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## Green Eyeshade

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## TDC classes--'I'll bet you were scared'

By Sharon Doty  
Texan Staffer

"It's not just the average building," was how one Western Texas College instructor described what it's like to teach college courses at the newly opened Price Daniel Unit.

On that note, it's not just the average classroom. It's not just the average students. And, it's not just the average bunch of instructors.

On Sept. 7, WTC officials registered inmates at the 1,000-

man unit for fall courses. Bettie McQueen, WTC dean of instruction, was one of those registering inmates.

The group expected around 40 inmates to enroll, and found themselves facing a turnout of more than 130.

To enroll for this first fall term, the inmates had to have at least three hours of college credit. They must also take the TASP and MAPS test. The college will administer the TASP. The MAPS, which

correlates with the TASP, will be administered by the prison. In order to encourage inmates to take classes, the state pays for one course, and good time is earned by taking the classes.

Finding instructors to teach the classes was no problem according to Mrs. McQueen.

"More teachers volunteered than there were classes offered," she said.

The final list of teachers and courses is as follows: James

Durham, Government; Franklin Pruitt, US History to 1865; Gil Fleer, Psychology; Robert Adams, Spanish; Ed Barkowsky, Composition 1; Jim Rambo, Fundamentals of Speech; and Bill Halbert and Joann Snider, who teach two separate Introduction to Business classes. All classes meet once a week from 7 - 9:50.

Although they have a cause — to teach, the teachers share some common anxieties.

"When that last door shut

behind me, I became somewhat apprehensive. I was locked in a prison," Durham said.

Mrs. McQueen noted that same feeling while registering students. She said, however, that the feeling was gone in about 10 minutes and the registration at the prison was like any other college registration.

To calm their uneasiness some of the teachers shook hands with the inmates.

"Shaking hands with them helped me to get rid of my own

butterflies," Adams said.

Durham also found shaking hands to be helpful.

He said, "I shook their hand and gave them that book. They really wanted to look at that book. I've never seen a bunch get after the textbook and read it like they did. They couldn't wait."

Being a woman may have made teaching at the prison more difficult for Mrs. Snider. The male teachers said they had not really been

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### Trick Shot

World famous pool player Jack White returned to the Western Texas College campus Tuesday to challenge all comers. White first played student Michael Sanchez of Ozona, who had won the right in a student tournament held earlier

in the week. White has been visiting the local campus for several years and has been on the exhibition circuit for more than 20 years. (Texas Photo by Wylie Dakan)

## Professional pool wiz entertains student body Tuesday

By Naomi Gutierrez  
Texan Staffer

Internationally famous Pocket Billiard and Trick shot artist Jack White visited WTC Tuesday. White displayed his billiards expertise as he played seven rounds of billiards with freshman Michael Sanchez of Ozona.

Sanchez was selected to play against White after winning the round-robin tournament held by WTC. Other students that participated in the tournament were Chad Galington, Larry Hicks, Kenny Miller, Cary Nichols, Benny Cornett, Richard Garcia, Dustin Medders, David Ship, Greg Parker, and Clay Crooks.

White is a widely proclaimed billiards player that comes to WTC every year to exhibit his expertise and answer any questions that students may have about the game. He is a professional instructor who has earned honorary degrees from

Notre Dame, Alabama, Fort Hays State, Utah State and Georgia. He has been touring colleges and universities for over 20 years. He has played throughout the U.S. and many foreign countries. He has played at military bases, T.V. stations and also at the White House.

The son of a professional and the nephew of a World Champion, White started playing at the age of eight. He has been playing for nearly half a century. During this time he has come extremely popular because of his way of demonstrating his abilities and making people laugh.

## Student body selects new slate of senators

By Tabby Lewis  
Texan Staffer

Twenty three new Senators have been elected for the 1989-90 school year. The first meeting will be Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the board room of the administration building.

Balloting for student senators was conducted in the Student Activities Center Wednesday and Thursday.

Students elected will serve a one year term.

The Student Senate meets weekly to decide student issues and to plan student activities.

The student body officers are Ben Smith, President; Jeff Baker, Vice President; Lorre Moser, Secretary; and Cathey Crowder, Treasurer.

To run for the Student Senate, a candidate must have at least 25 students of their grade level sign a petition. To qualify, a student must maintain a 2.0 grade average

for the semester they serve, be in good standing with the college and carry 12 semester hours.

The different committees are derived from the Activities Council. The committees are Student Welfare, Student Life, Traffic Appeals, Recreation, Entertainment and Dance.

The Student Welfare Committee is made up of faculty members, a student from the Student Senate and the student

body president. This committee decides disciplinary actions and works as a hearing committee for students concern.

The Student Life Committee may deal with such issues as drug-alcohol abuse, AIDS awareness and other areas which affect students.

The Traffic Appeals Board is used when a student wishes to appeal a traffic violation.

The Recreation Committee provides fun and competitive

activities for students. For example, pool tournaments, a faculty-student golf tournament, and other events.

The Dance Committee plans all dances held throughout the year including formal and special dances.

The Entertainment Committee plans activities and special performances for the student body. Such activities include the campus talent show, a hypnotist and film festivals.

## Call is 'pres to pres'

By Janice Northern  
Texan Staffer

"Would you please hold the line for the President?" were the first words WTC's Dr. Harry Krenek heard when he picked up his phone last Wednesday morning, Sept. 13.

Dr. Krenek was expecting the call to be from Verta Hardegree, WTC secretary, who was visiting President George Bush at the White House. (See related story.)

When he realized that, instead, he had the president of the United States on the phone, he said he got very nervous, "probably the most nervous I have ever been in my life."

According to Krenek, Bush's first words to him were "Harry? This is George Bush." Krenek said the president's choice of those words, rather than identifying himself as "President Bush" or "the President", immediately put the conversation on a more personal level.

Krenek said that Bush joked "I'm calling to provide Verta with an excuse for missing work", and he assured him that Verta was behaving herself and "not embarrassing anyone."

During the course of the five minute conversation, Krenek said they also discussed President Bush's proposed drug program and the public's response to it.

A dialogue between two presidents, one the president of our nation and the other the president of a community college in West Texas, points to some remarkable things about President Bush, Krenek said.

"I was impressed, not so much by what was said during our conversation, but by the fact that the President would make the call at all," Krenek said.

"I think it says something about the way the man approaches his job. He has transcended the barriers of the office with personal warmth that enables him to communicate with the common man. I know it's an experience I'll never forget," he added.

At least one member of the Krenek family may not have been so impressed. Krenek said that when he picked up his eighth grader, David, after school that day, he asked him to guess who had called him.

