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Western Texas College, Snyder, Tx. 79549

Board opinion varied on WTC sports' costs

One says sports 'integral'

Board member Bob Hargrove

By Janice Northern
Texan Staffer

"Sports are an integral part of a college education," according to Dr. Robert Hargrove, college board trustee. Hargrove, who says he is an avid sports fan, was interviewed at a recent WTC basketball game. He makes it a point to attend all the games, and says he feels that an athletic program adds to what WTC has to offer.

Commenting on recent discussion at a college board meeting about the amount of money being lost on the sports program, particularly basketball, Hargrove said there will always be areas that "don't pay," but that is not necessarily a reason to eliminate them.

He also pointed out that the elimination of the basketball program would also mean a loss of those students involved with the

program and an accompanying loss of state funds. WTC receives state funding based on the number of contact hours students are enrolled for. A loss of 35 students, the number currently involved in basketball, would result in a decrease of \$116,089 in total projected income from tuition and state funds.

Hargrove said he feels the
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Trustee Baze...

Expense also considered

By Jimmie Sturdivant
Texan Staffer

Because of athletic expenses totalling some \$277,000, offset by an income of approximately \$27,000, one member of the board of trustees thinks that WTC should reorder its priorities.

Roy Baze said, "In the November board meeting, an audit was looked at which showed the amount of expenses over revenue. I felt that some consideration and discussion needed to be taken to find a way to cut expenses or increase

revenue."

In a recent interview, he expressed the most concern about the expenses of the men's and women's basketball programs, the lack of attendance at their games and the fact that for the past five years the golf course had a deficiency of \$179,000, including \$67,000 for 1988-89.

He also stated that of the five areas of the athletic program: men's and women's basketball, golf, rodeo and general athletics—which
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TDCJ academy to be 'new'

Western Texas College is preparing to implement a "first" for community colleges in the region, a year-round training academy for Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers.

Planners say a minimum of 200 new students and perhaps as many as 400 can be served annually through the new WTC program. It will be offered through the adult vocational education program here.

The increase in students is expected to produce a "dramatic" increase in state funding to the college, according to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president. Hours offered through adult vocational education receive state funding for student "contact hours" in the same way as traditional college courses.

In addition, the structure of the new program is expected to prompt an influx of new individuals into the community, students who will remain in Snyder for a one-month period as they complete the 120-hour course of instruction.

"I think you'll see local economic benefits, particularly for restaurants and motels," Krenek said.

As planned, the academy will offer three-weeks of training every other month on a year-round basis. On alternate months, the application process for a new class will be completed.

The first class is expected to begin April 1, said Mike Thornton, head of the adult vocational education program here and the designer for the new TDCJ academy.

He noted classes would consist of a minimum of 20 students and a maximum of 40.

The program addition will also see a new fulltime faculty member added to the WTC staff. That individual is expected to be employed by March 1, Thornton said.

The person's duties will include serving as an instructor in the college's existing criminal justice program, which offers course work for prospective law enforcement officers.

The newly implemented TDCJ academy will be in addition to the correctional officer training program now offered which allows students to complete the course work over a 10-week period.

The training curriculum for

See ACADEMY, page 6



"Draw" Partner

WTC students Thursday entered a contest patterned after the "Win Lose or Draw" television game. Shown participating are, from left, Anna Alvarez,

Meredith Goodwin, Lorre Moser, Cathey Crowder and Tabitha Lewis. Texan Photo by Michael Avila

WTC activities to observe 'college month'

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

February is Community College Month in Texas and WTC has a full month of activities slated.

This coming Thursday, WTC

will host a three-hour Powderpuff Mechanics Workshop. This workshop is open to any woman interested in learning the basics about automobiles. The workshop will be free of charge and will be pre-

sented by Charles Ivie.

On Sunday, the spring inductions into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) will be staged. The ceremonies are planned at the Fine Arts Theater.

The 12th will have WTC host

area cheerleaders at the basketball game against Odessa College.

Candidates for the upcoming county elections will be on campus Feb. 13 for a "Meet the Candidates" event.

That night a valentines dance will be held in the Student Center also.

On the 14th, WTC students will be asked to participate in signing valentine cards for nursing home patients and those in the extended care ward at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

WTC will host basketball games against NMMI on the 15th and there will be no classes on the 16th due to the TJCTA convention.

On the 17th there will be a Scurry County Government Seminar at the Fine Arts Theater from 8 a.m. until noon (see related story inside).

The third annual volleyball game pitting faculty members and community leaders will be held on the 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the WTC gym. All students are welcomed to attend.

Immediately after the game an open house will be held for anyone wishing to see the new weight room. There will be persons present. See MONTH, page 4

College board to have trustee posts to expire

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

An election will be held on May 25 to determine two positions on the WTC board of trustees.

Members with expiring six-year terms this year are Bill Wilson, an original WTC board member, and Roy Baze, a member since 1983.

The first day to file is Feb. 19 and the cut-off date will be March 21. The period of absentee voting will be April 16 through May 2. There will be three polling areas: in Ira at the community center, Hermleigh at the high school and at Snyder city hall.

Anyone who is a resident of Scurry county and is registered to vote may vote in the election.

Wilson, who is also president of the board, is a local businessman who owns two local auto dealerships.

