

New organization recruits, offers military information

By Joyce May
Texan Staffer

In an attempt to recruit recently discharged soldiers into WTC, as well as inform current students of the benefits of the military, a new group is forming on campus tentatively known as the Military Affairs Organization.

According to Student Services secretary and WTC student Gabby Scott, who is spearheading the group, one of the biggest goals of the organization is to bring students to WTC.

"We hope to use it first of all as an organization to recruit students. There are a lot of students who get out of the military and don't know which direction to go. We hope to recruit them to the college," Scott said.

Another goal of the group, and perhaps what brought about its formation, according to Scott, was the apparent need to get more information out to students about the military.

"A lot of it was I had found some information I wasn't aware of and there

wasn't anyone who could fill in the blanks, so myself, Mr. Jack Price, Mr. Cormack and Mark Miles decided to start the organization," she said.

The Hazlewood Act was just one of the benefits Scott was unaware of.

"The State of Texas has the Hazlewood Act which states if you are a Texas resident and enter the military in Texas, once you are discharged from the military and once the funds from your GI Bill have been depleted, the Hazlewood Act kicks in and all tuition

fees are waived in any Texas State funded college," Scott explained.

Because of her time served, Scott said she is set for the rest of her education.

"My GI Bill pays up to almost \$30,000. That will put me almost into my senior year. Then I can start using the Hazlewood Act and get my doctorate."

Some students, Scott said, have expressed an interest in the group.

"We have seen some interest from a few people, but we think the young

students don't understand the military. They think its rough like in the movies. They don't see the advantages," she said. "They see what's portrayed on television. There are a lot of advantages education-wise."

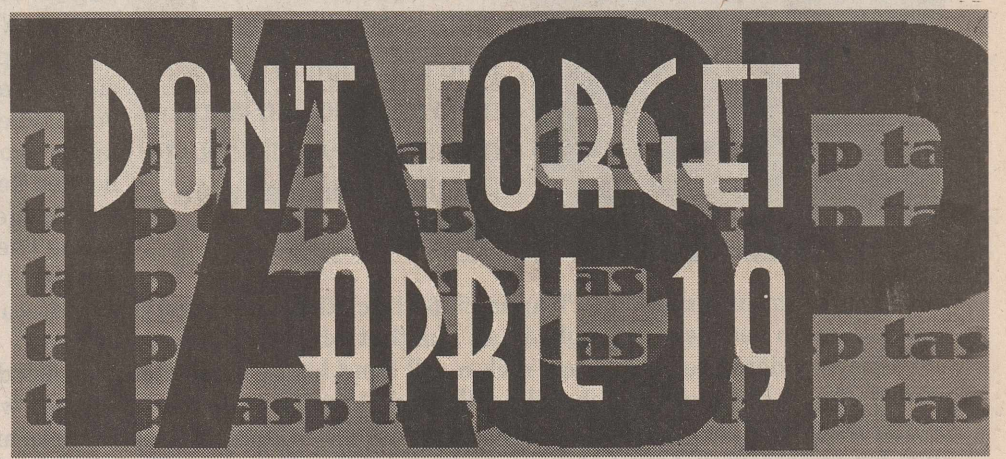
During her six years in the military, Scott said she met a lot of young people who joined simply for the education benefits.

"It's definitely an option for some

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Texan staff nets five TIPA awards

By Mark Harrington
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WTC students attending the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) convention last weekend came back with five awards for stories written in the student newspaper Texan.

This is the second highest number of awards WTC has won at TIPA since 1989, noted advisor Donny Brown. That is the year he assumed responsibility of the Mass Communications Department here.

Brown and seven students were in Austin April 3-5 for the three day convention, held at the Omni Hotel South. The Texan entries competed in Division 3 comprised of two-year and four-year schools with enrollment up to 2,000.

The Texan and its staff have won 34 awards at TIPA since 1989.

Brown stated, "The two hardest individual areas of this competition to win are the Feature Story and the News Story because everybody has entries. I'm proud that we did well in both."

In the Feature Story competition, a 1st place award was won by staffer writer Jonathan Carroll with his story on Israeli student Sagit Shlezinger.

Entitled "From Israel Military to WTC Campus," it was published in the Nov. 18 issue of the Texan last fall.

In the News Story category, writer Joyce May won 3rd place for her story "WTC Animal Test Negative for Infection" in the Oct. 21 Texan.

This same story was entered in the Sports News competition and won a 2nd place award also. The story explained a quarantine of rodeo team horses due to a suspected horse disease.

Aside from these three awards, both Jonathan Carroll and Cindy Goates received honorable mention certificates.

Carroll's story, "Paper Pellets Conserve Water, Prevent Crop Erosion" was published in the March 4, 1996 issue of the Western Texan. It received honorable mention in the Newspaper News Feature competition.

Goate's story, "WTC Drama Student Performs in 'Texas' Musical," received honorable mention in Newspaper Feature competition and was published in the October 21 issue. This story profiled Cody Cummings as a participant in the play "Texas" held in Canyon.



