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Curtains close for theater major, graduate studies

by Jeanie Carter
Assistant editor

Despite an ongoing plan for massive University growth, one academic program is not making the grade, some officials say.

This summer the decision to phase out the theater major and master's program became a realization because of low enrollment figures. Only the minor programs will continue.

"While most other departments were growing since the University added freshmen, the theater department wasn't," Donna Dickerson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said. "I made the initial decision about the theater program as a matter of looking at the number of majors, the final decision was the president's."

"While most other departments were growing...the theater department wasn't."

— DR. DONNA DICKERSON
DEAN, COLLEGE OF
ARTS & SCIENCES

She said in the fall of 1999, when the first 50 freshmen entered the University, there were 10 theater majors; before that there were less than 10.

"In 2000, with 100 freshmen enter-

ing, there were 14 theater majors. The number of majors in 2001 was 15, with 2002 having 13," Dickerson said.

The theater department offered only bachelor of arts degrees, requiring students to take a foreign language if they want to be a theater major. This caused the number of majors to be down, some students said.

Hatfield said four freshman theater majors couldn't enter the theater majors program at registration because the program was cut.

"Where it concerns me is we have quite a few theater students who were turned away," Valerie Frazee, graduate theater student, said.

"One of the problems is the theater major's foreign language requirements and that a lot of students will take the-

"Where it concerns me is we have quite a few theater students who were turned away."

— VALERIE FRAZEE
GRADUATE STUDENT

ater as a major then change over to a speech major before they finish the degree so they don't have to take the foreign language," Heidi Borden, sophomore theater major, said.

"I think several factors like only offering the bachelor of arts degree

have caused this [low number of majors] to happen, other programs have degrees without foreign language requirements and we only have a foreign language requirement program," Dr. James Hatfield, theater professor, said. "The theater department has asked many times to change the foreign language requirement and have a bachelor of science degree."

Dickerson said Hatfield never asked for a bachelor of science degree to be established.

"I've never received an official request from Dr. Hatfield since I've been here," Dickerson said.

THEATER

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Up and Over



SGA violates records request

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

Student Government Association officials violated records requests as well as their constitution and ran elections marred by alleged election code violations during the 2002-03 legislation, according to a *Patriot* investigation.

The *Patriot* began its investigation in April after a reporter noticed a decrease in senator attendance at meetings, which was an agenda item at several SGA meetings last semester.

The SGA, which is funded through student fees, meets every two weeks during the school year and serves as a liaison between students and administration.

Former president Stephanie Heeren told *The Patriot*



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

HEAVY LIFTING: Anna Cho, right, and Chomba Hansenda, left, of Rose Heights Church's Cornerstone Campus Ministries, help residents unload furniture at the University Pines Apartments during Saturday's dedicated move-in day.

Construction to begin in winter 2004 for Engineering, Computer Science building

by Jeanie Carter
Associate editor

Construction will begin this winter on the largest building complex at the University.

The Engineering and Computer Science building will have a total of 148,885 gross square feet in its two buildings, each four stories high.

Situated in-between the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center and the business building will be the North building, with the South building being 50 feet away close, to Harvey Lake.

There will also be another power plant to the west of the buildings, which will also be used as a learning tool for engineering students.

"We have \$34.5 million in hand at this time for the buildings," Dr. Rodney Mabry, president, said.

"We have enough money at this time to build all external structures and infrastructures, things like heating elevators," Dr. Troy Henson, dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science, said.

"The South building will be

finished, but only the first and second floor of the North building will be complete at this time."

"The cost is going to be around \$45 million and we probably need another \$12 to \$14 million to complete the buildings," Henson said.

The North building will house mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, computer science and biology.

The South building will have the chemistry labs, classrooms, office space, civil and environments and engineering labs.

"For the College of Engineering and Computer Science this building is critical because before the building is finished we will be busting at the seams," Henson said. "We really think next year will be key to growth because we are hoping to be accredited in the electrical and mechanical engineering programs."

"When we are it [the programs] will grow, with next fall maybe having twice as many new students as the approximate 60 coming into engineering this year," Henson said.

The micro-electronic lab is a clean-room type facility like is used for electronic chips.

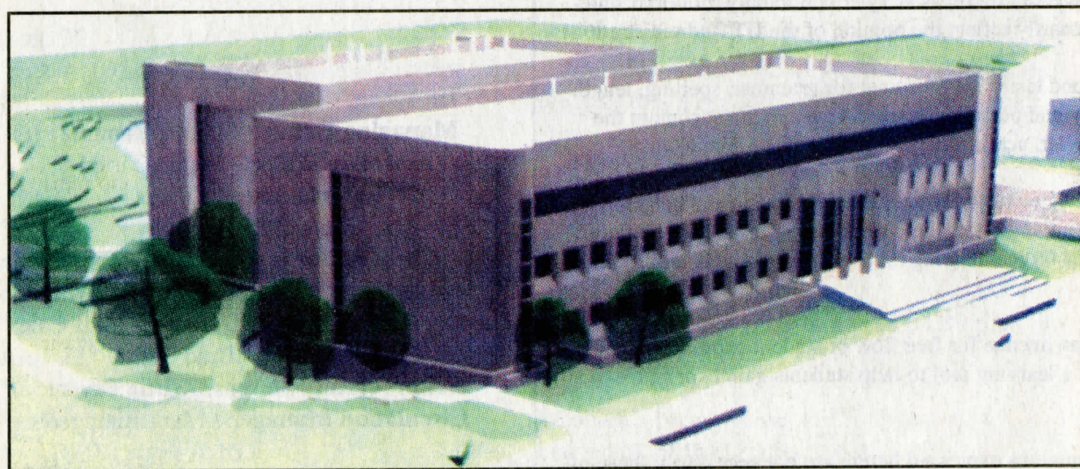
Even a speck of dust can mess it up, Henson said.

This will be important for the micro-electronic mechanical systems (MEMS) where students will learn about electronic chips. Many applications for MEMS are for the medical field.

"I'm excited, it is a very large and important part of our future, the core of it is a micro-electronics lab," Mabry said.

BUILDING

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—Courtesy Photo

ARTIST'S RENDERING: Construction on the Engineering and Computer Science building is expected to begin this winter.

in April that vice president Loree Ainsworth was acting president, but Ainsworth said she was never informed of that decision.

Subsequent attempts to contact Heeren failed.

Open Records Requests

The Patriot attempted to obtain SGA attendance records after discussions last semester regarding docking members' stipends due to lack of attendance at meetings.

Staff members filed two open records requests regarding attendance for the 2002-03 school year, which former secretary Jennifer Skinner partially complied with.

SGA

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Two vice presidents leaving key positions

by Shalina Ramirez
Managing editor

University officials are looking to fill two top administrative positions after two vice presidents announced this summer they were leaving their current positions.

Dr. David O'Keeffe asked to be reassigned to a faculty position from his current position as provost and vice president for academic affairs while Mary Untersee Irwin, vice president for university advancement, announced

plans to retire, effective Aug. 31.

"Dr. David O'Keeffe told the academic deans yesterday afternoon during their regular weekly meeting that he would be leaving his position...effective Sept. 1," President Rodney Mabry said in an Aug. 6 e-mail to University faculty and staff.

"Dean Jim Tarter has agreed to take the role of interim provost and vice president for academic affairs until a national search can be complete and a new VPAA selected as soon as possible," he said.

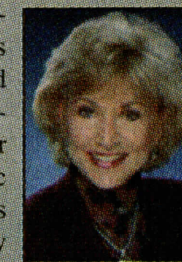
O'Keeffe said a lot of factors played a part in his decision to leave his current position.

"Obviously, as a faculty member teaching was my first love," he said.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I wasn't able to focus on the things that were important to me," O'Keeffe said.



O'Keeffe



Irwin

ADMINISTRATORS

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EDITORIAL

Involvement on campus is, above all things, a participatory sport. With new facilities and activities opening this year, there should be no shortage of on-campus entertainment-for those who take advantage of it.

These activities take a variety of forms to suit myriad interests. Athletic students can try out for intercollegiate sports or intramurals, swim at the Patriot Center pool or jog on campus.

Those interested in more academic pursuits can join student organizations related to their majors, such as the Association of Computing Machinery, the American Chemical Society or the Mathematical Association of America.

Other organizations on campus offer more ways to get involved and meet new people. Students may run for office in the Student Government Association, work for The Patriot, compete in tournaments with the debate team or help plan events on the Student Activities Planning Board.

In addition, free services help students succeed in class and find jobs. The Writing Center in the Business Building works to improve students' writing and help polish reports. Career

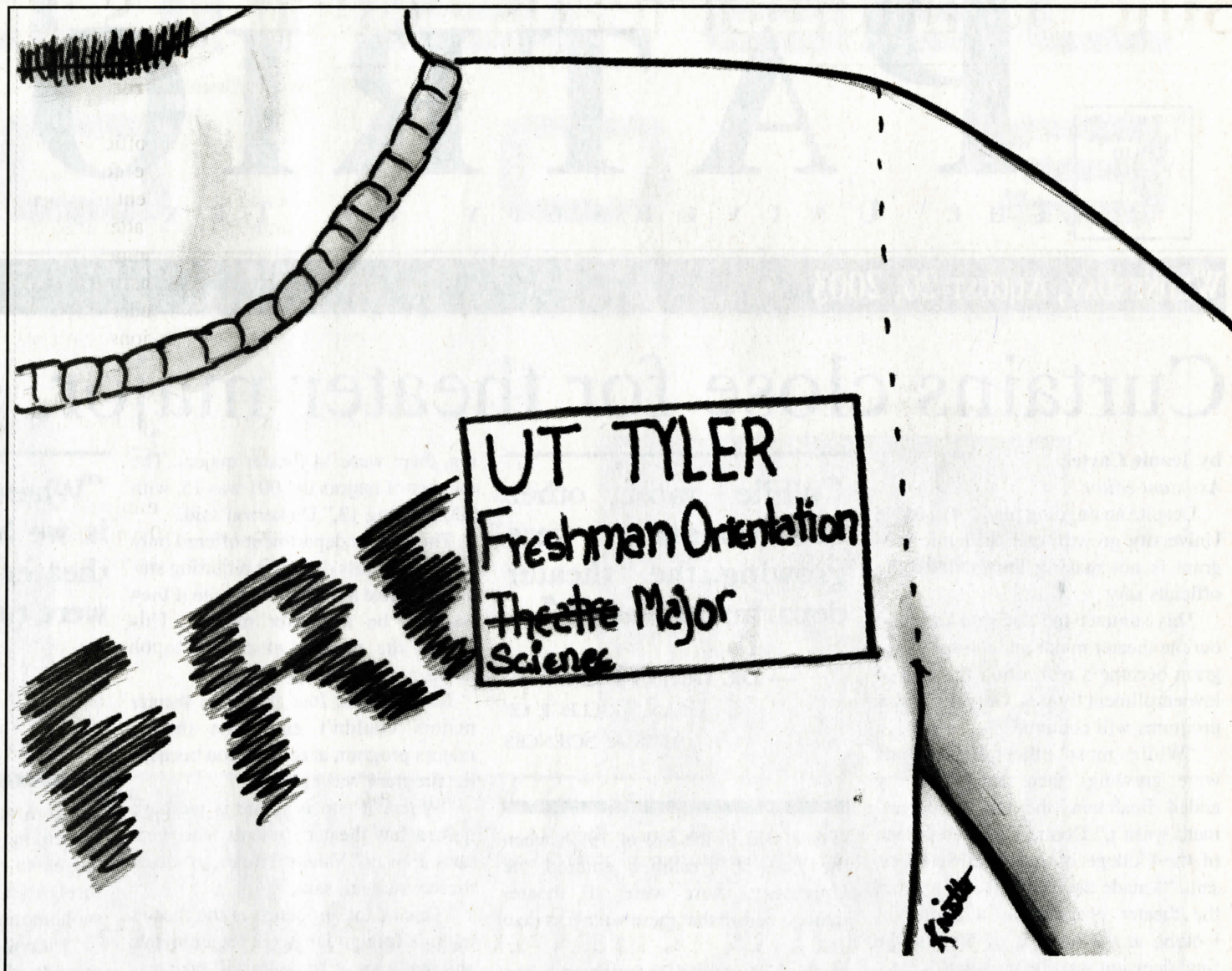
Services in the University Center can create resumes and offers a test to determine what jobs are suited to a student's personality.

The new facilities opening this year make it even easier to enjoy time on campus. The Patriot Center features a walking track, exercise equipment, basketball courts and weight room.

