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HOP challenged by student press lawyers

Administration defends handbook, citing endorsement from own system attorneys

by Melissa Tresner

Editor in chief

First Amendment experts dispute the legality of new policies that would give administrators control over *The Patriot* and other University publications.

Approved changes include a governing board made up of four vice presidents and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences that has the power to make staffing decisions and policies for student publications.

"These proposed policies clearly run afoul of the First Amendment protections you and other student journalists on the staff of *The Patriot* are entitled to," Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said in a letter to *The Patriot*.

Dr. David O'Keefe, provost

and vice president of academic affairs, defended the University's section.

Handbook of Operating Procedures, which has been reviewed by University of Texas System attorneys for "consistency with UT Regents Rules and all applicable law," but the handbook is still open for revision.

He, however, could not answer specific questions about the changes to the student publications section, referring questions to Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for college administration, who O'Keefe said

"Taking this authority away from student editors is clearly a ... violation."

— MARK GOODMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
SPLC

The Patriot asked the agency's attorneys to review the University's HOP and give an opinion about the relationship between the student media and a

Lunsford did not return a telephone message seeking comment on Wednesday.

The SPLC, located in Arlington, VA is staffed with attorneys who provide free legal assistance to members of the student media.

The new HOP, which has been in the process of review over the last two years, the provost said, was released via the University's web site during Spring Break.

The UT System Office of General Council, which performs the principal legal services for the University and the other component institutions,

approved the handbook in November, O'Keefe said.

At issue is Chapter 2, Section 11 of the handbook, which outlines the purpose of student publications, gives a statement of editorial

responsibility, lists the types of publications and describes the duties and composition of the Publication Administrative Council.

The council, which is now made up of the four University vice presidents, including Mary Untersee, vice president for university advancement, Dr. Jim

Ferguson, vice president for business affairs, Lunsford and O'Keefe, as well as the dean of arts and sciences, Dr. Donna Dickerson will have authority to annually appoint a faculty or staff adviser,

student editor, student business manager and student editorial workers.

The group may also take disciplinary action against those appointees for a violation of the council's policies or for nonperformance of duties, according to the handbook. The council will determine compensation for those members, as well.

Furthermore, the administrators will have authority to "determine the character and policies of all student publications; and determine and implement operating policies defining the duties of the faculty or staff advisors and student editors."

"While one must rationally question the wisdom of allowing administrators to have sole discretion over the hiring and firing of

HANDBOOK, Page 6

Newspaper editors file open record

Taking a break



Voters resolve

complaint

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

The Patriot sought help from the Texas attorney general on April 4, alleging the University police department has consistently failed to release public information.

Police reports received last week containing public information blacked out prompted the newspaper editors to draft the complaint, editor in chief Melissa Tresner said.

Tresner said she has tried to work with the police department to solve the problem, but to no avail.

"There are still problems with names and addresses being blacked out or omitted," she said.

According to Section 552.108 of the Texas Public Information Act, police are required to release the name, age and address of an arrested person and a detailed description of the offense.

Some information may be withheld if publication will hinder an open investigation, but the police must provide a detailed description of the incident and explain how the information would interfere with the case, according to the Public Information Handbook published by the attorney general's office.

The AG maintains an Open Government Hotline to answer questions about public information.

Tresner said she consulted Mannie Ruiz, an investigator in the open records division of the attorney general's office, who recommended The Patriot file an informal complaint.

She said the police department has made some progress in the amount of information released since she became editor in January 2001.

"We have resolved some issues," Tresner said.

Originally the newspaper received only the front pages of police reports, she said.

COMPLAINT, Page 6



CAPTIVATED: Grand Saline High School tennis players Rachel Beasley, right, Lacie Dugan, Shannon Miller, Valerie Cofman, Ashley Villanueva and Ainsly Allan relax and watch their teammates battle it out on the court at the 2A District tennis competition held on campus April 3.

—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

election mishaps

by T. Evan Fisher
Staff writer

Student voters elected six senators to represent the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences in special SGA elections held March 20-21, Shaune Martinez, SGA adviser, said.

SGA members declared the election results from March 6-7 invalid because a large number of ballots were filled out incorrectly.

Dustin Porter, a freshman chemistry major, was elected as the sciences senator with 12 votes, he said.

Carla Reynolds, an undecided junior, was elected as the arts senator by defeating Ryan Hattier, a senior history major, with four votes in a run-off election after the two tied with three votes each in the special election, the adviser said.

Martinez said Sean Butler, a

ELECTIONS, Page 6

Students win top journalism prizes

by Melissa Jacquez
Staff writer

Two Patriot editors placed among the top student journalists in the state at the annual Texas International Collegiate Press Association on-site contest conducted March 28 in Fort Worth.

Feature page editor Robert Boggs, a sophomore journalism/computer science major, won first place in copy editing, and editor in chief Melissa Tresner, a senior journalism major, won second place in headline writing and in print news writing.

The contest was part of the annual three-day TIPA convention held this year at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Fort Worth. The winners were announced during a March 30 banquet.

The on-site competition includes print, radio, advertising,



BOGGS



TRESNER

public relations and photography categories with student entries from across the state.

Boggs was among 21 contestants who were given one hour to edit three actual Associated Press stories.

"I wasn't too surprised about Robert winning because I know he has won awards in high school competitions. What's really promising is that we'll have Robert for another two years," Vanessa Curry, Patriot adviser, said.

In print news writing, Tresner competed against 55 other contestants.

Students attended a press conference and then were given one hour to write a news story.

Tresner won first place in this category last year.

"I've always been confident in Melissa's ability, not only as a leader, but also for her writing skills," Curry said.

Tresner also competed against 31 other contestants in the headline writing category. In this event, the students were given 45 minutes to write five headlines for actual stories on the front page of the Austin American Statesman.

Tresner's "placing in two on-site contests this year proves that last year's win was not a fluke," Curry said.

(See Page six for more results.)

Appreciation shines on students April 15

For the second consecutive year University officials will show their appreciation for students with daily events designed to relieve the pressures of school.

Student Appreciation Week begins April 15 with Fun Flicks and ends April 20 with the annual Student Government Association spring dance.

Scheduled events include:

- April 15 - "Fun Flicks" Students can make their own music video from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in UC Room 118.

- April 16 - Movie Day. Feature to be presented at noon in UC 118 and again at 6 p.m. in the University Pines clubhouse. Snacks will be provided.

- April 17 - Block Party fea-

turing "The Rick Kelley Show" at noon in the University Center. Also FREE student car wash at 3 p.m. at UPines.

- April 18 - Patriot Games competition begins at 2 p.m. around campus.

- April 19 - "Big Scoop" ice cream party at noon at the University Center.

Also the "Battle of the UT Tyler Colleges in the Intramural Strike Out" bowling tournament at 2 p.m. at Green Acres Bowling Center.

- April 20 - SGA spring dance at the University Center at 7 p.m.

Call Ernest McAllister, student activities coordinator, at 566-7281 for questions about the week's events.

Be brave



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

THIS WON'T HURT A BIT: A technician from Stuart Regional Blood Center prepares to draw blood from senior Chris Rhudy March 19. Each person who donated received a free t-shirt for their contribution.

Read about The Renaissance Faire
on pages 10 and 11

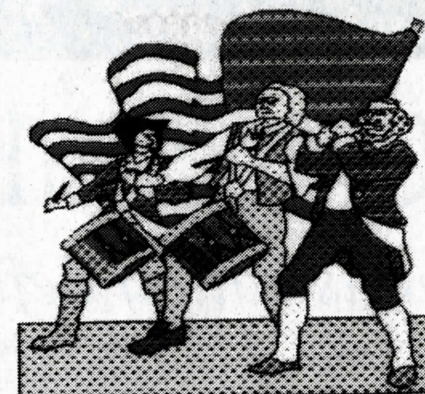
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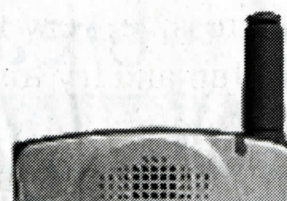
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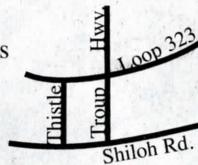
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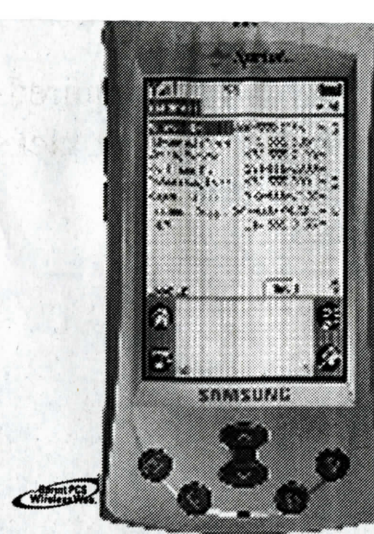
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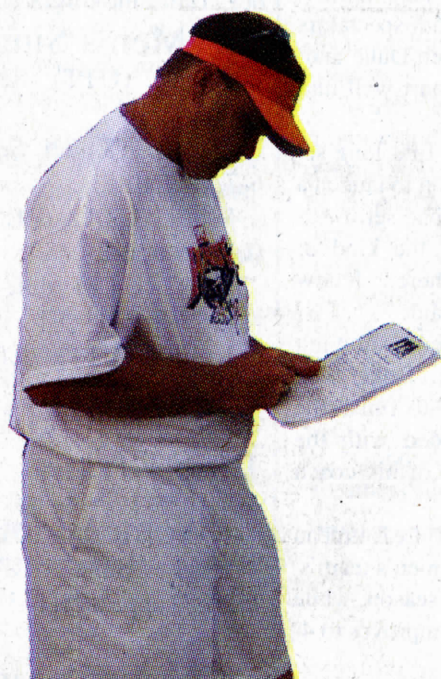
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Inside Men's Tennis

Coach Ken Olivier



Credentials: Master's Degree in Kinesiology

Home state: California

Mantra: "To use my experience and education to help young people improve in life and in tennis."

