

C A L E N D A R

JULY

30 – August 1. Summer Studio I:
The Star Spangled Girl

AUGUST

6 – 8 Summer Studio I:
The Star Spangled Girl

11 – 15 Summer Studio II: A Tuna Christmas

24 Gallery: Shades of Gray: The Contemporary Cowboy,
The Artwork of Laura Butler

SEPTEMBER

14 Organ Concert featuring Joyce Jones,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

18 Matthew Lovelace Senior Recital, FAC Auditorium

22 ULTRA Club Dinner Theater, FAC Auditorium

22 – 26 Theatre Show #1, FAC Theater,
7:30 p.m. each evening*

24 Gallery: Special Inauguration Exhibit

OCTOBER

1 Inauguration Concert, FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

2 Inauguration of Dr. Dottavio

6 Gallery: British Studies Photography Exhibit

8 Jazz Concert, FAC Theater, 7:30 p.m.

9 Guest Artist Jared Duncan in Concert,
FAC Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

16 Piano Concert, FAC Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

16 – 17 Tarleton Piano Festival

17 Young People's Series, FAC Auditorium,
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

22 Choir Concert, FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

23 Ruben Castuenela Senior Recital,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

29 Wind Ensemble Halloween Concert,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

30 Ashley Clawson Senior Recital,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3 – 7 Theatre Show #2, FAC Theater,
7:30 p.m. each evening*

12 Gallery: Tarleton Student and Scholarship Exhibit

19 CTFAC, SPA, and The Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center
present The Moscow Ballet,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

24 Jazz Ensembles in Concert,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

30 Holiday Choir Concert, FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert,
FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

5 Handel's Messiah, FAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

Fine Arts Box Office

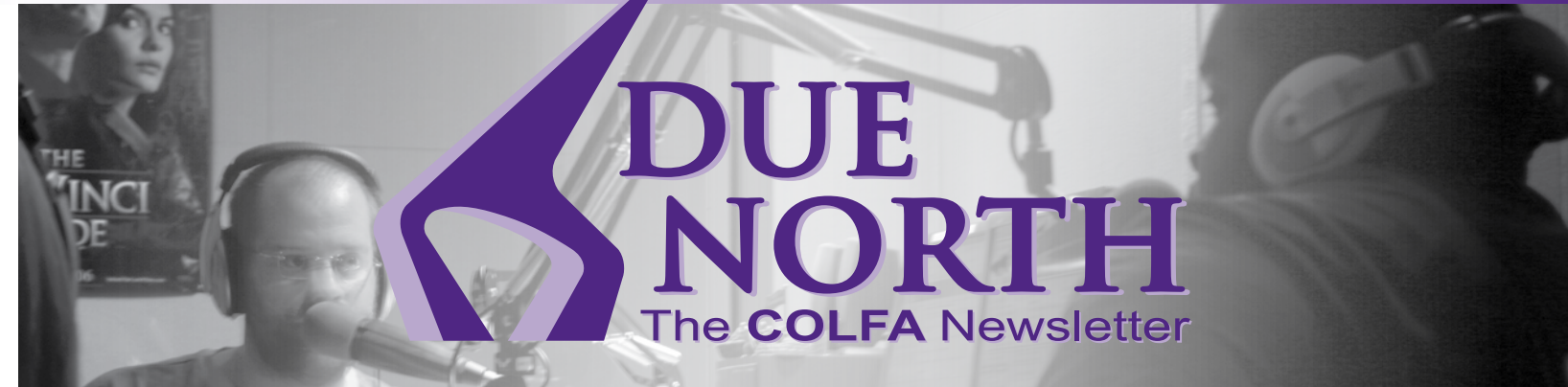
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GUNS ON CAMPUS DEBATE

Faculty Shoot from the Hip



While the debate over allowing Texas college students and faculty members with concealed handgun licenses pack heat on campus waged on in the halls of the Texas Legislature, it also made its way to the classrooms of the Tarleton State University campus.

Four Tarleton faculty members participated in a forum on the issue to a packed classroom in the O.A. Grant Humanities Building. The Department of Social Sciences and the Presidential Honors Program sponsored the event.

At issue were House Bill 1893 and Senate Bill 1164, which aim to aid students, faculty and visitors on college campuses in protecting themselves not only from mass shootings like those at Virginia Tech University and North Illinois University, but from other life-threatening situations.

