

Partial reallocation proposed for athletic scholarship funds

By Joshua Burney
Texan Staffer

A portion of the scholarship money that was previously assigned to students in the recently canceled women's basketball and men's golf programs is in the process of being reallocated among other academic and vocational programs.

The programs had a combined scholarship budget of \$101,100, which was funded from three sources, according to Dean of Students George Cormack.

He listed these as the Student Services Fee paid by all WTC students, revenue generated from the WTC dorm, and—by far the largest share—college dis-

trict taxes.

The portion generated by tax dollars made up 81.2 percent of the scholarship budget. This translates into approximately \$82,000.

This amount will be returned to the overall budget, Cormack noted, and was part of the "savings" attributed to eliminating

the two programs.

As profiled to the WTC board, which made the decision to discontinue the programs March 6, these overall savings are estimated at some \$250,000.

The return of the \$82,000 to the general budget leaves some \$19,100 which is to be given out see **FUNDS** page 5

\$250,000 cost savings cited . . .

Sports teams dropped

By Sarah Martin
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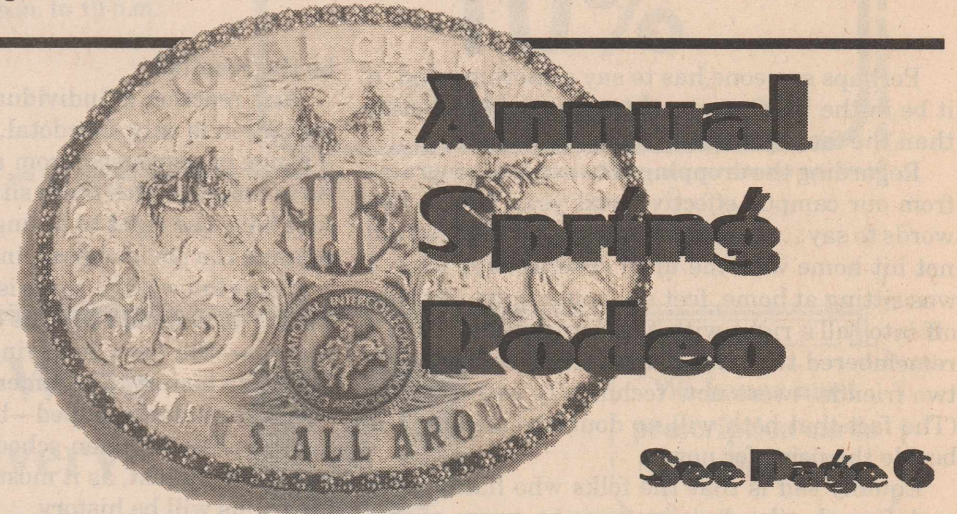
Questions surrounding the future of two WTC athletic programs were answered here last March 6 as the board of trustees voted to discontinue both the men's golf and women's basketball program.

In a meeting attended by several faculty members and Lady Dusters, the board vote was 4-2. The two trustees voting against the elimination of the programs were Carolyn Barbee and R.C. Patton.

With the decision came the non-renewal of two employee contracts, basketball coach Valery Jackson and golf coach and see **TEAMS** page 5

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GED program here offers initial step back into education

By Joyce May
Texan Staffer

They come from various backgrounds and different levels of education, all with their own unique stories as to why they never graduated from high school.

Some dropped out to go to work fulltime or to care for a



Cathy Kelly

She earned her GED degree through the local program and is now enrolled as a WTC college student.

baby. Others, like Cathy Kelly, were just "fed up."

They are students who are in or who have completed the adult basic education program administered through Western Texas College's Continuing Education Division. Some are here to improve their situation in life, others simply to improve themselves.

Not your traditional students, many dropped out of high school years ago.

Kelly quit school right after her junior year.

"I dropped out of high school in the eleventh grade and got married. Sixteen years later I decided to get my GED and I came here to get it. I've been here ever since."

Kelly received her GED, the equivalent of a high school diploma, in 1997 at the age of 34.

She is now enrolled in college courses and is majoring in computerized business technology.

The 37-year-old said she remembers exactly the situation and emotions surrounding her when she dropped out of school.

