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Theatre Dance

The Theatre Dance class taught by Laura Chaote Churchwell attracts males and Page 5

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Cowboy recovering from injury ready to get back on bull again

Rodeo team member in near-fatal accident

By Misty Stevens Texan Staffer

An almost fatal bull riding accident has left one Western Texas College rodeo team member without use of his voice but determined to continue with both his studies and rodeo competi-

Ted Cooley's struggle began as just another bull ride at the Sul Ross collegiate rodeo Oct. 8 in

The cowboy nodded his head. The gatekeeper released the latch. Out of the shute came a 2,000pound turning, twisting, raging mad bull named Slam Dunk.

When the bull began his series of wild turns and hard bucks, Cooley was tossed up and his feet caught behind him. The bull then turned and met Cooley head on. He suffered a cut on his chin

that went to the bone. He had one taken to surgery where a size six cracked rib and the left side of his larnyx was fractured. Cooley was immediately knocked uncon-

He was rushed to Odessa Medical Center by ambulance and



Ted Cooley

tracheotomy was placed in his throat to help him breathe. He was in the Intensive Care Unit for three days before being moved to a private room.

Cooley had to be under close doctor supervision until his breathing patterns became regular again. He was released on Friday, Oct. 13, six days after his admittance.

As of last Friday, he continued to be on an all-liquid, high protein diet, unable to eat solid foods. His doctor also ordered him not to talk to allow his throat muscles to heal properly. He was communicating by scribbling on an erasable board, and his comment at mid-week was, "I can't wait to eat."

See Cooley, page 4

Parking on campus prompts many tickets, some protests

By Tabby Lewis Texan Staffer

College officials estimate approximately 10 traffic tickets are issued on the Western Texas College campus every instruction day.

For students and faculty who feel these tickets are in error, an appeals process is in place.

The Traffic Appeals Board has met once this semester with three tickets protested. Each did not follow proper procedure with the appeal, however, and each stu-

dent had to pay their ticket. Registrar Dan Dever estimated that some 2 percent of tickets issued are appealed. For the first ticket, a "re-instatement fee" \$1 is charged. The fee for the second ticket is \$5, and every ticket after that is \$10. Warnings to in-

12th class day.

The Traffic Appeals Board is made up of five student senators, the end of the semester, a letter Suzann Smith, David Smith, Zeke Bidwell, Shannon Shores, and Kenny Miller. The board meets twice a month to fulfill its agenda.

To appeal a ticket, a student must go to the Student Activities Office and have Mickey Baird sign the ticket within three days of it being issued. A written appeal is to be attached to the ticket. After three days, the student loses their option to appeal. There is no limit to how many times a student can appeal a ticket, however.

Faculty members can appeal tickets with Dever at the registrar's office. If the faculty member is

form students of the parking vio- not satisfied with Dever's ruling, lations were given out until the they may then go to the administration council.

> If tickets are not paid before will be sent to the student during dead week to inform them their grades will be withheld until the ticket or tickets are paid.

> Dever said the majority of the tickets given the first month of school were to vehicles without permits. Most tickets issued are for parking in dormitory, faculty or visitor parking.

> If a student is driving a car temporarily, a temporary permit can be issued at the switch board for non-dorm students and in the dorm for dorm students.



By Janice Northerns **Texan Staffer**

Repairs were expected to be completed by last Friday on Western Texas College's outdoor stage. The repairs were needed due to damage caused mainly by water erosion, officials note.

Bricks settling in various areas created an uneven surface, which could be hazardous to those walking across the stage, they said.

Mark Bullard, a visitor on campus during the more weeks. The works portray the artist's

15th anniversary observance of the Scurry County conception of sailing crafts. They are displayed

The damage occurred when cracks in the mortar allowed water to seep in and wash away part of the packed sand foundation underneath. In one area, several inches of sand washed out, leaving a layer of bricks with no sup-

Courtyard repaired due to erosion of base

heavy object might "punch" a hole similar shifting and settling. through a smaller area.

uneven bricks, the official said.

