

Candidates for house seat address faculty, students

McLaughlin discusses public ISDs

By John Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

Scott McLaughlin addressed several issues related to reforms in public schools Thursday morning in an appearance in the Fine Arts Theatre.

McLaughlin, a Big Spring businessman, faces incumbent David Counts this November as a challenger for Count's 132nd District seat.

At his appearance, one of the main topics brought up was the so-called "voucher plan" for public education.

Vouchers were initially created for the use of parents who did not want to send their children to public schools.

Under the plan, the state would provide money to send their children to private school if the parent elected this option.

McLaughlin said he had initially been for vouchers, but had since changed his stance.

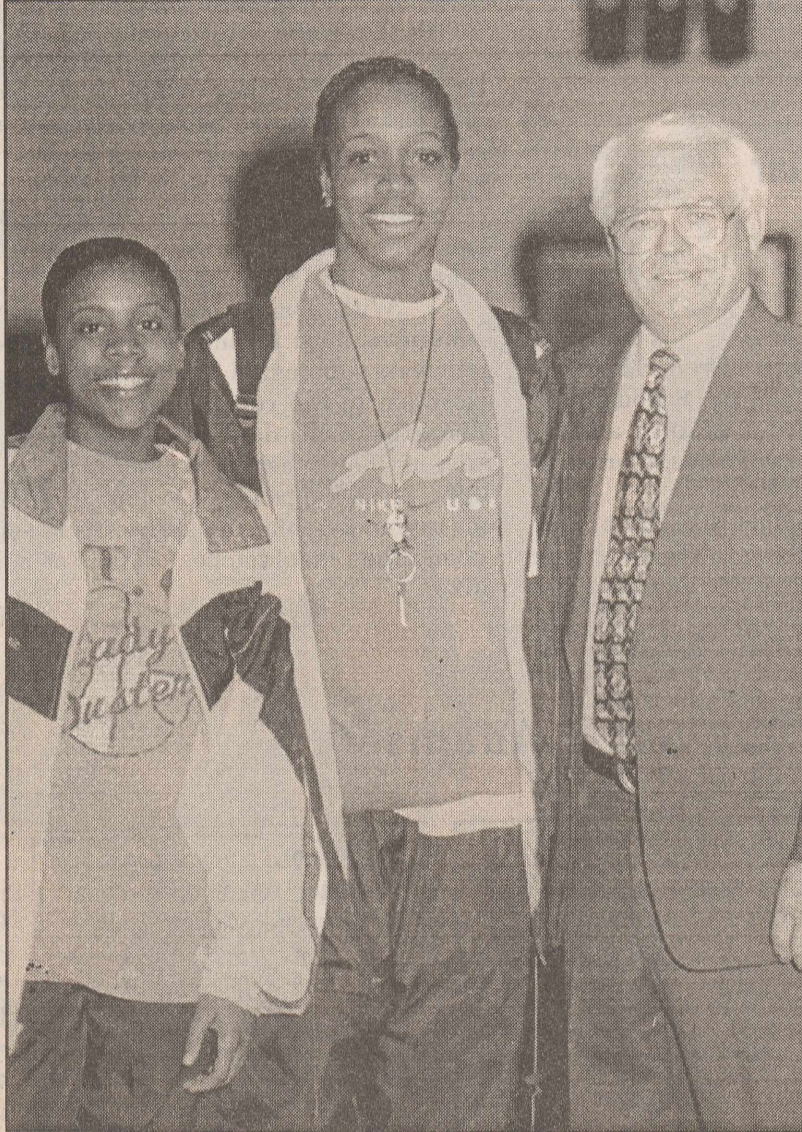
He said he now felt vouchers were not since they took money away from the general school funding needed to improve the education in Texas.

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Seeking office

Scott McLaughlin appeared on campus last Thursday to a crowd of both students and members of the community. The Republican candidate discussed public schools at length, saying he felt local control needed to be returned to individual school districts. (Texan Photo)



Incumbent

David Counts, a Democrat from Knox City, is seeking reelection as the state representative for the 132nd District. He posed before his appearance here Oct. 15 with WTC basketball players Shante Russell and Trina Lyles. (Texan Photo by Amanda Gutierrez-Baez)

Incumbent D. Counts on campus

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

What has the State of Texas done recently for community colleges?

These questions and others were answered by State Rep. David Counts as he appeared in front of a large crowd in the Fine Arts Theater Oct. 15.

Counts was asked the question regarding community colleges by WTC history instructor Robert Adams.

In reply, Counts said, "We've paid more attention to community colleges lately," pointing out that colleges like WTC are "leading the way" in new technology across Texas.

He was complimentary of WTC's new distance learning facility, noting it would allow the college to benefit a wider population of students by bringing four-year instruction to the WTC campus.

"You've got to have more than a high school diploma," he said, a reference to the need for higher education in the state.

Earlier in his address he referred to the need for higher education in the state. See COUNTS, page 5

Psi Zeta to sponsor panel discussion

By Elizabeth Covey
Texan Staffer

WTC's Psi Zeta Chapter for Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor a panel discussion next week centered around the organization's nationwide honor topic this school year—"The Pursuit of Happiness: Conflicting Visions and Values."

Four individuals from Snyder with varying backgrounds—two ministers, a local business owner and a former executive officer for a major corporation—will address the issue of "happiness."

The event is slated in the Fine Arts Theatre Nov. 5 during the WTC activity period which begins at 10:45 a.m.

Speakers will be Drew Bullard, a trustee on the WTC board and the owner of Bullard's Computer Solutions; Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Tony Wofford, pastor of Word is Life Church; and Roy Baze who is a former WTC board member and

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Halloween activities planned

By Melinda Hernandez
Texan Staffer

The Student Government Association (SGA) has finalized details for upcoming Halloween activities on campus.

SGA plans a Halloween costume dance Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Student Center.

A contest will be held for the best costume and money prizes will be given. Prizes include \$20 for the best costume; \$40 for the best couple in a costume; and \$50 for a group of three or more in costume.

Judging for the contest will begin at 10:30 p.m. All WTC students with a valid I.D. will

be admitted at no charge. There will be an admission charge of \$3 for non-students attending with a WTC student.

