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Theater students
nominated for acting
scholarships.

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Palmquist declared winner

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

Officials disqualified two treasurer candidates from the Nov. 21 Student Government Association election and declared contender Ryan Palmquist as the official winner.

Palmquist, a sophomore math major, initially placed second in the unofficial results, receiving 35 percent of votes.

Joel Johnson, a junior political science major, received the most votes with 57 percent, and candidate Jay Dobrowalski received 4 percent of votes.

However, both were disqualified for violating campaign rules, according to a statement released by the SGA.

This marked the third consecu-

tive SGA election this semester marred by violations, and the second specifically involving the treasurer's office.

Palmquist was one of four candidates vying to succeed Erin Price, who resigned the position after winning the vice presidency in a September election.

In the Oct. 9 election to fill the treasurer's post, John Easley defeated Johnson and one other candidate, but Johnson filed a complaint alleging Easley violated election codes.

The Rules Committee voided



RYAN
PALMQUIST

that election on Oct. 18, and set the November election.

Johnson received 234 of 410 votes, Palmquist received 144 votes, and Dobrowalski placed third with 16 votes in the last election.

Jennifer Ashley, a junior arts/sciences major, received 11 votes or 3 percent.

The committee met Nov. 25 to discuss allegations against Johnson and Dobrowalski, and later announced the investigation.

In written statements, students Megan Cheek, Mary Fisher, Palmquist and Dobrowalski claim Johnson violated election codes concerning campaigning within 20 feet of a voting station and "harassing" potential voters.

Complaints against

"The whole reason we disqualified him [Johnson] was to follow the rules."

— LOREE AINSWORTH
PARLIAMENTARIAN

Dobrowalski involved posting an illegal number of fliers and posting them in unapproved areas. These allegations were made by Jennifer Skinner, Steven Brouer, Vicki Stokes, and a student named Kristoffer, whose last name was undecipherable on the complaint.

Dobrowalski also complained the Rules Committee did not conduct a proper election. He alleged the election was hampered by not having enough ballots and incor-

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VP withdraws from classes, resigns post

by Robert Boggs
Editor in chief

Student Government Association vice president Erin Price resigned Nov. 21, citing health concerns.

Price said health problems over the last eight months forced her to withdraw from classes and therefore brought her below the minimum nine hours needed to be an SGA officer.

Price, a sophomore English major, served as treasurer before she was elected vice president in September.

"There has been a health issue in my life for several months now," Price said in a telephone message. "It has gotten to the point where I am unable to give the time necessary to my studies."

Although Price regretted having to resign, she said she was confident in the ability of SGA's other leaders.

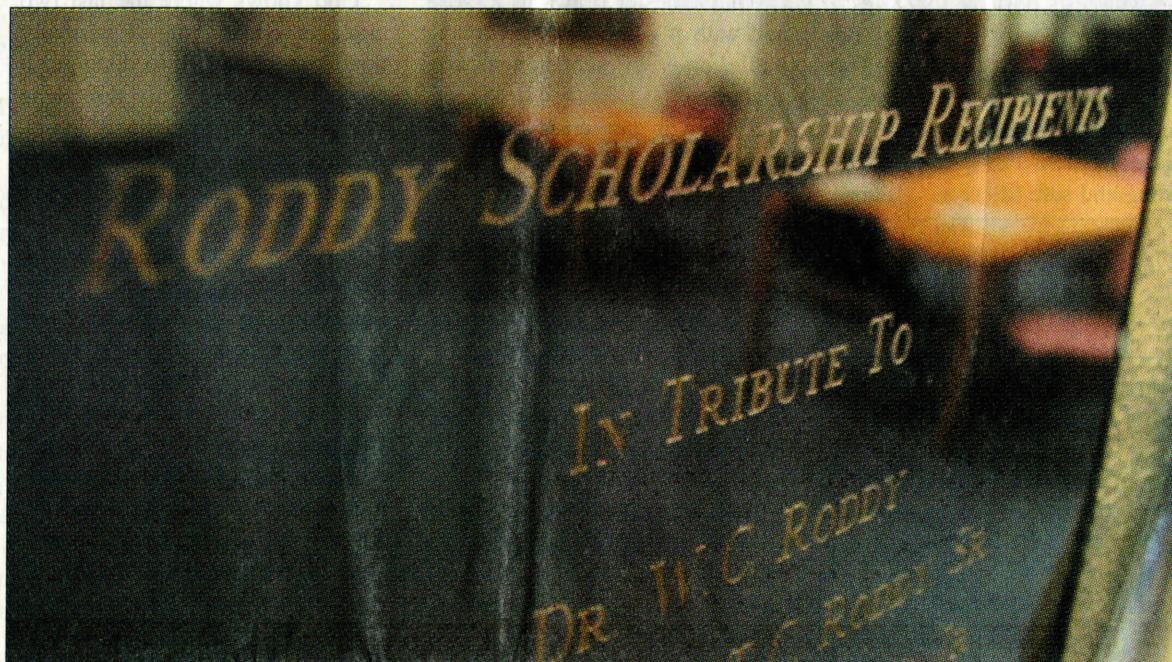
"I'm real sad about school and SGA," Price told The Patriot. She said she was disappointed she was "not going to be a part of all the exciting things SGA is doing in spring."



ERIN PRICE

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LIFE for a LIFE



—Robert Boggs/The Patriot

REFLECTIONS: Left, the Science and Mathematics Building is reflected in one of two plaques dedicated to Dr. W. Carl Roddy. The Roddy scholarship is awarded annually to a University undergraduate biology major.

Below, Carl and Jane Roddy, along with their children Andrew and Sean, pose for this 1971 family photo provided by Jane Roddy.

Former student denied parole in teacher's murder

by Shalina Ramirez

Associate editor

Loud popping sounds and a woman's screams broke the silence of the nearly empty first floor hallway that spring day in 1977.

"My God, they've killed him! They've killed him!" a student shrieked.

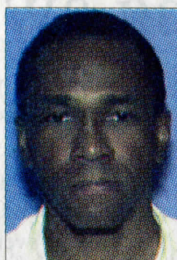
One professor thought it was balloons bursting; another recognized the sound and froze in his tracks.

"It was the last days of finals. I thought some students were celebrating early," Dr. Lynn Sherrod, a biology professor, said. "Then I heard the screams."

Sherrod said he was one of the first people to reach Room 108 of the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Math and Science Building, a part of what was then Texas Eastern University.

