





# Writer takes exception to 'men being men' explanation...

By Jana W. Martin  
WTC Instructor

In last issue's editorial by Fred Sawtelle, he makes an accurate observation—that our behavior is partly affected by our gender. Mr. Sawtelle, though, assumes certain characteristics about gender that are highly disturbing.

He writes, "After hunger, sex is the strongest drive we [men] have" and compares the hunger for sex to a mouth watering response a man makes when he hears and smells a juicy steak being cooked on a grill. Sex is a force, of course, that is active in both men and women—we are physical/sexual beings. But we are more than that; we are also intellectual beings.

Sex is not just some healthy bodily function. That belief evolved from the "good 'ole boy" antic ("we just can't help the way we're made") that men have used since millennia to hold themselves unaccountable for their actions. No—sex engulfs much more than mere animalistic responses. As Judith Coburn writes in New Times magazine, "sex...can call up the deepest feelings of connection, transcendence, or exploitation."

Nor is a woman to be devoured like a piece of steak—it is that kind of philosophy that can be blamed for the domestic abuse and rape that we read about in the paper every day.

Mr. Sawtelle's editorial reads, "...should we (men) be condemned for stopping in appreciation as curvaceous lycra-clad hips gracefully undulate in three dimensional figure-eight to the staccato caddence of stiletto heels?" He continues, "Actually, it would be rude not to, since the woman has spent so much time with shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, base, powder, blush, eyeshade, eyeliner, lipstick, nail polish, perfume, and that clingy outfit just to attract male attention so that she can ignore it."

So what if that's what attracts someone's attention? People have different definitions of good

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looks. The problem is not that men observe women they find attractive. Women notice attractive men, too. Again, that's part of our nature, as is any appreciation of the aesthetic, like the admiration of a lovely painting or a picturesque snowfall. The issue is not in the observation, but in the manner in which it is conveyed. Women often find whistling or comments like "ooh baby" from men invasive because they are made in an effort not to compliment but to assert power and to make

women aware that they are being judged as objects.

What amazes and amuses me the most, as Mr. Sawtelle contends, is the idea that women dress to gain male admiration (and to then ignore it). What ego. Are women then to feed on the notion that men take showers, comb their hair, and use cologne to lure women to their sides? Sure, it happens—both ways. But overall a woman's attire is a part of her creativity, a part of her self-expression. We are women (remember our personalities are partly due to our gender) so we don't have to affirm our equality with men by dressing like them. Women do not exist to serve men and to bolster men's self-esteem. Camille Paglia, a professor of humanities at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, says "Women enjoy color and fabric and fashion, and we should not have to apologize for that."

Concluding his piece, Mr. Sawtelle admonishingly hopes that "women will be secure enough in themselves to hold back shouting 'Rape' when asked out by a fellow employee." Come on. The statistics prove that unjust sexual harassment accusations are the anomaly rather than the norm. The recent Tailhook scandal in which 25 women were molested by some 200 Navy officers reveals the seriousness of an issue that Mr. Sawtelle seems to view rather lightly.

My argument is not a vendetta against Mr. Sawtelle. I only fear that his condescending remarks reflect cultural standards of—even after decades of feministic ire—a yet still patriarchal society.

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# From Japan to Snyder, with hope...

By Masako Hagita  
Texan Staffer

Do you have Japanese students in any of your classes? There are six of us at WTC this fall. I am one of them and I will try to explain how and why I decided to study in America and at WTC.

You may wonder how I knew about this small college in this small town. In my case, I gathered information from a catalogue entitled "The American Two Year College."

I made arrangements myself to study in America, but there are many agencies which will find a school for you, complete the application form and book your air ticket to the U.S.

In Japan, we can get all the information about American colleges and universities easily. There are several American colleges in Japan also.

I chose WTC first of all because its tuition and board are less expensive than any other college in America.

Secondly, the climate is comfortable to me, not too cold nor too humid. I studied books detailing the "Life in America" to research climate.