David said "Oh, I don't know." Dr. Krenek, trying to give him a hint, said "Come on, take a guess—think of the most important person in our country."

David then replied incredulously "Dad! You mean Pee Wee Herman called you?"

## Once in lifetime visit to Capitol enjoyed by college secretary

By Janice Northern  
Texan Staffer

President George Bush fulfilled a 30-year old promise to Western Texas College secretary Verta Hardegree last week when she spent the night in the Lincoln Room at the White House.

Mrs. Hardegree and her husband, Weldon, of Colorado City have known the Bushes since the 1950s when Verta's mother, Mrs. Lois Rogers, helped care for the Bush children. The promise originated when the Hardegrees visited the Bushes in Houston in 1959. They slept on a sofa bed in the children's playroom and when George Bush heard about it the next day, Mrs. Hardegree said he declared, "The next time you spend the night with the Bushes, you won't sleep in the playroom."

Mrs. Hardegree, who has worked in Bush campaigns for the

past 19 years, was accompanied to Washington, D.C., by her husband and mother. They arrived around 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and stayed until noon the next day.

After their arrival, Mrs. Hardegree said they were escorted to the living quarters of the White House. Mrs. Rogers stayed in the Queen's Room and the Hardegrees were shown to the Lincoln Room.

Mrs. Hardegree said they slept in a "massive 6 by 8 foot bed with tall, ornately carved wooden head and footboards"—a far cry from the sofa in the playroom.

"The Bushes put us at ease, and everyone on the White House staff was wonderful," she added.

Following lunch, Mrs. Hardegree said that her husband explored the White House grounds while she stayed in their room. She said they were given badges to wear which read "Resident's Guest,"

which allowed them to go anywhere in the White House or on the grounds without an escort, with the exception of the Oval Office.

According to Mrs. Hardegree, a short time later President Bush called to welcome them to the White House, and apologized for not being there to greet them on their arrival.

The Hardegrees and Mrs. Rogers had tea that afternoon with Mrs. Bush and the Columbia shuttle crew. She described visiting with the astronauts as "a marvelous experience."

Along with tea, petit fours were served, which went untouched for a while. Mrs. Hardegree said that finally "Weldon decided he would be cool and have one, so he reached down, picked one up, and bit into it—and then dropped the other half on the floor."

She said that Brewster Shaw, commander of the shuttle crew, told Weldon, "I'm glad you did that first. I've been wanting to eat one of those, too."

Mrs. Hardegree said they were honored to meet the astronauts, but that the Columbia crew seemed just as impressed with them because "we were spending the night in the White House."

The Hardegrees and Mrs. Rogers had dinner that evening with President and Mrs. Bush and several other guests, including the Bushes' son Marvin, his wife and daughter; their daughter-in-law, Columba Bush (Jeb's wife), and her sister from Florida and two staff members from Houston.

The next morning, while visiting with President Bush in the Oval



### KAPPA CHI

New officers have been elected for KAPPA CHI, a group which offers its members Christian fellowship at the Christian Student Center. Officers are from left Mike Ezell, vice president; Michael Trull, president; Vicky Chavez of Haskell, treasurer; and Robin George of Maryneal, secretary. (Texan Photo by Cliff Chambers)

Office, Mrs. Hardegree said he asked her if she had given that number that she wanted to call in Snyder to a staff member yet. The number he was referring to was that of Dr. Harry Krennek, WTC president, and Mrs. Hardegree's boss. Mrs. Hardegree said that she had mentioned during dinner the night before that she would like to call her boss from the White House. She said she was amazed that the president had even heard her comment, and impressed that he remembered to ask about it, considering all that had been going on during the previous evening's meal, but noted, "That's just the way he is."

She replied that she hadn't given the number to anyone yet, and said that President Bush then suggested,

"Why don't you let me place the call. That might be a little more impressive." And so the president of WTC received a call from the President of the United States. (See related story.)

The morning's agenda also included a visit to the White House Correspondence office, a photo session with President Bush, and attending a ceremony in the Rose Garden before returning home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hardegree said that someone asked her if she was overwhelmed by the experience. "Had it been anyone but the Bushes, I might have been," she said. "They are both still the same people we knew 30 years ago, and now the nation has a change to know them, too."

## Numbers up for fall term

By Teresa McClure  
Texan Staffer

The number of hours students are actually in the classroom are at their highest level of the 1980s this fall term at Western Texas College.

WTC students are enrolled for 259,824 academic contact hours this fall. Students are taking 11,145 semester hours of credit, the highest since 1984.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, said one of the reasons it is so high is because of more full-time students than part-time. Preliminary figures show that there are 1,144 students enrolled, 614 of those are full-time and 530 part-time. There are 586 women students compared to 558 men.

Hood also said that enrollment is up this fall (118 more students than last fall) because of a good recruiting year.

This year's enrollment at WTC represents students from 21 states, including Texas, and three foreign countries. Three students are from Australia, one from mainland China and one from the Bahamas.

Scurry County residents attending WTC decreased to 427 students, down 60 students from last fall, but there is a 15 percent increase of students from outside Scurry County.

Included in the enrollment figures are 95 prisoners from the Price Daniel Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections taking classes through the extension program.

### WTC Bookstore

Texas Book Co.

