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## Conflicting notions regarding happiness profiled by panelists

By Shana Parkerson  
Texan Staffer

What is happiness and how do you find it?

These questions and others were addressed last Thursday in the Fine Art Theatre at a panel discussion entitled "The Pursuit of Happiness: Conflicting Values and Visions."

The program was sponsored by the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa as part of its year long honors topic.

Invited speakers were Drew Bullard, a local business owner; Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Snyder; Roy Baze, retired senior vice president of Exxon, USA; and Tony

Wofford, founder and pastor of the Word is Life Deliverance Church in Snyder.

Following the program format, each speaker addressed the topic individually with a 10-minute address.

Bullard spoke on how the concept of happiness differs from culture to culture.

He said he became aware of this as a volunteer member of the Peace Corps in India.

Noting that "romantic love" is the tradition in the United States, he pointed out that this concept doesn't even have a word in the See **HAPPINESS**, Page 5



Happiness and its conflicting values were discussed by speakers Tony Wofford, Roy Baze, Nan Swanson and Drew Bullard.

## Four holiday events to make Nov. 19 busy night

### O'Henry musicals are joint effort

By Elizabeth Covey  
Texan Staffer

The holiday production "An O'Henry Christmas," comprised of two short musicals based on the short stories "The Last Leaf" and "The Gift of the Magi," is scheduled on campus Nov. 19-22.

It will mark the first fall production for the WTC Drama Department and

will be a joint venture with The Ritz Theater community group of Snyder.

The show will open Nov. 19 as part of a four-event holiday evening planned on the WTC campus.

Members of the college drama department will comprise the cast for both shows and members of the community See **MUSICALS**, page 5

### Planetarium schedules new show

By Amanda Gutierrez-Baez  
Texan Staffer

Beginning this fall, WTC's planetarium will allow visitors to view a "full field" of stars and this full field dome is ready for its first public showing Nov. 19.

This past summer and early fall, work to complete the renovation of the planetarium was completed by Rollin Swanson, adjunct professor of science at WTC.

The results will include the upcoming program, "More Than Meets the Eye," a 40-minute show.

Swanson said it illustrates stars and constellations which can be seen with the "naked eye" and how these same sky phenomenon look through binoculars, a small telescope and, finally, a space telescope.

On Nov. 19, the show will begin at 7 p.m. and is part of a four-event holiday package scheduled on the WTC campus that evening.

This will be the only planetarium show for the general public this fall, Swanson said. The program will be repeated several times during the fall semester for public school students, however.

The shows for school children will be available by reservation. Swanson noted there will be three versions of the show, each designed with a specific age group in mind.

Shows are tailored specifically for pre-Kindergarten children; for kindergartners through fourth graders; and for the general viewing public.

The second phase of the planetarium's renovation included new equipment donated by Exxon Corp. and Roy and Geleska Baze.

In the first phase, Swanson

basically replaced the star field projector with a computer and its own projection capabilities.

With the improvements, the WTC Planetarium will have industry standard slide machines and 14 new projectors—allowing the star field which completely covers the 10 meter dome.

See **PLANETARIUM**, page 5

Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Thursday, Nov. 19.

Santa Claus exhibit/  
Scurry County Museum  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting/Talent Show  
6:30 p.m.

Planetarium Show/  
"More Than Meets the Eye"  
7 p.m.  
"An O'Henry Christmas"  
8 p.m.

### Santa images set at museum

The Scurry County Museum will feature images of Santa Claus as part of its holiday exhibit which will open Nov. 19.

Members of the community have loaned various Santa images and these will be exhibited during an open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served around the museum's Christmas tree.

In addition, the museum gift shop will be open and will feature a large selection of Christmas-related items for sale.

The museum holiday exhibit will remain in place through Dec. 10.

Visitors are invited to first tour the museum display, then join the other activities on campus Nov. 19.

