

Calendar for '97-'98 year reflects several changes

New schedule planned to better accommodate students

By Amy Grimmer
Texan Staffer

A number of calendar changes are scheduled next school year as registration for the fall term will be delayed until after Labor Day and four holidays will be added to the 1996-97 schedule. College officials say the changes were made in general to better accommodate

the students at WTC. The later registration in fall will solve also the early break in schedule because of Labor Day.

Officials hoped also the later sign-up would allow for the registration of more students, in particular those who might have registered earlier at a four year school, then decided to return locally.

Holidays added for the fall next year are Columbus Day, Oct. 14, and an extra day for Thanksgiving with classes dismissing on Tuesday of that week.

In the spring, students can expect to be off President's Day, Feb. 17, and Good Friday, March 28.

The TJCTA holiday, traditionally the third Friday in February, will be

dropped next year, however.

Registration for fall, 1996 will begin Sept. 3, the day after Labor Day. This is some two weeks later than this year, when registration began Aug. 21.

The later beginning will mean a later close for the fall semester, now due to end Dec. 20. This year, the fall semester ended Dec. 8.

Campus offices will reopen the Monday after New Year's, Jan. 6. Faculty will return Jan. 8 and registration begins Monday, Jan. 13. Classes will recess for spring break in 1997 on Friday, March 7, and resume Monday, March 17. The semester will end with final examinations April 30-May 7.

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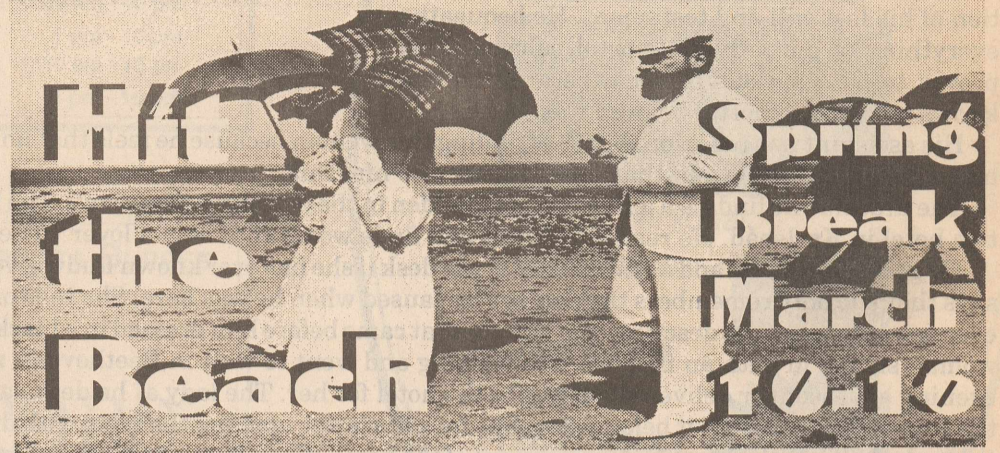
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Cheerleaders Vanessa Williams and Jeri Lynn Tucker work on a banner for last Thursday night's game against New Mexico Junior College. The Lady West-

erners lost the final home game of the season 75-66, dropping their conference record to 2-16. (Texan photo by Jennifer Jones)

2 candidates surface; incumbent drops out

By Jonathan Carroll
Texan Staffer

Two new candidates for the Western Texas Board of Trustees have come forward as of noon Friday and one of the board's original members has indicated he will not seek re-election.

After 27 years of service to Western Texas, Bill Wilson Jr. has decided not to seek re-election for his place 1 seat.

In addition, Drew Bullard, a Scurry County native and local business owner, has announced for the seat Wilson will vacate. Also, Jackie Greene Jr., co-owner in another Scurry County business, has announced for the place 2 seat now held by Carl Williams.

Williams, board president, has not officially indicated if he will be a candidate for re-election.



Bill Wilson Jr.



Drew Bullard

Wilson, owner of Wilson Ford here, was a member of the original board formed in 1969. Since that time, the college has had 18 individuals serve as members of its seven-member board.

Bullard is a native of Scurry County and a Snyder High School graduate. He is the owner of Bullard's Computer Solutions.

Greene is also a Snyder High graduate. Locally, he is involved in the family-owned Jack's Roadboring and Pipeline Service.

Board members serve six-year terms. The deadline to file as a candidate is March 20.

Early voting will begin April 15 and continue through April 30. The only location for early voting is the WTC administration building. Election day is May 4.



Jackie Greene

Faculty Association Scholarships will double in amount next year

By Marla Meek
Texan Staffer

WTC's Faculty Association Scholarship Awards, given to two returning sophomores, will be doubled next year, going from \$200 per academic year to \$400.

Interested students may now begin the process to apply for these scholarship awards. Applications may be obtained from any faculty member. The deadline for entries is March 29.

To be eligible, applicants must complete 30 hours or more here, have a minimum GPA of 3.25, enroll as a full-time student while under scholarship, and complete a 300 to 500 word essay.

Topic guidelines for the composition state "Two prominent institutional goals in the WTC catalog are (1) to provide courses for students who desire to further their education, enrich their lives, learn new skills or improve old ones, and improve their personal efficiency; (2) to provide programs designed to prepare individuals for employment in the business, industrial and professional community. How does your educational experience at WTC reflect these goals?"

