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HENRY KISSINGER

# Nobel laureate to speak

*Henry Kissinger kicks off lecture series*

By Les Matthews

Dr. Henry Kissinger, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973, will open the 1987-88 Distinguished Lecturer Series at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Caldwell Auditorium.

Kissinger, who received the United States' highest civilian award—the Presidential Medal of Freedom—in 1977, will speak on an undisclosed subject.

Kissinger served as secretary of state under Presidents Nixon and Ford and is a member of the presidents Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Also the recipient of the Medal of Liberty in 1980, Kissinger served as national security adviser, and recently served as chairman of the Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

Among his other activities, Kissinger is a director of the American Express Company, Union Pacific Company and R.H. Macy

## Ticket crisis resolved

By Kingsley Smith

Distribution of free tickets for the Kissinger lecture developed a crisis when the allotted amount was depleted within four hours after they became available Tuesday.

"It was the first time in six years that we had this type of a response to a speaker," said Joy Turns, director of development.

To accommodate the overwhelming response, the lecture was moved from the University Center to Tyler's Caldwell Auditorium.

The event is expected to draw over 1,000 people.

"Dr. Kissinger's speech on Sept. 22 is generating extraordinary excitement. We are delighted that the greater community is responding in this way to UT Tyler's commitment to bring leaders of international acclaim to this region," said Dr. George Hamm, UT Tyler president. "Dr. Kissinger's visit to Tyler will be a landmark occasion for East Texas."

1923, Kissinger fled Nazi Germany to the United States in 1938. He became a naturalized citizen and enlisted in the Army in 1943, serving until after the end of World War II.

Kissinger earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate from Harvard University before joining its faculty in 1954. He held this position until 1969, when he served as consultant to the White House during the Kennedy Administration and to the U.S. Department of State during the Johnson Administration.

After leaving the U.S. State Department in 1977, he accepted two positions at Georgetown University—professor of diplomacy and consultant to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

At press time, free student tickets were available on a first-come first-served basis at the Office for Student Activities in UC Room 111.

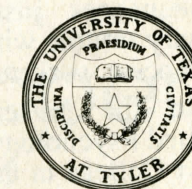
Company; trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Metropolitan Museum of Art; a counselor to the Chase Manhattan Bank and a

member of its International Committee; and a contributing analyst for the ABC news division.

Born of Jewish parents in



# The UT Tyler Patriot



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## Legislative cuts to impact UTT operations

By Sally Covington

The most recent Texas legislative budget session did not leave UT Tyler untouched as \$500,000 was gutted from the

members though it was not given any state funds.

Even with the revenue decrease and additional monies needed for faculty raises, UTT has no intention

\$200,000 from next year's summer session. At this time the school still plans to have two five-week summer terms, but other specifics have not yet been decided.

Business Affairs and the Internal Auditor, which became vacant, will not be filled. In short, though much is being done to adjust for the revenue decrease, everyone on staff

establish the Scroggin Scholarship Fund.

It is hoped that budget cuts will be further offset with an aggressive plan to encourage more

conditions, we in higher education must convey our tremendous appreciation to the citizens, legislators and state leaders of Texas who demonstrated their support of higher education and resisted



university's budget. As UTT receives approximately two-thirds of its operating budget from the state, the cut at the state level will have an immediate impact.

Not included in this reduction figure is the additional need to raise revenue to fund a 10 percent state—mandated merit raise for faculty. This will add another financial burden as UTT is required to pay salary increases to approximately 50 to 60 faculty

of eliminating any classes, and all programs will stay intact.

"We deliberately developed a plan which would not in any way diminish the quality of our scholastic programs or eliminate any current faculty positions," said Dr. George F. Hamm, president of UTT.

The proposed plan to make up the half-million-dollar shortage includes hiring freezes and some program changes. The plan trims

The plan also calls for an energy conservation method that is projected to save the school from \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year.

To economize, the university has put a freeze on hiring faculty for new positions. The 12 new faculty members hired this fall filled existing positions. In fact, the university at the last minute did not fill another five open slots.

Cutbacks also include administrative reductions as the offices of Vice President of

will have an increased work load, Hamm said.

Hamm feels UTT could have seen much worse times if it had not been for the continuous strong show of support from the community.

There have been two recent major donations to the university. Bob and Lou Rogers of Tyler are providing \$22,000 per year to create the Rogers Scholars Program, and the estate of Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker, also of Tyler, donated approximately \$900,000 to

community donations and gifts. Even with the cuts to education, Hamm expressed both optimism and great appreciation for the efforts of the Tyler area legislative delegates, including Sen. Ted Lyon and Rep. David Hudson, Tyler's community leaders and the Tyler Chamber of Commerce Executive Board.

"At a time when individuals and businesses across the state are facing serious financial challenges due to stagnant economic

massive cuts," Hamm said.

Problems for UTT and other institutions of higher learning may not yet be over. There is rumor of another special session should bond programs to fund prison and mental health programs fail in the November election. The legislature must then meet again to fund these programs. Past that is the regular session in 1989 during which a new budget will again be issued.

## Student activities 'clean fun'

By T.K. Laureano

"Good clean fun" for the 1987-88 year at UT Tyler is the goal of the Office of Student Activities, according to Jerry Alexander, coordinator of student activities.

The flag football season will kick off on Sept. 20 and will be played every Sunday until the season ends.

"This is a co-ed, non-contact sport that will allow everyone to participate in and enjoy the spirit of competition," Alexander said.

UTT has joined the College Satellite Network and will be presenting the following topics

Wednesdays in the television room in the University Center:

- Sex On Campus, Wednesday ]Sept. 30
- American Foreign Policy, Wednesday Oct. 21
- Science and Technology, Wednesday Nov. 18

The musical group 1964: The Beatles, will perform Friday, Oct. 23, in the University Center.

