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Senator resigns over slur

□ SGA may discipline another member involved in the dispute.

BY EMILY STEVENS
SENIOR REPORTER

One Student Government Association senator resigned his position and another faces possible disciplinary action following a dispute in which a racial slur was used, officials said.

Lennard Stewart, senator for the College of Business and Technology, resigned Nov. 14 citing personal

health reasons following a complaint filed by Tiffany Alexander, a black senator, who claimed Stewart used a racial slur against her.

Stewart said the verbal exchange took place Nov. 4 in the University Center open area after the SGA meeting.

Stewart, who is white, admitted using the slur and additional profane language

near Alexander, but said he did not mean for his comments to be directed at her.

In a previous interview, Stewart also said Alexander responded by throwing books and shouting obscenities at him.

Alexander declined repeated requests for an interview seeking her account of what happened.

SGA president Ryan Palmquist said Alexander is under investigation by the SGA and may face disciplinary action, although he said

Stewart never mentioned Alexander reacting violently in a meeting they had the day after the incident.

Palmquist also disputed other parts of Stewart's account reported in the Nov. 14 issue of *The Patriot*.

Stewart contends his story never changed and that



STEWART

he did not "relate every single thing that went on to [Palmquist]."

"I didn't tell him hardly anything. He didn't ask, so I didn't think it was necessary," Stewart said.

Senator Grant McKnight also disputes Stewart's previous statements to *The Patriot*, including a statement that said McKnight and Alexander planned to exclude Senator Lanesia Pennington from an SGA sponsored event.

McKnight said the three

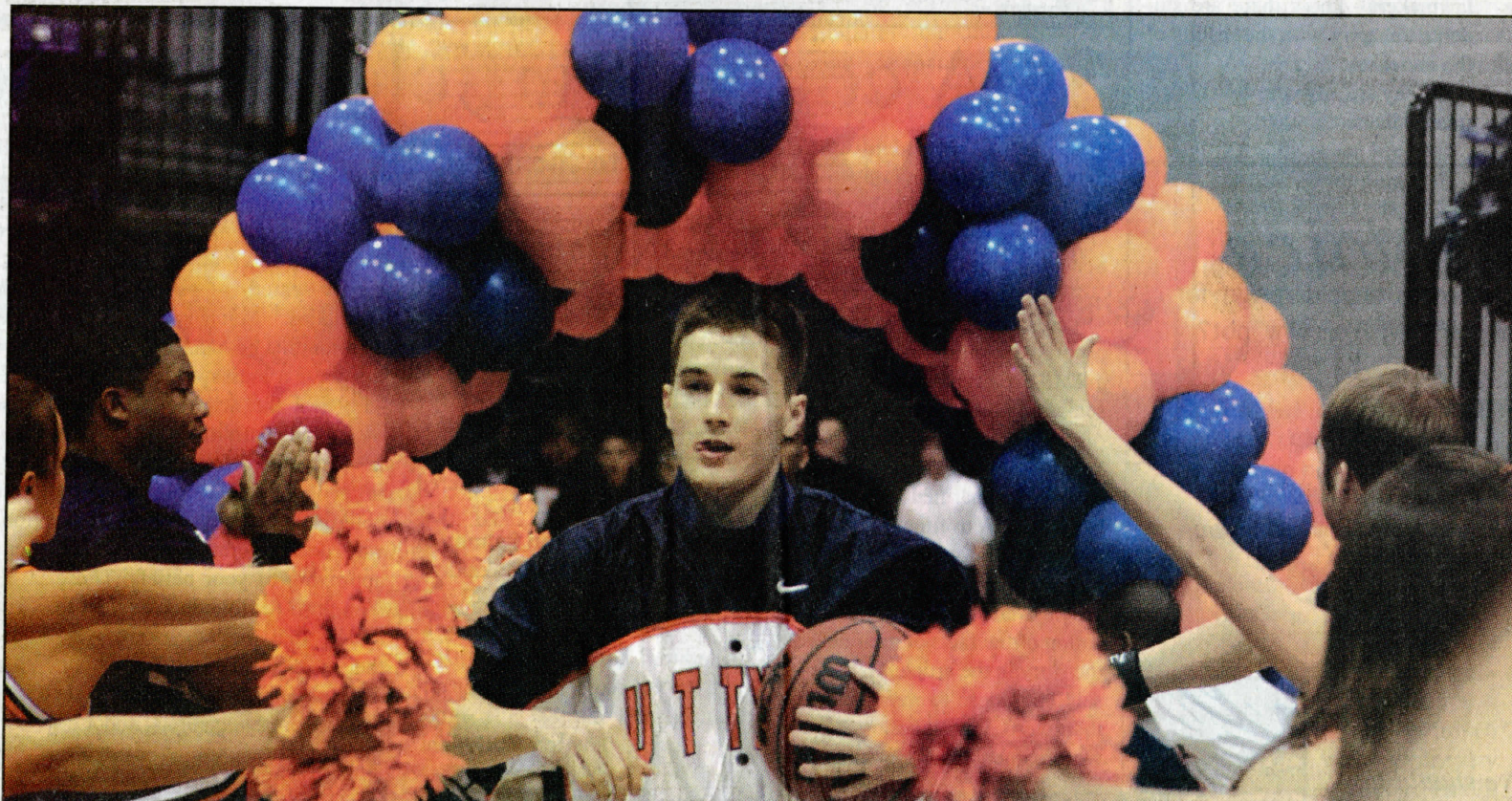
senators had been in contact with each other and Stewart did not have a reason to keep intruding upon conversations that did not concern him.

Pennington also disputes Stewart's statements that he was to deliver messages for her.

"The information that was given was very one-sided. There were issues certain senators had with each other before all this came out. I feel it was unfair of

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GRAND ENTRANCE



Official election results delayed

BY EMILY STEVENS
SENIOR REPORTER

The Student Government Association held a special election Wednesday and Thursday for the offices of parliamentarian and senator of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, but did not tally the results Thursday.

SGA officials had planned to count ballots Thursday night, but did not meet at the scheduled time given to *The Patriot*. During Thursday's basketball game at the Patriot Center, offi-



Graduate nursing students present health fair in University Center. **CAMPUS, Page 8**

Service Solutions employees arrested in connection with thefts. **CAMPUS, Page 5**



Tyler Boxing Society wants to bring the ring to the University. **PULSE, Page 3**

Q And we QUOTE:

"I saw this slightly overweight, unhappy-looking middle-aged man dancing completely out of time. I had no idea. For all these years, I'd been thinking I'm quite groovy."

Actor Hugh Grant on watching his dance sequence in the film "Love Actually" in *People* magazine.

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Patriot Quinn Parker is introduced before the start of the men's basketball team's first game Nov. 22 at the Patriot Center. The Patriots fell to Louisiana State University, 72-71. The team will play its homecoming game Jan. 31 against LeTourneau University, according to the Student Government Association Web site.

BRAD SMITH staff photographer

Starbucks spills beans on UC venue

BY KATHY SYLVESTER
STAFF WRITER

University officials wanted to keep it hush-hush, but a Starbucks official confirmed Wednesday the company is planning to open a store in the University Center this spring.

Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president of business affairs, piqued interest when he sent

a campus-wide e-mail Monday about the construction in the UC. But when questioned by *The Patriot* he declined to reveal any specifics.

"If you will bear with me I'm not going to tell you everything because again we're kind of keeping this quiet," Ferguson said. "We're going to have a grand

opening and kind of a surprise whenever it all happens."

The Patriot then called Starbucks' regional office in Dallas, and Starbucks business alliance official Debbie Peterson confirmed the company has a food service account with the University and plans to open a store in the UC.

Peterson said Starbucks is "partnering" with the University to open the store, which she said will offer coffees, teas and espresso.

In a telephone interview on Thursday, Ferguson confirmed Starbucks is putting in a store under their program "We Proudly Serve." He said the program gives the University permission to

serve their beverages and use their company logo.

Ferguson said construction is being done in stages. The first step is to prepare the site for installation. A contractor has been hired to remove the sunken floor to be level with the rest of the UC to create an open area for the new beverage venue.

cers told a reporter they did not have enough members available to make an official count.

Treasurer John Easley said the SGA would count the ballots "at lunchtime" today.

The Patriot delayed publication from Wednesday to Thursday to allow election results to be printed before the end of the semester. The newspaper's next issue will be published Jan. 30.

Dustin Tallent is the only candidate who filed for parliamentary and there were no candidates for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; however, write-in candidates could win either position.

The parliamentary receives a \$400 stipend each semester and senators receive \$150.

Regents approve tuition, housing

BY ROBERT BOGGS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved tuition increases for the spring and fall semesters at its Nov. 18 meeting, though it delayed the effective date of the fall rates until January to give legislators time to comment on the plans.

The approved plans will increase tuition for all University students by \$6 per semester credit hour in the spring semester. For the fall 2004 semester, tuition will increase an additional \$12 for undergraduates and \$22 for graduate students.

Though the regents approved rates for spring and fall for all nine University of Texas campuses, rates for fall will not be effective until Jan. 23 to allow a 60-day comment period for legislators to review the plans. The comment period was announced in response to concerns from

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst about the size of the increases.

"This will give our joint oversight committee the opportunity to be able to review all the universities' tuition increases and, as the law directs, review accessibility, affordability and accountability," Dewhurst said Nov. 20 at a speech in Houston, according to an Associated Press report.

University officials do not plan to have any additional open forums to gather input from students during the comment period, but would consider one if students were interested, Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president for business affairs, said. Ferguson led seven town hall meetings in September and October to gather input from students.

"Few other universities, except some in the UT System, took the time we did to get considerable input from students and faculty

"Few other universities...took the time we did to get considerable input from students and faculty and then actually use that input."

Rodney Mabry
University president

and then actually use that input," University President Rodney Mabry said.

Mabry said Dewhurst was looking out for students' interests and had not had time to go through the same evaluation process as the universities when he raised his objection.

"Neither had he had the opportunity to hear the same message from students that we heard," Mabry said. "And that message was clearly that some significant tuition increases are OK—

under the current unhappy circumstances of lower state revenues—as long as the money is used to provide more course sections and quality faculty."

