

War prompts diversity of WTC student opinion

Some question need to fight, others say they're ready

By Keitha St. Clair
Texan Staffer

Like the nation, WTC students first heard the news of war on Jan. 16, 1991 at 5:38 p.m.

In the dorm, a group of students circled the lobby television as ABC reporter Gary Shepard, reporting by telephone from Baghdad, informed World News Tonight Anchor Peter Jennings that there was obviously an air raid underway in the capital city of

Iraq.

Many of the students watched silently with tear-filled eyes as Marlin Fitzwater, the presidential press secretary, confirmed the obvious at 6:09 p.m. He told America, "The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

The students feared for their friends and family in the military. They also spoke of a possible draft.

As the news of war became set in the students' minds, many said they

did not believe it was a "just" war. These said they did not want to fight in it.

Other students backed the president and firmly stated their approval.

The students asked one another many questions. "Will there be a draft? Will they take women? What age group will go first? Will there be any deferments?"

Stanley Cuninghame, a student at WTC, expressed his disbelief in the

war, "This war isn't right. It may be right for us to be fighting in the world's eyes but not in God's sight. I will go to jail before I will fight in this war."

"I don't think that we should be over there because we are really just fighting for oil. If they give me the choice of fighting or going to jail, I will go fight, but I had rather not for this cause," said Dewayne Williams.

Another young man in the lobby felt differently, "I think that we should

fight Iraq now, because if we don't we will have to later. He wants to take over the world one country at a time and eventually, if not stopped, he will come for America," said Vernon Andrews.

Regardless of the students' feelings about the war, they were all curious about the possibility of a draft. WTC political science instructor Jimmie McGee said he doubts such a possibility.

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Listen up
Neil Simon's comedy "Biloxi Blues" will open on campus Feb. 14 and run for four performances. The comedy is about Simon's own experiences in U.S. Army basic training. The "troops" include (left to right) Jeff Hicks, Jerry Vizena, Coy Berryman, Kenn Kern, Frank Romeo and Richard Lack. (Photo by Jim Rambo)

Neil Simon comedy 'Biloxi Blues' to be next WTC production

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

"An audience can expect to laugh wildly and to cry painfully" while attending "Biloxi Blues," said Jim Rambo, WTC drama instructor. The Neil Simon play will be performed by the WTC drama department Feb. 14-16 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

According to Rambo, Simon's name is "synonymous with contemporary comedy" and he "probably has had more plays of his running simultaneously in New York" than any other playwright.

"Biloxi Blues" is second in a series of a trilogy of plays written about Simon's own life. "Brighton Beach Memoirs" is the first and "Broadway Bound" is the third. "Biloxi Blues" is about Simon's boot camp days in Biloxi, Miss. during World War II and the relationship between the men attending.

Rambo said, "The feelings of W.W. II and the feelings that are going on now are very similar. The actors are the same age as those they are portraying, and they may be facing the same scenes and statistics as those depicted in the play." He added that the play is about "guys fighting for their own identity."

Rambo also said that the play takes place as a narrative in which the lead character, "Eugene Jerome," played by Kenn Kern, addresses the audience and "tells us what he's feeling and thinking."

Rambo said he chose the play in August and at the time didn't know how the situation in the Middle East would develop. He said, however, that the play is "very relevant (to the current war) and at the same time the play brings humor."

The characters and the cast members who will portray them are:

- "Roy Selridge" played by Frank Romeo of Roby.
 - "Joseph Wykowski" played by Coy Berryman of Snyder.
 - "Arnold Epstein" played by Richard Lack of Snyder.
 - "Sgt. Merwin Toomey" played by Jeff Hicks of Muleshoe.
 - "Rowena" played by Jennifer Hatley of Vernon.
 - "Daisy Hannigan" played by Amber Adams of Snyder.
 - "Daisy's friend" played by Sherri Cribbs of Hawley.
- Set and light design will be done by Galen Price and the senior recruit head is Wade Freeman, both of Snyder.

The ticket cost is \$5 with the exception of student night Feb. 14, when WTC students with a valid ID will be admitted free.

17 are nominated by WTC faculty ...

Sophomores earn Who's Who honors

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College named 17 sophomore students to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1990-91.

