

The names of 90 WTC students were added to the rolls of the Psi Zeta Chapter for Phi Theta Kappa this year. The formal candlelight induction ceremony was held Sunday, Feb. 27

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Athletic program on board agenda

By Sarah Martin
Texan Staffer

The future of athletics at WTC will be considered tonight, March 6, at the March meeting of the board.

A new business item for the March agenda is listed as "Overview of 2000-2001 Budget and consideration of athletic program."

Administrative officials informed faculty members Feb. 17 of options being considered regarding the sports program as part of next year's budget planning. Several budget items were noted at that meeting, specifically a \$250,000 amount related to sports.

WTC faculty members met to discuss the sports program information outlined by administrators on Friday, Feb. 25. Two board members, Carolyn Barbee and Drew Bullard, attended that meeting, as well as one announced candidate for the board, John Zalman III.

In the interim, a petition was initiated by an off-campus fan showing support for retaining the Lady Duster basketball program.

That petition has been circulated by students on campus and was passed around at the last Duster home game Feb. 21.

Monday's board meeting is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the administration building.

Team barely misses second national title

By Josh Burney
Texan Staffer

The WTC meats judging team ended its season with a near miss at a second national title at the Houston Livestock Show Feb. 26-27.

The point difference between WTC and the ultimate winner, a team from Clarendon College, was 50 points.

To illustrate how small a margin this is, team Coach Jim Judah noted that a team point total for such a competition normally ranges from 3,500 to 4,000 points. "There's a lot of points in a lot of events, and we were just really close," he said.

This marked the second time a WTC team has finished in 2nd place at the national level following the team's one and only 1st place win at Houston in 1992.

Regarding his team this year, Judah commented, "It's probably the most consistent team I've ever coached."

The Western Texas College

meats judging team consists of Amber Chisum, Jimma Chapman, Jeff Ellis, Chris Hartman, Jeremy Hernandez, and Matt Thackerson.

At Houston, there were a total of 30 teams and 160 contestants from all around the United States and Australia.

In individual categories, WTC was first in questions, second in pork judging, second in beef judging and fifth in lamb judging.

Team member Matt Thackerson of Colorado City was first in placings, second in beef, fourth in lambs and sixth overall in the competition.

Jeff Ellis, also of Colorado City, was first in questions, sixth in beef judging and seventh in pork judging.

Chris Hartman of Sweetwater was ninth in beef judging, ninth in questions and 10th overall.

Amber Chisum of Jayton ranked eighth in beef grading, and Jeremy Hernandez was fifth in lamb judging.



PTK ceremony

Guest speaker at the Feb. 27 Phi Theta Kappa induction was Nick Friemel of Amarillo College (upper right), student vice president for

District 1. In the photo below, new inductee Adrienne McMimsey of Snyder lights her symbolic candle. (Texan Photos)

Students added to Psi Zeta chapter PTK

Formal spring induction ceremonies for WTC's Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa were held Sunday, Feb. 27, with some 90 names added to the list of chapter members for both the fall and spring semesters.

To be invited to join the honorary society, a student must have completed at least 12 semester hours with a minimum

grade point average for college level work of 3.2.

Guest speaker Sunday was Nick Friemel, student vice president for District 1. He attends Amarillo Community College in Amarillo.

District 1 includes the community colleges from the northwest quadrant of Texas which includes WTC.

WTC President Harry Krenek and Dean of Instruction Jim Palmer were also on hand to congratulate the new inductees.

The traditional candle-lit ceremony saw each new member attending write their name in the Phi Theta Kappa membership book.

Faculty sponsor Jennifer See PTK page 5

Creations for Aquifer due soon

Students have until Friday, March 10, to submit written work for the 2000 edition of the WTC Literary magazine "Aquifer."

"All WTC students, either full or part-time, are eligible to submit their creative works," said editor Sandra Hall.

"Aquifer," which has won 29 awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press since it was begun in the fall of 1990, affords students their first opportunity to be published in print.

Written work submissions are accepted for poetry, short stories and essays.

To illustrate these, WTC students may submit also original art work, photographs or computer designed graphics.

These should be submitted to any of the five campus instructors who serve as co-editors. In addition to Ms Hall, editors are Janet Halbert, Ed Barkowsky, Donny Brown and Ben Sum.

Writers retain all publishing rights to their material.

