

Pell Grants impact 40 percent of student body

By Toni Evans
Texan Staffer

If Pell Grants suddenly disappeared," notes Dennis Carlton, student financial aid director for WTC, "we'd be missing a lot of students."

Carlton is referring to the Federal Pell Grant Program offered through the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to aid students who qualify based on either their personal income levels or the income of their parents.

He estimates about 40 percent of the student population at WTC are receiving Pell Grants, a percentage which could equal almost 500 students this year.

"Last year we had about \$400,000 in Pell Grant funds alone," Carlton said.

He added he would like to see more students take advantage of the financial assistance. "I think everybody ought to take an application and fill one out. It is totally confidential, and all it costs is

a stamp. Your only obligations are to make the grades."

He noted students receiving Pell Grants must complete all of the hours they take with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

If a student receiving aid falls below this grade level, he or she will be placed on probation for the next semester. If they fail to meet the grade standards that semester, they can lose their financial aid.

Requirements for Pell Grants are to

be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, have financial need, and be working toward a degree or certificate

Pell Grants are determined by several factors. These include:

- The number of family members.
- The number of family members going to college.
- The amount of family income.
- Whether the family owns a business.
- If the family lives on a farm or

ranch.

—The ages of the parents.

Students other than those considered full-time also qualify for Pell Grants.

Students enrolled in 12 or more semester hours are granted a full-time student award, while students enrolled in nine to 11 semester hours are granted three-fourths of a full-time student award.

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TASP rules just became even harder

By Mike Hughes
Texan Staffer

WTC students who have not passed or taken the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test (TASP) will feel the effects of recent changes implemented in the state mandated test.

Director of Counseling Mary Hood said the passing score of 220 for each section (reading, writing and math) still remains, but now a "remediation cut-off score" of 230 is in effect. This means any student that passes the 220 score but falls below 230 is required to take remedial level courses.

Remedial level courses do not count towards college credit. Such classes offered on the WTC campus are those beginning with DRE (reading), DEN (English) or DMT (math).

The test has become more difficult as well, she said, adding the math now contains more algebra and geometry. The reading and writing will become harder also, she added.

Another recent change will be good news for some students, as an exemption from the TASP was added.

Exemption may be given for those achieving high scores on the ACT, SAT, or TASS test, said Hood. Such scores include a 29 composite on the ACT with scores of 27 in math and reading.

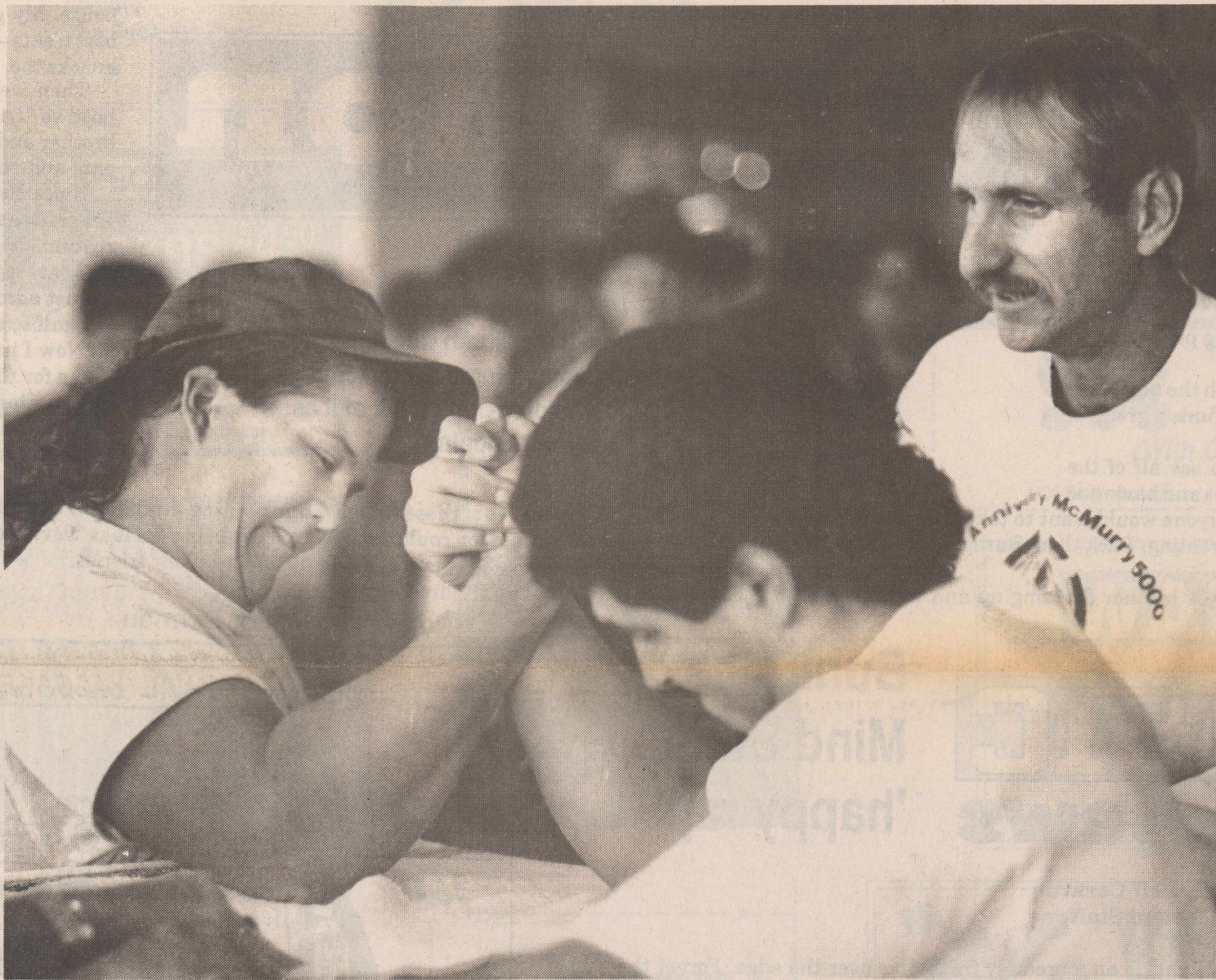
In addition, a 1200 total on the SAT with 550s on math and verbal or 1800 on all three tests of the TASS are qualifications for exemption as well.

