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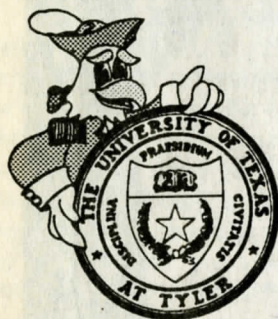
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# The UT Tyler Patriot

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## New laws affect student aid

By Nelda Jones  
*Patriot Copy Editor*

Recent changes in federal-aid laws are causing much concern and confusion among students, parents, and financial aid advisors.

According to a story in Education Week, two changes in the new law signed by President Bush in July are causing most of the confusion and frustration: the requirement that federal aid eligibility be determined through the use of a free federal form that requests a minimum amount of financial data, and the elimination of home equity as one of the factors used to determine a student's need.

The story goes on to say that little information has filtered down to the students, partly because some of the information is not yet available. Reggie Brazzle, director of student financial aid at Tyler Junior College, says he is still receiving material on the changes. Veronica Torrez, assistant director of financial aid at UT Tyler, says they are still trying to analyze the materials they have received, but does not expect any delays in processing applications, as some financial aid advisors are concerned about.

One area of confusion and con-

determination, and whether the institutions to which they will be applying will ask for more financial data than are requested on the federal form.

At issue now, according to the story in Education Week, is how many institutions will need to use both the new, simplified form and a supplemental form that requests additional financial data to determine the awarding of institutional aid.

In a column in the Employment Section of the Dallas Morning News, Joyce Lain Kennedy says that almost everyone can borrow the full cost of higher education using low-cost, government-backed programs. Every first-year student can get a government-insured line of credit to any college at any price.

Federal Stafford loans, as of July 1993, she says, will lend an undergraduate student from \$2,625 to \$5,500 each year, to a total of \$23,000, up from \$17,250 today. Graduate and professional students can borrow another \$8,500 per year on Stafford guarantees, up to a total of \$65,500 (which includes the \$23,000 undergraduate maximum). If you qualify as needy, the federal government pays the interest as long as you are in school.

Pell Grants will be available to more students, due to the relaxed re-

\$2,400 this year to \$2,300 next year. However, Kennedy indicates that the maximum Pell Grant is supposed to increase to \$3,700 per student, though she admits that it will more likely be about \$2,700 per student.

Kennedy also says that for the first time, aid will be given to students who attend school less than half time, which will benefit students who have heavy job loads.

Kennedy says that under the new definition of "independent," large numbers of independent students will no longer qualify for Pell Grants, but that many will move up to Stafford loan status. However, she indicates that legitimate independent students will not be eliminated from any federal programs, if they have good documentation of their independent status.

Community Colleges and Junior Colleges are expected to benefit from the changes, according to a July 29 story in The Chronicle of Higher Education, but some are concerned that the changes will intensify competition, due to more students being eligible, and that the funds may be depleted by middle income students, leaving more needy students without the aid they now are eligible for.

Brazzle sees the changes as a benefit. "Our students will have a better chance of getting loans because of



### Call to action

Coretta Scott King is applauded after being introduced by UTT President George Hamm before her speech last week at Caldwell Auditorium. — Photo by Ben Champion

## Holiday Festival benefits Food Bank



about. One area of confusion and concern to students is when the new forms will be available, how the changes will affect their eligibility and need

more students, due to the relaxed requirements under the new program. Brazzle says he expects the amounts of Pell Grants to drop from

ter chance of getting loans because of the changes in calculations. I think it will be an asset to the colleges," he says.

# King challenges students to lead

**Vanessa Edwards**

*Patriot staff writer*

"You are not leaders of tomorrow, but leaders of today," Coretta Scott King said last Tuesday night to a packed audience at Caldwell Auditorium.

Ms. King, civil rights leader and one of the 25 most influential women in the world, aimed her address at students.

"During the civil rights movement of the '60s, it was college students, young people who set an energetic tone which compelled an aggressive spirit," King added, "If you don't accept the challenge to lead, who will?"

King, founder and chief executive officer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change in Atlanta, Ga., spoke out on the center's objectives and concerns that widely affect not only national affairs, but also international affairs. In light of the recent L.A. riots, ongoing South African apartheid, and Germany's growing Neo-Nazi movement, King offered the audience solutions. "Nonviolence is the sword that heals," King said, repeating words

spoken by her late husband, Martin Luther King Jr.

"Nonviolence means taking a firm stand and conviction against violence. Through love, human rights, justice and peace and an organized, aggressive good will, nonviolent social change can help change our strife-torn world," King said.

With the recent election in mind, King said, "I believe President-elect Clinton will be a truly great president; he has a firm grasp for political reform. But we must understand this is not enough; we can not expect great leadership from the White House without encouragement, and, I might add, prodding from the people."

"The people have to lead and the politicians will get on board."

The center for non-violent social change in Atlanta is a living memorial dedicated to King's husband's life, his philosophy. Speaking about the holiday named for her late husband, King said, "It is my hope that the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday will help to heal the wounds and breach the divisions that have polarized Americans. 'It's not just a holiday; it should be a time for coming together in interracial projects and to benefit the needs of our community.

King added, "It was never meant to be just a Black holiday." "With the holiday, I knew more people would become sensitized through movies, plays, and music, not only to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ideas, but also to people of other cultures and their contributions."

January 15th should be a part of living out the creed, that all men and women are created equal."

The Caldwell audience applauded King's words often. Ending her speech, she described a new level of personal awareness. She drew once more from her husband's words in a reading of the "Drum Major Instinct", which contained words of commitment and service. If there is a desire to be out front, to lead the parade, to be first; if you want to be important, wonderful, and great, you must recognize who is greatest among you, and they shall be your servant," King said.

"With a heart full of grace, and a soul of knowledge, you can be that servant." King left the audience with this final statement, "Be a drum major of human rights, love and righteousness, peace, justice in your community, and you will be that servant, this is my challenge to you."

**By Cheryl Hicks**

*Patriot Staff Writer*

The UT Tyler Student Association will host a Holiday Festival later this month to benefit the East Texas Food Bank.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the festivities will last from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the University Center. This is sponsored by the Student Association.

There will be a variety of enter-

tainment including a band. Booths will be set up to offer arts, crafts, games and food. A baseball card sale and a garage sale will also be included in the offerings.

The admission price will be \$2 or two canned food items and all proceeds will go to the Food Bank. Last year's proceeds totaled over \$60 and more than 1,000 canned items.

"The University Center and room 118 will be open by 8 a.m. for people to set up," said Chris Fenton, Student

Association vice president. He added that the SA hasn't had a great response so far, but he hopes things will come together this week.

"Anyone interested in donating items to the garage sale can bring them in that morning," Fenton said.

Any clubs or organizations interested in participating in the Holiday Festival should contact Fenton or the Student Association Secretary, Lisa Stolz, by stopping by UC 114 or calling 566-7084 or 566-7084.

# Stalking punishment proposed

**By Joanna Tucker**

*Patriot Managing Editor*

A bill making stalking a criminal offense will be presented in the next legislative session in January.

The proposed bill, sponsored by Representative Brian McCall, R-Plano, and co-sponsored by Ted Kamel, R-Tyler, closes a loophole in Texas law, said Kamel.

Under the proposed bill, persons who repeatedly follow or harass another person, and make threats that cause them to fear death or serious bodily injury, could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$3,000 fine, up to one year in jail, or both.