"It was three days before the end of school my eleventh grade year and the principal told me I couldn't graduate with my class because I had to have two years of physical education," she said. "It was a small school so there was no summer school. The closest place was Big Spring. I would

have had to have a ride to school, so I just got fed up and quit and got married that summer."

Geraldine Parker, one of three adult education teachers at WTC, has helped many students like Kelly during her 10 years working with the program. The other two teachers are Faye Cook and Patsy Williams.

The classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings and nights from 8 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

"We feel that the varying hours provides an opportunity for people to work around their work schedules. We hope to add some more times," Parker said.

Students do not have to attend every class, but rather come when they can.

"We just work with the people who come," Parker said.

The classes are designed to assist persons with reading and math skills and to prepare students to take the GED exam. English as a second language classes are also taught.

"Anyone who wishes to improve reading skills or math skills or any skills may come in," Parker said.

A person must be 17 in order to test for their GED.

Parker said she has seen many people of various ages and backgrounds with different motives come through the program.

"The oldest student we've ever had was 71," she said. "Sometimes the students come because they want to advance in their jobs. More and more we have ones come in and say they know they have to have a GED to get a job. Some come just to improve



Geri Parker

A former Snyder school principal, she now heads the college's GED program. "More and more we have ones come in and say they know they have to have a GED to get a job," she says. (Texan Photo by Ben Brown)

themselves, just to say they have completed their GED, not to go to work, just a personal goal."

Parker said the adult education program has averaged approximately 165 students a year and about 40 people a year earn their GED.

"I'm expecting to have that this year. In the 10 years that I've worked with this, we've had 394 people get their GED. That

averages about 40 a year. I expect to get about 40 graduates this year. I am proud of all of them."

Parker explained that the GED covers five areas including math, literature, science, social studies and writing. The writing portion includes a 200-word essay.

Testing is done when a person see **GED** page 5

WTC board candidates set for April-May vote

Three seek Place 6 position

By Candace Meares
Texan Staffer

The deadline to file as a candidate for the Western Texas College Board of Trustees passed last Wednesday with three candidates announced for Place 6.

The latest to file for the position is Dr. James Hanks, a chiropractor with his own practice here in Snyder. He joined two previously announced candidates, John Zalman III and Scott Richburg.

The contested race for Place 6 developed following the announcement that R.C. Patton, the final seated member of the original WTC board, would not seek re-election.

Patton was first elected to serve on the board in 1969, two years before the college opened for classes.

Hanks has been a candidate for the board one previous time, in 1998, seeking position 4 against incumbent Jay Kidd.

Regarding the other two candidates, 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.

A drawing was held last Thursday to determine the order candidate's names will appear on the ballot.

The drawing for Place 6 set the ballot order: Zalman, Hanks and Richburg.

Absentee voting will begin April 19 and continue through May 2. Election day is May 6.

The upcoming May election includes also two incumbents seeking re-election, Lee Presswood for Place 5 and Eddie

Peterson for Place 7. As the filing deadline passed, both are unopposed.

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 located in Snyder, was first elected in May of 1994 and is also 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 See **ELECTION**, page 5

Psi Zeta has new leaders for 2000-2001

New executive officers for the Psi Zeta Chapter of WTC's Phi Theta Kappa were named last Thursday.

They were elected by a vote of chapter members.

Thomas Lowery of Snyder was named president.

In addition, there were four vice presidents named for each of the four hallmarks of the organization. These officers are: Lina Alvarez of Snyder, vice president for service; Jeff Ellis of Colorado City, vice president for leadership; Renae Hall of Snyder, vice president for scholarship; and Reid Johnson of Snyder, vice president for fellowship.

Also chosen were the chapter communications officer, Chelsie Birks of Snyder; and the treasurer, Jason Campbell of Sweetwater.

Summer jobs possible via Kids College

New director named, applications now being accepted

By Reid Johnson
Texan Staffer

A new director for Western Texas College's Kids College has been named and planning is now underway for the annual summer community event.

Newly named director Liffin Molter says she hopes this year's effort will be both bigger and better than previous years.

In addition, applications for Kids College workers are now being accepted.

Job opportunities presented by Kids' College include several instructors, guest speakers and staffers serving as "runners."

The runners or assistants will help the students with their class projects and the teachers with their various tasks.

Molter said it is an excellent

opportunity for area-wide high school and college-age students to earn some extra income this summer.