The TASP test must be taken before nine semester hours are completed. It must be passed before a student can take over 60 hours.

Hood also said more changes are planned in 1995, saying the passing score will be raised to 230 in all areas.

There is one TASP test date remaining this year, a test to be given Nov. 13.

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And the winner is...

In this middleweight finalist bout, the winner was Chris Rhodes (left) over opponent Edward Acebedo. The arm wrestling competition was part of activities on campus last Thursday, sponsored by the Student Senate. Other winners from the contests, which drew

more than 20 contestants, were, in the heavyweight division, Ryan Galey winning over Chad Casey in the finals; and, in the lightweight division, Shawn Pittman winning over Clint Whitney in the finals. Mike Harrison (right) served as referee in all matches. (WTC Photo)

'Smoking Allowed'-- not always

By Justin Lester
Texan Staffer

A simple quiz—students at WTC cannot smoke in the Learning Resource Center, right or wrong?

The answer is wrong, at least partially.

According to administrative officials, the LRC's "airlock area" at the south end of the building is one of the places an individual can smoke on campus.

Simple quiz Number 2—students at WTC can smoke in the Student Center, right or wrong?

The answer is yes and no.

Again, according to administrative officials, smoking is allowed in the foyer area of the SC and at designated areas in the downstairs cafeteria. Other locations—the bookstore, offices and classroom areas—are out of bounds.

Mickey Baird, SC building director, noted "smoking is allowed in the lobby area because it's the only place where students can come and relax together between classes."

She notes that even though tobacco products are allowed, there are still guidelines to follow. "If someone wants to use snuff, they'd better use a spit cup and abide by the rules."

For the majority of WTC campus facilities, smoking is not allowed. Such areas include:

- The gym and swimming pool area.
- Building 2A (where most science classes are taught).
- Building 2C (history/government classes).
- Building 2B (faculty offices).
- The Fine Arts Building/Fine Arts Theatre.

- The majority of the library.
- The Administration Building.

WTC officials note also areas where smoking is permitted. These include:

- Courtyards and other outdoor areas.
- The occupational-technical lounge in Building 7A and offices in that immediate area.
- The office area in Building 7C (nursing classes).
- Welding and diesel labs.
- The maintenance building.
- Designated floors in the dormitory.
- The designated area in the cafeteria.

Smoking is not allowed in all other regular classrooms and no smoking nor tobacco products are allowed in any college vehicles.

Holiday dance to feature costumes

By Julie Miller
Texan Staffer

The annual Halloween dance, sponsored by the WTC Student Senate, will be Thursday in the cafeteria.

The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and last until midnight.

As in year's past, there will be a competition for the best costumes in three categories.

These are best female costume, best male costume and the best overall costume.

Cash prizes will be given away to the winner of each.

Best female and male costume winners will receive \$15, and the winner of the best overall costume will receive \$25.

All attending the dance are encouraged to wear costumes. WTC students will be admitted with their I.D., but

those not in costume will have to pay \$2 to enter the dance.

Transworld Sound will provide the music at the dance. The D.J. will be Jeff Corkran, a student here at WTC.

Another Halloween related-event sponsored by the Student Senate is the Pumpkin Carving contest. Pumpkins will be given to anyone interested in the contest.

They are available in the Student Activities Office. There will also be cash prizes for the winners of this contest.

New paintings on view in FAT

By Lisa Nix
Texan Staffer

Works of art by Hong Kong artist Kong Ho are now on display in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

In a statement made by the artist, Kong Ho indicates a duality of influences springing from certain aspects of Eastern and Western thought and traditions, notably Taoism and Humanism.

Taoism is defined as the teaching of natural simplicity and humility as a way to peace and harmony in life. Humanism is any system of thought or action principally or exclusively concerned with human interests and values.

Kong's paintings, drawings and prints of 1992 and 1993 reflect his efforts to visually meld these influences. His strong interest in Taoist art history provides a spring board for these efforts, a reviewer of his work has noted.



