

# WTC Halloween Dance Wednesday in center, new I.D. rule will apply

By Naomi J. Gutierrez  
Texan Staffer

Beginning with Wednesday's Halloween Dance, WTC students must show a valid student I.D. to be admitted. Those bringing dates who are not WTC students will need to purchase a visitor's ticket. WTC students needing an I.D. should go to the registrar's office prior to the dance. There will be a \$1 fee. Students bringing a date will need to purchase a visitor's ticket at the Student Activity Office in the Student Center. Tickets will cost \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door.

Wednesday's Halloween Dance will be from 8:30 p.m. until midnight in the Student Center. It will feature Z-93. For the Halloween Dance only, students must wear a costume to be admitted free. Students not in costume will be charged \$2. There will be several contests such as Best Female costume, Best Male costume, Best Couple costume and Best All Around costume. Cash prizes will be given. Students wishing to participate in the contests must be present at 9:15 p.m. Pictures will be taken by Meredith Goodwin. The cost will be \$2 for two proofs and packets may be ordered.

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# In-service training for prison staffers will impact college

By Amy Presler  
Texan Staffer

WTC has been selected to offer an in-service training course for correctional officers and supervisors of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

WTC now becomes one of only two colleges in the state offering the course under a pilot program.

Administrators received word Oct. 15 that WTC had been approved by TDCJ officials in Huntsville to offer the 80-hour course.

Its agenda is designed to update officers on material previously learned during TDCJ guard training.

The other pilot program for the guard in-service will be located at Amarillo College.

Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, noted correctional officers had to travel to one of the TDCJ units in southeast Texas for in-service in the past.

The course here must be taken by approximately 100 officers at the Price Daniel Unit who have worked for TDCJ for at least one year.

Officers from the unit will take the course beginning Nov. 8. Locally, 10-person classes are planned comprised of 40 hours of instruction per week for a two-week period. Thornton said this schedule should guarantee classes through next May.

He said he expects the program to expand in 1992 when the current contract expires.

"If we do the job here that we're supposed to, there shouldn't be a problem (renewing the contract)," he said.

According to Thornton, when prisons are completed at Abilene and Lamesa, WTC hopes to offer in-service to those officers, bringing the total to over 700 who will be needing the course.

He characterized it as "a major step for the college."

WTC will benefit economically since the fee for the course is \$125 per officer, to be paid by the state.

In addition, the hours will be included in the total contact hour count, which is used to determine state funding for the college.

The contract with TDCJ stipulates that the training expense is not to exceed \$25,000. WTC could receive an additional \$11,000 more in state funds.

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### Play to open

Jeff Hicks (left), as Rev. James Morrel, and Kenn Kern, portraying Eugene Marchbanks, rehearse a scene from the play "Candida," to be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday by the WTC drama department. Students making reservations will be admitted free with a WTC student ID. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

# Candida set to open Thursday

Thursday will mark the opening performance of George Bernard Shaw's "Candida" by the WTC drama department. Other shows are planned Friday and Saturday also at 8 p.m.

WTC students may reserve a free ticket by calling or going by the Fine Arts Theatre. These may be picked up the night of the performance by showing your WTC I.D.

In addition, Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a canned goods drive. Students with reservations are asked to bring a canned good for the Thursday night performance only. These will be distributed in the community to the needy.

Tickets for the general public are now on sale also. Reservations may be made by calling 573-8511, ext. 234. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$4 for senior citizens.

Cast members for "Candida" are Jeff Hicks of Muleshoe as "Rev. James Morrel;" Amber Adams of Snyder as "Candida;" Kenn Kern of Hurst as "Eugene Marchbanks;" Jerry Vizena of Thorndale as Mr. Burgess; Nicole Lancet of Seagraves as "Proserpine Garnett;" and Frank Romeo of Roby as "Alexander Mill (Lexy)."

Set and light designer is Galen Price of Snyder. Stage manager is Tom Reeves of Snyder. Assistant directors are Jennifer Hatley and Sherri Cribbs. Jim Rambo, WTC drama professor, is directing.

"Candida" will be the department's entry in the American College Theater Festival in El Paso in early November.

# Halloween traced 2,000 years, not always for kids

By Keitha St. Clair  
Texan Staffer

On Halloween this Wednesday night, hushed knocks will beckon you to open your door to little ghosts, goblins and witches.

You will pretend to be startled with fear, knowing that sweet faces hide behind each mask. As they scramble down the block, encircled with laughter, you might consider that children have not celebrated this holiday forever.

It all began 2,000 years ago in the Celtic regions of Ireland, Scotland,

Wales and Britain.

October 31 was the night of death. As darkness blanketed the earth, Celtic families began their cold trip to the village center.

In the village, the Druids (Celtic priests), built a bonfire made with sacred oak branches. The Celts labeled this event Samhain referring to the god that ruled over the dead.

The Druids would sacrifice baskets filled with animals and sometimes humans in hopes of pleasing Samhain. The Celts believed that he freed evil spirits that flew above them

to observe and report the event.

If he was pleased, he would help the people with their crops and allow the spirits of their departed family members to visit their homes for the evening.

If he was not pleased, he would bring wrath upon the people's souls as well as the souls of their dead relatives.

After the ceremony, the people would go home and light their hearth fires. Throughout the journey, they held their children tightly in fear of having them stolen by evil goblins.

This belief could have indeed developed from fact. Some scholars believe that during the Stone Age small dark-skinned people lived in Northern Europe and the British Isles.

These little people were driven into the forest by Celtic invaders. There they lived in fear. Scholars believe that once every seven years the little people sacrificed a Celtic child to their god.

Although the tribes vanished, the Celts continued to warn their offspring of their possible existence. Possibly these are the "little goblins" that the Celts continued to protect their children from on the night of Samhain.

The little boys of the villages took advantage of the villagers' fears. They would overturn carts, set farm animals free and throw rocks at houses. The villagers eventually discovered the source of the chaos and offered

the boys treats to encourage them to return to the safety of their homes on the night of Samhain.

From this ancient custom, today's "trick or treat" can be traced.

Witches were incorporated into Halloween in Scotland. On the night of death, witches traveled to a celebration of their own in the forest. Samhain was the largest witches sabbath of the year.

Before setting out for the event, historic accounts say witches would rub their bodies with ointments containing mind-altering drugs. The

sensation caused by the drug made witches believe they were flying.

They danced through the darkness to the sabbath with a long pole used to help them vault over fences and brooks. In the imagination of the Scottish people, these poles became brooms and stories were told of how witches rode on brooms.

In hopes of associating the pagan Celtic holiday with a more Christian celebration, the seventh century Roman Catholic church declared Nov. 1 All Saints' Day or All Hallows.

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# 'Night Breaks' designed to assist evening student

Meredith Goodwin  
Texan Staffer

The WTC Student Senate's student life committee has sponsored "Night Breaks" during the month of October, with the final break planned for Monday, Oct. 29.

"Night Breaks" was planned to provide the night classes with a "break" during their class. In addition, it was to benefit evening students since this group often cannot participate in Student Senate daytime activities.

Mickey Baird, senate sponsor, noted that several teachers and stu-

dents have offered favorable comments regarding the cookies and punch served during the break.

The refreshments were prepared by the student life committee members.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the committee had the first night break and the "attendance was great," said Mande Henry, a member of the student life committee.

The second "Night Breaks" was Wednesday, Oct. 17, and the third was last Thursday. The final "Night Breaks" will be held tonight in the Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

# Literary submission date is nearing for publication

Students planning to submit works for the WTC fall literary publication are reminded of the Nov. 9 deadline.

Either poetry or prose writing, fiction or non-fiction, is solicited.