Queen of the rodeo

Jana McCloy, sophomore president of the WTC Student Senate and a Rodeo Team member, was named the 1997 WTC Rodeo Queen Thursday during the opening performance. She was presented a bouquet of flowers by Rodeo Team member Joe Moody of Roswell, N.M. Selection was based on revenue generated by rodeo ticket sales. (Photo Courtesy SDN)

New college Rodeo Queen doubles as student leader

By Cindy Goates
Texan Staffer

Jana McCloy, sophomore president of the WTC Student Senate and a Rodeo Team member, was named the 1997 WTC Rodeo Queen Thursday.

The announcement came at the opening ceremony of the event, held in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The selection was based on revenue generated by rodeo ticket sales. Other WTC rodeo queen contestants were Kathy King and Shawna McKee.

Jana is a sophomore from Morse. She is majoring in physical therapy and her parents are Mark and Annette McCloy.

In addition to her activities with the student senate and the WTC rodeo team, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

She was one of the campus nominees this spring for the state's Academic All American team sponsored by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa.

Kathy King is a freshman from Merkel. Kathy's parents are Mike and Phyllis King. She is a cheerleader and plans to major in art history.

Shawna McKee is a freshman from Roby. She played on the Lady Westerner's basketball team and is also a member of the WTC rodeo team.

The WTC Rodeo was to continue through Saturday and results were not available at press time.

The home rodeo marked the third outing for both the men's and women's teams this spring. Going into the weekend, the men had won the spring opener at the Odessa College Rodeo, but slipped out of the top four at the Howard Rodeo. For the women, Odessa and Howard provided a 3rd and a 2nd place finish respectively.

TASP review slated

A TASP review will be held Thursday, April 17, for students that are going to take the test. The review will be in the 7-B Building in Rm. 101. Times for the review are from 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.

The review is sponsored by the English, Math and Reading Departments.

Drama department opens 'The Merchant of Venice'

By April Martin
Texan Staffer

The WTC drama department is now preparing "The Merchant of Venice," the final production of the spring semester which will be performed April 24-27 in the Fine Arts Theater.

The production is a Shakespearean comedy about bigotry, according to Michael Endy, drama department head.

The play is centered around the merchant Antonio who borrows money from Shylock, a Jew. The character needs the money in order to help a friend court his lady love.

Antonio is unable to repay Shylock which gives him the right to take "a pound of flesh" from Antonio.

The WTC version will run approximately one hour and has been edited down from the original version by drama student Burzin Unwalla of Houston.

"The play is actually four hours long," noted Unwalla. "Since no one wants to watch a four hour play, we kept the main part in there and stuck to the basic plot without all the extras and cut it down."

Endy is supervising the overall production, but he noted this final performance is essentially a group effort of all the drama majors.

"This production is part of a class that has developed self-reliance and self-

criticism. This play has been selected, edited and directed by the entire drama class," he said.

In addition to adapting the play, Unwalla will also play the character "Shylock."

Other cast characters are "The Duke of Venice," played by Steven Drgac of Garden City; "Bassanio," played by Cody Cummings of Garden City; "Antonio," played by Melissa Shatney of Snyder; "Salerio," played by Michael McQuerry of Snyder; "Gratiano," played by Jeff Tydlaska of Tow; "Portia," played by Tonya Tiday of Graham; and "Nerissa," played by Anne Simmons of Lubbock.

PTK names District VP

The member who will represent WTC's Psi Zeta Chapter as vice president for District 1 next school year was named Thursday morning by a chapter vote.

Charlie Sweatt of Hermleigh was chosen from a field of three candidates campaigning for the office. In addition, the chapter named its seven-member

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'Aquifer 97' due out this month; 96 version wins several awards

By Paul Rucker
Texan Staffer

WTC's Literary Magazine "Aquifer" was awarded three prizes by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) last weekend at the annual spring convention of TIPA.

The publication won in two of the major categories for Division 2 comprised of two-year and four-year schools with enrollment up to 3,000.

In the Short Story division, Shae Gowin won 2nd for her story "Until We Meet Again," and in the Essay Division, Carrie Keith won 3rd for her entry "Encounter at the Co-op."

In a third division, Sandra Hall won a 2nd place award for Literary Magazine Story Package. This category judges both the written work and how it is displayed.

She won for the entry "The Calling," which was a tribute to former WTC instructor Franklin Pruitt.

The awards were announced in Austin April 3-5 at the three day convention for TIPA held at the Omni Hotel South.

Meanwhile, "Aquifer 97" is in the process of being put together and will be distributed later this month.

The deadline for submitting material was March 21.

Faculty editors are now in the process of selecting material from students

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WTC board member recalls time in Peace Corps

By Jonathan Carroll
Texan Staffer

"I went to India because I had a desire to explore," said Drew Bullard, referring to the two years he spent in the Peace Corps in India from 1969-71.

Bullard is a member of the board of trustees at Western Texas College and the owner of Bullard's Computer Solutions.

He joined the Peace Corps after graduating from the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelors in philoso-

phy and history. The Snyder native had previously attended Hardin-Simmons on a basketball scholarship.

Why did he choose India? "It sounded interesting," he said.

He was first flown to Washington D.C. for a three day orientation. "It was basically to scare us from going [to India]. There were about 25 starting out and it dropped to 20 by the end," he said.

Those that remained were flown to India on a plane trip which lasted 24 hours. "None of us could sit because we

had been given so many shots," he remembered.

