

TSTC protest of prison classes defused

College will discontinue Sweetwater extension center with agreement

By Angela McCall
Texan Staffer

Despite initial protests from neighboring Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater, Dr. Harry Krenek says he anticipates few if any future problems in WTC's effort to offer classroom instruction at the new prison under construction in Abilene.

"Smooth sailing," is how he described the remaining portion of the process that will allow WTC to conduct classes—both vocational and academic—at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) French

Robertson facility in Abilene

First approval was given by the West Texas Higher Education Council on Feb. 7th. Before the meeting, however, WTC had obstacles to overcome.

TSTC (formerly Texas State Technical Institute) is included in the area eligible for consideration and initially opposed WTC's undertaking of the French Robertson unit. "They wanted to do the vocational classes," explained Dr. Krenek. WTC does not actually lie in the Abilene region as does Sweetwater's TSTC.

After negotiations, WTC conceded

its academic program at the Sweetwater extension center, and TSTC ceased interference in the WTC/French Robertson relationship.

As a result, college extension classes will be offered at Sweetwater this summer, but will not be extended into the fall.

"WTC was chosen by TDCJ because of our work at Price Daniel," says Dr. Krenek. With the approval for WTC to conduct vocational classes came an open door for academic instruction at the unit also, he noted.

The second step in the approval

process came Feb. 25, in a meeting with the Northwest Regional Council. Finally, WTC administrators will meet with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Austin. That meeting is scheduled for April.

French Robertson will be a maximum security 2,250-bed unit. While the number more than doubles the 1,000 bed Price Daniel unit, Dr. Krenek points out that the system is maximum security. "Many (inmates) will be locked up for 23 hours every day. And then some won't meet academic criteria for college classes." Scholastic aptitude re-

quirements are not modified for prison students. An estimated 1,750 will be eligible to participate.

WTC will begin afternoon vocational classes at French Robertson by offering heating and refrigeration, drafting, data processing, and possibly automotive. Both full and part-time instructors will be used, Dr. Krenek notes.

After establishing the vocational curriculum, WTC officials expect to continue with academic classes. Classes currently offered at the Price Daniel See PRISON, page 3

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Drama student honored... Critique effort wins 3rd at ACTF event

By Marci Regalado
Texan Staffer

Wade Freeman, one of five Western Texas College drama students competing at the American College Theatre Festival, won an Award of Excellence from the Critics Institute Workshop for his critical essay.

At the Feb. 20 and 21 regional competition, held in Lubbock, Freeman competed with other Region 6 drama students from New Mexico, Louisiana,

Spring formal follows break

The WTC Student Senate's annual Spring Formal Dance will be March 26. It will take place in the student center from 8:30 to midnight.

At the dance, Mr. and Miss WTC will be announced. Entertainment for the dance will be provided by Z-93 of Amarillo.

Time to measure for cap & gowns

Sophomore students planning to graduate during the spring or summer term need to be measured for cap and gowns. This can be completed in the Student Activities Office.

Measurements will be taken beginning today and will continue through March 13.

The Student Activities Office will be open for measurements Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

'Non-traditional' student support group proposed

By Angela McCall
Texan Staffer

Non-traditional students—that is, students who are "older" than the average college student, those returning to school after some years, or those with "unique" obligations—will soon have an opportunity to be a part of an informal support group on the WTC campus.

Janet Halbert, Marilyn Lancaster, and Bettie McQueen are spearheading the group. Motivation for bringing such a group together comes from personal experiences as both Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. McQueen were themselves "non-traditional" students.

"There are students who have to deal with jobs, families, and financial obligations, and have decided to come

Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. A national finalist and alternate finalist were chosen, giving Freeman "third."

National finalists from eight regions nationwide will go on to spend a month in Washington, D.C., attending critic's workshops at the Kennedy Center, which provides most of the funding and sponsorship of the drama festival.

Freeman advanced to ACTF regional-level competition after having his essay chosen as winner at the area contest in El Paso in November.

The University of Oklahoma's production of "Emigration of Kurtzick" was the play Freeman critiqued. His paper—one of four written during the workshop—was among the top three essays chosen in the region.

In his paper, Freeman, who is a drama directing major, critiqued the production on its set, lighting, acting, direction and production.

Judges for the contest were "very strict" about grammar and length, said Freeman. The paper was limited to a 500 word minimum and 700 word maximum.

"It was a unique opportunity that provided an invaluable learning experience for me," he said.

"I learned so much in such a short amount of time, and that's aided me in improving my acting performances as well."

Freeman said the competition has convinced him "I've chosen the right field."

Qualifying to compete in the ACTF's Irene Ryan Acting competition category were Richard Lack and Amber Adams, accompanied by Kristi Mize and Sherri Cribbs.

back to school," says Marilyn Lancaster, who herself returned to college at the age of 26, commuting to Texas Tech to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees.

"College should be a joyful experience, instead of an obstacle to overcome," says Mrs. McQueen. All three hope to create a core of "resource people" for the non-traditional students, and so help the college experience for these students be more enjoyable.

"It takes a special kind of courage to talk with an instructor about a problem that is so specific to you," commented Mrs. Lancaster. "If you could get some support, it would make that easier."

Mrs. Lancaster says she found See GROUP, page 3



Trailhand winners

Mr. and Miss Trailhand winners this spring are Mark Wood and Naomi Gutierrez. Mark is the son of Ronnie and Suzanne Wood of Pampa and a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School. Naomi is the daughter of John and Mae Gutierrez of Snyder and a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School. (Texan Photo by Dusty Green)

Mr.-Miss Trailhand pair chosen by student vote

By Mark Carroll
Texan Staffer

Mark Wood and Naomi Gutierrez were named Mr. and Miss Trailhand for WTC for 1991-92. Announcement of the winners was during half-time of the Westerners game Feb. 20.