Repairs at this point are ex-It was thought unlikely that pected to be minor, even though large areas of the stage might cave college officials note that the enin, but there was concern that a tire courtyard is suffering from

The problems with the court-Greatest concern was that yard as a whole are from a differsomeone could trip and fall on the ent cause, and are expected to be dealt with later "as needed."

TASP reactions vary from 'stupid' to 'fun'

By Amy Presler Texan Staffer

While approximately 200 students at WTC are required to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test, only a few have already taken it.

Zeke Bidwell, freshman, expected it to be similar to the ACT, but he said it wasn't quite as "in depth" as the ACT and much easier than the other required exams he has taken.

Kelsey Koester, freshman, said the test wasn't difficult but "long." Also, she said questions were often repeated.

Mary-Elaine Sullivan, fresh-

but she had trouble keeping her concentration during the reading part because it was, in her terms,

There were frequent comments concerning the reading part of the test. Most of the students interviewed said they disliked the reading section because they had to read long paragraphs on "boring" subjects just to answer four or five questions.

Bidwell said, "The reading was a tremendous waste of time, they should cut down the reading and add more questions."

Ginger Miller, freshman, said she disliked the reading because man, said the test wasn't too hard she "hates" to read. Miller didn't

test either. She said, "I thought it was a waste of time, I didn't like

All education majors must take and pass the exam. Sullivan, an education major, said that she doesn't understand the logic on testing education major students on reading, math and writing when they've already taken 60 semester hours. She said, "They should pick up on that by the time they've taken 60 college hours."

Rebecca Kizer, freshman, thought the test was going to be easy, but she characterized it as difficult. She said she wished she would had studied more, espe-

think too highly of the rest of the cially for the math and English sections. She said the math was "the worst" and the reading was

Bidwell's overall opinion of the test labeled it "weak." He said, "I don't see how it really tests you, (for future teachers) it should be harder."

There were a few positive comments among the negative ones. Bidwell said that he enjoyed the writing assignment because it was fun. As a subject, he said, "You've got to pick a book or TV show that has had an influence on your life."

See TASP, page 4

Koester said she feels that it was



ARTISTIC SPOOK

In a project reminiscent of Dr. Frankenstein, students enrolled in the art department's two-dimensional design class were required to construct a face from "parts." With Halloween around the corner, here is the creation—actually called a photo montage—of student Kerri Carter.



DEDRA BROOKS



BOBBIE BROWN

By Carol Johnson

Texan Staffer

Three Lady Dusters from the

Back for another season are

Joining the team for the 1989-

90 season are Jill Forrest, Carla



TRACY EDMUNDS

Koester, Jeana Stockett, Tammy

Tracy Rome.

3.2 blocks a game.



JILL FORREST



CARLA GLADDEN

A new Lady Duster freshman

Some of the sports honors

from Lima, Ohio is Tammy

Williams. In high school, she

averaged 22.4 points, 6 rebounds

achieved by her include All-Ohio

Player of the year, First Team

GMC, First Team North-West

times All Tournament and MVP.

a freshman from Inglewood, Calif.

who in high school averaged 15

points, 3.5 rebounds and 11 assists

Inter-Scholastic Federation

from Happy, averaged 10 points,

4 rebounds and 6 assists a game.

all-region, all-state and MVP for

from Richardson. She averaged 14 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists

achievements for this new Lady

district and first team all-city.

Victoria, averaged 4.2 points, 1.3

rebounds and 1.1 assists a game

Happy High School.

a game in high school.

in high school.

