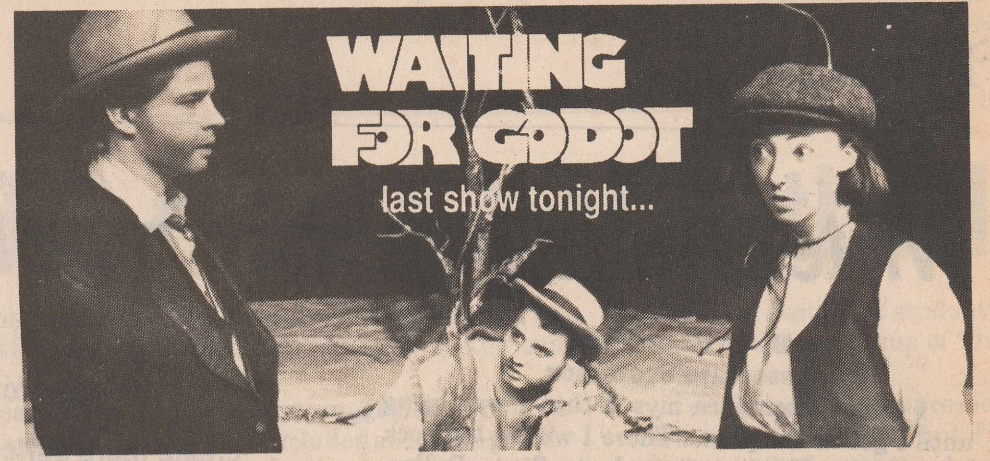


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Who mourns loss of men's basketball?

Who is mourning the loss of the men's basketball team at WTC?

The answer seems dependent on activities of individual students.

The informal spot survey conducted by Texan staffers targeted sophomore student leaders and was reported in the last issue of *The Texan*.

A difference in effects felt from the loss of the program was particularly apparent between athletes and those

involved in non-athletic activities. While athletes felt somewhat threatened by the program's discontinuation, other students seemed indifferent on the subject.

In addition to comments made by returning Duster Allison Garcia in the last issue of *The Texan*, golfer Daryl Weldon lent his voice to this subject. Included among non-athletes interviewed were Anita Brown, Greg Combs

and Page Bishop.

Student athletes supported the reinstatement of men's basketball. As an unexpected benefit, however, they noted attention to their particular sports have been amplified this year.

Returning sophomore golfer and San Angelo native Weldon said, "The board made the mistake of dropping the team...I am for men's basketball being reinstated."

Weldon was quick to add, "But let's not forget about the other athletic programs at WTC."

Garcia said she was for the reinstatement of the men's basketball program, but added, "The men's team was always treated better than the girl's team." She said, "If you're going to have a sport for some people, then the other people (athletes) should be treated the same."

Garcia explained she felt as though the girls' basketball team had been treated unequally, "Before, the boosters would do things all the time for the men's basketball team whereas they only did three or four things for us all year long. Now we feel as though we're wanted and they pay attention and support us."

Non-athletes interviewed were neu-

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Graduation to remain before finals

College will change back to Friday date

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

Graduation for WTC students will again be before finals this year, but officials note it will return to a Friday night ceremony rather than Saturday morning. Graduation will be April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the central courtyard.

Last year, graduation was held on the Saturday morning prior to finals as an "experiment," Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, said.

The format was changed to "before" finals to accommodate graduating sophomores, allowing them to leave campus immediately after their tests were over. It was designed also to increase attendance by parents, fellow classmates and to generate more participation by graduates.

The change to a morning ceremony was mainly to avoid the possibility of inclement spring weather.

While students generally liked the switch to graduation before finals, the change to a Saturday morning did not draw many positive comments.

He noted unfavorable comments came from both students and faculty.

Even though graduation will again be before finals, "faculty will be giving exams as expected and the students will be taking them," Hood noted.

No students will be exempt from taking the exams.

Hood added, students who are within six hours of completing WTC requirements will be allowed to graduate.



Ballots count

A straw vote sponsored by the WTC Student Senate saw 198 ballots cast and a winning margin--although not a majority--given to President George Bush. A similar poll was given to college government classes, and Bush again polled the most votes over Democrat

Bill Clinton and independent Ross Perot. In this vote, a candidate called "undecided" drew a large share of votes also. Balloting in the Student Center saw Amy Hale casting her vote. Booth volunteers are Hud Hudson and Lanny Zant. (Texan Photo)

Campus polling favors Bush

By Valeri Miller
& Masako Hagita
Texan Staffers

President George Bush was the winner of two mock elections on campus recently, but he did not receive a clear

majority of 50 percent in either ballot.