Other plans include a "Trick-or-Treat" for canned goods. SGA members will be trick or treating this coming Saturday, Halloween night, asking for canned goods.

These will be donated to local charities.

The SGA is sponsoring a blood drive Friday in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A sign-up sheet will be available to students who would like to donate blood but cannot attend at that time.

Committee formed for sign improvement

By Melissa Garvin
Texan Staffer

Lack of visible signs and the poor quality of existing ones has prompted WTC Vice President Bettie McQueen to appoint a "signage committee" on campus.

"The committee's purpose is to evaluate existing signs located on all areas of the main campus and make recommendations," said Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, who was named to head the committee.

"At the beginning of every semester we see students lost on campus. This is our effort to address the problem and find a solution," he said.

The signage committee consists of a cross-section of the campus to include both students, faculty and staff.

Representing the Student Government Association are Kara Wood, SGA vice president, and Kelly Beck, SGA historian. The committee also includes Alisha Cooper, student activities

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Psi Zeta inducts 13 members

An informal induction was held Thursday, Oct. 15, during activity period for 13 new members of the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

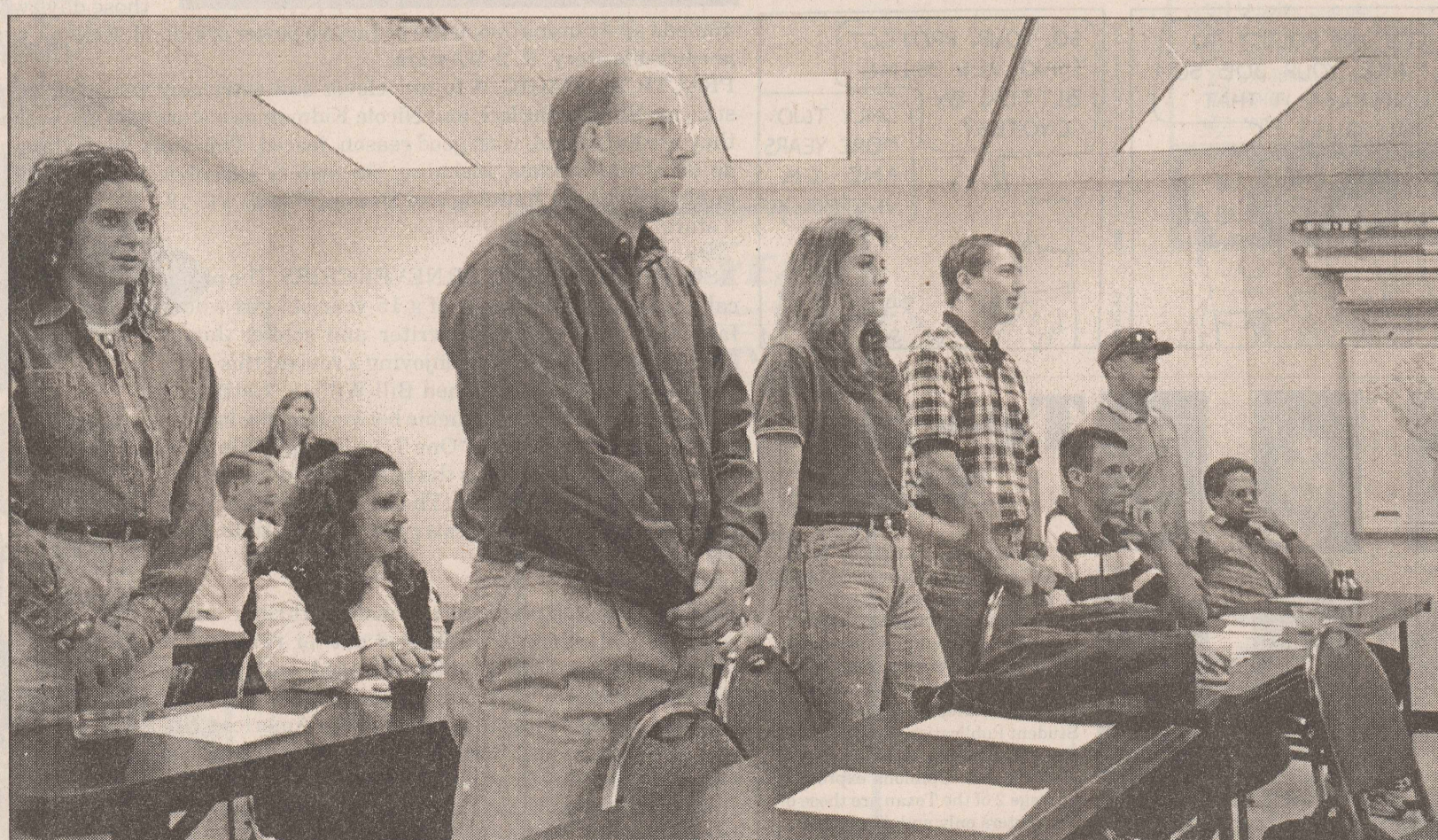
New members include Brian Bohannon, Snyder; Kay Brooks, Snyder; Graig Gonzales, Snyder; and Amy Gruben, Rotan.

Others are Rosa Linda Quiñeres, Post; Mandy Heaton, Snyder; Casie Joiner, Colorado City; and Tanner Means, Abilene.

Also inducted were Matt Pond, McCaulley; Nichole Riggs, Colorado City; Geoffrey Sanders, Snyder; Jason Tyler, Pullman, Wash.; and Antonio Williams, Sweetwater.

Presiding at the event was Jessica Hodges, chapter president; and Genieva Gaona, vice president for District 1.

Other executive officers also assisted to include Keri Kemp,



New members for Psi Zeta recite their oath of membership last Oct. 15 at informal fall induction ceremonies

Jason Hargrove, Nicole Lyons, Nicol Mazarova and Lindsey Northcott.

WTC President Harry Krenek

attended and offered opening remarks.

Last spring, Psi Zeta was singled out as a "Texas Top Chap-

ter—making it one of 18 from throughout the 80 Phi Theta Kappa chapters in the state so honored.

