

Baseball program gets go-ahead for consideration

By Amanda Gutierrez-Baez
Texan Staffer

WTC administrators say they will prepare a spring budget for board consideration which will include the addition of men's baseball in the fall of 2000.

Adding the new sport was discussed at a March 11 board meeting and college administrators were given the go-ahead at that time to continue with plans.

The discussion included the

possibility of discontinuing golf at with the addition of baseball.

WTC Vice President Bettie McQueen said last Wednesday that discontinuing the golf program was considered simply as a budget matter, noting the added expense related to baseball.

In last week's interview, however, Mrs. McQueen described her interpretation of the board as "not supportive" or "receptive" to the idea of "laying down" golf.

She said proposals will be prepared for the board to show budget costs with and without the golf team and final decisions are expected at the end of June.

Mrs. McQueen noted information presented at the meeting indicating a baseball team would possibly bring in approximately 50 students compared to the 10 students recruited through golf.

Another positive factor for baseball noted was the potential

for "filling up the dorm."

Attending the March 11 meeting were board members Carolyn Barbee, Lee Presswood, Eddie Peterson, Jay Kidd, R.C. Patton, Jackie Greene and Drew Bullard.

"I think it would be wonderful to have a baseball team" said Bullard.

Other items related to the addition of the new sport included how baseball scholarships would affect the availability of such aide

for regular students, and what new facilities would be required for a baseball team.

Mrs. McQueen said that "a possible six to eight students" may receive baseball scholarships. With this small number, there would still be sufficient scholarship money for other students, she said, adding it is believed the community will support a baseball team.

The report regarding baseball

was prepared by a campus committee headed by Dr. Jim Durham.

Regarding new facilities for the team, Durham told the board, "We don't have the adequate facilities right now to house a baseball team."

He noted the team would have to have dressing rooms and training areas costing up to \$370,000.

A possible drawback to the See **BASEBALL**, page 5

Chinese artists visit WTC

By Amy Lester
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Three guest artists on campus from Hong Kong presented an Art Show/Gallery Talk on Friday in the fine arts department: husband and wife-Martie Geiger-Ho and Kong Ho along with Chan Kam Shing.

Some 39 faculty, students, administrators, and community members attended the show.

Martie Geiger-Ho discussed the kiln gods and their role in creating the art. She brought out the masculine and feminine sides in her works which represent the human body.

"In China, we only have access to electric kilns. Artists have to add their own touch because the fire doesn't take care of it," she said.

Her pieces connect to completing a series, and four separate works are on display.

Kong Ho creates sculptures as well as flat pieces, five of which are on display. His paintings involve the concept of mathematics. Some have openings in them



Visiting artists Kong Ho, Chan Kam Shing and Martie Geiger-Ho

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TV studio work now underway

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

Work is now underway to create a combination TV studio/classroom on campus.

The new facility is located on the second floor in the LRC and will combine rooms 203A and 204A. When converted, the two rooms together will comprise approximately 900 sq. ft.

The west end of the room will entail a control booth from which two video cameras, located in front of the booth, can be controlled for a "two-camera shoot" of college classes.

As planned, these videotapes will be used with the college's Distance Learning curriculum. Students at extension centers will be provided copies of the tapes for use as part of instruction for college credit classes.

The videotaping will occur while a regular college class is in progress. The classroom portion covers some 600 sq. ft.

The control booth, a room approximately 12 ft. by 25 ft., will be separated by a wall with two large double-paned glass panels making it sound proof.

All video-related equipment for the project is already under the responsibility of the Mass Communications Department.

The construction work is being completed by WTC's own staff, carpenter Gray Bailey and electrician Bobby Jones.

The estimated cost for the project is less than \$2,000.

Inside the control booth will be such equipment as a video switcher—which doubles as a video edit controller—three monitors, a VCR player, a VCR recorder and a character generator for creating title effects.

Videotapes of class instruction will be edited for length and to "insert" shots of such things as closeups of information written on the blackboard, class handouts or overhead projections.

Included with the control booth will be a separate audio control room. It will house such equipment as a CD player, a digital audio tape (DAT) player, a video cassette player and various microphones.

To accommodate studio-type lighting, the classroom portion of the facility will have its ceiling height raised some 4 ft. Metal piping will be added from which lights can be hung.

Completion for the classroom/studio is set for May 1. The first class scheduled to be videotaped will be this summer. Tentative plans are to tape an algebra class taught by Stephanie Ducheneaux.

Classes videotaped this summer will be under the supervision of Mass Comm instructor Donny Brown.

Student organizations hold conventions

Several WTC students and faculty will be participating in state conventions during the month of April. Organizations involved include the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the Student Government Association, and the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

Members of the Psi Zeta chapter for Phi Theta Kappa will be

attending the Texas Regional Conference in Austin on April 8-11.

Seven members of Psi Zeta and two faculty members will be attending the conference.

As a chapter, the group will again be running for vice president of District 1.

The state contains four districts and one vice president from

each district will be selected. The Psi Zeta chapter has held this position for the last three years.

Psi Zeta representative Jessica Garmer, who is now president of the local chapter, will give a campaign speech from the floor of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol.

During the same weekend, the WTC Student Government Association (SGA) will be running for state office while attending the annual SGA convention for Texas community college student governments at the Radison Town Lake in Austin.

There are six regions in Texas and the group of officers will represent all six.

WTC is presently the only student government chapter running for the position of President

for the SGA group.

WTC is in Region I. There are eight other schools in the Region I area: Amarillo, El Paso, Frank Phillips, Howard/Big Spring, Howard/San Angelo, Midland, Odessa and South Plains.

The senators who are eligible to attend the convention are: Jason Kerby, Kara Wood, Jason Tyler, Jason Campbell, Elizabeth Covey, Jessica Hernandez, Amy Lester, Nicol Mazarova, Shana Parkerson, Chris Holt, C.J. Chaney, Brad Easter, Joni Sue Freeman, Amanda Wells, Nicki Riggs and Angela Riggs.

