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# The Western Texan

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## Employees take up premium payments

Suzette Harris  
WT Production Editor

Governor Bill Clements vetoed \$45.3 million in funds for insurance premiums for junior college employees.

WTC employees received a \$50 pay increase per month from the Board of Trustees. Employees who carry dependants on their insurance premiums were not helped by the raise because they now have to pay insurance premiums.

WTC faculty has not had a raise in two years. According to Dr. Harry Krenek, president of WTC, the raise/cut will not effect the performance of the faculty. "We have professional people here at WTC," Krenek said.

"There's a possibility of some faculty members looking to bet-

ter paying jobs," Krenek said.

"There are two basic groups of faculty, the oldies, which are the ones who have been here from the beginning. These people will not leave because they are committed. The other group is the newer faculty and our singles. These people are the ones who might leave," Krenek said.

According to John Forshee, government instructor, the Texas Junior College Teachers Association has taken some actions to have the insurance funded through the college.

"Before these actions are taken, they will need to have the support of legislation and themselves, so that we are adequately funded," Forshee said.

Forshee said he thinks there's a chance the insurance will be paid for by college funds in 1989.

## Funding Loss to Area Junior Colleges by Governor Clements' Veto

Institution	1988	1989	Biennial Total
Amarillo College	\$ 579,324	\$ 666,223	\$1,245,547
Austin College	717,912	825,599	1,543,511
Cisco Junior College	137,343	157,944	295,287
Howard County College	229,734	264,194	493,928
Midland College	260,932	300,072	561,004
Odessa College	471,935	542,725	1,014,660
Ranger College	78,659	90,458	169,117
Southwest Texas College	193,516	222,543	416,059
Western Texas College	142,321	163,669	305,990

\*Based on each college's share of insurance funds

\*\*Fall 1986 eligibility numbers were used; variations may have occurred for 1987

## \$45.3 million Clements vetoes funds

Chet Campbell  
WT Reporter

Two-year colleges in the state of Texas received a direct slap in the face from Governor Bill Clements. That was the reaction of Mary Parker, president of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association, to the Governor's veto of \$45.3 million for group insurance premiums for faculty and staff of junior colleges statewide.

Under state law, colleges are required to provide basic insurance coverage for their employees. "I have to believe that Mr. Clements received some grossly inaccurate information and some dreadful political advice," Parker said.

levels or risking rollback elections, will have to resort to cutting programs and increasing student tuition."

According to Dr. Harry Krenek, president of WTC, the funds lost will be replaced with funds previously set aside for such programs as expansion of the computer lab or purchasing instructional aids.

Another possible affect of the cut will be that junior colleges will not be able to attract the caliber of teachers that four-year universities attract. Dr. Krenek explains that teachers need good, modern facilities and if WTC cannot offer these facilities to new instructors, then they will go elsewhere.

"Many colleges will have no choice but to increase their local property taxes to absorb the loss of the state funds..."

According to a press release from the TJCTA, junior colleges were the only institutions of higher learning that were effected. WTC will lose approximately \$305,990 in state funds. The majority of this money goes to pay college employee's insurance premiums.

According to Parker, most colleges had already set their tuition, ad valorem tax rates and employees salaries. "Many colleges will have no choice but to increase their local property taxes to absorb the loss of the state funds, while others, presently taxing at minimum authorized

The exact reasoning behind the Governor's action is not completely understood. The only word from the Capital regarding the veto was in the Texas Government Newsletter. It said that Governor Clements had cut the funds and that colleges were expected to find the money elsewhere.

In return, Parker replied, "We think it is important, however, that the students and employees affected by the cuts and the taxpayers whose junior college taxes will increase know that these actions were direct results of Governor Clements' veto."

## Prison may effect economic activities in Scurry County

Kevin Pruitt  
WT Reporter

Scurry County still awaits an Oct. 15 decision by the Texas Department of Corrections on whether a 2,500 bed prison unit will be located here, submitted a new bid today for one of four 1,000 bed units. That could change the economic health of this area including WTC.

"Chances for a prison here are very good," Dr. Harry Krenek, president of WTC and a member of the steering committee, said. Krenek stated that work on the "Request Proposal" has been underway for 18 months and that the quality of it is excellent.

All the requirements for this type of prison have been met by the county, but many West Texas towns are submitting bids and every town says they have something extraordinary to offer. Scurry's contribution is WTC.

Faculty and staff members would go into the prison and teach the inmates. They would

not come into contact with inmates security only.

Realizing the possible concern about going inside the prison walls to teach, forms were sent out by the administration. Out of 78 forms to faculty and staff members asking if they would be willing to enter the prison to educate inmates, 42 responded yes and 6 responded no. Thirty of the 78 did not respond.

If the prison is located in the county and WTC faculty goes in to instruct, it will not hurt students interest but help it. Students will not be neglected by a shortage of instructors," Krenek said. Actually financially, it will increase the hiring of more highly qualified instructors. The instructors already on staff will divide their work loads and teach both on campus and in the prison Krenek noted.

Just about all subject matter will be covered in the prison curriculum, but the main courses will be vocational such as mechanics.

1,165 students enrolled

## Full-time figures prove third largest

Melinda Thomas  
WT Page Editor

The Fall enrollment at Western Texas College rose significantly from last fall with the number of full time students on the rise.

Although the number of full time students has increased, the numbers overall show that enrollment is down four percent compared to the 1986 figures. There are 1,165 students enrolled this year.

The 1987 on-campus enrollment is the largest that it has been in a non-funding year and the third largest of any fall semester.

The increase in enrollment has also boosted the number of contact hours, the number of hours a student is actually in the classroom. The total academic contact hours are up slightly to 195,840. The occupational education hours are up to 57,328. A three-hour class equals 48 con-

tact hours.

According to Dan Dever, registrar and veterans officer, the reason for the decline in enrollment is in the extension centers. Enrollment is down 41 percent. The extension center program has declined to the point where WTC must study alternatives related to this program.

One reason for the decline is the House Bill 72 which has made high school courses more stringent so that the students have less time to take college-level courses.

Again this semester there are many students who commute daily instead of living on campus. This year 8 percent of the students enrolled are commuters.

