



Celebration for 20th year scaled back

By Janice Northern
Texan Staffer

Plans for an expected celebration of WTC's 20th anniversary have been altered due to budget cuts, but the event will still be commemorated in several ways this spring, according to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president.

Original plans allowed \$3,000 for a celebration of some type to be held in the 1990-91 academic year, but as budget plans were finalized, college officials decided the money could be better used elsewhere. It was a matter of priorities, Krenek noted.

Krenek added he felt it was important to commemorate the event even though funds for it had been deleted from the budget. Money to finance whatever activities are planned will come from a general fund in the budget, as well as a fund set aside for receptions and dinners.

Krenek said there are many things that could be done without involving large expenditures. Since the anniversary celebration is planned for the latter part of the spring semester, plans at this point are tentative.

Such events are likely to be stretched over several months, Krenek said. Possibilities include dinners or ceremonies honoring original faculty and staff who are still at WTC, as well as community supporters of WTC.

In addition, some form of recognition may be planned for WTC graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields.

Glass fusion planned as new art class

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

A class in glass fusion—an art where glass is melted or fused to make bowls, dishes, windows and jewelry—will be offered by the WTC art department this spring.

The class will be limited to 10 students on a first-come first-serve basis and there will be no prerequisite for taking it.

It will be taught Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:20 by Ty Brunson.

Brunson attended a two-week camp on glass fusion this summer in Colton, Ore. He says the art form is very ancient, first practiced up to 5,000 years ago. "It was almost a lost art for a long time but it is starting to be revitalized," he said.

Brunson said glass fusion is a relatively easy process. Glass, when exposed to high temperatures, will move, expand and contract. During the firing cycle, glass becomes soft, then gluey and finally molten.

Fusing temperatures in the kiln can be from 1,575-1,700 degrees Fahrenheit. Brunson said the class would be working with temperatures at about 1,600 degrees.

The kiln—similar to a ceramic kiln—is the main piece of equipment necessary to fuse glass, he noted. The only difference between glass fusion kilns and a ceramic kiln is the placement of the heating elements. A fusing kiln has the electrical elements in the top and ceramic kilns locate them around the inside perimeter of the walls.

Projects may be formed by cutting the shapes and fusing them flat or by pouring heated glass into a mold to take its form.

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Hong Kong native glad to try WTC

By Paul Davidson
Texan Staffer

While most WTC students contemplate the distance from home in miles or perhaps states, Tin Ping (Patrick) Lam must think in terms of continents.

Patrick, a native of Hong Kong, arrived in Texas in August to seek an education in the United States.

After considering schools in Florida, Patrick, a business administration major, settled on WTC. He said he was ready for the small town life after living in a city of 6 million all his life. His trip consisted of 20 hours from Hong Kong to Los Angeles. He then proceeded to Memphis to Dallas to Abilene, finally arriving in Snyder.

Patrick was quickly introduced to three American institutions. A slight delay allowed him to spend the night in Dallas/Fort Worth airport. Upon arrival in Abilene, he found that one of his bags had gone elsewhere. Finally, reaching the bus station for the trip to Snyder, the one bus going his way was already gone.

A good dose of Texas hospitality saved him, however. Two employees of the Abilene Airport, Joel and Jana Agee, who had taken him to the bus station, decided to bring him on to Snyder. They also helped him get his lost luggage back a few days later.

Patrick was the first to arrive at his apartment on campus, and he spent the first two nights alone. Without knowing anyone and having no transportation, Patrick remembers the night in the airport and the first two nights on the campus as being the loneliest in his life. Now he has made a number of friends and his parents call each weekend.

Patrick admits to culture shock. Growing up in Hong Kong allowed for endless entertainment.

In Snyder, he finds the customary ritual of driving around Snyder's Sonic Drive-In amusing. "In Hong Kong the traffic is so congested, people only drive when they have to. And they always have someplace to go."

Other surprises here include livestock and the wide open spaces.

Patrick has also found the conservative nature of Texans interesting. In Hong Kong, for example, drinking alcohol is very common, but drinking excessively is unusual.

People here seem to relax more, he noted, and the laid-back approach agrees with Patrick.

Education is also different for Patrick. His initial schooling was up to the 10th grade. After taking Hong Kong's certificate of education examination, he was allowed to go on to the 12th. Once students have reached this level, they must decide on a science or art curriculum for future studies. The two may not be combined.

Upon completion of the 13th grade, students take another examination to see if they may attend either of the two universities. Failure means immediate job-



Tin Ping (Patrick) Lam
...from Hong Kong to WTC

hunting without benefit of further education or a second chance.

Education is more structured with little class interaction between students and instructor. The open discussions in Patrick's government class are a new experience for him, he said.

Patrick's true name is Tin Ping, but after much confusion, with some calling him Tin and some Ping, Patrick chose to take an American name for his time here.

He is the son of a watch salesman and a housewife, and hopes to continue his education at the University of Texas in Austin after completing his studies at WTC. Upon receiving his degree at UT, Patrick will return to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is a large metropolitan area presently under British rule. The official language is English. In 1997, Hong Kong will revert back to the Communist Chinese. According to Patrick, much of the business community is immigrating from Hong Kong to Australia and Canada. He has decided to give Communism a try, he said, but if he is unable to live under Communistic rule, he may also immigrate.

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Publication shows WTC 'affordable'

By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College is listed among the 9 "most affordable" colleges in the State of Texas as listed in the 1990-91 edition of "Compendium of Texas Colleges," published by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

The publication's estimate is for a "resident" student, indicating the student would not be required to pay out-of-state tuition expenses.

The estimate includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, two trips home and anticipated living expenses, to include clothing, haircuts, and cleaning for one school year of dorm living.

These costs at WTC for one year are estimated at \$4,590, ranking it ninth among the schools in the state.

All of the colleges listed in the top level of affordability were two-year community colleges. With the exception of three schools, each had annual cost estimates in the range of \$4,000 to \$4,500.

Regarding annual costs, WTC is the lowest overall for both two-year and four-year schools in the West Texas region.

In addition, it is notably less expensive than four-year schools in the area, both state and private institutions.

The Compendium lists 148 institutions of higher learning in the state.

The most affordable include:

- Vernon Regional Junior College, Vernon, \$2,660.
- Hill College, Hillsboro, \$2,800.
- Frank Phillips College, Borger, \$3,650.
- Bee County College, Beeville, \$4,071.
- Tyler Junior College, Tyler, \$4,202.
- Cooke County College, Gainesville, \$4,210.
- Weatherford College, Weatherford, \$4,360.
- Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, \$4,404.
- Western Texas College, \$4,590.

Regarding four-year universities in the area, the lowest annual cost was estimated for Angelo State University, \$6,510.

Others were the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Midland, \$7,020; and Texas Tech University, \$7,800.