In addition, extracurricular and/or community activities may be considered in the selection process.

The amount was increased for next

year in part due to monthly deductions which faculty members donated.

Also, aluminum cans are donated by the community at a trailer parked in the southeast parking lot, and faculty association golf tournaments are held and proceeds are donated.

Local spelling Bee slated on campus

By James Shew
Texan Staffer

The Scurry County Spelling Bee will be in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre Friday beginning at 9 a.m.

The spelling bee will include the top two spellers from grades 4-8 from Snyder ISD and the top spellers from both Ira ISD and Hermleigh ISD.

Head judge of the Scurry County Spelling Bee will be Dr. Ed Barkowsky, chairman of Communications and Letters Division here, and pronouncer will be Janis Mitchell.

Others judges are English instructors Janet Halbert, Marilyn Lancaster and Jana Martin and Mary Hood, head of WTC Counseling.



David Kattes

'Aquifer' submission deadline is March 22

By James Shew
Texan Staffer

The deadline for submissions to WTC's literary magazine, "Aquifer" is March 22.

"Aquifer" has been in publication

here for six years and is an outlet for WTC students to express their creative abilities in such categories as poetry, short fiction, essays, art and photographs.

In the last six years, it has won

many awards including some from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA).

WTC's "Aquifer" competes against other literary magazines from schools of up to 6,000 in total student enrollment.

The current publication editors for the "Aquifer" magazine are Bill McGlothing, Janet Halbert, Richard Lancaster, Jana Martin, Donny Brown and Ben Sum.

Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced with the author's name on every page. Two copies of each work should be submitted to Bldg. 7B, Rm. 102 or may be deposited in the Aquifer mailboxes in Bldg. 2B.

For additional information, call 573-8511 ext. 246.

Carter does comparative study

By Rachel Brown
Texan Staffer

A study is now underway at WTC which attempts to determine how graduates used the knowledge gained here following graduation.

The state-required comparative study is being completed by Kerri Carter, a graduate of WTC in 1991 with a Fine Arts Degree and a graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in Design Communication.



Kerri Carter

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Paper pellets conserve water, prevent crop erosion

By Jonathan Carroll
Texan Staffer

Western Texas is one of only three institutions in the world participating in an experiment designed to prevent wind erosion, conserve water and loosen the soil for West Texas crops.

The key ingredient is paper pellets. The pellets, which measure 2 inches long and 3/4 of an inch wide, are composed of pressed cardboard. After the crop is harvested, the field is covered

with the paper pellets by a spreader truck in preparation for the next crop.

Dr. David Kattes, associate professor of agriculture at WTC, along with Kevin Wright of the Soil Conservation Service are heading this project.

Kattes said the paper pellets benefit the soil by providing a ground cover, which prevents wind erosion and helps conserve water.

As the pellets naturally decay, they also provide a mulch for the soil, help-

ing to loosen it.

The paper pellets also offer a way to recycle paper, Kattes said, offering an alternate use instead of filling up land field space.

This is the second year for the WTC agriculture department to participate in the paper pellets experiment. Scientists from the United States Department of Agriculture routinely visited the farm to collect data.

The experiment is being conducted

on five acres at the Western Texas College farm and initial indications are they help create an increase in cotton production.

In addition to the paper pellets experiments, the agriculture department has been involved in other experiments to benefit cotton farmers of the surrounding area.

One of these experiments is a cotton variety trial. Seven different types of

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'Immortal Beloved' is moving; 'Rebel without a Cause,' classic

By Carrie Keith
Texan Staffer

Ludwig von Beethoven's pieces are so emotionally moving that it is no surprise that a movie about him is just as emotionally moving. The tragedy of his deafness as a composer is enough to break anyone's heart, but this movie also brings our attention to his tragic love story, of his 'Immortal Beloved.'

The movie begins with his death and the location of his last will and testament. He bequeaths everything of his to his immortal beloved. This proves to be a serious problem because no one knows who his immortal beloved was.

His assistant has taken on the job of finding this woman because he feels that no one had ever even made his life bearable and that they at least owe him this.

The first clue he finds is a letter that was hidden in the maestro's piano wall. The letter is addressed to a hotel in Karlsbad. He reads the letter and finds words that only a lover writes to their lover.

He goes to the hotel and asks the lady at the desk if she has ever known Ludwig von Beethoven. She says that she only remembers the damage he caused when he was here. She tells of the only time she ever saw him. She first describes the woman that came before him dressed in a black veil. The mystery woman signed in with an illegible handwriting and went to wait in Beethoven's room. Later in the evening a messenger delivered a letter to the hotel for her. The lady at the desk said she had to read the letter to find out who it belonged to. She took the letter upstairs the room with dinner and the next thing she knew the woman was running out of the hotel. When Beethoven arrived in the room and saw that she was gone, he went crazy and destroyed the room. The lady at the desk still wanted payment for the damage.

The next person he goes to is a Contessa played by Valeria Golino. He begins to talk to her and the movie begins another flashback. This one telling how the contessa had become one of his lovers and almost married him. She had heard of Beethoven and wrote to her cousins in Vienna, the heart of music, and went there to hear him. He becomes her teacher and they begin a courtship with a little more than the average physical involvement. He has not played in public in more than a year and everyone believes that there is some sort of physical infirmity that prevents him from playing. He asks for her hand in marriage but her father refuses to allow it until he sees that Beethoven can still play. So, he buys a new piano, telling Beethoven that he has cleared the house so that he can test it all himself. This is when it becomes clear to them that Beethoven is deaf. Beethoven thinks they have tricked him into revealing his infirmity and leaves, furious.