Dorm resident enrollment is also up and the dorms are full to capacity. However, Dever said it would be up to the board members to decide if additional dorms would be constructed.



College daze

WTC students converge on the main courtyard to discuss the day's events.  
—Photo by Ming Choy Lee

## WTC adds four to faculty, promotes two

Deidre Gantt  
WT Reporter

Western Texas College has four new instructors for 1987 and has promoted two staff members to new positions.

New on the teaching staff are Rockford Burris, math instructor and Roy Rosson, religion instructor and director of the Christian Student Center.

Staff personnel include Elaine Tate, typesetting supervisor; Dianna Bohannon and Darla Doty, administrative assistants in student services.

Burris, from Elida, NM, teaches of developmental math, intermediate algebra, college algebra, calculus, and business and economics math.

Burris earned his bachelor's of science degree from Eastern New Mexico University with a major in mathematics and a minor in statistics. He recently received his master's degree in statistical science from Texas Tech.

Burris taught at Post ISD for two years before coming to WTC and prefers teaching at a junior college. "There is less pressure and a better attitude among the students. You don't have to force feed the students, because they generally want to learn or they wouldn't be here," Burris said.

Burris is single and has ambitions to become politically involved in higher education, perhaps becoming a department chairman someday.

Rosson, Snyder, is the new

director of the CSC and instructs a course in Old Testament Survey this semester.

Rosson holds a bachelor of science in education from Angelo State University and has a master's in education from Sul Ross University, which was earned through a WTC extension center in 1979. He also recently completed 120 hours of Bible study at the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock to receive his preaching certificate.

Rosson taught in the Snyder ISD for ten years, and his wife Susan, was a teacher here for five years. They have two children.

Tate is the new typesetting supervisor for the WTC journalism department. She is in charge of all typesetting and is

the co-advisor of *The Western Texan* and the Press Club.

Tate says she is generally concerned with the layout of the paper and making sure the staff gets the best product published. Tate earned her bachelor's degree in mass communications in May 1986 from ACU.

She grew up in many places overseas, but says her roots are in Kuwait in the Arab Gulf. She speaks parts of seven languages including three African, two Arabic, French and English.

Tate and her husband Curtis live in Hermleigh. She was employed by KSNY for ten months before assuming her first teaching position at WTC.

Bohannon was promoted to an administrative assistant position

in the student services department. She has worked at WTC for one year.

Bohannon's duties include working with students in the areas of admissions, financial aid and housing. Bohannon says she enjoys the admissions area the most, because she gets to have direct contact with the students.

Bohannon is originally from White Deer and moved to Snyder with her husband, Lloyd, who coaches at Snyder Junior High.

She has a degree in business education from West Texas State University in Canyon. She says in the future she wants to finish her master's in education.

Doty is the new recruiting administrative assistant in student services. She was promoted to the

full-time position after serving as typesetting supervisor part-time for the *Western Texan* student newspaper for the past two years.

Doty's main responsibility is recruiting for the college. She enjoys promoting the image of the college and cites WTC's facilities as one of the main selling points to potential students.

Doty is currently planning a new general brochure for WTC, and lists the ability to transfer credits as one of the colleges strong points.

Doty is a Big Spring native with a bachelor's degree in agriculture communications from Texas Tech.

She and her husband Bob, WTC rodeo coach and agriculture instructor, have two sons



Standardized testing may be the only good provision to come out of the recent education legislation which included a \$45.3 million line item cut in the Texas budget to all junior colleges. While junior colleges are struggling to readminister less money more effectively, the 1989 required literacy testing of entering students' English, mathematics and writing skills provide at least a little more of an economic boost to the decreasing budgets.

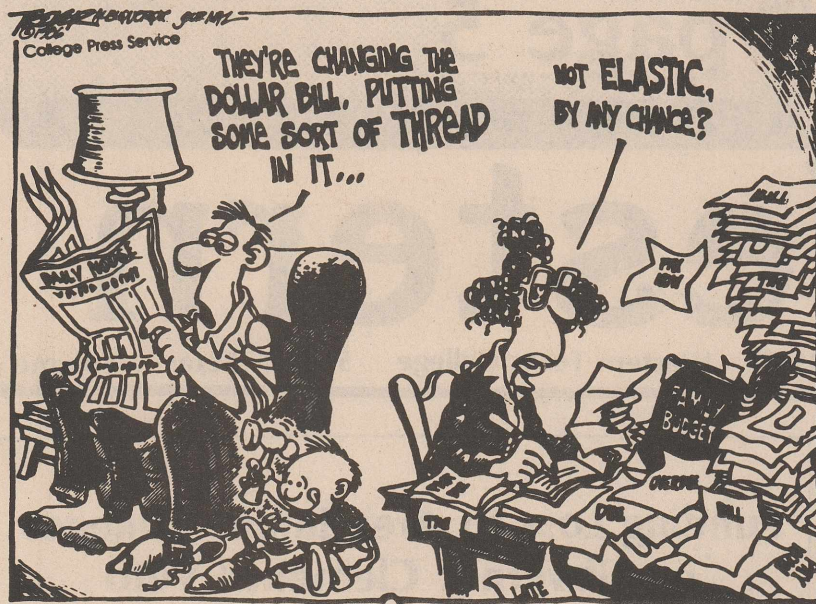
Because unsatisfactory scores on this blanket test will result in students' being placed into developmental classes, or classes specifically designed to improve skills in one of the particular areas through intensified, individualized instruction, junior colleges and WTC in particular will benefit in several ways.

Since WTC already has a developmental program, it will be able to offer services to students that many four-year colleges will not have yet. Some larger schools may not plan to get these programs, but will leave the responsibility to the junior colleges. This should lead to increased enrollment at WTC.

Then, if the students who were enrolled at WTC's developmental program show the improvement necessary to meet the standards and pass the test when it is re-offered at the end of their sophomore year, WTC's reputation as a teaching institution will be enhanced, according to Dr. Harry Krenek, president of WTC. Skills improvement will be credited to colleges which have administered the intensified programs, therefore, the institute will have to be more demanding. WTC could use some improvement in the demanding category. So that students will be able to pass the test as sophomores, the developmental standards will have to be high.