Anyone interested in employment may contact her at WTC on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9-2:30 p.m.

Kids' College is slated June 12-22. Parents may bring their youngsters from 1-4:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday.

Classes will be offered for children ages kindergarten through 6th grade. For three to five-year-see **KIDS** page 5

SGA elections set for April 12

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

WTC Student Government Association (SGA) officers for the year 2000-2001 will be elected April 12 by their fellow SGA members during the regular SGA meeting time.

Members running for office include Lina Alvarez and Calli Pierce for president; Crystal Purser for vice president; Lisa

Campbell for secretary. Also, Jason Campbell for treasurer; and Aimee Beam for historian.

SGA members will be attending their State Convention which will be held in Corpus Christi April 6-9.

SGA will leave on Wednesday, April 5, stopping to spend the night in San Antonio and see **SGA**, page 5

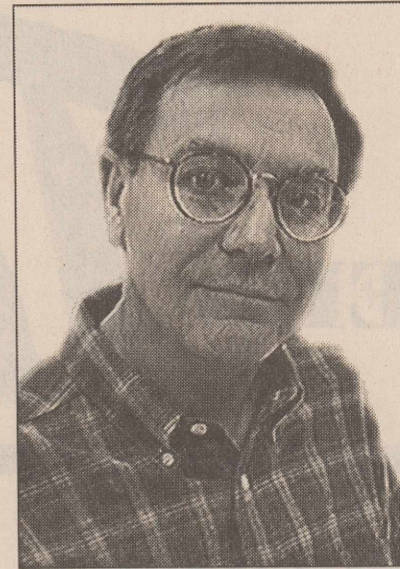


Submission date passes

Submissions for the 2000 "Aquifer," WTC's literary magazine, are now complete. The editors report some 35 poems and 10 essays submitted. From this list, works will be selected for final publication. Both art and publication design students are now illustrating the submitted works. The new "Aquifer" is expected to be given out to students at Awards Day

Sports decision 'sad, sad;' but

By Donny Brown
Faculty Adviser



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At this point, these are future tense speculations. The decisions regarding sports are present tense, and they still have a lingering ache. In the end, I just believe that “dubuw-tee-see” isn’t going anywhere, and I’m not referring to direction. I mean we’re here, we’re real and we remain a force to be reckoned with.

OPINION PAGE

Perhaps someone has to say something and, if it be in the WTC student newspaper, who better than the faculty adviser?

Regarding the dropping of two sports programs from our campus effective next year, I have two words to say . . . sad, sad. The general reaction did not hit home with me until several days later. I was sitting at home, feet up, house quiet, drifting off into “all’s right with the worldsville.” Then I remembered that two of my faculty colleagues—two friends—were now technically without jobs. (The fact that both will no doubt bounce back is beside the point for now).

Equally sad is that the folks who had to ultimately make the decision were as aware of this fact as I. It’s too simple to state, but these were hard decisions from which no one came away pleased with the outcome.

It is worth saying again, however, that the stated reasons for dropping the programs were business rather than personal. No one questioned the jobs being done. The end decision related to money, and most of us know more about that subject—or the lack there of—than we’d like.

What, then, has been the reaction and what will

be the results?

Any reaction is individualized. My polling information is only anecdotal, but I’ve encountered a range of responses, from anger to indifference. As is common with these situations, those closest to it have the right to be angry. Those unaffected assume the obvious pose, indifference.

To my knowledge, there is no organized protest. This is as it should be. The decision is made. The reasons—the ones involving money—were real. There is a history to be remembered—the victories won, the students helped—but the fact is, at least for the present, when school year 2000-2001 begins next August, as it most certainly will, these programs will be history.

There is a third reaction I’ve encountered. The first two—the anger and the indifference—I will defend. Folks have a right to feel that way. It is the third, however, which bothers me the most. This is a school of thought that says, “Bygones, they done cut another program out d’er at dubuw-tee-see. That’s school’s going down hill, boyhowdy.” I should throw in a hillbilly accent and a spit of tobacco juice at the end, because, if you haven’t noticed, I’m making fun of this third reaction.

WTC has mass. Its mass perhaps has shrunk a bit, but consider the considerable bulk which is left. The institution’s primary focus is instruction. The loss of sports programs is sad. The loss of colleagues is sad. Any reduction to our wonderment is sad. But these are adjustments, not death.