Fourth publication of 'Aquifer' seeking admissions

By John Campos
Texan Staffer

Poetry, short stories, essays and artwork are now being sought for WTC's literary magazine, "Aquifer," which will be published next spring semester.

All WTC students may submit works to the "Aquifer."

Two typed copies of the work should be submitted. These should be double-

Aquifer

spaced with each page numbered and with the student's name on all pages.

The end of this fall term is the first deadline to enter. There will be a second deadline a few weeks into the spring

semester, giving new students a chance to enter some of their works.

The editors for the "Aquifer" are instructors Bill McGlothing, Donny Brown, Janet Halbert and Richard Lancaster.

Anyone wanting to enter their work may do so by either giving it to one of the editors or dropping it into their faculty mailbox. McGlothing said, "I would be

willing to set up a workshop for potential 'Aquifer' submissions to offer critiques."

Those who submit will be asked to fill out a brief biography for publication. Anyone wishing to look at last year's issue can pickup a copy in the 7-B Building.

The 1994 Aquifer will mark the fourth publication of the magazine.

Fabio, Fabio, who in the heck is this guy Fabio?...

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

Fabio, Fabio, where forth art thou Fabio? You're probably wondering who and what I'm talking about. Well, move over Claudia and Cindy, Fabio is the hottest thing on the model market. He's 6-foot-3 inches, 220-pounds and his measurements include a 48-inch chest and 18 1/2 inch arms.

He is God's gift to a woman's dreams. His long flowing hair and bronzed body are on the cover of many Avon Romance Books (not that I would personally know). He has been called the highest paid male model in the world. What exactly does this mean? Fabio simply takes off his shirt, smirks in a seductive manner and gets paid millions of dollars. Isn't America beautiful?



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what the American public would like to portray as the "American image."

I admit, if the girl in the shampoo commercial looked like Gomer Pyle, my chances of buying that product would be very slim with or without "healthy, shiny hair."

(I really believe that if you use the same shampoo that Cindy Crawford uses, your ragged hair will change over night. NOT!! But hey, who am I to burst your bubble.)

Fabio has just released his first album, which is sung by other people. He is about to publish his first novel, which incidently is written by someone else. (He supplied the plot.) His face, of course, will be on the cover, which will probably sell millions of copies.

(Since Fabio didn't write the book, is the saying "Don't judge the

book by its cover" accurate or ironic?)

Also, he has his own line of T-shirts, a "900" telephone line and a calendar. Who knows, it might be considered a national diaster if Fabio suddenly had a bad hair day.

In the end, any of my thoughts of Fabio are just wishful thinking. Let me be truthful, after all I am a journalist, the chances of Fabio dropping everything and coming to Snyder are very, very slim.

(Sorry to be the one to break it to you girls at the WTC dormitory, but the posters and our fantasies are all we're going to have. You can even imagine Fabio brings you breakfast in bed everyday, but West 2nd wouldn't know anything about that.)

I don't know about the rest of the female gender, but I'll stick to my everyday Joe—except possibly in my dreams. Let's face it, Fabio is God's gift in that category.

Writer's advice is to relax and enjoy Halloween 'for the fun...'

By Toni Evans
Texan Staffer

It may offend a few people, but I really like Halloween. People everywhere are trying to ban it, which I think is terrible for children. Halloween, as I know it, is supposed to be fun for the young.

There are also people who think those who participate in Halloween are devilish. I disagree. If a person takes his children to a friend's house to "trick or treat," how can there be any harm in it? I believe that as long as you take your children to see people you know, then there shouldn't be anything to worry about.

I do think all children should have some protection on Halloween night.

If a parent lets his child journey through the neighborhood alone, then I suggest that the child finds a group of friends to go with.

I usually go out on Halloween just to see all of the children dressed up in all kinds of costumes and having so much fun. I just don't understand why anyone would want to take this away from them.

I can remember when I went trick or treating. Back then, Barbie and Ken, and Casper and Wendy were popular.

I remember my cousins and my younger brother dressing up and meeting at my grandmother's

Opinion



'I think taking this holiday away from the children who enjoy it is the worst thing a person could do. Children don't think of it as "devil worshipping"'

house. My grandparents would always give us the best treats—not only fruit and candy, but little knick knacks too.

Then we'd all go together around the neighborhood to "trick" the people we knew. After that, my brother and I would go to our other set of grandparents and get more candy.

Since Halloween is on Sunday this year, some of the churches will likely have a spook house or even a costume party for the children.

I only went to one or two spook houses as a child. I must admit I'm not one who enjoys people scaring me half to death. It was a lot of fun though.

Now I just think back and laugh.

As for the costumes, today there are so many for children to choose from. From Barney to Ninja Turtles the kids select their favorites and you can just see the excitement on their faces as they're looking through the selections in the stores.

Because of these things, I think taking this holiday away from the children who enjoy it is the worst thing a person could do. Children don't think of it as "devil worshipping" as some people see it. Instead, it's a time for them to dress up and see their friends.

Let the children enjoy!