Baze is a retired oil company executive and has been active in community affairs.



'Creatures' among us

Their T-Shirts identify Tracy Moberly (left) and Shannon Shores as WTC "Bleacher Creatures," a new student group formed to encourage students to attend WTC athletic events. Those joining will receive a T-Shirt. Texan Photo by Michael Avila.

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Spring term includes more classes at prison

By Sharon Doty
Texan Staffer

WTC faculty members are now preparing for a new semester at the Price Daniel Unit with 99 students enrolled.

Last fall, about 130 students originally enrolled for college classes offered by WTC, but only 90 students were approved by a Huntsville committee. Of those 90 students, some of which took more than one class, 97 final grades were given at the end of the semester.

Classes being offered this semester at the prison are Business Law, American, State and Local Government, Principles of Economics, U.S. History Since 1865, the second semester of English Composition, Introduction to Sociology, Beginning Spanish and Music Appreciation.

The college has also made a few additions for this new semester. On Mondays and Wednesdays, Dr. Mary Hood and Dan Osborn will go to the Price Daniel Unit to work with students on degree plans and college advisement.

On Tuesdays, Mike Thornton, director of Adult Education and Extension Services, will work with the inmates on the complete ad-

missions system.

Also on Tuesdays, Dr. Gil Fleer will go to the prison as a counselor strictly for academic and vocational needs.

Thornton was quick to emphasize that the courses taught at the prison are not watered down and are regular college classes; furthermore, when the inmates are released from prison no record will exist about the college hours being taught in prison.

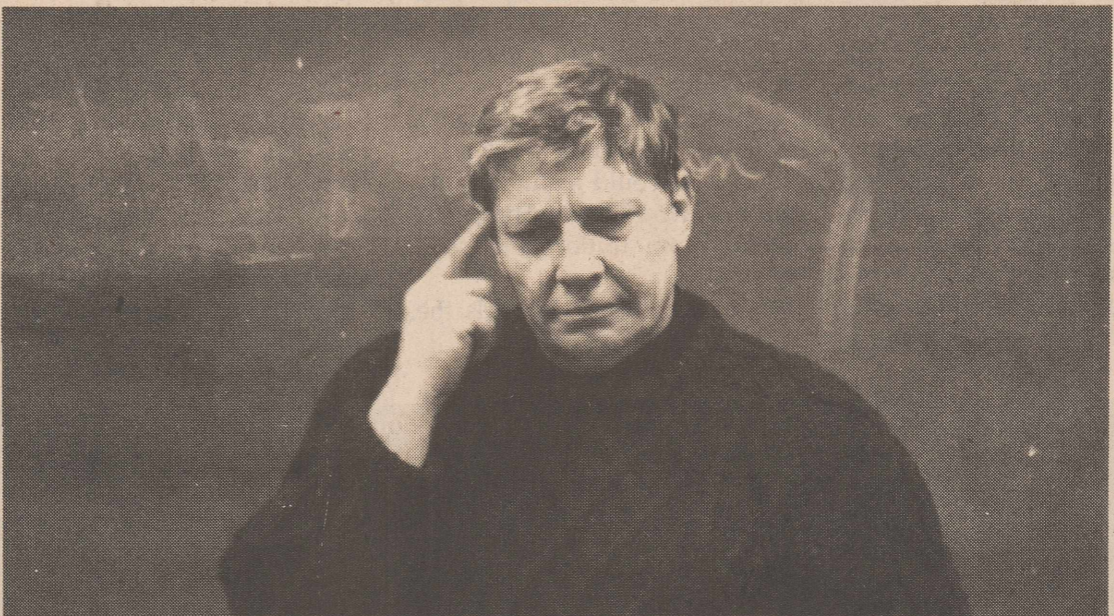
"For students on campus, files are set up on Social Security numbers. For a currently enrolled inmate, there are three zeros plus their TDC inmate numbers. Once the inmate is paroled and served his time, that inmate file is changed to have his Social Security number, so that there is no record to show that those classes were taken at the prison," Thornton said.

Inmates classes run concurrent with regular classes offered on the WTC Campus with inmates starting back and ending school on the same schedule as students on campus.

In the summer, another load of classes is planned for the inmates.



Consultant Bill Coles addresses the WTC faculty during an in-service program Friday, Jan. 26.



Coles addressed "Writing Across the Curriculum" during his WTC appearance. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

Expert lectures faculty

By Janice Northern
Texan Staffer

Bill Coles, noted reading and writing consultant, spoke to the WTC faculty Fri. Jan 26 on "10 Minute Writing Assignments." The purpose of the two-hour seminar was to demonstrate how to use brief writing assignments to encourage conceptual thinking as opposed to rote learning.

Coles, a professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh, explained that the assignment poses a question to be answered by the student in two or three sentences, such as "What was the main point of the lecture today?"

This is a technique which can be used by instructors in any course to help the student "relate what is going on in the classroom to what is going on in the world or in their lives," Coles said.

Coles said he felt it was important to "make students participants in what the design of the class is" by posing such questions as "What should we study next?" or "What is the most important question raised in today's lecture?"

Coles added that "part of learning is creating questions," which may be a new idea to students.