### WTC talent can earn \$270 cash

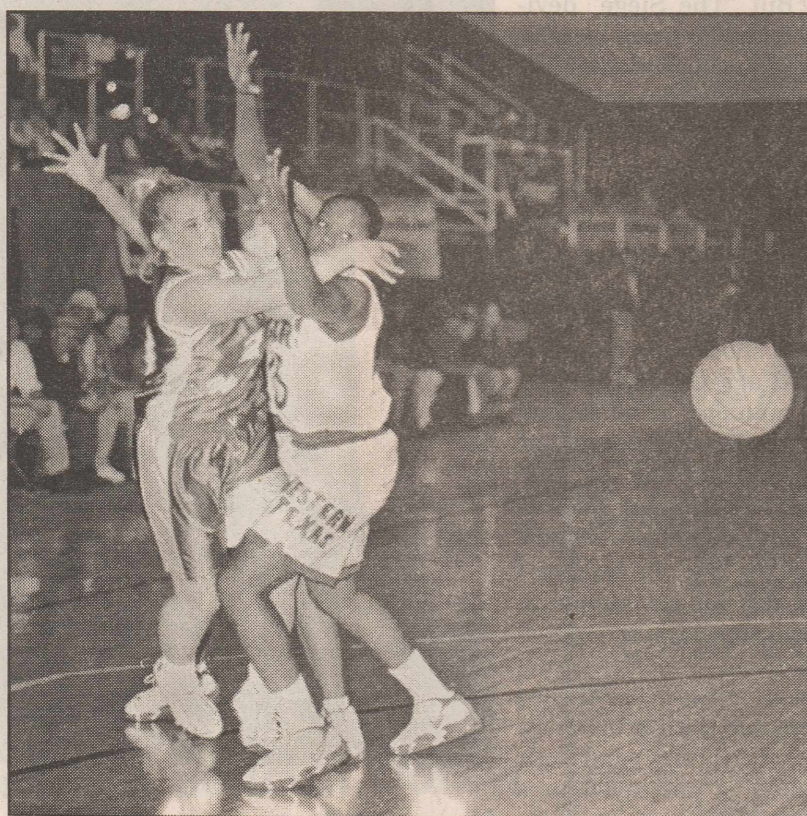
By Amy Lester  
Texan Staffer

The WTC Student Government Association will sponsor a talent show Nov. 19 as part of the four-event lineup of holiday-related activities.

The talent show will follow the 6:30 p.m. lighting of the tree in the central courtyard.

Prize money totaling \$270 is offered in two categories—both individual and duet/group—for the talent show.

In the individual category, 1st place will be awarded \$50; 2nd place will receive \$25; and 3rd place will be given \$15; and in the duet/group category, 1st place will be awarded \$100; 2nd place \$50; and 3rd place will be given \$30.



### First win

The Lady Dusters won their season opener last Monday with a 76-55 score over Cisco. WTC player April Walker is shown. See Page 5 for the story. (Texan Photo by Caitlin Behrens)

### SGA sponsors 'inflatable' activities this Tuesday

The WTC Student Government Association (SGA) is sponsoring two "inflatable" activities this Tuesday.

An air-filled arena will be set up in the central courtyard for both "Gladiator Joust" and "Bouncy Boxing."

Students can participate in

the two games free of charge from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

In Gladiator Joust, two opponents stand on pedestals and try to knock the other one off.

Bouncy Boxing consists of wearing inflatable gloves while boxing and bouncing.

Also Tuesday, an activity

called "Wax Hands" will be held in the central courtyard from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This process includes shaping your hand in any way you want and then dipping it in wax.

Students may keep their creation free of charge.

## Faculty to help with Career Day

By John Gutierrez  
Texan Staffer

More than 25 WTC faculty members will be involved with the Snyder High School Career Day, sponsored by the Rotary Club and scheduled this Thursday at SHS.

The day's schedule begins with registration and a reception from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., a general assembly at 8:30 a.m., and breakout sessions to begin at 9:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m.

