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TASP Boost Hours

Michelle Scott

This semester at WTC there are 1190 students enrolled. That is an increase of 6% from 1988 spring semester. Contact hours have increased by 7% over the previous spring semester, also.

"The Scurry county enrollment is down, but the extension centers are taking up a lot of the slack," said Dan Devers, WTC Registrar.

Devers believes that

the extension centers are up because of the TASP test, but he said "they will never know for sure". Devers thinks there will be a pretty good enrollment in the summer session because of the TASP test requirement.

Seniors in high school have to take the TASP test or 3 semester hours before the fall semester to be able to enter a college. Seniors that are enrolled as early admission students with 3 hours do not have to take the test.

TASP Test Scheduled

Kay Carrizales

The first Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test for WTC students will be held at the Scurry County Coliseum on March 4.

According to Dan Osborn, WTC counsler, the test must be taken by all students who will not have at least three hours of college credit before August 31, 1989 and by all education majors unless they have taken the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST).

The test must be taken before starting college and must be passed before a student can take junior or

senior level college work. If the test is failed, it may be retaken.

Students wishing to take the test must pick up a registration packet at the counseling center a month before the test is scheduled to be administered. A \$24 fee is required for testing. The cut-off date for taking the March 4 test was Feb. 3. However, late registration will be held from Feb. 6 to Feb. 22. Late registration is by phone only and an extra fee will be required.

Study guides for the TASP test are available at the counsling center. For more information call the counsling center at ext. 313.

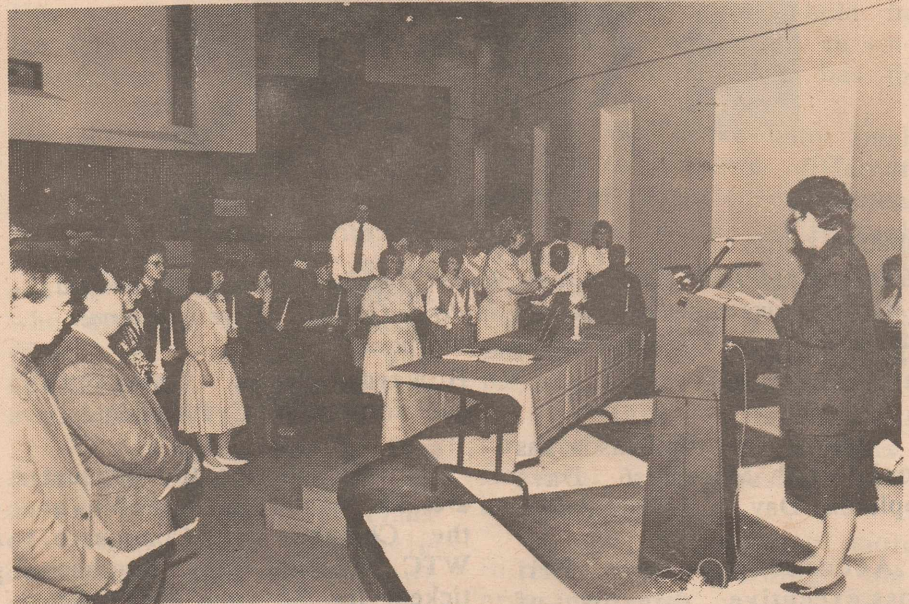


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PTK CEREMONIES: Dr. Mary Hood, Phi Theta Kappa advisor, speaks at the induction ceremonies for new members of the organization. PTK is an honor society for students who maintain a 3.2 grade point average.

PTK Inducts Members

Kay Carrizales

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held their annual induction of new members on Sunday, Feb 12 in the WTC Fine Arts Theater.

Inductees from the fall semester were: Mohammed Ali, of Pakistan; Lenore Castro, Aspermont; Chawn Cummings, Richardson; Ila Kay Gross, Knox City; Tim Howard, Davinport Iowa; Bryan Hulsey, Perryton; Rebecca Irwin, Hermleigh; Kevin Loranc, Roscoe; Kayhryn Reynolds, Ira; Ed Salonus, Sweetwater; and Russell Glanton, Julie Newberry, and Bobbie Stearmer, all of Snyder.