The majority of folks in Scurry County and the multi-county region we serve don’t realize what wonderful things are ahead. The college will continue to be a strong educational and economic force for our community and our area. The new technologies are going to reveal wonderful changes in instruction. The role of the college is going to expand to serve a more divergent group of students. In fact, forget your old concept of “student.” It is going to be you.

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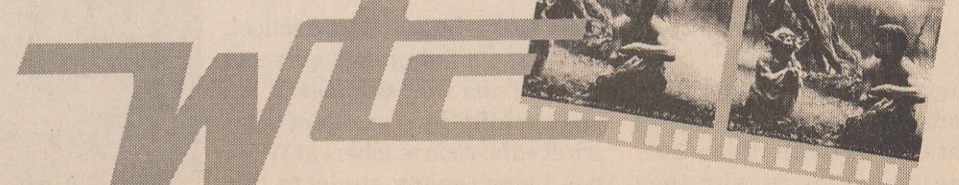
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Film Clips



FILM CLIPS

BOILER ROOM. A 19-year-old college dropout is recruited by a high-stakes brokerage firm where the brokers become millionaires, and ruthless businessmen, within a short time frame. 1:59. R. 2-1/2 stars. - M.C.

THE CIDERHOUSE RULES. This is a coming-of-age tale about New England orphan Homer Wells' (Tobey Maguire) initiation into the world. Michael Caine co-stars in this deliberately old-fashioned, yet successful, film about first love, the World War II home front and social consciousness. R. 2:09. 3-1/2 stars. - M.W.

DETERRENCE. A political thriller, set in a diner in 2008, in which the president of the United States, responding to attacks on South Korea and Kuwait, makes a threat to drop a nuclear bomb on Baghdad while debating with his advisers and arguing with local patrons. R. 1:41. One star. - M.W.

DIAMONDS. Kirk Douglas stars in this emotionally callow movie about three generations of a family who hit the road in search of hidden treasure; only to discover more about each other along the way. 1:29. PG-13. 2 stars. - M.W.

DROWNING MONA. A comedy murder mystery about a group of dimwitted townsfolk who haplessly try to solve a murder mystery in which the victim - Mona Dearly (Bette Midler) - was so vile-tempered and nauseating that everyone in town who had ever met her is a suspect. PG-13. 1:35. 1-1/2 stars. - M.W.

ERIN BROCKOVICH. Julia Roberts stars as Erin Brockovich, a Los Angeles working mother who parleys a job as a file clerk at a seedy law office into a self-created position as head investigator in a lawsuit against a California utility giant that is contaminating the water supply. R. 2:11. 4 stars. - M.W.

FINAL DESTINATION. After a 17-year-old visualizes that the plane he and his classmates are on explodes midair and that all on board meet their final destination - death - he and six others leave the aircraft, only to struggle to stay alive on the ground. R. 1:30. 1-1/2 stars. - B.S.

GHOST DOG: THE WAY OF THE SAMURAI. A mystical hit man, Ghost Dog (Forest Whitaker), is forced to defend his life when he kills his 13th victim as ordered; however, the victim's lover, who happens to be a Mafioso's daughter, witnesses the crime. 1:56. R. 3 stars. - M.W.

THE GREEN MILE. Writer-director Frank Darabont ("The Shawshank Redemption") creates another inspirational prison picture with his adaptation of "The Green Mile," starring Tom Hanks and big-screen neophyte Michael Clarke Duncan.

Hanks plays Paul Edgecomb, a good-natured prison guard who develops a strange relationship with convicted rapist-murderer John Coffey (Duncan). Edgecomb gradually comes to believe that Coffey, whose burly physical stature is overshadowed by his gentle demeanor, is not only innocent of all of his crimes, but a hero and a mystical healer. R. 2:57. 3 stars. - M.W.

HANGING UP. Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton and Lisa Kudrow star in this humorous memoir about the relationship between three sisters whose father's death appears to be imminent. 1:32. PG-13. 3 stars. - M.W.

HERE ON EARTH. A spoiled rich kid who is sentenced to community service for participating in a costly prank falls in love with local waitress and eventually becomes entangled in a bitter teenage love triangle. PG-13. 1:36. 1-1/2 stars. - M.W.