The group of 20 Peace Corps members then landed in Udaypur, India. They first completed three months of in-country training in Udaypur, given instruction in the language, culture and such sophisticated agriculture procedures as fertilizing, plowing and contouring.

After completing the three months of training, each one of them was given a train ticket and an assignment. The

India government assigned one agricultural worker per village.

Bullard was assigned to the village of Baneta, which had a population of about 400. "I went to one the furthest regions of India. There was no running water or electricity," he said.

When he arrived, he told the villagers he needed a place to live. They took him to a mud hut filled with sacks of grain. The villagers then carried-out the sacks of grain and rats starting running-out of the hut as they unloaded

it. "It was my home for two years," he said.

Bullard's first major barrier was language. "When I arrived I was in a fog because of the language. It's all you hear, you're thrown in," Bullard said. "After three months, something clicks, then after a year you're fluent. You think in the language, dream. You no longer think in English and then translate. You think in Hindu," he said.

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'that thing you do' is fun; 'The Chamber', compelling

By Pamela Foster
Texan Staffer

Tom Hanks has been able to put onto film the picture of small town America during the early sixties. "that thing you do" captures those days like photos in my family album. Visions of RCA Victor signs alongside Philco were the televisions of choice, and they were made in the USA. Refrigerators were shorter than the average man. Parking meters were in front of every store to help pay city expenses (you know, back before property taxes cost more than the mortgage). There were no shopping malls. You went downtown to buy appliances, hardware, clothes, and milkshakes. One out of every four houses had an up-and-coming band of shaggy-headed boys trying to sound like the Beatles, or a trio of girls imitating The Supremes. "that thing you do" is a fun movie even if you



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were born after the sixties. You'll appreciate the clothes and hairstyles (and can point at your mom and dad and laugh because they looked just like that when they were your age). The Wonders are an average rock-n-roll band led by a talented, but moody, songwriter/vocalist, named Jimmy (Johnathon Schaech). While still trying to decide what they will name their band in preparation for a competition at the local gym, his drummer falls and breaks an arm leaving the door open for an extremely talented drummer, named Guy Patterson (Tom Everett Scott) who is the son of the owner of the local hardware store. Luckily for The Wonders, Guy agrees to fill in for their drummer, and when they play their lead song, That Thing You Do, Guy speeds it up from a ballad to good ole rock-n-roll. Blowing away all competition on an applause meter ranking the bands from "You Stink" to "Wicked", The Wonders ranked a solid "Wicked", and the kids go wild for them. From that point on it's a roller-coaster ride through the music industry of the sixties.

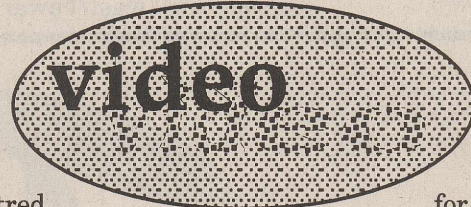
They decide to cut a record of the song and sell the 45's for \$1.00 apiece. Discovered by a music agent, he introduces them to a promoter at Play-Tone Records, named Mr. White (Tom Hanks). The next thing you know, Jimmy, Guy, Lenny (Steve Zahn), the lead guitarist and vocalist, and the bass player (Ethan Embry), along with Jimmy's girlfriend Faye (Liv Tyler) are on their way to shows all over the United States. That Thing You Do shoots to the top of the charts, and before the band knows what has hit them, they're in a movie (reminiscent to Frankie and Annette in their many beach party movies), and doing variety shows (a take off of Ed Sullivan). On to Las Vegas, the band begins to run into trouble with clashing personalities and after only two months together, it looks like trouble is brewing. Throw in a romance of "boy gets girl", a lot of really good sixties-style music, and a stroll down memory lane for some of us, and you get the point of this movie.

"that thing you do" is a film that will have most of you bobbing to the beat, tapping your toes, or whatever it is you do when you feel good while listening to some good ole rock-n-roll. Tom Everett Scott is adorable, so the female gender will love watching him, but there's something there for the guys too. Liv Tyler is not only a beauty, but she is delightful. I think we'll be seeing a lot more of her in the near future. Tom Hanks wrote, directed, and co-starred in this musical. Once again we see the unending well of talent he possesses. This film is one for the whole family. It's fun, it's happy, and it's upbeat, so if you're looking for something meaningful and deep, leave this one on the shelf until you're ready to enjoy yourself. Then, go to it!

This is a Tom Hanks film, produced by Gary Goetzman, Jonathan Demme, and Edward Saxon. The original soundtrack is available on CD or cassette on the Play-Tone Records/Epic Soundtrax label.



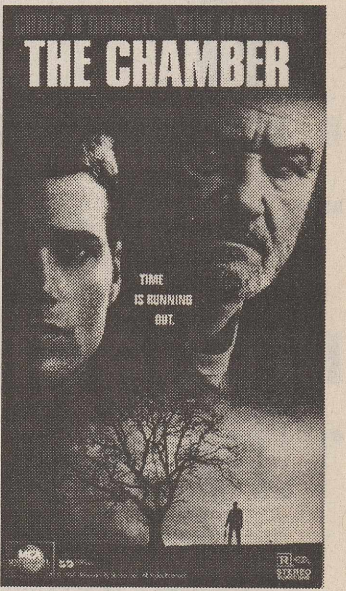
"The Chamber" is a compelling look at the mentality of a KKK member whose grandfather was a founding father of the clan. Sam Cayhall (Gene Hackman) is a convicted killer who has spent the last sixteen years of his life on death row in the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Down to the last 28 days of his life, his grandson Adam Hall (Chris O'Donnell) tries to come to his grandfather's rescue. Hall is an up and coming attorney at a huge law office in Chicago; the same law office who has kept Cayhall alive, pro-bono, until this point. Cayhall has fired the firm, and Hall has asked to be sent to Mississippi to talk his grandfather into allowing him to make the last appeals for his life.