The publication is being planned by the Communication and Letters Division and English instructors are encouraging their students to submit works. They stress, however, that all WTC students are encouraged to participate. In addition to original writing, students are encouraged to submit either art work or photographs.

English instructors heading up the project are Bill McGlothing, Janet Halbert and Richard Lancaster. They said 10 works have already been submitted with many others students expressing an interest.

Plans are to distribute the publication—as yet untitled—as an insert in the Dec. 3 issue of the campus newspaper, the Western Texan.

The following criteria has been made for submissions:

—Only original work may be submitted.

—Writers may submit writing of See CRITERIA, page 3



# Opinion

## Solving 'little' energy problems can have big results...

By Lee Burke  
Division Chairman  
Health & Physical Education

Have you ever gone to a restaurant that offers all you can eat for one price? Do you usually find yourself overeating just to make sure you get your money's worth?

When you check into a hotel-motel, do you usually turn the thermostat lower than what you would normally have it at home? Do you find that when you have an abundance of anything, that you are more apt to be careless with it? Eventually I will get to the point, but first let me mention some very important facts to ponder.

"You could take a long shower every day with the water you might waste by letting the tap run while you shave and brush your teeth."

"If a family of four takes 5-minute showers each day, they will use more than 700 gallons of water every week—the equivalent of a three-year supply of drinking water for one person."

"If each U.S. household lowered its average heating temperatures by 6 degrees Fahrenheit over a 24-hour period, we'd save the energy equivalent of 500,000 barrels of oil every day."

"It takes an entire forest—over 500,000 trees—to supply Americans with their Sunday newspapers every week."

"The average American uses the equivalent of seven trees every year. That's over 11 1/2 billion trees used annually in the U.S."

"In six months, a leaky toilet wastes 4,500 gallons of water." And on and on.....

These quotes have implications for all of us, but let's urge each and all to be more observant around our campus, in the dorm rooms, classrooms, etc., to notice waste.

Don't leave lights on in your dorm room just because you have already paid for the semester.

**'If each U.S. household lowered its average heating temperatures by 6 degrees..over a 24-hour period, we'd save the energy equivalent of 500,000 barrels of oil every day.'**



Report any leaks in your area to supervisors. Be more conservative when using paper products, conserve, recycle--think!

We tend to be careless when there is a lot offered for one price or there is an abundance, but I truly doubt that there is an abundance.

The WTC Faculty Association has established a permanent environmental committee

to attend to several problems on campus and to raise awareness throughout the several county area.

My committee with Tammy Wesson and L.V. Anderson was to investigate campus conservation of utilities and to recommend needed changes.

Mr. Anderson reported the costs of utilities at WTC for one year: These were electricity, \$223,115; natural gas, \$27,105; water, \$40,572; and an "other" category, \$2,422.

Mrs. Wesson checked on the theory of turning off lights when not in use as opposed to leaving them on while out of a room for a short time.

She asked officials at TU Electric and WTC's director of maintenance, Leon Pettitt. Both agreed the best conservation method is to turn off lights when not being used.

I was to report on the water situation. I checked several areas on campus for water leaks—small leaks cost big bucks. Many were found, but the problem was not the faulty faucets, but the users not taking time to turn them off properly.

Please check your areas and report any problems immediately—only 3 percent of the Earth's water is fresh.

I realize that you have paid your "all you can use for one price," but it goes beyond that. Please be alert to our concerns. Remember that we are all attending the campus on Earth.

## Take heart, Americans still do some things 'best'...

By Dean Williamson  
Texan Staffer

What is it with American's lately? Everyday there are new stories of failures. Bank officers can't bank, NASA can't fly and our elected officials can't balance a budget.

Perhaps just in time, a new book, "Courvoisier's Book of the Best," is out. Some 46 pages are devoted to what we as American's do best. Every once in a while we need something that we can have pride in.

We do sports. No one even tries to match our football programs. We can also claim baseball and basketball superiority. Other countries—without the same impact—play ball, but they don't look as good when they're doing it.

There are over 11,000 beauty pageants every year in the U.S. No other country even comes close.

Perhaps due to the number of pageants, no other country uses as much hair spray as America. Last year, American's bought over one billion dollars worth of various brands of sprays.

No other country can begin to match the U.S. in the volume of food we eat. We like to eat, even if the food isn't good for us. We seem to—or at least the sales show—thrive on fast food. Hamburgers top the list. American's as a whole eat more than 14 million every day.

But while we're going through all those hamburgers, no one can match the number of people dieting. According to the Calorie Control Council, almost 490 million American's are on a diet at any given moment. This figure remains steady since 75 to 90 percent of those who lose weight regain it and eventually end up dieting again.

It won't come as a shock that American's are the best television watchers in the world. We're very good at it and boast the most couch potatoes in the world. Last year the folks at the A.C. Nielsen Co. claim American's had the television on for an average of 7 hours and 2 minutes each



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and every day of the year.

There's not even any competition when it comes to Elvis impersonators. The category is closed to outside intervention. No other country tries to match our talent in this arena. The ones that are around are American's. Elvis is still the king to a multitude of followers.

It is no surprise that the U.S. is tops on the

lists of divorces. We've been hearing for years that 1 out of every 2 marriages end up in this category. It's probably nothing to brag about, but it does give material for country music writers.

No other country shops more. We are also the country that has the most malls, 34,683 nationwide. And how do we pay for the things we buy? Charge it, of course. We love credit cards. We collect them. We use them like no other country in the world. The average American has nine cards. There are 1 billion credit cards in circulation among the 110.4 million card owners. The Nilson Report says we have spent \$469.5 billion dollars with cards in 1990.

We are also the country that spends the most time doing yard work. We have more lawns—and spend more money on them—than any other country. Lawn care is big business, gathering in over \$5.6 billion dollars last year. The National Gardening Association says there are over 30 million acres of lawns in the U.S., a land mass that would cover the state of Indiana.

Decorating those miles of lawns are ornaments, the pink flamingo type of thing. We have more in America than anyone else. Iowa is the leader, where a poll showed that 1 in 4 Iowa lawns sport some type of an ornament.

We also make the best and most coveted toilet paper in the world. Frequent travelers won't leave home without it. Travelers also notice water pressure. Most people don't appreciate this, but it's fact. We enjoy the best in the world.

If you're like me, it was time to hear about something that we're the best at. I'm tired of always hearing about our failures.

## Lack of 'book-lovers' bookstore has writer ticked off...

By Janice Northern  
Texan Staffer

Snyder, Texas boasts 42 churches, four video rental stores, one white buffalo (fiber-glass) and no bookstores. There is something wrong with that ratio.

We are well-equipped to please church-goers, movie-watchers and even buffalo enthusiasts, but what about book-lovers? There are books for sale in Snyder—small selections in several stores—but these are aimed at only the most general of audiences. One can find a few current best-sellers, the top romance and mystery novels, and a smattering of non-fiction. But anyone looking for a book dealing with a specific subject in depth, such as a hobby, or anyone searching for poetry, a

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classic, or even "Love in the Time of Cholera" is out of luck. In short, anyone looking for a book that does not have mass appeal will come away disappointed.

Of course, we have a county library, well-stocked, and a college library, both valuable facilities. Most of what a reader is looking for is available in a library, but not everything. And the main drawback to libraries is that books can only be borrowed, not purchased. I use the library frequently, and could never afford to purchase all the books I read, but there are some I like to own. Book ownership has pleasures all its own. One can tell a lot about a person by the books on his shelf, or a lack of them. A book owned can be marked in and underlined, shared with friends, treasured and reread again and again. Books make great gifts, too. Like libraries, bookstores do not stock every book in print either, but they can be ordered. Without a bookstore in Snyder it is impossible to do even that.