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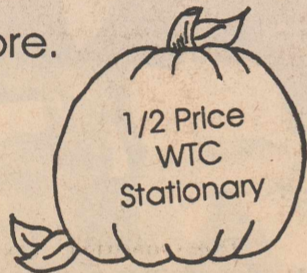
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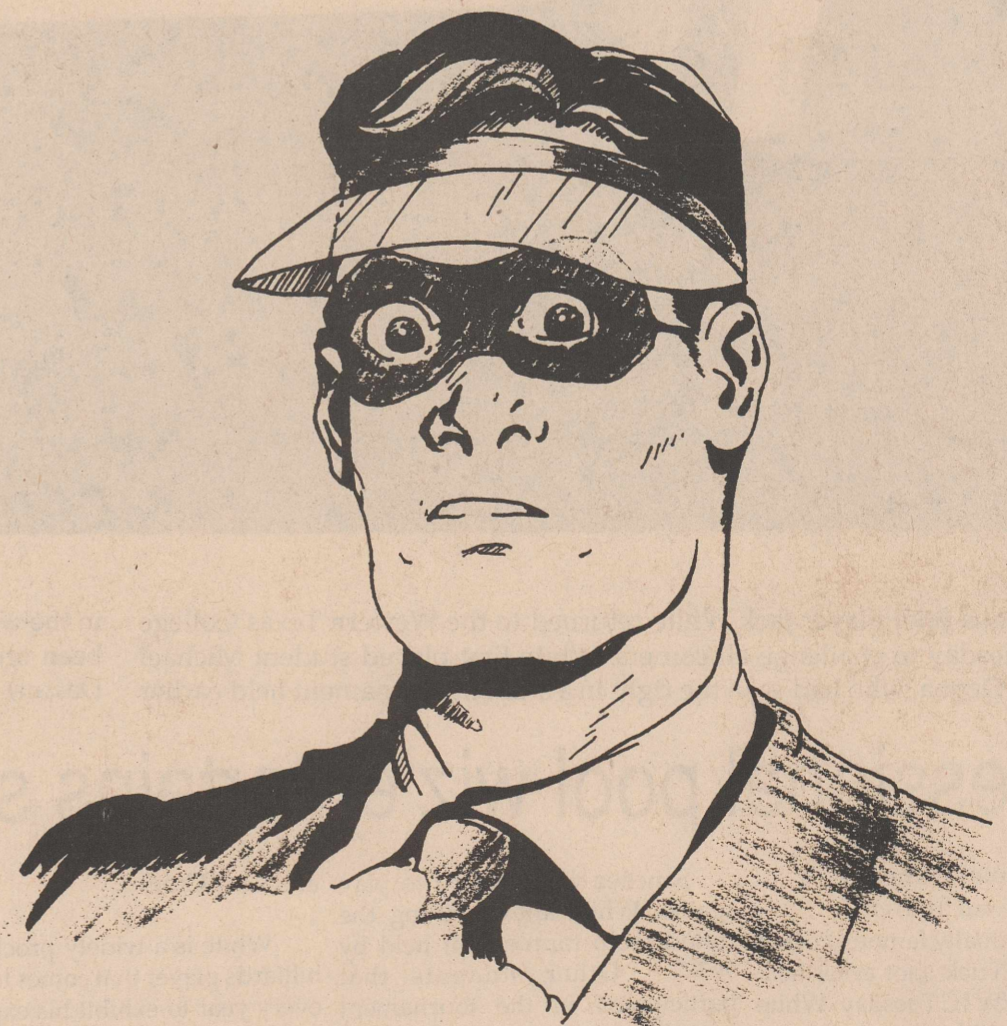


# "We seek the Truth"

## The Green Eyeshade Society

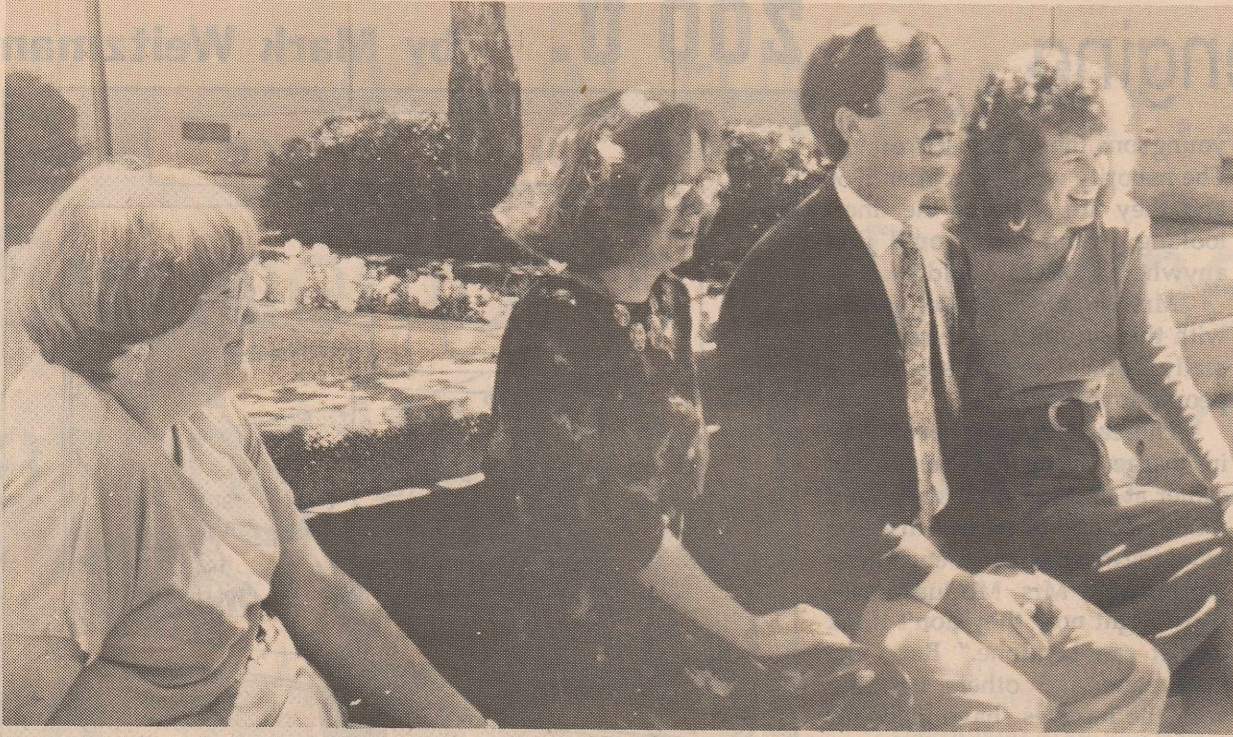
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### English Visitors

The Western Texas College English Department was the host Sept. 15 to a group from Seward Community College in Liberal, Kan. The visitors were members of the Kansas school's English Department and were here to study

the WTC departments' developmental program. Those pictured include (from left) Denyce Gammel Byas, Ann Judd, Dale Doll, and WTC English instructor Marilyn Lancaster. (Texan Photo)

### Developmental classes...

## Visitors praise campus English labs

By Teresa McClure  
Texan Staffer

"The model program for this region" was how the developmental program, devised for identified English students here at Western Texas College, was described Friday by a group of visiting English instructors from a Liberal, Kan., community college.

Ann Judd, lead instructor at Seward County Community College (SCCC), said they are looking for a way to improve their own developmental program by copying Western Texas College's.

The group of three visiting from SCCC, Mrs. Judd, Denyce Gammel Byas, and Dale Doll, spent all day

Friday, Sept. 15, on the WTC campus. They met with Ed Barkowsky, department head, Marilyn Lancaster, Dick Lancaster, Bill McGlothing, and Janet Halbert, English instructors, to discuss the program.

Each freshman enrolling in WTC is required to take a placement test to determine whether they are ready for college level courses or need more preparation. Those students who are not ready are required to complete the developmental classes before enrolling in regular courses. They do not receive college credit for their developmental class.