Newcomer Carla Gladden is

Carla has won all-state and

Jeana Stockett, a freshman

Her sports achievements include being named all-district,

Kelsey Koester is a freshman

Some of the sports

Carrie Heldt, a freshman from

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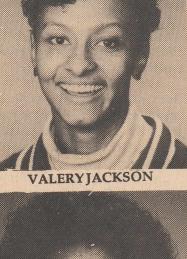
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TRACYROME

Gladden, Carrie Heldt, Kelsey honorable mention, All South averaged 14 points, 3 rebounds Plains Regional Qualifier and L. Williams, Victoria Jones, Dedra being a regional state qualifier for Brooks, Tracy Edmunds and track and basketball.

Valery Jackson is a Tami L. Wilson, a sophomore sophomore from Morton who from Seagraves, averaged last averaged 8 points, 2 rebounds and year 12.4 points, 9.3 rebounds and 2 assists a game. The returning Lady Duster tri-captain played Her sports achievments on a state basketball championship team and won all state and region honors.

Roberta Brown, a sophomore from Jayton, averaged 3.2 points and 2.2 rebounds per game last year for the Dusters.

Her sports achievements include being named Jayton's MVP for two years and to the alldistrict team for three years and all area.

Joining the team this year is Dedra Brooks, a freshman from Seminole. In high school, she averaged 24.1 points, 11 blocks and 5 assists a game.

Some of her sports achievements include being named MVP in volleyball, and as both an all district and all state basketball player.

Tracy Edmunds is a freshman from Hawley who averaged 12 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists a game in high school.

Honors won by WTC's new Lady Duster include runner-up MVP, first team all district and second team all area.

Victoria Jones is a sophomore from Killeen who in high school

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TAMMY WILLIAMS

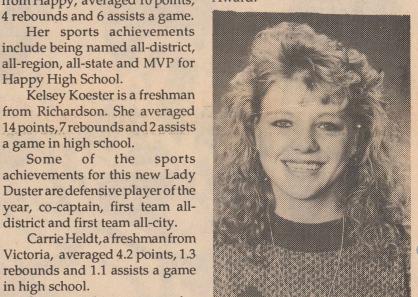
Carrie include being named alldistrict honorable mention and the Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hanser Sportsmanship Award.

Jill Forrest is a freshman from Bay, Miss. She averaged 22 points, 12 rebounds and 5 assists a game in high school.

Some achievements for Jill are an English Award and honors from her chamber of commerce.

Tracy Rome, a sophomore Ohio, First Team All District, three from LaGrange, Ga., averaged 16 points, 12 rebounds and 1 assist a game in high school.

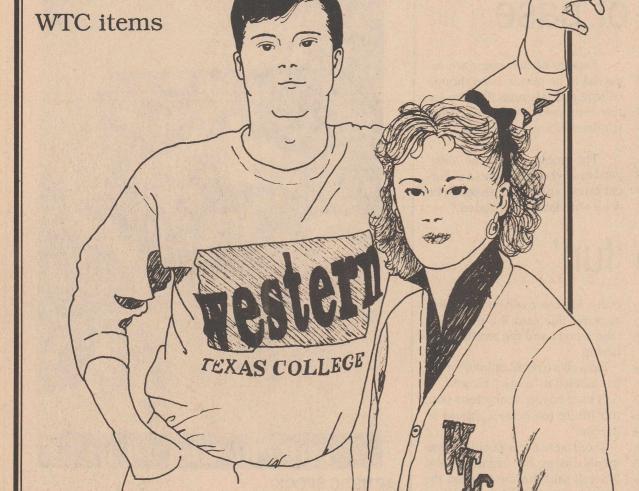
Sports achievements for WTC's new Lady Duster include being named MVP Douglass County, All Conference Team Douglass County, Pan Handle Conference first team award and the Columbus Daily News Team



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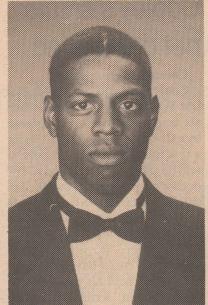


