

Speaker, state representative...

Campus welcomes Counts, Laney today

By Michelle Romero
Texan Staffer

Speaker of the House Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) will be on the WTC campus today as part of activities planned by the faculty association honoring State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City).

The WTC Faculty Association will recognize Counts with both a reception in the Student Center at 10 a.m. and a noon luncheon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Students are encouraged to attend the 10 a.m. meeting and to meet both Counts and Laney. Both men are expected to speak at the noon luncheon. Tickets are available for it at

\$10. Two members of the community, Roy McQueen, publisher of the Snyder Daily News, and Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier as well as faculty members Marilyn Lancaster and Jack Price will offer comments about Counts. There will also be a presentation by Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president.

Laney has worked with Counts on a number of projects and has indicated an interest in honoring his colleague as well as touring the WTC campus.

In his capacity as speaker of the house, Laney is considered one of the most powerful legislators in Austin. His post includes making all committee assignments for the House of Representatives.

New Queen reigns at rodeo

Toni Evans, a sophomore journalism major from Snyder, was named WTC Rodeo Queen at the opening performance of the rodeo Thursday.

Toni is the daughter of Billy and Wenona Evans. She is a member of the Texan staff and a faculty association scholarship winner last year.



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New leaders for 1994-95 named here

By John Campos
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New leaders for the WTC student body have been chosen after campus-wide voting last Monday and Tuesday. The new Student Senate officers will serve during the 1994-95 semesters as sophomores.

Shauna Wells, a special education major, was elected president. She is the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Wells from Zephyr. She is also a member of the Duster cheerleading squad.

Mandy Harsh, an elementary education major, was elected vice president. She is the daughter of Pat Harsh of Chandler, Ariz., and Tom Harsh of Madera, Calif. She is also a member of the rodeo team at WTC.

Misty Murphy, an elementary education major, was elected secretary. She is the daughter of Debra Murphy of Snyder.

Misty Myers, a marketing major, was elected treasurer. She is the daughter of Ray and Gloria Myers of Snyder. She is also a member of WTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

Eligibility for being an officer includes being in good standing with WTC, having sophomore status (30 or more hours), being a full-time student, having a 2.0 or better GPA and turning in a petition with 25 signatures.

Responsibilities for the president include being the official representative of the student body at all functions where a representative of the school should be in attendance. In addition, the president presides at all meetings of the Senate.

The vice president, in the absence of the president, assumes the president's duties, takes over the president's position if it is vacated.

The secretary keeps a record and file of all meetings and correspondence of the Senate and executive meetings.

The treasurer keeps the records of the financial transactions and expenditures of any Senate funds. This officer also keeps an accurate accounting of all the cash received and disbursed, and gives financial reports as needed.



New student officers

New leaders for the WTC student body, named in campus-wide voting last Monday and Tuesday, are (from left) Misty Murphy secretary; Misty Myers, treasurer; and Shauna Wells, president. Not pictured is Mandy Harsh, vice president. (Texan Photo by Jeff Corkran)

Mr.-Miss WTC honor at year's final dance

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

Mr. and Miss WTC will be announced Wednesday prior to the annual spring formal held at the Student Center.

The formal, which begins at 8:30 p.m., will feature the theme "Once Upon a Time." Students voted April 4-5 for the nominees.

Five students were nominated for

each title based on poise, personality, disposition and personal achievement.

Miss WTC nominees are:

Brandye Bitters, a sophomore speech communications major from Mineral Wells. Her parents are Charles and Margie Bitters.

Debra Burke, a sophomore from

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New coach wants recruits, title & support

By Mike Hughes
Texan Staffer

A good recruiting class and community support is what former Duster player and new head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols sees as the key to maintaining a winning tradition for the WTC women's basketball program.

Nichols replaces former Duster coach Ron Jones, who now holds the head coaching spot at Midland College.

The biggest concern for the first-year coach is recruiting, especially at the post position, she said. This spot had been filled by sophomore standout Paulita Murrell.

"I'll recruit where the best athletes around are," she said, noting that her native state of Louisiana will be a "big tool for me."

Another goal Nichols cited is both faculty and community support for the players.

Regarding the role of faculty, she said "If players see teachers and staff supporting them, they will feel more comfortable." She also noted the importance that a large crowd of fans makes to a team.