For written work, the preferred submission format is as a word file saved on a 3.5 inch floppy disk. If this is not possible, students should submit a printed copy of their work.

Two copies of printed work are required and these should be double spaced with the author's name on every page.

For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 269.

Since its founding, "Aquifer" writers or artists have been recognized by the Texas Intercollegiate Press with eight 1st place awards, eight 2nd place prizes, nine 3rd place honors and four honorable mentions.

Submissions from the 1999 "Aquifer" are currently being judged.

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

See AQUIFER page 5

Place 6 to be contested at WTC spring election

The retirement of a longtime board member and a contested race for his seat are features of the upcoming May election for three places on the Western Texas College Board of Trustees.

Three places on the WTC board are expiring — Places 5, 6 and 7 — and incumbents for two of these have indicated they will seek a second six-year term.

A contested race has developed following the announce-

ment that R.C. Patton, the final seated member of the original WTC board, would not seek another term for his Place 6.

Patton was first elected to serve in 1969 with the formation of the college district. The board formed two years before the college opened for classes in the fall of 1971.

Two candidates have to date announced for this post: John Zalman III and Scott Richburg. See ELECTIONS page 5

Spring break begins Friday

Classes will be dismissed next week for spring break and the WTC dormitory will close this Friday at 2 p.m.

The residence hall will re-open on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

All campus offices and facilities will be closed during the week of spring break March 12-18.



Merry Trammell

arising from that workshop and published in the fall edition of the TCA (Texas Counseling Association) Journal.

"Development of a Grief Workshop at a Community College," is the title of Trammell's article.

Grief workshop gives timely counsel

By Candace Meares
Texan Staffer

Helping students cope with the death of one of their own was the challenge for WTC counselor Merry Trammell in the fall of 1999.

Her efforts culminated in a grief workshop held on the WTC campus, and, most recently, an article

It deals with how to help both students and faculty cope when there is an unexpected death on campus.

The idea for the workshop came about in the fall of 1999 after a WTC student was killed in a car accident mid-way through the semester.

Trammell quickly put together a workshop which was presented that fall and had a very strong faculty attendance.

In addition, many students contacted Trammell individually, she said.

"(With students) I still followed the context of the workshop, but when it's one on one it is much more personal."

"Putting the entire workshop together was a really quick deal," said Trammell. "Putting the See GRIEF page 5

OPINION PAGE

Depression is common but treatable

By Reid Johnson
Staff Writer

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I have taken medication for it, other family members have been hospitalized for it, and my father died because of it. It is depression.

Depression is a recurrent emotional state characterized by feelings of persistent sadness, worthlessness, dejection, loss of hope, and loss of interest in usual activities.

Did you know depression is one of the most common mental disorders affecting 340 million people in the world today?

No one is immune from depression; it occurs in people of all social classes, all countries, and all cultural settings.

One in four women and one in ten men can

expect to develop depression during their lifetime, but it's not just adults who suffer; depression affects at least one in 50 children under 12 and one in 20 teenagers.

The World Health Organization predicts that by the year 2020 depression will be the greatest

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burden of ill-health to people in the developing world, and that by then severe depression will be the second largest cause of death and disability.

Yet about half of all cases are unrecognized and untreated.

Most depression is a reaction to an unhappy

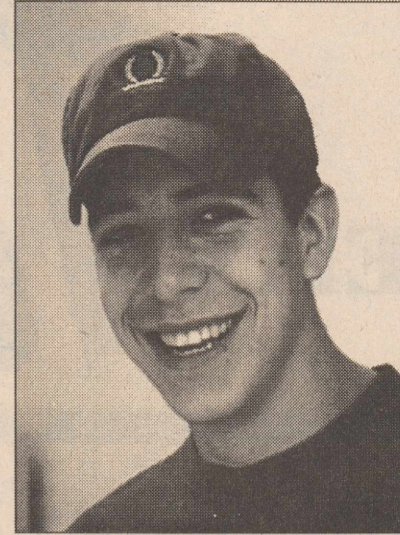
event. It is natural to have some depression after a loss such as the death of a relative or after a major disappointment at home or at work.

Most depression can be reversed by time and activity. Regular exercise is also an effective way to fight mild cases. Other alternatives to medication is to stay involved with others and let them help, decrease the use of alcohol and other drugs, and tell someone about the problem.

However if depression disrupts work and family life for more than 2 weeks, you need to call your health care provider.