Outlook for Patriot tennis: "We are going to win. We will not sacrifice academics, but we will win tennis matches in the future."

Proudest coaching accomplishment: My daughter, ranked seventh in the state, and my current team

Proudest playing accomplishment: National Championship singles and doubles victory in 1989, winning award for outstanding player of the tournament, ended up ranked #1 in the nation

Mayur Naik

Major: Undecided

DOB: November 11, 1983

Playing Style: Like Agassi

Tennis Goals: Do well in college as a tennis player and try to become pro

Playing experience: 6 years

Best thing about being a Patriot team member: Getting to miss school sometimes

Inspiration: "My dad got me to play and I started playing because I liked it."



Stephen Brouer

Major: Finance

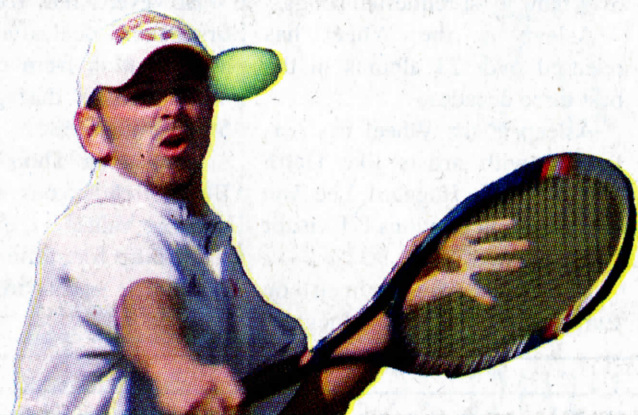
DOB: May 12, 1982

Playing Style: "Aggressive, very fast-paced."

Tennis Goals: Have fun and try to win nationals

Playing Experience: 6 years

Extracurricular Activities: Student Activities Programming Board,



Freshman Orientation Leader

Practice Habits: Only when required - more interested in competition.

"When the match starts, an instinct kicks in and takes over."

P.J. Alexander

Major: Biology

DOB: October 31, 1980

Playing Style: A constant baseliner

Tennis Goals: Stay healthy, have fun

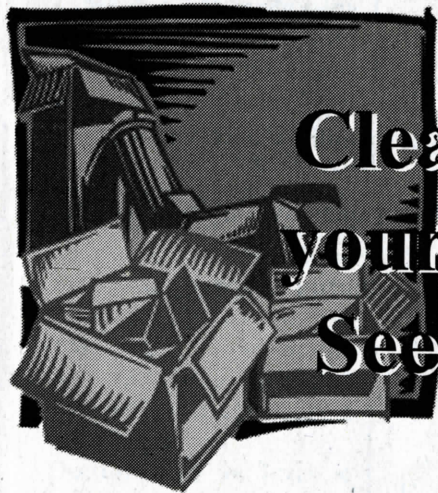
Playing experience: 10 years

Best thing about being a Patriot team member: Traveling and meeting new players

Inspiration: My mother and my grandmother wanted me to have something to do.



photos by T. Evan Fisher



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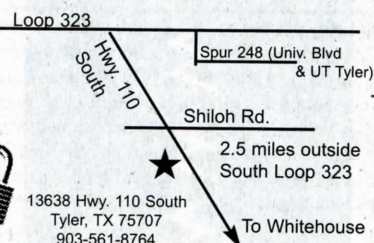
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-T. Evan Fisher/The Patriot

HERE IT COMES: Stephanie Hughes, in a doubles match, gets ready to serve in her match against University of Dallas players March 28 at the Summer Tennis Center.

Tyler netters victorious on home court

by **T. Evan Fisher**
Staff writer

In the first home tilt of the semester for the Patriot men's and women's tennis teams, both teams handily defeated the visitors from LeTourneau University.

The Patriot teams opened their spring season against LeTourneau in Longview on Jan. 26 with a victory for both Patriot teams. The University of Texas at Tyler teams completed a season sweep of LeTourneau at the Summer's Tennis Center on March 28.

Dozens of students, relatives, administrators and other spectators stood in clusters or lugged around folding chairs to watch the matches on this sunny afternoon.

Team spirit is always lifted when playing at home, especially against opponents they have faced and defeated earlier in the season, Olivier said.

"They don't want to lose at home. When you're at your school, where you go to school, you don't want to lose to your rivals," Olivier said.

The competition began with doubles matches, where the Patriot

men suffered their only loss of the day when Maciek Hunek and Justin Duke lost a hard-fought set to LeTourneau's top-seeded team of Ben Scott and Andy Seal.

The Patriot men easily won their other two doubles matches, and the women's pair of April Bancod and Stephanie Hughes prevailed over Amanda Davis and Rebecca Zappasodi.

All players kept and reported their own scores on the honor system, and then geared up for their single's matches with very little rest.

In singles competition, the Patriot women's team suffered their only loss of the day by default when Stephanie Hughes was forced to leave her match against Amanda Davis early because of an academic commitment.

The men's singles matches yielded some easy victories for the Patriots, including P. J. Alexander's shutout of Mike Carylo.

"I feel so happy. I feel like I just won the Mr. America pageant," Alexander said afterward.

However, the most competitive and hard-fought match of the

day was held between UT Tyler's Justin Duke and LeTourneau's Andy Seal. As all the other matches ended, players and spectators alike gathered to watch Duke and Seals battle on the court well into the evening.

Duke dropped the first long set to Seals and then began to launch a comeback in the second set.

"He (Duke) is in the kind of shape to stay out there," fellow player Bryan Whitt said.

With both players showing signs of exhaustion, Duke won a fierce 18 game set to finish the day and was rewarded with the applause and cheers of his coach and teammates.

The victory over LeTourneau improves the Patriot men's team's record to 4-3 on the season, while the women's record improves to 4-1.

Men's Doubles:

Scott/Seal (LU) def. Hune k/Duke (UTT), 8-6

Whitt/Naik (UTT) def. Waskey/Silverthorne (LU), 8

-1 Alexander/Brouer (UTT) def. Tallman/Knight (LU), 8-2

Men's Singles

Hunek (UTT) def. Scott (LU), 6-2, 6-1

Duke (UTT) def. Seal (LU), 6-7, 6-2, 10-8

Whitt (UTT) def. Tallman (LU), 6-0, 6-2

Naik (UTT) def. Waskey (LU), 6-1, 6-1

Brouer (UTT) def. Knight (LU), 6-3, 6-2

Alexander (UTT) def. Carylo (LU), 6-0, 6-0

Womens doubles:

Hughes/Bancod (UTT) def. Davis/Zappasodi, 8-5

Women's singles:

Davis (LU) def. Hughes (UTT), default

Bancod (UTT) def. Zappasodi (LU), 9-7

Jacobs (UTT) def. Manns (LU), 8-0

Patriots win some, lose some

by **T. Evan Fisher**
Staff writer

The Patriot tennis team traveled to the metroplex on March 22, when both men's and women's teams competed against the University of Dallas.

The men's team lost only one single's match and improved their season record to 3-3 with the victory.

However, the Patriot women's team made the trip without the aid of freshman player Karoline Jacobs and was outmatched by the University of Dallas women.

Men:

Hunek/Brouer (UTT) def. Wagner/Gil (UD), 8-3

Whitt/Duke (UTT) def. Antonelli/Hill (UD), 8-4

Naik/Alexander (UTT) def. Watson/Toledo (UD), 8-0

Hunek (UTT) def. Wagner (UD), 6-3, 6-3

Gil (UD) def. Whitt (UTT), 1-6, 7-5, 6-3

Duke (UTT) def. Antonelli (UD), 7-5, 6-2

Brouer (UTT) def. Hill

(UD), 6-0, 6-1

Naik (UTT) def. Watson (UD), 6-0, 6-0

Alexander (UTT) def. Toledo (UD), 6-3, 6-3

Women:

Gaunt/McMinn (UD) def. Bancod/Hughes (UTT), 9-7

Gaunt (UD) def. Hughes (UTT), 6-2, 6-0

McMinn (UD) def. Bancod (UTT), 6-3, 6-4

Country band to perform at event

Asleep at the Wheel booked for scholarship fundraiser

by **Conchetta San Filippo**
Staff writer

The nine-time Grammy award-winning country band, Asleep at the Wheel, has been booked to headline at the UT Tyler Texas Shootout Barbecue May 18.

The renowned vocal group was brought in for the Patriot scholarship program fundraiser, whose current goal is set for \$100,000.

Sponsorship tables for ten are available for \$1,500 and individual tickets go on sale for \$75 each.

Asleep at the Wheel earned a

Grammy in 2000 for their single, "Cherokee Maiden" and have recently released "The Very Best of Asleep at the Wheel", their first greatest hits album to contain all over their most requested songs.

Asleep at the Wheel has released over 23 albums in the past three decades.

