

SACS recommendations addressed by campus

By April Martin
Texan Staffer

The final draft of the college's response to SACS recommendations issued here last November is to be reported tonight at the WTC board of trustees meeting.

A visiting committee from the Southern Association of Colleges (SACS) was on the campus Nov. 10-12 as part of the re-accreditation process, which occurs every

10 years.

The current self-study marks the third time this has occurred at WTC.

At the visiting committee's exit report, 23 "recommendations" were offered. The college had until April 1 to respond to these recommendations.

The SACS report was based on the committee's findings during its three-day visit and the

facts presented with the college's self-study report, which was compiled last school year. It eventually ran to 233 pages.

To address the recommendations brought by SACS Nov. 12, the administration has been authorized by trustees to spend approximately \$95,000 next school year, according to Vice President Bettie McQueen.

Uses of this money as now

proposed will include hiring an additional full-time counselor and hiring an additional full-time instructional/staff person.

Regarding the new teaching position, Mrs. McQueen said, "(the type of instruction) is still under the review of division chairs."

A third area that will be considered is expanding efforts towards educational research and

evaluation regarding, quoting from the SACS recommendations, "the success of (the college's) students" and the "effectiveness of the educational program."

Regarding this research, Mrs. McQueen said, Sam Lujan, campus computer programmer, has designed a program to address SACS concerns.

Another major SACS recom-

mendation to be discussed tonight pointed to the college's "auxiliary enterprise," a reference to the college golf course.

SACS recommended that it "be operated in a fiscally responsible manner," an apparent reference to the course consistently operating at a financial loss.

At tonight's meeting, proposals will be discussed to either
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Exhibit run ends Friday

Rural Texas women

Photographs from the time period and both appliances and farm implements which illustrate "Rural Texas Women at Work" are now on display in the Scurry County Museum through March 12.

WTC students have until spring break to view the exhibit, which covers the years 1930-1960 and likely illustrates how the grandparents of most traditional-aged students lived and worked.

The traveling exhibit is a product of the University Archives from Texas A&M University. Most of the photographs have been preserved from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The activities pictured were most often supervised through extension agents working with rural Texas families during the 30-year period.

It was a time marked by the Depression of the 1930s, the war years of the 1940s and the growing "electrification" of the 1950s when rural farms first received electricity.

In particular, the 1940s saw Texas women assuming much of the work once reserved for men.

The appliances on display include some dependent on electricity—to include a vintage Frigidaire—and some not, like period ironing boards and irons heated on the stove.

There is also a treadle-driven sewing machine and a device to crimp metal lids for home canning.

Various quilts and embroidered table cloths are exhibited also.

Farming implements on display include a wooden chicken cage and a muslin cotton picking sack complete with its scale weighing device.

Throughout the exhibit are displayed photographs of women at work: either planting fields with a mule-drawn one-row planter; canning their produce; re-caning chair bottoms; riding horses; or driving farm tractors.



PTK inducts forty-six new members

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honorary society for junior colleges, inducted 46 new members Sunday, March 1, with formal ceremonies held in the WTC Student Center.

Approximately 75 family and friends attended the event in addition to a majority of the new inductees.

Following Phi Theta Kappa tradition, each new member formally signed their name into the Psi Zeta book and lit a symbolic candle as a pledge of their membership.

Speaker at the event was

Jerry P. Worsham, longtime and well known drama instructor at Snyder High School.

Worsham, credited as being the "winningest" one-act play director for high school U.I.L. events in Texas, shared some of his memories of his own induction into Phi Theta Kappa while a student at Navarro College in Corsicana.

Phi Theta Kappa advisors Carolyn Osborn and Jana Wesson-Martin welcomed guests and WTC President Harry Krenek and Vice President Bettie McQueen spoke also.

The principles and ideals of

Phi Theta Kappa were outlined by this year's executive board, which includes Charlie Sweatt, vice president for District 1, April Martin, Dena Williams, Jennifer Early, Stacey Parker, Lacey Parker and Patrick Hancock.

Faculty member Donny Brown serves as a campus adviser also and as the coordinator for District 1 of the Texas Region of Phi Theta Kappa.

Twenty of the students inducted Sunday are from Snyder, Ron Baker, Jenifer Barnes, Tina Arun Bhakta, Angela Biggers, Larry Castillo, Somer Dennis, Josie Espinoza, Jessica Garmer

and Erica Garvin.

