

Coach offers reflections on initial season

By Patrick Hancock
Texan Staffer

Last week, Coach Anthony Portley looked back on the recently concluded women's basketball season, noting both positive and negative aspects of his first year at WTC.

"Seeing the players change from being just out of high school and into the players that they are today," said coach

Portley when asked what was the best part of the season.

When asked what was the hardest part, he said, "Familiarizing the players with my coaching style and my philosophy."

Portley said he has wanted to be a basketball coach since an early age. "My eighth-grade coach made a positive impact on my life. It has been a long

term goal (for me) to become a coach."

Regarding his first season here, Portley said he had mixed feelings. The Lady Westerners ended the year with only four wins compared to 26 losses. In conference play, the team was 2-15.

"I would not change anything that had to do with the season," he said. "The players gave all that they had and I feel that I have done the best coaching job

this year.

"If the people would look at the players as individuals and not at the records they would see that it was a successful season."

He added, however, "I'm not satisfied with me. My ultimate goal is to win."

Regarding his players, he concluded, See **COACH**, page 6

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Pipeline repair in courtyard near complete

By Mark Harrington
Texan Staffer

The large hole located in front of the Fine Arts Building in the central campus courtyard will soon be closed as repairs are near complete.

The hole was dug to repair a leaking underground water pipe, said Albert Conde, head of maintenance.

This water line is the second to spring a leak in the same location during the past two years. Both involved water lines which serve the large chiller unit which provides both heating and cooling to campus buildings.

The first leak happened the second week of January in 1995. It involved a hot water pipe and the leak this year happened to a cold water pipe.

The leak was discovered towards the end of the summer. Repairs were delayed since the cold water line is not used until the chiller has to serve as a cooling unit, Conde said.

Maintenance workers have now repaired the leak and filled the hole with dirt but are delaying to pour asphalt on the top until the dirt has time to settle.

Conde said asphalt will be used instead of concrete as a temporary covering for the hole. The construction crew is planning to redo some of the concrete sidewalks this summer.

The first leak two years ago was caused by shifting ground due to the extremely dry weather. Since the soil beneath the campus is red clay, it swells when wet and shrinks when dry.

The central courtyard should return to normal by the middle of this week if everything goes as planned, Conde said.

Outstanding Minority Students... WTC has 4 on '97 talent roster

By April Martin
Texan Staffer

Four sophomore WTC students were recently named to the 1997 Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Students.

Joe Cardoso from Paducah is an agriculture major; Marco Mendoza is from Colorado City and is a business administration major; LaVeada Newsome is a psychology major from Snyder; and Amanda Torres is from Sweetwater and is an elementary education major.

In order to be nominated for the honor, students must show strong academic achievement and the desire to pursue baccalaureate degrees.

The Talent Roster contains 5,580 students from 37 states and Puerto Rico. It does not provide scholarships but assists minorities in gaining admission to higher institutions.

The roster helps ethnic groups such as African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.



Mr. and Miss WTC Michael Carrion and Carmen Zarate



Mr-Miss nominees

Front row: Carmen Zarate, Cindi Lou Burrow, Jessica Carrion, Steven Deitz, Paul Rucker and William Duarte. Back row: Michael Jeffery, Jana Marie McCloy. (Texan photos by Sagit Shlezinger)

Carrion, Zarate chosen Mr-Miss WTC for 1997

Sophomores Michael Carrion and Carmen Zarate were named Mr. and Miss WTC last Tuesday at the annual spring formal.

They were chosen from a slate of eight students nominated as campus favorites in a campus-wide vote.

The two receiving the most votes were then selected as Mr. and Miss WTC.

Others nominated for Mr. WTC were Steven Deitz, William Duarte and Paul Rucker. For Miss WTC, other nominees were Cindi Burrow, Jessica Jeffrey and Jana McCloy.

Michael Carrion is an electrical engineering major from Roby. He is the son of Catarina Moreno.

Carmen Zarate is a pre-med major from Sweetwater. She is a WTC cheerleader and a member of the Student Senate. Her parent is Maria Zarate.

Regarding the other nominees for Mr. WTC, Steve (Puck) Dietz is a sopho-

more art major from Merkel. He is the son of Lavonne and Kay Dietz. His activities include membership in the Student Senate and volleyball.

Steve was named Mr. Trailhand earlier this spring.

Will Duarte is an art major from Roaring Springs. He is the son of Rose and Stanely Hogland.

Paul Rucker is an elementary education major. His parents are Sonny and Mary Rucker from Lubbock. He is a Texan Staffer, a WTC cheerleader and a Phi Theta Kappa executive board member.

Paul is a recipient of a Cunningham Scholarship here. Earlier this spring, he was a nominee for the Mr. Trailhand award.