If passed, the bill would allow students and faculty who are holders of concealed carry licenses to carry their weapons on campuses.

Under current law, concealed handguns are prohibited on Texas college and university campuses.

Supporting the issue were Social Sciences Instructor Eric Morrow and Agricultural Services and Development Associate Professor Dr. Kyle McGregor. Opposing the issue were Social Sciences Professor Dr. Barry Price and Criminal Justice Instructor David Carrothers.

Morrow began the forum with an overview of the proposed bills and a history of the concealed handgun license law.

"Licensed citizens have consistently demonstrated law-abiding and responsible behavior," he said. "This is a basis to extend the concealed handgun license law to college campuses."

Texas concealed handgun license holders must be at least 21 years old and pass a training course and a criminal background check. Texas issued 73,090 licenses in fiscal year 2008.

Morrow said statistics show that campuses are safer than most places, but violence is on the rise. Mass shootings on college campuses in recent years have made many aware of violence, he said.

Morrow concluded by pointing to the fact that colleges are a place of learning, engaging issues and enabling maturity.

"The focus needs to be on safety and education," he said. "Campuses provide an opportune environment to teach the understanding of the right and responsibility of gun ownership in a proactive way."

Price said there are not enough statistics or real world examples to prove that allowing handguns on campus is needed.



ULTRA, a sculpture by John Gregg, is located adjacent to the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center and has become a familiar site to Tarleton students. It is designated as a symbol for "unlocking limits that restrict achievement." The tip of the solid white sculpture points Due North.

"We don't know what the likelihood of an armed student holding off an attacker," he said. "This is all hypothetical. Will this save lives? We don't know."

Price pointed to statistics that say the chances of being killed in a school shooting spree are 2 million to one compared to the likelihood of being struck by lightning, which is 1 million to one.

"This is an incredibly rare event," he said. "Allowing handguns on campus will bring more risk than benefits. The increase of guns on campus will increase the likelihood of gun accidents."

McGregor was shot at age 13 in a gun accident, yet still supported the measure. He outlined a history of his life and the events that occurred to lead him to support the bill.

He grew up in a farming family and guns were used to protect livestock and family and also used for hunting.

While a student at Tarleton in 1995, he purchased his first handgun because of a robbery spree. As a secondary Ag educator, he felt the need to protect his students. He also has a wife and two daughters.

On April 16, 2007, his support of carrying on campus was confirmed.

"A friend in the Department of Ag Communication was there that day at Virginia Tech," McGregor said. "I called him and the fear in his voice was overwhelming. He didn't know where his students were and he felt like a caged animal locked in his office."

Since then, McGregor has been studying the concept of mass shootings on college campuses.

"At Virginia Tech, there were several incidences where the active shooter did reload. It's hard to think that someone armed couldn't have taken care of the situation. I would hope so, but there are no guarantees."

Carrothers, who retired after 31 years in law enforcement, questioned whether concealed handgun training is adequate.

"The Texas Legislature may be sanctioning a vigilante force," he said. "The statistics just don't support such an irrational response."

Opponents argue allowing guns will confuse law enforcement if they arrive on a crime scene and find several people carrying weapons. Carrothers agreed.

"This may cause more pain and confusion," he said.

The Texas Senate passed the SB 1164 on May 20, but it never made it to the Texas House floor for a vote before the session ended. The bill will not be considered again until the next Legislative session in 2011.

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English and Languages



Sandra Beaty receiving the Jack and Louise Arthur Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching from Dr. Dottavio

- English Instructor Sandra Beaty recently received the Jack and Louise Arthur Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. Beaty has been at Tarleton for 24 years.
- Tom Dodge, author of poems, essays and commentaries on public radio (KERA) was the guest lecturer at Tarleton's annual Creative Writing Day in April. This year's Editor's Choice Award recipients include: Aileen Blum, outstanding poet; Crystal Sims, outstanding poem; and Luscia Cossio, outstanding photographer.
- Dr. Moumin Quazi received the Student Life Award during the Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony held in April.

