

Six seek queen of the rodeo

By Diane Rodriguez
Texan Staffer

Rodeo Queen candidates have been named for the upcoming WTC rodeo scheduled April 12-15.

The six candidates are Stephanie Veitenheimer, Shawna Davidson, Rebecca Massie, Misty Myers, April Reves and Shannon O'Neal.

Stephanie Veitenheimer is a member of the Lady Westerner basketball team and a sophomore from Windhorst. She is the daughter of John and Maxine Veitenheimer and is majoring in physical education. She was recently named the "most improved" Lady Westerner for the past season.

Shawna Lee Davidson is also a sophomore from Lubbock. She is the daughter of Bobbie and Jan Davidson and is majoring in business. She is a former member of the WTC Student Senate, and is a member of the WTC Rodeo Team.

Rebecca Massie is a sophomore from Pecos majoring in speech communication. She is the daughter of Rhett and Diannah Barrett. At WTC, Rebecca is a member of the student senate and played

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Queen of the Rodeo

One of these five candidates will be named the new WTC Rodeo Queen as the annual WTC rodeo begins one week from Wednesday, April 12. The local event, scheduled in the Scurry County Coliseum, will run through the 15th and will include the traditional rodeo dance and exes rodeo. Candi-

dates seeking the title are (top) Shannon O'Neal, April Reves, (bottom) Shawna Davidson, Rebecca Massie, Stephanie Veitenheimer and Misty Myers. The new queen will be announced at the opening night of the rodeo. (Texan Photo by Jennifer Jones)

Watercolor art now featured at WTC gallery

By Sandra Hall
Texan Staffer

The WTC Fine Arts Theatre is currently featuring a group of watercolor paintings by Catherine Jennings of Lubbock.

In addition, the artist will visit the WTC campus in conjunction with the display. Jennings will present a gallery talk on Tuesday, April 4, from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The collection of transparent and opaque paintings includes landscape and cityscape representations of Jerusalem and Maine, and are a hybrid of what the artist calls "subjective realism."

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Senate eyes changes for member elections

By Leah Watson
Texan Staffer

A proposal to alter the way students are named to the WTC Student Senate is underway, a change which will ultimately require a student body vote.

The change involves revising the Student Body Constitution and, if approved, students will go through a selection process as opposed to the balloting process to gain a seat on the Senate.

There were proposed revisions to many parts of the constitution, but the most extensive was to Article 8, which deals with Senate membership.

The executive board felt a change was needed in the way senators are chosen, noted Student Senate advisor Mickey Baird. With the election process, often times students ran for office unopposed, she noted.

Members of the board wanted to make the process more selective than the existing process, which is ineffective without competition.

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Famous comedy due run April 12-15...

Wilde's 'Earnest' is next

By Leah Watson
Texan Staffer

The WTC Drama Department's production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" will open Wednesday, April 12, and run through the 15th. All proceeds from this production will benefit the Jack Smartt Memorial Scholarship fund.

Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" is a satirical look at people's willingness to pursue appearances over substance. The play looks at two men pretending to be named "Earnest" because the two women they fall in love with will only marry men with that name. The pun is on the word "earnest," which also means "honest."

The play will be done in modified readers' theatre, not the standard memorized play format. Director

Michael Endy said this is because there is little time for rehearsal, and rather than work on memorization, the actors will perfect movements and pronunciation of key words.

Cast in the play are Mark Jeter as Algernon Moncrief; J.J. Hawkins as Rev. Canon Chasuble; Melissa Shatney as Lady Bracknell; and Misty Box as the Hon. Gwendolyn Fairfax. Also cast are Marlon Hall as John Worthing; Krista Tydlaska as Cecily Cardew; Rebecca Massie as Miss Prism, and, in a double roll, Cole Guidinger as Lane and Merriman.