Private colleges in Lubbock, Abilene, Plainview and Brownwood were substantially more—a minimum of twice the cost of attending WTC. Annual cost estimates for these schools were:

- Abilene Christian University, \$11,240.
- McMurry University, \$10,550.
- Hardin-Simmons University, \$10,383.
- Howard Payne University, \$8,502.
- Wayland Baptist University, \$8,496.
- Lubbock Christian University, \$8,140.

These figures hardly begin to touch that of the five most expensive schools in Texas. These are:

- Southern Methodist University, Dallas, \$17,187.
- Trinity University, San Antonio, \$15,500.
- Austin College, Sherman, \$14,307.
- Southwestern University, Georgetown, \$13,950.
- Rice University, Houston, \$13,500.

The annual cost estimates for other schools in WTC's athletic conference are:

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Probation revoked after vehicle spree

An 18-year-old WTC student, linked to a campus vehicle theft reported Oct. 24, now faces as a result of the local incident the revocation of a previously granted probation out of Ector County.

Snyder police arrested Matthew Carrol Courtney here Oct. 25, charging him with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, a spokesman for the Ector County district attorney's office said legal proceedings to revoke Courtney's probation had been filed.

The spokesman, assistant DA Mike Griffin, said Courtney was granted probation in Odessa approxi-

mately four months ago after charges were filed against him out of New Mexico for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle there.

The local charges against Courtney were prompted by a report filed by another WTC student Oct. 24.

Chris Stanford, a WTC dorm resident, reported a 1986 Ford pickup missing from the dorm parking lot.

He indicated the pickup was stolen around 3 p.m. that day. Courtney, originally from Odessa, was taken into custody at mid-morning the next day, Oct. 25, in Snyder at Eastridge Apartments.

At the time of his arrest, he was

reportedly driving a 1991 Mazda which was found parked at the apartment complex.

It is believed that he obtained the Mazda from an Odessa car dealership for a "test drive," leaving behind the 1986 Ford pickup reported stolen by Stanford.

A spokesman for the Scurry County district attorney's office said no additional charges are expected against Courtney here in light of his probation revocation in Ector County.

Records indicate Courtney was withdrawn as a WTC student Oct. 31.

Opinion

New rules shutting 'open door' for community colleges...

By Dr. Duane Hood
WTC Dean of Students

America's 1,200 community colleges now enroll more than 5.7 million students in credit courses and 5 million more in non-credit courses, and they still remain the fastest growing and largest single segment of American higher education.



'Imagine the reaction of the 29-year-old single parent who finally gets ahead enough money to pay for a course or two, makes arrangements for a sitter for the two kids, and arrives at registration to hear: "Have you taken a placement test?"'

Community colleges have accomplished this by admitting virtually anyone who wants to enter into an extremely broad diversity of programs—the so-called "open door."

Tuition charges have been kept inexpensive and all kinds of accommodations, from free-tutoring to special classes, have been made available to the students, who responded and continue to respond at record rate.

In Texas, however, some factors have surfaced which have closed the "open-door" somewhat. And the bad news is more are on the way.

First of all the community college share of the "mix" of education funds across the state has diminished over the past several years. Of course, less state funds translates into a need for more local tax funds, but this has been an impossible situation as the oil-based property values have diminished at startling rates. Since students were the only other source for funds, prices went up and the "open-door" closed a bit.

Then Texas discovered TASP. With 9 million rules and no funding, community colleges laboriously and faithfully went about implementing the provisions of the program. Soon students were being told they couldn't take this course but had to take the one that met five days a week; however that wasn't offered for the "Tuesday-Thursday only" group or for the evening students. Close the door a little more.

Now the Texas Department of Health has issued provisions for required immunizations of all college students, including new requirements for measles inoculations and DPT shots.

The average cost of the immunizations is estimated to be approximately the same as the initial tuition for a first-time student attending on a part-time basis. The door closes even more next fall.

We at WTC have also complicated the problem. For one thing the Guaranteed Loan default rate got too high, and we dropped that program so that we wouldn't lose Pell Grant or other financial assistance programs.

We also added some internal academic advising policies that severely restricted course selection, and quickly noted that we couldn't

accommodate all the developmental course needs at all off-campus locations. We closed the door a little ourselves.

Little by little the "open-door" concept is taking a beating. Imagine the reaction of the 29-year-old single parent who finally gets ahead enough money to pay for a course or two, makes arrangements for a sitter for the two kids, and arrives at registration to hear:

—Have you got records of your inoculations? You must have these shots.

—Have you taken TASP? Well, you'll have to take it during the first semester or at least before you complete 15 hours of work.

—Have you taken a placement test? No, well you have to take that test before you register.

—Oh, you made too low on English to take that history class. You'll have to take English before you can exercise the other options you had in mind.

—No, you can't get a loan but if you'll complete your financial aid papers, we will be able to help you in 5-6 weeks.

Do you imagine that the reaction is either horror or revulsion or resentment? It's amazing that as many persevere as do.

Men's part-time enrollment is 255 this fall, an increase of 30 over the average of the past six years. This increase can be traced directly to instruction at the prison.

However, the enrollment for part-time women for the fall, 1990 is 238, and the last six years have been 505, 341, 475, 395, 310 and 293.

This enrollment represents an average loss of 160 female part-time students, and a gain of 30 male part-time students. Isn't it about time action was taken to kick that rapidly-closing door open again?

Student thinks it's time peers take environment seriously...

By Keitha St. Clair
Texan Staffer

Journalist and environmentalist have inundated readers the last five years with terrifying facts about the deterioration of the earth's environment. Is their effort in vain? Are they truly reaching the average American public?

When we hear or see these reports many of us panic for a split second and speak out of our support to "clean her up." The next day we litter at least once, use aerosol cans, smoke, buy non-degradable products, do not sort our trash and laugh with friends at active environmental groups.

It is exactly like a lot of people's attitude toward religion. One day someone decides he is going to spread the good news to thousands of poor souls but the next day he is just too tired to get out of bed. He adopted the "I will tomorrow" excuse.

That same "maybe tomorrow" excuse used by the average American citizen is going to be the destructor of life on Earth. That sounds like a pretty harsh statement and we had rather laugh at it than believe it. I just wonder if we will laugh when we have no fresh water to drink, no fresh air to breathe, no forests and nuclear waste in our food chain.

In the dorms, there are students that go into the bathroom and turn on a shower to "warm up." They leave that water running while they get their towel, stop to watch a video on the way and chat for a minute with a friend. That is ridiculous waste.

Or how about those people that leave the water running while they brush their teeth? There are students that have leaks and never report them. How hard is it to go to the front desk and inform the deskperson that water is dripping out of a sink?

One evening in the lobby many of the students were discussing aerosol cans. Many of them boasted of never using them. Of course there were a few that swore that as soon as they finished the can they had they would never buy another. That very night and since that time I have heard

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Very few students are aware of most environmental issues and fewer are active in environmental groups. Many students proudly boast of ignorance when they are confronted with this topic of conversation.

Ignorance of a world issue is pitiful be-

cause there is no excuse for it in America. All we have to do to become knowledgeable is watch a half hour of news every night or better yet read the front page of a newspaper.