Another way WTC will be affected by the testing is that a new emphasis will be placed on helping students prepare for tests. The operative word here is prepare, as opposed to memorizing material long enough and just enough to pass. Learning, especially on a college level should be more than that. Dan Osborne, counselor, will offer workshops in this area.

State standardized testing requirements are not new, they have been in effect in many fields such as nursing, cosmetology, teaching and other vocational and academic areas for years. For junior colleges, this may be the best time for the requirement to be spread into the other areas.



## Equilibrium

By Staci Wood

## Testing affects all students

I won't fall under the new "standardized testing for all entering college students..." so why do I feel threatened? Because this test is the most obvious evidence to my politically ignorant mind that all those House Bills that caused so much chaos in high school are following me into college. My graduating class just missed taking the TEAMS test that high school juniors have to pass to graduate, and most of us will be the last class of college sophomores who don't have to take this test before we can continue into the upper level courses.

So I should feel lucky, right? I can support all the education reforms which are going to make Texans just as smart as the rest of the world's graduates without being a guinea pig in the cycle of being tested for literacy while the literacy tests are being tested to see how well they test for literacy so the testers of the test can turn around and test students again. See what I mean?

I am glad that improvements are being made, but since I'm just ahead of them I feel like I'm being cheated because all the younger students are going to end up being smarter than I am. Like that commercial for a university says, the kids of today are going to have to know twice as much to be as successful as their parents...I'm sure that makes the parents feel good. First they feel like what they know isn't worth

as much today as they thought, then they worry about how their kids will ever become successful if they're under so much pressure to learn so much more. That's how I feel, like what I'm learning isn't going to be worth as much as I thought. Sure I got A's in high school, but my A wasn't good as someone else's whose state had higher standards of literacy. Maybe our honor societies should be called "Society for the Honorary Developmental--the Best of the Worst," see how that looks on a diploma. Maybe that's taking it a little out of proportion, at least I hope so. Considering the fact that only two percent of the world's population go to college, developmental classes don't seem threatening.

Actually feeling threatened by the idea that our younger brothers and sisters and even kids are going to have more knowledge than we are is a selfish insecurity. It is probably a paranoia that gets worse when you get older unless you can put it into perspective. They have to know more, but when knowing more is the norm, they really don't know more than normal. So I guess it all balances out. And that's what I wanted to do with this column--find the balance, you know, the stuff about every action having an equal and opposite reaction. It seems like education reform would be the last place to look.



## Francly Speaking

By Tony Franco

## Editor promises informative sports year

I've been a sports editor for four years come Nov. 7 but I've never had my own column with my very own picture -- until now that is. It kind of puts a lump in my throat, though not like the one I feel when Rambo tells us we're going to have to get up and actually give a speech in Speech class. I'm counting the seconds.

This first crack at a column will probably be short, but I won't know for sure until I finish it. No kidding. I really don't have a certain subject about which I can enlighten ya'll (You're in Texas now). Manging Editor Staci Wood, who like me is from that great metropolis known as B&B...I mean Colorado City, told me not to say that, but I think honesty is important to a good writer-to-reader relationship...or to any relationship, isn't that so Rambo?

Anyway, I'll start by introducing myself. Tell me you care. Meet me. My name is Tony Franco but don't feel you have to address me as Mr. Franco. My claim to fame is that I once won a tug-of-war against a radio jockey while we were both perched atop our own elephant. That and the fact that my baby sister Esmeralda adores me (if she only really knew me).

I plan to get a degree that will allow me to teach math. I know it sounds crazy, but one thing I've learned to appreciate about math is that the answer is either right or wrong. There's not much room for personal interpretation. Rockford's made that pretty clear whereas Rambo and Mr. Lancaster might be the death of my return to school.

I'm not a very recent graduate of high school but I've been told I still look young by at least two retailers of beverages (I like to think so anyway). Personal information I like to save for more intimate settings.

I will tell you that I'm planning to spoil my little sister's high school adventure by being there as the strictest math teacher she'll ever know (we can't have favoritism).

The best thing about returning

to school is that I'm in contact with a lot of new, interesting people and the best thing about working for a newspaper is that it gives me an excuse to crowd their space.

The sports department here at *The Western Texan* will try to be informative about basketball, rodeo, golf and anything else Mike Harrison and Lee Burke might dig up over at Physical Education and Intramurals.

Speaking of characters, I have met a few. Good luck to Tony Mauldin. Go Westerners!!! I like Dave Foster's setup over in that tin building.

I've even met a few cowboys and cowgirls. That was a suspicious looking can in Dana Douglas' boot the other day. Could it be the bond that makes Rhonda West her friend? Another student from Colorado City, Missy Johns, introduced me to cowboy Canyon Blake Clowdus. He's cool. I guess I'm just used to sports as being something that includes some type of ball. He let me know that rodeo is a sport.

Daman Reynolds was at rodeo practice the other day and he likes adventure on the highway, too. Ask him about Loretta Lynn. I got to the arena a little too late. Seconds earlier and I could have witnessed Rhonda's landing. I just don't know about these ranch hands. Bob Doty seems just fine.

Daman said Adam Brewster's the best bull rider this side of Ira.

I'm not going to say anything about Mr. Kelly Chadwick. Dusters Erika Bunce and Shearon Rosemond stand out but not like his voice.

If you're interested in backing Westerner sports get in touch with Carl Williams and/or Ailen Parks. Or better yet, be in attendance.

Well, what do you think of the NFL strike? At least my circle of honyas can get Sunday afternoon football games at Wolf Stadium started without having to worry about what time the Cowboys kickoff. That reminds me...goodnight. I need some sleep before Monday morning.

## Politiking

By Howard Bigham

## Students not politically active

The year ahead appears interesting. The problems and solutions for educational systems and students grow daily.

It seems that all political candidates hold some answers. If they have no answers they have uncovered fresh problems.

Business leaders continue to expect graduates to be able to read and comprehend complex instructions.

Many politicians and educators have theorized that students are not as politically active as those of ten or 20 years ago. Research supporting this viewpoint was carried out by the University of California a few years ago.