Asleep at the Wheel has performed with artists like Garth Brooks, Merle Haggard, Lee Ann Womack, and previous UT visitor Lyle Lovett.

They also have been on European tours with bluegrass

singer, Emmylou Harris and folk rocker Bob Dylan.

Asleep at the Wheel as been together since 1970 and got its start opening for Alice Cooper.

However, they recieved their first record deal after an honorable mention from rock legend, Van Morrison during a Rolling Stone's interview.

Also at the Shootout, A 2002 Buick Rendezvous sport utility vehicle, valued at over \$25,000 will be up for raffle. Three hundred raffle tickets are on sale for \$100 each.

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<p><u>April 22</u></p> <p>"Historical Roots of Contemporary Poetry"</p> <p>Lecture & Discussion by Peter Hoheisel</p> <p>6:30-8 p.m. In the Library</p>	<p><u>April 26</u></p> <p>Barnes and Noble Poetry Night 7 p.m.</p> <p>Library's Online Poetry Contest Ends 5 p.m. today!</p>	<p><u>April 30</u></p> <p>Poetry Contest Awards Program 1-3 p.m.</p> <p>A panel of UT Tyler faculty & librarians will judge.</p> <p>Program Features Published Poets from East Texas Reading their own Poetry. Everyone is Welcome!</p>

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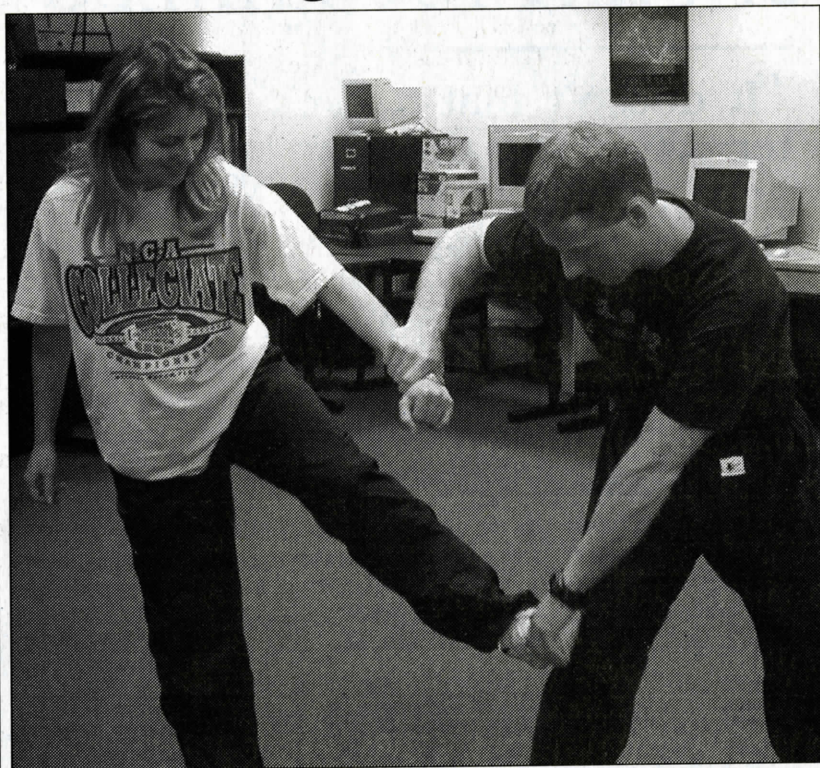
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Fight back



—Melissa Tresner/The Patriot

READY TO STRIKE: As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the University's counseling department planned for Brandon Jones, owner of Tyler Kung Fu and Fitness, to teach a self defense class for women. Angela Roe attended the class and learned more about protecting herself from attackers by drawing attention to her predicament and fighting back.

Police reports

The following is a list of incident reports occurring on campus from March 9 through March 20, 2002.

- March 9 - A campus police officer reported finding a parking lot sign for Lot #9. The sign was located on the ground where it had been torn from its post.
- March 9 - A University student was arrested for possessing a prohibited weapon, possession of marijuana and pos-

session of drug paraphernalia.

- March 16 - Police investigated graffiti written in chalk on the sidewalk between Harvey Lake.
- March 17 - A burglary was reported at University Pines Apartments.

The 18-year-old victim reported several items missing, including a stereo, two cordless telephones, a pioneer car stereo, speaker and amplifier were taken from his apartment.

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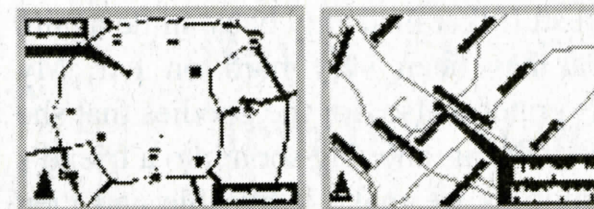
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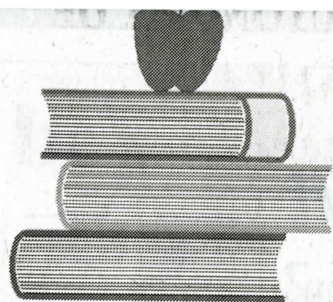
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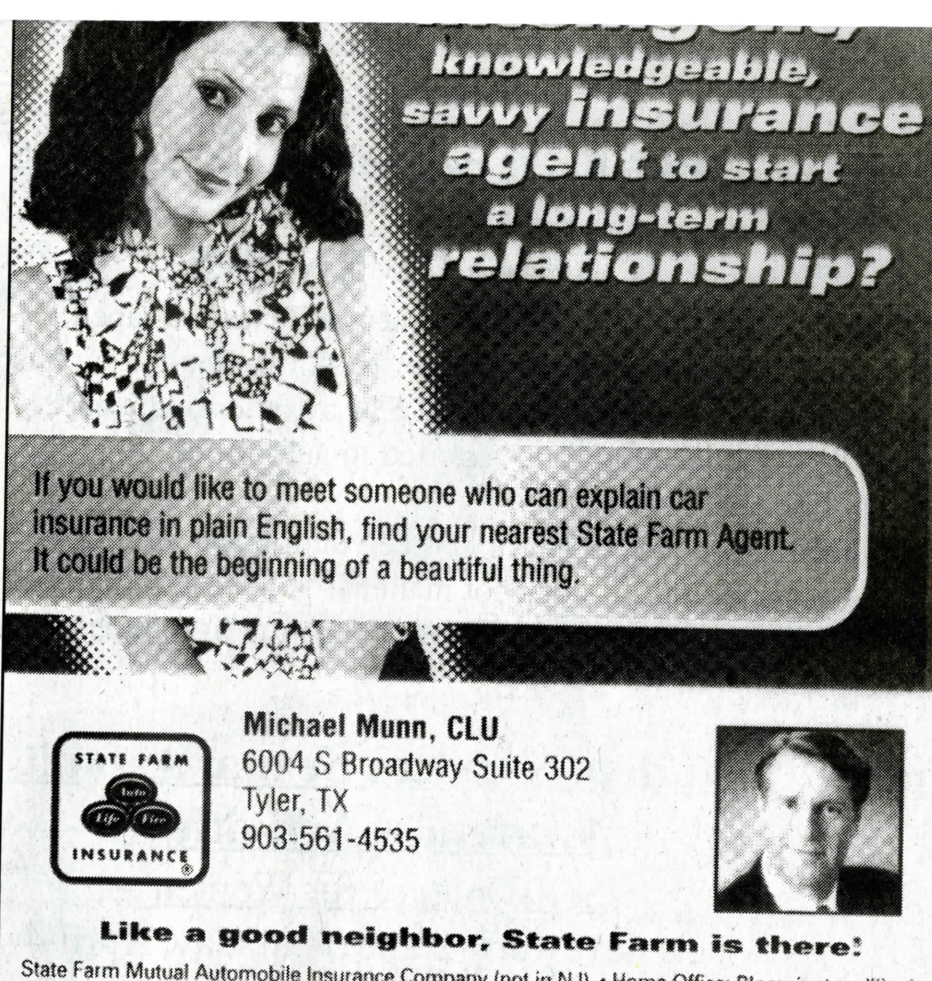
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HANDBOOK

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student editors, even more troublesome is the fact that this body is allowed to 'determine the policies and character of all student publications,' Goodman said. "To the extent that 'character and policies' refer to content, the First Amendment simply does not allow this body such control."

Goodman also disputed the authority given to a review committee consisting of one journalism student, one journalism faculty member and the Director of News and Information. According to the HOP, this committee will hear all appeals and make a final decision on withholding disputes concerning what material the editor decides to publish or not publish in *The Patriot*.

"Taking this authority away from student editors is clearly a First Amendment violation," Goodman said.

Although the HOP assigns the editor responsibility of "prepublication critique of material submitted for publication" it also states the review committee will have "final" say so of all appeals on withholding decisions.

Goodman also challenged the section of the handbook relating to other publications, which would

include the Student Government Association's *Informer* and the campus' literary magazine *The Laurel*.

"The University cannot require prior approval before students are allowed to distribute publications on campus, nor may they prohibit anonymous publications," he said. "These provisions are unconstitutional on their face."

The previous handbook, published in 1993, also allowed for a Publication Administrative Council to appoint the adviser, editor and business manager, but the council has not been active.

O'Keeffe said the council will no longer be inactive, but as of yet administrators "have not been able to get it started."

He said his predecessor, Dr. W.A. Baker, began the process of revising the HOP two years ago, but the task was still underway when he was appointed to the University in June.