BERMAN by Jennifer Berman

WTC MUSIC reviews

By Jeff Corkran
Texan Staffer

JUDGEMENT NIGHT—SOUNDTRACK

No ordinary soundtrack, "Judgement Night" is an incredibly fresh dive over the edge. Forget the movie, the soundtrack is the big winner here. First, take Rap's phattest funksters and throw 'em all in da mix. Then, take Grunge-Core's most intense guitar geniuses and mix it all together. Check these deluxe combinations-Cypress Hill & Pearl Jam, House of Pain & Helmet, Ice-T & Slayer! The "slamminest" track here is Onyx & Biohazard's title tune, "Judgement Night" with Boo-Yaa T.R.I.B.E. & Faith No More running a close second. The only loser here seems to be Sir Mix-A-Lot & Mudhoney's wack track. Cosmo's voice just doesn't go with those grunge-guitars. Other than that, however...

DE LA SOUL—BUHLOONE MIND STATE

Remember that ole' happy rap, "Me, Myself and I"? Well, it's been a few years since these masters of the mellow flow have had anything worth passing the bucks for. Buhloone Mind State, however, freaks the funk like nothing else I've heard lately since Digable Planets. Smooth harmonies with sweet jazz licks abound on songs like "bREAKaDAWN" and "eN FoCUS," their first single. The cosmic three also get some help from Biz Markie (Spring Again) and Guru (Jazzmatazz). If you want to chill out from Dre and Cube's hardcore, this is the ultimate. Bring that beat back...

Buhloone Mind State 'happy rap'

WTC VIDEO reviews

By Jeff Corkran
Texan Staffer

THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET

Well, it's another New York story this time, but this one's got verve and a really catchy storyline. Matthew Broderick ("Ferris Beuller's Day Off") and Annabella Sciorra ("Jungle Fever") star in this comic romance about three people time-sharing an apartment in NYC on different days of the week. Broderick plays Sam, the wanna-be chef, and Sciorra plays Ellen, the unhappily married dental assistant.

This is a comedy and it makes you laugh, but don't expect it to be some hilarious flick. It's also a romance, but one that keeps you wondering till the end. The actors are what make this movie, but the storyline takes a bite too.

SWING KIDS

Remember what it felt like the first time you saw "Dead Poets Society"? Well, prepare to feel the same way with this movie.

The difference here is that "Swing Kids" is a true story about German teenagers in pre-WWII Nazi Germany who try to get away from the Third Reich's grip by having illegal dances listening to Swing (Big Band) Music and adopting an American style.

Robert Sean Leonard ("Dead Poets Society") is forced to become an HJ, the Nazi version of ROTC. The conflict between he and another friend who begins to believe the propaganda is what makes this story so intense.

The music and dancing are great and the actors are excellent. This has the power to become another movie that makes it big in video even though it failed at the movies.

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First Brown Bag Concert of fall set Friday by Music Department

The WTC Music Department will present its first "Brown Bag Concert" of the school year Friday during the noon hour.

The event will feature musical performances by both WTC faculty members and students. A 30-minute concert is planned beginning at 12:15 p.m.

It is called a "brown bag" concert because those attending are invited to bring their lunch and to enjoy the music during their noon break.

There is no admission fee and the atmosphere is promised to be casual, according to department head Jon Palomaki.

The performances will be in Room 102 of the Fine Arts Building.

A second Brown Bag Concert is scheduled Nov. 19 and the events will continue next spring.

PTK inducts 10 members

By Edgar Nava
Texan Staffer

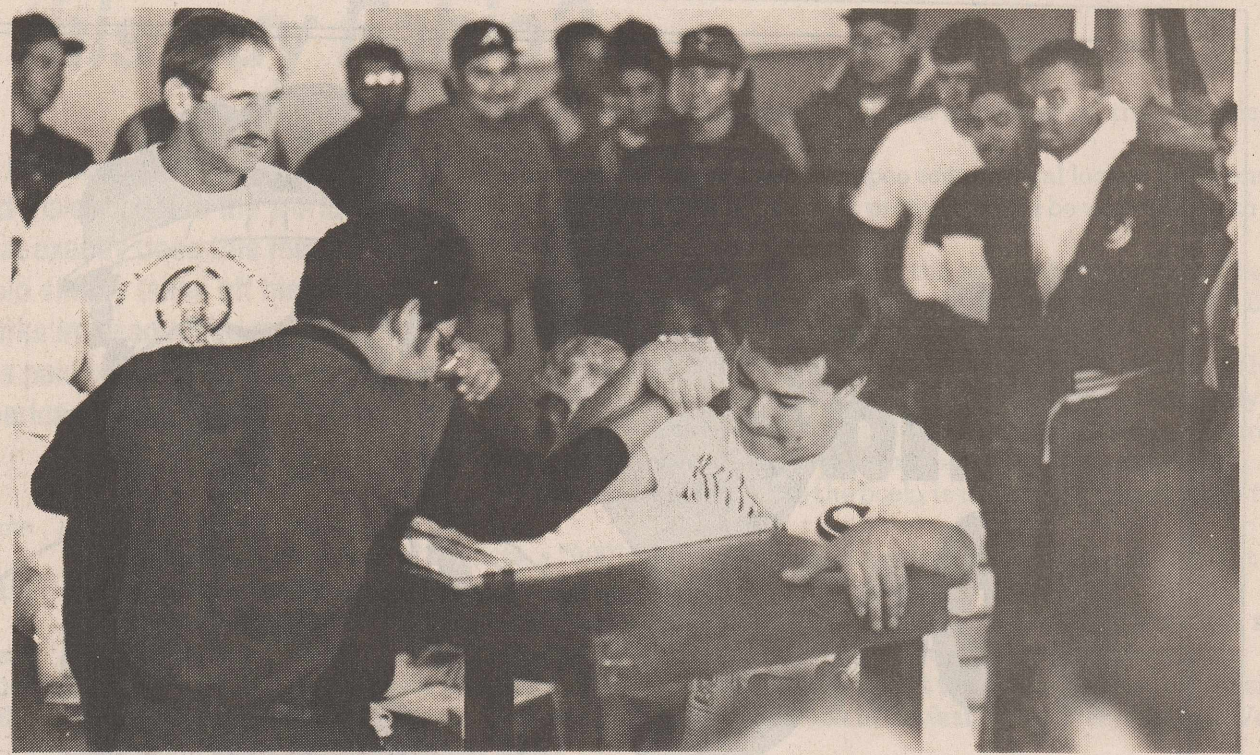
Phi Theta Kappa inducted 10 new members Thursday, Oct. 14, a group that joins 27 holdover PTK members.