Among the Miss WTC nominees was Cindi Lou Burrow, an accounting and information systems major. She is the daughter of Sidney and Gloenna Burrow, formerly of Snyder. She was named an Outstanding Freshman English Student last spring and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa executive board.

Jessica Jeffrey is from Hamlin and is a sophomore business major. Her parents are Ronnie and Jean Jeffery. Jessica's activities at WTC include playing for two years on the basketball team, serving as Student Senate vice president and on its Recreations Committee and Traffic Appeals Committee. She was named Miss Trailhand earlier this spring.

Jana Marie McCloy is a physical therapy major, the daughter of Mark and Annette McCloy of Morse. She currently serves as president of the WTC Student Senate.

Jana is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Rodeo Team also. Last spring, she received the Rodeo Team academic award.

Most recently, Jana was named as one of two students representing Western Texas College as nominees for the All USA Community and Junior College Academic Team.

Texan staff will attend TIPA

Convention scheduled this weekend in Austin

By Joyce May
Texan Staffer

Several Texan staffers, along with newspaper advisor Donny Brown, will be heading to Austin April 3-5 for the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention.

The convention, to be held in the Omni Hotel, South will be a three-day event filled with live contests, special tours and various workshop sessions as well as a keynote address by Liz Carpenter, former press secretary for Lady Bird Johnson.

The live contests will be held Thursday, April 3, with event categories

including newswriting, print photography, advertising, publications design and editorial writing.

The breakout sessions will be held Friday beginning at 9 a.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon.

Southwest Journalism Congress will hold a special workshop Friday on "striking a balance between the story and design in today's newspapers" in celebration of its 70th anniversary.

Convention delegates will have Friday evening open to enjoy Austin.

An awards brunch Saturday will wrap up the convention with a 1 p.m. adjournment.

12 compete in ALCA events

By Paul Rucker
Texan Staffer

A group of 12 GLT students from WTC competed March 21-23 in events sponsored by ALCA, the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, also known as ALCA Career Days.

The competition was held at Richland College in Dallas.

The group competed in 20 events related to irrigation, horticulture and landscaping.

Students competed in categories such as Interior Landscape Design, Interior Plant ID, Irrigation Design, Personal Management and Sales Presentations.

"It's a great opportunity for students to make contacts for future employ-

ment," said Steve Tate, GLT instructor who accompanied the group as an advisor.

He noted that contest results have not been mailed as yet and that he expected these this week.

Attending sophomores were Cody Brasuell of Sweetwater, Dale Daniels of Panhandle, Luke Flether of Denver City, Craig Kight of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Patrick O'Neal of San Antonio, Ed Russell of Mineral Wells and Simon Saucedo of Snyder.

Others competing were freshman J.B. Barrett of Snyder, Marshall Carpenter of Buffalo Gap, Brian Hill of Des Moines, NM., Tyson King of Cape Girardeau, Mo. and Cody Parrott of Coleman.

Earlier registration date included in '97-'98 calendar

By Jonathan Carroll
Texan Staffer

A number of calendar changes are scheduled next school year as registration for the fall term will be two weeks earlier and the elimination of four holidays.

"Traditionally, we got a longer break for Christmas. This year the calendar was shortened by a week, so we had a

vote among faculty and staff and the majority asked for it to be put back to the extended Christmas holidays," said George Cormack, dean of student services, on the calendar change.

Holidays eliminated for the fall next year are Columbus Day, Oct. 14, and an extra day for Thanksgiving with classes dismissing on Wednesday.

In the spring, President Day, Feb.

17, and Good Friday are being eliminated.

The TCCTA holiday, traditionally the third Friday in February, will be added next year, however.

Registration for fall, 1997 will begin Aug. 18. This is some two weeks earlier than registration at the beginning of this year, which

was on Sept. 2.

The later beginning will mean an

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earlier close for the fall semester, now due to end Dec. 10. This year, the fall

semester ended Dec. 20.

Campus offices will reopen the Monday after New Year's, Jan. 5. Faculty will return Jan. 14 and registration begins Monday, Jan. 19. Classes will recess for spring break in 1998 on Friday, March 6, and resume Monday, March 16. The semester will end with final examinations May 4-5-6.