Spring inductees were: Zane Benson, Michelle Cox, and Bryan Duckworth, all of San Angelo; Margie Barnhill, Sweetwater; David Beard, Graham; Aaron Brown, Roscoe; Vicky Chavez, Haskell; Shea Fenton, Hermleigh; Gina Ford, Fort

Stockton; Israel Garza, Abilene; Cameron Hopson, Shallowwater; and Lance Jones, Andrews. Other spring inductees include: Tonya Lincoln, Stanton; Robert Lloyd, Dalhart; Marla McCoy, Aspermont; Teresa Munoz, Loraine; Greg Parker, Albany; Lisa Sorrels, Maryneal; Lori Tate, Hermleigh; Terry Whicher, Borger; and Deborah Boyd, Kay Carrizales, Tami Castillo, Barbra Chapman, Susan Garcia, Robert Lane, H. Don Murray, Jr., Eddie Parks, Gigi Tharpe, and Andrea Veazey, all of Snyder.

Induction into the PTK is by invitation only and, according to Dr. Mary Hood, PTK Advisor, in order to qualify a student must have completed at least 12 semester hours, have at least a 3.2 grade point average and be of good moral charater. The PTK is founded on the principals of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.

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Summer Camps:

Dr. Duane Hood has announced that there will be two summer camps held on the WTC Campus this summer. Tony Mauldin's 1989 Boys Basketball Camp will be held June 19 - 23, 1989 and the Church of Christ Bible Camp will be held July 9 - 14, 1989.

Features

Appleton Day



Publicity photo

WORLD CHAMPION: Dave Appleton, World Champion Cowboy, will be honored on March 6 during special ceremonies in Snyder and at WTC. Dave is a former rodeo contestant for WTC who now calls Snyder "home."

Kay Carrizales

Howard Payne University and former WTC President.

Mayor Troy Williamson has proclaimed March 6 Dave Appleton Day.

According to Bill Moss, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, the main event planned is a dinner honoring Appleton to be held at 7 p.m. on March 6 in the National Guard Armory. Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Quail Dobbs, 1988 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Clown of the Year. The featured speaker will be Dr. Don Newberry, President of

Tickets for the banquet are \$5 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce. WTC students may purchase tickets for \$2 from the office of Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities and reduced priced tickets are also available for students at local high and jr. high schools.

Appleton graduated Suma Cum Laude from WTC in 1982, attaining an Associate of Science degree in welding with a 4.0 Grade Point Average.

Mr. & Miss Trailhand



photo by Howard Bigham **AND THE WINNERS ARE!:** The 1989 winners of Mr. and Miss Trailhand contest were Allison Adams and John Pyburn, both from Snyder. Votes for the competition were tabulated by the number of pennies deposited for each contestant.

Lisa Stark

John Pyburn and Allison Adams, both of Snyder, were selected to represent WTC as Mr. and Miss Trailhand during the Spring 1989 semester.

The winners of the Mr. and Miss Trailhand competition were announced at

halftime during the Westerners basketball game on Feb. 13. The competition was sponsored by PTK. Winners were selected on the basis of the amount of money raised, with votes costing a penny each. All proceeds from the Mr. and Miss Trailhand competition go to the PTK Honor Society.

Student Celebrates Mardi Gras At Home

Kay Carrizales

S/Sgt. Jon Alexander, WTC student and local Army recruiter, returned home to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras.

According to Alexander, Mardi Gras was established as a way to prepare for Lent, as the last big party before the forty days abstinence.

Mardi Gras is held from the third week of Jan. until Feb. 7, with the big party being held on the last day of the celebration.