When Hall first meets his father at the hatred and venom that mouth when he speaks of Jews to understand this man who is desperately to uncover the his-man who was raised with a hatred him. His grandfather was a clan member, his father was a clan member, and he lived the life with dedicated fervor. By the time he was ten years old, he had witnessed three lynchings. He not only destroyed his own life, he destroyed his son, Hall's father, Eddie, and daughter, Lee (Faye Dunaway), who became an alcoholic from carrying the guilt of her imagined sins for so many years. And by the time he had finished with his reign of terror, he had destroyed three innocent victims and their families. As Hall fights the system, filing appeals and pleading for mercy in the name of Cayhall, he and an assistant to the governor, Nora Stark (Lila Rochon), search for the real story behind the bombing of which Cayhall is accused. Never believing that his grandfather acted alone, he uncovers the dirty truth behind the events that occurred in April of 1967. His grandfather had been tried on two occasions for the deaths of two children killed in a bombing, and in both trials there was a hung jury, leaving the case with no decision. It wasn't until twelve years later, when a politically motivated prosecuting attorney decided to take him to trial again, that Cayhall was convicted of the murders. That prosecutor was elected governor because of the trial, and the same governor (played by David Marshall Grant) was the only man who could give Cayhall clemency.

grandfather, he is astounded spews from the old mans and Africans. While trying his grandfather, Hall tries tory of his family. Cayhall is a for those who were different from

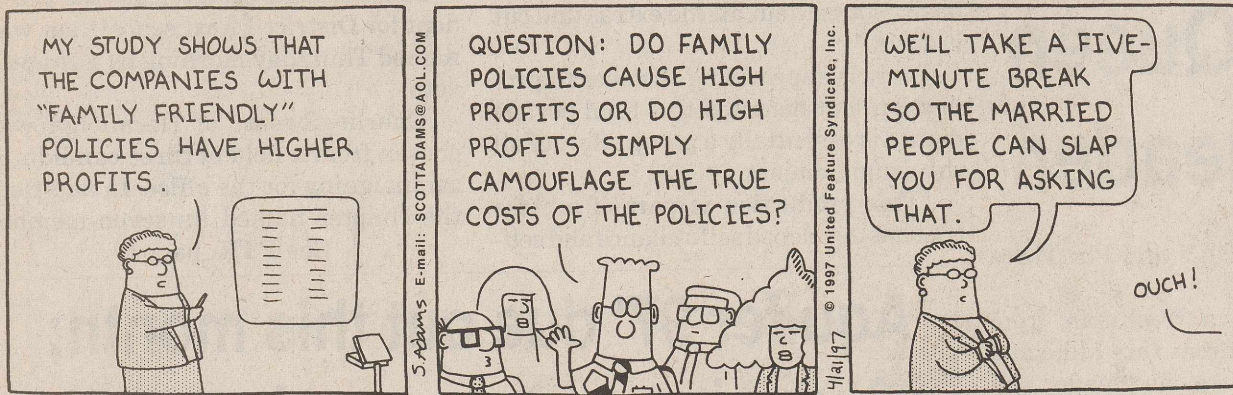
As the date of execution neared, a hodgepodge of people began to collect outside the prison walls, either in support of the death penalty or against it. The crowd is also represented by the local clan members who were still actively supporting their brother in arms. Grandmothers and mothers with children picnic on the grass, while organizations against the death penalty march and chant their protests against the violent end of a life. The clan is bedecked in their uniform of cowardice, faces covered to protect their identity. The atmosphere is that of a circus or a county fair, and I was left with a sick feeling watching as the excitement grew with each of these groups as the time of death drew near.



This movie is full of suspense, with twists and turns that lead you finally to a shocking truth. We are allowed to see into the disgusting and appalling visions of those men who make up the clan. Watch this movie closely - there is so much to see in the characters faces - so much to hear between the dialog. This is a powerful account of the violence the south has been dealing with for years. Gene Hackman gives an academy award winning performance. His portrayal of Cayhall will tear at your heart and make you question how anyone could carry so much hate with them. There are strong performances by Chris O'Donnell and Faye Dunaway. Lela Rochon is stiff and uncertain, but easily overlooked for the overall quality of this film.

"The Chamber" is a James Foley Film, and a Brian Grazer/Davis Entertainment Production. It was produced by John Davis, Brian Grazer and Ron Howard, based on the novel by John Grisham. This movie is a film for adults, full of strong language, violence, and hatred, but it is also an eye-opening account of southern history and the violence surrounding the civil rights movement in the 1960's.

