

Would pay for opposition's 'research'...

Counts' bill targets dump sites

By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer

David Counts (D-Knox City), 78th District State Representative, has introduced a bill which in theory will assist those who oppose the issuance of hazardous waste disposal well permits.

Such protestors are legally referred to as "intervenor," and Counts' proposal would require companies seeking such permits to pay all or a portion of intervenor expenses related to pertinent research.

Interest from Scurry County residents in hazardous waste disposal grows as companies have proposed facilities in nearby

Fisher and Mitchell Counties.

Sweetwater Resources of Dallas, is seeking to re-enter an 18-year-old abandoned saltwater supply well located seven miles south of Roby and has applied for a hazardous waste injection well permit.

National Waste and Energy Development has proposed a hazardous waste incinerator west of Colorado City in Mitchell County. The WTC Faculty Association has gone on record opposing the Colorado City project.

The Pittsburgh company has obtained a host agreement, stating the county will not oppose the incinerator
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Naming of new coach said likely by April 8th

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

A new men's basketball coach for Western Texas College is expected to be named next Monday, April 8.

The search was prompted by the resignation of coach Tony Mauldin March 12, who stepped down to take the head coaching position at Abilene Christian University.

March 18, the WTC board of trustees established a search committee to employ the new coach. Gay Hickman, who was appointed to head the search committee, said he hopes to have a final decision made by the 8th.
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WTC tickets to 'Tempest' now offered

Students planning to attend the WTC drama department's spring production of "The Tempest" must make reservations by calling 573-8511, ext.234, or by stopping by the drama dept. office.

Shakespeare's play will be performed April 11, 12, and 15 at 8 p.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m.

WTC students will be admitted free to each performance with a valid student I.D.

The main cast will consist of:

- Wade Freeman, Alonso
- Richard Lack, Prospero
- Frank Romeo, Antonio
- Coy Berryman, Ferdinand
- Tommy Reeves, Golanzo
- Jeff Hicks, Caliban
- Brad Vincent, Trinculo
- Kenn Kern, Stephano
- Amber Adams, Miranda
- Jerry Vizena, Ariel

Also, Sherri Cribbs, Jennifer Hatley, Frank Romeo and Wade Freeman are cast as accompanying spirits to provide a choral backdrop. The production is under the direction of Jim Rambo, drama instructor.

Easter egg drop

WTC's annual Easter egg drop last Tuesday caused students to devise ingenious ways to "package" an egg safely. So safe, in fact, it could be dropped from the roof of the Student Center. One method which proved

effective was suspending the egg in the center of stretched panty hose. Instructor Jimmie McGee (right) helped as judge. He is shown with entrant Cullen Johnson. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

National honor comes home for PTK college yearbook

By Paul Davidson
Texan Staffer

WTC's Psi Zeta PTK chapter won national honors in Chicago during spring break as its scrapbook was named one of the top five yearbooks entered at the nationwide event.

Eight PTK members and two advisors attended the 73rd annual International Convention March 14-17.

According to local advisor Mary Hood, it marked the first time Psi Zeta has captured the Mosal Yearbook

Award.

The chapter entered its yearbook, "Psi Zeta goes to the Movies," for the national honor.

The yearbook project was coordinated by Paul Davidson. He was assisted by Scott Carothers, Naomi Gutierrez, Vicki Dawson and Gigi Tharpe.

Those attending the convention from WTC were Derrick Bruton, Paul Davidson, Kristie McMillan, Bobbie Earnest, Holly Barkowsky, Kenn Kern, Scott Carothers and Gigi Tharpe. Also

in attendance were advisors, Dr. Duane Hood and Dr. Mary Hood.

National President Spencer Gehring announced a total of 335 chapters were present, represented by 2,025 members from 40 states, Canada and Germany. The Texas delegation dominated the convention with 285 members from 41 chapters.

Mary Hood noted the success at the national convention came two weeks after the Psi Zeta Chapter had made an impressive showing at the Regional

Convention in Dallas.

Two members were inducted into PTK's Hall of Honor—Derrick Bruton and Gigi Tharpe—and the chapter was elected to serve as the office of vice president for District I. According to Hood, one member will be placed in the position before the beginning of the Fall semester.

Bruton, currently serving as regional vice president for District I, was recognized for his service to the fraternity on the regional level, and Gigi

Tharpe was recognized for her service to the local chapter.

WTC's Ryan Teague accepted the office of vice president for District I. Teague had given the nomination speech earlier and was selected to repeat the oath of office for the chapter.

The honors fraternity was recognized also with a certificate as being one of five chapters to reach a five-star rating. To qualify, the chapter had to complete a list of criteria set up by
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College again expands scope of guard training

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

WTC will begin offering correctional officer training in Abilene beginning in May for prospective guards employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

The move was announced in late February after Dr. Harry Krenek, college president, Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, and Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, met with the Northwest Higher Education Council in Wichita Falls. At that meeting, WTC was given final approval to hold the TDCJ officer training courses.

WTC will utilize facilities of the Cisco Junior College extension campus for classroom training and will use the Abilene Police Dept. gun range for weapons training.

The first class to be offered will be an evening course, meeting Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturdays. Applications will be taken beginning April 22 with the class to begin May 25.