Mark is a sophomore from Pampa. He is the son of Ronnie and Suzanne Wood of Pampa and a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School.

He currently serves as a PTK executive board officer, a member of the Student Senate and is a member of the golf team.

He is an engineering major and plans to attend Texas A&M University. Naomi Gutierrez is a sophomore at WTC and the daughter of John and Mae Gutierrez of Snyder. She is a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was WTC student body secretary in 1990 and was named Miss Trailhand last year. She is an education major and has been included in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. She plans to attend Texas Tech.

Other nominees for Miss Trailhand were Taylor Cavnar of Conroe; Buffy Giddens of Snyder; Lei Holcomb of Snyder; and Jeran Ware of Colorado City.

Nominees for Mr. Trailhand were Gilbert Flores of El Paso; Thad Little of Hackberry, La; Ryan Teague of Pampa; and Darren Waters of Anton.

2 announce for college's trustee seats

By Marci Regalado
Texan Staffer

Two Scurry County residents—both opposing incumbents—have announced for two expiring terms on the Western Texas College board of trustees.

Announcing for the board are Mike Dennis and Joe Bob Flowers. Dennis seeks the place 3 seat now held by Howard Sterling and Flowers the place 4 seat held by Robert Hargrove.

Dennis, age 38, is a vice president for McCormick Marketing Inc. and has been a Scurry County resident for the past 29 years.

Flowers, age 58, is a farmer and an Ira resident. He has lived in Scurry County for the past 54 years.

WTC board members serve six-year terms.

Howard Sterling has been a college trustee for the past 13 years, serving since 1979.

Robert H. Hargrove is an original board member and was first named to the board 23 years ago in 1969.

Neither incumbent had officially indicated their intent as of Friday. The filing deadline for the board seats is March 18.

The campus will be closed on March 16 through March 20 for spring break. Any potential candidate wishing to file through March 18 may contact Mavis Brumbelow at 573-6730.

Absentee voting will take place in the WTC administration building April 13 through April 28 from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Mrs. Brumbelow is absentee voting clerk and Denise Squires is deputy clerk.

Voting for the election of board See ELECTION, page 3

PTK members now preparing for conference

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

Phi Theta Kappa members, Psi Zeta chapter, will be attending their annual Regional Conference in Austin this weekend.

They will be leaving Thursday at noon and will return Sunday, March 8.

Psi Zeta will be campaigning for the District I vice president's position. PTK member Ryan Teague currently holds this office for the Region.

In addition, PTK members have entered art contests and yearbook contests which will be judged during the conference.

In March, PTK members will also be attending the 74th annual International Convention in Washington, D.C. See PTK, page 3

Opinion

Worried about global warming? Sinking Austin may have merit...

By Britt Canada
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'Another way to reduce the need for gasoline is to make the continent smaller. That is easily accomplished by raising the level of the sea.'

One of the goals of the instructors at WTC is to provide students with the knowledge and confidence that they need to make informed decisions. Critical thinking skills require that decision makers consider the available facts (as many options as possible) and then make an informed decision. An understanding of a wide range of subjects is important to this process.

For example, a mathematician without good oral or written communication skills can have "earth-shaking" ideas but be unable to communicate those ideas to others. A politician without a good science background cannot make proper decisions on environmental issues. Critical reasoning skills are essential in this age. Improving reading, writing and mathematical abilities enhances these skills.

Briefly, let us consider an "environmental" issue. The goal is to see how the "quick fix" solution is not the best fix.

We have heard about a phenomena called global warming. If the global warming theory is right, then as the level of carbon dioxide increases in the atmosphere, the temperature of the earth will rise. As the temperature rises, the polar ice caps begin to melt, then the level of the ocean rises. Houston turns into an underwater city and Austin becomes a seaport.

Burning fossil fuels, such as coal and gas, is one of the primary sources of carbon dioxide. The politicians decide that we should reduce fossil fuel consumption. Voluntary programs are started and a small reduction results.

The decision-makers look around for other ideas. They decide that since voluntary reduction did

not work, then mandatory restrictions should be used. A survey of gas prices shows that the price of a gallon of gas in Italy is \$4.92, France is \$4.37, West Germany is \$3.05, Japan is \$3.01 and the U.S. is \$1.20. "Ah ha", the politician says, "We can put a dollar per gallon tax on gasoline and still have a lower price of gasoline than the other industrialized nations."

The politician thinks he has the perfect solution. Raising the gas price will force drivers to use less gas and would reduce the carbon dioxide emissions. Furthermore, if people insisted on using the same amount of gas, then the excess tax could be used to reduce the national debt. The politician votes for the measure and it becomes law.

What would happen to your lifestyle if the gas prices went to \$2.20 a gallon? You would probably drive less. In West Texas, the automobile is important to our standard of living. Cars provide transportation to work places, recreation and education. Without it, the countryside would become depopulated.

Urban populations would swell as people try to reduce the amount of gas they use. One problem would be replaced by another.

The error in this scenario is that the politician tried a short-term solution to a long-term problem. When issues such as global warming are considered, all sides must be considered.

Another way to reduce the need for gasoline is to make the continent smaller. That is easily accomplished by raising the level of the sea. Think of the economic benefits to our area if we raise the earth's temperature so that Snyder becomes a seaport.

Just kidding!

Faithful sports fan-critic gives Olympics 'two thumbs up'...

By Dusty Green
Texan Staffer

Well, the 16th Olympic Winter Games are finally over.

And if you're like me, you just spent the last three weeks glued to the television every night at seven o'clock, watching athletes from all over the world encounter the thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat. (I had to say that.)

Hockey, skiing, figure skating, ice dancing, bobsledding...I watched it all. I was there when the U.S. beat the Italians in hockey. I saw Bonnie Blair win her two gold medals. And I witnessed Katarina Witt as she took a Diet Coke from the bar without paying for it... (Or maybe that was a commercial...but she still didn't pay for 'em.)