What he found there seemed surreal until he saw the blood trickling between his colleague's fingers.

Dr. Walter Carl Roddy, known by his friends as Carl, slumped against an office wall, as the



JAMES
BECKNELL

student and her infant daughter huddled in fear nearby.

The 33-year-old father of two lay dying from six gunshots fired by a disgruntled male student.

Witnesses later identified James Bernard Becknell Jr. as the man they saw leaving the scene with a gun.

"I could see the barrel of a gun in his right hand, sort of sticking out from the rather long sleeve of his coat," Dr. Andrew Szarka, a history professor, recalled in a written account years later. "I looked at his face and saw him rolling a toothpick in his mouth. He stared straight ahead as if in another world."

Becknell, a 29-year-old junior majoring in secondary education, surrendered to police in Tulsa, Okla., 24 hours later.

The brief moment it took for one person to pull the trigger forever changed the lives of so

many others. That one act left a wife without a husband, two boys without a father, a man stripped of his freedom and a campus community robbed of its feeling of security.

Becknell, who recently was denied parole for the 14th time, marked his 25th anniversary behind bars this month.

Roddy's murder bound two people who share a connection but have never met.

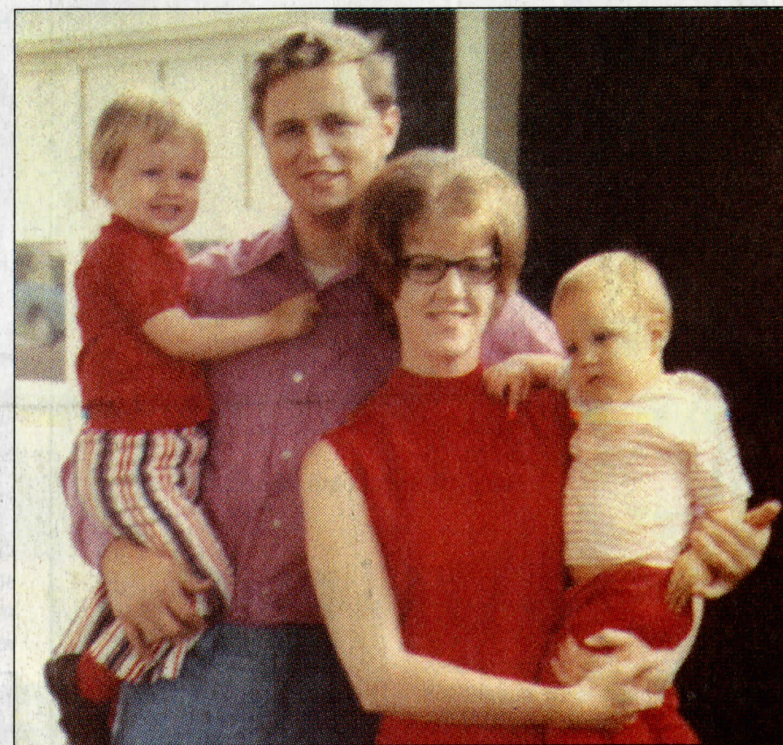
"I don't want to talk to him," Jane Roddy, the victim's wife, said. "I don't know if it would do much good. I've always felt sorry for his family, though. They lost a family member too."

Becknell discussed the case in a recent interview with *The Patriot*, the first and only interview he has granted with the media since the May 12, 1977 shooting.

If given the opportunity, he said he would like to talk to Mrs. Roddy.

"I'd tell her, 'I didn't kill your husband,'" he said.

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Mabry names final member to media board

by Robert Boggs

Editor in chief

University officials appointed Dave Berry, managing editor of the Tyler Morning Telegraph, as the final member of the Student Media Advisory Board, Jesse Acosta, executive assistant to the president, announced Monday.

Berry fills the second professional journalist position in the 11-member board. The first is held by Brad Streit, general manager of KLTU Channel 7.

"It's very important that professional journalists be involved in efforts like the media advisory

board," Berry said. "I'm just glad to be able to help."

Berry and Streit will meet with president Rodney Mabry on Dec. 17. Mabry did not give a specific purpose for the meeting, but said he would probably give the journalists information about the board's duties.

The complete board will meet early in January, Acosta said. The board is required to meet once per semester.

The composition and duties of the board were revised last spring after *Patriot* staff members and Student Press Law Center lawyers challenged the original policy, which gave the board the power to "determine the character and policies" of all student publications.

Mabry sent the revised policy to the University of Texas System for approval on Nov. 18.

Prospective Patriots preview University campus

by Robert Boggs

Editor in chief

East Texas high school students attended school on a Saturday.

About 227 freshmen and parents toured the University and talked to campus representatives and students at the Patriot Preview Day held Nov. 16.

The Saturday morning event was the third of its kind since the preview day began in spring 2000, Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment, said.

After an introduction to the school by President Rodney Mabry, students and parents split up into to separate "breakout sessions" designed to teach visitors more about student life.

The sessions included advice from current students, faculty and counselors on life as a college student, academics and getting involved on campus, Hutto said.

Amber Wright, a high school senior from

"I'm not quite as scared as I was before."

— CINDY HICKS, LINDALE

Kingwood, said she enjoyed learning more about the nursing program and the security offered by the campus police.

Hutto said the purpose of the sessions is to introduce students to the academic and student life opportunities available so students can make better college decisions.

But students weren't the only ones listening.

"I learned a lot. I'm not quite as scared as I was before," Cindy Hicks, a mother from Lindale, said.

Another Lindale parent, Steven Glass, said parents liked the "rural" setting of the University.

After the breakout sessions, students and parents were reunited at a campus showcase in the University Center. Visitors browsed booths set up by student organizations and academic departments to promote their organizations.

The organizations competed in a booth decorating contest. Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society, won a gift certificate from Buck's Pizza for winning in the student organization category.

The athletics department also won the prize for the best departmental table, bringing excited cheers from players and coaches.

But University representatives weren't the only ones to have fun.

"After today I'm pretty much excited to be here," Josh Glass, a Lindale student planning to major in computer science, said.

Editorial

If the University wants to keep its athletes safe and its reputation clean, mandatory drug testing for student athletes would be a good place to start.

In the last semester, there have been at least four athletes found with marijuana and at least five were cited for underage drinking.

A 1997 NCAA survey of athletes showed 44.9 percent believed there was a large problem with illegal drug use by student athletes, and an ESPN study reported about 80 percent of college athletes had consumed alcoholic beverages in the last year.