Eight of the new members are from Snyder. They are Coy Berryman, Marla Buchanan, Donna Gift, Nicholas Gift, La Sonda Hammack, Charman Realsola, Tricia Rosas and Sheryl Sturgeon.

The other two inducted were Cheryl Drake of Roscoe and Jason Moorman of Garland.

Membership in PTK is by invitation only.

The student must have completed 12 hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.2.



Going down

"Skippy" DeLeon takes his opponent to the table last Thursday during preliminary rounds of the WTC arm wrestling contest. A large crowd gathered to watch the event, which attracted 24 contestants. (WTC Photo)

Pell Grants aid many students at WTC

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Students enrolled in only six to eight semester hours still yield one-half of a full award.

The amount of Pell Grants received at WTC is about average with other schools, according to Carlton.

Applications for Pell Grants may be picked up in the financial

aid office. Carlton stated that after tax returns in spring is the best time to apply for grants for the fall term. At that time, he noted, families have their financial information both handy and up-to-date.

As much as \$2,300 and as little as \$400 can be awarded a school year, he said.

TASP changes noted

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The registration deadline for it was Oct. 15, but students may still register by paying a late fee of \$20. This can be done by telephone by calling (512) 926-8746.

This coming spring and summer, TASP test dates are Feb. 26, April 23, June 18 and July 23.

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Linda Wright

Wright happy at WTC in her new campus role

By Lindsey Northcott
Texan Staffer

Although being the registrar for WTC is hard work, Linda Wright says she is excited about beginning her first year back at the college.

Being the registrar is more than just registering students on the first day of school, she notes.

Mrs. Wright has to prepare and send in state reports, which tell the state the number of students enrolled, the classes each student is taking, how many hours each one is taking, and each student's TASP report.

She also evaluates incoming transcripts from students who wish to attend WTC and sends out transcripts for students transferring to other colleges.

Another job of the registrar's office is answering student questions concerning registration and schedule problems.

Mrs. Wright also takes care of the parking fines and, at the end of the semester, she and other office personnel send out grades to all students.

Mrs. Wright said her first registration was "overwhelming," but noted she was "excited to see students coming to school at WTC."

This is not the first year Mrs. Wright has been employed by the college. In 1978, she began teaching night classes. The next year, she started teaching full-time office careers, a post she held until 1984.

Mrs. Wright earned her B.S. degree at Sul Ross State University. She has completed upper level classes at Texas Tech University, West Texas University and South West Texas State University.

Mrs. Wright and her husband, Tommy, have two children, Jaycie, who is a freshman at Texas A&M, and Kate, a fourth grader at East Elementary.

Instructor added to teach at prison

By Julie Miller
Texan Staffer

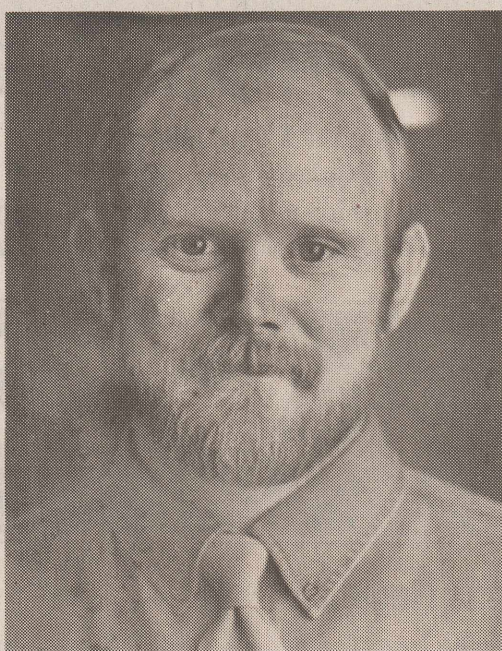
Craig Harrelson is WTC's new instructor for correctional officers here, now teaching mainly at the French Robertson Unit in Jones County.