All in all, however, I'd probably rate the Winter Games like I would a motion picture...I laughed. I cried. I ate lots of popcorn. And the sticky, mucky floor in the dorm really made me feel like I was in a movie theater. But regardless, I'd still have to give the Olympics two big thumbs up.

Keeping company with the upcoming Academy Awards, I've made a little list of my own of the best performances of the Olympics. As a whole, the games had everything - drama, humor, excitement and love. (Everything except sex - but this is a family movie.)

For best performance by an actor, I'd give the award to Italian Alberto Tomba. He's one of the many foreign competitors who speak English but still need subtitles to be understood. But his repeat performances from the '88 Games, earned him high praise from this critic. Especially after his phenomenal comeback in his final run during the slalom competition, that jumped him from sixth place to a silver medal.

Best performance by an actress in all categories goes to every American woman who competed in the games. Fact - nine of the total 11 medals won by the U.S. were won by women (including all five of the gold ones). If it weren't for these women, the American team would have done almost as good

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as the team from New Zealand, who, in case you missed it, took home the only southern hemisphere medal in Winter Olympic history. It would be unfair to pick out only one winner for this category, because there were so many deserving nominees.

Best performance by a supporting actor had to go to Herschel Walker. After being bumped (some say rather rudely) from the U.S. bobsled

team, the Minnesota Vikings running back remained with the team, encouraging them and rooting them on to one of their best finishes ever. Say what you will, like "he should have stuck to football in the first place," but give Herschel some credit. He worked hard with the team every chance he could in order to do well at these games - even though he may have performed better in the ballet.

The "Dark Horse" award goes to none other than our own American hockey team, who, despite getting drilled by the CIS in the final minutes of their matchup, managed to win all of their games but two, and they fell just short of a medal. And everyone thought they had a snowball's chance in you-know-where of doing as well as they did. Which should provide for an interesting story when the next Olympics roll around.

And where and when will the next Olympics take place? The "where" is simple: in Lillehammer, Norway.

And what about the "when"? Well, instead of waiting another four years, the International Olympic Committee decided to break tradition and schedule the next winter games in just two years from now, in 1994. No one seems to know exactly why this decision was made, but it will set the winter and summer games on an alternating pattern every two years. Lillehammer in the winter of 1994, and Atlanta (Ga.) in the summer of 1996.

Which means that the "lose 'em and confuse 'em" award goes handily to the IOC

REVIEWS MOVIES

INTO THE SUN

Mild comic stew of elements from "Top Gun" and "The Hard Way" that halfheartedly spoofs flyboy adventures. Anthony Michael Hall stars as a self-absorbed actor who seeks some pilot experience under the guidance of an ace fighter jockey (Michael Pare). Predictably, the duo becomes embroiled in actual combat over the skies of the Middle East. Deborah Maria Moore (Roger's daughter) adds lust as the romantic interest for both men. Some combat footage perks up the pace. (R) FAIR COMEDY DIR-Fritz Kiersch LEAD-Anthony Michael Hall RT-100 mins. (Profanity)

LOVE CRIMES

Director Lizzie Borden exploits the controversial subject of men who take advantage of women in this half-baked film. Sean Young plays an assistant district attorney who goes undercover to trap a fashion photographer suspected of sex offenses. The story rarely makes much sense, it never attains dramatic force and it ends up as a monotonous diatribe. Patrick Bergin is unimpressive as the flagrant seducer and abuser. (R) FAIR DRAMA DIR-Lizzie Borden LEAD- Sean Young RT-90 mins. (Profanity, Nudity)

SHINING THROUGH

Melanie Griffith transplants her "Working Girl" character to a World War II environment in this eloquent, but mildly corny, romantic adventure. She's a spunky secretary, fluent in German, who is sent to Berlin where she spies on some Nazi bigwigs. Michael Douglas plays her crusty boss and sometime lover. Romantic sparks fail to fly. Yet, the glossy, colorful screenplay, based on Susan Isaacs popular novel, offers constant fun and suspense. (R) GOOD ROMANTIC ADVENTURE DIR-David Seltzer LEAD-Melanie Griffith RT-127 mins. (Mild profanity, brief nudity)

FINAL ANALYSIS

With a bow to Hitchcock's "Vertigo," this San Francisco-set psychological thriller is burdened with out-of-control plot twists and various preposterous situations. Tedium sets in long before the overwrought conclusion. Richard Gere is a psychiatrist who engages in a dubious sexual affair with a patient's attractive sister (Kim Basinger). His involvement leads to murder where he is fingered as a suspect. Eric Roberts registers remarkably as a heavy. He's the sadistic gangster husband of Basinger. (R) FAIR PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA DIR-Phil Joanou LEAD- Richard Gere RT-124 mins. (Profanity, brief nudity)

MEDICINE MAN

High-minded, earnest tropical drama gradually bogs down with a tepid love affair much bickering between the stars. Deep in Amazon rain forest, we find a shaggy biochemist (Sean Connery) struggling to find a cancer-curing serum while environmental destruction closes. Along comes an unwelcome assassin (Lorraine Bracco) who stirs up some controversy and long-dormant romantic desires. (PG-13) DRAMA DIR-John McTiernan LEAD-Sean Connery RT-104 mins. (Profanity, nudity)

MISSISSIPPI MASALA

From Indian-born director Mira Nair, a romantic comedy, set in the Deep South, examines racial tension and the contrast of our cultures. Denzel Washington and S. Choudhury play young people, African-American and Indian, whose love affair shakes up faces in their small community. The subject is compelling, yet the film unfolds with minimal impact. The director seems too cautious with her material and characters. The title refers to mixed Indian spices. (R) FAIR ROMANTIC COMEDY DIR-Mira Nair LEAD-Denzel Washington RT-118 mins. (Profanity, brief nudity)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