Thirdly, I came here because the college has a department specializing in journalism. Before applying, I wrote a letter to advisor Donny Brown, instructor of journalism. He assisted me also with this column.

Based on these three things, it did not take me long to decide to come to WTC.

Next, I would like to note my impressions of Snyder and how it compares to Japan.

In Japan, there are many people, buildings and cars, especially in the larger cities such as Tokyo. I come from a city called Odawara, which has a population of approximately 170,000.

People take from one to two hours to go to their office by train, which are always crammed with many people. However, we can move easily from place to place due to many buses and train services.

Since Japan is a small country, a house or an apartment is very small. Japanese people often refer to their house as a "rabbit hutch."

You may have the impression that Japan is cramped. However, it is a beautiful country with a lot of trees, large woods and many animals in the suburbs. The change of seasons in Japan is particularly beautiful.

Snyder's countryside is very different from Japan. When I rode here from Abilene, the sight of the plains and the horizon made me feel very relaxed.

The town of Snyder was smaller than I imagined. I have noticed the people are very friendly and cheerful.

I was very nervous about starting class, but since WTC is a small college I soon learned the positions of each building. The mood at the school is free and comfortable.

In Japanese schools, particularly from junior high to high school, we have to wear uniforms and observe many strict rules such as the length of skirts and hair and the color of socks. Most Japanese students regard school as "an uncomfortable place."

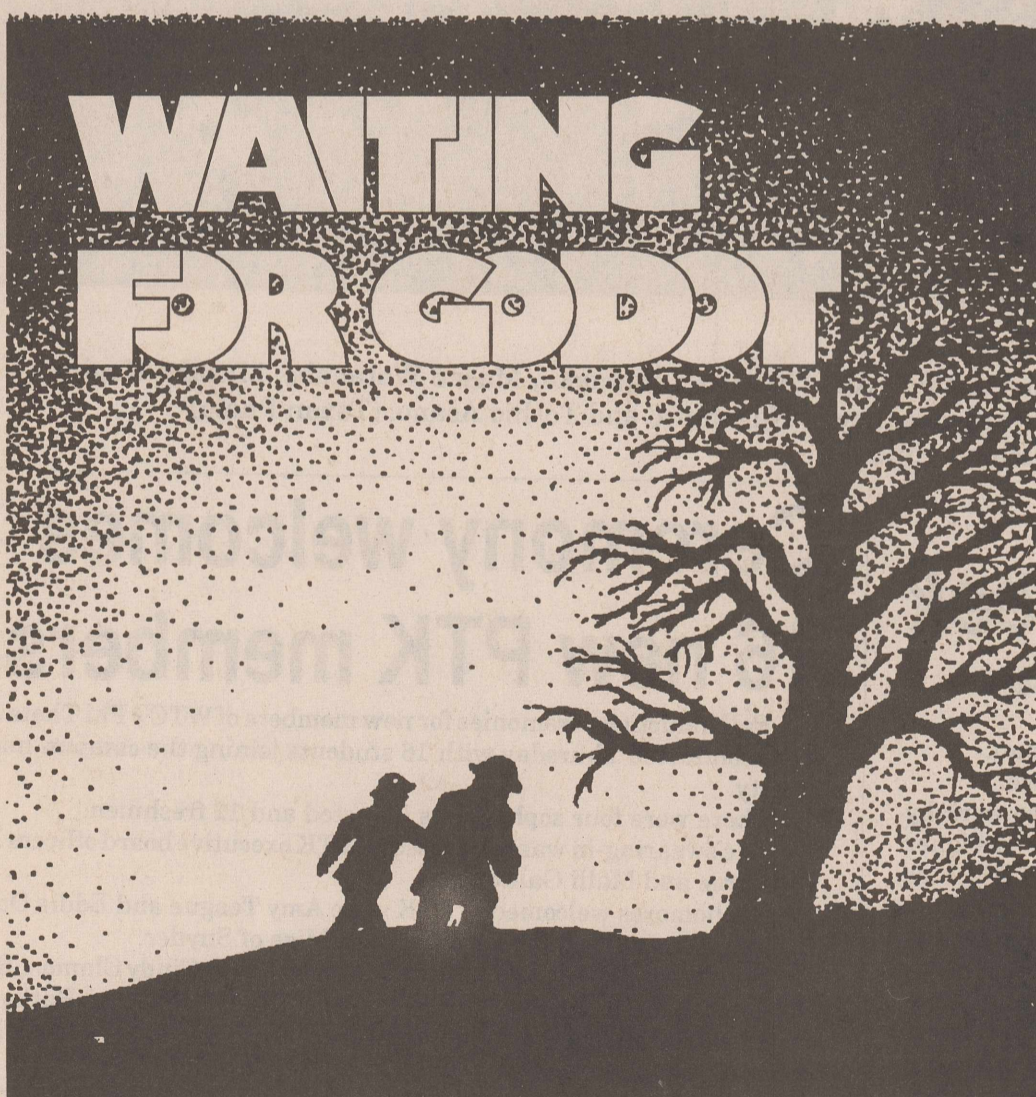
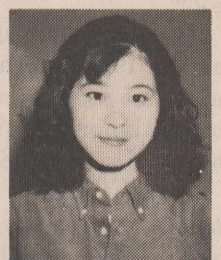
I have to admit I have encountered some problems and culture shocks. My main problem is the language. I frequently make mistakes in speaking and writing English, causing me to fail to communicate with people.

