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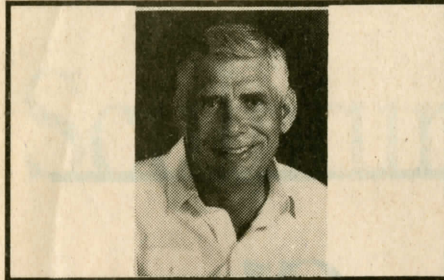
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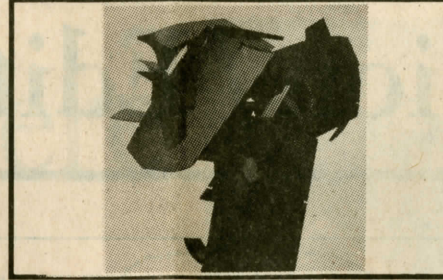
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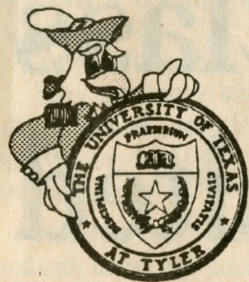


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Brzezinski to open Lecture Series

By Rachel Biscomb
Managing Editor

The 1991-92 Distinguished Lecture Series will begin on Oct. 3. This program marks the tenth anniversary of the series. The three distinguished guests include Judy Woodruff of "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour"; Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security advisor to President Jimmy Carter; and Ed Koch, the dynamic former mayor of New York City.

Brzezinski will open the series on Oct. 3. He is the best-selling author of *The Grand Failure: The Birth and Death of Communism in the Twentieth Century*. A book that "describes and analyzes the progressive decay and the deepening agony both of its system and of its dogma," says Brzezinski. "...by the next century, communism's irreversible historical decline will have made its practice...irrelevant

to the human condition." The book has been called one of the most provocative of our time.

As the security advisor to the President, Brzezinski was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his part in the normalization of US-Chinese relations, and also for his contributions to the national security policies.

Brzezinski holds a Ph.D. from Harvard, and as a native of Poland, he co-chairs the Emergency Committee for Aid to Poland. He was co-chairman of the Bush National Security Advisory Task Force in the 1988 presidential campaign.

Currently, Brzezinski is a counselor for the Center for Strategic and International Studies and is also a professor of American foreign policy at Johns Hopkins University.

The Lecture Series continues on Nov. 7 with Judy Woodruff. She is the chief Wash-

ington correspondent for "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour", a position she has held since 1983.

Woodruff is also the anchor for "Frontline with Judy Woodruff", a weekly public television documentary.

From 1977-82, she was NBC's White House correspondent, covering both the Carter and Reagan administrations. She also covered the national conventions and Presidential campaigns of 1976 and 1980.

Woodruff became the chief Washington correspondent for NBC's "Today" show. She left the show in 1983 to work on "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour."

In 1975, Woodruff received an Emmy for Outstanding Female Personality for the Atlanta chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. She is a gradu-

ate of Duke University with a degree in political science. She is a native of Oklahoma and is married to the Washinton Bureau chief for the Wall Street Journal, Albert R. Hunt.

Ed Koch is the final speaker in the Distinguished Lecture Series on Feb. 27, 1992. He is the former mayor of New York City, a best-selling author, a lawyer, former sergeant in the military, and former congressman.

As a young man, Koch served as a sergeant in the U.S. infantry during World War II. After that, he became a lawyer, a district leader and city councilman, and then served nine years in Congress.

In January 1978, Koch was elected as New York City's 105th mayor. During the twelve years he was mayor, the budget deficits turned to surpluses, new jobs came to the city, and the unemployment rate was the lowest in

twenty years. Koch is said to have restored the confidence of the people in the city and their reputation.

Soon, Koch will become a partner at a major New York law firm, and a Visiting Fellow at New York University's Urban Research Center. He will also be writing a column for the New York Post, in addition to a weekday-morning radio commentary.

Some of his lecture topics include drugs, the future of American cities, the press, political life, political campaigns, race relations, foreign affairs, and Israel's future.

Tickets will be available in the student services office, UC 111. Two tickets to students and faculty will be available free of charge while supplies last. The general admission fee is \$15 a ticket. Patron tickets are available for \$150 for all three lectures.

Tuition up next year

By Kristi J. Gorham
Patriot News Editor

Tuition rates for UT Tyler students will increase starting Fall, 1992.

The current tuition rate is \$20 per semester credit hour and will increase \$4 per semester credit hour.

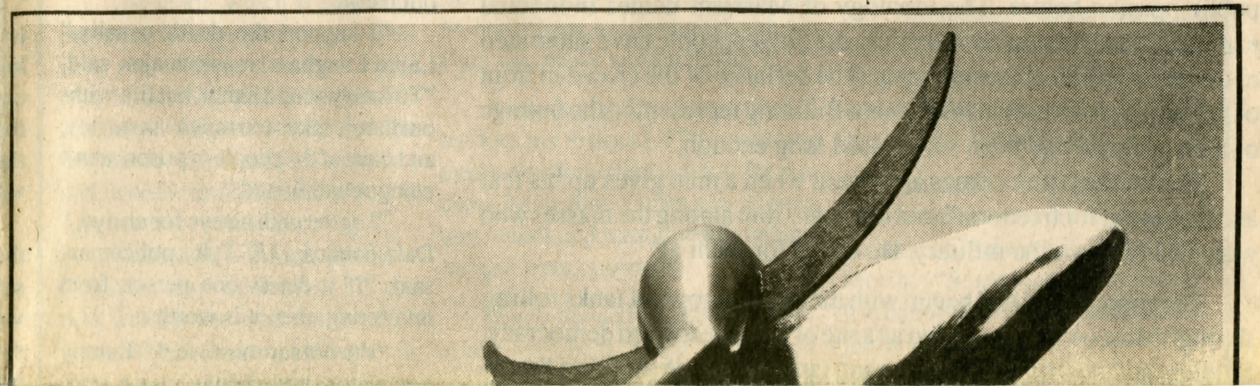
Fall of 1995 according to the bill as passed by the 72nd Legislature, First Called Special Session

The Pell Grant allocated to UTT by the Federal government will not increase for the school year of 1992-93. "Next year will be hard," said Dr.

