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Dallas Long takes a swing at the USCAA tournament. See Sports, Page 7.

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Library still online

Despite reduction in hours, directors say facilities will survive 4-day week

by Robert Boggs
Editor in chief

Students accustomed to browsing the Robert R. Muntz Library on Fridays and Saturdays may find the doors locked this summer, but library director Jeanne Pyle said the library will be far from inaccessible.

In March, school officials announced the University would operate on a four-day week this summer to reduce costs in response to a \$1.6 million reduction in state appropriations.

Campus buildings will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays, including the library. However, Pyle said students can still access the library's computer resources through their web

site.

"We've got a digital library," Pyle said. "We have thousands of full-text articles and over 14,000 electronic books that people can access from home."

During the fall semester, the online resources received more than 800,000 hits, she said.

Pyle said the library's summer hours would be from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. She said librarians would be available to help students and teach them to use the electronic resources effectively.

"We can help them make the best use of their time," Pyle said. "They're not totally without a library just because we'll be closed Friday and Saturday."

The library isn't the only

facility facing reduced hours.

Although hours for the Academic Computing Center have not been finalized, director Michael Vick said he would seek a schedule similar to the library's hours.

He said the lab averages 10-25 students per day on weekends during the summer, but he doesn't know what effect the reduced hours will have on the lab's usage.

"It wouldn't be an impact on the lab; it would be an impact on the students," Vick said. "And that's really hard to say. The hope is that they can reschedule the times that they need the lab to the times that we're open."

The computer science lab in the Science and Mathematics

LABS, Page 3

SGA changes leaders

Senator election negated

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

Results of the April 1-2 Student Government Association general elections show Ryan Palmquist as the winner of the presidency, making him the first male president in at least four years.



dent Jay Dobrowalski to the parliamentarian's office with 136 of 158 votes cast. Twenty-two votes went

April showers



by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

Complaints and errors marred the April 1-2 Student Government Association general elections for some offices.

Senatorial candidates Lennard Stewart, College of Business and Technology, and John Moore, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, both filed written complaints regarding voting procedures with the judicial board.

Students were allowed to vote for only one candidate, and Moore and Stewart said they should have been able to vote for three. Each college elects three senators.

The judicial board has not
SENATE, Page 3

Palmquist, a sophomore business major, received 150 of 160 votes cast.

Sophomore biology major Loree Ainsworth, who won the March 18-19 special election for the vice presidency, will keep that office next year with 96 of 184 votes cast. Kimberley Hill, sophomore nursing major, placed second with 83 votes.

Sophomore biology major Queenie Williams, who received 143 of 184 votes cast, won the secretary position. Lanesia Pennington, a junior early education major, came in second with 37 votes.

John Easley, a junior finance major, won the treasury with 157 of 162 votes, and four write-in candidates received the other five votes.

Voters elected graduate stu-

to eight write-in candidates, Steven Brouer being the only one receiving more than one vote.

Freshman finance major Porshe Chiles, sophomore accounting major Nick Cline and junior industrial technology major Lennard Stewart received the most votes for the College of Business and Technology, making them the senators for that college.

John Moore, senior nursing major, and Vicki Stokes, junior health and kinesiology/pre-med major, will fill the senator positions for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, leaving one empty seat for that college.

Voters elected sophomore biology major Olakunle

ELECTION, Page 3



—Chris Kemper/The Patriot

ALL WET: Senior Lauren McClung gets a cold surprise during the water balloon toss at the Patriot Games last Thursday. For more on Student Appreciation Week, see pages 4-5.

Patriot claims 16 awards

The Patriot newspaper staff brought home 16 awards, including four first place honors, during the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention held April 3-5 in Corpus Christi.

The newspaper placed second in overall sweepstakes scoring against 28 Division II schools. Although the University is classified by enrollment as a Division III school, the newspaper staff elected to compete in the higher category, which includes

schools with an enrollment of at least 7,500.

In addition, the newspaper ranked third overall in a review of three consecutive issues.

Four current or former Patriot staff members claimed first prize awards: Editor-in-Chief Robert Boggs, editorial writing; Associate Editor Shalina Ramirez, feature writing; editor Jeanie Carter, humor column writing; and former graphic artist Mandy Stephens, informational graph-

ic design.

"The awards mean a lot to us because they serve as recognition for the long hours we put into producing the newspaper," Boggs said. "This reassures us that all the hard work was worth it, and I'm very proud of our staff for always making the extra effort."

Boggs, a junior journalism/computer science major, also won honorable mention in editorial writing during the on-site competition.

TIPA, Page 3

It's Miller time for debate team

University squad wins at Pi Delta Kappa tourney

by Brandy Burks
Contributing writer

Four University students traveled to Baltimore earlier this month to compete in the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament. One student returned home a national champion.

Daniel Miller, a political science major, won championship honors in extemporaneous speaking.

In this style of speaking, competitors receive a topic and have 30 minutes to research it with files provided them. They must prepare a seven-minute speech on that topic.

"Extemporaneous speaking allows you to examine the issues of the day and look at it from a global perspective," Miller said.

Miller also competed in the impromptu speaking category

"The reason I compete is not for the trophies. I care about the impact what I say has on people."

— DANIEL MILLER
DEBATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION

and won a superior rating for being in the top 10 percent.

In this competition, students are given a quote, word or picture and must prepare a speech within a minute.

Miller is a non-traditional student. He is married with three children and owns his own business.

Competitions are just a way of honing his speaking skills, he said.

"The reason I compete is not for the trophies," Miller said. "I

care about the impact what I say has on other people."

Two other University team members won excellent ratings in the competition. Amy Arellano won in impromptu speaking and poetry interpretation. Frank Patel won in impromptu speaking.

The University's debate team is coached by Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs.

Pi Kappa Delta is the largest and oldest speech honorary society. More than 60 colleges attended the tournament conducted at Morgan State University.

FLAGfacts

Excerpts from the United States flag code:

❑ The flag should only be displayed from sunrise to sunset unless properly lighted after dark.

❑ The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

❑ The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

❑ When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

Banner year



—Chris Kemper/The Patriot

OLD GLORY: Officer Kyle Benson, center, and guard Rogers McNeil raise the flag during the dedication for the flagpole donated by the family of Frank Joseph Spaeth on Saturday at the Longview University Center. The event honored the one-year anniversary of Spaeth's death.

EDITORIAL

Pomp and Circumstance is one tradition of graduation that brings excitement to those hearing it, even years after the big day when college is over.

As with many things in life, the musicians who bring this song to us are taken for granted.

Although music floats through the air, the musicians playing it are unseen. They are in the "pit."

The Orchestra's pit is about nine feet below floor level, in front of the stage, where the musicians are passed without notice as students receive diplomas.

The University of Texas at Tyler's Wind Ensemble arrives by 8 a.m. to prepare for the crowd and participants, staying through two graduation ceremonies.

While the audience listens as graduates are announced, the Wind Ensemble must sit silently in the pit during their first week-end of summer vacation.

Mid-afternoon, when the festivities are over, they proceed to carry instruments, stands and chairs upstairs.

Surely for this dedication the musicians receive extra participation points in a class or even a small monetary sum.

They don't.

Maybe their names are in the program for the support they give our school.

They aren't.

They are musicians, so they enjoy doing this.

Of course, many people enjoy milkshakes, but not six days per week.

Is the Wind Ensemble acknowledged for the extras it donates to faculty, staff and students at the University?

That question can be answered by looking at the attendance of the Wind Ensemble's last concert March 6.

Of the 4,200 students registered at the University this spring, and the 433 faculty and staff on campus, only about 70 people attended the concert.

The total audience turnout scarcely doubled the number of performers on stage.