The 144.5 hour course lasts roughly nine weeks, with a July 27 graduation date. Those certified through the program are eligible for employment at all TDCJ correctional facilities. A 1,000-bed prison is to be built near Lamesa also, bringing to four the number of West Texas prisons.

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Hood gains nationwide PTK office

At the recent national convention in Chicago, Dr. Duane Hood, WTC dean of student services, was elected to serve on Phi Theta Kappa's National Advisory Council, a post that will lead to presidency of the organization.

The position is a three-year term. Dr. Hood will begin as secretary the first year, then advance to vice-president the second year. He will conclude his term of office as president.

Dr. Hood is presently the regional coordinator for District I in the Texas/New Mexico Region.

Eight PTK members and local advisors Drs. Duane and Mary Hood attended the 73rd annual International Convention. It was held March 14-17.

Submissions sought for college's 'Aquifer'

By Keitha St. Clair
Texan Staffer

New submissions for the "Aquifer," Western Texas College's literary publication, will be accepted until the end of school and through the summer.

The literary magazine won't be published until next fall, but the early submissions will allow students now enrolled at WTC to have their works considered.

There is no limit on submissions. These should be mailed to WTC in care of Bill McGlothing, English instructor. He asked that these be labeled as an "Aquifer" submission.

McGlothing said the extended period is directed toward students who will not return in the fall as well as students who have works not yet completed. "We want students to have extra time to work and rework something until it is in a shape that they are proud of," he said.

Stories, essays (nonfiction and fiction), poems, short drama, photographs and drawings will be accepted. McGlothing said the tentative publication date is late October or early November.

"We tapped a lot of talent, and the first 'Aquifer' was so well received that we did not want to force a new issue too early," he said. "We hope to build anticipation and allow writers to produce even more polished products. The next 'Aquifer' will be better all around," he said.

Opinion

She said: Small college 'helps not hurts' election chances...

By Marilyn Lancaster
Assistant Professor
English

A week ago I received a phone call from an acquaintance who lives and works in San Antonio. She had heard that I had been elected President-Elect of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association and wondered if I would be interested in participating in a state-wide conference on leadership.

We briefly discussed the specifics of the conference, and I tentatively agreed to participate. Right before she closed the conversation, the caller asked me one final question, apologizing for what she feared I might consider a personal affront.

She referred to my past three successful TJCTA campaigns, my 1990 Piper Award, as well as my most recent publication and asked how I had been able to achieve such recognition in spite of working at such a small and seemingly undistinguished school located out in the "middle of nowhere."

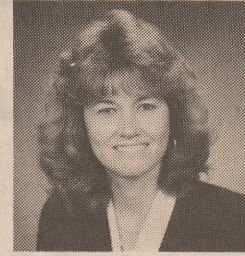
For me this was not a hard question since I think about my origins quite a lot, and I literally shot back with an immediate response. I told my friend that I had achieved what I had because I lived and worked at Western Texas College in Snyder and not in spite of the place.

I attempted to elaborate, but I genuinely believe she wasn't able to appreciate my ideas because she was not from West Texas. She just didn't seem to understand my explanation of how the geography of a place—specifically West Texas—can produce in some people the willingness to create something new and different of themselves and their environment. She also did not seem to understand how that same creativity can be contagious and energizing.

Let me see if I can make a few connections here to show what I mean. Margaret Thatcher demonstrated an understanding of the unique abilities of Americans to deal with tough issues in a recent visit to Washington. Thatcher suggested that America was the only nation capable of creating new ways of thinking because Americans are people whose vision of the future is not confined to a vision of the past (as are the people of the European nations). It sounded as if Mrs. Thatcher envied not only who we Americans are as a group of people but also who we may yet become.

Mrs. Thatcher is hardly the first to notice the unique abilities of American men and women to

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adapt to tough times, tough places, and tough circumstances. St. Jean de Crevecoeur, an eighteenth-century French writer, described an American as "a new man, who acts upon new principles; he must therefore entertain new ideas, and form new opinions." And Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, argued in his letters to John Adams, the second President of the United States, that the new American govern-

ment by necessity had to respond to working men and women who were creating for themselves a new history in a new untamed, largely unexplored world.

Within Thatcher's, de Crevecoeur's, and Jefferson's definitions of American men and women implicitly lies the suggestion that Americans are able to cope with difficult environments and create new ways of solving the problems created by their environment. Put more directly, Americans believe, albeit sometimes naively, they can make things better.

They aren't burdened with the centuries of failure that create a sort of deadly cynicism in the European communities. And nowhere in America is the sense of believing, adapting, and creating more alive and well than in the rural communities of West Texas.

I realize the implications of my friend's question about my success. She suggested that the stereotypes about women and men, mothers and fathers, might create a climate that would make success difficult for a woman living in a rural West Texas town.

To some degree these stereotypes are true. But success and recognition rarely come easy to anyone. Understanding, coping and adapting to the obstacles are part of a success strategy. I've been a mother, a wife, and a teacher during the 20 years I've lived in Snyder. I've never seen a contradiction between the three roles, and I've never allowed others to impose their personal, and sometimes narrow, definitions on to me.

I've simply done my best at all three roles. I was able to do my best because I believed that what I was doing was important and what I was doing helped make for a better future for me, my family, and my community. If I've been successful, it's because I believed I could be. That spirit was born and nurtured here in West Texas. If I have been successful in some degree and if I continue to be successful at other things I attempt in the future, it will be because I live in Snyder, not in spite of it.

