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Students' rights concern mother of 4

Public service fills secretary's life

By Robert Morris  
Reporter

Heartfelt warmth and piercing honesty in a person are an uncommon combination, but Brazos County Court secretary Carolyn Davis admirably combines these two qualities in her job and family.

She sits, nervously playing with her plastic cigarette, a substitute for the real thing which — along with her nicotine gum — has become her constant companion since she gave up her 25-year smoking habit last summer.

It's times like these that her determination, warmth, and genuine concern for people come shining through.

Davis, 41, a county employee for the last year, spends most of her days on the job trying to appease and inform students who are in trouble because of traffic violations.

Davis characterizes the students' anger as "mild distress," a statement that well represents her tolerance for other people.

"I feel like I have a public service to do — after all, I have four children who are of college age and many times people don't know what their rights are," Davis says. "When they come in they are distressed and angry and they want some help and they don't need to be treated rudely."

Davis admits to becoming more of a cynic in the past year due to her dealings with students who tend to "lie about their particular extenuating circumstances regarding the payment of tickets."

"But I tend to believe people till they give me a reason not to."

Davis' ability to handle such tense situations with relative ease is derived from her unwavering humanitarian approach to life.

This is best illustrated by her extensive work in helping juveniles involved with drugs.

Her efforts don't stop at the doorstep of the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, where she does much of her volunteer work; they extend into her own home, where over the past year she has housed two teen-age boys at different times and worked with them to make their lives drug-free.

Her volunteer activities also include a major role in the organization of the ToughLove program in Brazos County, a program which works to straighten out problem teen-agers.

Davis says her involvement in both programs began while she was trying to help her nephew make his life free of drugs.

In the process, she found her

knowledge of the situation and ability to help were very limited.

However, her persistent nature drove her to find solutions to questions she felt needed to be answered.

"Part of the problem is that we spend an awful lot of time looking around trying to place blame," she says. "It's not anybody's fault, actually, unless you can blame the lackadaisical attitude of the American public."

Davis is a very busy person — large family, job, work on social issues — but she still tries to make time for more.

"I'm interested; the world is not a boring place," Davis says.

With all her other activities, Davis still places her priorities on her family.

"The most important thing to me is to have my children grow up into their own persons, free from parental prejudices but with full use of the knowledge that I can make available to them," Davis says.

This attitude comes from growing up around her stepbrother, Gilbert Shelton, whom Davis calls a free-spirit, a free-thinker and the most influential person on her life.

He currently is a successful underground cartoonist living in Paris, France.

Davis grew up in a family faced with the split of one set of parents by divorce, and the addition of four stepchildren to the family, which caused her to develop an open mind and allowed her contact with a wide range of thought, she says.

Her open mind causes Davis to strive constantly for change, both in her personal life and on a more esoteric level in the world in general.

"I'm by nature a person who thrives on nervous energy," Davis says. "The status quo makes me crazy."

It is this nervous energy which fuels Davis' desire to have the chance to spend more time on her "extracurricular activities" now that her children have reached adult age. Yet she has reservations about her newfound freedom.

"The hardest part of being a good parent is realizing all the children are grown," she says. "When they were younger it was hard because you have to have real stamina to be a good parent and you have to be willing to give yourself over to the task."

Still, the hardest part is breaking the habit of being a parent when they are ready to leave.

Her unselfish nature is evident in her choice of the job she would most like to have.

"I would like to run the Department of Agriculture," Davis says.



Brazos County Court secretary Carolyn Davis looks up traffic ticket records for a caller.

She cited the manner in which pesticides are used on crops and their effects on people as her major concern.

She says her interest in this derives from her work with her husband (who is a chemist) on their own gardens and the resulting knowledge she has gained from him.

"We grow food using techniques that are out of the mainstream, and get very good results," she says.

Davis' political beliefs are definitely liberal, yet many of her ideas about values and family are conservative.

She accounts for most of this by citing her environment.

She grew up in Houston, but at age 14 her family moved to the small town of College Station.

After marrying her first husband — a military man — at age 19, she left College Station and began a life of constant movement from which she said she gained a great insight into the world. She says that a year she spent in Germany was one of the most mind-expanding times of her life.

The growth she experienced in her travels was engraved on her

mind upon her return to College Station 11 years after she had graduated. During those 11 years, College Station had changed little — including the conservative bastion Brazos.

Davis says she felt uncomfortable for quite a while in the narrow confines of a small town, but became accustomed to (and eventually loved) the people around her.

She sees the transition of College Station from town to rapidly changing city changing the community atmosphere and the attitudes of its staunchly conservative residents.

However, she says that from her personal standpoint, the change is good and will result in the College Station area becoming more like its metropolitan neighbors — Dallas, Austin, Houston.

Davis, by her own account, is independent to the point of being stubborn. She likes to give her opinion and back it up with knowledge.

By her thoughts and actions, Davis certainly is someone who has influenced many people.

Protester sprays Mace on 'Platoon' viewers

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who leaped up during the movie "Platoon," began yelling about the Vietnam War and then sprayed three people with a can of Mace was held Sunday in the mental illness ward of Parkland Memorial Hospital, police said.

The crowd of 1,400 patrons at the Northpark Theater dove for cover when someone cried out that the woman had a gun. The weapon turned out to be the Mace can, police said.

Lilia Charters, 32, was charged with misde-

meanor assault, officer Robert McLeod said. Her husband Billy Charters, 50, was charged with disorderly conduct after he tried to prevent officers from arresting Mrs. Charters, McLeod said.

Two theater security guards and a man seated near Mrs. Charters were hit by the chemical, police said, but no one was seriously injured.

Officer Stephen O'Donnell said the Charters were taken to police headquarters. Mrs. Charters was placed in the mental illness ward after a judge signed an order. Charters was being held

in lieu of a \$213 bond on the disorderly charge and \$63 for a speeding citation, police said.

Theater-goers said Mrs. Charters had been shouting throughout the high-tension movie, apparently irate at the actions of American and sympathetic with the Viet Cong.

Witnesses said that during a village scene, Mrs. Charters held up a can of the irritant and began spraying the crowd.

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