Commenting on his personal feelings about Mardi Gras, Alexander said "Coming back home for it was really great. You meet people from

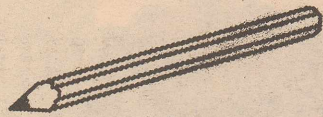
all over the United States. I saw family that I hadn't seen for a while and just hung out. That is what Mardi Gras is all about. New Orleans is known as 'the city that care forgot' so during Mardi Gras time anyone, no matter how sheltered can go New Orleans and get lost in the sea of people and be anyone you want to be and do whatever you want to do as long as you are in the law."

Alexander also said "Mardi Gras is not the time to see New Orleans and get to know the city but if you like parties it is the time to go. If you like to do something different and also go on a trip with some historical significance, New Orleans is definitely the place to go."



photo by Howard Bigham

THE CONTESTANTS WERE....: Pictured, in the usual order, front row first, are: Julie Roewe; Donna Aiken; Zane Benson; Chawn Cummings. Second row: Shondra Robinson; Allison Adams; Lester White; John Pyburn; and in the back: Barry Byrd.



Poet Wins

Kay Carrizales

Gigi Tharpe, Snyder, will have a poem published in the 1989 World of Poetry.

Tharpe, a freshman from WTC, won honorable mention in the World of Poetry contest and was selected for publication in the next issue of World of Poetry, due to be published in March of 1989.

Tharpe said she was excited about winning. "I have been writing poetry for twelve years since I was in high school and I never thought this would happen. I will continue to write, but only as a hobby."

Tharpe got the idea of entering a poem when she read an announcement advertising the contest on the bulletin board outside the journalism room in the student center.

Tharpe has this advice for people who wish to write "I recommend all aspiring writers to just try. You never know what will happen"



photo by Howard Bigham

A Child's Life

by Gigi Tharpe

A life of a child should be one of love and joy, being full of surprises for every girl and boy. Each child should be full of hope, faith, and trust, allowing each blossoming curiosity to grow, not rust. Being a child should mean laughing and having fun, a life of learning, exploring, and running in the sun. A child must learn to know he has a friend, a person who will love and trust him to the end. Parent or legal guardian, one must learn to be free. They must learn to see as a child would see. Yes, a life of a child should be one of love and joy, being full of surprises for every girl and boy.

Who's Who Selected

Howard Bigham

Twenty-six sophomore students at Western Texas College have been selected for the 1989 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Who's Who students will be recognized at WTC's annual Awards Day program and will be presented certificates at that time.

Who's Who students are selected by campus nominating committees at more than 1,400 institutions in all 50 states and the district of Columbia. A Who's Who directory has been published since 1934.

WTC students in the new Who's Who directory are: Lance Jones-Andrews; Vicky Maloney-Colorado City; Tim Howard-Davenport, Iowa; Anthony Lopez-Eldorado; Michelle Pena-Hamlin; Gary

Schoen-Hamilton; Julie Roewe-Haskell; Ila Kay Gross-Knox City; Chawn Cummings-Richardson; Allison Adams, Jignesh Bhakta, Howard Bigham, Mary Gill, Kathryn Hall, Stacie Hart, David Holley, Larry Jay McGee, Tonia Robinson, Linda Kay Schwarz, Sheila Martin Sorrells, Julie Lou Strunk, Cindy Tolbert, Tammy Williamson, Dale Williamson and Amy Wilson of Snyder and; Edward Salonus from Sweetwater.

Former WTC students Enoch Browning and Thomas Parks, both of Snyder, recently graduated from Tarleton State University.

WTC Fine Arts Hosts Special Day

The WTC Fine Arts Department hosted a Fine Arts Day on Feb. 18. Students, teachers, parents, and school counselors from Snyder and area schools participated in the activities.

John Gibson, Fine Arts Division Chairman, stated that he was pleased with the participation in the event and he feels that the students who attended were impressed with the facilities and educational opportunities available at WTC.

Activities during Fine Arts Day are designed to answer questions about plans of study and to help determine the type of program that individual students would find most beneficial.