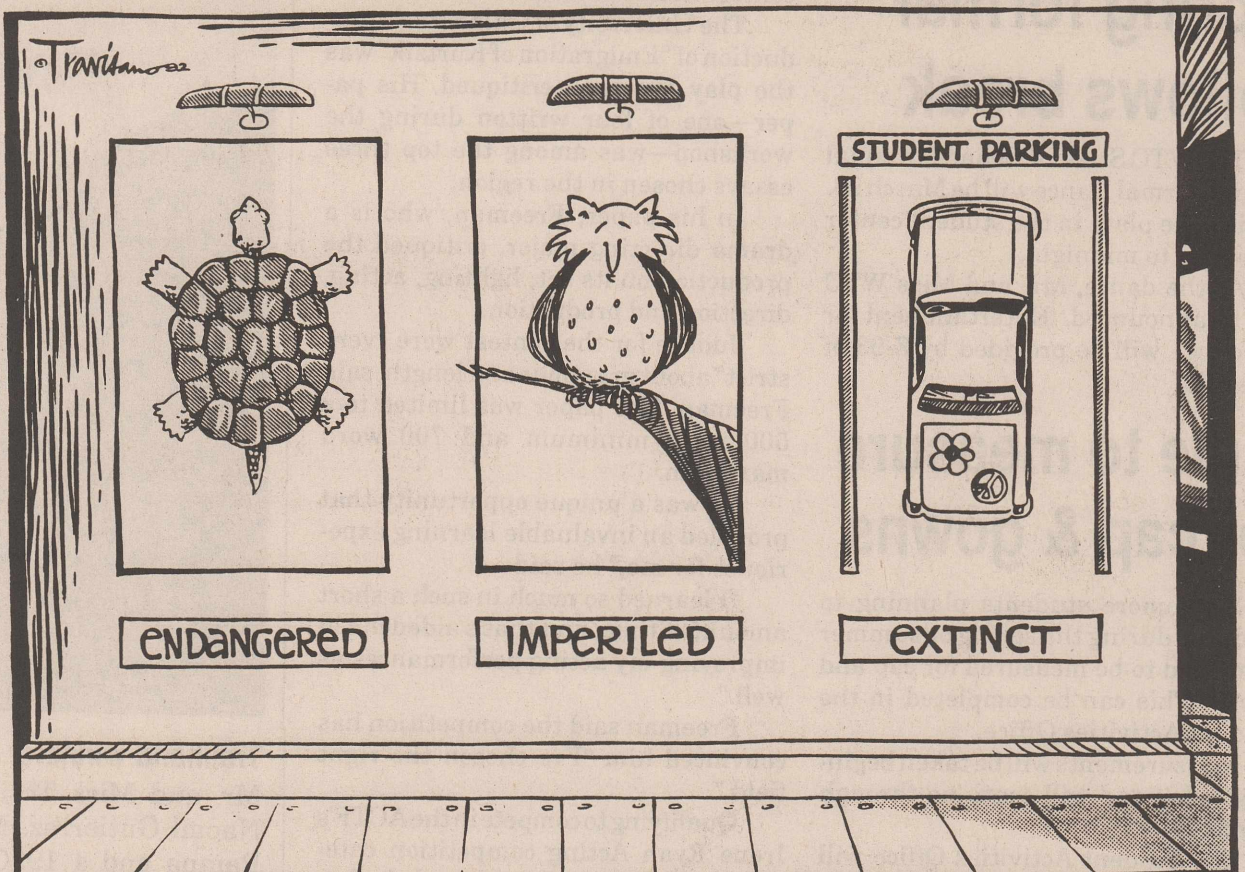
William Baldwin will star in "Machine Gun Kelly," and unconventional gangster film about the mobster who was never convicted of robbing a bank and never killed anyone. Columbia Pictures will release.

Warner Bros. will release "This Boy's Life," a film starring Robert De Niro and Ellen Barkin. Set in the 1950s, the story is about a young man who travels across the country with his recently divorced mother and becomes affected by his colorful stepfather.

Robert Downey Jr. has the title role in Richard Attenborough's "Charlie," a film based on the life of silent screen legend Charlie Chaplin. Dan Aykroyd will co-star as Mack Sennett.

Eddie Murphy, Robin Givens and Eartha Kitt will star in Paramount Pictures' "BOOMERANG." In the comedy, Murphy will play a ladies' man who finally meets his match.

Chevy Chase will star in "MEMOIRS OF AN INVISIBLE MAN," a film based on the H.G. Wells story of a wall street analyst who loses himself as the upshot of a lab accident. Warner Bros. will release the comedy.



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Campus

Added prison classes seem assured

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unit, and seen as potentials for French Robertson, include study in history, psychology, some fine arts, geography, Spanish, and business law. English and Computer Science classes are also conducted.

WTC is finishing its third full year at Price Daniel. Last fall, 120 inmates were enrolled in college-level classes. With the potential at French Robertson, it's estimated that total enrollment could increase by at least 10 percent.

A positive effect is also anticipated in the area of state funding. As the number of contact hours—the actual number of hours instructors spend with students—is increased, the funding will also increase.

TDCJ has projected the French Robertson unit to open in September. "We feel that's optimistic," says Dr. Krenek.

PTK group plans to attend convention

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The convention will be March 26-28, during which the Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical and Junior College will be announced by sponsor USA Today.

Construction problems experienced in the fall set back the schedule considerably. Dr. Krenek says WTC instructors will be prepared for a fall semester, but realistically expect to begin work next spring. At any rate, "We'll be prepared to teach as soon as it opens," he says.

Election set in May

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members will be May 2 from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m.

In Snyder, ballots may be cast at the Snyder City Hall with Jenelda Davis as presiding judge.

In Hermleigh, John W. Jordan will preside over the election at the Hermleigh High School.

Ballots may be cast at the Ira Community Center in Ira with Leona Wiggins as presiding judge.