The next place his assistant goes is to the Countess Adode (Isabella Rossellini), who also tells him her story of how she was involved with Beethoven. They share a few rounds and he tells her of how he met the maestro and became his assistant.

The musical score in this film is incredible, from his Pathetique Sonata, Opus 13 in C minor, the 2nd movement, to the Symphony No. 9, Opus 125 in D minor "Ode to Joy," last movement. Sir George Solti made excellent choices. Gary Oldman is a fantastic pianist and actually played the pieces in the movie, most of the time without looking at his hands because his head would have to lean over the piano to feel the vibrations. Steven McEveety and Bruce Davey produced the movie and Bernard Rose wrote the screenplay and directed it. The music makes the movie, which is only fitting of Ludwig Von Beethoven.

'Rebel Without A Cause,' you ask? How old is that movie? Well its pretty old, but a classic nonetheless. How many young people have actually seen this movie? It's a great movie. James Dean is "cool" as ever. Natalie Wood is pathetic but "cool" too. This movie is a must for the young and "more mature."

Jim Stark (James Dean) is drunk. Sound familiar? Yeah, I'll bet. He has just moved to another town and is miserable. He's been arrested for public intoxication and is hanging around in the police station with two other teenagers, Judy (Natalie Wood) and John "Plato" Crawford (Sal Mineo).

While Jim is waiting for his parents to show up, Judy goes in to see Ray Fleming, the cop turned temporary teen guide for the night. Judy has been arrested for wandering around at 1 in the morning. Apparently at one time it was okay to arrest people for wandering around at 1 in the morning. Anyway, she has had a fight with her father who seems to have a problem with his daughter growing up. He won't even come down to the station to pick her up; he sends her mother.



Next in line to talk to ray Fleming is Plato, the rich kid that's been abandoned by both parents and left with his nanny. This quite obviously has had a negative effect on Plato even though nobody seems to think he should have some psychiatric help. Plato has been arrested for shooting some puppies with his mother's gun. Would you worry? I would worry.

Finally, Jim's parents arrive and World War III erupts in the local poky. Ray Fleming is just having one of those nights. Jim's parents are so busy fighting that they don't even notice that their only child is being pulled apart. Ray takes Jim into another room and tells him to beat up the desk to come talk to him. He goes out, apologizes to his mother and they go home. This movie revolves around Jim's relationship with his parents with Judy and Plato's parental relationships as minor subplots.

The next day is Jim's first day of school and he is not looking forward to it. The first person he sees is Judy and she treats him like he has some sort of disease. So he goes to school and starts on a bad note by stepping on the school insignia. guy jumps down his throat he apologizes to class. The senior have taken up to the planetarium and Jim has

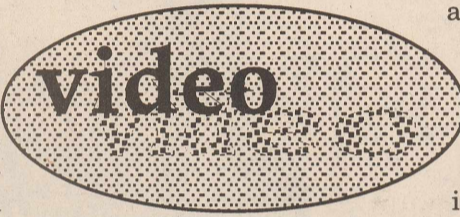
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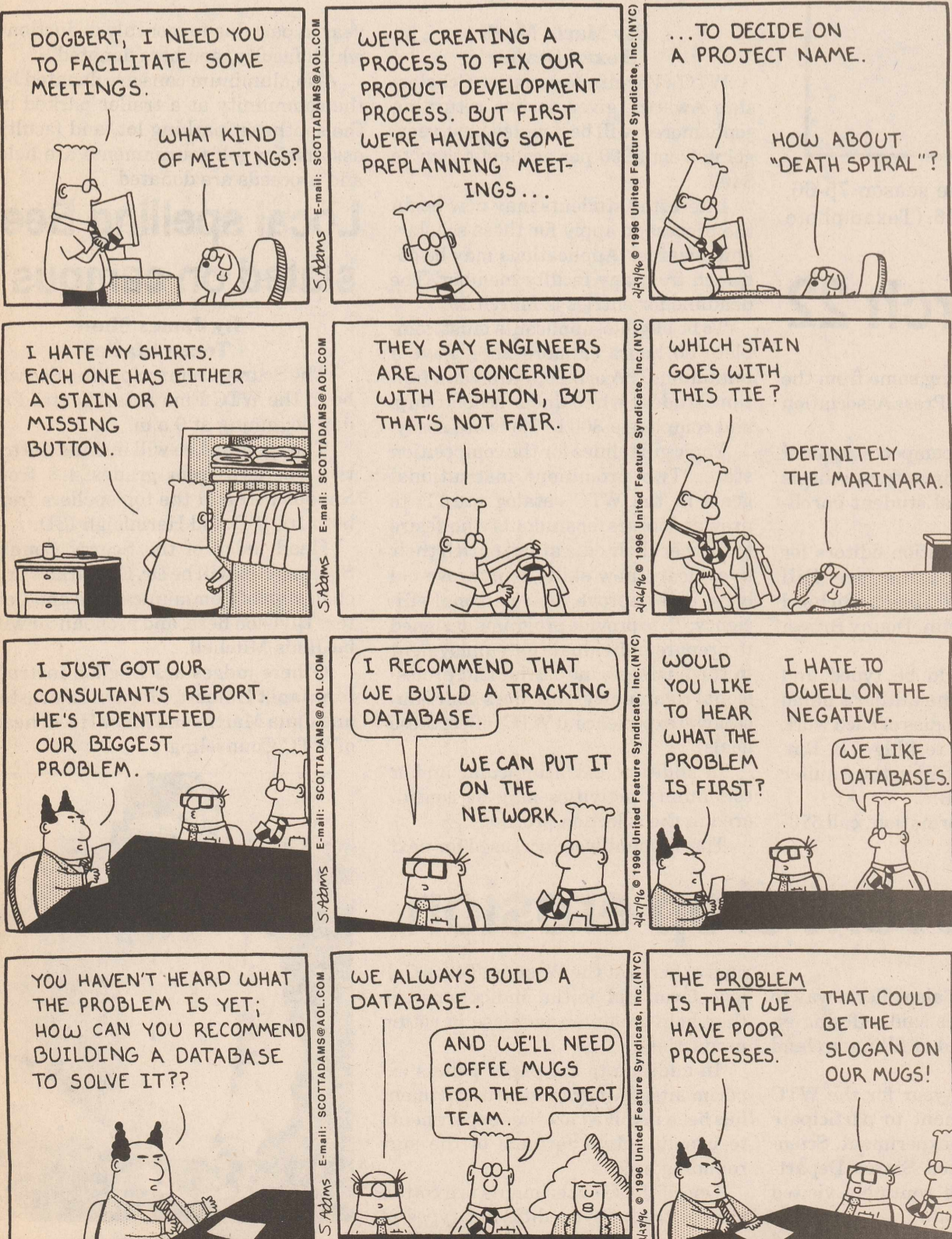
After some gizes and a school trip to take his car to catch up. He tries to be funny and winds up getting into a fight with "Buzz" (Jim Backus) the local "cool" guy. Plato then figure help Jim but stopped and