The crime could be upgraded to a third degree felony if the person convicted has violated a court order prohibiting him or her from harassing the victim, or if the defendant has been convicted of an offense against the same person within the past seven years.

A third degree felony is punishable by ten years in prison, or a \$10,000 fine or both.

Kamel says law enforcement officials, prosecutors, victims' organizations, the Texas Medical Association and others are supporting the measure.

"I am extremely pleased with the overwhelming bipartisan support being shown for this important legislation by Representative Kamel and others," McCall said.

Dr. Robert Geffner, associate professor of psychology, on leave from UT Tyler, supports the bill. For the first time, Geffner says, law enforce-

ment will be able to do something before a more serious crime occurs. Geffner says that although not much research has been done on the phenomenon of stalking, it appears that most of the stalking occurs within the family or among people who have established a relationship.

Geffner says cases he and his staff see and deal with include husbands or ex-husbands who are stalking wives or ex-wives. Some cases involve women stalking men, but this is fairly uncommon, he said. Divorce proceedings, custody cases and failed dating relationships are situations that most often give rise to stalking.

"A typical case we see is the husband who shows excessive domination, jealousy and possessiveness," Geffner said. When the wife finally attempts to leave the relationship, or go into a shelter (for battered women), he stalks her to either try to get the kids or to intimidate her in order to maintain control," Geffner said. Without the stalking bill, all police can do in these cases is to wait until the stalker goes beyond verbal threats. A restraining order is very difficult to enforce, he said.

As a result of increased murders committed by stalkers, Geffner said the proposed legislation is needed.

"This is one of the first times the legal system has advanced faster than the social system," Geffner said. "This is due to legislative activism."

Not much data is available on those who stalk or on what characterizes a victim, Geffner said. The key to look for is whether or not the stereotypical persistent Romeo who pursues the object of his affection is actu-

ally engaging in the obsessive behavior of a potential stalker.

Although not much information has been gathered on the phenomenon of stalking, certain behavior can signal that someone is a potential stalker and may seriously injure or kill his victim.

Geffner says some potential danger signals to look for include possessiveness and the need to be the center of someone else's life.

Among the danger signals indicating problem behavior is the need for power and control. In this situation, the domineering person exercises control by making all decisions.

Other danger signals include a person who refuses to take no for an answer, or someone whose persistence leads to invasion of boundaries at inappropriate times, such as late night or early morning telephone calls, and unannounced visits, or someone who makes subtle threats, which over time may become more open.

Another warning sign is the invasion of boundaries of body space. The potential stalker moves uninvited into another's personal space, overlooking or ignoring signals of rejection. The person whose space is being invaded, is uncomfortable with the invasion and doesn't want it, Geffner said, but the stalker continues to edge closer and closer to his victim.

Some of the stalker's behavior may seem cute or romantic in the beginning, Geffner said, but the problem occurs when the victim has figured out that she doesn't want this man's attention, and he doesn't stop.

Anti-stalking laws have been passed in 20 states, and similar legislation is under debate in 12 others.

# Symphonic band concert Nov. 24

**By Cheril Sweet**

*Patriot Staff Writer*

The University of Texas at Tyler Symphonic band, directed by Richard Highfill, will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the UTT University Center on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Selections to be performed include "Coronation March," "Bluebeard Overture," "Carnival of Venice—Fantasia Brillante" and "Lawrence of Arabia."

The program honors UTT Friends of the Arts, an organization of artists, scholars, patrons and benefactors

whose purpose is to support the fine and performing arts.

Symphonic Band members and their instruments are: Sharon Lacy and Whitney White, oboe; Karen Young, piccolo; Dawn Story, Cheryl Roberts, Amy Richards, Pam Kubin, Anne Marie Smesny and Becky Dolloway, flute; Heather Chitty, Don Chandler, Wendy Wells, Richard Kamack, Laura Swartz and Linda Dantin, B-flat clarinet; Nora Vasar and LaQuanett Cantley, bass clarinet; Lisa Carwright, contra-alto clarinet; Neill Smith, bassoon; Richard Brewster, Jason Reed and Gene Thornton, alto saophone; Tina Romans and Jennifer Waldon, tenor saxo-

phone.

Also, Page Horton, baritone saxophone; Stacy Gamble, Bob Jamison, Renee Wilkins, Samantha Mark, Clinton Gamble and Traci Richardson, french horns; Stephen Kane, Danny Dantin, Rodney Jones, Jerry Sedatole, Fred Foeh, Ronnie Reagan and Frank LeBlanc, trumpets; David Ingram, Alan Swartz, Jerry Vinson, Terry Everts, Jimmie Vickers and Carl Miller, trombones; Brent Harris, Darren McDonald and chandra Langford, euponium; Brian Stinecipher and John Clark, tuba; and Thomas Wier, Aaron Gainer, Jason Scott, Rob Toups and Claude Dantin, percussion.



# Opinion / Editorial

## Editorial

### Whose choice?

The decision was not actually hers to make. Her physician told her that the pregnancy must be terminated since carrying the fetus full term could cost her her life. She was simply too frail internally to follow through with her plans for a family. The revelation was a shock and all she could do for hours was cry.

A sense of numbness engulfed her as she approached the clinic to do what she must. The sense of numbness helped shield her from what was to come. The encounter was familiar only because she had seen it on television news programs and had read about it in the papers—but it always happened to someone else. Now it was happening to her. She really had never formed an opinion about it before, but now that she was involved, she had to. All she could do was cry.

"You know it's wrong," the voice shot out of his mouth and into her ears like cannon fire. "You're committing murder." Through her dazed state of despair she could see the signs painted with pro-life slogans. Her mouth opened to voice an explanation, but her senses told her that this action was

too private to share with a stranger. After all, she knew she was the real victim. All she could do was cry.

She continued to move through the crowd of angry voices unable to speak. As the doors closed behind her the voices faded and she proceeded with the necessary arrangements. After the procedure's completion, she again encountered her accusers. Still, all she could do was cry.

As she sat watching the evening news, still dazed from the events of the day, a report was aired showing still more protestors on both sides of the issue trying to persuade legislators. She wondered what her ordeal might have been like if pro-life legislation had already been enacted. She wondered what kind of government agency might have to be established to review the reams of paperwork a pro-life decision might generate. She thought of the nameless bureaucrats who would examine her documentation to validate her reason for terminating the pregnancy. All of the speculation was too much for her. All she could do was cry.