See 'The Island of Dr. Moreau' and 'Courage Under Fire'

By Pamela Foster
Texan Staffer

If you're in the mood for a weekend of H. G. Wells and his version of Science Fiction/Horror, the newly released version of "The Island of Dr. Moreau" is not a bad start. This is a strong adaptation of Well's story of a mad scientist isolated on a remote island in which Dr. Moreau (Marlon Brando) transforms jungle beasts into half-human abominations. Montgomery (Val Kilmer) is the Doctor's right-hand-man/veterinarian who helps Dr. Moreau "manage" these unusual creatures. While off on a ship getting supplies for the island dwellers, Montgomery rescues Edward Douglas (David Thewlis) from the ocean after his own ship sinks. Montgomery decides to take Douglas to the island, and there Douglas falls in love with Dr. Moreau's daughter, Aissa (Fairuza Balk), who just happens to be half woman/half cat. Of course Douglas doesn't know this about Aissa at first because of the serum Dr. Moreau gives her to help control the balance of her human/animal DNA. Dr. Moreau must have the blood of humans which are non "related" to the creatures he has created on his island to make this serum.



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Not all of the Doctor's creations are as beautiful as Aissa, and many of these human/animals are predators by nature. Although Dr. Moreau has each of them on a strictly vegetarian diet, they want the taste of blood, and they want it now.

This isn't a bad adaptation of Well's original tale, but I prefer a couple of the original versions. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to find them here in Snyder. If you get the opportunity, look for the 1977 version by the same name starring Burt Lancaster as the mad scientist Dr. Moreau, and the original 1933 version named "Island of Lost Souls." This version stars Charles Laughton and Bela Lugosi (the master of horror). If you really want to make a weekend of it, throw in Well's classic "War of the Worlds", pitch the popcorn in the microwave, pop open a soda, and enjoy some classic Sci-Fi/Horror.

This movie contains graphic violence and some nudity. This was an Edward Pressman Production and a John Frankenheimer Film.

"Courage Under Fire" is an candid look at the service men and women who fought in the Persian Gulf action. Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Serling (Danzel Washington) is a devoted and responsible commander of a tank battalion who mistakenly orders an attack on one of his own tanks. Sent home from the Gulf to await the verdict concerning his actions, he is assigned to an investigative committee for the posthumous candidacy of the first woman ever to be recommended for the Medal of Honor. Capt. Karen Emma Waldon (Meg Ryan) was a helicopter pilot, working on a rescue team, who was killed in action while trying to save four men pinned down by enemy troops. As Serling begins the investigation into the death of Waldon, he interviews the four men saved by the rescue effort of the helicopter crew. Their stories seem to be in order until one man mentions that he heard firing from an M-16 which has a very distinctive sound. The other three men deny they hear the gunfire, blaming their lack of memory on the confusion surrounding the escape, but Serling believes there is more to the story than what is being told by these men. As he investigates the hours before and after the death of Waldon, he begins to piece together the truth about what really happened to the Captain. Waldon's helicopter was a red-cross vehicle, used for rescue only. When they were ordered out on this rescue mission, a gunner named Monfriez (Lou Diamond Phillips) volunteered to accompany the rescue effort to help protect them in case of enemy fire. Joining her crew in the chopper, she accepted Monfriez offer, and he boarded along with her other crew members. Monfriez is a tough-as-nails, heavily tattooed, weight-lifting soldier with an attitude as large as his biceps, and Monfriez doesn't like taking orders from a woman. Waldon has earned the respect from her own crew members, but loses some of her authority when her orders are questioned by Monfriez. This situation is surely the epitome of the "boys locker-room." The death of Waldon creates a cloud of guilt, deception, and dishonor among those men who served under her, and it takes a man of Serling's own convictions to dig deep enough to get to the real truth behind the events surrounding this rescue and Waldon's death.

"Courage Under Fire" is a powerful movie which deals with the political maneuverings of war and the demons these men and women face when confronted with decisions they must make under extreme duress. It is an honest look at the difficult conditions that our military must live with, and in which most Americans never understand or even contemplate. This is an extraordinary film with first rate acting by Danzel Washington, Meg Ryan, and Lou Diamond Phillips, but to be fair, there are no sloppy performances in this movie.

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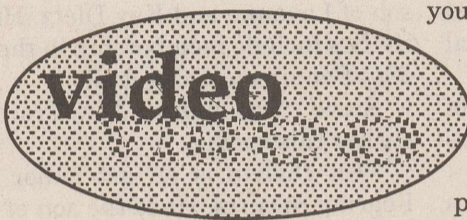
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Rigby interview, part two

By Joshua Nash
Texan Staffer

This is the second part of the interview with Alan Russell and John Ethan Gallego of Rigby.

Joshua: Okay so what do you two feel is more important in a song, (the music or the lyrics).
Alan: For me it depends on what kind of music you're listening to. For instance, ballads or slower songs focus on the lyrics, but for what we play I think the music makes the song. Asking which is better, the music or the words, is like asking which is better on a pizza, the cheese or the sauce.