He said: Campaigning means high, highs and low, lows...

By Dick Lancaster
Professor
English

As most of you know, my wife was recently elected to a state office in the Texas Junior College Teachers Association—the office of President-Elect. This was not her first TJCTA campaign; it will, thank heaven, be her last.

Early on, I decided to keep a diary of that part of the campaign to which I could give an involved, first-hand account. Never mind those loony pre-convention days. I would concentrate on the last 72 hours, when I knew there would be a torment of concentrated pleasure and pain.

For those who went to the convention and missed the campaign, and those who only vaguely knew there was a campaign, here are selected excerpts from that diary:

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 12:30 p.m.

Mall of Abilene. "I told you I had to buy new shoes." She's right. Last month's ambitious black heels are today's worn nubs, no longer campaign quality. "White shoes, too?"

"To go with my dress," she says. She means the dress, a piece of sophisticated feminine weaponry. This dress is a precision instrument—laser guided—capable of devastatingly accurate female effects.

"But why the running shoes?"

"I'm running for office, aren't I?"

Wednesday, Interstate 20, 2:30 p.m.

"I need support."

This is the beginning of THE TEST. Usually I manage to stumble through with a pass, but just barely, and seldom with a score I can brag about. This one ends in sulking and silence, but that doesn't last. We're approaching Fort Worth, and it's difficult to sulk in traffic.

Wednesday, DFW Hyatt, 4:30 p.m.

S. and B. (other TJCTA officers) meet us downstairs for drinks. Marilyn is sitting to my left and slightly behind me. S., uncharacteristically quiet, sits beside her. B. has positioned himself so all our attention is focused on him. It's not a pose typical of him. He orders his drink and begins his story. "Your opponent came to my campus last week," he begins. "She made a really good impression." (Scud attack!) "Dallas and San Antonio are block voting for her, he said." (Chemical war head!) "I tried to call you."

I can't bring myself to look at Marilyn. Next he drops the right names, including the name of a previously defeated candidate who—even a year later—still cannot accept his loss with grace or style. "What do you mean?" Marilyn can't finish her sentence.

Then I see just a trace of guilt on B.'s face. He's heard the pain in Marilyn's voice and now leans forward in genuine regret. "It's only a joke, Marilyn. We're just teasing."

Some joke.

Wednesday, Hyatt, 6:30 p.m.

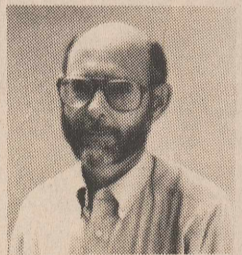
Italian food. The officers not campaigning are playing their roles magnificently. The current president is tense and anticipatory. It's his show.

The President-Elect, with nothing publicly to do, is amused at others' misery.

(Next year he'll be less amused.) The Immediate Past President, an imminent has-been, is totally relaxed. Everyone eats heartily, even the candidates, as well as one spouse and one male companion.

Thursday, Feb. 21, Hyatt, 10:30 a.m.

Photographs and flyers. First, the posters are prominently displayed. Then committee meeting



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rooms are decorated with blue rulers, one for each chair, and flyers placed as centerpieces on the table.

Thursday, Hyatt, 11:30 a.m.

At lunch, the incumbent candidates huddle in their shared wretchedness. Between bites of sandwiches, they all sift for information.

As I pay the check, Marilyn asks—for the hundredth time—"What if I've done all this and lose?" It won't make things better to tell her she'll win. Comforting remarks only add to the burden of other people's expectations she's already dragging around.

Thursday, Hyatt, 6 p.m.

Dressing for the banquet. (We'll be on prominent display.) For me, it's simple: find the least wrinkled shirt and, if I brought one, a matching tie. For the candidate this is the moment toward which all her credit cards have been working.

On CNN there is war news. The ground campaign is imminent. In this room, too, there is a kind of Schwarzkopffian grand strategy at work—totally integrated image and fashion warfare.

When she finally emerges from the mirror, she asks, "How do I look?" The answer comes later in a snatch of overhead conversation: stunning.

Friday, Feb. 22, Hyatt, 9-4:30. Working the floor. No one does it better. I have been watching these elections for 10 years, and I am sure Marilyn has no rival at this.

It is a day-long conversation with strangers. Other candidates watch with envy. "How does she do that?" "She's actually talking to people, and they're talking back. I walk up to them, and I make them mad." He's not kidding.

Larry, an old friend and big bear of a man, has a handful of Marilyn's rulers. He has someone cornered. Holding the ruler on its end, he's poking it at the man's chest. For heaven's sake, Larry, don't threaten him. When he comes over, I ask him what he was saying. "I told him he couldn't vote for any woman except Marilyn." We don't give Larry any more rulers.

By 4 o'clock we are all numb from standing, talking, smiling, worrying. Marilyn says, "I just want this to be over." Actually, I think it is over. Her opponent has kept remarkably to the side. In fact, she has seemed observably enervated.

Friday, Hyatt, 5 p.m.

The polls are closed. Counting has begun. I am in the counting room because I am what is called a "poll-watcher," a candidate's witness that everything is on the up and up. Once the counting begins, no one leaves the room. There are five groups of counters working in pairs. One calls out a name on the ballot; the other marks a tally sheet. By scanning the groups, I can tell how the vote is going.