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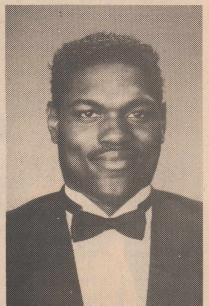
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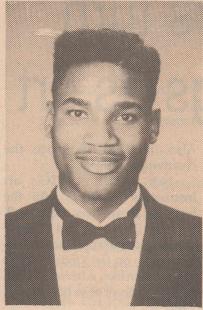
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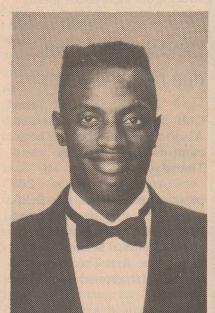
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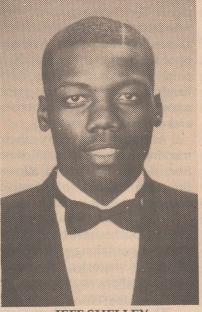
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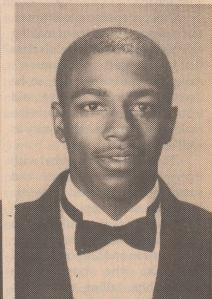
BRIAN MURRAY



ALFREDO PORTER



JEFF SHELLEY



ALLEN SMITH

Westerner lineup listed as new season kicks-off

By Todd Perry Texan Staffer

With the Western Texas College Westerners' season now underway, coach Tony Mauldin's team has four returning from last year and 11 new players.

Ken Critton is a returning player who averaged 12 points and 7 rebounds a game. He . defensive rebounds. measures 6 feet, 8 inches tall and played post last year.

Lamesa. Cedric had a 73 percent free throw average from last

David Smith, 6-foot, 4-inches, is also a returning player who had a 90 percent 3-point average.

Rounding out the returning players is Lester White. White's season last year featured 43

14 points and 10 rebounds. He region. was all-district and second team

where he was all-district honorable mention and defensive

Damon Clay from Andrews year. New to the squad is Doug is a 6-foot-2-inch guard who Brown. Doug is a 6-foot-8-inch averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds Also returning from last center who played school ball at and four assists. As a senior he to the McDonald's All-American his senior year. year's squad is Cedric Mason from Abilene High where he averaged was first team all-district and all-

Brian Murray is a 6-foot-8inch post from Berkeley, Calif. Lewis Wesley is from Snyder where he averaged 15 rebounds a

Alfredo Porter is a 6-foot-2player of the year as a junior. inch guard from Dallas. He Wesley is a 6-foot-1-inch point averaged 8 points for South Oak Cliff where he was player of the

> Allen Smith is from Baton Rouge, La. where he was selected

Muskogee, Okla., where he was two time all-conference. He was also the MVP of the East-West All

Jeffrey Shelley is from Monroe, La. where he was alldistrict for three years, second

Dominick Byrd is from Fort his team.

Ray Johnson is from Worth where he was All-Tarrant County and all-district.

> Jacoby Garmon is from Huntsville where he was alldistrict honorable mention.

Rounding out the new members of the 1989-90 team all-metro, MVP of district Westerners is Allen Smith. Smith his junior year and a nominee for was all-district and was the McDonald All-American nominated to the McDonald's All-Game. Jeffrey was also all-state American Team. He was also second team all-state and MVP of

'Writing' presented by staffers

By Sharon Doty Texan Staffer

A group of Western Texas College instructors were in Houston Oct. 13-14 for a presentation at the Southwest Regional Conference on English in the Two Year College.

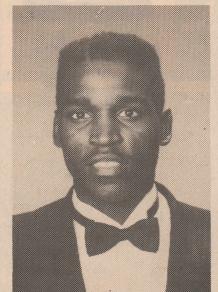
The group made a presentation entitled "Writing across the Curriculum: Success Sans Outside Consultants."

The topic of the presentation was the importance of writing as an instructional tool in college classes. Marilyn Lancaster, who represented WTC's English Department, pointed out that a cross-section of departments were represented from WTC.

