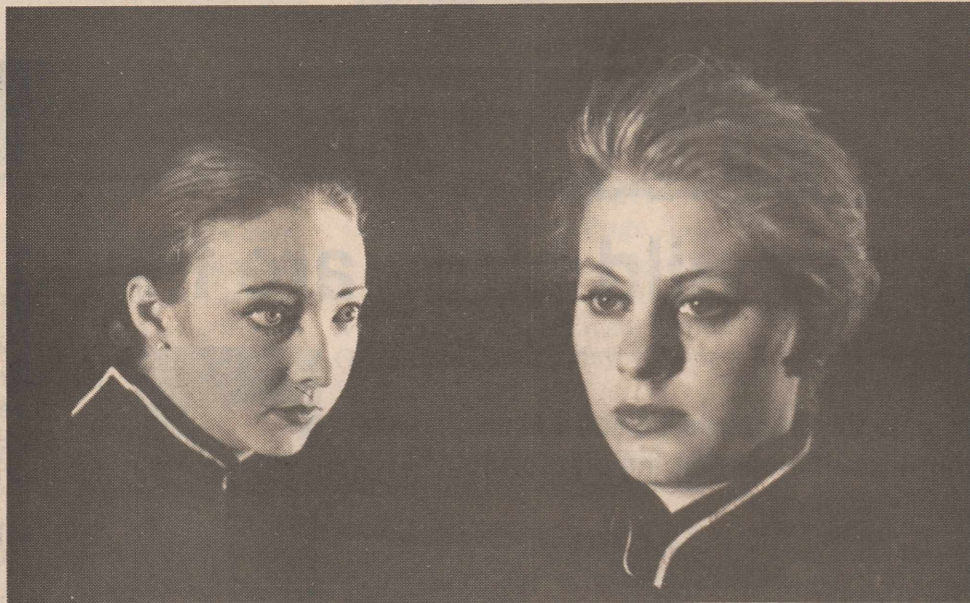


Duster coach to be named here tonight

By Dusty Green
Texan Staffer

WTC should have a new women's basketball coach by tomorrow morning, according to Athletic Director Milton Ham, who said that the final candidate for the position was expected to be confirmed by the WTC Board of Trustees in tonight's meeting.

The final candidate was to be chosen. See COACH, page 3



Kristi Mize and Amber Adams as 'Hedda Gabler'

Year's finale, 'Hedda Gabler' opens Thursday on campus

An experimental version of the classic drama "Hedda Gabler" will open on the WTC campus Thursday with nightly performances slated Friday, Saturday and Monday also.

The classic play by Henrik Isben will be staged by the WTC Drama Department with two actresses playing the lead role. In addition, the Fine Arts Theatre stage will be modified so that theatre-goers may view the play "in the round."

Performances will begin nightly at 8 p.m. and all tickets will be \$5. Proceeds from the play will go toward a department scholarship and, because of this, WTC IDs will not be honored for this show only.

The lead character, "Hedda," will be played by Kristi Mize and Amber Adams. Playing George Tesman, Hedda's "husband of convenience," is Richard Lack. Wade Freeman will play the part of Judge Brack.

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'Buck' plan is part of observance

Month of April honors community colleges

By Sheri Hunter
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College is observing Community College Month in April and area students and residents are invited to attend several activities which will take place on campus this month.

As a special project, the WTC Faculty Association is also distributing "WTC Bucks" to Snyder merchants.

A sampling of events on campus during April include:

- High schools visiting the campus April 7,8.
- WWII program April 9.
- Area UIL contest April 11.
- WTC Rodeo April 16.
- WTC vs. Community volleyball game April 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- Area Superintendents Day on campus April 22.
- Social Science Contest April 23.
- WTC Exes Rodeo April 26.
- WTC Board Candidate Forum April 28.

The WTC vs. Community volleyball game April 21 will see merchants eligible for prizes based on the WTC Bucks being circulated during the month.

The "bucks" were given to merchants by the faculty and staff as a way of showing their appreciation for their support of the college.

Merchants are asked to sign the See 'BUCKS', page 3



Rodeo Queen candidates

These four coeds are among the five seeking the title of 1992 WTC Rodeo Queen. The winner will be announced during the opening performance of the annual WTC Rodeo

Thursday. Contestants shown are, from left, Jackie Dunlap, Julie Williams, Jay J. Tucker and Brenda Galvin. Not pictured is Staci Dorotik. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

Rodeo opens Thursday...

WTC Rodeo Queen announcement due

By Mark Carroll
Texan Staffer

The 1992 WTC Rodeo Queen contest is underway and will be announced Thursday night in conjunction with the opening of the annual Western Texas College Rodeo.

The rodeo will be held in the Scurry County Coliseum starting at 8 p.m. nightly Thursday through Saturday.

The queen's race consists of five contestants. Sophomore contestants are Brenda Galvin, Julie Williams and Jay J. Tucker and freshman contestants are Jackie Dunlap and Staci Dorotik.