The HOP "had been lagging over the past eight years," and administrators were anxious to update policies, O'Keeffe said.

Patriot editors researched other UT System policies and found that UT Austin and UT Arlington both have publication boards, but their

members include a mixture of students, faculty and administrators.

For instance, UT Austin's Board of Operating Trustees is composed of four undergraduate students from the journalism department or the advertising department, two students elected at large from the student body, two faculty members from the journalism department, one faculty member from the College of Business Administration and two professional newspapermen or newspaperwomen.

Also, the handbook's revision was made with no input from faculty members of the journalism department.

"The approved Student Publications Sections (Chapter 2, section 11) contains some changes recommended as part of the UT system approval process," O'Keeffe said. "However, the essential nature of the policy is unchanged from the 1993 version of the Handbook."

O'Keeffe said he expected to be taking suggestions from faculty for the next year concerning changes to the HOP.

"We know there's still things that need to be worked on," he said.

Newspaper staff recognized

by Melissa Jacquez
Staff writer

For the second consecutive year, staff members of *The Patriot* won second place in Best of Show in the pre-published contest at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention on March 28.

The Patriot staff also won five other awards including second place for a news feature and honorable mentions in four other categories.

The three-day convention took place at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Fort Worth and concluded March 30 with an awards banquet.

The Patriot staff elected to competed in Division II, which involves student newspapers at Texas universities or colleges with an enrollment of 7,500 or more. Based on the University's enrollment, *The Patriot* should be in Division III.

"We choose to be in a higher category because I believe we're good enough," *Patriot* adviser Vanessa Curry said. "It doesn't matter the size the school, it's the quality of your staff."

In the Best of Show competition, student newspapers from across the state submit one issue

"It doesn't matter the size of your school, it's the quality of your staff."

— VANESSA CURRY
PATRIOT ADVISER

that was published during the spring 2002 semester.

The Patriot competed with four-year colleges who publish a newspaper fewer than four times a week.

The University Star at Southwest Texas State University won first place in this category. *The Patriot* won second and the Cauldron at the University of St. Thomas won third.

The panel of three senior editors at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram judged the entries.

"This is a very good college newspaper - good coverage of its campus, accented with excellent writing, good photos, nice layout and great headlines. Superb job overall," the panel said about *The*

Patriot.

For the pre-published contest, entries were submitted in various categories from a student paper published during the 2001 calendar year.

Melissa Tresner, a senior and the editor in chief of *The Patriot*, won second place for a news feature titled "Terrorism Hits Home." The article was about the Sept. 11 events and Dean Jim Hutto's concerns for his son who worked in the World Trade Center.

Senior Lana Cain received an honorable mention for a feature story. Cain was the feature editor of *The Patriot* last fall.

Robert Boggs, a sophomore, won an honorable mention for a picture story about the *Patriot* Games. Boggs is the entertainment editor for the *Patriot*.

The Patriot staff won an honorable mention for a series of ads about the campus bookstore.

The staff also won an honorable mention for a special section focused on international students on campus. Those who contributed to this special section are: Boggs, Tresner, Melissa Jacquez, Janna McClure, Satoo Nakai, Shalina Ramirez, Conchetta San Filippo and Godfrey Tembo.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped me in my time of need. Especially the ones who donated the vital stuff that made my baby smile again. This ordeal has been very hard on her. My daughter is grateful also, for the goodies that she has received. We are moving soon into a friend's house as soon as we make it liveable and then maybe we will be able to get back to normal.

Thank you again,
Mary Mauk

ELECTIONS

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sophomore chemistry major, was elected as the at-large senator for the College of Arts and Sciences with 11 votes.

Timothy Schultz, a junior electrical engineering major, was named the engineering senator after receiving 26 votes, and Eric Smith, a junior computer information systems major, was elected as the computer sciences senator with seven votes.

Mitchell Spradlin, also a junior electrical engineering major, was elected as the at-large senator for

the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences with six votes.

A two-way tie for the position of at-large senator from the College of Education and Psychology was resolved without a run-off election, Martinez said.

The election was unnecessary because Henrique Larrew's candidacy was invalidated, he said.

Thus, Aimee Griffey, former SGA president, won the senate position with a single write-in vote during the March 6 and 7 elections, he said.

COMPLAINT

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Following a meeting with former Police Chief Robert Hudson, supplemental pages to the reports began to be included, but some information was still blacked out, she added.

She said meetings with current Police Chief Charles Oliphant and former compliance officer Kristi Fisher did not solve the problem.

"In order to get this issue resolved as quickly as possible, I felt like we needed to get the attorney general involved," the

newspaper editor said.

After receiving the complaint, the attorney general's office will attempt to mediate the problem informally.

Tresner opted not to file a formal complaint because she said she thinks the issue can be resolved without involving the district attorney.

The district attorney can bring a suit against a governmental body that does not comply with the open records law.

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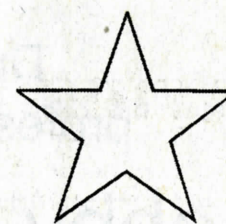
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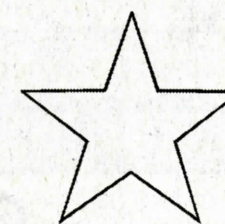
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—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT: President Rodney H. Mabry announced the latest donors of the Health and Kinesiology Physical Education center March 25 at a groundbreaking ceremony.

HKPE donors break ground

by Conchetta San Filippo
Staff writer

Attendants of the official groundbreaking ceremony for the HKPE Patriot Center, held March 25, celebrated the completed portion of the project, named the latest donors, and discussed the next step in building the athletics and recreation center.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held at the future location of the 127,500 square-foot academic and recreational facility.

According to University President Rodney Mabry, there will be three wings to the new facility, each of which were named during the ceremony.

The first will be the academic portion of the center, complete with classrooms for the Health and Kinesiology departments named in honor of June Lancaster.

The second will be a three-story

fitness center complete with lockers, a gym and 1800 person capacity sports arena in dedication of contributors, Jim and Vaughn Vess.

The third section, The Mae T. Fish Recreation Center, will be a small performance facility with 2,000+ seats where concerts and special events will be held.

"This is a great day, to be topped only by the grand opening in December 2003," Mabry said.

The ceremony recognized donors and local and state officials whose support has made the facility a reality.

A.W. Riter, a board of regents member for the University of Texas system and donor of the Riter Millennium Carillon Tower, reported the \$21 million cost will consist of \$9.7 million from the University fund and the rest from private contributions.

The center's academic section

will be named the June Lancaster Wing.

The conventional area will be named the Mae T. Fish Convention Center in dedication from Ben Fish and family.

The recreational center will also have an outdoor swimming pool.

The pool's official title will be the Jim and Vaughn Vess Recreational Spa and Pool.

Tyler Mayor and Member of the Patriot Center's coordinating board, Kevin P. Eltife, called UT Tyler a "sleeping giant" and the future "economic system of this city" in his remarks.

Other speakers included Dr. David Dykes, pastor of the Green Acres Baptist Church, SGA president elect Stephanie Heeren, and Bryan Rossman of C construction.

"This would not be possible without the gifts of people," Rossman said.