The meetings will be held at the Capital in the Senate Chambers. The opening ceremonies will begin Thursday with college theme night where delegates will represent their college by wear-

ing school-related apparel.

Friday there will be several general assemblies. Four year colleges will have booths set up for the students.

A talent show will also be held as one of the activities on Friday night. Four senators from WTC will be performing in the talent show: Kara Wood, Elizabeth Covey, Amanda Wells and Joni Sue Freeman.

Other issues that will be discussed are the TASP test and admissions into four year universities.

The different schools will compete in a media presentation, scrapbook, essay or song.

The school may choose to compete in all of the activities or only one. The convention will end by choosing a chapter of the year and an advisor of the year.

In addition to the PTK and SGA conventions, the results of a college newspaper contests entered by Western Texan staff members will be revealed at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) annual convention in Kerrville April 8-10.

The TIPA Banquet and Awards presentation will be on Friday, April 9, for yearbook, Literary Magazine, General Magazine, and Radio Television.

On Saturday, April 10, the TIPA Brunch and Awards Presentation for newspaper contests and the Advisor of the Year award will be announced.

Silent auction planned by PTK to raise funds

Phi Theta Kappa is holding a silent auction in the Student Center to help raise money to attend the Regional and International conferences.

The "silent auction" process involves bids written on a sheet of paper underneath the sheet describing the item bid upon.

The winners of the auction will be decided by the largest bid amount and those bidding can see what the previous bidder offered.

Bids will be taken until 10:50 a.m. on April 1.

Some of the items can be viewed in PTK adviser Carolyn Osborn's office located in the Counseling Center.

Items offered for auction are:

—A trailer-load of firewood donated by David Kattes.

—A pottery platter donated by Ty Brunson.

—A one-hour massage donated by Toni Hall.

—A radiator heater donated by Ann Galyean.

—A pen set from a Japanese Pagoda tree and a pen set from the WTC gym floor donated by Ed Barkowsky.

—A pencil portrait by Ben Sum.

—Life guarding for a swim party by Mike Harrison.

—Preferred parking for one week donated by George Cormack.

—Half-a-hog donated by Jim Judah and the ag. department.

—Cookies for a month donated by Deborah Baremore.

—Lemon or chocolate cheesecake donated by Terry Busby.

—Brownies donated by Ann Galyean.

—Brownies and cheesecake donated by Jennifer Beard.

Astronomy Club forms

In an effort to promote interest in the planets that make up our solar system, adjunct professor, Dr. Rollin Swanson, has organized a community-wide Astronomy Club.

An organizational meeting was held March 25 in the Scurry County Museum, and the first public exhibition is planned for April 15.

Current plans are to use the club's membership to help oper-

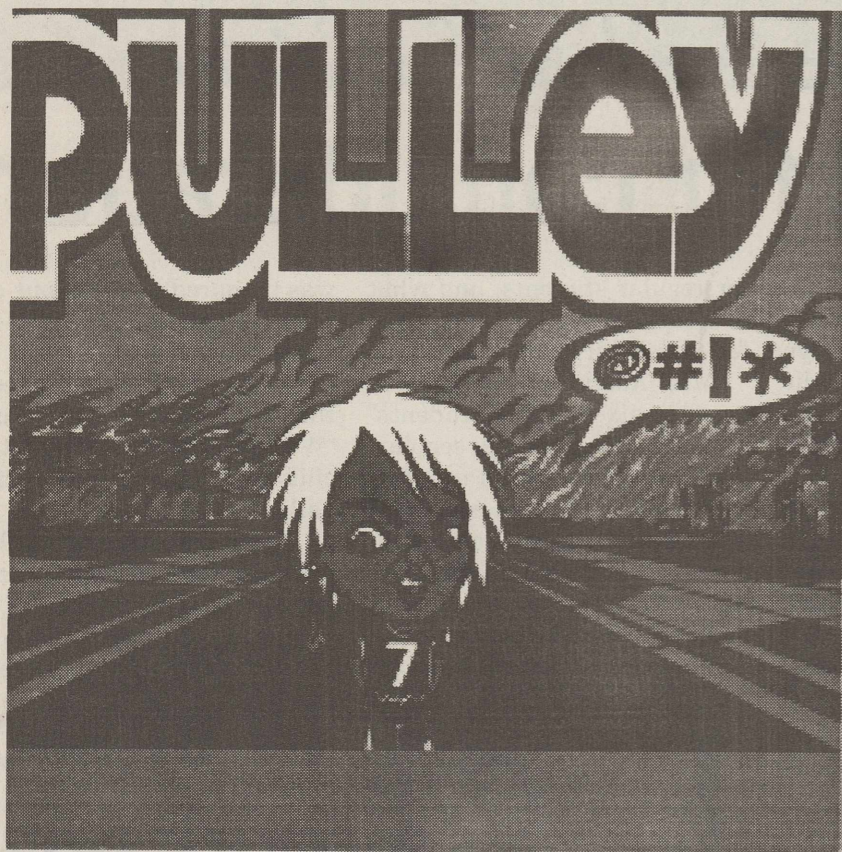
ate the WTC planetarium.

The club plans to have meetings once a month to make general observations of the sky to meet with other planetarium groups from around the area. Other meetings will be centered around special celestial occasions.

Organizing the Astronomy Club is among Swanson's latest work to interest the general public in the stars.

music reviews

by Chris Halbert



Pulley - @#!*
If you are a fan of punk rock music in any way, Pulley's third release needs to be the next album you purchase. I happened upon the album just by chance, and I haven't been able to put it down since I got it. By the way, I guess you get to choose any four letter curse word you like to be the title since they only offer symbols.

Pulley is comprised of members of several other popular punk bands: Face to Face, Ten Foot Pole, Strung Out, and Scared Straight. This mixing of groups may be the cause of the diversity that "@#!*" has. "Sick" has a definite hardcore edge, while "Nothing to Lose" has a bit of ska influence, and "Second Best" almost sounds like Bad Religion. "Soberbeah" is another good track, with an extremely catchy guitar line and a bleak view of suburban life.