Also contact your local physician if depression is so severe that suicide is contemplated or if you think that current medication may be causing depression.

Many episodes of major depression are not preventable. Treatment, including medications



and psychiatric intervention, may prevent recurrences.

If you are experiencing a loss of interest in usual activities, weight loss, sleep disturbances, energy loss, fatigue, hyperactive or slowed behavior, you may be suffering from depression. Other symptoms are feelings of worthlessness, difficulty concentrating or making decisions, recurrent suicidal thoughts, or memory loss, you may be suffering from depression.

As living proof that happiness can once again be obtained, I suggest you get help if you are in doubt.

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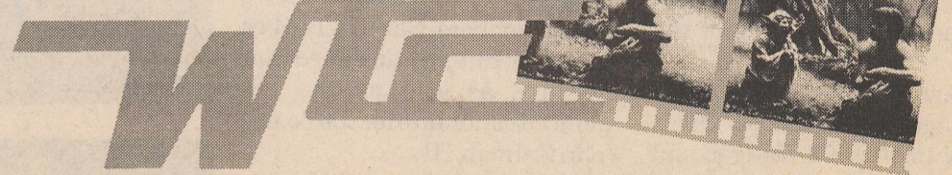
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FILM REVIEW: THE NEXT BEST THING

By Michael Wilmington
Chicago Tribune Movie Critic
2-1/2 stars

Romances aren't always sexual, and blood ties don't always determine fatherhood. Those are two of the main themes of "The Next Best Thing," a contemporary romantic comedy about the troubled lives of a gay male gardener and his straight female best friend. As played by real-life buddies Rupert Everett and Madonna, they're an untraditional couple with some familiar problems, including a child and a messy custody battle.

Trying to tickle our funny bones and tweak our heartstrings in slick L.A. settings, this movie also tries to touch serious issues (family, commitment, love) while jumping spryly over gender gaps and dancing lightly around sexual prejudices.

Sometimes it does. Often it can't. Too much of "The Next Best Thing," which was directed by John Schlesinger ("Midnight Cowboy"), is all too obvious, all too easy, the sort of tongue-in-chic L.A. comedy that mistakes glibness for high style, heartfelt pop choruses for wisdom, Don McLean for Rodgers and Hart.

It's a pretty enough film. Dressed to the nines, spiffed up with Madonna's songs, Everett's wisecracks and all those sunny, expensive L.A. settings, it attracts our attention while telling us what it thinks we want to hear. And it manipulates its characters through remembered routines from other, better movies. Would the moviemakers feel insulted if we called their picture a gay/straight "Kramer vs. Kramer?" Probably not, since that very parallel is drawn in the film's press books - as if it were hard to spot.

The script was written by Thomas Ropelewski - whose unpromising resume includes the 1990 yuppie farce "Madhouse" - and then rewritten (incognito) by Everett. The result suggests sash laced with candy and brandy, though it has its moments. Starting us off with tears, laughter and a ruined romance, the movie shows spurned Yoga instructor Abbie (Madonna) pleading fruitlessly while her heartless boyfriend, Kevin (Michael Vartan), tosses off a snappy exit line ("It's not you; it's me") and guns off in his sports car.

To the rescue comes Abbie's chum, Robert (played by Everett), who proceeds to make an idiot of producer Kevin in front of his rap group co-workers by pretending to be his lover - thereby reclaiming Abbie's keys and self-respect. Before long, the happy pair are celebrating at the digs of Robert's employers, dancing to Fred Astaire records, drinking too much, falling over couches like Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds in "Singing in the Rain" and waking up in bed with guilty

expressions.

So Abbie becomes pregnant, naming Robert as the father. Surprisingly, he agrees to live with her in a non-sexual union, to raise their son together. And the movie speeds us through eight or so years, during which young Sam (Malcolm Stumpf) grows to boyhood, Robert becomes an exemplary dad despite his active social life, and Abbie fills all maternal and spiritual duties while apparently putting herself on sexual hold. Then another nicer, macho stud shows up: New York financial whiz Ben (Benjamin Bratt of TV's "Law & Order"), stumbling his way through Abbie's yoga class and into her heart.

Ben looks like the kind of guy who might interest Robert as well - a source of dramatic conflict the movie never overtly taps. But Robert reacts badly when Ben shows up for his first date and even worse when Ben moves in. Soon the bicoastal couple has fled the bisexual menage, with Sam in tow; Robert has been left alone and the custody court date looms - with Illeana Douglas as Robert's pessimistic advocate.