This represents a danger to our students on and off the field.

Marijuana has detrimental effects on performance that typically last 24 to 36 hours after usage—meaning students who get high the night before a game may still feel the drug's effects on the court.

Typical effects on performance include:

- Impaired hand-to-eye coordination,
- Slowed reaction time,
- Reduced visual acuity,
- Impaired concentration and
- Increased fatigue.

Not only do these symptoms hurt a team's competitiveness, they also increase the risk of players getting injured. And it's simply unfair to the players' teammates when they're not totally "in" the game.

Alcohol, the drug most commonly used by student athletes, can cause similar problems.

The diuretic effect of alcohol

can cause dehydration when exercising in the heat, and it can impair temperature regulation during cold weather, according to the ESPN report.

Athletic performance may be impaired for up to 14 hours after alcohol consumption, and the hangover symptoms—headaches, fatigue, dehydration, body aches, nausea and diarrhea—don't typically improve game play.

Certainly college athletes aren't the only ones who drink or use illegal drugs. But impaired judgment and physical ability during sporting events puts everyone in the game at risk.

Therefore, the University should step up and do something to minimize that danger. A simple program of mandatory drug testing for athletes entering the sports program and random testing during the semester would introduce a fear of discovery to deter many from using illegal drugs.

According to the NCAA, marijuana can be detected for two to four weeks after usage by current testing methods. This makes planning ahead to avoid detection difficult.

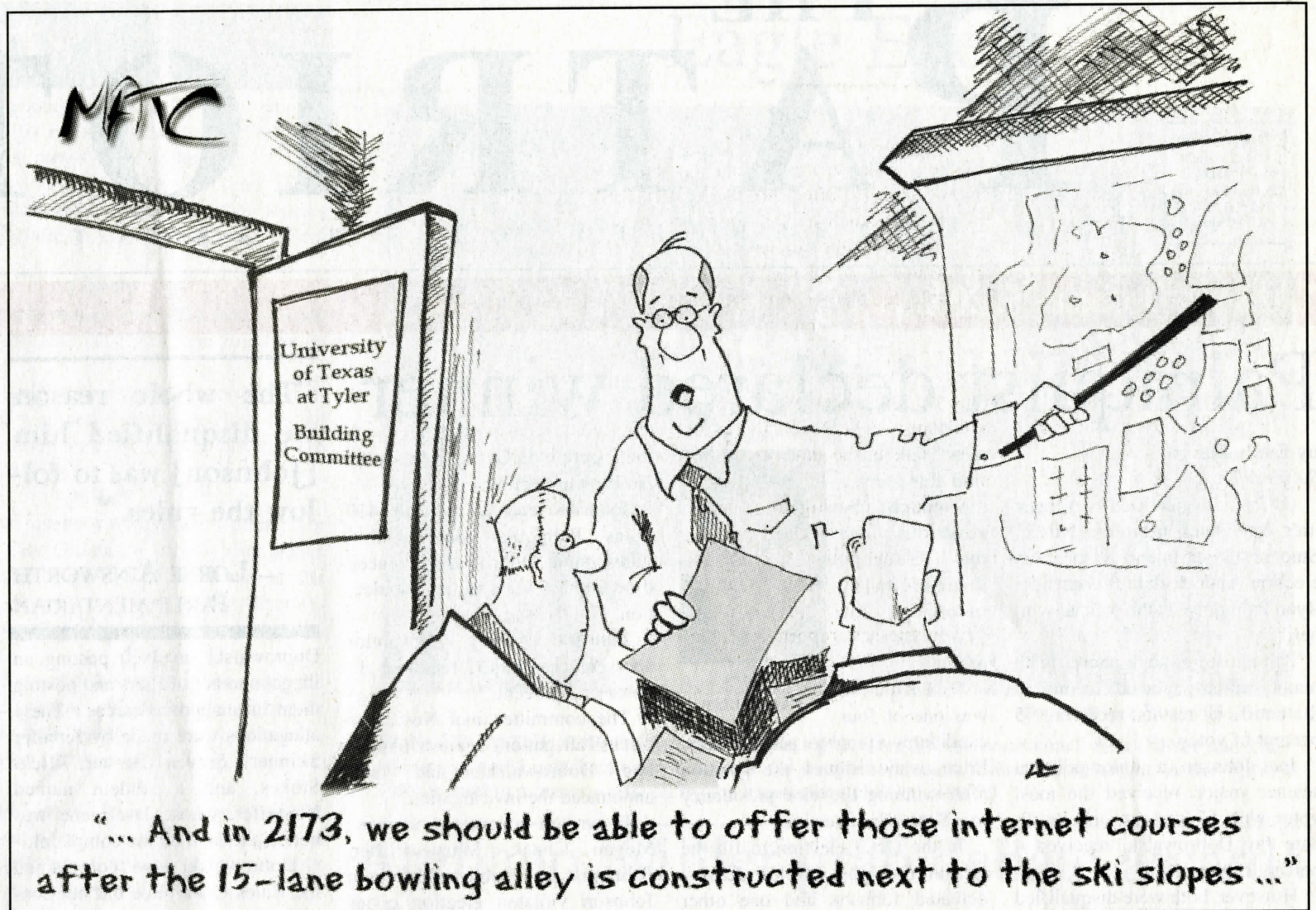
The punishment for testing positive also should be clearly defined. As an excellent role model, the NCAA imposes a one-year ban on competition for an athlete who tests positive for drugs.

The University already has great coaches and has proved its competitiveness. But it's time to start setting the policies that will guide the athletics program to a strong and safe future.

CORRECTION:

THE DATE FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT WAS INCORRECT IN THE PATRIOT NOV. 14 ISSUE. THE CONCERT IS DEC. 5 AT 7 P.M. IN THE R. DON COWAN FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

CAMPUS VOICE



"... And in 2173, we should be able to offer those internet courses after the 15-lane bowling alley is constructed next to the ski slopes ..."

Code talker chats about student schedules

By Robert Boggs
Editor in chief

The semester draws to a close, and with it come the unavoidable battle cries of schedule-stressed students.

"I need an easy class!" one cries with the same fervor you might expect from a terminally ill patient grasping for life-saving medicine.

"What's a class that I don't need to show up for?" another asks with the most pathetically sincere expression you can imagine.

In light of students' desperate need, it is my responsibility to suggest an alternative method of coding classes in the schedule that would allow students to readily obtain the information they want most about a class.