— Debbie Hoover

## Guest Column

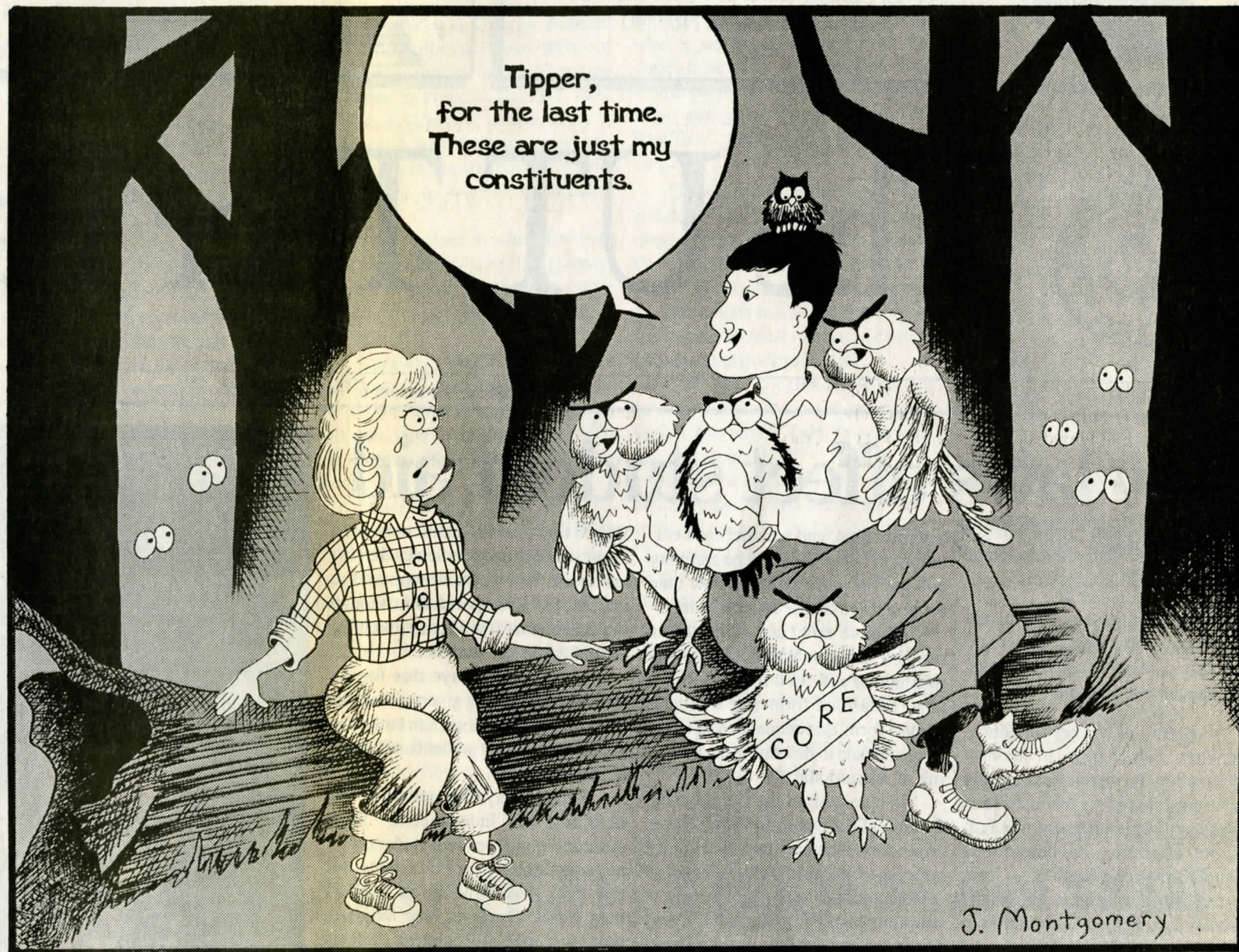
# Campus safe

By David Beidelman  
Contributing Writer

I just received my FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin and was reviewing an interesting chart of statistics relating to the frequency of crime on

reported crimes. Many more occur that are not reported to authorities for various reasons.

While large populated areas such as Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles account for the biggest percentage of



## Ozone man, Tipper, lost in woods

By Judy Montgomery  
Patriot Editorial Page Editor

Life does have its rewards. Just when the country was beginning to despair that Al Gore lacked the same thigh-slapping humor that Dan Quayle has so faithfully delivered, the big guy came through for us.

Gore presented such a stoic and controlled demeanor during the presi-

1,500-acre resort, had a hard time understanding the situation since the Gores have been hiking in the wilderness area for the last six years. But does this really present a dilemma?

According to a widespread and generally accepted rumor circulated in state-department washrooms, recently elected federal officials are routinely exposed to massive amounts of hot air and noxious gases to see if they can survive the rigors of Washington political life. Gore was obviously over-

spotted owl put a few paltry thousand of them out of work, they've been plotting revenge."

"No, no," said an expert dog handler and tracker, his dogs straining toward the scent of one of Gore's sports shoes. "One of those giant development corporations is responsible for this. They're all scrambling to get contracts to build tract housing over nuclear waste sites before Gore can get any more environmental legislation approved."

"I can just see the headlines now—'Ozone man and his wife cavort in secret forest clearing.' Spy planes, equipped with high-tech photographic equipment are probably circling the forest now." After scanning the skies, he sagged forward and clutched his head in both hands. "We're ruined."

"Wait. I think I do see something," said the agent. "Look—over above that grove of trees. Why, it's a group of owls, and they seem to be flying in some sort of formation."



enforcement Bulletin and by reporting an interesting chart of statistics relating to the frequency of crime occurring in the United States during 1991. I won't bore you with a rash of statistics, but it's alarming the number of crimes that are reported each year. Nearly 15 million crimes were reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting program of the FBI. The biggest increase was in violent crime.

The chart I was referring to broke down how frequently offenses occur. Did you know that there is a violent crime reported every 17 seconds, or that a property crime is reported every 2 seconds? While I don't want to reduce the significance of a person breaking into your house or stealing a prized possession, the main focus of law enforcement recently has been towards reducing violent crime. The FBI has also joined the fight to help prevent local heinous crimes such as car jacking with their own task forces. Here's why ... there is a murder every 21 seconds, a forcible rape or sexual assault every five minutes, a robbery every 46 seconds and an aggravated assault every 29 seconds. These are

as Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles account for the biggest percentage of crime, statistics show that violent crime are spreading quickly to rural areas. It is important that we do not become complacent about out quality of life here in East Texas and that we try harder to preserve it. I wish I could suggest some magical way to make sure incidents such as car jacking, stalking, drive-by shootings and such would stay away from this area, but I can't. We all must rely on good sense. We must avoid places and people that are prone to acts of violence. We must be aware of what is happening around us. Such little things like locking our doors, staying in well lit and well traveled areas are still good advice.

Here at UT Tyler, we are fortunate to have a very safe campus. We can keep it safe with the cooperation of all students and faculty. Support the efforts of the Campus Police and assist them when possible by reporting suspicious activity. The department will keep you informed by printing each months crime statistics in the Patriot. They are also available to anyone upon request, call 566-7302.

Gore presented such a stoic and controlled demeanor during the presidential campaign that "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno said he would be well advised to identify himself quickly at state funerals. Otherwise, people might think he's the corpse.

But Gore revealed a light and whimsical side last week when he and his wife, Tipper, lost their way on a hiking trail at Coolfont Resort, a wilderness area about 50 miles northwest of Washington. Yes, Gore—friend to all fuzzy, furry and feathered creatures—lost touch with his environment.

Sam Ashelman, co-owner of the

not an and noxious gases to see if they can survive the rigors of Washington political life. Gore was obviously overcome by a concentration of these vapors as he groped his way through assorted flora and fauna on the hiking trail.

In this weakened state, the missing vice president elect naturally seemed easy prey for bands of crazed, environmentally-incorrect terrorists—or at least this was the consensus among the team of frantic secret service agents and state troopers called in to search for the Gores.

"I knew it," one agent said. "Those wild-eyed lumberjacks are behind this. Ever since the campaign to save the

nuclear waste sites before Gore can get any more environmental legislation approved."

"I think you're both wrong," said a publicity agent. "I've been on the campaign trail with Clinton and Gore for months. This looks like another Republican ploy. Just because vicious, below-the-belt tactics didn't catch on during the campaign is no reason for the GOP to discard them now. They're probably trying to lure Big Al into a sinister compromising situation in the woods."