A WTC Student Senate straw vote involving 198 ballots polled students, faculty and staff members; while a poll conducted in government classes asked votes from 144 students.

In the student senate election, Bush won by an overall margin of 42 percent. Democrat Bill Clinton came in second with 32 percent and independent candidate Ross Perot was third with 26 percent.

Regarding actual votes, Bush received 83, Clinton received 63 and Perot gained 52.

In the government class poll, George Bush was again the winner, but a candidate named "undecided" was a close second.

While the Republican incumbent received the most votes--46 students representing 31 percent--the undecided category also drew a large percentage.

Thirty nine students (27 percent) indicated they were undecided who to vote for from the field of three.

If 39 were undecided, 40 students (27 percent) indicated they were for the Democrat Clinton.

Perot received votes from 19 students (13 percent).

Instructor Jack Price offered the poll in each of his government classes. The student senate poll profiled faculty, staff and students, and Bush was the winner in each category.

In this poll, the option "undecided" was not included.

Regarding students, 41 percent supported Bush; 31 percent backed Clinton and 21 percent favored Perot.

Bush had a higher favorability rating among the faculty and staff voting. Faculty members supported Bush by 47 percent and the staff by 45 percent.

Americans will go to the polls "for real" next week with election day scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Costume dance celebrates Halloween

By Nicole Seeliger
Texan Staffer

Halloween is here! The time for witches, ghosts, werewolves, vampires and goblins to make their appearance the night of Oct. 31.

The Student Senate has planned many Halloween activities this coming week--activities which will culminate with the traditional Halloween Dance and costume contest Thursday.

The dance will be in the Student Activities Building from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Amachron Z-93 will provide the music.

For all persons attending the dance, there will be a \$4 fee for those not

wearing a costume.

All WTC students must have their college ID to be admitted and students are encouraged to bring dates.

Ticket prices for non-WTC student will be \$2 if sold before the dance. At the door, the price will be \$3.

Prizes will be given away at the dance in the following categories:

- Most Original.
- Best Female.
- Best Male.
- Best Couple (must be costumed as a famous couple).

Great Pumpkin Hunt offers fun, prizes

The WTC Student Senate Recreation Committee plans "The Great Pumpkin Hunt" Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The hunt involves three people to a team and participants must sign up at the Student Activities Office through noon Wednesday.

"The Great Pumpkin Hunt" is a scavenger hunt with teams searching for clue after clue until these clues lead them to "The Great Pumpkin."

The first team to find "The Great Pumpkin" receives dinner for three, and the second team will receive \$15.

All students are urged to "join in the fun" and search for "The Great Pumpkin."

Dorm floor decorations compete for Halloween

The Student Senate entertainment committee is sponsoring a decorating contest in the WTC Dormitory as part of Halloween on campus.

Judging will be this Thursday and the winner will be announced at the Halloween Dance.

The "Best Floor" will receive a free pizza party in the dorms.

Each participating floor had to decorate the floor lobby with a Halloween theme and choose a floor captain.

The floors which had signed up as of last week were:

- West 1, Amy Baker, floor captain.
- West 2, Karla Mize, floor captain.
- North 1, Sid Norris, floor captain.
- North 2, Tiny Carrion and

Soundra McDonald, floor captains.

—North 3, Amy Cheyne, floor captain.

—East 3, Shawn Pittman and Rodney W. Russel, floor captains.

—South 1, Tashio Chang, floor captain.

—South 2, Will Shafer, floor captain.

Magazine cover will feature WTC

TJCTA Messenger distributed statewide

By Rachel Pena
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College will be featured on the cover of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association (TJCTA) convention magazine due out in February--an issue which reaches 6,000 TJCTA members throughout the state.

The convention issue of the TJCTA Messenger traditionally honors the school campus of that year's TJCTA president. English instructor Marilyn Lancaster is the current president for the organization.

Art instructor Ben Sum has agreed to paint the work based on an idea generated by a specially formed "cover committee."

The committee is chaired by Ty Brunson, and its members are Mrs. Lancaster, Dick Lancaster, Donny Brown and Dr. Ed Barkowsky.

Expense for the cover is estimated at \$3,000. WTC will pay a press run expense of \$2,500 with another \$500 budgeted for printing costs.