Recent studies done by the University of Wisconsin suggests that although students begin as materialistic freshmen. They finish more politically aware seniors.

One thing most studies agree on is that since WW II post-secondary education has become very important. Most noticeably when the nation has problems then institutions of higher learning are called in to solve the problems.

The interesting part of the year is coming as educational institutions attempt changes. Changes in manner of thinking and working on problems.

Methods of funding most programs have already undergone radical changes or elimination on

state and federal levels.

Innovative programs and plans are effective if action matches desire for problem solving. Unfortunately, the effort to overcome difficulties becomes a victim of apathy. Too often so called "apathy" is unwillingness of students to commit themselves to work on non-class assignments.

The graduating seniors are encouraged to register early for the college of their choice. The males among them are reminded that they are required to register for Selective Service. Those same advisers hopefully are also suggesting that 18 year olds register to vote.

Failure to register to vote indicates that a person is willing to let others control them totally. Failure to vote allows another person to guide the non-voter's life.

Demographic research has shown that anytime there is a low voter turn-out that provides the edge needed for radical candidates and ideologies to gain approval of the majority voting.

On a slightly different note, on November 3 the polls will open and the voters decide the worth of 25 amendments and two referendum issues.

The amendments range from: how many Justice of the Peace officers should be in certain counties, to items that could raise taxes or cut taxes for certain eligible groups of people.

## Editor's Note

Welcome back to WTC. Since this is our first issue, Staci and I, as co-editors, would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to respond in a letter to the editors. They would be greatly appreciated.

You can pick up a copy of the *WT* in the student center, library, gym and in the lobbies of other buildings.



## Chet's Review

By Chet Campbell

## Fall season offers diversity

Are you picky about what you watch on television? Do you only like comedy or do you like drama and suspense? Perhaps you like a healthy dose of both mixed with a bit of excitement and action. Well, this season there is a potpourri of each. Try this on for size:

The setting is a smoke-filled jungle. The smell of blood and napalm linger in the still air. The characters are a small group of soldiers crawling through muck and mire searching out the hidden enemy. The average age of the soldiers is 19 and their backgrounds and temperments are diverse. Does this sort of drama and action turn you on? If so, then you need to watch "Tour of Duty". This war-time Vietnam program is a T.V. Guide Editor's

If bloodshed is a little too gory for you then how about "Dolly". This show promises to be a hit. Comparable with the Sonny and Cher, Carol Burnett and Osmond Family shows, it brings to the screen a new contemporary mix-

ture of song, dance and humor and all presented by the lucious Dolly Parton.

"A Year in the Life" is a family drama based on the mini-series that aired on NBC last December.

The emotional power that the show uses to present daily events in a family's life is so absorbing that one feels like a part of the show. This show takes the ideas of programs such as "The Waltons" and places them in a more true, realistic light thus providing enjoyment and learning for the entire family.

"Three's Company" may be a little disappointed by John Ritter's performance in his new show "Hooperman". Ritter has reached a higher plane, he is serious, he actually acts!

Oh My! Harry won't be on the bench. So begins another season of Night Court. Believe it or not Harry will not be passing judgement, instead it will be...

There is a total of 19 new programs airing this fall.

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# News

## Literacy test required for educational quality

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Leslie Templeton  
WT Reporter

Literacy is a problem in the educational system that everyone should be familiar with by now. Some students are going through high school and college without receiving a quality education. These students are graduating without the skills they need to meet state and national literacy standards. Some are basic skills such as reading and writing.

The Texas Legislature has come up with a check system that will detect these students and allow them to concentrate on their weaker skills. This piece of legislation is for standardized testing. The bill goes into effect in the fall of 1989.

All college freshmen will be required to take this test of basic level skills. The students will pay for their own test unless they are financially needy. Then, the state will cover the cost of the test for them. If a student does not pass the test, he/she will be allowed to

retake the test until sixty credit hours are accumulated. If the student has not passed the test by then, he/she will not be allowed to move on to upper level classes.

The purpose of this test is to allow students to improve their skills so that they are compatible with national standards of literacy.

Most four-year colleges as well as junior colleges already have programs designed to help students sharpen some basic skills. WTC currently offers developmental courses for the students who show need based on their ACT or SAT scores. These are college level courses with individualized help and labs.

Gerald Corkran, director of developmental reading center, and Marilyn Lancaster, assistant professor of English, are instructors who help the students individually and in lab.

Lancaster believes that the new testing will make a change in how classes are taught. "It puts more pressure on the student and the teacher," Lancaster said.

"Teachers will be accountable for what they teach," she added. As for the student, Lancaster believes the pressure will be on them to retain what they are being taught. "Many things that students are taught are remembered only long enough to write down on a test paper," she said.

The test may also cause changes in the enrollment of schools. Lancaster believes that the test may make or break a school's reputation depending on how many students are passing the standardized test in that particular school. "Parents will send their kids where they think they'll get a good education," Lancaster said.

She also believes that more students may show up at junior colleges because students feel they need help, and will want to go where the student-teacher ratio is smaller and where they can receive individualized attention.

The standardized test has two years before it will go into action.

## Studies aid GLT majors

By Howard Bigham  
WT Reporter

Today's landscape technologist must be a highly skilled "jack of all trades." The GLT students at WTC study the latest available information in many diverse disciplines.

The disciplines of chemistry, biology and agriculture so they will be able to determine which chemicals to use and their affects.

The math and engineering disciplines are relied on to produce functional and decorative combinations of plants and landscaping that will compliment one another.

Irrigation systems both underground and above ground are necessary for proper maintenance of landscaping. Irrigation technology ties math, engineering, biology and chemistry together with agriculture/horticulture to insure that plants receive adequate nutrients and water. This technology also enables a landscaper to time the growth and maturation of vegetation in order to maintain a well-manicured appearance.

Additionally, the students must study management of financial, as well as, environmental resources.

The landscape technology department has increased its enrollment by 21 students. One of the new students is a woman.

There are now two women enrolled in the classes relating to golf/landscape or greenhouse management.