Apathy is not the problem. Americans care, we are just lazy. We tend to forget that our recliner is not going to drive us to meetings and that our "living room comments" are not going to save any lives.

We are not consistent with our support. Our basic needs of survival have always been met and we just cannot believe that they could actually be eliminated.

Is it going to take hungry and thirsty children to get us involved? Are millions of us going to have to die of skin cancer and the rest be confined to our homes because of excessive global warming before we stop using aerosol cans? Are we going to have to see the day when the sky is no longer blue but black before we act?

These things are really going to happen. Never believe that you cannot make a difference. It takes many people and many strategies to win a battle. If you are not the type to voice your opinion then make people think by being an example of conservation. After all, actions speak louder than words.

I do not want to experience the horror of allowing our planet's environment to deteriorate. After reaching a certain point in destruction, it will be too late to decide to "clean her up."

It is your choice. You can act now or you can seek justification someday when the sweet face of your child looks into your eyes and asks you why they cannot live in the world that you once did.

Mysterious disease prompts bizarre symptoms in classroom...

By Paul Davidson
Texan Staffer

The SMA (Student Medical Association) informed the administration today of a disease that is running rampant on our campus. According to sources this disease primarily affects junior college students and occasionally instructors.



'PMSS is a neuro-muscular disease that weakens the mind and the body, incapacitating the student from the waist up. The first symptoms to appear are distant stares and disorientation (as) students find themselves...late for classes.'

On Oct. 26 of this year the first cases of PMSS (Post-mid-semester syndrome) were detected on campus. The registrar's office was the first to notice a change in a few students who came in to drop classes at the last minute. Our top-notch science department, upon recommendation from the SMA, looked into the problem and has determined the disease has affected at least 96.7 percent of the student population.

PMSS is a neuro-muscular disease that weakens the mind and the body, incapacitating the student from the waist up.

The first symptoms to appear are distant stares and disorientation. Students find themselves lost and began arriving late for their classes. PCML (previously covered material loss) is

common in the early stages.

Assignments are forgotten and many delirious students began mumbling statements of dogs eating papers and grandmothers dying.

In advanced stages students begin getting priorities confused and innocently place more importance in the areas of school dances and social activities than in tests and labs.

Once PMSS has afflicted the nervous system the disease begins to take control of the muscular system. The deltoid muscles are the first to go leaving the student with droopy shoulders.

The disease continues on down reaching the latissimus muscles of the back resulting in students slumping in their chairs. Finally trapezius muscles of the neck and the orbicularis oculi muscles of the eyes weaken giving the victim a semi-conscious appearance.

Once the muscles completely relax, the student has no choice but to lay across his desk. This muscular disorder may give the student the appearance of sleeping in class. However, this is advanced PMSS and the student should be handled carefully.

Instructors should be able to recognize the symptoms of PMSS and act accordingly. First, allow extra time for the students to get to class. Bed rest is very important, so 15 to 20 minutes should be substantial.

Secondly, never disturb a PMSS victim, the sudden shock could result in permanent brain damage. Just allow the low rumble of the dismissed class to arouse the victim slowly. Finally, the fewer assignments given to the students the better the possibility for a quick recovery.

Free days and shorter class periods have also been shown to be beneficial. If assignments must be given, it is best to keep them simple and quick to compensate for the shorter concentration span.

PMSS is non-terminal (except in rare cases) and the afflicted students usually return to normal within one week of finals.

No cure has been found for this disturbing disease as of date, but the SMA assures the public the research is being done.

If instructors and fellow students should find a PMSS victim in their class they should be kind and understanding. This is a disease, not a social problem.

For more information on PMSS, just contact the BS Department of the Student Medical Association, Western Texas College, Snyder Texas, 79549.

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MOVIE BRIEFS

WHITE PALACE (R)

He (James Spader) is a 27-year-old yuppie widower; orderly and highly educated. She (Susan Sarandon) is a slovenly, 43-year-old, slinger of hamburgers in a fast-food joint. They fall in love and cultivate a remarkable relationship despite their contrasting backgrounds. This cinderella story offers keen observations regarding human emotions and class differences. Both leads contribute robust, credible performances in an intriguing romance that is satisfying and engrossing. **GOOD DRAMA DIR-Luis Mandoki LEAD-Susan Sarandon RT-102 mins. (Profanity, nudity)**

TO SLEEP WITH ANGER (PG)

Danny Glover is sensational in this breezy urban comedy involving a black family in Los Angeles. He plays a charming mysterious guest who eventually causes tension and turmoil among family members. In fact, he just may be a demon carrying on with some of the superstitions and folkways of the old deep South. Other cast members turn in excellent performances too in this enchanting tale of exceptional richness. **GOOD COMEDY DIR-Charles Burnett LEAD-Danny Glover RT-101 mins. (Profanity)**

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE (R)

Terrific performances mark this comedy of manners and mystery drama involving the sensational Clause von Bulow criminal case. Jeremy Irons is in splendid form as the enigmatic blueblood accused of attempting to murder his wife, Sunny (Glen Close). And Ron Silver can't be beat as the idealistic Harvard law professor who successfully handled the appeal trial. Some of the legal proceedings are a bit complicated. But the film shines as a sharp whodunit and as a fascinating peek at the super-rich. **GREAT COMEDY-DRAMADIR-Barbet Schroeder LEAD-Jeremy Irons RT-120 mins. (Profanity)**

QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (PG)