Under the current system, the schedule uses the code JOUR-2309 to represent a hypothetical

the number of credit hours—three for this class.

God knows where the last two numbers come from. Essentially they present a way to distinguish between classes with the same classification and number of hours. At any rate, they're about as helpful to students as ramen noodles without water.

Although there are those who probably care whether their classes are upper or lower division and how many hours they are worth, my alternate system readily provides the information that most students apparently desire.

Under this system, we'll reclassify our class JOUR-3378-085-04. This code may seem as cumbersome as nursing textbooks at first, but trust me—you'll like it.

Now students can still scan to see what department the class is in

and raisin bran.

In this case, the class lands a difficulty of three, meaning it falls somewhere between underwater basket weaving and basic grammar.

The second number, which is extremely important in deciding your schedule, represents the amount of work to be done outside of class on a scale from 0-9.

A three suggests a fair amount of studying with no homework.

Hey, we can always step our studying up to that small level, right?

The third number, formerly an ambiguous little digit, now represents the number of class periods the average student can miss without even the slightest impact on his or her grade.

Weighing in at an impressive seven JOUR-3378-085-04 stands

index indicate a class conducive to low-stress environments.

The next three digits, 085, denote the total cost of textbooks for the course. Cashing in at \$85, this class could be worse. A lot worse.

Actually, the next two numbers, 04, show just how bad it can be.

Representing the buy-back price of the textbooks at the bookstore, the final two numbers likely will be the last thing you see before signing up for another student loan.

Although the book prices frequently go above \$100, the buy-back price only needs two digits. For the new freshmen, I offer my condolences on discovering this fact.

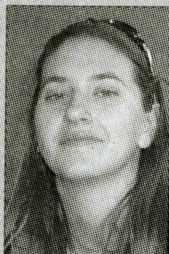
So added all together, JOUR-3378-085-04 doesn't sound too bad. Lots of freeloading time

"Should mandatory drug testing be required of student athletes at UT Tyler?"



"Yes, all in the name of fairness."
Jason May, senior, math

"Yes, they should."
Penney Jones, junior, math



"Yes. It's not fair to the athletes who get out there and bust their butts training naturally for other athletes to use drugs."
Ronny Grandgeorge, sophomore, math

"I don't think they should unless there is reason to be suspicious."
Starr Owens, senior, math



"I think they should. I don't think drugs should be allowed. It inhibits their performance and is a disgrace to the University."
James Morgan, sophomore, biology

"Yes. The athletes are setting examples for younger students, and they are role models."
Jackie Johnston, senior, math



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class in the journalism department.

I pick on my own department because people are less likely to throw bricks through my office windows when they can throw them directly at me.

The first number represents the class level of the course, in this case a two, or sophomore.

The second number indicates

but the numbers provide information that is much more relevant to the average college student.

The first number now indicates the difficulty of the course, rated on a scale from 0-9, with zero being the easiest and nine being the class most likely to require the successful construction of a working fusion reactor out of toothpicks

as a contender for the all-time enrollment record.

Similarly, the fourth digit indicates the number of class periods students may safely sleep through. By adding this number to the third digit, students can acquire the Early Assessment of Sleep Yield index.

High numbers on the EASY

makes up for a sickening-but-expected \$81 net loss on textbooks, and the overall course difficulty falls within acceptable parameters. The new code may even attract enough new recruits to journalism to keep my office brick-free.

Until then, I'm not signing up for ENGR-9900-159-12.

Solutions offer aid for staying awake during finals

Watch out. They're coming. Finals are here. Those five hours of luxurious sleep become two skimpy hours per night this week.

The following suggestions should help keep you awake during the stressful week ahead:

- **Business:** Arrive late. The adrenaline is really pumping. Business teachers appreciate tardiness.
- **English:** Wear tight shoes. In a pinch they help to jog forms of grammar into your mind.
- **Mathematics:** Get an 87-cent cup of coffee with free refills and stay attentive by figuring out how much money you saved on the refills.



Jeanie Carter

Reality Bites

- **Journalism:** When you get drowsy write your desired grade on your arm. Maybe you will get it by osmosis.
- **Speech:** Hum. You're a verbal group, so no one should notice.
- **Psychology:** Eat a peppermint before the final. It's been

proven to stimulate your brain. Don't look at it because the spiral could lull you away.

• **Chemistry:** Sit close to some of the smellier chemicals to stay awake. You might even be able to see the labels, which could help with the final.

• **History:** Tap your feet against the person's seat in front of you. Then you can discuss whose territory it is.

• **Theater:** Bring puppets to keep you awake, and sneak answers from them.

• **Nursing:** Purchase some of the "hot" over-the-counter drugs which are supposed to improve your mental functioning.

• **Political science:** Pretend you are in a heated political race, where every correct answer is a vote for you.

• **Kinesiology:** Stay alert by wearing wedgie-wear clothing for discomfort. It will keep you shifting in your seat.

• **Music:** Bring a tape of your sixth grade band concert. The wrong notes will keep you vigilant.

If nothing else works, wear a rubber band around your wrist to pop yourself awake.

Good luck, stay alert and remember if you sleep through your final there's always next semester.

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The Trial

His attorney depicted a man whose life appeared normal, but spiraled down hill years before the murder.

Becknell, a Emmett Scott High School graduate, had been recruited as the first black football player for Tyler Junior College. In his sophomore year, he led the team in receiving, catching 41 passes in 560 yards with five touchdowns, according to a 1968 yearbook.

Becknell said it was a difficult adjustment.

"It was a time of racial tension," he said. "Blacks didn't want me there and whites didn't want me there."

Becknell said he later fathered a son from an interracial marriage and moved to California.

After his divorce, friends and family members said they noticed a change in him, according to court records. He returned and spent most of his time secluded in his bedroom.

"The defendant has a prolonged history of unexplainable, unusual, bizarre behavior," defense attorney Kenneth Booker said in a written request for psychiatric testing. "He has secluded himself for long periods of time, refused to associate himself with anyone including prior friends and does not communicate well with members of his family."

He contented Becknell was not mentally fit to stand trial on a murder charge, but a psychiatrist and jury disagreed.

A Smith County jury declared Becknell competent after a two-day hearing.

During his trial a month later, prosecutors theorized Becknell was angry about his grades and sought revenge against his teacher.