We have had bookstores come and go and, unfortunately, the fact that there is not one here now says something about our town. Bookstores cannot stay in business in Snyder because we do not support them. If a store does not make a profit it will not stay open. Even though our economic resources are declining, we still find money for video games, movies and pizza. Each community determines its own personality and character by the actions of its residents. If the majority of the population feels that books are so unimportant that no one even misses having a bookstore, then we will not have one. But that sends out a message that Snyder is the stereotypical small West Texas town where people are more interested in overdosing on an evening of mindless TV than in doing anything even mildly cultural or thought-provoking. Do we really want to live in that kind of town? I don't.

Perhaps we are overlooking a perfect opportunity for a bookstore right here on cam-

pus. WTC already has a bookstore of sorts: textbooks, supplies and gifts are available. We have the facility and the employees; why not expand the inventory? Granted, it would involve some expense, and possibly some renovation to enlarge the current space, but it



could be done. Economically, it would be more feasible than building one from the ground up; WTC's bookstore is already in operation and must maintain a staff to serve the college's needs. With an additional inventory of fiction and other "real" books (as opposed to just textbooks), and the proper advertising to let the town know about it, it's a possibility.

There are probably reasons why it has not been done, but one can always find reasons not to do something. We should not overlook the fact that there are often better reasons for going ahead with the project. This is a community college. We could provide a real service to the community by providing a real bookstore.

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## Baseball survey seeks input

Western Texas College is currently considering a baseball program and the following survey is to assist in the decision-making process.

The survey may be returned to Mickey Baird, student activities director, at her office in the WTC Student Center or mailed in care of WTC, Snyder, Tx. 79549.

Please provide the following information with your answers.

- Student  
 Faculty  
 Staff  
 Other

- Male  
 Female

- YES NO UNDECIDED Do you support baseball as a new varsity sport at WTC?
- YES NO UNDECIDED Would you attend weekend games?
- YES NO UNDECIDED Do you consider yourself a sports fan?
- YES NO UNDECIDED If a student at WTC, would you use the college cafeteria on weekends if adding baseball caused it to remain open?
- YES NO UNDECIDED Do you feel there is sufficient area and regional talent to field a baseball team?
- YES NO UNDECIDED Do you think the WTC student body would support a new baseball program?

Please offer any additional comments related to baseball at WTC in provided space or on additional sheet.



# Campus

## MOVIE BRIEFS

### DEATH WARRANT (R)

Formula chop-sockey adventure starring Belgian-born karate champ Jean-Claude Van Damme as the top kicker. He's a Canadian cop who goes undercover in the big house to solve some murders among the inmates. A routine assortment of fighting scenes takes place with Van Damme surviving a stabbing and a fall from a cellblock. Part of the story concerns the sale of human body organs on the black market. Also with Robert Guillaume and Cynthia Gibb. FAIR MARTIAL ARTS DRAMA DIR-Deran Sarafian LEAD-Jean-Claude Van Damme RT-89 mins (Profanity)

### GRIM PRARIE TALES (R)

An earnest, well-acted, but uninspired western anthology film styled in the fashion of "The Twilight Zone" television series. Two unlikely characters meet in the desert where they share a campfire—and scary stories. James Earl Jones is a scruffy bounty hunter; Brad Dourif is a timid city man. Four tales come to life of prairie drifters who meet strange demises. Two of them are short vignettes combining humor with sneak-up horror; the others are standard western fare. FAIR HORROR DIR-Wayne Coe LEAD-James Earl Jones RT-90 mins (Profanity)

### HARDWARE (R)

Dismal, post-nuclear horror/sci-fi adventure that is neither enlightening nor frightening. A para-military scavenger (Dylan McDermott) offers an android skull to his scrap-metal artist girlfriend (Stacey Travis). Soon the skull evolves into a killing machine a la "The Terminator." This film is nothing more than an over-violent, extended heavy metal music video which aims at cult classic status. BORING SCI-FI/HORROR DIR-Richard Stanley LEAD-Dylan McDermott RT-92 mins.

### STATE OF GRACE (R)

New York's vicious Westies gang of Irish-American thugs is the focus of the ultra-violent gangster movie. The story centers on the ethnic loyalty of these criminals engaged in murder, extortion and arson. But this account is no "Godfather" saga. A shallow, grim and downbeat plot, inundated with relentless mayhem, weighs heavily on the film. Gary Oldman, though, offers a vivid performance as an unhinged younger brother. Sean Penn is notable as a gang member with a mysterious past. FAIR GANGSTER DRAMA DIR-Phil Joanou LEAD-Sean Penn RT-130 mins.

## Halloween's history not always for kids

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This day was in remembrance of the early Christians.

With this new holiday, October 31 became the evening before All Hallows Day or All Hallows E'en. Time eroded the term to "Hallow's E'en" and finally Halloween.

The custom of a jack-o'-lantern can be traced to an Irish story of a man named Stingy Jack, who was not accepted in heaven or hell. God would not place his soul in heaven because he had been a selfish fool. And the Devil refused to accept his soul because he had played tricks on him. Before he was turned away from hell, the Devil gave Jack a burning coal and instructed him to put it inside a hollow turnip.

When the Irish and Scottish immigrants arrived in

America they found that pumpkins were an abundant crop. With the pumpkins they began to make jack-o'-lanterns in remembrance of Stingy Jack.

These immigrants brought Halloween to America. They were no longer afraid of being haunted, yet the scary stories continued to circulate. American children adopted the trick-or-treat custom created by the little Celtic boys. Jack-o'-lanterns are displayed on many porches and we still envision witches riding on brooms and dancing around great bonfires.

Parents have become less afraid of the children-snatching goblins. They tend to give their own little goblins more freedom on Halloween, so expect a few chocolate-toothed smiles at your door Wednesday night.

## Criteria given

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more than one type, but only two short stories or prose pieces and no more than four poems.

—Writers should submit two copies of their work.  
—All submissions must be typed. Prose submissions should be doubled spaced.

—Unless writers make provisions for return of manuscripts, submissions will not be returned.

For more information, call 573-8511 ext. 246. Work may be submitted to a member of the English department also at the English department mailboxes, or 7B 102.

## TDCJ addition

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Thornton said the college will not immediately need additional staff to teach the course. He added, however, more instructors may be required if Abilene and Lamesa officers are included in the next contract.

The only additional cost to the college by offering the course will be the purchase of firearms, he said. The in-service will include firearm training and the college will be required to purchase various firearms and ammunition.

The college will also be providing firearm training in its officer certification program in the future. In the past, TDCJ provided firearms instruction for the certification program.

## College grads see foreign car as future buy

NEW YORK, N.Y. (CPS) - Sixty percent of the nation's collegians say they probably will buy a foreign car after graduation, a survey of 1,024 students nationwide by Roper Campus Reports found.

Nevertheless, about 57 percent of the students who already own cars are driving American-made models. Thirty percent of them own Asian-made cars, up from 24 percent the last time Roper did a car survey in 1988.

## Recycling project is goal of WTC faculty

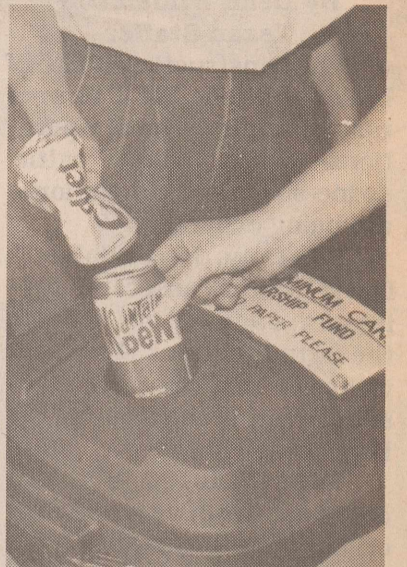
**By Naomi J. Gutierrez Texan Staffer**

The WTC Environmental Committee has begun an aluminum can recycling program on campus that will help set up scholarships for local high school students.