Students named were Brent Atkinson of Dickens; Derrick Bruton of Frankston; Michael Scott Carothers of Afton; Kerri A. Carter of Ira; Tami Renee Castillo of Monahans; Paul Buell Davidson of Anson; Vicki Lynn Dawson of Sweetwater; Jeff Hicks of Muleshoe; Kenn Kern of Hurst; and Jerry Vizena of Thordale.

Others named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges were Sharon Doty, Bobbie Sue Earnest, Lee Franklin Fletcher, Naomi Jean Gutierrez, Stacey Renee Logston, Janice Northerns and Mandy Nichole Overman, all of Snyder.

Atkinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Atkinson. He has been a member of the WTC judging team for three semesters and was voted Outstanding Freshman Ag Student for 1989-90. Atkinson plans to continue his education at Texas Tech University where he plans to study Range and Wildlife. He plans on becoming a wildlife biologist.

Bruton is the son of Ronald and Sharon Bruton. He is a member of the executive board of Phi Theta Kappa. He is also the state vice-president of PTK and a member of the WTC Meat Judging Team. Bruton is an animal science major. After leaving WTC he plans to continue his education at Tarleton State University.

Carothers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Carothers. He plans to major in office careers (word processing) and to continue his education at Texas Tech University. Carothers is a PTK member. He is an executive member of the BSU for World Missions and Social Concerns. He is Student Senate chaplain and chairman of the Student Life committee. Carothers is also a member

of the Traffic Appeals Committee.

Kerri Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Carter. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was named to the President's List in the fall of 1989 and the spring of 1990, and the Dean's List in the fall of 1990. She was nominated for the All-American Student award and named one of the Outstand-

ing English Students of 1989-1990. She plans to attend Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos where she plans in continuing her major in Fine Arts. She hopes to be employed as an illustrator or in secondary education.

Tami Castillo is the wife of Freddy S. Castillo III. She is the daughter of See WHO'S WHO, page 3

Five vacancies now filled on WTC Student Senate

By Paul Davidson
Texan Staffer

The WTC Student Senate announced Friday the induction of five new senators to fill vacancies left from the fall semester. Brent Atkinson, Mark Carroll, Corby Chitsey, Jim Newkirk and Jeran Ware were selected by the executive officers.

Atkinson, a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Atkinson of Dickens. He is a range and wildlife management major and will serve on the Student Recreation Committee.

Carroll, a freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of Hawley. He is an animal science major and will serve on the Student Life Committee.

Chitsey, a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Chitsey of Walls. He is majoring in mathematics and will serve on the Dance Committee.

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Spring enrollment numbers slightly surpass fall's count

By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer

WTC experienced an increase in students this spring as 1,097 students enrolled, 37 more than attended in the fall.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of students, called the increase "typical" for the institution's spring enrollment.

Early admission students, those still in high school, are able to take classes in the spring to get a head start on their collegiate careers. Hood said this group, which does not usually take classes in the fall, brings a traditional boost to the spring enrollment.

Hood explained that the enrollment contact hours of this semester will be See SPRING, page 3

Sports

Men lose close call to Howard

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerners gave Howard College, the Number 3 team in the nation, a scare Thursday night before falling by 4 points, 100-96.

The Westerners, who were down by as much as 18 points in the second half, were able to cut the Hawks lead to 2 (98-96) with less than a minute to play. A missed shot with three seconds remaining forced the Westerners to foul, however, and allowed the Hawks to put the game out of reach, 100-96, with two free throws.