Oscar Wilde is a well known English playwright. "The Importance of Being Earnest" is considered his best play, and this year is the 100th Anniversary of its writing. In February, Wilde was

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'Self-esteem' important trait for Miss Texas

By Mike Hughes
Texan Staffer

Reigning Miss Texas 1994, Arian Archer, was on campus last Tuesday to talk to WTC students about self-esteem.

Archer's presentation also covered her duties as Miss Texas; a brief summary of how her pageant career began; and the work she put into winning the title as well as a singing performance.

As Miss Texas, Miss Archer is traveling the state of Texas talking to students in grades ranging from Kindergarten to Seniors in high school. Her speech to these groups covers the three main points of: "Never give up," "Say no" and "Believe in yourself"

Archer will talk to about 200,000 students in an eight month time period, but this has been her only visit with a college.

Alter giving a brief summary of her pageant career Tuesday, she gave a comical impression of her singing "Jesus Loves Me" at age 4. She went on to do renditions of the same song as her high

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Meeting Miss Texas

The WTC student senate sponsored a visit from the current Miss Texas, Arian Archer (center), last Tuesday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Following the speech, Miss Archer entertained the audience by singing a

Reba McEntire song, "Sunday Kind of Love." She is shown with students, from left, Misty Meyers, Jennifer Beard, Mike Hughes and Rey Rivera. (Texan Photo by Jennifer Jones)

Miss Texas enjoys seeing 'kids my age'

By Mike Hughes
Texan Staffer

Just what does Miss Texas, Arian Archer, think about spending a day in Snyder talking to WTC students?

"This is fun for me. I enjoy hanging out with kids my own age," she said in an interview following her performance at the Fine Arts Theater Tuesday.

Archer describes her experience as Miss Texas as being "more work than expected." Specifically, she said she is surprised with all the traveling involved.

Being Miss Texas has also had some pleasant surprises, such as meeting country and western singers such as Steve Warner and Holly Dunn. She also performed in Michael Martin Murphy's musical event, "The Cowboy Christmas Ball," this past winter in Amarillo.

Miss Archer said she has many career options but is considering becoming a professional singer of Christian music after she graduates from Texas Tech University.

When she does return to Tech in the See **RETURN**, page 4

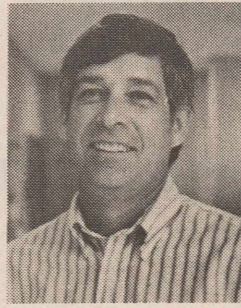
Mechanical wizards illustrate how to approach problems...

By Britt Canada
Science Division Chairman

In my lifetime, I have known at least two mechanical geniuses. Each could take a mechanical problem, then devise and build some contraption to solve that problem. It was always amazing to see how these geniuses solved problems. I learned a lot from each of these gentlemen.

The first was Hugh Greiner. Mr. Greiner worked for West Texas State University (that was before the name change to West Texas A&M). I was a student at WTSU and on several occasions I watched him build something that would solve a particular problem. With much patience, he would listen as I explained what I thought should be done to solve the problem. After I finished, he would start to work, virtually ignoring my ideas and build something even better than what I had imagined. Usually, my solution was much more complex and elaborate, while his solution was simple and elegant.

The second mechanical genius was Rusty Lee. Mr. Lee retired from the power plant near Colorado City. I first met him when he took a basic programming class that I taught for WTC in 1986. I guess he was 66 or 67 when he enrolled in that class. I really do not know why he took the class because he probably could have taught it. While many older people are intimidated by computers, Mr. Lee was fascinated by them. He turned in the best assignments of anyone that I have ever had in class. His work was outstanding—he was literally a “programming artist.”



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mechanical problems, I learned much from each and they had my respect. From one, I learned to look for simple, elegant solutions to the problems that I would face and, from the other, I learned that one should never lose the eagerness to learn.

As we finish this semester, I hope that you have gained a vision of what you can do. Education is a great equalizer which can open many doors and opportunities. I hope that someone (an instructor or fellow student) has inspired you. I hope that someone has touched your life as these two men touched mine. Remember, keep it simple and keep learning.