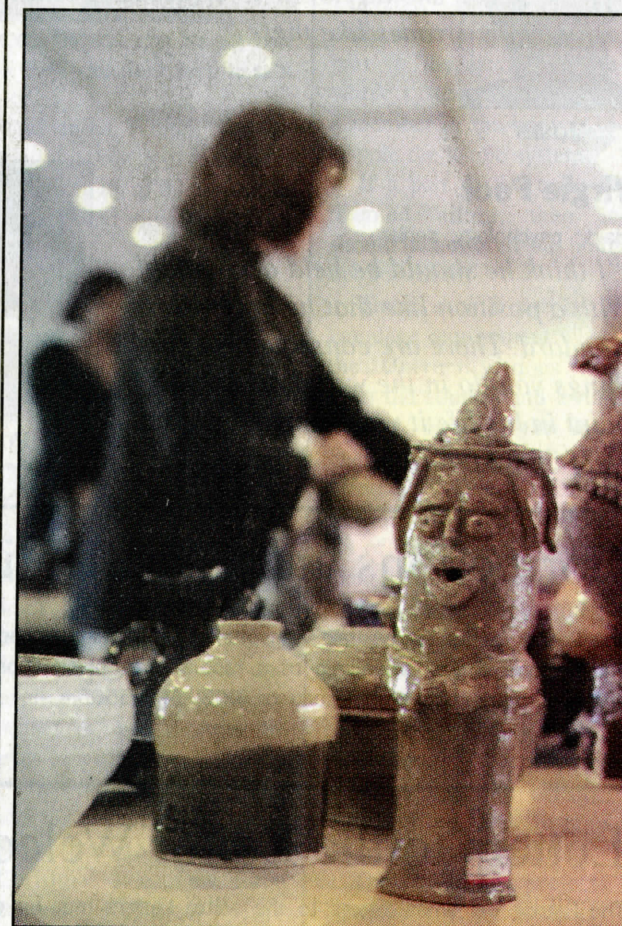
The tuition plan promises an additional 120 course sections, more summer classes and new financial aid programs. About 20 percent of tuition money is used for financial aid, according to the proposal.

Planned increases in financial aid include more money for Patriot scholarships, new grants based on academics and financial need and incentive programs offering tuition-free classes to some seniors and graduate students.

Undergraduate students who complete 15 semester credit hours in any regular semester with at least a 2.0 grade point average and who remain enrolled in consecutive semesters until graduation would receive a tuition-

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PICK ME!



BRAD SMITH staff photographer

Browsers shop around for student artwork at an art sale held at the front of the University Center on Nov. 17-18.

Rising tuition costs raise new concerns

To twist Benjamin Franklin's words, there are two constants in the life of a college student: death and tuition.

While little can be done to soften the former's blow, the latter may have its edge dulled with a thin coating of pragmatism.

Thinking realistically, every college student realizes tuition likely will increase several times during his or her college career. Much harder for most students to admit is the realization that the University's current approved increases are not that bad.

Faced with what many believe amounts to the abandonment of higher education by the state, it would have been tempting to tear lost funds from students' pocket-books. At the University, 60 percent of funding comes from state appropriations, funds cut deeply by the Legislature in an attempt to solve the state's budget crisis.

Looking at the tuition increases, which University officials say amount to only a 3 percent increase in the overall cost of college by the fall semester, it is apparent administrators tried not to drastically raise costs.

Editorial

Tuition will increase \$6 per semester credit hour for all students in the spring semester. In the fall semester, undergraduate tuition will increase an additional \$12 per credit hour and graduate tuition will raise \$22.

Along with the increases, they are promising new benefits. They are including longer lab hours and more on-campus jobs and teaching assistant positions. If these promises are carried out, students will see the benefits.

Other benefits include incentive programs to give tuition-free classes to qualifying seniors and graduate students. The challenge, then, is for students to watch carefully to see their needs are met. Graduate students in particular should watch to see if the tuition differential is effective at improving graduate programs.

If these needs aren't met, complain. Let administrators—and lawmakers—know there are students unhappy with the results of the increases.

If they are, give the new tuition rates a chance.

CAMPUSVoice

Do you believe an SGA member should resign for allegedly using a racial slur? Why or why not?



Amy Brown

Major: spanish, sophomore

"I think that people in that position should be careful how they communicate with others."

James Alexander

Major: undecided, freshman

"I feel that a representative should be



SGA contests article about racial slur

I, SGA President Ryan Palmquist, am writing this to contest the content of the article "Filed Report of Racial Slur Dogs Senator."

The facts as they were presented in the article were not an accurate retelling of the actual event. Because of this misrepresentation, other senators outside of former Senator Stewart and Senator Alexander have had their reputations harmed as a result. For the SGA to function properly senatorial unity must be upheld. Not all senators mentioned in the article were contacted for verification of the facts or their sides of the story. In the article Mr. Stewart said "he doesn't remember using that word, but it's possible the word came out wrong" then later says, "I didn't mean for it to be

Letters to the Editor

After this unfortunate event occurred, the SGA immediately took action to ameliorate the situation. Mr. Stewart has resigned from the SGA and the SGA is doing everything it can to heal.

Accurate journalism reports the news to the best of its ability, but inaccurate reports such as this only deepen the wounds suffered by the SGA.

Ryan Palmquist
SGA President

In light of the recent letters to the editor I have read, I feel it my duty to "spread justice, foster tolerance, and combat the ignorance", according to Ms. Dwight, that I have seen in recent weeks.

I am sick and tired of hearing

not even have a word that corresponds to our "homosexual." The choice of bed partner in ancient societies was considered just that, a choice, and not the result of deeply-seated psychological anomalies. You also neglect to mention that he had three wives.

I have a message for all those who beat the drum of tolerance today. The definition of tolerance is "the capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others." No way does tolerance involve me approving of your beliefs. Those who push for tolerance neglect to realize that they themselves are the most closed-minded of all. Your organization has every right to exist on this campus, and I do not deny that.

It is your right to express your

brought back terrible memories, yet helped reinforce the importance that the war on terror will be a long, bloody, yet necessary conflict to rid the world of those who wish to decapitate our government. That being said, the most rewarding aspect of the UT Tyler Distinguished Lecture Series is the chance for us students to interact with featured guests in the intimate setting of the Braithwaite Auditorium. This allows us to hit on topics which might not be discussed during the evening speech.

Unfortunately, I was a bit disenchanted by the lack of non-press questions allowed during Mrs. Compton's afternoon session. If I'm not mistaken, only two questions were allowed from students who had no affiliation with KLTV, The Tyler Morning Telegraph, The Patriot, or the

himself and act the way he best represents his constituents. I believe it is wrong to insult anyone."



PECHACEK

Kristen Pechacek

Major: undecided, freshman

"I think he should apologize and not let it happen again. If it does happen again, he should resign."



ALEXANDER

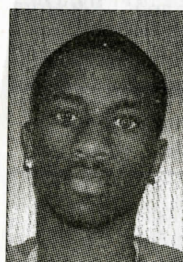
Jacob Schuler

Major: nursing, freshman

"No, he should not resign. I do not believe that to be a racial slur. That word is used very freely between the same race. He needs to reflect on his ideals since he is the voice of people."



SCHULER



JONES

Martin Jones

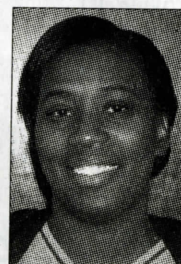
Major: business, freshman

"Yes, because racism is something that should not be tolerated. Especially in times like these."

Virgie Pool

Major: psychology, senior

"I think he should be held accountable. With a position like that he is setting a standard. There are consequences for things you do in the world and at this point in his life it would save him from grief in the future."



POOL

Corrections and Clarifications

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pointed at her.

The quotes used in this article contradict themselves. The article claims first that Mr. Stewart did not say the extremely heinous racial slur, then claims that he did not mean for Senator Alexander to hear his remark. After talking with both Mr. Stewart & Senator Alexander, each party presented me with the same story.

The story presented in *The Patriot* did not match the facts given to me by both senators and other witnesses even though I provided the reporter with enough details for the article.

of people being labeled "bigots", "closed-minded", "ignorant", etc, just because they express a moral belief that homosexuality is not an acceptable "lifestyle choice."

These people have the same right to believe that you, Ms. Dwight, are wrong, as you believe that anyone who does not hold your viewpoint is wrong, or as you put it, "appallingly ignorant" and "spewing messages of exclusion and bigotry."

You cite Alexander the Great as a person in history who was gay. The Greek language does

benefit. It is not your right, however, to fling accusations of bigotry at those who hold as firm a conviction in their beliefs as you do. In my eyes, the most intolerant people in the world today are those that demand tolerance.

Brian English Graduate Student, Tyler

I would like to thank those responsible for ABC News correspondent Ann Compton's recent visit to the campus.

Listening to her reflect on that fateful September day in 2001

Telegraph, The Patriot, or the journalism department. The question and answer session ended when we were informed that another press conference was to soon take place. Therefore, I am of the opinion that the afternoon student session should be for the students and not exclusively for the press. Allow the students to interact with our distinguished guests and ask questions. This will hopefully be allowed for the next lecture with Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Matt Gilbert, MPA graduate student, Tyler

Non-traditional students strive for a better effort

BY: PEGGY SIMMONS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Up at 5: a.m., wake the kids, make breakfast, drive the car pool, head to... class? Older adults, many families, jobs, and mortgages, are returning to college in increasing numbers. Students over the age of 25, referred to in the academic world as "non-traditional" students, reflect the average age of undergraduate students at UT Tyler, which is 25.5.

The schedules on non-traditional students often consist of family obligations, business commitments and community involvement in addition to demanding academic schedules. Traditional college students might be shocked to learn of the early alarms and crying babies that rouse many of these students. Imagine juggling a full

load of classes, including homework, studying, projects and trying to balance that with helping children who have homework of their own. There is also bathing little ones, reading stories, packing backpacks, mowing the lawn, cooking, cleaning and working. Professors surveyed for this story said that their non-traditional students generally performed very well, had few attendance problems and participated in class in a meaningful way.

Most of the non-traditional students said that the biggest sacrifice they make is time spent with their families. There is tension, nagging feeling of guilt, that once this time is lost, it is gone forever. These students know that their education will benefit their family in the long run, but it takes a toll on the quality of life in the

present. Although many have cut back on hours at work, on time spent on leisure activities or hobbies, or on volunteer responsibilities, the most difficult loss is family time. So why are they making this sacrifice?

Non-traditional students generally fell into two categories when it came to reasons for returning to school. Financial are the most compelling and commonly occurring. They have been out in the working world and realize the value of education, particularly when it comes to salary, advancement or a new career.