Sum said the cover will be a montage which will depict the various academic areas of the school. These elements will be combined for an overall view of WTC.

Sum will paint the drawings from photos that have been taken around campus.

He said his main task is to pinpoint the strength of the college, noting he feels it is the "relationship" between the

See COVER, page 3

Faculty plans 'Stuff'it' event

By Amy Teague
Texan Staffer

A trash clean-up--using the theme, "WTC Stuff'it"--will be Thursday at 3 p.m. It is sponsored by the Environmental Committee of the WTC Faculty Association.

Interested students and student groups are invited to join faculty members during the effort. They will be cleaning up the trash

along the two highway entrances of the campus.

Participants are asked to meet by the aluminum can trailer which is located on the east parking lot.

The trash clean-up happens every year and the faculty wanted to get the students involved, said David Kattes, chairman of the committee.

Kattes also suggested participants bring gloves if desired. Pick-ups and trash bags will be provided for the trash.



Writer finds one man's pollution is another's economic reality...

By Britt Canada
Associate Professor

I couldn't convince myself that I was going until I got on the plane. There I was in Lubbock "International" Airport, ready to fly to Dallas, Miami and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

After landing we exchanged some American currency for Brazilian currency. The exchange rate was 3,950 Brazilian cruzeiros to 1 American dollar. A good meal at a Brazilian restaurant costs 15,000 cruzeiros, about \$3.80 American. A milkshake at McDonald's (yes they are in Brazil also) was 5,500 cruzeiros, about \$1.38 American.

When we left, 10 days later, the exchange rate was 4,350 to 1. In other words, inflation had devalued the Brazilian cruzeiro by 400 in just 10 days. Mathematically, that translates to an annual inflation rate of 365 percent.

A high inflation rate tends to cause serious economic problems for the citizens of the country. ("An understatement" the economist might say.) These problems manifest themselves as "no food on the table," "lack of adequate shelter" and other poverty-associated problems.

A very modest house in America is considered to be a "mansion" in Brazil. Walking and riding the bus are the common forms of transportation. Maybe one adult in 50 owns a car. Half of the cars in Brazil are Volkswagen "Beetles." Horse-drawn wagons are commonly seen in the streets.

Companies in Brazil can't afford pollution-control devices. The amount of pollutants being "dumped" into the air is enormous. If these companies were shut down many workers would be unemployed and the economy would suffer more. So, these companies must stay open.

The rain forests are being burned so that farmers can create more agricultural land to grow crops and graze animals. The immediate reward of eating is more on the minds of a hungry person than the future reward of pollution-free air.

With all of these problems, the Brazilians have a wonderful concept of time. It is time to do something when you get there. If you have a meeting at 9 o'clock in the morning, it may start at 9:15, or 10 or maybe noon. I could have left my watch at home, I didn't need it. The meetings started when everyone got there and not when the clock said so.

As I observed people in Brazil, the only ones frustrated because of delays were the Americans.

In order to communicate with the locals, we spoke through interpreters. One of the interpreters,

"The rain forests are being burned so that farmers can create more agricultural land to grow crops and graze animals. The immediate reward of eating is more on the minds of a hungry person than the future reward of pollution-free air."



a young lady named Judite, is a high school student. According to her daily schedule, she gets up at 4 a.m., gets on the bus at 6 a.m., goes to music class from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., to construction class from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., electronics class from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., then rides the bus back home and gets there about midnight. She goes to school to get a good education, so she can get a good job. This is the required schedule. An abnormal schedule for American students, but a standard schedule for schools in Brazil.

School is a little different in Brazil. For example, just to go to college, a student must pass an entrance exam. This exam covers nine subjects, including math, English, geography, history and Portuguese. At WTC, we have an "open door" policy. Almost anyone can show up at registration and sign up for classes. Not so in Brazil. Higher education in Brazil is a "real" privilege for some and a "dream" for the majority.

Seeing another culture (up close and personal) had given me a new perspective on "life in America." Before I went to Brazil, I was easily upset with Brazilian leaders because they continue to allow rain forests to be burned. To me the solution was

simple, just stop the burning. No need to compromise, just stop the burning.

I was like many Americans. Typically, we sit in our easy chairs in our "mansions" in America, worry about an inflation rate of 3 percent and learn about other cultures from the evening news which comes on exactly at 6. We can propose American answers to the problems of the world.

In reality, America doesn't have the answers. Brazilian problems need Brazilian answers. After this trip, I feel that I have become more tolerant of other peoples and other cultures.