Nichols also said she hopes her success as a player and person will continue as a coach.

"I want to take it game by game, one day at a time and hopefully get a winning record," she said, then added "and



Brenda Welch-Nichols

beat Howard." She referred both to the conference winner for the past two years and the team coached by one of her former coaches, Royce Chadwick.

Nichols thinks being a female coach of women's basketball is an advantage, especially in the important area of recruiting. She noted how a woman can more easily relate to the problems of the players.

Regarding her own playing experiences, she said, "I felt more comfortable talking to a woman or a woman assistant instead of a man."

As for how long she hoped to stay at WTC, Nichols said she would like to be here for a while and would hope to eventually win the top honor. "I would like to follow Nolan Richardson to a National title," she said.

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Awards Day will honor scholastic achievement

By Toni Evans
Texan Staffer

The annual Awards Day, sponsored by the WTC Faculty Association, will be Tuesday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theater on campus.

The traditional naming of the Outstanding Academic Male and Female Student will be announced at that time.

Requirements for this recognition include sophomore status (having completed at least three long semesters at WTC), being a full time student, maintaining at least a 3.75 GPA, completing the freshman year at WTC, and being involved in campus and/or community activities and organizations.

Students are nominated by their instructors. These are submitted to the Awards Day Com-

mittee, which consists of Bob Doty, Tammy Wesson, Joann Snider, Rockford Burriss and Michael Endy. The final winners for Outstanding Male and Female Student are voted on by the entire WTC Faculty Association.

In addition, departmental awards will be presented to outstanding students in each of WTC's seven divisions for the 1993-94 school year.

All awards recipients and their parents will be notified to attend the program.

In order for students to attend, class schedules will be changed the 26th. Classes beginning at 8 a.m. will dismiss at 9:05 a.m., 9:30 a.m. classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 10:20 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. classes will begin at noon and end at 1:05 p.m.

Texan wins top honor for college newspapers

The Western Texan has won first place in the Overall Newspaper competition sponsored annually by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association

The award saw the Texan named to the top of the list for Division 3, comprised of two-year and four-year colleges and universities with enrollments of up to 6,000 students.

The publication has placed among the top three of "best overall" newspapers three out of the past four years. The win announced April 8 marked the first time the Texan finished first in the statewide competition.

Contest results were revealed at the annual TIPA convention, held this year in Corpus Christi. The Texan finished ahead of second place winner The Flare, published by Kilgore College in Kilgore; and third place winner The Skyline, the Sul Ross State University newspaper in Alpine.

Two college publications received honorable mention in the Best Overall category, the Midland College newspaper El Paisano; and the Texas Lutheran College newspaper Lone Star Lutheran.

The newspaper competition is judged by out-of-state professional journalists. Judge's comments called the Texan "simply a black and white presentation with great overall story balance." See TEXAN, page 4

New literary magazine distribution next week

By Sandra Hall
Texan Staffer

Copies of the fourth edition of the WTC literary magazine "Aquifer" will be distributed next Monday, April 25, at locations all over campus.

Students are encouraged to take a free copy of the publication and extra copies will also be available from the English Department in Bldg. 7B. In addition, some 1,300 copies will be mailed to subscribers of the campus newspaper, the Texan.

Works submitted include 23 poems, four short stories and four essays from a total of 16 contributors.

The publication includes poetry, short stories and essays from student writers as well as illustrations provided by WTC art students.

In addition to traditional college students, submissions have also been received from four students at the Price Daniel unit.

Editors for the magazine include Bill McGlothing, Dick Lancaster, Janet Halbert and Donny Brown with art director Ben Sum supervising illustrations.

According to McGlothing, the submissions this year include "everything from science fiction to autobiographies, to love poems and even social commentary pieces."

He adds that the magazine's success is due, in part, to the support of Dr. Ed Barkowsky and Dean Bettie McQueen and that it "compares quite favorably with student anthologies from much larger schools."

See AQUIFER, page 4

Non-traditional returning student sees her self-confidence increase

By Jo Henry

Western Texas College has given me a good foundation for my future plans. As of now I have two choices for my future. I can continue my education past an associate degree at Western Texas College, or I can apply for a job in the Snyder Independent School System as a teacher's aide. At this time I'm not sure about my decision, because I feel I can support myself in the capacity as a teacher's aide. However, because of the strong foundation that I've already received here I feel confident about my abilities in working for a bachelors degree in a major college.

