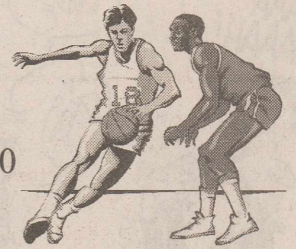




## SGA OUTSIDER'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT APRIL 4-5

WTC Gym  
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Sunday, March 9, 2003

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# GLT Students Attend Compost Seminar

By Sam Fare  
GLT Instructor

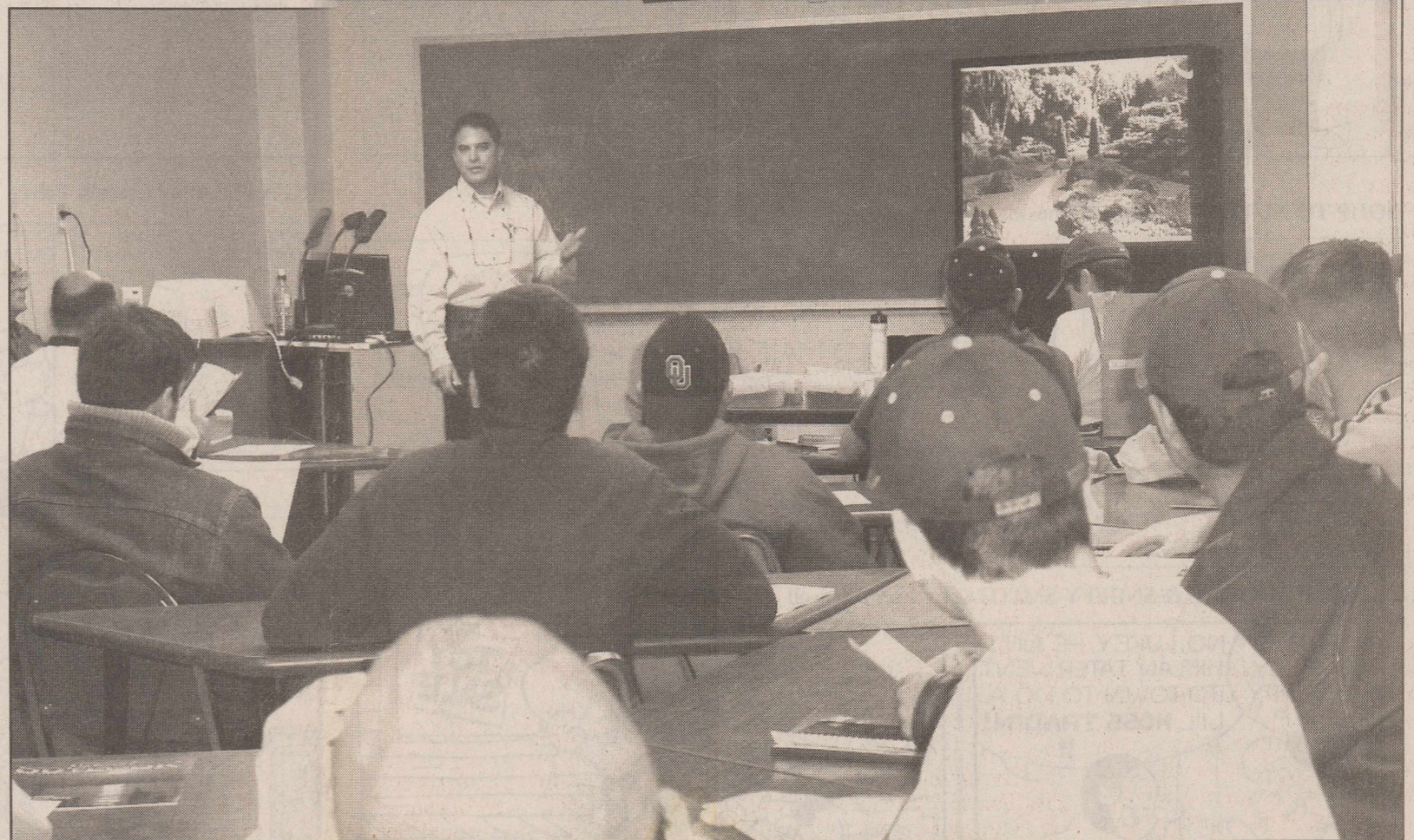
A very useful and informative seminar on the use of compost was given to GLT students on Wednesday, February 19. Presenters were Brian Noble and Scott McCoy from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The seminar, arranged by Instructor Sam Fare, was presented to all the students in the Golf and Landscape Technology program. "The information presented by these gentlemen was very timely for our students," explained Fare, "Compost has some real benefits for anyone going into the landscape or golf course management business."