Court records indicated Becknell made a "B" in lecture and a "C" in the laboratory section of Roddy's parasitology course.

Witnesses say Becknell at first sought a female professor, but

learned she was not in her office.

A note found in Roddy's handwriting shortly after his death described Becknell as "one of the most hard working" students who would have no problems completing his degree plan, reports show.

Evidence presented against Becknell included receipts from a Houston gun dealer and testimony from a pawn broker who said the defendant bought 50 rounds of .38 caliber bullets the day before the murder.

Although investigators never found a murder weapon, court records show police found used homemade targets in the trunk of his car.

Eyewitnesses reported seeing Becknell in the hallway outside Roddy's office at the time of the shooting.

Although he pleaded innocent, Becknell did little to provide a defense and didn't take the stand on his own behalf.

Booker testified his client prevented him from submitting a journal that could provide insight to Becknell's state of mind.

In a rebuttal testimony, prosecutors presented two mental health experts would said Becknell was not insane.

"He's not going to respond to treatment; he's a threat to society who should be locked up for good," Dr. James Grigson, a Dallas forensic psychologist, said according to a newspaper account.

Becknell said he couldn't have testified.

"My hands were tied. I couldn't testify on my behalf," Becknell said. "It would have been detrimental to my case."

Becknell was convicted of murder after only 10 minutes of deliberation.

The same jury deliberated less than an hour before sentencing him to life in prison.

Becknell now calls the Walls Unit in Huntsville home.

During a 45-minute interview,

Becknell, now 55, appeared polite but reserved. He spoke softly and carefully selected his word when responding to questions.

He insists he is innocent and claims witnesses lied.

"What the witnesses and court alleged happened, was physically impossible," Becknell said.

A witness said she saw sparks from the gun although Becknell said Roddy's position at the time would have blocked her view.

He said the layout of the HPR building and the position of each witness would have made it difficult for witnesses to get a good look at the murderer.

He claims testimony describing an argument between himself and Roddy was false.

"I never had an argument with the professor," Becknell said. "We did discuss grades but I didn't have an argument."

He said Roddy was one of the best teachers he ever had.

"Roddy was an excellent instructor," Becknell said. "It couldn't get any better than him. He helped him as much as he could."

Becknell wouldn't discuss his specific whereabouts of that day.

He contends he was framed by a person who verbally threatened him before the murder. That person - the real killer - he said is still roaming the streets.

"I don't know exactly who it is," he said. "I have a good idea but I really don't know."

Becknell also suggested people disapproved of his interracial marriage.

Appeal

Becknell lost his initial appeal in a 2-1 decision issued by the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1986.

Although the judges ruled the trial court erred in allowing the jury to hear evidence about the gun receipts, their submission constituted harmless error.

The opinion noted police officers had illegally seized the receipts.

Becknell would later use that information in a handwritten Habeas Corpus petition in an attempt to win a new trial.

Among other complaints, Becknell contended he was unfairly convicted by an all white jury.

He petition was denied in 1988.

Life in Prison

Becknell said he spends his days working in the prison laundry, passing out clothing to inmates and reading.

His rejection for parole, he said, has become routine.

"After 14 times, you become a little numb," Becknell said.

Every time a parole date nears, friends and family protest his release, Mrs. Roddy said.

"I will continue to do so as long as [the state department of criminal justice] asks me for them," she said.

Records obtained through the Texas Public Information Act offered a range of reasons for keeping Becknell behind bars.

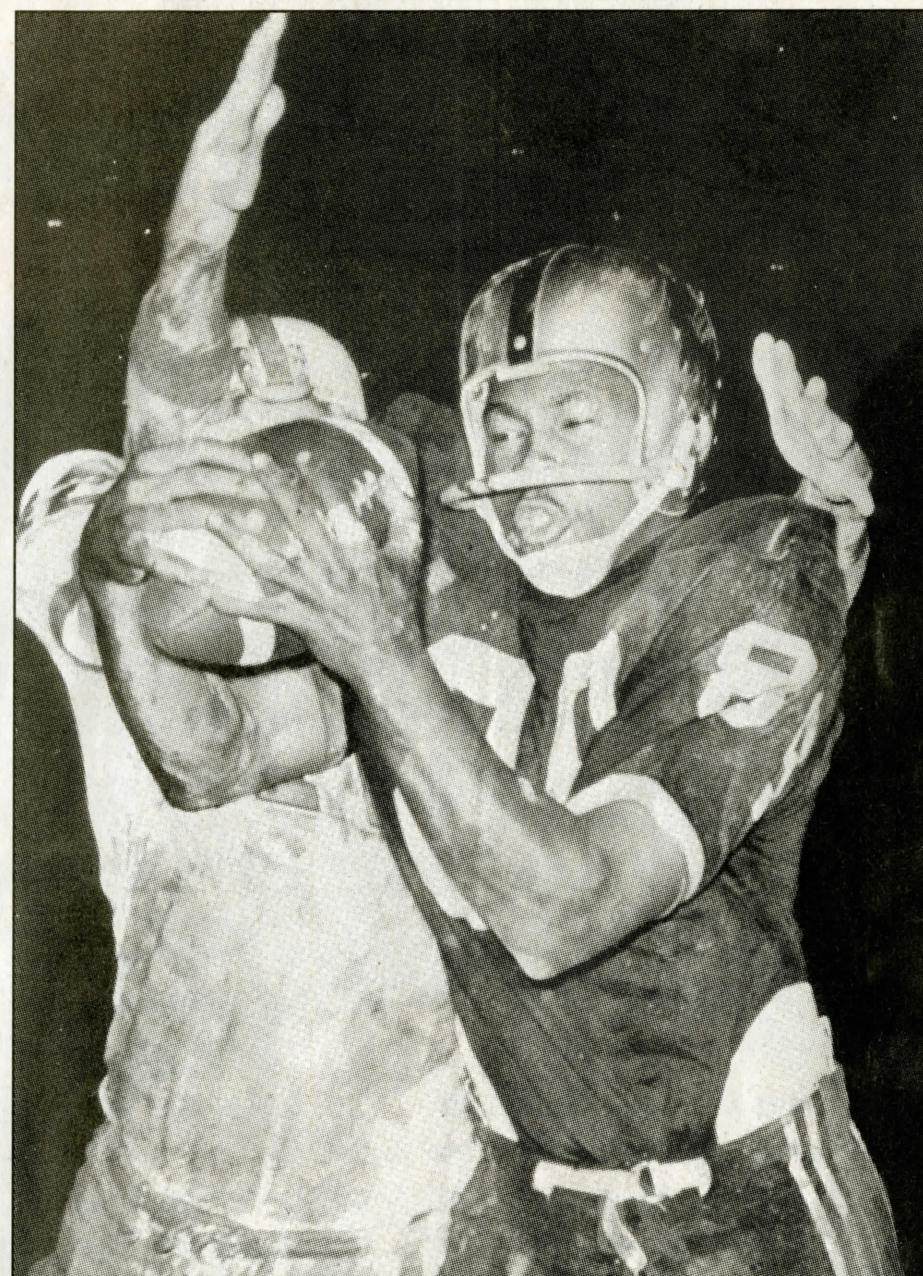
Documents cite his "criminal behavior pattern, poor adjustment in institution and nature and seriousness of the offense."