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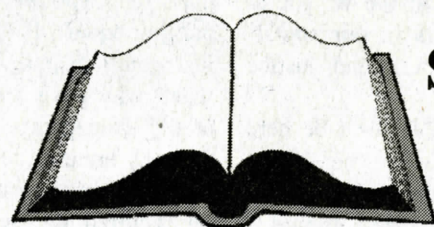
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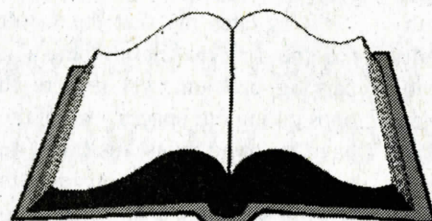
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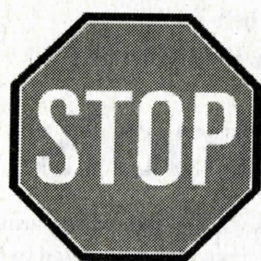
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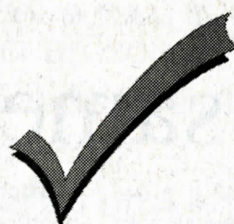
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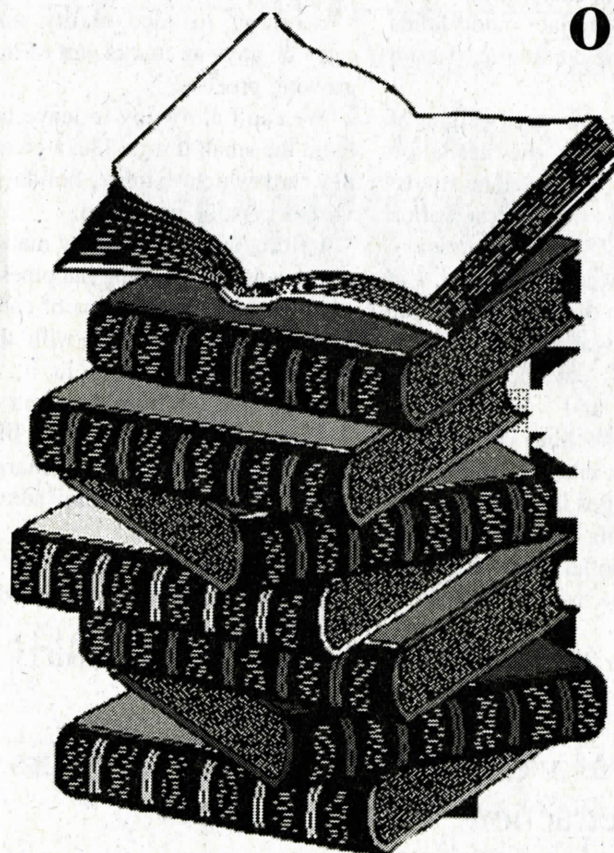
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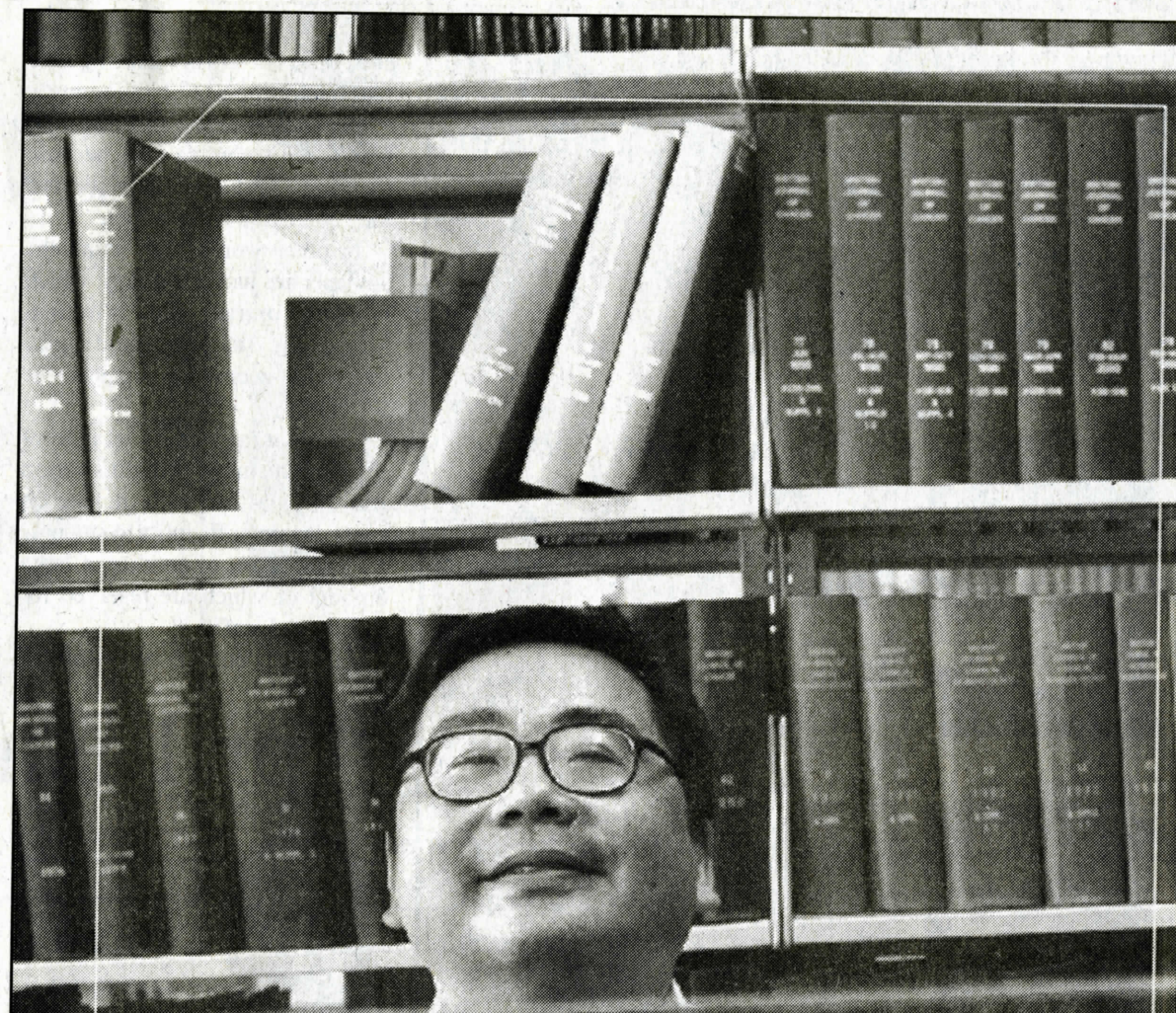
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administration to remove artwork that some viewers find objectionable?"



"If there are complaints, I see it as a problem. I think there should be a different way to express an opinion."

Danny Belew, senior, industrial safety



"If it's offensive I think it should be taken down. But what I think is offensive may not be offensive to you."

Kimberly Brock, junior, computer science



"Absolutely not! Art is expression and how it's seen is a perspective."

Danny Browning, junior, English



"No, because administration shouldn't superimpose rules after an exhibit is set up."

Kelly Clay, senior, history



"I don't see if it's their artwork that the school should unless there are guidelines saying what can and can't be shown."

Melissa McArthur, senior, marketing

or being handed excuses and brush-offs.

Most especially, students are sick and tired of hearing the administration's seemingly favorite response - that the students aren't complaining because they can't find a spot, but because they can't find a close spot.

In other words, they think the students are just being lazy, which is both untrue and insulting. Worse, the students could make the same accusation against the faculty.

Consider the parking lot in front of the Business Administration Building, a lot with numerous spots deemed off-limits to students for one reason or another, a large amount of which are reserved for faculty and staff.

Many students know the frustra-

student spaces.

Why? Because parking in the student spots puts them six feet closer to the main entrance.

Sadly, this is not a collection of occasional or isolated occurrences, but a daily problem, one that both staff and students find unfair.

"I personally witness several faculty members park in the student parking daily," Sara*, a staff member, said.

"I feel sorry for the students who have to park in the streets when I see all the empty faculty spots and know there's faculty parked in student spots," she said.

"It makes me mad," agrees Jennifer*, a co-worker. "That parking is supposed to be for the students. They pay enough for it."

These sentiments are echoed heartily by the student body,

parking is continuing being taken up by people attending whatever is going on at the Cowan, or that they took out half the parking at the administration building for this athletics thing, but we've got to deal with teachers in our spots!" Brad*, a senior criminal justice major, said.

"I'm just glad I won't be here next semester, when there'll be even more students, and the parking will be even worse," he said.

Zoe*, a junior general studies major, agrees.

"It agitates me that the faculty are the first to claim there's no parking problem, yet they're the ones taking our spaces - when they have reserved spots. It shows that teachers have little consideration for the students, who're paying a fortune for tuition and the privilege to park," she said.

parking in our spaces is reserved for parking in theirs," Zoe said, echoing the sentiments of many.

"And if they don't want to do that, they should just make all parking equal. If the teachers are just going to park wherever they want, why have reserved parking at all?" Zoe said.

In all honesty, teachers deserve reserved parking, but they ought to be required to use it, especially with it becoming increasingly difficult for students to find a spot, even on the streets.

The faculty should have no trouble finding a good faculty spot. After all, they do have all the one-line answers for resolving parking complaints.

Maybe they should use them, and get here earlier.

*Names have been changed

April isn't the same without fools



WILL JOHNSON

WHAT I HAVE TO SAY...

Happy belated April Fools' Day. In the 16th century, Pope Gregory gave the world an unintentional legacy when he changed the beginning of the new year from April first to the beginning of January.

Always corny, April Fools' nonetheless provides a few chuckles for moments of light-hearted fun. This year, however, the spare comic-relief was downright nonexistent.

In fact, I went through the entire day without realizing the exact

date until April 2.

Honest. Not a single stale joke rolled my way. No untied shoelaces or worrying about impact events with the fictitious person behind me.

My niece didn't call. No high-pitched squeal asking after my delinquent refrigerator.

April Fools' Day offers an opportunity for good-natured fun.

This year, no one had to fear innocent pranks getting out of hand. Real life took care of that.

Thinking back, several minor holidays fell well short on the fanfare and revelry usually accompanying them.

Groundhog Day, St. Patrick's Day, President's Day; all have their unique hallmarks and increasingly commercialized public celebrations designed to give people brief respites from the daily grind.

The serious tone permeating public discourse makes all but the most enthusiastic proclamations quiet and melancholy. Some may argue the appropriate mood holds sway, given the continuing war on terrorism.

I don't dispute the weight of current events or the hesitation many display. The sullen atmosphere bothers me. Reservation doesn't normally equal depression.

As an avowed news junky, I'm familiar with the sad state often afflicting the world. Daily, reports of death and violence mar news broadcasts and publications. Despite its shocking content, the information's inherent value consistently justifies its dissemination.

Paraphrasing Harry Truman, he said there's nothing new under the sun except the history you haven't learned.

Living our lives to the fullest

requires taking the world around us into consideration even when the facts of a situation or circumstance displease us.

Learning to face reality and carry on anyway marks part of our growing process.

We can't allow joy to leave us. Even the small things, like a greeting card which extols a holiday's virtues must be preserved.

Letting others know they matter is a means of spreading happiness.

At bottom, the purpose of celebrating anything begins with the desire to take pleasure in it, to derive happiness from the event.

When the small things, like April Fools' Day lose their charm, we're in danger of losing something joyful.

Without joy in our lives, there is little reason to fight those who would destroy them.

I bet no one forgets April 15.

The Patriot welcomes all comments and suggestions as well as information about errors that call for correction or retraction.

