allow people to watch them act stupid together.

Card 53's latest show at the University was the first since all members have graduated.

In a game called "Changing Emotions," three members were acting out the scene of a car wreck, using the random emotions and characters given from the audience.

At one point, Whitley was a zombie, Smith was a ninja and Pelton was a sorority girl—all at the same time.

Laughter radiated throughout the dimly lit sports café, as the hilarity continued during the night.

Members said it was the most successful show to date.

"This was the first show that I really felt the rush that comedians are always talking about," Whitley said. "I literally felt like I was jumping out of a plane. In fact, I couldn't even go to sleep that night."

Now that all members are recent college graduates, they are looking to expand their horizons, as they enter Tyler nightlife.

They plan to post videos like Saturday Night Lives' Digital Shorts on websites such as Funny or Die, YouTube and their own website that is currently in development. The group also has a Facebook page.

The team is also looking into teaching improv workshops for the public. They believe everyone can benefit from improvisational training.

Their next performance will be on March 18 at the Caldwell Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$5 and students \$3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the show begins at 7 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit John Tyler High School choir and theater students, who are currently raising money to fund a trip to New York City. Through this experience of a lifetime, they hope to gain a deeper knowledge and respect for the arts as well.

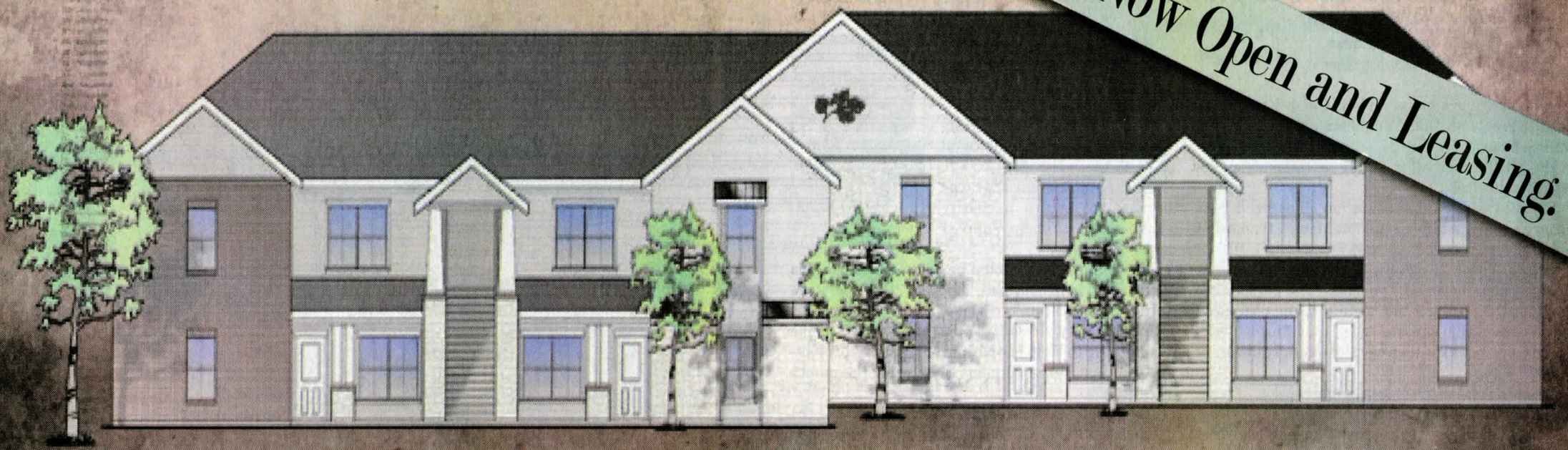
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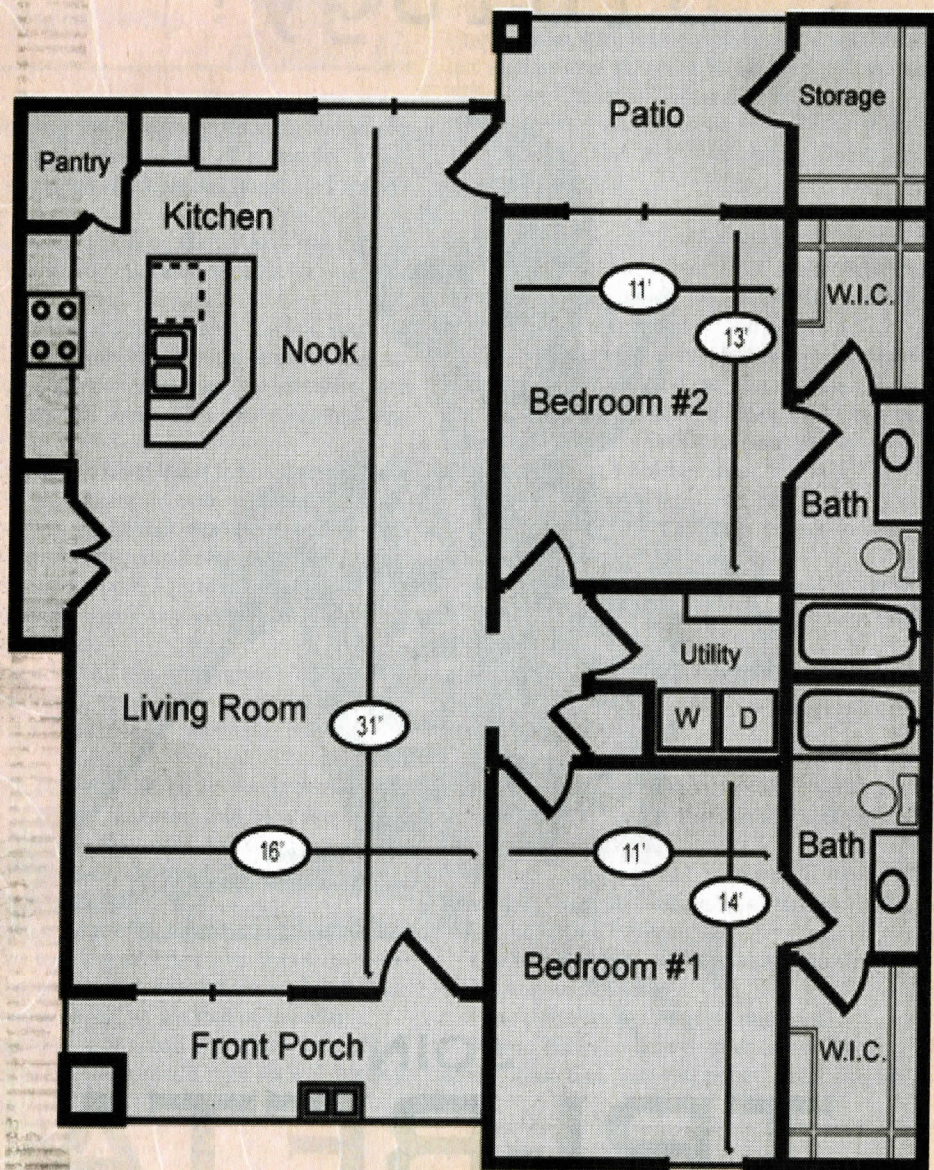



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