"@#!*" is definitely one of the best CD's I've picked up in quite a while. Even if you're not a fan of punk, I strongly suggest you give this album a chance. It could make you into a fan. If you enjoy this CD, you may also want to get Pulley's two previous albums, "60 Cycle Hum" and "Esteem Driven Engine."

Various Artists - The Metallic-Era

This album will probably be of high interest to anyone who's a big fan of Metallica, or at least their cover songs. With the recent release of Metallica's "Garage Inc.," the buzz is around about Metallica's covers, and what a supplement this CD is. You see, it's a collection of most of the songs Metallica covered in the eighties ("Blitzkrieg," "Helpless," "Breadfan," etc.). It has tracks from Metallica's "Garage Days Re-Vis-

ited," as well as the B-sides they've recorded.

The most interesting thing about this album is to hear how much Metallica was influenced by all of these bands. There are several styles in these original versions that can distinctly be heard in Metallica's work.

If one didn't know that these songs were related to Metallica in any way, they might think that they were influenced by Metallica's music.

Not only is "The Metallic-Era" for Metallica fans, but it is for general fans of heavy metal as well. This is a great "historical" album, because it contains forerunners of the New Wave of British Heavy Metal that occurred in the early eighties. Bands like Diamond Head, Blitzkrieg, and Sweet Savage help make up this list of N.W.O.B.H.M. members.

There's also Budgie, critically hailed as one of the most underrated bands in heavy rock history, and Killing Joke, regarded as the godfathers of industrial rock.

Finally, there's the Anti-Nowhere League, an English punk band who was shocking way before there was Marilyn Manson, with a leather-and-chains look and extremely vulgar lyrics. Their specific song, as you may have guessed, is "So What."

The Metallic-Era is a great album, and it interesting to hear the original versions of these songs after having grown up with the Metallica versions.

One final note; this album is only available on import, so not all stores will stock it. It may be a little harder to find than most albums, but definitely worth the hunt.

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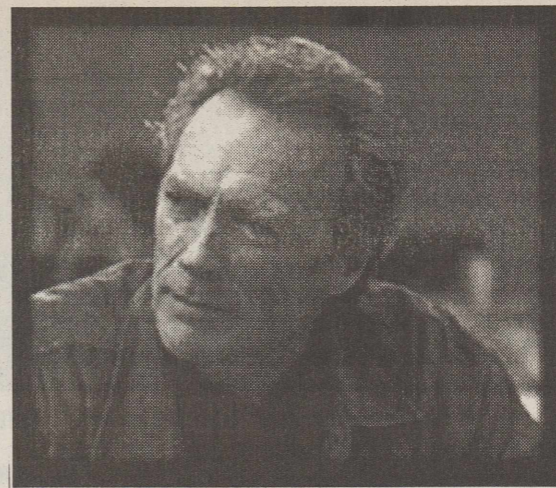
MY MOM IS A PHYSICIST.

Film Clips



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BABY GENIUSES. This car crash of a film, directed by Bob "Porky's" Clark, is so bad on so many levels that it's difficult to decide what to address first. Should we start with the concept, about an evil corporation named BABYCO, led by a fascist doctor named Kinder, that is conducting questionable experimentation on very



True Crime's star and director Clint Eastwood

young children, especially twins? Should I go right to the structure, which borrows the aw-shucks talking babies idea from "Look Who's Talking" and mixes it with the mischievous antics of "Home Alone," so that we have bad guys getting their comeuppance at the hands of cackling genius babies? The most notable emotion one is left with is sorrow that such stalwart actors as Kathleen Turner, Peter MacNicol, Kim Cattrall and the great Ruby Dee found their way into this bomb. PG. Zero stars. — J.P.

THE CORRUPTOR. Hong Kong superstar Chow Yun-Fat portrays Nick Chen, a Chinese-born detective for the NYPD, who works Chinatown as part of the Asian Gang Unit. He's assigned a young, serious partner (Mark Wahlberg) after the appearance of a group of young toughs hungry to take over power from the older, established bosses. The main problem stems from director James Foley's admirable goal of making the story more involved. Instead, it grows confusing. "The Corruptor" is a step up for Chow Yun-Fat's burgeoning American movie career, but as appealing as he is here, they have yet to tap into the dark menace that made him such an idol in Asia. R. 3 stars. — J.P.

CRUEL INTENTIONS. There's a "playing house" quality to this teen version of "Dangerous Liaisons," as Sarah Michelle Gellar vamps in overdrive as the fiendish Kathryn Merteuil while Ryan Phillippe glowers and pouts as heart-breaker Sebastian Valmont, who sets his sights on a sweet virgin played by Reese Witherspoon. Although first-time writer-director Roger Kumble moves the story along briskly at first, you may eventually realize you neither care about these characters nor enjoy their scheming. With promiscuous high school culture replacing the repressed societies of "Dangerous Liaisons" and "Valmont," Kathryn and Sebastian just come across as spoiled, disaffected rich kids. Like the stylish, vacant "Jawbreaker," "Cruel

Intentions" revels in its heroine's nastiness, then expects you to get charged up for her downfall. R. 2 stars. — M.C.

THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN. This is a tale that should have touched audiences to the quick, moved them as effortlessly as many were moved by the book on which it was based: Jacquelyn Mitchard's bestseller. But, for me at least, it doesn't. The problem may lie, partly, in the obliterating power of "Deep End's" central story. This film takes what must be a mother's worst fear — the sudden disappearance of a young child — and gives it body and contour. As we watch, mother Beth Cappadora (Michelle Pfeiffer) looks away for a minute from her young child Ben (Michael Mcelroy) at a high school reunion, leaving him with his older brother. And in that instant, the child is gone. Will he be found? Will he be the same? Can she ever forgive herself? This is a movie that should have made us cry and bleed. But though it's an affecting, polished film, it's not satisfying: a nightmare that never achieves full intensity. PG-13. 2 stars. — M.W.