Another culture shock is the difference between the sizes of American and Japanese bathrooms. A Japanese bathroom is not equipped with a lavatory, and the size and depth of a Japanese bathtub is smaller and deeper than American's. I hope I will get used to it soon.

Finally, we international students want the community to accept us. I think more Japanese will come to the U.S and WTC. The number of Japanese who come to America has been increasing.

We come to acquire certain skills, especially English, and to improve ourselves.

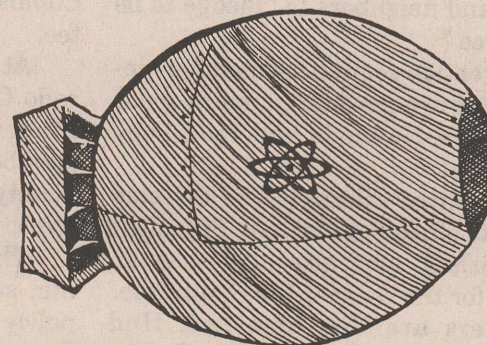
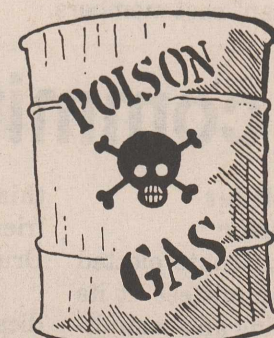
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# Student opinions target men's basketball decision

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the expense to run the program prompted the board to vote 4-3 to put the program on hold this year.

Regarding why the program was dropped, WTC students interviewed offered various other interpretations.

Greg Combs, a native of Muleshoe and a dorm resident, said he thought the program was dropped because of the "rowdiness of basketball guys and conflict in the dorms."

Wharton native Alison Garcia also said she felt it was several problems which scuttled the program. "The way they (the players) acted last year didn't help."

The behavior of last year's team prompted other comments including complaints of bad study and classroom atmosphere.

"The classroom situation is more conducive to learning now, but other than that my campus life has not been affected too much," said Anita Brown, who is a Snyder resident. She added, "I remember they used to heckle teachers."

Dorm life, according to Combs, has improved. "The dorms are a better study environment," he said, "and the clerks are a lot happier."

In contrast, Alison Garcia said, "This year is a

whole lot duller than last year. And the games gave people something to look forward to." Now, Garcia says not having a men's team "makes me want to just go home."

Attending games was a large part of campus life for Garcia. Combs also said he attended games last year, noting, "The student body did support them on the court, but didn't like the things that came with it."