Also from Snyder are Cara Glasscock, Jason Greene, Ana Maria Hernandez, Dan Ramond Hicks, Keri Kemp, Tiffany Lyons, Leanne Martinez, James Heath Mitchell, Gabby Scott, Sagit Shlezinger and Gwen Wilson.

Four other new inductees are county residents, Genieva Breitweiser, Charla Anne Rains and Sheila Jo Stanley, all of Hermleigh; and Gina Goolsby of Ira.

In addition, three of those inducted are from Sweetwater and three are from Colorado City.

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Classes dismiss for break

Classes dismiss at 1 p.m. Friday for spring break.

The dormitory will close at 2 p.m. that day and reopen at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22. Classes will resume a normal schedule Monday, March 23.

When WTC students return, six weeks of instruction will remain before the start of final exams for the 1998 spring semester.

Finals are scheduled here May 4-6 and the semester officially ends May 8.

Filing deadline nears

The filing period for two positions on the WTC board of trustees ends March 18.

Since the date falls during spring break, instructions will be posted at the main entrances to the administration building for potential candidates attempting to file while campus offices are closed.

The filing period began Feb. 16 and the first week produced a contested race for Place 4, now held by Jay Kidd, board president, who is challenged by James C. Hanks

Kidd is a Snyder dentist completing his first six-year term on the board.

Hanks is a local chiropractor who has worked closely with the WTC Rodeo Team the past several years.

The other seat expiring on the board is Place 3 which is currently held by Carolyn Barbee, who has also filed for re-election.

Elections to the WTC board are held every other year. Each of the seven trustees on the board serve six-year terms.

As of last Friday, no other candidates had filed for either of the two seats.

Snider serves on workforce education committee

By Amanda Gutierrez-Baez
Texan Staffer

This past January, WTC instructor JoAnn Snider was part of a hand-picked group of workforce education instructors charged with re-organizing and classifying workforce ed classes for the entire state of Texas.

The result of their work will be a new common course manual which will become the workforce course inventory for all community and technical colleges (CTC) in the state.

Its short title is WECM (pro-

nounced "wick-um"), but technically its title is the Workforce Education Course Manual.

It is to go into effect in the fall semester of 1999 after being tested at select schools next fall.

Mrs. Snider, an office systems technology instructor at Western Texas College for the past 14 years, was invited to be on the committee as an "Instructional Specialist" representative.

She was nominated by WTC Dean of Instruction Jim Palmer.

Each workshop was an intense two-days of discussion held last

Jan. 30-31 at the Amarillo Technical College in Amarillo.

Each day began at 8 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. with members not allowed to leave the workshop, Mrs. Snider said. She noted the work even continued through lunch with the members provided sack lunches.

Time was a major problem she said, with more than 800 classes to revise within the two day period. Approximately 60 people were on the committee. They were then divided into six groups of about 10.

Each group talked about and rewrote the some 800 workforce education course descriptions from throughout the state.

The groups were asked to use their "professional judgement" to consider certain factors in organizing the new courses.

These included a range of criteria to include the difficulty of the class, its transferability to larger schools and if it was described in a clear way.

Before the committee work was done, each person had to sign off on the description. Once

the courses were agreed upon by everyone, the work was given to another committee to see if it was approved.

In the end, 10 course categories were narrowed down from the original 800 classes.

Although admitting the work was hard, Mrs. Snider described it as "wonderful" and an "interesting experience."

"It's the best thing I've done for this school, as a community college," she said. "I know it will make an impact on the entire

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JoAnn Snider

WORDS, WORKS, AND A MURDER OF C. BRACHYRHYNCHOS

'Aquifer' deadline looms

At the end of Ernest Hemingway's story "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" as the main character lies dying of gangrene in the shadow of the sacred African mountain, he fades in and out of the present, thinking back upon all the stories of his life he could have written, but had not.

Grateful dreadful night. Dread of blank white page. White field filled with crows. Dark words upon the blank and white and empty page.