In addition to the Friday morning faculty session, Coles met Friday afternoon with WTC's Literacy Committee, chaired by Dr. Jim Palmer.

Saturday morning, Coles conducted a special session for WTC English department faculty members. This meeting was devoted to evaluation and critique of individual instructor's writing assignments.

Coles has taught for 37 years and is a frequent speaker at workshops and seminars. He conducted a regional seminar at WTC in 1983.

He is the former Director of Composition at the University of Pittsburgh, and designed the composition program now in use there.

In addition, Coles has authored several books on writing and teaching.

Carlton advises that more aid available

Dennis Carlton, head of financial aid, said that more financial aid for the work-study programs are still available.

Students interested should

come by his office in the LRC at their own convenience.

Carlton noted that many students may be unaware that they may qualify for work-study ro-

grams.

"We've got money left over this year and we're really interested in getting as many students as we can involved in the program," Carlton said.

Officials estimate cost at \$40,000 for dorm repairs

By Tabby Lewis
Texan Staffer

College officials are now estimating the cost to repair eight WTC dorm rooms, damaged by fire this past November, at some \$40,000.

Gay Hickman, vice president for business and finance, quoted the estimate for renovating the dormitory wing.

The renovations will begin in the summer so that it will not disturb the occupants of the dorm. He estimated final renovation plans will be ready by April.

New renovations being considered are built-in closets, built-in bunk beds and an ironing board in the lavatories.

The only structural damage

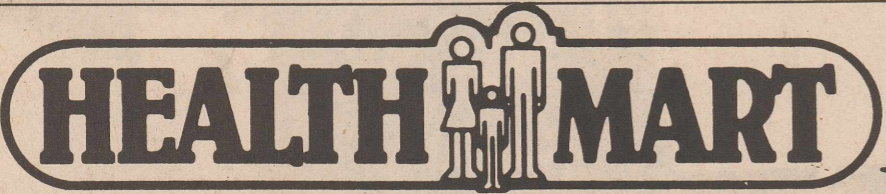
known at this time is the discoloration of the dorm's outside wall, said Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services.

Operation of the dorm this spring term was not impaired by the loss of the eight rooms. They were closed as a result of the Nov. 18 fire on campus.

The eight rooms comprise the west wing of the dorm on the third floor and was used last fall to primarily house the WTC ladies basketball team.

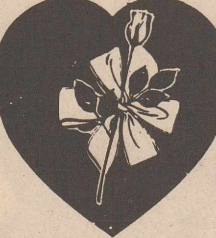
This spring, the team is back together in the dorm, living in the north first floor.

During the Christmas holidays the west wing and main lobby were sprayed with ozone to eliminate the smoke smell that lingered.




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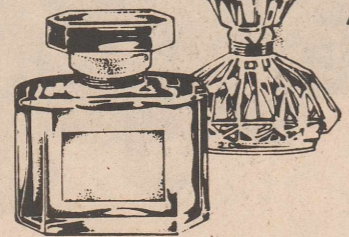
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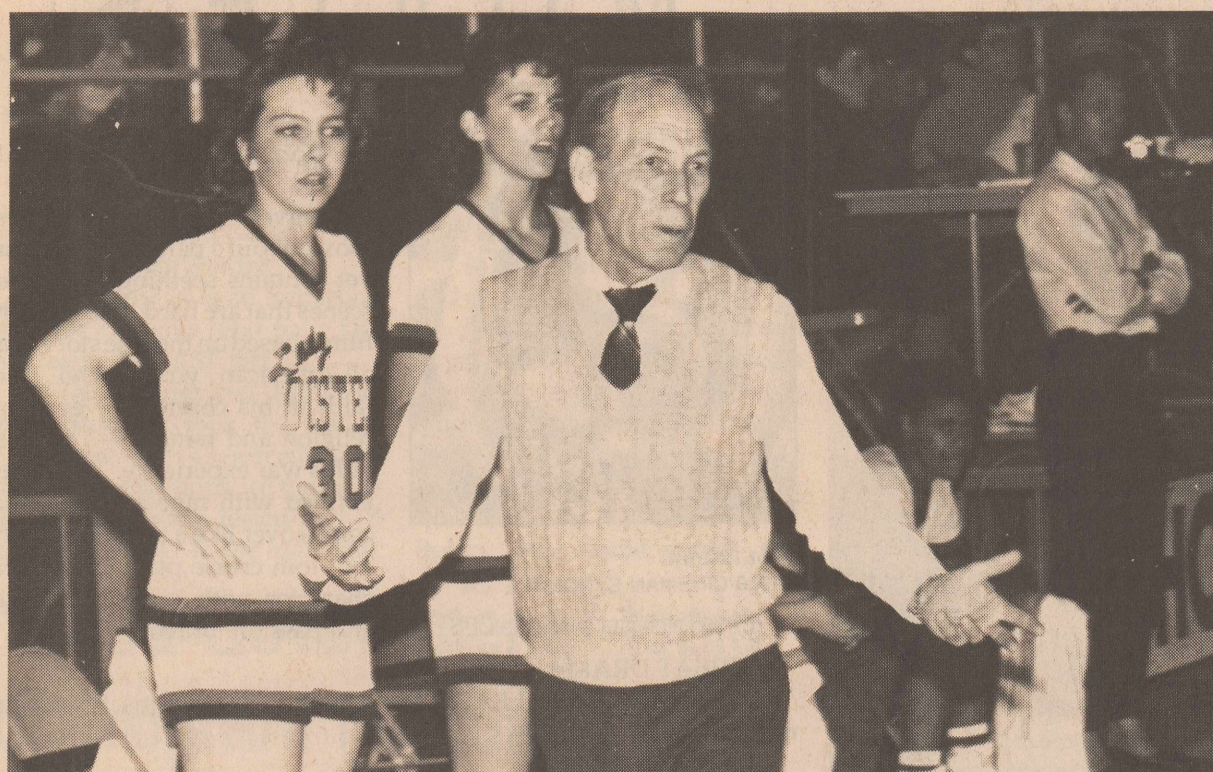
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Reasoning