For Brown, the men's games meant serving in the concession stand for PTK and noted that townspeople were many of her

customers. "I never attended the games for entertainment. They did help PTK, but we'll find something else," she said.

The students said they feel these factors will discourage the program's reinstatement. But Greg Combs said if it is continued, "better leadership is needed."

Both Combs and Brown said the program did not affect their decision to attend WTC, and would not affect it if they had the option to return. However, Garcia said if returning were an option she would not, pointing to the loss of the men's team as a reason. "I'd just invest my pell grant monies somewhere else."

The interviewed students agree that other sports are not jeopardized by the discontinuation of basketball and indicate they would welcome new sports. Combs mused that dropping men's basketball might "help the (other sports) out."

Baseball, which is being considered by trustees, was a favorite of students interviewed.

"I am for baseball," said Garcia. "It'd be good for (the women's basketball) team as well as the golfers and maybe the rodeo team. Athletes can relate to other athletes."

Trustees are expected to make a final decision this spring for both basketball and baseball.

# CAMPUS

## Campus instructor leads TJCTA Austin conference

By Toni Evans  
Texan Staffer

English instructor Marilyn Lancaster, president of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association this year, presided over the 13th annual TJCTA Leadership Conference Oct. 2-3 in Austin.

Three WTC faculty members accompanied her to Austin to participate in the event.

Mrs. Lancaster commented it was the best attended conference in several years with about 160 college instructors from all over Texas.

Other faculty members at the conference were Dick Lancaster, a TJCTA Editorial Board member; Dr. Ed Barkowsky, vice-chairman of TJCTA's Profes-

sional Development Committee; and Donny Brown, WTC Faculty Association president and faculty representative.

The topic for the opening session was "Legislative Issues Affecting Higher Education," by Dr. Lynn Leverty, deputy director of education to Gov. Ann Richards.

Others speakers included Jimmy Goodson, president of The Victoria College, who discussed "The Faculty Role in College Decision-Making."

In the closing session, Douglas Harlan, interim chancellor of the Alamo Community College District, and Charles Burnside, executive director of the TJCTA, addressed the question: "Is there 'Merit' in Merit Pay?"

## Japanese select WTC for campus size, cost

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Michiko Kijima, 19, from Saitama, an area north of Tokyo, has been in the U.S. for one-half year. She learned English at an ELS in Houston and an International Culture School (ICS).

She arrived in part based on the recommendation of an ICS counselor, who said Snyder was a "big town." She said she was surprised upon arrival to learn Snyder is only approximately 13,000 people.

Toshio Asano, 20, of Anjo City—an area close to Nagoya City, one of the largest cities in Japan with a population of 2 million—decided to come to America because of an interest in Texas and the "Texas spirit."

He said he also wanted to learn more about himself. "Living in a city like Snyder (makes) it much easier to be a part of the local community than living in a big city," he said.

Kaz Nagahara, 28, from Odawara, is a sophomore and hoping to graduate after this semester. He is here to study English and hopes to become a translator when he returns to Japan.

## Shaw play scheduled

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They are:

—as Raina Petkoff, Kristi Mize.

—as Catherine Petkoff, Gina Daniel.

—as Major Paul Petkoff, Greg Combs.

—as Major Sergius Saranoff, Beau Norris.

—as Captain Bluntschli, S. Wade Freeman.

—as Louka, Kim Duncan.

—as Nicola, Virgil Snell.

—as Officer, Heith Hodges.

The play was George Bernard Shaw's first major success and is based on men going away to war. It is a satire comedy told from a woman's perspective.

It deals with heroism, bravery and masculinity, "all the things tested in war," said Endy. This play will be used as a fundraiser for the fine arts scholarship fund.

## 'Godot' opens Oct. 22

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was not an immediate success, word of mouth later turned "Waiting for Godot" into the talk of Paris.