Discussions centered

about opportunities in the arts, music, theater, and photography.

Demonstrations were held in some of the areas with an emphasis on what WTC has to offer in the arts.

"We broke into small groups to explore different kinds of artistic expression and to help individual students find areas of particular interest. Participants were exposed to pottery, music, drawing, and painting," said Gibson.

Other presentations covered degree programs, financial aid, housing, and scholarships.

Anyone needing more information regarding the programs may contact: Fine Arts Division, Western Texas College, Snyder, TX 79549, or call (915) 573-8511, ext.. 234.

PTK To Attend State Convention

Michelle Scott

Dr. Mary Hood, PTK advisor, has announced that the WTC Phi Theta Kappa organization will attend their state convention Feb. 23 - Feb. 26 in Houston.

Students from Texas community colleges and alumni chapters will be attending the convention. The WTC chapter is named Psi Zeta and will be in charge of convention registration.

Speakers at the convention will be: Eugene Cook, member of the Texas Supreme Court and an alumnus of Phi Theta Kappa and Caleb Pirtle, author of Texas Folklore, who has also written articles for *Southern Living*.

There will be competitions at the convention as well as elections for state offices. The WTC chapter will be in the scrapbook competition and will provide a skit for the Honors Topic

Skit competition. They will also be candidates for Vice-President in Division I.

Entertainment at the convention will be provided by Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers band. Rudy Gatlin, band member, is an alumnus of Phi Theta Kappa from Odessa College. Rudy was one of the students from Odessa College who came to WTC in 1972 to help form the Snyder chapter. The theme of the entertainment portion of the convention is "Rodeo Night."

Saturday afternoon will be spent touring the city of Houston and the awards banquet will be that afternoon. The students from WTC will return to Snyder on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services and District I coordinator for WTC, will chair one of the committees at the convention.

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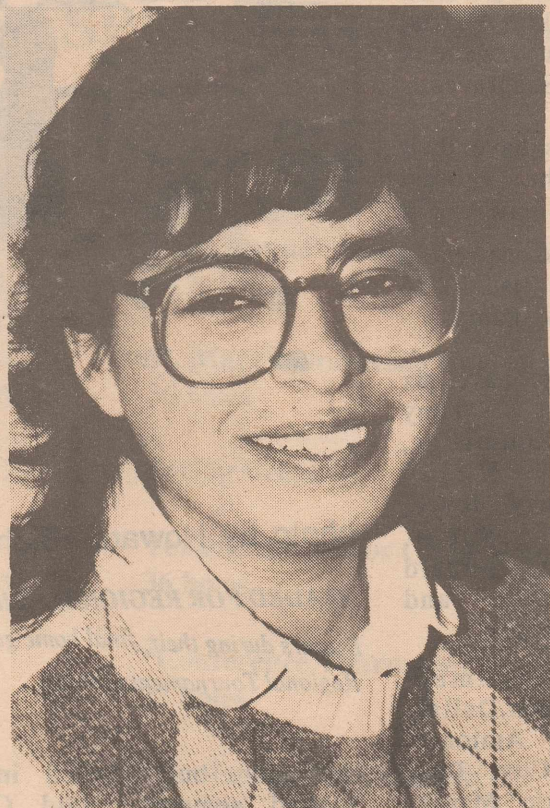


What I like best about WTC:



Wendy Hearne
Freshman

"I like all the people and the teachers are great."



Elizabeth Lopez
Freshman

"I like meeting new people and the cafeteria food is good."



Roz Perry
Freshman

"Everyone is very friendly and I enjoy living in the dorms."



Konnie Adams
Freshman

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The Year In Review

Dusters to Regionals

Anthony Wortham

Coach Kelly Chadwick's Lady Dusters finished their regular season last night (Feb. 20) with a win against Howard County Jr. College. The Dusters will now go on to the Regional Tournament in Waco on Feb. 28.