In addition, for the third straight year the chapter won the right to name a representative. See ACCIDENT, page 5

Student killed in accident

By Reece McCain
Texan Staffer

A large group of WTC students attended the funeral of WTC freshman dorm student Nicholas Gardener Oct. 12. Services were held in Sweetwater.

The 19-year-old was killed in a one-vehicle roll over around 5 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, on U.S. Hwy. 84 just inside the Snyder city limits. He was a May, 1998 graduate of Roscoe High School. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Charles Reynolds.



Nicholas Gardener

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music reviews

by Chris Halbert

A new talented all-female band rocks reviewer

Drain S.T.H. - Horror Wrestling

For this issue, I'd like to introduce you to a great up-and-coming band in rock music today. The band is a quartet of Swedish women referred to as Drain S.T.H., and they've already created quite a fanbase with reportedly excellent performances on last summer's OzzFest tour.

"Drain S.T.H. combines dark and brooding melodies with sometimes heavy guitar licks and very catchy songwriting."

The first single from their debut album, "Horror Wrestling," is entitled "Crack the Liar's Smile," and has earned a mainstay rotation spot at many radio stations in America, and I was instantly hooked by it. Drain S.T.H. has drawn several comparisons to Alice in Chains and Soundgarden, and even though these comparisons are warranted and the band members cite being fans of these two bands, there is no attempt to copy the "Seattle" sound.

At first listen, one probably wouldn't think that Drain S.T.H. was an all female band, subscribing to the stereotype that female bands usually don't produce heavier music, such as

is on "Horror Wrestling." As far as comparisons to other female bands, they are much too dark to be like Hole, and a comparison to L7 is probably more correct.

Drain S.T.H. combines dark and brooding melodies with sometimes heavy guitar licks and very catchy songwriting to make "Horror Wrestling" a must-listen-to album. Songs such as "I Don't Mind," "Crucified," and "Klotera" are the more aggressive moments with this album, but there's a nice mix of more down tempo tracks as well, like the acoustic version of "Serve the Shame," and "Smile."

Not only is the high quality of their music a factor in their success but, they've also toured over the past year or so with Ozzy Osbourne, Marilyn Manson, and Type O Negative, so having friends in high places always helps. The goal of the band right now is to prove to the world that not all music that comes out of Sweden sounds like Ace of Base and Roxette, and one listen to Horror Wrestling will quickly dispense those ugly rumors.

With so many one-hit-wonders around nowadays, it's sometimes hard to find real quality music and thoroughly satisfying albums. I believe that Drain S.T.H. will be an exception to the rule. Horror Wrestling is an exceptional album that mixes dark melodies and introspective lyrics in an Alice in Chains fashion to produce one of the better albums of 1998. If you happen to be looking for some good new talent to add to your CD collection, I strongly recommend Drain S.T.H., a band that should appeal to fans of metal and alternative alike.



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15. SO, YOUR PROJECT INVOLVES BEING BITTEN BY COYOTES?

16. ONLY TWO MORE YEARS AND I'M VESTED.

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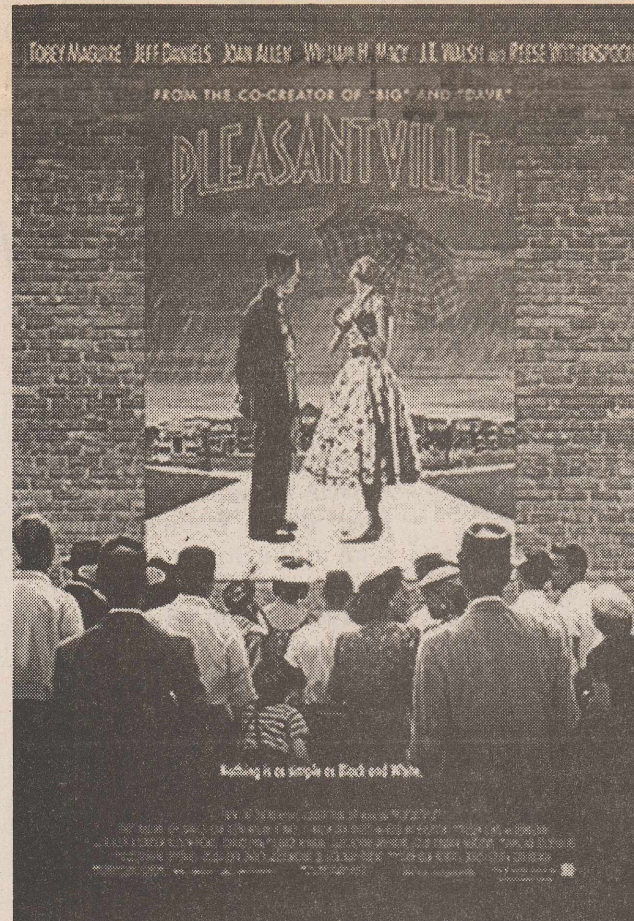
by Gene Siskel

Our FLICK OF THE WEEK is "Pleasantville," which stands out as a most original film in a year remarkably replete with original visions, including most recently "What Dreams May Come" and "Antz."

In "Pleasantville," a colorful brother (Tobey Maguire) and sister (Reese Witherspoon) from the '90s are sucked into their TV set and into episodes of a corny '50s black-and-white sitcom called "Pleasantville," where they replace teens in the show. Basically, their situation is this: Imagine one day finding yourself living in a black-and-white episode of "Father Knows Best." So they are constantly in a state of amazement at their predicament and bemusement at the mores and values of the so-called Fabulous Fifties, which are portrayed here as the Uptight Fifties.

Indeed, when any character in the town of Pleasantville begins to experience passion - from anger to sexual awakening - he or she turns into a colorized version of him or herself. For example, the proprietor of the soda shop (Jeff Daniels) experiences an awakening of his interest in art as the film embraces such a passion as an important human value. And in this way, with similar stories in the town, "Pleasantville" builds a mosaic of a complete life.

This is a far cry from the movie we initially expect we're going to see after about five minutes, which is simply a satire of 40-year-old television. "Pleasantville" is the latest inventive effort by writer-director Gary Ross, whose previous writing credits include "Big" (with Tom Hanks) and the presidential comedy "Dave" (with Kevin Kline). Clearly he is building a list of impressive credits. PG-13. 3-1/2 stars.