Participating WTC faculty members, many conducting more than one session, and their career topics include:

David Kattes, ranching, farming and agribusiness; Ty Brunson and Ben Sum, art; Bill Halbert, business administration/management; Britt Canada and David Hanes, computer programming and telecommunications.

Also participating are JoAnn Snider and Tammy Wesson, computerized business technology; J.D. Barham, correctional officer training; and Carolyn Osborn, Merry Trammell and Duffy Wilks, social work/counseling

and psychology.

Other presentations will come from Helen Cogan, drama, theatre, acting, movie making; Lee Burke, Mike Harrison and Valery Jackson, health and See **CAREERS**, page 5

## Who's Who nominations submitted for publication

By Melissa Garvin  
Texan Staffer

The 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the names of 19 students from Western Texas College who have been selected as campus leaders.

WTC faculty members were asked to nominate second-year students based upon academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

From the list of Who's Who, college officials will later determine a male and a female nominee for the All-American Student honors sponsored by U.S.A. TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa.

Those nominated join a group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in

all 50 states and several foreign countries.

Names and hometowns of WTC nominees are: Wilma Brooks, Snyder; Genieva Gaona, Lubbock; Jessica Garmer, Snyder; Gina Goolsby, Ira; and Denise Hoover, Sweetwater. Also, Jason Kerby, Bovina; Junichi Kikkawa, Hiroshima, Japan; Todd Lancaster, Big Spring; Michelle Lumpkins, Snyder; and Nicole Lyons, Snyder.

Additional nominees include Nicol Mazarova, Colorado City; Lindsey Northcott, Ira; Deanna Regaldo, Colorado City; Geoffrey Sanders, Snyder; and Travis Simpson, Snyder.

Also, Jason Tyler, Pullman, Wash.; TJ Wood, Hermleigh; Jason Hargrove, Rotan; and Keri Kemp, Snyder.

# music reviews

by Chris Halbert

## New Beck album said lacking originality; reviewer unimpressed

Beck - Mutations

One of the most inventive and popular recording artists of recent years is Beck. His major label debut, "Mellow Gold," demonstrated amazing diversity, using the basic format of acoustic based folk rock, with a barrage of samples to produce a very popular album. The follow to that album was "Odelay," which also produced the same sort of

**"This album is almost void of samples altogether, using only the acoustic rock sound he has been playing since his days as a street performer."**

sound, and created more of a fan base for Beck. His newest installment of songs is entitled "Mutations," and it shows us that Beck's equation for songwriting has been simplified. This album is almost void of samples altogether, using only the acoustic rock sound he has been playing since his days as a street performer. This collection is mostly down tempo and slow, with the first single,

"Tropicalia," being one of the only upbeat songs included.

Mutations shows the side of Beck heavily influenced by country music.

"Cancelled Check" and "Bottle of Blues" demonstrate an almost Willie Nelson-like style of songwriting and performance.

This album is definitely more mellow than previous work from Beck, but it still offers highlights, such as "Tropicalia" and "Lazy Flies."

Overall, this CD was a bit of a disappointment to me, because of the fact that I look to Beck to produce complex, original music, and "Mutations" delivers simple songs that one could mistake for just about any band.

The songs aren't bad, they just lack what I like about Beck's previous music. In and of itself, "Mutations" is a good, mellow album, but when one gets to comparing it to other Beck albums, that's when it can be viewed negatively.

The bottom line is if you like slower acoustic rock, "Mutations" should be a very satisfying album for you, but if you're looking for more of the Beck originality, there is none to be found here.

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I MUST WARN YOU, I'M ONE OF THOSE WOMEN WHO LIKE TO CURSE AT WORK.

% # \* !! \*

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THE PRESENTATION

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## sneak previews

by Gene Siskel

### SISKEL'S FLICKS PICKS

For release 11/06/98  
By Gene Siskel  
Tribune Media Services

Our FLICK OF THE WEEK is "The Siege," an exciting and thoughtful rumination on the tricky issue of urban terrorism and how to combat it.