Blue trash cans with bright orange labels are now in place at almost all campus buildings. Students and staff are asked to fill these with aluminum cans. All proceeds from the sale of the cans will go into the scholarship fund.

According to Ty Brunson, committee member, the group is attempting to locate a cotton trailer to use as a central collection site for cans. When located, the trailer will be made available to the community as well.

Brunson said students are encouraged to take part in the recycling project, as well as any other projects concerning the environment.



### Recycle please

An aluminum can recycling program has been established on campus by the WTC Environmental Committee. Money from the sale of cans will be used to fund scholarships for area students at WTC. (Texan photo by Michael Avila)

He noted that if the WTC faculty alone saved one can a week, more than \$2,000 a year could be earned.

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# Campus

## Students busy 'down on the farm'

### Building phase said complete, research underway

By Dean Williamson  
Texan Staffer

The construction phase of building at the WTC farm is now complete and operations—which include cattle, swine-sheep and cultivation—are being expanded.

Bob Doty, Jim Judah and David Kattes, associate professors of agriculture, oversee the farm programs. The facility itself is located some 8 miles southwest of campus on the Big Spring Hwy.

From 75 to 100 WTC students use the 300-acre facility on a regular basis during the school year. These include all

agriculture majors and some of the golf-landscape technology students.

In the three years that the college has owned the farm, several fixtures have been installed. These include rodeo facilities and a hay barn, a swine farrowing house, swine finishing floor, sheep-lambing center and shop facilities.

These constitute the building phase which is now considered to be complete. At present, maintenance operations are being established for the longterm upkeep of the facilities.

The farming operations

include cattle, swine, sheep and cultivated crops to include several experimental varieties for West Texas.

Bob Doty, who is also in charge of the WTC Rodeo team, heads up the college's involvement with cattle. The program is set up like a "stocker operation," Doty said.

A rotation system is used with the cattle. Offspring from the previous year are used in the rodeo physical education classes. When the rodeo team is finished with them, the cattle are turned out to graze on feed grown at the farm.

The next step in the rota-

tion process is in the spring, when the animals are sold at public auction to produce revenue for the program. The cattle count varies, depending on the season, from 50 to 90 head.

The swine and sheep operation is another of the major projects taking place at the farm. Swine comprise "12 to 15 sows year-round," said Jim Judah, who heads the operation. These animals are studied by those involved in the agriculture classes.

At present the sheep herd is composed of 15 head. Judah said he hopes this number will be expanded to 30.

The offspring of both the swine and sheep are used for various purposes in the agricultural classes. Some of the animals become part of lab experiments for animal health and husbandry classes. Others are used for study in evaluation classes.

The other major area of work at the farm involves cultivation and is under the direction of David Kattes.

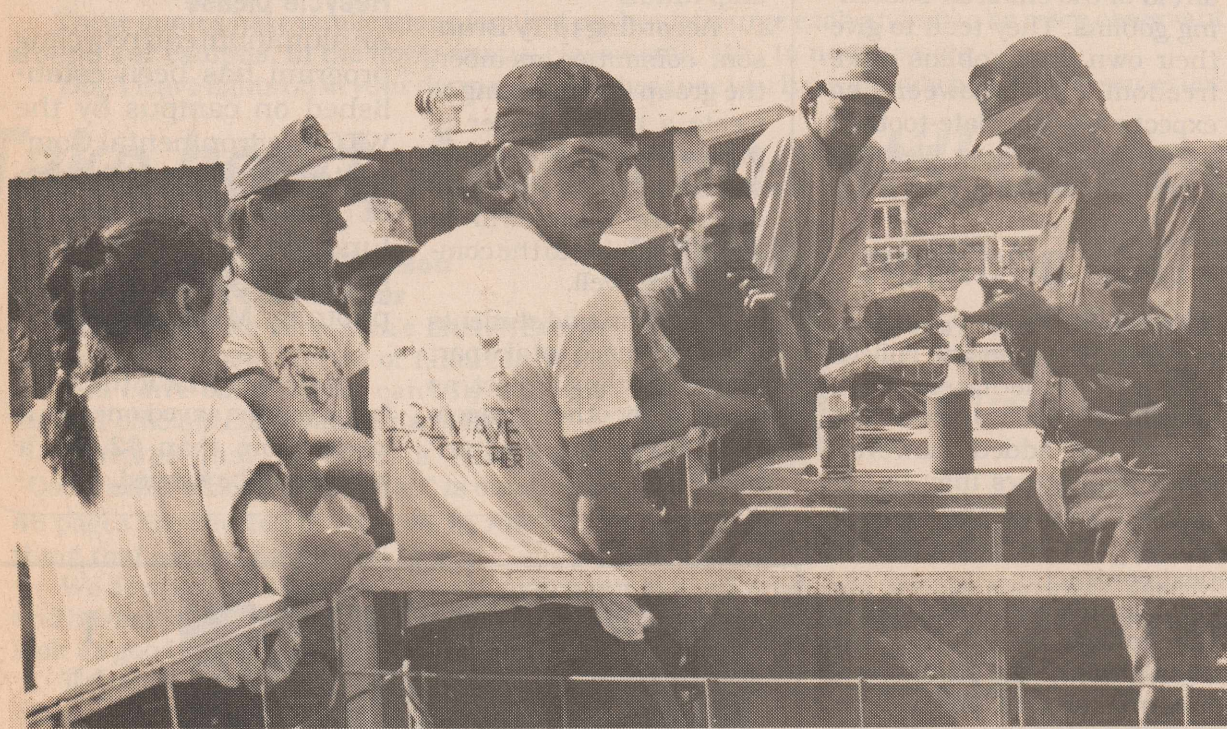
"We have hopes of building the farm into a research station (where) we can show high quality demonstrations," Kattes said. The farm offers a place to "teach students and educate area producers."

Kattes said currently a wheat variety test is being conducted. Nine varieties of wheat are being tested as well as wheat with turnips, oats and Austrian winter peas. These tests are designed to determine the best grazing crop



Crop evaluation

WTC student Brent Atkinson evaluates one of the crops under cultivation at the 300-acre WTC farm, located some 8 miles southwest of the campus. From 75 to 100 WTC students use the facility during the school year. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)



Class gathering

Operations at the WTC farm include cattle, swine, sheep and both traditional and experimental West Texas crops. Here,

instructor Jim Judah is shown with a class concentrating on lamb judging. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

for stocker type cattle grazing.

These tests and others conducted at the farm are conducted with the cooperation of the Texas Agriculture Extension Center and the Soil Conservation Center.

In this way, local farmers may use the WTC site as a research laboratory, to see if

advances in farm operations might have local application.

A Nov. 15 meeting is scheduled with representatives of the local extension service to "solidify" projects being conducted at the WTC farm.

Research is taking place also in plot design, insect and See FARM, page 5

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## WTC farm operations profiled

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erosion control. The research takes into consideration the economic feasibility that will be faced by the farmer, Kattes said.

A six-acre plot has been set aside for a long term fertility and accumulation study on cotton, he said, and cotton yields are being studied in a series of tests which rate short-term fertility. Rotation tests are being conducted also.

Other studies involving cotton include variety and till-

age tests.

New crops for this area are also being experimented with at the farm. Kenaf, Guayale and Sesame are the newest, which are being tested as alternative cash crops to cotton.