With new sports teams and an enrollment boom, the time is right to start showing school spirit. Cheer at a soccer, volleyball or tennis match. Wear orange and white to support the cross country and basketball teams.

University staff and students have made a great effort this week to provide activities to welcome students to campus. They have arranged for pool parties, free ice cream and even wiffle ball in front of the Administration Building. But they can't force anyone to participate.

Why not take the time to make new friends and memories that can last long after graduation? In the end, your college years could bring you much more than the piece of paper on which your degree is printed.



Check the moving list more than once



Jeanie
Carter

Reality Bites

When a student leaves home for the first time, they usually leave some things behind.

Items range from the necessary pair of favorite tennis shoes to things that really won't be missed, like a picture of an old flame that has't been

burned yet.

When I left home my parents took "temporary" possession of my dog, a black lab named Poo Doo. They had him for 12 years.

Below is a list of normal and curious items left behind that you might want to check for when unpacking.

1. toothbrush- green isn't in, buy one immediately
2. coffee pot- no early morning classes for you
3. hope chest- your hoping to need one day
4. deodorant- beg, borrow, or steal some- you don't want to alienate people the first day

5. hair products- buy some- have that "do" look its best

6. nail clippers- when your socks get holes in them, break down and get new clippers (and socks)

7. favorite CD- unless you can carry a tune, please don't hum it from memory

8. socks- just get a magic marker and draw on flip-flops, but watch the pebbles

9. lighter- if your a nicotine addict, don't try rubbing twigs together unless you were a Scout

10. favorite shirt - call home now and have it sent overnight

11. pens and paper- don't

sweat it, you can borrow the first couple of weeks- maybe all semester

12. quarters- this should be the majority of weight in your bags so laundry can be done

13. Ramen Noodles- the mainstay of most college students, put these first on your packing list

14. significant other- they don't fit well in that overnight bag, so look around- there's a lot of others to pick from on campus

Make your list and check it twice to be sure you have all essentials when you arrive on that first day.

CAMPUS VOICE

Do you think that you will utilize the
Patriot Center?

Help for disabilities available if needed



"Yea, with a gym to work-out in, I will definatly get my money's worth."
Brian Barnett
 junior
 business management

"Yes, I like exercising, and staying fit...I am very excited about the new center."
Colette Knighten
 junior transfer
 nursing



"I will be running cross-country, so I will be using the center a lot."
Adam Bryand
 freshman
 business management

"It's a great idea and I am sure I will be using it for my cardio and weight workouts."
Nikki Miller
 freshman
 undecided

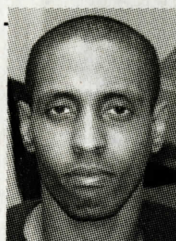


"Yea, I will be working out there a lot. It will be a lot easier than going all the way to Woodcreek."
Stephen Haywood
 sophomore
 economics

"Personally, I probably will not use it; but I know a lot of my friends will."
Lesley Scruggs
 freshman
 biology



Help for disabilities available if needed



Will Johnson

Will Says

As a student, I've faced several challenges. The ones all of us trying to complete a degree on the road to our future confront, and those related to a disability.

My limited mobility raised issues using equipment, in testing circumstances and safety concerns with range of motion.

Some obvious complications led to predictable problems, but the many unknowable ones sparked more.

Tremendous aid from faculty and staff enabled me to overcome, or at least moderate, most

of them.

The point of my disclosure, which isn't any surprise to anyone whose met me, is to encourage someone grappling with a disability of any sort to seek help.

From learning problems to deafness or vision deficits, from limited mobility to seizure disorders, disabilities span a broad spectrum.

Not wanting to be singled out, a person with a disability is often self-conscious and has difficulty asking for the assistance he or she may need.

For example, in the Fall of 2002, I took a biology course to complete my science requirement. The lecture portion of the course didn't scare me much, but what gave me trouble was lab. Not because I thought it was too hard, but because I was afraid of the group configurations.

Shying away from group

activity has become an art for me and the close quarters of a full biology lab class played on my nerves.

I feared moving too slowly and causing the lab group to fall behind, thus earning the irritation of my lab partners.

On the first day of lab, despite preparations by the lab faculty and myself, my nightmare happened.

It did take me longer to use the materials and writing things on the fly was awkward.

Worst of all, the lab teaching assistant spent an inordinate amount of time helping me.

With a full class, rushing back and forth was tiring and she told me at the end of the lab she couldn't do it again. Neither the lab TA nor the lab group yelled, everyone was patient and helped, but a clear concern was apparent.

The solution to the problem, finding a lab assistant, had

already been requested, but finding one and getting him where and when I needed him took time. And I started the process months previously.

Agencies like the Texas Rehabilitation Commission exist to help, but they have protocols to follow and a huge client list.

Fortunately, some solid advice from Ida Macdonald, head of Student Services at the University of Texas at Tyler helped steer me in the right direction. She is also Disability Services Coordinator for UT.

Multiple Sclerosis is my particular condition, but she can help you get the accommodations you may need for your disability. For help, call her at 903-566-7079. The sooner she knows you, the sooner she can assist you.

August graduation closes my undergraduate career, and if I can do it, so can you.

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Suicide attempt leads police to search lake for clues



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

POLICE INVESTIGATE: Tyler police crime scene investigator Jeffery Rackcliff, searches the bottom of Harvey Lake for the weapon used to injure murder suspect Michael Tabb.

by Shalina Ramirez

Managing editor

A University official says there is no cause for alarm after a May incident in which a murder suspect attempted to kill himself on campus.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs and external relations, said the event involving 42-year-old Michael Tabb is an isolated incident and will have little or no effect on the University.

The Troup minister was found about 9:30 a.m. May 13 when police responded to a call regarding a critically wounded man laying near Harvey Lake, police records show.

Officers found Tabb with stab-like neck wounds, later ruled as self-inflicted, reports show.

Tabb had been scheduled to

appear in court early that morning on charges of beating his wife Marla to death with a piece of furniture.

"[Tyler Police] have informed me that there is no threat to anyone on campus," Lunsford said in a letter posted on the University's Web site at the time of the incident. "No search for any particular individual is under way but UT Tyler and Tyler Police will be continually patrolling our campus."

Further investigation into the apparent suicide attempt led Tyler police on a search for a weapon Tabb used to inflict his wounds.

Tyler and campus officers later discovered a knife in 3-feet of water at Harvey Lake after two days of searching for evidence.

Investigators used a metal detector and drained the upper

lake during their search.

Tabb, who was transferred to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler for treatment, claimed he had been attacked, records show.

In an unrelated matter, Lunsford said, the University is in the process of increasing the number of officers on campus as well as improving communication equipment to allow campus officers the ability to communicate with Smith County law enforcers.

"I would say there is nothing that came from [the Tabb incident] except convince me I needed a new battery for my cell phone," Lunsford said. "I was stranded [at the crime scene] with no way to call anyone."

Tabb remains in Smith County jail in lieu of \$1 million bond.

Low freshmen retention level creates concerns on campus

by Jeanie Carter

Associate editor

After losing 108 freshmen students in 2002, the University implemented a Freshman Year Task Force this summer.

The task force, composed of 25 faculty, staff and students is also assisted by Freshman Seminar, student development and student services activities.

"The task force is to improve retention and graduation rates and will make recommendations for the academic and extracurricular programs at the University," Dr.

Robert Sterken, task force chairman, said.

"One of the immediate responsibilities of the task force was to set up a freshman year experience class course, which has been done," Sterken said.

He said the course, called University 1000, is set up to help first-year college students with study skills as well as everyday life, and will begin this fall.

Another part of the project, Sterken said, is to look at freshman retention and what to do to encourage them to stay here, Sterken said.

"We are losing 35-40 percent of our freshman," Sterken said.

Sterken said the University had a 59 percent retention rate for 2002, compared to The University of Texas at Austin's retention of 91 percent, Texas Tech is 82 percent rate and Stephen F. Austin University's rate of 58 percent.

Sterken said The University of Texas at Dallas is comparable in size to us with a 79 percent retention rate.

"We want to get retention in that 80 percent range and not only retain them for the sophomore year, but through to

graduation," Sterken said.

"We have 484 freshman students registered as of Aug. 19 for this fall and had 309 for the fall 2002 semester," Dean Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management, said.

Hutto attributes the rise in freshmen to advertisement, direct mailings, and a telephone campaign undertaken this year.

"The freshman increase is 54 percent partly because we have expanded our recruitment territory," he said.

The task force will produce a report for the president in

October as to how to shape the freshman year experience for students, Sterken said.

Task force members included are Jim Pace, art department; Dr. Ron Gutberlet, biology; Dr. Buddy Odom, business; Dr. Michael Eidenmuller, communication; Dr. Kathryn Morrison, curriculum/instruction; Matt Wallis, athletics; Dr. David Strong and Dr. Catherine Ross, English; Dr. Jeffrey Mountain, engineering; Dr. Gayle Varnell, nursing; Dr. Robert Sterken, social sciences; Dr. Paul Roberts, tech-

nology; and Dr. Lucas Niiler, writing lab.

Also included are Virginia Beers, enrollment management; Gloria Spainhour, library; Ashley Ward, student success; Shaune Martinez, student development; Krista Richardson, student services; Kim Harvey-Livingston, student counseling; Ernest McAllister, student activities; Jenny Sims, University Pines; and freshmen students Sarah Cathrine Trice, Brannon Gary and Elizabeth Clark.

University employee layoffs

reduced workforce by 22

ONE TEAM. ONE PLACE. ONE PURPOSE.

by Jeanie Carter
Associate editor

Budget cuts will affect more than 20 University employee jobs this fall including 16 non-faculty and six faculty positions.

Ten positions, six faculty and four non-faculty are currently vacant.

Also, seven positions, all non-faculty are being reduced from full time to part-time.

The position breakdown by departments is president-2, provost/academic affairs-16, student affairs-2, business affairs-1, and advancement-1.

"Whereas we now receive approximately \$20.7 million per year from the state, it seems likely our state support will be reduced by more than \$2 million annually for the next two years," President Rodney Mabry said in a May 2 statement.

Because of the reduced amount the University is having to cut its budget similar to what is being considered in the Legislature, equaling a 10.5 percent overall reduction.

The eliminating process was chosen by administration.

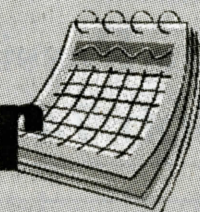
"The provost and vice presi-

dents were asked for positions that could be eliminated for the budget reduction and for a strategies planning process for efficiency and effectiveness," Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president for business affairs, said.

To help employees gain employment the University has obtained the services of an out placement agency for job searches and resume writing, Ferguson said.

The budget cuts have created a hiring freeze since spring.

CAMPUS Calendar



Aug. 22

°First Friday Luau, Patriot Center pool, 7 p.m. - ?

°Music department reception, Braithwaite recital Hall, 7 - 8 p.m. For all music majors and minors.

°Pajama Party, UC, 9 p.m., dress in favorite PJ's

Aug. 23

°Softball tournament, Lindsey Park, all day, call "Mack" McAllister at 903-566-7281

Aug. 25

°Free noon lunch, UC 118, Baptist Student Ministry

°Free Ice Cream, UC open area

Aug. 26

°Volunteer Fair, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., check out volunteer opportunities for you or your student organization.

Aug. 27

°Free noon lunch, UC 118, by Cornerstone

°Student Organization Showcase, UC open area, 10:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

°Baseball open tryout, pitchers and catchers only, Grace High School, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Aug. 29

°Tailgate Party & first home soccer game, 4 - 7 p.m.

°Women's soccer game, at UT Tyler, vs. UT Dallas, 3 p.m.

°Men's soccer game, at UT Tyler, vs. UT Dallas, 5 p.m.

°"Sniff" reception, a series of scratchable prints by Larry Giacoletti, Meadows Side Gallery, 6-9 p.m.

°"Hot Dog Party" by Sean Starwars reception, Meadows Gallery, 6-9 p.m.

Aug. 30

°Baseball open tryout, all position players and pitchers that have been invited to Day 2, Grace High School, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 1

°Labor Day holiday

Sept. 12

°Lee Ann Womack, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19

°Women's soccer game, at UT Tyler, vs. University of the Ozarks, 1 p.m.

°Men's soccer game, at Ut Tyler, vs. University of the Ozarks, 3 p.m.