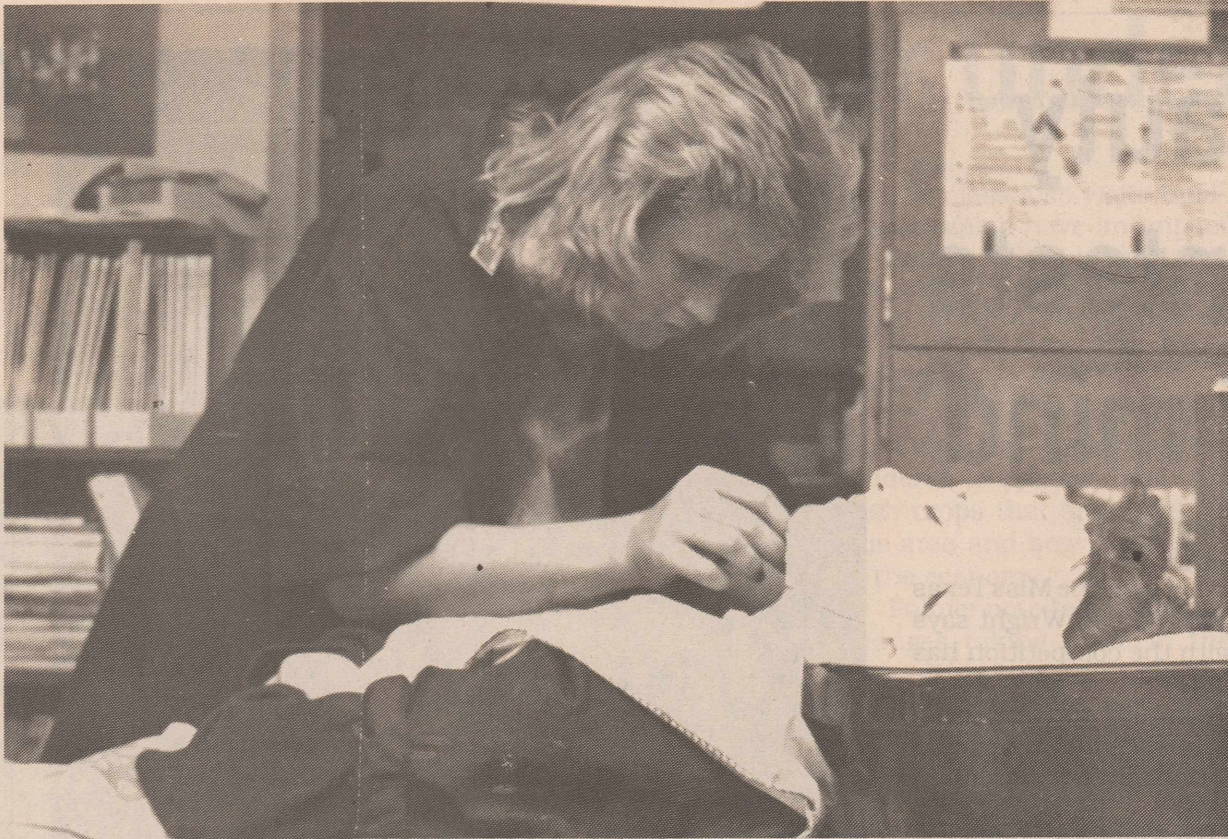
The setting is the Australian outback and Tom Selleck is tall in the saddle as an American cowboy hired by an evil rancher. Despite the exotic scenery, this transplanted western is just another formula horse opera filled to the brim with cliches. Selleck's character learns his sharp-shooting skill is to be used to kill Aborigines. But he turns his fury instead on the rancher and his henchmen. Laura San Giacomo co-stars as the love interest. **FAIR WESTERN DIR-Simon Wincer LEAD Tom Selleck RT-119 mins. (Mild Profanity)**

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (R)

George A. Romero's 1968 horror classic remade in color, yet the film is still of B-movie quality. Some unfamiliar second-rate actors portray bickering inhabitants of a farm house under attack by hordes of flesh-eating zombies. One change from the original involves the Barbara character, now braver, tougher and packing a rifle. However, the zombies are drab and un-frightening by now. With Tony Todd, Patricia Tallman and Tom Towles. **BORING HORROR DIR-Tom Savini LEAD-Tony Todd RT-96 mins. (Profanity)**

SIBLING RIVALRY (PG-13)

Kirstie Alley is ever perky and funny in this screwball comedy of errors. There are other good turns, also, by cast familiar to various TV sitcoms. But the gags often are trite and the plot is burdened with too many outlandish coincidences. Alley plays a goody-goody wife of an overbearing physician. She is goaded into having a quick affair with a stranger who winds up dead because of the sexual activity. Various complications pile up. Also with Bill Pullman and Carrie Fisher. **FAIR COMEDY DIR-Carl Reiner LEAD-Kirstie Alley RT-88 mins. (Mild Profanity)**



Monster face

This Halloween scene may look like a recreation from the movie "Frankenstein," but in fact is a mask-making project undertaken by WTC nursing students. The group used guaze and plaster similar to that used for casts to create the Halloween symbols. Pam Baughn is shown creating a mask for Tina Merket. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

Meats judging ranks 3rd place

By Mark Carroll
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas College Meats Judging Team placed third in the Beef Empire Days contest held in Garden City, Kan. Nov. 3-4. The contest was the final competition for the team this fall.

In addition to its third ranking overall, the WTC team received second in beef grading, fourth in beef placings and fourth in beef questions.

Team members are Benny Cornett, Brent Atkinson, Jeff Lewis and Mark Carroll. Alternates that competed for individual awards were Chad Welch, Joe Martinez and Mike Graham.

In individual awards, Brent

Atkinson received third in the overall contest, fifth in beef grading, seventh in beef questions and 10th in beef placings; Benny Cornett received third in beef questions and eighth in the overall contest; and Jeff Lewis received 10th in beef grading.

Other individual awards received were: Chad Welch, eighth in beef grading; and Mike Graham, 10th in the overall contest.

The team's next competition is in January in Denver. The team is coached by instructor Jim Judah

Hong Kong native relocates to WTC for college work

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Patrick is here on a student visa and is presently filing for a work permit. As a foreign student, he is not allowed financial aid and, as a result, is bearing all costs for his U.S. college education.

He rooms with Felix Yanez from Rotan, Geoff Wright and James Nagler, both of Washington, D.C.

Art fusion classes slated this spring

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Equipment needed for the class has already begun to arrive to include three glass fusing kilns and "a lot of glass."

Costs for college compared to WTC

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- Midland College, \$5,002.
- Odessa College, \$4,970.
- Howard College, \$4,870.
- South Plains College, \$4,650.
- Frank Phillips College, \$3,650 (also listed among the most affordable.)

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Campus

WTC beauty calls contests 'state of mind'

By Jodi Hardegree
Texan Staffer

After experiencing her first year in the Miss Texas Pageant, WTC sophomore Sarena Wright says the training involved with the competition has "become a state of mind" for her.

Although the training was "mentally and physically tiring," it was a good experience, she said, indicating she plans to try again, after working on her education for a while.

Sarena was sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. She lived with and was trained by Bill and Judy Moss, whom she says were a great deal of help for her, and "kept her going" when it became tough to continue.

The pageant was in Fort Worth where the girls spent a week interviewing, making appearances, having luncheons and rehearsing their musical numbers. The girls rose at 6:30 in the morning and sometimes didn't see their rooms again until well after midnight.

Security also played a big part in the Miss Texas Pageant. "They were everywhere we went, with no exceptions. Any time you left the group, security was there to make sure you were all right. The press was also always there, and it really made us feel important to get all that attention."

Sarena sang at various functions prior to the Miss Texas Pageant including the WTC Rodeo and the Texas Young Woman of the Year banquet. She used her singing talent also in competition for the pageant, singing K.T. Oslin's "Do You?"

"There was a lot of strenuous training involved and it required 100 percent dedication. You really don't realize how much effort is actually involved until you've experienced competing in the pageant," she said.

"And there are a lot of things I would do differently now, but the experience was good for me and I'll know the next time I compete."



WTC beauty

WTC sophomore Sarena Wright competed in her first Miss Texas Pageant last summer, and she says the training involved with the competition has "become a state of mind" for her. Regarding this, she said she is prepared to enter future beauty contests as well. For the immediate future, her plans are to continue her education here. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

'Candida' praised for ensemble cast, quality performance

By Janice Northern
Texan Staffer

"Candida," which ran Nov. 1-3 in the WTC Fine Arts Theater under the direction of Jim Rambo, proved to be one of the more delightful productions in recent memory.