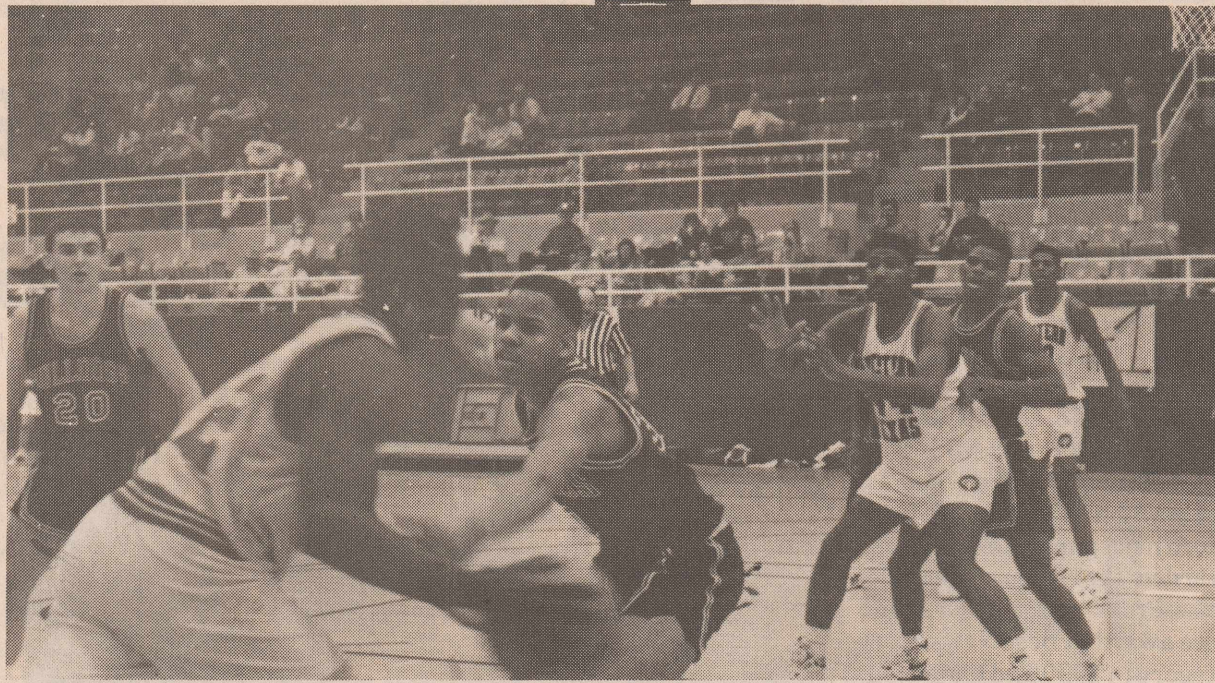
The Westerners were down by 16 at halftime (58-42) and as much as 18 early in the second half before mounting their comeback effort. The Westerners were led in scoring by Dominick Byrd's 26 points followed by Jeff Shelly's 22. Jeffery led Howard and all scorers as he hit for 27 on the night.

The Hawks shot nearly twice as many free throws as WTC as they made 26 of 42 from the stripe while the Westerners were only 12 of 23.

That proved to be the difference as the Westerners comeback fell short.

The loss puts WTC at 3-6 in conference play, 13-9 overall while Howard advances to 8-1 in conference and 22-1 overall.

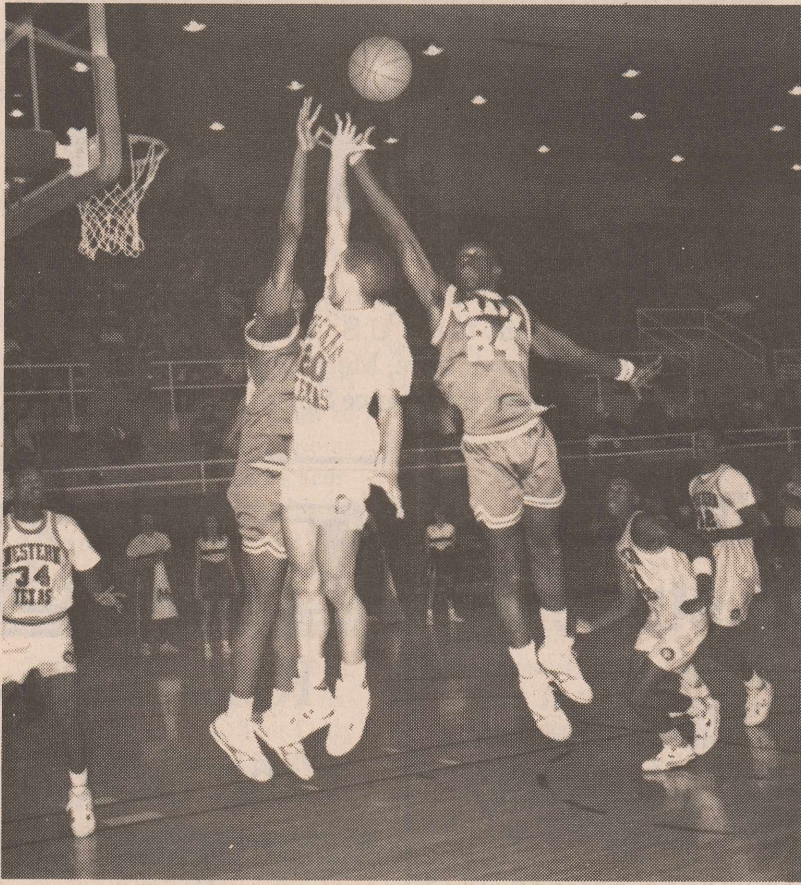
The Westerners are scheduled to play Odessa College this Monday at 8 p.m. in Odessa and South Plains College Thursday night in Levelland.