The second most common to return to school was to fulfill a dream. These students had finally decided what they wanted to be when they grew up, and were back to make that happen. In addition, many of the stu-

dents who fell into this category had some philanthropic reason for completing their education — their dream is to help people and a degree will allow them to accomplish this goal. Non-traditional students value their "second chance" education and have sage advice for traditional students who might be tempted to take this opportunity for granted. Non-traditional students are in a better position to evaluate the importance of a degree and have this to say: "Make the most of this chance you have. It is much more difficult to return to school with other life responsibilities.

Even if the degree doesn't make you any different from the guy working next to you, it opens doors!" Good advice from the rolling backpack brigade.

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Campus CALENDAR

Dec 5

•Leon Bates, piano
Vaughan Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Dec 6

•Basketball
Women's 1 p.m.
Men's 3 p.m.
Patriot Center

Dec 7

•Annual Christmas Concert
UT Tyler Choirs Vaughan
Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Dec 8

•Regular class day for all
classes except those that
meet only on Mondays
•Final exam for classes
meeting only on Monday

Dec 9-13

•FINAL EXAM for all other
classes

Dec 13

•FALL COMMENCEMENT

Dec 17

•3rd Wednesday Film
Series Tender Mercies,
FPAC 1009
3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Dec 23-Jan 1

•Holidays for staff

Jan 2

•Offices reopen

Jan 8

•Basketball
Women's 5:30 p.m.
Men's 7:30 p.m.
Patriot Center

Jan 9

New club enters the ring

*University sophomore
starts first boxing club*



BRAD SMITH staff photographer
Boxing club members Dave Adams (left) and Jarrod Bowen (right) practice technique during club meeting.

BY BONNIE DAVIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The NCAA doesn't recognize boxing as an official collegiate sport, but that's not about to stop Jarrod Bowen from trying to bring the ring to the University.

A sophomore, Bowen is the president of the Tyler Boxing Society. He planned to box when he started college, but soon found collegiate boxing was not available.

Boxing was a NCAA championship sport from 1932 to 1961, but was discontinued because not enough NCAA members sponsored the sport, Kay Hawes, NCAA associate

director of media relations, said.

But Bowen didn't let this setback prevent him from pursuing his interest—he decided to start the first University boxing club. He put up announcements on campus bulletin boards and received responses from other students interested in joining the club.

Using his own money, he purchased speed bags, heavy bags, boxing gloves, wraps and other equipment needed to get the organization started.

From that start, Bowen said he is determined for boxing to become a sport at the University.

"Boxing is a pure sport," he said. "It is the most physically and mentally challenging sport there is."

Bowen said his passion for boxing came from his grandfather, Walt Bowen.

"My grandfather and I would sit and watch boxing all day long," he said. "My grandfather was a professional boxer. He fought 33 fights and 30 were knock-outs."

Club members said they want to get fit and eventually be able to compete with each other and with students from other universities. Hoping to one day have a boxing ring, they said they are considering a fund-raiser to purchase the ring and other gear.

Inspiration and motivation are what keep the students practicing at the Herrington Patriot Center twice a week, members said. Contact between members is not allowed, so they practice techniques to get mentally and physically fit.

"I joined the club to get exercise and relieve frustration," club member Steven Warren said.

Bowen encourages other students who are interested to join. The club is sponsored by Dr. Gerald McGregor, assistant professor of education. The dues are \$15 a semester and prior experience is not required.

The club practices from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday in the Patriot



HASHING IT OVER
HEIDI BORDEN

**Theater:
the show
must go on**

The battle over the decision to cut theater as a major is far from over. The semester is ending, but efforts by students and community members to save the department will continue.

The budget is stable enough to continue building plans, so why is money not available to build up the theater program to attract more majors and provide more diversity to its students?

The theater program is nationally acclaimed and has won awards in the American College Theater Festival. Nine students have been nominated for Irene Ryan theater scholarships, which are both a privilege and an honor.

Despite the limited resources and lack of staff, the theater department maintains a high level of excellence due to the dedication and expertise of the staff.

Dr. James Hatfield and Dr. Mary Ellen Wright are devoted to the students and program, providing every opportunity they can for theater students and other student majors who come to

•Registration and schedule changes, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
•Web and Telephone registration ends at 4 p.m.

Jan 10

•Basketball
Women's 1 p.m.
Men's 3 p.m.
Patriot Center

Jan 12

•CLASSES BEGIN
•Last day for late registration and schedule changes, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Jan 13

•Dance Theatre of Harlem
Vaughn Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Jan 19

•Martin Luther King Jr Holiday, no classes, university closed

Jan 22

•Oliver North, Colonel (Ret.)
Vaughn Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Club NEWS

New Student Organization

The International students at UT Tyler are proud to announce their official organization on campus.

On Friday, Nov. 21 the charter members voted on a name and elected the following officers:

- Roger Lai, president
- Svetlana Popova, vice president
- Bua Yodvit, historian
- Renato Apene, secretary
- Jasmine Wong, treasurer

The faculty sponsor for this group is Dr. Marianthi Coroneou.

The goal of The International Patriots at UT Tyler, or IP@UT, is to plan social gatherings for International students and their Friends. Meetings are scheduled 5:30 to 7 p.m. the last Friday of every month, starting in January 2004 at the University Pines clubhouse. Call or email "DrC" if you wish to participate.



Boxing club member Dave Adams delivers punches to a partner during a boxing club meeting in the Patriot Center.

BRAD SMITH staff photographer

Center. For more information on the Tyler Boxing Society, please contact Jarrod Bowen at tylerboxing@aol.com.

White receives thanks from grads

BY ROBERT BOGGS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Kenya Symonette played hooky for the chance to see Jack White in person-and she's a teacher.

Symonette, a 1998 University graduate who teaches math in Troup, was one of about 20 people to take time out of their day Nov. 21 to thank White, a longtime contributor who established 12 presidential scholarships-more than any one donor.

P.J. Lamb, the University's director of planned giving and a friend of White's, organized a luncheon for scholarship recipients to speak with the person who made their financial aid possible.

"I'm just greatly appreciative of his help," Brandi Graves, a psychology major

and presidential scholarship recipient, said. "He really made college easier for me. Thank God for people like him."

White, who said he has been donating to the University since about 1985, laughed and joked with the students gathered to see him, but didn't take much credit for the donations he and his late wife, Dorothy Fay White, have made over the years.

"It's been a great pleasure to us to meet with them and see just how much a little money is appreciated by college students," White said. "We couldn't do much in this world, but we could do something for those kids."

University advancement staff members also honored White with a portrait and a plaque they said would be



ROBERT BOGGS staff photographer

Mike Johnson, (left) and Kari Sharman (right) listen intently as they wait their turn to talk with Jack White (center) Nov. 21 in the University Center.

hung in the fireplace area of the University Center.

As the students and alumni took their opportunities to thank White, many were

surprised to be thanked in return.

"I thought it was funny, he said he was never really good at math," Symonette

said about White. "But he said math was the foundation for a lot of things and he appreciated my work with students."

North lecture slated Jan. 22

Col. Oliver North, a combat-decorated Marine, bestselling author, and former U.S. counter-terrorism coordinator is scheduled to appear on campus Jan. 22 as part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series.

This is the second in a series of special guests. ABC News correspondent

spoke on Oct. 30.

North is the founder of a small business, an inventor with three U.S. patents, a syndicated columnist, host of a nationally syndicated daily radio show and host of "War Stories" on the Fox News Channel.

Born in San Antonio, North graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served 22 years as a U.S. Marine.

His awards for service in combat include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for valor and two Purple Hearts for wounds in action.

North has written three best sellers: "Under Fire," "One More Mission" and his latest, "Mission Compromised."

Networks pull out full lineup of favorite Yuletide programs

BY DOUG NYE

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially on television.

Since Nov. 1, dozens of Yuletide-themed commercials have been running on network and cable.

Get ready for even more mistletoe and holly as TV gears up for a lengthy holiday celebration with loads of specials, movies and seasonal episodes of many regular series.

There will be some new holiday offerings, but all the

old favorites will be back, too.

That jolly, happy soul "Frosty the Snowman" gets things started early, making his annual visit at 8 p.m. Nov. 28 on CBS. "Rudolph" arrives at 8 p.m. Dec. 9, also on CBS. The beloved "A Charlie Brown Christmas" airs on ABC on Dec. 13.

Once again, the offbeat comedy "A Christmas Story" will be the most frequently shown movie of the holiday season. A 24-hour marathon showing of the flick begins at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve on TNT. Based on the writings of Jean Shepherd, the warm and witty 1983 movie perfectly captures the awe and excitement of the holiday season as seen through the eyes of a kid.

"It's a Wonderful Life" will air twice on NBC — at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and again on Christmas Eve. Few films capture the spirit of "peace on Earth, good will to men" like this 1946 Frank Capra classic starring James Stewart.

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participate.

Dr. Thomas Allen of the music department taught voice and diction this semester without pay. His dedication and faith in the department and its students rings out a clear message: The department and its students are worth the time and effort.

There are reasons why the theater department has been on the low end of the margin with its student graduation rate. The foreign language requirement, lack of staff and courses offered are key factors.

The department is suffering because of a lack of support from the administration. Combined with the proper resources, the acclaim the department has earned would attract students the program.

Every department should be given whatever it needs to survive and thrive. The University is a body and each department an active part in the health of the whole system. To amputate a member of the body is to cripple the whole system.

If a part of the body is deemed ailing, then it should be nurtured and built up, not cut off.

There should not be a language requirement when the University does not offer the courses and levels needed. French, the language of the arts, is not offered. Tyler Junior College only offers two levels of French—the requirement is four semesters.

The theater department should be equipped with instructors and classes in dance, voice, singing, choreography, video/camera technology, computer graphics, film editing, scriptwriting and foreign languages up to level four.

The building projects continue when a department should be built first. Putting the cart before the horse never gets anyone anywhere. Students are in

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Yuletide

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New to the holiday TV sweepstakes this season is "I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown" which airs at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 on ABC.

The number of Christmas specials and movies has snowballed in recent years, and it's almost impossible to list every one. Many of your favorite network series will have special holiday episodes. Disney, the Cartoon Network and other channels will have dozens of holiday shows throughout the next month.

ABC Family again will have its 25 Days of Christmas beginning Dec. 1. During that time, such favorites as "The Year Without Santa Claus," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Frosty's Winter Wonderland" will have multiple showings.