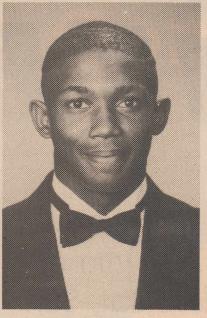
This included Dr. James Palmer from the Social Science Division, James Eby, Golf Landscape Technology, Mrs. Tammy Wesson, Office Careers, and Lancaster, for English.

To be able to hold a session during the convention, a group called the Literacy committee composed of these instructors and also Jim Rambo, Jerry Corkran, Bettie McQueen and Elsie Anderson presented a proposal to the organization in the spring which was accepted and enabled the instructors to present their session.

Other speakers at the convention included representatives from other sites in Texas such as Amarillo, San Antonio and El Paso and other states including California, Ohio and Missouri.



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Time capsule waiting for WTC's 50th year

By Wylie Dakan Texan Staffer

counting.

A time capsule buried in the Western Texas College courtyard was placed underground almost exactly 10 years ago and is scheduled to be unearthed 30 and George Patterson. Special years from now.

Buried on November 18, 1979, the time capsule capped off the college's 10th anniversary.

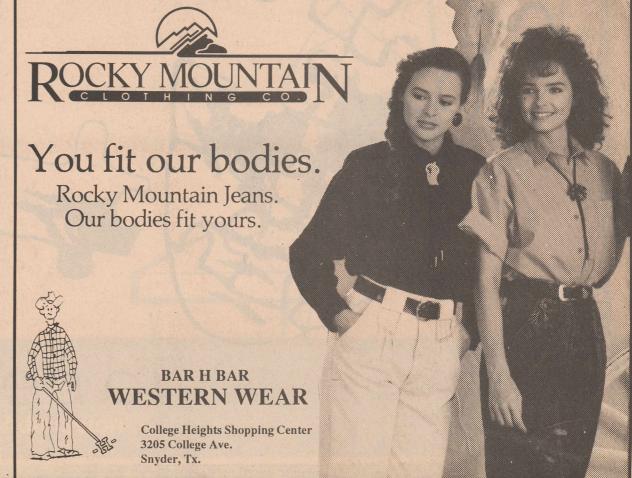
At that event, an anniversary address was delivered by Ray Farabee, state senator from Wichita Falls. Members of WTC's original board of trustees were honored with 10-year awards. Those honored were R.C. Patton, Dr. Robert Hargrove, Edwin Wilson, Jr..

Honored also were the members of the original steering

WTC. They consisted of Buford Browning, Herb Feather, Bill Thirty more years and Hood, Olin Bunch, K.D. Ball, Renal Rosson, Harold Hester, Bob Harlin, Thayne Mebane, Jay Rodgers, Henry Clerk, Mel Zane Gilbert, Arthur Piper, Roy Sallee, Van Rutherford, Shelby Coker recognition went to Jonisue Stiff for the gift of land for WTC.

Jim Palmer, chairman of the social science division, was one of the committee members who gathered the items which went into the capsule. He reflected upon that day almost 10 years ago by saying, "It was a beautiful West Texas fall day. There was chill in the air and everyone was excited." Tapes, books and other Parks, William A. Jones and W.H. memorabilia from the year 1979 were placed in the box.

These will next be viewed at the observation of the college's committee which helped establish 50th anniversary in 2019.





Instructors turn to earrings as art

By Misty Stevens Texan Staffer

Earring designers or art instructors? Ty Brunson and John Gibson are fulfilling both positions.

The two Western Texas College art department instructors have begun a separate business together. They design, make and sell handcrafted porcelain earrings and pins under the Italian name of di Spirito Designs Inc.

The concept came to Brunson this summer. The idea of making earrings began with a metals class that he was teaching. Brunson's main interest is ceramics, so he decided to be innovative and instruct some of his classes on the making of earrings and jewelry as well as metals.

The class experimented with many different processes and some of them seemed to work. Brunson said, "I kept pursuing it and decided it could be a legitimate business venture."