UTT's Pell Grant allotment was due before legislators passed the bill.

The additional revenue from the tuition increase will be used to pay teachers.

The tuition increases "should help us get some assistance for other pro-



starting Fall, 1992 as required by 1HB11, which state legislators passed this summer.

The tuition rate will keep increasing in \$2 increments every Fall semester except for 1994 when the increase will be \$4.

Tuition will increase only until it reaches the \$32 per semester credit hour limit, which was put in place by the bill.

The limit will be reached in the

Jones. However, he believes with the tuition increase not going into effect until next Fall, students will have time to plan ahead.

Students have time to try to find other sources of financial aid before the tuition increase will be in effect. UTT will also be looking for additional sources for financial aid as well.

The Pell Grant allotment will not increase since the paperwork for

us get some assistance for other programs," said Dr. Jones. The first question asked of an institution when applying for a federal grant is "how are you helping yourself," said Dr. Jones. Since UTT tuition rates are so low it made qualifying for federal grants difficult.

According to Dr. Jones Texas is "still one of the most economical education opportunities in the country for higher education."

UTT to go 4 years?

By Joanna Tucker

Copy Editor

The possibility of UT Tyler becoming a four-year university continues to generate debate among UTT and Tyler Junior College administrators.

"Students should have an option," said Dr. Robert Jones, UTT vice president for administration, "A regional university has to do with students, so why shouldn't students have an option?"

"It will be a duplication of services, wasting taxpayer's money," Dr. Raymond Hawkins, TJC president, said.

Both Jones and Hawkins are responding to the issue of downward expansion, a term describing an upper-level university moving "downward" to include a freshman and sophomore level giving them four-year status.

The recent downward expansion of UT Permian Basin, a smaller school than UTT, leads UTT administrators to believe that the university is closer to becoming a four-year school.

Both Jones and Hawkins agree that the region is underserved as far as education is concerned.

What they don't agree on is the direction in which expansion should proceed.

Downward expansion would allow UTT to add professional programs, such as a School of Engineering, according to Jones.

Only four universities in the state currently offer a degree in engineering, UT Arlington being the closest. UTT frequently receives requests from business and industry for a program in engineering according to Jones.

"If you want to keep an area economically depressed, you withhold education," Jones said. "I'm sure it's not by design."

Looking toward the future, Jones foresees a need for a four-year university in order to serve an anticipated population boom within the state during the next decade.

With enrollment already capped at A&M, and as other major universities plan to follow suit, "Where are all of these people going to go to school?" Jones asked.

But Hawkins worries about the future of TJC's pre-liberal arts program if UTT wins its bid for downward expansion.

Hawkins contends that making UTT a four-year school would eventually eliminate the pre-liberal arts program at TJC since the best students would choose the four-year school.

Hawkins sees upward expansion, as one solution for meeting the educational needs of students in the region.

"Let's add a doctoral program," Hawkins said.

The closest university offering doctorates is in Commerce, approximately 80 miles away, so students must either drive long distances or relocate so that they can go to A&M, according to Hawkins.

Hawkins also suggested that UTT expand the allied health sciences by developing a health science center specializing in those sciences that support the medical profession.

"East Texas needs more educational opportunities," Hawkins said. "Let's get more, but not at the expense of duplication."

Twenty years ago, when it was

first proposed to put an upper-level college in Tyler, many people opposed the idea. People feared that what's happening now would occur, Hawkins said.

"My contention is that we have a four-year university," Hawkins said. "Actually, it's six-years, counting the Master's program."

"But if people decide that they can't live without a four-year school, let's find a way to consolidate without losing what we have," Hawkins said. "Certainly we ought to be in the business of helping students."

Between TJC's 8,000 students and UTT's 4,000 students we might have something to attract students, instead of a fledgling university which might take 10 or 12 years to grow, Hawkins said.