The group was selected from a large field of national campus entertainers at the regional meeting of the National Conference of Student Activities in Tennessee for its ability to mimic the original

Beatles in both appearance and quality of music.

The Student Association will sponsor a Halloween Ball Friday, Oct. 30, at the Ramada Hotel.

The annual Christmas tree trimming ceremony will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, in the UC. This activity will be available for all students and faculty.

"It is going to be an exciting year at UTT. Be sure to watch the electronic billboards in the University Center for specific dates and times," Alexander said. "Your input is greatly needed and your ideas will decide the activities of tomorrow."

## Police solicit continued support

By Deanna Schlagenhaft

UT Tyler Police Chief Larry Roberts repeated last semester's plea for support from faculty, staff and students to curb the campus crime rate.

Help from UTT students led to several arrests last semester, according to Roberts. The arrests centered around the theft of hubcaps.

"It is vital that students and faculty report any suspicious activities they see or hear," Roberts said. "I would rather have officers answer calls that prove false than let questionable actions go unreported."

People reporting unusual activities have direct access to UTT police department by phoning 566-

1271, or indirect access through the campus switchboard at 566-1471. UTT police have civilian personnel answering incoming calls until midnight on weekdays.

After midnight and on weekends, calls are answered directly by an on-duty officer through a radio-phone patch system that ties their hand-held radios into the UTT police switchboard.

There is a slight voice delay during the transfer process and callers need to remain on the line, Roberts said. He also warned the calls can be received by scanners, and students should request officers dial private telephone numbers for

the passing of sensitive information.

Citing the depressed East Texas economic situation as the leading cause of rising thefts in parking lots, Roberts said T-tops and wheel covers are the most alluring articles to thieves. He called these thefts "perpetuating" crimes in that the thieves created and maintained their own market.

In order to prevent thefts and encourage return of stolen property, UTT police suggested that students engrave their driver's license number on valuable property. Roberts said engravers are available at the UTT police department.



ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN—A UT Tyler student enjoys warm weather and sunshine while studying. Although

pleasant now, the Farmers Almanac predicts a colder winter for the nation. So take advantage of the good weather.

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# OPINION

## Polygraph abuses workers

In 1987 more than 2 million Americans will take a polygraph exam. The overwhelming majority will be conducted for private business and 80 percent of those will be used for employee screening.

The use of polygraphs by the private sector has increased dramatically in the last decade despite a lack of evidence to support their usefulness. A 1983 study by the Office of Technology Assessment cited error rates as high as 40 percent in lab tests, a figure that makes a polygraph just slightly better than a coin toss.

The OTA found polygraphs most effective in criminal investigations but essentially worthless for job screening. According to Smith County Assistant District Attorney Keith Starr, law enforcement agencies and defense attorneys frequently use polygraphs as an aid to discover the truth. But polygraph results are not allowed in court in any form. The court forces law enforcement officers to support polygraph results with real evidence.

The American worker enjoys no such protection. Refusing to hire workers whose polygraph results indicate deception is perfectly legal. Refusing or failing a polygraph on the job is tantamount to an admission of guilt. Such serious consequences justify concern about the primary trouble with polygraphs: the number of innocent workers falsely accused.

In the November 1986 Journal of Applied Psychology, Clark McCauly of Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania lists two well documented field studies that found about 50 percent of innocent examinees called guilty. Clearly, such inaccuracy demands attention.

Much of the problem lies with polygraph examiners. A polygraph is an interpretive test. Since there is no such thing as a definitive lying response, all results are judgments based on the examiner's interpretation of a series of physical responses to carefully constructed questions.

While arguing that good

polygraph regulation is laughable, with good reason. To get a polygraph license in Texas the only requirements are five years law enforcement experience or a college degree, and completion of an eight week training course. A licensed beauty operator gets more than four times the training of the typical polygraph examiner.

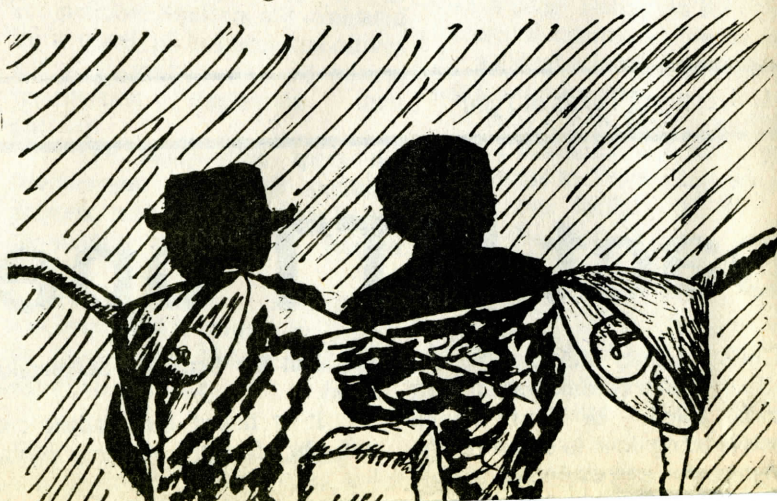
Just as distressing is the nature of the exam. A polygraph is very unpleasant. It is unpleasant on purpose. Questions are designed to intimidate and frighten. The examiner's goal is to arouse feelings of guilt and heighten the amount of stress the test subject feels.

The questions are also personal and embarrassing. To establish a comparative base, examiners must probe all areas of life. Childhood incidents, personal relationships and marital faithfulness are all fair game for the examiner. Such areas are not the business of private employers.

In a society consumed by the protection of criminal's rights, the polygraph is an anachronism—a throw-back to the days of trial by ordeal.

Given reasonable suspicion, an employer should be allowed to use any means available to stop criminal activity. Good audit and control procedures will detect improper activity and narrow the scope of an investigation to a small number of people. Then the polygraph should be used.