A strong six-member cast turned in quality performances without exception, and the play itself, by George Bernard Shaw, was a good choice, provoking both thought and laughter.

The two-hour play was to be WTC's entry in this year's American College Theater Festival, held Nov. 10 at the University of Texas at El Paso.

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Heading the cast were two veterans of WTC productions, Jeff Hicks as the Reverend James Morell, and Kenn Kern as Eugene Marchbanks, and newcomer Amber Adams as Candida Morell. Hicks and Kern gave the fine performances that WTC audiences have come to expect from them. Adams, fresh from a summer as the leading lady in Palo Duro Canyon's "Texas," proved her talents can be showcased indoors as well as out.

The three supporting players, though in smaller roles, played their parts just as well. Returnee Jerry Vizona provided much of the comic relief as Candida's father, Mr. Burgess. Also performing capably were Nicole Lancet as Prospeprine Garnett and Frank Romeo as the Reverend Alexander Mill, both new to WTC this year.

The mood of the play, set in 1894, was enhanced by fine costuming and set design. Both set and costumes were richly detailed and convincing. Credit should go to Galen Price for successfully designing a set that conveyed the intimacy of several small rooms on one open stage.

The Nov. 3 performance which I attended was well-received by a capacity crowd. The production succeeded due to strength in all areas, including casting, performance, design and direction. Whether it had been a contest entry or not, this play was a winner.

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Leader class continues eighth year under Palmer

By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer

AWTC faculty member is now in his eighth year as coordinator of the program considered to be the entry level course in local public service.

The program is sponsored through WTC and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and is called Century II Leadership Scurry County.

Dr. Jim Palmer, chairman of the Division of Social Sciences here, has served as its coordinator since its formation in 1982.

Palmer's involvement can be traced back to the program's infant stages.

Almost 10 years ago, Palmer went to a community economic development seminar on the campus of Ohio State. At this meeting, ideas were presented that Palmer began to act on when he returned to WTC.

One of these was to present economics on a "larger" scale than just the college classroom.

Palmer contacted the then-Chamber of Commerce Manager Mort Ewing and invited him to speak to his class about the diversity of economics in Scurry County.

The chamber official came, participated in the class, then, before leaving, told Palmer that the Chamber was studying the possibility of offering a community leadership course similar to one in Midland.

The local program was established with the goal being to "train and familiarize people" with the leadership of Scurry County in such areas as "po-

litical, economic, and health-care," Palmer said.

The class meets on two Thursday afternoons a month from September to May.

A hands-on approach is taken with the leadership class

which meets at the various locations being studied. This allows the students "to see what they are learning about" as well as "hearing from the officials" who do the work that affects Scurry County, Palmer

said. The class learns about the tax-supported areas of Scurry County, such as the city, county, police and sheriff's departments, appraisal district, school systems and health care

facilities. The class also visits businesses which have an impact on Scurry County, including the Snyder Daily News, KSNY radio station, SACROC oil production, and the Price Daniel prison unit.

A farm and ranch tour ends the class, allowing the students to see first hand the cash crops that are grown in this area and how they relate to the economy.

Palmer noted with so many changes taking place in the agricultural community, he learns something new with each year's class trip.

Very little actual classroom time makes up the class, Palmer said. Guest speakers are used primarily, although Palmer does teach one session on economic impact.

Palmer describes the class participants as being "community conscious people" and said most were interested in a "good quality of life" for all, not just themselves.

"Graduates of the class have a feel for the duties and responsibilities of leadership in the various divisions of Scurry County," Palmer said.

At times he has been contacted concerning class gradu-

ates filling appointive positions on various boards. Those who have graduated from the class know how community operations are run, and have expressed an interest in leadership by enrolling in the course.

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Some 20-25 past members of the leadership class have put their classroom experience to work and have served in various levels of county government.

"Most" of those in leadership positions in Scurry County have taken the course, Palmer explained. These positions include Mayor Troy Williamson, City Councilman Jackie Greene, County Judge Bobby Goodwin, County Commissioner C.D. Gray, and Snyder Independent School District Board members Mike Jordan and Sam Robertson.

The students went through an application process before enrolling in the class which costs \$225. Though one class had 18 members, Palmer explained that efforts are made to keep the class size limited to between 10-15 students. The current class has 11 members.



Leader's leader

Dr. Jim Palmer, chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at WTC, has served as the coordinator for Century II Leadership Scurry County since it was formed in 1982. Jointly sponsored by WTC and the

Snyder Chamber of Commerce, the program has been called the "entry level course" into local public service. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)

PTK installs new members for fall semester

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

WTC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its fall induction ceremonies Oct. 11.

Students inducted into PTK were Scott Carothers of Afton; Judy Cave of Herm-

leigh; Samuel Cunningham of Sweetwater; Sharon Doty of Snyder; Teresa Dudley of Snyder; and Angela Fenton of Gouldbusk.

Also inducted were Duane Janssen of Odessa; Pete Natividad of Snyder; Teri Reidel

of Post; Lisa Smith of Snyder; Robert Snedeker of Snyder; Brett Webster of Sweetwater; and Frances Wood of Sweetwater.

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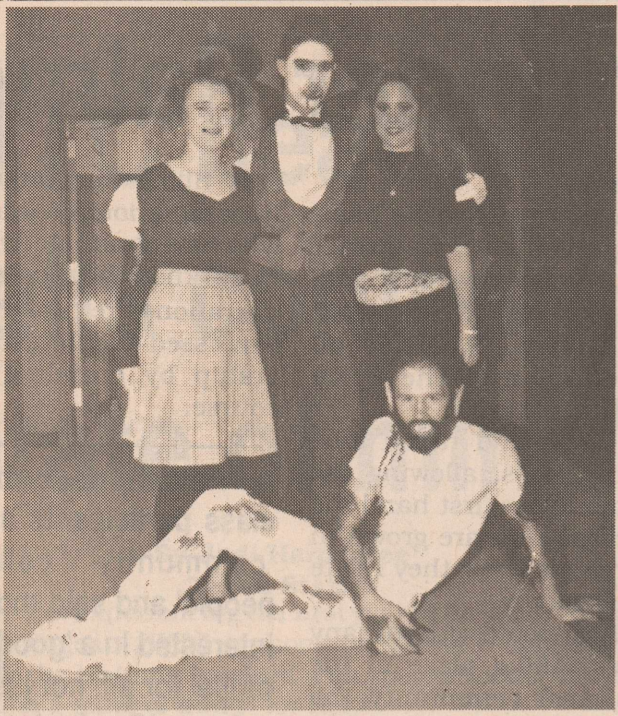
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Dracula, wives and werewolf
Displaying their costumes at the WTC Halloween dance are (from left) Celeste Sperry, Darrell Williams, Stephanie Powers and (lying down) Chad Griswold. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)