"Now you're way off base," said the secret service agent. "Tipper is with him, you know."

"Even better," said the publicist.

group of owls, and they seem to be flying in some sort of formation."

The owls swooped over the clearing and after executing a maneuver that resembled a military salute, they veered back toward the forest. A few moments later, Al and Tipper Gore stumbled out of the undergrowth, their clothing coated with brambles and their hair matted with twigs.

"Who am I?" gasped Gore, still obviously overcome with mind-numbing vapors. "Why am I here?"

"I think that's what we're all waiting to find out," muttered the secret service agent.

# Equality comes from the heart

As I passed my mother's bookshelf the other day, something I'd never noticed caught my eye. It was a book titled Always Ask A Man. Curiously, somewhat skeptically, I sat down to skim the contents and it wasn't long before I understood that the book was coming from the 50s, June Cleaver, and the parents of future flower children. "In conversation," writes the author, "a woman should listen eagerly and attentively to what a man says but refrain from offering her thoughts or opinions on the subject." I laughed.

A few days later, while watching a news spot about women in combat, my sister in the eleventh grade told me that a girl in her class was going out for the football team. I started to laugh at that. But then I stopped, hit in the head by the swinging pendulum of "equality."

There is a great paradox in that lofty term ... (drum roll please) ... Equality.

On one hand the wanna-be-equals—we'll take women, for example, since I am one—insist on being just like the group they feel they should be "equal" to—men, in this case. We demand to be allowed to put on a jersey and be trampled to death on a grassy field or fight hand-to-hand in real-life war to demonstrate our worth. Are we crazy, I ask you. ARE WE CRAZY!? For one thing, isn't there enough pain and torture involved in childbirth and a lifetime of monthly cycles to make women (at least) equal to men? Why should a woman feel the need to put on football pads to prove she is as good as a man?

There is another troublesome aspect of newfound "equality." As we don our three-piece suits, many of us liberated ones still hold fast to old-

fashioned notions we find advantageous: "ladies first," the guy pays for the meal, someone should hold the door for us. And, in all seriousness, it's not just women. Any group searching for modern equality struggles to find a balance between becoming carbon copies to gain acceptance on the one hand and clinging to traditions and cultural heritages—often for convenience—on the other.

I for one am glad to be a female. I'm glad I never had to prove myself on a football field or a battlefield, and I hope I never do. Call me old-fashioned, but I appreciate it when a man holds the door open for me, and I don't mind cooking dinner for a guy. At the same time, I also try to be polite and not let a door shut in anyone's face, and I believe all males need a turn in the kitchen every now and then. But the issue is equality. And equality should not be activity-based; it should

stem from the mind and the heart.

The pendulum swings as it has always swung and will continue to swing into eternity. And we must ask, why should equality mean merely being the same? Where can we find a balance in our individuality? It may be simplistic, but that's where it must start. There will never be true equality until we can appreciate each other's differences and cultivate our own without feeling the less-than/greater-than syndrome. And we will never break free from the injustices of the past until we put them behind us and get on with living rather than perpetuating the injustices into the present. Equals don't need crutches, quotas, or chips on their shoulders. Diversity can mean progress rather than division. How confusing is it to say, "Hey, I'm an apple and you're a banana, but aren't we both great!" Why can't we leave it at that?

—Beth Erickson

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# Alzheimer's devastates millions

**Sheila McElroy**  
Patriot Staff Writer

You forgot your car keys or your grocery list. Or maybe you forgot to unplug the coffeepot.

Sure, that happens to everyone. You don't have to be concerned until you forget how to use the car keys, or how to get to the grocery store. Or what coffee is.

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is

impaired judgment, difficulty finding words, finishing thoughts or following directions.

I can't think of a disease that frightens me more. Not AIDS, not cancer, not heart disease. To me, losing your memory and therefore your mind is just too horrible to happen to anyone. I became more concerned when early this year I learned that I have a pre-disposition for AD. The percentage isn't high, only 19 percent. Only 19 percent.

thought to be a disease of the old but it can strike someone in their 30s, 40s or 50s. An estimated 2.5 million people are afflicted with AD. As the baby boomers age the number of people in the at-risk age group also grows. According to the National Institute on Aging the actual number of people with AD could be as high as four million.

The onset is gradual and the person might experience confusion, personality change, behavior change,

My aunt wasted away and died with AD two years ago. She was in her early 70s. My mother was diagnosed with AD in May. She doesn't live close to me; I have only seen her twice since then. I do call once or twice a week. She seems to know who I am when she answers the telephone, but Sunday, halfway through our conversation, she forgot who I was.

Donate your time and money to finding a cure for this disease. Four million people are too many to waste.



# Letters to the Editor

## Slinging mud

Dear Editor,

Talk about slinging mud! I just read the article by Jay Arrington about the candidates' wives and I'm tired of the trash being thrown out by people like him. What is it with you liberal guys? You say "a new trend is here," talking about bashing, how soon you forget all the "Bush and Quayle bashing" we have had to put up with since 1988. Is it mud slinging and bashing if the Republicans present the facts? It seems to me, the Democrats can say anything and not be called on it. I am so tired of the liberal biased slant of our national media and concerned about the young minds that are soaking up the lies that they advocate.

As for Hillary Clinton, she made herself an issue when earlier she remarked that "you are getting both of us." she is as you say, a "90s woman" with very definite opinions, wouldn't you say. Then isn't it important to know what she thinks about certain issues? She is a lawyer who will probably have some influence over her husband. She has told us she won't be

content to "stay in the kitchen." Rich Bond was only quoting her own words from earlier writings in which she likened marriage to slavery and encouraged children to sue their parents. Hillary is for children's rights.

I was really offended by Hillary's remarks degrading the American housewives so I guess I must be "politically incorrect" and conservative but I happen to believe in old fashion values, "family values"—of God and family, integrity, honesty, honor, fairness, character and hard work. Doesn't anyone else think these are important anymore? The media doesn't.

Sincerely,  
Roberta McCrary  
Longview

## Too many lawyers

Dear Editor,

I just read (Judy Montgomery's) article on lawyers in America. As one who had followed the efforts of A.T.R.A. (American Tort Reform Association), I am particularly concerned with the proliferation of frivolous lawsuits in the U.S. Your article

was not only timely but interesting and responsibly written. Keep up the good work.