But to subject an entire workforce to such a technological witch-hunt without just cause is inappropriate. And worse, it is just plain wrong.



## From the Editor

By Brenda Price

This issue of the Patriot marks a new beginning. We have a new adviser, a new staff and we are installing a new, computerized production system.

In the next few days you will see our Patriot Survey at various spots on campus. We hope this will give us a new look at you, our audience.

We want the Patriot to interest you as well as be a source of campus news.

Many of you have families and careers, and concerns about problems unrelated to

school. We hope to discuss some of those problems here, and give you an interesting look at fellow students.

In coming issues, this page will be used to reflect your opinion as well as that of the staff. Our survey will help determine what topics we cover and how thoroughly we cover them.

To help, we ask that you fill out a questionnaire form and drop it in one of the Patriot drop boxes located in the University Center and in study areas across the campus. When the survey is

over, the boxes will stay. They may be used for letters to the editor and other comments.

Please remember to include a name and phone number with all correspondence. Anonymous contributions cannot be accepted. Of course names will be withheld upon request.

Regardless of other considerations, we intend to produce a quality newspaper. That's what we're here for.

We hope you enjoy reading it. We sure enjoy bringing it to you.

## VIEWPOINTS

### OPPOSING VIEW

By C.R. Andrews Jr., guest columnist

## Polygraph benefits employers

Polygraph examinations are more common today than in the past. This is due to an employer's need for honest employees, the inherent accuracy of the polygraph, and reasonable cost to the employer for this information.

Opponents seeking to ban polygraph examinations claim invasion of privacy, denounce the accuracy and claim the polygraph violates a prospective employee's civil rights. This is not true. The polygraph is simply one way employers have to run a cost efficient and successful business.

Every employer has the right to expect honesty from employees. In our highly mobile society, we do not have the luxury of knowing the complete history of each prospective

Employee theft is a large contributor to increased product cost. The United States Chamber of Commerce estimates that fully one-third of business failures are due to employee dishonesty.

The polygraph technique consists of the instrumentation, question formulation and interpretation of the results. The instrument used today is greatly improved in its accuracy over instruments of a few years back. The instrument accurately records physiological reactions to the psychological stimulation of a question.

The examiner formulates questions that can only be answered truthfully or deceptively. The subject will answer that question in his own best interest, however his

Americans every year, yet no legislation is pending to ban automobiles. Doctors, lawyers, pilots and teachers make mistakes every day, yet no one would think of eliminating these professions.

A better alternative to banning polygraph is education. Polygraph has never harmed anyone, only inept polygraph examiners have. The best examiners add to their expertise by attending seminars on the latest improvements in techniques and instrumentation.

The ultimate goal for the polygraph profession is to remove the personality from the decision making process and to arrive at a purely analytical decision based on physiological reactions.

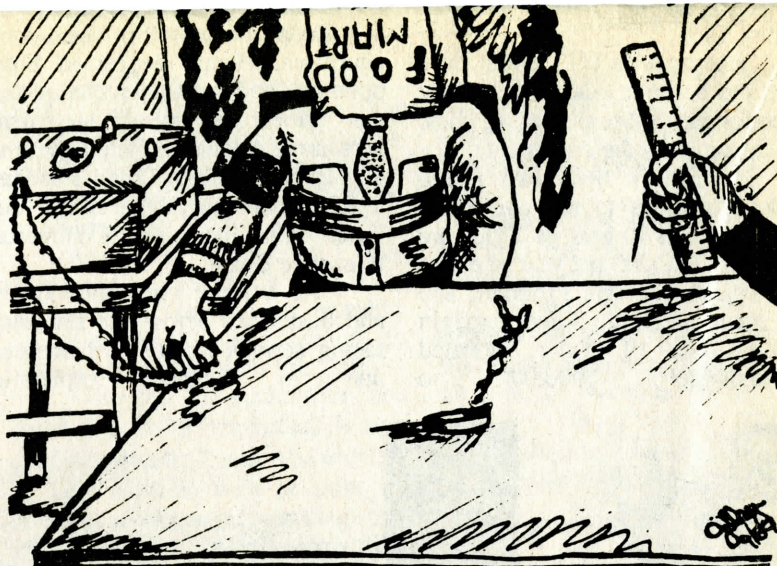
The private citizen should



...arguing that good examiners can produce very accurate results, polygraph proponents concede that an unethical examiner can severely bias a polygraph report.

Unfortunately, a worker has no guarantee that a competent examiner is administering a polygraph. Once licensed, a polygraph examiner is never recertified and there is no requirement for continuing education. Review procedures for contested results have not been established.

The current state of



## State tax can fill void

During the 1987 legislative session our respected representatives were brought to the brink of physical violence as they wrangled for months with the state's fiscal dilemma. From January to July they wrote, rewrote and wrote again a budget that at one point was referred to as "dial-a-plan" for its countless variations.

During all the political pugilism, no one ever seriously considered the obvious solution: a state income tax.

A call for state income tax is suicide for a politician. No self-respecting Texan would dare vote for anyone who suggests a new tax. It is against our nature. But if the Texas economy is to emerge from its oil-induced lethargy, our legislators must stop touting politically safe tax plans and move to a responsible and equitable tax system. A state income tax is such a system.

Our current system of funding state operations through sales and petroleum taxes has produced record budget deficits while unfairly burdening the state's low-income population. Combined sales tax rates in some metropolitan areas are approaching 10 percent—a ridiculously high level.

Sales tax is, and has always been, an inequitable method of raising revenue. A family of four living on \$25,000 a year will spend, and pay sales tax on, everything they earn. In contrast, a family earning \$100,000 a year or more may spend only half of their income or less, effectively cutting their sales tax rates as much as 75 percent.