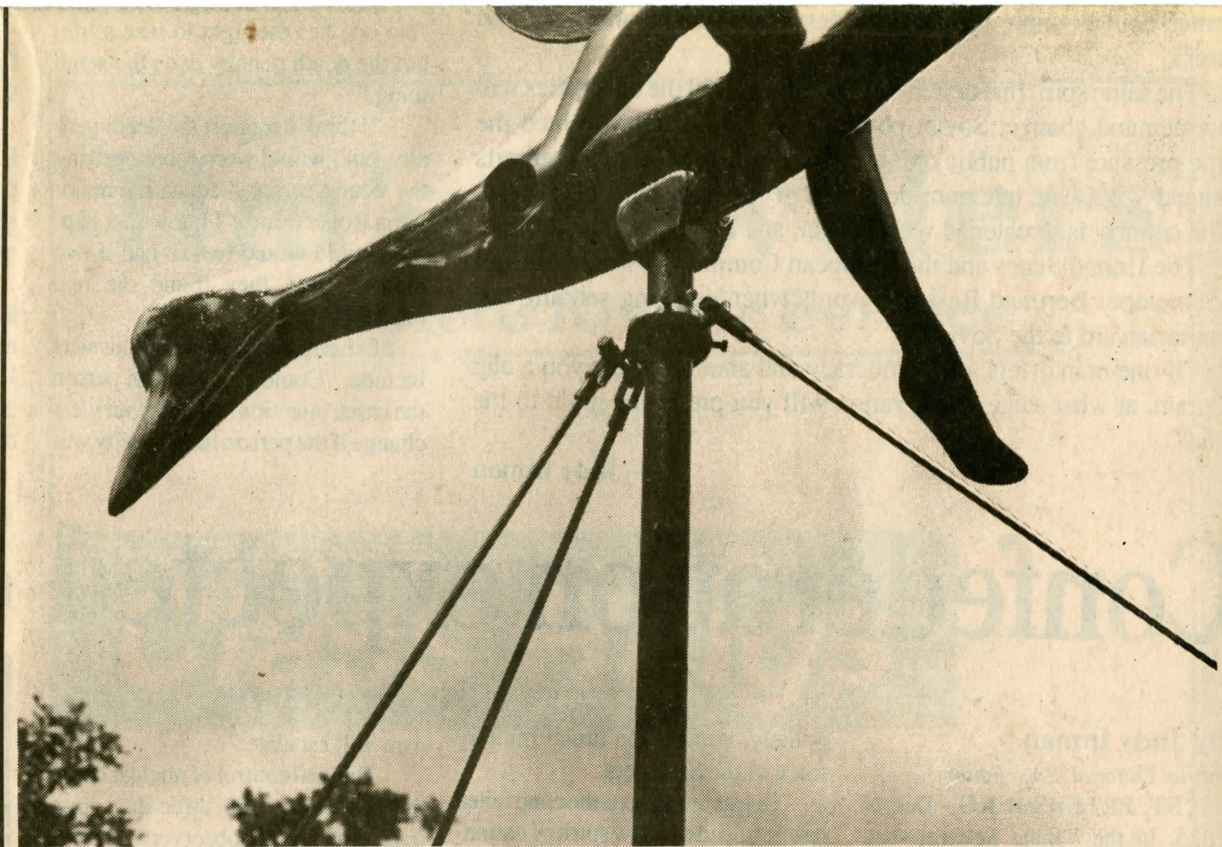
Jones responded to the charge that downward expansion would hurt the community and junior colleges in the area by naming regions in which both types of schools were successful.

"UT Arlington in the metroplex and Dallas County Community Colleges are flourishing," Jones said. "And, Tarrant County Junior College plans to expand into Arlington's backyard. Is that going to hurt Arlington?"

Expanding on the benefits of a four-year university, Jones recalled that several years ago when Austin Junior College expanded their facilities by adding another junior college, it was feared that the new school would "impact enrollment" on the UT Austin campus.

"It sure did," Jones said. "Enrollment went from 30,000 to 50,000 and the junior college now has 21,000."

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Shining Elegance...

Human legs, a compass and a bird, can only leave the beholder of this sculpture, hanging for more. The sculpture, located behind the library, is one of eight that can be viewed across campus. The exhibition is sponsored by Friends of the Arts and private donors. A catalogue identifying sculpture locations will be soon available.

SA elections next week

By Kristi J. Gorham

Patriot News Editor

The Student Association will be having elections to fill the positions of two Liberal Arts representatives, one Business representative and one Math/Science representative.

The elections will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25 and Thursday, Sept. 26. The polls will be located in the UC, downstairs of the Business building and downstairs in HPR. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

The candidates for Liberal Arts Representative are Stephanie Taylor, speech and communication; Bill Dunn, art; Pamela Franklin, speech and communication. The candidates for Math/Science representative are Lisa Stolz, nursing, and Susanne Alden, biology. There are no candidates for the position of Business representative. The position can be filled by a write-in candidate.

The Student Association will also be hosting the Faculty/Staff/Student Reception Thursday, Sept. 19 from 1-3 p.m. in the UC open area. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It will be an ice cream reception with the ice cream sundae being made in a children's wading pool, said Kristi Cox, SA president.

5th Avenue, a contemporary a cappella group, will be returning to the UTT campus on Friday, Oct. 4. Singer Cathy Braaten will be making a guest appearance the same night.

The UT Tyler Student Association will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the UC open area.

TJC seeks support

Joanna Tucker

Copy Editor

As early as Fall of 1989 Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, Tyler Junior College Association president, was concerned about the downward expansion of UT Tyler. At that time, he wrote a three-part special insert for the alumni association magazine, *The Apache*.

Using a question/answer format, Hawkins outlined what he viewed as

potential educational damage to TJC, "and every other Texas public junior college, if upper-level schools are allowed to expand."

The question: "What would happen to TJC and every other Texas public junior college which is located near an upper-level institution, if upper-level schools are allowed to expand downward?"

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Opinion / Editorial

Editorial

Soviets need aid

The Soviets have often used wry humor to deal with 74 years of a bleak Communist lifestyle. One popular joke describes a mid-winter trip on the Trans-Siberian railway with Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Gorbachev as passengers.

In the middle of the journey, the train suddenly stops on the icy tracks. Stalin says, "Shoot the engine driver." They do, but the train does not move. Khrushchev says, "Rehabilitate the engine driver," and they do, but the train does not move. Brezhnev pulls the curtains of the compartment, settles back and says, "Let's pretend the train is moving."

After the other plans have failed, Gorbachev leaps to his feet and rushes down the corridors of the train, ordering all the passengers out onto the tracks. The bewildered passengers group around Gorbachev, who has taken a commanding stance on the platform. "All right, people," the heroic leader orders, "Start pushing."

If the anecdote were updated in light of recent events, the people would shrug at the unprecedented order, dig in their heels and begin pushing with all their might. The tired engine would tremble, shake and begin to inch forward. Then with a final mighty heave, the people would shove the train down the tracks, crushing the astounded Gorbachev, who had hesitated too long.

Mikhail Gorbachev, author and ambassador of perestroika, did not fall out of favor as the result of a bloody coup. He was felled by the very process he set in motion—by people power thrusting the obsolete machinery of Communism aside.

Communist leaders have never had to deal with the concept of public opinion before. The ideology of Marxism denies individual expression, and for nearly a century, the Soviet people have submitted to the intimidation of a police state. The defiance of the crowd in front of the barricaded Russian Parliament Building represented the outrage of a people who had been suppressed long enough.

"Sometimes there comes a moment when a man gives up his fear and comes out for freedom," said one man from among the masses who were facing down the military. He spoke for them all.