"I'm so impressed with the

energy level of this program," Mrs. Judd said. She pointed out that the "student-centered" instruction was a major strength. She said by letting students read adult level material, the instructors are treating their classes "more like adults."

Mrs. Judd complimented WTC's developmental program because it moves the students immediately into writing essays. Material for this semester includes "The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

Mrs. Judd was very complimentary of the developmental program at WTC. "The dedication of the teachers," she said, "makes the program a success."

## Administrators opt to discontinue student tutoring program at WTC

The "peer tutoring program" (students tutoring fellow students for pay), in existence at WTC for over 10 years, has been cancelled this fall term.

Instead, students who feel they need help will be encouraged to seek assistance from their instructor.

Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, said the program was cut because of inherent problems in the tutoring situation and a feeling by the administration that funds allocated for this service could be better utilized.

She cited difficulty in supervising the program as one of the reasons prompting the change. The varied schedules of students needing the service made it impractical to monitor. The administration was concerned that what began as tutoring might evolve into a situation where two students got together simply to study "with one of them getting paid for it," she said.

An attempt to rectify this problem last year by instituting specific times for tutoring in a lab setting saw participation drop almost to zero, compared to approximately 40 students who had utilized the service the previous year.

Another major factor in terminating the program is an expected decline in the demand for tutoring due to the restructuring of the math department. Mrs. McQueen said that math has always been the biggest area "by far" where tutoring has been requested.

This year, two new college preparatory math classes have been added to the curriculum. Both classes have a required three-hour lab.

Mrs. McQueen noted that response to the college prep math courses has been good so far. She said that college preparatory classes have also been added to the English department, and an additional paid lab assistant has been hired as well. These moves are all expected to lessen the need for tutoring, she said.

Mrs. McQueen said she does not expect any negative reaction from students over the loss of the tutorial program since it involved

a relatively small percentage of the student body.

On the average, 20 students per semester were employed as tutors. They were paid minimum wage on an hourly basis, and Mrs. McQueen estimated that each tutor logged around 20-25 hours per semester. The amount budgeted each year for the service was \$2,000.

Mrs. McQueen stressed that the faculty has always been available "basically, day and night" to any student needing help.

## Fine Arts sets full schedule for department's fall events

The Western Texas College Fine Arts Department has released a schedule of events for the 1989 fall semester.

For the month of October, the Fine Arts Gallery will be hosting a Post Art Guild Traveling Exhibit beginning on Sunday, Oct. 1, with a reception from 1:30-3 p.m. The last day to view the exhibit will be Oct. 13.

Debuting Oct. 15-31 in the Fine Arts Gallery will be the Louisiana Tech University Faculty Art Exhibit. A reception is set on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1:30-3 p.m. The last event scheduled for October will be the Pops Concert Oct. 17. It will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater.

From the first to the seventeenth of November, the Louisiana Tech University Faculty Art Exhibit will continue in the Fine Arts Gallery.

The Quadriga, Texas Tech University's Faculty Piano Quartet, will be performing on Nov. 3 in the

Fine Arts Theater at 8 p.m.

Scheduled Nov. 10-12 will be the presentation of Hamlet ESP in the Fine Arts Theater starting at 8 o'clock each evening. It will mark the first drama production of the department this fall and will be its entry later in the year at regional competition.

At student recital involving those enrolled in the music program here is set for 2 p.m. Nov. 19.

From Nov. 19-30, the WTC Art Faculty Exhibit will be displayed in the Fine Arts Theater. It will open on Sunday, Nov. 19, with a reception from 1-2 p.m.

On Dec. 3, a Christmas concert is scheduled for the Fine Arts Theater beginning at 2 p.m. From Dec. 3-15, the WTC Art Faculty Exhibit will be displayed in the Fine Arts Gallery.

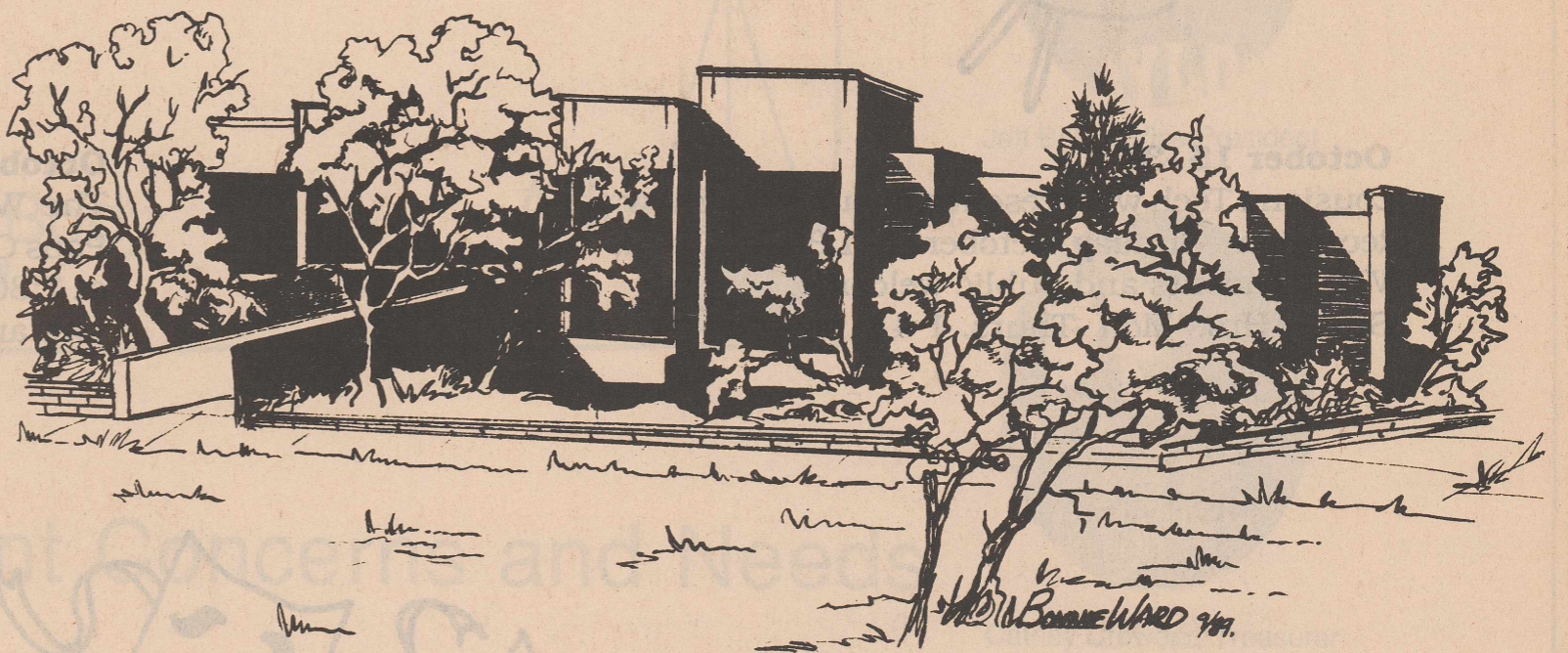
For additional information or reservations, call the Fine Arts divisions office, (915) 573-8511, ext. 234.