From that first Astaire-fied orgy, we've proceeded to the brink of Kramer-Kramer Land: with a tormented lonely dad fighting for his son, in a world too ready to believe the absent mother. By the end, the movie's initial champagne buzz has turned soapy, and the Madonna-Everett coupling, despite its initial fizz and snap, has gone soapy too.

Even in the early scenes, though, Abbie is too much a whining victim, too much a subordinate character, and Robert too much a bitchy hero. Ropelewski's initial script may be the problem. But this movie remains full of high Hollywood cliches, despite Everett's reclamation job and the veneer of sophistication and intimacy Schlesinger gives it.

But if "The Next Best Thing" devolves from giddy romp to rueful melodrama, what holds it together is Everett's performance. Robert, whatever his flaws, is another example of a unique "type" the actor has been sharpening and refining for the past few years: a witty and romantic gay male who's comfortable with himself and a guardian angel for his women friends.

But can we believe Lynn Redgrave and Josef Sommer as Robert's parents? Can we believe that Robert and Abbie can remain gardener and yoga instructor while living like movie stars? Or that everything won't ultimately end up well in this L.A. paradise? This movie may not be the next best thing to "Kramer vs. Kramer," but at least it offers one guilty pleasure: Madonna singing an abridged "American Pie" under the end-titles (which may be the next best thing to Don McLean).

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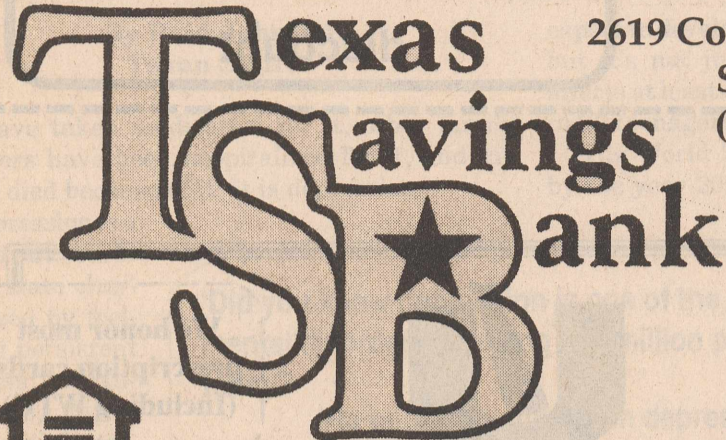


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GLT headed to Mississippi State

By Helen Fare
Texan Staffer

Sam Fare, head of the Golf Landscape Technology (GLT) Department on campus, and three GLT students will attend the 24th annual ALCA Student Career Days March 9-12 at Mississippi State University.

The event is an annual three-day competition bringing together students majoring in horticulture, landscape contracting and landscape architecture programs from more than 40 colleges and universities across the country.

A sponsoring university or college hosts this event at a dif-

ferent location each year.

Regarding the event, Fare said, "It will give the students an excellent opportunity to network with students from other schools as well as meeting potential employers."

Students attending will be Jason Campbell, president of the WTC student chapter; Mike Cole, vice president; and Jason Rios, a chapter member.

The 1999 event was held at the University of Kentucky. "Western Texas College was well represented," said Fare, noting that the WTC team ranked 19th out of the 44 schools that competed.

Four campus students, Bradley Reeves, Michael Cole, Jason Campbell, and Cody Denman, scored in the top 100 of the 648 students that competed.

The Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA) is a trade association which promotes business management skills and the profitability of its members' businesses.

Member firms have direct access to marketing tools, industry specific business publications and business experts who can assist companies in becoming more profitable.

Founded in 1963, ALCA's 2,000 member firms are unique blends of landscape maintenance, installation, design/build contractors, and interior landscape firms.

Grief counselling helpful

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article together was a very different thing."

Some time after the workshop, Trammell was approached by Duffy Wilkes, associate professor of psychology here, about writing an article for the fall 1999 publication of the TCA Journal.

Trammell then put it all together, ultimately eliminating all personal references to the WTC student and the specific incident which generated the original workshop.

Instead, the article takes a broader view on how to manage the various emotions which follow an emotionally traumatic event.

The article breaks down the grief cycle by putting it into

stages, such as shock, anger, depression, and reorganization.