"Gainer." Hearing the name brings a jolt. I try to keep my palms dry and my hands still, but I can't do either. "Gainer" again. Then "Lancaster" followed again by "Gainer." One of the other poll watchers, whose candidate has no chance of winning, is determined to pass the time talking with me. I offer him the briefest, half-hearted answers, but he is not discouraged. Finally, I realize all I have to do is pretend to listen while I strain to hear the count.

After a few minutes of uncertainty a pattern finally settles. Soon it is irreversible. My heartbeat recovers.

Saturday, Feb. 23, noon.

I would have bet money on the question: "Well," someone says, "how did it feel to sleep with the president?" "Only the President-Elect for now," I correct him. But the truth is I had been too exhausted to think about it.

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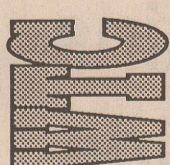
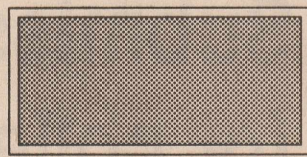
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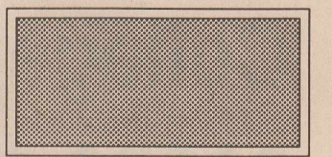
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REVIEWS



HE SAID, SHE SAID (PG-13)

Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins star in this gimmicky romantic comedy as battling TV journalists. They host a talk show where each takes opposite sides to a controversial subject and the onscreen competition boils over to an off-screen troubled romance. The flat material involves much bickering between the perplexed lovers. Laughs are in short supply. In this battle of the sexes, the audience is the loser. FAIR ROMANTIC COMEDY DIRS-Ken Kwapis and Marisa Silver LEADS-Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins RT-115 mins. (Mild Profanity)

THE FIELD (PG-13)

Richard Harris' robust performance is the centerpiece of this tragedy set in poverty-stricken Ireland of the '30s. He is a dauntless tenant farmer who battles outsiders for the right to the land he has cultivated most of his life yet does not own. The film, based on John B. Keane's play, displays the grizzled old man's courage, stubbornness and passion. It also serves as a meta-

phor of contemporary Ireland. John Hurt co-stars as the village drunk. GOOD DRAMA DIR-Jim Sheridan LEAD-Richard Harris RT-110.

SCENES FROM A MALL (R)

Disappointing comedy-drama with Woody Allen and Bette Midler as middle-aged yuppies whose marriage falls apart and mends again and again amid the glitter of a swank Beverly Hills shopping mall. Considering the film basically is a two-character piece, there's not enough meat in the script and the humor is not sustained. It's a worthy try by all involved in this comic version of "Scenes From a Marriage." Yet too little of it really pays off. FAIR COMEDY DIR-Paul Mazursky LEADS-Woody Allen and Bette Midler RT-87 mins. (Profanity)

THE VANISHING (NO RATING)

A powerful, spine-tingling thriller filled with psychological twists guaranteed to blow your mind. The Dutch-French production begins with the mysterious disappearance of a young woman. But the story's nub centers on the obsessive

curiosity and determination of the abductee's boyfriend to find out about her fate. The film builds with smooth precision to a grim and fascinating conclusion. Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu and Gene Bervoets deliver polished performances. In Dutch with English titles. GREAT DRAMA DIR-George Sluizer LEAD-Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu RT-105 mins.

KING RALPH (PG)

John Goodman, looking much like a poor-man's Henry VIII, is adequately cast in this frothy comedy about a second-rate lounge singer from America who unexpectedly becomes the King of England. His majesty gets some help in regal conduct from Peter O'Toole as the very proper royal secretary. Enough laughs are wrung from Goodman's klutzy attempts to carry out his kingly duties. And the film even gets a serious lift when the man who would be king settles some palace intrigue and saves the empire. GOOD COMEDY DIR-David S. Ward LEAD-John Goodman RT-105 mins. (mild profanity, brief nudity)

Campus

Yearbook project brings national honors locally for college PTK chapter

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regional coordinators during the period between regional conventions. The various directives included service and scholarship programs.

In addition, Psi Zeta was announced as one of the Top Four Distinguished Chapters in the region. In making the announcement, Cliff Woods, PTK regional coordinator, said the four winning chapters stood out above all others in their efforts.

The local PTK chapter also received the Milestone Award. This award singles out the chapter which best exemplifies excellence and improvement during the past year. Woods singled out Psi Zeta as showing "growth and commitment."

Naomi Gutierrez and Paul Davidson were recognized during the awards banquet for de-

signing the regional logo for the convention. The design was used on the official T-shirts of the convention, the agenda folders and the banner which hung behind the speakers.

The regional convention was attended by Bruton, Tharpe, Gutierrez, Davidson, Teague, Earnest, Barkowsky, Carothers, Mark Wood, Vicki Dawson, and advisors Drs. Duane and Mary Hood. In all, 34 junior college chapters and 10 alumni chapters from the Texas and New Mexico Region attended.

The completion of the conventions marks the beginning of a new year for the national fraternity, according to Hood.

Locally, the Psi Zeta Chapter will be electing new officers to serve during the coming school year.



And the winner is...