Courses that I have taken in college include English, which I feel has helped me get better basic writing skills. My history classes have helped me understand more about current world affairs. My geography has helped me understand the make-up of the world and more about the people and the cultures of the countries of the world.

My life has been doubly enriched while I have been a student at WTC in many aspects, because I have met so many people and have made some life-long friends. The students and the faculty at WTC are a lot like the Snyder people and have made me feel comfortable at school. My outlook on life has been broadened because of my association at college. I hope to use the education I have received to work in the Snyder Schools. Before attending WTC, my chances for such employment was limited because I did not have sufficient college hours.

I have learned so many new skills which I can use in my life. One skill is how to write better papers. Also I have been forced to focus my attention and my thoughts on a subject, trying to add concise thinking to make the stories and essays more readable.

'Dreams I had as a young girl have been fulfilled through studying and learning...'

Since becoming a college student I have had to learn good study habits, which I never did in high school. I was not taught how to study in high school and since I want to make good grades I had to learn to study. At WTC I have to study a lot. I now rewrite my notes, organize my thoughts, try to use my time more efficiently, and I stay up late and get up earlier than I ever did in my life.

Many old skills have been polished up and my memory of many historical events have been brought back for me. Dreams I had as a young girl have been fulfilled through studying and learning more about interesting and different cultures of the world which have always amazed me. The courses at Western Texas have been useful in improving my old skills since I have not been a student for 30 years. The courses have been useful and challenging; I have been challenged in every class meeting by either a teacher, an assignment, or by myself.

With this scholarship, I plan to help pay for some of my courses. Now I have to pick up cans from the highway, mow lawns, sell my clothes, hock my jewelry, beg from my Mother, and drive a school bus to pay for my education. It is exciting to have the opportunity of learning at Western Texas College.

Involvement in organizations recommended for improvement

By Jennifer Beard

As a freshman in college, I realized that I would have to adapt to a new environment and new challenges. Starting out, I realized that college would be a challenge, but it would be a challenge worth facing. My experiences at Western Texas College have strengthened my desire to learn and my will to succeed. Through my involvement with the meats judging team and PTK, I have gained new confidence in myself as a person and a member of the community.

My involvement with various campus organizations has challenged me to stretch the limits of my knowledge about people

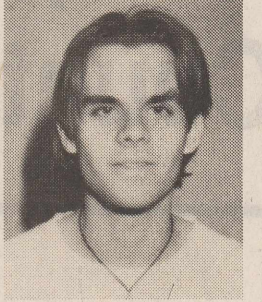
I have gained new skills in the areas of leadership, fellowship, service, and scholarship. As a member of the meats judging team, I have improved my decision making skills as well as my problem solving abilities. My involvement with various campus organizations has challenged me to stretch the limits of my knowledge about people and my interactions with them. I now have

a deeper understanding of the importance of an education.

As a result of my enlightenment, I know how much my life and my future will be enriched by my increased knowledge. My experiences with the faculty and students at WTC have made learning enjoyable. My involvement with PTK has increased my desire to be a leader in today's society. The meetings and conventions I have attended have broadened my horizons. As a result of my travels, I have been allowed to work with several new people and friends. As a future veterinarian, my skills that pertain to working with people will be needed as I work with the public in a private situation. Throughout this year, I have learned that persistence and a desire to succeed will lead me to success.

DeViews

By Jeff Corkran
Texan Staffer



Deep Forest, Dookie recommended

DEEP FOREST-DEEP FOREST

Tribal textures and ambient melodies. Not exactly dance music, but definitely world music. The first single from this album, "Sweet Lullaby" gained tremendous clubland/underground popularity in the spring and summer of 1993. Over the past year, however, both the forms of music represented on this album, ambient and tribal, have become very popular with much of the general listening audience. A resurgence of interest in this album has brought it into the light of the mainstream. Originally compared to Enigma, this series of tribal chants and electronic orchestration is in a different category as it is more earthy, more natural sounding. The funds from this album go to a cause devoted to preserving the cultures and habitats of the pygmies of the Central African rain forest. Consequently, Enigma, in their recent release *Cross of Changes* "borrow" a sample or two off of *Deep Forest*-an ironic twist of fate-to be compared to Enigma and then to be sampled by them.