Donnie Buckland, GLT instructor, attributes the sudden increase in enrollment to "increased credibility of WTC and the word getting around that the program here is a very good one."

Rusty Glanton of Albuquerque, N.M., said he and a co-worker came here at the recommendation of their employer.

The golf course supervisor met James Eby, GLT instructor, at a supervisor's convention in Denver, Colo..



Future star

Mary Lee Hicks, Roby, sings her rendition of Anne Murray's "Mommy's Crazy" at the WTC Pop's Concert Tuesday night.

—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

## Krenek encourages students to expand

Suzette Harris  
WT Production Editor

Editor's note: Dr. Harry Krenek, president of WTC gives his thoughts to the students on getting involved in many aspects of college life.

"I would like to ask all students to take advantage of the opportunity to participate, and not just in the classroom, but to participate in campus activities such as student government, ball games and other organizations." "I would like to encourage

students to meet new people and to examine other people's values and their own values as well."

"Don't be afraid to try new things because you might fail. This is the last time to fail without any penalties. After you graduate, you have a job and can't fail."

"Try other courses and experiment. That's how you learn. I would like for you to get to know the faculty and staff. WTC has an outstanding group of people. They're worth knowing outside of the classroom."



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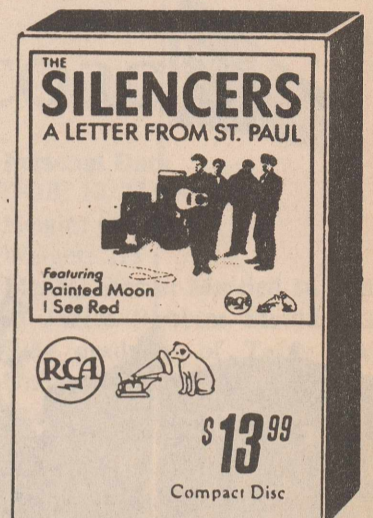
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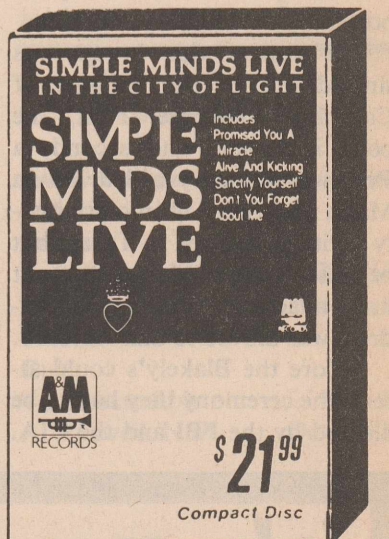
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## GLT program

### Life in United States, dreams become reality

By Kevin Pruitt  
WT Reporter

Linc Taylor has come from South Africa to WTC to major in GLT (Golf Landscape Technology).

Taylor traveled so far because WTC is one of the three GLT programs in the nation.

A fifth generation South African, Taylor graduated from agricultural high school last spring. His father moved to New Mexico two years ago and now works on a zebra farm that is the only one of its kind in the world.

Taylor came to America for education, but that is not all. "Everyone in South Africa dreams of coming to America. This is where everything happens," Taylor said.

Although he enjoys the U.S., it didn't quite meet all of his expectations. "The big cities, such as Chicago, were exciting but the people were not as friendly as anticipated. The West is vice-versa. The people are friendly but it is not so exciting."

All in all, Taylor is glad he came. "It is such a great opportunity," said Taylor.



LINC TAYLOR



—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

## Pool shark entertains students

Melinda Thomas  
WT Page Editors

Jack White, an internationally famous pocket billiard artist, attracted a large number of WTC students in the student center on Thursday, Sept. 24. He proved to be a crowd pleaser.

White has performed for

presidents of the United States, the Queen of England and presidents of many Latin American countries. He has also appeared on the Ed Sullivan show, the Tonight Show and ABC's Wide World of Sports.

"He was comical and an excellent pool player," Holly Jones, Sweetwater, said. "He put on a good show. He knew his

stuff," she added.

During his performance, White maintained a steady stream of jokes, gestures and anecdotes to the delight of his audience.

White has pleased crowds at many other colleges in Texas. After his visit to Southwest Texas State University, one observer commented, "We are excited about having you back.

You're something else."

The assistant dean of students from Howard College in Big Spring told White, "Our students really enjoyed your show in

September and are looking forward to your next visit here. You are a credit to your profession."

## Oc-tech division buys surplus diesel

Staci Wood  
WT Managing Editor

Jerry Dennis, chairman of the occupational-technical division, wants his students to have experience in many areas of automotive and diesel mechanics.

One way he provides this diversity is to train students on equipment bought at low-cost government surplus outlets, then sell the rebuilt vehicle or engine for profit, or use it in the shop lab.

"We buy from surplus because it is cheaper. Diesel equipment, even just the engines, is very expensive," Dennis said.

This year diesel students have bought an international flatbed truck which they are planning to use to haul heavy equipment. Engine work on this truck took about six weeks. Kevin Buck, diesel and automechanics student, knows anything is possible in Dennis' search for diversity.

"This truck was something dif-

ferent because its one of its own (kind). If it hadn't been that (kind), there's no telling what he'd come up with."

Now, including this truck, the yard joining the diesel lab is full of equipment such as front-end loaders, graders, and a crane. This will all be used to train both high school and college students.

With a full department this year, the students will work on an average of six projects at a time, with at least two students

per project. "Since most of the equipment is heavy, it takes at least two to move the equipment around, so they work in pairs," Dennis said.

In the process of repairing and reselling these trucks and pickups, the department recovers any money they have invested. "We sell the pickups, engines, or parts for enough to cover the costs. This way the money is recovered, and the department is self-sustaining," Dennis said.

# Blakely receives audience with Pope

by Staci Wood  
WT Managing Editor

For many people, the papal visit to America was just another current event, but for Pat Blakely it meant an invitation to have personal audience with the pope.

Mrs. Blakely, who works on campus with the women's group IMAGE, and her husband were part of a group of 1000 Polish Catholics who attended a private ceremony on Sept. 13 at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio where they were addressed by the pope.