Two for one

Doug Brown breaks open for the pass from Jeff Shelly against Clarendon, a game the Westerners won last Monday. Below, Paul

Johnson jumps for a rebound against Midland College in a game played here Jan. 21. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)



Men are tied in 6th place

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerners ended the first half of WJCAC play last Monday, Jan. 28, with three wins and five losses and are sitting in a tie for sixth place in the conference standings.

Going into the Thursday night round of games, South Plains College was leading the WJCAC with an 8-0 record and was followed by Howard College at 7-1.

The Westerners started off conference play with a tough overtime loss to Howard College 131-116, but were able to pull even (1-1) as they upset the then 13th ranked team in the nation, Odessa College 98-87. Paul Johnson led the team in scoring with 27 points.

The Westerners closed out the fall semester 1-2 in conference play with a loss to conference leading South Plains College 107-92. Jeff Shelly paced the Westerners in the loss, pouring in 30 points.

The Westerners began the spring term with a non-conference 104-93 defeat of Ranger Junior College. Paul Johnson topped with 27 points and Michael Richardson hit for 24 in the contest. The Westerners also got an added boost from sophomore Chris Hill, who became eligible this spring. Hill scored 13 points in his first game for WTC.

The Westerners picked up conference play at NMMI and cruised by the Broncos 128-93 to go 2-2 in the WJCAC. Paul Johnson led the Westerners with 33 points and Allen Smith dropped in 22 points while dishing out 7 assists.

The Westerners then dropped three straight conference games, losing to NMJC 114-106, Midland College 120-109, and Frank Phillips 99-95. Westerner coach Tony Mauldin said he felt like the team was playing hard during the streak but were just having trouble getting their shots to fall.

The Westerners ended the three game skid with a 79-74 defeat of Clarendon College last Monday. Jeff Shelly hit for 17 points while Dominick Byrd scored 15 in leading the Westerners in scoring. The win put the Westerners at 3-6 in conference play, 14-6 overall, six games behind first place South Plains.

Coach Mauldin said he still feels the team has got a good shot at the play-offs if they can win at least five of their remaining eight games.

The Westerners are sitting behind FPC and NMJC, both 4-4 in conference play, as they all battle for the fourth play-off spot. The top four teams in each conference advance to the Regional Tournament in Waco.

The Westerners were to kick off the second half of conference play this past Thursday night hosting Howard College at the Scurry County Coliseum (see separate story).

WJCAC

Team standings going into Thursday's game were:

South Plains	8-0
Howard	7-1
Odessa	5-3
NMJC	4-4
Frank Phillips	4-4
Midland	3-5
WTC	3-5
NMMI	1-7
Clarendon	1-7

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Who's Who honorees are noted

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Ms. P.J. Smith and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Tate. She has been named to the Merit List five semesters and the President's List one semester. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served on the executive board. She is a library technician at WTC and hopes to one day continue her education and receive a bachelor's degree in word processing.

Davidson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Davidson of Abilene. He is a journalism major and plans to continue his education at McMurry University. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, serving on the executive board. He is on the staff of the Western Texan and has been named to the Merit List for fall 1989, spring 1990 and fall 1990.