Brunson and Gibson decided to make the business a partnership, calling themselves the di Spirito Brothers. Brunson had previously been involved with his own business, Brunson Pottery.

Gibson's main art field is painting and he said his style lends itself to the elegant look of the fine crafted earrings and pins. Their products portray the image of fashion and "uniqueness."

Brunson and Gibson believe that together, as two artists, they can keep the excitement level high. predicament, one was forced to

Also, they have twice the creativity and input.

Not only are WTC's art instructors involved with the business, their wives are as well. Debbie Brunson and Denise Gibson give their opinions to their husbands on the kinds of looks that women like. After all, Gibson said, "We don't have holes in our ears."

At the present, they are developing their new fall line, and they do many one-of-a-kind pieces. They have a representative who sells their jewelry to retailers at a wholesale price. Average price for their earrings is \$6.50 a pair. They said selling their handmade jewelry at this price recoups some of their expenses and makes a little profit.

Although they say their teaching responsibilities still come first, designing earrings allows Brunson and Gibson to be creative and express their talents.

They are serious about their business but have a not-so-serious story that goes along with it. They tell it "in character" as the di Spirito brothers, accompanied by full Italian accents.

The di Spirito Brothers were siamese twins joined together at the ear lobe and facing back to back. They were traveling with an Italian circus and were on a swim while the other breathed. boat south of Brownsville when a storm blew up.

Still speaking in their Italian accents, they explained how they were blown-over and washed to shore. Because of their physical



Earring Designs

Western Texas College student Patricia Flores models a pair of earrings designed by art instructors John Gibson and Ty Brunson. The pair have begun their own corporation to sell their products, which they call "unique" fashion for the ladies. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

Then, low and behold, a good doctor came upon the di Spirito Brothers and after the completion of a two-day operation, the siamese twins were separated.

For the first time, the brothers Designs Inc. came to be.

were able to see each other faceto-face. While they were jumping and shouting for joy, they noticed a small hole in each of their ears and realized it was a sign from God to become part of the earring business. In such a way, di Spirito

Cooley's spirits not dampened

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Cooley returned to the doctor last Wednesday to have the size six trach removed and replaced by a size four. He will have this for a few more days until, finally, it will be taken out completely. The doctor's report shows that the left side of his larnyx will never heal and he will have a hoarse sounding voice for the rest of his life.

However, throughout the events that could have ended his life, he has kept his positive attitude. Again, scribbling on his board, Cooley wrote, "This hasn't dampened my spirits and I plan on being out there next semester!"

Landscaping meet due here this week

The annual West Texas Golf Course Superintendent Association's meeting will be on campus Wednesday Thursday.

Approximately professionals from various fields of golf course management and landscaping will be in attendance. The educational seminar will be in the Fine Arts Theatre and is open to all interested parties.

Pops Concert is free to students

The annual fall Pops Concert from the WTC Fine Arts Division is due Tuesday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The concert is free to students and will begin at 7:30 p.m..

The concert will consist of musical selections and solo's by members of the WTC choir.

Set your clock back



an hour and give those droopy morning eyes an extra hour of rest.

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, October 29.

TASP gains reactions

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a good preparation test for college. She said, "It shows whether you're prepared for college or not." Also, Sullivan said it should be

a good test for entering freshman. Most WTC students who completed a minimum of three semester hours prior to this fall are exempt from the state-mandated

exam.

For affected students, those who have not at least taken the test before the start of the spring term will not be allowed to enrolled in regular college courses, under state law.

The test must be passed before a student will be allowed to enroll in more than 60 college credit

Vocational students set to tour campus

Martin High School vocational students from Martin will be touring the Western Texas College campus Wednesday.

WTC industrial arts instructors will be meeting with the 11 students.





Dancing not just for girls

Females and males gather to learn discipline and poise

By Tabby Lewis Texan Staffer

For an hour and a half each Friday afternoon, a group of Western Texas College students gather in a downtown studio. They are there to learn ballet.