FORCES OF NATURE. Sandra Bullock is paired with Ben Affleck in this on-the-road romantic comedy of modest intentions and lesser results. He's an uptight New Yorker on his way to Georgia to wed girlfriend Bridget (Maura Tierney). He's distracted by Bullock's kooky and comely character, and their on-the-road travail is contrived and plentiful, including a near plane crash; getting arrested; getting rained and hailed on; having to take their clothes off; dancing for money at a gay bar; hooking up with a bunch of seniors on a bus tour. The stars make a most unlikely pair, and unlikable as well, self-consumed sorts leading and likely to ever lead their lives on the most emotionally superficial levels. Bad trip. PG-13. One star. — R.K.

HILARY AND JACKIE. This film is not named, as some will suspect, for recent first ladies. Rather, it's the true story of musical prodigies Hilary and Jacqueline du Pre, sisters who grew up in England in the '50s and Swinging Sixties. As a young woman, Jackie (Emily Watson) has won international acclaim as a cellist. But Hilary (Rachel Griffiths), a flutist, has attracted something even more precious, a gentleman who loves her. Hilary isn't alone in love, as Jackie attracts the attention of a musician celebrated in his own right — pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim (James Frain). The drama of the relationship between the sisters lies in Jackie's jealousy of Hilary — first, of her musical ability, and later, of her happy marriage. This film works, I think, because the actresses knew they were telling a true story, therefore they couldn't back away from any of its extreme emotions or physical demands. Watson and Griffiths are absolutely convincing. R. 3-1/2 stars. — G.S.

TRUE CRIME. "True Crime" is another true movie pleasure from one of the most reliable movie guys around: actor-director-producer Clint Eastwood. Based on Andrew Klavan's ultra-efficient 1997 novel — a beat-the-clock mystery thriller about charmingly raffish reporter Steve Everett (Eastwood) trying to save a Death Row inmate (Isaiah Washington) on the last day before his execution — it's been assembled by co-producer Eastwood with loving care and helmed by director Eastwood with his usual quiet authority and professionalism. As for actor Eastwood, he does wonders with a somewhat atypical role: a once-drunken womanizing Oakland crime reporter who stumbles onto a hot story about wrongful conviction and a long-ago murder, and tries to break it open before the condemned man's last mile. R. 3-1/2 stars. — M.W.

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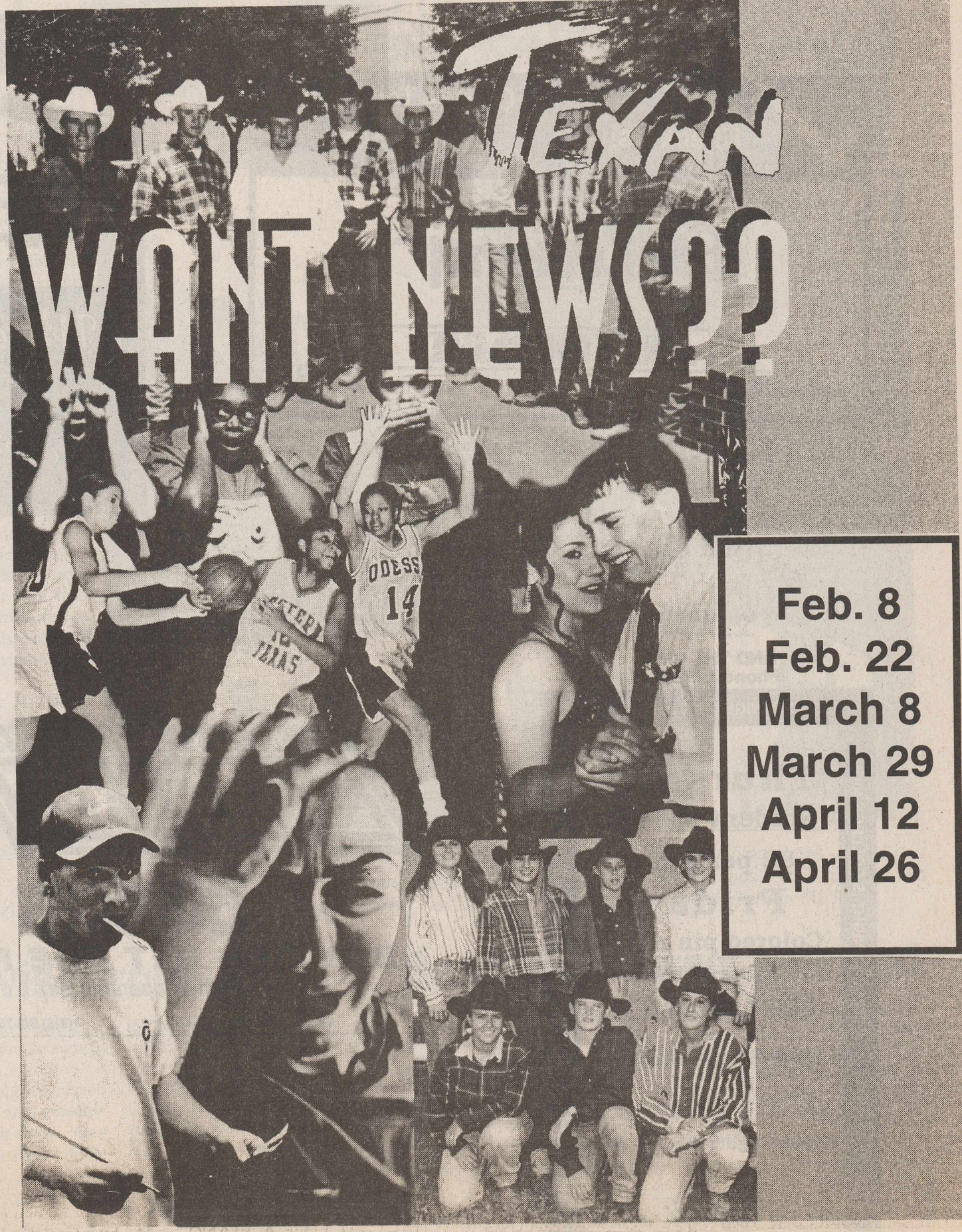
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Changes for 1999-2000 academic year . . .