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from left) Derrick Bruton, Paul Davidson, Scott Carothers, Kenn Kern, Dr. Hood, (front row) Holly Barkowsky, Bobbie Earnest, Kristie McMillan and GiGi Tharpe. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

Training will expand

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Thornton also noted that the class is for people who would be willing to transfer, meaning that they would not immediately be sent to the Abilene area prison, which is currently under construction. That 2,250-bed unit, the French Robertson Unit, is scheduled to open in May of 1992.

Thornton said classes in Abilene will be covered by current WTC full and part-time staff and no new personnel will be hired at this time.

To offer the programs, WTC had to gain approval to enter another service area. Cisco and Ranger, key members of the service area, gave their okay earlier this month. The Northwest Higher Education Council approved of the move, with the support of Vernon, Weatherford, Tarleton State University and Midwestern University.

Counts' bill could assist dump protestors

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project, but has not submitted a permit application to the Texas Water Commission (TWC).

Counts mentioned in a recent interview that his bill should provide an opportunity for a re-evaluation of the Fisher County permit request.

"Something has to be done with hazardous waste," Counts commented, adding that he believes the site in Fisher County is "not secure."

"Evidence supports the conclusion that the waste would migrate towards Brownwood. It might take as long as 40 years, but it would be a terrible thing to wait 40 years to react to the problem."

The data used by Sweetwater Resource to justify its waste injection system is 35 years old and "outdated," Counts said.

The intervenors, most of them Fisher County residents, raised money to hire a hydrologist to show the permeability of the foundation. The study showed that the waste would migrate.

New coach decision due Monday

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The deadline for applications was last Monday, March 25, and Hickman said they hoped to have the field narrowed down to five or six by last week.

As the deadline passed, 30 applications were received. Hickman said five or six "final" candidates were to be interviewed.

Serving on the search committee were Hickman, vice president for business and finance; Athletic Director Dave Foster; Dean of Student Services Dr. Duane Hood; Carl Williams, WTC board member; and Dr. Gil Fleer, a member of the college's athletic committee.

The new coach will be offered a recruiting budget of \$2,500 and a salary of \$30,930 for a 10-month contract. Recruiting guidelines direct that he recruit as much as possible from this region (Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas).

Coach Mauldin had been at WTC for four years and posted a 54-66 mark during that time. Mauldin is taking over an ACU program that went 0-26 this past season.

In a related change, Mauldin's assistant coach, Don Clay, recently resigned his post here. The position is not expected to be replaced next year.

Counts' bill is designed to cause companies to do more research on the wells for which they seek hazardous waste permits, or pay the intervenors' costs for their efforts to provide the information that is deemed important by the TWC in reaching a permit decision.

Companies that do not provide complete information with their application would stand to lose part or all of the \$50,000 bond required to be submitted at the start of the application process.

This bill, by requiring the companies to furnish a bond, will force companies to submit more complete permit applications, Counts noted.

The TWC would be able to require a bond in the amount of \$50,000 with the application of a hazardous waste injection well permit by amending Chapter 27 of the Water Code.

Hazardous waste injection wells have had significant impact on communities in which they are located, Counts said. Although individuals and local governments may intervene in the process by which injection wells are permitted, the matters considered by the TWC in the proceedings are so technical as to require the presentation of substantial and costly testimony, including the testimony of experts, regarding all aspects of the proposal.

This includes, but is not limited to, the wastes to be disposed of, the treatment of such wastes and the disposal process. Expert testimony is also required regarding the geology of the area.

While applicants are required to provide such information during the process, applicants are prone to present the situation in the light most favorable to the granting of the permit.

Intervenor who oppose the application frequently present evidence that may contradict that of the applicant; such evidence is important to the determination by the commission. But intervenors have had to bear the high costs of presenting this significant information.

Counts' bill is currently being studied by the Natural Resources Committee of the House.

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Governor Ann Richards asked for a two-year moratorium from the TWC for such permits during her State of the State address.

The three-member TWC met in emergency session the same day and installed an emergency moratorium to remain in effect until Sept. 1.

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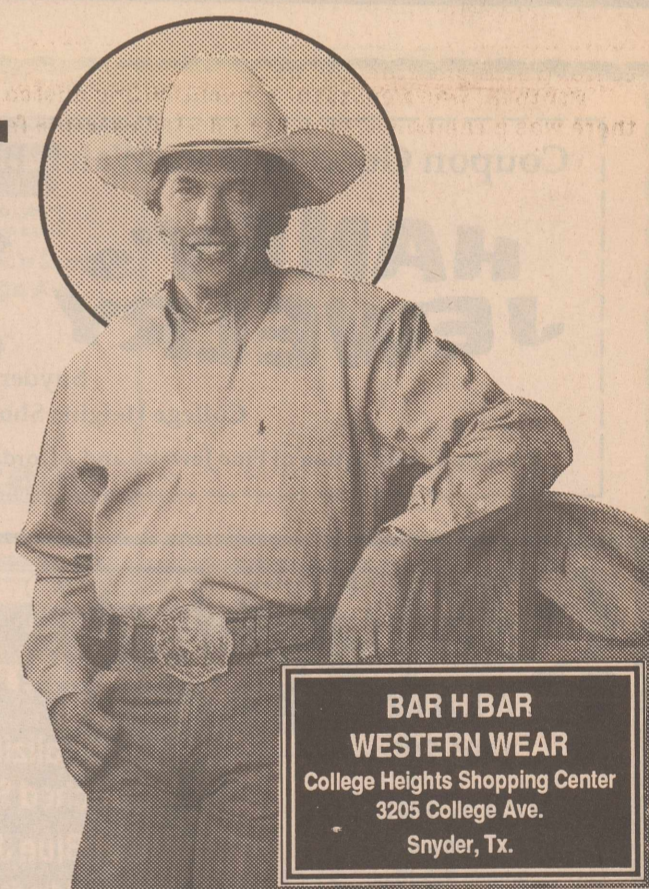
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Sports