Co-writer and director Edward Zwick, who happens to be a friend of mine, doesn't back away from portraying Muslim zealots as a legion-sized force that challenges three elements of the U.S. defense system represented, of course in conflict with each other, by FBI agent Denzel Washington, CIA operative Annette Bening and Army general Bruce Willis.

Guess who takes the hardest line. And now guess who talks hostage-takers into letting their captives go.

OK, so all that is familiar. But "The Siege" deviates from the norm by raising the question of how many freedoms citizens might be forced to give up to be reasonably safe.

Shockingly, at the end of the picture, one isn't left with that much hope. Rated R. 3-1/2 stars.

AMERICAN HISTORY X. A shockingly powerful screed against racism that also manages to be so well performed and directed that it is entertaining as well. Oscar talk this early is gratifying, but Edward Norton performs the role of a skinhead who gets his comeuppance so well that he is the immediate front-runner. In prison he also strikes up an uneasy friendship with a black inmate (Guy Torry) and their bonding is portrayed in a most effective, quiet manner. Also worthy of kudos is director Tony Kaye, who uses black and white photography and fluid camera movements to make every sequence in prison seem foreboding. R. 4 stars.

BELOVED. This Reconstruction-era film is based on Toni Morrison's prize-winning novel, a slavery story not merely of abuse but also of survival and nurturing and maintaining a family for generations. As filmed by Jonathan Demme, "Beloved" is a tribute to generations of women who paid extraordinary prices to keep their families free. Oprah Winfrey stars as an escaped slave who has a shocking secret in her tortured past. She also has the possibility of building a new life with another former slave (Danny Glover), but that is subordinated to the story of her relationship with

her daughters, one of whom is the mysterious character nicknamed Beloved (Thandie Newton), a haunting figure who represents hope, survival and future generations. "Beloved" is a tribute to women who endured abuse and somehow rose above it. By its conclusion, Demme has taken us on a vast emotional journey. R. 4 stars.

JOHN CARPENTER'S VAMPIRES. James Woods stars in a surprisingly entertaining horror film as a vampire slayer out to destroy a legendary opponent, a vampire master named Valek (Thomas Ian Griffith), and the many bloodsuckers he controls. Carpenter holds nothing back in creating scene after bloody scene (the film is also filled with some smart talk). One key reason this picture

works so well is there isn't a teenager in the cast, and it's not juvenile in any way. All of the vampires and their hunters are portrayed by adult actors who play the situation seriously. Note: the violence, blood and dismemberment have properly earned the film an R rating. 3 stars.

THE WATERBOY. Adam Sandler, the annoying comic who seemingly manufactures a speech impediment, plays the water boy of a college football team and predictably gets














razed, hit in the head and verbally abused by team members. After being fired, he joins another team as the water boy and then becomes a player to surprising success. What is not surprising is that the film leads up to a Big Game in which Sandler plays a key role. Stupid is the word I'm looking for to describe this film. PG-13. 1 star.

THE WIZARD OF OZ. The 1939 classic as it was meant to be seen with a digitally remastered print in Dolby Stereo Sound, which means that the sepia tone for Dorothy's Kansas home has never been truer, nor the land of Oz more brightly colored. If you or your children have seen the film only on TV, you owe yourself and them a major moviegoing experience. G. 4 stars.