About 25 WTC students participate in the class, officially listed as theatre dance. It is offered as a PE class through WTC's Physical Education Division and is also part of the degree plan for theatre majors.

The current class is approximately a ratio of 60-40 female to rnale students.

The instructor is Laurie Choate Churchwell of Big Spring, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a major in dance.

All students wear a leotard, tights and ballet shoes for class, an outfit which often causes its male students some embarrassment at

Wearing this type of clothing makes the body movement more visible, Mrs. Churchwell said. Jeff Hicks, freshman, noted, "I was embarrassed about wearing tights because where I come from ballet is thought to be feminine. After thinking about it I decided that if Hershel Walker can do ballet, so can I."

Kenny Kern, freshman, said he has always had a respect for dancer because they are such great athletes.

has taken dance before, says he likes it when there are other guys in the class because he has taken dance before with eight other girls.

Jerry Bissmal, freshman, who

Theatre dance is the study of

movement. It teaches a student to be aware of their space on stage and of their body movement. Any form of dance in conjunction with drama is considered theatredance. It helps builds good poise and composure, Mrs. Churchwell said.

To me, ballet is a strong class that builds determination and endurance. I think I can learn to discipline myself," said freshman Scott Weaver.

A day of dance consists of barre work, center floor exercise and a cool down. Barre work is basic beginner steps done to warm-up the body. Center floor exercise are balancing exercises without the barre and other beginning ballet steps. The cool down is the last exercise of the day to relax the body.

Lea Ann Bonner, freshman, said, "Ilearn to discipline my body. One of the main things I think is important is presentation because when I walk on stage how I hold myself is a big factor and that is why I am glad I am in ballet."

Mrs. Churchwell has been teaching dance for nine years but has been dancing for 15 years. Besides teaching theatre dance to college students, she has a studio in Big Spring with 120 students from age 3 to high school level. She also teachers ballet, tap, jazz, and modern dance in a studio in Snyder with 60 students.

"You get out of it (theatre dance) as much as you put into it," Mrs. Churchwell said.

On Oct. 17, the students will perform the opening number to "Chorus Line" in Big Spring at the Miss Howard Pageant.

Tues. Oct. 24 7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Theatre



Theatre Dance

About 25 WTC students are enrolled in the Theatre Dance class taught by Laura Chaote Churchwell of Big Spring. The class consists of aproximately 60 percent females and 40 percent male, who are adjusting to wearing leotards and ballet shoes in order to learn the discipline and poise required of dancers. (Texan artwork by Bonnie Ward)

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Small Business class proposed

By Misty M. Stevens Texan Staffer

Total hours for Certification

Have you ever wanted to run your own business? If you have, a small business management program is being proposed as a new class offering at Western Texas College.

The program is expected to begin during the spring semester and take one year to complete. WTC officials note small businesses in the United States comprise more than 95 percent of the total. Because of this, they note a management program is expected to be beneficial to a large number.

The program will be offered through the adult education division. Its concept offers three distinct advantages to students and the college, officials note:

—Approval of the course can be accomplished in a short period of time, thereby allowing a pilot program in the

testing, an obstacle for many adults.

—Degree requirements are not as restrictive for instructors to teach the program.