WTC sophomore Judy Cave is nominated to represent WTC at the convention. Two years ago, WTC's Dale Williamson was named one of the Top 10 students in a junior college nationwide.

Beginning real estate class is scheduled

For persons interested in receiving their real estate selling license, Western Texas College will be offering "Real Estate Principles" beginning in late March through the college's Continuing Education Dept.

The class is one of the core courses required for those interested in obtaining their real estate license. WTC officials note the deadline to pre-register is March 12.

Fifteen classes are planned, March 23-May 4, on Monday

and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

Instructor will be Pat Cornett, a broker associate with Jack & Jack Realtors in Snyder.

The course will serve as an introduction to real estate transactions, real estate law, business concerning real property and concepts of home ownership. In addition, fair housing laws, contracts, real estate taxes and liens will be discussed. Tuition will be \$56.25 and the textbook will cost an added \$38.95.

Student survey asks 'Why?' WTC

By Marci Regalado
Texan Staffer

If "why I came to WTC" is a question you've asked yourself, take comfort in the fact that college administrators are interested in the "why" question also.

For a typical WTC freshman, the answers seem to be because their parent's influenced their decision, because it is close to home and because it is "affordable."

A multiple-choice survey, with questions compiled by Darla Doty, director of college relations, was handed to each of the 251 freshman in human development class last fall.

A key question on the survey asked the students "why" they chose to begin their college career on the local campus. It was a two-part question, "who" was the primary influence and "what" was the primary influence.

Under "who," the options were parents, high school counselors, WTC recruiters, friends, former WTC students or WTC personnel.

One hundred and two students polled—some 40 percent—said that their parents' influence was the deciding factor in coming to WTC. The most popular

answer under the "what" category was that the school was close to home. Almost 38 percent of those responding—95 students—listed this as their reason.

The next most frequent answer under "what"—some 78 replies—said they attended WTC because it was less expensive.

In the "who" category, the second most frequent answer—pointing to a "WTC recruiter"—drew some 18 percent of those responding, some 46 students.

Friends influenced 42 entering freshmen and 41 students were influenced by past WTC students; 27 by WTC personnel; and 26 by school counselors.

Under "what" influenced the student into attending WTC, the other options were the student had received an athletic or academic scholarship, because the college had a "good academic reputation," or because of a recommendation from a friend or relative.

Forty six students cited their reason for coming was a WTC recruiter; 45, athletic scholarship; 42, friends; 41, former WTC students; 31, academic scholarship; and 27, WTC personnel.

Doty says that the results of the surveys will help her see why students chose WTC and how WTC is perceived in the community.



'Non-traditional' support group planned

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herself in stressful situations that other students weren't experiencing. She relates one such incident, "Once I had three tests on the same day both my husband and my young daughter had important procedures. After much debating, I chose to go to school that day."

Information forms concerning the group will be placed around campus. Interested students, both full and part-time, are invited to respond to the

questionnaire. These can be returned to Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. Halbert or Mrs. McQueen in their offices. They will also be happy to talk with anyone interested.

The information forms should be collected before spring break (March 16-20) so that the group can begin to form after the semester resumes. The women say the group will be a loose structure, and those coming together will set the pace for how it meets.

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Sports

Rodeo team in 2nd as season restarts

By Greg Young
Texan Staffer

As the spring 1992 rodeo circuit begins, National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) standings see the WTC men in second place with 673 points. The men's team trails Tarleton State with 693 points.

Following WTC, Howard College is in third with 600 and Odessa is in fourth with 555.

The WTC rodeo squad will begin the spring season at the Odessa College Rodeo March 12-14 in Odessa.

From the fall, the Western Texas women's team is currently in 10th place with 15 total team points, ahead of Hardin-Simmons, Abilene Christian, Angelo State and Frank Phillips.

In the men's division, WTC has 10 team members placing in the Top 10 of their respective events. Six of the 10 are also in the Top Five.

In the Bareback event, Benji Fontenot is in second place with 250 points, while teammates Troy Cattoor and Travis Whiteside stand in fourth and fifth with 130 and 100 pts. respectively. Eric Mouton is in eighth place with 50 points to round out the event.

Other top individuals include Brad Loesch, in fifth place with 115 points in Steer Wrestling, followed by Scot Berger, in 10th with 35.

At third and fourth place in Bull Riding, Richard Wade received 97.5 points and Eddie Smerdon pulled in 83.3 during the fall competitions. Also, Wade Rust netted 50 points and a ninth place standing in Calf Roping and Benji Fontenot tallied 95 and a sixth place finish in Saddle Bronc.

In the women's division, Renee Dollar placed 16th with 15 points in the Goat Tying event.

WTC Rodeo

NIRA RODEO SCHEDULE
SPRING 1992

Odessa College	March 12-14	Odessa
Howard College	April 2-5	Big Spring
New Mexico J.C.	April 9-12	Hobbs, N.M.
Western Texas College	April 16-18	Snyder
Hardin-Simmons University	April 23-25	Abilene
Tarleton State University	April 30-May 2	Stephenville

Golfers resume play with Roswell tourney

The WTC mens' golf team was scheduled to open their spring season this weekend at the New Mexico Military Institute tournament in Roswell, N.M.

The team, ranked 10th nationally after the fall season, opens conference play in Roswell against the top-ranked teams in the nation, including Number 1-ranked Midland College.

The Westerners have been on a three and a half month hiatus since their final tournament of the fall season in Texarkana on Nov. 1.

WTC Golf

Date	1992 Spring Golf Schedule Tournament	Place
February 27-29	NMMI Tournament	Roswell, N.M.
March 15-17	Galveston Gulf Coast Invntl.	Galveston
March 18-20	Elkins Lake Invntl.	Huntsville
March 29-31	Wildflower Invntl.	Temple
April 4-7	McCormick Ranch Invntl.	Scottsdale, Az.
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Sports

Men's season finale is overtime loss

By Greg Young
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerners lost their final two games of the 1991-92 season, dropping an overtime game to Clarendon College here last Thursday and falling short against Frank Phillips on the road last Monday.