For the past five years, he has been a sergeant-supervisor with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division at Fort Stockton.

He has also been employed as an Emergency Medical Technician and served as a teacher of EMT courses at Sam Houston State.

Harrelson is a 1982 graduate of Trinity High School. He attended also Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

In his spare time, Harrelson enjoys snow-skiing and collecting and refinishing antiques.



Craig Harrelson

Campus

PTK 'database' aids recruitment

Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges, recently announced the launch of its Transfer Student Database.

This new database, which is the only one of its kind, will give senior institutions recruiting access to PTK transfer students for the first time.

The PTK chapter at WTC is among more than 1,000 such chapters at two-year colleges in all 50 states and Canada. Phi

Theta Kappa inducts over 60,000 members annually.

Membership is extended to students who have completed at least 12 semester hours of associate degree course work and earned a grade point average of 3.2. Phi Theta Kappa's membership includes both traditional and non-traditional students. Approximately 85 percent plan to seek a bachelors degree.

Beginning this fall, Phi Theta Kappa members are given the

option of being included in the database at no charge. Information taken from the Society's Membership Profile Form includes cumulative grade point average, number of credit hours completed, expected major, expected date of graduation, plus demographic data.

Database information is available in various formats to senior institutions which actively recruit transfer students from two-year colleges.

Sports

Women's team takes 1st, men earn 2nd at Sul Ross

By Justin Lester
Texan Staffer

WTC's women's and men's rodeo teams placed 1st and 2nd respectively and WTC's Leslie Greer scored 190 points to win the all-around girl for the second time this season at the Sul Ross Rodeo during the weekend of Oct. 8-9.

The women captured 1st place by a total score of 290 points, 190 of them by Greer. This was far ahead of 2nd place finisher, Tarleton, with 150 points, and 3rd place finisher Eastern New Mexico with 80.

Greer took top honors in goat tying with a time of 17.1 for two head including a rodeo best 8.5

in the first go.

She also earned a 2nd place for WTC with an 8.2 total in breakaway roping including a 4.2 which was tops in the finals.

Greer was not the only one scoring points for WTC as Mandy Harsh also added an impressive 100 points herself.

Harsh was 2nd in the all-around, finishing 2nd in goat tying with a 17.7 clocking two-head time and scoring an 8.8 in breakaway roping. Also, Jonell Cardwell's 8.8 was good enough for 3rd overall in breakaway roping.

For the men, 1st place finisher Vernon Regional Junior College scored 330 points and

2nd place finisher WTC had 190 points. Coming in 3rd was rival Odessa College with 180 points.

Most of WTC's points came from the saddle bronc event led by Bronc Collier.

Collier won the short go with a 71 and captured the event with a 71 in the finals.

Fletcher Tigner took 4th in saddle broncs and finished 3rd in bull riding with a two-ride time of 142.

Matt Dennis of WTC grabbed 4th place in bareback riding with a time of 119 on two rides.

WTC's next rodeo will be Nov. 11-13 in Lubbock and will be the final stop on the fall schedule.

WTC squads finish in 5th, 8th at two recent golf tournaments

By Mike Hughes
& Truett Standefer

WTC's two-round scores of 305 and 301—a total of 606—were good for a fifth place finish at the 36-hole University of Texas Invitational Golf Tournament which ended Wednesday.

The Westerner's were led by freshman Bryan Watt's 76-71 for 147.

Two players had 151 totals, Isabel Soto's 74-77 and Jimmy

Flores' 78-73. These were good for a team high second.

Freshman Cory Stone shot a 77-76 for 153 and freshman Will Gray turned in a 80-74 for 154.

Conference foe Midland College won the event with a 287-282 (569). They were followed by Odessa College's 295-293 (588), McLennan Community College's 301-289 (590) and Weatherford's 296-303 (599) fourth place finish.

At an earlier tournament Oct. 12, the WTC golfers finished eighth at the Odessa College Invitational.

The Westerners finished the 54-hole tournament with team scores of 307-305-300 (912).

The medalist was Shawn McClarty from Midland College with the top score of 214.

His best score for the tournament was a 70.

WTC freshman Isabel Soto had the second best score with a 71 and finished with a 77-73 for 221 total.

Sophomore Chris Rogers shot a 81-74-74 for a total of a 229.

The other scores for the Westerners included a 73-82-75 by Ronnie Lopez, a 78-81-81 by Jimmy Flores, and a 79-79-80 by Eddie Hatch.

The tournament was won by Midland College with an all round score of 870.

WTC is competing this week at the Midland College Invitational Tournament. The 36-hole event will conclude tomorrow. The fall season ends at the New Mexico Junior College Invitational Nov. 7-9.

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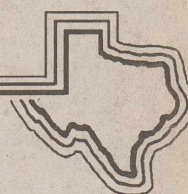
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Dr. Flear calls retirement another aspect of growth

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer
"People don't really retire, they just change activities," said Dr. Gilbert Flear, professor of psychology-sociology and a long-

time counselor at WTC. Dr. Flear, who has been a member of the faculty here since 1975, announced his retirement recently effective next January.