You don't have to travel to another country to "experience" different cultures. This semester we have 15 foreign students from Japan, Australia, France and other countries of the world. I encourage you to welcome these students, to sit down with them and talk with them to find out about their country. Ask them how their perception of America has changed.

(Most foreign students learn English by watching tapes of our TV shows. Think about it, how many normal Americans do you see on TV?)

Visit with the foreign students that we have on campus. I believe that you will find the conversation to be enlightening and enriching.

Bom-dia

OPINION

WTC MOVIE reviews

Ideas behind 'Hero' applauded

(CPS)—Joseph Campbell, the Sarah Lawrence College professor who studied mythology, defined heroism simply as the act of living. We are all heroes, he said, by the mere fact we are alive and

willing to take risks big and small.

"Hero" takes off on this theme, and while it tries to cover too much in the realm of contemporary issues, at its core the movie explores the issue of heroism. In the final analysis, the hero is the person who faces him or herself and says, "This is who I am."

The main characters, Bernie LaPlante (Dustin Hoffman), Gale Gayley (Geena Davis) and John Bubber (Andy Garcia), are all brought together literally by accident. The movie maps the development of their humanity, and drives home the idea that there is the larger-than-life hero presented to the world through a few people, but there is also the inner-hero in all of us that emerges through our relations with ourselves and others.

Hoffman plays a loser and Davis portrays a television news reporter who makes her living off the tragedies of other people's lives. She has deluded herself into believing what she is doing is important. She thinks she can separate herself from the calamities she covers and lies to herself that she is being used by her station.

Their lives literally collide in an airplane accident. Davis is flying back to Chicago from New York, where she won a television award. Hoffman is driving to his ex-wife's house. As he is trying to get his car started, there is a bright flash, and when he opens his eyes, a wrecked airliner. He hears people screaming for help, and unlike most people, is faced with a moral dilemma: Does he help rescue the passengers and crew members, or does he walk away? After a period of uncertainty, he carefully takes off his shoes, goes to the wreckage, opens a jammed door and begins doing something he has never done before: He helps.

After rescuing several people, including Davis, Hoffman leaves, minus one shoe he lost. Later, Garcia, a homeless Vietnam veteran, picks up Hoffman, and Hoffman gives him the other shoe as they drive into Chicago.

A myth begins to grow about this mystery man who was the "Angel of Flight 104," and Davis begins to do stories on just who this person is. An unknown hero is created, and when her station offers a \$1 million reward, Garcia steps forward to claim the money. Thus, the third liar is revealed: Garcia claims to be the hero, when in fact he wasn't near the crash site at all.

The trio continue to live their own lies, but as the truth is slowly revealed, all somehow face up to their foibles. The movie's powerful message lies in self-acceptance. In this quieter realm of acceptance, our heroic journey has only begun.

WTC VIDEO reviews

'Mississippi Masala' has uneven acting

(CPS)—"Mississippi Masala" has an intriguing premise: An Indian family is driven from their home during Idi Amin's "ethnic cleansing" of Uganda.

The father, mother and daughter move to Mississippi, where Mina (Sarita Choudhury) meets Demetrius (Denzel Washington), a black man. The young lovers embark on a relationship that explodes rigid social and class structures in the Southern town.

Producer/director Mira Nair creates a powerful set-up for the examination of race. Unfortunately, the message is undermined by an uneven script and acting by both Washington and Choudhury, who sometimes deliver lines so woodenly that the viewer cannot fathom what they see in each other.