There are also tips on ways to deal with grief, such as creating a memory book, listening to music, talking regularly with a friend, and "doing something to help someone else."

About the workshop and related article, Trammell stressed that all the information in both can be generalized and used for coping with other things.

"It could be the loss of a job, friendship, marriage, or even a dream," said Trammell.

"Maybe this workshop will help people conquer their grief."

The TCA Journal is the official publication of the Texas Counseling Association located in Austin.

PTK members added

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Beard welcomed the group and Ava Russell led the students in the Phi Theta Kappa pledge.

Outgoing sponsor Carolyn Osborn "presented" the new members to the audience of friends and family gathered in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The spring ceremony formally recognizes students inducted both last fall and this spring. The spring inductees included Lina Alvarez of Snyder; Michael Arnold of Jayton; Ben Brown of Snyder; Josh Burney of Snyder; Amber Chisum of Jayton; and Robert Clark of Sweetwater.

Others were Melissa Coker of Roby; Amanda Compton of Snyder; Brittany Drummond of Snyder; Jeffery Ellis of Colorado City; April Fisher of Merkel; Renae Hall of Snyder; Evon Harbour of Colorado City; and Joni Hembree of Hermleigh.

Also, Ashley Herrera of Snyder; Kaleb Herrley of Snyder; Matthew Hughes of Snyder; Marci Irvine of Hermleigh; Bradi Johnson of Snyder; Reid Johnson of Snyder; Josey-Lindsay of Snyder; Melissa Lee of Snyder; and Thomas Lowery of Snyder.

In addition, Sarah Martin of Dickens; Adrienne McJimsey of Snyder; Candace Meares of Mertzon.

Also included were Heather Moon of Muleshoe; George Oliver of Colorado City; and Angela Riggs of Colorado City.

Others inducted were Andrea Robinson of Snyder; Cassie Short of Justiceburg; Angela Syddall of Abilene; Aissata Thiam of Conakry, Guinea; and Tyler Warren of Snyder.

Also, Alissa Wells of Snyder; Carrmon Whitesides of Colorado City; Kory Williams of Stanton; Brandon Williamson of Hermleigh; Cassie Wilson of Palacios; and Phillip Yanez of Rotan.

Among those inducted last fall were Chelsie Birks of Snyder; Brian Brauchi of Pampa; Tiffany Britton of Hawley.

In addition, Jason Campbell of Sweetwater; Michael Cole of Dalhart; and Cherie Dockery of Colorado City.

Others were Brad Easter of Lubbock; Helen Fare of Snyder; Billy Floyd of Rotan.

Also included were David Gamblin of Pampa; Ty Jones of Snyder; Richard Jouett of Paint Rock; Larry Lambaren of Hermleigh; and Gayla Leary of Snyder.

In addition, Gabriel Madrid of Snyder; Leisa Martin of Colorado City; Felix Martinez of Snyder; Daniel Navarette of Goldwithe; Kristen Null of Clovis, N.M.; and Pete Olivarez of Snyder.

Also, Bradley Reeves of San Angelo; Amber Stavley of Snyder; Whitney Kimberly of Lubbock; Crystal Williams of Corpus Christi; Jim Williams of Roscoe; and Stephanie Yanez of Rotan.

Elections for WTC board to decide three positions

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Zalman is the owner/operator of Z-TV in Snyder, a cable access video news operation; and Richburg is the owner of Black Watch Systems, an engineering firm which specializes in security-type systems.

The first date to file as a candidate was Feb. 21 and candidates may file through March 22—the Wednesday following spring break.

The two incumbents seeking re-election are Lee Presswood for Place 5 and Eddie Peterson for

Place 7.

Presswood is an elementary school principal in Snyder first elected in May of 1994. He is completing his first six-year term.

Peterson, owner of Peterson Pharmacy here, was first elected in May of 1994 and is completing his first six-year term.

The WTC Board is comprised of seven seats with each member running at large. Trustees announce for specific seats on the board, although these seats do not represent specific geographic sites within the college district.

To file as a candidate, a person must fill out an application and file it with the executive secretary for the college, Melony Schwertner.

The filing process takes place in the Administration Building.

Any eligible citizen living within the college district—which follows the same legal boundaries as Scurry County—can run for the board with the exception of employees of the college.

The spouse of a WTC employee may run if the WTC employee has worked for the college at least two years prior.