Coach Kelly Chadwick pleads his case to the officials during a home game. The Western Texas College Dusters will look to improve

their 2-4 record against 0-4 Clarendon College tonight in Clarendon. Tip-off is at 6 p.m. (Texan Photo by Michael Avila)

15-7 record...

Dusters face action tonight

By Misty M. Stevens
Texan Staffer

The WTC Dusters have a 2-4 conference record and 15-7 season record after losing to Howard College in a Jan. 25 matchup.

The Dusters are entering their last month of conference action and will play Monday night against Clarendon College at Clarendon.

The Dusters fell short to the Hawks of Howard College by a 3 point margin in the Jan. 25 match-up. The Lady Hawks came out on top by a score of 58-55.

The Lady Dusters that scored in double figures for the night were

Bobbie Brown, 10, including a pair of three point buckets, Tracy Rome, 14, and Tami Wilson, 14.

In a Jan. 22 game, the Dusters took a conference victory by pouncing on NMJC 66-42.

Head Coach Kelly Chadwick said, "The girls were relaxed, they played good defense and their shot selection was very good."

The Dusters held their opponents to under 10 points until 7:24 remaining in the half.

High Scorers during the NMJC game were Bobbie Brown, 21, Tracy Rome, 14, and Tami Wilson, 15.

The Dusters stumbled onto

some hard luck in the Jan. 18 match-up against the Lady Texans of South Plains College, losing by a score of 69-44.

The Dusters, playing with three injured players, failed to rally against the women of SPC. Team members playing hurt were Bobbie Brown and Carla Gladden with pulled muscles and Tami Wilson with a bruised thigh.

However, Chadwick said, "I was real proud of the girls. They never stopped trying."

Double figure scorers were Bobbie Brown, 11, Tracy Rome, 12, and Tami Wilson, 10.

Howard breaks winning streak

By Todd Perry
Texan Staffer

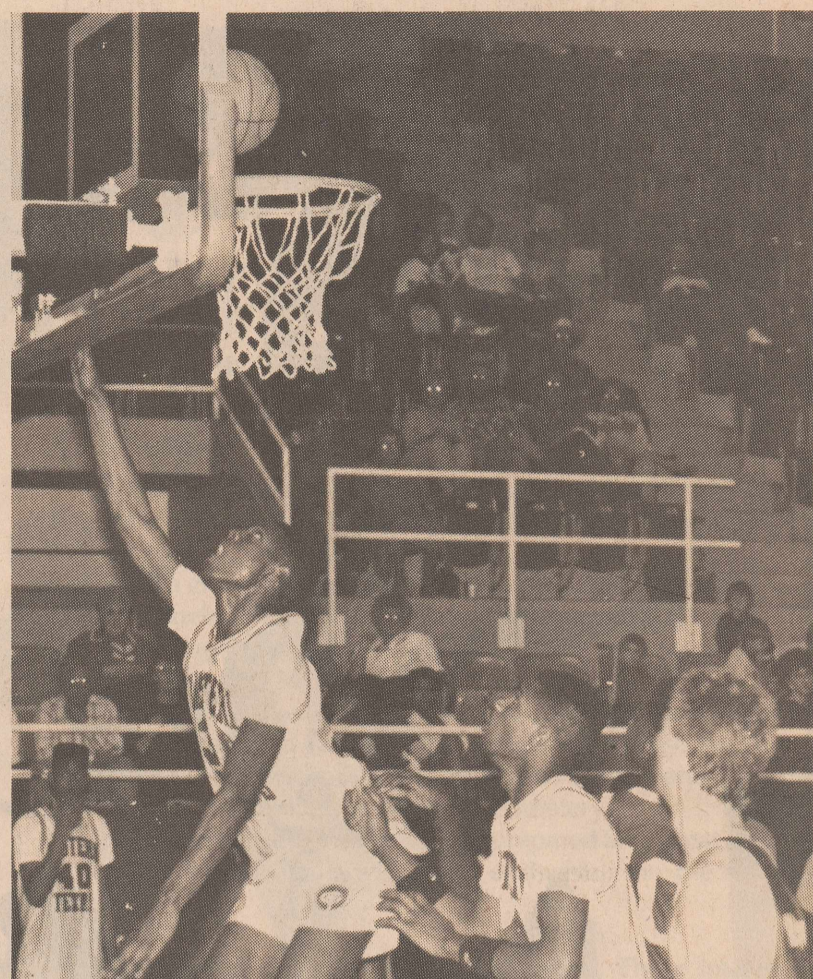
The stage was set for the game of the year in Men's hoop when WTC defeated two of the top three teams in the conference and gave them a chance to take control of the top spot in the WJCAC.