DEC. 6

• 8 p.m. "The Muppets' Christmas Carol" NBC.

DEC. 7

• 7:30 p.m. "Saturday Night Live Christmas" NBC.

• 9 p.m. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" NBC.

• 9 p.m. "Undercover Christmas" CBS.

DEC. 9

• 8 p.m. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" CBS.

• 8 p.m. "I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown" ABC.

DEC. 12

• 8 p.m. "Holiday at Pops!" Vince Gill and Amy Grant join Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra to celebrate the season. Repeated at midnight. A&E.

• 8 p.m. "Call Me Claus" Whoopi Goldberg plays the owner of a shopping channel who hires a Santa Claus during Christmas. He turns out to be the real thing. TNT.

• 9 p.m. "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" The Powerpuff Girls save Christmas from being a disaster. Cartoon Network.

• 10 p.m. "Jack Frost" Michael Keaton stars as a father who dies and comes back to his family as a snowman. TNT.

DEC. 13

• 6 p.m. "Jack Frost" TNT.

• 8 p.m. "It's a Wonderful Life" James Stewart stars in the 1946 Frank Capra classic about the man who wishes he had never been born and gets his wish. NBC.

• 8 p.m. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" ABC.

• 9 p.m. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" A college student (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) faces more than one dilemma when his plan to spend the holiday at a beach resort with his girlfriend (Jessica Biel) goes awry. ABC.

DEC. 14

• 1 p.m. "Nutcracker on Ice" The all-skating version of the musical. NBC.

• 1:45 p.m. "Jack Frost" TNT.

• 8 p.m. "Call Me Claus" TNT.

• 7 p.m. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" NBC.

• 8 p.m. "Christmas in Washington" Tony Bennett, Faith Hill, Reba McEntire, B.B. King and others help ring in the season at the National Building Museum in D.C. Repeated at 2 a.m. TNT.

• 9 p.m. "Secret Santa" Jennie Garth stars in this new movie as a journalist whose cynical take on Christmas lands her in a small town on assignment to uncover the identity of a mysterious philanthropist. In the process, she learns the true meaning of Christmas. NBC.

• 9 p.m. "A Christmas Carol" Patrick Stewart stars as Scrooge in this 1999 version of the Dickens classic. Repeated at midnight. TNT.

DEC. 18

• 8 p.m. "A Christmas Story" A wonderfully nostalgic 1983 movie, set in the 1940s, about the boy Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) who wants a Red Ryder BB rifle for Christmas. TCM.

• 8 p.m. "Biography" The special examines the life of Santa Claus, aka Kris Kringle and St. Nicholas. A&E.

• 9 p.m. "Ultimate Small Town Christmas" Small towns across America compete for the prize of being the one that best exemplifies Christmas. A&E.

• 10 p.m. "A Christmas Carol" This fine 1938 version of Dickens' Yuletide tale stars Reginald Owen as Scrooge. TCM.

DEC. 20

• 8 p.m. "Robbie the Reindeer in Hooves of Fire" Robbie is a reindeer who desperately wants to be a part of Santa's sleigh team. CBS.

• 8 p.m. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 2: Cousin Eddie's Island Adventure" In this new TV-movie, Randy Quaid reprises his role as Cousin Eddie from "National Lampoon's Vacation." Eddie and his family win an all-expense-paid trip to the South Pacific for Christmas vacation, but wherever Eddie goes, chaos follows. NBC.

• 8:30 p.m. "Robbie the Reindeer in Legend of the Lost Tribe" Robbie tries to stop Blitzen from starting a commercial-laced reindeer theme park. CBS.

DEC. 21

• 9 p.m. "The Christmas Shoes" Rob Lowe plays a workaholic attorney who rediscovers his family thanks to a Christmas Eve encounter with a boy. CBS.

DEC. 22

• 10 a.m. "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" Cartoon Network.

• 1:30 p.m. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" The animated classic narrated by Boris Karloff. Cartoon Network.

DEC. 23

• 9:30 a.m. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Cartoon Network.

• 1 p.m. "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" Cartoon Network.

• 9 p.m. "Call Me Claus" TNT.

• 1 a.m. "Jack Frost" TNT.

DEC. 24

• 6 p.m. "A Christmas Story" The 1983 film about a boy Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) who wants a Red Ryder BB rifle for Christmas airs a dozen times during the annual 24-hour marathon. TNT.

• 7 p.m. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Cartoon Network.

• 8 p.m. "It's a Wonderful Life" NBC.

• 8 p.m. "Meet Me in St. Louis" Judy Garland stars in this fun piece of Americana that includes her singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." TCM.

• 9 p.m. "Great Performances" A presentation of the Nutcracker from the Royal Ballet. PBS.

• 9 p.m. "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" Cartoon Network.

• 10 p.m. "Holiday Inn" The 1942 movie in which Bing Crosby introduced the song "White Christmas." Fred Astaire co-stars. TCM.

DEC. 25

• 7:30 a.m. "The King of Kings" Cecil B. DeMille directed this 1927 version of the life of Christ. TCM.

• 9:30 a.m. "The Greatest Story Ever Told" Another retelling of the life of Christ, starring Max Von Sydow. TCM.

• 10 a.m. "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" Cartoon Network.

• 11 a.m. "Walt Disney World Christmas Parade" Regis Philbin and Mickey Mouse host this annual holiday event. ABC.

• 1 p.m. "Ben-Hur" Charlton Heston stars in the spectacular 1959 Best Picture Oscar winner. TCM.

• 4 p.m. "Christmas Skating Spectacular" NBC.

• 5 p.m. "King of Kings" Jeffrey Hunter stars as Jesus in the 1961 film. TCM.

• 6 p.m. "Jack Frost" TNT.

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Police Reports

University police arrested two University students Thursday in connection with thefts at the University Pines Apartments.

Sgt. Troy Smith said soccer player Charles Garcia is charged with theft by deception. His bond was set at \$15,000 by State District Judge Cynthia Kent.

Garcia is listed as a suspect in official police reports in two of the cases.

One report was made on Nov. 14 and stated \$35 and a blank check were stolen from a purse in Building 2 at UPines. The check was cashed for \$250.

The other report involving Garcia was made on Dec. 2., in which another University student reported \$49 had been taken from her purse in her apartment.

The victim identified the suspects, according to police reports.

Smith said University student Roland Mora also was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Smith said charges for receiving stolen items are pending against Mora, who is a suspect in the Nov. 13 theft of a bank debit card from an apartment in Building 3 at UPines.

Smith said the stolen card was used in purchases of \$20, \$20.52, \$26, \$125.57, and \$150.

Smith also said the campus police are still looking for other suspects, including students from Texarkana.

In another related incident, a check was stolen from Building 2 at UPines on Dec. 1 and cashed for \$600.

No arrests have been made in

connection with this case.

Two employees of Service Solutions, the University's custodial service, were arrested in connection with the theft of sports equipment reported on Nov. 6., and another was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Daniel Cardinas and Luchious Patterson were arrested and charged with misdemeanor theft \$50-500.

Smith said Patterson also had warrants for traffic offenses.

The official police report listed a total loss of \$996 for the University.

Smith said the items were stolen from the Louise Herrington Patriot Center and the University Center, and include men's basketball shoes and men's and women's warm-up suits, baseball jackets, a water cooler and various sports-medicine equipment.

Smith said the suspects admitted to the crime and that \$160 worth of the stolen property was recovered.

Smith said another employee listed as a suspect on the police report was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a traffic ticket, but was not charged in the theft because she did not possess any of the stolen property.

BURGLARY

Nov. 7 - A vehicle was burglarized in parking Lot 9. A window was broken out to gain entry to the vehicle, and a JVC stereo valued at \$150 was stolen.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

• Nov. 19 - A blue 2002 Ford Taurus was keyed. A report was filed but is not complete.

• Nov. 19 - Two tires were cut on the personal vehicle of a Physical Plant employee. The report is not yet complete.

THEFT

• Nov. 20 - Socks and T-shirts valued at about \$500 were stolen from the Patriot Center. The report is not yet complete.

• Nov. 20 - Two crock pots were stolen from UC 101. Loss is estimated at \$44.

• Nov. 24 - A sound system valued at \$1,765 was reported stolen from Room 126 in the Robert R. Muntz Library.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

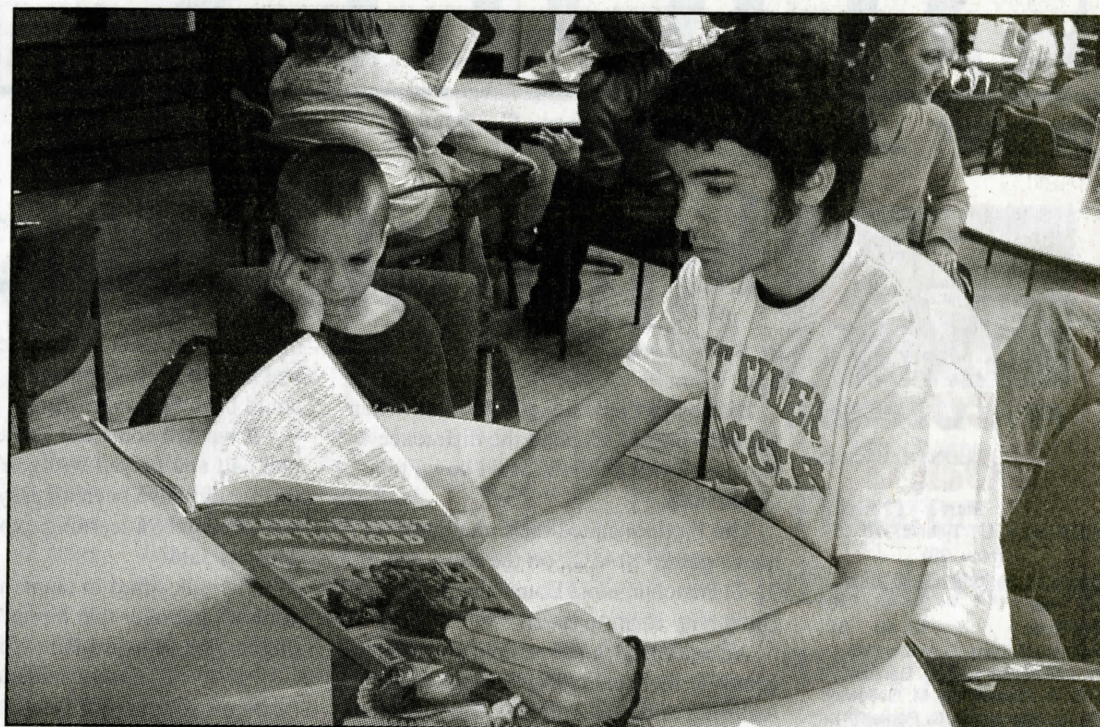
Nov. 7 - A collision occurred between a 1996 Pontiac Grand AM and a 2004 Volvo station wagon in parking Lot 8. Estimated damage to both vehicles was less than \$500.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nov. 25 - An 8-year-old boy was seen wandering by the lakes by himself. Campus police officers located the boy's mother in a class and warned her not to leave her child unsupervised on campus.