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www.tdh.state.tx.us/lactate

College becomes mother friendly

by Shalina Ramirez
Managing editor

Agencies and companies offer a variety of amenities that will reward, as well as ease the stress of their employees' lives.

But for mothers of newborn babies, a decent health care plan and a three-month maternity leave may not always be enough.

That is why businesses across the state, including the University, are participating in the Mother-Friendly Worksite Program.

Created in 1995, the program supports companies who provide privacy and other provisions, such as running water and a flexible schedule, for new mothers wanting to continue breastfeeding after returning to work.

Human resources director Joe Vorsas, who developed the new policy with the Texas Department of Health, said the University became mother-friendly in April after administrators agreed the program would be beneficial to its female employees.

"I'm pleased that we're able to take part in the program," he said. "We think UT Tyler is a good place to work and wanted to make that commitment."

To be designated as mother-friendly, a business must provide work schedule flexibility to allow time for nursing babies or pumping breast milk.

They must also offer a private space where moms can either pump or nurse, and ensure easy access to running water and refrigeration.

Vorsas said the majority of the departments on campus have refrigerators and running water as well as offices for personal use.

"We have ordered literature, posters, and signs from TDH and have them available for departments with expectant mothers," he said.

Vorsas said "Pumping in Progress, Do Not Disturb" signs will also be on hand for mothers to hang on doors at work while they are expressing breast milk for their babies.

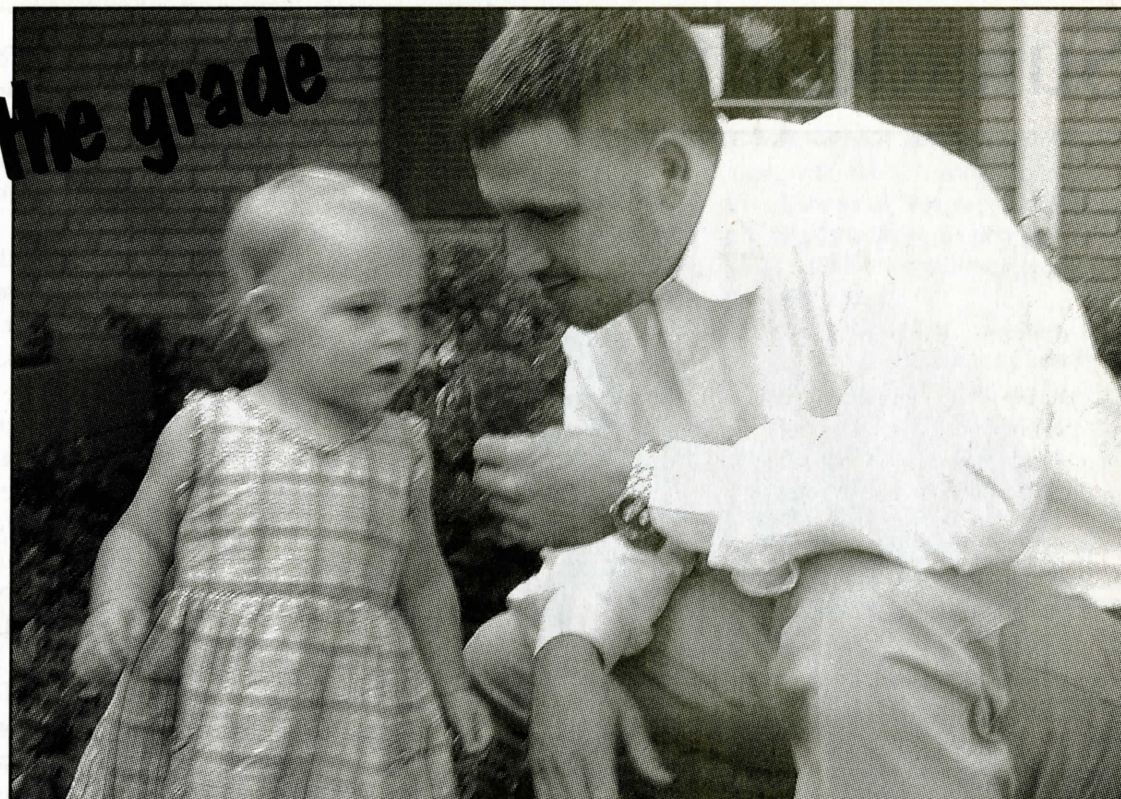
Although the program excludes students, Vorsas said most departments will try to accommodate student mothers if made aware of the situation.

"We're not just a mother-friendly worksite but a friendly worksite," Vorsas said. "I encourage other businesses to do the same thing."

Mother-friendly worksites, according to the TDH Web

Making the grade

FOR YOU: University senior Hal Conover offers his 2-year-old daughter, Harlie, a flower. Conover is a single parent and full-time student majoring in general studies.



- Jessica Otte/The Patriot

Single father juggles roles

by Shalina Ramirez, Managing editor
and Jessica Otte, Contributing writer

There are days when University senior Hal Conover would rather stay home coloring or reading "Good Night Moon," to his 2-year-old daughter.

But the 25-year-old single father knows he must continue his education in order to give his blue eyed, sandy haired little girl a better life.

"Before I had her, I never imagined myself as being responsible," the general studies major said. "But now I don't know what I would do without her. I'm always anxious to see her again."

Conover gained full custody of Harlie last year.

"She has great personality in her face," he said. "She smiles and laughs all the time."

Harlie's mother lives in Denton and is

allowed visitation at least once a month although she is behind in child support, he said.

Conover said juggling school, working and playing the roles of both parents can be tiresome as well as financially straining.

A former bank teller and bookkeeper, Conover makes ends meet by operating his own pressure washing business.

Starting his day at 5:30 a.m., Conover said he alternates his time between household chores, such as washing sippy cups and preparing breakfast, and studying, often getting to bed at 1:30 a.m. the next morning.

Conover said he spends most of his quality time with his daughter in the evenings and on the weekends participating in activities like visiting the Caldwell Zoo.

"He's a really good father and I know that he's doing everything he can to give his daughter a bright future," Jammi Mathis, a close friend and occasional babysitter, said.

Conover said family and friends, including his girlfriend Lauren Little of Hawkins, have been supportive of his decision to continue his education and pitch in to help with errands and baby sitting.

"I've got a really good family support system," he said.

Conover said after graduation, he intends on staying in the Tyler area and would like to get a job in the field of finance.

"I see myself going nowhere, if I weren't to go back to school," Conover said. "Education is a key factor in the future of both of our lives."

Utilize Your
Cowan Center



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site, tend to have a reduced turnover rate, shorter maternity leave, higher morale among employees and increased productivity among employees with new children.

Other area worksites participating in the program include East Texas Medical Center and Trinity Mother Frances Health System, both of Tyler, and Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview.

For more information about Mother-Friendly Worksites or a list of all agencies and companies participating in the program, visit www.tdh.state.tx.us/lactate.



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Six faculty promoted, to receive 4 percent raises

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

During the summer, seven University faculty members received tenure, and six were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor, officials said.

With the promotions comes a 4 percent salary increase.

- Ronald Gutberlet, biology, received a salary increase from \$48,491 to \$50,431.

- Catherine Ross, English, received a salary increase from \$40,691 to \$42,319.

- Smita Shukla-Mehta, special education, received a salary increase from \$45,190 to

\$46,998.

- David Beams, electrical engineering, received a salary increase from \$62,000 to \$64,480.

- Donald Goddard, mechanical engineering, received a salary increase from \$56,700 to \$58,968.

- Jeffrey Mountain, mechanical engineering, received a salary increase from \$57,800 to \$60,112.

- Barbara Haas, nursing, received tenure but no salary increase, as she is already an associate professor.

University president Rodney Mabry said the pay increases

will be paid for with revenue earned through increasing enrollment.

Mabry said the University could see as much as a 40 percent enrollment increase during the fall semester.

"Raises will come out of growth. Of course we will not be receiving more state funding, but we will receive funding through growth," Mabry said.

Mabry also said the increased incentive will help motivate faculty members to continue teaching as well as working research projects.

Shalina Ramirez contributed to this report.

Former student indicted for car accident that killed friend

by Shalina Ramirez
Managing editor

A grand jury, this summer, indicted a former University student accused of killing his friend April 14, according to state court records.

Billy Nicholas Myers, 22, of Tyler is charged with one count of intoxication manslaughter in the death of 21-year-old Brandon Carlisle of Lindale.

Carlisle died after the 2003 Nissan Sentra Myers was driving struck a telephone pole on Farm-to-market Road 16, east of Lindale.

The former Tyler Junior College student, was riding in a front seat of the vehicle at the time of the accident. He died at the scene.

Both men were wearing seat belts, records show.

Myers, a senior, majored in management and last attended the University in spring 2003.

Records show his blood alcohol level was 0.10, above the legal limit of 0.08.

If convicted of the charge, Myers could face up to two to 20 years in prison.

Phillips, Hart receive grant to analyze crime patterns, strategies

The University received a \$149,987 Department of Justice grant on June 2 to serve as the research partner/crime analyst for the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

PSN, which promotes partnerships among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target criminals who use guns, is an effort to reduce gun violence in America.

It also insures swift criminal prosecution for armed criminals and stiff mandatory prison sentences upon their conviction.

Dr. Peter Phillips, associate criminal justice professor and Dr. Barbara Hart, chair of social sciences and associate criminal justice professor will use the grant to analyze crime

patterns.

They will also develop strategies to reduce gun violence in East Texas.

"We are pleased to participate in this federal effort to reduce gun violence in our community," Hart said.

"This participation between the University and federal agencies is a good example of the interactive role that universities play in community and professional situations," she said.

"It's a win-win arrangement for all involved, federal agencies, the community, the University and our students."

United States Attorney General Matthew D. Orwig, who announced the grant, said he was excited to join forces with the University's criminal

justice department.

"Dr. Phillips and Dr. Hart bring a wealth of experience and expertise in criminal justice matters," he said.

"With their help, Project Safe Neighborhoods will be a successful initiative to reducing gun crime violence, and making our communities safer," he said.

Phillips said PSN would be good for the University's internship program.

"This project is of particular value to us as faculty working directly with the agencies in order to bring the most contemporary issues into our classroom teaching, and, because so many of our students will be employed in the East Texas area, these are real East Texas issues."

Major pileup



—Jeanie Carter/The Patriot

TAKING TREASURES. LEAVING TRASH: Dozens of boxes surround a trash recenital

Meeting set to discuss master plan

A meeting to discuss the revisions of the campus master plan will be held 11 upcoming campus Arts Center along apartments, and construction project with renovation of Engineering, Science will be provided. the campus lakes, and Technology Construction start- soccer field, and building.

at the University Pines Apartments just days before classes began. The boxes, once containing personal items, were discarded after students moved into their new residences.

University sees green after receiving \$29,000 in credits on energy bills

Amid state-mandated budget cuts, the University is one of five University of Texas System components to reap cost savings from a reversal of TXU Energy fuel surcharges amounting to more than \$1 million.

Of the total amount, the University will receive \$29,011 in credits on upcoming electric bills.

The credits are the result of a yearlong collaborative effort between the UT System Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction and the Physical Plant Department to account for discrepancies found in electric utility billings sent to the University since the inception of electric deregulation.

"Once the State of Texas deregulated electricity, we noticed that we were being billed incorrectly, as a market customer, as opposed to the

discounted rate for universities under the Utilities Code, Section 36.351," said Chip Clark, director of physical plant services.

"The provision states the electric service provider shall continue to provide a total rate that is no higher than the rate provided to the university on December 31, 2001."

This rate is protected under law until September 1, 2007, he said.

"We opted to remain on the discounted rate until we could aggregate with other UT System components to purchase electricity in bulk," Clark said. "When billing irregularities could not be reconciled with the provider we consulted UT System OFPC for support."

Using this information, the UT System Office of General Counsel, working with the Attorney

General of Texas, negotiated the settlement with TXU Energy.

The amounts awarded reverse a 0.2813 cent/kwh fuel surcharge for primary service mistakenly charged by TXU Energy from January 1, 2002 though March 2003.

"UT Tyler could easily have just paid the bill, but we chose to dispute the issue," Clark said. "This was a team effort between UT Tyler and UT System OFPC, OGC and the Office of the Attorney General to keep pressing the issue, and it took a lot of time and energy to get a resolution. But we felt that in keeping with President Mabry's leadership and standard of quality services we needed to keep going."

The amount credited is helpful to the University as it continues to address cuts to the

upcoming fiscal year budget.