John: When we sit there and play a song, we know what's going to happen, but it's never the same when you go out and play it. When the music moves you and the emotion comes out, that's it. When I hit that string I don't care if someone is there saying "Look at that freak, he's jumping up and down like an idiot."

Joshua: So tell me a little about the other two members of Rigby.

Alan: Well, Sean plays rhythm guitar; he's my little brother.

John: He also helps write our songs.

Alan: He wrote two of our thirteen originals. He sings those.

John: Sean is also really good at harmonizing.

Alan: Our drummer, J.T. Paz, has been playing drums since he was like eight or nine years old.

John: He can do just about anything with drums.

Alan: After our first drummer left, we asked J.T. to join. He's a good player, real versatile.

Joshua: So where did you come up with the name for your band?

Alan: We were searching for a name for a long time. My little brother and our first drummer came up with Hot Bed Hoover. (laughs) I didn't like it.

John: We were also Reality, Glue; Disorder was our first one.

Alan: We didn't like any of those. One day Sean and I were watching the Beatles' video "Free as a Bird" and we saw this name on a tombstone and we thought it would be a cool name for the band, but we couldn't remember what it was. So we sat up watching MTV for hours and finally it came back on, and it said 'Eleanor Rigby.' I had listened to the Beatles but not a lot of their early stuff, and I asked my mom who Eleanor Rigby was, and she said it was the name of a Beatles song. So I listened to it and thought it was a really cool song. Sure enough, we said we'd be Rigby. Everyone seemed to like it.

Joshua: Is Rigby going to have any more performances this semester?

Alan: March 14th in Midland. I'm not exactly sure where yet. Some club. March 15th we will be in Sweetwater at the Stardust.

Joshua: OK, here's a tough one for ya. You have five minutes to live, what song do you either listen to or play?

John: Like I was telling you earlier, it would be whatever the guy holding the gun wants to hear. (general laughter)

Joshua: I'll make it easier for you. Do you have a favorite song?

John: It depends on the mood I'm in. A coincidence between Alan and I is that Lithium is our favorite song, and I also love to play it.

Alan: But then again I may put on a little Amazing Grace. It's all relative to your mood.

Joshua: My final question for you is this: boxers or briefs?

John: I'll leave that up to everyone's imagination.

Alan: Boxers, let freedom ring!