Fine Arts

- A highlight of the 2008-09 Gallery Season at the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center was "Stitches in Time: Tarleton's Historical Fashion Collection." The exhibit featured historical garments from the 1850s to the 1910s. Tarleton owns the collection of hundreds of garments, which have been donated during the years by family members of the people who wore the clothing.
- The Tarleton chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, the nationally recognized honorary theatre fraternity, recently made a donation of more than \$2,000 to the Cross Timber Family Services in Stephenville. The group raised the funds during a two-night run of "The Vagina Monologues" presented on campus in March. Originally launched in 1994, the V-Day movement has since been celebrated worldwide with the goal of spreading awareness about violence towards women.
- Erin "Rin" Standifer, a junior music performance major, was selected as the soprano soloist for the American Choral Directors Association National Collegiate Honor Choir.
- Trumpeter and composer Sean Jones topped off a day of jazz during Tarleton's 2009 Jazz Festival in March. As a bandleader, Jones has released three albums under the Mack Avenue Records imprint. He performs internationally with his own groups in addition to being lead trumpeter for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra in New York, which also features Wynton Marsalis.



Erin "Rin" Standifer

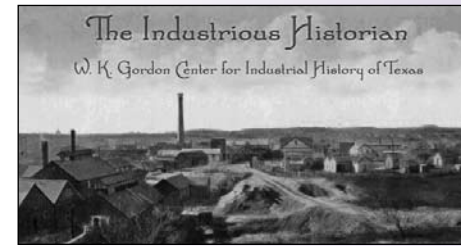
Communication Studies



Dan Malone

- Dan Malone was inducted into the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's Hall of Fame joining the ranks of Jim Lehrer of PBS, Bob Schieffer of CBS, Sam Donaldson of ABC News and journalist Bill Moyers.
- Joanna Hensley was named Outstanding Departmental Graduate. Hensley graduated with a 4.0 GPA and served as editor of the J-TAC during her career at Tarleton. She hopes for a career in sports broadcasting.
- Dr. Gay Wakefield is a co-editor of a new book to be published by the National Communication Association on assessment in Communication Departments.
- Communication Studies students began producing a weekly TV news program that ran on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on channel 9 of the local cable company, Northland Cable.
- "Take a Hike Ike," an activity by Sigma Chi, was named Program of Year at the Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony.

Social Sciences



- Tarleton's W.K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas in Thurber recently launched a blog, "The Industrious Historian," to highlight the many intriguing stories of this company town turned ghost town. The blog can be found at www.theindustrioushistorian.blogspot.com. The blog will reveal little-known details about the activities at Thurber and other industrial history sites around the state to entertain and educate its readers.

- Two former Tarleton students, Jeff Meador and Joe Grimshaw, recently presented research results at the annual meetings of the Texas State Historical Association in Austin and of the West Texas Historical Association in Lubbock. Both students recently earned their master's degree in history from Tarleton.
- Tarleton's W.K. Gordon Center in Thurber, Texas, hosted a free program in which visitors can learn how old cookbooks and family recipes can illustrate history through our grandparent and great-grandparent's food choices and habits. Tarleton's food expert, Dr. Jane Dennis, was the guest lecturer.
- T. Lindsay Baker, professor at Tarleton and historian, developed a course to examine historic food and eating in America. He begins with native people of the New World and leads the class all the way through dining on fast food in chain restaurants. Actual food preparation time is incorporated into the lesson plan each week. Baker also recently presented scholarly papers at the Texas State Historical Association and the West Texas Historical Association's annual meetings.

Social Work, Sociology, and Criminal Justice

- The Student Social Work Association received the Colonel Will L. Tate Organization of the Year Award at the Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony.
- The 2009 Social Work Program Field Education Agency Fair held in March was a huge success with numerous organizations participating. The organizations offer nine-month internships to senior Tarleton social work students and provide social work supervision for professional development.
- Dr. Carol Key, associate professor of sociology, attended the Western Social Science Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., in April. She presented a research paper titled "Rethinking Dichotomous Distinctions" and served as the moderator/discussant for the "Food, Poverty and Development" and "Development and the Expanding Influence of Global Institutions" panels.
- Dr. Pati Hendrickson's criminal justice class (CJ 424 Penology) took field trips to several correctional facilities this semester. Destinations included the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) pre-parole unit in Mineral Wells; FMC Carswell, the Federal Female Medical Facility in Ft. Worth; two Texas State Prisons in Gatesville, the TDCJ units Hughes and Mt. View; and the Hood County Juvenile Detention Center in Granbury.



Colonel Will Tate with Student Social Work Association members (L) Beatriz Ramirez and (R) Jennifer Arrington receiving the Colonel Will Tate Organization of the Year Award