"The university has implemented energy conservation methods that will help cut costs, and this credit will certainly help," Clark said. "Even though this wasn't the driving factor behind our pursuit of the issue, it's coming at a good time."

Other methods include operating on a four-day workweek during the summer session to cut utility and air conditioning costs, removing space heaters and making hot water available only in certain buildings.

Other University of Texas component institutions receiving credits include the UT Health Center at Tyler, UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, UT Arlington, UT Dallas and UT Permian Basin.

Poisonous snakes not a big deal despite summer media coverage on Harvey Lake

Despite local television and newspaper claims of "snake infested waters," a University faculty member says there's no reason to be concerned about poisonous reptiles at Harvey Lake.

Dr. Jim Koukl, a biology professor, expressed his displeasure regarding comments made during the media's May coverage of a suicide attempt by Michael Tabb near the lake. Several news reports portrayed one of the bodies of water as "swarming with water moccasins," slowing the police investigation.

"Even though I am not a 'snake expert,' I do know just a little about snake habitats and how to identify the more common snakes," Koukl said. "I fear the publicity will give the wrong impression of what

"I fear the publicity will give the wrong impression of what is reality at our lakes at this University."

**— DR. JIM KOUKL
BIOLOGY PROFESSOR**

is reality at our lakes at this University."

Koukl said the lake does contain snakes, but it is not "infested."

"There are a number of water snakes called Diamond Back water snakes and are very common in lakes and ponds," he said. "They can look similar to a cottonmouth from a distance."

Koukl said Dr. Neil Ford, biology professor and a nationally recognized herpetologist, and other biology faculty have spent 20 years working in and around the lakes and have never seen a water moccasin.

"The habitat is too sterile," he said. "If there were water moccasins around these lakes, one would see them basking in the sun along the shoreline, not in the water but right on the edge out of the water."

Koukl said he hopes that instead of becoming alarmed by media reports, concerned individuals would consult Ford for accurate information.

"Let's be educated about the creatures we live with and not create a panic that the UT Tyler campus is infested with poisonous snakes," he said.

Student Government Association Upcoming Events

- There are currently seven (7) seats open in SGA
 - Two (2) senators in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - One (1) senator in the College of Arts and Sciences
 - One (1) senator for a University Pines representative
 - Three (3) seats for freshman representatives

- Aug. 25 -- Filing Period for Applications
- Sept. 2 -- First SGA meeting - 5:15 p.m., UC 118
- Sept. 8 -- End of Filing Period - deadline 5 p.m.
- Sept. 10 -- Candidates meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the UC Open Area
- Sept. 24-25 — SGA elections

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Patriot Classic increases profits during fundraising

by Kristle Bryan
Staff writer

Patriot Classic corporate sponsors presented President Rodney H. Mabry with a check for \$122,643 Aug. 14 during a luncheon honoring volunteers.

"The wrap-up celebration was a thank you party for the volunteers and volunteer leaders for putting on the Patriot Classic and we announced the financial results," Mabry said. "We then took a bus to see a preview of the new building [Patriot Center] as sort of a thank you also."

The 10-day, multi-event fundraiser began with UT Tyler Cox Patriot Million Dollar Hole-in-One at sites in both Longview and Tyler on May 10.

The Tyler site also housed a youth putting contest. Five golfers qualified to participate in the finals to win a million dollars, a truck or a boat.

While Brandon Shepperd, Ted Warden, Gary White, Larry Don and Andrew Green made it to finals; Green became the Million Dollar Mania winner.

"I've been a sponsor for 13 years," Bill Barrett owner of Barrett Motor Company said.

"I'm selfish, I feel that the more successful the University is, the more successful Tyler is. A university that maintains high quality students helps the local work force. While students go to college, they fill a niche for part-time and temporary work force."

The Patriot Tennis Classic offered a pro-amateur round robin doubles format tournament on May 17 and 18.

Past tennis and top teaching professionals played alongside local tennis players.

"Members of the tennis team pair up with a member of the community and play against another tennis team member and member of the community," head UT Tyler tennis Coach and Patriot Classic exhibition player Ken Olivier said.

The Texas "Shootout" Barbecue held May 17 organized by the Ambassadors, a group of 40 volunteers, held food, dancing, entertainment and live and silent auctions.

The raffle for a 2003 Buick Rendezvous provided by Barrett Motor Company sold 300 tickets at \$100 each raising \$30,000.

"We really felt like it was a

great event," UT Tyler development officer Deanna Sims said. "It brings a lot of people from the community to our campus and gives them an opportunity to see the campus and it was great to have a chance to host a special event for them."

Bringing an end to the festivities, the Patriot Golf Classic, held at Hollytree Golf Course consisted of 36 teams teeing off in the morning and afternoon.

The Tyler Ford team of Paul Manziel, Allen Little, Rick Wilson and Dave Irwin placed first in the morning championship with the record score of 109.

The afternoon championship closed with the Gould Insurance Agency group Robert Gould, David Monk, Jason Lindsey and Glen Wilcox with the score of 104.

While the funds destined for the scholarship program increased by 23 percent over last year's proceeds of \$100,00, the fundraiser fell \$2,357 short of the established goal for 2003.

Expenses incurred while putting on the Classic have not been deducted from the net amount received Aug. 14.



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

I'VE GOT IT: Taylor 'T' Casillas, Eric Schaal, and Justin Blair, (from right to left) fight for ball control during a scrimmage at Saturday evening's practice. The "Two-a-Days" practices for both men and women's teams are winding down

Baseball team signs 17 new athletes

Seventeen student athletes, including two East Texans, signed this summer to the University's baseball team, athletics director Dr. Howard Patterson said.

Tyler Terry, an infielder from White Oak and Blinn College transfer, is a former All-District and Class 3A third team All-State after hitting .422 with 26 RBI as a senior at White Oak High School.

Carthage native Garien Berry is transferring from Panola College where he played second base and hit .360 in 2003. Other Patriot baseball players are: Keith Acree, Houston; Stephen Campbell,

Lewisville; Johnathan Bryant, Cedar Hill; Vincent DiCiero Jr., Southlake; Gifford Dixon, McKinney; Mario Gallizzi, Colleyville; Kevin Noles, Levelland; Trent Goree, China Spring; Nat Harris, DeSoto; Tony Harvot, Flower Mound; J. Michael Sharon, Ponca City, Okla.; Rushing Smith III, Carrollton; Stan Phelps, New Boston; Eric Carmouche, Sugar Land and Josh Tips, Lake Dallas.

The team, coached by James Vilade, will begin its first season of play Feb. 21 against Hillsdale (Okla.) Baptist.

For more information call (903)565-5640.

Tennis camp helps youngsters improving techniques, respect

by Kristle Byran
Staff writer

Laughter and footfalls fill the air as UT tennis campers chase and return a fuzzy green ball across the ends of each tennis court.

"Our goal with this camp was to make it a fun learning experience that kind of revolves around tennis."

"The best part of the day is when we play games and get to eat lunch."

said.

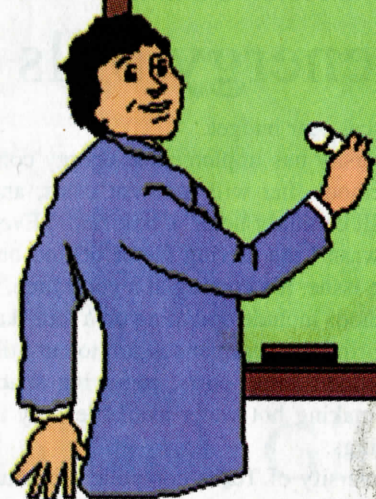
He said letting the campers see their success as they play was the key to teaching the campers tennis this summer.

Olivier said enrollment this summer averaged 20 kids each session.

The maximum amount of campers planned for each session was 30, to ensure a 1:5

— REID STONE

9-YEAR-OLD CAMPER



Student Activities

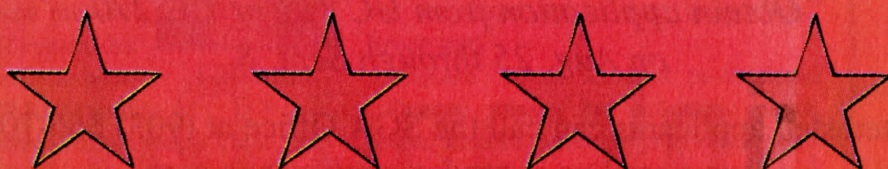
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Olivier said.

Patriot Tennis Day Camp, which ran for five one-week sessions during the summer, offered children and teens ranging from age 9 to 17 a chance to improve their techniques.

"The best part of the day is when we play games and get to eat lunch," 9-year-old Reid Stone said.

Armed with a daily schedule, campers began their mornings with tennis instruction while water fights and soccer games filled the afternoon.

While the summer camp was set to teach tennis, Olivier said he worked to also include building social skills such as fair play, respect and patience.

"The most important thing for the camp was a fun learning experience," Olivier said. "Tennis is the carrier. I told parents that their son is

going to play plenty of tennis and we are going to show them how to do it correctly, it takes time."

Three playing levels gave campers a chance to work within their own skill level:

Orange training for those who were beginning and had little or no experience, Junior Patriot Training for the intermediate level player and Patriot Training for a varsity level player or a tournament player.

"A lot of them have never played before. We start them out with the basics, gross motor skills, balance and drop hitting," Olivier said.

"The beginners started out playing follow the leader where they carry the ball on the racket. Before they ever started to hit a ball they did a hundred shadow swings [where they swing the racket in form without a ball in motion]," Olivier

ratio of instructors to campers.

"My daughter has really enjoyed the camp and has learned a lot of the basics and fundamentals," Rodney Fausett said.

"We are bringing her back next week for her third week of camp."

University faculty and staff showed support for the camp, which offered a 20 percent discount to employees, by signing up their children to attend.

"We have had a good turn out of campers from staff," Olivier said.

He said a lot of time staff will eat lunch at the UT center with their kids and come out to watch them play.

Olivier said next year's camp will include daily swim sessions at the University's new pool and possibly a session for tournament and high school players.

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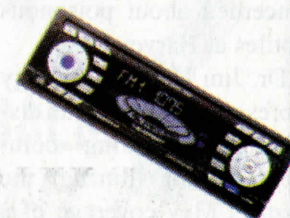
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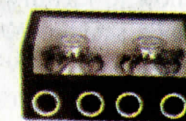
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- Sept. 10—Austin College
- Sept. 16—ET Baptist
- Sept. 19—LeTourneau
- **Sept. 23 -ETBU (7 p.m.)**
- **Sept. 26—Mississippi College (7 p.m.)**



Volleyball

- **Aug. 29—UT Dallas (w-3 p.m., m-5 p.m.)**
- Sept. 7—Hendrix College (m,w)
- Sept. 13—Ouachita Baptist (m,w)
- Sept. 16—LeTourneau Univ. (m,w)
- **Sept. 19 -Univ. of the Ozarks (w=1 p.m. m=3 p.m.)**
- **Sept. 21—Austin College (m=1 p.m. w=3 p.m.)**
- Sept. 26—Univ. of Mary-Hardin Baylor (m,w)
- Sept. 27—St. Edwards (m)—Concordia U. (w)
- Sept. 30—ET Baptist Univ. (m,w)



Soccer

- **Sept. 12—UT Patriot Invitational**
- Sept. 27—Texas D-III Championships



Cross Country

- **Sept. 5-6—UT Tyler Invitational (m,w), all day.**
- **Sept. 19—McMurry University (m,w), 6 p.m.**
- **Sept. 20—Southern Arkansas Univ. (w) 9 a.m.**
- **Sept. 20—UT Dallas (m,w) 1 p.m.**
- Sept. 26-28—ITA Regional Tourney (w)



Tennis

m=men w=women bold letters indicate home games

Patriots slotted to NCAA's Division III

The University of Texas at Tyler is among six schools selected to begin a four-year process this year that will, if successfully completed, result in a membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III.

"We have been working for over a year to initiate many of the NCAA's policies and procedures in the event we were fortunate enough to be chosen in the first group and those efforts are going to pay off," Athletic Director Dr. Howard Patterson said.

Selected through a membership lottery, the NCAA Division III Membership Committee slotted 19 institutions—including the University—into three full classes of provisional members. The classes include Division III Provisional Institutions for 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06 with one additional entry for 2006-07.

All schools entering the process received numbers reflecting the order of their selection to permit the committee to advance an institution should one from the previous class leave the provisional process. The University placed second in the 2003-04 division.