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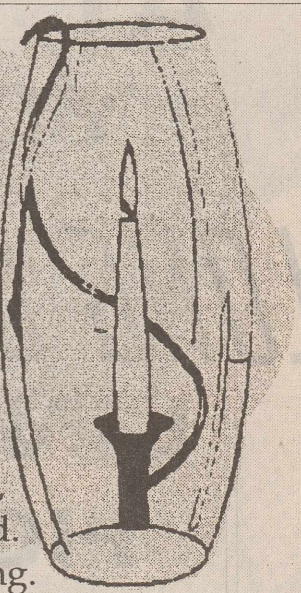
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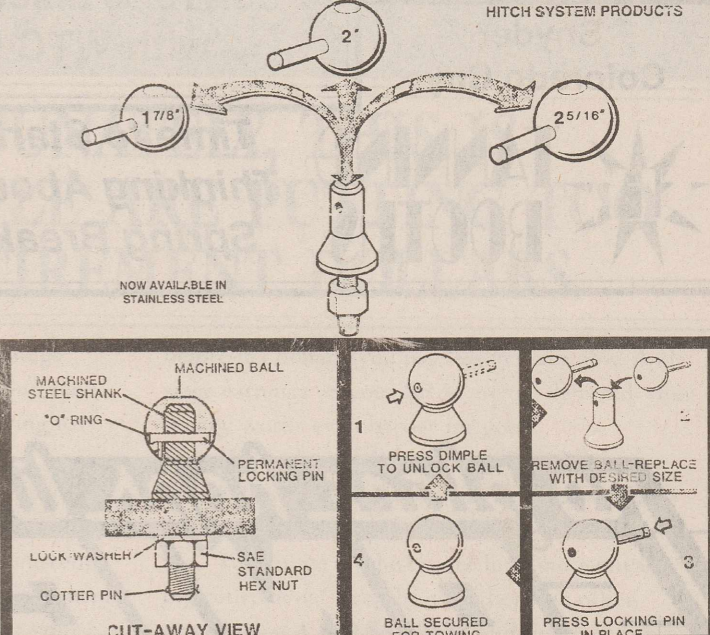
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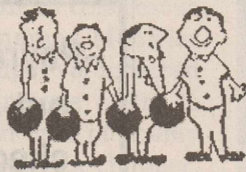
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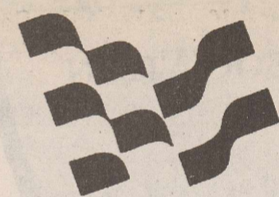
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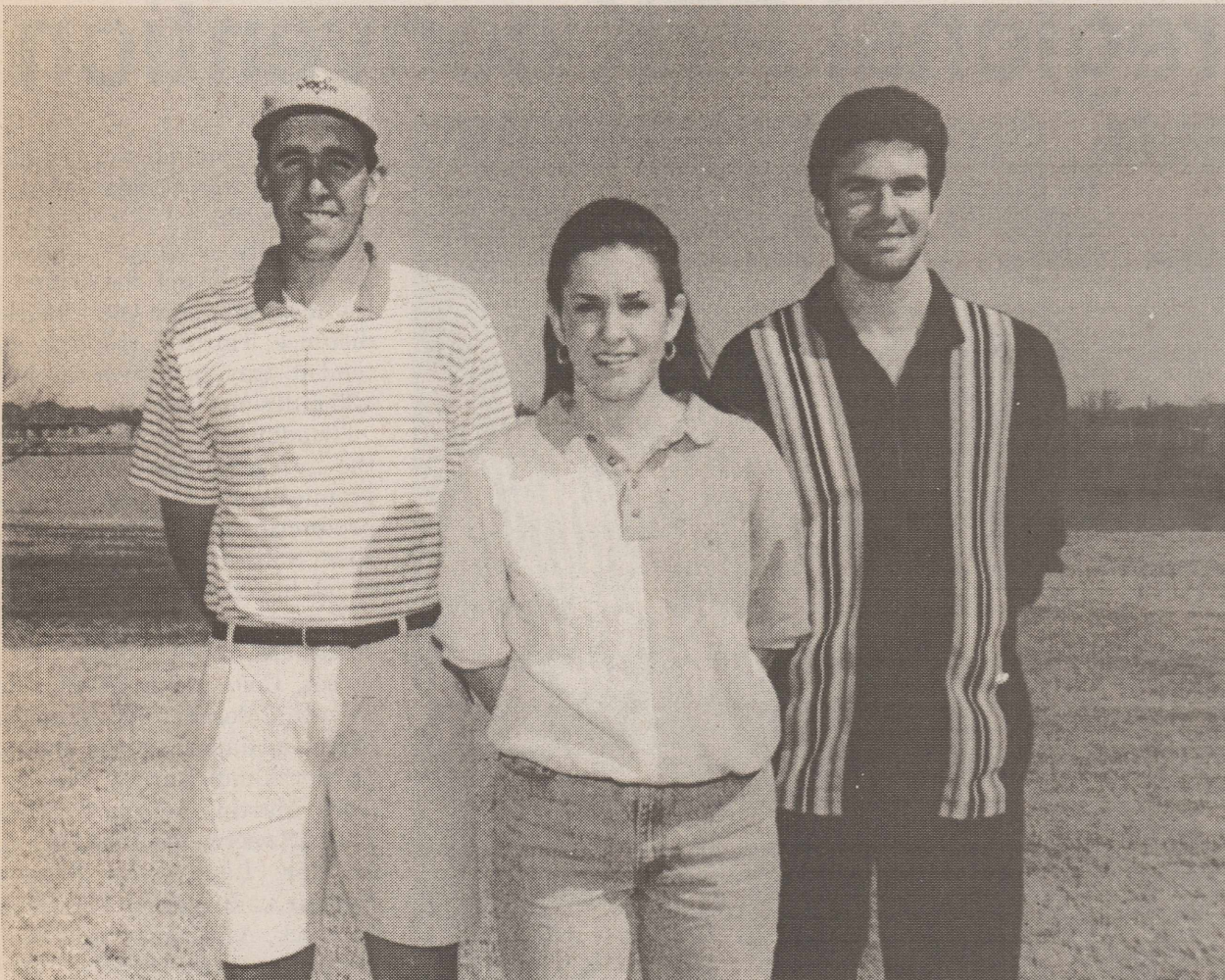


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V-Ball Champs

The "Shizniks" are the Intramural 4 on 4 volleyball winning team. Members of the team are (left to right) Wayne Slaton, Jessica Jeffries and Steve Dietz. Not pictured: Paige Burlesmith and Jon Michell. (Texan photo by Sagit Shlezinger)



Students Marcus Olvestad and Morten Vildhøj are shown here at a Coke party honoring Phi Theta Kappa last Thursday in the student center. (Texan photo by Sagit Shlezinger)

Golfers challenge Midland twice

Next tournament opens April 13 in Abilene

**By John Baez
Texan Staffer**

The Western Texas golf team did battle with Midland College at two tournaments over the last couple of weeks, one in Galveston, the Gulf Coast Invitational, and the Chaparral Invitational in Midland.