Later this month, the drama department will enter "Waiting for Godot" in an American College Theater Festival event. Select plays from it will be chosen to advance to a regional ACTF festival traditionally held on the campus of Texas Tech in Lubbock. From that festival, plays are chosen to advance to the national event in Washington D.C.

## Senate making plans

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—Entertainment Committee: Norma Gutierrez, advisor, Amy Baker, chairperson, Gabe Phelps and Martha Nava. They plan after class entertainment such as films.




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Rodeo results...

# Men win at Sul Ross

By Toni Evans  
Texan Staffer

After claiming the top six spots in bareback riding, the WTC men's team won the Sul Ross State University Rodeo Oct. 3-4 with 325 points.

Eric Mouton won the bareback event with rides of 75 and 74, a total of 149.

Chris Stanford scored a 68 both times to tie with teammate Benji Fontenot's 67 and 69 for runner-up honors.

Troy Thomson wound up fourth with a 71, Travis Whiteside with a fifth place score of 69, and Fletcher Tigner finished sixth with a 66.

There was a total of 195 points earned in bareback.

Bull-rider Trey Griffin had a 73 first ride and an 87 second ride to win the event with a combined 151 at Sul Ross.

Tigner finished fourth in this event with a 78 and a 65 in the short go.

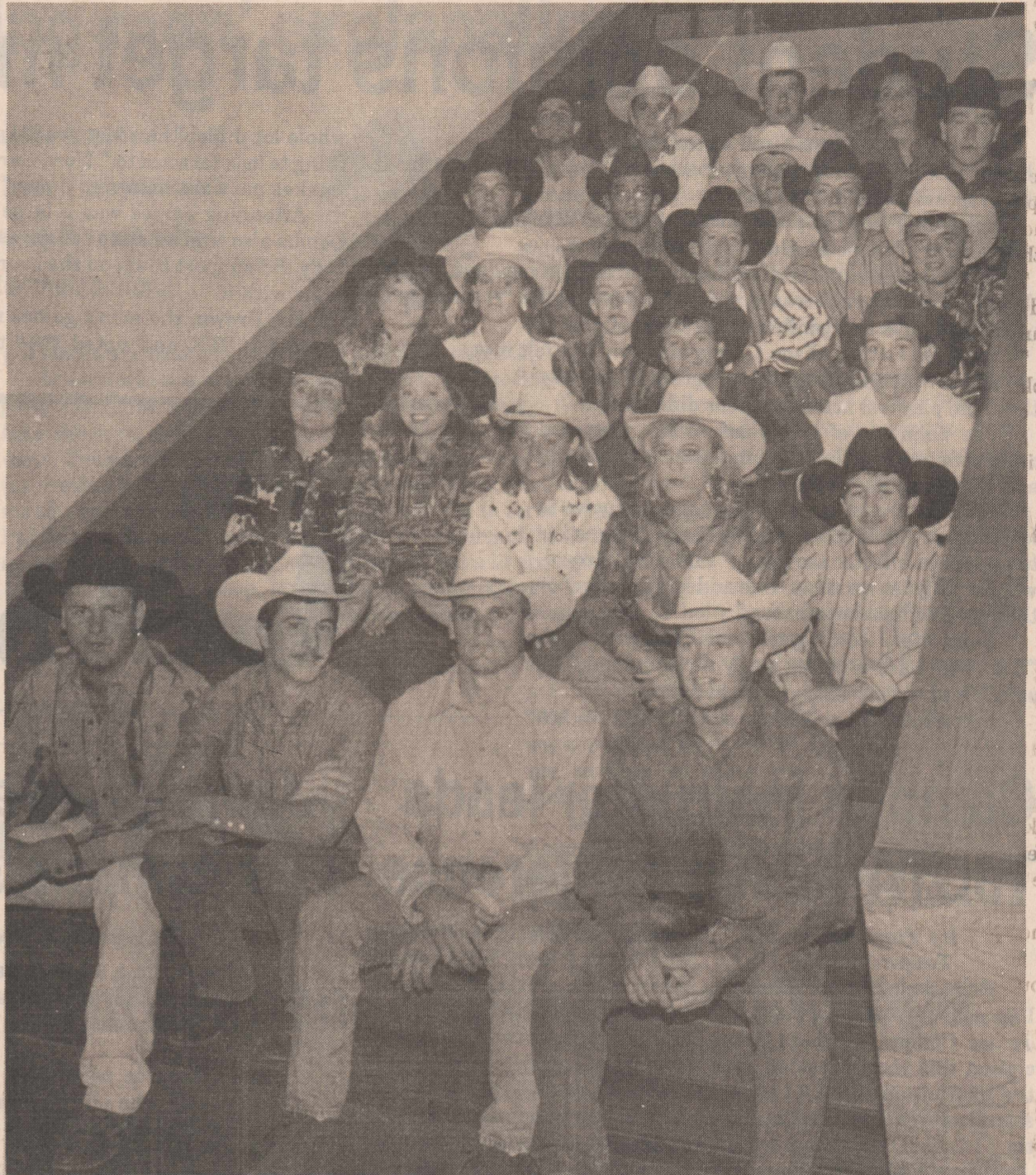
Team ropers Leddy Lewis and Justin Morris won fifth with a 24.6 clocking.