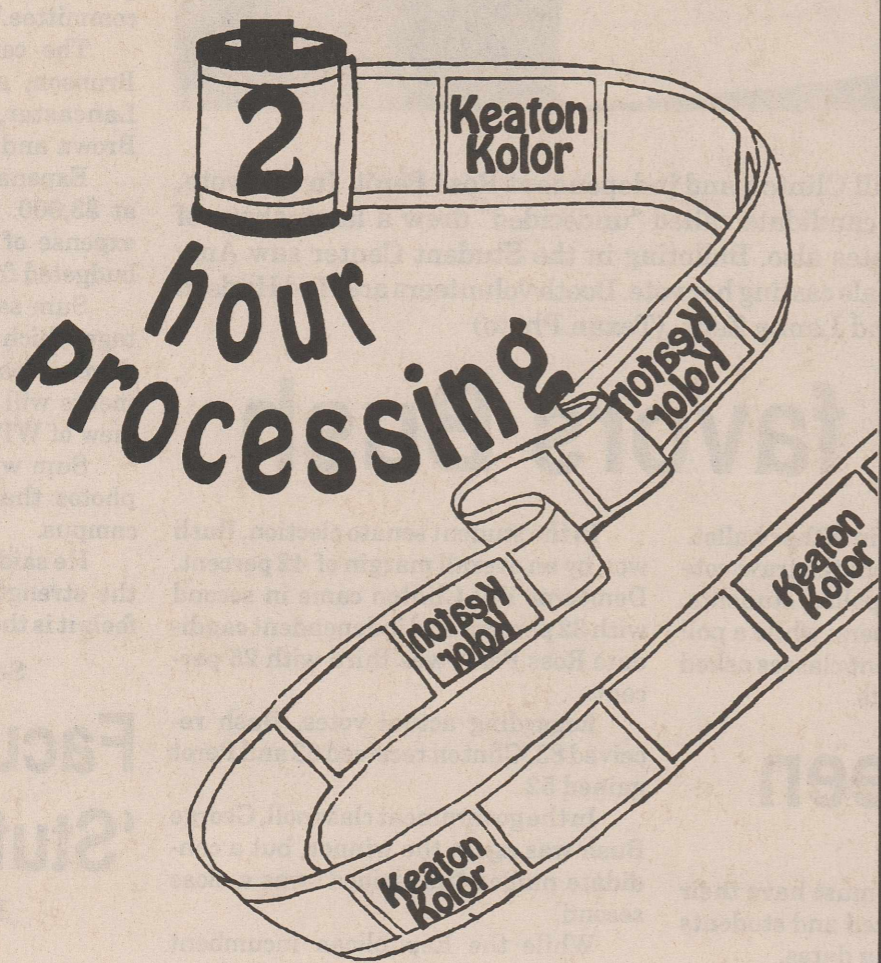
'1492: Conquest of Paradise' strong visually, but leaves viewer dazed

(CPS)—"1492: Conquest of Paradise" (Paramount Pictures) is a visual tribute to a dreamer with the ultimate dream: finding a new world to call his own. Like many dreams, however, it ends too quickly, leaving a dazed viewer trying to piece together the meaning behind the past two hours in the dark.

Not that French actor Gerard Depardieu ("Green Card") doesn't shed some light on Columbus. Although the role may be a casting risk, Depardieu does help the viewer feel what Columbus might have felt, given the same script. In fact, if you bring your Ronco French Accent Slicer to the theater, you may understand enough to agree that Depardieu deserves an Academy Award.

Director Ridley Scott ("Alien," "Thelma & Louise") could chalk up another Academy Award nomination for this film as well. His imagery transports you to the era like few period pictures ever do. The authentic costumes, the creaking ships, the forbidding jungle all put you in the mood for an epic. The problem, though, is the epic never becomes a reality.

The final question, of course, is whether or not to see this film. If you're a Depardieu, Weaver or Scott fan, knock yourself out. But if you want an honest, compelling slice of history, you may have to wait another 500 years.



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The Green Eyeshade Society
"We Seek the Truth"

Opinions vary by group for WTC men's basketball

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 tral on the subject of reinstatement, and agreed that the presence or absence of a team did not affect their decisions to attend WTC.

"I came here for academic reasons," said Bishop, a graduate from Winters and Student Senate president.

Anita Brown, PTK Division I vice president and Snyder resident, also said her decision to

attend WTC was not influenced by the presence of a men's basketball team. Student senate member and drama major Greg Combs echoed this statement.

Sentiment concerning the effects of the team's absence on campus was also wide-ranging, and again depended on individual students' interests.

"The absence of men's basketball has not affected campus life, but I do see a loss of activities for

students," said Weldon.

He added, "It gave the people something to do; it was better than sitting in the dorms."

Weldon said the program enabled students to do something as a student body and to support WTC.

Bishop observed, however, "The attitude of the whole student body has cheered up."

And Brown commented, "They (the men's basketball

team) did not contribute to campus environment, as far as I could tell."

Baseball is an issue that all students seem to agree on. It seems a baseball team at WTC would be supported and welcomed.

"I am for any athletic program," said Weldon, and he believes these programs increase revenue for the college.

Bishop agreed that a base-

ball program at WTC would be a favorable addition to the campus.

Other suggestions from students included swimming or diving activities and volleyball, especially intramural activities in these sports.