Vicki Dawson is the daughter of Forest E. Hokey. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is a member of the executive board. She was named outstanding student in Contemporary Social Problems 1990. She is a pre-med major and plans to continue her education at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Hicks is the son of Shirley and Jerry Hicks. He is a Phi Theta Kappa member and a theater major. He will continue his education at a four-year college although he is still undecided on which school he will attend.

Kern is the son of George and Mary Kern. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, serving on its executive board. He was awarded the Irene Ryan Drama Award in the fall of both 1989

New senators are announced

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Newkirk, a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Newkirk of Levelland. He is a golf landscape technology major and will serve on the Student Entertainment Committee.

Ware, a freshman, is the daughter of Christine Chambers and Maxey Ware of Colorado City. She is a business major and will serve on the Student Life Committee.

and 1990. He was named also to the President's List last spring and the Dean's List last fall. After graduating from WTC, Kern plans to attend Marymount Manhattan College in New York City or the University of Dallas in Irving. He plans on working as an actor or an educator.

Vizena is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Vizena. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the President's List in the fall of 1989. Vizena plans to major in theater and dance at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Sharon Doty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Doty. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Western Texan staff. She was named to the Dean's List the spring of 1990 and was on the Merit List in the fall of 1990. She is an English major and plans to specialize in English or journalism as a secondary education teacher.

Bobbie Earnest is the daughter of R.K. Earnest. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of its executive board. She was named on the Merit List in the fall of 1990. She is a member of the Student Senate and a member of the Student Life Committee. She is an English major. She plans to transfer to Hardin-Simmons where she plans on receiving her secondary teaching certificate.

Fletcher is the son of Weldon and Nancy Fletcher. He is a member of the West Texas Golf Association. He is a Golf and Landscape Technology major. After graduating from WTC he plans to seek employment in a country club or municipal golf course as a greens superintendent.

Naomi Gutierrez is the daughter of Juan P. and Armandina Gutierrez. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, serving on its executive board. She is secretary of the Student Senate and Student Senate dance advisor. She is a member also of the Western Texan staff. Gutierrez plans to transfer to Angelo State University where she will major in secondary education with a specialization in journalism and a minor in art.

Stacey Logston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Logston. She was named to the Dean's List in the fall of 1989, and the Presidents List in the spring and fall of 1990. After graduating from WTC she plans to transfer to Angelo State University where she will major in elementary education.

Janice Northern is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melton E. Davis of Lake Thomas. She is a member of The Western Texan newspaper staff. She was awarded the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's 2nd place award in Best News Story category in 1990 and Outstanding English Student in 1990. She was named to the Dean's List in the spring of 1990 and the President's List last fall. She plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will be majoring in English and specializing in creative writing.

Nichole Overman is the daughter of Berie and Marcia Overman. She is a member of Student Senate, serving as its treasurer. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was named to the Dean's List in the fall of 1989 and to the Merit List in the fall of 1990. She plans to transfer to Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she will attend pharmacy school.

War causing concerns, comments from students

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programing.

President Bush assured the nation in a 12-minute speech a few hours after the liberation of Kuwait began that "we will not fail."

"All we can do is wait and watch to see if and when we have to go fight too," said Ronald Egly.

Regarding the possibility of women being included in any potential draft, he was equally doubtful.

"For women to be drafted it would take a political decision by the president, congress and the military. Public opinion would have to change. Then it would go before the Supreme Court."

Another local student had her own opinion about the draft. "I really don't believe that women will be drafted, because it would take too long to constitute it, but if it happens and they call me, I'll be afraid but I'll go," said Laura Swindle.

Some female students said they would go to war if drafted but they did not believe that it was right for women to be put on the front lines. "I would feel a lot better if 1,000 men were fighting on the front for me then if 1,000 women were," said Kandace Belew.

A few of the students tried to predict at what point the United States would begin drafting. "I've heard that if the war lasts over three months or so they will draft," said Ronald Egly.

Regarding a time frame for a possible draft, McGee said if it comes, he did not believe the United States would begin for at least six months.

In this event, students are hoping for deferments. As for this, McGee speculated, "There will be no deferments."