"This is extremely meaningful to our student-athletes, who are now eligible for all of the American Southwest Conference awards, with the exception of Conference Championships," Patterson said. "The NCAA does not allow provisional member institutions to compete in post-season play-offs until they become full NCAA Division III members."

The lottery is a random-selection process designed to create a fair way to determine which institutions may enter the provisional process. It is the first step of a new provisional membership process designed to provide an extensive educational program for each institution.

"The key to this new provisional process is the

new educational program," said Christopher Bledsoe, chair of the Division III Membership Committee, member of the Division III Management Council and director of athletics, intramurals and recreation at New York University.

To be eligible for the lottery, schools had to fulfill an exploratory year and attend required exploratory education sessions. Each school entering the provisional process will seek to complete a four-year comprehensive educational plan that includes in-person visits to campus by NCAA membership services staff.

"We've had a provisional educational process in the past, but this new program promises to be more thorough, including in-person education and much more practical and hands-on information," Bledsoe said, noting that these institutions have not previously been members of the NCAA. "We want institutions to have a clear understanding of what it means to be a member of Division III."

This was the first time institutions seeking to enter NCAA Division III had to enter a lottery to do so. It also represents the first time institutions have been able to enter the Division III provisional process since the membership moratorium was lifted in August 2002.

"We chose a lottery to select from eligible institutions because it was clear that there were more institutions interested in joining than could be accommodated at one time," Bledsoe said. "This method provided for a fair way of determining which institutions were slotted in each class."

Participating at the NCAA Division III, non-scholarship level, UT Tyler is entering the third year of a four-year implementation of 13 men's and women's sports. Men's and women's tennis began in fall 2001, and men's and women's soc-

cer, cross-country and golf began in fall 2002. Men's and women's basketball, baseball and volleyball will begin in the 2003-04 academic year. Softball is scheduled to begin in 2004-05.

Division III Classes:

Division III Provisional Institutions for 2003-04:

1. Palm Beach Atlantic University
2. University of Texas at Tyler
3. Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College
4. University of Maine at Presque Isle
5. Finlandia University
6. Mount Mary College

Division III Provisional Institutions for 2004-05:

1. Mount Aloysius College
2. Crown College
3. Keystone College
4. Tri-State College
5. Presentation College
6. Mitchell College

Division III Provisional Institutions for 2005-06:

1. La Sierra University
2. Northwestern College (Minnesota)
3. Salem College
4. Bethany Lutheran College
5. North Central University (Minnesota)
6. Purchase College

Division III Provisional Institutions for 2006-07:

1. Johnson and Wales University, Denver.

15 student athletes to play for women's volleyball

The Patriot women's volleyball team added 15 student athletes to its roster this summer, Coach Rachel Short said.

"I am extremely excited about our first game playing in the Big Country Classic Conference Competition in Abilene, Texas on Aug. 29," she said.

"We will be playing Hardin

Simmons, Mary Hardin Baylor and McMurry."

The tournament, Short said, opens the season for teams in the West Division.

Those joining the team include Heather Feller, Amanda Gadison, Cathryn Hayslip, Stacie Hebert, Kala Laningham, Jessica Lightfoot, Breann McIlhenny, Morgan

Murphy, Erin Proccacini, Kelly Roberts, Brittany Slover, Meghan Sulik, Jennie Bearden, Kara Sharman and Tami Trail.

"I don't plan to recruit anymore," Short said. "I have 15 players coming in for pre-season practice and have finished recruiting."

The Patriot athletic program also offers men's and women's tennis,

soccer, cross country, golf, baseball and basketball with softball to be added later.

"Even though it is our first year, I expect for UT Tyler's name to be known by the conference," Short said.

For more information on Patriot volleyball contact Short at (903) 565-5603 or rshort@uttyler.edu.

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Maintenance program to improve Harvey Lake



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

LAZY AFTERNOON: Ducks bask in the sun near Harvey Lake late Tuesday afternoon. The lakes are undergoing improvements as part of a maintenance program implemented last semester.

by Shalina Ramirez
Managing editor

The University implemented a maintenance program last semester to protect dams, stabilize soil and improve the quality of Harvey Lake, Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president for business affairs, said.

The program also will expand accessibility and remove habitats, such as undergrowth that could harbor poisonous snakes, he said.

"I am confident that our maintenance program will greatly improve the lakes and make them an even more valuable asset for enjoyment by future generations of the UT Tyler family," Ferguson said.

He said the program developed from a consultation with lake/pond specialists from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the University's contract landscape maintenance firm, Envirocare, and will focus mainly on improvements to the lower lake.

"The maintenance program

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— DR. JIM FERGUSON
VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS

will concentrate first on the lower lake with the upper lake deferred pending completion of ongoing and future construction in close proximity to that lake," Ferguson said.

He said sediments from construction sites, such as the David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Building and the Engineering and Sciences Building, near the upper lake could flow into the water, affecting improvements.

Adjustments already made to the lakes include the removal of some "undesirable trees such as sweet gums" near the dam, Ferguson said.

The trees' shallow roots

"could cause erosion that could weaken the dam," he said.

Ferguson also said hard wood trees such as Oak, Maple and Red Wood, will be trimmed to improve the visibility of the lakes, but will still remain in place.

Special care will be taken to minimize the environmental impact and disruption of normal recreational activities, he said including a consultation with University biology professors to discuss effect on wildlife.

"The department of biology has been in discussions with the physical plant about the lakes for several years," Dr. Don

Killebrew, department chairman and biology professor, said.

He said some areas around the lakes will be allowed to grow naturally for future study.

"[The program] should not have any negative impact on wildlife," Ferguson said. "We're certainly not going to kill any animals."

Although he said steps have and will be taken to clear undergrowth and possible habitats that may attract poisonous snakes.

The clearing of brush also will allow for better access to the water, he said.

The program, which Ferguson estimates will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, also includes spreading mulch to limit the amount of sediments entering the lakes, mowing, and trimming some of the trees.

He said the program's long term goal includes adding a walking path area around the lake and more benches.

Games, fun targets new students during 'Fest

by Jeanie Carter
Associate edit

Students will have an opportunity to enjoy fun filled activities during WelcomeFest 2003 beginning Aug. 16 through Aug. 29, Shaune Martinez, student development specialist, said.

"The WelcomeFest is actually two weeks at the beginning of the semester which organizations are primarily sponsoring," Martinez said. "It is open to anyone, but our target is new students to let them know things are going on at the University."

The African American Student Association invites students to put on their favorite pajamas and head over to the University Center at 9 p.m. Aug. 22 to fashion the latest in eveningwear.

"We want everyone to know that there will be food, music, games and a whole lot of dancing," Brandon Montgomery, AASA president, said.

Student activities coordinator "Mack" McAllister and the Student Activities Programming Board are challenging all sports players to an all day softball

for individuals and organizations can be found at the Volunteer Fair from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Aug. 26, sponsored by Student Development.

A student success seminar entitled "Winning Ways — How to be a Prospering Patriot, How to be a Successful Student," will be presented in UC 118 on Aug. 27 with lunch provided at noon.

Cornerstone will provide lunch and fellowship at noon on Aug. 28 in UC 118 and a Student Organization Fair is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.- 1:15 p.m. Aug. 28 in

Journalism major to serve as advisory board secretary

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

Members of the University of Texas System Student Advisory Council elected Jennifer Skinner, a sophomore journalism major from Tyler, to fill the secretary position for the 2003-04 school year.



Skinner

Skinner said she was "happy to [have the] opportunity to help make the UT System a better environment for education."

The council, which was established in 1989, advises the Board of Regents and works with UT System administration on issues affecting students.

"The things that get accomplished at SAC would not be possible if we didn't have a council like this.

This is a place where students from all UT components can voice their opinions," Skinner said.

Alan Thomas, who served as vice-chairman in 2002-03, said Skinner was elected because she "demonstrated many leadership qualities."

"She immediately positioned herself as a leader in her sub-committees at her first meeting in [2002] and made every effort to understand the issues raised," Thomas said.

The council meets quarterly and consists of three student representatives from each UT system component enrolling students.

Aside from Skinner, Thomas and Erin Price also represent the University, according to a list of members on the Council's Web site.

This year's council meetings will be held in Austin at the Systems building, on Sept. 12-13, Nov. 7-8 and Feb. 20-21.

A pool party at the new Patriot Center will kick off the week's festivities. The "First Friday Luau," sponsored by the Student Activities Programming Board and Student Government Association, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Aug. 22.

A reception for music majors and minors is set the same night from 7-8 p.m. at the Braithwaite Recital Hall.

tournament at Lindsey Park Aug. 23. Contact McAllister at 903-566-7281 or e-mail at emcallister@uttyler.edu for more information.

Other activities planned for WelcomeFest 2003 include a free lunch provided by the Baptist Student Ministry in University Center Room 118 on Aug. 25 and free Braum's ice cream in the UC open area. Volunteer opportunities

the UC open area. The week will end with a tailgate party and home soccer game at 4-7 p.m. Aug. 29 against The University of Texas at Dallas.

"The University of Texas at Dallas is a very strong team, they ranked regionally in our region last year and will be a good test for our young team," Kenny Jones, men's soccer coach, said.

Ballard, Gilliam presented with award of excellence

by Emily Stevens
Staff writer

University teachers Dr. Joyce Ballard and Dr. Brenda Gilliam received awards for excellence in teaching.

The two were selected from more than 30 nominees in the spring.

Ballard, a health and kinesiology professor, received the 2002-03 Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award, which is given for excellence in teaching within the University of Texas System.



Ballard

Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said Ballard, who has been with the University nearly 25 years, was chosen for the award "because of her track record of going above and beyond to help students succeed."

"[She's] always willing to try new methodology [and] expand her own boundaries to benefit students," Klotz said.

Ballard said she believes a close relationship with her students is a vital part of learning and finds that teaching and research are intertwined.

Klotz said Ballard often uses her own research in the classroom to make class time more meaningful and to show real-life applications of materials learned in class.

"It's simply an honor to be recognized by my students and colleagues for the work that I do," Gilliam said.

Gilliam, associate professor of special education, is the 2004 nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Piper Professor Award for outstanding teaching.

With the nomination comes the 2004-05 Jack and Dorothy Fay White Fellowship for Teaching award, which includes a salary supplement of almost \$2,700. The award is given for outstanding teaching.

Dr. William Bruce, interim dean of the College of Education and Psychology, said Gilliam, who joined the faculty in 1985, was chosen because "students are very positive about her and [we] hear nothing but good things."

"She ties a lot of real life experience to the classroom, [and] she does a lot of assessments in public schools which gives her the most up to date knowledge," Bruce said.

Gilliam "is an admired professional colleague among her academic peers, school district personnel and other community entities with whom she consults," a University press release said.



Gilliam

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In the spotlight Cowan Center introduces new series



—Courtesy Photo

IT'S ALIVE: A human-shaped dragon, above, is one of many Southwestern-based images one can see in the choreographed show entitled "MOMIX – Opus Cactus." Ticket sales for this event begin on Feb. 23.



—Courtesy Photo

IN TUNE: The Ahn trio, left, will perform on May 6 at the Cowan Center as part of the new Braithwaite Music Series.

by Hannah Buchanan
Entertainment editor

A new series entitled the Braithwaite Music Series will debut in the upcoming 2003–2004 season of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"We are pleased to announce the addition, sponsored by the late Mrs. David G. Braithwaite," Cowan Center director Susan Tomae-Morphew said.

The two shows in the new music series will feature internationally known and critically acclaimed musicians.

Along with the music series, to debut in December, six Performing Art Series shows, a special event and two speakers in the lecture series will be showcased in the season this year.

Kicking off the season is a performance by Jacksonville native Lee Ann Womack on Sept. 12. Tickets are already on sale for this concert.

The country music singer won "Single of the Year" for her song "I Hope you Dance" at the Country Music Awards in 2000 and "Female Vocalist of the Year" in 2001.

The musical *The Sound of Music* will be performed Oct. 4, with tickets going on sale Sept. 8.

A group of 11 violinists will showcase their talents in "Bowfire" on Nov. 15; ticket sales begin on Oct. 27.

The Dance Theatre of Harlem will perform on Jan. 13. Their performance will include works by artistic director Arthur Mitchell and George Balanchine.

Tickets for this event go on sale Dec. 1.

The season will feature the American play *A Streetcar Named Desire* on March 6; ticket sales begin Feb. 9.

A contemporary art form, mixing images and theater entitled *MOMIX – Opus Cactus*, will take place on March 18 at the Cowan Center. Ticket sales for this event begin Feb. 23.