Centuries apart
These two party-goers at the Halloween dance are Pricilla Gonzales and Katie Martens as a Playboy Bunny and a cavewoman. The dance was sponsored by the WTC Student Senate. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)



The winners
Winners of the WTC cosmetology students' costume contest held Oct. 31 were "cowboy" Kathy McClintock, first; "ghoul" Damona Simmons, second; and "witch" Anna Gutierrez, third. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)



Cosmetology spooks
Cosmetology students (standing, left to right) are Teresa McArthur, Tina Emsobb, Christy Taylor, Terri Reed, Kathy McClintock, Margaret Beaver, Anita Hernandez, Lucindy Johnson, Bryne Smith, Damona Simmons, Laurie Crow, Tina Merket; (sitting) Pam Vaughn, Tammie Wadkins, Anna Gutierrez and Shann Pierce. (Texan Photo by Mike Avila)



Bogus cowgirls
Brian Hood, Chuck Barbee and Eric Mouton posed for a picture on their way to the WTC Halloween dance Oct. 31. Hood and Mouton along with Derrick Bruton (not pictured) were awarded the most outstanding costume award. Other costume winners were best female, Stacey Logston; best male, Shawn Moreland; best couple, Jeff Johnson and Avery Ramey. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

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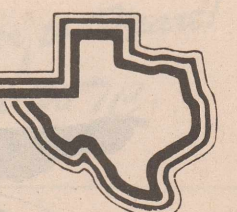


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Sports

Westerners find it easy traveling in season opener played on road

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerners started the season off strong by hitting 66 percent of their shots from the field to defeat Cedar Valley 148 to 103 in their season opener last Monday in Dallas.

The Westerners found themselves trailing 19 to 2 early in the contest but were able to turn things around by halftime, taking a 20 point lead into intermission. The Westerners had their run and gun offense going in full stride as they scored 74 points in each half.

The team was led in scoring by Michael Richardson and Paul Johnson, scoring 29 points each. Allen Smith and Jacoby Garmon played well also as they chunked in 20 and 16 points respectively.

Dominick Byrd scored 14 points in the contest and was the leading rebounder, pulling down 15 "boards," 6 of these offensive rebounds.

Westerner Coach Tony Mauldin said he was pleased by the way the game went and

that the team "played well once they got going." Mauldin pointed out, however, it was only the first game and he didn't want the players to get over-confident. He noted conference games "would be much tougher."

The Westerners played well on defense as they recorded 10 blocked shots, 4 by Stanley Cunningham, and 24 steals. Richardson and Johnson each had 5 steals each to lead the team.

Mauldin said the team shot particularly well from the three point circle, hitting 17 of 35 for 49 percent. The team shot 65 percent from the charity stripe as well, sinking 11 of 17 shots.

All 13 players saw action and each contributed points.

The Westerners were to play in the Midland Tournament this past weekend and will host Cisco Junior College tonight at the coliseum. The Westerners will also host the WTC McDonald's Classic this coming weekend, Nov. 15-17.

Last minute 'desperation' shot costs Dusters opening victory

By Michael Avila
Texan Staffer

The WTC Lady Dusters fell short a point to give up a victory to the Cisco Junior College Lady Wranglers in Monday night's season opener played here.

After being fouled, and with only three seconds left in the game, Lady Duster Becky Hinojos put her team in the lead by sinking two straight free throws.

Cisco regained the ball and a desperation shot by Tiffany Burris was the difference in the 69-68 loss.

According to Lady Duster coach Kelly Chadwick, the loss was not totally directed towards the final seconds of the game, but he pointed out that many "freshman mistakes" were made.

"We lacked some experience, but the girls did get some of that in the game," said Chadwick.

The Lady Dusters had gained a 2 point half-time lead and went on to capture a 6 point lead mid-way through the second half.

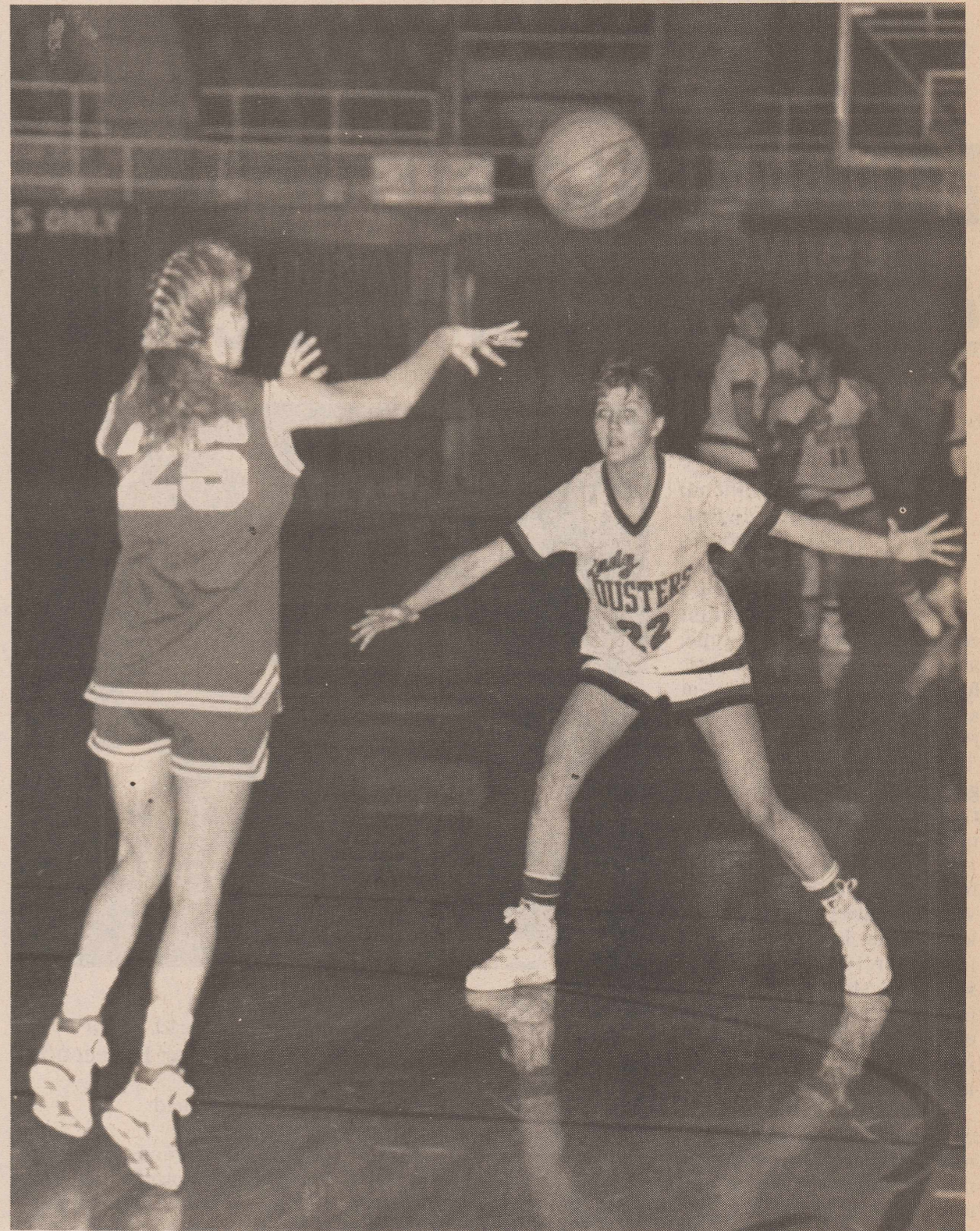
Sophomore Jill Forrest led all Duster scorers with 12

points. Others earning points were Monica Ramirez, 11; Becky Hinojos, 10; LaShunta Jackson, 10; Kelsey Koester, 8; Kristi Risinger, 8; Diane Mendez, 4; Tracy Edmunds, 3; and Melissa Sutton, 2.