The coup, which had begun with the familiar rows of tanks rolling through Moscow streets, ended as a rite of passage toward democracy. Soldiers laid down their weapons and tank crews defected as a line of



Penalty weighed

By Malina Sutton

Patriot Staff

Headlines: "Man found guilty of first-degree murder was sentenced to 50 years in prison." "Woman receives death penalty after being found guilty of 1990 slaying."

Unfortunately, these kinds of stories aren't given a lot of thought in today's world. They are in every newspaper and on most newscasts daily.

What it would be like to give the person the sentence?

Two questions that would arise very quickly are, "Do you agree or disagree with the death sentence? If you disagree with the death penalty, do you agree with life in prison without parole?"

"I support the death penalty," Laura Langham, music major, said. "This may sound harsh, but life without parole takes too much tax money, and most of the people in prison aren't being rehabilitated."

"I agree with an eye for an eye," Dale Feuquay, UT Tyler policeman, said. "If it deters one person from murdering, then it is worth it."

"I'm not sure how I feel," Tammy Lawrence, kinesiology major, said

a close friend or family member? Should it matter if the person has killed one person or 100 people? Should a rapist receive the same sentence as a murderer? You would have to have all of these questions answered for yourself before you could answer them for a court.

Feuquay said he felt he could administer a lethal injection because there is a wall separating the person receiving the drug and the one injecting it.

"There is a long tube that stretches from the wall to the criminal," Feuquay said. "They have to watch the drug as it pushes toward them."

"No, I couldn't give a person a lethal injection," Langham said. "I know the person must pay for the crime, but I don't think I could do that. But, at least the murderer made the choice to commit the crime. The victim had no choice."

"I think that rape should receive the same sentence as murder," Rogers said. "Rape strips a person, and the victim dies inside. The trial kill you slowly. Rape is a crime of violence, not of passion."

Popular Class to be revisited

John Sergio

Patriot Staff Writer

It was a neat trick.

A year ago last August, Drs. Bob Taylor and Mike Murphy scheduled a course for Spring '91 entitled, "Topics in Political Science: Middle-East: Culture and Conflict." They couldn't have known that the Gulf War would commence within ten minutes of their first class, could they?

"That course was magic from the start," Dr. Murphy, UT Tyler English instructor and expert on Middle-East languages and cultures, said. "But we had no idea it would be so successful."

"Students and faculty are still talking about the class," Dr. Taylor, Criminology professor and terrorism expert, said. "None of us wanted the course to end last Spring, so we scheduled the sequel."

The sequel will be posted on the Spring '92 schedule as POLS 5340-4365, "Topics in Political Science: Middle-East II."

Middle-East II will be offered to graduate and undergraduate students and can be taken for up to six hours credit, three per semester. Middle-East I is not a prerequisite.

The course format is unorthodox, interesting and lively, according to students from last semester.

Murphy and Taylor teach the course simultaneously.

Murphy lectures on regional customs and cultures while Taylor examines the military/political situa-

tion to the fact that there are many diverse perspectives to the difficult problems in the Middle-East."

"We could see many class members reconsidering opinions they had long held as they learn more about the history, religions and customs of the peoples of the region," Murphy said.

As with Middle-East I, the instructors for Middle-East II will be assisted by a heavy-weight roster of weekly guest speakers from the University, the community and the Middle-East.

Among the visiting speakers last Spring was former Arab League Ambassador, Dr. Clovis Maksoud, now an instructor at Georgetown University in New York.

The guest speakers lectured in their own areas of expertise, including Middle-Eastern politics, religion and business.

Murphy said part of the "magic" of the course had to do with the timing of the Gulf War, but he also stated that the extraordinary diversity of the class membership was just as important.

"We had a wonderful mix of Ph.D.s, graduate students, undergraduate students, businessmen, housewives, university faculty and staff, and others, all learning and expressing opinions just as diverse," Murphy said. "I don't recall a class like it."

Areas covered in "Middle-East I" were Moslem history, Zionism, Mid-East geography, Mid-East culture and factionalism, terrorism, and the Gulf War.

women held a banner reading: **Soldiers: don't shoot mothers and sisters.**

The same spirit that defied the military junta at the barricades will now demand change. Soviet politicians have already received the same pressure from public opinion that their American counterparts contend with. One telegram delivered to Moscow legislators read, "The country is threatened with hunger, and all you do is talk."

The United States and the European Community would do well to remember Bertrand Russell's words when debating sending humanitarian aid to the Soviets:

"If one man offers you democracy and another offers you a bag of grain, at what stage of starvation will you prefer the grain to the vote?"

— Judy Inman

Confederation expected

By Judy Inman

Patriot Editorial Page Editor

ST. PETERSBURG - Dec. 14, 1825. In the Senate Square, shadowed by the Winter Palace, army officers staged an abortive coup against the new Tsar Nicholas I in favor of his brother, Constantine.

The plot, called the Decembrist Rebellion by historians, proved disastrous from the first. The leaders failed to secure strategic positions, and they did not have the support of the troops they commanded.

As the revolution lost momentum, it resembled a play halted in mid-rehearsal, the actors fumbling for their lines. Flamboyant revolutionary figures reversed roles and began to swear allegiance to Nicholas. Those who were not quick studies fled or committed suicide.

Almost two centuries later, another group of plotters failed. While the Decembrists revolted against autocracy, the Gang of Eight sought to retain power and privileges with their August 19, coup.

The short-sighted leaders had relied on the traditionally submissive attitude of the Soviet people. They had not counted on the overwhelming reaction they received in the streets. Led by Boris Yeltsin, the popularly elected Russian president, the people toppled the specter of Communism, perhaps forever.

The unraveling coup resembled the earlier Decembrist revolt in many ways. Perhaps affected by the new atmosphere of democracy, the plotters proceeded tentatively, almost

politely, without the brutal military force of the Stalin era.