The Dusters finished their season with a 22-8 record, leaving them in second place regionally.

In 11 years of coaching, Chadwick has taken the Dusters to regionals 10 times and nationals four times. Commenting on his successes, Chadwick said "Motivation begins the first day, during practice, by setting goals both individually and for the team. Expect a lot from your players, you will get more."

Sophmores starting for the Dusters were Stacie Smith, Amarillo; Nickey Allen, Amarillo and Julie Roewe. Another sophomore on the Duster's team is

Tabitha Walton, Beaumont. Freshmen Dusters are Valery Jackson, Morton; Bobbie Brown, Jayton; Jackie Harris, Rising Star; Elayne Maddox and Tami Wilson, Seagraves.

The Westerners have their final game tonight against Howard College in Big Springs. The season record for the Westerners is 13-16 going into tonight's game.

The Westerners have six players graduating. They are: Chawn Cummings, Richardson; Keith Hawkins, Morton; Jerry Joyce, Morton; Bobby Spear, Albuquerque, N.M.; Bernard Williams, Ft. Worth; and Terry Whitcher, Borger.

Returning freshmen will be: Ken Critten, Dallas; Maurice Harris, San Antonio; James Jones, Texas City; Tony Joyce, Morton; Cedric Mason, Lamesa; Vladmir McCravey, San Antonio; David Smith, Garland; and Lester White, Odessa.

"The Westerners started out well at the beginning of

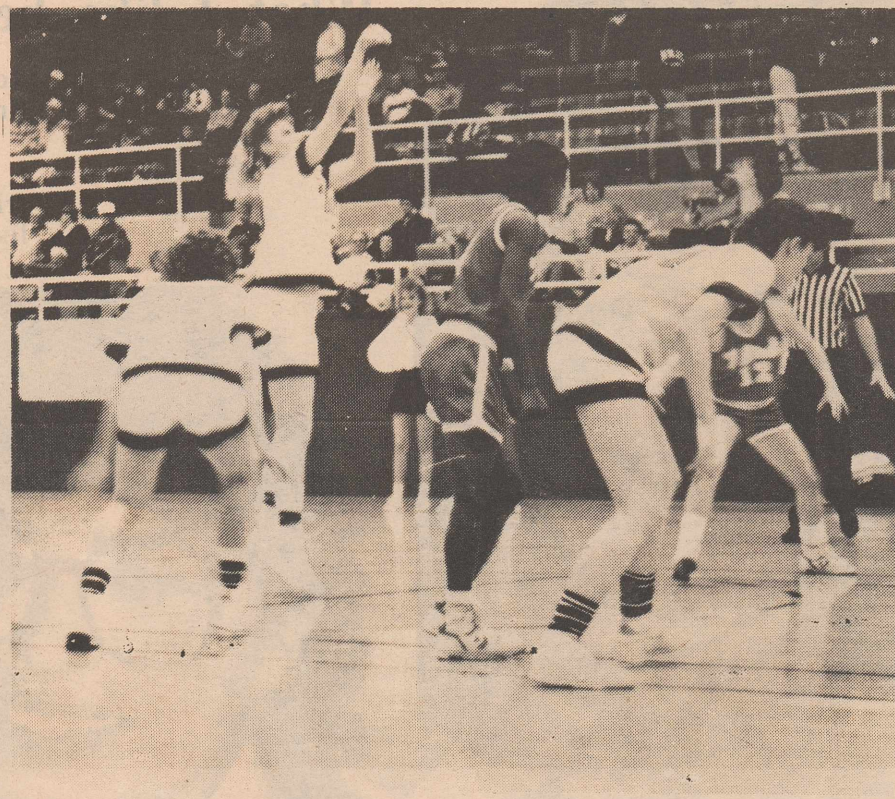


photo by Howard Bigham

HEADED FOR REGIONAL: Elayne Maddox sinks a two pointer for the Lady Dusters during their final home game. The victory assures them of a place in the Regional Tournament in Waco.

the year, but faltered in the second semester, said Coach Tony Mauldin.