The special event Cirque Eloize Nomade, which features song and dance in a circus-type



—Courtesy Photos

ALL AGES: Above, a scene is portrayed from the play *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. This event is jointly presented by the Cowan Center and the group, Young Audiences.

atmosphere, will take place on Feb. 26. Tickets go on sale Feb. 2.

The Braithwaite Music Series will feature pianist Leon Bates on Dec. 5 and the musical group, The Ahn Trio on May 6.

Tickets for these events will go on sale Nov. 10 and April 12, respectfully.

In addition to his solo concerts, Bates regularly performs with major U.S. symphonies including the New York Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony, according to promotional materials.

"I saw the Ahns last season – they are fresh, elegant and keep you connected the entire

evening. I couldn't wait to bring them," Tomae-Morphew said.

The Distinguished Lecture Series will showcase Retired General Wesley K. Clark on Oct. 30. Tickets for this event go on sale Oct. 6.

Clark, a former NATO supreme allied commander, is the author of *Waging Modern War* and a CNN military analyst.

The second installment of this series will feature Retired Colonel Oliver North on Jan. 22.

Ticket sales begin Dec. 1.

North, a combat-decorated Marine and former United States counter-terrorism coordinator, is also an author of three best-selling books.

"These guests add prestige to the long line of prominent speakers at the university in the series," Tomae-Morphew said.

University students may receive one free ticket with a current student identification card, at the Cowan Center's box office.

Student tickets are based on a first come, first serve basis and may be limited to 200 per performance or until sold out.

Box office hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For any other additional information, please contact the box office at 566-7266 or visit the Cowan Center's website at www.utttyler.edu/cowan.

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Students pay out Patriot Center fee, higher parking cost

by Shalina Ramirez
Managing editor

Returning students may feel the pinch in their pocketbooks this fall as the cost of attending classes drains bank accounts a little more than last year.

From forking over 15 more cents for a soft drink at campus vending machines to paying \$15 dollars more for a parking permit, students are learning the cost of higher education.

Those taking 12 semester hours can expect to pay about \$1,436 in tuition fees for the fall 2003 semester, \$136 more than last year.

The extra costs stem from an increase in the designated tuition fee and addition of a recreational facilities fee.

Paying to Play

A recreational facilities fee will cost students, including those enrolled at the Longview and Palestine campuses, \$40 per semester.

The fee was approved by an 81 percent student vote in March 2000.

For their money, students will be able to use the new \$19.3 million Louise Herrington Patriot Center, located on the northeast corner of campus, for fitness and

recreational purposes rather than driving to a health center previously contracted with the University.

"The Patriot Center is in the process of being completed," Lunsford said. "We're hoping it will be open to everyone Sept. 2."

The 86,000-square foot complex includes rooms for recreational sports, fitness equipment, an outdoor swimming pool and teaching facilities.

Previously, the college contracted services for free student memberships at Woodcreek Athletic Club in Tyler and Parke Way Family Fitness Center in Longview.

Lunsford said the contracts, which will expire at the end of this month, cost the University approximately \$40,000 each year with \$32,000 going to Woodcreek Athletic Center in Tyler and \$8,000 to Parke Way Family Fitness in Longview.

Lunsford said although the \$32,000 represent savings, it didn't necessary mean more available funds for the University because of budget cuts.

The student services fee committee, which meets in the fall to

discuss fees and how they are spent, absorbed those funds into the \$100,000 cuts needed during the budget cutting process for the 2003-04 academic school year, he said.

Lunsford said University officials will meet with students during a scheduled Sept. 4 meeting at the Longview campus and discuss how they would like to spend the \$8,000 previously paid to Parke Way.

The money can be "spent it in other ways such as a television which has been suggested or buy equipment for an exercise room," he said. "I hope after the meeting on there will be a consensus on what the students want."

The Patriot Center is also available to all campus employees.

"It is open to all faculty and staff until January then they will have to pay a membership fee," Lunsford said.

Cost of a faculty and/or staff membership hasn't been determined, he said but he believes it will be about the same amount paid by students.

He said revenue from the new fee will help pay for half of the facility's approximately

\$800,000 maintenance and operation costs.

Fee Increase

The designated tuition is now \$46 per credit hour, up an additional \$4 from of last year's \$42 per credit hour.

The increase was considered to generate new revenue to help the University maintain its quality during a challenging budget period, Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president for business affairs, said in a past *Patriot* report.

Designated tuition is a required fee used for board purposes approved by the Board of Regents during the University's budget process, but primarily is used to retire debts on buildings and construction, the report said.

State legislators pass this summer a deregulation bill giving public university governing boards the power to set their own tuition rates.

Additional Costs

• Other cost increases include students paying an additional \$15 for parking permits to cover the cost of a new parking lot north of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Lunsford said 200 more parking spaces have been added recently.

"They are not open [Wednesday], but they will be soon," he said.

Students are required to pay \$30 for a vehicle registered during the fall, \$20 in the spring, \$10 during summer I and \$5 in summer II.

The new cost brings the price of parking permits closer to several other Texas universities, according to a past *Patriot* report.

Permits cost \$30 at Stephen F. Austin University, Tyler Junior College, and the University of Texas-Permian Basin. UT Austin charges \$80 with UT Dallas charging between \$50 and \$93.

Lunsford said the parking permit revenues will also be used to fund additional future parking lot projects.

"I think [students will] be happy with that," he said.

• Students also saw a rise in parking fines, which went into effect Jan. 1.

Abuse of campus parking regulations led the department to take more drastic measures such as increasing the fines for parking and traffic citations, Sgt. Troy Smith said in a past *Patriot* report.

"We weren't getting compliance with the \$7 dollar [citations]," he said. "People just didn't care. Hopefully the new plan will gain more compliance with parking issues."

Under the plan, violators must to pay a \$15 fine for Class A offenses, including parking in reserved areas, failure to park within lines of a designed space and displaying a parking permit improperly.

Class B violators can expect to pay \$25 for offenses such as parking without a permit, altering parking permits, or displaying a fraudulent fictitious parking permit.

Moving violations, such as driving on the sidewalks, running stop signs and failure to yield right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks are considered Class C misdemeanors and carry a \$35 fine.

"The plan hits [drivers] a little harder," Smith said in a past report. "So maybe they wouldn't want to do that as much."

Other offenses such as parking in a handicap space will cost violators \$100 whereas parking in a fire lane carries a \$50 fine.

THEATER

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The only degree approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the theater department is the bachelor of art program.

Dickerson said, for a bachelor of science program it would take two years for approval.

Two employees are no longer with the University since the program was modified.

The secretary and stage manager's positions were lost due to budget cuts in the theater department.

"As a result of budget cuts two half time theater employees were cut, which made a savings of \$35,000," Dickerson said.

theater major, said.

Theater productions will continue at The Theatre, but there will probably be fewer productions, Dickerson said.

Many theater students are concerned about how the loss of the theater degrees will affect them.

"I went to Dean Dickerson and she tried to talk to me about dropping my theater major or going to a different school like at The University of Texas at Austin," Borden said. "She told me that theater was not a needed department."

Dickerson said Borden asked her what other schools offered

degree isn't offered anymore.

"Dr. James Hatfield, professor of theater, and Dr. Mary Ellen Wright, assistant professor of theater have been asked to work with these students [majors and graduates] and will do everything they can this year for them to finish up," Dickerson said.

The theater department will be moved into the music program with Dr. Jeff Emge remaining as chairman over the entire music department.

Emge said he could not comment until he has more information from Dickerson and Dr. John Webb, director of the

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Labs like this will allow the University to work more closely with businesses such as Trane and Kelly-Springfield.

Another important aspect of the new program will be the digital signal processing, image processing and audio processing, which is used in the department of defense and intelligence planning. For instance satellites are

used for image processing.

There will be some controlled access rooms in the buildings, Henson said.

The engineering building now being used was converted from a strip shopping center.

The new use of the building is not certain at this time.

"One way that type of building is used on other campuses, and

we may do, is use it for the personnel department," Mabry said.

"Another possibility is that we would put our internal computer systems there because now they take up important student space," Mabry said.

"Because we are still two years away we haven't tried to firm that up," Mabry said.

SGA

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According to the Texas Public Information Act, an entity has 10 business days to respond to a records request, either by provid-

Feb. 12, Heeren and Martinez both said they did not receive any information from Price.

Heeren said she obtained a list

Thomas said. "We asked the complainants for clarifications in the form of a brief, and [they] never responded so nothing came of it."

She said, that is not why the theater program was downsized, but with the budget cut they couldn't have the same level of help in the theater department.

Students' concerns are for the lack of hands-on experience they need to learn their craft.

"There will be some classes going, but no-hands on practicum as of next fall," Borden said.

"There won't be as much experience to be gained by students," Michael Hanks, senior

theater.

"Students hear what they want to hear, I tell them where they can go when they ask where else they can go," Dickerson said. "Of course theater is important."

Another concern of theater students is what department might be cut after this one.

"If they start with the theater department, what department is next?" Frazee said.

Hanks asked, how can an employer get references on a student performance when that

School of Visual and Performing Arts.

"Theater and music work very closely, so it makes sense for them to be with other performing arts," Dickerson said.

Some students say they are not taking the theater cutbacks without all avenues to keep it open being explored.

"I don't know what is going on here, but I intend to find out," Borden said. "I feel like it [the theater major cut] is not only a detriment to the students, but to this University."

ing the information requested or a reason why the request was declined.

After the first request, filed on April 1, Skinner provided a numeric count of members in attendance on each meeting's date.

The Patriot filed a second request on April 21, specifically asking for names of members in attendance on each date.

Skinner did not provide a written or verbal response to the second request.

After subsequent responses to questions regarding different issues, Skinner did not respond to questions involving the second request.

Organization adviser Shaune Martinez said he had not heard anything about the request.

Current president Ryan Palmquist said no stipends were docketed last year, despite dis-

Financial Reports

Student officials also failed to provide *The Patriot* with a complete budget report, which is required by their constitution to be published by Jan. 1 and May 1 of each year.

On Feb. 12, *The Patriot* received a list of expenditures, but no report clearly listing all revenues and expenses was ever sent.

A turnover in the treasury position in the fall of 2002 caused the partial compliance.

Difficulties began in Sept. 2002, when Erin Price resigned to accept the vice presidency.

Price continued to carry out the treasurer's duties until a successor could be elected.

Subsequent elections to fill the position were marred with alleged election code violations.

In November 2002, Palmquist won after two other candidates were disqualified.

Price, who was forced to withdraw from school because of illness, told *The Patriot* on Feb. 10 that she completed the financial report, but she no longer had the information.

She said she e-mailed a copy of her report to Martinez and Heeren.

In personal interviews on

or expenditures from student affairs secretary Carol Killingsly.

Heeren gave *The Patriot* nine pages of what appeared to be computerized data documenting transactions from the fall of 2002, including homecoming and copying expenses.

However, the report was not in a format that was easy to read and it did not give a complete itemized list of all expenditures and revenues.

"As treasurer last [semester], I sincerely apologize for [the report being late]. Most of [the problem] boiled down to lack of communication within the SGA," Palmquist said.

Election Disputes

Five elections for SGA positions were held last year, with only one of them running smoothly.

Two of the elections were required to fill the treasury as well as two for the vice presidency.

The general elections' problems included a misplaced name on ballots and complaints filed involving voting procedures.

Lanesia Pennington, candidate for senator of the College of Education and Psychology, was mistakenly listed under the College of Arts and Sciences.

Palmquist said he did not know who made the ballots and that the name was misplaced "due to lack of formality and no committee responsibility."

Complaints filed by John Moore and Lennard Stewart also tainted the election.

Moore, a College of Nursing and Health Sciences candidate, and Stewart, a College of Business and Technology candidate, both filed written complaints regarding voting procedures to the judicial board.

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

Alan Thomas, chairman of the judicial board, said complaints were "found to have no merit."

"The board received very slim and inconclusive complaints,"

that.

Martinez said he thinks the elections will run more smoothly this year "because the level of involvement has increased."

"Every [election] it's something different," Martinez said. "It's been easy [for the committees] to let one person do all the work. When that happens, it increases the likelihood something will go wrong."

Lack of Organization

Last year's student leaders also had problems regarding the availability of information to *The Patriot*.

The Patriot tried to obtain copies of the election code changed last semester and revisions to the student constitution awaiting a vote.

Student officials told *The Patriot* the information would be ready on a certain date, but several times the information was not completed or *The Patriot* was told a different official had the requested information.