The Clarendon loss dropped the WTC men to 14-16 for the year and 6-10 in the conference.

Both losses followed an at-home upset victory over Midland College Feb. 20.

Against Clarendon, the Westerners ended the game with 88 points to the Bulldog's 89 after chasing their opponents into overtime.

At the end of regulation play, the score was 66 each. WTC managed to tie the contest by overcoming a halftime deficit of

39-33 in favor of Clarendon. High point for the Westerners was Jon Gaston with 22.

On Feb. 24, in a game played in Borger, WTC came up short against Frank Phillips at the final buzzer with the score leaning towards F.P. 114-110.

For the Westerners, the only highlight was the 64 point production from the trio of Brent

Murphy, Jon Gaston and Terrance Ross. The team's high player was Murphy with 30 points, followed by Gaston with 20 and Ross with 14.

This loss knocked the WTC record down to 14-15 on the season and 6-9 in WJCAC standings prior to the Clarendon game Thursday.

Against Midland Feb. 20,

the Westerners clipped the top-ranked Chaparrals in a 71-70 upset win.

The team was led by sophomore guard Terrance Ross, with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

With less than 30 seconds left, the Western Texas team was down by 70-69 when Michael Crowe went to the charity stripe and nailed the duce.

The Westerner defense managed to stave off the final attack of Midland to pull the game out.

WTC's first lead came halfway through the first period with a second-effort shot by Ross to up the Westerners 19-18. The lead was extended to 11 on one of guard Jon Gaston's four 3-point buckets.

Ross led the field with 24 points, chased by Gaston with 23 and Crowe with 13.

Super Hoops competing

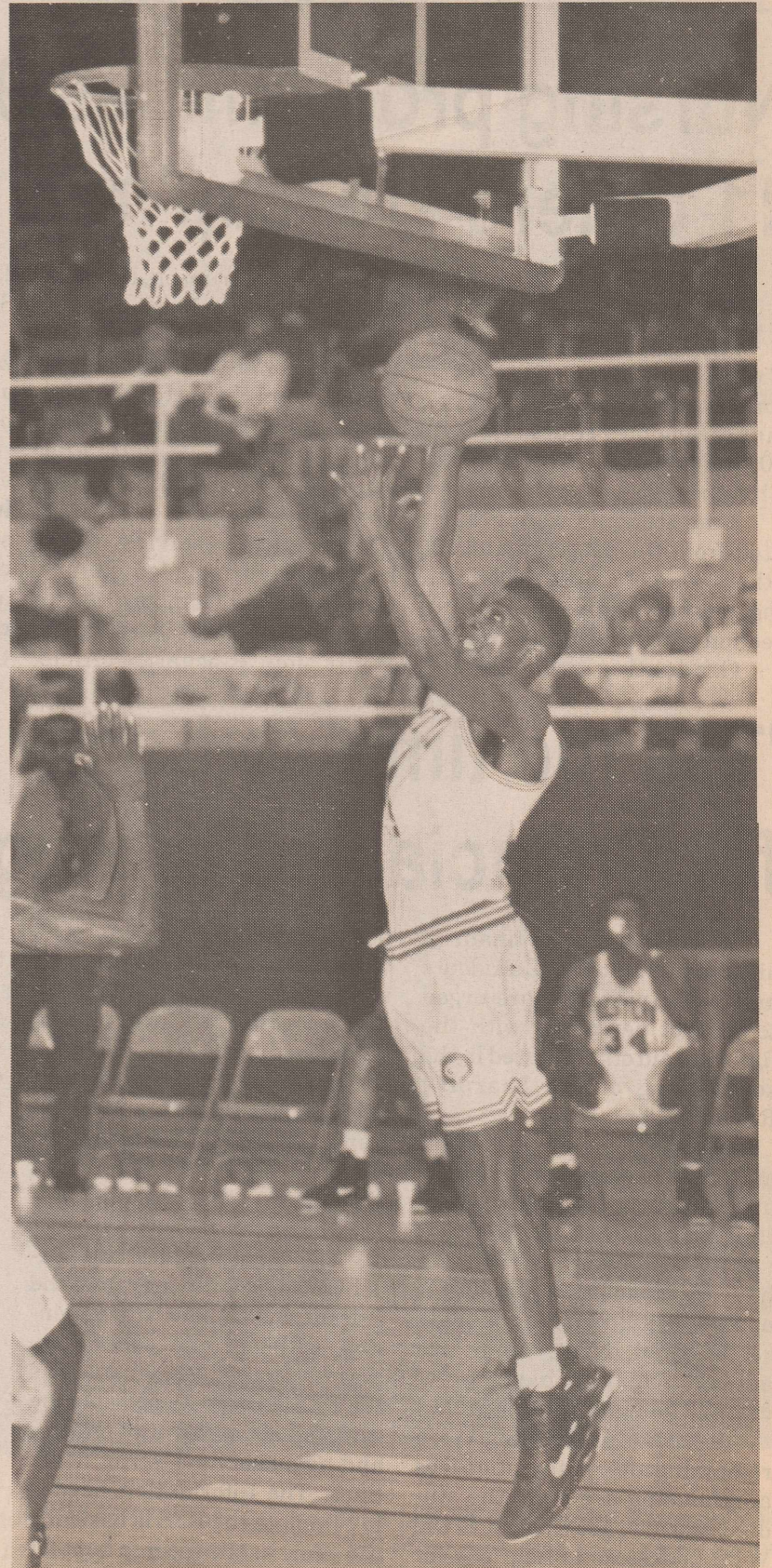
WTC was to compete this past weekend with 50 other area colleges and universities during the Schick Super Hoops Regional Tournament at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The men's team from WTC consisted of Jerry Carreon, Toby Goodwin, Lee Hamilton and Wes

Jarman. Faculty sponsor is Mike Harrison.