Brenda Galvin is the daughter of Ed and Carolyn Galvin of Merkel. She is a 1990 graduate of Trent High School. She is a pre-med major and plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Julie Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Williams of Snyder. She is a graduate of Ira High School. At WTC, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has been named to the president's list for three semesters. She plans to major in business administration.

Jay J. Tucker is the daughter of Jim and Juday Abar and Ms. Fran Abar. She is a graduate of Snyder High School. While attending WTC, she has been a member of the rodeo team and a student senator. She plans to major in secondary education.

Jackie Dunlap is a freshman contestant from Lubbock. She is the daughter of Jack and Virginia Dunlap of Lubbock. She is a graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School. She is a member of the rodeo team and plans to major in horse production.

Staci Dorotik is also a freshman contestant. She is a native of Eola. She is the daughter of Wallie and Rebecca Dorotik and a 1991 graduate of Eden High School. At WTC, she was a member of the judging team for one semester and is a student senator. She plans to major in agriculture.

The 1992 Rodeo Queen will receive a queen's belt buckle. She will ride in the grand entry of each night's performance. Also, she will present the belt buckles to the winners of each event.

The rodeo queen's race is based on ticket sales, academic standing, poise, grooming and personality.

The WTC Rodeo is part of the spring competition for the WTC men's and women's teams.

Student filing for senate posts being accepted

The election for Student Senate officers is set April 22-23 and any returning students who wish to run should pick up a petition in the Student Activities Office from Mickey Baird.

A president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will be elected. These officers will then be advisors to the senate's Student Life Committee, Dance Committee, Recreation Committee and Entertainment Committee

Requirements for the offices are the student should be a sophomore in good standing with the college, enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours and maintain a 2.0 grade point average for the previous semester of the election and in the semester in which the student holds the office.

The officers are elected by the students in a general election. To run, they must secure a petition containing 25 signatures from the student body.

The last day to petition will be April 20 and the election will be April 22-23.

Support group forms here for 'non-traditional' student

By Angela McCall
Texan Staffer

A pilot meeting of "non-traditional students" was held March 31 and the next meeting will be tomorrow in Rm. 2B-110 at 10:45 a.m.

Those present at the first meeting were asked to identify goals for the group, create a name, and choose a form of leadership, whether it be formal or informal. Meeting times were also to be considered.

Marilyn Lancaster welcomed the 16 attending, and began by saying that she "went back to school" at the age of 26. "It is

a difficult decision," she said, "and I endured a lot of criticism."

Janet Halbert also spoke to the group, explaining motives for initiating the group's start-up. "People that are in similar situations can come together to support each other," she said. Out of this sort of mentoring program may begin for newcomers.

Student sees group's need

WTC freshman Kellye Block considers herself a "non-traditional student," and is excited about the new support group. "I think it will be helpful for those of us that don't fit in with the younger students," says the 32-year-old mother of six.

Like others attending the first See SUPPORT, page 3

It was also pointed out that the group may be able to identify classes that could be offered at more convenient times.

These and other suggestions could be offered to the administration.

Awards Day here will honor outstanding academic work

By Anne Overhulser
Texan Staffer

The WTC Faculty Association is now selecting students to be honored at the annual spring Awards Day ceremony.

Awards will be presented in the Fine Arts Theater on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m., with a reception following in the Scurry County Museum lobby.

Class times will be adjusted as follows: 8 a.m. classes will meet from 8-9:05 a.m., 9:30 a.m. classes from 9:15-10:20 a.m., and the 11:30 a.m. classes from noon until 1:05 p.m.

At the event, the 1991-92 WTC Outstanding Male and Female Students will be announced.

Also, departmental awards will be presented to outstanding students in each of WTC's seven divisions for accomplishments during the 1991-92 school year.

Tammy Wesson, instructor in office systems technology, heads the

Awards Day committee this year. She says the Faculty Association sent out nomination forms in March for Outstanding Male and Female Student nominations.

Students who are nominated show specific traits which establish them as outstanding. To be nominated the student must have:

—Attained sophomore class standing and be currently enrolled in at least 12 hours.

—Maintained a 3.75 GPA.

—Attended WTC as a freshman.

—Been involved in campus or community activities and organizations.

Wesson says the nomination process begins with written recommendations by faculty association members for each nominee.

These nominations were submitted to the Awards Day committee, which then verified their eligibility.

Final selection will be made on April See AWARDS, page 3

Opinion

The coming of spring means the wild birds are flying again...

By Donny Brown
Assistant Professor
Mass Communications

"The wild birds are flying. High, wide and free."

That lyric from an old country-western song invariably fills me with an ache. For, as the rest of us sit here, the wild birds are flying.

Fortunately for us, we are in the middle of a migratory pathway which stretches from some far reaches of steamy South America to the wild frozen vistas of Northern Canada.

In the fall, the flight paths of wild birds can't be missed—the ragged "Vs" of sandhill crane and geese, a bountiful variety of wild ducks and those Midwestern doves which fly over our shattered maize fields like missiles shot from a bazooka.