Further, Texas' method of funding school systems through property taxes has left many poorer systems financially strapped. Even though Texas ranks 21st

nationally in property tax levels, the problem has become so bad that some districts have filed suit to force a redesign of the school finance system.

A properly designed income tax would spread the tax burden more evenly, taking an equitable percentage from across the population. Income tax is a much more predictable revenue source, an essential factor when budgeting must be done two years at a time.

State income taxes also are one of the few deductible items left on federal income tax returns. Currently, all money spent for sales tax is taxed again at the federal level. Perhaps no better indictment of Texas' current tax system can be found than the decision by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to abstain from the 1990 gubernatorial race to spend the next three years overhauling the state's tax system.

Opponents of an income tax claim such items as pari-mutuel gambling and lotteries should be viewed as an alternative to the tax. While these institutions have contributed billions of dollars to state coffers in some states, they are highly volatile revenue sources and cannot be budgeted with any accuracy. They must be used only as complimentary revenue and not as an essential part of the budget.

Income tax is not a pleasant thought—no tax is. But it is imperative that Texans not take a short-sighted approach to fiscal problems. Regaining a competitive edge in a global economy will require some sacrifice. Though it may be political dynamite, Texas must move from its current regressive tax stance to a progressive system. A state income tax is the most reasonable and equitable way to do so.

employee. The polygraph technique verifies the truthfulness or deception of the applicant concerning past thefts, drug or alcohol use on the job, and criminal history.

This information is necessary for the employer in the decision process and is not an invasion of privacy. Continued honesty after employment is just as important to the employer. Does an employee have the right to steal and lie about it?

physiological answer will be truthful.

This reaction is interpreted by the examiner to form an opinion as to the accuracy of the answer. The polygraph technique has been confirmed by many controlled experiments to be accurate in 85 to 90 percent of the cases.

The move to ban polygraph is the wrong cure for a small number of errors that occur. Automobile accidents kill more than 50,000

polygraph and its abilities. The misconceptions advocated by those seeking to ban polygraph should not be accepted by society until they have all the facts and can decide for themselves.

*C.R. Andrews is a private investigator and licensed polygraph examiner in Tyler, Texas.*

## OPPOSING VIEW

By Kingsley Smith

## Crisis will pass without tax

The current budget crisis has pressured our legislators to consider the establishment of a personal and/or corporate income tax.

It is almost inconceivable that after raising sales taxes to levels that were unheard of a year ago, they would consider a tax on our income.

My overwhelming argument against a personal income tax orients on the fact that while the tax may be established to aid this fiscal crisis, once a tax statute has been enacted it will NEVER be repealed. In fact, this will only lead to a temptation to raise this tax to solve day-to-day difficulties in balancing the budget.

However, Texans realize the real need to increase revenue.

Therefore, I (along with many others) propose a state lottery and/or (preferably and) pari-mutuel racing.

Critics of a state lottery refer to it as "a bunch of smoke and mirrors." This comment seems unjustified when facts are taken into account.

First, since October, 1985, the California Instant-Win Game, (not lotto), has produced over \$2.8 billion in revenue. Lotto revenues exceeded \$400 million for this same period. California applies 34 percent of the combined income to education.

The New York State Lottery has received nearly \$3.5 billion in the last 10 years. The state allocated 100 percent of the revenue to education.

Besides placing another burden on Texans who are trying to survive one of the toughest economic crises in a decade, a new corporate income tax would act as a deterrent upon new industrial development, thereby eliminating a large injection of liquid assets into our economy.

In order for Texas to advance down the road of recovery a consistent cash flow within the state, coupled with high unemployment and top-rate education, is needed. To oppose new corporate activity with a tax seems counterproductive.

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**EX-STUDENT WINS AWARD**—Past Alumni Association President Gloria Davis (l) awards Betty Helt Annual Distinguished Student Award.

## Deadline nears

# Art sponsors national competition

By Patricia Whitmoyer

October 1 is the deadline for entries in the national juried Works On Paper art exhibition, sponsored by the UT Tyler Art Department. Any artist residing in the United States may enter works on paper, including drawings, paintings and prints.

Jim Pace, assistant professor of art at UTT, organized the competition and sent out 6,500 prospectives to institutions and individuals. All students are encouraged to enter the competition.

"It's important for students to

enter competition and do exhibition research—it helps them develop a serious awareness of contemporary needs," said Pace. In addition, selection in an exhibition assists students to launch their professional careers, he added.

James Nelson, director of the Yuma Fine Arts Center, will jury the works by 35 mm slides. Accepted works not accurately represented by slide may be withheld from the exhibition.

"Slide entries are arriving from all over the country—California,

New York, Florida, Wisconsin," Pace said.

Winners will receive a "purchase award," meaning UTT will buy the original work. After the exhibition's initial showing January, 1988, a one-year national travel tour is tentatively scheduled.

Sponsoring a national competition benefits the university and the community, Pace said.

"The competition brings works from across the country that our students can study and the community can enjoy," Pace said. "It also enhances the department's

reputation and our ability to attract visiting artists."

Besides the national competition, the art department has scheduled exhibitions throughout the school year. Seven contemporary American artists are currently exhibiting work in UC 101.

"This is not a bluebonnet and puppy dog exhibition," Pace said. "Contemporary artists work on an emotional, intellectual and technological level and they want to elicit an emotional response from you."

## Alumni group honors ex-journalism student

By Rochelle Doucet

The University of Texas at Tyler Alumni Association honored Betty S. Helt with its annual Distinguished Student Award.

The students are judged on their academic merit and involvement in university and community activities. The association also considers potential for future achievement.

Helt had no prior notice about receiving the award. She said, "just one day during the summer I received a telephone call and was told I had been chosen for the award."

A plaque was presented during a dinner on Aug. 6 at The Plaza Club.