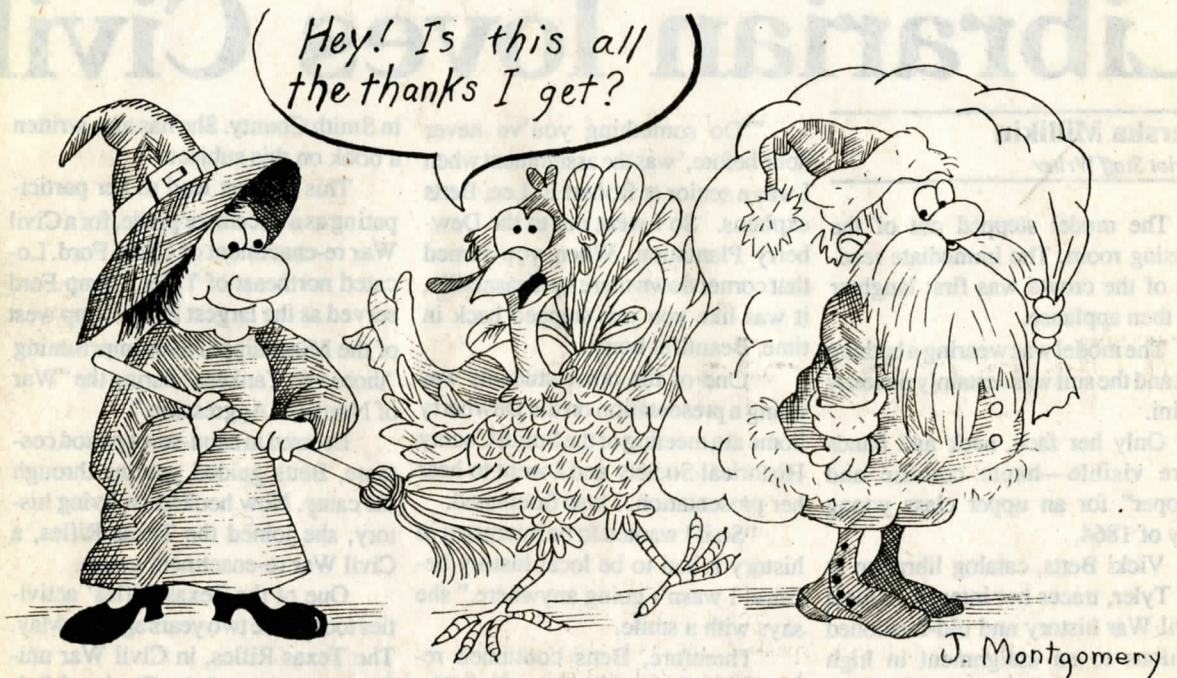
Bill Prewett  
(Letter slipped under the door)

## Slinging mud II

Dear Editor,

Once again I see you are in the business of mud slinging! Judy Montgomery was ridiculing Vice President Dan Quayle in her article that was not even labeled opinion. This was supposed to be a reporting of the V-P debate? I call it character assassination! Ms. Montgomery, why don't you just say that you differ with his ideology and be honest. Quit this mud slinging! I happen to believe that Vice President Quayle is an intelligent, honest man and I agree with a lot of things he says. Why don't you reporters write fair and honest articles not your snide remarks. I'm tired of it. It's no wonder that people do not believe what the media is saying anymore.

Sincerely,  
Roberta McCrary  
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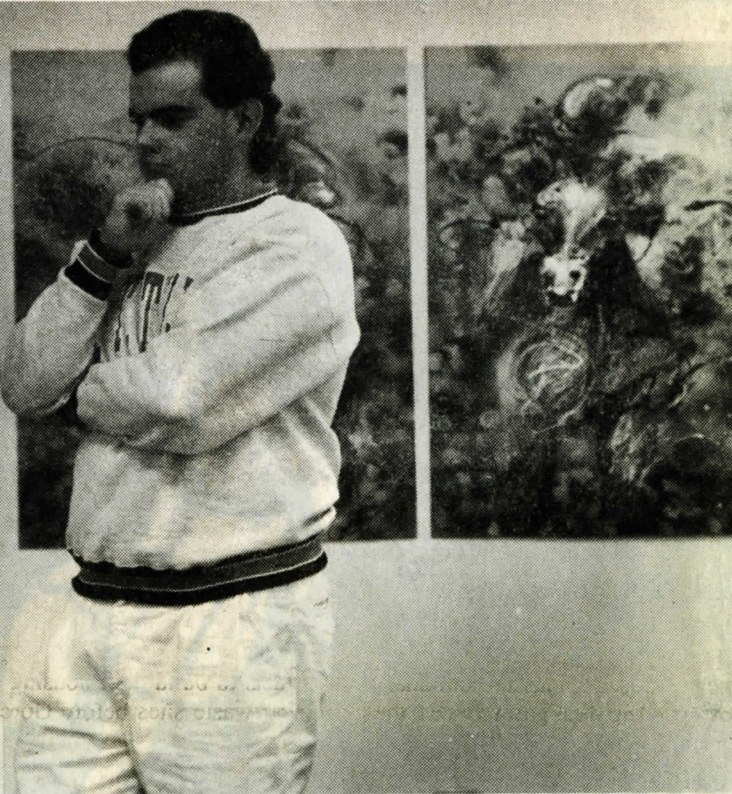
## New club plans trip

A trip to Colorado is part of this year's itinerary for the UT Tyler Nature and Environment Club.

The new club, formed recently by Jon Marshall, will enjoy outdoor activities and combine these with exploring environmental technology awareness.

The Nature and Environment club will work with other clubs at UTT with similar interest in the environment with people who would like to participate in hiking, biking or camping.

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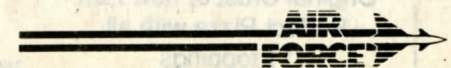
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## Chicken Man

UT Tyler student Robert Parker ponders a Kerri Godwin sculpture, Chicken Man. (That's right...Chicken Man.) — Photo by Ben Champion.

# Library budget cut

By Gail McAlister

Patriot Staff Writer

The UTT Library has seen its materials budget for the 1992-93 school year reduced due to Permanent University Funds which are no longer available, but Dr. Charles Harrell, director of the library, says the library has alternatives.

The library has received funds for material acquisitions in buying books and periodicals for a number of years but this year will not be receiving any.

The library's materials budget for the 1991-92 school year was \$343,532 with \$171,032 appropriated and \$171,500 coming from PUF.

"The book budget did not increase this year or the previous two years, but we had PUF which helped us in purchasing," Harrell said. The cost of journals has gone up at least 10 percent a year for the last 10 to 12 years. This year the increase overall is about 12.2 percent, Harrell said. "Some two to four years ago the cost for journals published outside the United States went up 30 percent or more, and libraries all over the country are not

able to cope with that kind of increase," Harrell said. "This is a financial strait that is common for all schools and not just for the UT system."

The library has alternatives to cope with the reduction of journals available to the students and faculty.

The Document Sharing Program with UT Austin is an inter-agency agreement under which the Interlibrary Loan Department for the General Libraries provides journal articles by FAX within 48 hours of receiving the request.

Colorado Academic and Research Libraries (CARL) has UNCOVER 2 which is a data base of 12,000 journal titles, and indexed by a table of contents and searched by key-word/subject. The journal article is received by FAX within 24 hours.

The third and newer system is available from OCLC (Ohio College Library Consortium) and is similar to Uncover 2.

For the past 15 years libraries have been moving from institutions to store material to brokers of information, Harrell said. Through duplication of collections among universities, university libraries will get into the business of providing access to

and delivering information as opposed to having it on hand. On-line services like Uncover is an example of a system that provides access, Harrell said.

"There is an amazing system here with four terminals that are connected with the data base to a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, that maintains 22 million bibliographic records of books and periodicals, tapes, maps and more. We are one of approximately 3,000 libraries that are connected to that system, and through that we catalog books, create catalog cards and borrow among ourselves through interlibrary loans."

Harrell says other Texas universities are also having to make cuts in their budgets. Last year UT Austin cut their periodical list by approximately \$285,000; this year they cut it \$400,000, he said.

However, Harrell says money is available to purchase materials for UTT's library, but it will go to buy periodicals and reference books. A committee of faculty members are using statistics provided by the library to determine which periodicals to drop. These statistics are based on the number of times librarians reshelve periodicals, Harrell said.