In the spring, however, the arrival of the wild birds is more subtle. Witness the waxwings. My colleague Joe Carter—master science instructor, professional flora and fauna observer and semi-professional wildlife photographer—has proposed categorizing for posterity the various critters which visit WTC annually or otherwise live here year-round.

His first effort in this regard, which I propose he should ultimately combine into a full-blown book, is printed with this column.

He introduced me to the idea in early spring—one of those March days when the dust declined to rise, winter had temporarily retreated and the warmth of the sun convinced you spring was an imminent possibility.

"Have you seen the waxwings?" he asked. An innocent question which produced only a bumfuzzled look. "Come here, I'll show you." He marched me out to the WTC courtyard, where he pointed to a cluster of fluttering and darting

'To some, a gathering of turkey buzzards isn't on a par with a gathering of eagles, but I would note that the diet for both species is not substantively different.'



shapes which I would have otherwise mistaken for sparrows.

"They arrived last weekend," he said. On closer look, I found the yellow-tipped tail he described and, when I stopped to listen, heard the tiny whistle they seemed to be passing back and forth.

You've heard the expression, "happy as larks." The bunch of waxwings I saw looked like they'd

overdosed on the spring sunshine. Rattling from tree to tree, constantly changing the group shape like a cluster of fireflies or the miasma of a cloud.

I don't claim to even approach the knowledge of wildlife enjoyed by Joe Carter, but I've been chronicling for several years the arrival of seasons and the birds which tag along.

In Snyder, the biggest—as in wing-span size—example now in evidence is the turkey buzzard, which showed up right on schedule about a month ago.

In my memory, these guys first appeared four or five years ago, at least in the numbers we're now seeing, which I calculate to be some 40. This may not be enough to warrant listing them as tourist attractions, at least not yet, but they do seem magnificent birds.

To some, a gathering of turkey buzzards isn't on a par with a gathering of eagles, but I would note that the diet for both species is not substantively different.

Again, I'm no expert, but each spring or early summer I look forward to the return of purple martins, pileated woodpeckers, orioles, Mississippi kites, blue jays, robins and mocking birds, plus those birds which I see and feed year-round, the doves and cardinals, tufted titmouses and several varieties of wrens.

Which brings me back to Joe Carter. Jumping cats, I had no idea we had waxwings in these parts and boy am I grateful for the scoop.

Cedar waxwings profiled...

By Joe Carter
Science Professor

Cedar waxwings are a welcome sight on our campus as they migrate south in October and back north during March, on their way to nesting sites in the northern United States and Canada.



Worldwide there are three species in the waxwing family, with only the cedar waxwing found locally. They are small (sparrow-sized) with brown and gray soft, silk-like plumage, a black facial mask, yellow tipped tail and small red spots on the wing coverts.

Both sexes are similar and have a conspicuous crest on the head.

Their primary foods are fruit and berries, but they will catch insects during the milder seasons, making them difficult to attract with feeders. Their preference for fruit causes them

to wander widely in search of seasonal ripe berries, including yaupon, cherries, mulberries, hackberries, and pyracantha, most of which are found on the WTC campus. These birds have the unusual habit of perching on a branch, all facing the same direction, and passing a berry back and forth along the line several times, with one of them finally consuming it. Ornithologists have yet to figure this one out.

They are highly gregarious, remaining in flocks most of the year, except during nesting season, when both parents participate in nest building. They are not territorial and their song consists of a soft, short whistle.

These are quiet, inconspicuous birds that move about in synchronized flight from open tree-tops to fruit-bearing shrubs and back again, seldom resting on the ground.

I know, it's only rock n' roll, but...

By Marci Regalado
Texan Staffer

He steps onto the stage wearing black leather from head to toe and a hot pink electric guitar strapped around his neck. Uncomprehensible lyrics, or maybe just a series of grunts, issues from his mouth.

This "greasy slimeball", by some average adult's standards, transforms into a rock messiah in the eyes of teen fans. He becomes a leader, guiding them to some light unrevealed to adults, a truth that is only apparent to the young.

Tales of rebellion, love and more rebellion fill the spaces between guitar solos.

Now the question of what rebellion is must be asked.



"Have you come to raise the dead?/ Did you come here to play Jesus to the lepers in your head?"

is doing things we think only other countries do. . . someone is walking onto a nude beach for the first time . . ."


These are powerful messages. And each one addresses a totally different issue. The video mentions everything from black equality to war.

It is the consensus among the young that the world needs a change. And a song like "Right Now" is the kind of statement that the young are trying to make.

What lurks beneath the surface of the new generation is a discontent, an anger with what its predecessors have failed to accomplish and music is one of the instruments of communication that

they are using to get a message of change across.