The reason this group was singled out of the millions of Catholics is simple. First, the pope is Polish, and second, a Polish community called Panna Maria near San Antonio originally invited the pope to Texas, but because Panna Maria did not have adequate facilities, the address was moved to San Antonio.

Before the Blakely's could attend the ceremony they had to be cleared by the FBI and the CIA.

They were then given credential documents which certified their clearance. Once they arrived at the assembly, they had to go through three security checks. "The security was incredible. We were searched, everything in my purse was completely checked, and there were metal detectors. There were security people everywhere—on top of buildings, looking out of windows, everywhere imaginable," said Mrs. Blakely.

Once inside, the Blakely's sang and prayed with the others in Polish. Mrs. Blakely said some were dressed in Polish costumes and there was Polish food being sold. "It brought back many happy memories, being surrounded by Polish people. It helped me re-establish my Polish Catholic connection in an area not predominately Catholic," she said.

Pope John Paul II arrived by helicopter. "We all heard the helicopters and we knew the pope

was arriving," she said, "he addressed us in Polish and then he sang to us in Polish. It was a very moving experience." The pope's address was about the Polish heritage, and the close association the Polish people have with the church.

According to an article in *The West Texas Angelus*, a Catholic publication, Pope John Paul told the 1,000 persons of Polish descent, "The Church in the United States was richly blessed when the first Polish immigrants settled in Texas in a place named Panna Maria." Panna Maria, founded in 1854, is the oldest permanent Polish U.S. settlement.

The article noted that there are 167,000 Texans of Polish descent. The pope, in adding humor

to the gathering, told his Polish audience that the hot Texas weather was the reason some Polish immigrants left for Chicago and Detroit.

To Mrs. Blakely, participating in this ceremony had meaning in her faith, and in her work here at WTC. "Seeing the pope and his outreach to many people and na-

tions has helped me remember the goal of all of us should be to extend our hand to make others' life meaningful and ours meaningful."

Mrs. Blakely hopes that her outreach here can follow the example the pope has set. "Here I work with people of all walks of life. The pope's mission to this

country was the same thing. We all have different ideas and approaches to life but we all belong to the family of life here on earth," she said.

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# Rodeo begins season

**Tony Franco**  
WT Sports Editor

Though his Western Texas College rodeo team didn't enjoy the success he might have hoped for, Coach Bob Doty's cowboys and cowgirls began their current season at an Eastern New Mexico University rodeo held at Portales, NM Sept. 19-20.

Final team standings in the ENMU men's division were Odessa College in first place with 240 points followed by Howard College 225, Sul Ross University 205, Tarleton State University 200, ENMU 170, Vernon Regional Junior College 135, WTC 85 and Texas Tech University 75.

Standings for the women are TSU and ENMU tied for first with 125 points, Texas Tech 120, WTC 100 and Odessa College 50. The WTC cowboys got all their points in the steer wrestling competition where freshman Ray Brown took second place behind All-Around Cowboy Guy Yarbrough of OC.

Brown wrestled his steer in 4.7 seconds the first go then came back with a 5.1 Sunday for a combined score of 9.8. Yarbrough had times of 4.5 and 4.2 for an 8.7 total.

Another top finish for the Westerners was freshman Micheal Gaffney's second place in bull riding. Gaffney held on for a 71 and a 77 for 148 points—one point behind winner Joey Hubbard of HC.

Gaffney's finish did not count toward the point standings,

however, because he was not one of the six designated players (scorers) for WTC. Also competing in bull riding was freshman Denny McLanahan.

The WTC men also got a fourth place finish from sophomore Shawn Goemmer in saddle bronc riding. Kenny Taton also competed in saddle riding. McLanahan added a sixth place finish in bareback riding.

Sophomore Jesse Colburn, the defending national runner-up barrel racer, led the WTC cowgirls with a second place finish in that event. Colburn led the event after one run with a time of 17.83 and came back with a 12.87 for a combined score of 35.70. Winner Britaney Woods of TSU trailed Colburn by .05 seconds after the first run but overtook Colburn with a 17.83 in the second run to win by .19 seconds. Also competing in the barrel race was freshman Melanie Graf.

Sandy Scott gave the WTC women a fifth place in goat tying and competing in team roping were sophomore Thad Springer and freshman Barry Byrd.

Runner-up All-Around Cowboy was Ken Berry of HC. All-Around Cowgirl was ENMU's Patty Dixon with 125 points.

Bob Doty has been the WTC rodeo coach for nine years and for seven years his men's team was second best in regional. That ended last year when the Cowboys won the Southwest Regional title and went on to take fifth place at the national rodeo.

In 1986 the men took second at regional but won the national title. A national runner-up title was captured in 1982—a year in which they took second to Sul Ross at the regional and national levels.

Doty's women's team was regional champ in 1986.

WTC had the 1987 national runner-up calf roper but that cowboy has gone to TSU. Among those that are returning for another season at WTC are Colburn; Adam Brewster, who took fourth place in the regional bareback and bull riding; Wesley Henderson, who was fourth in the regional saddle and bronc riding; and Steve Roberts, who took fifth in the regional saddle bronc riding but is not competing now because of a broken foot.

"We also got Scott Sharp back," said Doty. "He should've been high in regional. We also have Sandy Scott and Jo Ditt Dandley back for the girls."

Doty counts 28 men and 4 women out for the 1987-88 rodeo team. "After the first rodeo it didn't look too good," he said. "But I've seen the competition and I think we can compete with them. It's going to be hard to pick players."

Only six men and three women are designated as players for any particular rodeo but others may vie for individual points that count toward national competition. The WTC rodeo team's fall schedule has the hands going to Sul Ross Oct. 1-4, to Vernon Oct. 8-11 and to Texas Tech Oct. 22-25.



TONY MAULDIN

## Mauldin new WTC coach

**Tony Franco**  
WT Sports Editor

Whatever it is that Tony Mauldin does one thing is certain—it works.

Tony Neal Mauldin, 38, is the new coach for the Western Texas College men's basketball team (replacing Phil Spradling). He brings to WTC a long list of accomplishments.