Music

GREEN DAY-DOOKIE

Zounds! What a particularly interesting title. Haven't heard of them? You will. These three dudes from Houston are leading the charge in the "big new thing" area of current popular alternative rock music. The best way to describe them is post-grunge-neo-punk-power-pop-rock-band. They aren't exactly punk. Their melodies are too catchy. They definitely aren't grunge. Their melodies don't grind enough. They do have a cool sound that approaches, even on the album, a level of not much higher than the basic garage-band sound. They've been around for several years, but this is their first major-label release and their first song, "Longview," is getting lots of college radio airplay as is the video. They have blown away the college charts and are slowly conquering the ole' Billboard charts as well. If you want something different and something that feels like a true "alternative" band, check out *Dookie*.

Opinion

Raves for 'Age of Innocence,' 'Carlito'

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE

What a movie is supposed to be. This need not even be heard to be appreciated. The imagery alone is sufficient to make you feel as though you've entered another world for a short while. A movie that can do this on video is even more remarkable. Too much is here to write about in this summary. Go and rent this movie sometime during your life if not today. Daniel Day Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Wynona Ryder all give *The Age of Innocence* an unbelievable life of its own. This is probably the best movie I have reviewed since I began this column. Fin.

Video

CARLITO'S WAY

Al Pacino. Isn't that name alone enough to make you go rent this one? How about Penelope Ann Miller and Sean Penn as well? Yeah, this is another really great movie. It's lame to review good movies-everyone wants to hear criticism, but it just happens that I got to watch two particularly well done movies for my last transmission. This is another gangster (not gangsta) movie from New York City, but it isn't the most violent one I've ever seen. It is that as well as a love story and is even funny sometimes. You can't help but like Carlito (Pacino) by the end even knowing what he is and what he's done. Here's hoping you catch some kool phliks in the phuture...

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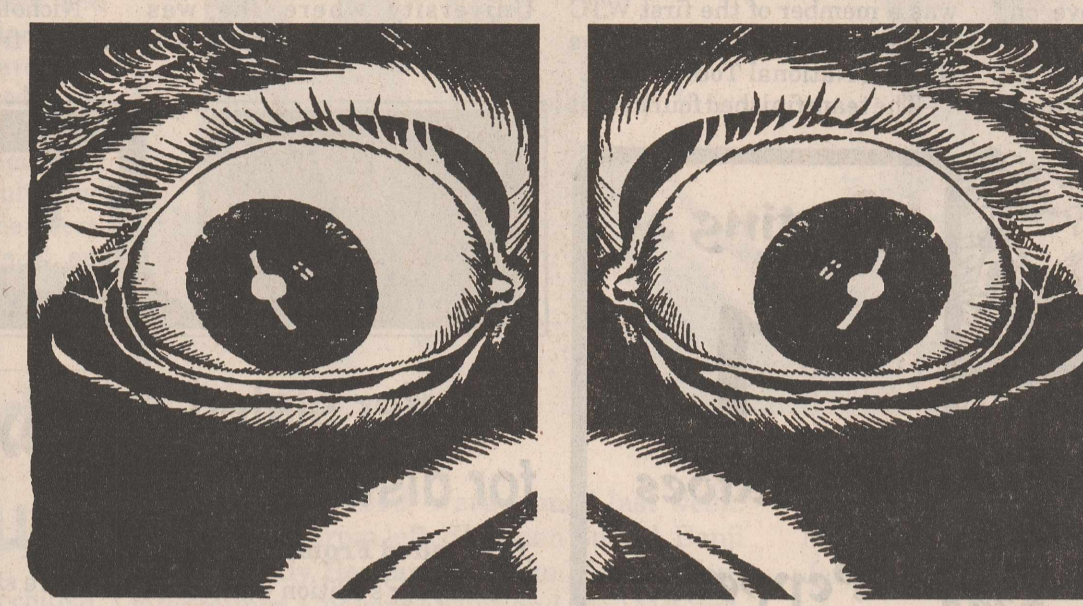
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New Duster coach hopes to get fans behind team

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As a coach, Nichols sees herself as disciplined on and off the court. She said she also tries to be fair to her players. She said she has taken a little coaching philosophy from all of her coaches, but noted she will basically be her "own coach."