WTC calendar finalized

By Shannon Null
Texan Staffer

Returning WTC students next school year can expect a slightly longer school calendar—one which ends the fall term one week later in December—but more single day holidays.

The WTC 1999-2000 school calendar was recently finalized.

Changes noted include a startup date for the fall semester which is two days later than last

year. Registration begins Aug. 25—a Wednesday.

Classes, which have started on the Wednesday following two days of registration, will now begin on the following Monday.

New holidays added to the calendar in the fall are Columbus Day Oct. 8, and the Thanksgiving holiday starting half a day earlier on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Finals will begin three days later compared to last fall. Fi-

nals will begin Dec. 8 and last through Friday, Dec. 15.

This past year, the fall term ended Friday, Dec. 11.

The entire campus closed for three weeks last December and this closing will be shortened to two weeks under the new plan.

The campus will re-open for the spring term on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000. Registration for the spring semester will begin on Jan. 13, two days earlier than last year. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Several new holidays have also been added for the spring such as Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 17, and Good Friday on Friday, April 21.

March 13-17 will be spring break and will again coincide with Snyder public schools.

During the month of May a new short semester has been added to give students the opportunity to add three credit hours during an approximate 15 day time period.

Registration for the May-mester will begin May 15, with placement and classes all beginning on that day. The finals for May-mester will be held June 1.

Summer classes for the year 2000 have been scheduled to begin on May 30 and will last through Aug. 17.

The following is a complete listing of the new 1999-2000 WTC Schedule:



Meats Judging Team members (front) Lisha Leatherwood, Jamie Ellis, Jenny Majkszak, Matt Pond, Randy Dudley, Cody Lawrence, (back) Cody Cribbs, Chris Jones, Kyle Long and Tanner Means pose with this year's awards. (Staff Photo by John Michel)

1999 - 2000 WTC Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 18	Fall in-service begins
Sunday, Aug. 22	Residence halls open, 2 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 23	Placement testing through Thursday, Aug. 26
Wednesday, Aug. 25	Registration for fall semester begins
Thursday, Aug. 26	Registration for fall semester
Monday, Aug. 30	Fall semester classes begin
Monday, Aug. 30	Residence hall orientation, Fine Arts Theatre, 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 6	Labor Day holiday, campus closed
Wednesday, Sept. 8	Last day to register, add or change for fall semester
Wednesday, Sept. 8	Placement testing
Wednesday, Sept. 15	12th class day for fall semester
Friday, Oct. 8	Columbus Day holiday, campus closed
Monday, Nov. 15	Last day to drop for fall semester
Tuesday, Nov. 23	Residence halls close, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 24	Thanksgiving holiday, campus closed through Friday, Nov. 26
Sunday, Nov. 28	Residence halls open, 2 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 29	Classes resume
Friday, Dec. 3	Last day to withdraw from institution for fall semester
Wednesday, Dec. 8	Finals for fall semester begin
Wednesday, Dec. 15	Residence halls close, 2 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17	End of fall semester
Monday, Dec. 20	Christmas holiday, campus closed through Monday, Jan. 3
Tuesday, Jan. 4	Offices open
Monday, Jan. 10	Spring in-service begins
Wednesday, Jan. 12	Residence halls open, 2 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13	Registration for spring semester begins
Thursday, Jan. 13	Placement testing
Friday, Jan. 14	Registration for spring semester
Friday, Jan. 14	Placement testing
Monday, Jan. 17	Martin Luther King holiday, campus closed
Tuesday, Jan. 18	Spring semester classes begin
Monday, Jan. 24	Last day to register, add or change for spring semester
Monday, Jan. 24	Placement testing
Wednesday, Feb. 2	12th class day for spring semester
Friday, March 10	Residence halls close 2 p.m.
Monday, March 13	Spring break, campus closed through Friday, March 17
Sunday, March 19	Residence halls open 2 p.m.
Monday, March 20	Classes resume
Friday, March 31	Last day to drop for spring semester
Friday, April 21	Good Friday holiday, campus closed
Wednesday, April 26	Last day to withdraw from institution for spring semester
Wednesday, May 3	Finals for spring semester begin
Friday, May 5	Commencement
Wednesday, May 10	Residence halls close 2 p.m.
Friday, May 12	End of spring semester
Monday, May 15	Registration for May-mester begins
Monday, May 15	Placement testing
Monday, May 15	May-mester classes begin
Tuesday, May 16	Registration for May-mester
Monday, May 22	Begin 4-day work week
Thursday, May 25	Last day to withdraw from institution for May-mester
Thursday, May 25	Registration for 6 & 9 week summer sessions
Thursday, May 25	Placement testing
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day holiday, campus closed
Tuesday, May 30	Registration for 6 & 9 week summer sessions
Tuesday, May 30	6 & 9 week summer session classes begin
Wednesday, May 31	Last day to register, add or change for 6 & 9 wk summer session classes
Thursday, June 1	Finals for May-mester
Thursday, June 1	End of May-mester
Thursday, June 29	Last day to withdraw from institution for 6 week summer session
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day holiday, campus closed
Thursday, July 6	Finals for 6 wk summer session
Thursday, July 6	End of 6 wk summer session
Monday, July 10	Registration for second summer session
Monday, July 10	Placement testing
Tuesday, July 11	Second summer session classes begin
Wednesday, July 12	Registration for second summer session
Thursday, July 20	Last day to register, add or change for second summer session
Thursday, July 20	Last day to withdraw from institution for 9 week summer session
Monday, July 24	Finals for 9 week summer session
Tuesday, July 25	End of 9 week summer session
Tuesday, Aug. 1	Success seminar
Thursday, Aug. 3	Success seminar
Thursday, Aug. 10	Last day to withdraw from institution for second summer session
Thursday, Aug. 17	Finals for second summer session
Thursday, Aug. 17	End of second summer session

Artists visit from China

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to give a window effect to signify "escapism".