Coach Chadwick said he was impressed with the overall play of the team.

The Lady Dusters were to next compete in the South Plains Classic Tournament last weekend in Levelland.

The team will play in the Hawk Queen Classic in Big Spring this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



On the defense

WTC Duster Kelsey Koester is on guard last Monday, Nov. 5, in the season opening game versus the Cisco Junior College Lady Wranglers, played here. Cisco managed to

win the game 69-68 after sinking a "desperation shot" which cleared the basket during the final three seconds of the game. (Texan Photo by Michael Avila)

WTC player wins medalist honors...

Golfers win conference tournament

By Mike Avila
Texan Staffer

The Westerner Golf Team won its first conference tournament of the season Nov. 3 in the Conference Golf Tournament held at the WTC golf course.

The Westerners finished

the tournament with 434. They were followed closely by Midland and Odessa College with 447 each.

WTC sophomore Tony Lara captured the medalist honor in the tournament. He ended tournament play with a 27-hole score of 105 (69-36).

Other individual scores for the WTC team were Mark Wood, 74-36 (110); Jon Roseberry, 72-38 (110); Brad Stewart, 75-36 (111); Clint Winn, 74-46 (120); and John Gatlin, 83-37 (120).

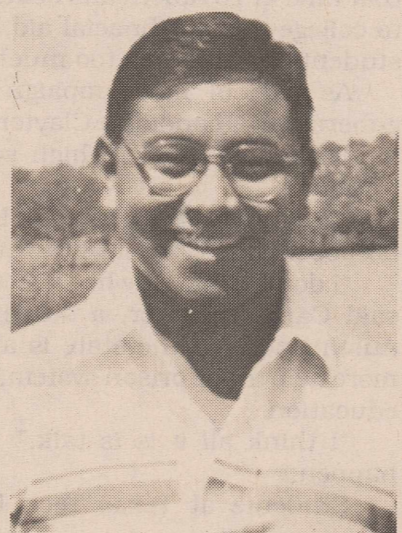
The Westerners also played in the Texarkana Fall Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Oct. 25-26 at the Texarkana Country Club.

Clint Winn led all Westerner scores and received third medalist honor on the All Tournament Team after finishing with 150 (76-74).

Other individual scores were: Jon Roseberry, 78-80 (158); Ryan Teague, 78-82 (160); John Gatlin, 85-82 (167); Greg Slicker, 98-84 (182); and Mark Wood, 81-87 (168).

As a team, the Westerners placed seventh in the Texarkana tournament.

The next tournament will be the West Florida Intercollegiate Golf Tournament to be held Nov. 15-18 in Pensacola, Fla.



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College Press

288 couples kiss simultaneously

Minnesota students set new world record

By The College Press Service

It's almost official: Mankato State University students have laid claim to the world record for having the most couples kissing at one time, apparently stealing the title from Syracuse University at an Oct. 24 Kiss Off! MSU Pucker Breaker '90.

Some 566 participants gathered on the university's rugby field for a mass pucker up.

To win official recognition from the Guinness Book of World Records, couples had to kiss on the lips, and stay lip locked for 10 seconds. Sponsored by Mankato's student paper, The Reporter, contestants easily outdid Syracuse's relatively chaste mark of 400 kissers set last summer.

Television camera crews and Pucker Breaker officials roamed throughout the crowd, making sure 288 couples' lips, some meeting for the first time, stayed pressed together for the requisite 10 seconds.

"Tongues were flyin' everywhere," said participant John "Woody" Westrum. "Finally we did something festive before



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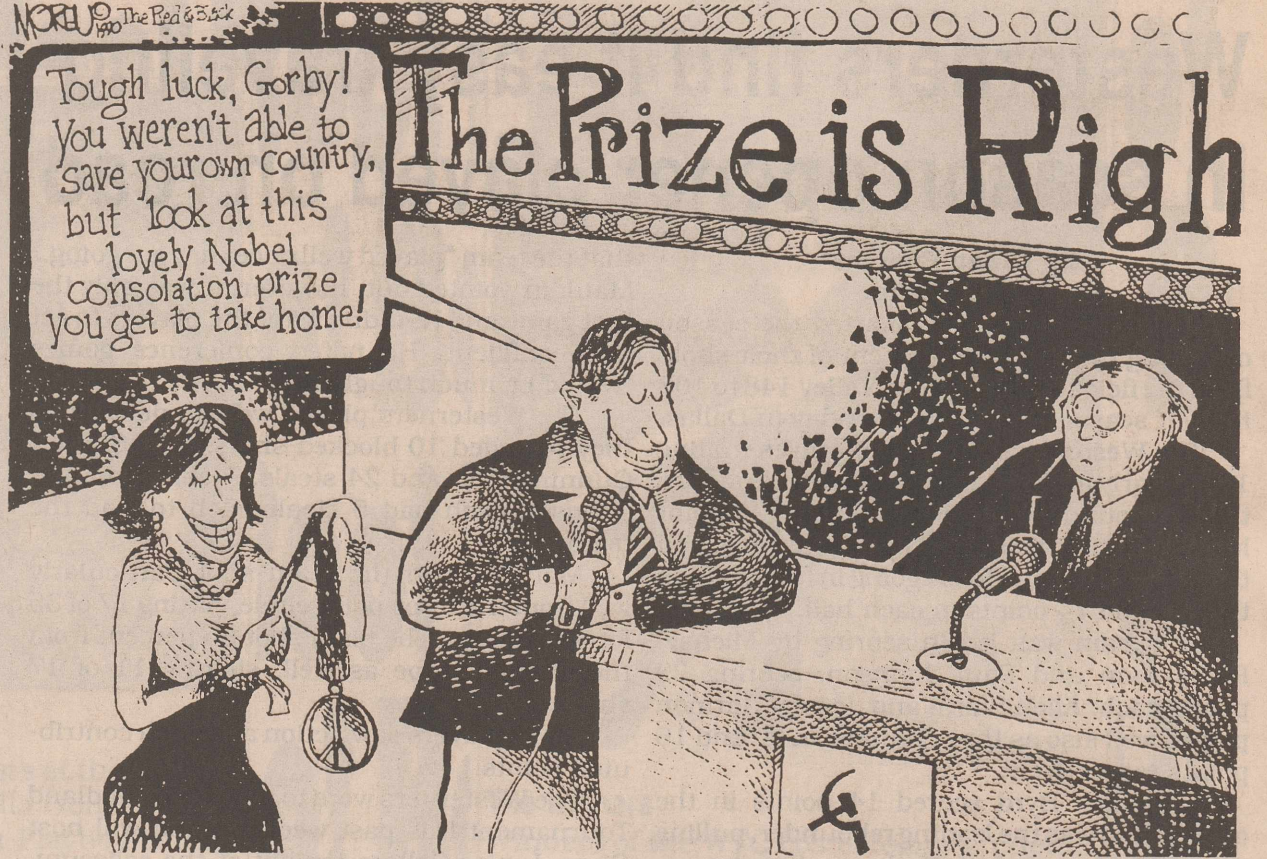
Mankato State University claims a world record for having 576 people kiss at the same time for 10 seconds.