Chosen for her active school record, Helt said, "It's quite an honor and I want to get involved in the Alumni Association."

Helt earned her bachelor's degree in journalism in May 1987. As a President's Honor Roll student, she attended UT Tyler on an academic scholarship.

In the spring of 1986, she was elected treasurer of the Student Association.

member of the Student Life Committee and the UT Tyler Press Club and holds membership in Alpha Chi, a national honor society.

She served a semester as circulation manager of *The UT Tyler Patriot* and another as a public relations intern for Brookshire's Grocery Company.

Helt serves as chairwoman of Trane Wives and as an officer of the PTA. Through her children, she is active in the Campfire Girls Blue Bird organization.

## Scholar applications ready

By Brenda Price

The 1988-89 competition for graduate study abroad offered under the Fulbright Program and by foreign governments, universities and private donors will close Oct. 1, said Dr. Vivian A. Hicks, director of International Programs at UT Tyler.

Less than two weeks remain in which qualified graduate students may apply for one of the approximately 700 awards to over 70 countries.

Most of the grants offered provide round-trip transportation, tuition and maintenance for one academic year. A few provide international travel only, or a stipend intended as a partial grant-in-aid, Hicks said.

Fulbright scholarships are U.S. government awards for graduate study, research, teaching or professional training in other countries for U.S. recipients. The

awards are named for U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright who initiated legislation providing for the international exchange of scholars.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application, and must generally hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent before the beginning date of the grant. In most cases, the student should be proficient in the language of the host country. Except for certain specific awards, candidates may not hold a Ph.D. at the time of application.

Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor's degree, but must have four years of professional study or equivalent experience.

Application forms and further information for students currently enrolled at UTT may be obtained in Hicks' office, UC 236.

## Library posts hours

New fall hours have been announced for the Robert R. Muntz Library. The hours are:

•Monday-Thursday—7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
•Friday—7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
•Saturday—10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
•Sunday—1-5 p.m.

Help at the reference desk is available during the following hours:

•Monday-Wednesday—8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
•Thursday—8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
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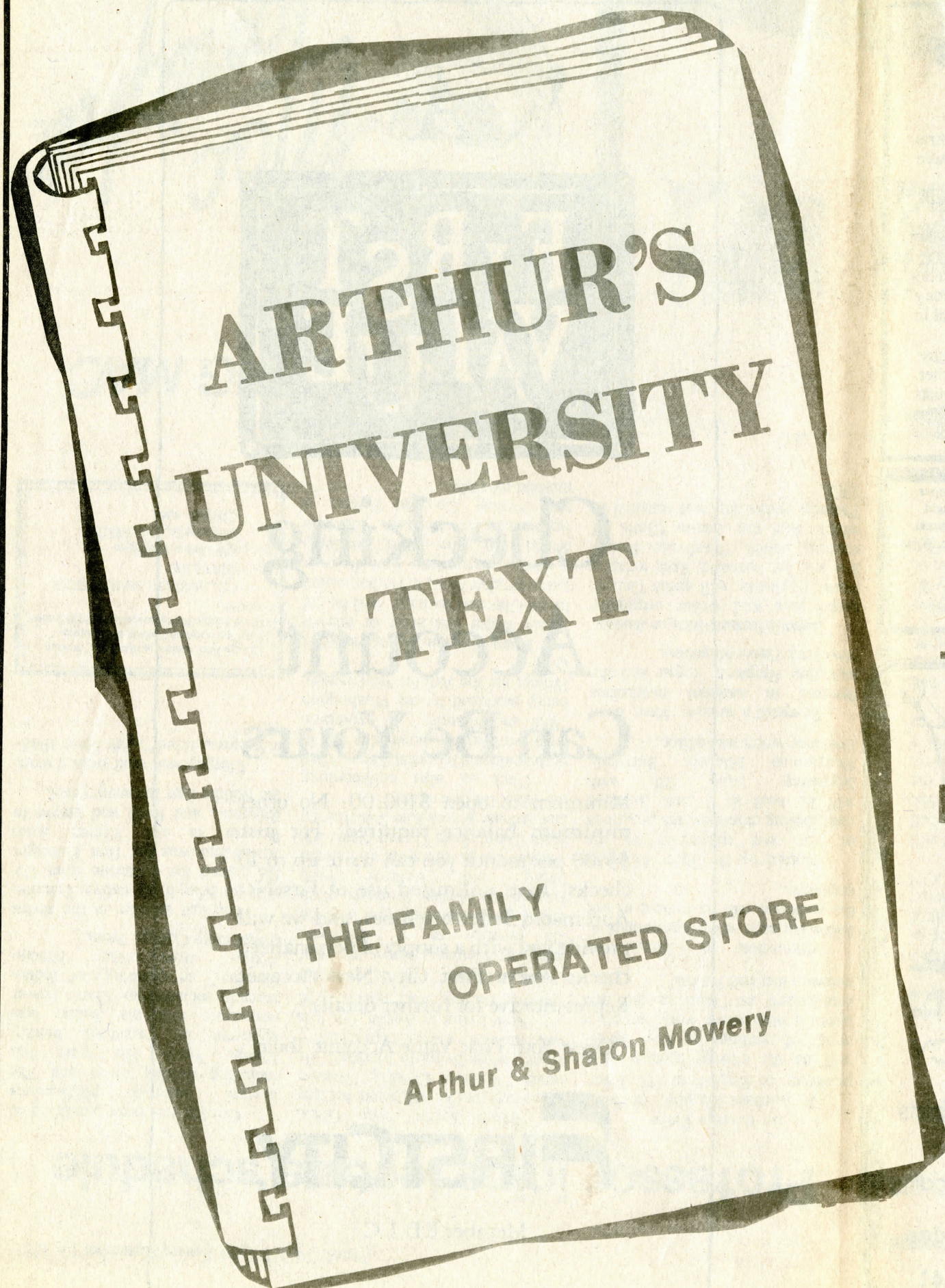
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## UTTER'D AT UTT

**Writer laments degree plans**

By Lee Pen

This week: a look at filing the proverbial degree plan—common causes, conditions and calamities (the 3 C's).