Western Texas started the second semester of school off with action against South Plains who was at the time 3rd in the conference. WTC prevailed in the close game 74-72, almost 35 points under their average. The big scorer for the squad was Dominick Byrd who had 23.

The next hurdle for the men was 2nd place New Mexico JC. In a regular high scoring event, Western Texas defeated the Thunderbirds 121-119. High scorers for the men were Alfredo Porter who had 24 points including five three-pointers and Dominick Byrd who had 20 points.

Now only one thing stood in the way of first place, Howard College. Howard was undefeated, both overall and in conference. Boasting a 7-0 record and a ranking of third in the nation, WTC tried to take possession of the top spot.

A large WTC crowd was on hand to see Howard take a 10-0 run early in the first half but then saw Dominick Byrd bring the men within one at the half. The men



Whoosh

Dominick Byrd scores a point for the Westerners in a home game while Jacoby Garmon looks on. Byrd who is one of the top 10 in scoring may be expected to garner more points in the game against Midland. (Texan Photo by Michael Avila)

went ahead twice on two free-throws and a monster dunk by Kenneth Critton but fell short late in the game when the Hawks pulled away with a 123-96 victory. The team got into foul trouble late and couldn't stop the fast break," said Coach Mauldin. "Howard is by far the best team in the conference, but not unbeatable."

As of press time Thursday, we are unable to give the result of the Midland game. Coach Mauldin did say that the key for the Midland contest was to keep them off the boards. The Chaps front court consist of a 6'9, 6'8, and a 6'5 player. The big gun for the team is 6'2

guard Hanks. "If we can stop the 3's and get on the boards, we should come away with a win.", said Mauldin.

The Westerners will look to the talents of Dominick Byrd who is in the top 10 in scoring and rebounding and big man Kenneth Critton who is averaging around 10 boards a game. The outside game will come from Alfredo Porter and Tony Joyce who lead the team in 3-point shooting. Alan Smith and Ray Johnson are both in the top 10 in assist while Jeff Shelley leads in free-throw shooting. The Westerners record is 16-6 and 5-3 in conference, a game and a half out of second place.

Golfers prepare for spring tournies

Spring tournaments for the WTC golf team will begin Feb. 22 and continue through April 29.

This year, the regional championship tourney will be held at the WTC Golf Course. The conference tournament will be held April 19-20 at Hobbs.

Returning players for the golf

team are sophomores Jeff Baker and Wade Hatter and freshmen Brandon Benedict, Jimmy Howe, Tony Lara and Brad Stewart.

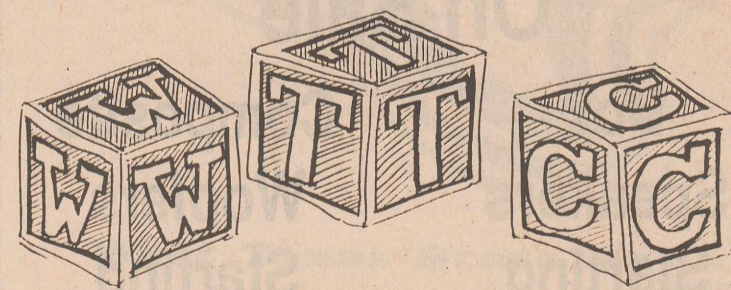
Conference members are Western Texas College, Odessa College, N.M.M.I., Midland College and Hobbs Junior College.

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Date	Tournament	Place
Feb. 22-24	Bronco Invitational (54 holes)	Roswell, NM
March 8-10	West Florida Invitational (54 holes)	Pensacola, FL
March 17-20	St. Mays Invitational (36 holes)	Boerne, TX
April 7-10	Texas State Jr. Championship (36 holes)	Plano, TX
April 19-20	*Hobbs conference (27 holes)	Hobbs, NM
April 27-29	* Conference and Region 5 Championship (54 holes)	Snyder, TX

* Conference Tournaments

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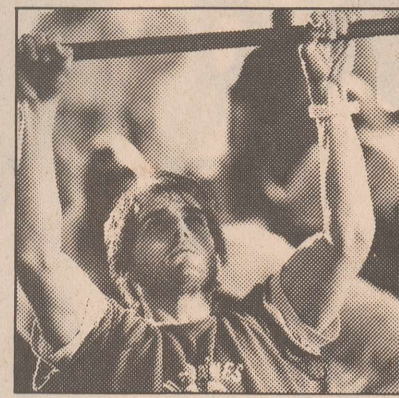
New Releases



Tae Kwon Do

Donna Gafford splits a block of wood as part of a team which demonstrated the martial arts technique to WTC students Jan. 25. Snyder. Also pictured are WTC students (from left) Cameron Hopson, Frank Pointeau and John

Howard. The three are also students of the Gaffords at their local Tae Kwon Do academy. Texan Photo by Michael Avila



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GREAT DRAMA
DIR - Oliver Stone LEAD - Tom Cruise RT - 145 mins. (Profanity, nudity)

Glory (R)
Here's a glorious tribute to the little-known black soldiers who bravely fought for the Union in the civil War. Their story focuses on their struggle for recognition as worthy fighting men as well as their valor under fire. Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington provide top-notch, memorable performances and there are various well-stage sweeping battle scenes which convey the war's horror. It's a stirring account of historical importance.