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

CHAMPIONS BUILDING CHAMPIONS



VELMA HILL contributing photographer

Patriots soccer player Malek Bekka reads to an elementary school student in the University Center. The men's soccer team celebrated National Library Week by reading to children attending a reading practicum Nov. 17 and 20. Last month the men's team won first in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

Fructose could be source of digestive discomforts

BY KAREN UHLENHUTH
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) We're a nation consuming ever-greater quantities of sweets — and we're suffering from an epidemic of gastrointestinal distress.

It turns out the two could be related.

Satish Rao, a gastroenterologist at the University of Iowa medical school, was puzzled a few years ago by the many patients coming to his clinic with abdominal pain, bloating, gas and diarrhea that seemed to defy explanation.

Rao suspected fructose, a form of sugar that occurs naturally in fruit. Americans' consumption of fructose, mostly in the form of high-fructose corn syrup, has sky-

increasing consumption of fructose, Rao theorized that people might be overwhelming their intestines' ability to break down the stuff.

The result: pain, gas, diarrhea. Those are the primary features of irritable bowel syndrome, or IBS, a condition that's thought to affect perhaps 15 percent of Americans, Rao said.

He administered a fructose solution to a group of patients, then used a simple test to measure the fructose in their breath. He found that 30 percent of the patients with IBS symptoms had fructose in their breath, meaning they hadn't digested it.

Then Rao advised those with positive fructose tests to curb their fructose consumption.

more likely than others to suffer from eating or drinking too much fructose.

The supersizing of food and drink has certainly contributed to fructose-related gastrointestinal problems, said Pete Beyer, an associate professor of dietetics and nutrition at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

"When I was a kid, a 4-ounce glass was the serving size of juice," he said. "Now you can go to a service station and get a 20-ounce serving of juice."

Beyer also conducted fructose breath tests on a group of people who didn't report any gastrointestinal symptoms. After having consumed a fructose solution, the vast majority of subjects tested positive for fructose in their

anybody to say my name as a way of [personal gain]. I don't like being associated with negativity," Pennington said.

SGA officials challenged Stewart's account and *The Patriot's* Nov. 14 report, contending the reporter failed to contact all the witnesses.

In its continued investigation into the event, *The Patriot*

attempted to contact two witnesses listed on an official police report.

University Pines Apartments Senator Stephen Kiepke said he "did not see or hear anything."

The other witness, Senator Louie Downey, Jr. referred *The Patriot* to a written statement he gave to SGA adviser Shaune Martinez.

Martinez directed *The Patriot* to Dr. Howard Patterson, interim dean of student affairs, for the materials because he was not sure whether the information was confidential.

Patterson declined to release the written statements, citing student confidentiality because the case involves possible disciplinary action.

Regents

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free course in their final semester, to a maximum of 15 credit hours. A similar program will be available for graduate students.

The tuition plan also includes money for about 50 new on-campus jobs, seven teaching assistants and 15 faculty positions.

HOUSING PLANS

In addition to the decision on tuition rates, regents also approved designs for a dormitory and student apartments on cam-

pus.

Officials said the apartments, planned for completion by fall 2004, should begin construction soon.

"The construction firm has been given the notice to proceed," Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs and external relations, said. "As soon as they're ready to stage the materials and put up their protective fencing and all that, then they're ready to start."

Dallas contractor Austin Commercial will construct the 200-bed apartment complex, which is expected to cost about \$7.2 million.

The student residence hall to be built on Lake Drive is expected to house 200 students and cost about \$11 million. At a September meeting to present the University's master plan, Ferguson said he expects the residence hall to be completed by fall 2005.

rocketed.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that between 1970 and 1997, average annual per capita consumption increased from half a pound to 62.4 pounds.

The vast majority of that is contained in soft drinks, although the corn syrup also is added to a variety of processed and baked foods.

The problem with fructose is that humans aren't well equipped to digest it. Most people can handle a small amount, but given the

Those who complied with the diet felt significantly better, he said.

He concluded that most people cannot adequately digest more than about 25 grams of fructose. A can of regular Coke contains 16 grams, he said, and a glass of orange juice has 15 grams.

So the two of those consumed within a span of a couple of hours can overwhelm a person's ability to handle fructose, he said.

People with a tendency toward gastrointestinal complaints are

breath, meaning they weren't digesting it all, he said.

While the problems stemming from fructose aren't on a par with diabetes or cancer, Beyer said it's becoming clear "that the doses (people) can get in everyday life can cause problems in average everyday people."

And for those people, he said, a diet lower in fructose could make all the difference.

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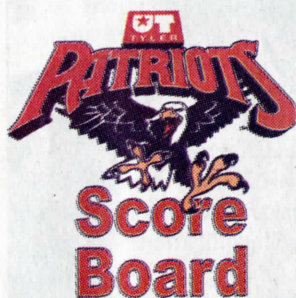
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Sports

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Men

Sul Ross d. UT Tyler 87-70
(Nov. 29)

Score by periods	1	2	total
UT Tyler	24	46	70
Sul Ross	38	49	87

Points: UT Tyler- D. White (16), W. Leffingwell (14), D. Dennis (10), B. Weasby (9), M. Galloway (5), N. Barnett (4), Q. Parker (4), R. Olson (3), T. Murphy (3), J. Henderson (2); Sul Ross-S. Hooper (21), R. Owens (13), D. Workman (11), L. Morales (9), R. Romero (8), R. Herrera (8), J. Steward (6), C. Packer (5), A. Wright (2), A. Mathis (2).

H. Payne v. UT Tyler 103-83
(Dec. 1)

Score by periods	1	2	total
UT Tyler	39	44	83
Howard Payne	52	51	103

Points: UT Tyler-W. Leffingwell (18), M. Galloway (11), D. Dennis (5), B. Weasby (15), Q. Parker (15), J. Henderson (6), D. Johnson (3), T. Murphy (10); Howard Payne-C. Lee (4), B. Mosely (6), B. West (12), M. Knight (10), C. McGuire (12), J. Maxwell (4), K. Johnson (13), T. Lowery (8), M. Zinser (5), N. Klein (15), F. Jones (2), T. Stary (12).

Women

U. of Dallas d. UT Tyler 78-68
(Nov. 25)

Score by periods	1	2	total
UT Tyler	28	40	68
U. of Dallas	43	35	78

Points: UT Tyler-K. Denney (12), J. Halverson (4), R. Hunter (6), B. Busby (12), K. Richardson (3), K. Hebert (8), C. Tettey (2), S. Shead (13), L. Patton (8); UD-K. Robertson (9), M. Olson (7), K. Malone (7), K. Reekie (16), S. Kidd (25), S. Smallwood (4), A. Catillo (8), R. Stein (2).

Sul Ross d. UT Tyler 82-69
(Nov. 29)

Score by periods	1	2	total
UT Tyler	40	29	69
Sul Ross	37	45	82

Points: UT Tyler-K. Denney (16), B. Busby (14), S. Shead (13), L.

1 point decides kick-off game

By STACE DRINNING

STAFF WRITER

History in the making it was, but when the final buzzer sounded the difference between a win and loss came down to a single point.

The Patriots ended their inaugural men's game Nov. 22 on the short end of a 72-71 match against Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

An estimated 1,731 people attended the games at the Herrington Patriot Center featuring both the women's and men's teams.

The game started out promising with the University leading 32-28 at the end of the first half.

In a fast-paced first half the University showed nice rebounding skills, making around 30 percent of their rebounds. At this point it was either teams' game.

The Patriots started out the second half missing 65.4 percent of their shots, allowing the Pilots to score three times before sophomore Darren Dennis made a shot from underneath the basket after about two minutes of play.

The game picked up momentum after the shot, and the University began making more shots but still missing easy two-point shots.

"We kept trading baskets and we couldn't stop them when we needed to," freshman guard Brandon Weasby said.

Finally, with two seconds left to play and trailing 72-68, sophomore guard David Johnson made the Patriot's last attempt at victory scoring a two-point shot.

The miss left the University trailing LSUS by only one point with a mere second left to play which did not allow enough time to salvage the game.

Leaders for the Patriots were Weasby, with three, 3-point shots and 20 points, and sophomore forward Tracy Murphy, with eight rebounds, two steals and 16 points.

"I played pretty good. I just did my job which was to shoot the ball," Weasby said

of his performance. "The weakness today was free throws. There were times we could have been up by eight points."

"If we had come out earlier in the second half and played with our full ability this would have been an easy game ... this was definitely a learning experience," Murphy said,

"The guys tried to come back. They just couldn't get over that hump," athletic director Dr. Howard Patterson said.

Game statistics

Points scored: UT-Tyler-B. Weasby (20), T. Murphy (16), D. Johnson (8), D. Dennis (7), W. Leffingwell (5), C. Harmatuk (4), Q. Parker (3), N. Barnett (3), D. White (2), M. Galloway (2); LSU Shreveport- D. Rogers (21), R. Payne (18), D. Sowell (12), T. Cash (8), J. Collins (6), F. Hughes (5), B. Malveaux (2).

Coming up:

Teams: Patriots vs. McMurry

When: 3 p.m. Saturday

Where: Patriot Center

Cost: Free for faculty, staff, students with ID

Patriot Path:

McMurry, a ASC West Division contender, comes into the cross-over match in the win column. This is the first meeting between the two teams.

ASC East Division Standings

Overall standings as of Dec. 3. Conference play has yet to begin.