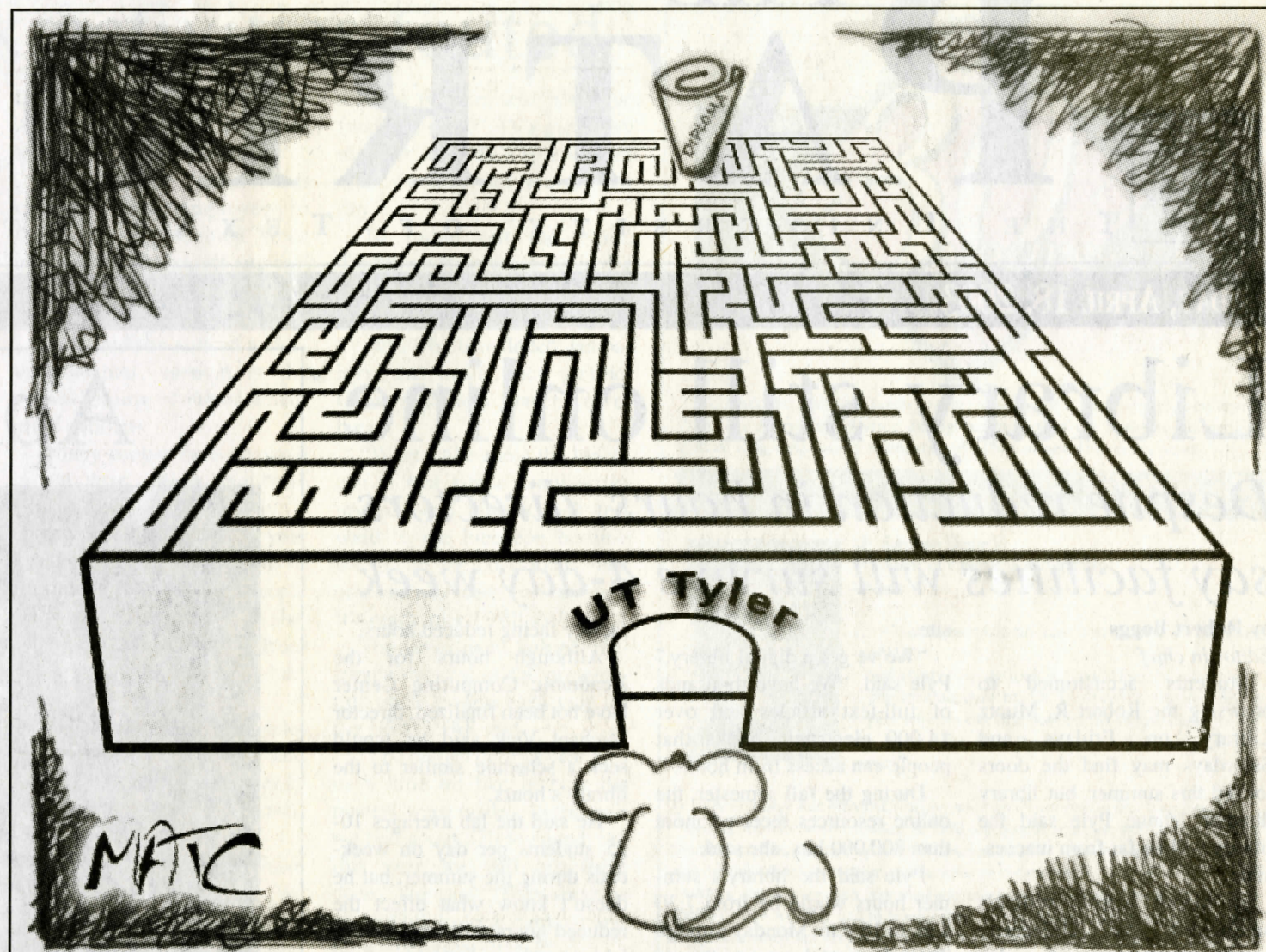
Is supporting our music program too much to expect from the constituents of this University?

The Wind Ensemble performs concerts mid-term and at the end of each semester.

Concerts are free, about an hour long and offer an excellent musical performance.

It is a wonderful opportunity for the family, or to impress a date.

Show your appreciation to the UT Tyler Wind Ensemble and their conductor, Dr. Jeffrey Emge, by attending the last concert of the semester at 7 p.m. May 1 in the Vaughn Auditorium.



Quote of the Week

"Their was a burden lifted from my heart and from his family's heart."

Wife of rescued POW Michael Williams, Michelle Williams, said at a press conference after she heard about her husband's return

Talk Back Tyler

We want more of your letters to the editor. Let your voice be heard. E-mail your letters to patrioteditor@uttyler.edu

Letters
to the
Editor

Dear Editor,

When the buildings are

Dear President Mahru

could call home to let others

CAMPUS
VOICE

What is your opinion of the media being in the front lines in Iraq?

"I think it's a bad idea because they're put in harms way and are

Thank you for your informative article "Committee To Consider Closing Campus To Students After Hours" March 26, *Patriot*.

It brought to light several things I take for granted at UT Tyler.

One example is our access to the resources of computer labs in the Sciences and Business Buildings during evenings and weekends.

I was unaware that this created safety and security issues for the University.

"Closing the Campus," implies limited access to University grounds as well as the buildings.

This implication would limit our community's enjoyment of the park like atmosphere.

UT Tyler offers an affordable quality education and is well respected elsewhere.

As a transfer student, I took these into consideration as I returned to study.

I want to support President Mabry and our administrators in their decisions to find the balance between saving money and preserving services.

However, I do have some questions your article poses.

closed, are they willing to supplement that building's resources elsewhere?

To continue the example, are they willing to compensate with a knowledgeable staffed computer lab in the library having PC's and MAC's?

Are they willing to open the wireless network to laptop users who use their computers to do research, homework and check e-mail?

Are they willing to increase library hours?

A few covered picnic tables would be a nice addition to the grounds if the University Center is closed.

I affirm the open campus 1. but do recognize the need for cost cutting, safety and security issues of the closed campus and 2. proposal provided services are compensated for elsewhere for all students, not just a few with special permission.

1. Open Campus: the current system

2. Closed Campus: "limited access" or "after hours."

Brian Jaworski
communications major

How about giving the students a few things they might actually appreciate? Several suggestions for a real Student Appreciation Week:

Let people read a book past the hour of ten o'clock in any campus building.

Oh to study past ten o'clock, what a novelty.

Clean up the graffiti on campus.

This might attract more students. Since you are hard pressed for funds, you could charge them up the wazoo for tuition and other user fees.

When you decide to hike up tuition, please tell everyone you're going to have a meeting.

Don't just put up a tiny paper announcement on a bulletin board behind some guy's car for sale ad and wonder why no one shows up to voice their opinions.

Put in some pay telephones on campus.

Only two pay phones are on campus, but they are in the University Center, and so are a bit difficult to access from the Business building on a ten minute lecture break. People

know that they are in fact alive, a very pressing concern especially with the slow and somewhat defunct police service on this campus in an era of heightened terrorism alert.

Put in another eatery that offers good cheap food.

Even a road kill cafe would be nice, and would cut down on your overhead.

To ensure an unimpeded link to the students, and to ensure a better place for all of us, you should hire me as your very own consultant.

I normally command a very high salary for this service, but since everyone in this small town is family, I will invoke the family and friends discount rate, and work only for free tuition and housing, provided of course that any duties will not interfere with my studies. Since Texas is so backward, you can fire me for no reason whatsoever, anytime you want to.

Sincerely,

Jay Dobrowalski,
Tyler



risking death. But it is good for America to see what's going on in the front lines."

Jennifer Tidwell
junior
business management



"Although America needs to know what's happening, I don't think the lives of innocent people should be put in danger."

Danielle Gardner
senior
general finance



"I'm okay with it as long as they realize the danger involved."

James Wansley
senior
computer science



"I like the fact that it shows people at home what is truly going on and allows us to pray for specific issues. I don't like it when their pain or an injury is glorified."

Keri Holloway
junior
art



"I think it is important that we know what is going on, and it brings the war closer to home. I also believe it makes us more aware."

Freddy Rodriguez
senior
kinesiology



"I think it is good because it gives us a more accurate portrayal of the events. I believe it also makes the public more critical of the war actions."

Alan Robeson
senior
technology

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General Information: *The Patriot* is a student publication that provides information, commentary and entertainment for the University of Texas at Tyler community. Editorial statements and advertisements do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the UTT administration.

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The Patriot encourages and provides an avenue for free flow of student expressions and opinions. The newspaper will serve as a learning tool to help students gain experience in all aspects of the print media.

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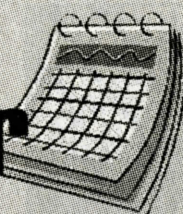
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CAMPUS Calendar



April 14- May 9

- Art Senior Exhibitions, Meadows Gallery

April 21- June 6

- 18th Annual International Exhibition, Meadows Gallery

April 22

- "Speechcraft" luncheon seminar, UC 118, noon-1 p.m., lunch provided

April 23

- "Preparing for Finals" student seminar, UC 118, noon-1 p.m., lunch provided
- The Superintendent Institute's first meeting, LIB 401, 9 a.m.-2p.m.

April 24

- Swing, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 25

- UT Tyler student recital, Braithwaite Hall, 2 p.m.
- Junior Recital, Lynda Nylund, Braithwaite Hall, 6 p.m.

April 29

- SGA meeting, UC 118, 5:15 p.m.

May 1

- Student Organization Presidents Council meeting, UC 118, noon
- UT Tyler Wind Ensemble concert, Vaughn Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Tyler Music Coterie Honor Recital, Braithwaite Hall, 10 a.m.