In the team standings, Howard College finished second with a 225 and Vernon Regional Junior College claimed third with 200 points.

The Sul Ross event marked the second rodeo appearance for the men this year. The men's team placed second at the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo Sept. 17-20.

For the WTC women's team, Dusti Beaton and JoNell Cardwell both placed fourth in their events at Sul Ross. Beaton competed in the goat tying and Cardwell in barrel racing.

The women's team tied for sixth with 10 points. Texas Tech's women won at Sul Ross with 110 points.



Members of the WTC Men's and Women's Rodeo Team gathered Oct. 6 for a team picture

# Golf team falls back at Odessa

By Daniela Garcia  
Texan Staffer

In last week's golf tournament at Odessa, the Westerners finished in 16th place—a tally of 972 strokes which placed them 59 shots off the winning pace.

Brevard College of Florida won with a 54-hole total of 913.

WTC was led by freshman Chris Rogers, scoring a final round total of 237 for 54 holes. He had 18-hole rounds of 87, 78 and 78.

Micheal Torres had the best individual round on Monday with a 76, then pitched in 77 and 87 on the final day for 240 overall.

Daryl Weldon totaled 244 for the Westerners with 81, 81 and 82. Brent Tignor shot 83, 84, 86 for a total of 252 strokes. Jimmy Flores had 87, 85, 86 for 258.

Playing as an individual, freshman Mike Delossantos represented WTC and fired 85, 83, 83, for 251 strokes.

The Westerners had a better finish Sept. 28-30, when the team competed in Ruidoso, N.M. against some of the top-ranked junior college golf teams in the U.S.

At that event, WTC finished sixth from a field

of 15.

Overall winner was Midland College, which won the national tournament for golf this past summer in Phoenix, where WTC placed 11th.

At the Ruidoso tourney, sophomore golfer Micheal Torres had come-from-behind success, leading the team standings with a three-round overall 222.

Torres shot fourth best on the first two days, but finished with a three-under par 69 on the last day to turn in the best performance by a Westerner golfer.

Chris Rogers pitched in the second best score with 227 for rounds of 75, 77 and 75.

Jimmy Flores shot 74, 77, 80 (231); Corey Adams shot a pair of 76s and ended the tourney on Tuesday with 81 for 233. Neal Ray Davis had 81, 83, 74 (238).

The Westerners' sixth place finish was a score of 906 behind Western New Mexico, New Mexico Junior College, Odessa No. 1, Odessa No. 2 and Midland College. Midland College dominated the tournament with a team score of 855.

The Westerners will return to the links Oct. 14 at the Bossier City Community College Tournament at the Palmetto Club in Bossier City, La.