...He had been in it and he had watched it and it was his duty to write of it; but now he never would. Been scratched by a thorn lately? That's what happened to Hemingway's writer. Heard the rustle of dark wings in the wind? Better be careful. The dead-

opinion opinion

'Don't get caught dying of gangrene, or fading away from some other cause—natural or un— without having written to let others read and enjoy.'

line draws near. So much to write, so many stories, so many poems. So many pictures to illustrate. If I had the time, I'd write them. If I had time, I'd write about... ravens, I think. Members of the Carrion Trio of Old English and Middle English

literature, the battlefield clean-up crew, raven, eagle, wolf. I'd illustrate ravens. The raven guardians of Shiprock on the Navajo Reservation. The dumpster ravens of the University of New Mexico student ghetto. Or maybe crows. Now there's the word.

Blank page. White field. Blank white field. So white. Snow white. Such an interruption, words dark upon the blank white page. Like a snowy field trooping with crows, so yonder lady o'er her fellows shows. Or something like that. Something like what Romeo says about Juliet, at first sight. He knew his birds, knew dove from crow and crow from field. And she knew hers. Could distinguish nightingale from lark. Sometimes. Her black birds. Wordbirds. Singing in the dead of night. Dread of night.

Crows. Mine. Freshly freed. Crows outrageous. If I didn't have a purpose here, I wouldn't let these crows fly free. After all, I've grown good at building crow pens. Penning crows. The battlefield. Papers to grade. Follow-up reports to be filed. Classes to prepare. Papers to grade. Editing to be edited. Data to document. SACS to supplicate. I don't have time for this, do I? Don't have time for poems. Don't have time for the literary when my quest is ever for the literate. But I must. Muster crows. Meet crow muster.

You see, there's a deadline. One more. Yonder, but not too much yonder. As the crow flies.

The Friday after Spring Break, March 27, I'm counting on a murder. Yes, a murder. For the eighth time. A murder of crows (collective noun)—as in a pack of wolves, a covey of quail, a pod of whales, a sssibilance of sssnakes. That Friday, at high noon, the editors of Western Texas College's publication for the creative arts, the Aquifer, will count their assembled crows. Count the crows assembled on the blank white page. The snowy field. For the eighth time.

Submissions to the 1998 Aquifer will either be home to roost or flown by then. It's up to the writers and artists of the WTC student body. If there be indeed a raucous caucus, crows galore, then we'll do another publication. For a school so small, so yonder, threatened by feral creatures of a number of different stripes, realize to begin with that the very existence of such a publication is exceptional, as is the privilege to be able to assemble student work and put together on the pages something grand.

Along with Donny Brown, Janet Halbert, Jana Martin, and Ben Sum, the editors, I have had the pure pleasure and pride of watching the Aquifer take shape seven times. There will be an eighth if the writers and artists of WTC make it happen.

What have you written lately? Or at all? Or ever? Or always? Don't get caught dying of gangrene, or fading away from some other cause—natural or un— without having written to let others read and enjoy. The Aquifer's your chance.

Bring your works to us by the 27th.

Or else farther along, when nothing's left of your words, your rowdy crows, except their silent shadows, you may wish you had. And that will be too late.

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sneak previews By Gene Siskel

OUR FLICK OF THE WEEK is 'Kissing a Fool,' in which the aerial photography of Chicago-particularly a helicopter shot up Michigan Avenue—is more compelling than any character in this oversized TV sitcom. As I watched its yuppies banter, I missed the laugh track.

David Schwimmer of 'Friends,' plays a Chicago TV sportscaster who's a bit of a playboy and, naturally, afraid of making a commitment to anyone. When he does fall for someone, a cute editor (Mili Avital) who works with his best friend (Jason Lee), Schwimmer's character is afraid she will cheat on him. That's transference, of course. But he persists with his paranoia and devises a perverse test that fuels the story.

He tries to make a match between his friend and the editor to see if she will go for him and be unfaithful to Schwimmer. You can predict the banter and most of the story situations.

With 'As Good As It Gets,' Helen Hunt proved how one can properly make the transition from small to big screen. You forget about the character you play on TV and try to work with the best movie talent you can. Hunt worked with no less than Jack Nicholson and James L. Brooks ('Terms of Endearment,' 'Broadcast News'). David Schwimmer does not stretch or challenge himself at all with 'Kissing a Fool.' R. 1-1/2 stars.

AN ALAN SMITHEE FILM: BURN, HOLLYWOOD, BURN. Writer Joe Eszterhas ('Showgirls,' 'Jagged Edge') has had a mad-on against Hollywood executives for years. Now he's made a film that is a non-stop diatribe against corporate ignorance to the extent that the anger in the screen play dwarfs any humor. The film's odd title refers to the old Hollywood convention of replacing a film director's real name with that of Alan Smithee if the director, in a creative dispute with the studio, wants his name taken off the print. Eric Idle plays a put-upon director whose name really is Alan Smithee. R. 1-1/2 stars.

KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE. Richard Dreyfuss stars in an embarrassing comedy about a college anthropologist faking the discovery of a New Guinea tribe. Having spent the grant money without actually finding the tribe, Dreyfuss decides to placate his bosses and colleagues by shooting footage of his phony tribe, dressing up his own children in his back yard. Most of the humor is toilet and sex-related, including a hoary reenactment of a circumcision ritual. How low Dreyfuss has fallen from 'Mr. Holland's Opus.' PG-13. 1 star.

THE LONG WAY HOME. One of this year's Oscar-nominated documentary features, and it certainly deserves serious consideration. Filmmaker Mark Jonathan Harris tells the story of how Jewish concentration camp survivors were hardly liberated from suffering, as they were often placed in displaced person camps and tried to escape to Palestine, which would become the Jewish homeland of Israel. Stunning footage has been found that shows the Jews traveling across the snow-covered Italian Alps, carrying their infants and small children. This is a magnificent historical document that can fill in gaps in your historical knowledge, and that of your children. (Not rated) 4 stars.



THE REAL BLONDE. A mosaic-like portrait of a bunch of young people searching for meaningful relationships. Refreshingly, this film does not have a linear story. Rather, during the course of the movie, we meet a bunch of attractive characters (including those played by Darryl Hannah, Maxwell Caulfield, Catherine Keener and Matthew Modine) and watch them grapple with life and each other. R. 3 stars.

PALMETTO. A stylish but too convoluted bit of trickery involving what is in danger of becoming a hackneyed plot device: the inside-job kidnapping with one family member extorting another. ' Fargo' and 'Excess Baggage' are recent examples. Woody Harrelson plays a man just released from prison who's immediately hit on by a wily sexpot (Elisabeth (cq) Shue) who wants him to help extort her wealthy husband by serving as bagman for a kidnapping gambit involving her stepdaughter. When Harrelson meets the leggy daughter, the plot becomes more hot and bothersome. R. 2-1/2 stars.

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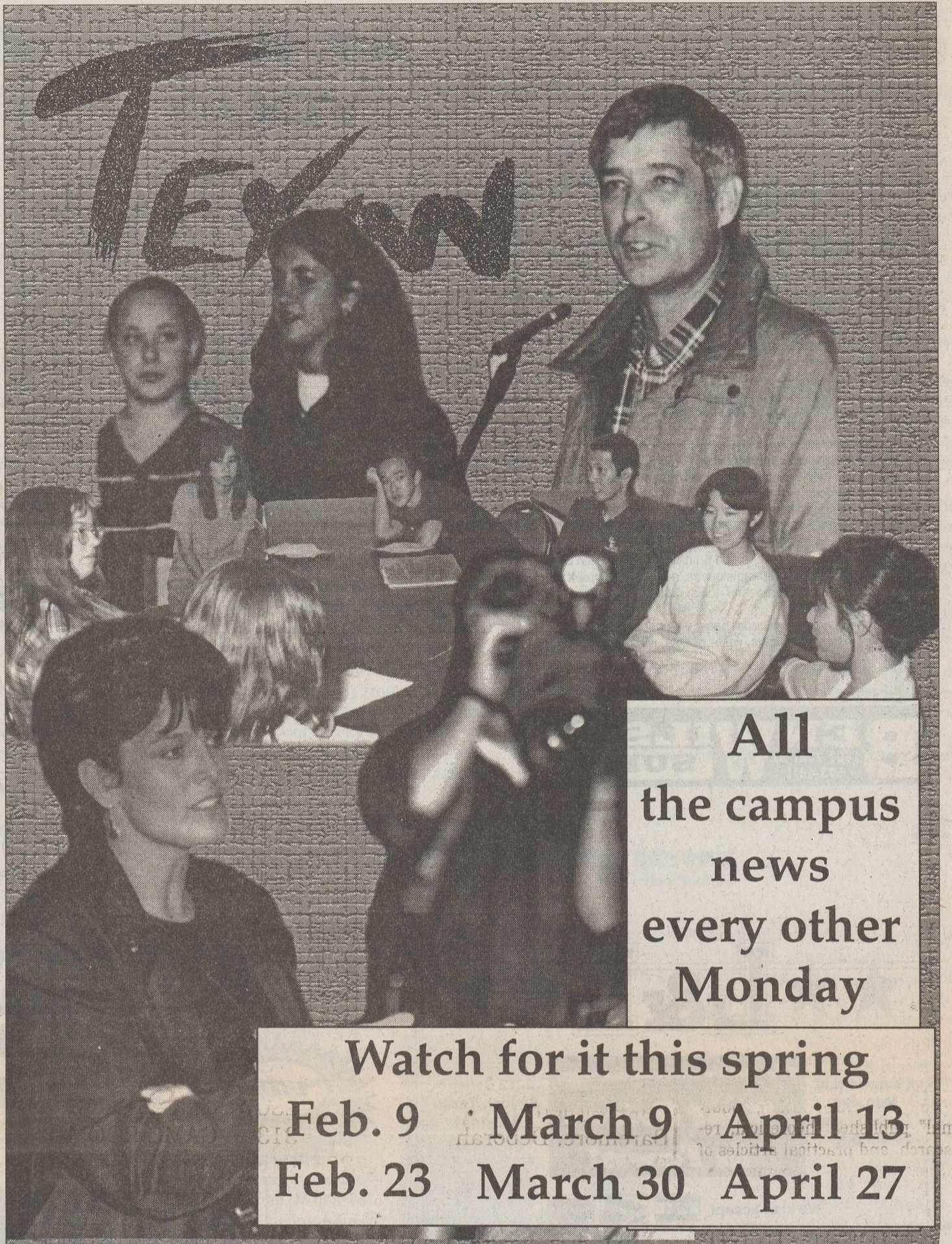
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Tom Acousti performs on campus March 23