School	W	L
Mississippi College	4	1
Austin College	1	1
East Texas Baptist	1	2
Ozarks	1	3
Louisiana College	1	3
UT Dallas	1	4
UT Tyler	0	3
LeTourneau	0	3

Late breaking news: Patriots defeated Hardin-Simmons University in triple overtime 76-64 on Thursday night.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

- ☐ Basketball: McMurry; men, 3 p.m., Saturday
- ☐ Basketball: McMurry; women, 1 p.m., Saturday
- ☐ Basketball: U of Mary Hardin-Baylor; men, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8
- ☐ Basketball: U of Mary Hardin-Baylor; women, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 8
- ☐ Basketball: Concordia University at Austin; men, 3 p.m., Jan. 10



BRAD SMITH staff photographer

Patriot Tracy Murphy goes up for a dunk in the Nov. 22 game against Louisiana State

Patton (9), J. Halverson (6), R. Hunter (5), C. Tettey (4), S. Roberson (2), Sul Ross- A. Ramirez (24), S. Rivera (18), D. Furr (11), A. McWilliams (8), I. Franco (7), C. Redish (6), K. Meacham (4), K. Kyzar (4).

H. Payne d. UT Tyler 81-62 (Dec. 1)

Score by periods	1	2	total
UT Tyler	33	29	62
Howard Payne	43	39	81

Points: UT Tyler-R. Hunter (3), K. Denney (5), S. Shead (11), L. Patton (4), B. Busby (9), A. Harris (5), K. Hebert (6), C. Tettey (3), S. Roberson (2), J. Halverson (9); Howard Payne- N. Salzman (13), A. Davis (4), L. Cantrell (2), R. Offineer (12), L. Lloyd (6), J. Alexander (3), S. Maples (1), K. Collins (16), A. Bludworth (2), J. Robinson (3), A. Evans (17), J. Wilson (2).

American Southwest Conference

All-Division Soccer

UT Tyler winners

First team -East Div.

• Brooke Hudnall

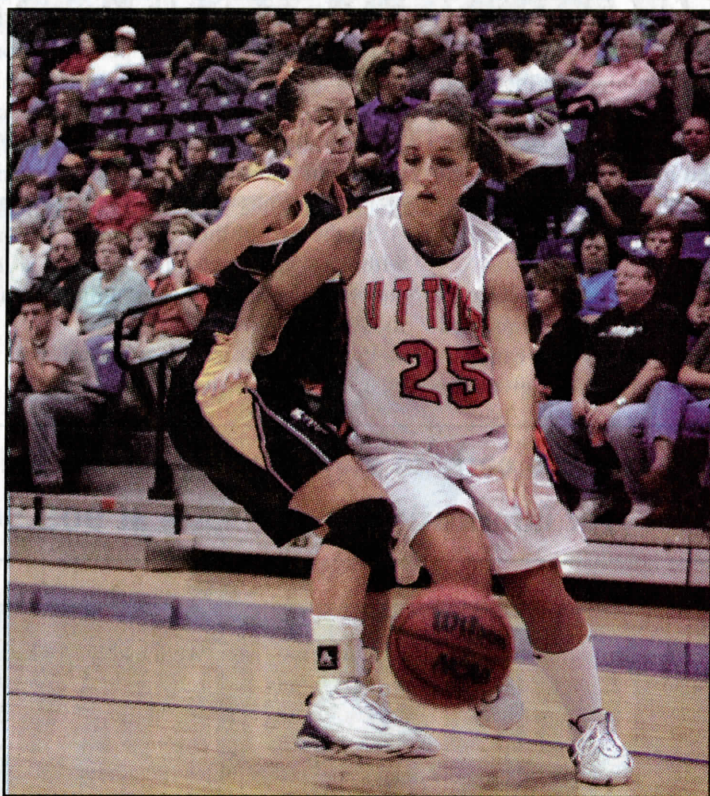
Second team -East Div.

• Patricia Slate

Honorable mention

• Lindsey Henrie

• Lindsey Gill



BRAD SMITH staff photographer

Patriot Kelly Richardson pushes past a Louisiana State University at Shreveport defender. The Patriots lost to the Pilots, 70-56.

Ladies lose first game

BY STACY DRINNING

STAFF WRITER

The women Patriots basketball team played its first-ever game at home Nov. 22 hoping to leave a historic mark in the win column, but falling short 70-56 to Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

The inaugural event came with a lot of pre-game publicity that attracted an estimated 1,731 to the Herrington Patriot Center.

"[There was] general excitement for the first game. Expectations to win in front of family and friends," coach Terri Deike said. "They were just jittery at first, but they got the jitters out

quick."

Spirits were high throughout the game, as the crowd appeared to enjoy witnessing University history with freshman Juliane Halverson making the first official basket in the Patriot Center.

Halverson rebounded a two-point shot made from under the basket after only 20 seconds of play.

The Patriots kept pace with the Pilots during the first half, with no more than a three-point spread between them until the last three minutes of the half when Shreveport out scored the University 35-31.

Freshman Katelynn Denney led the team in points with 14. Teammate Brooke Busby, a junior transfer from Tyler Junior College, added 10 points for the evening including the first, three-point shot.

Halverson ended the game with 10 points, while ReTonya Hunter chipped in three steals and three assists.

The Patriots didn't go looking for trouble, but trouble found them in the form of 25 total fouls, allowing the Pilots repeated trips to the foul throw line. LSU had a team total of only 14 fouls by comparison,

"We must change our

attitude about rebounding and stop fouling," Deike said. "They made 30 points from the free throw line tonight."

Deike said the team needs to work on stealing the ball and positioning themselves for rebounds - and to stop fouling.

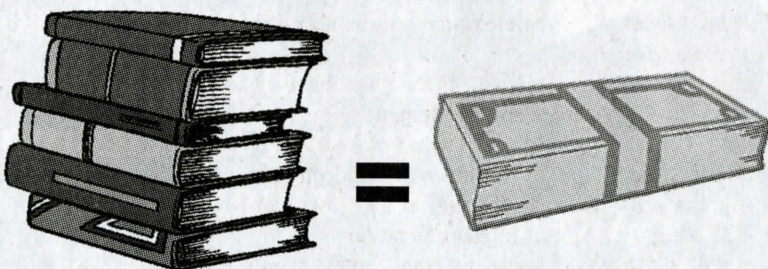
ASC East Division Standings

Overall standings as of Dec. 3. Conference play has yet to begin.

School	W	L
Mississippi College	4	0
Ozarks	2	1
Louisiana College	3	2
LeTourneau	2	3
East Texas Baptist	1	3
Austin College	0	3
UT Dallas	0	3
UT Tyler	0	4

Late breaking news
The women Patriots lost 77-60 Thursday to Hardin-Simmons.

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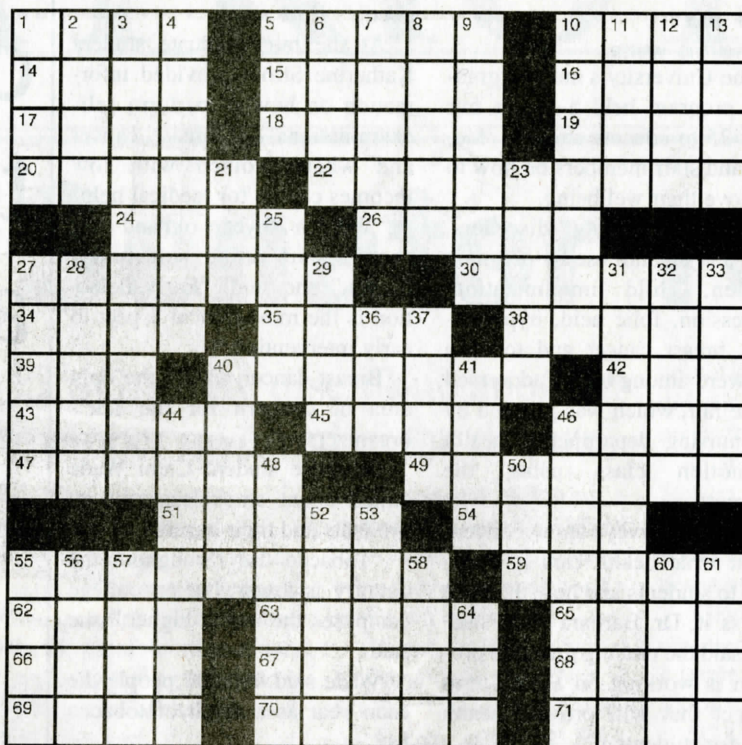
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wrigley Field slugger
- 5 Doldrums
- 10 Lubricates
- 14 Butterfingers' comment
- 15 Painter of water lilies
- 16 Component
- 17 Israeli weapons
- 18 Without vitality
- 19 Family plan
- 20 Of punishment
- 22 Dive type
- 24 Pairs
- 26 Comic Anderson
- 27 Quarantine
- 30 Mil. muddles
- 34 Diplomacy
- 35 "Back in Black" rock group
- 38 Struggler's sound
- 39 D.C. summer hrs.
- 40 Alternately
- 42 Patriotic grp.
- 43 Polynesian New Zealander
- 45 Hautboy
- 46 Taj Mahal site
- 47 Puppet's lifeline
- 49 Astronomer of Alexandria
- 51 Propelled, as a boat
- 54 Lather
- 55 Carousel
- 59 Coat again
- 62 Autobahn auto
- 63 Bert's Muppet pal
- 65 Cloud number
- 66 Blood formation
- 67 Is affected by
- 68 1982 Disney sci-fi film
- 69 Kans. neighbor
- 70 Watchband
- 71 Maxwell or Lanchester

DOWN

- 1 Mock turtle, e.g.
- 2 Muck
- 3 Interference runner for politicians

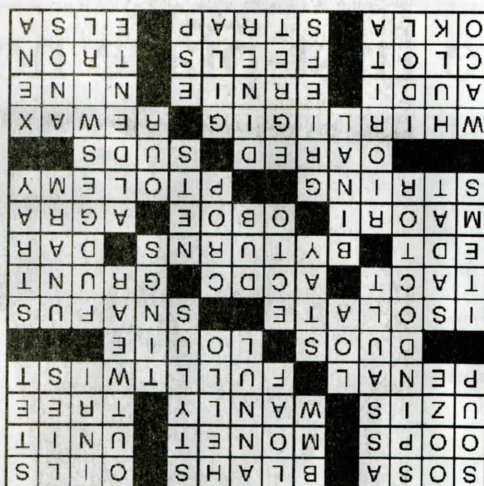


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Solutions

- 4 ___ and battery
- 5 Autobahn auto
- 6 Unit of bread
- 7 Invalidate
- 8 Anyone home?
- 9 Engraver's tool
- 10 Last longer than
- 11 Calvary letters
- 12 Untruths
- 13 Leave text as is
- 21 Mauna ___
- 23 Triangle sounds
- 25 Tarry
- 27 News pieces
- 28 Anwar of Egypt
- 29 External: pref.
- 31 Ice cream choice
- 32 Neutralize
- 33 Wander away
- 36 Record a voice-over
- 37 Rider's whip
- 40 Twofold
- 41 Jersey team
- 44 1929 Bebe Daniels movie
- 46 Like pasta cooked less