DeViews

Opinion

'River Wild' called exciting ride; 'Timecop' is out of sync...

By Kari McGrew
Texan Staffer

“The River Wild” is a great movie, no matter what your taste or preference. Starring Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon and David Strathairn, this engrossing film explores a family's vacation which becomes a nightmare. Gail (Streep), is an ex-rafting guide who takes her husband (Strathairn) and son on a vacation rafting trip. However, when they encounter a mysterious stranger (Bacon) and his sidekick, the family outing becomes a hellacious trip down a raging river. The strangers take the family through a world of violence and dishonesty, robbery and even murder.



The action is intense, the horror terrifying, the adventure breath-taking and the drama tear-jerking.

“Timecop,” a new release from MCA Universal Home Video, receives a mediocre rating by my standards. The movie stars the martial arts muscle man Jean-Claude Van Damme as timecop Max Walker of the “Time Enforcement Commission.”

In the year 2004, Van Damme's job is to prevent people from traveling back in time. However, Senator McComb (Ron Silver), a corrupt politician, is “going back” to manipulate stock investments—thereby earning money in the future for his campaign to be President. Walker must follow the Senator in order to stop him from altering history and thus the future.

The bad guys slowly brainwash Gail's son and attempt to kill her husband, then they force Gail to take them through rough regions of the river, a no-mans land of raging rapids, where they must survive the area known as the “Gauntlet.” “The River Wild” is a wild ride and the pace never slows down throughout the entire R-rated movie.

The action is intense, the horror terrifying, the adventure breath-taking and the drama tear-jerking. Not often can you find a movie that contains all of these elements and more, but this movie, from the director of “The Hand That Rocks The Cradle,” intertwines them all quite well.

Streep, an academy-award winning actress, portrays her role well; and Bacon, an academy-award nominee, follows one step behind. The acting in the film is superb as is the screenplay and the emotional quality of the movie. I would definitely recommend this top hit. The suspense will keep you in awe

Van Damme comes back stronger than ever, beating impossible odds and narrowly escaping the jaws of death (as in every other movie starring the so-called “Muscles from Brussels.” “Timecop,” however, does have a better, although not believable, plot than most of Van Damme's movies. The violence, the brutality and the extremely far-fetched concepts of time are still there, however, making this movie somewhat of a let down. Silver does a good job of portraying Senator McComb—a greedy, ruthless individual who will do anything for a few greenbacks. Silver seems ambitious enough, but he is too much of a typical “bad guy,” volatile, and almost as clever as the protagonist. Low and behold, he is also a cold-blooded murderer who kills anyone that gets in his path.

“Timecop” seems to be just another Van Damme flick, one more to add to the violent action film genre. If you avidly viewed “Rambo,” I would recommend it as a good video choice. But, if you're looking for drama, sorry man, this movie's on the other end of the spectrum.

Pinball wannabe isn't the same...

By Mike Hughes
Texan Staffer

Surely at one time or another, everyone has felt the frustration of watching a little silver ball go down the drain during a game of pinball. Pinball machines have been around for years and, as technology has progressed, so have the machines. Now, Gametek is the latest group to bring the game of pinball to the SNES with “Pinball Fantasies.”

While “PF” captures all of the elements of pinball, something is lost in the transition. It's just not the same using a button to “nudge” the machine that is on screen as it is to put a bit of body weight into it, like in real pinball.

In “PF,” the screen scrolls continually up and down as it follows the ball around from an overhead view. Since the whole screen is not seen at once, it can be made a bit larger to show greater detail. This is better than trying to squeeze a whole machine onto the screen at once.



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However, it does present a problem. When a ball is caught with the flippers, you can't “aim” it as it slides down because only the bottom portion of the machine is seen. It's not until the ball is fired that the rest of the playing area is shown.

This makes it difficult to hit a lot of the bonus targets.