Prior records indicated numerous infractions but officials declined to release any details.

His last disciplinary action was in 1989, according to records.

Years Later

A quarter century after his death, a plaque near the door of Room 128 in the Science and Mathematics Building reads, "Dedicated to the



—Courtesy of Tyler Junior College

BETTER DAYS: James Becknell, right, shown in a 1968 TJC football game.

memory of Walter Carl Roddy, the first biologist and charter faculty member at Texas Eastern University, 1973- 1977."

A scholarship fund in his name aids recipients on the quest of higher learning; pictures of wildlife hang in the science department in his honor.

"Everybody knew him," Sherrod said. "He never met a stranger."

While one man's memory lives on, another tries to prepare for a new life.

Becknell said he is attempting to be a model prisoner, hoping one day to regain his freedom.

While incarcerated, Becknell said he has continued his education.

"Basically, I concentrate on keeping personal and academic skills up to date so I will be a credit to society," he said about his goals.

If he is ever released, Becknell said he would like to get a sales job or open his own business, possibly a research firm.

"I put a lot of hope in God," he said. "When he sees fit for that to happen, it will happen. I place all those details in his hands."

His next parole hearing is scheduled for Nov. 1, 2004.

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Upcoming Events:

December 10	Scantron Outreach 8:30 a.m. at TJC
December 14	End of Semester Luau 7 p.m.
December 22	Christmas Caroling

SETTING RECORDS

Patriot Women's Record List

Top Points Leader
Amber Haralson-15

Top Three Goal Scorers
Stephanie Maxwell-7
Amber Haralson- 5
Jennifer Wilson and
Rebecca Atkinson-1

Top Three Assists Leaders
Amber Haralson-5
Lindsay Lyle-2
Jennifer Wilson-2

Goal Keeper Stats
Kristal Moncrief

Regular Season:
Goals Against-78
Total Saves-211

Season Total:
Goals Against-95
Total Saves-243

Patriots Men's Record List

Top Points Leader
Barrett Browning-31

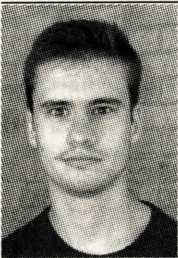
**Top Five
Goal Scorers**
Barrett Browning-14
Brett Barr-4
Ryan Hatcher-4
Dustin Williams-4
Erasmus Quaye-4

**Top Five
Assists Leaders**
Ryan Johnson-4
Michael Perschke-4
Barrett Browning-3
Brett Barr-2
Ryan Hatcher-2

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Season of success



Joe's Sports Spotlight

Joe
Elerson

The Patriots' inaugural season means more than the single win-loss records— it sets the stage for how the program will evolve in the future.

The University opened up the fall semester with seven teams including men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's cross country and men's golf.

The men's soccer team started the season at 4-0

before losing two straight to McMurry College 3-0 on Sept. 15, and Austin College 2-1 on Sept. 17.

For head coach Kenny Jones, the Patriot men finished the season 12-5-2 with freshman Barrett Browning scoring 14 goals.

Browning also was the points leader with 31 and was third on the team in assists with three.

"This was the toughest schedule I have ever put together as a Division 3 head coach," Jones said.

Jones' leadership helped a young team to see they have what it takes on a collegiate level.

The women's soccer team had 13 players at season's end and managed a 1-

16 season with a win on homecoming day 3-0 against McMurry University.

Junior Amber Haralson ended the season as the points leader with 15, assists leader with five and the second leading goal scorer with five.

Freshman Stephanie Maxwell led the team in goals with seven.

Head Coach Jodi Lovell said she believes recruiting will be her top priority during the off-season so she won't have players playing for 90 minutes every game next season.

The Patriot women's soccer team has the talent to become a successful program next season if they can just find out how to get more depth next season.

Spring 2003 Patriot tennis team schedule

Dates	Patriot Team	Opponent	Location
Feb. 7	Men and Women	Hardin Simmons	Abilene
Feb. 7	Men and Women	Univ. of Dallas	Abilene
Feb. 8	Men and Women	Sul Ross	Abilene
Feb. 8	Men and Women	McMurry	Abilene
Feb. 12	Men and Women	Austin College	Tyler
Feb. 14	Women	Univ. of Central Ark.	Arkansas
Feb. 14	Men and Women	Harding Univ.	Arkansas
Feb. 15	Men and Women	Hendrix College	Arkansas
Feb. 15	Men and Women	Rhodes	Arkansas
Mar. 1	Men and Women	Mississippi	Georgetown
Mar. 2	Men and Women	Southwestern	Georgetown
Mar. 2	Men and Women	Hardin Simmons	Georgetown
Mar. 29	Men and Women	UT-Dallas	Tyler
Apr. 12	Men and Women	Univ. of Dallas	Tyler
TBD	Men and Women	USCAA Tournament	TBD

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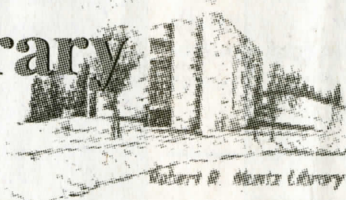
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Not a pizza hut



—Photos by Steven Ladd and RaDonna Womack

HOMEMADE: Art instructor Dr. Amy Gerhauser's finished work, "Integumental Dwelling," left, is now displayed in between the Business building and Harvey Lake. Gerhauser, above, works on finishing up her project. This piece of art work is part of the University's art faculty exhibition that will continue until Jan. 2, 2003.

New spring shows for Cowan Center

by Jennifer Murray
Entertainment editor

The R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center will showcase three performing arts series, two Broadway shows, two lectures and one special event for the 2003 spring semester.