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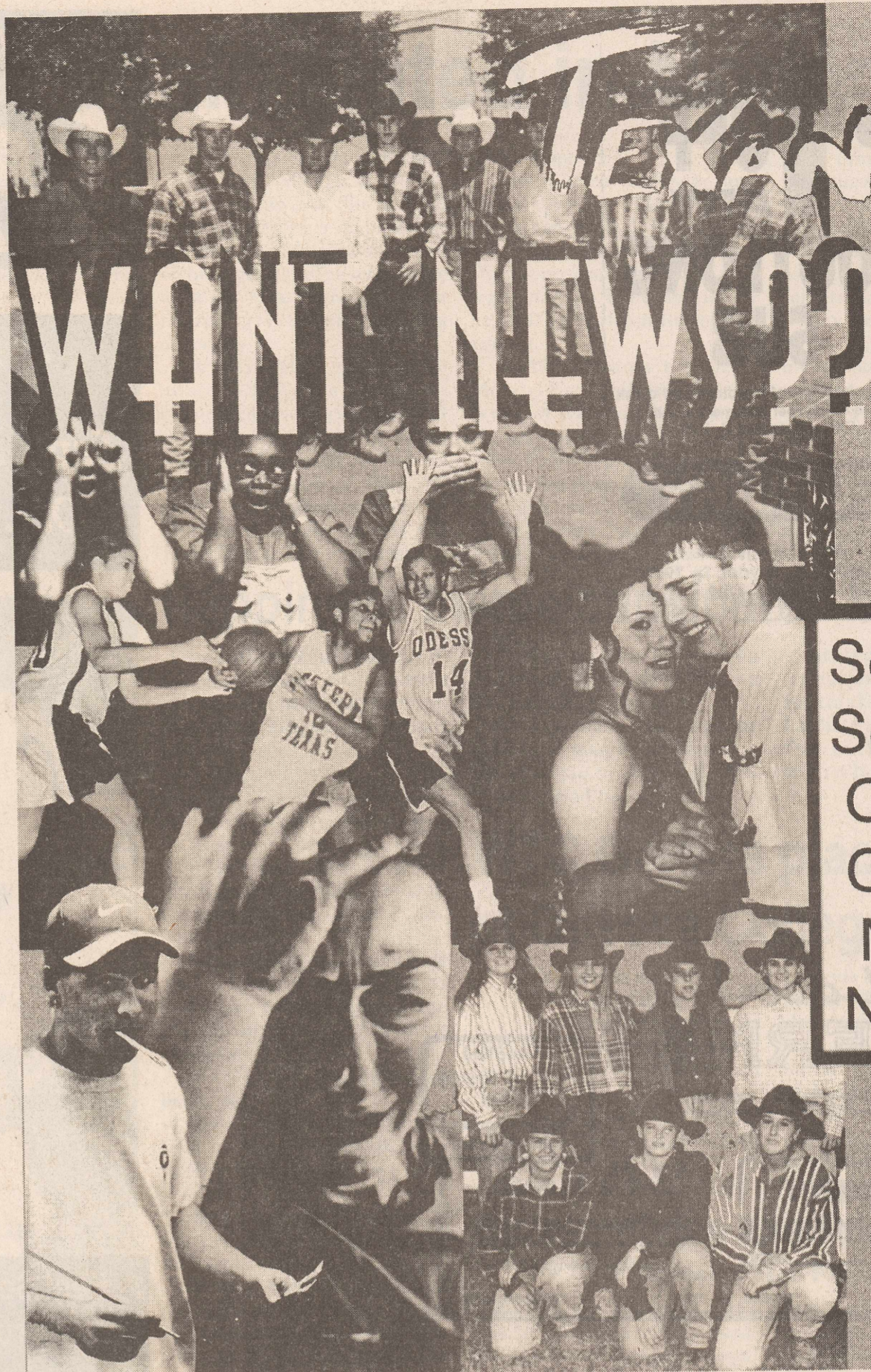
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# Founder's Day award again slated in November

By Reece McCain  
Texan Staffer

The WTC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Zeta, will present its annual Founder's Day Award Nov. 19.

The award presentation will be in the Student Center at 10:45 a.m. during activity period.

The honor is given to a member of the faculty, staff, or administration who "represents to an outstanding degree one or more of the Phi Theta Kappa ideals of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship."

Founder's Day marks the 1918 founding of Phi Theta Kappa at

Stephens College in Missouri.

The award has been given at WTC since 1983. Last year's recipient was Britt Canada, Technological Director for WTC.

Franklin Pruitt received the first award. He instructed government and history at WTC for 14 years before retiring in 1988. Dr. Pruitt passed away in August of 1995.