“PF” also tries to copy the modern style of pinball games. That is, it places ramps above the rest of the field. This is often where the really big bonuses are kept. The problem in “PF” is it has a two-dimensional perspective. Everything looks flat. It is hard enough trying to figure out what is supposed to be raised on the bottom table, which makes it almost impossible to figure what is supposed to be raised above that.

Even for a pinball cart, the graphics could be improved. The background music soon grows annoying and the sound effects don't capture the sound of the bumpers of the real thing.

One of the games good points is the four different game themes to play. These is “Party Land,” “Speed Devil,” “Billion Dollar Game Show,” and “Stones N' Bones.” After one scenario gets boring, which happens way too quickly, you can switch to another one.

The only way I see “PF” being very entertaining is to play against a bunch of friends. Up to eight players can participate in one game, so there is plenty of room for competition. At least the game keeps track of high scores.

My advice is to stay away from this one, however. There are too many other games out there that are just as simple to play as “Pinball Fantasies” and a whole lot more fun. If you love pinball, take your quarters to the arcade, this cart will only leave you disappointed.

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Wild flower activities scheduled on campus in April

By Kari McGrew
Texan Staffer

It's spring time and the wild flowers are beginning to bloom. WTC's official Wild Flower Day will be April 23. Events planned include the traditional wild flower tour, a museum exhibit featuring windmills and exhibits of both school children's work and entries in a photography contest.

WTC botany students are

scheduled to provide tours for campus visitors during Wild Flower Day activities. As in year's past, wild flowers in the protected prairie area will be marked as soon as there are sufficient flowers. There will be a self-guided map for individual walking tours handed out in the museum.

Throughout the trail, there will be 25 to 30 different wild flowers identified.

Also, there will be a tie-in exhibit entitled "Blades in the Sky" at the Scurry County Museum. The theme is about windmills, said Shirley Leftwich, museum director.

The museum exhibit will include photographs of wild flowers and types of water sources. Live specimens of wild flowers will be on display also.

The exhibit will also feature children's art and writing

projects from approximately every elementary school in Scurry County.

On Sunday, April 23, there will be a slide show given by Dr.

David Kattes. The subject of the slide show has not yet been decided.

Again this year, there will be a wild flower photography contest, and both Britt Canada, who is the division chairman for the science department, and Shirley Leftwich encourage all WTC students, faculty, and high school students to enter.

Winners of the contest will be awarded cash prizes. There is an

entry fee of \$1 for all students and \$2 for non-students. The contest is held in order to promote the qualities of Texas wild flowers, plants, land, insects and water sources.

"Wild Flower Days" began in 1986 and since then has received two awards. One award was given in 1987, and the other was a Sesquicentennial award. The exhibit and tour are both free to the public.

Senate proposes election method change

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The proposed selection process includes an interview and evaluation of the prospective member with executive board members, who will then decide membership. Senators will be chosen based on their interest in the Senate, contributions they can make to WTC and their leadership abilities. "It gives a personal touch to senator selection," said Mrs. Baird.

Other changes to the constitution involve attendance policy, the position of historian, and minor changes in wording.

The new constitution would stress attendance and set stricter regulations for excessive absences; and the position of historian has been removed completely.

Changes made to the wording of the document include removing the pronoun "he" used in reference to officers and members of the Senate.

The amendment process occurs in five steps, beginning with a senate committee and ending with the student body.

The proposal was introduced to the senate by a Constitutional Revision Committee, consisting of Emily Schaffer, Pete Ellis, Cody Williams and Laura

Hamby. It was then submitted to the floor for discussion, needing a majority vote to pass.

The proposal passed unanimously, and was submitted to Shawna Wells, student body president, for formal acceptance. After her approval, Wells will take the proposal to the college administration. If approved, the proposal will be taken to the student body for a final vote.

A majority vote of students is needed for the amendment to become effective.