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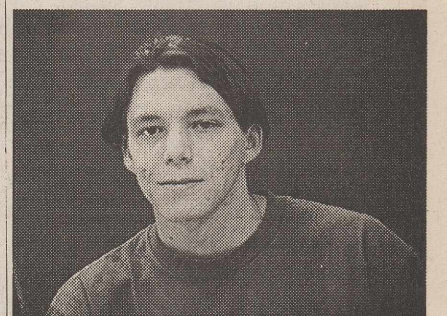


Austin offers music and fun

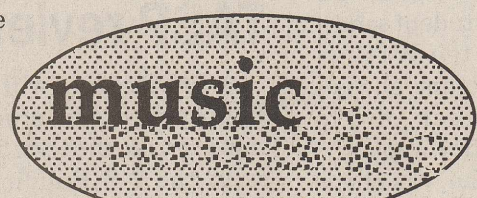
By Joshua Nash
Texan Staffer

This past weekend (April 3-5), I had the fortune to attend the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention with other staff members of the Western Texan. Even more fortunate for me was the fact that this TIPA convention was held in the beautiful city of Austin, by far the music capital within my busy schedule, I felt possibilities found along the

Having seen the excitement in a concert-going crowd, I was surprised to see such camaraderie amongst a large group with such diverse songs.



If anyone has not had the experience of walking the congested sidewalks of Sixth Street, let me be the first to tell you the level of excitement that exudes from every little store and bar along the way. As can be expected, the bars do not truly begin to wail until later on in the evening. However, I was pleased to observe quite a few places offering live performances by local bands as early as 7:30 in the evening. Likewise, one can expect to find virtually any type of music Street. I, along with the other staffers, ate at a place called The Jazz, a nationally held chain. Though no live performances took place during our meal, one could literally sense the mood of the place in full swing. The fenced-off stage, which divided two groupings of tables, surely offered an intimate setting for musician and audience alike. The Jazz proves but one of many different restaurants that offer good food and good music for a reasonable price.



Perhaps the most common form of live music found on Sixth Street is that of local bands consisting of singers, and percussionists. While their is absolving wrong with this being the mainstay, wishes to explore new musical experience of those people who wish to experience with help from two good friends, hailing just that.

The Ivory Cat is a rocking piano bar that sits on the corner of Sixth Street and San Jacinto. This 21 and over bar caters to anyone who truly loves to sway back and forth to some live music and sing along at the top of his or her lungs. This being my first taste of piano bars, I truly did not know what to expect. Expectations or not, what I found was a crowd of young adults that honestly I knew how to have some fun. The lone piano player, as funny as he was talented, took countless requests from the demanding crowd. From "American Pie" to "You Lost that Loving Feeling," one could not help but sing along. Having seen the excitement in a concert-going crowd, I was surprised to see such camaraderie amongst a large group with such diverse songs. All in all, I enjoyed myself immensely. I highly recommend this place to any who seek an enjoyable time

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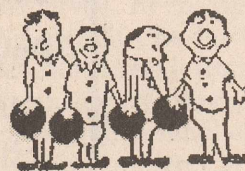
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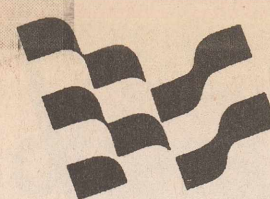
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Bullard shares memories of India

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A second challenge was the farming skills he was supposed to teach. "We were all taught these sophisticated farming techniques," he said, noting the villagers used wooden plows and animals for farming. "Not a lot you can do," he said. "The small farmers lacked the resources and the big farmers weren't interested."

None of the villagers had ever seen an American and he remembered several misconceptions. To them,

To them, America was an "unimaginable place—full of riches and immoral people."

he said, America was an "unimaginable place—full of riches and immoral people."

And the things he had taken for granted in America weren't

so simple in India. Things such as going to the bathroom, bathing or even taking a drink of water were a major ordeal.

In order to take a bath he had to go to the village wells. Each well consisted of hole with a clay pot used to extract the water. Taking a bath required pulling the water from the well and all the villagers would be at the wells at the same time.

Bullard would have to take a bath with all the other villagers around. "I would take a bath in my shorts and bathe in front of all these other people."

The simple act of drinking wa-

ter required boiling it until it was safe to drink. "I had to boil the water 10 minutes before I could even drink it or I would immediately get sick."

Bullard noted he made a very good friend in India. The Peace Corps provided a cook for him and his cook's name was Badra Lal. "He became one my best friends," said Bullard. Badra would cook, shop, and sweep.

Bullard's diet consisted mostly of roti (wheat tortillas), potatoes, rice and lentils. In India, only the lower caste eat meat and Badra Lal was of a lower caste so he could cook and prepare meat.

Bullard ate primarily goat meat because goats thrive better in the harsh conditions and because the cow is considered sacred to the Hindi. When he asked why the cow was sacred, they responded, "She's our mother."