Other current board members are:

—Dr. Jay Kidd, a Snyder dentist and currently serving as president of the board. He was first elected in May of 1992.

—Carolyn Barbee, owner of Barbee Medical Supply and the current board vice president. She was first elected in May of 1992.

—Jackie Green, who works with the family business Jack's Roadboring in Snyder and a board member since May of 1996.

—Drew Bullard, owner of Bullard's Computer Solutions in Snyder and a member since May of 1996.

The board regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. Board elections are held every other year and each trustee serves a six-year term.

Aquifer to publish

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Previous honors won by "Aquifer" are:

—Spring of 1999, honorable mention single magazine "best overall" category; 1st place informational graphic; 1st place story package; 2nd place cover design; 2nd place short story.

—Spring of 1998, honorable mention single magazine "best overall" category; 1st place short story; 1st place essay; 2nd place magazine illustration; 2nd place story packaging; 3rd place magazine cover; 3rd place poetry.

—Spring of 1997, 2nd place, short story; 2nd place, story package; 3rd place, essay.

—Spring of 1996, 1st place, short story; 1st place, essay; 2nd place, poetry.

—Spring of 1995, 1st place, essay; 3rd place, single issue magazine; honorable mention, poetry.

—Spring of 1994, 2nd place, illustration.

—Spring of 1992, 3rd place, essay; 3rd place, opinion.

—Spring of 1991, 1st place, short story; 3rd place, essay; 3rd place, opinion; 3rd place, single issue magazine; honorable mention, poetry.

WTC grad date slated March 20

Monday, March 20, is the last day to apply for graduation for the 2000 spring semester.

Students unsure if they meet all graduation requirements should contact the WTC Counseling office prior to that date.

There is a \$50 fee which covers the application cost, cap, gown and tassel plus five announcements.



Nurse grads

These five recently graduated from the WTC LVN program, making them eligible to take their state exam to become licensed vocational nurses. Recent grads are, from left,

Tami Loving, Colorado City; Melissa Horn, Snyder; Karie Logue, Snyder; Kim Singletary, Snyder; and Leeann Zajicek, Snyder. (Texan Photo)



Pinned

These Licensed Vocational Nursing students were recently "pinned," indicating they have completed the first six-months of their year-long training. Students are, front row, left to right, Mario Gonzalez, Hermleigh; Michel

White, Hermleigh; Karen Burke, Snyder; Sallie Robertson, Snyder; (back row) Roxanne Taylor, Snyder; Amanda Rivera, Snyder; Amanda Huff, Snyder; and Cheyenne Vasquez, Mertzon. (Texan Photo)

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Region V Tourney starts minus WTC Lady Dusters

Girls lose final two games

By Josh Burney
Texan Staffer

A pair of losses at the close of the season kept the Lady Dusters from advancing to the NJCAA Region V tournament, which concluded this past weekend in Lubbock.

The National Junior College Athletic Association Region V basketball tournament women's bracket was to kick off Friday, with Odessa College and Weatherford College facing each other at 10:30 a.m.

All tourney games were to be played at the United Spirit Arena, with the championship game to be played Sunday.

Teams in WTC's conference advancing to the tourney included Howard College, owner of the top spot in the West, followed by Midland College, Odessa College, and New Mexico Junior College, who held the fourth seed.

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) played teams from the Northern Conference.

Grayson County College, with

a perfect 30-0 record, controlled the top rank, followed by Weatherford College. McLennan Community College and Temple Junior College were tied for fourth seed.

The Dusters ended their season with back to back losses to Midland College and Frank Phillips College, a team they had defeated in home play here.

The loss ended the Lady Duster season with a 5-25 record and a 3-11 mark for conference play in Coach Valery Jackson's third season.

In pre-season polls, the Dusters had been picked fourth in the conference.

On Feb. 21, the Lady Dusters provide a scare to the Midland College Lady Chaparrals by forcing them to convert from the free-throw line late in the game to end it 65-59.

The victory brought the Lady Chaparrals record to 24-5 on the year, earning them the conference title.

The title, however, was close to being spoiled for Midland in

the last minutes of the game.

At one point, the Lady Dusters were trailing up to 16 points, before going on a seven 3-pointer rally to cut the margin to only 2 points late in the game.

Carrie Fincher and Mary Cavazos lead the second half charge with two 3-pointers each.

With time running out in the game, WTC was forced to foul, and Midland took advantage from the free-throw line.