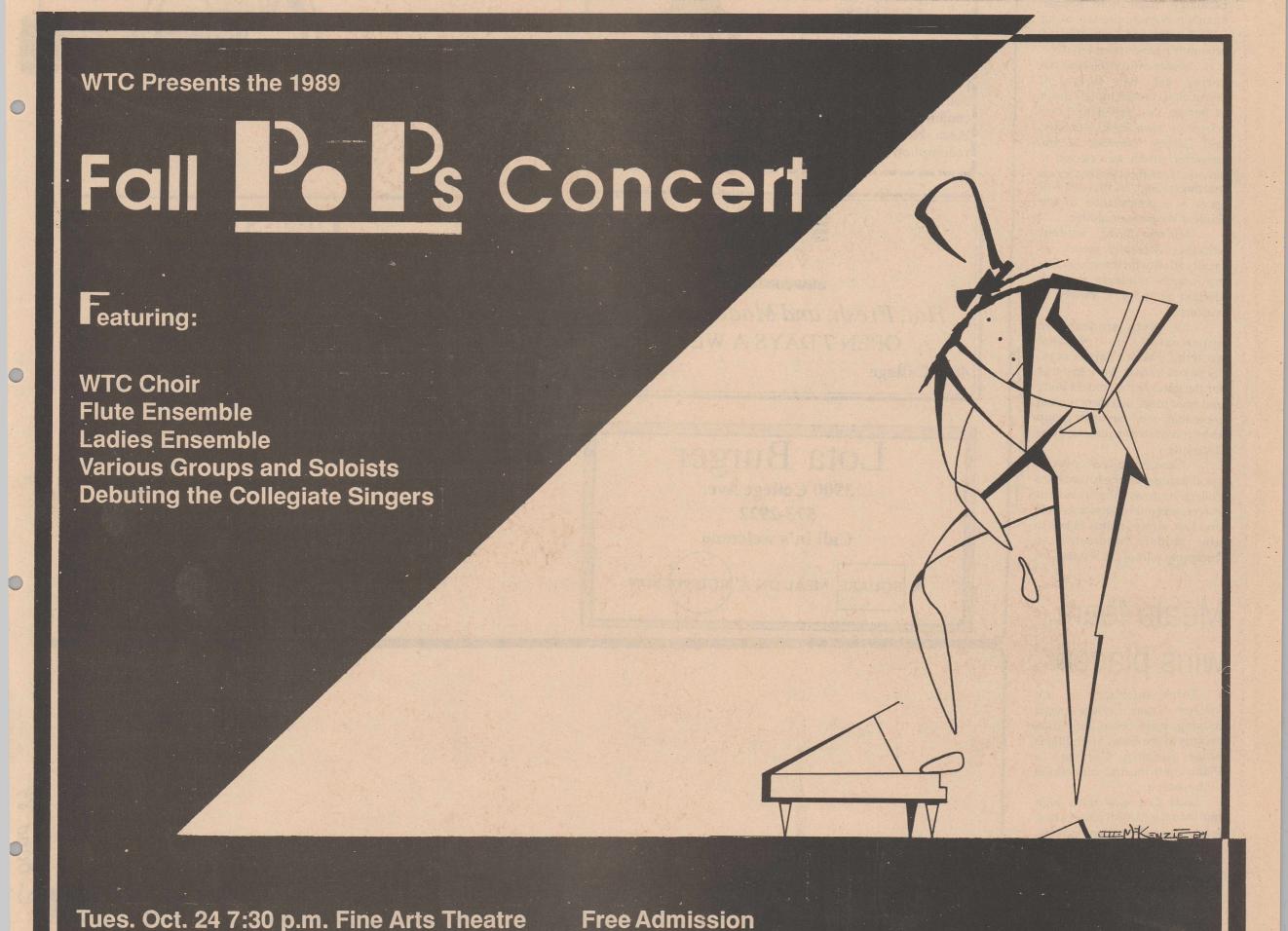
210 hrs.

In preparation for the new Small Business Management program, research was completed on the specific types of problems attributed to small business failure.

The courses would be designed to better prepare business managers to address such problems as the selection of the type of business, government regulations and the engagement of either a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation. The program will also instruct in the areas of employer-employee relations and knowledge of the accounting

Any person interested in starting a small business or even assisting in an already established business is encouraged to enroll in the new Small Business Management curriculum.

The final step, officials -Students will not be re- note, is to take the knowledge quired to undergo admissions and training learned through the program and put it into action.



judging. Mark Faulkenberry and Quenna Shurbet were also

The meats team will judge next in Garden City, Kans., Nov.

members of the team.

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