has decided that Jim is his new fan and follows him around. He tries to is pretty small in size. The fight is plans are made to continue it at "the Bluff" where they'll have a chicken race. Jim goes home with blood all over his shirt and his parents have a whole cow. He is torn between doing what he knows he should do, stay out of chicken race. He in his answer. His puts on his famous At the bluff, and everyone is Plato has also ar that his new friend chicken race be-

Nicholas Ray wrote and directed it. This is a classic movie and even if you don't like old movies, try and watch at least one. Everyone should be able to say that they've seen Rebel Without a Cause just once. Do it for Dean.



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Rock bands pay tribute to Willie Nelson

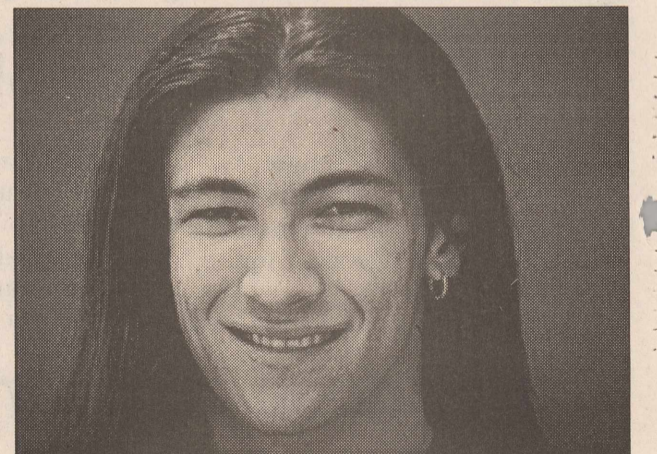
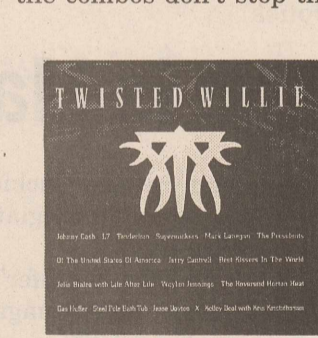
Chris Lynch
Texan Staffer

Tribute albums haven't always shaped up like they were supposed to. It's not that the artists paying respect aren't worthy, and it certainly isn't the artist who's being paid respect. So what gives? Look at some recent "tribute" albums: KISS, The Beatles, Led Zeppelin; aside from a few standout cuts, these records have pretty much been lackluster efforts. What's the problem?

I don't know, and I really don't care right now, because I think I've found a good one. This one is called Twisted Willie and it's a tribute to, yes, Willie Nelson. And just who is paying tribute? Is it George Strait or Joe Diffie or Wyrmona? Oh no. Oh heck no, Try The Presidents of the United States of America or L7 or The Reverend Horton Heat. Mix in appearances from Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, and even ol' Willie himself and you've got yourself one of the most interesting tribute efforts heard in quite some time.