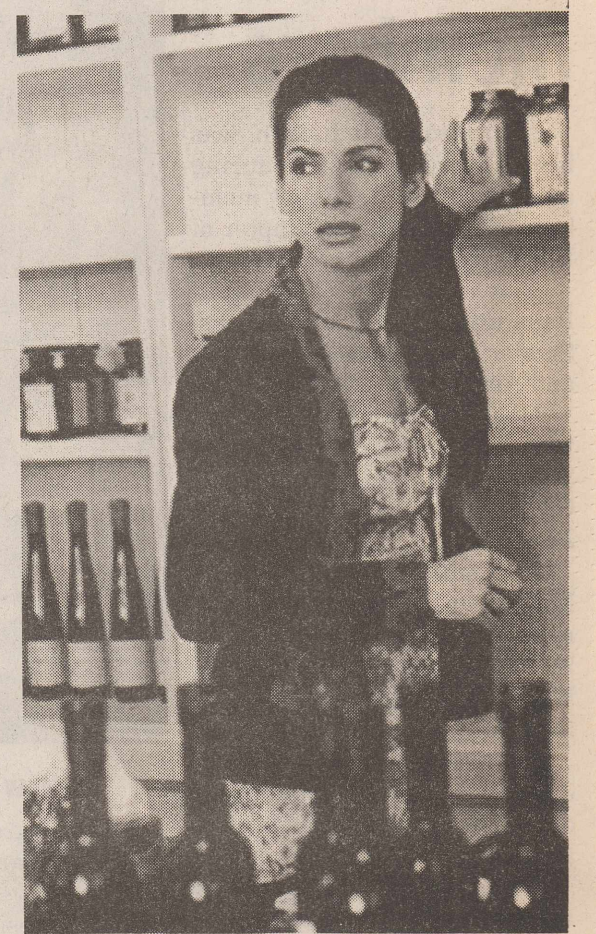
APT PUPIL. A harrowing drama about a high school student (Brad Renfro) who discovers that a local man (the great Ian McKellen) is a Nazi war criminal in hiding. He threatens to expose him unless the old man talks about what those days were like. The result of this mano a

mano is an examination of the seductive power of evil. McKellen's performance adds spice to a quickly predictable story. R. 2-1/2 stars.

PRACTICAL MAGIC. A funny, clever and extremely well-cast adaptation of Alice Hoffman's novel, starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman as sisters who are witches in a New England town where they are hated and, with good reason, feared. This story works because it takes witchery seriously, as do all of the witches, including the sisters' eccentric aunts (Stockard Channing and Dianne Wiest). PG-13. 3 stars.

ASOLDIER'S DAUGHTER NEVER CRIES. The physical and emotional journey of a 15-year-old girl whose father was the muscular writer and soldier James Jones (Kris Kristofferson, enjoying a revival this year, playing the character named Bill Willis). "Getting to Know You" seems to be a theme between movie fathers and daughters this year ("One True Thing," "Slums of Beverly Hills"), and this is the best of the lot in a 1960s story that spans the Pacific. The latest Merchant-Ivory film, this movie guarantees a good, literate time. R. 3-1/2 stars.

URBAN LEGEND. This bloody slasher thriller might seem an odd choice to be singled out for review, but along with the two recently released and popular "Scream" pictures, this movie represents a return to the mad-slasher films that infected the American cinema two decades ago. "Urban Legend" is set at a college where, legend has it, a dormitory floor full of students was murdered some 25 years ago. Now, on the anniversary, someone is killing off students according to methods contained in urban legend stories that sound good and are easily passed along - like the existence of alligators in big-city sewers - but are simply not true. The guessing game is the identity of the mastermind behind the serial murders. I didn't care. This film is properly rated R. 1 star.



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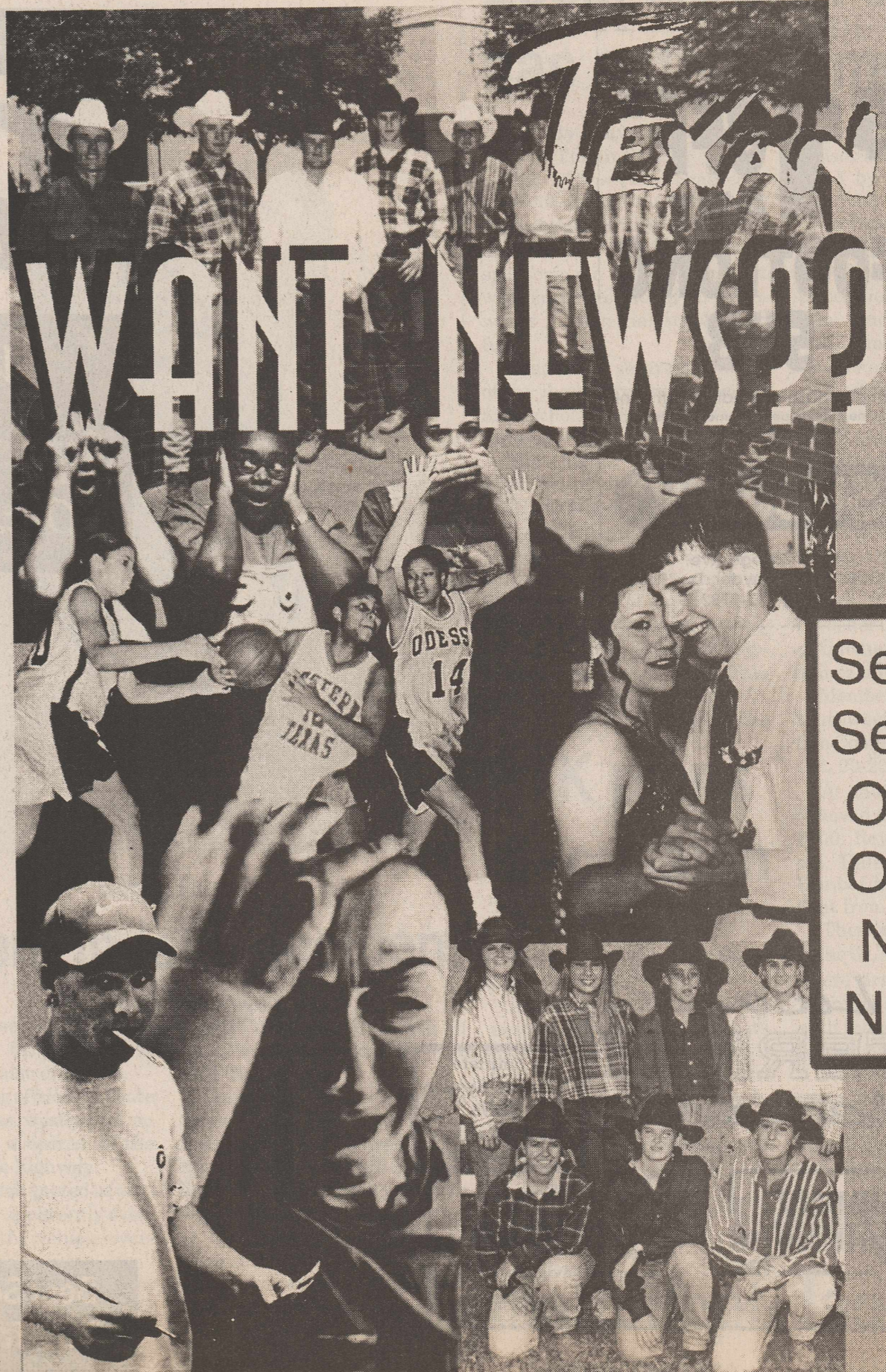
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Sammy Fare hired as new GLT instructor