During his retirement, Flear said he would like to keep enjoying his life, to still be a "source" to people and to never stop learning.

"I'm not sure how

I can achieve this yet, but I have lots of options," he said.

The two things Dr. Flear will miss most at the WTC campus will be the dialogue with students and the association with his fellow faculty members. Flear also noted that teaching and learning at WTC have been "a wonderful part of the past 19 years."

Flear has been a member of the American Association of Marital and Family Therapists since 1975. Dr. Flear was also a staff member of the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas from 1967-71.

Dr. Flear "applied his sociological and psychological experience" to the 7,500 members of the church. As a result of these experiences, he noted, he has had "a fair amount of personal and community counseling."

Dr. Flear received his bachelor's degree at Central Methodist College at Missouri in 1955.

He then attended Seminary Theology School at Drew University and was named a Methodist Clergyman in 1958.

He was a faculty member at Central Methodist College from 1959-65.

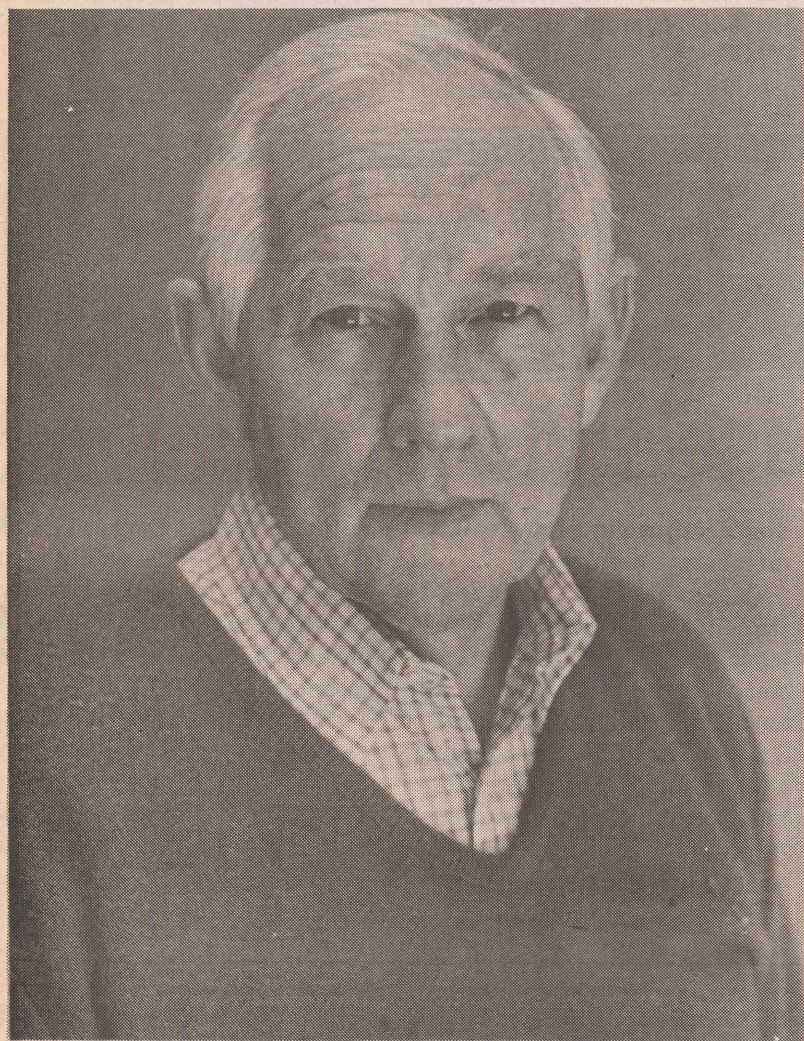
He then earned both his master's degree and his doctorate in education from East Texas State University, attending the school from 1971-75.

One of the honors Dr. Flear experienced was to be Chaplain of the House of Representatives of a special session of the 70th Assembly.