Some hoop fans may have heard of the Morton Indians. Last school year the Indians ventured to Austin and brought home the 1987 Class AA boys basketball title. That was just one in a long string of accomplishments for Morton High School under Mauldin's coaching, including three state titles, a winning district record for the last six years and the only Texas team in any classification to make it to the state tournament for the last six years in a row.

"The first state title was in 1983," said Mauldin. "That's the one you get most excited about because it's your first. It was just an unbelievable thing. You're looking up at the clock and thinking, I can't believe it, we're actually going to win. It's really a high."

Mauldin has experienced many aspects of basketball. After playing in Zephyr and Brownwood, where he also lettered in track and tennis, Mauldin went on to play basketball four years at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

"I wasn't a great player," said

Mauldin. "I just played and contributed." As a 6'5" forward, Mauldin and HPU were ranked nationally in the top five every year. His contributions did not go un-recognized, however.

In 1982 he was awarded the Horace Neely Sportsmanship Award by the Southwest Basketball Officials Association; in 1986-87, the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Presidential Award; and in 1984, was picked to coach the Texas all-star team.

As of June, Mauldin has been making plans to improve the Westerners' success record. Mauldin said the Westerners are "pretty much starting over. We've got a lot to do. I'm trying to get the kids to play hard and play team ball," Mauldin said.

"The keys are discipline," Mauldin said. "Play hard and work hard."

WTC practically owned Region V basketball in the 1970's to early 1980's, taking six regional titles and two national titles in 1975 and 1980.

WTC was 11-17 last year and returning are 6'7 Harvey Marshman and 6'4 Darrell Nelson of Va. and 6'6 Gerald Wells of El Paso.

"The level of talent is better in college," Mauldin said. "As far as coaching methods, a good high school coach will be a good college coach. There is great talent in this conference. It's considered the toughest in the nation."

The Westerners begin the 1987-88 basketball season by hosting Cisco Junior College Nov. 2.

**Personal Data**

DOB: 12/22/48  
Height: 6'5"  
Weight: 215  
Marital Status: Married 16 years to Janice Robbins Mauldin. A 1984 graduate of Texas Tech University, she has taught one year in elementary school and 2 years as a high school math teacher.

Children: Tonya 7/7/73; Molly 3/20/75; Emily 6/5/76  
Church Affiliation: Church of Christ

Playing Experience: Played basketball 4 years at Howard Payne College. Lettered in basketball track and tennis in high school.

EDUCATION  
High School: Brownwood, Texas-Brownwood High School  
College: Graduated Cum Laude from HPU in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree.

Graduate Work: 6 hours from University of Texas at San Antonio and 6 hours from Texas Tech University.

OCCUPATIONAL  
Morton High School: 1978-79, 227-83  
Merkel High School: 1976-78, 41-17, 1976-77 District Champions  
Boerne Junior High: 1971-73, 51-16  
Total 366-160  
Head Basketball Coach experience 14 years  
Head Football Coach experience 8 years  
Taught Biology, Physical Education, Driver Education  
Coached basketball, football, golf, tennis and track

## Beal leading golfers

**Tony Franco**  
WT Sports Editor

The Western Texas college golf team, which already has to its credit strong finishes at two earlier tournaments, left Tuesday for a Pecan Valley Recreational Tournament being held in Fort Worth.

The Pecan Valley tournament is the third of the six stops on the Westerners' 1987 Fall tour. The team has participated in a Grayson College Invitational Sept. 14-15 and hosted their own leg of the conference tour at WTC Sept. 19.

Freshman Jeff Beal of Andrews led the Westerners to third and fourth place team finishes at the Grayson and WTC tournaments, respectively.

Beal finished in third place at the Grayson tournament in Denison. He shot a two over par 74 for the first 18 holes played at Tangelwood Country Club then came back with an even par 72 on the second 18 holes played at Grayson College. His two day totals of 146 left him trailing Rob Cummings of Paris, who shot a 144, and Mike Ryan of Odessa who shot a 145.

Medalist Cummings' play led the Paris A team to a first place total of 595 (302 and 293, par 288) while Ryan's Odessa team took second at 596 (300-296). WTC's third place scores of 300 and 304 left them nine strokes behind the leaders at 604.

Joining Beal on the WTC white team were freshman Gray Schoen of Hamilton 75-75, 150 (tied for 13th); sophomore co-captain

Kevin Glaspie of Stanton 76-79, 155 (tied for 26th); sophomore J.D. McLelland of El Paso 78-78, 156; and freshman Mike Thelen of Marble Falls 75-72, 157.

For the WTC blue team, which took 8th out of 15 teams, were freshman Mark Burgen of Andrews 73-76, 149 (tied for 10th); freshman Darrell Cofer of Memphis 74-76, 150 (tied for 13th); sophomore co-captain Clint Adams of San Angelo 77-77, 154 (tied for 26th); sophomore Jack Poe of Sweetwater 85-79, 164 and sophomore Mark Gonzales of Stanton 87-91, 178.

"The white team played well," Foster said. "Tuesday we could not get anything going, we played in the rain all day. This was our first tournament. It was not a bad showing," he added.

Beal followed his third place finish at Grayson with runner-up medalist honors at the WTC tournament.

Golfers played three rounds on the nine-hole, par 70 WTC course. Medalist Rueben Dimatteo of New Mexico Military Institute took the early lead with 68 over the first 18 holes. Beal and Chris Koffman of New Mexico Junior College

three golfers carded 36's on the final nine holes, leaving Dimatteo at 104, Beal and Koffman tied for second at 105.

NMJC's winning score of 428 was worth five points in the conference standings while the others collected 4,3,2 and 1 point in descending order

second with a 430, Midland College third at 431, WTC finished just four strokes behind the

leaders at 432 followed by OC's 438.

Other scores for WTC were McLelland 74-36, 108; Burgen 74-37, 109; Cofer, 75-36, 111; Schoen, 74-37, 111 and Adams 78-38, 116.

Other members of the team are sophomores Todd Neal of LaCosta, Calif., Rick Cruz of San Angelo, Rob Hunsucker of Clovis N.M., Lance Jones of Andrews, Sean Gallagher of Houston and Harley Palmer of Breckenridge.