Kenaf is a plant that can be used to make high quality paper. Guayale, another "new" plant, is a type of rubber plant suited for desert-type conditions. The third, Sesame, produces the seeds which are used on "hamburger buns."

Future potential projects for

the farm are development of a pecan and fruit orchard as well as a small vineyard.

Currently, a 30-acre section of the farm is set aside for cultivation and testing. Sudan is sown on another 50 to 60 acres used to feed the farm livestock.

Financing for research at the college farm is being sought through several avenues, which include livestock associations as well as chemical and seed companies, Kattes noted.



### Swine operations

Dessa Garton and Derrick Bruton combine to make this potential boar a barrow as part of the swine operations at the WTC college farm. In the three years that the college has owned the facility, fixtures

installed include rodeo facilities and a hay barn, a swine farrowing house, swine finishing floor, sheep-lambing center and shop facilities. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)



### Sheep evaluation

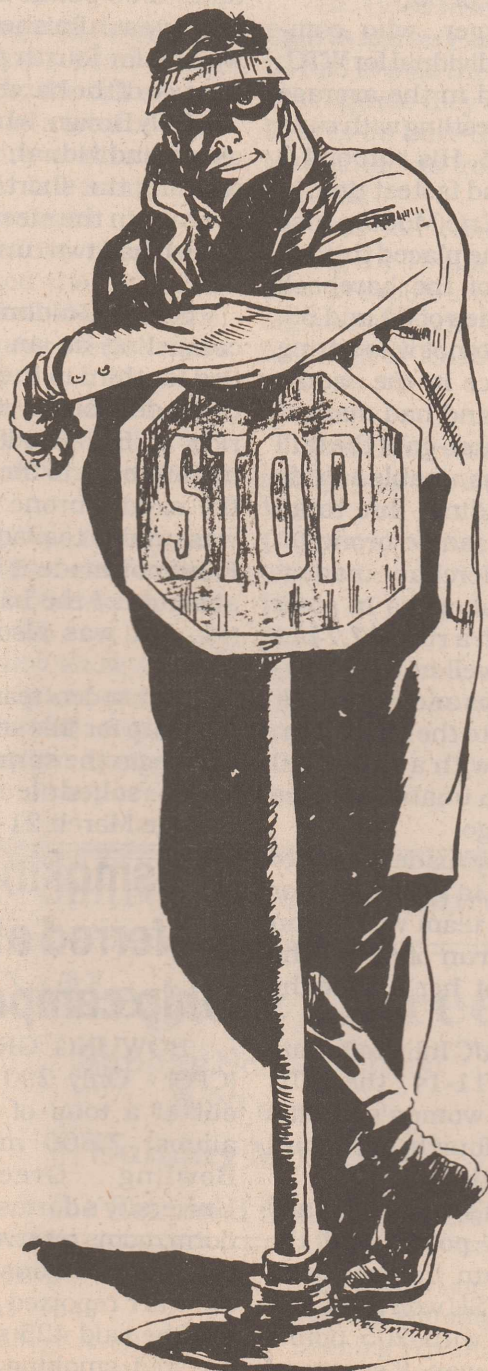
Jim Judah, associate professor of agriculture, guides a class through the evaluation of sheep for meat purposes at the

WTC farm. He is assisting Dessa Garton in an animal science lab. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

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# Sports

## WTC golfers finish 11th at Odessa tournament

The Western Texan Golf Team recently participated in the Mission Dorado National Intercollegiate golf tournament in Odessa at Mission Dorado Country Club.

In team competition, the Westerners placed 11th overall. The total team score at tournament end was 929.

In individual scoring for the WTC team, Ryan Teague led all individual scores with 229. Other scores were: Brad Stewart, (232); Tony Lara, (232); Mark Wood, (233); Darren Waters, (235); Clint Winn, (237); John Gatlin, (242); and Tony Smith, (242).

The Westerners were to play at the Texarkana Fall Intercollegiate golf tournament in Texarkana this past weekend. The team will host the Conference Golf Tournament this coming weekend, Nov. 2-3, here on campus.

## Westerners have 'top' players...

# Tough season forecast for men

By Glenn Boerger  
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerners will begin regular season play next Monday, Nov. 5, and Westerner coach Tony Mauldin said he sees the conference as "real tough" this year with five to six teams having a shot at the conference title.

WTC will open play against Cedar Valley at Dallas and will have its first conference game Nov. 29 versus Howard of Big Spring.

Mauldin said he thinks Howard College will be the team to beat for the conference title.

Howard has last year's conference MVP coming back in Johnny McDowell. Mauldin expects Odessa College to make a run at the title as well. Odessa is led by 6'10" center Rodney Dent.

Without listing his own team, he sees the rest of the conference shaping up with South Plains in third, Midland

College in fourth, NMJC in fifth, Frank Phillips in sixth, Clarendon in seventh and NMMI in eighth.

Mauldin thinks the Westerners "can finish in the top five" in the conference and should have a shot at winning the conference title. "Winning our home games is important" said Mauldin.

The Westerners play each team in the conference twice, once at home and once on the road.

With the addition of transfers Michael Richardson and Paul Johnson, Mauldin feels the Westerners have four of the top 15 players in the conference. Returners Dominick Byrd and Allen Smith are included in those four.

The Westerners will finish up conference play Feb. 28 against Clarendon College and hope to finish in the top four in the conference and make a trip to the State Tournament March 9-13 in Waco.

## Coach expects 5th ranking...

# Dusters will need experience

By Mike Avila  
Texan Staffer

Experience will play an important factor in determining conference standings this season, according to Duster coach Kelly Chadwick.

Chadwick cited lack of experience as the most significant

problem in the Duster lineup. The Dusters have nine freshmen this season and have only one returning sophomore with playing experience, according to Chadwick.

There are no official conference standings as yet, but Chadwick said he would pick South Plains College to be rated number one. The team boasts eight returning sophomores.

The coach placed the Lady Dusters fifth in the conference standings at present. This stems largely from the team's lack of experience. "It will probably not be until the early part of January before we start really playing good. This will give the team time to gain the experience and knowledge needed to play good basketball," said Chadwick.

Team participation will be a crucial part of a successful season for the Lady Dusters, according to Chadwick. "We are not as big or quick as some of the other teams in the conference. We must play good defense and be patient," said Chadwick. Coach Chadwick did note that this year's team did work hard and were willing to work together to improve.



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## College rodeo teams wind up fall contests with Tech event

By Glenn Boerger  
Texan Staffer

The WTC men's and women's rodeo teams finished up the fall rodeo schedule with back-to-back weekend rodeos at Vernon Regional Junior College and Texas Tech. Both

teams continued to struggle as they have finished no better than third place at a college rodeo this season.

At the Texas Tech rodeo, the men's team finished in fifth place with 105 points and the women's team was unable to score any points. Odessa College won the men's competition with 207.5 points and ENMU won its third straight women's competition scoring 270 points.

Troy Cattoor continued his strong showings as he scored all of WTC's men's points in winning the average of the bareback riding. Cattoor has placed in the bareback riding in three of the four college rodeos. Cattoor placed second in the long-go with a ride of 66 and tied for first in the short-go with a ride of 68.

Scott Berger, who competed as an individual for WTC, placed second in the average of the steer wrestling with runs of 4.9 and 6.5. His run of 4.9 was the second fastest time in the long-go. Eric Mouton also fared well as he placed third in the average of the bareback riding with rides of 62 and 65.

Benji Fontenot was sitting in fourth place in the saddle bronc riding and had made it back in the short-go of the bull riding. He was unable to ride in the bull riding due to an injury in the saddle bronc.