The final decision on the men's basketball issue is slated for the WTC Board of Trustees' spring meeting. Whatever the outcome, Greg Combs perhaps

summed up best most student's feelings in the last issue of The Texan.

"I don't know the chances for reinstatement," he said, "but if it is (reinstated) then better leadership is needed."

(Editor's Note: Writers working on this series were Angela McCall, Marci Regalado, Amy Teague, Michelle Romero and Lynn Moseley)

Last day to drop classes is this Friday

WTC students are reminded that Oct. 30 is the final day to drop a class for the fall term.

After that date, any grade received in the class goes on the student's permanent record.

Counselors note some students may jeopardize their standing by dropping a class.

Counselors advise students

with Pell grants, scholarship students and work study students to check with advisers before dropping any classes.

Steps to drop a class are to pick up a drop slip at the counseling center; have the class teacher sign the drop slip; and pay a \$5 fee at the registrar's office.

WTC artist Ben Sum wins Midland show

A painting by Western Texas College art instructor Ben Sum recently won the "Best in Show" award at the Midland Arts Association annual Fall Juried Art Exhibition.

The winning painting is entitled "Good Morning." Another Sum painting, "Life After," was juried into the show also, as was a glass sculpture by WTC Fine Arts Chairman Ty Brunson.

Juror for the exhibition was Robert Anderson, a lecturer from the University of Texas at Austin.

This marked the second time Sum has won the "Best in Show" award in Midland.

In 1989 his painting "Could Have Been" was awarded the prize. He won a Merit Award in 1991 also.

The exhibition will be on view through Oct. 24 at the McCormick Gallery in the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

W.W. II remembrance committee to honor ground forces veterans

The World War II Remembrance Committee will host its third observance honoring World War II participants at an evening presentation Tuesday, Nov. 10 in the Fine Arts Theater on campus. This fall's observance will honor the men who fought in the ground forces.

The Remembrance Committee tentatively plans a panel format, with World War II veterans as panelists discussing their wartime experiences. The panel is being organized by committee members now.

The W.W. II committee is

planning the celebration at WTC again this semester so students can share in the remembrance. The observances will continue

New play in rehearsal

Rehearsals are now underway for "Arms and the Man," WTC's second drama production of the fall season.

The play, written by George Bernard Shaw, is set Nov. 19-22 in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday.

through 1995, with one each semester.

Also, the committee has sponsored two previous celebrations: a remembrance of Pearl Harbor and its veterans in December, 1991; and a presentation honoring the U.S. Army Air Corp in April, 1992.

The W.W. II committee is headed by Dr. Ed Barkowsky. Other members are Dr. Harry Krenek, Dr. Franklin Pruitt, Marilyn Lancaster, John Gibson, Dick Lancaster, Dr. Jim Palmer, Shirley Leftwich and Donny Brown.

WTC cover planned

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 teacher and the student.

Some elements being considered for the montage are the architectural design of school buildings, individual study areas, to include vocational training and the fine arts area, and the rodeo team.

The characteristics 'unique' for a junior college should be emphasized, says Sum.

Sum expects the painting to be done in oil and estimates it will take 60-80 hours to complete.

Dorm residents fed


Kappa Chi adopts dorm floor residents twice each month, inviting them to the Christian Student Center for a home-cooked meal during activity period.

Thursday, Kappa Chi invites students residing on North 2nd and 3rd floors to eat beginning at 10:45 a.m.

November 5, residents from North 1st, East 2nd and 3rd are invited to come from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

November 19, students from South 1st, 2nd and 3rd are invited and on Dec. 3, students living in the apartments are invited to eat.

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Dusters open in home game next Monday

By Daniela Guadalcazar
Texan Staffer

The Dusters open their season here next Monday in a non-conference game against Weatherford, and will scrimmage against Hardin-Simmons Thursday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

New Duster Coach Ron Jones has fielded a team of 11 freshman and only three returning sophomores. As a result, pre-season picks have the Dusters last in the conference this year.

"I don't expect there to be one team that totally dominates the conference this season," said Jones.

He said he expects three teams—Odessa, Howard and New Mexico Junior College—to be the strongest contenders because of their height and size.

Regarding the opener Monday, he said, "I think the Weatherford game will be very



Dusters set to play

The WTC Dusters have their opening game next Monday as they play Weatherford in the Scurry County Coliseum. Members of the 1992-93 squad are (top row, from left) trainer Karrie Koch, Peggy Huseman, Allison Garcia, Kelli Williams,

Anesia Loston, Ayesha Howard, Andrea Kearney, Stacy Hauptman, Paulita Murrell, Coach Ron Jones, (front row) Lynn Goosby, Mary Ann Isom, Shelly Decker, Lameshia Roland, Karyn Gabriel, Jennifer Bullard and Jenny Crowell.