A live concert by recording artist Tom Acousti is slated in the Fine Arts Theatre the Monday following spring break.

Optometry study offered

Students who have an interest in optometry as a field, but suspect they do not have sufficient grades for optometry school should consider TEXOCOP, a six-week summer program to help students strengthen skills and learn more about the career.

Housing and travel expenses are paid plus a bonus, notes the WTC counseling center.

See a counselor for more information and application forms. The deadline for applying is March 27.

Instructor appointed to board

Dr. Duffy Wilks, assistant professor of psychology at Western Texas College, has recently been appointed by the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) Publications Committee to a three-year term as a member of the Editorial Board of the TCA publication "Journal."

As an official publication of TCA, a branch of the American Counseling Association, "Journal" publishes theoretical, research, and practical articles of interest to the counseling field.

Dr. Wilk's review of the book "An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir Moods and Madness" by Dr. K. R. Jamison was published in the fall, 1997 issue of the "Journal," and her review of "Free Will," a book by Derk Pereboom, is to be published in the spring 1998 issue.

PTK holds induction

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From Sweetwater are Dennise Hoover, Shana Hrbacek and Jason Chad Hulcy; and from Colorado City are Dena Azlin, Christina Mendoza, and Mark Allan Miles.

Students from surrounding Texas cities inducted into Psi Zeta include Rachel Ashmore, Whiteface; Tabitha Burrell, Buchanan Dam; Mike Carey, Coahoma; and Shanna Ferguson, Ovalo.

Others are Jason Hargrove, Rotan; Amy Hyatt, Brownfield; Todd Lancaster, Big Spring; Devin Odom, Post; Ricky Partain of Panhandle; and Jennifer Lynn Shuttlesworth of Lubbock.

Two out-of-state residents, Michael Higdon of North Pole, Ark. and Brittany Dawn Lee, now of Florida, were inducted; as were four international students, Nicol Mazarova of Slovakia; Junichi Kikkawa and Akiko Nishijima of Japan; and Celestine Otuoro of Kenya.

Membership is by invitation only. To be invited, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of college-level work and must have achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average.

In addition to the 46 new inductees, there are currently 32 members on the active roll, guided by the six student executive officers and three faculty advisers.

Returning members must maintain a GPA of 3.0 at WTC to remain an active member.

faculty. The singer has performed at more than 500 campuses coast to coast.

His reputation as a song writer is based on the release of three albums since 1989: "Process of Elimination" (1989); "Only" a live solo recording from 1991; and "Express" comprised of live 1994 campus concerts.