Russell Merchant made it back to the short-go in steer wrestling with a run of 7.7 but did not fare well in the short-go. Kevin Tibbs and Kevin Holt made it back to the short-go in team roping with a run of 9.0 but were also unable to place in the short-go.

Lisa Meloy made it back to the short-go in goat tying for the women's team with a run of 8.3 but a run of 9.7 in the short-go kept her out of the money.

At the VRJC Intercollegiate Rodeo Oct. 11-14, the WTC men's and women's teams finished in fourth and third place respectively.

The men's team finished with 121.66 points and the women's team finished with 120 points. TSU won the men's competition with 205 points and ENMU won its second straight women's competition

as they scored 160 points. Jennifer Lee scored all of WTC's women's points as she won her second goat tying event in three tries. Lee won the ENMU goat tying competition earlier this year. Lee won both go-rounds and the average with two runs of 9.1 and 8.8. No other WTC cowgirls were able to make it back to the short-go.

Darrin Cook scored 100 of WTC's men's points as he won the average in the bull riding. Cook placed second in both go-rounds with rides of 80 and 72.

Russell Merchant scored 15 of the men's points as he tied for third in the long-go of the steer wrestling with a run of 5.3. Troy Cattoor and Dwayne Evans scored the other 6.66 points for the men as they each finished in a three-way tie for fourth place in the long-go of the bareback riding.

Billy Brown, who competed as an individual, fared well, winning the short-go and the average in the steer wrestling. Brown had two runs of 5.6 and 4.3.

Shane Guldbransen, also competing as an individual, tied for third in the short-go of the saddle bronc riding with a ride of 69. Thad Little also made it back to the short-go in the saddle bronc riding, but was unable to place and Benji Fontenot made it back to the short-go of the bareback riding, but was also unable to place.

The rodeo teams are finished up for this semester and will begin the spring semester rodeo schedule at Odessa College March 21-24.

## 'No smoking' preferred at Ohio campus

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (CPS) - Only 290 students - out of a total of the almost 7,800 moving into Bowling Green State University's dorms - requested dorm rooms reserved for smokers, campus housing director Jill Carr reported Aug. 28.

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## Actresses gain state honors before choosing WTC

By Keitha St. Clair  
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College's drama department gained this fall two state award-winning actresses, Nicole Lancet of Seagraves and Amber Adams of Snyder.

Last spring at one-act play state competition, Nicole achieved the highest honor a high school actor can receive in Texas, the Samuel French Award for Class 2-A schools. At the same state contest, Amber Adams was named to the all-star cast of Class 4-A schools.

Eight plays advance to state competition in each classification. The Samuel French Award is given to the most outstanding performer in each classification. Each classification also has best actor and best actress honors.

Throughout Nicole's high school career she has accomplished four best actress awards; five all-star cast awards; one honorable mention; four district championships; three state appearances; and one state championship.

Amber's high school achievements include five best actress awards; five all-star cast awards; three honorable mentions; and four state appearances.

Nicole began her acting career in junior high. In her first high school play, "Gorky," she was cast as the character Becky. "I only had 12 lines and I sang one song," said Nicole. Seagraves captured the district championship that year, and Nicole received a position on the all-star cast for her performance at area.

Nicole's sophomore year, Seagraves performed "And They Dance Real Slow In

Jackson." Nicole was the lead, Elizabeth Willow, a young girl that was confined to a wheel chair. "I really gained a huge respect for crippled people. I wore braces on my legs that a real little girl had worn," she said. The play won district, advanced to regionals and qualified for state. Nicole received various acting awards that year. She was selected best actress at the regional

competition.

In 1989, Seagraves placed second at state with "The Rimers of Eldritch." Nicole was cast as Eva Jackson. She pocketed best actress awards that year at district and regionals. At area, she was again named to Class 2-A's all-star cast.

In 1990, Nicole's senior year, she experienced a state championship with the play "The Runner Stumbles." "That

was the best feeling I ever experienced in drama, to win as a group," said Nicole. She picked up all-star cast awards at district and regional and she received best actress at area. That was also the year Nicole won the Samuel French award.

Nicole is quick to praise her high school director, Freida Attaway. Freida was not only Nicole's director, she is also

her aunt. "Freida was the soul behind every play we ever did. My love for her inspired me to give 200 percent," said Nicole.

Nicole received the Baze Scholarship and a drama scholarship from WTC drama instructor Jim Rambo. "I chose to come to WTC because it has always had a strong drama program, and I know I can work with Rambo," she said.

WTC's other all state win-

ning actress, Amber Adams, was selected this summer to play one of the six principal characters in the production "TEXAS." "I've gone to that play since I was a little girl, and a friend asked me to try out, so I did. I got a part," said Amber. "I don't know if I'll try out for the play again. I'll just have to wait and see. I really enjoyed it."

Amber won an award for every one-act play competition she performed in. Amber's acting career began in eighth grade. "I enjoyed it, but I didn't know how much I loved acting until my sophomore year when we did 'The Corn Is Green.' That is when I knew acting was the thing for me," she said, adding "my most rewarding experience was receiving my first best actress award my junior year."

Amber says that Snyder High School drama instructor, Jerry Worsham, played a key role in her love of drama. "He opened the door for me, and helped me to realize that all things are possible in drama. He inspired me to give it my very best," said Amber.

Amber plans to seek a career in acting. "Acting is a job full of constant competition. Just because you are good doesn't mean you have the part."

"It has a lot to do with appearance, age and voice. In this business I am going to have to be sure of myself because getting turned down is part of it. This career choice will keep me on my toes," said Amber.

Amber also received the Baze Scholarship here.

Nicole and Amber said that they are looking forward to an exciting year in drama at WTC.



'Candida'

Amber Adams has the title role in George Bernard Shaw's "Candida," to be performed by the WTC drama department this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)



'Prosperine'

Nicole Lancet practices her role as "Prosperine Garnett" in George Bernard Shaw's play "Candida." The play will open a three-night run Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

## Enrollment declines in part-time students

By Dominick Byrd  
Texan Writer

Western Texas College's overall enrollment dropped this fall when compared to last year, but enrollment of full-time students showed an increase.

According to figures given by Duane Hood, dean of student services, the fall semester of 1989 had a total of 1,144 students compared to a total of 1,060 this fall term, a decline of 84 students.

On a positive note, however, he noted that 614 students had enrolled as full-time, an improvement over last fall's count of 598.

Part-time students declined from 530 last fall to 462 this fall, a difference of 68 students.

This drop was mostly due to a decline in part-time women students, with 56 fewer women counted this fall.

Figures also show a drop in semester hours students are taking this fall. A total of 10,479 semester hours are being taken compared to

11,145 last fall.

Hood said, "The reasons for the drop in enrollment and in hours being taken are probably because of the TASP and the number of courses being offered this semester."