THE HURRICANE. Denzel Washington gives an outstanding performance in this offbeat sports docu-drama with a keen contemporary edge that tells the story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a middleweight boxer of the mid-'60s who was wrongly convicted of a triple murder and unjustly imprisoned for 22 years. R. 2:26. 4 stars. - M.W.

MISSION TO MARS. A NASA-sanctioned space adventure movie that imagines what things will be like in 2020, when a core group of astronauts make two seemingly blighted expeditions to Mars. PG. 1:53. 3 stars. - M.W.

MY DOG SKIP. When his best friend is shipped off to serve in World War II, a shy 9-year-old becomes fast friends with the new puppy his mother brings home to help him adjust. PG. 1:35. 3 stars. - M.E.

THE NEXT BEST THING. Real-life buddies Rupert Everett and Madonna star in "The Next Best Thing," a contemporary romantic comedy about the troubled lives of a gay male gardener and his straight female best friend. PG-13. 1:50. 2-1/2 stars. - M.W.

THE NINTH GATE. A chase-horror thriller in which international bookfinder Dean Corso (Johnny Depp), on a deadly hunt for a 17th Century Satanic text, falls gradually into the clutches of Lucifer himself. R. 2:07. 3 stars. - M.W.

REINDEER GAMES. A recently released convict (Ben Affleck), who assumes the identity of his deceased former cellmate, becomes entangled with a sinister bunch of casino robbers (led by Gary Sinise) in this John Frankenheimer thriller. R. 1:38. 2-1/2 stars. - M.W.

SHOW ME LOVE. A teenie comedy-drama set in Sweden in which two realistic girls become romantically involved and are forced to deal with issues of youthful alienation, sexual identity and small-town malaise. Swedish, with English subtitles. No MPAA rating. 1:29. 2 stars. - M.W.

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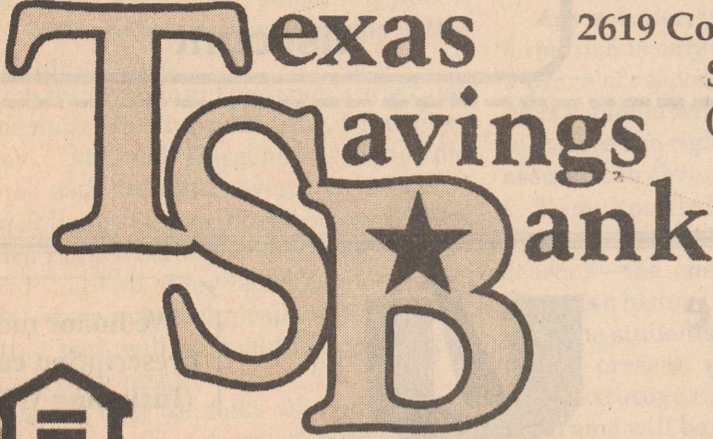
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Teams eliminated with trustee vote

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athletic director Milton Ham. Many factors, including the area's declining mineral values, were noted as contributing to the decision.

In order to maintain the sports programs, administrative officials estimated some \$250,000 would have to be taken from reserve funds. This would be in addition to \$250,000 taken from reserves last year to fund sports.

Cutting the programs was just one option to solving the budget problems, said Dr. Harry Krenek at the meeting. As the program involves a "substantial amount of money," he said, it was an important one.

Other options presented to the board included the cutting of technical programs and the option of "slimming" down academic programs to the barest

essentials.

"Every option, just like the athletic one, has consequences," stated Dr. Krenek. "That's why this decision is such a difficult one."

Coach Jackson had prepared a report that was submitted to the board comparing the budgets of other schools' athletic programs to WTC's. Two things noted absent but necessary by the report were an assistant coach and an athletic trainer. Her report also noted a need for more money for recruitment and a return to the coliseum.

"If we were really going to do this program right," stated one board member, "we'd probably need to spend even more money than we did last year."

According to Dr. Krenek, this would be "approximately \$31,000, plus the trainer, plus the coliseum rental."

"That's what we'd have to put into the program to make it competitive with the top four programs in the conference, based on what Coach Jackson submitted," said Dr. Krenek.

"Everything has consequences. Something or someone is going to suffer regardless, unless we can enhance revenue and we see no reasonable way to do that."