"I don't think they were dedicated to playing basketball and injuries had a part...there were multiple things we needed to work on,

one was turnovers," said CCoach Mauldin.

"The most exciting game of the season was when we were 30 points down to TSTI Waco. We came back and Tony Joyce hit a 3-pointer to win the game," said Mauldin.

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Cheerleaders!

Cheerleaders
Kay Carrizales

Cathy Crowder, Ira, Allison Adams, Snyder, and Sandra Elias, Stanford, have been chosen to represent WTC as cheerleaders this semester.

Selection of the new cheerleaders took place the second week of the semester.

According to Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities, selection of cheerleaders this semester

was based on an interview, with no tryouts being held. Baird said some of the things taken into consideration when selecting the new cheerleaders were "the time they had to give, the attitude they had toward cheerleading and wanting to represent their school, and meeting school eligibility requirements."

Returning members of the cheerleading squad are Shelle Pena of Hamlin and Marchelle Forgay of Sweetwater.

WESTERNERS 1989 SPRING GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	PLACE
February 24 - 25 Friday - Saturday	Fifth Annual Bronco Invitational 54 holes	Roswell, NM
March 6 - 7 Monday - Tuesday	St. Mary's Universtiy Spring Invitational 36 holes	Boerne, TX
March 17 - 25	Spring Break	
April 3 - 4 Monday - Tuesday	Texas State Junior Championship 36 holes	Dallas, TX
April 21 Friday	*Conference Tournment 27 holes	Midland, TX
April 14 Friday	*Conference Tournament 27 holes	Hobbs, NM
April 24 - 25 Monday - Tuesday	*Region V Championship	Sherman, TX

Western Texas College Golf Team

Sophmores

Jeff Beal
Mark Burgen
Darrell Cofer
Lance Jones
Gary Schoen
Mike Thelen



Freshmen

Jeff Baker
Wade Hatter
Chris Jefferson
Mike Montgomery
David Turrentine
Jerry Whitten

Golf Coach: Dave Foster

*Conference Tournaments

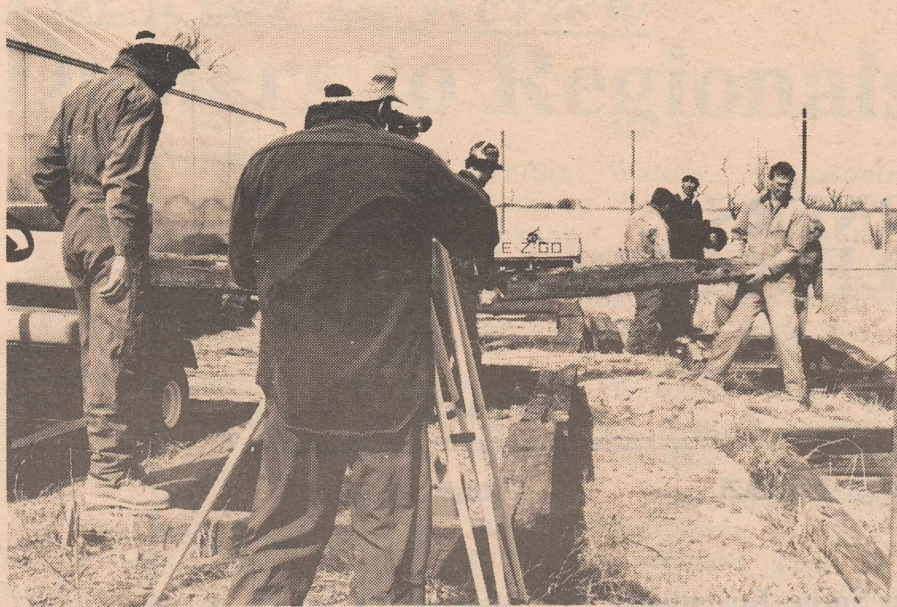


photo by Shirley Crawford
LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY: Freshmen students in Landscape Construction classes are using railroad cross-ties to build plant beds behind the GLT greenhouse.