Shows for the performing arts series include Big Band Dance Party, the musical "Fosse" and "On Golden Pond."

The Broadway series will include the musicals "South Pacific" and "Swing," while the Distinguished Lecture Series will feature Robert Novak and Bill Press from CNN's "Crossfire."

The last installment of the lecture series will feature Steve Forbes.

Both lecture series will be showcased in the spring, instead of one part of the series in the fall, and the other in the spring.

"The reason both lecture series events are in the spring semester is because we chose those people and that is when we could get them," Susan Tomae-Morphew, the director of the Cowan Center, said.

The season will conclude with the play "Greater Tuna," performed by the original cast.

"Greater Tuna is the special event. It is so funny," Tomae-Morphew said.

"It is the 20th anniversary tour and Tyler has never presented any of the three Tuna shows. If it is well received this year, we may bring 'A Tuna Christmas' next time," Tomae-Morphew said.

For more information regarding the events, please contact the Cowan Center box office at 566-7266 or visit their website at <http://www.utttyl.edu/cowan>.

In the spotlight

Group gives theater students nod to receive scholarship nominations

by Hannah Buchanan
Entertainment editor

The University theater department puts their name among the stars as 13 University students received nominations for the nationally recognized Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship.

The nominated University students listed by name, major and the production for which they received the nomination are:

* Angela Binoz, senior, speech, "She's Shakespeare Loving,"

* Chris Taylor, senior, theater, "The King Stag,"

* Kyle Halberstadt, senior, English, "The King Stag,"

* Darin Fimple, graduate, theater, "The Fantasticks,"

* Linda Nylund, junior, music, "The Fantasticks" and

* Geanina Barna, junior, theater, "The Fantasticks."

Hatfield said.

"To be nominated is truly an honor in itself," he said.

"There has never been any doubt about the talent and skill of the students who participate in our repertory company and this recognition for nearly half the acting ensemble is well deserved," Hatfield said.

The selected students now will face several audition rounds end-

'King Stag' cast presents worthy performance

by Joe Elerson
Sports editor

Review

The performers of "The King Stag" did one of the best jobs for a show as complex as this one was on Nov. 22 at The Theatre.

Each character in the show had to portray their regular character and a persona with the masks they wore throughout the show.

The actors closed out the performance of the show on Nov. 22-24, with Dr. Mary Ellen Wright sitting in the director's chair.

Wright showed her creative talents as she made all of the costumes for the show and also directed the actors in how to perform the style of commedia dell'arte.

Tartaglia, the evil prime minister played by Kyle Halberstadt, was

with the way he was able to transform to take on the part of Deramo during the second act of the show.

In act two of the show, Tartaglia does a magical spell over the body of Deramo and takes the form of the King.

But his plan doesn't work like he wants it to.

By the end of the show Durandarte brings the King back to his normal form and Tartaglia becomes the old man Deramo was during the second act.

Tartaglia stage presence during the performance made everyone in the audience aware he was about to bring the audience to the edges of their seats.

During the scene with Deramo, played by Zach Echols, Tartaglia kept trying to find a way to shoot him in the back for not choosing

formance.

But every time Tartaglia tried to shoot Deramo, Deramo would turn at just the right time so Tartaglia couldn't shoot him.

The best part of the entire show came during the selection process when the statue, known as the Bust, was on stage.

For the longest time during the scene, I thought Gayla Barron, who played the Bust, would not move the slightest muscle, when all of a sudden she started laughing about one of the choices for the wife-to-be of Deramo.

The way Wright directed the show and how the actors worked off of one another made this night a very enjoyable performance for my family and me.

The performers of "The King Stag" looked like they were having

- * Zach Echols, senior, theater, "Art."
- * Michael Ward, graduate, theater, "Art."
- * Connie Orr, senior, theater, "The Sound of Music."
- * Miranda Newman, senior, music, "The Sound of Music."
- * Jerone Turner, graduate, theater, "Rosalis."
- * Beverly Pearson, graduate, English, "Rosalis."
- * Val Frazee, senior, theater, "She's Shakespeare Loving."

Since 1972, the Irene Ryan Foundation of Encino, Calif. has given scholarships to the outstanding student performers at each regional festival.

These scholarships are made possible by the late Irene Ryan, who was best known for her role as "Granny Clampett" in *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

The Irene Ryan acting scholarship program is nationally recognized as the most prominent university/college acting competition, theater director Dr. James

ing in a final selection of two nominees ultimately recognized at the Kennedy Center National Festival in April of next year, Hatfield said.

"Part of what is so special about these nominations, aside from the number, is the depth of skill represented by a diverse acting company," Hatfield said.

"Watching our students grow in theatrical artistic collaboration with their peers is a wonderful process to observe and mentor," he said.

one of the best performers I have seen on a stage in a very long time,

his daughter during the marriage a blast and the audience seemed to enjoy it from start to finish.

Music department plans new ensembles for next spring

by Hannah Buchanan

Entertainment editor

The University music department will add more instrumental and vocal groups to their ensemble cast next semester – which is music to their ears.

"Next fall, we'll be adding a new vocal group, to be named later, that will be a pop/show choir – small in size and comprised of a select group of singers," Dr. Jeff Emge, music department chairman, said. "Also, I'd like to add a small jazz band that will double as an athletic pep band."

Besides the Wind Ensemble, which made its debut this semester, the harmonie group already made its debut last month, Emge said.

A harmonie is an eight-member instrumental ensemble consisting of two oboes, bassoons, clarinets

and horns each. The name originates from the European court tradition of the late 1700s, where every significant court had their own small band for entertainment and ceremonial purposes, he said.

Emge, who is also the Wind Ensemble director, said it's "tough" to recruit new players between semesters, especially for the Wind Ensemble.

"Most students in school who aren't already performing usually don't add music to their schedule. We're [the Wind Ensemble] still short a couple of trumpets and could use another clarinet or two; we need one more percussionist, but I think both the Wind Ensemble and Chorale will increase in size next year," he said.

Along with the new groups, Emge said President Dr. Rodney Mabry announced an increase in scholarship amount for the department. Emge declined to comment on scholarship amounts before the department's faculty meets on Friday.

"Until our faculty are involved and fully informed...[I can't] disclose that information," he said.