The team placed 2nd in Galveston 9 strokes behind Midland College who took 1st place. In their second tournament in Midland, the team took 1st place with a 12 stroke lead over the Midland College Chaparrals

playing on their home course.

The teams individual scores at the Galveston Tournament were Andreas Ljungren of Morrum, Sweden 77,69 (146); and Morten Vildhøj of Haderlev, Denmark 76,73 (149).

Also, Ole Fuglsang of Haderslev, Denmark 73,80 (153); Fredrik Widmark of Tyringe, Sweden 75,81 (156); and Jason Darby of Abilene shot 67,68 (135) for a combined team score of 764.

In their second tournament in Midland, three golfers also tied for the 1st place medalist,

Ole Fuglsang, Morten Vildhøj and Fredrik Widmark. These players tied with Midland's James Clive with the score of 212 and in a shoot out, James took 1st place.

Individual scores from this tournament were Ole Fuglsang 70,68,74 (212); Fredrik Widmark 72,66,74 (212); Morten Vildhøj 69,71,72 (212); Andreas Ljunggren 68,75,77 (220); Soren Muller of Roskilde, Denmark 71,72,80 (223); and Jason Darby 76,75,77 (228).

Their next tournament will be the State JUCO Championship in Abilene on April 13-15.

B-Ball update

The Region V basketball tournament was held in Cisco this month. The winner of the tournament was the Lady Hawks from Howard College in Big Spring.

All conference winners were announced during the event. No Lady Westerners was named, however.

Coach Anthony Portley and the rest of the Lady Westerners would like to thank the students for coming out and supporting the team.

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Psi Zeta takes honors at regional PTK convention

By Joyce May
Texan Staffer

Members of WTC's Psi Zeta Chapter won several honors in Houston March 22 at the annual Regional Convention of Phi Theta Kappa including the opportunity to once again represent District 1 on the Regional Executive Board.

The win marked the second year in a row for the chapter to receive the honor. This past year, Psi Zeta member Barbara Chapman served as the District 1 vice president.

At the regional convention, chapter members campaigned for the position. The campaign process included a skit performed on the opening night of the convention.

The chapter chose the theme "Psi Zeta Family" and patterned the skit after the theme song of the television program, the Addams Family.

Members dressed as the various members of the Addams Family and sang original lyrics.

The chapter is currently in the process of determining who will actually fill the position.

The executive board will be comprised of four vice-presidents, each serving their respective district, and a board president. District 1 ranges from Amarillo to the north to El Paso to the west and includes such colleges as South Plains in Levelland, Midland College and Odessa College.

Other chapters winning re-

gional offices were Phi Tau from Tarrant County JC Northeast, District 2; Lambda Theta from Temple College, District 3; Alpha Alpha Rho from North Harris College, Houston, District 4.

The president's position was won by the Alpha Lambda Xi Chapter at Kingwood College, Houston.

In other honors, Psi Zeta was once again named to Five-Star status. Out of some 70 active chapters in the Texas Region, only 39 earned Five-Star status. Psi Zeta has achieved Five-Star status every year since it was chartered in 1972.

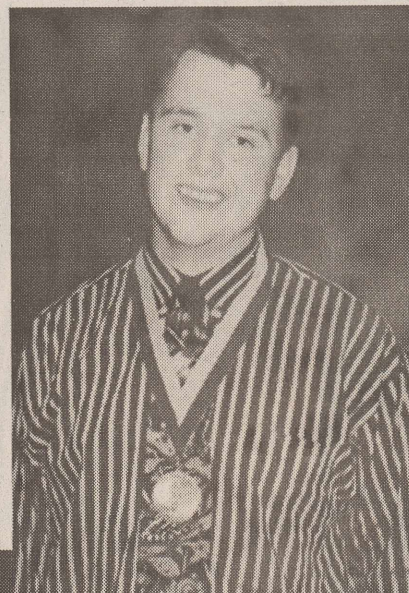
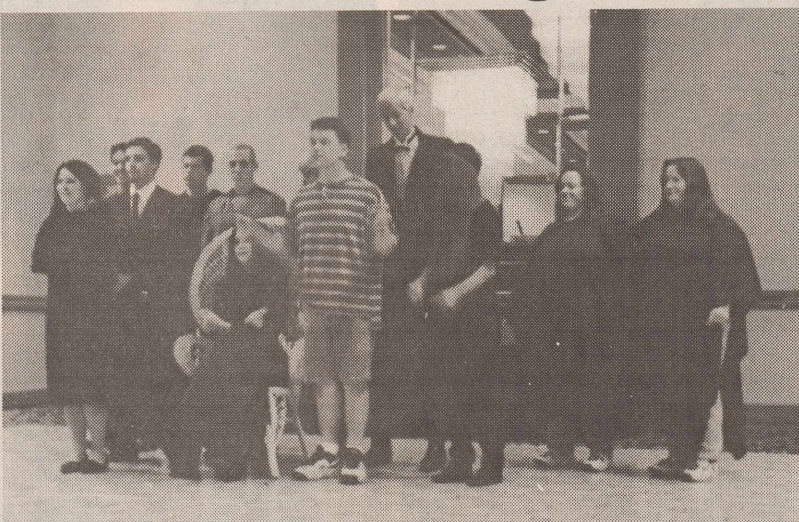
According to Duane Hood, Texas Region Comptroller and former chapter sponsor, Psi Zeta is "one of the few schools nationwide to ever do this."