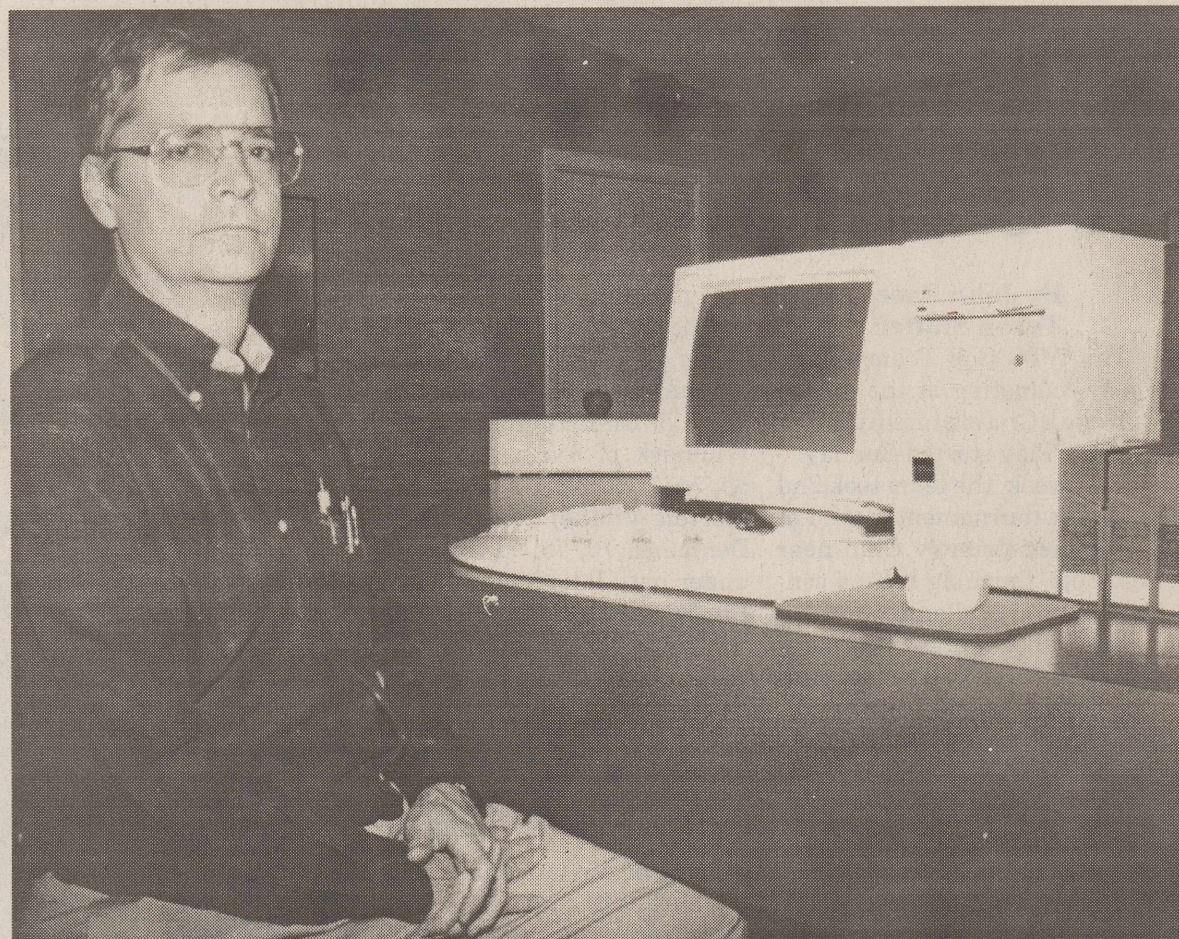
Bullard describes India as "hard to unify." It is a land of 15 different languages and heavily overpopulated. Another problem for unity is the caste system.

People are born into a caste system and it determines their social status, wealth and influences their personality. The opportunity to rise is not present like in America, he noted.

Since each caste regulates itself, there are no need for police. If a member of a particular caste misbehaves, their own caste takes care of it. One of the greatest punishments is to be without a caste, hence the phrase "out-caste."

"I learned, I got to see another culture, and it made me appreciate my own," said Bullard.

The hardships took their toll on the Peace Corps volunteers. Only 10 of the original 20 remained in



Drew Bullard

India for the full two years. Many could not handle the isolation and the harsh living conditions.

It was an hours walk in order to see another American and all the Peace Corps members would meet in Kolta to talk and relax about once a month.

Overall, Bullard believes he changed more than he changed anybody. "The people [are] not interested in being changed, they are believed that they are morally superior," said Bullard.

After his service in the Peace Corps was completed, he was given a plane ticket and a \$1,500 stipend. Alone,

he traveled Europe, visiting Greece, Italy, Germany and France.

At the end of his journey, "I was dying to get back home," he said. Bullard came back to Snyder and returned to his family's farming and ranching operations.

He married Carol Kramer in 1973. They have two children, Mark and Christina. Mark is a sophomore at the University of Texas and Christina is a junior at Snyder High School.

In 1981, he commuted to Texas Tech to obtain his teaching certificate. He taught English at Snyder High School for nine years.

"I enjoyed the kids, the rela-

tionships I developed," Bullard said about his teaching experience.

He stopped teaching in 1991 and opened Bullard's Computer Solutions. In addition to owning his business, he also manages his family's ranch.

Bullard was elected to the Western Texas College board of trustees in 1996.

"[I've] enjoyed it a lot," he said in reference to serving on the college board.

"I want to see WTC develop into a first class educational institution. I want to see excitement in the air, for it to have a reputation of excellence," Bullard said in regard to his goals for WTC.