CORRECTION:

THE DATE FOR THE UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT WAS INCORRECT IN *THE PATRIOT* NOV. 14 ISSUE. THE CONCERT IS DEC. 5 AT 7 P.M. IN THE COWAN CENTER.

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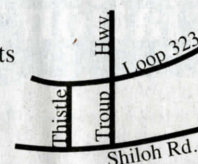
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13th	Arrival	From Houston
14th	Arrival	Party!!
18th	Saltwater Flys	FREE!!
19th	Robin Banks	Blues Diva!
20th	Janka Joe	Party from Baton Rouge
21st	Janka Joe	College Party Band!
25th	Merry Christmas	Open at 5 p.m.
26th	Chris Duarte	Fabulous Guitar
27th	Spank the Monkey	Rock 'N' Roll
28th	Spank the Monkey	Incredible!

Police Reports

University police officers charged six people, including four University athletes, for possession of marijuana last month at the University Pines Apartments.

Police Sgt. Troy Smith said officers executed search warrants on Nov. 16 after receiving an anonymous tip about drugs in two UPines apartments.

Officers said they discovered three bags of a substance believed to be marijuana, each containing about a quarter of an ounce, in the apartment of Markus Linzey Hebel, 18, of Tyler. Hebel, a men's soccer player, was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, Class B and C misdemeanors, Smith said.

In a separate incident on Nov. 16, Shane Charles Phillips, 19 and Patrick Steven Eades, 18, University soccer players, were cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Phillips also was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, a 3rd degree felony, after officers discovered a set of nunchakus in Phillips' apartment.

Officers also cited an 18-year-old male non-student from The Colony for possession of marijuana and issued him a criminal trespass warning, Smith said.

On Nov. 18, officers cited Matthew Bryan Haugen, 19, a men's tennis player, for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

An 18-year-old male University student also was issued a citation for possession of marijuana during the same incident.

Smith said all six would have to appear in court, but details were unavailable at press time.

Phillips, Eades and Haugen each received a citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor after a Sept. 10 incident at UPines.

ARREST

* Nov. 10 - Two University students were arrested on drug-related charges after police discovered a home-made bong, cigar and a clear baggie containing a substance believed to be marijuana in their University Pines Apartment. One student, an 18-year-old female, was charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$700. The other student, a 19-year-old male, was charged with possession of marijuana less

than 2 ounces with bond being set at \$500. The pair had been investigated by officers during an earlier drug-related incident that proved to be unfounded.

* Nov. 29 - A 19-year-old female Tyler Junior College student was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Leon County after being stopped by police for traffic violations.

THEFT

* Nov. 19 - A male student reported a theft of a cell phone from the Business Administration Building on Nov. 15.

* Nov. 21 - A University employee reported a camera had been stolen sometime between Nov. 13 and Nov. 21. It was last seen in a desk drawer in Room 116 in the physical plant.

MISC.

* Nov. 10 - Five juveniles were issued warnings for violating Tyler's City Ordinance curfew after police spotted the Lindale High School students at the University Pines Apartments. Three of the juveniles also were issued warnings for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

* Nov. 15 - A Service Solutions employee reported that she had backed a company vehicle into a light pole near the east side of the library. Estimated damage to the vehicle was valued at about \$300. No injuries were reported.

* Nov. 22 - A 19-year-old female University student was issued a warning for possession of alcohol by a minor and for displaying an invalid buyer's tag after being pulled over on a routine traffic stop.

* Nov. 22 - Police issued a warning to an 18-year-old male University student for disorderly conduct and consumption of alcohol by a minor. A warning also was issued to a 19-year-old male Tyler Junior College student for consumption of alcohol by a minor and littering.

* Nov. 26 - Officers investigated a report on vandalism to a UPines apartment in which Silly String had been sprayed on the kitchen wall. Estimated damage is unknown.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Details concerning the above stories are taken from official University Police records. If you are aware of a crime that is being committed or investigated, contact campus police at 566-7060.

PRICE

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She plans to return to school part time next semester, but said she does not expect to run for office in the SGA.

"I'm not dying," she said with a laugh. "I'm just going to kind of slow it down," she said.

Parliamentarian Loree Ainsworth said she did not know how the SGA would name a new vice president, but said she believed she was the only current SGA member eligible for the position.

According to Article I of the SGA constitution, the vice president must serve in the SGA for at least one year prior to running for the position.

Eagle Eyes



—Conchetta San Filippo/The Patriot

VIEW FROM THE TOP: Dr. James Schwane, right, Greg Jones, tennis coach Ken Olivier and kinesiology major Leah Beckendorf inspect the basketball court under construction in the Patriot Center during a tour sponsored by the kinesiology club on Nov. 20.

Arellano, Miller grab debate awards

by Mary Hall
Staff writer

Debate team members proudly carried five awards home from a speech and debate tournament at Louisiana State University.

The tournament was held Nov. 15, 16 and 17. Twenty-nine colleges and universities from Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas attended the

tournament.

Parliamentarian debate team members Amy Arellano and Dan Miller placed first in their category. They won the most amount of parliamentary debates at the tournament, defeating Southwest Baptist University for the win.

Miller won second place in individual speaking points for parliamentary debate, and Arellano placed third.

Miller also placed first in extemporaneous speaking, and Joshua Irick placed first in dramatic interpretation.

Arellano and Miller's win was their second in a row, Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs, Director of Forensics, said.

"It speaks well of their talent as debaters," Hobbs said.

This tournament was the debate team's last of the semester.

ELECTION

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rectly posted election dates.

The Rules Committee called a special election in October instead of disqualifying candidates. Officials said it was unclear if all the candidates understood the rules in the first election.

Parliamentarian Loree Ainsworth said all SGA members were made aware of which rules would apply at the candidates meeting Nov. 5.

Dobrowalski did not attend the forum, however Johnson, Palmquist, and Ashley did. Ainsworth said Johnson asked for the information repeatedly.

"The whole reason we disqualified him [Johnson] was to follow the rules. We feel that Joel would be an asset to the SGA," Ainsworth said.

Editor in chief Robert Boggs contributed to this report.

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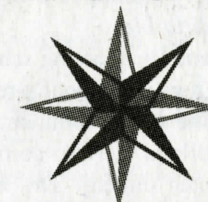
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College of Nursing & Health Sciences Building

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January 29, 2003

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

University Center, Room 118

Student Success Seminar: "Dress for Success"

February 5, 2003

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

University Center, Room 118

Major/Minor Expo 2003

April 8, 2003

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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April 15, 2003

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