Queen hopefuls noted

Continued From Page One in the WTC Pep Band. She is also a member of the drama and speech clubs.

Misty Myers is the daughter of Ray and Gloria Myers and is a sophomore from Snyder. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is the student senate treasurer. Misty has also been named an All-American Scholar and to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

April Reves, another member of the Lady Westerner basketball team, is a freshman from Stamford. She is majoring in criminal justice and is the daughter of Ray and Yvonne Reves.

Shannon O'Neal is the daughter of James and Frances O'Neal of Tornillo.

At WTC, she is a member of the Meats Judging Team.

Play opens next week

Continued From Page One enshrined in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey in honor of the anniversary.

Proceeds from this production benefit the Jack Smartt Memorial Scholarship fund. Smartt was a former manager for TU Electric in Snyder and, after retirement, was a Fine Arts patron, taking several pottery classes at WTC. He was a member of the college's Institutional Effectiveness Committee also.

"Jack was a very sweet, intelligent, warm-hearted man," said Endy.

Return to Texas Tech slated by Miss Texas

Continued From Page One fall to finish her degree in music education, she will be using about \$18,500 in scholarships that she has won between the Miss Texas and the Miss America pageants.

Miss Archer said she is not sure if students will treat her any differently when she goes back to college, but said she has learned who her true friends are since winning the pageant.

She graduated from Borger High School in 1991 with academic honors, but she says she

doesn't help," she said. She turns it into a joke, she says, particularly when she does make a mistake, using the explanation, "it's just cause I'm a blonde."

As Miss Texas, Miss Archer has endorsed the effort to prevent child abuse, delivering her program across the state.

Her interest stems in part, she said, from her own history, saying she was involved in an "abusive relationship" while in high school. After ending the relationship, she said she was able to overcome her depression by becoming a dedicated Christian, along with therapy and positive thinking.

With the free time she has, she said she enjoys reading and the piano.

Art display opens here

Continued From Page One school idols of Karen Carpenter and Barbra Streisand. This was followed by an opera version, and finally the way she sings the song currently.

Archer's ended the presentation with the singing of Reba McEntire's "Sunday Kind of Love."

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'M-I-C...K-E-Y' is no mouse to Western Texas students

By Leah Watson
Texan Staffer

Mickey Baird, WTC Student Activities Director, is a long-time fan of Mickey Mouse, and she's got the guest room to prove it.

Her Mickey Mouse Museum, as she calls it, houses a long list of memorabilia related to Walt Disney's famous mouse, many of the items originating as gifts from WTC students

For Mickey, the mouse tradition started at birth. She was born on her father Mackey's birthday. Her parents decided that Mickey was the closest thing to "Mackey" for their new daughter. What is usually assumed to be a nickname is actually a family name with meaning, she explained.

Mickey's mouse collection began during childhood when her cousin found an original Mickey Mouse watch in an old house and presented it to her. Since then, the collection has grown and now fills a room in Mrs. Baird's home.

The Mickey Mouse Museum in the Baird's guest room displays memorabilia collected through the years. Although Mickey has purchased some of the articles herself, most have come from students. "I've been an educator for 32 years," she said, "so I have that many years of stuff from students."

"People wonder why a person my age with no children would have a Mickey Mouse collection. It's been done for me."

She's received gifts from students, friends, her husband, and has even bought some herself. People are also amused that her husband would buy her Mickey Mouse things for special occasions, "but he knows nothing would make me happier," she said.

Her museum includes Mickey dishes, clothing, jewelry, whatnots, umbrellas, a paddle ball, a water floatie, and many other odds and ends. She keeps a play-box for young children

filled with Mickey Mouse toys and coloring books to keep

them occupied in the Mickey room. "I want them to feel like they are a part of it" she said. She also entertains them with a Mickey that talks when his string is pulled.

Mickey's oldest pieces include a baby potty with the original Mickey Mouse on the side and an old viewfinder with only one movie wheel. Mickey also has two very old books. One tells the story of Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse and the other contains original cartoons.