While performing in a club in New York City, Acousti was spotted by a Broadway producer and subsequently landed a role as "Nick Piazza" in the Broadway musical "Fame," where he performed over 60 shows at the Coconut Grove Playhouse in Miami Florida.

Acousti appeared on Star Search '94 performing all original songs. In a winning streak that resulted in seven performances, Acousti broke the "male vocalist" record for "wins with original music."



Tom Acousti

Acousti was also the first contestant ever to present a song using only an acoustic guitar (no backing tracks).

Information and photos about the singer and his music can now be downloaded from the Internet Underground Music Archive (IUMA) at <http://www.iuma.com>.

Acousti's plans for the upcoming year include the release of a new album and a coast to coast college tour.

Submission deadline near for 1998 'Aquifer'

The deadline to submit for the 1998 "Aquifer" is the Friday following spring break. All copies of entries must be submitted by March 27.

Guidelines for entry include two copies of each submission. These should be double spaced, one sided and have numbered pages.

A plagiarism waiver is required to be filled out at the time of submission to protect any violations that might occur.

Editors of the magazine include instructors Bill McGlothing, Jana Wesson-Martin, Donny Brown, Janet Halbert and Ben Sum, whose art students provide illustrations for the works.

Students may submit to any of these instructors.

The 1997-98 school year marks the eighth issue of the

literary magazine at WTC, first published here in the fall of 1990.

The publication has been a frequent winner in the literary magazine competition which is sponsored through the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA).

Since its founding, "Aquifer" writers or artists have been recognized by TIPA with four 1st place awards, four 2nd place prizes, seven 3rd place honors and two honorable mention awards.

Under current rules, students may submit either short stories, poems or essays as well as illustrations or photographs for these works.

"Aquifer" competes in Division 2 which includes two and four-year private and public colleges with up to 3,000 in overall student enrollment.

Graduation deadline set

The last day to apply for graduation for the Spring 1998 Semester is this Friday, March 13. Forms are available in the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building.

Graduates may also now order cap and gowns for the spring 1998 graduation ceremony. The order time period begins this Monday and runs through March 27, a Friday.

The graduation fee is \$50 which includes the cap, gown and 10 invitations. Additional invitations are \$1 each.

For more information about cap and gowns, contact Alisha Cooper in the Student Activities office.

Commencement exercises will be Friday, May 1, in the courtyard. Following a tradition of past years, graduation is slated the Friday prior to the start of final exams.

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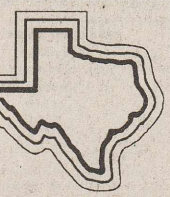
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'97-'98 season ends for Lady Westerners

By Patrick Hancock
Texan Staffer

The Lady Westerners wrapped up conference play with back to back home losses the week of Feb. 23-27, but first year coach Valery Jackson viewed the season optimistically.

"We had a good team even though we only won seven games," she said last week.

Midland College was the last game of the season for the Lady Westerners March 26. At half-time, Midland had the lead 55-41.

All conference candidate Christy Wells lead scoring with 24 points. Christy was 100 percent from the free-throw line, hitting all 12 that she attempted.

Mary Kilibwa lead in rebounds with 10. Sophomore Celestine Otouro had a season high 18 points, but Midland won with the final score of 105-86.

"This season was a good lesson for the freshman players," coach Jackson said. "They will know more of what to expect for next season."

September 23, the WTC ladies hosted South Plains College. WTC trailed by 4 points at

half, 40-36, and South Plains took home a nine point victory, 76-67.

Pamela Oduhoug'O, another all conference candidate, led the team in scoring with 26 points. She also had 15 rebounds.

As her first season ended, Coach Jackson said she was pleased overall.

"For it to be my first season, there were some games where the team hung in there. They learned a lot about the road and the importance of home." Coach Jackson said.

The regular season ended with a three-way tie for the conference crown between Odessa, South Plains and Howard. The Lady Westerners ended the season with an overall record of 7-23 and 2-14 in conference play.



Lacedra Miller

Texan photo by Sagit Shlezinger

Golf team sets 2 new records in New Mexico

By John Baez
Texan Staffer

The WTC Golf Team set a new 9-hole course record and a team score record at the Roswell New Mexico Bronco Invitational Conference tournament, taking 1st place with a final score 41 strokes under par.

At the tournament, the team defeated defending conference champ Midland by 11 strokes.