Ceremony to honor young writers, poets

An awards ceremony for the 19th annual Young Authors Contest is scheduled for 4 p.m. April 22 in Room 118 of the University Center.

In the contest sponsored by the Reading Division of the Department of Special Services, first- through fifth-graders at Tyler-area public and private schools were invited to submit

on originality of ideas, organization and continuity of thought, writing mechanics and development of topic.

University students will introduce winners and read winning entries during the ceremony.

Each winner will receive \$5, an anthology of winning entries and a certificate.

ELECTION

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Oguntodu and write-in candidate Rebecca Burton as senators of the College of Arts and Sciences, with one seat remaining empty.

University Pines Apartments representatives depend upon the College of Education and Psychology's re-election because Tiffany Alexander, freshman education major is a candidate for both positions.

Write-in candidates Louie Downey Jr. and Austin O'Kelly will represent the College of Engineering and Computer Science, along with the winner of a run-off between write-in candidates Aaron Bonner, Ronald Edwards and Tony

Naseiro.

A tie in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences requires a run-off for that senator's seat and an error on the ballot required the election for the College of Education and Psychology to be run again.

The re-election and the run-off will be held April 23-24.

Winners will take office May 1 and receive their stipends at the end of the one-year term.

Stipends are awarded as follows: president and vice president get \$800 each; secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian each receive \$300; and senators each get \$150.

SENATE

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yet made a decision regarding the complaints.

An error occurred on the ballot when Lanesia Pennington's name was listed under the College of Arts and Sciences when it should have been under the College of Education and Psychology.

The election for senators of the College of Education and Psychology will be run again on April 23-24

If Tiffany Alexander wins a senator's position in the College of Education and Psychology, she will have to choose between that office and senator of the University Pines Apartments, which she won in the April 1-2 general elections

The winners of the elections will take office May 1 and receive a \$150 stipend at the end of their one-year term.

TIPA

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Ramirez, a senior journalism major, won three other awards at the competition with a tie for third for her summer internship with the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, honorable mention in the news feature writing category and third place in the picture story category with former photographer Conchetta San Filippo.

Sports editor Joseph Elerson claimed second place for

- former staff member Ross Baker, honorable mention for single ad design,

- former editor-in-chief Melissa Tresner, third place headline writing; second place for series writing; second place tie for news writing,

- *Patriot* staff, honorable mention for a special graduation section.

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Police Reports

ARREST

* March 22 - A 20-year-old Tyler Junior College male student was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of alcohol by a minor after officers responded to a family disturbance at a University Pines apartment. A 22-year-old TJC female student was also arrested and charged with assault causing bodily injury and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

* March 29 - A 22-year-old TJC male student was arrested for furnishing alcohol to minors after police investigated a report of a disturbance at a UPines apartment. Four University students were issued warnings for possession of alcohol.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

* March 29 - Officers discovered the Spence Plaza fountains near the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center had been soaped.

* March 31 - A 23-year-old female and a 20-year-old male were issued citations for criminal mischief for soaping the fountains near the Cowan Center.

THEFT

* March 21 - A University male student reported that his 1998 Ford Mustang had been burglarized while parked in the UPines visitor parking area. Nothing was reported stolen but damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$100.

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 the campus police at 566-7060.

LABS

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Building and Center for Professional Development of Teachers lab in the University Center aren't expected to see as much impact because neither is traditionally open on weekends during the summer. Both expect to be closed on Fridays.

Sharon Back, who oversees the CPDT lab, said the facility receives only a handful of students on Fridays.

Lab directors all face a simi-

lar problem—compromising between the needs of students and the necessity of cutting costs.

"We feel that we provide a service that the students want, and since that's our job, we want to provide that service as much as possible," Vick said. "On the other hand, we have a budget problem, so we have to come to an understanding somewhere."

entries in poetry, essay, narration and creative writing categories.

Undergraduate reading students judged the entries based

More than 400 young authors participated in the contest.

For more information about the ceremony, call Dr. Nancy Horton at 903-566-7277.

sports column writing and third place for sports page design.

Other awards include:

student press association. Their 2004 convention will be held in Austin.

University honor society named star chapter

Texas Alpha Xi, the University chapter of the Alpha Chi national college honor society, was named a Star Chapter during the society's 2003 national convention March 13-15 in Washington D.C.

The Star Chapter award is presented to the top chapters in the nation. Only 32 of the more than 300 chapters received the distinction.

The University has received the award for the past four years as well as in 1997 and 1998. The award was created in 1996.

All 11 members of Texas Alpha Xi's student delegation presented scholarly papers during the convention. Students participating

included undergraduates Michael Wysocki of Tyler, Sean Butler and Scarlet Worthen of Gladewater, Frank Sullivan of Bullard, Allison Gillentine of Longview and Billy Borunda and Scott Skiles of Brownsboro; graduate students Karen Taylor and Dana Dudley of Tyler and Teleia Hogan of Gladewater; and alumni member Catherine Davis of White Oak. Wysocki also competed for a graduate scholarship.

Butler, a junior chemistry major, presented a poster titled "The Design and Synthesis of Macroindicators as Sensitive Colorimetric Sensors" at the convention.

The poster presented results of a research project carried out under the supervision of Dr. H. Neil Gray, associate professor of chemistry, and funded by the Welch Foundation of Houston.

As a Welch Scholar, Butler receives a scholarship from The Welch Foundation for conducting chemical research to enhance his knowledge and use of chemistry.

Also representing the University were chapter sponsor Suzanne Pundt, senior lecturer of biology, and assistant sponsor Darrell Pogue, assistant professor of biology. Pundt served as presider for a student presentation session

and received an award for 15 years of service as the Texas Alpha Xi Chapter sponsor.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and honor those who achieve such distinction.

The society inducts students from all academic fields who rank in the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors at member institutions. Induction at the University occurs every fall semester and is by invitation.

For information, contact Suzanne Pundt at 903-566-7166.

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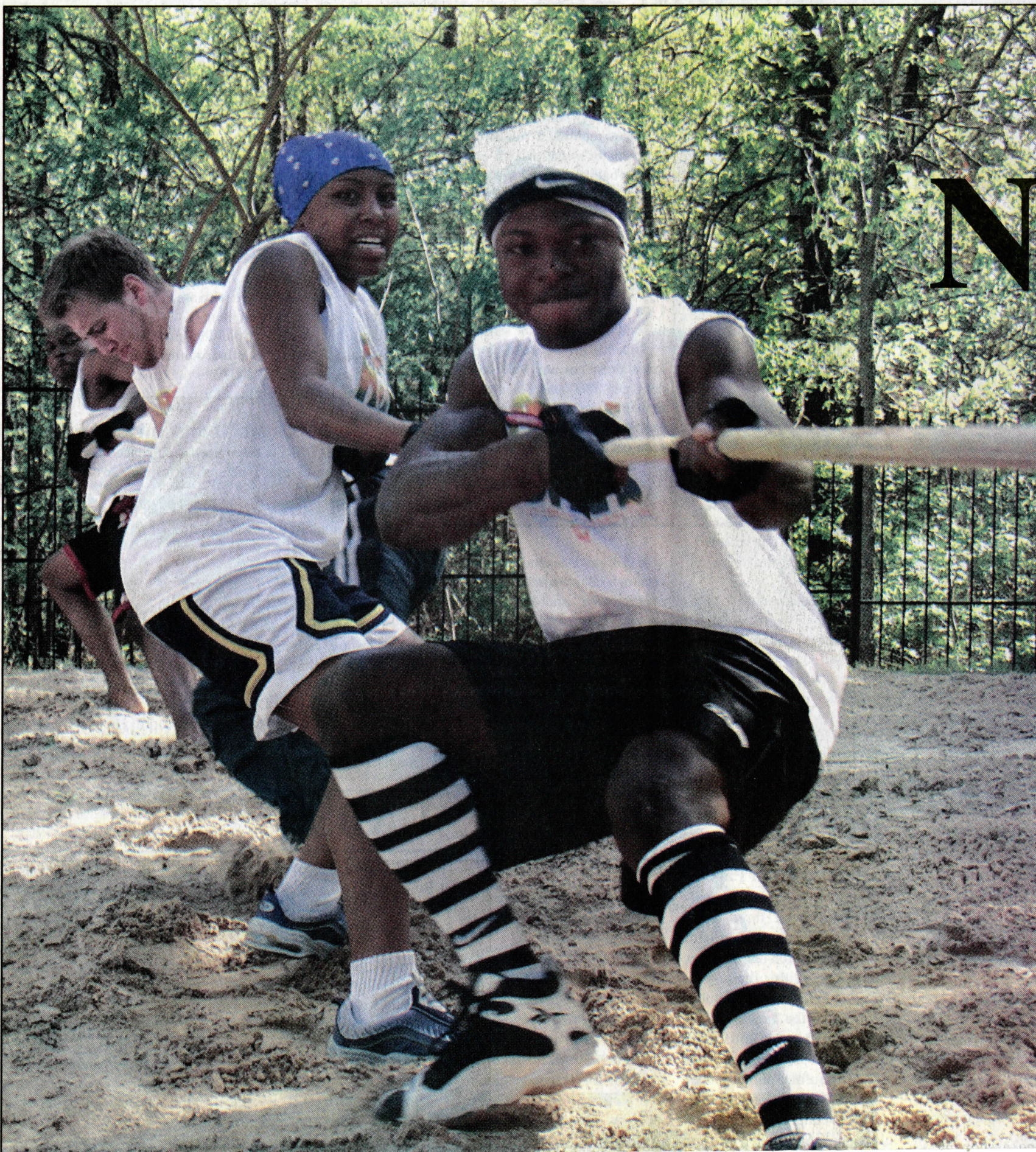
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Teams ch brawn du

by Kelly Aydelott
Contributing writer

While most University students spent April 10 poring over their notes in preparation for their next class, senior Amanda Allgood was busy climbing, running through and sliding down an oversized inflatable obstacle course.