The items in Mickey's room range in size from big blankets and posters to a small Mickey about an inch tall made from clay and hand-painted by a friend. Her most unique pieces are a gold com-

memorative coin and a Mickey costume she made herself.

She also has such items as a Mickey Mouse tackle box and fishing rod, with a bobber the shape of Mickey's head. The newest addition to her collection is a hat-rack made of horseshoes, also in the shape of the Mouse's head. This too was made and given to her by a friend.

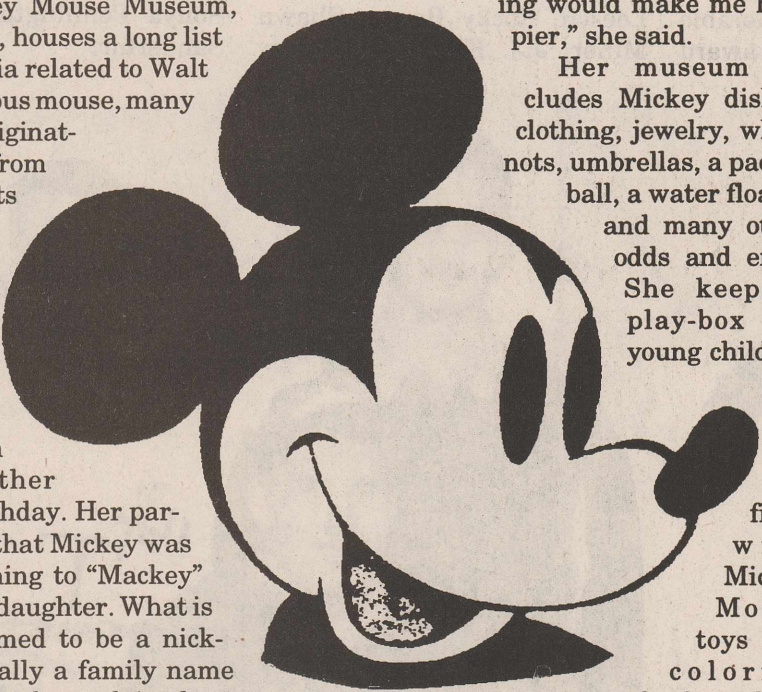
When asked what her favorite articles were, Mickey replied, "If I had to grab one thing and run, it would be two things: the potty and the alarm clock my husband gave me on a special occasion."

Regarding the latter, she notes the alarm clock features Mickey Mouse singing a "get up, good morning" song instead of buzzing.

Mrs. Baird said she confines her memorabilia interest to only the male mouse of the species. "I don't care about Minnie," she said.

After retirement, Mickey's dream is to go to Disneyland in California. She said she would prefer it because it is the original Walt Disney park. She said she'd settle for Disneyworld, however. "I'm like the little girl in the Disneyland commercial: I've waited my whole life to meet Mickey in person!"

She feels her love for Mickey Mouse has made her an easy person to shop for.



WTC's own, M-I-C...K-E-Y Baird

Friends know that any Mickey item will please her. Mickey noted that "out of everything ever given to me, it amazes me that I don't remember one duplication." Except, of course, the famous mouse ears. "I have a formal pair and a casual pair," she joked.

Mickey doesn't know what will happen to her collection in later years. "I hope when I'm gone it can still be added to and enjoyed by my family."

"It's been a neat experience," Mickey remembers. She plans to continue her tradition. She said, "Everybody's always said if I had a tattoo it would be Mickey Mouse!"

Campus



PTK at Regional

This group of Phi Theta Kappa members attended that organization's Texas-New Mexico Regional Convention March 9-12 at the Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock. Shown, from

left, are sponsors Duane and Mary Hood and members Barbara Chapman, Lori Clark, Jennifer Beard and Chris Gayle. Also attending were Ben Felan and Betty Harris. (PTK Photo)

PTK members in 'Hall of Honor'

By Anthony Alvarez
Texan Staffer

Jennifer Beard and Ben Felan, members of Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter Psi Zeta, were inducted into the Texas-New Mexico Hall of Honor for Members at the Regional Convention held in Lubbock March 9-11 at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel and Convention Center.