The team advanced by winning the local Super Hoops competition sponsored through WTC's intramural department.

The top two teams at the regional event in Arlington will advance to the championships.



Westerner Terrance Ross is shown versus Midland

Clarendon spoils last Duster game

Dusty Green
Texan Staffer

WTC's Dusters suffered back-to-back losses last week to end their season with a 10-18 record.

The final game of the year saw the Dusters fall to Clarendon College 71-63 in a game played here. Clarendon led the game at half 34-28 and only widened their margin by game's end.

Only two WTC players managed double figures, Allison Garcia and Cinthia French, with 15 each.

The Dusters went into the game against Clarendon carrying a 10-17 record, after suffering a disappointing loss to Frank Phillips, 68-50, on Feb. 24 in

Borger. Although WTC won the first of their two encounters with Frank Phillips, 55-44, on Jan. 23, the Dusters couldn't keep up with the Lady Plainsmen the second time around. FPC dominated from both ends of the court, and kept the Dusters playing catch-up for much of the game.

The Lady Plainsmen jumped ahead early over WTC, and expanded that lead to 29-17 at the half. The Dusters retaliated by scoring 33 second half points, and despite shooting 9-for-12 from the charity stripe, they still fell short of the total 68 for Frank Phillips. But according to WTC sophomore Sherry Hoffpauir, even a win over FPC would not have given WTC a berth in the

regional tournament. "It was really sad," said Hoffpauir, who led the Dusters in scoring with 16 points, "it didn't matter if we won or lost, because South Plains beat Howard, and that knocked us out of the tournament."

Hoffpauir was the only Duster in double figures for the game, and had the only WTC three-pointer. Freshman Taylor Cavnar followed with seven points, while La Shunta Jackson and Allison Garcia each contributed six.

The loss to FPC came despite any momentum the Dusters may have had from their 80-67 win over Weatherford College on Feb. 20. The non-conference matchup at the Scurry

County Coliseum served as a replacement game for the Dusters' scheduled match against Ranger, which had been cancelled.

Regardless of the opponent, however, Coach Kelly Chadwick said that he was pleased with his team's performance. Balanced scoring, added confidence, and a lack of pressure all helped to lift the Dusters to a win, according to Chadwick.

Diane Mendez led WTC with 14 points, followed closely by Tami Kajs and Aundrea Kearney, who each contributed 10. Hoffpauir and Garcia added eight points a piece, rounded out by seven from Cinthia French and six from Mary Ann Isom.

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Campus

Nursing program has 9 grads, 11 others are 'cap' recipients

By Mark Carroll
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas College Vocational Nursing Program conducted graduation and capping ceremonies Thursday, Feb. 20, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Nine students were graduated from the program and 11 others were "capped," indicating they have completed the first section of instruction.

Graduating students in-

cluded Nancy Brunson, Delmira Garza and Bekki McKay, all of Snyder.

Others were Ronnie Bilberry of Spur, Toni Everett and Becky Manning of Colorado City, Rolando Peralta of Post and Roxanne Wright and Kim Zimmer, both of Jayton.

Students receiving their nursing caps included Denise Carter, Danny Gambol, Teresa Herrera, Kimberly Neves, Tracy Pruitt, Jeni Rinehart, JoAnne

Tovar and Lana Turner, all of Snyder.

Other candidates "capped" were Debbie Moore of Jayton and Sandi Martin and Terri Orr, both of Rotan.

Completion of the program entails 12 months course training. During this time, students spend the first months on pre-clinical classroom instruction and the remaining months in a clinical period affiliated through Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

'T'is the time' to begin process for financial aid through college

A wide variety of financial aid is available to WTC students and those interested are urged to contact personnel with the financial aid office located in the south wing of the Learning Resource Center.

Dennis Carlton, financial aide officer, stresses that early application is the most important aspect of receiving aid.

Students who qualify for aid have this amount credited first against tuition and fees during registration. Next, funds are applied against payment of campus housing, if applicable.

If there is financial aid remaining after both tuition fees and housing are paid, the student can also get a credit to the WTC bookstore to help pay for textbooks.

If the financial aid award does not cover the student's total college bill, the business of-

ness will send them a statement with instructions for payment of the remaining balance.

According to Carlton, students needing help in paying for the cost of an education should begin by picking up a 1991-92 Family Financial Statement (FFS) Packet from the financial aid office in the Learning Resource Center.

The form enables the student to apply for money from the federal government, state agencies, colleges and other programs. The student should file the FFS as soon as possible, he said, since many universities and agencies have strict deadlines. The information needed to complete the FFS is basically the same as the records kept for a tax return.

Carlton suggested all students interested in financial aid should apply as early as the

spring prior to their first fall term at WTC.

He said this is best done as soon as their tax returns or the returns of their parents are completed. He stressed the need to complete the entire form. If only the federal questionnaire is complete the student may not be considered for state or local aid.

The determination as to who will receive a Federal Pell Grant is not based solely on income, he noted. A complex formula, using several aspects of the family and student, is used to determine the need.

If a student does not receive a Pell Grant, that student may still qualify for some other form of aid, such as work-study, state or local aid.

He stressed again that family income is not the sole criteria for receiving such aid and the need to apply early.