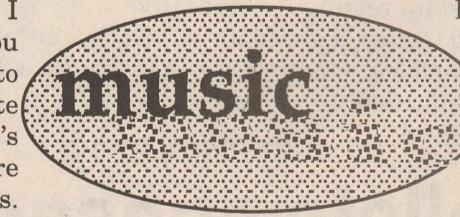
As off the wall as this is beginning to sound, it's really not. Willie Nelson's music has always embodied that outlaw spirit that a lot of these younger rock bands strictly adhere to. It is fitting, even appropriate, that this bunch of musicians get together. Choc full of great combinations and that rebellious outlaw attitude, Twisted Willie is a lot of fun.

Things start on a rather intense note, however, on the first cut. "Time of the Preacher," is a scary heartbreak/insanity song performed by Johnny Cash. What's interesting about this cut is his backup band: John Carter Cash on acoustic guitar, Kim Thayil of Soundgarden on Electric Guitar, Krist Novoselic of Nirvana on bass, and Sean Kinney of Alice in Chains on drums. The result is amazing. And the combos don't stop there. "Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground" pairs Kelley Deal of the Breeders with Kris, "Three Days" finds L7 jamming with Waylon, and The Reverend and The Supersuckers get to rock with Willie on "Hello Walls" and "Bloody Mary Morning," re-



pectively. The fun keeps going on the other cuts. Jesse Dayton finds himself backed up by the members of The Presidents on "Sad Songs and Waltzes." And Presidents fans, don't cry; they get their own cut on "Devil In A Sleeping Bag," and it does boogie. Of course Jerry Cantrell, guitarist for Alice in Chains, does quite well almost all by his lonesome (Sean Kinney beats a drum once) on "I've Seen All This World I Care To See."

I could go on and on, but space won't let me. Whether you're a Willie fan, or a rock fan, or both, I highly recommend this disc. Willie's spirit is unbreakable, and you should be required as a Texan (Permanent or Temporary) to at least check this album out. I'll leave you with a quote from the CD sleeve by an area in Texas just about everyone No matter who holds the deed, Willie owns the land. He is the King of Texas." A



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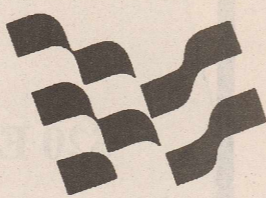
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LVN graduates pictured (back row, from left) were Ladena Jackson of Snyder, Andreia Medlin of Big Spring, Misty Gruben of Rotan, Shanna Covey of Snyder, (front row) Kim Roquemore of Snyder, Sabrina McCauley of Snyder, Teresa Burns of Ackerly, Barbara Seay of Snyder and Chris Lopez of Big Spring. (WTC Photo)



Students "pinned" were (back row) Charles Sweatt of Hermleigh, Hayley Patterson of Snyder, Leonard Tovar of Snyder, Stephanie Hall of Snyder, Dana Eaton of Rotan, Amanda Garza of Snyder, (front row) Stephanie Davis of Snyder, Patty Olivarez of Snyder, Cindy Posey of Rotan, Ruby Combs of Spur, Laurie Hoops of Snyder and Jeronimo Ruiz of Snyder.

PTK members attend regional convention

Last Thursday, Phi Theta Kappan's headed off to College Station for the annual Regional Convention.

Drs. Duane and Mary Hood were to accompany 12 WTC students to College Station Feb. 29.

PTK members planning to make the trip were Cindi Burrow of Snyder, Jonathan Carroll of Hawley, Barbara Chapman of Snyder, Tonya Diersing of

Hamlin, Amy Grimmett of Snyder, Jeff Hogue of Abilene, and Carrie Keith of Snyder.

Also, John Michel of Snyder, Tasha Naegele of Snyder, Rey Rivera of Ozona, Paul Rucker of Lubbock, Cody Smith of Aspermont, Regina Sterling of Snyder and Jeri Lynn Tucker of Snyder.

The group was to return Sunday.

Dean selection committee schedules final interviews

Interviews are expected to be completed Friday for the position of dean of student services and a committee meeting with five potential candidates is to make its recommendation to the WTC Board of Trustees by late March or early April.

Dr. Ray Blythe, program manager for Adult/Continuing Education at San Antonio, was to be interviewed here last Friday.

Paper Pellets used on crops

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cotton are being tested to determine which grows best in this area.

Kattes said the seven different types of cotton seed are planted randomly throughout the field. The random planting insures that better growth is a factor of the seed itself rather than a characteristic of the field, such as better moisture in one particular area.

Another experiment being conducted is a cotton rotation experiment. The objective is to determine what is the best crop to plant following a season of cotton.

Crop rotations that are currently being tried are cotton/wheat, cotton/black eyed peas, cotton/sudan and cotton/cotton. They have also allowed the ground to stay fallow after a season of cotton.

Kattes said that the best rotation to date has been cotton-wheat.

Bloom tagging is another experiment being conducted. The blooms of a cotton plant are tagged in order to determine when the last day a bloom will develop into cotton. The information is used in order to determine when a farmer can stop spraying for insects.

The agriculture department has been conducting experiments with cotton for the last seven years on the college farm.

The final two applicants, Mike Harrison, assistant professor of physical education here; and George Cormack, assistant dean of student services at South Plains College, are due interviews this coming Friday.

Previously interviewed for the post were Jack Price, associate professor of management development and government; and Juli Ratheal-Walters, assistant professor of math and developmental studies.

Thirty-two applications for the job—now held by Dr. Duane Hood, who has announced he will retire at the end of this semester—were received by the cutoff date of Jan. 2.