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Letters to the Editor

Today I found out something very disturbing. I found out that while I've concentrated on the War on Terror, a terror has been pounding at my door.

The University administrators have masterminded to take control of the student newspaper.

Apparently, the paper printed some things the administration didn't like, and they want to make sure it doesn't happen again - even if it violates our basic freedom of speech.

Seizing control of the student paper, censoring its contents, and forbidding things the administration finds distasteful or inflammatory greatly affects all of us because it violates our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Student newspapers of public universities have been protected under these rights since the 1960's.

So why would the higher-ups deliberately violate the constitutional rights of students?

If I had to stake money on it, I'd bet it is for the sake of public image.

On the whole, *The Patriot* is a non-controversial publication, and it tries its best to accurately reflect student opinion. Student opinion doesn't always fall in line with what the administration would like to portray.

So what kind of positive image does the University hope to gain from seizing control of *The Patriot*, particularly in a time when people are sensitive about their freedoms?

I urge students to take a stand. This is an issue that warrants involvement.

Let the president know how you feel about the University attempting to deny students their First Amendment rights.

Let the faculty know. Let other students know. Let your parents, friends, and co-workers know.

Blood was shed to establish our freedoms. Countless court cases have been fought to maintain them, and I, for one, am not about to allow these freedoms to

Students' voices wish to conquer airwaves

By Jennifer Burford
and Chris Cox

Guest Columnists

It is high time the University of Texas at Tyler gets a campus radio station.

Why? Because a campus station would serve to attract and recruit students.

A campus station would also serve to disseminate vital campus-related information, particularly important to students who travel significant distances to and from school.

Consider a hypothetical broadcast:

"Good morning UT Tyler! The weather forecast calls for mild

temperatures and clear blue skies. You can put away your umbrellas. All in all a great day for professors to take their classes outside (hint, hint)."

"Need a little extra cash? The bookstore is buying back books and will soon be selling for the fall."

"Looking for something to do? Tickets for this week's Distinguished Lecture Series - some person named Katie Couric - go on sale today at the Cowan Center."

"Check it out. Pat Green is playing at The Cove tonight. Ladies get in free before 9 p.m."

"And don't forget to vote for

your SGA officers in the University Center this afternoon. This has been KUTT's campus report, at the top of the hour, every hour, from six a.m. to six p.m."

A campus-operated radio station would certainly aid the university's recruitment efforts.

"The benefits of having a campus-based radio facility go much farther than the campus proper," Dennis Robertson, an associate communications professor, said.

A well-run station with even limited limited broadcast range would provide a voice for the University across Tyler and out into the larger East Texas area.

"KUTT" could potentially con-

tribute a healthy slice to the University's recruitment and publicity pie.

In addition, the broadcast of information related to the university would simplify student life.

Weather-related problems leading to campus closure, campus maintenance and repairs, job announcements and events such as add/drop dates, graduation, plays, concerts, guest speakers and sporting events are all well-suited to the immediacy and convenience provided by radio.

Finally, a campus station would increase the sense of community that the good administrators of the University are so fervently trying

to establish among the student body.

A radio station would help establish a centralized channel of (sub)cultural identity for larger groups of students who may otherwise find little common ground.

By working at the station, students could get the chance to play the music they love and speak out about issues that are important to them, while obtaining invaluable training and hands-on experience in the field of broadcast media.

For the benefit of recruitment efforts, the free flow of information, and the learning opportunities for students, the University should start a campus radio station.



HOPping mad about handbook

be stripped from me.

Casey Plummer

Recently, I received information that demands the attention of University students.

It seems that no longer will students have direct influence on the paper's policy and administration.

A new board composed of school deans and administration staff will direct *The Patriot*.

This destroys the essence of the student newspaper.

Right now, the newspaper is a voice of the students, allowing us a bastion of free speech as required in the First Amendment.

The new policy will remove any such refuge, replacing it with an administration-led newspaper, twisting an instrument of mass media into a tool for propaganda. While I am pleased that the administration would like to be involved with student activities at such a personal level, this is simply not the way it should be done.

If the student newspaper is governed by the university administration, its objectivity is shattered.

It would be as if President Bush had direct influence on the daily workings of the *Washington Post* or the *Dallas Morning News*.

News would lose all credibility under this policy and it will become difficult to trust or rely on what *The Patriot* has to say.

David Davis

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas to increase awareness about this important issue.

The University of Texas at Tyler Student Services Office sees not only the damage done to survivors, but to those who care about them.

We encourage you to join us this month in our efforts to reach out to survivors and to promote awareness and prevention of sexual assault on our campus.

Questions may be directed to the Student Counseling Center at (903)566-7079 or UC Room 111.

Kimberly Harvey-Livingston



JANNA
McCLURE

HOLE IN THE WALL

This issue I am going to break away from my usual slightly pretentious column about hot spots and "hole in the wall" establishments and talk about a "hole in the wall" that we are all a part of: The University of Texas at Tyler.

I really don't consider myself a radical, or a liberal for that matter, but the decision of UT Tyler's administration to create a publication administration council made up of only administrators (namely the Vice Presidents and the Dean of Arts and Sciences) has not only hit me at my core but made me angry at the people I thought were here to stand up for my rights.

This council will be put in place at the beginning of next semester and will have the authority to appoint *The Patriot's* editor, staff and faculty advisor and will also have the authority to determine the "character and policies of all student publications." (HOP chapter 2.11 subsection C)

For those of you who don't completely understand, this council will have the complete authority to censor any material published in this paper which is a complete

violation of my freedom of speech rights as a writer and your freedom of speech rights as a reader.

Ironically the Handbook of Operating Procedures or (HOP) states in a previous passage that "student publications (namely *The Patriot*) are created to provide channels for accurate campus communications, to afford outlets for student expression, and to provide a practical training ground in print journalism ... that emphasizes the highest possible standards of accuracy and fairness." (HOP chapter 2.11 subsection A)

The creation of this council not only stifles students' outlet of expression but strangles the chance of having a "practical training ground" in which to learn.

Many schools have a council that serves as a "go-between" of sorts between the administration and student press, but they consistently contain a mixture of students, faculty and administration.

The establishment of this new council, containing only administration will not be a neutral party but serve as a communistic (yeah I said it!) regime, whose only goal is to save face creating the illusion that the occasional MIP or drug possession charge didn't happen at University Pines or that a UT Police Officer giving tickets without having the authority to do so was just a myth.

This action has been coming for quite some time in baby steps. The administration has stopped sending copies of *The Patriot* to the

alumni and has made it extremely harder for our student press to get public information, which we are just as entitled to as Walter Cronkite.

All of this comes at a time when *The Patriot* is performing at its best ever. After *The Patriot* won second place in Best in Show and eight other awards this past weekend at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's annual competition, it seems odd that the administration would be so concerned with how the paper is being run at this time.

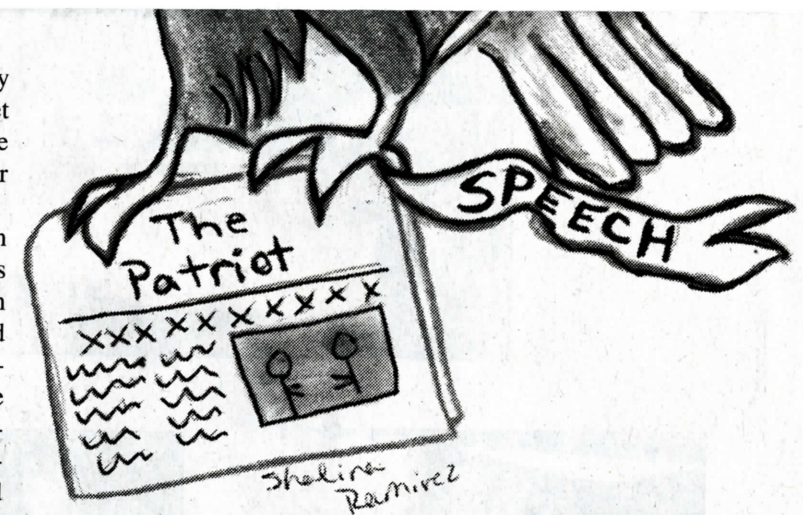
So what do we do with this information? Sit back and let Mabry and his cohorts defecate on our first amendment rights? If there is one thing I have learned from my professors at this university, it is that if we don't have freedom of speech, we really don't have anything.

I challenge you as students to write letters to editors, call news stations or do anything that will protect your rights as a citizen of this country and a paying customer of this university.

And to the administration: We may be students, but as a whole we contain resources in this community that can topple any regime.

In the grand scheme of things, UT Tyler may be just a "hole in the wall" but we students take pride in our school and are proud to be affiliated with the University.

I think you won't be able to escape from the hole you're digging.



THE PATRIOT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

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The Patriot is designed to inform, entertain, educate and heighten awareness of students, faculty and administrators at the University of Texas at Tyler. Staff members will be responsible journalists by maintaining high ethical standards with fairness, accuracy and balance. *The Patriot* encourages and provides an avenue for free flow of student expressions and opinions. The newspaper also will serve as a learning tool for students to gain experience in all aspects of the print media.

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MIDDLE AGES: The Desert Dancers, left, from Fort Worth perform for the audience. Two members of the Four Winds Renaissance Faire, above, demonstrate their fencing skills in a battle of the fittest.