Not only are groups saying something smart, they're doing lots of smart




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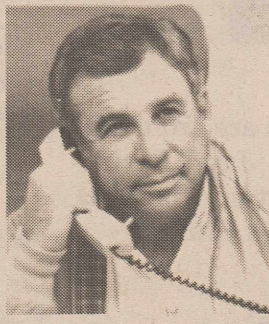
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Young people are tired of being patronized. They crave the intellectual challenge that is only present in the newest forms of music such as metal, rap and alternative music.

After all, do you hear much of Metallica, NWA or Jane's Addiction on local radio?

This is for a good reason. Older adults find these types of music offensive. It's too loud, violent or just "too left-wing." They just don't see a lot of meaning in those songs.

"Right Now" from Van Halen's latest effort, "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge," definitely goes against all those stereotypes.

The video contains phrases like "Right now pearls are being robbed of their sole possession." A picture of a condom lies in the background as the words, "Right now nothing is more expensive than regret" pops on the screen. "Right now . . . is not the fault of the Japanese. . . our government

things.

"Alternative" musicians are using their influence over young voters to pull support for whatever political cause they support.

Jane's Addiction, along with several other alternative musicians, used the "Lalapalooza Tour" fans to protest the Gulf War, sign up voters, gather supporters for PETA (People For The Ethical Treatment of Animals), among other consciousness-raising issues.

One of the most revered groups and probably the first major alternative band, U2, still churns out poetry as powerful as their 1985 cult hit, "Pride" (about Martin Luther King).

"One," their new release, has one really strong line, "Have you come to raise the dead?/Did you come here to play Jesus to the lepers in your head?"

No profound observation here, just breath-taking writing.

Nirvana hurls out a message that people don't really want to deal with.

Their debut album, "Nevermind," is on the top 10 charts and has been for a couple of weeks. Their album cover: a baby swimming in a pool about to be baited by a dollar on a hook. Their video: a baby swimming in a pool with a gun. A clear picture of the future being reeled in by money and violence.

Too many people would rather clump together music and lyrics. They're two different parts of a song. One wonders if the music isn't made to weed out listeners that want an easy listen—simple, rhymey, "I love you" lyrics.

The strength of rap, alternative music and metal should not be underestimated in shaping the future. After all, the bands certainly don't.

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Campus

Support group member sees benefits

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meeting of the group, Kellye wanted to communicate with people that she had something in common with. She hopes that besides providing a sounding board for those in like situations, the group will be able to assist students who are "going back to school" by voicing opinions about class scheduling and obtaining information on various types of financial aid.

Kellye knows firsthand the

Awards Day slated

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16 by a vote of the entire association. Winners must receive a two-third majority.

In addition to Wesson, other committee members are Mickey Baird, Rockford Burris, Sue Freemeyer, Mary Hood and Joann Snider.

The program cover will be designed by WTC freshman art major Bryant Thomas.

adversities that have to be overcome and the strong desire one must have to return to school. With six children ranging in ages from 3 to 14, (including a set of twins), Kellye juggles many schedules.

Often times, things don't go as planned, she noted. As an example, she cited last November and December, when she took in a relative's three children and "struggled through finals."

"You just do what you have to do and go on," she says.

Kellye is an education major, and continues to stay involved with her children's education. She works closely with the parent councils of her children's schools, having served as president for one. Kellye says time spent in volunteer work such as in resource and with a special dyslexia program in her children's school contributed to her decision to continue her own education.

By Angela McCall

Play set to open

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In the role of Juliana Tesman is Kathy Johnson; Sherri Cribbs will portray Thea Elvsted; and Greg Combs will play Gilbert Lovborg.

Technical assistants are Guy Wyley and Jeff Black and Jim Rambo, instructor, will direct.

Coach to be named

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sen from five finalists last Wednesday, after members of the special search committee interviewed each applicant. Ham declined to release the names of the finalists, but said that he did expect the new coach to be confirmed tonight.

"I expect the board to concur with the search committee's decision," he said, "and the new coach is expected to begin employment on the first of May."

The search committee consisted of Ham, Dean of Instruction Bettie McQueen, faculty member Julie Daughtry, board member Howard Sterling and Gay Hickman.

Ham also expected the new coach to begin recruitment "as soon as they get the call."

Absentee vote to begin today

Absentee voting in the WTC board of trustee election begins today in the WTC administration building and will continue through April 28.

The trustee election will be May 2 from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. and a candidate forum is planned on campus April 28.

Announced for place 3 on the board are Mike Dennis and Carolyn Barbee. For Place 4, candidates are Joe Bob Flowers and Jay Kidd.

WTC gives 'bucks'

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"bucks" and to return them to any of five campus locations. The returned "bucks" will be drawn at the game April 21 to determine prize winners. Merchants need not be present to win but are invited to attend the game.

The annual volleyball game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the WTC gym.

The "WTC Bucks" may be returned to boxes placed in the student center, administration building, the Scurry County Museum, the WTC gym and the Fine Arts Theatre.

Prizes offered are:

—A \$50 gift certificate towards summer or fall tuition and fees, given by the WTC Faculty Association.