Mike Otto was awarded in 1984. He resigned his associate professor of science position at the end of the fall semester in 1993.

The honoree in 1985 was Martha Gist. She was secretary

of counseling until 1986.

Joe Carter, science professor and division chairman for the Science Division, received the honor in 1986.

In 1987, there were two recipients, Dr. James Tully and Pam Johnson. Dr. Tully served as Dean of the Learning Resource Center and Director of Financial Aid from 1972 to 1988. Ms. Johnson was a secretary and assistant of student activities for seven years, from 1981 to 1988.

Dr. Gil Fleer, professor of psychology-sociology, was awarded in 1988. He retired from WTC at the end of the fall term in 1993

and has since moved to Missouri.

In 1989, Mickey Baird received the award. She was an associate professor and director of student activities and was one of the original staff members here at WTC. Mrs. Baird retired in the spring of 1996 after 25 years of service.

Dr. Mary Hood received the award in 1990. She was the director of counseling services and served as the local Phi Theta Kappa advisor until her retirement in the spring of 1996. She and her husband Duane now live at Lake Granbury. She is the Texas Region Coordinator for Phi

Theta Kappa.

Agriculture professor and Rodeo Coach Bob Doty received the honor in 1991, followed by his wife, Darla, in 1992. Mrs. Doty served as Director of College Relations. The couple is now on staff at Tarleton State University.

In 1993, drama instructor Michael Endy was awarded. He is now at Weatherford College.

Jim Judah was awarded in 1994. Judah is an associate professor of agriculture and coach of the meats judging team.

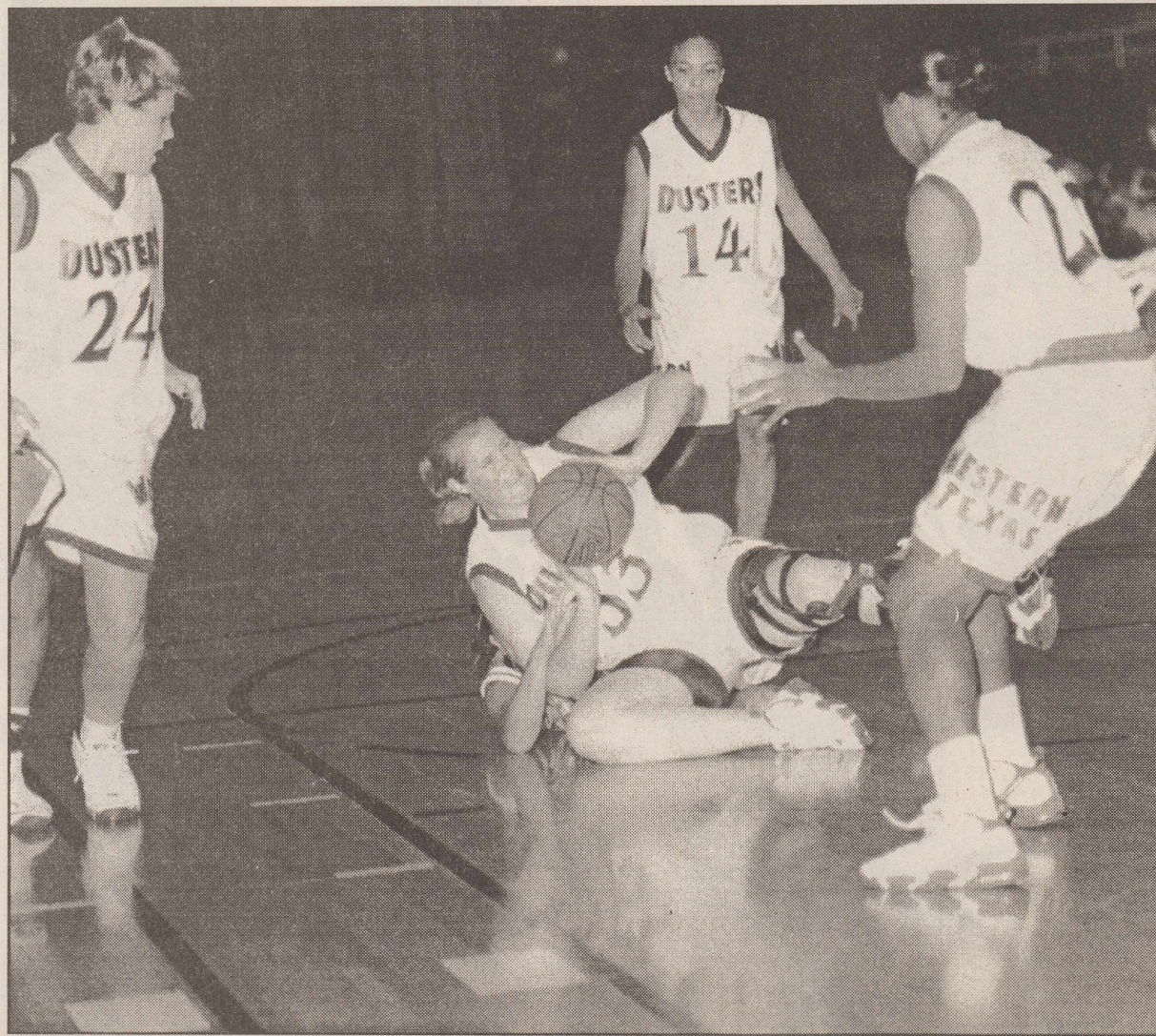
Dr. Duane Hood and Ray Robbins were both honored in