One of the reasons the coup failed can be traced to a new spirit of nationalism, believes Patricia Gajda, UT history professor. "It seems to me, from a long historical view, that the process by which nationalism established itself in Europe still isn't finished," she said.

Gajda, who will travel to the Soviet Union in October with a delegation of history professors, explained that after World War I shattered the multi-national Ottoman and Austria-Hungarian Empires, Russia preserved its empire by pulling out of the war. She feels that the ethnic groups now declaring independence will face enormous practical difficulties.

"I expect that after the first flush of nationalistic victory and celebration that some of the republics are going to be smart enough to see that maybe they could maintain freedom and autonomy in some sort of larger combination," she said.

The United States and the European Community could help stabilize the Soviet situation by cooperating in a recovery program modeled after the Marshall Plan, Gajda said.

"We could turn our backs on the Soviet Union, but I think we could prevent human suffering and economic problems if we provide the aid that is needed," she said. "I'm afraid that if we don't send aid and assist the moderate views that seem to be on the ascendancy now, violence is going to occur and radical-

ism will escalate."

Other questions needing answers include, "Could you give the person the lethal injection? Would your view change if the person found guilty was

ism will escalate."

Radical control of nuclear capabilities during the three-day coup concerned world observers. Marcus Stadelmann, UT visiting assistant professor of political science, feels the danger was minimal because two codes and the cooperation of many people would have been required to launch a nuclear attack.

"Under the new system they just created, those missiles can only be launched if all ten heads of republics decide to go ahead," he said. "However, we should not get too complacent yet. The Soviet Union is still a threat."

Cooperation among the republics will also be required economically, Stadelmann said, because none of them could survive alone. He believes that the shape of new government could resemble a confederacy, with the power located at the state level.

Participation of the new government in world financial affairs will depend on economic restructuring. "Right now, the Soviets have to attract foreign investment, which they can only do if they legalize private property and make the ruble convertible," Stadelmann said.

The collapse of Communism signals vast shifts in world-wide attitudes toward foreign relations, Stadelmann said. "I'm teaching two courses on the Soviet Union, and I was so proud of having picked books which had come out in early 1991. Now the books are out of date."

"Rape kills women emotionally," Laymance said. "The punishment should fit the crime."

"If I were found guilty of a crime, I would chose death over life in prison," Langham said. "My conscience would bother me, but maybe murderers don't have consciences."

"Death sounds worse to me," Perron Sutton, computer science major, said. "At least if I were alive, I might grow to know the Lord and be saved. Then I could possibly teach others, too."

Murphy presents current, often same-day, media coverage of the various regional conflicts from his viewpoint and Taylor tries to refute him and expresses his views.

Unsolicited class participation often occurs, and some of the side-taking can get emotional, the instructors said.

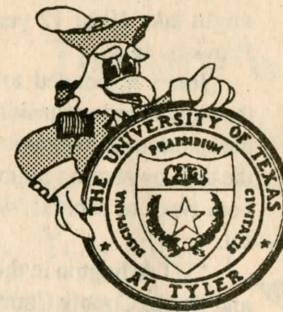
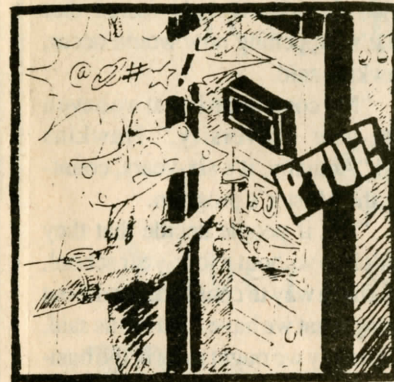
"The exchange of ideas and positions on almost every question was remarkable," Taylor stated. "The class was successful in opening people's

Middle-East II will focus on the Post-war crisis, peace efforts, Islam, the hostage plight, Russian immigration to Israel, and Gulf pollution. The course will also attempt to address the question "what did the U.S. win?"

A tentative line-up of guest speakers for the Spring '92 class includes Dr. B.J. Fernea, University of Texas at Austin; Rauf Dentkes, former President of North Cyprus; a visitor from the U.S. State Department; and Turkey's Minister of Defense.

On the Darkside

By Christopher Walker



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Sculptures everywhere

By Tamara Wadlington

Patriot Staff Writer

They're everywhere.

They are hiding among trees, lurking behind corners, and even crawling out of the water. Eight steel sculptures have invaded our campus.

James Pace, UT Tyler associate professor of art, and coordinator of the invasion, said he felt the natural beauty of the campus could be enhanced by art.

The sculptures are intended to "make us more cognizant of how big, diverse, and dynamic the resources are on this campus," Pace said. He wanted works that "issued thoughts of man's relation to nature."

Pace coordinated the exhibit under the sponsorship of "Friends of the Arts." The organization includes artists, scholars, patrons of the arts, and other benefactors. Its purpose is to support the fine and performing arts.

The exhibition, began forming this past spring, and will be on campus until September 1992.

First, Pace solicited slides from nationally known artists from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. After careful selection, he chose eight works from seven artists. Six of the artists are from Texas, including Joe Barrington, Barrett DuBusk, Dave Deming, Jerry Dodd, Steve Teeters and Pierre Stein. Stein has two sculptures on display. The seventh artist, Benson Warren, is from Oklahoma.

Next, Pace chose sites for each sculpture according to its aesthetic and physical attributes. Funds from "Friends of the Arts" helped to defray the costs of moving and installment which took place this August.

"What's different about this exhibit is that it's outdoors," Pace said.

According to Pace, strategic placement adds importance to the meaning of the sculptures.