WTC closed out the season Feb. 24 against Frank Phillips with a 74-53 loss played in Borger.

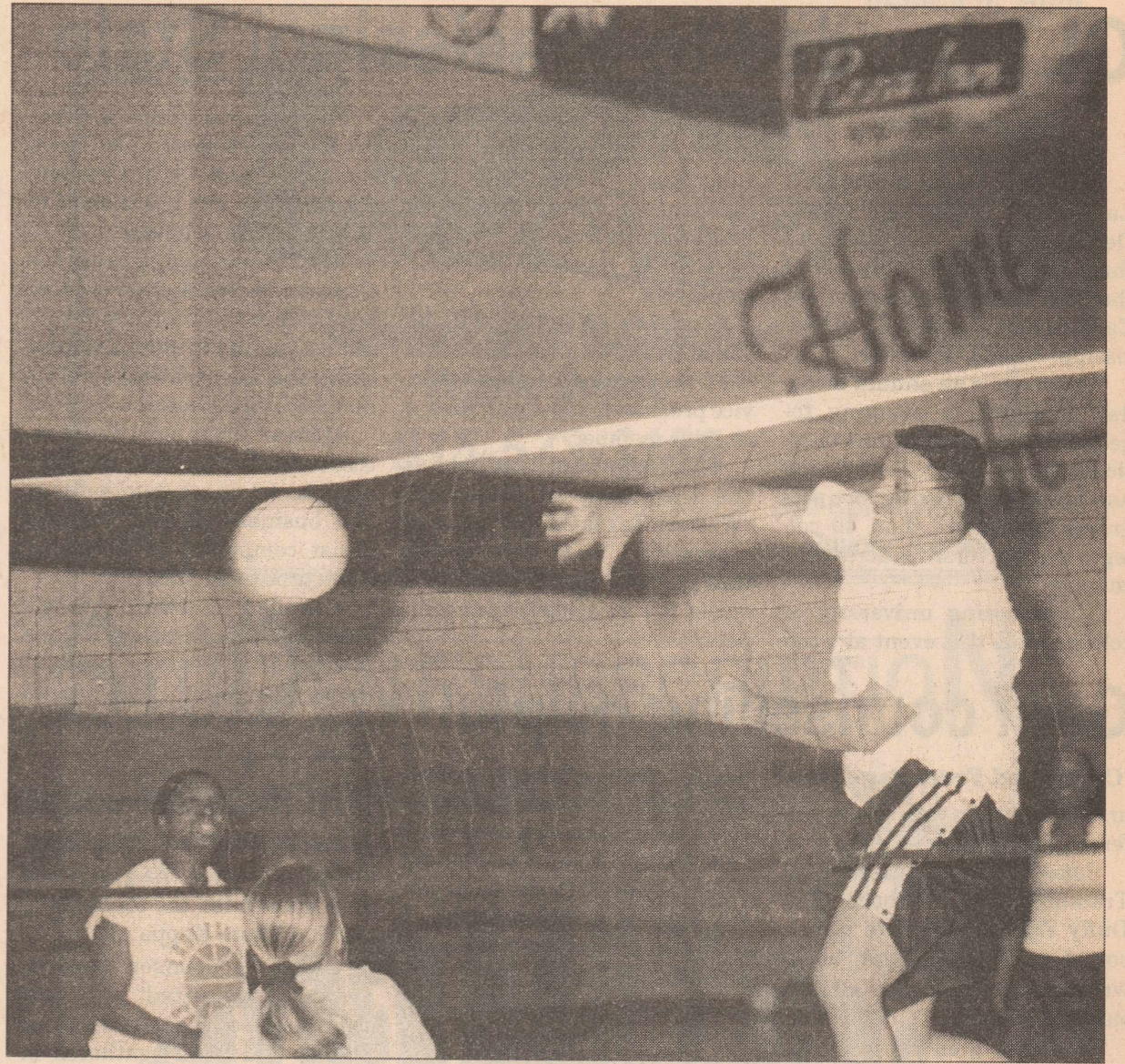
Western Texas trailed the Lady Plainsmen by just 4 points at the half, but sunk only six baskets in the second half to give Frank Phillips the game.

The loss wasn't in tune with WTC's recent turn-around in the closing games of the season.

The Lady Dusters converted on a third of their shots that night, and were only 6-of-26 for the second half.