First spring rodeo proves tough going

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

The WTC men's and women's rodeo teams began the spring rodeo season on the wrong foot as the men's team finished in a tie for sixth, while the women's team failed to score any points at the Odessa College Rodeo March 21-23.

Odessa College won the men's team title scoring 335 points while the women's team title was won by Texas Tech, scoring 200 points.

Troy Cattoor scored the only men's team points for WTC as he won the short-go of the bareback riding with a score of 70. Cattoor finished sixth overall as he had a combined score of 125 for the average.

Eric Mouton, who is not on the team, also made it back in the bareback riding with scores of 71 and 68. His combined score of 139 put him in a tie for third place in the average.

Four other WTC cowboys made it back to the short-go but were unable to score points. Shane Gulbransen qualified in the saddle bronc riding and Creed Johnson in the Team Roping. Darrin Cook made it back in the bull riding and Benji Fontenot made it in the saddle bronc.

Two WTC cowgirls made it back to the short-go but were unable to score points. Angel Miller and Renee Dollar qualified in the break away roping, both having times of 3.5. Miller had a 3.7 in the short-go and her combined time of 7.2 put in fourth place for the average. Renee Dollar had a no time in the short-go.



Top intramurals

These seven players comprised the winning WTC intramural basketball team. Members are (top row, from left) Ryan Teague, Darren Waters, Mark Wood, Steve Acosta, (front row) Greg Slicker, Toby Goodwin and Jon Gatlin. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

Exes rodeo due in April

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

The WTC Rodeo Exes Association will be sponsoring an Exes Rodeo Sunday, April 21, at Scurry County Coliseum.

The rodeo is open to all exes of WTC who were full-time students. Ex-rodeo members and ex-full time students are eligible to participate.

Ex-members of the WTC Rodeo Team were sent information and applications to enter the rodeo.

The Exes Rodeo will be at 2 p.m. Sunday and will be run by members of the Rodeo Exes Association. All events which are normally held in college rodeos will be held at the Exes Rodeo and entry fees range from \$50-\$65. Stock will be provided by Harry Vold who is also the stock contractor for the college rodeo.

Golfers play at two events, placing 7th, 5th

By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer

WTC Golfers placed seventh in the Gulf Coast Invitational played during spring break and fifth in the Bronco Intercollegiate Conference Tournament played the first weekend in March.

The 36-hole Gulf Coast Invitational was played in Galveston on March 10-12. WTC's Mark Wood completed the tournament with 148 to finish 10th out of a field of 73.

Wood led the WTC field with his rounds of 76-72 (148). Other team scores on the five man traveling squad were Tony Lara's 79-71 (150), Clint Winn's 75-79 (154), Ryan Teague's 79-75 (154), and Jon Gatlin's 81-77 (158). The team scored a combined team total of 604 for the two-day event.

On March 1, WTC golfers faced conference competition on a cold and windy day at NMMI golf course. Tony Lara and Jon Roseberry both carded 113s to lead the WTC

golfers, followed by Ryan Teague's 115, Clint Winn's 117 and Mark Wood and Brad Stewart, both scoring 118. Midland won the event with a team score of 438.

This event was played in conjunction with the 7th annual Bronco Invitational, where other non-conference colleges joined to play the 72-hole tournament.

WTC golfers were split into a white and blue team for the event. Blue team scores were: Jon Gatlin 75-75-82 (232); Darren Waters 80-74-80 (234); Ryan Teague 76-78-83 (237); Greg Slicker 81-80-77 (238); and Tony Smith 81-77-85 (243).

White team scores were: Tony Lara 77-73-77 (227); Brad Stewart 74-77-78 (234); Mark Wood 80-77-78 (235); Clint Winn 76-79-83 (238); and Jon Roseberry 76-76-82 (234).

WTC White finished 9th with a team total of 926 and WTC Blue 11th with a 938 in the 14-team field. Golfers from the University of New Mexico won with an 880 team score.

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Sports

Byrd, Johnson gain All Conference honor

By Glenn Boerger
Texan Staffer

Two WTC players were named All-Conference selections as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference ended play.

Dominick Byrd and Paul Johnson, both sophomores, were selected All-Conference while Jeff Shelly and Michael Richardson, also sophomores, were selected Honorable Mention All-Conference.

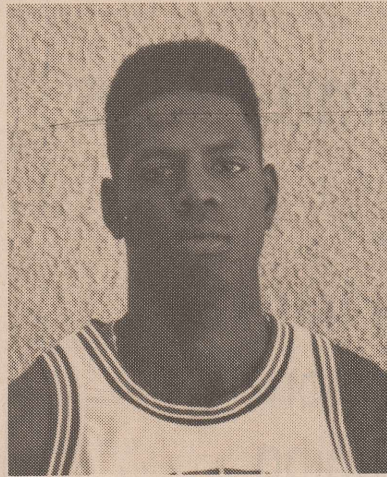
Byrd, a 6'5" forward from O.D. Wyatt H.S. in Fort Worth, is making his second appearance on the All-Conference Team after being selected last year as a freshman. He led the conference in rebounding, averaging just over 12 a game, and led the

Westerners in scoring with a 21.1 point average per game.