Faire Play

Knights, belly dancers and damsels in distress bring history to life during the Four Winds Renaissance Faire





KNIGHT GAMES: A cast member known as “Robin Hood,” above, takes aim with a spear at a small metal ring target. Two singers, left, perform an Irish folk song for a patron at the Renaissance Faire.

Student feels at home in Medieval times

by Shalina Ramirez
Staff writer

Come Saturday morning, while most college students are nursing hangovers, University student James Harlan is busy slipping into black leggings and adjusting his white V-neck tunic.

After completing his outfit by adding a black headscarf, leather wrist cuffs and an ornate cross around his neck, Harlan is set to portray the fictional character Marshall Ursceal at the Four Winds Renaissance Faire near Troup.

Harlan, who has been a member of the faire for several years, said being a part of the faire isn't like what most people think. He said it takes skills and hard work to be part of such an event, which takes months of preparation.

"It's about entertaining people and having fun," Harlan said. "I like watching the little kids who are amazed at our costumes; they think we're superheroes."

"I've had kids ask me for my autograph before," he said.

The faire, in its eighth season, is

a living history center and museum designed to re-enact scenes from the Middle Ages through the early century.

"The faire is a nice alternative to going out and getting drunk," Harlan said. "Many UT Tyler students have families, and the faire offers an activity that is close by as well as safe for those with children."

Harlan, a junior majoring in psychology, is also the faire's media and public relations director. He is in charge of promoting the faire, speaking with the media, handling any complaints and assisting first-time vendors.

"Patrons will have a great time," Harlan said. "It's inexpensive and visitors will be treated as if they're part of the cast. We're all about getting individuals involved."

Harlan said one element that separates Four Winds from other faires is audience participation.

"We're very grass roots," Harlan said. "Everyone out here is a volunteer."

Harlan said members of the faire will be performing two shows

including Alexander Dumas' "The Man in the Iron Mask" and "Robin Hood."

"The Man in the Iron Mask" features Athos, Porthos and Aramis as they embark on a mission to replace the evil king of France with his twin brother.

To complicate the plot, D'Artagnan, the captain of the king's musketeers must choose between his oath to his king and his friends.

Dressed in renaissance costumes, the actors use dialogue and swordplay to help bring this story to life.

Patrons can witness Robin and Maid Marion attempt to rescue King Richard's throne from his evil brother in "Robin Hood." The couple must stop Prince John and his henchmen from taking over the kingdom while King Richard is away fighting in the crusades.

The faire includes chess matches, a blacksmith demonstration, belly dancers, folk musicians, sword fights and a karate exposition. Harlan said an award-winning joust team will be on hand to per-

form in live tournaments.

Vendors, artisans and craftsmen from around the country will be set up in booths lining the faire grounds, he said.

"People need to come out and see for themselves what it's all about," Harlan said.

Harlan said concessions and a camping site equipped with a shower house and toilet facilities will be available for patrons wanting to spend the weekend at the faire.

The faire site is located 14 miles south of Tyler off Texas Highway 110. Gates will be open at 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and will run every weekend through April 21.

Adult admission is \$10; children 5 and up pay \$5.

For more information about group rates or seasonal ticket packages patrons may contact Harlan through the faire's Web site at www.FourWindsFaire.com.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the renaissance faire can call (903) 839-5271 or e-mail Harlan at ursceal@hotmail.com.



—Robert Boggs/The Patriot

MEDIEVAL MAN: Junior psychology major James Harlan greets customers outside his shop, The Braided Rose.



'Sound of Music' ready to be heard

Theater and music departments assemble diverse cast

by Robert Boggs
Staff writer

The Vaughn Auditorium is alive with "The Sound of Music" following the musical's opening April 4.

The performance, which will be showing at 7:30 p.m. April 4 through 7 and at 2:30 p.m. on April 7, brings together a cast of more than 50 people from the University and community.

The lead roles for the show are both held by undergraduate students, Dr. James Hatfield, director of the theater department, said.

Christian Reed, a senior music major, plays Captain Georg von Trapp.

In addition to University students, the cast also includes more than 20 junior high and high school students from the community.

The young students "are marvelous," said Dr. Mary Ellen Wright, lecturer for the theater department and the costume coordinator for the show.

"They're being very professional," she said.

More than 60 people auditioned for the seven children's roles alone.

"We were sorry we couldn't use them all. A lot of talent," Wright said.

Hatfield said he found many

"They gave up their country because they wouldn't follow Hitler," Wright said.

"The message that society ought to be more tolerant rings particularly true this year," Hatfield added, referring to the events in the Middle East and of Sept. 11.

During one scene at a concert, Georg von Trapp sings the words "Fa, a long, long way to run." It is a line taken from one of the musical's best-known songs.

"For us, it is symbolic of what he has to do to save his children," Hatfield said.

The musical is the the only performance this year that the theater and music departments get to stage

HEAVENLY TUNE: Beverly Pearson, left, and Miranda Newman, right, play the parts of Sister Margeretta and The Mother Abbess during a dress rehearsal for "The Sound of Music" April 3.

—Robert Boggs/*The Patriot*

Reed had a major role in the production of "My Fair Lady" last year.

Junior theater major Connie Orr plays the well-known role of Maria.

"Her voice is just mesmerizing," Hatfield said about Orr.

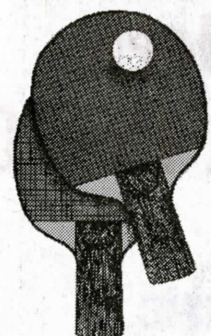
reasons for the department to perform "The Sound of Music." The history of World War II and Hitler's rise to power are a constant backdrop in the performance.

Based on a true story, the musical follows the von Trapp family, as they flee Nazi territory.

in the Vaughn Auditorium, which is mostly used as a rental space.

Both Hatfield and Wright are confident the musical will be a success.

"It's a very uplifting play," Wright said. "I was tearing up out in the audience."



Ping Pong Tournament

April 9-11

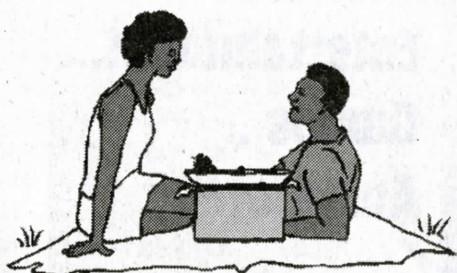
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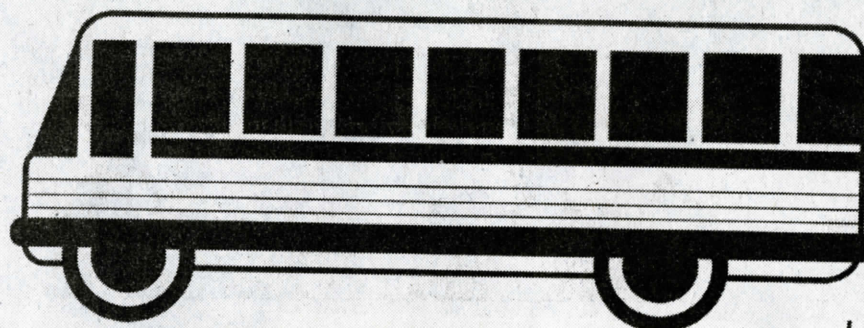
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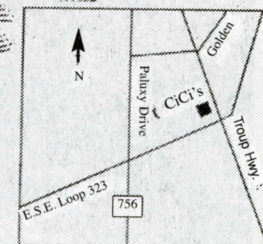
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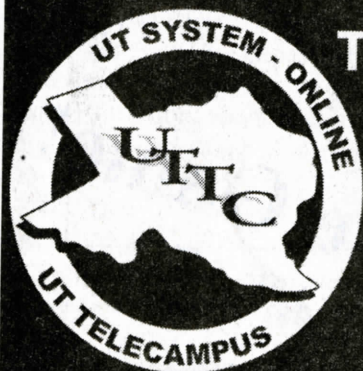
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Nursing program cashes in

The University's nursing program has been awarded \$325,920 in grants for projects and academic preparation, Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences said.

With growing interest in the nursing program, administrators expect the nursing faculty to provide more and better services to students.

The program offers five degree options, and it is fully accredited by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the state, National League for Nursing Accrediting Corporation and Commission on College Nursing Education.

Dr. Sue Thompson, associate nursing professor, and Dr. Helen Miner, coordinator of the Lake County Area Health Education Center, received grants totaling \$63,150 from the Hogg Foundation to support an outreach project for mental health care.

The Department of Health and Human Services provided another \$200,565 for the collaborative efforts of the University to increase the number of primary care providers in East Texas.

Also, Dr. Danita Alfred, assistant professor of nursing, and Sharon Brindle, lecturer of nursing, were awarded \$44,479 in a Nursing Innovation Grant from the Texas Higher Education Board.

The President's Faculty/Student Summer Research Grant provided \$5,000 to support research of the incorporation of professional values by senior level nursing students.

Ferguson selected to fill vacant administrator role

by Hannah Buchanan
Staff writer

Dr. Jim Ferguson, a former Auburn University administrator, has been selected as the new vice president of business affairs for the University of Texas at Tyler, the president announced recently.

Ferguson was among four finalists interviewed on campus to replace Scott Scarborough who left the University after accepting a job with a division of the Texas Comptroller's Office.

Ferguson will begin his duties sometime around the first of May, interim vice president of business affairs, Lynne Culverhouse said.

Culverhouse will return to her previous role of assistant vice president for business affairs when Ferguson begins work.