## Dogs to play in Arlington showdown

UT Tyler's flag football team the Top Dogs are participating in the Lonestar Showdown in Arlington Nov. 21-22, Team Captain Robert Parker said. Two flag football teams from Tyler Junior College are also competing in the tournament.

So far this season, the Top Dogs have enjoyed a winning streak with 8 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie, Parker said.

UTT's flag football is part of the intramural sports activities sponsored by Student Services. For more information, contact Robert Parker at 566-7079 or the Student Services' office in University Center, room 111.

# SBI wins award

By Cheril Sweet

Patriot Staff Writer

The University of Texas at Tyler Small Business Institute (SBI) is the recipient of the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Case Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Dallas District.

Marshall Holland and Polly Yeager, graduate students in UTT's School of Business Administration, received the award from Diane Cheshier, assistant director for business development of the U.S. SBA

Dallas District, in a recent ceremony at the university. The Dallas district includes 11 colleges and universities in a 72-county area.

The distinguished case, conducted through the university's SBI, was a marketing research project for the Vu Rye Company in Tyler, which produces a computer work station.

Directed by Dr. Marilyn Young, professor of business administration, UTT's SBI provides management assistance and counseling, conducts marketing research and offers practical business experience to undergraduate and graduate students.

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# Librarian loves Civil War fashions, lore

**Marsha Millikin**

*Patriot Staff Writer*

The model stepped out of the dressing room. The immediate reaction of the crowd was first laughter and then applause.

The model was wearing a bathing suit and the suit was certainly no teeny bikini.

Only her face, neck and hands were visible—haute couture and "proper" for an upper class young lady of 1864.

Vicki Betts, catalog librarian at UT Tyler, traces her interest in local Civil War history and old-fashioned fashions to an assignment in high school.

"Do something you've never done before," was the assignment when I was a senior at Robert E. Lee, Betts explains. So I went out to the Dewberry Plantation. When you turned that corner down there by Teaselville, it was like you just stepped back in time. Beautiful house.

"One of the other students was doing a presentation on the Dewberry home at a meeting of the Smith County Historical Society and I went to hear her presentation. I was fascinated."

"So if I wanted to be interested in history it had to be local history because I wasn't going anywhere," she says with a smile.

Therefore, Betts continued researching the impact of the Civil War

in Smith County. She has also written a book on this subject.

This interest led to her participating as a docent, or guide, for a Civil War re-enactment of Camp Ford. Located northeast of Tyler, Camp Ford served as the largest POW camp west of the Mississippi River imprisoning "those vile Yankees" during the "War of Northern Aggression."

Dressed in hand-sewn period costume, Betts guided patrons through the camp. Now hooked on living history, she joined the Texas Rifles, a Civil War re-enactment group.

One of the Texas Rifles' activities took place two years ago last May. The Texas Rifles, in Civil War uniforms, re-enacted the Battle of Pal-

metto Beach outside Austin. The temperature reached the upper '90s.

"We'd go swimming in Barton Creek and since we didn't have bathing suits, we'd swim in our chemises, Betts says. "When coming out of the water, that could be embarrassing so we decided the next time we'd better have bathing suits."

"The next year at Lake Whitney, Rhonda and I had swimming suits. The guys laughed but they, the guys, were pretty cool. But we weren't that cool at all," Betts says.

And no wonder.

Betts' suit, made with approximately nine yards of pearl grey fabric, certainly doesn't facilitate swimming as physical exercise.

The drawstring pants are gathered at the waist and below the ankle. The lined skirt, reaching just below the knee, is made with 78 one-half inch pleats and trimmed with dark blue bias-cut cotton.

The long-sleeved, lined jacket, is also trimmed in dark blue cotton bias tape with dark blue braid. The braid is fashioned in a Greek key pattern, fea-

turing sleeves capped at the shoulder. The belted jacket reaches just over the hips.

The trim and buttonholes are sewn by hand. The remainder of the suit is

*"...We didn't have bathing suits, we'd swim in our chemises...that could prove to be embarrassing..."*

sewn by machine. Accessories include the cap made of oil silk and trimmed with a tassel, stockings and bathing slippers. Betts adapted and made the pattern for the suit from a picture in an 1864 edition of "Godey's Lady's Book".

So how long did it take to make this suit?

"I have no idea," she said. "It's one of those things if you tried to figure out how much it cost or how much time it took, it would horrify you."

And how practical is swimming in a bathing suit made with nine yards of fabric?

"Proper ladies at that time didn't swim but waded and splashed only to cool off," Betts explains. A suntan was bad. A real lady had a pale complexion and no freckles. She didn't want to look like a farmer's wife."

Betts gives fashion shows to church or historical groups. In addition to modeling bathing suits, she shows how an upper class lady dresses for a ball, including authentic period lingerie constructed to facilitate use of the outhouse or chamberpot.

Other outfits in Betts' closet include clothing worn by a farmer's wife or "a late Civil War refugee." The skirt is hand dyed with walnut shells and made with coarse osnaburg. She made the blouse dyed with sumac berries because "poke berries wouldn't take." Betts made the persimmon seed buttons.

The 1993 swimming season will soon be upon us. While dressing down to a one-piece suit or teeny bikini, be reminded of our great-grandmothers and their prodigious swimming apparel.



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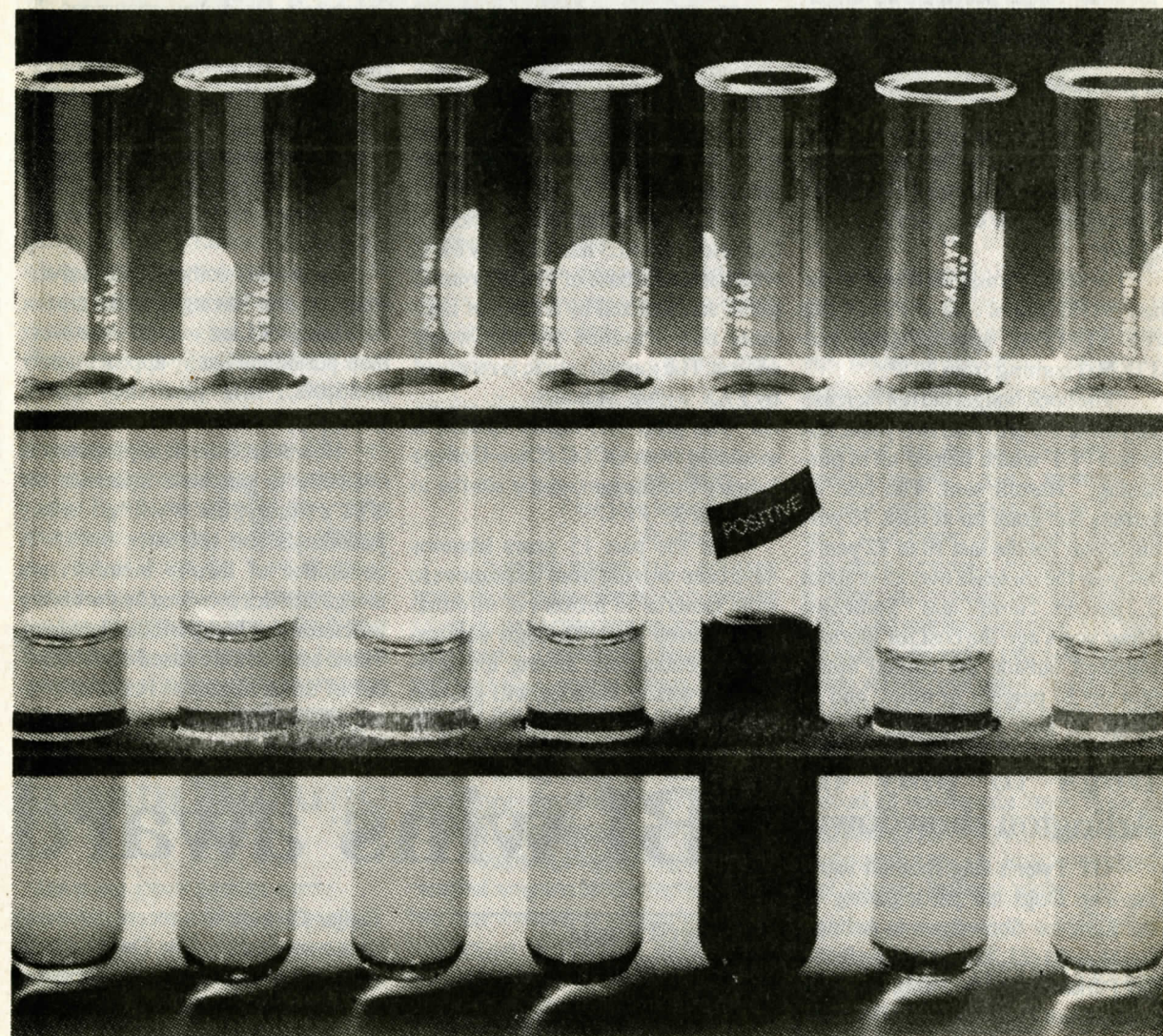
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### Civil War buff