- 48 Sorrows
- 50 Sharing pronoun
- 52 Wading bird
- 53 Eatery
- 55 City on the Brazos River
- 56 Wrestler Hogan
- 57 Teen heartthrob
- 58 ___ monster
- 60 Yucatan years
- 61 "___: Warrior Princess"
- 64 Psychic letters

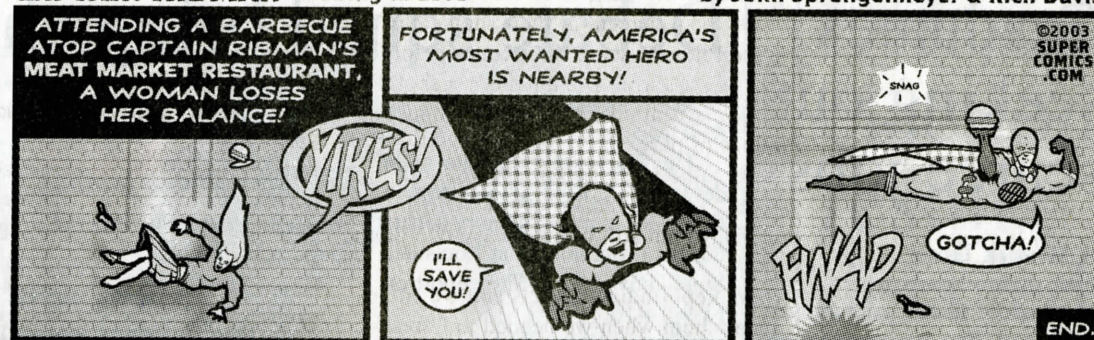
DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



"I don't know, Doc.
I just feel like a million bucks."

CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Falling In Love

by John Sprengelmeyer & Rich Davis



Slimbone

by Mike Maydak



For Dec. 8-14

Aries (March 21-April 20).
Sudden intuitions require a

will also experience a dramatic expansion of financial duties. After midweek, minor health con-

be canceled or postponed. Unexpected travel plans, business

may feel isolated in the work-place. Unusual business politics

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).
Avoid delicate business or finan-

response. Before midweek expect loved ones to be moody, insightful and introspective. Ask gently probing questions and watch for new levels of sensuality or romance. All reactions and comments will be closely scrutinized. Thursday through Sunday, financial records may prove misleading. Official documents and short-term employment contracts will demand added negotiations. Carefully study all facts, details and deadlines.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Ask authority figures for clear instructions and verified documents. Improved policies or last-minute business changes will require constant effort. Avoid appearing disinterested. At present, key officials are highly motivated to correct yesterday's mistakes. Late Saturday, a surprising romantic attraction may prove distracting. Group events and new social introductions are highlighted. Don't doubt your feelings. Friends and relatives will eventually offer support.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Previously confident colleagues may ask for guidance or support. Be diplomatic but provide detailed descriptions of new instructions. Some Geminis, especially those born early in June, will be offered a revised workplace role or new title. Job promotions will briefly cause political tensions. Stay balanced. After Friday, loved ones may challenge established social habits or family routines.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Love relationships will expand to include new goals or unique family gatherings. Group dynamics and social politics will be complex, but delightful, over the next four days. Use this time to outline creative plans and home improvements. Cancerians born after 1972

cerns affecting the lower back, spine or reproductive system will fade.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Personal spending and daily money habits will need to be re-evaluated. Unexpected home expenses or revised payments may be accented. Financial strain will be brief, so not to worry. Do, however, plan for extra repairs, new obligations or sudden large purchases. Later this week, long-term relationships begin an intense phase of emotional negotiation. Close friends and romantic partners expect added loyalty, new promises or bold public support.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before Wednesday, workplace negotiations or subtle comments from authority figures may prove misleading. Areas affected are short-term contracts, special assignments or revised paperwork. Instructions may be unworkable. Ask for clarity and wait for new ideas. Later this week, planned family events may

contracts or financial restrictions are accented. Offer encouragement but respond only to reliable promises.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Career dreams and lost ambitions will return. Pay special attention to practical planning, funding or revitalized business proposals. Many Librans will adopt an active and outgoing attitude toward workplace improvement or rare sources of income. Listen to sincere advice and expect quick changes. Officials and mentors will prove helpful. After Friday, a close friend may require extra encouragement. Family triangles and romantic doubt are accented; be diplomatic.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Early this week, potential friends and lovers are attracted to your social charm or emotional style. Confidence and humor will be delightful themes in new relationships. Watch for group events, quick invitations and fresh introductions to be captivating and worthwhile. Thursday through Sunday, a close friend or relative

will require delicate social planning. Advocate caution and subtle group diplomacy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Yesterday's financial promises or documents may demand clarification. After Wednesday, older relatives or key officials may ask for detailed records and lengthy explanations. Go slow and carefully consider all options. Money plans, revised job choices and home decisions will eventually prove accurate. Friday through Sunday, romantic discussions intensify. Expect long-term partners to actively seek deeper commitments, new promises or detailed family planning.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Social invitations are unexpectedly complex. Late Wednesday, respond quickly to proposed plans or group events. Friends and colleagues may be sensitive to small delays or last-minute reversals. Offer reliable promises and detailed personal information. Thursday through Sunday also highlight financial complications and revised business procedures.

cial discussions over the next four days. Before Thursday, loved ones or older officials may be moody and unresponsive. Areas affected are money decisions, private loans or short-term work assignments. Remain patient. Workplace relations will return to normal. Later this week, a social triangle or misunderstanding in the home can be easily resolved. Pay special attention to traditional roles and established habits.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Late Wednesday, a close friend or relative may ask for detailed social advice. Romantic disputes or distant relationships may be a strong concern. Provide clear options but avoid controversial involvement. At present, the emotional expectations of loved ones are unpredictable. Friday through Sunday, plan unique home events or private romantic encounters. Someone close may wish to explore new family roles or serious promises.

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Christmas gift-giving takes on new futuristic meaning

The day after Thanksgiving. It's supposedly the busiest shopping day of the year.

This brings to mind the rush of people dashing off to stores, the hustle and bustle of traffic trying to get to those stores and little kids wondering what Santa will give them.

Christmas is on almost everyone's mind.

As a college student, I look forward to spending time with family during the Holiday season.

But I don't focus my attention on what gifts I'm getting.

Not this holiday season.

No, this time around, I'm doing something different.

I've thought of some gifts that would not only help me out (inventor-wise), but other students and the University 25, even 75 years from now.

So here it is, my very own top five futuristic University students' Christmas wish list.

Let's begin. No. 5...



COLLECTING THOUGHTS

HANNAH BUCHANAN

* *A uni-purpose Scantron*
This would solve a lot of students' problems.

What's the point of buying so many types and colors of scantrons in the first place?

With this uni-purpose scantron, all the instructors know what type and they won't get confused too.

No. 4...

* *Multipurpose Coke machines*
Mush together the regular drink machines which offer the traditional Coca-cola products and coffee machines, and hot chocolate and you have a drink machine that serves the widest variety of drinks for thirsty and/or

tired students.

Not only does give students variety, it also coordinates with the crazy Texas weather students face from day to day and season to season.

And of course, students love the caffeinated rush of coffee mochas and cappucinos.

No. 3...

* *The multi-purpose magic jacket.*

Going along with the idea of one item for all occasions, what better why to stay with the fashion and weather trends than to have a jacket that can be used for all seasons and classroom settings.

This jacket can transform itself from a raincoat, to a heavy jacket to a windbreaker, just with a touch of a button, sewed on to the front.

Students will enjoy the jacket and stop worrying about forgetting those umbrellas.

No. 2...

* *Shock collars/bracelets*

If students lack sleep, they of course, try to take a snooze in classes.

This device, (collars/necklaces for males and bracelets for females) will surely keep students wide-awake.

Here's how it works.

During the class, if an instructor's lecture is boring, the students will attempt to fall asleep.

The shock device will wake them up right before they fall in deep slumber.

Students stay awake and instructors will know the students are awake in their classes.

Of course, these devices will be safe to use.

And the number one futuristic gift is... Drum roll please.

* *Hoverboards.*

Most of us remember the "Back to the Future" trilogy.

Maybe by 2075, parking problems will cease to exist simply because of a 3-inch-thick floating wheel-less skateboard.

Students can carry these to class with them.

Who needs vehicles then?

Vehicle crime will be no more, too.

And so, there you have it, ladies and gentlemen.

A Christmas list that our children's children's children can look forward to in their own pursuit of higher education.

Maybe by then, they won't fuss about the weather, parking problems, or how boring some instructors are while lecturing.

Until then, we who live in the present must face the fact we live in Texas.

And we must learn that lectures are for our own good.

And two kinds of blue-green and one blue-purple Scantrons are available in the bookstore.

I'll get my friends to save some good ol' 882s, maybe a set of old car keys and a pillow in a 2003 University time capsule for the great-great grandkids' grandkids.

The Top Five... A Christmas List for Future University Students

1. Hoverboards
2. Shock devices
3. Multi-purpose jacket
4. Multi-purpose Coke machines
5. Multi-purpose Scantron

Nursing program tends to student body's health



BRAD SMITH staff photographer

Freshman kinesiology major Sarah Hart, right, waits as Angelina College nursing student Robin Hill takes her blood pressure Nov. 14 in UC 118. Nursing students participated in the program's health fair.

BY TJ JAMIL

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University's nursing graduate program held a health fair Nov. 25 to educate students, faculty and staff members on how to improve their wellbeing.

Diabetes, eating disorders, drug and alcohol use by pregnant women, child immunization, depression, folic acid, hypertension, breast cancer and tobacco use were among topics addressed at the fair, which was planned by the nursing department's health promotion class using the Internet.

Student surveys show concern about what health care is available to students and how they can access it, Dr. Barbara Haas said. She said the nursing graduate program is working on a long-term project that will provide health care for students.

"It is absolutely beneficial for all students and faculty to learn about the things they never knew

about," Haas said.