Chan Kam Shing discussed the 12 drawings and ceramic pieces he has in the show. One of his pieces illustrated the fight-

ing horses. This showed the relationship between horse and war. He creates prints on walls due to the limited facilities in China, and noted that his works produce "Chinese ideas and symbols in more contemporary form."

Baseball program gets nod

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the addition of baseball while retaining golf involves Title IX rules pertaining to gender equality in sports.

If golf was retained, the college would at some point have to

add an additional women's sport. Regarding this, Mrs. McQueen said the new facilities could also be equipped for women's softball. This would put the school in accordance with Title IX.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

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1999

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DATE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
MARCH 18-20	NEW MEXICO JR. COLLEGE	LOVINGTON, NM
MARCH 25-27	ODESSA COLLEGE	ODESSA
APRIL 1-3	HOWARD COLLEGE	BIG SPRING
APRIL 8-10	WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE	SNYDER, TX
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Rodeo teams place 2nd at first event of season

A second place finish ended the first spring rodeo of the 1999 season for both the Men's and the Women's Rodeo Teams at WTC.

The teams competed at the New Mexico Junior College Rodeo in Hobbs, N.M. March 18-20.

The men ended the events with 205 points and women gained 220. In first place for the men was the team from West Texas A&M with 350 points and Tarleton and Howard were a close third/fourth split with 190 points each.

For the women, in first place was the team from Tarleton with 265 points. Third went to Odessa College with 100 points.

The men's points came in the bareback and the steer wrestling events; while the women topped out in break away roping and goat tying.

In the bareback, Wes Stevenson of Kaufman finished

1st in both the long-go and the short-go with point totals respectively of 73 and 75 for 148 in the average.

Adding points for steer wrestling was Australian cowboy Luke Richards, who finished in a tie for 1st/2nd. He had a total time of 10.1 after recording 5.2 and 4.9 in the first two rounds.

Teammate Leland Wood of Silverton finished 4th in steer wrestling with times of 6.8 and 5.0 for a total of 11.8.

For the women, Sequin Downey of Amarillo finished first in break away roping. Her two times of 3.1 in the long-go and 3.8 in the short-go combined for the winning average of 6.9.

In goat tying, a 3rd place finish by Terra Bynum of Snyder completed the women's points. She had times of 9.1 and 8.9 for a total of 18.0, 1 second shy of 1st place.

WTC competed this past

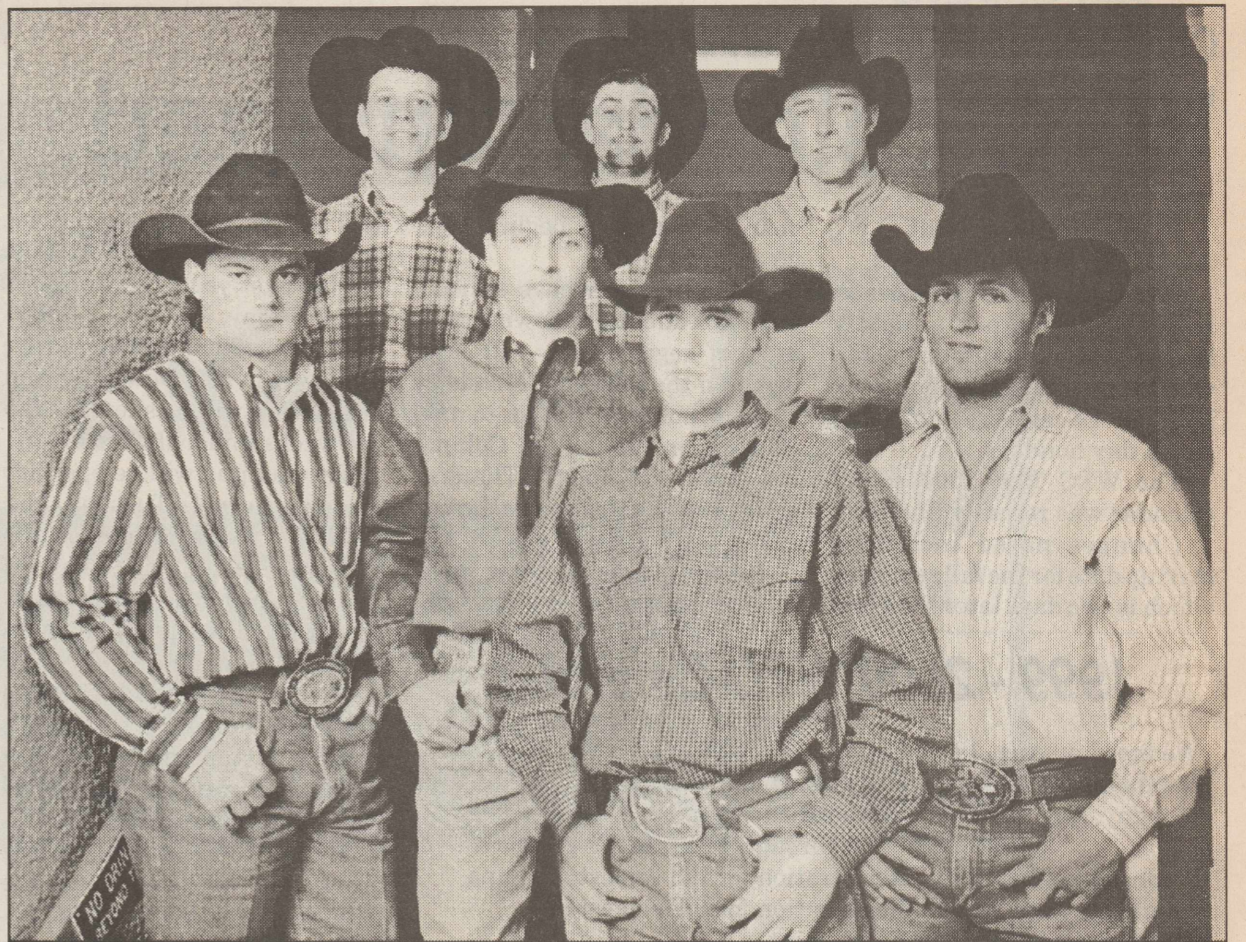
weekend at the Odessa College Rodeo.