Golf Course Students Develop New Area

Shirley Crawford

The Golf Course and Landscape Technology program at Western Texas College is considered one of the best in the nation. A major part of that program is the Golf Course Landscape Construction class. This four hour class is part of the Freshman year course curriculum that leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

When classes began in the newly constructed G. L. T. building in 1986, there was nothing around the building but dirt, rocks, and weeds. All the landscaping, sidewalks, and outdoor construction around the main building has been done by W.T.C. students in the past three years.

Presently, the G.C. Landscape Construction class is involved in several on-going projects. One important project is a deck which will be built around the storage shed on the east side of the building. Plans for the deck are being developed by students in the Advance Design Class; James Eby, instructor.

Each student will design and draw a plan for the deck. The class as a whole will discuss and choose which design to use. The actual building of the deck

will be done by the Golf Course Landscape Construction class. Work should begin in about a month.

While waiting for the Advance Design Class to finish plans for the deck, the construction class is busy with several other projects. Railroad tie plant beds are being built on the east side of the greenhouse, and a plastic greenhouse is being built that will be used in the propagation of new plants (i.e. starting new plants from seeds and cuttings).

A very visible construction project is the area just south of the G.L.T. building. This will eventually be developed into a park area with a small lake, benches, and a large variety of plants and trees. The area will not only be a restful student retreat but can be used by future classes in plant identification. The area will be used for a student retreat and a place where G.L.T. students can study plant identification.

The rock garden in front of the G.L.T. building was completed last semester by the construction class. Next fall the Native Plants Class will plant it exclusively in native plants and wildflowers.

Dan's Opinion

by Dan Osborn

Legal Assistants in Demand

Legal assistants, often called paralegals, are finding an ever increasing job market nationwide. The number of employment openings is expected to double to 125,000 within the next 10 years. Legal assistants work for attorneys, government agencies, courts, insurance companies, corporations and others.

They may perform real estate title searches, monitor legislative developments, draft employee benefits, locate and interview witnesses and provide other services related to the law.

While training may be obtained at a business or community college, the preferred route is a bachelors degree. Firms today exhibit a bias for hiring college graduates. Colleges in Texas offering a Legal Assistant or Paralegal program include East Texas State, McMurry, SMU, Southwest Texas State, TWU, University of Houston, UT Arlington and West Texas State.

Salaries are highly variable depending upon location and job duties. The average entry level pay will probably be \$16,500. Having specialization, such as real estate, immigration or litigation might net a higher salary, perhaps in the range of \$20,000.

For more information, contact the Counseling Center or write the National Association of Legal Assistants, 1420 S. Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74104 (Phone 918-587-6828).

Dan Osborn is a counselor at W. T. C. Students who are interested in becoming legal assistants may contact Mr. Osborn at his office in the Student Center. He is in room 102. His telephone # is: 573-8511, extension # 275.

M. Lancaster wins TJCTA Position

Shirley Crawford

Marilyn Lancaster, Assistant Professor of English at WTC, has been elected Secretary for the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.

The Association's convention was held in Austin the weekend of Feb. 17. Lancaster was selected by the nominations committee to run against the incumbent secretary.

As secretary, Lancaster will serve on the Executive Committee which determines organizational policy and philosophy. TJCTA represents the interest of Community College administrations and faculties statewide. Lancaster has been serving on the Professional Development Committee of the TJCTA. Members of this committee are appointed by the Executive Committee.

For several weeks before the election, Lancaster had been conducting a vigorous mail campaign by contacting campus administrators and faculty throughout Texas.

Commenting on her campaign, Lancaster said "I want people to know that I stand for professional excellence in the organization and in the classroom."



Marilyn Lancaster
TJCTA Secretary
photo by Howard Bigham