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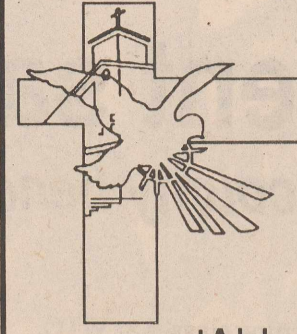
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Campus diesel mechanic option offers student salary-education

College-county benefit from agreement

By Anne Overhulser
Texan Staffer

Wayne Loper, 35, of Snyder, attends morning classes at WTC, learning diesel mechanics in the lab. Each weekday afternoon, he continues to work in the diesel mechanics lab, but now as an employee for Scurry County, using his classroom skills for employment as a part-time mechanic.

This "learn as you work" arrangement is a new twist on a continuing relationship between Scurry County and WTC's Vocational-Technical Division.

Loper is a contract employee, and the county pays his workman's compensation insurance, allowing him to work on campus at no cost to the college. He works four hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and five hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Scurry County suggested hiring a student to work on county equipment under the supervision of Jerry Dennis, vocational-technical division chairman and diesel mechanics instructor.

Traditionally, students have worked on county equipment in the lab with supervision. One drawback has been students are usually only available mornings. Having someone on payroll each afternoon will help the college, the student and the county, notes Dennis.

Students who are currently enrolled in the diesel mechanics program along with Loper are Troy Cattoor, Richard Davis, Jay Elliot, Eddie Midwell, Brandon Mize, Tommy Elam and Stephen

Rawlings. Also, Edward Smerdon and Thad Little, members of the rodeo team, are taking a diesel mechanics class.

Some of the vehicles the students work on include Mack trucks and Cummins brand engines, backhoes, bulldozers, dump trucks and motor graders. A diesel engine can generate 350 HP, weigh 3,000 lbs. and measure 6 feet long by 4 feet tall. To perform the work they do, the engines must be large, Dennis said.

A current project is the complete rebuilding of a diesel engine for a Mack truck. The parts alone will cost from \$3,500 to \$4,000, and the labor—if the county was charged for it—would be about \$5,000. The county will purchase the parts and the college will provide supervised student labor, including Loper.

Diesel mechanics is a two-year certificate program which may also be adapted to an associate degree program for those who are willing to take required academic courses. "I encourage students to pursue the degree," Dennis says, "although the certificate program is TASP exempt, and that attracts some students."

Classes meet daily Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in building 7-D. Students study books and manuals, see training films and have a test every Friday. Other topics studied include welding and precision measurement.

Dennis noted it is very important that the students understand each phase of training because of the cost of the equipment and the danger involved in repairing such large engines.

Time spent in the diesel lab allows Dennis to observe and guide students as they apply what has been studied in class.

Some of this instruction involves allowing students to make mistakes as a learning tool. "That part is really hard to watch," Dennis says.

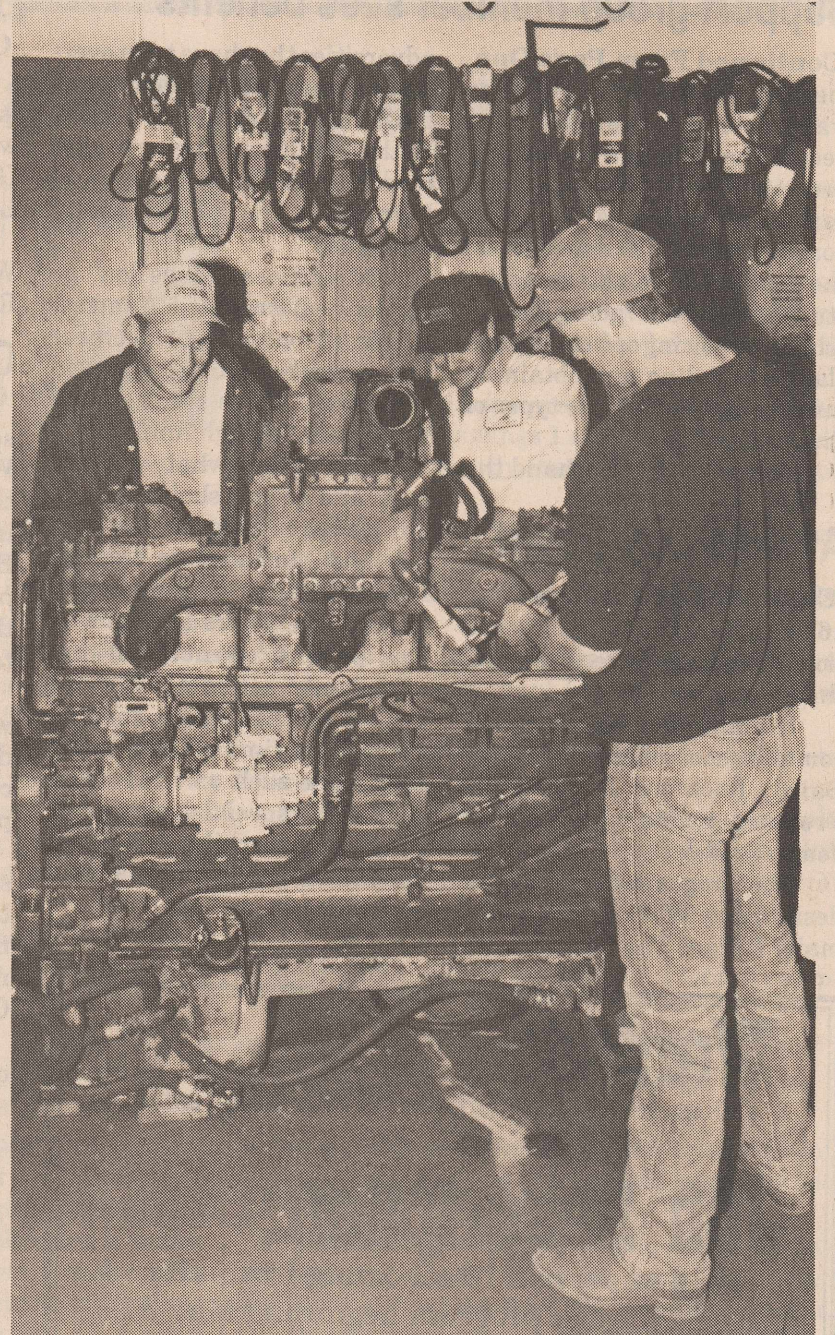
He added, "They take pride in learning to completely rebuild an engine and hear it run and then paint it to look like new and return it to the truck and see it work."