"I looked stupid but had fun," the English major said.

Allgood also tested her strength and coordination during a three-legged race, tug-of-war and sack race.

"I definitely have more brains than bronze," she said.

The activities were part of Patriot Games, a one-day competition held during Patriot Days.

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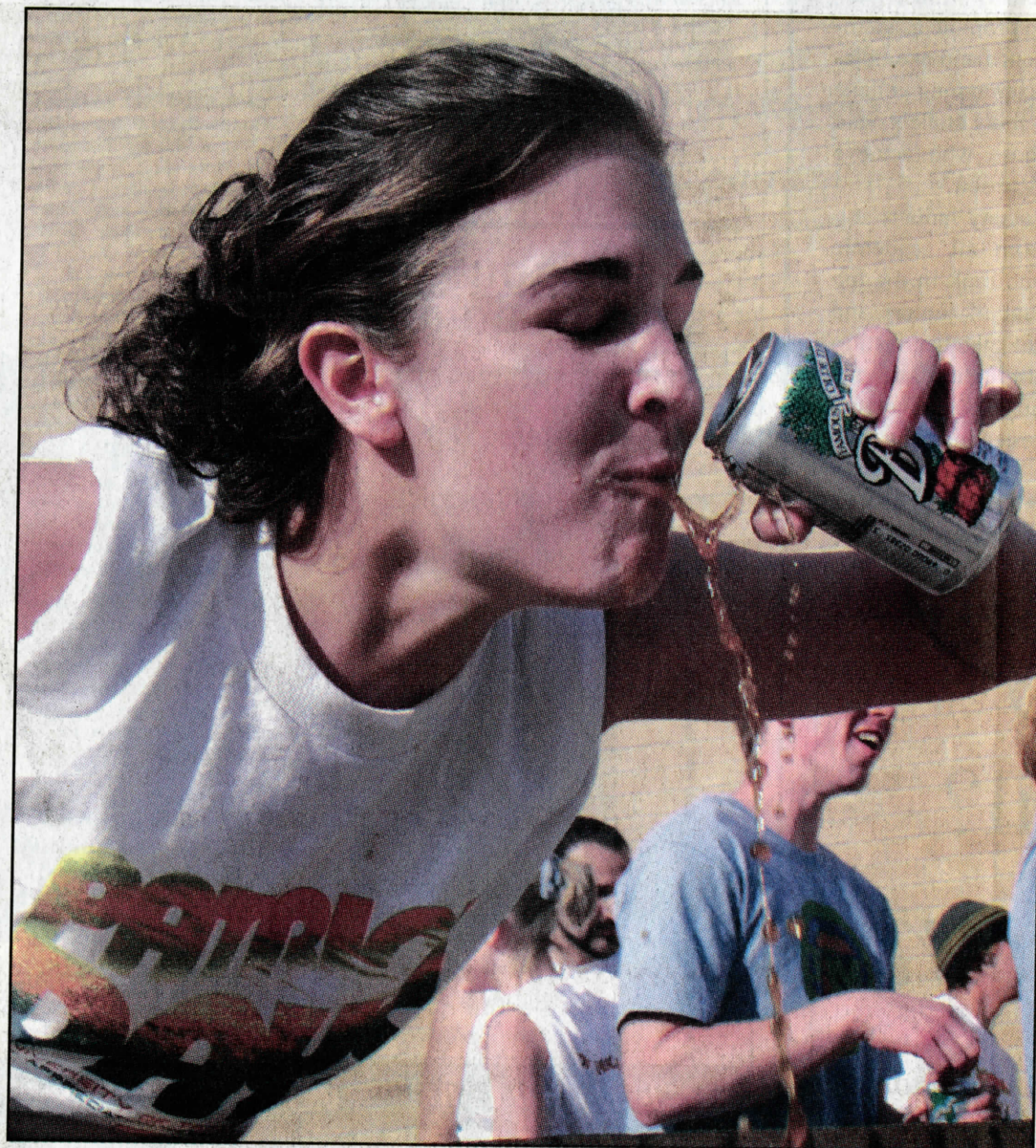
TUFF ENOUGH: Olakunle Ogantodu and Queenie Williams dig in deep during a tug-of-war competition on April 10.

Student Appreciation Week.

In its third year, student appreciation week offers students five fun-filled days of free food and events as a way to de-stress before finals.

This year's theme was, "Dare to Have Fun."

Allgood's team, the VIPatriots, race



OVER HER LIMIT: Noble Gases team member Randa Gates over estimates her root beer chugging capacity during Patriot Games on April 10.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Shane McCaugnan poses while waiting his turn to star in a music video April 9 during Patriot Days Student Appreciation Week.

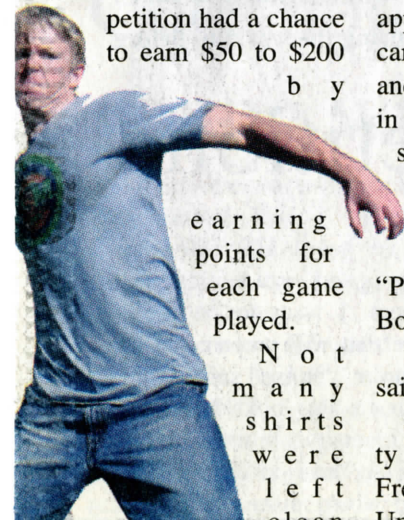


EEK e Weak

allenge brains, ring activities

among 12 team of six, com-
of both students and faculty,
mpete in Patriot Games for
prizes and bragging rights.

Winners of the com-
petition had a chance
to earn \$50 to \$200
b y



earning
points for
each game
played.

Not
many
shirts
were
left

Team AC claimed first place
with the Student Government
Association taking second and
University Pines #1 placing third.

Other activities during student
appreciation week included a free
car wash, a bowling tournament
and make your own music video,
in which participants could demon-
strate their musical talents to the
tunes of various songs in front
of a video camera.

Allgood's team performed
"Play that Funky Music White
Boy."

"We laughed our heads off," she
said.

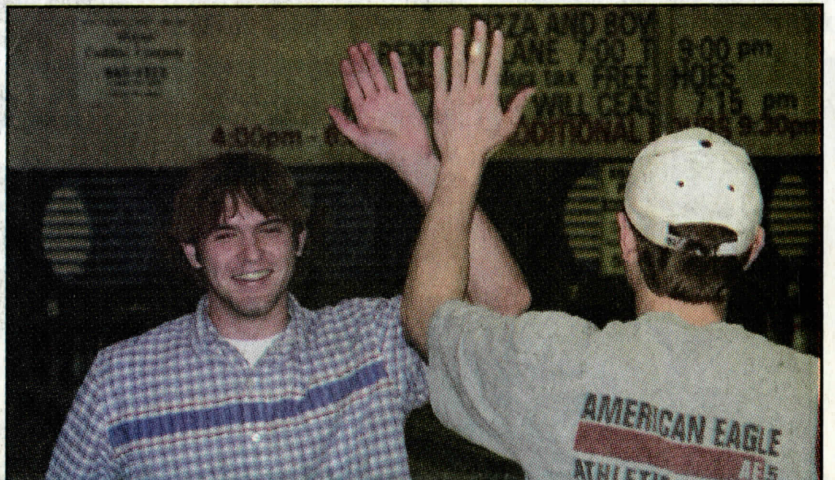
Students also had the opportuni-
ty to attend a concert by
Freshwater Collins in the
University Center and a showing



TEAMWORK: Team UPines 2, left,
attempts to assemble a Spiderman jig-
saw puzzle in record time. Clayton
Loftin, below, jumps toward the finish
line during the sack race.