GREAT WAR DRAMA
DIR - Ed Zwick LEAD Morgan freeman RT - 122 mins, (Profanity)

Tango and Cash (R)
What's this? Sylvester Stallone wearing glasses and dressed in a three-piece suit? despite the fiddling with Sly's familiar image, this cop-buddy actioner with Kurt Russell as the other half of the title pair) is nothing more than forced mayhem. Dialogue and screenplay are minimal while vicious special effects fill the screen. Jack Palance, the perennial heavy, co-starts as a brutal drug kingpin bent on annihilating the two heroes.

FAIR COP ACTION ADVENTURE
DIR - Andrei Konchalovsky LEAD - Sylvester Stallone RT - 124 mins.

Music Box (PG-13)
Absorbing courtroom drama about a successful Chicago lawyer (well-played by Jessica Lange) who must defend her Hungarian-born father charged as a vicious Nazi war criminal. doubts gradually grow: is the father (Armin Mueller-Stahl) a conspiracy victim or could he really be the former "monster of Budapest?" Politically-minded director Costa-Gavras ("Missing," "Z") provides thought-provoking and emotional substance.

GOOD DRAMA
DIR - Costa-Gavras LEAD - Jessica Lange RT- 124 mins.

Roger and Me (No Rating)
A big kick in the pants in this fabulous and funny documentary: big business gets it, so does the "Decade of Greed." And especially hit hard are General Motors and its elusive chairman, Roger smith. Latter-day muckraker Michael Moore ("Me" of the title) unleashes this satirical broadside against the backdrop of the massive GM layoffs in Flint, Michigan, during 1986. Much of Moore's effective ironic mischief is seen in his futile attempts to pursue Smith at the haunts of the rich and powerful.

GREAT DOCUMENTARY
DIR - Michael Moore NARRATION - Michael Moore RT - 83 mins.

February is Community College month

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ent who will demonstrate the new equipment.
On Feb. 22, WTC will host a basketball game against NMJC, and LVN graduation will be held at Trinity Methodist church.
A Fine Arts Day will be held on the 24th, a Saturday, on campus. This will consist of having area high school students come to audition for band, drama, and choir scholarships. Also, art students will bring portfolios so that the art teachers can view their work. Information on financial help will be given to the students.
Quadriga will perform at 3 p.m. at the Fine Arts Theater on the 25th. On the 26th WTC will play Howard College and Mr. and Miss Trailhand will be announced during halftime at the game.

Continuing Education Class Schedule

- Scuba Diving:**
Classes begin Feb. 15 and end March 10. To meet Thursday, 7 p.m. and Saturday, 1 p.m. Fee, \$425 to \$500.
- Redirecting Children's Behavior:**
Classes begin Feb. 13 and end March 13. To meet Tuesday, 7 p.m. Fee, \$85 for one, \$150 for two.
- Driver Education:**
Classes begin March 12 and end April 23. To meet Monday through Thursday at 3:45 p.m. Fee, \$200.
- Small Business Management (Unit I):**
Classes begin March 1 and end April 24. To meet Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Fee, \$55.
- Tiger Shark Swim Team:**
Continuous enrollment. Meets Monday through Friday, 4-5:15 p.m. Fee, \$25 monthly.
- Writing for Pleasure-Profit:**
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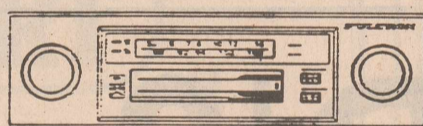
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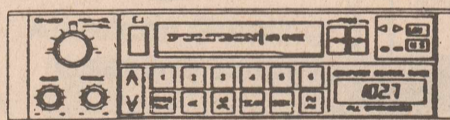
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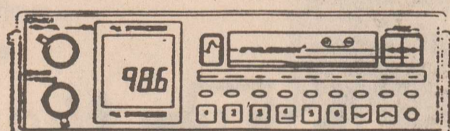
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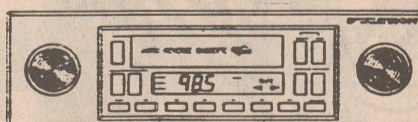
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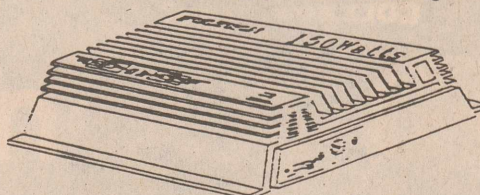
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TASP allows extension, final deadline is Feb. 24

**By Sharon Doty
Texan Staffer**
February 24 is an important date for students who have still not taken the TASP test.

One-hundred and thirty two WTC students took the test in November with 45 percent passing all three sections. In the reading test, 129 were tested and 75 percent passed. In the math test,

with 128 tested, 59 percent passed. In the writing, 130 were tested and 68 percent passed.

February 24 is an important date since the state has granted a one-time extension, allowing students who failed to take the TASP in November to enroll in 15 hours of college credit this spring semester.