Nichols has already set up study halls for her players to

help them keep up high grades, an area that she sees as very important. She is also trying to help the sophomores find other four year schools to continue their athletic careers.

"Basically we are helping them graduate and move on," she said.

Nichols' husband, Barry, will soon be moving from Florida to

Snyder. He will attend college at Texas Tech where he will earn his degree in physical education. Nichols also has an 11-month-old son, Brady.

Nichols was a basketball All-American in 86'-87' at WTC. She was a member of the first WTC women's team to advance to the NJCAA National Tournament.

The team finished fourth that

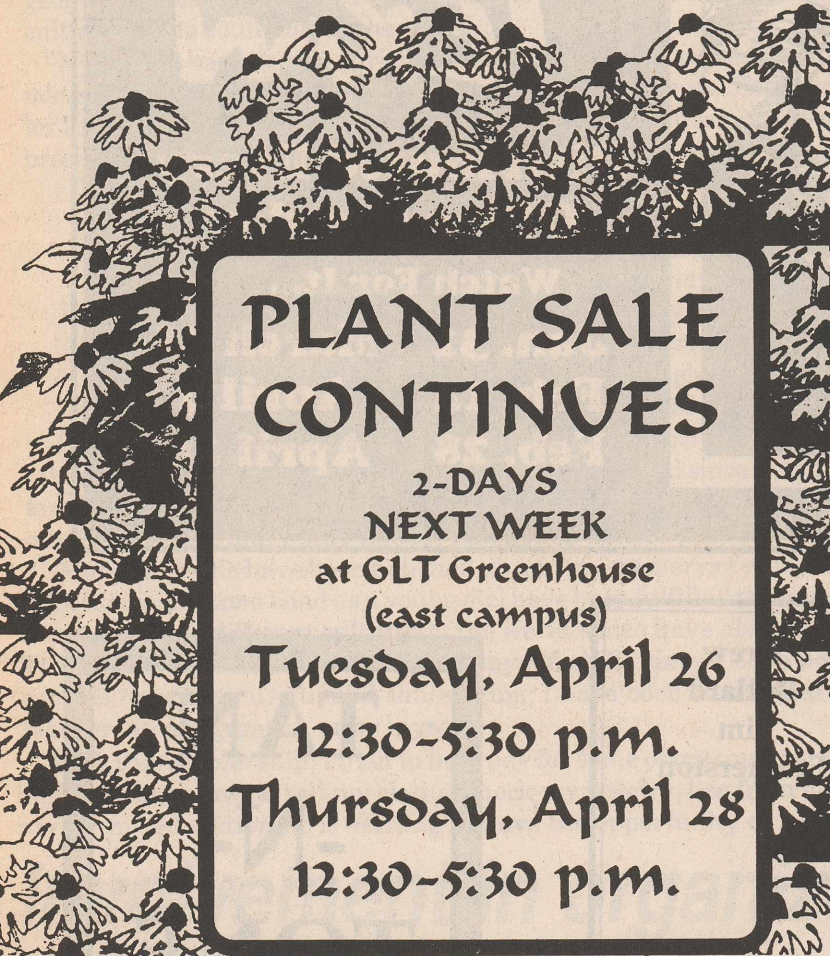
year and Nichols was named to the All-Tournament team before graduating from Western with an associates of arts degree in 1987.

From WTC, Nichols transferred to Sam Houston State University where she was coached by current Howard Col-

lege Coach Royce Chadwick, son of former WTC Coach Kelly Chadwick. At SHSU, Nichols led her team to two Regional Tournament appearances and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

Nichols received her masters degree from the University of

West Florida and became an assistant coach at Pensacola Junior College in Florida. This job required her to do scouting, scheduling and help in running both basketball and soccer camps, all jobs that she said would help benefit her as a head coach.



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Aquifer slated for distribution

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Last year's edition was a winner at this year's annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's spring contest. WTC art student Bryant Thomas placed second in Division 2's literary magazine illustration competition.

With student turnover each semester, the editors of the "Aquifer" must start fresh with each issue to generate new works. According to McGlothing, the new issue "always seems to come together, and (we) only wish more students were involved."

Texan takes top honor

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ance." In addition to the first place win, two Texan staffers were singled out for individual awards and the WTC literary magazine, Aquifer, won for its illustrations.