"I feel good about this team," Foster said. "This year's team has four freshman starting. They're outstanding freshmen but it'll take them time to adjust to collegiate play. We'll be better in the spring," he added.

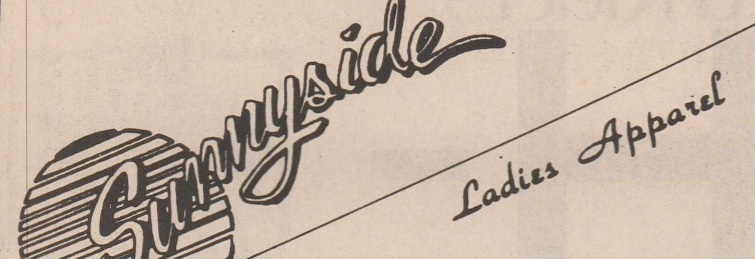
Foster, who has been at WTC for seven years, started out as an assistant in 1980-81. He became coach the next year and was named athletic director the following year.

Last year, the Westerners took fourth in conference and regional and were ranked 18th nationally.

Five golfers make up a team for regular tournament play but six play in conference meets. "Any one of five teams could win the conference," Foster said.

Five of the teams were ranked in the top 15 nationally last year—headed by NMMI at 3, OC at 6 and NMJC at 9. "This is the toughest conference in the nation," Foster said.

The rest of the fall tour for the Westerners takes them to a conference meet in Roswell, N.M. Oct. 15-16.



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# On Campus

## Center reopens under new direction

By Becky Sullivan  
WT Reporter

After having been closed a year for economic reasons the new Christian Student Center is open once more under the leadership of Roy Rosson.

The purpose of the CSC is to provide students with a christian environment. The CSC offers two services: group activities and

religious courses.

The CSC is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The center is equipped with a television set and a library. The library has a computer and a variety of religious books.

Kappa Chi, an organization closely affiliated with the CSC,

offers a variety of group activities such as meetings, retreats and intramural activities. The meetings are scheduled for Wednesday nights from 8:45 to 10:00.

The purpose of the organization is to "provide wholesome recreation and Christian fellowship on campus", said Jennifer Goodwin, secretary reporter of Kappa Chi. Membership is open to all WTC students.

Kappa Chi recently elected officers. The president is Doug Pruitt, Toby Stevens is the treasurer, all of Snyder.

Stevens said she joined Kappa Chi to meet people and Goodwin joined the organization for the Christian atmosphere.

The CSC offers two courses, each worth three credit hours. In the fall semester a course in Old

Testament survey is offered and in the spring semester a New Testament survey is offered. The courses examine the purpose, meaning and authors of the different books of the Bible.

Kappa Chi plans to serve a meal for a different floor of the dorm once a week. Once a month, they will serve a meal for the people who stay in the dorms on weekends.

### Briefs

#### Senate elects officers

New student senate officers for the 1987-88 school year are: Pres. Laura Roe, Brownfield; Vice Pres. Nikki Stewart, Dunn; Secretary Rocky Rodriguez, Donna; Treasurer Susan Villalobos, Abilene; Historian Shannon Cloe, Liberty.

#### PTK washes canines

The new PTK officers are Pres. Jim Miller, Lubbock; Vice Pres. Jon Traylor Snyder; Secretary Stacey Hillis, Snyder; Reporter Amy Wilson, Snyder; Historian Dannielle Tice, Hamlin. PTK officers and sponsors will travel to San Antonio for a leadership conference Oct. 1-3. PTK induction will begin Oct. 8 and they will sponsor a dog wash Oct. 11.

#### Press club election

The Press Club officers for the 187-88 school year are Pres. Mark Rauterkus, San Angelo; Vice Pres. Suzette Harris, Snyder; Secretary/Treasurer Ming Choy Lee, Singapore. The Press Club will sponsor a photo booth at WTC Oct. 5 and 6. "We urge students to come out and capture your college years on film, said Rauterkus.

#### Golf contest

There will be a four-man scramble, Saturday, Oct. 10 at the WTC golf course. The cost is \$25 per man or \$100 per team. Entry deadline is Oct. 8. There will also be a longest drive and closest to the pin contest. Proceeds will benefit the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Fund at WTC.



Poised with a smile

The 1987-88 WTC cheerleaders are top center: Leslie Warren, Snyder; second row from left: Laura Roe, Brownfield; Amanda Reeves, Sweetwater; bottom row from left: Susie Foster, Ira; Becky Lopez, Abernathy; and Nikki Stewart, Dunn.

#### Paint job

### Dorm renovations enhance lobby look

Maurie Perry  
WT Reporter

Last year the walls in the dorms were: green, gold and beige. This year it looks to be a mixture of ancient and modern art.

"It's a bit unusual, but a nice change from last year," Dannielle Tice of Hamlin, said.

Currently, the color schemes of the dorms are teal, purple and brown.

The past summer the maintenance department put in considerable effort. They built a

new study room and repainted the lobby and dorm halls.

They refinished furniture, had some of the couches reupholstered, as well as installing some new pieces.

The artwork on the lobby walls was painted by Linda Martin of Snyder.

The school went to the trouble of painting the lobby area and Vickie Harrison, dorm director, asks the students to try to not scratch the paint off.

"A lot of the time students will do it and not realize it," Harrison said.

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#### Visitation hours;

### Dorm privileges abused Compromise possible

Maurie Perry  
WT Reporter

There has been wide spread discontent among the dorm residents. The visitation hours last year were 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The hours this year are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Although, these are not the most convenient times for most, some students abused the privilege showing no concern for fellow students last year. "The rooms belong to two people and one may always have visitors and the other (occupant) would not have time to study or do whatever they need to do," Vickie Harrison, dorm director, said

"Although most students do not study until late," Harrison said, "there will be no change in the visiting hours, but maybe visitors will be allowed from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. once a week and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m."

Comments about the rules for dorm residents carry the message that they were treated better at home (had more freedom).

"We're adults and it's our money, therefore, it's our place. We should have visitors at our convenience, not the school's," John Paul Browning, Munday, said.

Students thought they should be allowed to vote on the rules they wanted.



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