Homecoming. Whoever thought it up was pretty ingenious."

But the event was not without controversy. Women's rugby club members protested the event because it took place on the rugby field, and some claimed vehicles left "ankle-deep" impres-

sions in the field.

Nevertheless, Pucker Breaker organizers say they will still compile all their registration documentation, have it verified by local officials, and they'll send it to the Guinness Book of records, where the facts and figures will be double-checked.



Placebo 'intoxicates' partiers

SEATTLE, Wash. (CPS) - University of Washington researchers say they have managed to get about 200 UW students, told they were drinking alcoholic beverages that really were nonalcoholic, to act drunk, make gross sexual advances toward each other and confess to feeling "buzzy" and "a little blasted."

"It's like 'Pavlov's dog,'" said G. Alan Marlatt of UW's Addictive Behaviors Research Center. "Just knowing you are going to have a drink, seeing it poured, touching it to your lips and feeling it go down can make the expectations come true, and set off a chemical reaction in the body."

Assignment proves dangerous

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL. (CPS) - A University of Illinois student, blindfolded as part of a Psychology 103 exercise in guiding the visually impaired, jumped from a classroom building platform and fractured his arm after he reportedly heard a classmate instruct him to jump.

In the exercise, freshman William Bailey

was in a group that was supposed to be "blind" while other students guided them physically and verbally. When Bailey reached a platform railing, however, he heard a voice telling him to jump.

He fell to a brick courtyard about 10 feet below in what UI spokeswoman Judith Rowan called an accident.

Japanese terrorized at campuses

(CPS)-Japanese students, brought to the United States in a wave of takeovers of struggling American campuses that began last spring, have reported numerous instances of racial harassment and even physical beatings in recent weeks.

On Oct. 7, six Japanese students at Teikyo Loretto Heights University in Denver were robbed and beaten with baseball bats by four white teenagers in a park nest to the campus.

Japanese students at Salem Teikyo University in Sa-

lem, W. Va., are sometimes verbally abused by passersby, Michell Stoneking, a student, reported.

At Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., which is American-owned but has an active foreign exchange program, Japanese students say they often feel unwelcome in parts of the city, reported student Jennifer Reed.

Part of the problem may be the economic power the Japanese are now perceived to have in the U.S., said Greg Caldwell, associate dean of international students at Lewis and Clark.

"People seem to be wary or jealous of it," Caldwell said. Shigeru Uehara, a Japanese student at Lewis and Clark, said he has been the victim of stereotyping "a couple of times."

"When I talk to someone in a store, they might say 'Oh, you must have a lot of money' because he is from Japan."

"Older folks who fought in World War II" have shown some animosity toward Japanese students at Salem Teikyo, Stoneking added.

Stoneking said people sometimes yell at Japanese students as they drive by the campus, although she didn't know if the assailants were other students or community members.

Uehara said neither he nor his friends had been yelled at or abused because they are Japanese.

A local newspaper's informal survey of 20 students at Teikyo Loretto Heights found that 12 had experienced some kind of racial taunt or threat since arriving in the U.S.

Earlier in 1990, Teikyo University of Japan took over three financially-troubled American colleges, including Salem College and the abandoned Loretto Heights campus.

Teikyo, which has a worldwide enrollment of 26,000, bought the American campuses to sell students a way to improve their employability by gaining experience in the U.S.

Teikyo Loretto President James Terada, however, denies his new students have encountered much overt racism. "I think it's been blown out of proportion," Terada told The Denver Post. "I don't think it's a racial issue. It could happen on any campus."

Salem's Stoneking added the Japanese are generally well-received. "Most people here like it because this is a very depressed area, and they (Japanese students) help the economy."

Free tuition becomes politician's promises

(CPS) - Much like old time politicians who promised voters free beer and jobs in return for their support, gubernatorial candidates in Texas and Ohio in Mid-October promised citizenry free college tuition if they win their November contests.

The tempting promises suggest tuition is gaining ground as a political issue nationally.

An Oct. 12 Gallup Organization survey, commissioned by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, found that nine in 10 Americans believe most people can't afford to go to college without financial aid. Also, six in 10 thought most students have to rely too much on loans.

As part of his campaign platform, Texas Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams proposed giving needy students who excel in high school two years of free college tuition.

He figured the program would cost the state \$32 million, and proposed paying for it by cutting the size of state government.

"I don't know how he expects to have the money to do this," said Candice Driver, a student at the University of Texas-Austin, nothing the state is already under pressure to give more help to the prison system, human services and secondary education.

"I think all it is talk," she continued. "It can never happen."

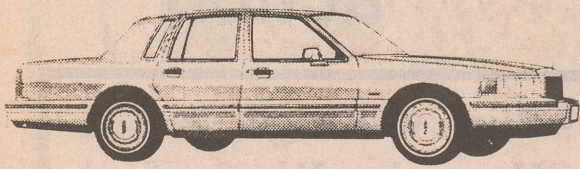
Students at Texas Tech University aren't paying much attention to it.

"It hasn't been much of a fire-starter issue," related student government President Ross Crabtree.

Instead, students there are more concerned about a possible restructuring of state higher education and how that might affect the funding of the various campuses, Crabtree said.

In Ohio, gubernatorial candidate Anthony Celebrezze Jr., trying to get an edge over Republican opponent George Voinovich, proposed a similar tuition program.

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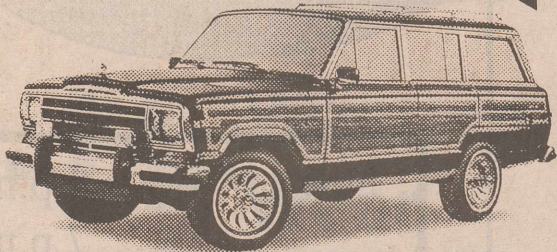
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