Phi Theta Kappa set for national gathering

By April Martin
Texan Staffer

Phi Theta Kappa members are planning to attend the 79th annual International Convention April 24-26 at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Members will attend various workshops, award ceremonies and will have a chance to listen to a group of nationally known speakers.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the family and social psychologist known nationally as "Dr. Ruth," will introduce the honors topic of family.

Jeanne White, mother of AIDS victim Ryan White, will deliver the continuation of "Compassion, Understanding and Education", which focuses on AIDS awareness.

There will also be a debate featuring Lynne Cheney and Pat Schroder on the liberal verses the conservative side of family values.

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will be entering competitions at the event also. These will include Hallmark Awards essays written by members and previously entered at the Regional Convention held in March at Houston.

Also entered in the International Convention's contests will be the Psi Zeta yearbook.

GLT students compete at ALCA Career Days

By Patrick Hancock
Texan Staffer

WTC placed 16th overall out of 39 colleges and universities at the recent ALCA Career Days competition. The event is sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA).

A group of 12 GLT students from here competed March 21-23 at Richland College in Dallas.

The group competed in 20 events related to irrigation, horticulture and landscaping. The categories were Interior Landscape Design, Interior Plant ID, Irrigation Design, Personal Management, and Sales Presentations.

There were 481 students competing from the 39 colleges and universities.

For WTC, Coty Brasuell of Sweetwater finished 4th in his individual category, Irrigation Trouble Shooting. For the overall contest, he placed 122nd.

The top individual overall for WTC was Ed Russell of Mineral Wells, who placed 15th out of the 481 students.

In other individual competition, Marshall Carpenter of Buffalo Gap, 65th place; J.B. Barrett of Snyder, 76th place; Brian Hill of Des Moines, N.M., 98th place; Craig Kight of Cape Girardeau, Mo., 169th place.

Also, Luke Fletcher of Denver City, 177th place; Dale Daniels of Panhandle, 230th

place; Patrick O'Neal of San Antonio, 233rd place; Tyson King of Cape Girardeau, Mo., 262nd place; Cody Parrott of Coleman, 291st place; and Simon Saucedo of Snyder, 297th place.

Steve Tate, faculty advisor who accompanied the team, said, "Considering the competition there, I think we did very well."

Military group forms

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students who simply don't have the finances."

To clear up some of the stereotypes, Scott said the organization hopes to set up a military day "so students can see what the military does."

The group is an official WTC club and Scott said they plan to get involved in the community.

"We did receive \$1200 from the college. We are considered an organization and those are the set funds," she said.

Scott said the organization is not just for people in the military.

"Anybody who is remotely interested don't let the word military scare you off. It's not what a lot of people think."

A meeting is slated for 5:30 Wednesday in the Student Services office for persons interested in joining or for more information call Gabby Scott in the Student Services office at extension 394.

'Aquifer 97' due out this month

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who contributed. In all, 16 students contributed to this year's publication.

Work was submitted in each of the magazine's three categories, short stories, poems and essays.

Some 12 different contributors submitted more than 35 po-

ems.

Six individuals entered seven short stories and there was one essay entered.

Ben Sum, art instructor and faculty editor, has also assigned students to create original artwork based on some of the submissions.

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Golfers take 2nd in Gaines County

By John Baez
Texan Staffer

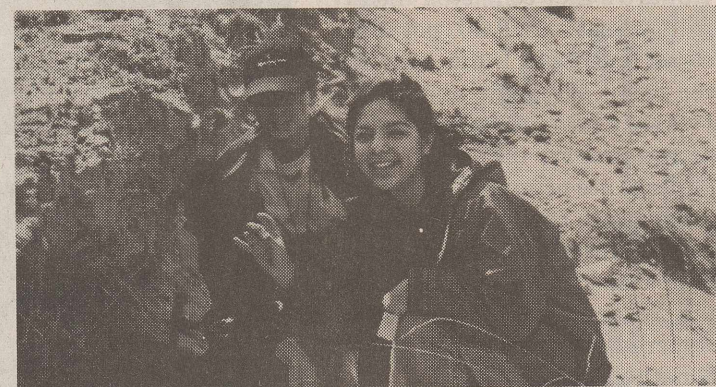
The WTC Golf Team is currently competing at the Junior College Championships in Abilene. Play started Sunday.

Last week, the team took 2nd place at a tournament played at the Gaines County Club near Seminole, finishing behind conference rival Midland.

WTC shot an 852, 12 under par. Midland took 1st place with a team total of 844, 20 under par; and New Mexico Military Insti-

tute placed 3rd with an 877.

The team's individual scores were: Andreas Ljunggren of Morrum, Sweden, 69, 71, 71 for 211, 5 under par; Fredrik Widmark of Tyringe, Sweden, 69, 74, 70 for 213, 3 under par; Morten Vildhøj of Haderslev, Denmark, 70, 73, 71 for 214, 2 under par; Jake McCullough of Big Spring, 71, 75, 70 for 216; Soren Muller of Roskilde, Denmark, 75, 75, 74 for 222; and Ole Fuglsang of Haderslev, Denmark, 78, 76, 75 for 229.



Explorers

Several students recently took part in a field trip to the Caprock near Fluvanna. Pictured are: top, Dr. Rollins Swanson, Dale Neves, and Belinda Torres; center, Angela Cox and Amanda Barrera; and bottom, Dr. Swanson and Jennifer Walker. (Contributed Photos)

Rodeo teams compete in Odessa...