Nursing grads

Nine students were graduated from the Western Texas College Vocational Nursing Program Feb. 20. New graduates are (top row, from left) Bekki McKay of Snyder, Ronnie Bilberry of Spur; (first row) Delmira Garza of Snyder, Rolando Peralta of Post,

Toni Everett of Colorado City; (second row) Roxanne Wright of Jayton, Nancy Brunson of Snyder; (front row) Kim Zimmer of Jayton and Becky Manning of Colorado City. (Texan Photo)



Nurse 'capping'

Eleven WTC nursing students received their nursing caps in ceremonies Feb. 20. Those "capped" were (top row, from left) Debbie Moore of Jayton, Jeni Rinehart of Snyder, Kimberly Neves of Snyder; (second row) Teri Orr of Rotan, Danny Gambol of Snyder;

(third row) Sandi Martin of Rotan, Teresa Herrera of Snyder, Lana Turner of Snyder; (bottom row) Denise Carter of Snyder, Jo Ann Tovar of Snyder and Tracy Pruitt of Snyder. (Texan Photo)

Image program set to start over

Western Texas College's "Image" program begins its fifth class Tuesday, a program which will continue through April 30. The class is for women looking to explore family relationships and themselves.

The "Image" program will help women get their General

Education Diploma (GED), encourage women to go to college and prepare women to go job hunting. The class is geared for women of all age groups.

Books and free child care while the mother is attending the class is available.

The "Image" classes will meet

on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m. on the WTC campus.

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Campus

Workouts aided by cane... Exercise helps healing following knee surgery

By Greg Young
Texan Staffer

Excuses "not to" workout are easy to come by. WTC student Darryl Johnson has found the stamina to continue, however, despite a very good reason "not to"—he has artificial knees and began exercising while still on crutches.

Johnson, 52, has been coming up to the WTC gymnasium since the first of the 1991 fall semester to condition his body.

This followed surgery to replace his knees in both legs.

When he first started, he would swim four to five laps in tandem with "squat-thrusts" and other exercises. Then, he would go to the weight room and lift "with almost no weight" he said, "for about 45 minutes to an hour."

He has since changed his schedule to every-other-day workouts in which he completes up to 10 laps in an hour and lifts 40 to 50 pounds with his legs. "I try to add about 10 pounds a

Johnson says his reason for exercising is "it takes the pain away."

week in my legs (squat-press)," he said.

Johnson says his reason for exercising is "it takes the pain away."

He started doing the exercises at the first of the fall semester while on crutches. He now uses only a cane "and sometimes I don't even have to use

that," he said. "I think the exercise has helped me a lot."

This spring, his workouts have been similar to before. "I got a little out of shape over Christmas, but I swam 17 and one-half laps (just over a half mile) in about 45 minutes today," he said.

In addition to his "ritual" workout, he is also taking an art class at WTC. "I enjoy drawing and I got a scholarship thanks to Mr. Gibson."

He says he will continue to try to get a grant or to "scrape up" the money for another class.

One way or another, he says he intends to come back for another semester.

Johnson is married with three children. His youngest daughter, Susan, is a WTC student also.



On the mend

Darryl Johnson, when not taking his morning "painting" break, has found exercising at the WTC gym has greatly enhanced his recovery from knee surgery. He had both

knees replaced and began his exercise routine aided by crutches and, as he improved, a cane. Johnson, 52, takes painting also at WTC. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

WTC meat judging team excels at Sweetwater Hampshire event

By Mark Carroll
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas Judging Team earned first and second place in the team competition at The National Hampshire Type

Conference held Feb. 19 in Sweetwater.

In individual events, team members won the top seven "high individual" honors including Hud Hudson of Colorado

City, who ranked Number 1 at the event, and Leigh Holcomb of Snyder, who earned high individual in the ladies division of the contest.

The intercollegiate contest hosted 12 college teams. The team's final competition was this past weekend in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Others from WTC placing in the individual competition at Sweetwater were:

—Jason Summers of Snyder, placing 2nd high individual.

—Mark Stansell of Snyder, placing 3rd high individual.

—Bay John Long of Snyder, placing 4th high individual.

—Jimmy Kitchens of Snyder, placing 5th high individual.

—Terry Leatherwood of Snyder, placing 6th high individual.

—Rod Jeter of Snyder, placing 7th high individual.

Other teams members at the event were Page Bishop of Winters, Barry Holman of Colorado City and Mark Carroll of Hawley.

The team is coach by instructor Jim Judah.

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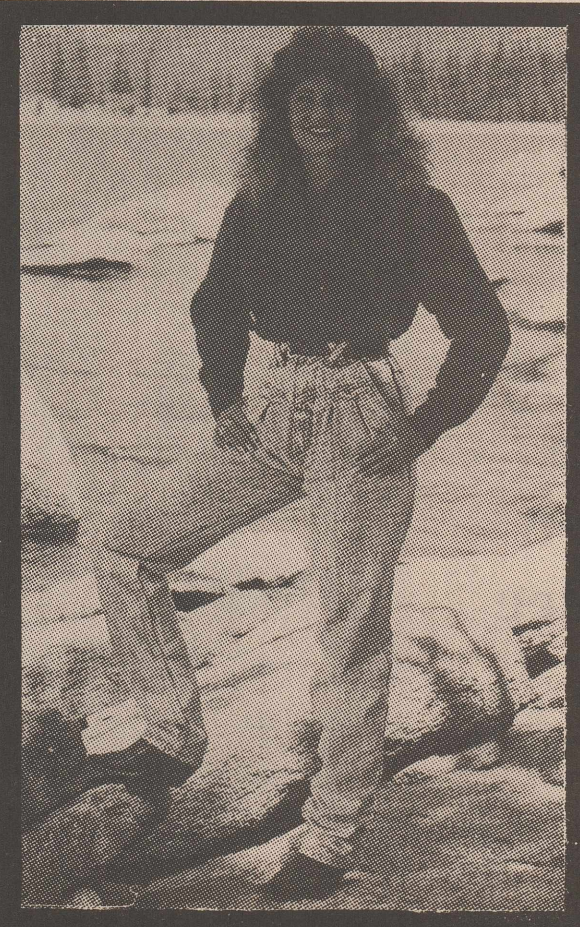
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