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## 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS

## Instructors find prison classes challenging

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 "tried," whereas Mrs. Snider said, she came up with one pencil short when getting the pencils back. (The instructors must return the same number of pencils that the prison issues to them after each class session). They also asked her if she had ever taught in a prison before.

"They asked me, 'Is this your first time to teach at a prison?' I said Yes. For a split second, I thought about lying...but decided to tell the truth. They then said, 'I bet you were scared to come out here.' I told them that yes, I was a little nervous at first, but also, that after they got to know me, they would find out that I wasn't afraid of the boogy-man either," she said.

Pruitt pointed out that uneasy feelings held true for all, even the

inmates: "I think they were as apprehensive as I was."

Mrs. Snider said that when class began, the inmates would not make eye contact with her, but by the end of the class the students were practically "sitting on the edge of their seats."

"When they went out, they all filed by my desk and said, 'Thank you Ma'am,'" Mrs. Snider said.

Adams thought that his students were appreciative of his efforts also. He said that as his students left the classroom, they all tried to say some Spanish phrase.

Embarrassing moments seemed to come easily at the prison. For Durham, this happened when he realized that his words "I'm glad your here", might not be the most appropriate words to these students.

Despite the fact that there is a "different atmosphere of not being in the real world" as Durham put it, the instructors try to make the classroom as normal as possible, and some of this just comes naturally.

"The students are just like any other students. They are eager to learn and are interested in bettering themselves," Mrs. Snider said. She continued, "I found the students to be very into it. They were really involved. They stayed on the subject and were very interested. I was really impressed."

Mrs. Snider also stressed that the classes would not be watered down.

"I'll run the classroom just like any other. I expect them to write reports, read chapters, and do projects — whatever. They are going to be doing the same things as my other students."

The students at Price Daniel Unit may be more like the ones at WTC than one might initially think.

"One sobering thought about the inmates, for those that have

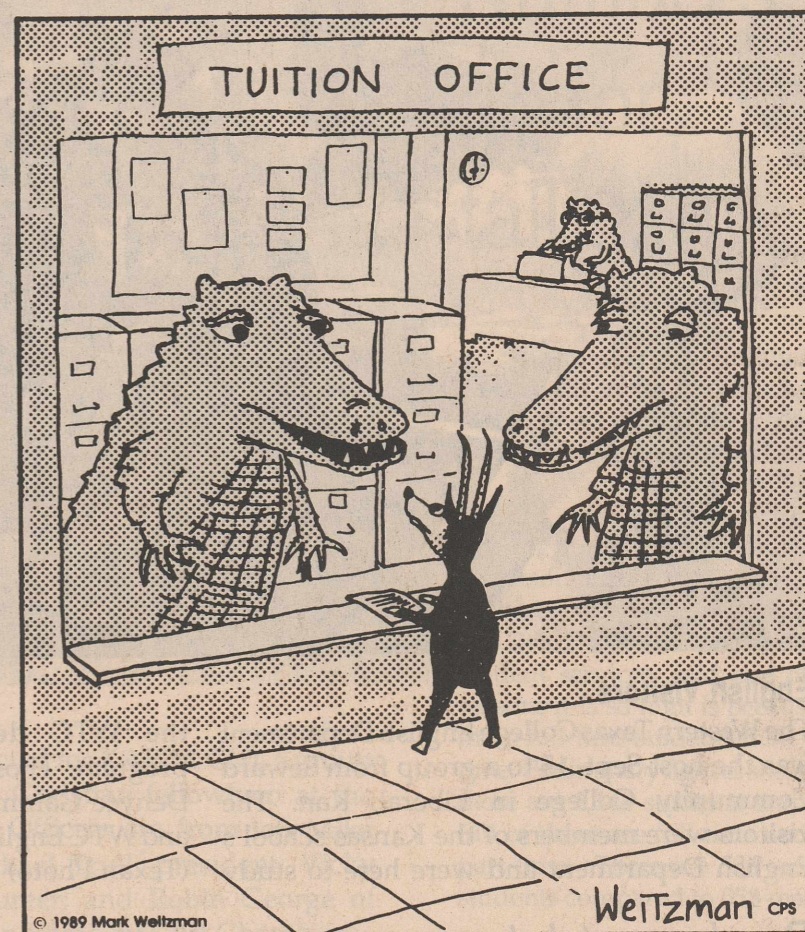
young sons, they look just like them. The majority were born after 1960 and they are some of the finest looking young men you'll find anywhere," Durham said.

Mrs. McQueen also agreed with this comment. She said, "It really bothers me to see young people so messed up."

The teachers and other officials in charge of the WTC extension center at the prison all seem very motivated and interested in doing anything that they can to encourage the inmates. Mrs. McQueen said that "Right now they don't think that it can be done." But, the instructors and others working with the inmates have ideas for raising possible scholarship money, selling classes at a 2 for 1 rate, and making out degree plans just as they would for students at WTC. Adams even wants to give his students Spanish dictionaries.

As Adams put it, "In the back of our minds, we're carrying the flag of Western Texas, and we want to do the best job we can for our institution."

## ZOO U. by Mark Weitzman



"Mistake? I don't see a mistake. Anyone here see a mistake?"

## New cheerleaders chosen for fall semester at WTC

By Carol Johnson  
 Texan Staffer

Western Texas College conducted cheerleader tryouts last Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre. A panel of judges consisting of varsity cheerleaders from Angelo State University selected the squad of six.

The returning cheerleader from 1988 is Cathey Crowder of Snyder. The remaining cheerleaders are Carol Johnson, Fr-Dallas; Beverly Sandefur, Fr-Hermleigh; Dana Pennington, Soph-Ira; Bonnie Herrington, Fr-Lorraine; and Cheryl Alvarez, Soph-Lorraine.

To tryout, the cheerleaders did a routine involving one

cheer, four chants and one group cheer. The qualifications required to try out for a WTC cheerleader were leadership, showmanship, good health, poise and confidence.

Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities, advisers WTC cheerleaders. Mrs. Baird said "Western Texas College cheerleaders are more than just cheerleaders, they're ambassadors."