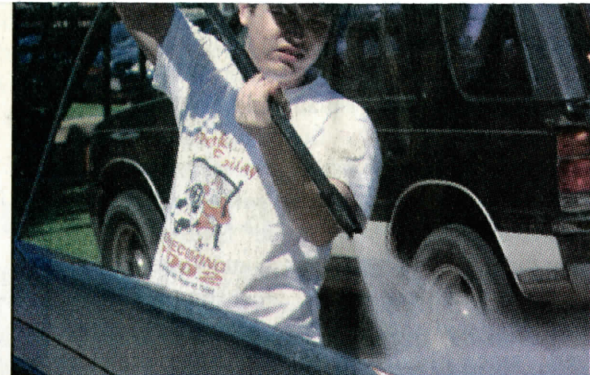


HIGH FIVE: Wesley Killingsworth con-
gratulates teammate Josh Watson after
he bowled a strike at Green Acres Bowl
in Tyler.



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of the new release "Maid in
Manhattan" at UPines.
Allgood said she enjoyed the
movie, but had a blast competing
against her classmates.
"I just wanted to kick back, have
fun and kick butt," she said.



SQUEAKY CLEAN: Robert Williamson sprays the last of the suds off a vehicle during the Patriot Days Student Appreciation Week's free car wash.

Photos by
Brad Smith



THERE SHE ROLLS: Matt Alvis aims for a strike during a bowling tournament at Green Acres Bowl in Tyler during the University's student appreciation week.



TWO SCOOPS: Student Government Association members Vicki Stokes and Loree Ainsworth dish out ice cream during SGA's "Big Scoop."



SPIC-N-SPAN: Robert Boggs soaps the windshield of a vehicle April 8 at the University Pines Apartments.

Gimme a T-U-R-N-E-R

Former Oklahoma cheerleader stakes turf in Tyler

by Emily Stevens

Staff writer

Susie Turner, the University's new cheerleading coach, knows cheerleading can be a pain in the butt and sometimes must be learned the hard way.

Turner remembers an incident at an Oklahoma State University football game, describing a big wall at the stadium that the cheerleaders sit on before kickoff.

"As kickoff began, we would fall backward off the wall into the hands of a partner. One time we were short [on catchers], and when it was my turn, I checked to make sure my partner was there," Turner said.

"As I fell back, he moved to catch someone else, and I landed on my butt on the AstroTurf," she said.

In a similar incident at an OSU basketball game, Jennifer Purser, who cheered with Turner at OSU, remembers Turner poised to complete a series of two back handsprings and a back flip.

Purser said Turner ran onto the court and made the handsprings, but as she began her back flip she landed on her butt and slid 20 feet down the court.

However, Turner is not a typical cheerleading coach. She also works as an Assistant District Attorney at the Smith

County office.

She said she came to East Texas because the district attorney's office is "phenomenal" and because she was raised in Bullard.

Purser, who has known Turner for 10 years, said despite the fancier clothes and legal jargon, she's the same old Susie.

"Susie's one of those best friends that you may not talk to every day, or CHEER COACH for a couple of weeks, but when you do finally catch up it's almost like no time has passed," she said.

"She's always there to listen, a good person and a great friend," Purser said.

Despite her day job, Turner said she wanted to be involved in the University's cheerleading program.

"I thought it would be a good way to promote UT Tyler and to help the community," she said.

According to a press release, Turner began her cheerleading career in high school, and went on to cheer on a nationally ranked squad at OSU for four years.

"I liked being involved in

athletics, but I couldn't play basketball or volleyball. I could cheer though, and I thought it would be a good way for me to be involved, promote athletics and show school spirit," she said.

From 1992 to 1995, Turner was an instructor for the Universal Cheerleaders Association in Memphis, where she taught cheers, stunts, techniques and safety to cheerleaders and coaches from junior high through college levels.

In 1996, Turner went on to coach cheerleading at Texas Tech University.

While there, she developed a cheer program for students, including grade point average requirements and safety standards.

"I learned a lot from Susie about cheerleading: it's a sport that requires lots of hard work, talent, athletic ability and teamwork," said Leann Elkins, Turner's supervisor at TTU.

"She helped me realize that cheerleaders are important representatives of the University, and they have a large role in promoting school spirit on and off the field," Elkins said.

For more information on the cheerleading team, you can e-mail her at sturner@uttyler.edu or call Turner at (903) 566-7105.



—Michelle Kiker/The Patriot

BACK FLIP: University freshman Liz Clark practices her backflips during the warmup before cheerleader tryouts April 12.

Keeping an eye on the competition

by Michelle Kiker, Jennifer Bailey and Robert Boggs

Contributing and staff writers

After two years recuperating from a knee injury, Jennifer Inman picked up her pompoms again for a shot at performing with the University's new cheerleading squad.

Inman, who cheered in high

Inman, but she said her desire to cheer again overrides any anxiety.

"It's like a part of me is missing-cheering is instilled inside me," Inman said.

Cheering isn't the only part of joining the team appealing to Inman, she said. As a freshman she hopes to meet other students

team, co-ed stunts are new to Stinson, so she wasn't leaving anything to chance.

After finding a partner she stays focused as she balances on his hands, extended straight above his head, and returns safely to the ground.

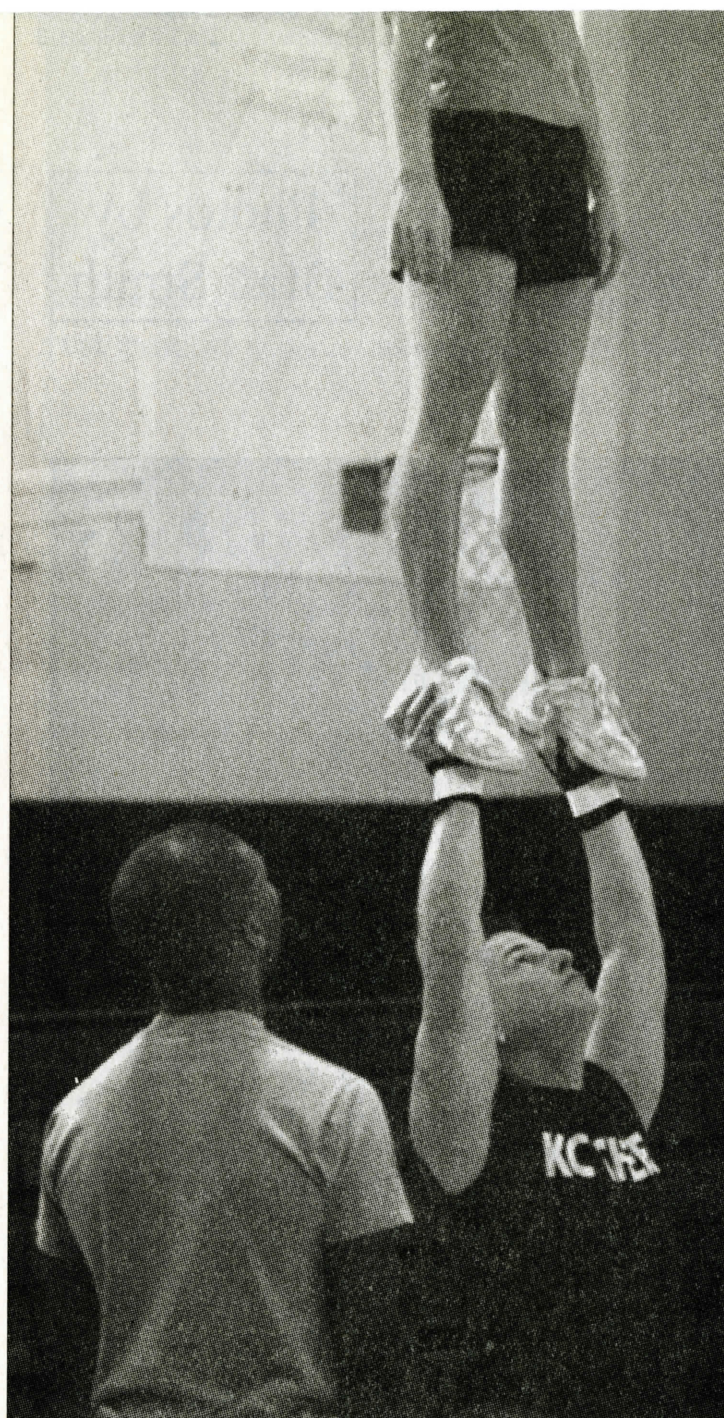
"He's the only one that I think could hold me up," she

phere.

"I've heard UT Tyler has really good academics and teachers. I want to go somewhere that will prepare me for the future," Stinson said.