The Patriot finally received the information, however not in a timely manner.

Palmquist said he was aware of previous problems and promised differences in the way the SGA will operate in the upcoming year.

"Formality is the name of the game this year," he said. "This is an entirely different year with different leadership."

Regarding attendance records, Palmquist said the new secretary, Queenie Williams, "is dedicated to her job."

"This year will be completely unlike last year, with efficient record taking and direct and undeniable accountability between the senators and officers," he said.

Palmquist said treasurer John Easley has a budget report done.

Vice president Loree Ainsworth and Palmquist both voiced a need for more open communication, and suggested e-mailing the minutes of each meeting to *The Patriot*.

"I hope we can renew the relationship between SGA and *The Patriot*, and I am willing to go the extra mile," Palmquist said.

ADMINISTRATORS

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O'Keeffe, who joined the University two years ago, said he wanted to pursue his love for learning.

"It was with mixed emotions that I made the move to return to teaching," he said.

During the fall semester, O'Keeffe said he will serve as an associate to the president and continue working on various tasks until he is able to resume a full-time faculty position.

"Dave is a true scholar and a gentleman in every sense of those words and I have enjoyed working with him," Mabry's e-mail said. "Although Dave will remain fully available to help this fall, I will miss working with him on a day-to-day basis making the machinery work, solving problems and forever looking for resources."

O'Keeffe said he will also continue to participate in two University projects, enhancing University's freshman experience and another project yet to be introduced involving improving student learning.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone on campus and hope to continue to do so."

Irwin

In charge of development activities since 1999, Irwin has

raised more than \$24 million for the University including securing private funds to support major building projects such as the Riter Millennium Carillon Tower and Plaza, the Louise Herrington Patriot Center, and the David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Building.

"We will not only miss her because over \$6.6 million in cash and another \$1 million in deferred gifts have come in so far this fiscal year, but also because she is such a nice person and a truly effective leader," President Rodney H. Mabry said. "She is a person with a golden soul - the most caring person I've ever met."

Irwin also was instrumental in the establishment of the Sam and Celia Roosth Chair and the Gary Wright Diagnostic Reading Endowment as well as leading successful efforts to support the University's scholarship program and its faculty endowment.

"It has been a tremendous pleasure to serve UT Tyler for the past 10 years," Irwin said. "I feel a particular privilege and joy to have served under Dr. Mabry's leadership during the significant growth and development of the university."

Mabry said under Irwin's direction, discretionary excellence funds used to support emergency student needs, special faculty and student travel and summer research programs, increased dramatically.

Alumni involvement also grew during Irwin's tenure, increasing 21 percent during this year's membership drive.

Irwin joined the University in 1994 as a development officer enlisting support for the President's Associates, Distinguished Lecture Series, Friends of the Arts, construction of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center and the Patriot Classic, as well as the development of the President's Circle membership program.

She also served as managing director of the Cowan Center in 1999 before being tapped by the president to lead the development office.

"The real measurement of gratitude and blessing during my tenure comes, not just from the development of buildings and programs, but from my treasured relationships with the wonderful donors, administration, faculty, staff and students I have been privileged to know," Irwin said.

171 students named to president's list for spring

University officials released the president's honor roll, which names 171 students to the list, for the 2003 spring semester.

To be named to the president's honor roll, a student must have completed, in one semester, a 4.0 GPA in 12 or more semester credit hours.

The president's honor roll students listed are:

ALBA - Connie Forsyth and Shanna Wilkinson.

ARP - Amber Turner.

ATHENS - Cora Estep, Linda Frater, Shannon Pursley, Karen Reimann and Sonia Reimann.

BEN WHEELER - Sherry Sanders.

BIG SANDY - Rhiannon Gage and Karl Harmdierks.

BROWNSBORO - Virginia Privett.

BULLARD - Rebecca Atkinson and Charity Potter.

CANTON - Micah Cooper, Stephanie Deibert and Rachael Green.

CARTHAGE - Dusti Gauger.
CHANDLER - Allison Griffin and Megan Hargett.

DIANA - Charles Lipe and Frances Plants.

EUSTACE - Brenda Weaver.

FAIRFIELD - Renato Apene.

FLINT - Jonathan Benedetti, Jennifer Boone and Amanda Ward.

FORNEY - Kristin Hanie.

FORT WORTH - Lindsay Krehlik.

FROST - Krista Plauche.

FRUITVALE - Linda Smith.

GILMER - Robert Boggs, Teri Curington, James Hale, Amber Legan and Jana Pritchett.

GLADEWATER - Sean Butler, Jaci Louvier and Scarlet Worthen.

GRAND SALINE - Meggie

Joslin.

HALLSVILLE - Michael Gorman.

HAWKINS - Kristine McNeeley.

HENDERSON - Ashley Huffman, Connie Orr, Amber Willis and Kenneth Willis.

JACKSONVILLE - Jonathan Clark, Misty Gentles, Charles Lowery, Melanie Meza, Matthew Moss, Christine Villavisencio and Manuel Zancanella.

KILGORE - Anna Hamilton, Amber Horton and Gretchen Rayburn.

LARUE - Richard Hamilton and Jeffery Williams.

LINDALE - Amanda Ballard, Amanda Bradshaw, Stephanie Comer, Sandra Devisscher, Abigail Goldsmith and Shawn Holey.

Joel Johnson, Kathleen Simmons, Kylie Spears and Leah Vent.

LONGVIEW - Michele Daniels, Linsey Funderburk, Allison Gillentine, Charity Henson, Kristi Kirksey, Christine Mick, Patricia Pamplin, Emily White, Mitchell Whitley, Lesley Wilson and Chunmei Zhu.

MABANK - Rachel Killian, Luke Potts and Jamie Sapp.

MALAKOFF - Peggy Crossley and Heather Morris.

MINEOLA - Rebecca Bjork and Andrew Jones.

MONTGOMERY - Judy Harrell.

NAPLES - Christie Cox.

OVERTON - Ambrosiour Jackson and Benjamin McCarty.

PALESTINE - Douglass Foster, Cheryl Gaines and Karla Gregory.

PLANO - Jocqueline Ahlfors.

RICE - Jerry Vanzuuk.

RUSK - Tammy Parsons.

TATUM - John Roberts.

TEAGUE - Sonya Bibby.

TENNESSEE COLONY - Michele Castro.

TROUP - John Gary and Ronald McKnight.

TYLER - Andrew Allbright, Tiffany Allen, Buck Asbill, Wendy Baehne, Jessica Baker, Michael Bitter, Rachel Burden, Daniel Busch, Samantha Crow, Jeremy Dollar, Robert Ellis, Donna Emmons, Rachel Engledow, Olivia Fant, Karla Florence, Ginger Garrett, Michelle Hobbs, Jason Hurley, and Mikhail Iakhiaev.

Also, Fatima Jaafari, Brian Johnson, Karen Jordan, Claire Kelley, Catherine Kimlicko, Amanda Klinger, Viola Mabry, Jennifer Major, Kimberley McKeown, Patricia Michlik, Albert Miller, Heather Miller, Desda Montgomery, Matthew Nellenback, Kara Odom, Melody Ray, Kellie

Reynolds, Rachel Rhodes, Andrea Shelley, Sarah Shipley, Amanda Simpkins, Eric Sjerven, Amanda Stafford, Crystal Stroud, Kelly Terry, Bobby Thomas, Jonela Toci, Deanna Waters, Andrea Watts, Phyllis Welch, Jan Widner, Tamara Williams, Paula Williamson, Seth Wilson and Alisha York.

VAN - Bonnie Hall.

WHITEHOUSE - Dorothea Adams, Rachel Bitter, Rachel Gober, Kathryn Hood, Melissa Leonard, Karen Martinez, Cynthia Nutt, Kati Polak, Megan Richey and Camille Ward.

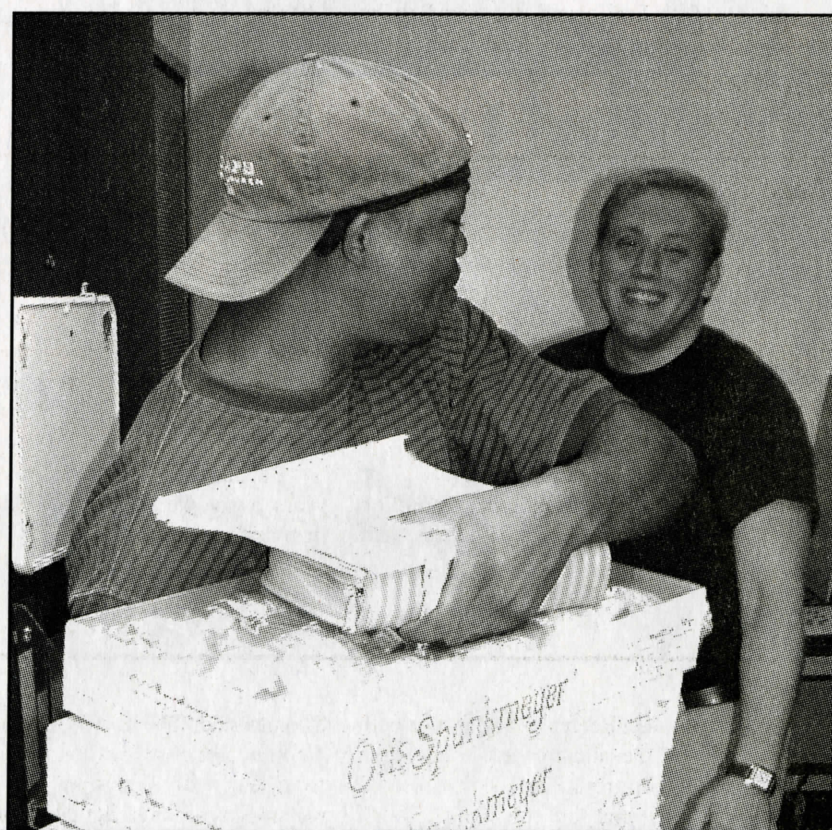
WHITE OAK - Heather Wilson.

WINNSBORO - Charles Butts.

WINONA - Daniel Blair and Laura Murphy.

FINLAND - Linda Nylund.

On the move



More than 180 students named to dean's list for previous semester

The following 183 University students have been named to the dean's list for the 2003 spring semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed at least nine semester credit hours at the university with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

dean's list students are:

ARP - Ruth Forester.

ATHENS - Julie Bradley, Holly Sciba, Talia Dailey, Tommy Ludwig, Scott Skiles and Summer Syler.

AVINGER - Joseph Faulk.

BEN WHEELER - Julie Frith and Amanda Lowe.

BIG SANDY - Rosa Hopkins and John Warren Jr.

BROWNSBORO - Angela Cook.

BULLARD - Frank Sullivan and Heather Woodruff.

CANTON - Loni Cluck.

CHANDLE - Linda Massey.

ELKHART - Amanda Dixon.

EMORY - Jennie Bearden.

ENNIS - Erin Glenn.

FLINT - Melissa Washburn.

Leavins and Allison McAnally.

JEFFERSON - Erin Barnett.

KEMP - Mattie Wortham.

KILGORE - Jamie Fletcher, Brenda Fountain, and Corina Lucas.

LANEVILLE - Daniel White.

LARUE - Cynthia Pace, psychology.

LINDALE - Kimberly Bolton, Heather Gibson, Rebecca Gray, Dalen Kahiapo, Larry Miller and Laura Thompson.

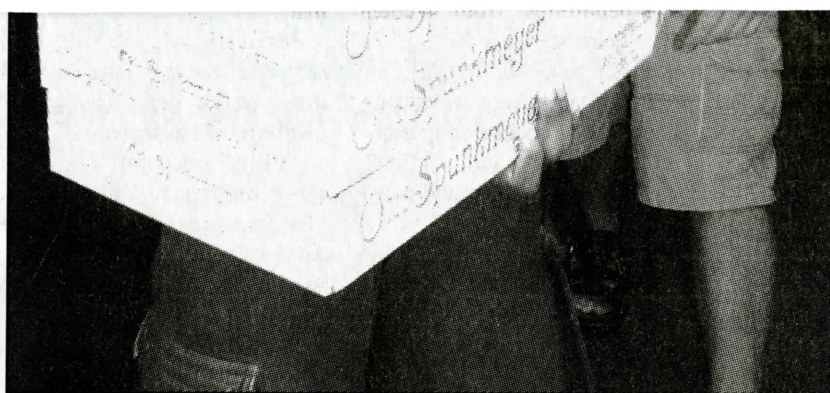
LONGVIEW - Amy Brown, Janeth Bustillos, Dana Hester, Annie Roberts, Kathryn Roessner, Michele Farmer, Lindsay Elkins, Cheryl Finley, Mitzi Fontenot, Charissa Tinney, Joe Tolleson, Mary Maertins and Brandon Marable, Brittani Mathis, Emily Soape, Lori McBride and Jennifer Spanhanks.