Dr. Harry Krenek was also inducted into the Texas-New Mexico Hall of Honor for College Presidents.

Five members and two sponsors of WTC's Psi Zeta chapter attended the convention. Members included Jennifer Beard, Ben Felan, Chris Gayle, Barbara Chapman, all of Snyder, and Betty Harris of Sweetwater. The sponsors which accompa-

nied the members were Dr. Duane and Mary Hood of Snyder. Also present at the convention was Dr. Krenek.

As a chapter, Psi Zeta received the Top Ten Chapter Award within its region. The chapter also achieved a Level 5 honor in the Chapter Development Program, which is the highest level achievable for any chapter.

GLT student ranks 6th among 400

A WTC Golf and Landscape Technology student recently finished sixth out of a field of 400-plus entrants competing at events sponsored through the Associated Landscape Contractor's of America (ALCA).

Mark Claburn earned sufficient points in several events to qualify as the sixth place individual. In addition, two other

fellow WTC students were among the Top 10 percent of entrants. Matt Minkley finished in 32nd place and Joby Hinton ended as the 42nd high individual.

All three were competing at the ALCA Career Days event held March 23-26 in Atlanta. A team of eight GLT students competed, accompanied by instruc-

tor Steve Tate.

In all, some 400 students competed in 16 events, such as interior and exterior landscape design, irrigation and plant identification. Some 37 two-year and four-year schools attended the event. Other WTC students attending were Erik Marion, Chad Harris, Darrin Hatfield, Bryan Renfro and Graig Roberts.

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"Right Size To Be Friendly"

WTC athletes recognized at annual sports banquet

By Chris McKamie
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerners' Most Valuable Offensive Player award was given to Jackie Wright, while both Tammy Wilson and Ericka Thompson won the Most Valuable Defensive Player award as the Western Texas College Booster club held its annual athletic awards banquet March 23 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The event honored the accomplishments of all athletes at WTC.

In basketball awards, selections made by Coach Brenda Welch-Nichols, the Best All-Around Sophomore award was given to Carri Moss, while Donna Carrell was awarded the Best All-Around Freshman award.

Christy Cates, a sophomore, and Annie Ragland, a freshman, were given academic awards. Stephanie Veitenheimer received the Most Improved Player award and Diane Ezernack received the Miss Lady Westerner designation for her actions both on and off the court.

In honors announced earlier, both Jackie Wright and Carri Moss received All-Conference designations.

Also, Tammy Wilson was named to the All-Conference second team.

Coach Nichols recognized all players at the event. The Lady Westerners was comprised of Diane Ezernack, Penny Glenn, Myra Williams, Stephanie Veitenheimer, Carri Moss, Annie Ragland, Donna Carrell, April Reeves, Ericka Thompson,

Tammy Wilson, Christy Cates, Jackie Wright, Diane Garate and Rachel Brown.

WTC Athletic Director Milton Ham, who is also the WTC golf coach, was master of ceremonies. Jackie Greene, a local cowboy poet, read several of his works as entertainment at the event.

Ham awarded certificates to his golf team. Team members recognized were Matt Clements, Jon Hopfner, Ron Glennie, Will Gray, Jason Ball, Mitch McCalib, Cory Stone, Mark Smith, John

Mark Ferrel, Jeremy Haines, Stan Scarborough and Damien Morgan.

Todd Danley, the WTC rodeo coach, gave out special academic and athletic awards. The rodeo team's academic awards were given to sophomores Blake Thomas and Jonell Cardwell and freshmen Heath Hudson and Emily Schaffer. The vocational academic award went to Brandon Bland. Chip Hackney and Dayna Doyle received honorable mention. The Chute Boss award

was awarded to Cleve Schmidt and the rodeo practice awards were given to Emily Schaffer, Todd Loesch and Heath Hudson.