The board was provided with letters from parents and other coaches in the conference, as well as a petition that was circulated on campus a few weeks ago. They also had figures indicating expenses and revenue generated by both the basketball and golf programs.

"It's not a surprise. We knew it was coming," said Krenek during the meeting. "It's not any more pleasant for knowing it was coming."

One board member voiced concerns for the future of the athletes individually, bringing up their scholarships for the coming semester. Dr. Krenek said that all scholarships will be honored at the same level they are receiving right now. (see related story).

"It makes the decision that much tougher because they have been such good students and have represented the campus so well," said Dr. Krenek.



Attend PTK regional

These members of the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa attended the Regional Convention in Austin March 16-19. Shown with adviser Ava Russell (standing, left) are studen-

members, from left, Lina Alvarez, Brad Williams, Maria Bilano and Thomas Lowery. (PTK Photo)

WTC reps attend PTK conference

By Helen Fare
Texan Staffer

Representatives from the WTC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa attended the Regional Convention in Austin March 16-19 and, for the 29th time, Psi Zeta was among those awarded 5-star status.

"This award is the highest given in Phi Theta Kappa and is based on community and campus involvement," says Jennifer Beard.

"It takes a lot of time and commitment to attain the top level award," she said. Attending the event Beard and fellow adviser Ava Russell and four students, Thomas Lowery, Lina Alvarez, Maria Bilano and Brad Williams.

The WTC chapter also received a service award from the El Paso chapter for its support of an orphanage in Juarez.

Play 'Rain' to be student directed

A student-directed play will be offered by the WTC Drama Department in April. The play, "Rain," by Garry Williams, will be directed by WTC student Angel Ociel Castelan.

Performances are slated April 25 and 27 during the campus activity period which begins at 10:45 a.m.

Auditions for the play's characters were held here March 8-9.

\$500 scholarships offered sophomores by Social Science

The WTC Social Science Department is now accepting applications for \$1,000 in scholarship monies available to returning WTC sophomores next school year.

Two sophomores will be awarded the scholarships, receiving \$250 for each semester.

Interested individuals should contact a member of the department, either Division Chairman Lee Burke or faculty members Robert Adams, Jim Durham, Jack Price, Kyle Smith or Duffy Wilks.

Scholarship funds to be reallocated

Continued From Page One in the form of other scholarships.

Under the previous arrangement, ten "full ride" scholarships—constituting books, tuition, fees, and housing—were given for women's basketball and eight for men's golf.

In addition, three students received partial scholarships for serving as trainers or assistant coaches in the basketball program.

Together, these 21 scholarships amounted to the \$101,100 attributed to athletic scholarships associated with the two

programs.

Regarding the remaining \$19,100, Cormack said a special committee has been formed to consider how these moneys are to be allocated.

Individuals volunteering to serve on the committee include Cormack, who will chair it, and faculty members Tammy Wesson, Jennifer Beard, Merry Trammell and Donny Brown.

Cormack also noted that students in the basketball and golf programs will have their scholarships honored next year if they decide to return to WTC.

SGA to attend event

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continuing on to Corpus Christi the next morning.

The convention will consist of various workshops, activities, and a general session.

The local SGA chapter will be running for "host" of next year's regional convention. This decision will be made at the upcoming state event.

SGA officers attending will include Chris Holt, president; Shana Parkerson, vice president; Jason Campbell, treasurer; and Angela Riggs, historian.

Members attending will include Michael Cole, Lina Alvarez, Brad Easter, Kristen Kuhl, Laurie Kerly, Lindsay Josey, Lisa Campbell, Matt Pond and Calli Pierce.

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first comes into the program to decide which areas they need assistance in.

A practice GED test is also given.

"It is very much like the GED. It tests the same concepts that the GED covers," Parker said.

The adult education classes are free. However, when a student is ready to take the GED test, the fee is \$60.

"Each part of the test is separate and can be taken separately. It does not have to be taken at one time," Parker explained. "If one part is failed, it can be retaken without having to retake the whole test."

Parker said one asset that WTC has is that the campus has an official GED test administrator, Emily Hataway.

"We are an official test site," Parker said. "This is an asset because our students are already used to coming to the campus. The students don't have the anxiousness of going to a strange place. [Hataway] tests right here."