On the subject of war, some students were vehemently pro-military. "I don't think that we should be afraid to go. We should fight for our country. Everyone should give back to it. If women get drafted, I'll go fight where ever they put me. We have to trust the people that put soldiers where they do in the armed services. They know if they are trained or not," said Monica Ramirez.

She added, "I do think that we could have prevented this though."

Since the war's start, WTC students can be found watching news reports with renewed interest. Lobbies are filled with hushed voices during the day as news updates interrupt regular



Troop support

The WTC Student Senate has been sponsoring a Valentine signing project to be sent to the U.S. Armed Forces fighting in the Persian Gulf. Shown here, Meredith Goodwin accepts a new signature provided by Thance Springer. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

Meat judging entries place

By Mark Carroll
Texan Staffer

The WTC Meats Judging Team had individuals place recently in contests held as part of the National Western Intercollegiate Meats Judging Contest in Denver, Colo.

Team members placing were:

—Brent Atkinson, sixth in individual lamb judging and 11th individual in the overall contest.

—Mark Carroll, fifth high individual in beef grading.

—Mike Graham, sixth high individual in pork judging.

—Joe Martinez, alternate team, sixth high individual in the alternate portion of the contest.

Spring count 'up'

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used by the Texas Legislature in determining biennium funding for the college.

This semester's enrollment contact hours represent an increase of 2 percent over the spring of 1989. Contact hours serve as the funding basis used by the state legislature.

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Sports

Lady Dusters struggle as first half of play ends

**By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer**
The Lady Dusters ended the first half of conference play with a win over Clarendon Jan. 28—their first in conference play.

Monica Ramirez and La Shunta Jackson each scored 14 points in the victory while Kristi Risinger and Merry Brown each posted 8 to help notch the victory. The Lady Dusters led 32-25 at halftime and never stopped attacking the Clarendon squad with the final score 63-46.

With the win, the Dusters' season record rose to 8-16 (1-5 in conference) as they prepared to take on the six teams in the WJCAC conference for a second time in this year's schedule. Those games were to open versus Howard here Thursday (see separate story).

The Lady Dusters began their post-Christmas season with a record of 5-12.

Ranger Junior College came to Snyder Jan. 7 for the Lady Dusters first home game in over a month with the Lady Dusters winning 72-58.

Three freshmen helped lead the charge against RJC. Outside shooting from Amarillo's Diane Mendez scored 19, Navasota's La Shunta Jackson added 16, and the driving shots of Midland's Monica Ramirez put

up 14. The Ranger victory brought the Lady Dusters record to 6-12 on the year and served as preparation for a three game swing through Arizona played January 10-12.

The Lady Dusters first game was played in Scottsdale against Scottsdale Community College. The Lady Dusters tied the game

cluded Dusters La Shunta Jackson with 16 and Hawley sophomore Tracy Edmunds with 8.

The Lady Dusters finished their three game swing through Arizona in Coolidge as they lost to the No. 5 ranked Junior College team in the country, Central Arizona College. The final score was 81-64. Monica Ramirez

led the scoring attack with 13 while Needville standout Sherry Hoffpauir scored 9 and Tracy Edmunds added 8.

The Lady Dusters concluded their Arizona trip with a 1-2 record and headed east, stopping in Hobbs, N.M. on their way back to battle NMJC. The Duster season record stood at 7-14 as they turned east to resume the conference schedule.

On Jan. 14, The Lady T-Birds of New Mexico Junior College jumped out to an insurmountable 13 point—36-23—halftime lead. The Lady Dusters fought their way back, but ended up losing by a score of 75-72. Monica Ramirez again led the Dusters scoring attack with 28, La Shunta Jackson added 14, and Becky Hinojos, 10. The victory was the first conference win for NMJC. The Dusters' season record fell to 7-15 and they remained winless in

at 63 at the end of regulation, having to come back from a 45-26 halftime deficit, to send the game into overtime. The Dusters fought, but lost to a tough Scottsdale squad by a final of 72-70. Freshman Becky Hinojos of Lorenzo led the Dusters scoring campaign with 13, followed by Monica Ramirez's 12, La Shunta Jackson's 11 and Knox City's freshman Kristi Risinger's 9.