SPORTS

competitive."

Jones noted the Dusters are ready to play and "will continue to improve throughout the season."

The Dusters will face a tough schedule for the opening part of the season, playing eight games in the first 13 days.

WTC students are admitted free to all Duster games with their college ID.

Students have the opportunity to see a three-day tournament and two more home games this fall term.

The Dusters will host the WTC McDonald's Classic on Nov. 12-14. Others games will include Cisco on Nov. 16 and the first conference contest of the year against Howard on Dec. 3.

This marks Jones' first year as a college coach. In high school girl's basketball, he earned a 69-9 record over the past three years.

He has received the Oklahoma Coach of the Year honor and was Conference Coach of the Year three times while coaching at Guthrie High School in Guthrie, Okla.

Last year's Duster team ended the season with a 10-18 win-loss record.

Men's rodeo team wins again at VRJC event

By Toni Evans
Texan Staffer

After winning second place at the ENMU rodeo and first at the Sul-Ross rodeo, the WTC men's team captured another first place win at the Vernon Regional Junior College rodeo Oct. 8, 9, and 10.

Bareback rider Benji Fontenot won his event with com-

bined scores of 69 and 68 for a 137 total.

Teammate Travis Whiteside tied for second, scoring rides of 67 and 63 for a 130 total. He tied with West Texas State University's Billy Dimmitt.

Fletcher Tigner claimed second place in the bull riding competition with scores of 64 and 68 for a total 132.

VRJC placed second and Howard College placed third.

For the WTC women, Shawna Davidson and JoNell Cardwell each placed second in their events.

Shawna had a 3.7 in the long-go of break-away roping and won the short-go with a 2.6 for second place with a 6.3 total.

JoNell had a 16.8 winning

time in the long-go and a 17.11 time in the short-go for a 33.9 total in the barrel race.

The women's team placed second with VRJC's team placing first. Texas Tech was third.

The teams will end the fall season Nov. 5-7 at Texas Tech's rodeo.

The rodeo season will resume with the spring semester.

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Turfgrass event aids GLT class

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

The 6th annual West Texas Turfgrass Conference was held Oct. 13-15 on the Western Texas College campus, an event which helps the college receive \$1,000 in scholarship monies.

According to James Eby, director of Golf Course-Landscape Technology, the event allows GLT students to meet with working professionals and, because of this, to acquire part-time or intern work.

The conference is sponsored by the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association (WTGCSA) and WTC's Golf-Landscape Technology Department. The scholarship money is provided through WTGCSA and is also awarded by the association.

Eby pointed out the community of Snyder benefits also since 179 individuals were in the city for the three-day conference.

Events consisted of a golf tournament at the WTC course on the opening day and two days of seminars on golf course maintenance-related subjects. The seminars were in the Fine Arts Theater.

The event featured also the election of officers for the association.

CAMPUS

Instructor knows real police work without textbook

By Rachel Pena
Texan Staffer

Picture this: high speed chases, long-awaited drug busts following months of false identity for undercover agents, and homicide investigations. Sound like the elements of an action-packed thriller?

Maybe so, but those are just some of the situations Leonard Dodgen has encountered throughout his career of law enforcement.

This fall, however, he traded in his police car for a classroom as he was named a correctional officer training instructor at Western Texas College.

When Dodgen graduated from Lueders High School, he knew that he wanted to be a police officer. He completed training at the Abilene Police Academy and became a member of the city's police department.

It didn't take much time for Dodgen to realize his line of work could be exciting, exhilarating and, yes, dangerous. Within the first two months of his employment, he pursued two car theft suspects which ended in a tragic accident.

Dodgen later worked as an undercover agent along with other agents in San Angelo in order to unveil an organized crime ring.

While an officer in Abilene, the department was not equipped to divide the daily cases into the various specialized areas which

ranged from misdemeanor charges to homicides, says Dodgen.

Therefore, the department as a whole took care of each case as it was reported. As the reports continually mounted, it became almost impossible to find leads and information for the minor cases and yet still find time to investigate the "bigger" ones.

Even though the satisfaction of solving cases and serving the community gave him a sense of gratification, Dodgen admits he was "burned out."