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## Candidates invited here

A "Meet the Candidates" forum is scheduled on campus Oct. 22 with Republican and Democratic candidates for public office to appear in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The event will be at 9:30 a.m. and the general public as well as faculty and students are invited.

The candidates will be asked to explain and answer questions about the offices they seek.

Sponsor for the event is the WTC Political Science Department.

## Workshops offer hints for studying

Two mini-workshops for "Making the Grade" are planned in the days ahead, offered from 10:45 until 11:15 a.m. in Building 2C, Room 101.

On Tuesday, study habits will be profiled; followed Oct. 20 by "Test Taking Tips." Both sessions will be offered by Gerald Corkran, associate professor.

All students are invited to attend. The workshops are sponsored by the Non-Traditional Students group on campus.

## 'Powder Puff' mechanics due

A free "Powder Puff Mechanics" class will be offered through Western Texas College this Thursday from 6-10 p.m.

Entitled "Getting to Know Your Car," the class will teach interested persons--women and men--the basics of auto maintenance.

There is no charge for the class but enrollment is limited. Individuals must call to sign up for the course. They should call 573-8511, ext. 250.



New art instructor Ben Sum was born in China

## Desire for career in art lured instructor to U.S.

By Amy Teague  
Texan Staffer

New WTC instructor Ben Sum was trained as an engineer in his native country of China, but he says his true desire was to make art his career.

Because of this, he left his home for the U.S., and today, he says, any desire to return to China is strictly "to visit."

In 1971, Sum travelled from Hong Kong to Iowa with two other classmates, leaving behind his mother and sister who soon followed him to the United States. "I wanted to further my education," said Sum, "and another friend was in Iowa, so that's why I chose it."

He was born in Canton, China, but later moved to Hong Kong where he finished high school. "The high school was a technical school where I learned to become an engineer," said Sum. "Art was not considered a career in Hong Kong (so) I came to the United States."

As for any return visits to Hong Kong, he said, "Two weeks at a time is all I stay. "Hong Kong is busy, Lubbock (where he has lived since the early 70s) is more laid back."

Sum is now living in Snyder during the week and plans to move his family here at mid-term.

Sum has participated in about 40 exhibitions over the past four years. "That number will decrease because I will no longer have the time to produce new works," said Sum.

He said the exhibits "challenged me to keep making art," but because he is a full-time instructor his time will be limited.

Sum's medium is oil. He uses everyday experiences as subjects for his paintings. "Everyone can relate to it," Sum said, "maybe not the same way as I do."

Sum earned the bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1975, with an emphasize in advertising and art.

In May, 1992, Sum received his master of fine arts degree in painting with minors in drawing and art history from Texas Tech.

"I decided to teach in 1988," Sum said. "Teaching is more rewarding and stable."

While attending Texas Tech, he served as a teaching assistant and graduate assistant and worked in the Art Department's Resource Center.

"Being a full-time instructor is different from being an assistant," said Sum, "an assistant still is a student who makes mistakes. Now I'm on the other side of the fence."

Between his bachelor and master degrees, Sum established the Gulf Coast Fish and Shrimp Inc. in Lubbock. He served as president and managed the wholesale and retail seafood market and its restaurant subsidiary. "My business supported my art, but it was time for a change," said Sum.

Sum and his wife, Emy, have four children, ranging in age from 4 to 15 years.

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# Writer submissions urged for WTC literary magazine

By Lynn Moseley  
Texan Staffer

Student writers at WTC are encouraged to begin thinking about entries for publication in the third annual edition of the college's literary magazine, "Aquifer."

It will be published early in the spring term, but works are basically solicited during the fall. Past publications of "Aquifer" were printed at the end of the fall, but the date is moved for-

ward this year to allow for more submissions.

The "Aquifer" began publication in the fall of 1990. Its four faculty editors are Richard Lancaster, Janet Halbert, Bill McGlothing and Donny Brown.

The first two editions of the magazine have won several awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

During its first year of publication, the "Aquifer," which competes against other community

colleges and four-year universities with enrollments up to 6,000, was voted the 3rd best overall literary magazine.