After three rounds, the team shot 274, 276, 273 for a total of 823. Top individual scores were shot by Peter Gustovson, 66-70-67 (203); Fredrik Widmark, 73-68-64 (205); Michael Stenger, 66-67-76 (209); Andreas Ljunggren, 69-72-69 (210); and Tomas Korberg, 78-71-73 (222).

The team traveled next to San

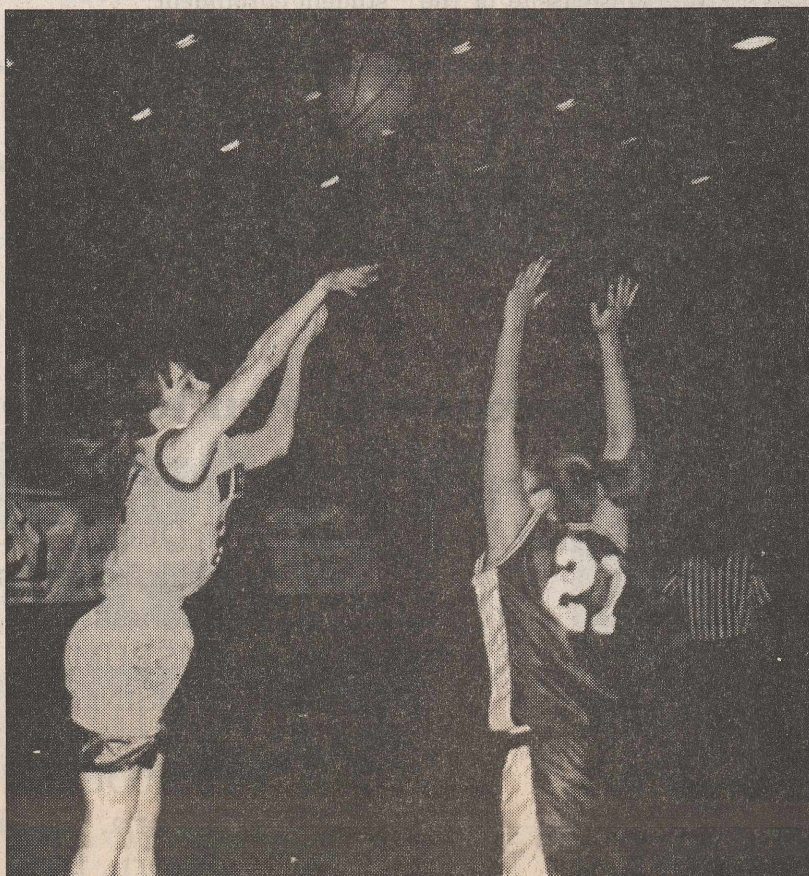
Antonio for the St. Mary's Invitational for 36 holes of golf, again taking 1st place against 13 four-year universities.

The squad was also the only team in attendance to score below 300 with 297-293 for a total of 590.

Andreas Ljunggren led the pace and took 1st in the medalist race with 72-70 for a total of 142. Fredrik Widmark took 2nd with 73-74 (147).

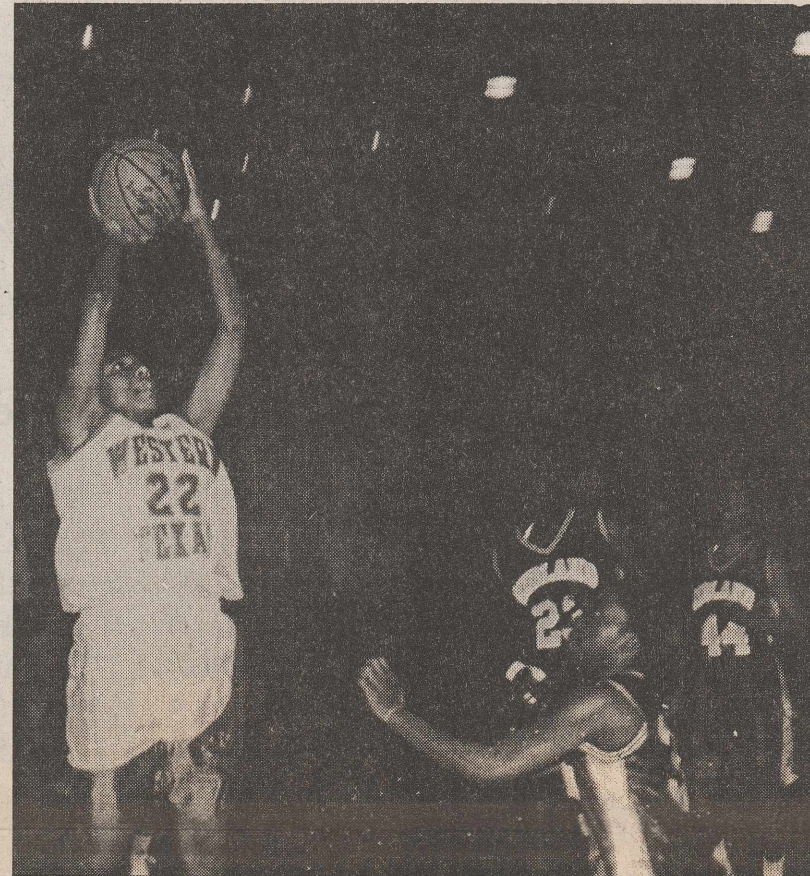
Peter Gustovson took 5th with 72-78 (150); Michael Stenger placed 7th with 80-71 (151); and Tomas Korberg finished with 80-82 (162).