Vicki Betts, UTT catalog librarian, poses in her Civil War era bathing suit atop the turtle sculpture near Harvey Lake on the UTT campus. The suit is based on a picture in an 1864 edition of a magazine. (Photo by Frazier Wilson)

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# Students visit Russia

By Vanessa Edwards  
Patriot Staff Writer

An exciting aspect of Dr. Patricia Gajda's history course, Cradles of Russian Civilization, was the trip that 35 students took to Russia this past summer as part of UT Tyler's study-abroad program. Gajda, professor of history, led the trip. Excitement among students who participated in the travel-study remains high as they continue to talk about their experiences.

"I was really impressed how the people appeared to be so strong and resilient amidst the bad conditions in parts of Russia due to the recent government turnover," said UTT student Dana Welch. "We, the American people, have a tendency to be very cautious and suspicious, but the way I saw it, they're people just like we are," Welch added.

The students' home away from home was the M.S. Russ, serving as both lodging and transportation. On board ship, Russian lessons were taught by a crew member who taught English as a second language. A Russian professor of linguistics from Moscow spoke to students on the changing economy and the ethnic problems of Russia as an independent commonwealth. All meals were served onboard the M.S. Russ consisting of Russian staples such as fish, cucumbers, apples, bread with butter and soup. Entertainers adorned in 18th century Russian costumes, and played chamber music for the students each

day at lunch.

"There were so many fantastic experiences, and Dr. Gajda was a real gem as our leader," Peggy Smith said. Among the sites students viewed was Kizhi Island on which the Transfiguration Church of 22 domes was set up as an open-air museum of architecture portraying an outdoor museum of folk art.

When not onboard the M.S. Russ, students travelled by bus. Since the state of Russia is celebrating a millennium of Christianity, frequent sites to behold were the restoration of churches and monasteries.

"The history of Russia, traced back to the 10th century, has a rich tradition beginning with the Prince of Kiev's baptism in an Orthodox church. This began the Russian state and society as a Christian culture, which is evidenced by the many cathedrals, churches and monasteries, once standing great in number," Dr. Gajda said.

Gajda said the most beautiful monastery, the Holy Trinity, is located in the city of Zagorsk. The five bright blue domes covered with golden stars atop the main church and the Smolensk Cathedral are a sight to behold.

Bridget Mann, a former UTT professor, said The Holy Trinity is one of several seminaries of the Orthodox Church.

Red Square in Moscow, a city populated by some eight million people, was also among the many historic sites visited by the students.

"Moscow is definitely a city of

the future in Russia," Mann said.

Another UTT student, Peggy Smith, asked a University of Moscow student how she felt about Russia's newly acquired independence. The student said that she doesn't have time to think about Yeltsin. She is studying to be an interpreter for the KGB.

"She was the only Russian I spoke to that was against Russia as a new, independent commonwealth. Everyone else was happy to have their freedom; even the policemen were smiling," Smith said.

Gajda said another study-abroad course titled Poland: Heart of Europe is planned for summer 1993, which will include visits to Poland's capital, Warsaw, in which one of the deadliest concentration camps in history, Auschwitz, is located. Many other historic sites will be visited.

Students involved in the UTT study-abroad program to Russia were Georgia Underwood, Glenn English, Daniel Shafer, Sun Berg, Liane Beacham, Dana Welch, Nola Manis, Ann and Stanley Walker, Hope and Ben Ferrell, Bill and Jean Beacham, John Hillier, Gem Meacham, Shawna Spencer, Shari Wilson, Gregg Bonham, Carolyn Wimberly, Chet and Vivian Hicks, Rosemary Powell, Evelyn Jordan, Stan Przywara, Bill and Peggy Smith, Bill and Ann Raidt, Alice Rhodes, Angela Liptak, Harvey and Bridget Mann, William Allen, Emogene King, Pam Allison, and Carla Garrett.

# Students can invest

By Chris Chambliss  
Patriot Staff Writer

In an election year there is always a lot of talk about the American dream and what it means to individuals, but not since 1980 has the economy so dominated the political interest of the American voters.

Yet according to a recent

For instance, currency exchange can pay a much higher rate of return than a savings account but it is also much more of a risk.

At the present time U.S. savings bonds have a guaranteed rate of 6 percent minimum interest, but require a long-term investment and exact a penalty if cashed in prematurely.

"Young people need to recognize that 2-3 percent is better than -7 percent," said Fisher.

to obtain a higher return, ask yourself if you can afford it."

For those college students who think that they cannot afford to invest and who currently do not have a savings account it could be easier than you think. Here are a few tips:

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Yet according to a recent Shearson-Lehman Brothers "Life In America" survey of over 1,296 people, most 18-29 years-old believe that the American dream is inseparable from the state of the economy.

The survey indicated that the dream has something to do with owning a home, having the money to send one's children to college and being able to retire comfortably.

If these financial goals constitute the American ideal to the younger generation, then the sooner they begin preparation the better chance of success they will have.

However, as simple as this sounds, there are still several problems that a college age investor must face.

Aside from the fact that many students are not financially able to invest, current interest rates are barely ahead of the inflation rate.

According to Dr. Donald Fisher, professor of finance at UT Tyler, many young investors have higher expectations than are realistic.

"Everyone wants to earn 10-12 percent interest on their money," said Fisher, "but no one wants to make the long-term commitments or take the risks that are necessary to achieve them."

Fisher believes that before deciding on a certain investment opportunity people need to take a risk-tolerance test. "Risk is the engine, that drives the train," he said.

that 2-3 percent is better than -7 percent," said Fisher.

He agrees that there are some sound long-term investments such as savings bonds or IRAs, but that even these might not be suited for the college investor.

"College students need security and liquidity," said Fisher; "unfortunately this means sacrificing a larger return on the investment."