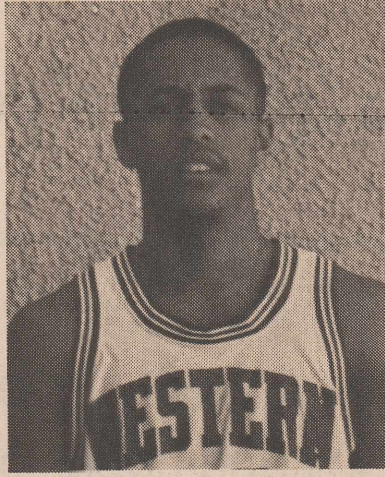
Johnson, a 5'9" guard from Baton Rouge, La., was a transfer from Delgado J.C. where he averaged almost 28 points a game last year. He averaged over 20 points a game for WTC and led the conference in assists with just over 7 a game.

Shelly is a 6'3" forward from Dallas Adamson H.S. He averaged over 18 points a game for the Westerners and was among the conference's best in 3-point and free throw shooting.

Richardson, a 6'4" forward from Lafayette H.S. in Lafayette La., is a transfer from Panola J.C. He averaged over 15 points a game for the Westerners this



Dominick Byrd
...All Conference...



Paul Johnson
...All Conference...

season.

The MVP in the WJCAC was Howard's Jonnie McDowell.

The WJCAC Coach of the Year was Ron Mayberry of South Plains College.

Eleven players in all were selected to the All-Conference Team. These were Charles Outlaw and Dwight Stewart of South

Plains College; Cecil Pitman and Harvey Petty of Howard College.

Others were Calvin Sinkfield and Rodney Dent of Odessa College; Will Scott of New Mexico J.C.; Carroll Boudreaux of Midland College; and Robert Torrence of Frank Phillips College.

Three Dusters receive honorable mention nod

By Dean Williamson
Texan Staffer

A trio of Lady Dusters received honorable mention honors for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference at the end of the 1991 season.

Jill Forrest, Bay, Miss. sophomore; Monica Ramirez, Midland freshman; and La Shunta Jackson, Navasota freshman, were named.

The conference Most Valuable Player honor went to Sheryl Swoopes of South Plains College.

Howard College's Royce Chadwick, son of WTC's Kelly Chadwick, received Coach of the Year honors.

First team honors went to: Twanda Wilson, Odessa; Kim Robinson, Howard; Carol Bailey, South Plains; Paulette King, Frank Phillips; D'Andria Thomas, Odessa; Yelle Pierau, Frank Phillips; Mulu Tosi, Howard; Cindy Williams, Howard; Nicole McCrimmon, NMJC; and Michelle Reynolds, Odessa.

Odessa women win national JUCO title

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference's women's team came up a national winner while the men were defeated at the regional level as national JUCO basketball play drew to a close.

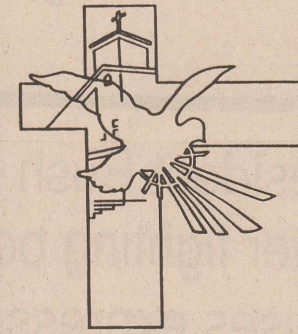
Odessa's Lady Wranglers are now the official national winners after winning the national tournament March 23 by defeating Northeast Oklahoma 61-60.

Odessa had beaten the South Plains Lady Texans, 79-65, in the Region V WJCAC Tournament to earn the invitation to the NJCAA national event held in Tyler.

Odessa advanced to the national finals with a record of 28-1 while South Plains completed basketball action with a 25-4 record.

Howard College, the WJCAC conference co-champion, was upset by Alvin Community College 95-91 in the finals of the Texas-New Mexico JUCO basketball finals in Waco.

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College Press

Kuwaiti students studying here welcome news

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Pre-war

These Washington, D.C., students rallied against Iraq in September after the August invasion.

"It's awesome. Unbelievable," said Mohammad Boshahri, a Kuwaiti studying at Marietta College in Ohio.

Boshahri, who will graduate in May, is anxious to return home.

"It's really hard to wait, but what else can we do? It's my last semester here."

Boshahri, in fact, is only one of two students from Kuwait still attending Marietta. The other seven were called for military duty.

"Most were called when we were still on break, right after war broke out," recalled Sharon Romana in Marietta's records office.

Neither the U.S. State Department nor the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs knew how many of the approximately 2,200 Kuwaitis who were studying in the U.S. before Iraq invaded their homeland Aug. 2 are still here.

"Seventy percent of them have left," Boshahri said, admitting the figure was just an estimate. "I know a lot of guys who have left."

Kuwaiti students, Boshahri explained, were more likely to

be called to serve if they had a year or more of schooling left, or if they weren't doing too well.

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, all five of the Kuwaiti and six of the Iraqi students who started the semester are still enrolled, said Meg Skinner, assistant director of international students.