Danley also recognized his team members. Men's rodeo team members are Ray Richards, Justin Johnson, Heath Hudson, Paul Little, Blake Ellis, Brandon Bland, Cleve Schmidt, Drew Harbison, Gary Blake Thomas, Chip Hackney, Shawn Pittman, Bronc Collier, Guy Smith, Todd Loesch, Rocky Banta, Shawn Minor, J.J. Kincheloe, Davey

Shields, Nate Avey, Pete Ellis and Danny Ray Stark.

The women's rodeo team is comprised of Jonell Cardwell, Deana Schwartz, Mandy Harsh, Dayna Doyle, Emily Schaffer, Shawna Davidson, Chasity Richman and Mary Ann Miller.

The WTC cheerleading sponsor, Mickey Baird, recognized her squad for its hard work this year. The squad was comprised of Shauna Wells, Sheila Hale, Sonya Pennington and Sheri Sanderfur.

Golfers end 9th place out at Gulf Coast tournament

By Will Gray
Texan Staffer

On March 19-21, the WTC golf team competed in the Gulf Coast Invitational at Galveston, finishing in 9th place out of 12 teams with a two-day combined total of 617. The event was hosted by San Jacinto College.

Weatherford Junior College won the event with a total of 593. Paris Junior College came in second with a total of 598, while Midland College and Navarro Junior College tied for third with a total of 600.

Darren Tibshraeny of Paris Junior College won the 36-hole event with rounds of 74 and 69 for a two-round total of 143.

The tournament was played

on Galveston Country Club over a two-day period.

Coach Milton Ham said he hopes to catch the second place conference team in the next couple of tournaments.

This event represented the second conference tournament and two WTC golfers have cracked the top 15. Both Matt Clements and Cory Stone are respectively 11th and 12th place at the current time.

WTC scores were: Cory Stone of Pampa, 80, 73; Jason Ball of San Angelo, 80, 76; Will Gray of Midland, 86, 78; Matt Clements of Midland, 76, 82; Ron Glennie of Boulder City, N.V., 78, 78; and Stan Scarborough of Lubbock, 78, 78.



Intramural 5 On 5 champs

Intramural basketball 5 on 5 action ended before spring break and this team was the winner after both the regular season and a tournament. The competition featured three other teams. Winning team members included (back row, from left)

David Krenek, Barry Nichols, Jon Patrick, Jay Browne, (front row) Tyson Cromeens and Mike Hughes. (Texan Photo by Jennifer Jones)

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Sports

Rodeo competition...

Men 2nd, women 5th at Odessa

By Anthony Alvarez
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College's men's rodeo team captured second place in the Odessa College rodeo March 9-11. The men earned a total of 195 points and the women earned 65 points to capture fifth.

For the men in bareback riding, Davey Shields earned second place in the long go and then split first and second in the short go for an overall average of second place. Teammate Cleve Schmidt took third in the long go and split third and fourth in the

short go for an overall average of third place.

In calf roping, Todd Loesch captured fourth in the long go and then second in the short go for an average placing of third place. Shawn Minor in saddle bronc riding received seventh in the long go but came back to capture third in the short go, earning him a split between second and third overall.

For the women in goat tying, Mandy Harsh split first and second in the long go and split sixth and seventh in the short go giving her second place overall.

Teammate MaryAnn Miller took eighth in both the long and short go causing her to split eighth and ninth overall with teammate Chasity Rickman, who took 10th in the long go but split sixth and seventh in the short go.

The men's and women's teams were to travel to Canyon this past weekend to compete in the West Texas A&M rodeo. In the region, the men are currently in third place, trailing West Texas A&M by 120 points. The women are currently in fourth place behind Houston College by 100 points.

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