Students in the adult education classes move at their own speed.

"You go at your own pace. Studies are individualized," Parker said. "I remember one lady passed everything but math. It took her two years but she hung in there and got it. She was so determined."

Parker said she has also had students in the adult education classes that have graduated from high school.

"We've had people who have had high school diplomas come back as a refresher. Some may want help in some areas for the college entrance exam. We'll try to do that."

Parker said she also sees students who have been referred by the Texas Workforce Commission or by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

Election date passes for trustee positions

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board, although these seats do not represent specific geographic sites within the college district.

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.

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.

GED aids some 165 annually

"Sometimes getting a GED is court ordered."

Parker said she has seen many success stories over the years.

"We've had students in the adult education classes go on to graduate from WTC and we've

graduated from WTC.

Others, like Kelly, are currently enrolled at the college.

It was a little over four years ago when Kelly's husband Don became disabled.

"I knew if I was going to be

"Getting my GED and then continuing my education has given me more self-confidence. I am more sure that I can work and survive and take care of my son."

Kelly said she believes everyone should continue learning.

"I think a person should never stop learning. Whether they go to school, teach themselves or whatever. They should never stop learning."

Watching the students progress touches her heart, Parker said.

"I think one of the interesting things about adult education is that they are so pleased when they make progress. It is heartwarming to watch them find out that they can achieve and can do advanced work. It is very heartwarming," Parker said.

'In the 10 years that I've worked with this, we've had 394 people get their GED. That averages about 40 a year. I expect to get about 40 graduates this year. I am proud of all of them.'—Geri Parker

had some go on to four-year colleges and complete their education."

She said the program has also seen other students go on to complete Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater and the correctional officer training pro-

able to survive in the future, I was going to have to have a good job."

Kelly also has an eight-year-old son to consider.

"This is the best idea I ever had," she says of her decision to return to school.

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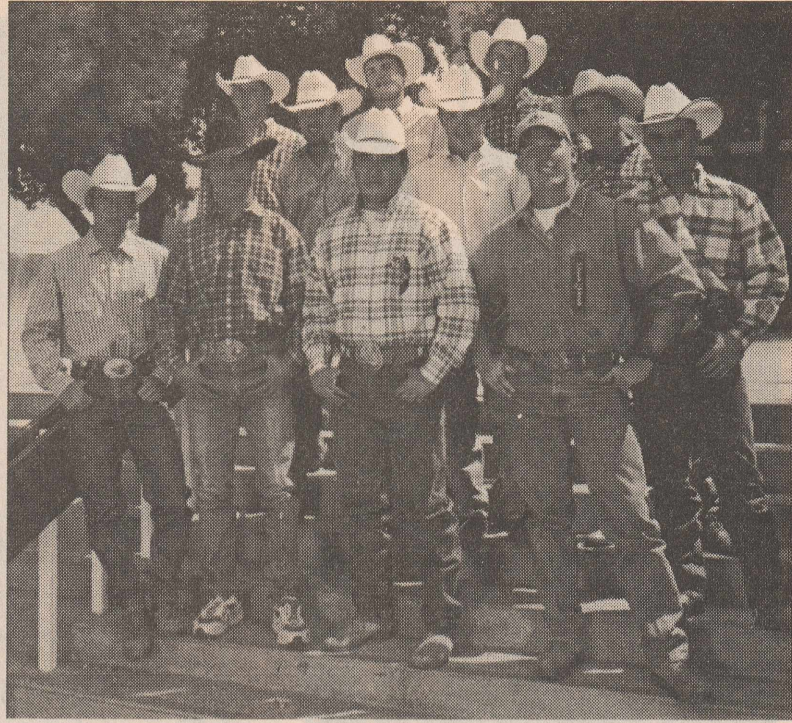
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Breakaway ropers

Breakaway ropers for the team are (top row, from left) Sequin Downey, Cassie Short, Erin Kelly, Tracy Brooks, Kacy Henard, (bottom row) Brandee Brock, Terra Bynum, Jamie Standifer, Jill Childers, and Tibba Smith. (WTC Photo)



Calf Ropers

Calf roping team members are (front row, left to right) Ryon Swink, Bill Herbert, Tyke Salazar, and Justin Herrington; (middle row) Cimarron Boardman, and Bobby Sellers; (back row) Houston Hutto, Dusty Arrott, and Ryan Brewer. (WTC Photo)



Barrel Racers

Team members shown are, from left, Brandee Brock, Sequin Downey, Terra Bynum, Kacy Henard, Jamie Standifer, Tracy Brooks, and Tibba Smith and Erin Kelley. (WTC Photo)

At NMJC event March 16-18 . . .