Stinson also looks forward to the University's future. She said being on the first cheerleading squad would make her part of





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STANDING TALL: Chris Mercer stretches by lifting Cassie Stinson before tryouts April 12 with Jared Watson looking on.



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school at Hallsville, competed with about 14 other students in the first round of cheerleader tryouts held at T.K. Gorman High School on Saturday.

The competitors represented a mix of students, but each had his/her own motivations and fears about being there.

For Inman, there is a fear about her ability. She said she hasn't cheered since high school, where she injured her knee after being dropped during a stunt.

The injury still worries

through the program.

"I don't know many people in town, so hopefully being on the squad will help," she said.

But Inman faces strong competitors, none of which would give up without a fight.

Cassie Stinson, a former gymnast and head cheerleader for Jacksonville Baptist College, carefully scouted out her tryout partner, searching for the biggest, strongest man to throw her into the air and she hopes-catch her.

Coming from an all-girl

said nervously.

In addition to performing stunts, participants demonstrated the Patriot fight song and cheer and were required to do a tumbling pass.

Although new to the stunts, Stinson said she planned to include more difficult moves in her tumbling to highlight her strong point.

Regardless of the tryouts outcome, Stinson plans to transfer to the University.

She said she is attracted to the school's academic atmos-

the school's history and set a precedent for future squads.

But Stinson and Inman must still wait to find out whether they made the team.

After making her initial selections for the team, Coach Susie Turner will mail the participants letters informing them of her decision around April 20.

"I wish we could find out today," Stinson said.

"So I don't have to sweat about it the rest of the week...opening the letter will be nerve-wracking."

University cheerleading results to be announced April 20

15 participants tried out for the team at T.K. Gorman high school on April 11-12

by **Joseph Elerson**
Sports editor

The kicking, cheering and leaping are over, and now the 15 participants in the University's first cheerleading tryouts must wait two weeks to find out if they made the cut.

Results for the team will be announced by April 20 and will

be published in the May 2 issue of the *Patriot*.

The team will cheer in all home games for the men's and women's basketball teams and women's volleyball team beginning Sept. 23.

High school seniors, transfer students and current University students took part in the first of

two tryouts for the team.

Turner and three other judges rated each contestant on appearance, enthusiasm/personality, cheer, fight song, jumps, gymnastics and stunts.

"We want the full package in each of the athletes that we select. Someone who can tumble, do stunts and has really

good spirit and enthusiasm to promote the University," Turner said.

"I think coming into this program we will set the stepping stone for where all other sports will be. We want to have a really good talent and select students that will represent the University," Turner said.

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Netters win USCAA tourney

Eight University players received All-American honors

by Joseph Elerson

Sports editor

The University netters won back-to-back United States Collegiate Athletic Association team championships on Saturday and Sunday at Summers Tennis Center.

The men's team wrapped up the tournament title defeating Rhemma Bible College and The University of Dallas on Saturday.

"We are excited to finish on such a positive note. I am proud of the kids for showing good character on the court," Coach Ken Olivier said.

The men's team wrapped up the season with an overall record of 6-4 during the spring semester. The team also recorded six All-American players during the two-day tournament.

Under USCAA rules, any player who makes the semifinals in the singles portion of the tournament receives All-American status. In doubles, a player must reach the finals

to receive All-American honors.

Andy White, Dallas Long and Greg Jones received the honors for making it to semifinals of the tournament.

Also, Maciek Hunek, Kevin Cook and Blake Ericsson rounded out the six University players by making the finals of the doubles portion of the tournament.

In doubles action, Jones and Hunek defeated teammates Long and White in the quarterfinals 8-4, then returned and defeated Cook and Ericsson 8-6 for the doubles title.

"We have been out practicing really hard for the USCAA tournament the past three or four weeks, and when they made the draws on April 11, we noticed that we were going to be playing each other so we lost focus because we knew what to expect from our own players," Jones said.

With the women's team, Lauren Collum went three

sets in her semifinal match against Tabitha Wright 7-6, 6-7, 6-1, and then won the tournament singles title against Anna McMinn 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

"Lauren is a heck of a competitor. She comes to practice every day ready to work, and sets an example for the girls. She is mature for her age, and she has taken her game to another level this season," Olivier said.

Olivier said he believes Lauren is never afraid to lose a match when she is on the court and always wants the best competition she can receive during a tournament.

"It helps a lot having your coach say those things about you. I mean you can't go out there being afraid to lose, and you just have to go out there and know that you can pull it off," Collum said.

The women's team had two All-American players in Collum and Katie Burrow, who also won the doubles tournament title later that night.



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

CHAMPION: USCAA Tournament champion Lauren Collum returns during her first match Saturday against UD's Jessica Cramer. Collum dropped the second set 2-6, only to prolong her eventual win in the third set, 6-0. The women's team finished 6-3 overall on the season.

University sweeps University of Texas-Dallas, 9-0

Patriot's Jones defeats American Southwest Conference champion

by Joseph Elerson

Sports editor

University freshmen Greg Jones, who was playing in the No. 1 seed for the University, defeated the American Southwest Conference tournament champion Kevin Durten in straight sets under chilly conditions 6-3, 6-4.

The Patriot men's and women's netters closed out their final dual match before the United States Collegiate Athletic Association tournament with identical 9-0 wins over The

University of Texas-Dallas at Summers Tennis Center.

University netter Lauren Collum, playing as the No. 1 seed for the University won in straight sets over Leslie Chen 6-4, 6-0. In doubles, Collum and teammate Katie Burrow defeated the No. 1 doubles team of Chen and Alexis McCubbin 8-3.

In other women's action, Kayla Fedowitz defeated McCubbin 6-0, 6-3, Burrow defeated Katie Roberts 6-0, 6-0, Lorita Morgan defeated Cassidy Acuff 6-0, 6-1 and Alicia

Johnson defeated Alina Stewart 6-0, 6-0.

Jones and teammate Maciek Hunek defeated Durten and Kosta Dombrowskyi 8-4 in doubles action earlier in the day.

"This was a big win for Greg, he now knows that he can beat anyone in the ASC conference and he's just a freshmen. Greg has tremendous talent and potential and he's playing quite well at this point in the season," Coach Ken Olivier said.

Other men's team winners included Hunek defeating

Dombrowskyi 6-2, 6-3, Dallas Long defeating Austin Holmes 6-2, 6-2, Kevin Cook defeating Roby Martin 6-2, 6-4, Blake Ericsson defeating Titus Toon 6-0, 6-3, Andy White defeating Phong Le 6-3, 7-5 and Steven Brouer defeating Martin Lee 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles action, University players Cook and Ericsson defeated Martin and Toon 8-1.

The men's record improved to 3-4, while the women's team improved to 4-3 on the spring season.

SCOREBOARD

UT-Tyler vs. UT-Dallas March 29

Women's team:

Lauren Collum defeated Leslie Chen 6-4, 6-0
Kayla Fedowitz defeated Alexis McCubbin 6-0, 6-3
Katie Burrow defeated Katie Roberts 6-0, 6-0

Men's team:

Greg Jones defeated Kevin Durten 6-3, 6-4
Maciek Hunek defeated Kosta Dombrowskyi 6-2, 6-3

Dallas Long defeated Austin Holmes 6-2, 6-2

USCAA Tournament April 12-13

Women's Singles final:

Collum defeated UD's Anna McMinn 5-7, 6-2, 6-2

Women's doubles final:

Collum/Burrow defeated UD's McMinn/Jessica Cramer 8-6

Men's singles final:

Jones defeated UD's Diego Bedoya 6-3, 6-2

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Library honors 'Poetry Month'

by **Hannah Buchanan**
Entertainment editor

On April 3, Spanish, English, Chemistry and Business instructors came together in the University's Robert R. Muntz Library for the same reason.

At a poetry reading, faculty members recited their favorite or original poems in celebration of National Poetry Month. The library and the University literature club, 13 Ways, co-sponsored the event.

Joanne Buendtner, head of circulation at the library, served as the master of ceremonies for the poetry readings.

"We had a very successful turnout," Buendtner said. "We wanted it to be a cross-discipline event – and we got active participation in all colleges."

Another open-microphone poetry reading was scheduled on Wednesday in the library's second floor lounge area.

An online poetry contest also was being held and the judges consisted of five faculty members and library staff, Buendtner said.

Awards for contest winners will be given out at a presentation at 7 p.m. on April 23 in the library's lounge area.

First place will win a silver star engraved paperweight, Buendtner said.

The authors featured in this year's issue of *The Laurel*, the University's literary magazine, will be honored and the \$50 cash prize for the best submission also will be awarded at the presentation, she said.