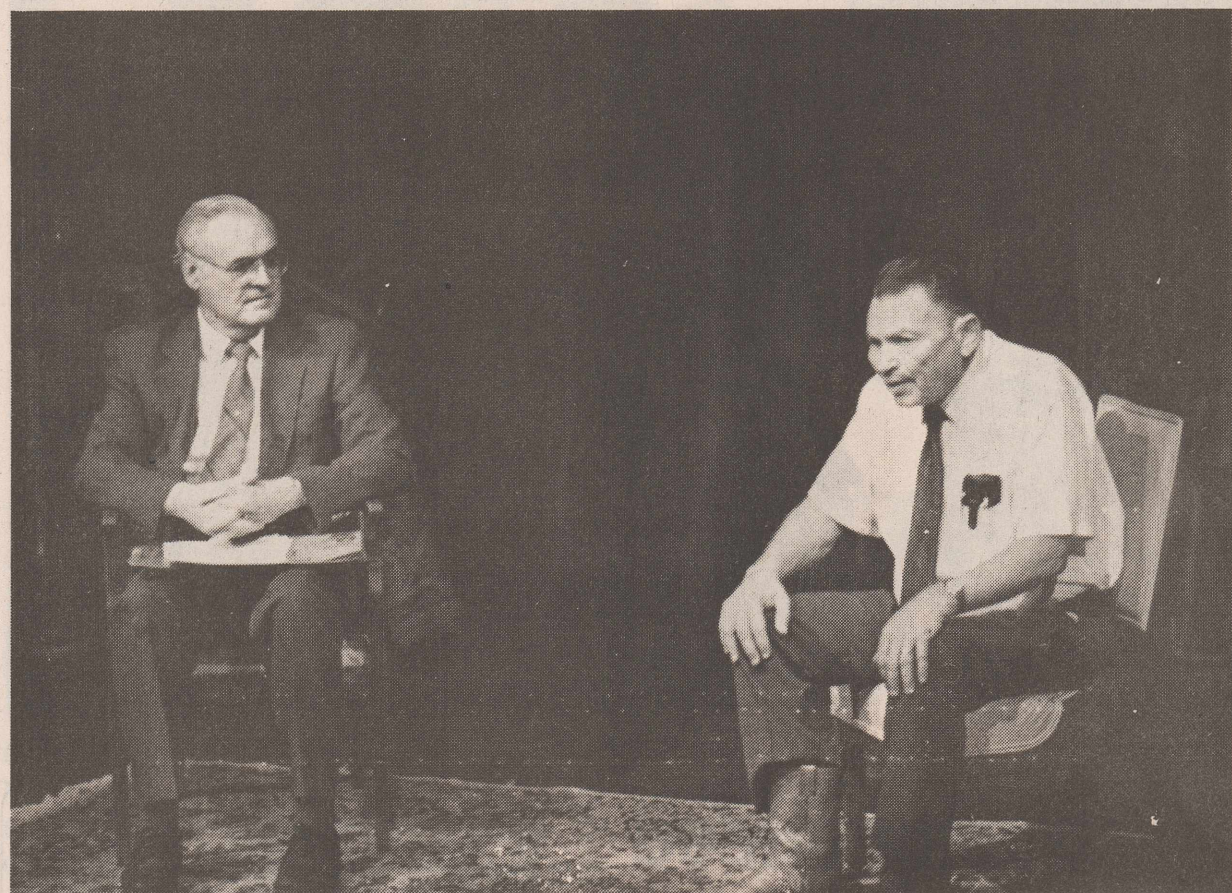
Regarding his thoughts concerning retirement, Dr. Flear referred to a verse of a hymn, "To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill."

"The blessed person is the one with the capabilities to respond to that task...my task is to keep teaching and learning," he said.

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Dr. Gil Flear



Remembering the Depression

Two guest speakers reminisced about the Great Depression as part of a special campus program Oct. 12. The panel included Charles

Anderson (left) and Franklin Pruitt, who recalled their own experiences during the 1930s. (Texan Photo by Chadwick Porter)

Campus

Chris Ragle...

Christian center has new director

By Lynn Moseley
Texan Staffer

As WTC's new Christian Student Center, Director Chris Ragle says he is working to improve the facility by increasing attractions and adding privileges.

The Christian Student Center, located on the western edge of the campus, is sponsored by 37th St. Church of Christ. Ragle has taken over as the new director this fall.

In an effort to attract students, he has dropped prices on soft drinks from 50 cents to 30 cents, unlike other machines on campus. Candy bars are also offered at a price of 40 cents.

The CSC provides foosball, pool and ping-pong tables at no cost. The center recently added a 27-inch color television and offers VCF use when prior notice is given.

Ragle is presently working to install a stereo system. He also plans to purchase video games, additional Nintendo equipment and skill games.

Ragle says, "I want students to have a place where they can come and enjoy themselves in a relaxed atmosphere."

In past years, the CSC has sponsored its own organization, Kappa Chi, which will be dormant this year. Ragle said he hopes to have it restarted by 1994.

To promote student interest, Ragle devotes Tuesdays and Thursdays primarily to students.

Each Tuesday will be "movie night." Various movies will be

shown beginning at 9 p.m. at no cost to the students.

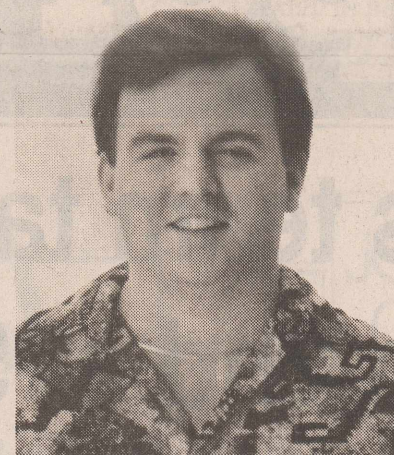
A devotional will be held on Thursday nights at 9 also. However, a \$2 donation will be asked to help pay for the pizza that will be served.

The CSC is now open during the week from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., reopening at 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Ragle feels students aren't aware of all the CSC has to offer, but is open to suggestions to promote student interest.

Flyers promoting upcoming activities will begin being distributed on campus.

Ragle says, "I'm not here to preach, I only want students to have a place to come for fun and fellowship."



Chris Ragle

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