Before they could enroll this

spring, however, the students were required to sign a paper promising to take the test on Feb. 24. Students who do not comply with these conditions are subject to withdrawal from the college.

WTC will administer the test at the Scurry County Coliseum on Feb. 24, April 28 and June 30. The last day to register for the February test was Jan. 26, but late registration will be allowed until Feb. 14.

Regarding the TASP test, Dr. Mary Hood said she felt that it may have discouraged some older students and out-of-state students from coming back to school who

otherwise might have.

Dr. Duane Hood agreed and added that the coursework in Texas may be more difficult which made some out of state students decide "to go back home."

Hood also said that the TASP slowed down the registration process because the counselors have to check how many hours the students have had, whether they have taken the test, and how many more hours they can enroll in before taking the TASP.

He said he looked forward to the time when the TASP is so common place, that there will not be so much checking.

"Good Government," topic of program February 17

**By Tabitha Lewis
Texan Staffer**
"Scurry County: Good Government for the 90's and Beyond," is the topic of a program to be held on the WTC campus Saturday, Feb. 17.

It will be in the Fine Arts Theatre from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The seminar is co-sponsored by Western Texas College and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and is being coordinated and designed by Vestal & Company, CPA's of Snyder. The cost to attend is \$40 which includes a lunch.

Luncheon speaker at the event will be State Sen. John Montford of Lubbock. He is chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee and a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Among the speakers and resource persons from local and state governments appearing at the seminar will be George Patterson, presently city manager of Highland Park and the city manager of Snyder for 16 years.

Other speakers will include Giles Dalby, president of the Garza

County Economic Development Commission; Bill Hicks, county auditor of Ector County and the publisher of the monthly "Information Guide on County Governments;" Rene Henry, a representative of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts; and Jay Wright, of Finser Investments Inc. of San Antonio.

Local resource persons to speak at the event will include Roy Baze, retired executive vice president with Exxon.

The seminar is offered for county officials, executives of governmental entities, board officials, persons seeking office and any other interested citizens.

The activities will include facts and details about county government linked with the State of Texas and Scurry County's other services; fiscal responsibility; "Planning for the 90's"; and "The Tax Base of Scurry County."

To register, contact Mike Thornton, director of adult education-extension services at WTC. The deadline to register is Feb. 14 and space is limited.

Lancaster nominated for vice president position

**By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer**

Marilyn Lancaster has been nominated as a candidate for the vice president position of the Texas Junior College Teachers' Association, (TJCTA).

The members of the association will decide in a vote on Feb. 16 during their annual convention in San Antonio.

The TJCTA is an association dedicated to promote professionalism in education and improve instruction in Texas' junior colleges. The association represents the interests of all the teachers and administrators of the community colleges. WTC has 100 percent faculty membership in the TJCTA to add to the total of 6,000 members statewide.

The association has a number



Marilyn Lancaster

of committees that meet throughout the year to testify for the legislature when it is in session. Mrs. Lancaster said that they are usually concerned with funding when they testify.

Mrs. Lancaster said, "Students pay very little of the cost of funding, a good portion comes from the legislature."

Mrs. Lancaster has been an active member in the association. In 1983-84, she was elected as a section chairperson of the English program. She has also served on the professional development committee.

Last year she was secretary of the executive committee after she was nominated to run for the position.

Mrs. Lancaster feels in order to be nominated for an elected position you must demonstrate a willingness to improve junior colleges and time.

Mrs. Lancaster said, "It involves sacrifice and time," to serve on committee or a nominated position.

If elected, some of Mrs. Lancaster's duties will include participation in policy making and overseeing the work of standing committees.

Mrs. Lancaster received her B.S. and M.Ed. from Texas Tech and has been teaching at WTC for 10 years.

Students invited on spring excursion to Washington, D.C.

All WTC students are invited to visit Washington, D.C. with government instructor Jimmie McGee, a trip planned during WTC's spring break.

He and a group of students will leave from Midland on the evening of March 15 and will arrive in Washington at 11 p.m. The group will stay at a hotel near the Metro subway. The group will return on Monday, March 19.

Students will have the opportunity to study the governmental system on a first-hand basis by visiting the White House, the House and Senate chambers, museums, numerous monuments, historic Georgetown, and Arlington National Cemetery.