By Shannon Null
Texan Staffer

This fall, Sammy Fare has been hired as a new instructor with the Golf and Landscaping technology program. Sammy is originally from Abilene.

He attended Texas Tech University and received a bachelor's degree in landscaping.

Fare's previous jobs have all been associated with the landscaping field and he was employed around the world.

He lived in Saudi Arabia, working for a landscaping and irrigation company.

He later moved to Canada after working as a park superintendent in Ducanville near Dallas.

He also lived in Dallas for two

years working for Lambert Landscaping Company.

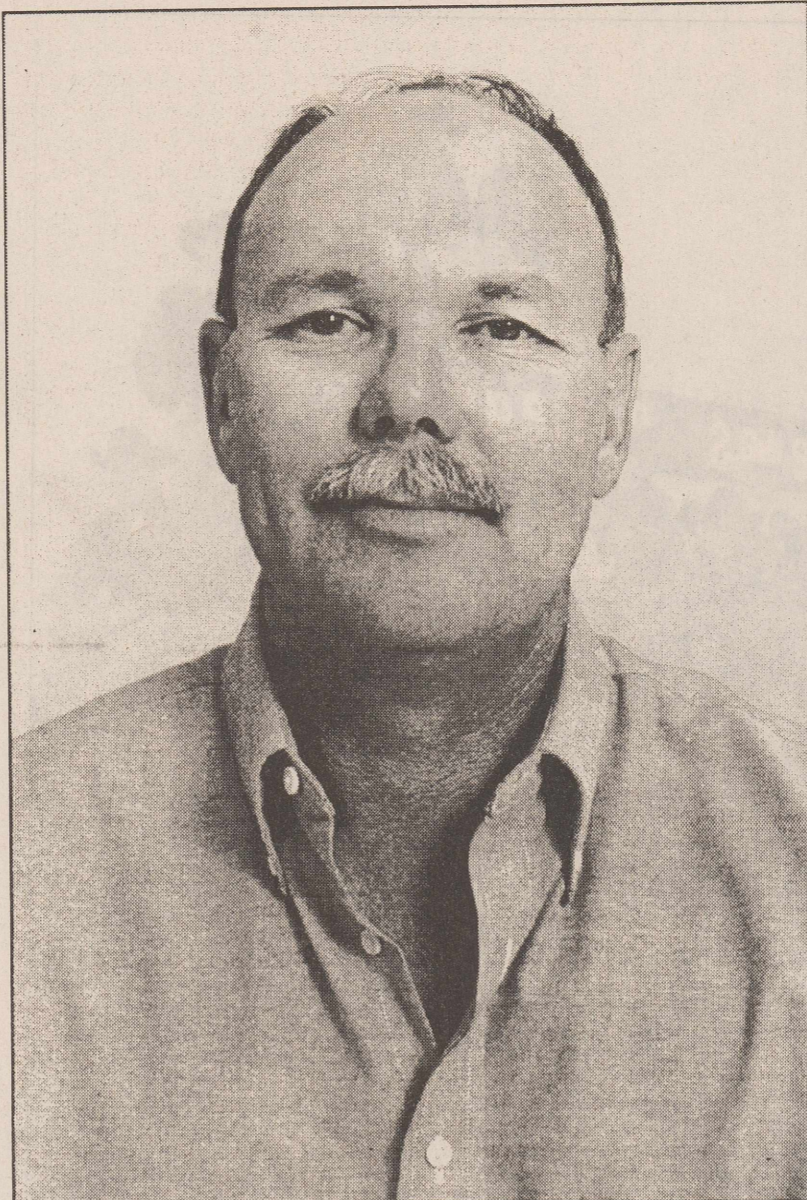
While in Dallas, he worked for a landscaping and maintenance company that would landscape around 100 apartments in the city.

Fare said the reason he wanted to leave the big city was because "the traffic and the crowding was too bad."

He said he learned about the job on campus while he was in Canada. His sister sent him an ad from the Abilene paper telling about the job.

Fare said "I'm glad I came here, I love the job, and it is a very good program to work for."

Fare and his wife, Helen, enjoy gardening and traveling in their free time.



Sammy Fare

PTK to offer information about organ donation

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

Organ donor information will be given out by WTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter and other participating District 1 chapters in Midland Nov. 7.

The event is to promote organ donation, one of the state-wide service projects for Phi Theta Kappa this year.

The chapter plans to have a booth from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Midland Park Mall.

This booth is to inform people about organ donation. "There are a lot of myths about organ donation," said Genieva Ganoa, local Phi Theta Kappa member and the District 1 vice-president.