The debut for the cheerleaders will be the first home games on Nov. 6 at Scurry County Coliseum at 6 p.m. The equipment for the cheerleaders are new blue, green and white uniforms and megaphones.

## Visiting Chinese student numbers 'down'

(CPS)—The number of Chinese students at U.S. colleges this fall has dropped sharply from last year, preliminary accounts reveal.

"In terms of them showing up on our doorstep, yes, the numbers are down," reported Glenn Morrison, dean of the graduate school at the University of Rhode Island.

While no firm numbers are available, up to half the 40,000 Chinese who were studying in the U.S. last year may not have returned, said the State Department's Kenneth Bailes.

The drop in enrollment reflects the lack of new students coming from China. Most who studied in the U.S. last year remain, although not all of them have enrolled this fall.

Many have become activists. "Basically, we are trying to save lives," explained Shengding Feng, who left Princeton University to form the China Solidarity Committee in Washington, D.C.

In the month following the June 4 massacre of pro-democracy students in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, martial law has been

imposed, and many student demonstrators have been jailed or executed.

Chinese officials also suspended participation in the Fulbright program, scrapped exchanges of American and Chinese scholars, and added an extra security check for students to pass to study abroad in the U.S. and elsewhere.

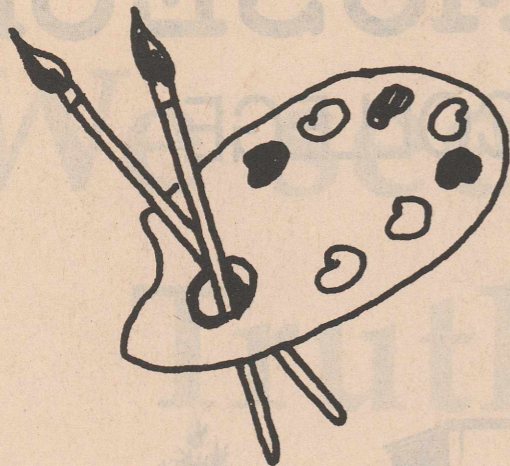
That extra security check appears to be the major obstacle.

"Those who have arrived have indicated to me that they had big problems getting out," Morrison said.

"We can't help but think we'll have problems," predicted Bill Barnhart, director of the international center at the University of Utah, where classes start Sept. 25.

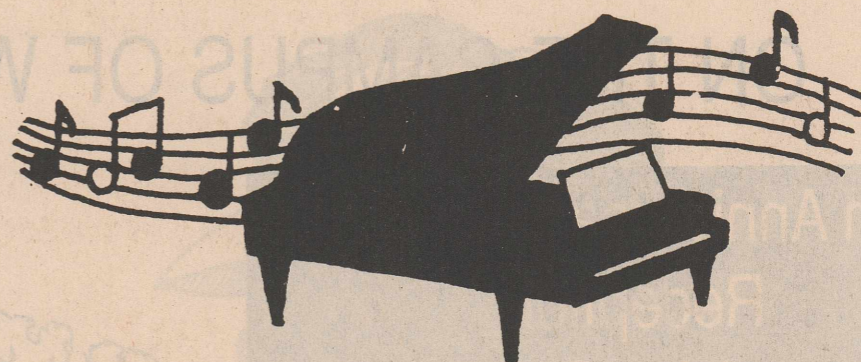
"It's a real dilemma," Barnhart said. "We may not even be able to run our research programs."

Other schools have already realized Barnhart's fears. At Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, only two of the six Chinese students expected showed up for a summer fellowship program.



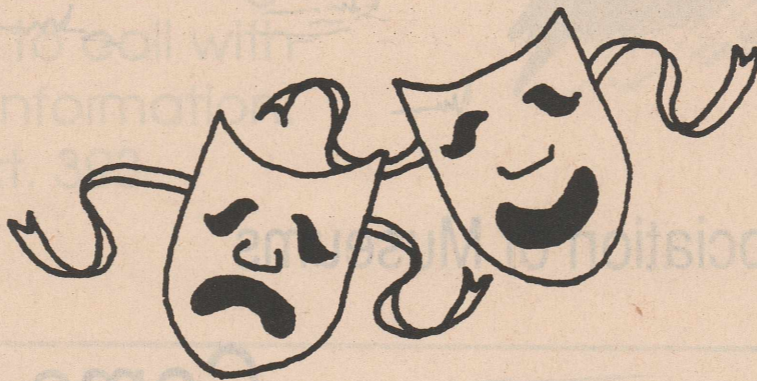
October 15 -31

Louisiana Tech will present a Faculty Art Show. Reception—Sunday, October 15, 1:30-3:00 p.m. WTC students and public welcome. Studio Hrs: Mon -Thurs. 1-4 p.m.



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The WTC Choir Department will present the Pops Concert for 1989 in the Fine Arts Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Music Instructors are Jane Womack and Brent Hardegree



November 10-12, 1989

Hamlet ESP will be in the Fine Arts Theatre at 8 p.m. WTC students make reservations and admitted free. \$5.00 to the open public. It is directed by Jim Rambo.

# WTC Fine Arts Department

## ALL IN THE FAMILY...

# Six members of Browne family attend Western Texas College

By Naomi Gutierrez  
Texan Staffer

**A**ttending Western Texas College is a family affair for at least one student enrolled this fall.

Business major Marty Browne is the sixth person from his family to attend WTC.

He was preceded by three brothers, Wade, Clay and Hollis, and two cousins, Teresa and Dale. All five attended WTC from 1983-1988 and all are graduates of high

school at Colorado City.

His brother, Wade, attended from 1983-1985. He continued his education at Parker College of Chiropractic. Clay attended from 1985-1987 and he is continuing his education at A&M where he is now a senior majoring in business marketing.

Hollis attended WTC from 1987-1988 and he is now attending Parker College of Chiropractic.

Browne's cousin, Teresa, attended WTC from 1986-1988 and received an associates degree in business. She now works for

the Texas Employment Commission in Huntsville.

Dale attend from 1987-1988 and he is continuing his education at A&M where he is now a senior majoring in civil engineering.