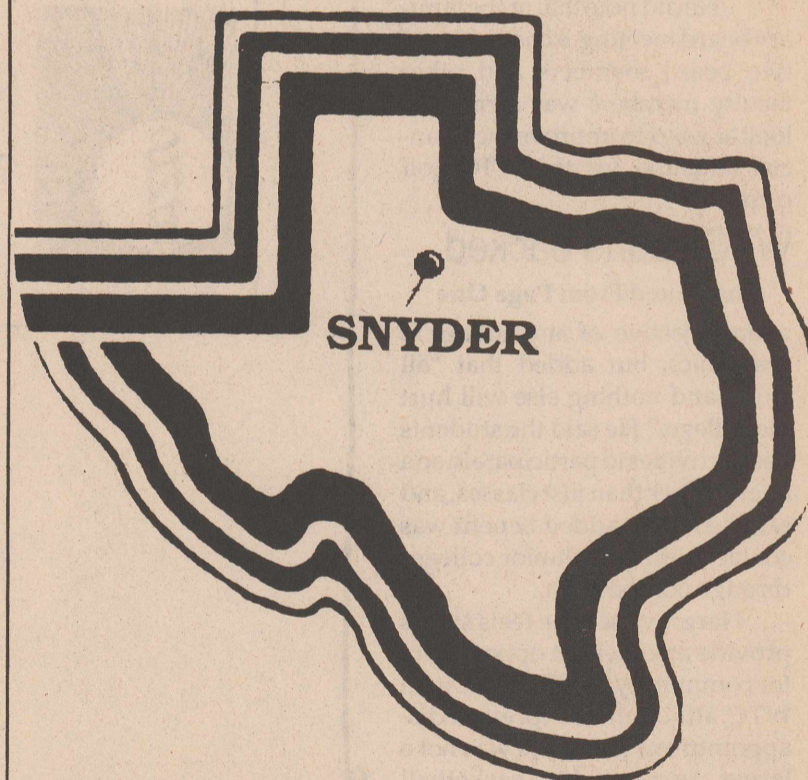
McGee said that students should be prepared for a great amount of walking as the group will travel exclusively on the subway system.

The estimated cost for the trip is \$500-550. Those interested should contact Jimmie McGee at the college, extension 296, at their earliest convenience.

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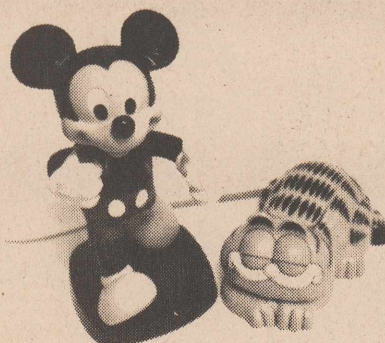
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Expenses questioned

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"It's obvious at the basketball games that the students and the community don't support the teams by the lack of attendance. Also, for the past five years, use of the golf course has steadily decreased.

"Students do not come to WTC for basketball or golf; however, some do come to study rodeo. I don't know how to have an increase of interest in these areas, but it does need to be looked at."

The decline in Scurry County's tax base is part of the problem, he noted.

"In the past, the petroleum owners paid about 95 percent of the tax base with other property owners paying about 5 percent. But since the petroleum business has declined, the petroleum is probably now paying 55 percent, with other owners paying 45 percent, and this will probably continue for the next few years."

"I don't think that the people of Scurry County want to be paying their tax dollars for these expenses."

He said that he did not want to cut the athletics program out entirely, but felt that the school needed to reorder its priorities.

"What is the most important, education or sports? The school is set up for students to come and get a quality education, not for athletics."

"I love basketball and enjoy sports just as much as any other person, but that's not the point. As a trustee, I have a pledge, an oath, I took to see that the quality of education is the best it can be and that the county taxes are being used wisely for this purpose."

He did note that at the January board meeting, a committee of two board members and other faculty members was formed to look at ways to improve the financial situation for the WTC golf course.

WTC sports backed

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main objective of any college is academics, but added that "all study and nothing else will hurt the college." He said the students need activities to participate in and attend other than just classes, and said he felt an added benefit was contact with other junior colleges through competition.

Hargrove said he feels sports provide an excellent opportunity for community involvement with WTC, although he expressed disappointment that there was not a larger turnout for basketball games, a concern brought up at the Jan. 9 board meeting.

He pointed out that Snyder's coliseum is a comfortable indoor facility, and said WTC games provide a great opportunity to see some fine basketball for anyone who is interested.

TDCJ academy due

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both will be the same, but the new plan will allow students to attend strictly day classes and to earn certification within the condensed three-week period.

The alternate program is offered to individuals with other employment and who wish to complete their training at night and on weekends.


The existing program will be continued to accommodate individuals who now live within easy driving distance of WTC. The new academy is expected to attract potential TDCJ employees from throughout the West Texas region.

The existing TDCJ correctional officer program has now graduated four classes and boasts a total of 113 graduates now eligible for employment as guards with TDCJ statewide.

A heavy need for new correctional officers is expected as the state completes its new prison facilities. The Amarillo unit is expected to be completed this spring.

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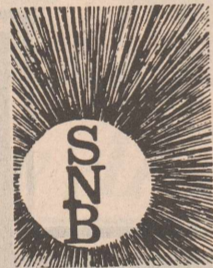
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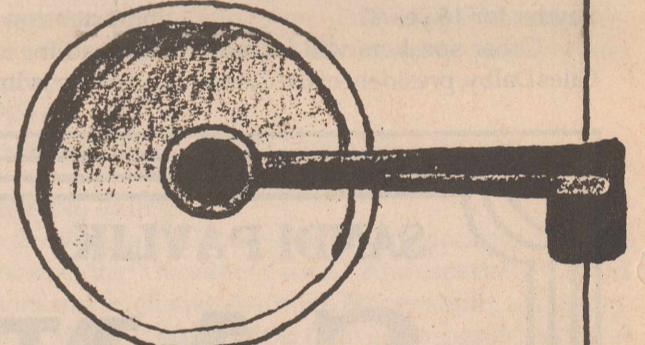
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