"They're all anxious about their families," Skinner said. "None of them have been able to contact their families since January 16."

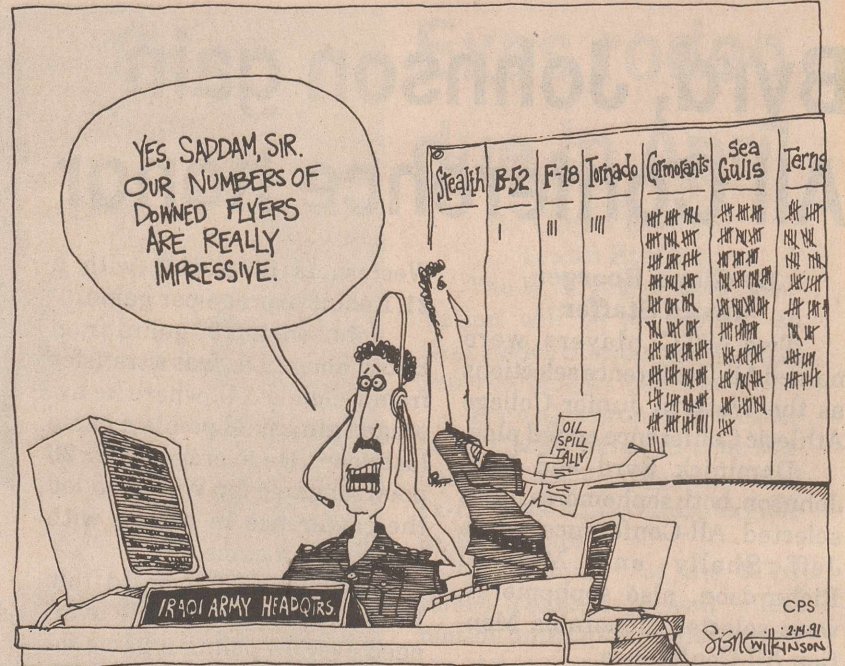
Boshahri is sitting tight, waiting to graduate and hoping to hear from his two brothers, ages 20 and 22.

"I'm kind of worried. I don't know what has happened to them."

The hardest part, agrees Marietta classmate Mohammed El-Hussain, is "not knowing."

"All my family, friends and relatives are there. We don't know if they are okay or not," El-Hussain said.

El-Hussain is intent on remaining at Marietta two more semesters to earn his degree before returning to Kuwait. "If everything is okay over there, I'll go back."



Psychology professor claims grades don't predict success

(CPS) - A high grade-point average won't necessarily translate into a successful working career, a University of Tennessee professor claims.

"Grades don't really predict anything," said psychology Prof. Howard Pollio.

Pollio was panelist for "GPA - Valid Predictor of Job Success?," a Jan. 17 videoconference sponsored by the College Placement Council.

Employers have only a 4 percent chance of choosing an applicant who will succeed on the job if they use grades to screen out candidates, he maintained.

"Screening doesn't help us," Pollio said.

What's more, it makes it even tougher for companies to hire minorities, Pollio added. Minority students tend to have more financial problems and a

tougher time adjusting to campus life, particularly in the first two years. As a result, their GPAs tend to suffer during that time.

Another panelist, Gale Varma, AT&T manager of college recruiting, noted her organization's research does indicate a correlation between GPA and successful on-the-job performance, particularly for technical positions where course work and job responsibilities are closely matched.

Yet AT&T, she added, doesn't use GPA as a job-candidate screening device.

That's the exception, Pollio says. In a study he conducted five years ago, more than half the employers he surveyed had some sort of GPA hurdle students had to clear before making it to a first interview.

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BY JANE BRYANT QUINN

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Campus murders frighten students

A seemingly extraordinarily violent term on campuses nationwide got even more violent Feb. 27 when police arrested a University of Texas-Arlington basketball player on charges he tried to murder a teammate.

While the teammate is recovering, four students on various campuses have been murdered so far during the winter term.

Even veteran crime observers are unsure if campuses are getting more dangerous or if college crime simply is being reported to the public more.

"It's hard to say whether violent campus crime is increasing," counsels Jan Sherrill, director of the Campus Violence Prevention Center, headquartered at Towson State University in Maryland.

He suspects there may be more crime on campuses, if only because there is more crime in society at large.

"If the general society is a barometer for campus society, we should expect an increase in campus crime," he said.

Expected or not, the recent crimes have been both dramatic and brutal.

On Feb. 17, Yale University sophomore Christian Haley Prince was shot in the chest during a robbery attempt just a block from the home of Yale President Benno Schmidt.

Indiana State University student Brian Hogue was shot Feb. 8 in a popular student tavern near the Terre Haute campus. Fellow student Mark Nicholson has been charged in the incident.

On Jan. 14, Ball State University student Velvet Day died after being shot in the off-campus house where she lived. Her boyfriend, Robert Edwards, also a Ball State student, was arrested in the incident.

The same day, Marquette University Mario Gonzales was shot outside the Sigma Phi Delta fraternity house.

At Texas-Arlington, Titus

Howard, 19, was arraigned on charges of trying to kill teammate Glover Cody in a fight about Howard's sister.

During the 1989-90 school

year, Sherrill said, 22 college students were murdered. At least 11 students have been murdered in separate incidents so far during 1990-91.

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