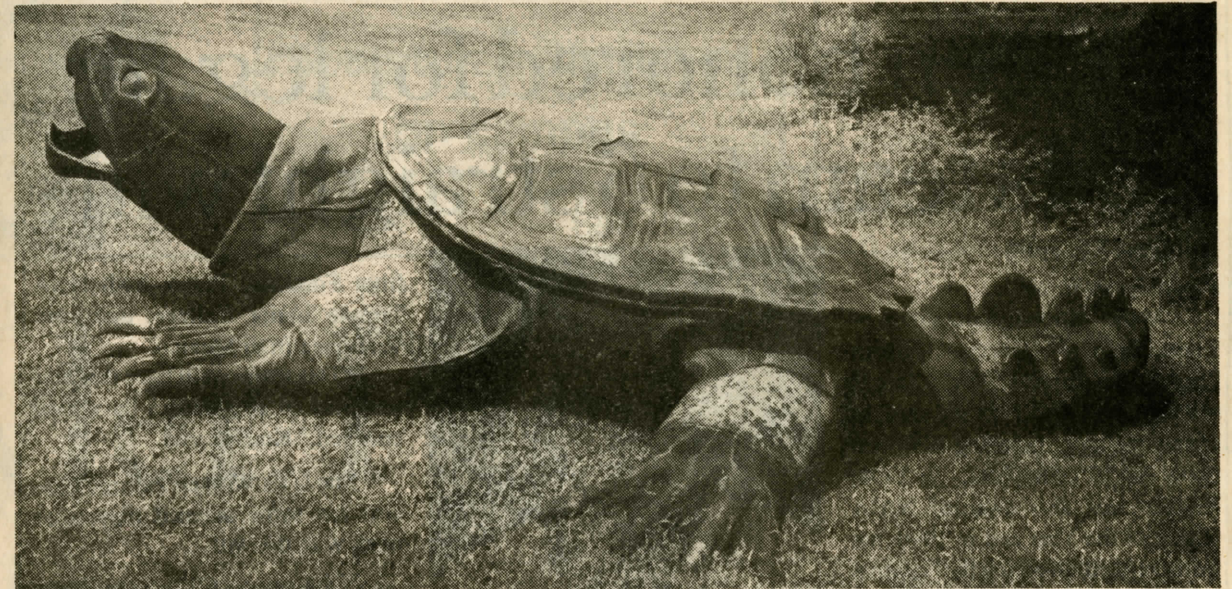
And what do they mean?

"I hoped the sculptures would touch on the artists' approach to abstract nature, symbolize nature, and represent nature," Pace said, but viewers "should believe in their own interpretations."

Pace also said he is pleased with the art, the installation, and the response he has seen thus far, because more and more people are beginning to notice and comment on the pieces.

"A university is supposed to be a point of diverging ideas," Pace said. "If these sculptures promote that, then they're doing the right thing."

"Friends of the Arts" are planning an opening reception at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 26, behind the library. Maps of the exhibit and a catalog will also be available at the end of September.



Crawling from the depths...

Lurking on the banks of Harvey Lake, this sculpture is one of eight placed on campus recently. Our prehistoric friend will be on campus until September 1992. Other outside sculptures can be found near the art studio and other locations on campus.

Historian joins UTT

By Nelda Jones

Patriot Staff Writer

Vista McCroskey, Assistant Professor of History, will be teaching courses in Texas History and History of the U.S. Prior to the Civil War, as well as other related courses. Her area of specialization is in Texas and the Old South.

A native of San Augustine, McCroskey attended Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, where she received both her Bachelor of Arts and her Master's degree. She received her Doctorate from Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.

Prior to coming to UT Tyler, McCroskey taught at Stephen F. Austin; TCU; Temple Jr. College; and Southwest Texas State University in



1991-92 Student Association

The Student Association represents UTT students and provides on-campus entertainment. They are: (front row, l to r) Tressa Eddington, secretary; Andrew Boddy, Chris

UTT discovers prerequisite not required

Freshman and Sophomores may now attend

By Johnny Graves

Patriot Staff Writer

Students on the campus of UT Tyler may soon be seeing freshmen and sophomores attending some of their classes.

According to a recent announcement by Dr. George Hamm, UTT President, a letter received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will allow freshmen and sophomore students to enroll in junior and senior classes at UT Tyler.

The letter, which was sent in response to a telephone conversation, was addressed to Dr. Gerald Morris, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. It disputed the 54-hour requirement's status as law, and instead stated that this practice was never an actual law.

William H. Sanford, Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education, wrote in the letter that his staff was unable to find any reference to

a 54-hour requirement for admission to UTT.

"We find no reference to requiring upper division classification [usually 54 hours] for students entering UT Tyler," Sanford wrote.

Dr. Morris supported Sanford's position with the comment that the practice was established to bring our university in line with other institutions.

"We were consistent with other upper-division centers and universities," Morris said. "Some upper-division universities or centers have that 54-hour clause written into their laws. Ours was never written down."

According to Dr. Morris, this letter does not restrict UTT to requiring upper-division classification for students, but it does restrict it to offering only junior and senior undergraduate and graduate programs.

Morris pointed out that this letter would only help future students at

UTT.

"I don't think that this letter will change things too much. I think it will make accessibility easier for the students by providing greater flexibility and help for them."

He added that the Admissions Committee would still have final say on any applications for admission, and he felt that if the committee did not consider a student to be adequately prepared to handle upper-division studies, they would turn down that student's application.

He also said that the committee would receive advice on that particular student's file from the appropriate department advisor before making the final decision.

"Students will have to demonstrate a readiness to enroll in upper-division course work," according to Morris. "Some students are ready for junior-level courses while still in junior college."

San Marcos. She also worked for the Texas State Historical Association in Austin, helping to revise and expand the Handbook of Texas. In her capacity as Research Associate for East Texas Studies she edited articles on people, towns, and counties in East Texas. She said she missed East Texas while she was away and is glad to be back in the East Texas area.

McCroskey did her dissertation on "Plain Folk, from 1821-1860," which she is currently revising for publication. She plans to stress this aspect of history in her teaching, because too often the "ordinary" people which make up our history are ignored by historians. She is interested in teaching "a history that students can relate to—a multi-ethnic history—how it affects everyone."