Rodeo men, women finish 1st

By Kacy Henard
Texan Staffer

WTC men's and women's rodeo teams both took first place at the NMJC college rodeo, held March 16-18.

The men's team did well, having a total of seven men making it back to the short-go. In the timed events, Houston Hutto, WTC calf roper, took second place honors in the short-go and also in the average.

Steer wrestling was dominated by fellow teammate Luke Richards, who was also second in the average in his event.

WTC was also well represented in the rough stock events. WTC had four team members make it to the short-go in the saddle bronc riding.

Rawley McFarland topped out, placing second in the overall average, while Brandon Mayberry and Jeff Cavey took

third and fourth in the average.

The All Around Cowgirl title went to WTC cowgirl, Brandee Brock, who helped the women's team win their first team title this year. She dominated the breakaway roping, winning the short-go and also the average with a total time of 6.2 seconds on two head.

Kacy Henard, also of WTC, was fourth in the average with a time of 7.0 on two head.

Goat tying honors went to fellow teammate Jill Childers. She won the short-go and the average. Jamie Standifer, also of WTC, was not far behind, winning third in the short-go and fourth in the average.

Barrel racing was the last event that the girl's team had a shot at, and Brandee Brock took advantage of this. She ended up second in the average, while fellow teammate Terra Kay Bynum

placed third in the short-go.

The women's team point total was enough to inch ahead of the second place team WTAM, and continue their race to try to win the region team title. The men's team continues to lead the region in point standing with a

total of 1,345.

Both teams traveled to Odessa this past weekend to compete at the annual OC college rodeo. This coming weekend they will be close to home, making an appearance at the Howard College rodeo in Big Spring.



Bull Riders

Riding bulls for the WTC team are (front row, from left) Bee Jay Scott and Kent Aikin; (middle row) Ryan Greenlee, Justin French, Casey Baize, and Wes Dinwiddie; (back row) Brandon Mayberry, Bill Herbert, Wacey Barta, and Brock Milloy. (WTC Photo)

Golfers place 10th, 15th at Weatherford, Galveston

The WTC golfers competed last Tuesday at the Weatherford Invitational, coming away with 10th place.

Western Texas played an opening round of 324 and a finishing score of 319. The tournament was won by Tyler Junior College.

James Higdon scored an 83 and a 76, to finish with 159. Martin Gustafson shot 81-79, 160, and Scott McLauchlan had 79-82, for 161.

Brandon Hicks scored an 81-86, 167, and Cory Mahaney had 87-82, 169.

The Western Texas Golf Team labored a bit at the Galveston Invitational last March 5-7.

WTC scored rounds of 313 and 311, which had them finishing the tournament ranked 15th out of 20 teams. The winner of the event was San Jacinto, finishing first with a 296-293, combined for a 589.

For WTC, Scott McLauchlan shot two rounds of 77 each for a total of 154; and Michael Hanson finished just one stroke under that with rounds of 75-80, 155.

James Higdon shot an 85-73, 158. Steven Fraser finished with an 80-81, 161, and Cory Mahaney closed with 81-88, 169.

Western Texas was to be back to the greens today, March 27, and tomorrow at the Midland Tournament.

WTC Rodeo set April 6-8

The 2000 WTC Rodeo will be held April 6-8, Thursday through Saturday, returning to the Scurry County Coliseum.

Stock Contractor for the event will be Harry Vold of Avondale, Colo.; and Ben Clements of Odessa is set to announce the event.

Gerry Byrn from Woodway will be the bullfighter. Judges are to be Ronnie Ray of Stephenville; Mike Todd from Rocksprings; and Buddy Reynolds of Eula.

The final night of the rodeo Saturday, April 8, will be followed by the traditional rodeo dance, sponsored by the Scurry County Rodeo Association. It will be at the Scurry County Rodeo Association Arena on Gary Brewer Road from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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