Texan writer Marci Regalado of Colorado City won second place in the sports news competition for a piece she did on the demise of the men's basketball program at WTC. Staff artist Otis Thompson of Aspermont won second place also in the illustration category. For the Aquifer, Bryant Thomas of Snyder won second in the literary magazine illustration contest. He illustrated a poem called "Whistlin Man."

The staff of the Texan attended the TIPA convention in Corpus. Staff members are Jeff Corkran, Toni Evans, Sandra Hall, Lisa Nix and Wacey Parks of Snyder; Mike Hughes and Lindsey Northcott of Ira; John Campos of Colorado City; Michelle Romero of Roby; Neally Hernandez of Sunray; Justin Lester of MaCamey and Will Gray of Midland. Adviser for the newspaper is Donny Brown.

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Ten students selected as WTC best dressed

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

Ten WTC students have been honored by the Student Senate's Entertainment Committee as being the best dressed on campus. Five males and five females were chosen.

The top five females were: sophomores Brandye Bitters from Mineral Wells and Neally Hernandez from Sunray, freshman Amy McCord from Hamlin and sophomores Jennifer Munoz from Colorado City and Cheyenne Tubb from Snyder.

The top five males were: Shannon Ballard, freshman from Snyder, Benji Felan, a sophomore from Snyder, freshman Mike Hughes from Ira, Mitch McCalib from Brownfield and Eber Suarez from Snyder.

The students will have their pictures taken and placed in the student center for publicity.

The students were nominated by administration, faculty and selected student body members.

In nominating, grooming, appearance, personality and clothing selection were considered.



Fashion statement

WTC's "best dressed" were named last week. They include, from left, Shannon Ballard, Benji Felan, Neally Hernandez, Mike Hughes, Jennifer Munoz, Cheyenne Tubb and Amy McCord.

Not pictured are Brandye Bitters, Mitch McCalib and Eber Suarez. (Texan Photo by Jeff Corkran)

Scholarships awarded by WTC's faculty group

By Lindsey Northcott
Texan Staffer

Recipients of the third annual Faculty Association Scholarship for the 1994-95 school year are Jo Henry and Jennifer Beard, both of Snyder.

Each scholarship totals \$200, \$100 for each semester. The recipients will be honored at the WTC Awards Day also.

Henry has a grade point average (GPA) of 3.63. She previously was a Girl Scouts leader, coached girl's softball and taught Sunday School and Bible School.

Beard is a veterinary medicine major. Her GPA is 3.82. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the meats judging team, and community choir. She is also

actively involved in her church.

Each applicant must be of sophomore status by next fall (having completed more than 30 hours) and remain a full-time student at WTC while under scholarship.

Applicants submitted a 300 to 500 word essay on the topic of how WTC's institutional goals reflected each student's individual goals. The winners essays are featured on page two in today's Texan.

Applicants were also considered on academic record, WTC involvement and/or community involvement. Scholarship funds were provided by the annual golf tournament and the sale of aluminum cans on campus

Social Science contests slated locally Thursday

By Michelle Romero
Texan Staffer

WTC will host the annual Social Science Contest this Thursday. The event is for area high school students and is hosted by the Social Science Division. Area schools will compete for scholarships and medals.

Robert Adams, division coordinator, expects about 100 students from about six schools to participate. "It's a very good way to bring students to see WTC. For some it may be the first time they step on a college campus," he said.

Tests will be given in seven areas, American Government, American History, Texas History, Texas Government, Current Events, Geography and Economics. Each test will consist of 50 questions and two short essay

questions. Students are only allowed to participate in one category. Testing will take place in the 2C building.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three students placing in each category. Scholarships will be awarded to the top scoring senior in each of the six categories.

In addition to Adams, others helping with the contest are faculty members Jim Palmer, division chairman, Dr. Jim Durham, Ray Robbins, Jack Price, J.D. Barham and faculty secretaries Ruth Stanfield and Kim Roberts. Registration will be in the Student Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. and testing should be completed by 11:30 a.m. Students will meet in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. for the awards presentation.

A&M transfer information scheduled here

A short workshop to assist students planning to transfer to Texas A&M is set Tuesday in the Science Lecture Hall. The program will be from 10:50-11:20 a.m. and is presented by the counseling center.