"I am very supportive of Dr. [Rodney] Mabry and his decision," Culverhouse said. "I am confident that he [Ferguson] will

be an outstanding team leader and an innovative addition to executive management. He brings a vast amount of experience in management of university administrative functions and student services."

As Auburn University's vice president for administrative services, Ferguson's accomplishments including completing the construction and renovation of residence halls and providing leadership to Auburn's NCAA Division I athletics certification program steering committee, according to a University press release.

"I am delighted that Jim has accepted our offer. I am certain that he will make a significant contribution to the future of UT Tyler," Mabry said, in the press release.

Ferguson, a Texas A&M graduate, earned a doctorate in educational administration and MBA and BS degrees in various fields.

Debaters travel to Denver, get ready for last tourney

by Hannah Buchanan
Staff writer

Two members of the University's debate team participated in the National Public Debate Association Championship Tournament conducted March 23-25 at Metro State College of Denver in Colorado.

Team members April Dickerson and Ryan Norris were one of 287 teams to compete.

They won three out of eight rounds, Dr. Jeffery Hobbs, the team adviser, said.

"This was a good experience for

them," he said. "We were glad we went."

Dickerson and Norris, who were chosen by Hobbs to participate, competed with other students representing 93 different institutions.

"Some schools brought more than one team and as for us, we just decided to bring one," Hobbs said.

The last national tournament, which will be sponsored by the International Public Debate Association, will be April 12-14 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

Patterson takes on new duties

by Jennifer Murray
Staff writer

Dr. Howard Patterson, the University's athletic director, has been named interim dean of student affairs and director of athletics, officials announced recently.

Patterson previously served as the assistant dean of student affairs under student affairs Dean Dale Lunsford as well as serving as athletic director.

Lunsford was promoted to vice president of student affairs and external relations.

"It's a good challenge. I get to work with more diverse student groups," Patterson said of his new position.

As the interim dean, Patterson said he will be responsible for developing the new athletic programs while overseeing student services.

Student services include counseling, testing and career services as well as student development, student activities and intramural sports.

He also will be responsible for operating the Patriot Center when it opens in 2003.

"UT Tyler student will be well served by Dr. Patterson's education and experience in higher education administration," Lunsford said. "His commitment to excellence in all that he does is contagious. I enjoy working alongside Howard and I am thankful to have him here at UT Tyler."

Lunsford said the administration has yet to set a date to begin searching for a dean of student affairs.

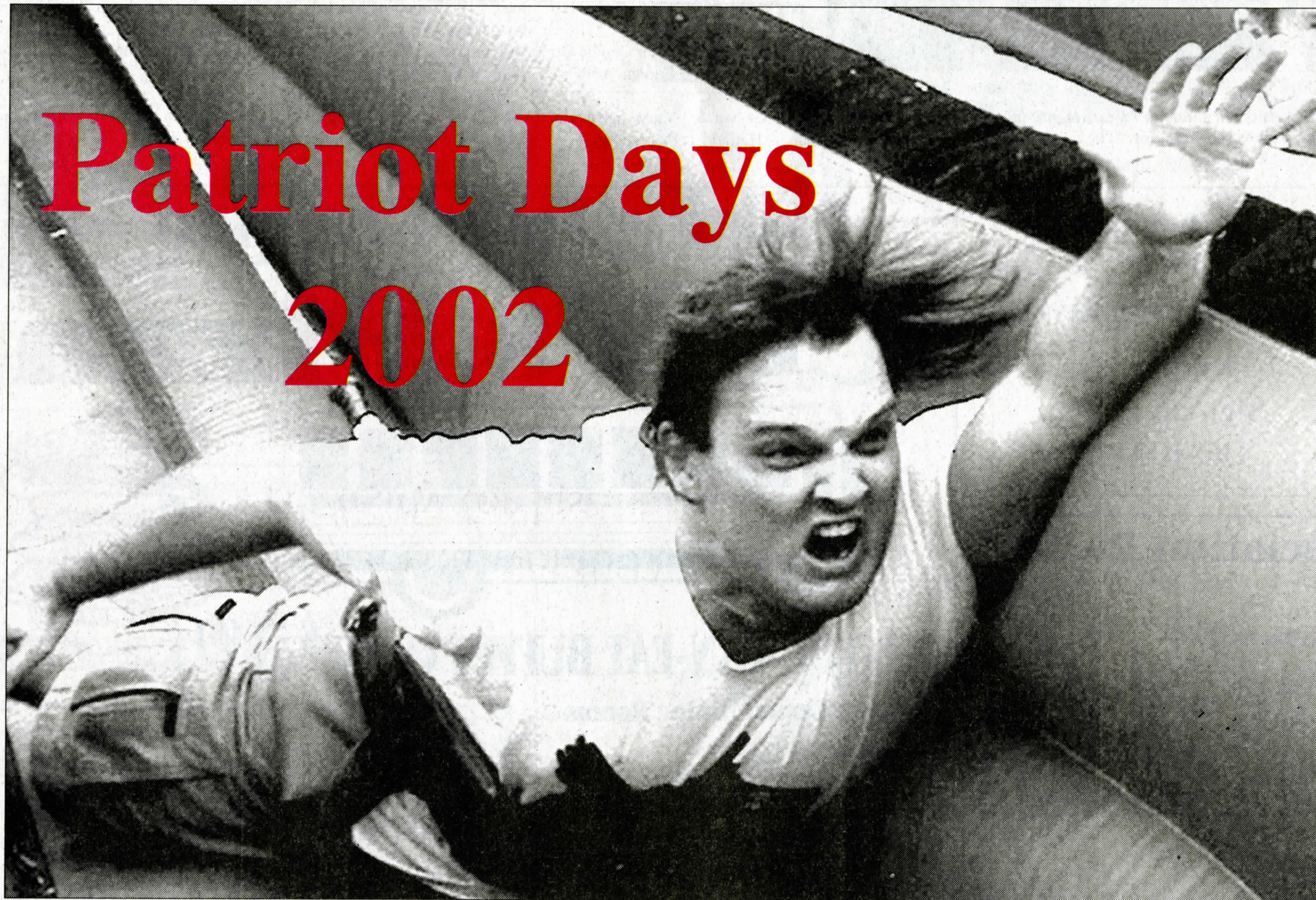
"The most prudent plan now is to ask Dr. Patterson to serve as interim dean and reconsider the timing of a search in a year or so," he said.

Campus Calendar

- April 5-6 - Theatre Program Presents: The Sound of Music by Rogers and Hammerstein. 7:30 p.m. at the Vaughn Auditorium.
- April 7 - Theatre Program Presents: The Sound of Music by Rogers and Hammerstein. 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Vaughn Auditorium.
- April 8 - Music Program Presents: Alumni Recital with Rommel Cordova, tuba and Rebecca Sullivan, piano. 7:00 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- April 9 - Student Services Major/Minor Expo. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the University Center. Call 565-5581 for more information.
- April 9-11 - Ping-Pong Tournament. Sign up in UC 101.
- April 10 - How-to Series Seminar: "Tips for Landing the Job." 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in UC 102.
- April 11 - Music Program Presents: Duo Piano Recital with concerto movements by UT Tyler and Kilgore college students. 7:30 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- April 12 - Broadway Series: Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun. 7:30 p.m. at the Cowan Center.
- April 13 - University preview day. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. call 566-7054 for more information.
- April 14 - Music Program Presents: senior Voice Recital with Christian Reed. 3:00 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- April 15-20 - Patriot Days Student Appreciation week
- April 16 - Education Career Fair 2002. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Cowan Center Lobby. Call 565-5581 for more information.
- April 17 - SGA Spring Picnic. 12 p.m. UC patio.
- April 18 - Music Program Presents: UT Tyler and Tyler Junior college wind Ensemble concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Vaughn Auditorium.
- April 19 - Patriot tennis vs. UT Dallas at Tyler, 3:00 p.m., men and women.
- April 19 - Music Program Presents: Faculty Recital with Molly Johnson. 7:30 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- April 20 - Patriot Tennis vs. Hendrix College at Dallas, 3:00 p.m., men and women.
- April 20 - East Texas Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. at the Vaughn Auditorium.
- April 24 - Music Program Presents: Student Recital. 3:30 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- April 25 - Music program Presents: Faculty Jazz Recital with John Webb and select guest artists. 7:30 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.
- April 30 - Theatre Program Presents: Children's Theatre workshop. 10:00 a.m. in The Theatre.
- April 30 - Music Program Presents: Community Wind symphony Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Vaughn Auditorium.

Daylight Savings Time
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Patriot Days 2002



**Student
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Week
April 15-20**

**Live music...
Food ...
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Entertainment...
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And more**

Monday April 15

**"Fun flicks"- Make your own
music video, 1-7 p.m. - UC 118**

Tuesday April 16

**Movie- TBA
noon - UC 118
6 p.m. - UPines Clubhouse
Snacks provided**

Wednesday April 17

**"Block Party" featuring The
Rick Kelley Show
noon- University Center;
Free Student Carwash-
3 p.m. - UPines**

Thursday April 18

**Patriot Games/Competition
Day & Picnic
2 p.m. around campus**

Friday April 19

**"Big Scoop" - noon, Univ.
Center;
Intramural "Strikeout"
Bowling Tournament
2 p.m.-Green Acres Bowling
Alley
"Battle of the
UT Tyler Colleges"**

Saturday April 20

**SGA Spring Dance
7 p.m.
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Get in the Game!