Another aspect of diesel mechanics is learning to have vehicles in compliance with strict new federal permitting standards. This involves road testing repaired vehicles, which requires a commercial drivers license. About half the class is already licensed.

Those students who need the license study together for the written exam and practice in the vehicle they'll use for the driving test.

Dennis noted a new universal test will standardize testing procedures. The new license will be registered nationwide, so truck drivers will no longer have licenses for several different states.

The WTC diesel program is supported by its diesel vocational-



Big Engines

Jay Elliott, Eddie Midwell and Steve Rollins work in the WTC diesel lab. (Texan Photo by Mark Carroll)

technical program advisory board.

Its members are Richard Stoker of Stoker Trucking, Jack Greene of Jack's Roadboring, Roy Kidd of Snyder Truck and Tractor and Doyle Chandler of 84 Truck and Tractor. The board meets annually. Dennis says, "these men have been very helpful over the years. Mr. Stoker has provided a \$1,000 scholarship. Mr. Greene has provided a vehicle and fuel to pick up surplus vehicles as they come available."

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Lancaster looks forward to year as president of statewide TJCTA

By Marci Regalado
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College English instructor Marilyn Lancaster began her term as president of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association (TJCTA) effective April 1.

Since winning the office one year ago, Mrs. Lancaster has served as president-elect of the association, which consists of 6,000 members state-wide. It was founded in 1948.

The organization represents the interests of junior college administration, faculty and students when pending legislation and other issues come before the Texas legislature.

Lancaster was elected as president-elect at last February's convention. Previously, she had served as TJCTA secretary in 1989 and vice president in 1990.

When her presidency term is over in the spring of 1993, she has still another term to serve as immediate past president. She will assist the president-elect, Brian Dille, who takes over the new position in April, 1993.

As president, Lancaster's first actions will be to meet with the members of the executive council and to create an agenda for the coming year. Lancaster will also make appointments to committees.

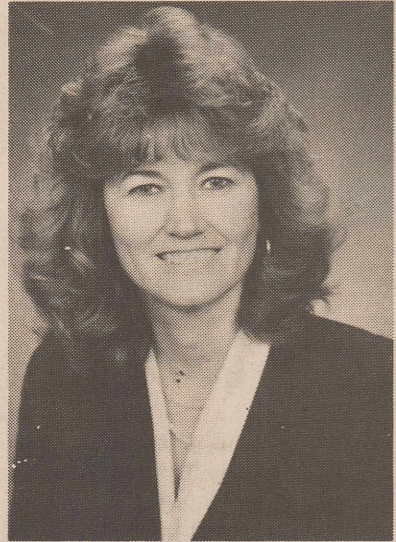
In the fall, the association will make preliminary goals and decide how to achieve these at the close of the legislative session in 1993.

Mrs. Lancaster's agenda includes meetings with the committees "almost every weekend"

in the fall to discuss plans for speakers at the annual convention held in February.

Another goal of the association, she said, is to "sell the efficiency of junior colleges as a better place to get an education than a four year college."

"Four year schools only take the best, and it is clearly easier



Marilyn Lancaster

to teach the best, but junior colleges take everyone and do a much better job (of educating)," she said.

"As an organization," said Lancaster, "TJCTA represents all junior colleges, so I'll try to make sure everyone has their voice heard. We'll work the problems out."

Mrs. Lancaster says she joined TJCTA politics because "I wanted to be a part of such a respected association and because I thought I could contribute to the association."