It will advise students on which courses to pre-register for to help them get into the university. A&M now bases its admission on G.P.A., meeting application deadlines and "foundation" courses.

Mr.-Miss WTC nominees profiled

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Lewisville. She is the daughter of Lee and Victoria Burke.

Karyn Gabriel, a sophomore physical education major from Houston. Her parents are Philip and Kathleen Gabriel.

Mandy Harsh, a freshman elementary education major from Chandler, Ariz. Her parents are Pat Harsh of Chandler, and Tom Harsh of Madera, Ca-

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Neally Hernandez, a sophomore broadcasting major from Sunray. Her parents are Isidro and Yolanda Hernandez.

Mr. WTC nominees are: Jeff Corkran, a sophomore from Snyder. His parents are Margaret and Gerald Corkran.

Benjamin Felan, a sophomore Criminal Justice major from Snyder. His parents are Ruben and Anita Felan.

Joe Gordy, a sophomore kinesiology major from Snyder. His parents are Joe Gordy of Midland and Billie Gordy of Snyder.

Alex Sanchez, a sophomore kinesiology major from Ozona. He is the son of Rebecca Camarillo of Ozona.

Fletcher Tigner, a sophomore agricultural major from Magdalena, N.M. His parents are Buddy and Debbie Tigner.

PTK chosen Level V chapter at nationals

By Lindsey Northcott
Texan Staffer

Members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and sponsors Drs. Duane and Mary Hood attended the International PTK Convention April 5-10 at the Anaheim Hilton and Tower in Anaheim, Calif.

The chapter won a commemorative brick for being a Level V chapter for its participation in the Key Opportunity Campaign. The proceeds go to building a new headquarters for PTK and to set up a new scholarship program.

PTK members who attended the convention were Harley Harper, Andrew Burt, Benji Felan, Jeff Corkran, Marla Buchanan, Brandye Bitters, Jeannetta Turner-Stuart, Kiron Kemp, Manuel Olivas, Ginger Alexander, Matt Minkley, Chris Gayle and Tommy Jones.

Dr. Duane Hood received a plaque for being the chairman of the Association of Chapter Advisors. This was his final year to hold the office.

At the convention, the chapter watched a debate between Edwin Meese and George McGovern. Science fiction writer Ray Bradbury spoke on next year's honor topic, "Science, Humanity, and Technology: Shaping a New Creation." Dr. Joyce Brothers introduced the international service project by speaking on mental health. Members of the chapter also attended workshops on different subjects.

Besides attending meetings, the chapter went to Disneyland. They attended a taping of "The Tonight Show."

Campus

Final Exam

Class Meeting
8-8:50 MWF
9-9:50 MWF
10-10:50 MWF
11-11:50 MWF
12-12:50 MWF
8-9:15 TTH
9:30-10:45 TTH
11:30-12:45 TTH
1-1:50 MWF
1-2:30 TTH
4-5:15 TTH

Day Schedule

Time
8 a.m.
10 a.m.
Noon
10 a.m.
10 a.m.
Noon
8 a.m.
8 a.m.
2 p.m.
2 p.m.
4 p.m.

Examination Time
Wednesday, May 4
Tuesday, May 3
Monday, May 2
Wednesday, May 4
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Final Exam Evening

Class Time Exam Time
Monday May 2, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday May 3, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 4, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday April 28, 6:30 p.m.

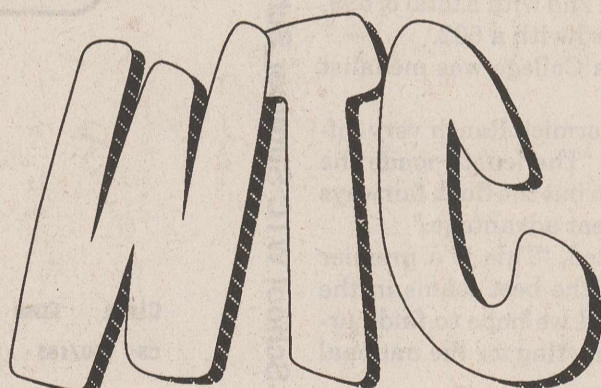
Graduation slated April 29

Graduation will be Friday, April 29, in the WTC courtyard. The ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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