McCroskey also plans to stress writing skills in her classes, with essay exams and book reviews, giving students opportunities to assess and analyze history.

Loan funds in question

By Tracy Webster
Patriot Staff Writer

In a recent statewide election, voters turned down a proposition to sell bonds in order to finance student loans. However, Curtis Bradshaw, director of Financial Aid, says that it is doubtful that this will affect UT Tyler students.

Bradshaw noted that the state Henson-Hazelwood funds are still available for fall and spring and that the state will need to sell bonds to finance loans for students after this time period.

In trying to get the necessary legislation passed to continue basically what the state has been doing for years, one major mistake was made—the lack of clear, concise language in the proposed amendment led to confusion among voters.

"They didn't inform people of what exactly they were trying to do and that's why most people voted against it," Bradshaw said.

The high default rate on student loans that has plagued other states has not been as big a problem in Texas, which has a 6 percent default rate on student loans compared to 18 to 20 percent nationwide. Bradshaw said he is optimistic that the legislature will make sure these funds remain available.

Fenton; Robert Parker, vice president; Carl Miller; Mondy Raibon, SA advisor; and Scott Lide. (back row, l. to r.) Becky Sprayberry, treasurer; Robert Rich, parliamentarian; Kristi Cox, president; and Kimberly Steger.

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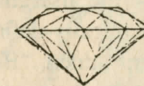
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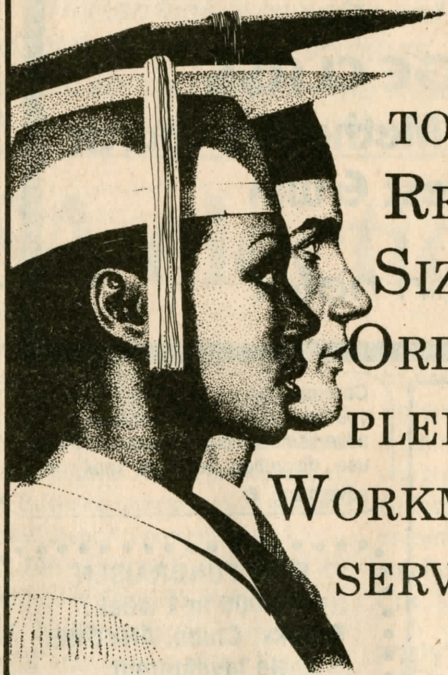
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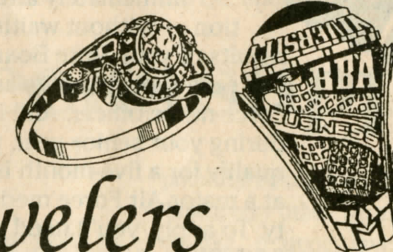


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Kniffen honored for legacy, leads team to 6 straight wins

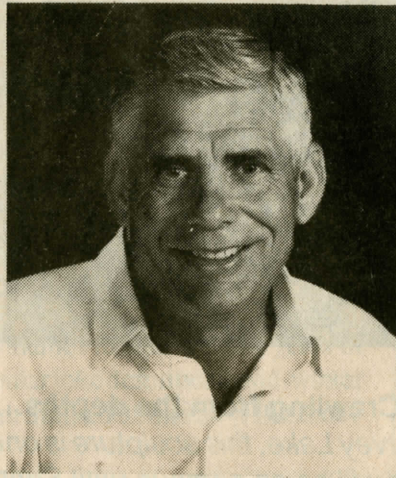
By Tom Murrell

Patriot Sports Writer

In the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District Four, Fred Kniffen, UT Tyler Tennis coach has led UTT to six straight championships, including 1989 National NAIA champions. In 1989, Kniffen was also awarded NAIA Coach of the Year and in 1990, his team finished seventh at the National Tournament.

In a magazine article interview with Tennis USTA, Kniffen passes along credit to everyone, although people give him the title of "Grandfather of Tyler Tennis."

The men's team at UTT consists of returning players and first year players. The returning players include Atlihan Binoz, from Adana, Turkey, a second team All-American and Mark Margin, another second team All-American. Also returning are Alex Tyra from Kilgore, Texas and Jesus Hernandez from Mexico City, Mexico, who was a number one player from Laredo Junior College in 1990.



Coach Fred Kniffen

New players on the UTT men's team include Ricardo Gonzalez from Guatemala, who is a transfer from Mary Hardin Baylor, who has previously played in the National Tournament.

Other new players include Will Green from Anson, Texas and Odessa Junior College, Luis Moreno from Eagle Pass, Texas and Joe Phillips

from Franklin, Texas, both from Temple Junior College, and Luis Valesquez from Mexico.

"This team could have the most potential of any team I have ever coached," Kniffen said.

The UTT Women's tennis team also has some talented players to work with this fall.

Nell Karrer of Centerville, Texas and Navarro College, Kristi Kees of Jasper, Texas, where she was a number one player in high school and Lisa Scogin of Shreveport, Louisiana where she was a doubles champion and finalist, all are returning this year.

Cheryl Vaughan and Nancy Mosby, both of Carthage, are newcomers to the team.

"The team is enthusiastic and everyone will contribute to the team improving even more," Kniffen said. "The team has potential to compete for the NAIA District Four championship and will represent the university well."

Trofimenko explains failed Soviet coup

By Carl Millegan

Patriot Features Editor

For two full weeks this summer, the world held its breath as the major networks reported on the coup in the Soviet Union.

But now that the coup has failed and what was once a union of soviet republics dissolves into an association of sovereign socialist states, many people look for reasons why this coup took place and what will happen next.

Some answers came to UT Tyler Monday, Sept. 16, with a visit from Dr. Henry Trofimenko, scholar at the Institute of U.S. and Canadian Studies in Moscow.