Their next tournament will be March 26 at Alabama to face the "formerly" 1st place ranked Alabama.



Whitney Kimbley

Texan photo by Caitlin Behrens



LaTosha Vizcorrondo

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state of Texas.

Several needs were cited for the the Workforce Education Course Manual. These include:

—Promoting skill standards and defining minimum learning outcomes for all courses.

—Allowing institutions flexibility to enhance instruction or create courses as needed.

—Promoting communication between CTCs and business and industry throughout the state.

—Simplifying and speeding up current processes for program development, approval, and revision.

—Enabling colleges to offer single technical credit courses within defined limits.

—Promoting articulation of courses from college to college.

—Providing community colleges with a stronger bargaining position with universities regarding transfer of courses from two year to four year institutions.

—Promoting the use of Internet for reporting and informational purposes.

—Providing the vehicle for continuous updating of technical courses.

—Improving faculty communications across the state and provide a mechanism for faculty professional development.

SACS follow-up

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make the course generate more revenue or the possibility of turning it over to a private enterprise.

To increase revenues, two options the board is considering is the addition of more cart sheds and lighting the driving range, Mrs. McQueen said.

Regarding the overall SACS follow-up report, the college must submit it by April 1.

The re-accreditation of the college will officially be considered, and formally announced, in June by a SACS commission.

Have a great Spring Break!

Watch for next TEXAN March 30

Pool tourney set this week

A pool tournament with prize money totaling \$90 is being sponsored by the Student Senate Recreation Committee this Tuesday and Thursday.

There is a \$1 entry fee. Winners will receive \$50 for 1st place; \$25 for 2nd place; and \$15 for 3rd place.

Signup is at the game room beginning at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday.

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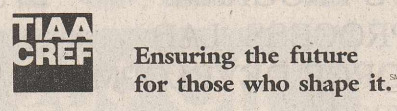
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3 Year	4/1,856	4/391	5/1,856	5/1,856	4/675	4/1,856
5 Year	4/1,218	5/207	N/A	N/A	4/443	4/1,218
10 Year	5/612	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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1998 Spring Rodeo Schedule

New Mexico Jr. College	Lovington, N.M.	March 19-21
Odessa College	Odessa	March 26-28
Western Texas College	Snyder	April 2-4
Hardin-Simmons	Abilene	April 23-25
Tarleton State	Stephenville	April 30-May 2
CNFR	Rapid City, S.D.	June 16-20

PTK group attends regional convention

The Western Texas chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Zeta, was to return Sunday from a trip to Irving to attend the Texas Regional Convention.

At the Regional convention, members will have the chance to attend various workshops, listen to several speakers and participate in different projects, all of which will focus on the four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa: Service, Leadership, Scholarship, and Fellow-

ship. Donny Brown, Phi Theta Kappa advisor and District I coordinator, accompanied the group on the trip.

Blood drive set

The WTC Student Senate will sponsor a blood drive on campus today from 8 a.m. until noon. All donors will be given free T-Shirts.

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An ASU transfer counselor will be on campus Tuesday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Student Center.

For more information, call 1-800-946-8627.

You can visit Angelo State during College Daze on Saturday, April 4.