The next evening in Mesa, Arizona, Monica Ramirez exploded for 20 points. The Lady Dusters took a 5 point halftime advantage to the locker room, then returned to score 40 second half points on their way to a 68-57 victory over Mesa Junior College. Other high scorers in-

With the (Clarendon) win, the Dusters' season record rose to 8-16 (1-5 in conference) as they prepared to take on the six teams in the WJCAC conference for a second time in this year's schedule.



Jump shot

Lady Duster Monica Ramirez goes for the jump shot against Clarendon. The Lady Dusters gained their first conference victory in the game played Jan. 28 by defeating the Lady Bulldogs 63-46. (Texan Photo by Sharon Doty)

WJCAC conference action after 4 games.

The Lady Dusters met Frank Phillips College in Borger on Jan. 24. For the third game in a row, Monica Ramirez led the scoring attack as she posted 24 in the game. The Dusters fought

to stay close, but were beaten 87-78 by the Lady Plainsmen.

The loss pulled the Dusters record to 7-16 while still winless in conference battles.

Becky Hinojos made 12 for the Dusters effort and Jill Forrest added 10.

Dusters fall to Howard

**By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer**

It was one of those rare occasions when no matter what happened, "Coach Chadwick" couldn't lose. Unfortunately, the Lady Dusters could.

The Howard College Lady Hawks under the supervision of Coach Royce Chadwick, son of Coach Kelly Chadwick, came to the Scurry County Coliseum this past Thursday to start the second half of WJCAC conference action for the Lady Dusters. By the final whistle, the Hawks had defeated WTC for the second time this season, 65-50.

The Lady Dusters had a 3 point lead in the early moments of the game with a 12-9 score when the Lady Hawks broke loose for 8 straight points and took a lead they would never relinquish. At halftime, the score was 35-28.

In second half action, Coach Chadwick brought the Lady Dusters to the sidelines for a time-out and used substitutions and Lady Hawk turnovers to ignite a rally that brought WTC back within striking distance at 51-46.

The 5 point gap quickly jumped to 16 as the tough Lady Hawk defense held the Lady Dusters scoreless for almost 5 minutes down the stretch, however.

La Shunta Jackson led WTC scoring with 14. Monica Ramirez and Becky Hinojos finished the night with 9, Jill Forrest marked 8, and Merry Brown scored 5.

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Colleges turn down the heat due to war

(CPS) Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the resulting surge in the cost of oil have brought the world to the brink of war and pulled hundreds of collegians out of class to serve in the armed forces.

Now they're about to make this the coldest winter in years on many colleges campuses.

Many schools already are strictly following federal conservation guidelines, imposed immediately after the crisis began, to keep thermostats in classes, dorms and offices set anywhere from 65 degrees to 68 degrees.

"Some of the conference rooms are a little chilly," admitted University of Pennsylvania resident adviser Ira Gluck.

Penn has lowered the temperature in all its buildings by five degrees. Dorm rooms can't be warmer than 68 degrees. In other buildings, the limit is 65 degrees.

With the cost of oil rising from about \$20 per barrel before the invasion to its current price of about \$25 per barrel many

colleges already having budget difficulties due to a lack of state funding, have to figure out how to cover skyrocketing fuel costs.

"When you're paying \$20,000 a year it's hard to understand why it's cold in your dorm room," admitted Harvey Kaiser, a vice president at Syracuse University. It's important, he added, to get students to cooperate by turning out unnecessary lights and keeping doors closed.

Schools that use oil as the main source of heat, typically in the Northeast, have been hardest hit. Campuses heated with coal or natural gas haven't been affected as directly.

"It's wonderful," declared Kermit Linstrom, president of Bismarck State College in North Dakota, one of the country's biggest oil producing states. "The more oil we produce, the more money goes to the state treasury and the more chance that we can get higher appropriations," Linstrom explained. Meanwhile, Bismarck,

which is heated with natural gas, isn't affected. "We think oil is too cheap. Forty dollars a barrel would be just great."

But indirectly, oil prices reach all parts of the economy. Because of higher gasoline prices, transportation costs also have risen.

The petroleum-based products farmers need - fertilizer, agricultural chemicals, fuel and power - are now more expensive. Higher transportation costs also force food prices up.