At the end of the five fall rodeos, the WTC Men's and Women's teams were in 3rd and 2nd place respectively. Leading the conference in both categories prior to the start of the spring rodeos was Tarleton State University (TSU).

The WTC men had 762 points for fall, trailing TSU with 997 and West Texas A&M with 944. In fourth place was Odessa College with 743.

For the WTC women, 650 points placed them well ahead of 3rd place West Texas A&M but far behind Tarleton with 1,298.

The overall season won't be determined until the spring rodeo season ends. Future rodeos will see WTC compete April 1-3 at the Howard College Rodeo; April 8-10 at the hometown WTC Rodeo; and April 29-May 1 at the Tarleton State Rodeo.



Saddlebronc Riders

In the saddlebronc competition, team members are (front row, from left) Matt Whitman, Bay Hecht, Zane Wagoner, Bill Herbert, (back row) Kyle Bowers, Jim Bob Ellisor and Zane Runyan. (WTC Photo)

3 Lady Dusters 'honorable mention' for All Conference basketball team

By John Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

Three Lady Westerners were recently named to Honorable Mention All Conference Team honors by the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Two of the Lady Dusters were repeats from last year, Pamela Odhuong'o of Nairobi, Kenya; and Christy Wells of Lub-

bock. Added this year was Rosalind Lawrence of Cleburne.

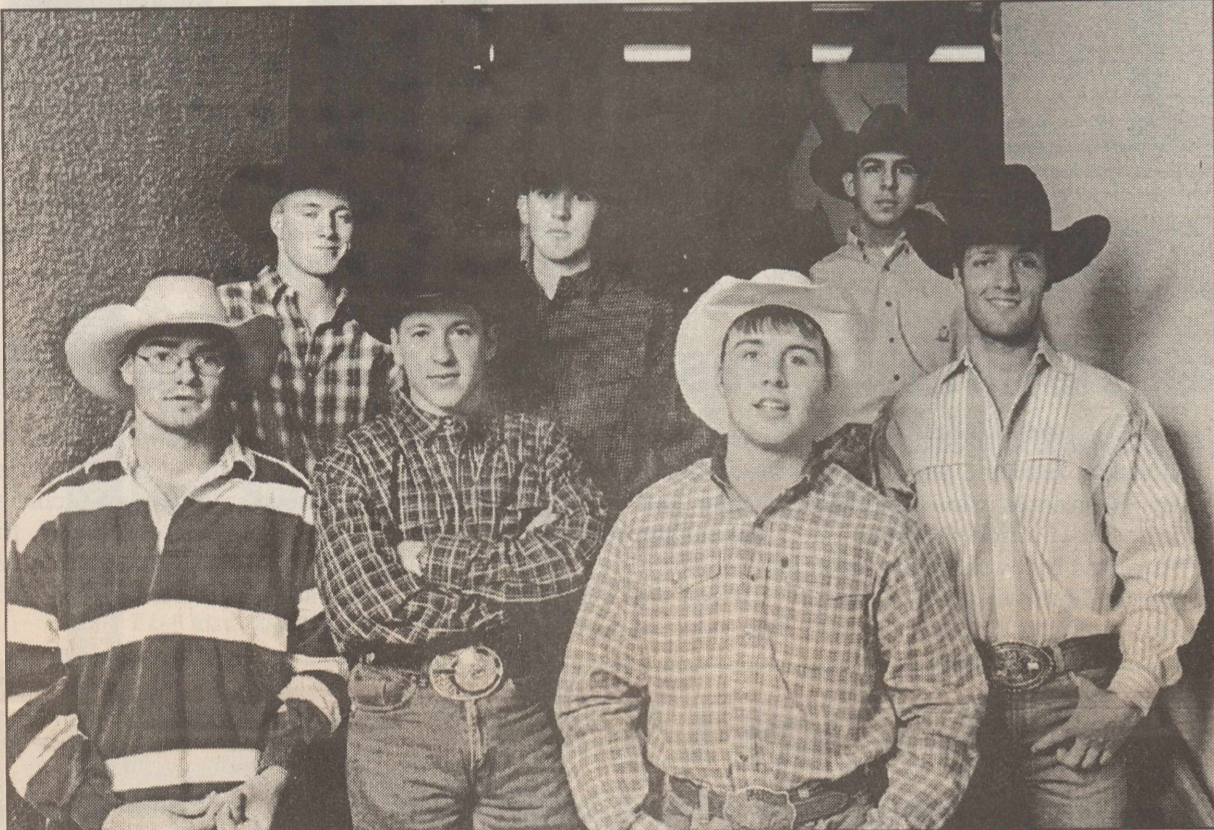
The All Conference team was comprised of 10 players.

They were Jhudy Gonzales from Midland College, La Tash Moore from Howard College, Kirl Neptune from Clarendon College and Tasha Campbell from Odessa College.

Other players were Fatime

Ndaiye from Midland College, Genevieve Swedor New Mexico JUCO, Missy Frazier from South Plains College, Shelly Alderman from Midland College, Jody Avent from South Plains College, and Vanessa Dunn from New Mexico JUCO.

The Coach of the Year went to Ron Jones, now head coach at Midland and a former Western Texas College basketball coach.