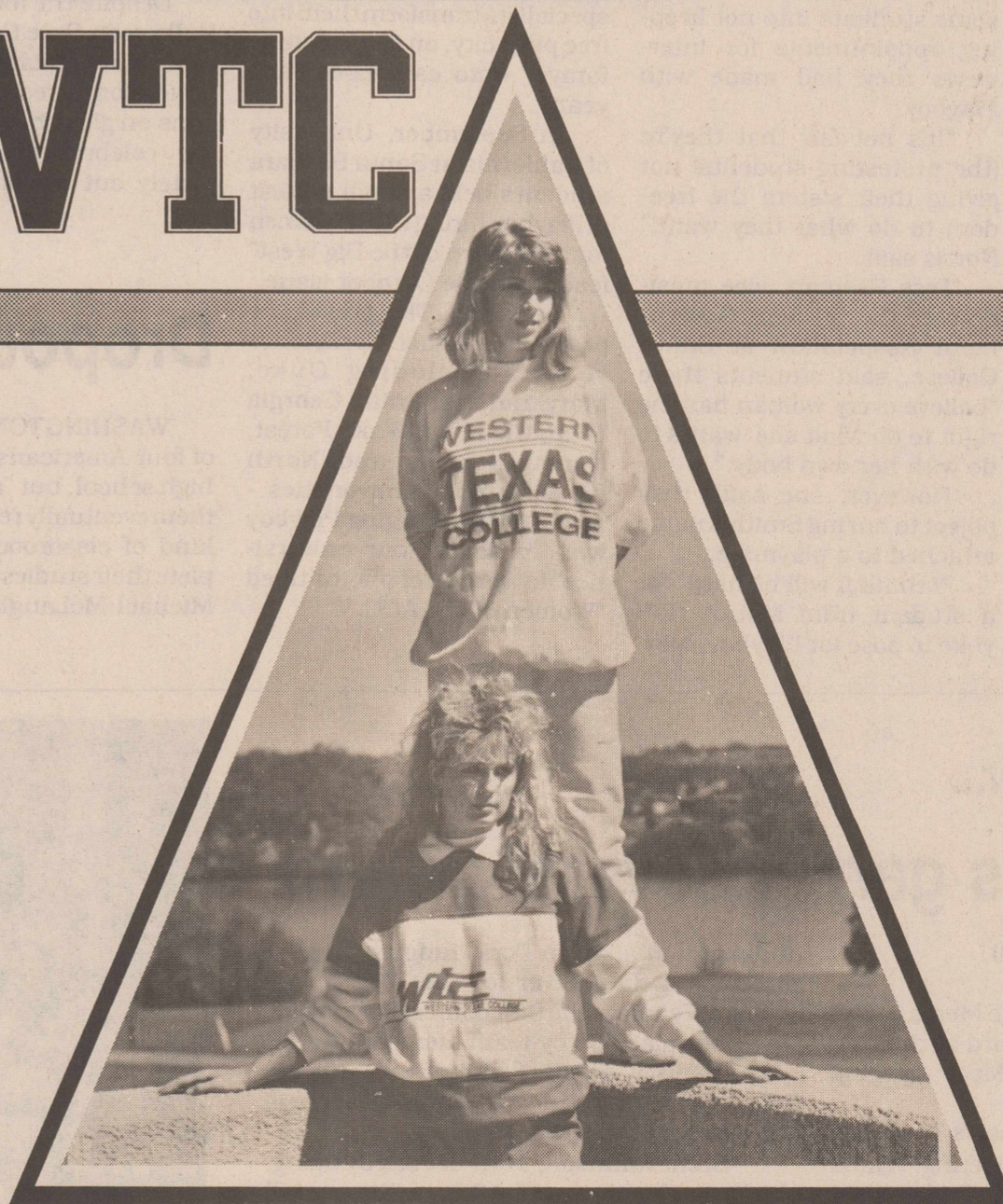
Dr. Hood also said, "These figures are very important, but if I had to pick the most important figures they would be the figures on part-time and full-time students from last fall to this fall."

This fall counts at WTC during the 1980s have fluctuated between a low of 1,006, registered in the fall of 1985, to a high of 1,319, counted in 1984.

Fall term enrollments for the 10-year period were:

1980	1,164
1981	1,073
1982	1,266
1983	1,271
1984	1,319
1985	1,006
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1987	1,164
1988	1,026
1989	1,144

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# College Press



## Campus Tour

Texas Jaycees President Jim Murphy toured the WTC campus Oct. 17 and conversed with students Naomi Gutierrez, Nichole Overman, Sonora Bratton, and

Meredith Goodwin. Murphy also visited the Snyder Jaycees and local financial institutions. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

## Playboy succumbs to pressure to recruit at women's colleges

(CPS)

Claiming it's bowing to student pressure, Playboy magazine has started asking students at women's colleges to pose in various states of undress for a spring pictorial.

The magazine, which often trolls campuses for willing models, decided to recruit at women's colleges this year in response to alleged requests from students who felt "left out" because Playboy had never hired women from their schools, said Elizabeth Norris, a Playboy spokeswoman.

Norris, however, would not name the people who made the unusual requests.

She said she did not know if the students who called were male or female.

Regardless of who called, Playboy editors also wanted to investigate the "myth" that students at women's colleges are all feminists with short hair, Norris added.

"The response has been fabulous," Norris said.

Some women's college students have a hard time believing her.

"The attitude here is varying degrees of disapproval," said Melissa Dile, president of the Associated Students of Mills College, a women's college in Oakland, Calif.

"They're trying to capitalize on the publicity of last spring" when Mills students protested to keep administrators from admitting men to college, Dile maintained.

In mid-October, Playboy sent a crew to Boston for a week of photographing students and alumni at schools that are all-female or have recently gone coed including Elms, Emmanuel, Mount Holyoke, Pine Manor, Regis, Simmons, Smith, Wellesley, Wheaton and Wheelock colleges.

"I think it's important that the public knows that we (students at Mount Holyoke) don't want to be represented like this," said Heather Merrill, a Mount Holyoke senior who helped plan an anti-Playboy petition drive and picketing of the Playboy's Chicago offices.

Norris said that, despite the "fabulous" response, campus protests have "scared" some students into not keeping appointments for interviews they had made with Playboy.

"It's not fair that they're (the protesting students) not giving their sisters the freedom to do what they want," Norris said.

Tess Resman, vice president of the Student Government Association at Smith College, said students there "believe every woman has the right to do what she wants to do with her own body."

However, she said, they object to having Smith's name attached to a playmate.

"I think it will be hard" for a student from Mount Holyoke to pose for Playboy, Mer-

rill added.

"I know many students would have a difficult time understanding why she would do something like that."

Playboy claims that it already has convinced one women's college alumna, a 1986 graduate of Mills named Heidi Ellis, to pose.

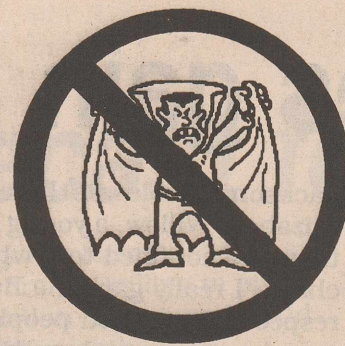
Dile said she and other Mills students cannot find any mention of Ellis in school records.

"It's kind of strange that no one remembers her," Dile said, although models do sometimes adopt fake names when they appear in the magazine.

The controversy is similar to the protests and anger that have greeted Playboy, whose corporate public relations specialists transform them into free publicity, on its recruiting forays onto campuses each year.

In September, University of California at Santa Barbara students held a small protest of Playboy hiring UCSB women for a "Women of the Big West" feature in the October issue.

In March, The presidents of Athletic Coast Conference schools--including Duke, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Wake Forest, North Carolina and North Carolina State universities--sent a letter charging Playboy was "exploiting our universities" in a group of photos titled "Women of the ACC."



## Campuses prohibit Halloween parties

(CPS) - Halloween, something of an unofficial national student holiday on many campuses, is becoming an official student holiday at one school this year.

Not all students, however, are happy about it.

"They wanted to stop the party," complained Ed Walthers, chief of staff of the student government at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale.

In what is probably the nation's most extreme effort to halt student Halloween parties that often devolve into chaotic, violent street brawls, SIU is making all its students leave campus from Friday Oct. 26 through Tuesday, Oct. 30.

SIU will shut all its dorms during the "holiday."