The ranking is based on activities conducted by the chapter during the year.

Two members of the chapter were singled out for induction into the Phi Theta Kappa Texas Hall of Honor. Barbara Chapman of Snyder and Jonathan Carroll of Hawley were both inducted for service during the past year. Only 16 students were named statewide.

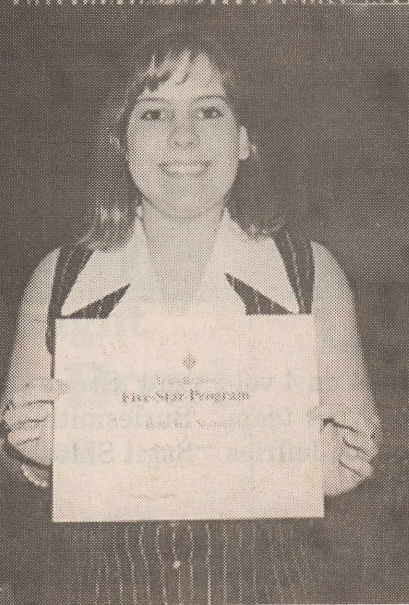
Becky Sweet of Colorado City received an "award of excellence" in the Hallmark Awards essay contest for her essay on leadership. This indicated she was among the top six students in this essay category.

The Psi Zeta yearbook was singled out also, given a special



Phi Theta Kappa earns honors

Phi Theta Kappa's "Psi Zeta Family" won the right to represent District 1 on the Regional Executive Council at the Regional Convention in Houston March 20-23. Among the other honors won, (upper right) Jonathan



Phi Theta Kappa earns honors

Carroll was named to the region's Hall of Honor; (lower right) Becky Sweet was among the final six for her honors essay; and Mamoru Uemura accepts a "travel award" from Barbara Chapman, another Hall of Honor inductee.

award for "original and creative design." It was a computer-generated yearbook.

The entire chapter was given the Travel Award for bringing the most students the furthest distance. Thirteen students attended, traveling an estimated 435 miles one way.

In addition to the convention, the group attended the world premier of the Houston Ballet's production of "Dracula" and spent Saturday afternoon at the beach in Galveston.

Students attending were Jonathan Carroll, Hawley; Becky Sweet, Colorado City; Charlie Sweatt, Colorado City; Mamoru Uemura, Japan; Jesus Parra, Snyder; Cindi Burrow, Snyder; April Martin, Rotan; Heather Parris, Sweetwater; John Michel, Snyder; Lacey and Stacey Parker, Snyder; Patrick Hancock, Aspermont; and Barbara Chapman, Snyder. The group was joined by one student alumni, Carrie Keith, who attended WTC last year.

Sponsors attending were Carolyn Osborn and Donny Brown. Some 400 students from around the state attended the convention.

Chapter members will next attend the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, to be held in Dallas this year.

The convention is scheduled to be held April 24-26. Sponsors Carolyn Osborn and Jana Wesson-Martin will also attend the convention.

1997-98 WTC SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

(All Dates Subject to Change)
Fall Semester, 1997

Monday, August 18	Faculty In-Service begins 9 a.m.
Sunday, August 24	Dormitories open for freshmen 2 p.m.
Monday, August 25	8 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Cafeteria
	8 a.m. Placement testing
	10 a.m. Dormitories open for sophomores
	1-4 p.m. Registration of sophomore students
	1-2 p.m. Surnames A-F
	2-3 p.m. Surnames G-O
	3-4 p.m. Surnames P-Z
	6:30-8 p.m. Registration of evening students
Tuesday, August 26	8:30-11:30 Registration of freshmen students
	8:30-9:30 Surnames A-F
	9:30-10:30 Surnames G-O
	10:30-11:30 Surnames P-Z
	1-4 p.m. Registration continued for all students
	7 p.m. Dormitory Orientation - FAT
	8 p.m. Howdy Dance - Cafeteria
Wednesday, August 27	All classes begin