Buendtner said the library

Medieval magic

SING AND BE MERRY: At right, The musical duo, 'Howl-o' performs a chivalric classic on the Dragon Stage April 12 at the Four Winds Renaissance Faire, located between Whitehouse and Troup. April 20 is the last day the Faire is open this year. For more information, call (903) 839-5271.

—Brad Smith/*The Patriot*



FINAL BATTLE: D'artagnan, played by Lynn Young, leaps to avoid a slashing from Captain Jussac, played by Lloyd Luthas, during the Human Chess match April 12 at the Four Winds Faire. The faire recreates the ages of chivalry where knights, minstrels and magicians perform their talents in a realistic setting. Cast members and volunteers from all over East Texas come to the Faire to entertain and educate visitors.

—Brad Smith/*The Patriot*

by celebrating National Poetry Month, hopes to expose more faculty and students to poetry.

"We'd like to think that poetry should also be heard, not just read silently," she said.

13 Ways founder Rick Phillips said this is the second year the club participated and helped sponsor National Poetry Month activities with the library.

"When I started the campus literature club last year, one of our primary goals was to work closely with the Muntz Library in supporting readings of literature," Phillips said.

Phillips said he participates in the activities because of his love for literature and poetry.

"National Poetry Month is one way I can try to share that love of the language with others," he said.

"I also participate in the readings. It's my chance to read some of my favorite poems that are not often covered in class," Phillips said.

Oklahoma natives combine song styles in Lone Star State

by Brittani Mathis

Staff writer

Review

With a backdrop taken from the scenes of Urban Cowboy, rising Texas musicians Cross Canadian Ragweed performed a stellar show April 4 at Mount Pleasant's Orange Blossom.

The smoke-filled honky-tonk served as a gathering ground for fans; boots were scooting and hats were twirling throughout Ragweed's solid show.

Ragweed spent the majority of the performance showcasing material from their latest release *Purple*, which has stormed the Texas music charts.

Released in September 2002 under the Universal South label, the album surpassed the Dixie Chicks and currently holds the number one spot.

Formed in 1994, Cross Canadian Ragweed consists of four laid-back high school buddies. The group from Yukon, Oklahoma is led by singer Cody Canada, guitarist Grady Cross, drummer Randy Ragsdale and bass player Jeremy Plato, which explains the curious name of the band.

With a slogan like "smells like country, tastes like rock," the boys from Oklahoma fit the bill with their casual rocker look complete with tattoos, worn-out

jeans and tattered t-shirts.

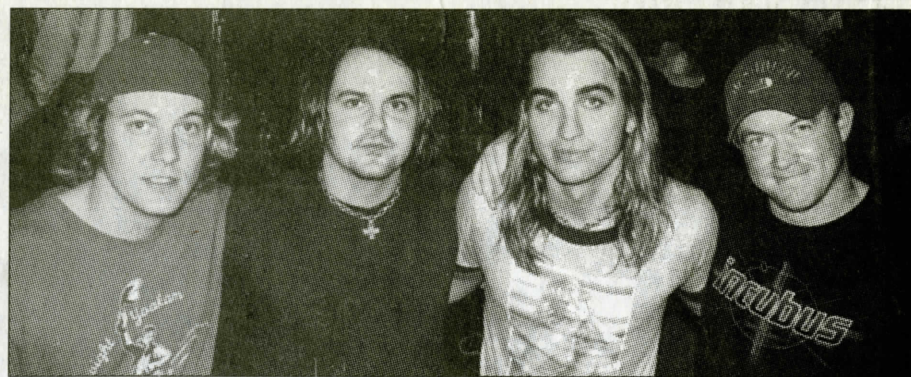
With an almost classic southern rock sound, screaming guitars lead the way while Canada's rusty Oklahoma twang added the country sound. Ragweed's tight sound and on-stage cohesiveness tells the story of their decade-long journey to the top of the charts.

At one point during the performance, Canada took a moment to voice the band's support for the troops, then proceeded to declare their emotionally packed "Freedom" as an anthem for the country.

Later in the show Ragweed paid "tribute to music time has forgotten" after Canada gloated about the Ragdale's recent jam session with Bob Dylan's long-time back up band, The Band.

Within 20 minutes, Ragweed took the audience on a musical joyride through the classic sound of the late 60s and 70s with covers from Ted Nugent and The Band.

Ragweed also covered Wille Nelson's Whiskey River and added their own solid southern rock twist. The



—Brittani Mathis/The Patriot

STRIKE A POSE: Left to right, Grady Cross, Randy Ragsdale, Cody Canada and Jeremy Plato. Cross Canadian Ragweed is a reference to their own names.

giddy crowd rocked along while double-fisting beers.

In the later part of the concert, Canada made a decoration to fans to "never sell out," which stirred a heavy cheer from the crowd. Rusk based Starkey Johnson served as energetic opening band and covered many classic sing-alongs from Mellencamp to Hank Williams, Jr.

Overall, both bands gave outstanding performances to the sea of fans who gathered from across the Northeast Texas area. It is refreshing to see local venues such as the Orange Blossom bringing big name Texas bands to the talent-starved region.

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Meeting by Cornerstone, fellowship and free lunch, contact nolanp@roseheights.org

April 23

•**Apostolic Student Association** meets following Wed. night service at Tyler Tabernacle, United Pentecostal Church, 3034 McDonald Road. Contact apostolic_student@hotmail.com for more information.

•**13 Ways** will announce the winners of the poetry contest, LIB, 7 p.m.

April 24

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April 29

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•**SGA** meeting, UC 118, 5:15 p.m.

May 1

•**Student Organization President's Council** meeting, UC 118, noon

•**Art Club** meeting, sculpture studio, 5 p.m.

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Online

•**13 Ways**, Renga has 22 verses - need 14 more. To join the fun contact 13ways@dctexas.net for the Renga site and password.

UT Tyler's student recruitment team, **The VIPatriots**, will be conducting interviews April 23-24 for those interested in being on the team. To set up an interview time, or for more information, contact Virginia Beers at 903-566-7054 (ADM 211).

Congressman Ralph Hall honored



—Robert Boggs/The Patriot

RECOGNITION: University President Rodney Mabry presents the President's Award to the Honorable Ralph M. Hall D-Texas, right. The award is given to people who make significant contributions to the University.

East Texans benefit from Rep. Hall's support

A senior member of Congress, Rep. Hall has served 22 years in federal government and is a strong supporter of higher education.

Recently, Rep. Hall was instrumental in assisting UT Tyler in securing federal funds for two major projects.

One involves the research

into means and methods to improve math, science and engineering concepts and to attract more college students to become math and science teachers.

The second project is a rural outreach program by UT Tyler's Colleges of Business and Nursing that seeks to

improve the effectiveness and financial position of small hospitals, clinics and other businesses in East Texas.

"We are extremely grateful to Rep. Hall and share his deep concern for closing the gaps in higher education participation and attainment in East Texas, as well as his desire to improve

science and math education in our area by preparing more teachers and moving more students farther along in those disciplines. His tireless help in obtaining this funding for the direct benefit of East Texans is greatly appreciated," University President Rodney Mabry said.

Legislative changes announced

* Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, withdrew an amendment to HB 1191 on April 2 that would exempt information about security systems from public disclosure. The amendment was proposed after the student newspaper at The University of Texas at Austin requested information about the location and operation of campus security cameras in October. The bill, which provides exemptions from public disclosure for information related to terrorism, was passed by the Texas House of Representatives on April 3 and referred to the Senate Infrastructure Development and Security Committee.

* HB 3064, a bill to give public university governing boards the power to set their own tuition rates was referred to the House Higher Education Committee on March 28. Currently the Legislature sets tuition for all public universities.

* HB 1783, which would require universities to raise faculty salaries to a level equal to or greater than the average salary at comparable universities in the 10 most populous states, was referred to the House Higher Education Committee on March 11. If faculty salaries were beneath the average, university governing boards would be required to raise faculty compensation by a quarter of the difference every biennium until 2010.

* Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin, filed HB 719, which would create a student regent position on the University of Texas System Board of Regents. The bill remains in the House Higher Education Committee, where it was referred on Feb. 17.



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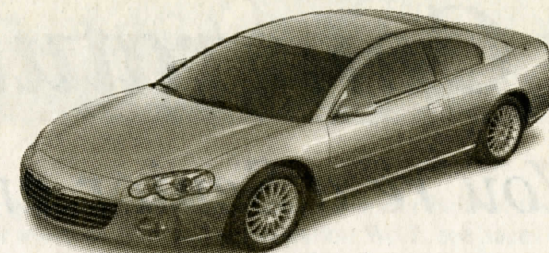
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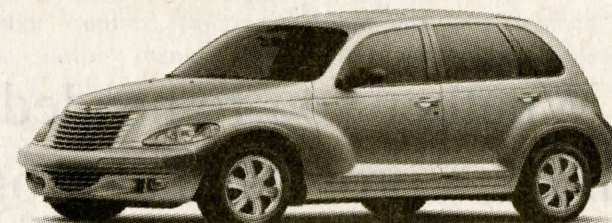
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Appreciation week activities touted

by Hannah Buchanan
Entertainment editor

While normal class scheduling took place for students during the last week of March, 132 University personnel chose a day out of that week to play a round of golf, bowl at Tyler's Green Acres Bowling lanes or watch a movie in Tyler's Rose Theater.