1. I book an appointment with my adviser at least ONE year prior to graduation. (Take a number and good luck!).

2. After a heart-wrenching and blood-sweating session with my advisor, "we" finally come to a final version (and two independent studies!).

3. With a smile on my lips and a song in my heart (or is that a sneer on my mouth and a grunt in my throat?), my advisor assures me the certified degree plan will come by mail in just two to three short weeks. (Who said my momma didn't raise no fool?)

4. One month later (and still no degree plan in hand), I leave three messages with the secretary asking my advisor to call me back (blind faith!). On my fourth call, some sweet, young thing with a voice unknown to me advises: (a.) Dr. Missing left three weeks ago on a year's sabbatical to study ecological imbalances in Siberia and (b.) but first he/she has to make a quick stop in Terre del Fuego to see if the ozone layer has gapped another hole. (Did I really NOT

make a photocopy of that first degree plan?)

5. Six months, 69 long distance calls later (my phone is now cut off for non-payment) and a new advisor, I'm told I must take 19 hours my last semester (and yes, that's with dean's approval. This is my lucky week—he's out of town for two weeks. The governor appointed him to a special task force on higher education ...Topic: STEAMLINING THE GRADUATION PROCESS.)

6. Four months to go before G-Day and still no word on my degree plan. I make a hasty call to the department chairman's secretary. She assures me the plan is somewhere between the dean's office and administration—not to worry. (It's just a nasty rumor that you can't file a degree plan the same semester you plan to graduate...isn't it?)

7. Three and counting. I make a frantic call to my advisor—who's not in—but the secretary gives me that famous assurance: "The degree plan's in the mail!"

8. Oct. 16, the deadline for paying graduation fee is upon me. I plunk down my 20 bucks, give my name, rank, SS#, GPA, name of father's first dog, et al...secretary asks, "Lee Pen who? I'm sorry there's no degree plan on file for that name."

**Professor joins lecture schedule**

By Brenda Price

R. Michael Murphy, assistant professor of English at UT Tyler, will be the closing speaker in a series of readings by five Texas-based writers whose works are often categorized as "blurring the line between fact and fiction."

Admission is free, and following each writer's presentation, the audience will be invited to ask questions.

Hosted by the Tyler Museum of Art and sponsored by its contributing members, the programs will be held at 2 p.m. Sundays beginning Sept. 20 with Houstonian Michael Berryhill, freelance writer and editor.

Berryhill's articles have been featured in national magazines including *Harper's*, *Vogue* and the *New York Times Magazine*.

Isabella Russell-Ides, an Austin-based poet and writer originally from Minnesota, will speak Oct. 4. She and her husband, Rod, wrote a musical called "Nashville Road" which won the Austin Circle of Theaters award for best musical in 1982.

Native Texan Allen Glick, scheduled for Oct. 25, wrote his first novel "Winter's Coming, Winters Gone" while living in Marshall. He will read from a work in progress.

Now living in Austin, Glick is working on his third novel, "The Chu Lai Jacket." His fiction often refers to Vietnam, where he spent 22 months as a radioman, infantryman and interpreter with the 1st and 5th Marine divisions, often living and working with Vietnamese across most of I Corps from Dong Ha to Quang Ngai. His last firebase was at Khe Sahn during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

Glick is also collaborating with multi-media artist Terry Allen on a work to be shown this fall in "War and Memory," an exhibition being produced by the Washington Project for the Arts in Washington, D.C.

Roxy Gordon, a native West Texan writer and artist of mixed-blood Choctaw heritage, will be the guest speaker Nov. 8. He has edited a weekly newsletter, *Fort Belknap Notes*, on the Fort Belknap Reservation in Northern Montana and *Picking Up the Tempo*, a musical monthly.

Gordon has been published in several national publications including *Rolling Stone* and *The Village Voice*. His work has appeared in numerous literary magazines and his fiction was recently included in "Earth Power Coming," an anthology of Indian fiction from the Navajo Community College Press.

The last speaker in the series will be Murphy a native Tylerite. He earned his doctorate from UT Austin, and was the first Fulbright lecturer in the Yemen Arab Republic, and lived and taught in the Middle East for many years.

Murphy will read from a work in progress titled "Arab Men: 1948-1984."

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**Exam forms available**

By Merri Scheibe

Amy Glenn, UT Tyler political science instructor, is recruiting interested students for the foreign service written exam. The exam is the first step in a U. S. Department of State or U.S. Information Agency career.

"If there is enough interest in the exam, there is a strong possibility it will be given at UTT on Dec. 5," Glenn said.

The written exam consists of two parts. The first, a general background exam, tests the applicant's knowledge of geography, international relations, literature, history, basic scientific and management principles and other

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subjects. The second part is an English expression test which tests the applicant's written English skills.

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The Foreign Service Careers booklet notes the best background for the test is a "...good general education, political and cultural sensitivity and the habit of reading widely."

In order to be eligible for the exam, the applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 20 years old on the date of the examination, and available for worldwide assignment. The exam is open to anyone in the area who fulfills the eligibility requirements.

Glenn stressed the need to pick up and fill out the application as soon as possible. All applications will be sent "en masse" in order to emphasize the number of applicants in the Tyler area.

For further information, or an application, contact Glenn, Business Building, Room 226 or telephone 566-1471, Ext. 251.