Ganoa has been primarily responsible for planning the event. She said she expects participa-

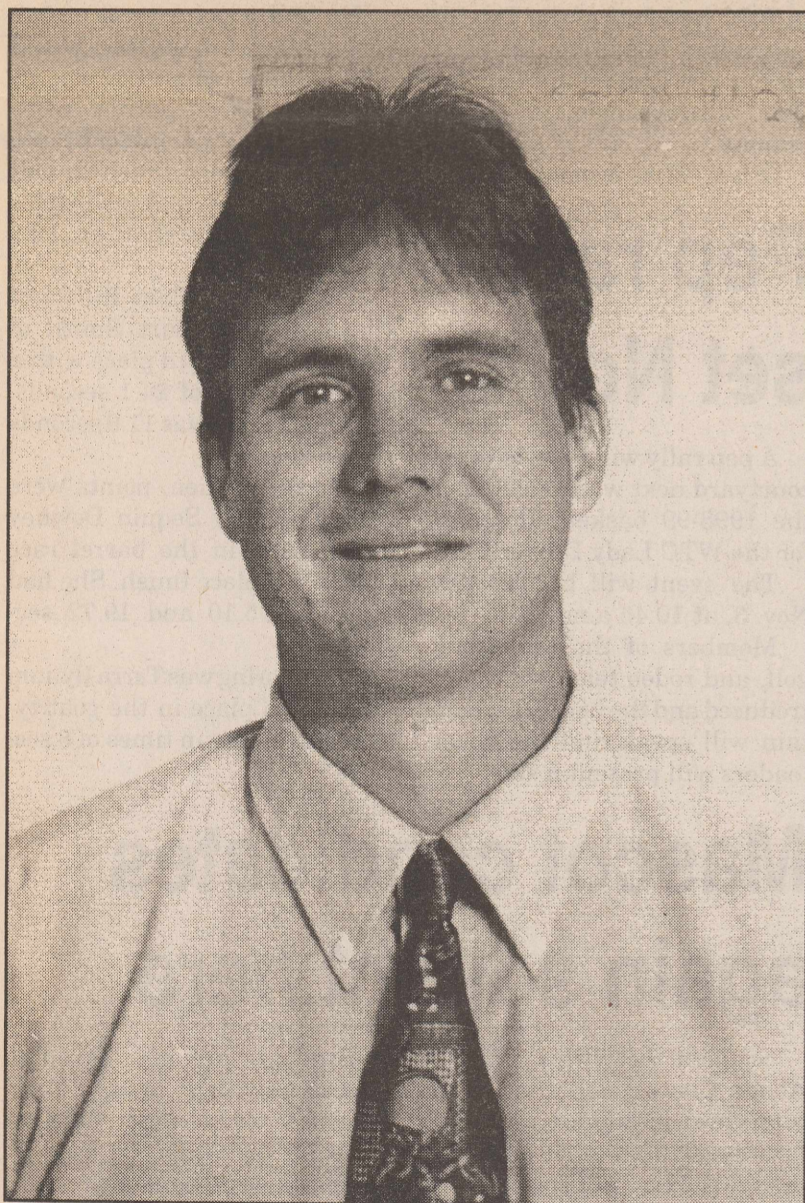
tion also from the Midland College, Amarillo College and South Plains College chapters. All of the 13 chapters in District 1 have been invited to participate.

People interested in donating organs will be able to fill in donation cards at the booth.

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter will be passing out pins, brochures, and flyers also. These have been donated by an organ donation company.

The chapter members will also be providing information profiling the work of Phi Theta Kappa nationwide.

Ganoa said there will be a booth set up later this semester in the WTC Student Center to inform local students regarding organ donation, and organ donor cards will be available.



Kyle Smith

Kyle Smith hired for political science post

By Reece McCain
Texan Staffer

Kyle Smith is WTC's newest assistant professor of political science.

He was born in San Angelo and graduated from Ft. Davis High School in Ft. Davis.

He received his associate's degree and his bachelor's degree in political science at UTPB in Odessa; then received his master's degree in Public Administration at Angelo State College in San Angelo.

He is currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling from Liberty University in Vir-

ginia.

Smith lives in Sweetwater and is married with two children. He and his wife, Cheri, are expecting a third child in November.

Smith worked for seven years with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

He has also administered grant programs for TSTC in Sweetwater and was a counselor there before joining the WTC faculty.

Beginning in 1994, he was an adjunct faculty member for WTC also, teaching prison classes for the college.

Student in fatal accident

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He was passenger in a 1997 Dodge pickup driven by Eric Hartkoph, 19, also of Roscoe.

Investigating officers indicate the vehicle was westbound on Hwy. 84 when it veered off the right side of the highway.

An officers was quoted as saying "The driver apparently over-corrected and the vehicle overturned."

Gardener was thrown from the vehicle. He apparently did not have his seat belt buckled.

His body was taken to Wright-Colonial Funeral Home, and then

to McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater where services were held Oct. 12.

Gardener was born in Sweetwater and lived in the Sweetwater-Roscoe area all his life. He played football and basketball, and ran track at Roscoe High School. He was a member of the First Salem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his parents, W.L. and Sharon Gardener of Roscoe; one sister, Jamie Gardener of Roscoe; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sign committee formed

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director; Julie Sentell, Fine Arts secretary; and Charlene Akers, museum director.

After the first meeting Sept. 29, each member was asked to gather suggestions and return them to Thornton.

He said the most popular suggestion received has been to implement "kiosks" at different locations on campus. He explained these as similar to signs seen at malls, with "you are here" notations on campus buildings.

Other ideas include marking buildings with large numbers and names, eliminating obsolete signs and color-coding buildings.

In addition to campus buildings, parking and road signs were also discussed. Committee members agreed that directional signs are needed on roadways, with directional arrows placed on campus drives.

Directional signs for basketball games and locations were

mentioned also and campus parking lots should have larger signs.

In addition, well-marked handicap parking ramps and placing "watch your steps" signs for uneven sidewalks and bricks were recommended.

All suggestions were given to Mrs. McQueen and are awaiting review by the administrative council.

The administrative council is comprised of the vice president, the administrative assistant, the director of physical services, the director of technology, and the director of physical plant.

Other members of the council include the dean of students, the dean of continuing education and the dean of instruction.