Those were just a few activities faculty and staff could participate in as part of President's Appreciation Week, University President Rodney Mabry said.

Board and card games also were scheduled at the University Monday, while the movie, *I Spy*, was scheduled for Tuesday in the University library.

Wednesday's schedule included pingpong, pool, foosball and air hockey tournaments at the University Center.

Miniature golf was scheduled for Thursday, with Friday's scheduled activities including golf or a movie at the Rose Theater.

Activities chair Sharon Back

"It's great to get out and have fun with fellow co-workers."

— MELISSA HILL
INTERACTIVE TELEVISION
EDUCATION SPECIALIST

and Vicki Clark, University Staff Advisory Committee chair, said recent University budget cuts forced them to save money wherever possible this year.

"It's a wonderful perk for the job," Jan Van Pelt, educational technology services secretary said.

"I'm glad he [President Mabry] didn't cut it from the University budget. He could have easily taken that out completely, and I appreciate him for putting that in again this year."

According to last year's Employee Appreciation Week budget report, the total amount spent on activities came to more

than \$2,000; this year's Appreciation Week activities total came to nearly \$530.

The week's name was changed from employee to President's Appreciation Week in order for "both staff and faculty to feel like they were included," Back said.

Back said she noticed a "less than normal" turnout at the events because of minor scheduling conflicts.

"Many people were involved in the dean search and there were others who just said 'I can't participate this year because...,'" she said. "So it wasn't the fact really that people were just not interested. We also had to move the week from April to March and that hurt participation."

Melissa Hill, interactive television education specialist, said the ITV department gets really involved in the week's activities.

"It's great to get out and have fun with fellow co-workers. We appreciate the time off from our busy schedules to play games

and eat popcorn and just have fun," she said. "It's a great way to meet other faculty and staff who we may not see day-to-day."

To round out the week, Traditions Restaurant catered a Mardi Gras-theme luncheon on March 28 in the University Center, which included jambalaya, red beans, rice gumbo, Greek salad and jalapeno cornbread.

"What I like about the luncheon is that whole families are invited, so I always look forward to the luncheon because we get to see co-workers' and other faculty members' families. It's really nice," Hill said.

The department helped contribute the cost of the presentation photo posters each year for the USAC, Hill said.

"The budget cut this year hurt us a little bit like in how the posters were made - in the past we had about \$20 to spend, but this year we still got them done," she said. "They serve as an archive to look back on and remember great times."



To mark the 30th anniversary of the opening of an upper-division college in Tyler, *The Patriot* will feature throughout the rest of the semester the recollections of long-time faculty members and tidbits of past University news.

Faculty focus



Dr. Stephen Daniels
Professor of education and history
28 years

Q: What is your favorite anecdote from your UT Tyler career?

"Somebody already took it!" said Daniels, referring to a previous account by Dr. L. Sherrod who recalled a regent who set out in a boat on the campus lake to dye the water. The lake turned an "awful shade of pea green."

Q: What change has affected you the most since you began teaching here?

"Seeing the University mature in both a physical sense as well as the student population. The addition of lower classmen and the need for more space is crucial for the school to survive and prosper as it becomes a 'real university'." "Adding lower classmen has changed teaching drastically. We were all very spoiled when we only had to teach upper undergraduates and graduate students. Upper classmen are very motivated, whereas lower are not. They are more of a challenge. It is good for us though. It expands our teaching skills and determination to strike an interest in the new college students."

Q: How have students changed since you have been here?

"They've gotten younger. With the addition of freshmen especially, there are many young faces around campus and in my classes. Many have just gotten out of high school and are testing the waters of freedom. This plays into the range of motivational levels. They have discovered that they have a choice when they roll over and look at the clock on Monday morning as to whether or not to go to their 8 a.m. history class. The strong will persevere."



Dr. Vincent Falzone
Professor of history
27 years

Q: What is your favorite anecdote from your UT Tyler career?

"When I drove down here from Pennsylvania to take this job ... as I crossed the Texas state line, I came across a group of people on horseback along the side of the road. It was just as I imagined Texas to be from all of the Saturday afternoon westerns I had seen back home."

Q: What change has affected you the most since you began teaching here?

"I have enjoyed helping to shape the history program here from its infancy and have been particularly impressed by many of my students who have decided to continue their education while holding down full-time jobs and raising their families."

Q: How have students changed since you have been here?

Students to vote on constitution revisions

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

Revisions made to the student constitution, including the addition of a preamble and general clarifications, passed a vote at the Student Government Association meeting on Tuesday.

Students can vote to accept or decline the revisions April 23-24.

The preamble states the SGA's purpose is to "represent student opinion, offer opportunities for leadership development, and address campus concerns."

According to changes made to Article I, which contains gen-

eral information about the SGA, the three candidates receiving the most votes will represent their college, rather than one senator from each of the college's department and one at-large senator.

Article I also contains the addition of a set SGA meeting time, which is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m.

President Stephanie Heeren said this was done to prevent future schedule conflicts.

Article III, functions and authority, was changed to add qualifications for president, vice president, and parliamentarian to their lists of responsibilities.

According to Article III's changes, the president must be impartial toward motions brought before the SGA and is given the power to create committees and appoint SGA members to the committees.

The vice president is also given the ability to assign members to a committee.

Changes made to Article IV, which regard qualifications and elections, require a candidate to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours at the undergraduate level rather than nine.

The revised Article IV also requires that the parliamentarian serve one year in SGA before running for that office.

In addition, it includes a provision for removing members from office if they do not keep their required office hours.

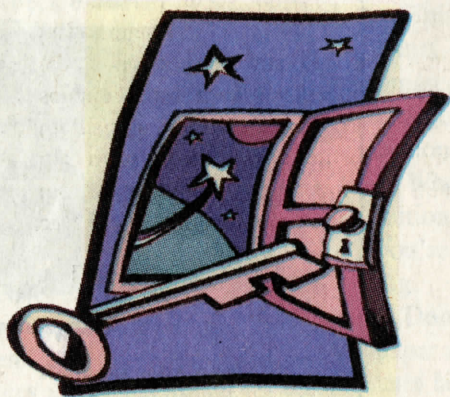
Article V, concerning standing committees, now states that committees cannot be completely comprised of senators from one college, and encourages them to include student body members.

Changes to Article V also include more specific or additional responsibilities outlined for each committee.

The Student Life Committee now must submit a list of planned activities and their estimated expenditures to the SGA by September.

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Nursing program gets grant

The University of Texas at Tyler College of Nursing and Health Sciences was awarded a Sid W. Richardson Foundation grant for \$175,000 to expand the online educational outreach program.

The grant will allow the College of Nursing and Health Sciences to expand its use of Internet resources to enhance educational programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The goal is to increase educational outreach efforts and enhance the quality of instruction.

For information about the UT Tyler College of Nursing and Health Sciences call 903-566-4320.

"The presence of freshmen and sophomores has truly been refreshing. It has been quite a challenge to resume teaching the United States history survey classes after a 25-year absence. I have also been heartened by the slow, but perceptible increase in student life and activities across the campus since the lower classmen have arrived."

Patriot flashback

5 years ago

- UT Systems officials announced that UT Tyler's new president, Dr. Rodney H. Mabry, will be paid \$155,000 annually.
- The first freshman class - 70 students - were accepted for admission.

10 years ago

- Faculty, staff and students traveled to Austin to attend committee hearing about the possible four-year status at UT Tyler.
- Final spring semester enrollment was 3,839.

15 years ago

- Darrel L. McDonald, a geography instructor, received the Barbara H. Lawrence graduate student paper award from the Society of Ethno biology.

- James Pace, assistant art professor, received a merit award in the Dakotas 100 International Works on Paper Exhibition at Dickinson State University.

20 years ago

- Dr. Olga Fischer, assistant professor of education received the 1983 Amoco Foundation's Teaching award.
- Max Cleland, a former U.S. Veterans' Administration official and former Secretary of State in Georgia and a triple amputee, spoke on campus.

25 years ago

- Texas Eastern University Board of Regents inspected preliminary drawings for a proposed \$4 million library.
- TEU played host for the Fine Arts Festival.

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