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## UTT highlights musicians

By Andrea Goates

The UT Tyler Department of Music and Friends of the Arts will sponsor a master class featuring Ecuadorian pianist Alegria Arce and a free concert featuring Arce and cellist Paul Olefsky.

The master class is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in Bus. Room 158.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the University Center.

Olefsky is a member of the University of Texas at Austin cello faculty and is a principal cellist with the Austin Symphony Orchestra. He concertizes in Europe and produces a music festival in Cambridge, England, every summer.

Arce graduated from UT Austin, studying with Leonard Shure. She has also studied with Vladimir Ashkenazy and Leon Fleisher. Arce has taken first place in Oakland Symphony's Young Artists Competition and the Houston Symphony Competition. She has performed extensively in the United States, England and Austria.

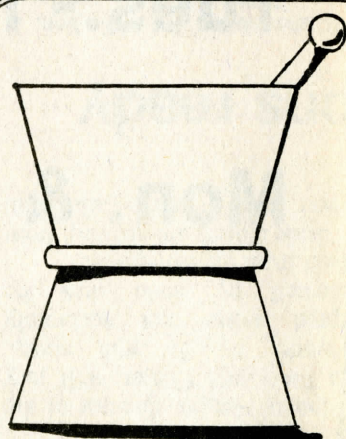
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12. Let children use for water painting.
13. Make paper dolls.
14. Play a game--fold figures out of a sheet of paper.
15. Make costumes, games as favors for a child's party.
16. Wrap exposed water pipes during the winter.
17. Decorate packages.
18. Roll up and swat flies.
19. At an adult party, create the most original or amusing hat creation within a set time limit.
20. Roll up, with one end larger, and use as a megaphone.
21. Use as a sun visor to watch parades.
50. Use to wrap wet or soiled diapers on a trip.
51. Wrap wet bathing suits on trip home.
52. Place on counter under jars while making jelly.
53. Place on counter when peeling veggies.
54. Make an airplane.
55. Save and give to paper drive.
56. Put under your Christmas tree stand.
57. Place in doors to keep them from rattling.
58. Put under car to keep oil from dripping on garage floor.
59. Use as a shoe horn.
60. Tape pages together, paint on trees, houses, roads, and put your electric train on it.
61. Make a car litter bag.
62. Place on car floor to protect from muddy feet.
63. Put on the outside of your car windows to keep them from icing.
64. Cover toys or sandbox during sudden downpour.
65. Use as makeshift tablecloth at picnic.
66. Place by phone and jot messages in margin when you're short of paper.
67. Save newspaper on date of child's birth to give to him/her later.
68. Wrap baby bottle to keep better.
69. When using car rack, place under luggage to



22. Use to sit on wet grass at outdoor concerts, etc.
23. Stuff under doors to protect from winter drafts.
24. Use to insulate windows (as storm windows, or between storm windows).
25. Stuff in chimney flue if there's no damper.
26. Place in bottom of shoes in winter to keep feet warmer.
27. Use between sheet and blanket for winter insulation.
28. Use between bed springs and mattress for winter insulation.
29. Put inside jacket for extra warmth.
30. Tear in strips for book marks.
31. Use figures and shapes for practicing sewing, as schools do.
32. Protect trunk or seats when carrying dirty or wet things.
33. Wrap around ice cream cartons, or freezers, to keep cold longer.
34. Use to start fires.
35. Use to wrap wet garbage.
36. Make pinwheels.
37. Line waste paper baskets.
38. Make special, self-contained, disposable bedside waste baskets.
39. Line bed to protect from soiling.
40. Place under baby's high chair to protect floor.
41. Shred for packing excelsior.
42. Wrap dishes, glasses for travel.
43. Put sheets on windows to keep light out.
44. Place at door as mat for wet, muddy shoes or boots.
45. Put bird seed on it and set it on top of the snow as a birdfeeder.
46. Cover school books.
47. Temporarily replace a broken window or screen.
48. Make or re-make dress patterns.
49. Place under bucket while painting.

50. Protect car.
70. Place on floor or table when polishing shoes.
71. Put under flower pots when repotting plants.
72. Place at door for dripping umbrellas.
73. Wrap small gifts, such as gifts for a carnival wishing well.
74. Use for watching eclipse of sun (put small hole in it and show on the floor).
75. For conversation piece, wrap gift with appropriate part of paper.
76. Wrap fish when fishing.
77. Roll, light, and use as torch.
78. Place under sleeping bag for protection from dampness.
79. Roll tightly and tie, soak in copper sulfate, dry. Burns in pretty colors.
80. Use as flower basket--place flowers in it to carry.
81. Give it to a friend.
82. Blot up water.
83. Pack Christmas tree ornaments.
84. Light cigarette from campfire.
85. Frame for modern art.
86. Make child's pup-tent for play.
87. Cut articles for scrapbook.
88. Put under large tents for moisture protection.
89. Make a fan.
90. Wipe paint brushes.
91. Line storage boxes.
92. Cover food at picnic.
93. Stack in a corner to fill space.
94. Use cut out letters and words on signs for added interest.
95. Stack on chair for child's booster chair.
96. Read.
97. Use under hot dishes.
98. Make a kite.
99. Cut in strips for papier mache.
100. Enjoy!



## Blood drive set

By Kingsley Smith

Sigma Tau Epsilon, an organization for technology students, will sponsor a blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 24, in the University Center, Room 101.

"All students and organizations are encouraged to participate. We are hoping for a large turnout," Dr. Don Garrison, Sigma Tau Epsilon sponsor, said.

Garrison said the UT Tyler organization which donates the most blood will receive a trophy. The winner will be announced the following day.

All donors will be able to credit their donations to anyone or any organization. Blood donors can also establish a pool for themselves or their families.

## 17-day tour planned

# Study to explore South America



**WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHERE'S SOUTH AMERICA?"**—Amy Glenn, political science instructor, plots itinerary for a UT Tyler South American travel study. The 17-day tour focuses on native cultures.