That year, three WTC students received awards including first place for a short story submission and two third place awards for essay and opinion pieces.

Last year, WTC student Anita Brown won a 3rd place honor for her essay "I Want It Now."

In addition to written works, illustrations for the magazine have been provided the past two years by students in the WTC Fine Arts Division.

English department instructors encourage their students to submit poetry, prose (fiction or non-fiction), opinion pieces and short stories.

Co-editor Richard Lancaster notes, "Writers can do it alone, but it is an incomplete process without a reader."

Students wishing to contribute are encouraged to give their works to one of the four editors.

As stated by Lancaster, "the talent is out there."

# TASP signup deadline near for affected college students

By Masako Hagita  
Texan Staffer

WTC students who must take the state-mandated TASP test have until Oct. 16 to register for the next scheduled exam time.

The test will be given five more times during this school year. The Oct. 16 registration is for a test to be given Nov. 14.

Other test times during 1992-93 are Feb. 20, April 24,

June 26 and July 24,

For the Nov. 14 test, students missing the Oct. 16 deadline may register late. This requires an additional \$20 fee and students may register late through Nov. 4.

All three areas of the TASP exam—reading writing and mathematics—must be passed. Students must pass all three parts of the TASP before taking more than 60 college credit hours.

# 8th place finish for meat judgers

WTC placed eighth out of 15 colleges and universities competing at the Plainview meat judging contest Oct. 4.

WTC's Kathy Hobbs placed as the second highest overall individual in lamb judging. Hud Hudson placed as eighth highest individual in the same event.

Lanny Zant placed ninth in

questions and 12th in beef judging.

Other team members who competed were Jodie Ellis and Tommi Whitley.

Eighty-two contestants participated in the competition.

As a team, WTC placed:  
—Third in lamb judging.  
—Sixth in beef judging.

—Seventh in beef grading.  
—Eighth in pork judging.  
—Sixth in questions.

The next competition for the meat judging team will be in Garden City, Kan. Nov. 8.

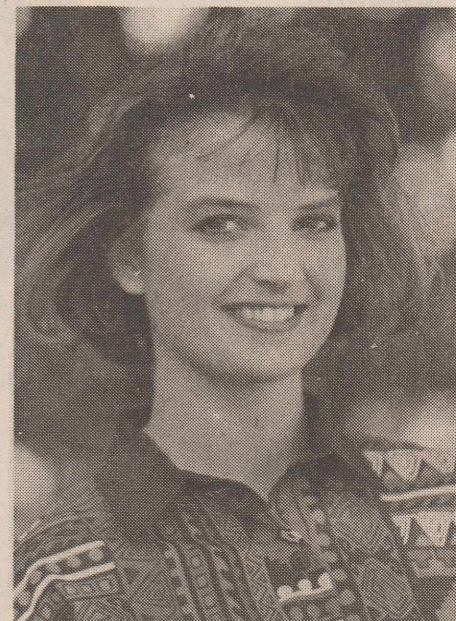
WTC's livestock judging team is scheduled to begin its competition schedule in Austin Oct. 16-17.

# MEET

# THE WTC CHEERLEADERS



**Tammie Blair, Colorado City**  
WTC's returning varsity sophomore cheerleader for 1992-93.



**Kim Duncan, Snyder**  
"I want to promote school spirit and to meet new people."



**Neally Hernandez, Sunray**  
"It is an honor to be able to do what I love—cheering my friends and leading the crowds."



**Michelle Johnson, Anson**  
"I want to show leadership and spirit, not only during games but in class as well."



**Martha Nava, Haskell**  
"I would like to represent WTC. I really like working with others."



**Deborah Routon, Sweetwater**  
"I enjoy showing leadership among students and getting students more involved."

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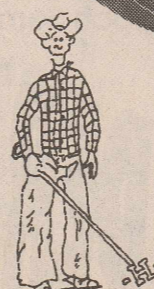


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