1995 prior to their retirement the following spring. Dr. Hood was dean of student services here from 1971-1996. He was also an advisor in Phi Theta Kappa and continues to serve as regional comptroller for the Texas Region.

Ray Robbins served as head of the criminal justice department. Both were members of the original staff faculty at WTC.

Deborah Baremore, recipient of the award in 1996, is a long-time counseling secretary.

The names of all honorees are inscribed on a plaque permanently hung in the Student Center.



In the tussle

Erica Garvin fights for the ball from the floor during action versus Cisco here last Monday. Also shown are Christy Wells (No. 24), Danielle Brown (No. 14) and April Walker (No. 25). (Texan Photo by Caitlin Behrens)

## Lady Dusters play Monday night; win opening game versus Cisco

After their season-opening victory last week, the Lady Dusters will return to the Scurry County Coliseum Monday night for a home game versus the Lubbock Christian University junior varsity.

That matchup begins at 6 p.m. Last Monday, a good-sized crowd watched the Lady Duster basketball team record its first win of the 1998-99 season—besting the Cisco girls 76 to 55.

Coach Valery Jackson kept Cisco busy all night with a two-squad shuffle, replacing all five players at intervals with fresh

talent from the bench.

"I've got a lot of quick guards, so I can do that," she said after the game.

If she had one disappointment, she said it was her team's outside shooting. "Practically all our points were lay-ups."

Eleven players contributed points for the Lady Dusters, but only two of these hit double figures—high point sophomore Pamela O'dHuong'O with 17 and freshman Kathy Tran with 12.

From the far outside, both sophomore Christy Wells and freshman Mary Cavazos had two

3-pointers each

For field goals, the Dusters gained 9 points out of 19 attempts for slightly less than a 50 percent average.

The game was never in serious doubt as WTC led from early in the 1st half. At the first buzzer, the home team was in front 35-22. For the second half, WTC outshot the visitors 41-33.

An aggressive Duster defense sent Cisco to the free throw line for 31 attempts compared to WTC's 19.

For Cisco, high point girl was Shelly Sullivan with 12.

## Holiday musicals slated here

Continued From Page One theater will be handling such areas as musical direction, costumes, props, lighting and scenery.

Helen Cogan, head of the WTC drama department, will direct both shows.

Community theater director Ellie Dryden is in charge of the costumes and props; and Kevin Carter, a resident of Snyder and a graduate from Texas Tech, is the light and scenery designer.