Akisha Water of the Lady Dusters was "on," however, scoring 15 points, including WTC's first 9 points of the game with a trio of shots from outside the line.

Waters and Danielle Brown posted a team high 15 points each, along with Carrie Fincher who added 7 of her own. Crystal William and LaKeisha Ross each offered up four points, while Charsalynn Mitchell and Mary Cavazos dropped in three apiece. Veronica Hubbard had 2 points.



Net ball

Intramural volleyball was available at the WTC gym Thursday afternoon. Here, Felix Erica Jackson and (facing away) Akisha Waters. (Texan Photo by Ben Brown)

May-Mester classes announced last week

By Lisa Moore
Texan Staffer

May-Mester 2000 will give students a chance to quickly earn three hours college credit in such academic classes as computer science, speech, government, mathematics and psychology as well as vocational credit in computer applications.

In addition, the abbreviated semester—which will last only three weeks—will offer a one-hour credit for physical education class as well as a non-credit developmental math class.

The schedule for May-Mester was released on campus last week with eight classes overall to be offered.

Registration for May-Mester will start May 15 and will wrap up on the 16th. Most classes will begin May 15.

Academic classes are offered both during the morning and at night and will meet a Monday through Friday schedule.

Day classes will meet from 9 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. and night classes will be taught from 6-9:40 p.m.

The single vocational class—POFI 1301 (Computer Applica-

tions)—will meet from 6 until 10:10 p.m. for a nine class schedule beginning May 8. Class meeting times will be May 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, and 31.

The class is mainly for computerized business technology students or people interested in computers, according to instructor Tammy Wesson. There is a limit of 16 people in the class.

Day classes for academic credit will be computer science, government, and college algebra.

COSC 1301 (Introduction to Computers) will be taught by Terri Racher in LRC-111; GOVT 2305 (American Government) will be taught by Kyle Smith in 2C-103; and MATH 1314 (College Algebra) will be taught by Stephanie Ducheneaux in 2C-101.

Also during the day, PHED 2102 will be taught by Valery Jackson and a developmental math class (DMT 031) will be taught by Jennifer Beard.

Night academic classes will include PSYC 2301 (General Psychology), taught by Dennis Cogan in 2C-102; and SPCH 1321 (Bus\Prof Speaking), taught by Helen Cogan in FA-102.

SGA officers to register soon Movies planned in March by SGA

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

The WTC Student Government Association (SGA) is soliciting officer candidates for next school year from among the membership of SGA.

Members interested should contact Debbie Duddleston, activities director, prior to Wednesday, March 8.

Officer positions to be filled are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian and historian.

All officers should be a sophomore in good standing with the college, enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours with a 2.5 grade point average for the previous semester of the election and during the time of office.

During March, the SGA is planning a number of events.

The first movie night is set for tonight beginning at 8 p.m. in the Student Center.

Free popcorn and soft drinks will be provided for this evening's movie.

The next movie night will be March 20 in the Student Center.

A blood drive is slated March 29 in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to noon.

SGA will be painting the WTC logo on the sidewalks of area businesses and individual homes for donations during the month.

Donations will be used to help fund the trip to the state convention (Texas Junior College Student Government Association) to be held in Corpus April 6-9.

Requests for painting the WTC logo can be made by contacting Debbie Duddleston at 573-8511, ext. 276.

Wednesday, March 8, from 3-4 p.m.

Summer jobs session set

Wednesday, March 22, a Summer Jobs Fair is set in the Science Lecture Hall from 1:30-3 p.m., sponsored by the counseling office. Students interested in earning between \$900 and \$1,200 this summer should attend.

Golf begins spring with 4th place finish

The Western Texas College golf team took fourth place in the New Mexico Military Institute tourney at Roswell by shooting rounds of 286 and 300.

It marked the first tournament of spring 2000 for the team. New Mexico Junior College won the event, besting fourth

place WTC by 10 strokes.

Second place went to Midland College, and the University of Texas overcame the Westerners by 5 shots for third place.

Martin Gustafson of the Westerners took sixth place in individual standings by firing rounds of 71 and 74.

Jason McGrath and Scott McLaughlan both scored rounds of 72 and 74, making them tie for seventh place finishings.

Brad Nutt shot 71 and 78, for a total of 149, and Brandon Hicks scored 82 and 78, a 160 total.

WTC was to compete Monday at the Galveston tourney.

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