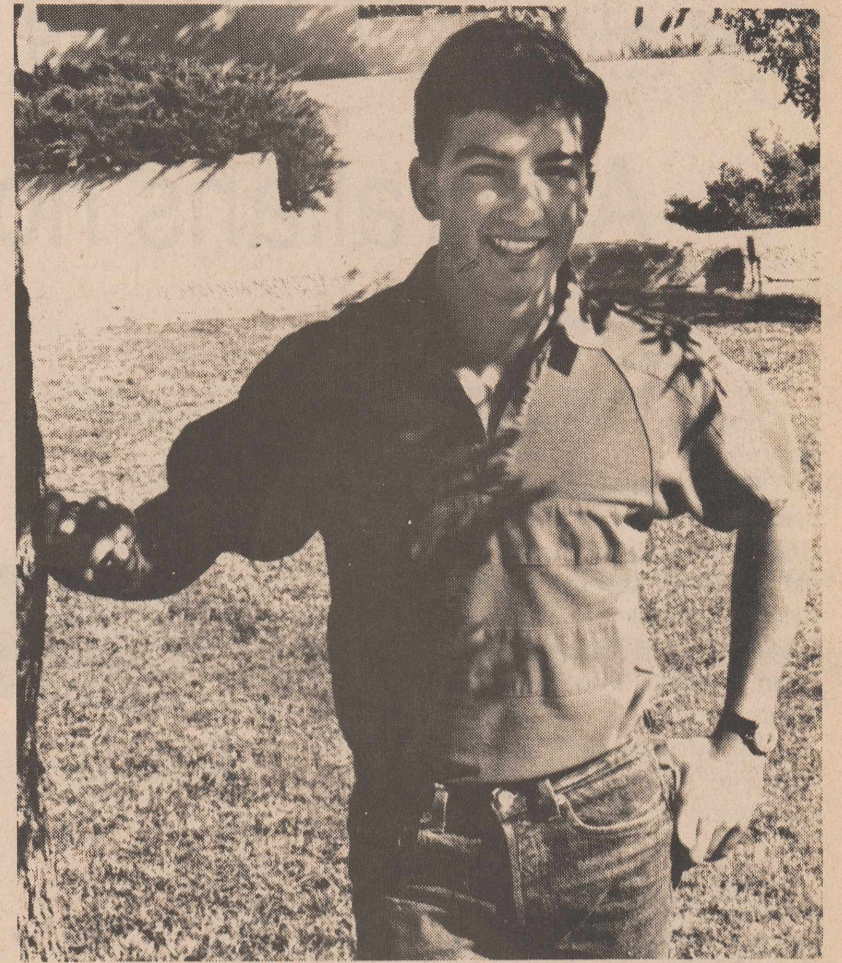
Browne plans to attend for at least two years and then continue his education at A&M as a business major.

He said that they all attended WTC because it was a way to learn what college classes were like before they attended a major university. Another reason that Browne said that they attended

WTC was because they had all received scholarships.

Browne said that they all graduated at the top of their class. Wade, Clay, Hollis and Teresa were valedictorians of their graduating classes at Colorado City.

Living in Colorado City and attending college has proved to the advantage of Browne and his relatives, he said. "It's cheaper than moving away." He works in his dad's shop and helps with the farm.



### Family Tradition

Marty Browne makes the sixth member of his family to attend WTC. Three brothers and two cousins have attended from 1983-1988. (Photo by Wylie Dakan)

# New faculty members switch jobs to teach at college

Five new faculty members joined the staff of Western Texas College for the 1989-90 school year. All were welcomed at the annual faculty-staff dinner held at the start of in-service programs.

The new faculty members are Donny Brown, Jimmie S. McGee, Janice Mauldin, Jack Price and Carol Watkins.

Brown, managing editor of the Snyder Daily News since July, 1982, will serve as mass communications instructor.

Brown received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University with a major in English and a minor in journalism. He served in the army from 1971-73, then returned to Tech to earn his master's degree in mass communications. He was a teaching assistant in the Tech mass communications department while working on his master's degree.

Mrs. Mauldin received the Bachelor of Science degree from

Texas Tech University and also attended Abilene Christian University and South Plains College. She taught math at Morton High School while her husband, Tony Mauldin, was coaching there and has also taught at Snyder Junior High School and in Hermleigh. She will be instructor in developmental math at WTC.

McGee taught at Texarkana Community College and East

Texas State University in Texarkana before joining the WTC faculty as political science instructor this fall. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin and the Master of Arts degree from Southwest Texas State University. He was employed as assistant to the city manager and Community Development Director in Texarkana from 1980-87.

Price will be teaching

management at WTC.

A native West Texan, he served as personnel director for the Great Plains Region of the Bureau of Reclamation in Billings, Mont., from January, 1983, until taking early retirement to return to Texas. His degrees are from Texas A&M University and the University of Houston. He did post-graduate work in communications at the University of Texas at Austin and in

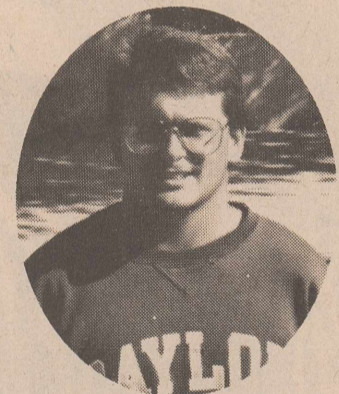
Mary's University in San Antonio.

Mrs. Watkins, formerly supervisor for the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room, will be Vocational Nursing instructor at WTC. She completed the Vocational Nursing course at WTC in 1980 and earned the Associate Degree in Nursing at Howard College in Big Spring in 1986. She had been employed by Cogdell Hospital since becoming a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

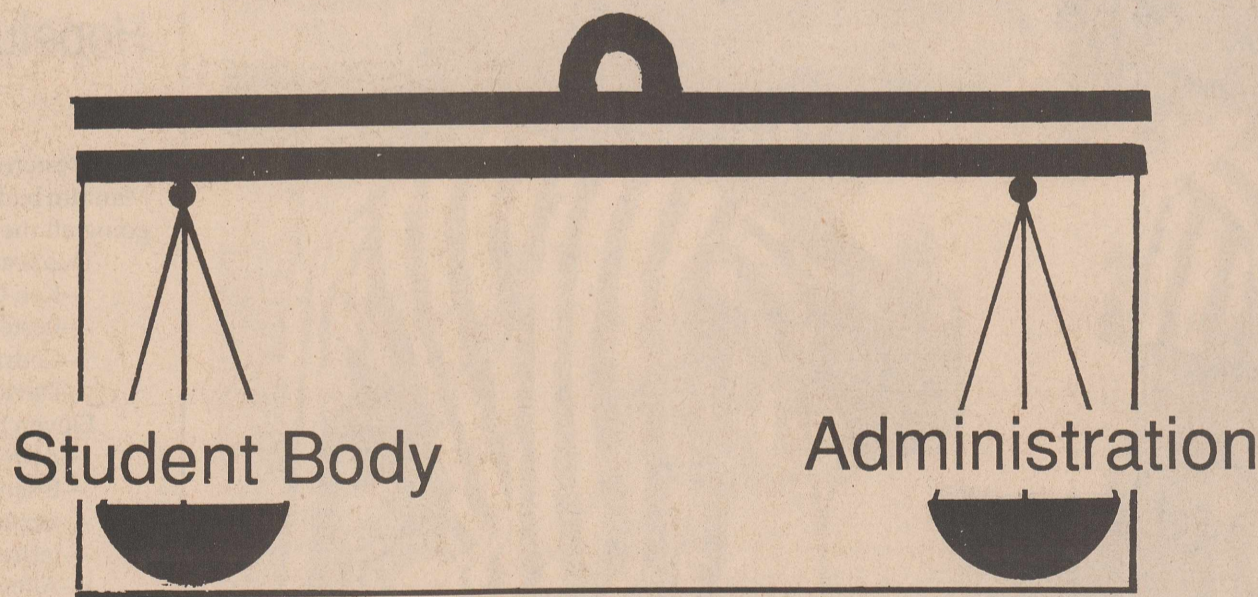
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## Get along l'il Aussies