Thornton says he "anticipates the administrative council will look at the suggestions, figure the priorities, and then assign moneys to the most pressing."

David Counts visits

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ferred to the commonly held belief that individuals will have "six career changes in a lifetime."

Regarding this, he said, "WTC is one of the leaders allowing people to re-train."

Counts referred also to a plan by Comptroller John Sharp which would create a scholarship plan where by the state would fund the first two years of college work based upon the student's grade point average.

Counts made several comments relating to public school education in Texas also.

Reference a question from the audience about the "state voucher" plan— which would require the state to provide funding for private schools as well as public schools— Counts replied, "I have been adamantly opposed to vouchers."

He referred to a pilot program for the voucher system in San

Antonio's Edgewood school district and said, "It's a glaring example of why we just don't need it."

Counts commented, "If you want to home school, fine, but I think the Legislature will continue to (favor) local control," a reference to locally-based public school districts.

Counts also discussed the state's current budget surplus saying "We need to put one-half (of the surplus) into education; we need to raise state employee's salary; and we need to return (a portion) to taxpayers."

Counts, a Democrat from Knox City, is serving his sixth term in the State House and faces re-election this November.

His opponent, Republican Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring, also visited the WTC campus last Thursday (see related story.)

Local GCSAA chapter has active semester

By Amy Lester
Texan Staffer

The WTC student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has been active this fall, recently sponsoring a golf tournament with entry fee money to go towards a memorial scholarship fund.

In addition, several members of the chapter recently received \$500 scholarships while attending area conferences.

The chapter was formed in 1996 for students enrolled in WTC's Golf and Landscape Technology (GLT) program.

Officers this year are: Will Dutton of Munday, president; Geoff Sanders of Snyder, vice president; Rey Gomez of Snyder, secretary; Brad Easter of Lubbock, treasurer; and Dale Simpson of Lubbock, liaison.

There are 20 members of the

Student Chapter led by faculty advisor Don Buckland. He is assisted by new GLT instructor Sam Fare.

On Sept. 30, the GLT members attended the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association Turf Grass Conference. Buckland and Fare attended and Kattes was a guest speaker at the conference.

Geoff Sanders received a \$500 scholarship at that event. The money can be applied toward his enrollment next spring at WTC.

Other students attending the conference were Mike Cole of Dalhart, Jay Don Griffin of Snyder, Chris Holt of Tulia, Matt Hughes of Snyder, Bradley Reeves of San Angelo, Phillip Thrasher of Dimmitt, Shea Webb of Abilene and Brad Easter, Rey Gomez and Dale Simpson.

Members attended also the Southwest Turf Grass Association Conference in Ruidoso, N.M. Oct. 20-23.

At that event, four students received similar scholarships of \$500: Rey Gomez, Geoff Sanders, Dale Simpson and Lester Lombard, an international student from South Africa.

There are 47 students enrolled in the GLT program here at WTC. There are 30 second semester freshmen and sophomores. Along with them are 17 newly enrolled freshmen.

At the moment, the GLT program is raising money for the Kevin Lacik Memorial Scholarship. This is being done through fundraisers and donations.

PTK plans discussion

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a retired vice president for Exxon Corp.

The program will begin with an introduction of the panelists. Each will then be given seven to eight minutes for their presentation. The audience will then be encouraged to ask questions.

WTC President Harry Krenek will offer closing remarks.

Jennifer Beard joins math dept. faculty

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

Jennifer Beard is the new instructor for developmental math at WTC. Beard is a native of Snyder and was a 1993 graduate from Snyder High School.

She received her associate's degree from WTC in 1995, a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1997; and is currently working on her master's at Texas Tech.

While attending WTC, Beard was actively involved in the Phi Theta Kappa chapter here and worked in the special needs program as a tutor.

She was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in the spring of 1994. On campus, she was an assistant in the math lab and worked for the WTC Bookstore.

As an instructor she is con-

tinuing her work with Phi Theta Kappa this fall, recently attending the Leadership Workshop for faculty advisers and members at Commerce.

As a student member, she received the Hallmark award and was a WTC representative for the USA TODAY All American Scholar team.

While attending Tech, she was the vice president and the Communications Officer for the Phi Theta Kappa alumni group, the Delta of Texas.

"I chose the position at WTC because I thought it would be a challenge and I wanted to give something back to the college."

I would like to shed a little light on math and encourage my students to get involved with the different programs because there is a lot here to offer," she said.



Jennifer Beard

2 tourneys for golfers

By John Baez
Texan Staffer

The WTC Westerner Golf Team played two tournaments recently, taking 5th and 3rd places.

The team attended the Andrews Pro-Am and the Gaines County Invitational.

Coach Milton Ham commented on their performance at both tournaments by saying that "the team is continually improving with all 10 members having at least one tournament under their belt."

At Andrews, Martin Gustafson of Sweden made the All-Tournament team with scores of 71-71 for 147.

Other scores were Robert Wilhite of Odessa, 72-73 for 145; and Cory Mahaney of Tulia, 72-74 for 146.

Also, James Higdon of San Angelo Lakeview shot 76-71 for 147 and Chad Sauntry of Missouri City shot 79-78 for 157.

At Seminole, Gustafson shot 72-77 for 149 and was 2nd in the medalist race along with making the All-Tournament team.

Team member Jason Mcgrath of Ontario, Canada was All-Tournament and took 5th in the medalist race with 73-78 for 151.

Other scores were Cory Mahaney, 80-76 for 156; Robert Wilhite, 77-79 for 156; and Regi Roberts of Coahoma, 87-93 for 180.

The team will return Tuesday from the Odessa College Invitational in Odessa. Their next tournament will be in Roswell, N.M. Oct. 31-Nov. 1.



Fall rodeos end

The WTC Men's and Women's teams are in 3rd and 2nd place respectively for the conference as the five fall rodeos conclude. Leading the conference in both categories is Tarleton State University. The men have 762 points for fall, trailing TSU and West Texas A&M.

For the women, 650 points places them well ahead of 3rd place West Texas A&M but far behind Tarleton. The final strandings won't be determined until the end of the spring rodeo season. (Texan Photo)

Rodeo season over for fall '98; teams 2nd, 3rd

With five fall rodeos now complete, the WTC Men's and Women's teams are in 3rd and 2nd place respectively. Leading the conference in both categories is Tarleton State University.