Selection committee members are Dr. Jim Palmer, faculty representative; Dan Osborn, representing the WTC Counseling Center; Kathy Hall, representing financial aid; Milton Ham, representing campus athletics; and Rachel Brown, representing the student body.

Graduate Study

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"The state requires each college to keep track of 85 percent of all graduates in each program to determine if the students are furthering their education or getting a job," says Carter.

She said she began her task Feb. 1 and will submit a report of her findings to Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, at the end of April.

The report will then be submitted to the state which will evaluate the programs at WTC, according to Carter.

Carter is in charge of sending out Tex-SIS follow up forms to all graduates of WTC in 1992. The forms, which are confidential, provide for former students' comments about teachers and courses at the college. He also compiles transcripts of students who transferred to other schools.

"All the information has just started to come in, and later we will be able to come to a conclusion," says Carter.

LVN program graduates nine, pins twelve

Ceremony held Feb.22 at Trinity United Methodist Church

Western Texas College graduated a class of nine licensed vocational nursing students Thursday, Feb. 22, with ceremonies held at Trinity United Methodist Church.

In addition to the nine graduates, 12 LVN students were "pinned," indicating they have completed the first six months of the 12-month training class.

LVN graduates from Snyder are Shanna Covey, Ladena Jack-

son, Sabrina McCauley, Kim Roquemore and Barbara Seay.

Others are Chris Lopez and Andreia Medlin of Big Spring; Misty Gruben of Rotan and Teresa Burns of Ackerly.

Among the students "pinned" Thursday, eight are from Snyder. These include

Stephanie Davis, Amanda Garza, Stephanie Hall, Laurie Hoops, Patty Olivarez, Hayley Patterson, Jeronimo Ruiz and Leonard Tovar.

Others are Charles Sweatt of Hermleigh, Dana Eaton and Cindy Posey from Rotan and Ruby Combs of Spur.

At Thursday's ceremony, the featured speaker was Kerry Smith. Smith is a registered nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The welcome was given by Michael Thornton, dean of continuing education at WTC.

In addition, Thornton offered both the invocation and the bene-

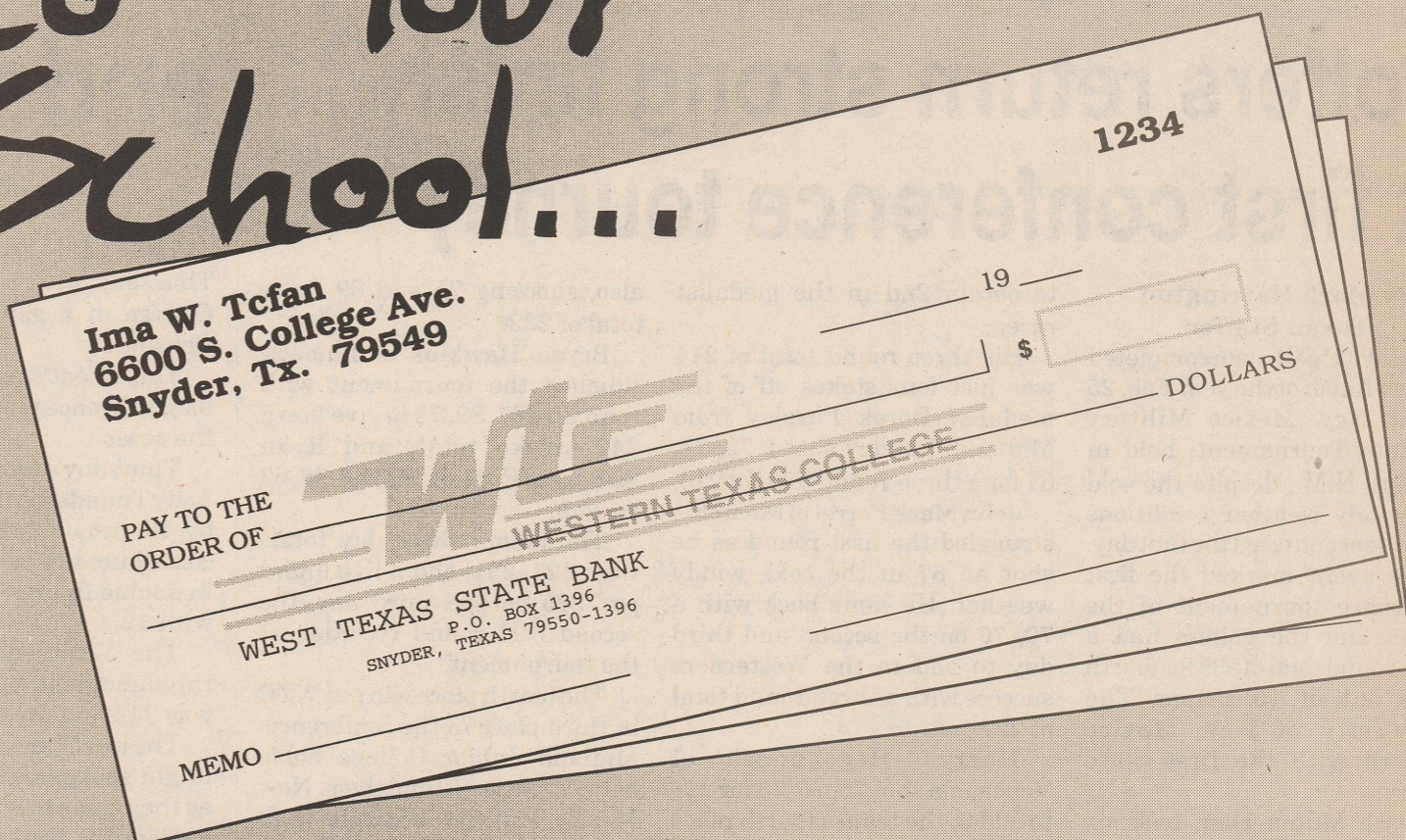
diction for the graduation ceremony.