Philadelphia Thermal Energy, which heats the Penn campus, raised its rates by 15 percent during the fall. Penn's fuel bill consequently will be about \$2 million more than expected. Officials are hoping that lowering the heat and discouraging the use of alternate heat sources - such as space heaters - will save at least \$1 million.

Yet schools in general seem to have done a good job in learning to deal with sudden leaps in the price of oil.

Two previous energy crises

in 1973 sent campuses reeling. Expenses increased dramatically, while funding dropped. Colleges had to defer maintenance on buildings and put off professors' raises. Tuition rose by more than 10 percent a year.

"On the whole," said Walter Schaw, head of the Virginia-based Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges, "campuses are much less dependent on oil than even four or five years ago."

"It was just a matter of time before it happened again, and we knew it."

"We aren't experiencing a big impact here," affirmed H.C. Lott, a vice president at the University of Texas-Austin which, like most other schools in the Southwest, relies mostly on natural gas.

Many campuses now switch between coal, oil and gas to provide heat, depending on current market prices. Some schools also have made themselves independent of local utilities by building their own power plants.

But it can still hurt.

It's costing George Mason University in Washington, D.C., an extra \$480,000 to heat its campus this winter, despite lowering the heat to 65 degrees in its buildings.

The State University of New York system already was facing a \$51 million deficit when escalating oil prices left its 64 campuses with an extra \$10 million in heating bills.

Rutgers University in New Jersey anticipates spending \$21 million this school year for utilities costs, about \$4 million more than was allocated before the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

"We're going to try some energy conservation measures and we'll cut back some other programs," said Dick Engle, assistant vice president for facilities of the four Rutgers campuses.

"Academics," Engle declared, "is the last thing we want to touch."

"It's something we've been through before, and we'll do it again."

WTC plans jazz clinic

The WTC music department will host a vocal jazz clinic on Friday, Feb. 15, for area music teachers and students.

Conducting the clinic will be David Riley, noted music educator, choral conductor and composer, from Ithaca College.

Students and teachers will have an opportunity to experience jazz, blues, swing and bossa, as well as learning improvisation techniques.

The clinic will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. The fee is \$3.50 per student, and teachers will be admitted free. Participants must pre-register by Feb. 12 by calling 573-8511, ext. 234.

Leadership event held

High school and college students from area and Scurry County schools gathered here Saturday for the John Ben Shepperd (JBS) Public Leadership Forum. The day-long workshop gave participating students a chance to learn leadership skills and to meet with local elected officials and civic leaders.

WTC in cooperation with the Snyder Jaycees sponsored the event.

Speech event held

WTC hosted the 3rd annual Ben Brock Memorial Speech Tournament this past Saturday.

Participants were students from a variety of schools from 1A-5A district, with Snyder being the defending champs and LCU being second. The first 300 entries were taken and the entire campus used for the tournament.

College population goes up despite predictions

(CPS) The long-anticipated college student population decline still hasn't happened, a new campus head count found.

The number of students enrolled at two- and four-year campuses actually increased in 1990, with community colleges enjoying the biggest boom, said a report by the American Council on Education (ACE)

Though the U.S. Dept. of Education will release an "official" campus census later in the year, the ACE report typically

has proven very accurate.

This year's version has some observers wondering whether a downturn in the number of high school seniors, which the Department of Education predicts will continue until 1995, will in fact cause the enrollment bust that campus officials have been fearing for years.

"Perhaps we will not see a slowdown" in the number of students seeking higher education, said ACE spokeswoman Kathy Ruser.

"If it's happening, it hasn't happened here," agreed William Goldmann, dean of educational services at Pasadena City College (PCC) in California.

ACE's survey of institutions in 14 states found 2-to-6 percent increases in enrollment at community colleges during the last year. Four-year campuses posted increases between 1 percent and 3 percent.

The jumps may be due to the schools' success in attracting "non-traditional" students - those older than 24 years - and retaining current students, said Ruser.

Community colleges are doing well, Goldmann added, because tuition costs are low and they offer a wide variety of classes.

The combination helped PCC increase its enrollment by at least 4 percent since 1989, he said.

Other two-year campuses like Muscatine, Minneapolis, Rainy River, Palm Beach and Salt Lake community colleges also reported enrollment gains this school year.

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