She added, "I'm happy to continue the process that the people before me have started."

The TJCTA executive council will meet with Lancaster in the fall to discuss the year's agenda. Its members are Steve Dutton from Amarillo College; Brian Dille from North Harris County; Pat Green from Temple Junior College; and David Wilcox from Houston Community College.



Team recognized

A reception was held March 31 to honor the WTC meats team, which earned its first National Championship title at the Houston

Livestock Show this spring. Team coach Jim Judah is shown. (Texan Photo)

Social science contest set here

By Naomi Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

WTC will hold its annual Social Science Contest for area high schools April 23 in various locations throughout the campus.

Contest categories will be in Current Events, United States Government, Texas History and Government, United States History, World History and Geography and Economics

Area schools which will participate are Snyder, Rule,

Abilene, Coahoma, Grady, Abernathy, Smyer, Spur, Highland, Westbrook, Aspermont and Hermleigh.

Registration and a reception will be in the Student Center from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Immediately following, students will be asked to meet in the gym where they will be welcomed by Dr. Harry Krenek, college president.

Contests will be in various classrooms from 10-11:30 a.m. After lunch from 11:30 to 1 o'clock, there will be an awards

presentation in the gym at 1:15 p.m.

Winners will be divided into small and large schools and first, second and third place winners will receive medals.

Special remarks will be given by Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction.

Professors involved in the contest are Contest Supervisor Robert Adams, Dr. Jim Palmer, Jim Durham, Dr. Gil Fleer, Jimmie McGee and Ray Robbins.

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Sports

WTC men finish 2nd at Big Spring Rodeo

By Greg Young
Texan Staffer

The WTC men's rodeo team grabbed second place at the Howard Rodeo last weekend with a team total of 240 points, an effort led by bareback rider Travis Whiteside.

Whiteside won the go-round with an initial ride of 73, then added a finals-run score of 71 to total 144 points. He finished second to Tarleton's Beau Mayo who touted a score of 148.

Steer wrestler Thad Little, one of the three WTC team members to make it to the finals, placed third with a score of 10.5 which consisted of a 6.7 first-run and 3.8 in the finals.

Along with Little, Western Texan Justin Peevey finished sixth with a 14.1 while teammate Brad Loesch placed ninth, scoring 19.5 in steer wrestling.

Little also managed a fourth place tie in saddle bronc against Odessa College's Leon Farley. He posted a 71 in the go-round and 64 in the finals to total 135.

The All-Around honors went to Ty Saulsberry of NMJC and former WTC student Melanie Graf, now attending Texas Tech. The New Mexico Junior

College Rodeo will be in Hobbs, N.M. April 9-12 followed by the annual WTC Rodeo April 16-18 at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Softball underway

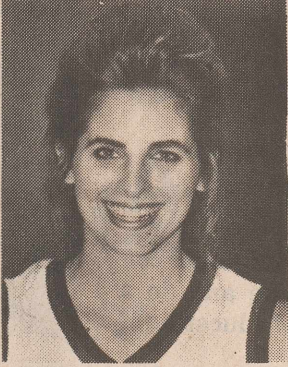
Intramural softball began last Wednesday, pitting "Bad Company" against "The Canes" and "The Golfers" against "Off Regular."

The only other two teams, "Intelligent Hoodlums" and "Slammers," were to play the winners Thursday, April 9.

Due to a shortage of time, there will be no pre-tournament games. The tournament will be double-elimination with the championship game slated for Wednesday, April 22, at 3 p.m.



La Shunta Jackson
Most Valuable Player



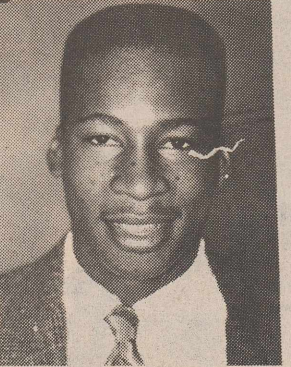
Cynthia French
assist-steal leader



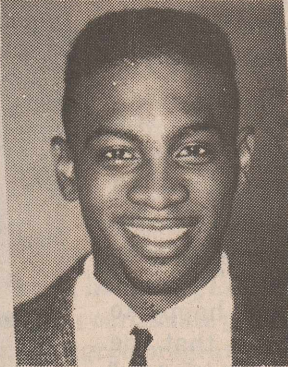
Diane Mendez
best free-throw



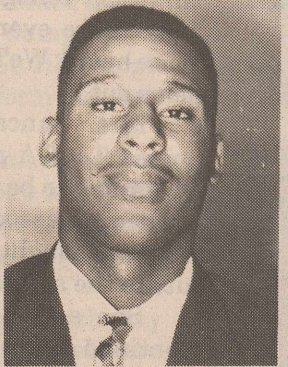
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top three-pointer



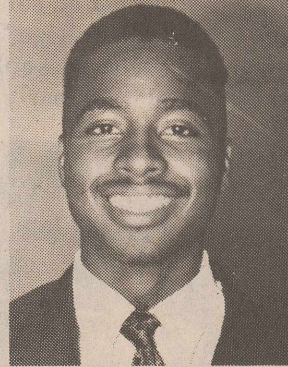
Jon Gaston
all-conference



Terrance Ross
most valuable defense



Todd Gray
most improved



Michael Crowe
leadership award

Wood continues to pace college golf team

By Dusty Green
Texan Staffer

Sophomore Mark Wood continues to shine for the WTC golf team, as his fourth place individual finish led the Westerners to a sixth place team title in the McCormick's Ranch Invitational at Scottsdale, Ariz. early last week.