The certificates of graduation and the six-month pins were given to the graduates and students by instructors for the LVN program, Diane Beard, Carol Watkins and Donna Robinson.

Processional and recessional music was played by Connie Dickerson.

Singing entertainment was provided by Patricia Cagle.

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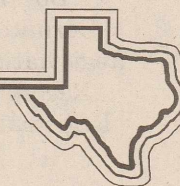
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Three from college rank among Top 10 nationally

By Mark Harrington Texan Staffer
The WTC rodeo team has three competitors ranked near the top in national standings and 13 ranked regionally as the team looks toward the spring rodeo schedule beginning in March.

The women's team is currently ranked in 4th place in the national standings with a total of 835 points. The team trails 3rd place Western Montana College by a margin of only 75 points.

Leading the national standings is the University of Montana with a total of 2,142 points. In second place behind UMT is Weber State University with a total of 1,175.

In the women's all around, Tona Wright of Moriarty, N.M. currently holds 5th place with 345 points. Tona is also ranked in the nation for barrel racing. She is tied for 10th place with Molly Swanson from Vernon Regional Junior College (VRJC). Both have accumulated 240 points each.

Chasity Rickman of Hereford is another Westerner who holds a spot in the national standings. Chasity holds 8th place in goat tying with a point total of 210.

The only male nationally ranked from WTC is Ryan Weaver, a steer wrestler from Calhoun, Ga. He is tied for 5th place with Trevor Tolbert from Utah Valley State College with 210 points each.

In the Southwest Regional standings, both the WTC men's team and the women's team are in great shape going into the spring rodeo season.

The WTC women's team is currently sitting in 1st place in the regional standings. They have accumulated 835 points, 222 ahead of second place rivals Howard Junior College.

After the four fall rodeos, the men's team holds 2nd place with a total of 620 points. They hold 2nd by a margin of 70 ahead of Howard. They trail the first place leaders VRJC by a margin of 110

while Cole Schaffer of North Platte, Neb. and Brent Harvey are in 4th and 8th place respectively.

Tanner Boyd of Merkel and Guy Smith of Wimborne, Alberta, Canada are in good shape in the team roping. Boyd is tied for 5th place with William Wardlaw from Tarleton, and Guy Smith is currently tied for 7th place with Jason Sloan from Tarleton.

In the women's events, nationally ranked Tona Wright is currently in 1st place in the women's all around with a total of 345 points. She leads Shawn Wise from Howard by 82.33 points.

Nationally ranked Tona Wright and Jaime Stewart of San Angelo are heading up the barrel racing. Tona is tied for 1st place with Molly Swanson from VRJC, and Jaime is currently in 4th place.

In breakaway roping, Tona Wright holds 3rd place, and Chasity Rickman holds on as she is tied for 9th place with Jonell Cardwell from Sul Ross State University.

Chasity Rickman is ranked in goat tying as well. Chasity is currently in 1st place with a total of 210. She is leading 2nd place holder Shawn Wise by 67 points. Kaycee Plugge of Burwell, Neb. is also ranked for WTC, listed in 8th place, only 5 points out of 7th.

The WTC women ended the fall season with three 1st place finishes out of four rodeos. The WTC men had one 1st place trophy and finished out of 5th place only once.

Spring Rodeo Schedule

Rodeo	Date	Place
Odessa College Rodeo	March 7-9	Odessa
Howard College Rodeo	April 4-6	Big Spring
NMJC Rodeo	April 11-14	Hobbs, N.M.
WTC Rodeo	April 18-20	Here
WTC Alumni Rodeo	April 21	Here
Hardin-Simmons Rodeo	April 25-27	Abilene
Tarleton State Rodeo	May 2-4	Stephenville
College National Finals	June 8-16	Bozeman, Mont.

points. WTC has three men ranked in the region for saddle bronc. Jeff Decker of Perryton is currently in 2nd place with Patrick "Pete" Ellis of Fort Worth in 3rd. Lance Gaillard of Texhoma, Okla. follows Decker and Ellis, tied for 8th place.

In the bareback division, Greg Benson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is holding onto 8th place with 65 points.

In the calf roping event, Brent Harvey of Burleson holds onto a fourway tie for 8th place with James Coonsman from Tarleton State University, Dustin Bell from Frank Phillips College, and Jarrett Blessing from West Texas A & M University.

Three WTC cowboys are in the run for the money in steer wrestling.

Nationally ranked Ryan Weaver is riding in 1st place,

Golfers return strong finish at first conference tourney

By Mark Harrington Texan Staffer

The WTC golf team completed its best finish of the year Feb. 25 at the New Mexico Military Institute Tournament, held in Roswell, N.M., despite the cold and windy weather conditions players encountered the first day.