By Victoria Poss  
Need a great way to keep warm New Year's Eve and receive six semester credit hours? Fly south—way south—with a UT Tyler South American travel study in political science.

Amy Glenn, UTT political science instructor, said the 17-day tour is scheduled to depart on Dec. 31, and return Jan. 16, 1988. The itinerary will include Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina with major stops in the cities of Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires.

Glenn describes the two courses offered as follows: South American politics and U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. Students may sign up for either or both.

Inclusive with the studies will be a look at comparative politics and the interaction of those South American nations with other countries. Studies will concentrate on the "whys" of politics.

Students will not be going "just to look at government buildings and procedures," Glenn said. "Students can stay here and read in a text book how the various governments work."

She emphasizes the focus of

the trip will be the people themselves—their culture, history, ethnic groups, religions and economics.

For example, participants will visit a Brazilian voodoo service, a custom which is widely practiced throughout the region. Not only is a trek through a rainforest along a mountainside on the agenda but also an excursion to an Argentinian cattle ranch.

However, much time will be spent at the central market places. "This is the big hangout in South America—similar to malls in the U.S.," Glenn said. At all of the stops, students will be encouraged to get the views of local residents.

The maximum cost of the trip is \$1,749, with a majority of the meals provided. However, Glenn adds it is possible this price may go lower. Normal tuition is applicable.

The trip is not limited to UTT students. The prerequisite for non-students is simply that tuition for the courses be paid.

For more information contact Glenn. The deadline is Dec. 2. Her office is located in the Business Administration Building, Room 226, telephone 566-1471, Ext. 251.

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## Campus Connections

### Benefit opens season

The UT Tyler women's tennis team will open the fall season Sept. 19-20 with the Hollytree Collegiate Tennis Benefit. Play will begin 9 a.m. at Hollytree Country Club and conclude by 6 p.m. both days.

"The team is working hard—they're eager to learn and have a positive attitude," Coach Fred Kniffen said.

However, the team is handicapped by being short two players and being composed of new recruits.

"We lost all last year's players, so we're working with inexperienced players," Kniffen said. "However, these young people have a lot of potential and ability."

Kniffen is actively recruiting for two new players for the spring

fellow college students and the surrounding community's citizens a better understanding of the current economic issues and a greater appreciation for the free enterprise system," Raibon said.

In order to promote quality outreach projects, every SIFE team is invited to attend a regional competition. Students are evaluated by a panel of business executives and entrepreneurs on a 24-minute presentation explaining their projects.

"The competition spurs the development of good outreach projects, which in turn benefit the community as a whole," Raibon said.

For further information concerning SIFE contact Raibon in the Bus, Room 130 or telephone 566-1471, Ext. 222.

**IRS interviewer due**

students should contact Mitchell or the Counseling and Testing center in University Center, Room 111 or call 566-1471, Ext. 355.

### Prison tour planned

If you have always wanted to visit a penal institution but not felt inclined to commit a crime to do so, the political science department has just the trip for you.

Amy Glenn, UT Tyler political science instructor, will take a group of students to Texas Department of Corrections facility, BETO I, on Sept. 18. The BETO I unit is located outside Palestine in Tennessee Colony.

The BETO I facility, which houses criminals judged mentally retarded, was established as a result of U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's order to segregate felony offenders from other



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"I'm optimistic we will bring in at least one player by spring."

The team is working to become competitive in the October regional tournament in San Antonio. Kniffen believes the team is "about a year away from being a national contender."

Members of the UTT women's tennis team include: Christina Chen, Austin; Nora Zainal, Singapore; Mila Minic, Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Suzi Daykin, Kent, England; Christy Kleeburgh, Tyler; and Susan Guidry, Brownsville.

### SIFE seeks members

Mondy Raibon, instructor of business at UT Tyler, will sponsor Students in Free Enterprise. SIFE, a nonprofit corporation supported by individuals, foundations and corporations, will hold a membership drive from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the lobby of the Business Building.

According to Raibon, SIFE's purpose is to establish and direct student-generated free market economic education programs on college and university campuses.

SIFE accomplishes its goals through the SIFE teams' outreach projects within the communities and the presentation of these projects at regional and national competitions.

"The outreach projects are educational programs which teach

The Internal Revenue Service will interview students for employment on Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the University Center, Room 111, according to Jerry Alexander, coordinator of Student Services.

Alexander requested that interested students make appointments as soon as possible. Inquiries should be directed to Alexander at 566-1471, Ext. 350.

"The IRS has made offers and hired UT Tyler graduates. It is a good opportunity," said Alexander.

All students with at least 30 hours in accounting are encouraged to make an appointment. However, those students who will graduate in December will be given priority.

The Student Services office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

### AA offers campus aid

The UT Tyler Counseling and Testing Center will begin offering the services of Alcoholics Anonymous, according to Dr. Christina Mitchell, director of the Counseling and Testing Center.

Along with AA's traditional services, a group for students who were children from dysfunctional families will meet. The group will also include students from alcoholic families.

The services are available to students enrolled at UTT and will be held on campus this semester.

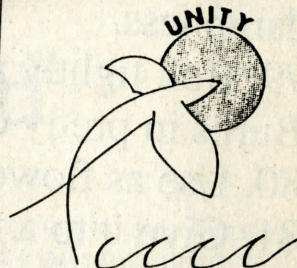
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convicts. The majority of the inmates housed in the BETO I unit have committed such serious-offense crimes as aggravated rape or child abuse.

Glenn says students will meet in the Business Administration Building parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

The tour is open to all UTT students. However, Glenn asks that students contact her Thursday Sept. 17 if at all possible. Her office is located in the Business Administration Building, Room 226, telephone 566-1471, Ext. 251.

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