Judy Smallwood, an elemen-

tary school teacher and member of the Ritz Theater group, will be the music director.

"The Last Leaf" is about two young lady artists, a painter and a sculptor, living at the turn of the century in Greenwich Village.

The pair will be played by WTC students Tiffany Martin of Snyder and Vickie Williams of Sudan. Other characters in this production are "the doctor," played by Dallas Pollie from Breckenridge; and "Herr

Behrman," played by David Olson from Abilene.

The second show, "The Gift of the Magi," is the famous O'Henry short story about a poor, young married couple who have no money at Christmas and how they show their love for each other with the buying of gifts.

This production is a two-character musical with "Della" played by Shannon Gates of Seminole and "Jim" played by Dallas Pollie.

Stage manager for both shows is Cam Hargrove, a WTC student from Throckmorton.

Each performance will be in the Fine Arts Theater. The nightly performances through Saturday, Nov. 21, will begin at 8 p.m. There is also a matinee performance slated Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m.

Total running time for both performances will be just more than one hour.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. WTC students, staff and faculty will be admitted free with college ID.

### Planetarium shows again starting here

Continued From Page One

Three other projectors will be used for added "horizon shots" such as the outline of a city or a landscape to give perspective to the star field.

"The equipment is important, but we couldn't have done this if the college hadn't provided the facility itself—the dome, the seats and the lighting are in excellent shape," Swanson said.

## Happiness theme considered by panel

Continued From Page One language in India, where a couple about to be married may not meet each other until the day of their wedding.

"To become happy with with your culture you have to come to grips with what is around you," he said.

In her talk, Rev. Swanson highlighted how people most often look for happiness in the wrong places.

As an example, she noted the "quick fixes" of such things as drugs and alcohol and the "American dream" of "getting rich quick."

"A true sense of happiness is hope," she said.

Baze addressed how important being content with your work is for ultimate happiness in life.

"Being happy with your job is a major step in being happy in the rest of your life," he said.

Working hard and being honest in the effort were two things Baze stressed during his address. He explained that in the 30-plus years he worked for Exxon, he was never asked to do anything he considered unethical.

Wofford spoke on how you can find happiness with religion and a relationship with God.

He explained this by giving his own personal experience, saying, "I began to seek God when trying to find happiness."

Attitude is another key factor for happiness, he said. "If a person thinks he can do something, I believe he can do it," adding, "You can't find happiness if you are not happy with yourself."

## WTC Golfers place 10th at Odessa College event

By John Baez  
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The Westerners returned from the Odessa College Invitational with a 10th place finish last week.

Jason McGrath of Ontario, Canada led his team on the cards with 75-79-75 for 229.

James Higdon of San Angelo

Lakeview shot 77-81-84 and Martin Gustaffson of Sweden shot 76-82-86 for 244.

Robert Wilhite of Odessa shot 84-84-82 for 250 and Cory Mahaney shot 84-82-86 for 252.

The team played its last fall tournament this past weekend in Roswell, N.M.

## Career advice to be part of day

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physical ed./coaching; Don Buckland and Sam Fare, landscape/golf course management.

In addition, Jim Clifton, law enforcement/FBI/border patrol; Donny Brown, marketing/adver-

tising/public relations and mass communications; Lee Jones, LVN and RN nursing; Rollin Swanson, Joe Carter and Sue Freemyer, chemistry/biology/geology; and Sam Walker, welding.

Catch the spirit of the **Holidays**

**Annual WTC Christmas tree lighting ceremony**  
Central Courtyard  
6:30 p.m.

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**Talent Show**  
Central Courtyard  
6:30 p.m.

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**Public showing of "More than Meets the Eye"**  
Planetarium  
7 p.m.

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**Scurry County Museum Holiday Exhibit**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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**WTC Drama Dept presents 'An O'Henry Christmas'**  
Fine Arts Theatre  
8 p.m.

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# Halloween Dance



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