The event marked the first conference tournament of the season and the golfers had a three-round total of 895 for fourth place out of 15 teams. The University of New Mexico finished with the first place victory.

Coach Milton Ham took six tournament players to compete, where the best four scores are combined for the team total.

Leading the Westerners golf team was Morton Vildhoj. He fired a two under par 73, 70, 71,

to obtain 2nd in the medalist race.

His three round total of 214 was just four strokes off of the medalist Derek Pursley from Midland. Pursley shot a 72, 71, 67 for a three-round total of 210.

John Mark Ferrel of Memphis struggled the first round as he shot an 87 in the cold, windy weather. He came back with a 70, 70 on the second and third day to add to the Westerners success with a three-round total of 227.

Harry Hernandez of Venezuela shot 75, 76, 73 for 224 to add to the team's fourth place victory.

Matt Clements of Midland shot an 88 as he tried to overcome the cold and windy first round weather. As the weather improved, his score improved

also, shooting 75 and 69 for a total of 232.

Bryan Hawkins of Lamesa finished the tournament with rounds of 87, 82, 73 to give him a 242 stroke total; and Ryan Swagar of Canada shot 86, 82, 82 for 250.

The team's three day totals were 321, 291, and a five under par 283 on the third day—the second best round recorded at the tournament.

The fourth place win put WTC in third place in the conference. Midland Junior College holds onto 1st place. Behind them, New Mexico Military Institute is in 2nd and New Mexico Junior College is in 4th behind WTC.

The golf team was in Hobbs, N.M. this past weekend for the second tournament, played at Ocotillo Park.

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A Lady Thunderbird drives past Stacy Hinson

Emily Schaffer shoots

Loss to NMJC Thursday ends WTC season 7-22

By Christina Wagner Texan Staffer

The Lady Westerners season came to a close Thursday with a loss to New Mexico Junior College in a game played in Scurry County Coliseum.

The defeat dropped the Westerners to 2-16 for conference play for the year, 7-22 overall for the season.

Thursday's loss ended at 75-66 in favor of the Lady Thunderbirds. The Westerners were paced by Shanna Gathwright of Harlingen, who contributed 16 points. The only other Westerner in double figures was April Reeves of Stamford with 12.

The Westerners managed to stay close throughout most of the game. At half, the score was 34-29 in favor of NMJC.

The loss Thursday was preceded by likely the bright spot game for the struggling Westerners as they came to within 5 points of defeating the nationally ranked and conference leaders Howard Lady Hawks Feb. 22 here.

The final score was 52-47 in favor of Howard, but the Westerners chased them the entire game, taking the lead at various times during

the second period.

Western's Katrina Turner of Atlanta, Ga. got the first points in the second half, which saw five lead changes and four ties.

With 17:25 left in the game, April Reeves hit an NBA range three-pointer to tie the game at 31. She followed it with another three-pointer to give WTC a 36-34 lead, and another one with 8:46 to go to tie the score at 42.

The Westerners had the final chance to take the lead with 16 seconds remaining on the clock as Turner was up for three free throws. Missed baskets, however, and Howard scoring ended the game at 52-47.

Only four team members contributed to the score. Lead scorer was Turner with 19 points, 9 of which were three-pointers. April Reeves had five three-pointers and a free throw for 16 points. Shanna Gathwright had 9 and Angelica Brooks of Hobbs, N.M. had 3.

After the high of the Howard game, the Westerners proved cold on the road last Monday as they fell 97-64 to the eighth-ranked Frank Phillips Lady Plainsmen. Turner lead with 18 points. Stacey Hinson of Brownfield had 15 and Gathwright had 16.

Four holidays added in 1996-97; fall term begins 2-weeks later

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A complete listing of the 1996-97 school year follows.

Fall Semester, 1996

Aug. 19	Faculty In-Service begins
Sept. 2	Labor Day (Holiday)
	Dormitories open for freshmen
Sept. 3	Dormitories open for sophomores
	Registration of sophomore students
	Registration of evening students
	Registration of freshman students
Sept. 4	Classes begin
Sept. 5	Columbus Day (Holiday)
Oct. 14	Classes recess for Thanksgiving
Nov. 26 (10 p.m.)	Thanksgiving holiday
Nov. 27	Dormitories open
Dec. 1	

Dec. 2
Dec. 11-18
Dec. 20
Dec. 23-Jan. 5

Spring Semester, 1997

Jan. 6
Jan. 8
Jan. 13
Jan. 14
Jan. 15
Feb. 17

Classes resume
Final Examinations
Fall semester ends
Christmas/New Year holidays

Offices open
Faculty In-Service begins
Dormitories open
Registration of sophomore students
Registration of evening students
Registration of freshman students
Classes begin
President's Day (Holiday)

March 7
March 16
March 17
March 28
April 30-May 7
May 2

Classes recess for spring vacation
Dormitories close
Dormitories open
Classes resume
Good Friday Holiday
Final examinations
Commencement

Summer Sessions, 1997

May 29
June 2
June 3
July 10
July 31
Aug. 14

Registration, evening classes
Registration, day classes
Four-day workweek begins
Day classes begin
End of 6-week term
End of 9-week term
Four-day workweek ends