"A savings account may not bring in the greatest return, but in an emergency it is easy to make a withdrawal," said Fisher.

Despite the emphasis on security, Fisher does not completely discourage risky investments by college students, but he said to be advised.


"When you give up security and liquidity and start taking on extra risks

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# Season finishes with 'Living Together'

By Maureen Christopherson  
Patriot Staff Writer

UT Tyler Theater Program's 1992-93 revolving repertory production of "Living Together," from Alan Ayckbourn's trilogy "The Norman Conquests," previews on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. with "Living Together," with additional performances on Nov. 20 and 21, also at 7:30 p.m.

The trilogy will be offered in its entirety in the spring and, along with "Living Together," will include the plays "Table Manners" and "Round and Round the Garden." The three plays will be performed on Feb. 11, 12, and 13, 1993; March 11, 12 and 13; and April 8, 9 and 10.

Contrary to what many may think, Ayckbourn's "The Norman Conquests" does not refer to the conquest of England in 1066 but instead to the conquests of Norman—a charming, womanizing assistant librarian who has a penchant for conquering all the women in his life—even when they are related to him through marriage.

In this British comedy, Norman the Conqueror, seeks to renew his relationship with his wife, while at the

same time arranging liaisons with his wife's sister and his wife's brother's wife.

"I see Norman as trying to please every woman he meets," said Dr. James A. Hatfield, UTT's Director of Theater. However, Mary Ellen Wright, the assistant director of the trilogy, views Norman as a real heel but one whom women find magnetic for some strange reason. What is not contended is that Norman lives in his own world.

The three plays cover a traumatic family weekend in a Victorian country house in England and from the view point of three different environments of the house—the dining room, the living room and the garden.

"Time is not sequential in the production," Hatfield said, "but rather based on what location the characters are in—the different areas in and around the house where Norman's conquests take place."

Hatfield said that each play will stand alone, but that the viewing will be enhanced when seen as one work over a three-night period.

"By seeing all three reoccurring events, the audience will understand the characters better and why they act the way they do," Hatfield said.

Rotating or revolving repertory theater, which consists of ongoing performances rather than a season or a "straight run," has been used historically in the American theater to train actors. Hatfield said this approach gives the student actor more time to develop and to deal with the actor's representation of a character in a single play.

"The same six actors appear in the trilogy," Hatfield said, "and I am pleased to see so much growth coming out of this second production which is due in large part to the actors who have undertaken to do these three plays over the course of the year."

Hatfield said that the staging of the trilogy is a Texas premiere and very outside metropolitan areas.

"As an example, Wayne State in Detroit has a four to six-week repertory production scheduled that will rotate out of evening and matinee performances," Hatfield said. "However, because of UTT's more limited facilities, we must operate on a week-to-week basis, but we have as close to a professional situation as we can given the restrictions."

In keeping with UTT's British Theater Season theme, Harold Pinter's

"Old Times" and George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House" also will be offered in the Spring. Auditions are scheduled for Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2, 1992 and Jan. 11-13, 1993, respectively.

Hatfield said that anyone on campus may audition, including students and faculty, as well as community members.

"Since we are an educational institution, students have first priority, but we welcome community members who have a desire to participate," Hatfield said.

Students who participate in UTT's theater productions either in the performance area or in a technical capacity, from building sets to staffing the box office, receive academic credit.

"Students may enroll in UTT's Theater Activities course (THTR 3351), which meets by arrangement, for course credit and then the students are required to keep a journal of their activities throughout the semester," Hatfield said. He added that volunteers are welcome, as well.

In deciding which productions to include in a given theater season, Hatfield said that he researches a great many plays from the perspective of

who the actors are in the program, what types of performance roles the students need to work in and what kind of plays UTT's Theater Program, as an emerging regional theater for East Texas, needs to offer the community.

"Box office potential is not a large consideration since the administration provides funding for the productions," Hatfield said. "Thus, we have liberty to choose plays that are right for the campus and the students without having to worry about if enough people are attending."

"I'd like to extend a special note of thanks to Patriot Editor Michael Prewitt and the UT Tyler Patriot staff for promoting UTT's Theater Program and said that this support has made a major difference in the audience and the program," said Hatfield. "Support from the Patriot means more people in the audience and support for the students on and off the stage."

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## Movie review

# 'River' lacks central element: plot

By Beth Erickson  
Patriot News Editor

A River Runs Through It, Robert Redford's latest producing and directing endeavor, is a pretty film that lacks one essential element: a plot.

Although River has the artistry and aesthetic appeal of such movies as The Prince of Tides, Dead Poets Society, and Ramblin' Rose, it does not contain the personal, emotional involvement that made those movies successful. Breathtaking Montana mountain scenery and decent acting are simply not enough to sustain the

weak—to the point of non-existent—story line.

The film is set in the small town, bootlegging days of the 1920s and stars Craig Sheffer and Brad Pitt as the sons of a Presbyterian minister/fly-fisherman, played by Tom Skerritt. Sheffer is the older brother Norman, a quiet, literary soul from whose aged point of view the story is told. Pitt plays the gambling, fighting, drinking younger brother, Paul, whose bad habits—which, incidentally, never seem all that bad to the audience—bring grief to those who love him.

There are possibilities here, but the plot goes nowhere. In fact, it is the

sentimental narration of an aging, reminiscent Norman—voice by Redford—that tells us blatantly what we are supposed to be getting out of the show as it progresses. The narrations offer interesting ideas but ultimately serve as disappointments since the action never seems to support what is being espoused in the thoughtful asides.

At the end, we are told explicitly what the movie was about, and the themes are not exactly original—(a) the difficulty of helping the people you love, and (b) life is not art (like fly fishing) but it is a river, ever-changing and flowing.

Despite a few spots of humor and love, the movie comes across as vague and poorly planned. Everything in the film could have been tightened up and strengthened: the brothers' relationship, the father's influence, the conflicts which lead to the younger brother's downfall. There were many hints of greatness which were just not followed through.

Because of the potential of the plot, the good acting, and the fabulous scenery, I have a difficult time condemning the movie. If you plan to see it, however, I would suggest you save your money and wait a couple of weeks until it comes out on video.

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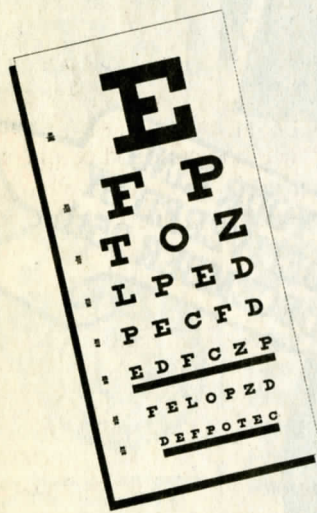


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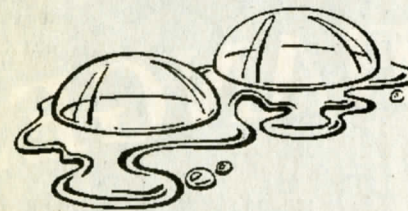
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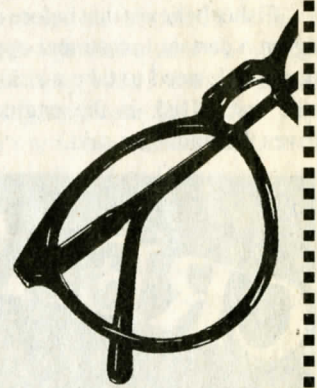
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