Monday, September 1	Labor Day (holiday) Campus closed
Wednesday, September 3	Last day to register, change schedules or add courses
Friday, September 12	12th class day-official reporting date
Thursday, November 13	Last day to drop classes
Wednesday, November 26	1 p.m. Classes recess for Thanksgiving
	2 p.m. Dormitories close
Sunday, November 30	2 p.m. Dormitories open
Monday, December 1	8 a.m. Day classes resume
	6:30 p.m. Evening classes resume
Monday through Wednesday	December 8,9,10 Final Examinations
Wednesday, December 10	2 p.m. Dormitories close
Friday, December 12	Fall semester ends
December 12 through January 4	Christmas-New Year holidays for administration and staff
Monday, January 5	Offices open
Wednesday, January 14	9 a.m. Faculty In-Service begins

Monday, January 19	10 a.m. Dormitories open
	1-4 p.m. Registration of sophomore students
	1-2 p.m. Surnames A-G
	2-3 p.m. Surnames H-T
	3-4 p.m. Surnames U-Z
	6:30-8 p.m. Registration of evening students
Tuesday, January 20	9 a.m. - noon Registration of freshmen students
	8:30-9:30 a.m. Surnames A-C
	9:30-10:30 a.m. Surnames H-T
	10:30-11:30 a.m. Surnames U-Z
	1-3 p.m. Registration continued for all students
Wednesday, January 21	All classes begin
Tuesday, January 27	Last day to register, change schedules, or add courses
Thursday, February 5	12th class day-official reporting date
Friday, February 20	TJCTA Annual Convention
	Classes dismissed
Friday, March 6	1 p.m. Classes recess for spring vacation
	2 p.m. Dormitories close
Sunday, March 15	2 p.m. Dormitories open
Monday, March 16	8 a.m. Day classes resume
	6:30 p.m. Evening classes resume
Thursday, April 2	Last day to drop classes
Friday, May 1	7:30 p.m. Commencement
Monday through Wednesday	May 4-5-6 Final Examinations
Wednesday, May 6	2 p.m. Dormitories close
Friday, May 8	Spring semester closes
	Summer Sessions, 1998
Monday, May 25	Observance of Memorial Day (holiday)
Tuesday, June 1	Registration, 6-9 week sessions
	Classes begin
Thursday, July 9	End of 6-week term
Thursday, July 30	End of 9-week term
Tuesday, August 18	Freshmen Orientation Day
Thursday, August 20	Freshman Orientation Day

Meats Judging Team finishes 3rd



By April Martin
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas Meats Judging Team finished the year at the National Contest in Houston with a 3rd place finish.

The group set a record for the most points ever scored by a WTC team in a national competition. Another WTC first was Shane Kelly of Colorado City, who won 1st place in the overall contest.

Thirty teams from two-year and four-year schools competed at the Houston Livestock Show.

The WTC team came in 1st in lamb judging, 2nd in pork judging, 3rd in questions, 4th in beef judging and 5th in grading.

Second place in the competition went to Tarelton State and first place was won by College of the Sequoians from California.

In addition to his 1st in the overall competition, Kelly was 1st in lamb judging, 2nd in pork judging and placings, 3rd in questions and in the Top Ten in all the other categories.

Jeremy Howard was 3rd in the overall contest and joined Kelly as being the first two students in WTC history to break 900 points in a contest.

Howard was also 1st in pork judging, 2nd in lamb judging and tied for 3rd in questions.

Also placing at the event were Jeremy Bills of Houston, 8th in

the contest and 7th in beef judging; and Jason York of Snyder, 9th in beef judging.

Others were Scott Nickell of Abilene; Doug Macheon of Houston; and Cody Arrington of

Abilene.

The national contest is held each year at the Houston show and concludes this year's national competition for the WTC team.

Coach Portley offers reflections on 1st Lady Westerner season

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"From a players stand point, I am pleased. I couldn't have asked for more."

Portley assumed the coaching post after the recruiting season had passed last fall and he noted he hopes to improve his chances next year with new picks.

As to the future, he noted WTC will ultimately require Division 1 quality players to compete with the likes of Midland and South Plains.

To summarize the season, he said, "With the player's effort I would not change anything. It has been a successful season for the growth of the individuals."

"The players taught me a little as well," he said.

3rd place finish

Meats Judging Team members: Cody Arrington, Jeremy Howard, Scott Nickell, Doug Macheon, Shane Kelly, Jeremy Bills, Jason York and Coach Jim Judah. (Texan Photo by Sagit Shlezinger)

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