Wood's rounds of 73-75 proved to be fourth best among all participants, giving him his second top five finish in the last three tournaments.

The Westerners' sixth place finish came as a result of a 313-304 team score for the two-day event, which was made up of WTC golfers Ryan Teague (79-76), Darren Waters (80-78), John Gatlin (84-75), and Mike Torres (81-81).

The Westerners used their sixth place finish to move up to a second place standing in the conference, ahead of Odessa but behind top-ranked Midland. The squad will defend its standing at the final conference tourney in Salado next week, before playing in the regional tournament in Odessa on April 23-25.

The top two teams in the regional tournament qualify for the national tourney in Scottsdale in June.

"I feel really good about our chances of making the national tournament," said Ham.

"It's something we've been working toward since the first of the year. I'm excited about it."

A week prior to the Arizona tournament, the Westerners competed in the Wildflower Invitational on March 19-21 in Temple, where they finished in fifth place despite having to face some of the top rated teams in the NCAA Division II.

With his two rounds of 79-75, Wood was tops once again for the squad, and was the only WTC golfer to break 80 on both days of the tourney.

Gatlin followed with rounds

of 79-80; and the team was rounded out by Teague (85-79), Jon Roseberry (82-84), and freshman Daryl Weldon (82-85) to give the team a total score of 322 and 318 for 640.

Abilene Christian University, ranked number one in Division II, ran away with the first place prize, despite being unable to break the total team score barrier of 300.

This was the first tournament of the season in which none of the competing teams broke 300, which was not surprising to Ham.

"This was the longest, toughest golf course we've seen all year long," he said.

"It was also very hilly, with very big greens. ACU played really good to shoot what they did."

Athletic awards presented

By Greg Young
Texan Staffer

Both Duster and Westerner players were honored March 30 at the annual WTC Sports Banquet.

WTC sophomore La Shunta Jackson, named to the WJCAC's All-Conference team for the 1991-92 season, gathered honors for top field goal percentage, rebounding and the Duster's Most Valuable Player.

Jackson finished 10th in the WJCAC listings for field goal percentages with just over 50 percent. Also, she was eighth in rebounding with 186 (6.9 per game).

Duster Cynthia French received Assist and Team Steal Leader honors along with the Defensive MVP award. The WTC Freshman paced the WJCAC in steals with 100 and finished the season with 57 assists.

Sophomore Diane Mendez earned the free-throw shooting title, hitting for 82.8 percent. Sherry Hoffpaur was honored for her top three-pointer consistency at 40-plus percent to place first on the team in that role.

On the men's side, freshman Jon Gaston from Camden, Ark. was recognized for All-Conference honors and Todd Gray of Columbus, Ohio, was named Most Improved.

Sophomore guard Terrance Ross captured the team's defensive Most Valuable Player honors, while the Inspirational Award for Leadership went to Westerner Michael Crowe of Dallas.

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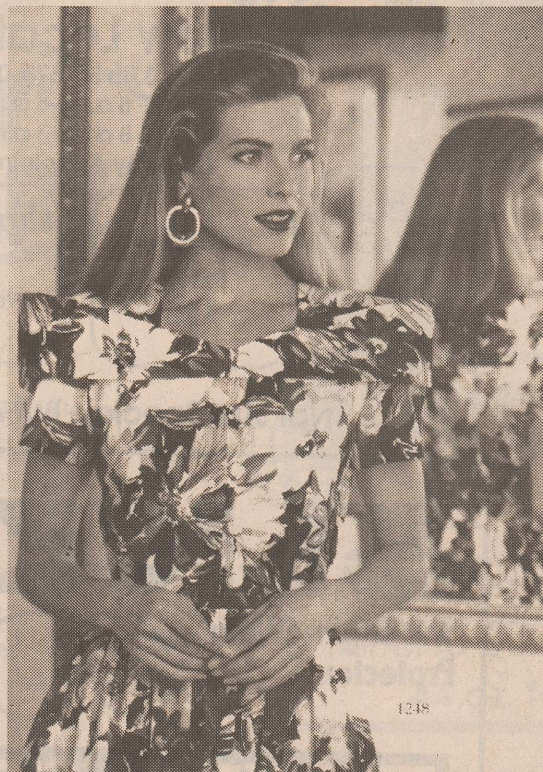
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