William Tinkler, president of the student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA), said that he was impressed with the presentation. "We learned that compost has amazing properties in improving the soil and fertility," Tinkler said. "They showed some turf research with compost top-dressing, and the differences in the composted plots versus the control plots were amazing. It makes me think about incorporating this material into a turf management program."

Scott McCoy gave a presentation that emphasized the relationship between the use of compost and water requirements. "He showed us a slide of two lawns side by side," explained Dwayne Robertson, "and even without additional water the composted lawn was green, while the other lawn was brown. I didn't realize that the comparison would be that dramatic."

Randy Weaver, GLT instructor and campus Golf Course Superintendent, added, "They showed us a lot of ways compost could improve a golf course. They even had a great demonstration on the use of compost for erosion control and grass establishment. I think the students got a lot of good information from this seminar."



## Getting to Know You

Ruth Richburg  
Assistant Director of Distance Learning  
Hired September 9, 1981



**What led you to WTC:** Two weeks after I graduated from WTC in 1973, I went to visit one of the secretaries on the campus only to find out that she had left her job a few weeks earlier.

Her boss, Gene Robertson, was in the office, so he and I began to talk about the job that she had vacated.

He made phone calls to a couple of my instructors and ended up offering me the job that day. Imagine my parents' surprise when I came back home with a job! They were ecstatic, as was I. \$325 a month and an hour off for lunch—what more could a person want??

**Where do you go from here:** I would like to retire in a few years and devote more time to crafting and decorating. Also, I would like to be able to volunteer at the Senior Center, where my dad spent much of his time before he passed away.

**Most memorable moment:** There have been two moments: one of them on October 4, 1978, when my first child, Chris, was born, and the other would have to be on June 4, 1987, when my second child, Jeffrey, was born.

**Hardest decision I've ever made:** There have been several, but one of the hardest decisions, professionally, was leaving my job as secretary to the dean of vocational instruction in 1975 to go to school at ACU. I really liked my job, but I also realized that I needed to further my education.

**Favorite Book and Favorite Author:** I like to read Max Lucado books, and I also take time to read magazines like Southern Living, Better Homes & Gardens, and craft magazines.

**Favorite Movie:** I have several favorites: American President; Same Time, Next Year; Benny & Joon—just to name a few.

**Favorite spare time activity:** I really like decorating my house, as well as crafting.

**Names of family members:** Scott, my husband of almost 8 years and his 3 children, Chris, Jemma, and Andrew; my two sons, Jeffrey, a sophomore at Snyder High; Chris, a systems operator at Snyder National Bank.

**If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be:** It would have to be my mother. I lost her when I was 25 years old and pregnant with my first child.

I would like for my sons to also be with me during that hour, for it was certainly their loss for not knowing her. I would like to tell her again how much she meant to me and how fortunate I was to have her for as long as I did.

## Image Class slated to begin March 25

WTC will offer a free class called Image, Creating a New You at Northeast Elementary beginning March 25. The class will meet each Tuesday evening from March 25-May 13 from 6-8pm.

Instructor for the course will be Kim Merket, WTC Counselor. The course is designed to give individuals in the community an opportunity to:

- explore options for education and new employment
- build self esteem and confidence
- explore personality traits and work skills
- discuss stages of life and human development from psychological theories
- learn stress management skills
- learn to set achievable goals
- learn skills for managing emotions; and
- tour the college to gain familiarity with the campus

For more information, contact Kim Merket, 573-8511, x394.

## Let's See What Develops

By Dennis Noblett,  
Director of Development



## What Are The Odds?

A large note of gratitude goes out to all of those who have made donations to Western Texas College and secured chances on the 2003 Ford Focus (pictured above) donated by our friends at Wilson Motors.

As of last week, we've already received almost 400 donations for a chance on car to be given away in less than four weeks.

\$10 tax-deductible donations are being accepted and chances given at First American Bank (30th and College Ave.), Barbee Medical Supply (3801 College Ave.), Bullard Computer Solutions (3405 College Ave.), Texas Finance (1400 25th St.), and at the WTC President's Office in the administration building (573-8511, ext. 202 or 248).

If you are homebound (as one WTC supporter called last week to say), you can send a check to: Western Texas College, 6200 S. College Ave., Snyder, 79549, ATTN: Linda Englert. Your validation ticket will be immediately sent back to you by mail.

Thank you for supporting YOUR community college!

The public is cordially invited to attend  
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## KLASSY KIDS



OUR NEWEST WTC BUSINESS PARTNER! — Melody Appleton, new owner of Klassy Kids and Teens, 1912 37th (two doors down from Techno Salon at 37th and College Ave.), is offering a 15% discount on clothes from toddlers to young adults to all WTC students and personnel that show her their WTC ID card. Other WTC Business Partners are reporting an increase in business. If you want to increase your profits, call the Development Office at 573-8511, ext. 248.

Have a Great Spring Break, March 10-14