MARSHALL - Bradley Ford, Timothy Perkins, Amy Johnson and Kimberly Whitaker.

MESQUITE - Suzanne Matthews.

TROUP - Heath Brown, Desirree Parker, Shauna Sowders, and Eric Smith.

TYLER - Sobia Ali, Elina Hong, Eric Maddux, Michael Ansley, Elizabeth Carroll, Wendi Barr, Kelly Dalrymple, Stephen Gumber, Gary Moers, Wesley Troxell, Bryan Witt, Joshua Billington, Kirby Hearn, Angela Binoz, William Holt, Amanda Smith, Tamsey Blanton, Pamela Bybee, Jana Carter, Jimmie Garrison, Dedre Lee, Shelly Meredith, Gary Nelson, Janet Parrish, Julie Rhame, Madolyn Richardson, April Ross, Amy Sammons, Diana Shelton, Michele Squire, Aleshia Walker, Penny Wheelless, Heidi Borden, Gage Brackin, Lamessa Caldwell, Tray Lang and Michael Crow, Laura Dykes, Stephanie Lochet, Margaret Griffin, Jourdan Hargrave, Amanda Ground, Grant McKnight, Gloria Mucker, Jose Ibarra, Nicolette Jones, Deborah Stills, Buabucha Yodvit, Ryan Lilly, Sherri White, Kristin Miller, Penia Raday.



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

BRING 'EM ON : Student Government Association senator Olakunle Oguntodu, left, and president Ryan Palmquist move boxes of food the organization plans to give away on the first day of classes.

FORT WORTH - Samuel Waldie.
FRANKSTON - Amber Dingler and Larry McDonald.
FRUITVALE - Jonathan Heddins.
GILMER - Scott Craig, Shannon Fisk and Angela Thompson.
GLADEWATER - Lacy Jones, Angela Newbrough, Tammy Sinclair and Orlando Smith, sociology.
GRAFORD - Joshua Wilson.
GRAND SALINE - Casey Clower, and David Gann.
GRANDVIEW - Marcie Bradshaw.
GUN BARREL CITY - Laura Meurin.
HALLSVILLE - Jessica Young.
HAWKINS - Philip Hufton.
HENDERSON - Micah Ruddell.
JACKSONVILLE - Melissa

industrial technology.
MINEOLA -Geanina Barna, Synthia Dromgoole, Narisa Holt-Waldo and Jody Whitten.
MOUNT PLEASANT - Jennifer Miller, and Irene Richardson.
NEW LONDON - Corey Hendon.
OVERTON - Gina Davis and Kara Young.
PALESTINE - Emma Adams, Anissa Commander, Julie Conner, Jettie Huffman, Travis Cook, Lisa Covington, Cheryl Doran, Haley Myers, Shellie Patterson and Peggy Witt.
PITTSBURG - Andrea Smith.
QUITMAN-David Denney.
RUSK - Robin Kadlecck..
TEXARKANA — Lisa Stinson.

Timothy Schultz, Justin Rhinehart, Michael Wysocki, Cody Roark, Angela Robb, Justin Rogers, Kara Sharman, Rebecca Stewart, Claire Vidal and Heather Williamson.
VAN - Patty Garland and Lisa Howell.
WASKOM - Jenifer Martin.
WHITE OAK - Daniel Erwin and Justin Skaggs.
WHITEHOUSE - Rebekah Beam, Brandon Cutro, Jonathan Beam, Barbara Brown, Zachariah Carver, Danah Cates, Jennifer Collier, Crystal Morgan and Peggy Simmons.
WILLS POINT - Carol Seaton.
WINNSBORO - Holly Davis.
GREENLAWN, N.Y. - Christina Ping.

Campus police reports

ARREST

• April 18 - Officers arrested a 24-year-old male Tyler Junior College student for furnishing alcohol to a minor after responding to a report of underage drinking in University Pines Apartments Building 12.

• April 25 - Investigating a report of public intoxication at UPines, police arrested two male University students, ages 22 and 18, for public intoxication, furnishing alcohol to a minor and tampering with evidence.

Another 19-year-old male student was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces during the same incident.

• April 30 - Police arrested a 21-year-old male for criminal trespass and attempted burglary of a coin operated machine after witnessing the man drive up in a car, get out and jump a fence leading to the Emerald Ridge apartments.

• May 3 - Three underage Chapel Hill high school students were arrested near the Engineering Building for making silent calls to 9-1-1 and evading detention after the trio attempted to out run police. They were released to their par-

ents.

• May 8 - A 19-year-old male University student was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor during a routine traffic stop on Campus Drive. Two other passengers received citations for possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor and open container.

• May 9 - Officers arrested a 30-year-old man on six outstanding warrants after pulling his vehicle over for failing to signal while leaving UPines. He was charged with revocation of probation - credit card abuse, criminal non-support, failure to identify, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired inspection and failure to present a driver's license.

• June 8 - Responding to a loud noise complaint at UPines, officers arrested a 19-year-old woman for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors and a 21-year-old man for outstanding Tyler City Court warrants.

• June 13 - Police arrested a 26-year-old male University student at UPines on an outstanding warrant for theft. His bond was set at \$3,500.

• June 19 - A 21-year-old man was arrested on an outstanding warrant when police

noticed his vehicle parked across several spaces near the UPines' clubhouse. The man was also charged with carrying an unlawful weapon after officers discovered an illegal knife in his possession.

• June 21 - Officers arrested a man who was discovered leaving a wooded area near UPines for public intoxication and 13 outstanding Tyler warrants. Bond was set at \$1,000.

• July 4 - A 20-year-old male University student was arrested during a traffic stop on Varsity Drive and charged with driving while intoxicated after he failed a field sobriety test. Tyler Police officers assisted with the arrest.

• July 16 - Police arrested a 24-year-old University student on a peace officer's emergency commitment when they were called to disturbance at a UPines apartment. The man was evaluated by a physician and later transferred to Rusk State Hospital for further treatment.

Burglary

• Aug. 11 - A staff member of the chemistry department reported a display case valued at an estimated \$1,304 had been taken from Room 139 in the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building.

Theft

• April 6 - A 19-year-old female University student and 20-year-old male TJC student reported their clothes had been stolen from the UPines laundry room. Estimated value of loss is \$600.

• April 9 - A 18-year-old University student reported her purse had been stolen from her UPines apartment. Value of loss is not known.

• April 24 - Officers responded to a burglary at a UPines apartment in which a 19-year-old female University student reported \$4 had been stolen. She later refused to prosecute a 19-year-old male suspect.

• July 30 - A University student reported the theft of a digital camera from the sculpture studio located in the Art Studio.

• Aug. 7 - Officers were called to investigate a missing computer at the David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Building. Value is unknown.

Criminal Mischief

• April 24 - An officer discovered his patrol car had been "egged" while it was parked near UPines Apartment Building 6.

• May 3 - Police noticed the

fountains near the Braithwaite Auditorium had been soaped. Amount of damage is unknown.

• May 9 - Officers responded to a report at UPines in which a tire on a 1981 Chevrolet had been slashed. A spare tire and jack also were stolen.

• May 9 - Four Robert E. Lee students received citations for criminal mischief after police discovered the Braithwaite fountains had been soaped.

Misc.

• April 14 - A 20-year-old male student reported his vehicle window had been damaged while parked in Lot 6 near the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center. Estimated amount of damage is unknown.

• May 2 - Police investigated a report of someone looking at pornography on a computer in the Sciences and Mathematics Building.

• May 19 - Officers responded to a report of a man caught on tape "messing" with cameras and computers in the Business Building.

• May 27 - An officer discovered that an outgoing security alarm in the library had been triggered. The alarm sounds when individuals leave the

library with property without authorization. The amount taken is unknown.

• June 1 - A 20-year-old male University student was referred to the dean of student affairs after he and another 20-year-old male were caught driving a University golf cart without authorization. Both men were also investigated by Tyler Police for theft of street signs.

• June 16 - Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident near the Cowan Center and Campus Drive. No injuries were reported.

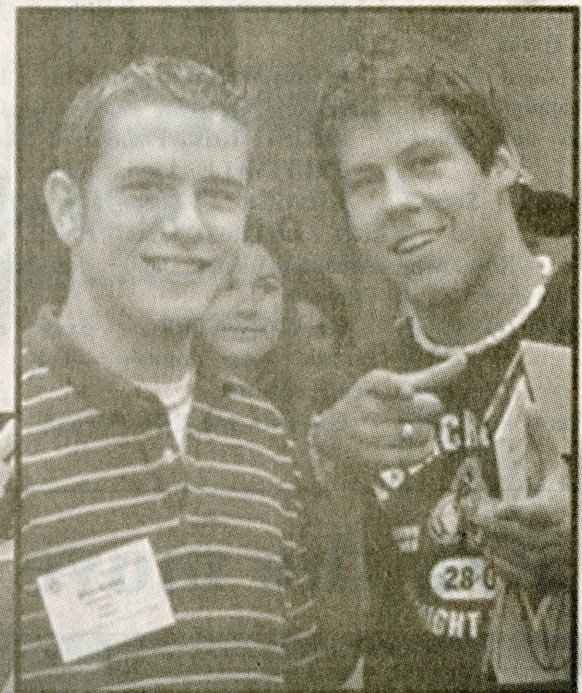
• Aug. 5 - An officer backed a patrol car into a contractor's vehicle in the Patriot Center east parking lot. Amount of damage is unknown.

• Aug. 6 - Officers investigated a report of an abandoned child involving 5-year-old boy, who was looking for his 8-year-old brother near the UC. The brothers, who had been dropped off by their grandmother, were released into the custody of their mother.

• Aug. 7 - Police responded to a hit-and-run accident at the corner of Patriot Avenue and University Boulevard in which a student was injured. Estimated amount of damage is unknown.

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COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!

Friday 22

Tuesday 26

Frisbee Golf, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Prescott Webb Historical Society/ Phi Alpha Theta: The course will be on the scenic UT Tyler campus. The winner(s) of Frisbee Golf will be announced at the Luau.

First Friday Luau, Patriot Center Pool 7 p.m. - Student Activities/SGA: The first big pool party at the NEW Patriot Center, don't miss out on this piece of history!

PJ Party, UC 9 p.m. - AASA: Dress in your favorite PJ's and strut your stuff in the UC.

Saturday 23

Softball Tournament, all day Lindsey Park - SAPB: New students can sign up to participate in the softball tournament by contacting Mr. "Mack" McAllister, 903-566-7281 or emcallister@uttyler.edu.

Sunday 24

Athletic Supporters/VIPatriots, Volleyball Tournament, UPines volleyball court 1 p.m.: Come out and participate in this sand volleyball event.

Monday 25

Free Noon Lunch, UC 118 - BSM: Each Monday of the semester the BSM provides students with free lunch and fellowship. A great way to make new friends.

Free Ice Cream, UC Open Area 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - SGA: Delicious ice cream free to you, just come to the UC!

Wheel of History, UC Open Area 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Prescott Webb Historical Society/ Phi Alpha Theta

Volunteer Fair, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Student Development: Volunteer opportunities for your or for student organizations. Come see what volunteer opportunities are available for you in Tyler.

Blood Drive, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., UC 118

Free Noon Lunch - Alumni Association, UC

Student Development Open Door Celebration, UC 111 9-11 a.m.

Wednesday 27

Student Success Seminar with Lunch, UC 118: "Winning Ways...How to be a Prospering Patriot," How to be a Successful Student.

Thursday 28

Free Noon Lunch, UC 118 - Cornerstone: Another chance for a free lunch. Stop by after class.

Student Organization Showcase, UC Open Area 10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.: Student Organizations will have booths in the UC to recruit students. If you are interested in joining an organization to show your leadership qualities or to just meet new students; this is an easy way to get involved on campus!

Friday 29

Tailgate Party & First Home Soccer Game, 4-7 p.m. - Student Activities/Student Development/Athletics: The first Patriot home Soccer Game of the year. Don't miss out on seeing our Patriots win!

*For more information, check the website:
www.uttyler.edu/studentlife*

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