After 15 years as a police officer, he quit the force.

A couple of years later, he decided to return, saying he realized he had made a big mistake by quitting and he missed working with the law. He then completed correctional officer training at Western Texas College in June of 1989 and worked as lieutenant investigator in Internal Affairs for the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

Regarding his new job as correctional officer training instructor at WTC, he said he loves the work and is enjoying the environment of the school. He will be working with correctional officer training instructor J.D. Barham.

In his spare time, Dodgen works in his garden and maintains his land. He also enjoys traveling, hunting and fishing. But his favorite past-time is doing activities with his wife and their three young daughters.



Brings experience

Leonard Dodgen, WTC's new correctional training officer, brings more than 15 years experience as a law enforcement officer into the classroom. Dodgen (center) is shown with

Daniel Unit correctional officers Audie Jones (left) and Benjamin Zapata during a recent in-service training session on campus. (Texan Photo)

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Suggestion boxes prompt ideas for improvements to campus life

By Anne Overhulser
Texan Staffer

WTC faculty and staff now have access to suggestion boxes in four locations around campus. The idea came from a recent administrative retreat and was implemented by Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president.

The boxes are checked bi-weekly and Krenek notes all suggestions will be considered.

Response has been good, he said, and, so far, all the recommendations have been serious, legitimate suggestions for improvement.

One idea he mentioned concerned staff fringe benefits and sick days. Clerical and maintenance staffers who have not missed any days due to illness might receive three extra vacation days under the suggestion. Krenek said the idea has been forwarded to the college welfare committee for further study.

Another recommendation is to have two-wheeled dollies available for staff and faculty use in various buildings, rather than one being moved from place to place. Currently, the need in each building is being investigated. When needs are determined, Leon Pettitt, maintenance director, will check pricing and availability and report on his findings.

In at least one instance, Krenek noted, two suggestions managed to contradict themselves.

One individual on campus suggested install-

ing more speed bumps. However, another "suggestion" was to remove the speed-reducing bumps completely.

Synchronizing all clocks on campus was suggested also, although no ideas for accomplishing it were proposed.

Another idea encouraged mailings to faculty and staff be hand-delivered to their campus boxes to save postage expense.

Suggestions may be signed or not, Krenek noted, although signed suggestions "carry more weight" than anonymous ones. Most received so far have been signed, he said. A signed name gives the administration someone to contact for clarification.

Krenek notes the suggestion boxes are simple and inexpensive, made from small plastic fishing tackle boxes with a hole cut in the top and small padlocks added for "security."

Boxes are located in the administration building break room, the faculty break room in Building 2-B, the maintenance area break room, and in the break room in the Occupational-Technical building 7-B.

When asked about suggestion boxes for students, Krenek had his own suggestion. Since the Student Senate represents the student body, it could set up student suggestion boxes and communicate these ideas for consideration.

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Final show tonight

Tonight marks the final performance of "Waiting for Godot" on campus. The play will begin at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. College students will be admitted free with their

WTC I.D. Cast members shown are, from left, Greg Combs as Vladimir, Heith Hodges as Estragon and Kristi Mize as The Boy. (Texan Photo)

Livestock judging competition sees college team finish fourth

The WTC Livestock Judging Team placed fourth out of 18 teams competing at the Texas International Livestock Exposition in the Junior College Livestock Judging Contest in Austin Oct. 17.

Bay Jon Long placed as the eighth highest individual over-

all and placed third in questions out of 72 contestants.

Terry Leatherwood placed fifth in sheep judging.

Other team members competing were Page Bishop, Rod Jeter, Jimmy Kitchens, Mark Stansell and Jason Summers.

Instructor Jim Judah said

"This contest was a real learning class. The kids had some challenging classes with things they hadn't seen before. I'm sure they learned from it and will continue to improve."

The livestock team's next competition is scheduled for Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 13-16.

Photo contest offering cash prizes for entries

All WTC students and faculty are eligible to enter a "WTC Photo Contest" with prizes offered totaling \$150.

First place will be \$75; 2nd place, \$50; 3rd place, \$25.

Photos must represent WTC campus life to include organizations, sports, and other activities.

Black and white or color

photos will be accepted. Preferred format is 8 by 10 inches, but color snapshots are acceptable also.

The entry deadline is Dec. 1.

Photos will be considered for use in the WTC catalogue and will become the property of WTC.

People who are interesting should contact Donny Brown, in the Mass Communications Dept, SC 106, for more information.

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