Bull Riders

Riding bulls for the WTC team are (front row, from left) Layne McCasland, Bee Jay Scott, Wes Dinwiddie, Bill Herbert, (back row) Casey Baize, Zane Wagoner and Ricky Castillo. (WTC Photo)

Basketball players end season with Top 10 for individual stats

By John Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

Seven players from WTC were among the Top 10 in individual statistic categories at the close of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball sea-

son. Pamela Odhuong'O was mentioned in three categories as she led in rebounding—a 9.9 average per game.

She was also in 6th place for scoring (12.1 points per game) and in 2nd place in blocks (1.4 per game).

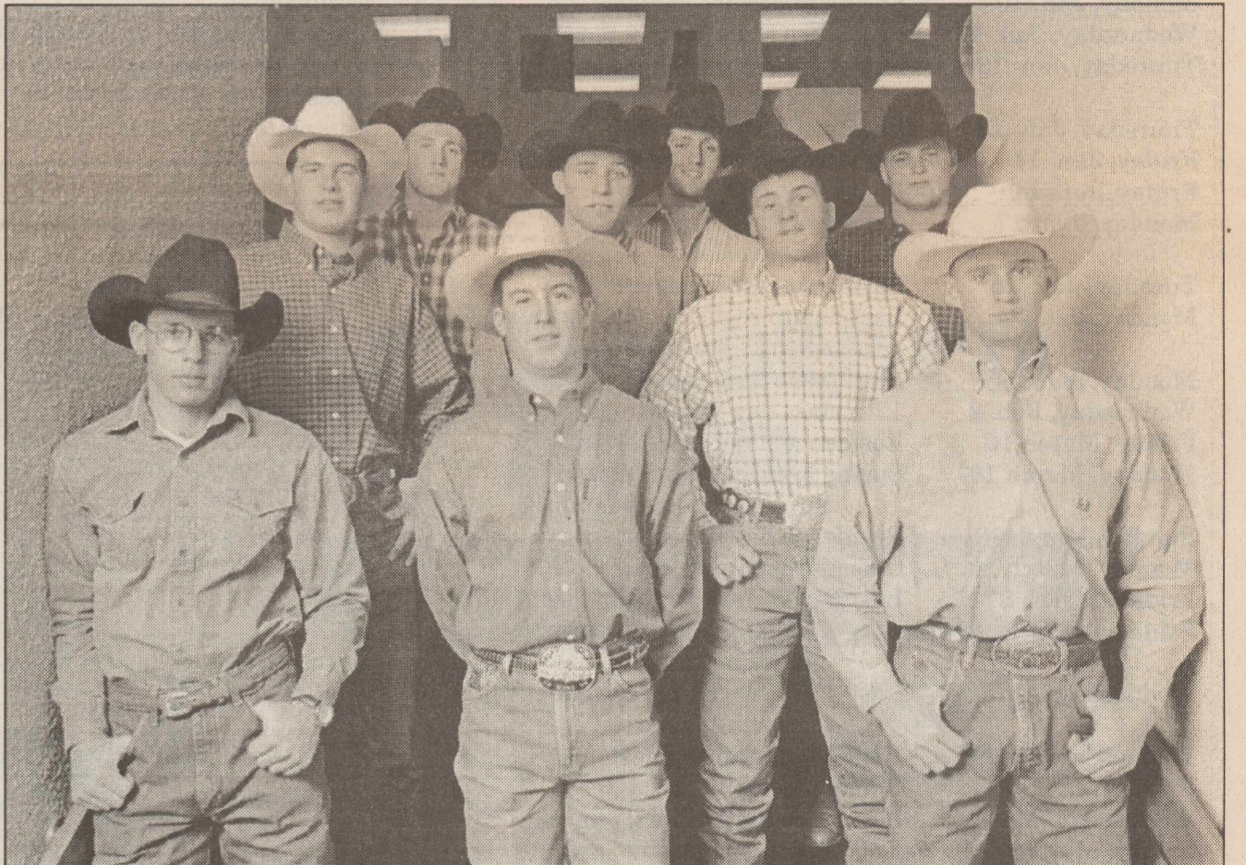
Christy Wells was also mentioned in two categories, 10th in assists with 3.0 average and 6th in steals with a 2.7 average.

Others mentioned in steals

were Carrie Fincher, 2nd place with a 3.0 average; Kathy Tran 3rd in steals with a 2.9 average; and Crystal Williams, 5th in the same category with a 2.7 average.

Rosalind Lawrence was also 2nd in individual free throws with a 77.1 percent average, making 64 out of 83 attempts.

The Lady Westerners placed 5th in the conference with a record of 6-8. For the season the team was 18-12.



Calf Ropers

Calf roping team members are (front row, left to right) Ryon Swink, Clark Campbell, Eric Greer, (middle row) Dee Bland, Zane Runyan, Dusty Arrott, (back row) Casey Baize, Bill Herbert and Joe Ross Jameson. (WTC Photo)

Golf team places 8th at Angelo

By John Baez
Texan Staffer

The Westerners attended the Quicksand Invitational at San Angelo and took 8th place "on a tough course," said Coach Milton Ham.

Ham noted "it was in poor condition which made it tough to play." Midland took the 1st place honors in the tourney.

Teams individual scores were Brad Nutt of Bastrop 78-80 (158); Martin Gustafson of Sweden 83-78 (161); Michael Hanson of Copenhagen, Denmark 81-80 (161); Chad Sauntry of Missouri City 86-80 (166); Jason McGrath of Ontario, Canada 84-84 (168); and Cory Mahaney of Tulia 84-86 (170).

Coach Ham said he remains confident the team will improve with time saying, "This is a young team who will mature in to great players and in doing so can go out and win."

The team will return from the Omega Invitational at Greentree on Wednesday, March 31.



Goat Tyers

Competitors in the goat tying event from WTC are (left to right) Lauren Middleton, Jill Childers, Brandee Brock and Sequin Downey. Not pictured is Terra Bynum. (WTC Photo)

Attend the WTC Rodeo April 8-10

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