Trofimenko was in Tyler on a speaking tour of the city sponsored by the East Texas Council for World Affairs (ETCWA). He came to UTT at the invitation of Dr. Thomas L. Fernandez, UTT Pirtle professor of free enterprise and ETCWA president.

"What happened in the Soviet Union was a continuation of the revolution [that began when Mikhail Gorbachev came to power]," Trofimenko said. "Every leader (since 1917) has been a revolutionary trying to reform the country from the top down."

According to Trofimenko, Joseph Stalin was a type of revolutionary. A brutal revolutionary trying to install his reforms by brutal means.

Likewise, every leader of the soviet system attempted to revolutionize the country.

"Gorbachev's revolution were policy departures far greater than a change from democrat to republican in this country," Trofimenko said.

Trofimenko noted that both parties in the U.S. have similar policies but differing goals and what Gorbachev was attempting was monumental change in the system.

"There is only one communist party, not two or three," Trofimenko

That's when the coup committee took over, according to Trofimenko. However, the coup failed because of bad planning.

"The coup committee had planned for a show of force and were not prepared for a full coup," Trofimenko said.

Their flawed planning also failed to realize the fact that total obedience was no longer a factor, Trofimenko explained.

"(Boris) Yeltsin's stand, his challenge, was a catalyst for members in the KGB and the military who were [indecisive of the legality of the coup]," Trofimenko said. "For the first time, the (system of obedience) thought not to obey."

The Soviet Union from that point on became radically different, he said. Under the old system, the Union's separate republics were ruled through the party under the total obedience rule.

"Most of the Soviet Union is run by communists of the worst order," Trofimenko said. "They are feudal lords of their individual areas."

As the central government weakened as a result of the coup, these individual republics took the opportunity to break away.

"Eventually, the Soviet Union may fragment into individual (independent) republics, especially the Asian republics," Trofimenko concluded. "But it won't happen right now because they all need unity in order to survive."

Lefevre moves to dean's chair

One of several changes taking place within the School of Liberal Arts at UT Tyler is the appointment of Stephen R. Lefevre as Interim Dean of Liberal Arts for the 1991-92 academic year.

Although Lefevre is new to his position as dean, he is not new to UTT. He has been Professor of Political Science for several years and Chairman of the Social Sciences Department for six years prior to assuming his present position.

A native of California, Lefevre earned his bachelor of arts in psychology from Loyola Marymount Univer-

to the band and a performance group to the choir.

The new studio being built will have space for two-dimensional art, as well as practice space for the band and choir, Lefevre said.

Another priority, Lefevre said, is to create an environment for the faculty to pursue their scholarly work.

Other changes include the addition of Economics to the Liberal Arts Program, enabling students to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.



Sundae social on Friday

The UT Tyler Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Chapter will hold a "Build Your Own Sundae" meeting 2 p.m., Sept. 20, in UC 134.

The deadline for making reservations is Sept. 19.

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An intramural tennis tournament for UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College students is scheduled for Sept. 26 and 27 at the TJC tennis courts from 7 - 10 p.m.

Beginning Sept. 30, play begins on the intramural volleyball league. Games will be held Monday thru Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Gentry Gym on the TJC campus.

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sity; a Masters of Art from California State University; and his doctorate in Political Science from the University of California at Riverside.

Citing music and art as priorities, his plans include adding a jazz ensemble

"Economics is integrated into all our lives," Lefevre said. "The way we live and behave concerns economics, especially with the recent events in the Soviet Union, the Middle East and the oil crises."

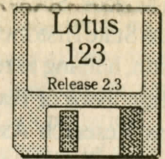
couraged to attend. Dues for new members are \$25 and dues for returning members are \$15, payable by Sept. 20. For alumni unable to attend the sundae social, dues must be paid by Sept. 25.

said. The one rule of the system was total obedience to the party. "There used to be a question on travel papers that read, have you ever diverted from the party? And the answer, for a joke to friends, was, no, but I always vacillated with the party line."

With Gorbechev's *Glasnost* policies, Trofimenko said, the total obedience doctrine wavered.

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"Over time Tyler Junior College and every other similarly situated public junior college in the state would become primarily technical and remedial institutions."

Hawkins expressed his belief that the better students would be drawn to the expanded four-year institutions.

This would leave TJC serving less capable students and cause an eventual loss of many of programs

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But, the downward expansion of UTT depends on what the community wants, and whether they make it known to their legislators, Jones said.

A special report on education sponsored by the Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph in its Sunday, Aug. 25, edition, sparked favorable responses to the expansion from the community.

Everet Taylor, editor-in-chief for the Tyler paper, estimated that letters in favor of downward expansion outnumbered those against by 2- or 3-to-1.

based on academic excellence, Hawkins said.

"The junior colleges have accepted gladly the assignment to remediate academically-deficient students," Hawkins added. "But a college must have also the academically

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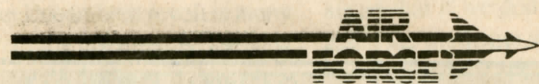
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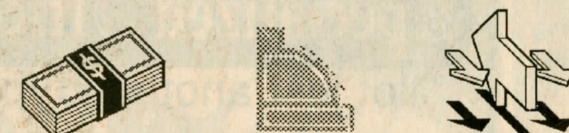
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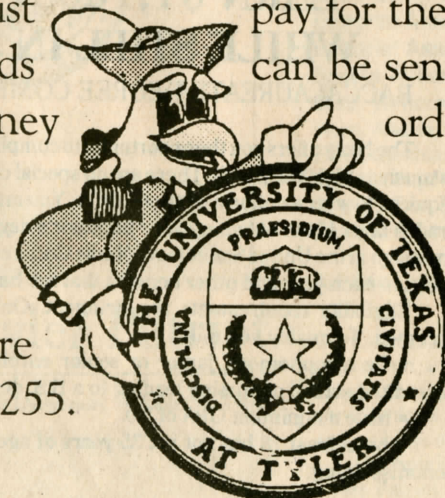
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