The men have 762 points for fall, trailing TSU with 997 and West Texas A&M with 944. In fourth place is Odessa College with 743.

For the women, 650 points places them well ahead of 3rd place West Texas A&M but far behind Tarleton with 1,298.

The overall season won't be determined until after the spring rodeo season.

The men and women competed at the Vernon Regional Junior College (VRJC) Rodeo Oct. 10 in Vernon and WTC's Talina Bird of Post was the All-Around Cowgirl with a point total of 129 after placing in two events.

The WTC Women at VRJC far out-distanced their nearest team competitor. The WTC total was 303 points compared to their closest competitor—Eastern New Mexico and Tarleton State—with only 99 each.

As a team, the WTC men scored 87 points, placing them in a tie for 5th place with Eastern New Mexico University. There were 15 teams competing overall in the men's division with Tarleton State University finishing 1st with 147 points.

In individual events, the women's 303 points were bolstered by the break-away roping as WTC had four of the Top Six contenders including 1st place winner Jill Childers of Durant, Okla. with a single time of 2.6 seconds.

Other WTC women scoring

points were Talina Bird in 2nd place with a time of 2.9 seconds; Lauren Middleton of Big Spring in 4th place with a time of 3.1 seconds; and Brandee J. Brock of Springtown in 5th place with a time of 3.3 seconds.

In the barrel racing, Talina Bird earned more points with a 3rd place showing and a 17.76 second time.

The women had a strong showing also in goat tying as Terra Bynum of Snyder placed 1st with a time of 8.7 seconds.

The men's team had two 1st place winners.

In bareback riding, WTC's Wes Stevenson of Kaufman finished 1st with a score of 71; and Matt Gully of Novice and Ryan Brewer of Seagraves finished 1st in the team roping with a time of 5.9 seconds.

Other points were earned by Dee Bland of Hawley, who finished 4th in the calf roping with a time of 9.7 seconds.

At Texas Tech Oct. 17, both the men and the women didn't make the Top Four teams as the men finished in 5th place and the women were down to a 6th place finish.

Tarleton State won 1st in both categories with 375 points for the men and 165 points for the women. WTC's men had 105 points—placing in three events—and the women had 25, placing in two events.

In individual events, Kyle Bowers of Brooks, Alberta, Canada won 1st in the bareback.

He had a point total of 149 with a 72 score in the long-go and a 77 in the short-go.

Other team points were earned by Dusty Arrott of Bronte with a 4th place finish in calf roping. He had combined times of 9.7 and, in the short-go, 12.5 seconds.

Team roping Seth Elliott of Childress and Curt Smith of Ranger were in 3rd place with a combined time of 24.1 seconds. Their best time was 11.6 seconds in the long-go.

For the women, points were contributed by Sequin Downey of Amarillo in the barrel race with a 4th place finish. She had times of 15.10 and 19.72 seconds.

Also scoring was Terra Bynum with a 4th place in the goat tying. She had twin times of 8 seconds.

Pep rally set Nov. 3

A pep rally will be held in the courtyard next week kicking off the 1998-99 basketball season for the WTC Lady Dusters.

The event will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 10:45 a.m.

Members of the basketball, golf, and rodeo team will be introduced and the basketball captain will speak and the cheerleaders will present a skit.

Mascot candidates again sought here

Student Activities Director Alisha Cooper said she will be interviewing students this week interested in being the new WTC mascot. In addition, one cheerleading position has been vacated, she said.

Students interested in either spot should contact Mrs. Cooper at the Student Activities Office in the Student Center through Wednesday.

In addition, voting is now underway to name the new mascot.

A list of names was chosen from those submitted campus-wide.

Candidate McLaughlin appears

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The issue of state-mandated TAAS testing in public education was brought up also.

McLaughlin was critical of "teaching the TAAS" in elementary schools.

"I'm tired of elementary students coming home saying they were taught the TAAS all day in school and I'm tired of high school students saying they had football plays drawn on the black-

board that day," McLaughlin said.

He spoke out also for more "local control" for Texas school boards, indicating that he felt more problems could be solved in this way rather than a "cookie cutter" approach with one solution for all problems.

He noted he feels Texas is also losing good potential teachers due to low entry level pay.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

LADY DUSTERS

1998-99 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 3	Cisco Junior College	Snyder	6:00 pm
Nov. 12-14	Texas Juco Round-Up	Wichita Falls	
Nov. 12	Temple College	Midwestern State	4:00 pm
Nov. 14	Kilgore College	Kilgore	2:00 pm
Nov. 16	Cisco Junior College	Cisco	8:00 pm
Nov. 20-21	Frank Phillips Tourney	Borger	TBA
Nov. 28	Ranger Junior College	Snyder	3:00 pm
Dec. 1	Hardin Simmons JV	Snyder	6:00 pm
Dec. 7	Wayland Baptist JV	Snyder	6:00 pm
Dec. 11-12	San Jacinto Classic	Houston	TBA
Jan. 2	Collin County College	Plano	6:00 pm
Jan. 4-5	Southwest Shootout	Waco	TBA
Jan. 8	Blinn College	Snyder	6:00 pm
Jan. 11	*New Mexico Jr. College	Hobbs	5:50 pm MST
Jan. 14	*Howard Jr. College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Jan. 18	*Clarendon Jr. College	Clarendon	5:50 pm
Jan. 21	*Frank Phillips College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Jan. 25	*Odessa Jr. College	Odessa	5:50 pm
Jan. 28	*South Plains College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Feb. 1	*Midland College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Feb. 4	*New Mexico Jr. College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Feb. 8	*Howard Jr. College	Big Spring	5:50 pm
Feb. 11	*Clarendon Jr. College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Feb. 15	*Frank Phillips College	Borger	5:50 pm
Feb. 18	*Odessa Jr. College	Snyder	7:30 pm
Feb. 22	*South Plains College	Levelland	5:50 pm
Feb. 25	*Midland College	Midland	5:50 pm
March 2-4	Regional Tournament	Abilene	TBA
March 16-20	National Tournament	Salina, KS	TBA

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