Men 1st; Women 3rd in '97 season opener

By Lance Gaillard
Texan Staffer

Prior to this past weekend's WTC Rodeo, the men's and women's rodeo teams competed at the spring's first two competitions.

The men won the spring opener at the Odessa College Rodeo, but slipped out of the top four at the Howard Rodeo. For the women, Odessa and Howard provided a 3rd and a 2nd place respectively.

March 27-29 at Odessa was a great semester opener for both the WTC men and women.

The WTC men finished 1st with 365 points to beat Tarleton State University, 2nd with 210 points, and Vernon Regional Junior College, 3rd with 170 points.

The WTC women finished 3rd with 145 points, being beaten only by Vernon Regional Junior College, 2nd with 215 points, and Tarleton State University with 220 points.

In the bareback riding, Chad Maynard of Eastland won the average after placing 2nd in the first round with a score of 70 and 2nd in the short round with a score of 74.

Also in the bareback riding, Kyle Bowers of Brooks, Alberta, Canada finished 4th in the average after splitting 3/4 in the first round with a score of 68 points and placing 4th in the short round with a score of 67 points.

In the calf roping, Rusty Henard of Tatum, N.M. split 1/2 in the first round with a time of 10.3 sec.

In the break away roping, Chasity Rickman of Hereford won 2nd in the average after placing 2nd in the first round with a time of 3.0 sec. and splitting 1/2/3 in the short round with a time of 3.4 sec.

Also in the break away roping, Jaime Stewart of San Angelo placed 3rd in the average after splitting 1/2/3 in the short round with a time of 3.4 sec.

Winning the average in the saddle bronc riding was Pete Ellis of Fort Worth after placing 2nd in the first round with a score of 69 points and winning the short round with a score of 77 points.

Placing 2nd in the average in the saddle bronc riding was Shane Faulkner of Santa Fe, N.M. after placing 3rd in the first round with a score of 68 points and placing 2nd in the short round with a score of 76 points.

Also in the saddle bronc riding, Lance Gaillard of Texhoma,

Okla. placed 3rd in the average after winning the first round with a score of 71 points and split 3/4 in the short round with a score of 72 points.

In the goat tying, Amanda Walling of Moriarty, N.M. placed 3rd in the average after placing 4th in the first round with a time of 9.9 sec. and splitting 2/3 in the short round with a time of 9.3 sec.

In the team roping, Tanner "Shotgun" Boyd of Merkel and Rusty "Squirtgun" Henard of Tatum, N.M. placed 2nd in the average after placing 2nd in the first round with a time of 7.6 sec and 2nd in the short round with a time of 6.6 sec.

The Howard College Rodeo in Big Spring April 3-5 was a disappointing one for the WTC men's team as they finished out of the top four.

The WTC women's team came in a strong 2nd with 115 points, being beaten only by Tarleton State University, which

finished with 165 points. In the bareback riding, Miles Bell of Plainview finished 3rd in the average after placing 2nd in the short round with a score of 71 points.

Also in the bareback riding, Chad Maynard of Eastland placed 4th in the average after placing 4th in the first round with a score of 65 points and splitting 3/4 in the short round with a score of 69 points.

In the break away roping, Tona Wright of Moriarty, N.M. placed 4th in the average after splitting 1/2 in the short round with a time of 3.8 sec.

In the saddle bronc riding, Jeff Decker of Perryton split 3/4 in the average after splitting 2/3 in the first round with a score of 71 points and placing 4th in the short round with a score of 69 points.

In the steer wrestling, Ryan Weaver of Calhoun, Ga. placed 3rd in the average after placing 2nd in the short round with a time of 4.9 sec.

In the goat tying, Paige Burelsmith of Tatum, N.M. placed 3rd in the average after placing 2nd in the first round with a time of 10.3 sec. and splitting 3/4 in the short round with a time of 10.1 sec.

In the barrel racing, Tona Wright of Moriarty, N.M. placed 3rd in the average after placing 4th in the first round with a time of 16.56 sec. and placing 4th in the short round with a time of 16.74 sec.

Phi Theta Kappa names new leaders

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Executive board members will be April Martin, Rotan; Lacey Parker, Snyder; Stacey Parker, Snyder; Patrick Hancock, Aspermont; Patty Galvan, Roscoe; Paul Rucker, Lubbock; and Vanessa Early, Snyder.

As District 1 VP, Sweatt will serve as one of four vice presidents assisting the regional president and overseeing activities of the Texas Region in 1997-98.

He is a 1995 graduate of Hermleigh High School where he was his class salutatorian. He enrolled in WTC's Licensed Vocational Nursing program and graduated in August of 1996. He then passed his state exam and is now employed as an LVN at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He plans to continue work toward an associates degree at WTC next fall and spring. He is

the son of Vivian and James Rinehart of Hermleigh.

Psi Zeta won the District 1 post as a chapter March 22 at the Regional Phi Theta Kappa convention in Houston.

District 1 ranges from Amarillo to the north to El Paso to the west and includes such colleges as South Plains in Levelland, Midland and Odessa College.

Other chapters winning regional 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.

This will mark the second year in a row for Psi Zeta to receive the honor. This past year, Barbara Chapman served as the District 1 vice president.

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