At the fair, graduate student Katherine Strout provided information on how to perform self-examinations for breast cancer and where women with low incomes can go for medical help.

"Women 20 years old and over should start doing self breast exams," she said. "Early detection is the most critical aspect to early intervention."

Breast cancer wasn't the only area of concern for the fair's organizers.

Graduate student Cathi Wade talked about smokeless tobacco products and their hazards.

"Tobacco use throughout the country is lower, but on college campuses the use is higher," she said.

Wade said 400,000 people die each year as a result of tobacco use.

She said she wants to educate students and encourage them to stop using tobacco products.

Three chosen to win award

BY MAEGAN MCGOWAN

STAFF WRITER

Shamonica Shead, Monique Thomas and Geoff Sherman have been selected as Freshman Spotlight winners.

Shead, a member of the women's basketball team, was selected for the week of Nov. 10.

The LaPoynor High School graduate was nominated by her coach Terri Deike for her enthusiasm and attitude.

"She is a wonderful friend to all on the team," Deike said.

In addition to athletics, Shead volunteers to serve as women's basketball representative on the newly formed Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a mandatory NCAA committee, and supports the volleyball team by dressing up with her teammates.

Thomas, a political science major from Nacogdoches, was selected for the week of Nov. 17.

She was nominated by her English 1301 professor Dr. Anne Beebe for her excellent work ethic and her willingness to serve.

"She is extremely intelligent and hardworking," Beebe said.

"Monique takes responsibility for her own education and challenges herself to reach new standards."

In addition to her studies, Beebe said Thomas has shown she cares about her fellow classmates by posting links on Blackboard for the benefit of other students.

"I think Monique Thomas is

Graduates seeking out scarce jobs

BY MARYANNE GEORGE

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Adrienne Brown has sent out more than 40 resumes and been on four job interviews recently.

But if she doesn't land a job by the time she graduates from Michigan State University next month, she'll be working as an office assistant at a campus dorm.

Brown, 22, is one of thousands of college seniors searching for jobs in a tough labor market.

Although hiring of college graduates with bachelor's degrees is expected to increase overall between 3 and 8 percent, it is declining in some fields, according to a study released Nov. 20 by MSU.

The 33rd annual survey of 450

Debate squad brings home first-place honors

BY KATHY SYLVESTER

STAFF WRITER

The University's debate team defeated 32 other schools to win first place in parliamentary debate during a tournament at Louisiana State University at Shreveport on Nov. 14-16.

Amy Arellano and teammate Noah Conklin competed in nine rounds of competition — defeating Arkansas Tech, Louisiana Tech and Louisiana College — to clinch first place.

Arellano also won the First Speaker Award in the open division of parliamentary debate.

"It's like a whole football season in one weekend," Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs, debate team adviser, said.

In athletics, teams compete within their own divisions, how-

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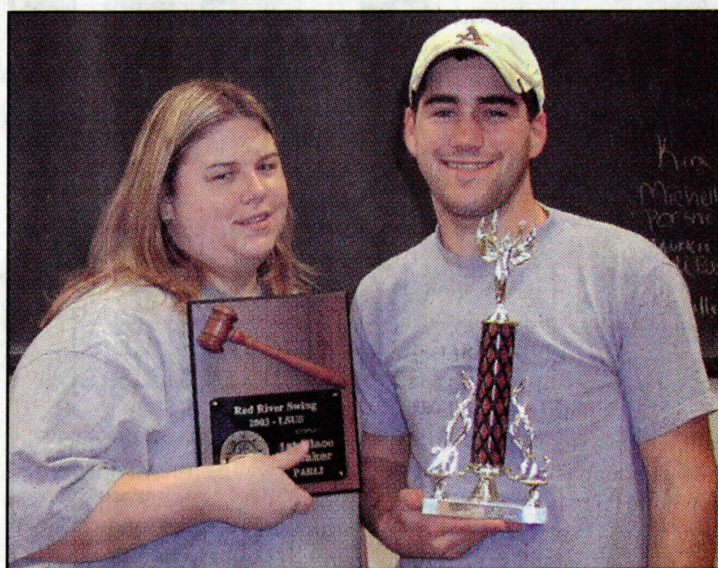
Jeffrey Hobbs

Debate team adviser

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ever, in debate teams may compete against Division I, II and III schools during the same tournament.

During the last tournament the University's team competed against the University of Arkansas, the University of Florida and Florida State University — all Div. I schools.



JESSICA BAKER contributing photographer

Amy Arellano and Noah Conklin show off the trophy and plaque they won during a debate tournament Nov. 14-16. Arellano and Conklin won first place in parliamentary debate, defeating 32 other schools.

Religious scholarships under pressure in court systems

employers by MSU's Collegiate Employment Research Institute found that while the job market is improving in areas such as biological and physical sciences, computer science graduates will find few openings.

Among the study's findings:

- Employers with hiring plans will create an approximately 9-percent expansion in jobs.

- Graduates are more likely to find jobs in retail, construction, finance, health and hospitality and less likely to find spots in manufacturing, transportation, professional services and information services.

- Internships and co-op jobs are the preferred path to a job.

- Employers want candidates who communicate well and are willing to learn new skills.

- Starting salaries are increasing only 1-2 percent and decreasing in some fields compared to last year.

Phil Gardner, director of the research institute and author of the study, said given the poor labor market of the last three years for college grads, the 3-8 percent hiring increase is good news.

"But we have engineers working at Home Depot making half of what they expected," Gardner said.

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BY JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON (KRT)—Joshua Davey had been a freshman at a Christian college in Washington for two months when he got the unwelcome news: State officials were yanking away a scholarship he'd been counting on to help pay for his first year.

It wasn't poor grades or misconduct that cost Davey the scholarship, but his course of study: Davey had declared a major in pastoral ministry, and state officials concluded they couldn't use taxpayer money to help finance his religious training.

Given the option of changing his major or giving up the scholarship, Davey walked away from the two-year state Promise Scholarship, which he had received based on his grades and family income.

But he also contacted a public interest law firm about pursuing legal action against the state, kicking off a four-year battle that will reach the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday.

"I really felt it was an injustice," said Davey, 23, now a first-year student at Harvard Law School.

"The kind of reasons I wanted to go into the ministry, to benefit society, help other people are exactly the kind of things the government should be encouraging."

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We're defending the constitutional provision that provides that taxpayers should not be compelled to provide funding for religious activities...

Narda Pierce

Washington solicitor general

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But the issues in the case go far beyond whether Davey will be reimbursed for the scholarship, which amounted to \$1,125 his first year.

Many observers say the case has the potential to bolster state school voucher programs as well, because a ruling in Davey's favor could remove barriers to including religious schools in those programs.

"There are a lot of students in Josh Davey's situation where they've met the criteria, had excellent grades and needed economic help, yet were denied the ability to go to religious schools because of the religious affiliation," said Jay Sekulow, the chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, who will argue on Davey's behalf Tuesday.

To Sekulow and Davey's supporters, excluding those students from state aid programs penalizes

them because of their religious beliefs—a clear violation of the 1st Amendment. They contend—and a California-based federal appeals court agreed—that Washington officials discriminated against Davey when they revoked his scholarship.

In its ruling last year, the appeals court said singling out a student because of his religious major and denying him a government benefit violates his ability to freely exercise his religious beliefs.

"The 1st Amendment declares: 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' " the appeals court said.

"Thus, the state may neither favor, nor disfavor, religion. A law targeting religious beliefs as such is never permissible."

Washington state officials counter that they weren't discriminating against anyone.

They say they simply were complying with their state constitution, which erects a high wall to keep church and state separate.

Washington and about a dozen other states have constitutions written to ensure an even greater separation of church and state than provided by the U.S. Constitution.

"We're defending the constitutional provision that provides that

taxpayers should not be compelled to provide funding for religious activities, should not be compelled to fund religious activities with which they disagree," said Narda Pierce, the Washington solicitor general who will defend her state's policy before the Supreme Court.

But courts have held that the state constitutions are limited by the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause, which prohibits states from infringing on a person's right to freely exercise religious beliefs.

In other words, they can't erect so high a wall that they interfere with a person seeking to freely exercise beliefs.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that the state had done just that when it denied Davey a scholarship.

But a dissenting judge argued that Washington officials were not suppressing Davey's religious beliefs when they declined to fund his religious instruction.

"He is free to practice his religion without restriction," the dissenting judge wrote.

"The only state action here was a decision consonant with the state constitution, not funding 'religious ... instruction,' " the judge said.

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a wonderful representative of the incoming class of 2003, and I am proud to nominate her for Freshman of the Week," Beebe said.

Sherman, a University soccer players, was named for the week of Dec. 1.

He was nominated by Ashley Ward of the student development office for his "great attitude, his initiative to get involved on campus and his scholastic efforts."

Ward said Sherman actively supports other sports teams and campus organizations.

He also is a part of the Freshmen Year Experience Program.

Spotlight winners are presented with an award certificate and a \$10 gift certificate to the campus bookstore.

They also are featured in articles which appear on Intercom Online on the University Web site.

The Spotlight award, created by the Office of Student Development, is given each week to one freshman student.

"The award is designed to identify students who are willing to go above and beyond both academically and socially," Ward said.

"We want to encourage freshmen to make UT Tyler their home," she said.

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American Chemical Society named 'outstanding'

American Chemical Society affiliate won first place in the Outstanding Student Organization awards after the point tally was announced Wednesday.

ASC scored 225 points to win the award for the fall semester,

Shaune Martinez, student development specialist, said.

The club won \$ 200 for their efforts.

The Art Club won second place and \$100. Club members garnered 135 points.

In third place, the Latin Club

earned \$75 with 120 points.

University clubs compete each semester for points received by participating or organizing events on and off campus.

During the spring semester, Cornerstone Ministries won the first-place award.

University receives gift toward endowed professorship

Lecil and Barbara Chandler of Tyler have given a gift of \$100,000 to the University to help establish the Lecil and Barbara Chandler Endowed Professorship in Computer Science, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

The endowment honors University associate professor of computer science, Dr. Steve Rainwater, who is a neighbor and friend of the Chandlers. Funds distributed from this endowment will be used to benefit faculty responsibilities in teaching, serv-

ice and scholarship.

"We are extremely grateful to the Chandlers for this generous gift. This is the first professorship in the department's history, and it is fitting that it recognizes Dr. Rainwater, who is one of our finest," Mabry said.