"We (the school's administrators) have discussed a mid-semester break for years, but the Halloween situation hurried our decision," explained SIU President John C. Guyon.

The "situation" is the giant, unofficial Halloween parties that SIU students--soon joined by students and then non-students from all over the Midwest--have held annually since the mid-1970s.

As the years passed the party became progressively more chaotic, often breaking into drunken brawls. Injuries and property destruction became common.

Despite the formation of a Halloween Core Committee to coordinate increased police protection, street closings and bans on glass bottles, in 1988 the celebration spun completely out of control. More

than 300 people were hospitalized with facial lacerations caused by broken bottles, one person was stabbed and a woman was raped, SIU officials reported.

Frustrated SIU and Carbondale officials then announced a series of measures to wind down the party gradually, finally killing it this year by driving most SIU students out of town for the weekend.

"The Student Senate is opposed" to the forced holiday. While Walthers thought the break would be good for students' studies, he thought the reasoning behind it was flawed.

Moreover, Walthers asserted some students who can't go home will have no place to stay during the break.

But SIU spokeswoman Sue Davis said the school had not heard any complaints from students who had nowhere to go, and the SIU would stick to its plan to close all its single-student dormitories.

Married housing would remain open, she added.

"This decision to close was made a long time ago," Davis said, giving students plenty of time to plan where to stay. "This is not news."

While SIU's closing is the most drastic effort to prevent student Halloween parties, other schools are trying other measures.

In mid-September, city officials in Boulder, Colo., announced a plan to make it so hard for University of Colorado students to get to the

local Halloween street party, held annually since 1909, that they won't try.

Previous efforts to make the party, known as the "Mall Crawl," safe generally have failed.

Beefing up security and changing the name to the "Boulder Boo" in 1989 did not prevent 40,000 people from jamming into a three-block area, climbing lampposts, breaking liquor bottles, trampling lawns and starting fights.

This year, city officials will surround the area with roadblocks and sobriety checkpoints to try to dissuade people from going to the mall.

Party bans have worked in the past.

When the annual Halloween party at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst whirled into a 1979 riot in which students vandalized local stores, UMass officials imposed a five-year ban on Halloween parties.

There have been no unusual troubles at the smaller parties that grew up at the school after the ban.

Yet Halloween celebrations have turned dangerous at other campuses as well.

In 1985 at the University of Illinois-Champaign campus, windows were smashed, bonfires were lit, fistfights erupted and party-goers were showered with glass from broken beer bottles. A visiting Northwestern University student was struck in the head with a beer bottle, and lapsed into a coma. He later had to undergo brain surgery.

## Students simply put school on hold

## Dropout crisis widely exaggerated

WASHINGTON (CPS) - One of four Americans drop out of high school, but "about half of them eventually return to some kind of classroom and complete their studies," contended Michael McLaughlin Aug. 13

in a study for the conservative Heritage Foundation.

The report said the widely reported "dropout crisis" is "greatly exaggerated," resulting from inconsistencies in the ways states report their drop-

out rates.

"In truth," McLaughlin said, "this is not the dropout rate at all. It merely is the rate of those not graduating 'on time.'"

## Highest finish ever...

## Meat judges garner several awards

By Mark Carroll  
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas College Meats Judging Team recently finished third at the 10th annual Excel High Plains Meat Judging Contest in Plainview.

The event hosted 12 schools from five states with 81 individuals competing. Teams from Eastern Oklahoma State College and Tarleton State University won first and second.

Each team consists of four people while alternates compete for individual awards. This year's WTC team members are Benny Cornett, Brent Atkinson, Jeff Lewis and Mike Graham.

Alternates are Mark Carroll, Joe Martinez, Chad Welch and Ron Konstantin.

At the Plainview competition, the team won first in Lamb Judging, third in Beef

Judging and sixth in Pork Judging. This is the highest finish ever for the WTC Meats Judging Team for the first contest of the year.

Other placings by team members were: — Benny Cornett, fifth in Beef Judging, fourth in Lamb Judging, seventh in Placings and ninth in the overall contest.

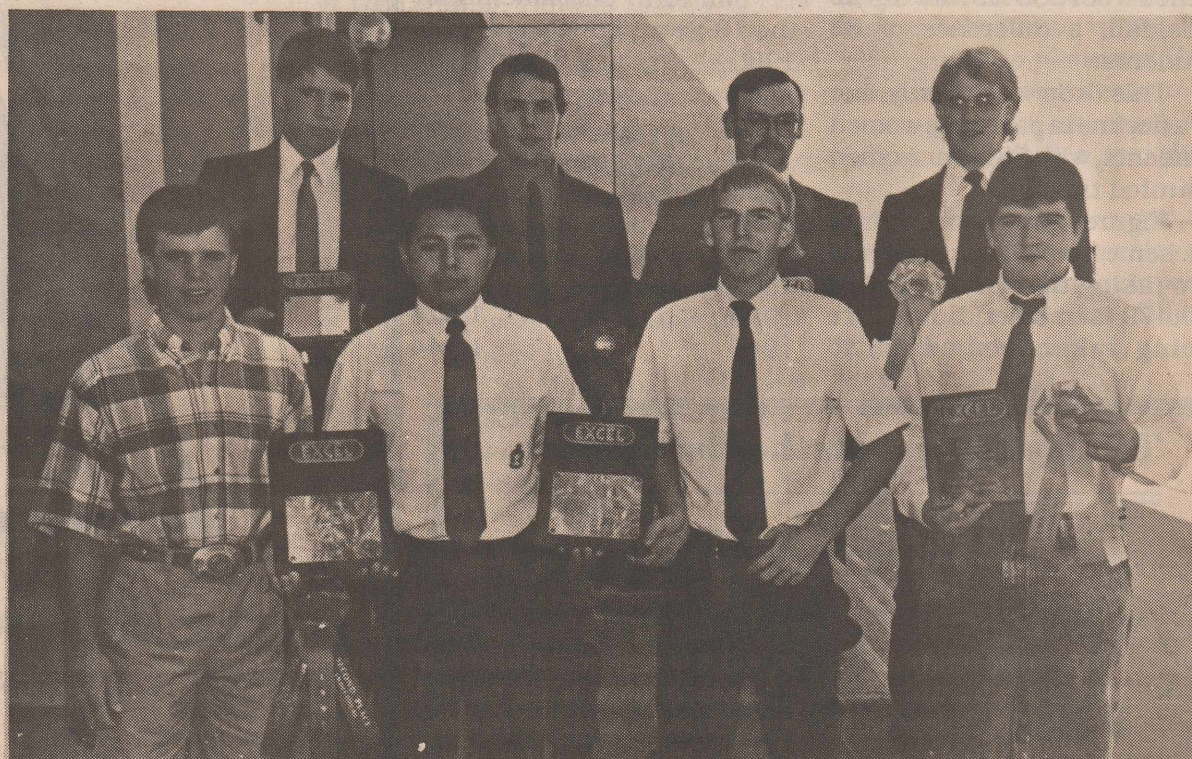
— Brent Atkinson, 10th in Pork Judging, eighth in Placings and 10th in the overall contest.

— Jeff Lewis, second in total Beef Judging and seventh in overall contest.

— Mike Graham, second in Lamb Judging.

Also receiving placings were alternates Joe Martinez, sixth in Lamb Judging; and Mark Carroll, 13th in Placings.

Coach for the team is Jim Judah. The team's next competition will be Nov. 4 in Garden City, Kan.



## Meat Judges

Those who competed and were awarded at a contest in Plainview were Jeff Lewis, Chad Welch, Brent Atkinson and Mark

Carroll. Others were Mike Graham, Joe Martinez, Ron Konstantin, and Benny Cornett. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)