# Australians hope to wrangle and rope as pros

By Misty Stevens  
Texan Staffer

"G-day Mate" is getting to be a popular phrase on the WTC campus.

Three members of the rodeo team hail from Australia, to include Darren Cook, an 18-year-old bull rider and roper; Shane Guldbransen, 22-year-old saddlebronc rider and team roper; and Brian Peterson, 23-year-old saddlebronc rider.

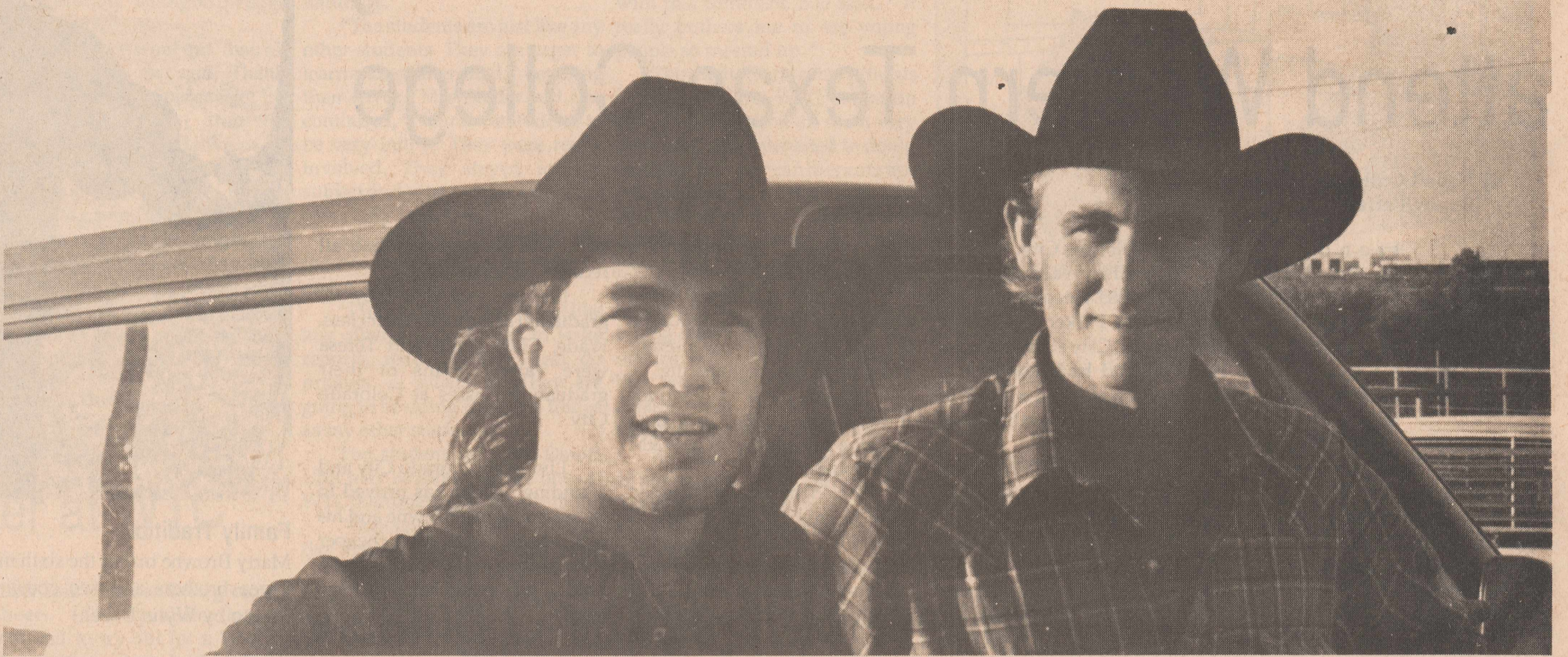
All three are not yet accustomed to saying "Hi ya'll," so they resort to their native "G-day."

The most frequent question asked by fellow students is "How did they get from Australia to Snyder?" The answer is they were told by Tony Hecksler, a mutual friend of the three, that WTC has one of the best, if not the best, rodeo program in the country.

They were also inspired by fellow rodeo comrade Dave Appleton, who also attended WTC and is now a bareback and saddlebronc rider on the pro rodeo circuit. As a result, the three cowboys relocated from the rolling hills and exotic animals of Australia to the mesquite trees of the Texas South Plains. Snyder is where they landed.

The three said their families had mixed emotions about them leaving home and traveling over 1,000 miles away for college. When asked how his family felt about him coming to Texas, Brian joked, "They changed their names and moved to Pakistan."

Darren, Shane, and Brian grew up on horses and have been



### Aussie-Americans

Darren Cook and Shane Guldbransen feel that someday they will follow in Australian cowboy who was unavailable for the picture, also wants to be a world champion. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

rodeoing almost as long as they have been walking. After graduation, Darren went to New Zealand and rodeoed there before coming to WTC.

Brian worked in the wages department of a bank. "How else do you think I got here?" he said. Shane also traveled from rodeo to rodeo before coming to Texas.

Although the three call Queensland their home state, they say they are beginning to feel more

comfortable in Texas. Darren has been here for almost two months and says he loves it. He plans on finishing school and staying on in America and going pro rodeo.

Brian has been here since March of 1988 and also said he likes Texas. Brian, however, will have to go back to Australia in one year when his American visa is up. Shane has been in the Lone Star State for one and a half years and just like everyone else, he

said he likes Texas too. He also plans on making Texas his home.

When asked what they thought about Texan women compared to Australian women, their comments were varied. Shane said, "Texas women wear too much make-up." Brian only said, "They're friendly...I suppose." Then there was Darren, who stated, "Texas women are really forward."

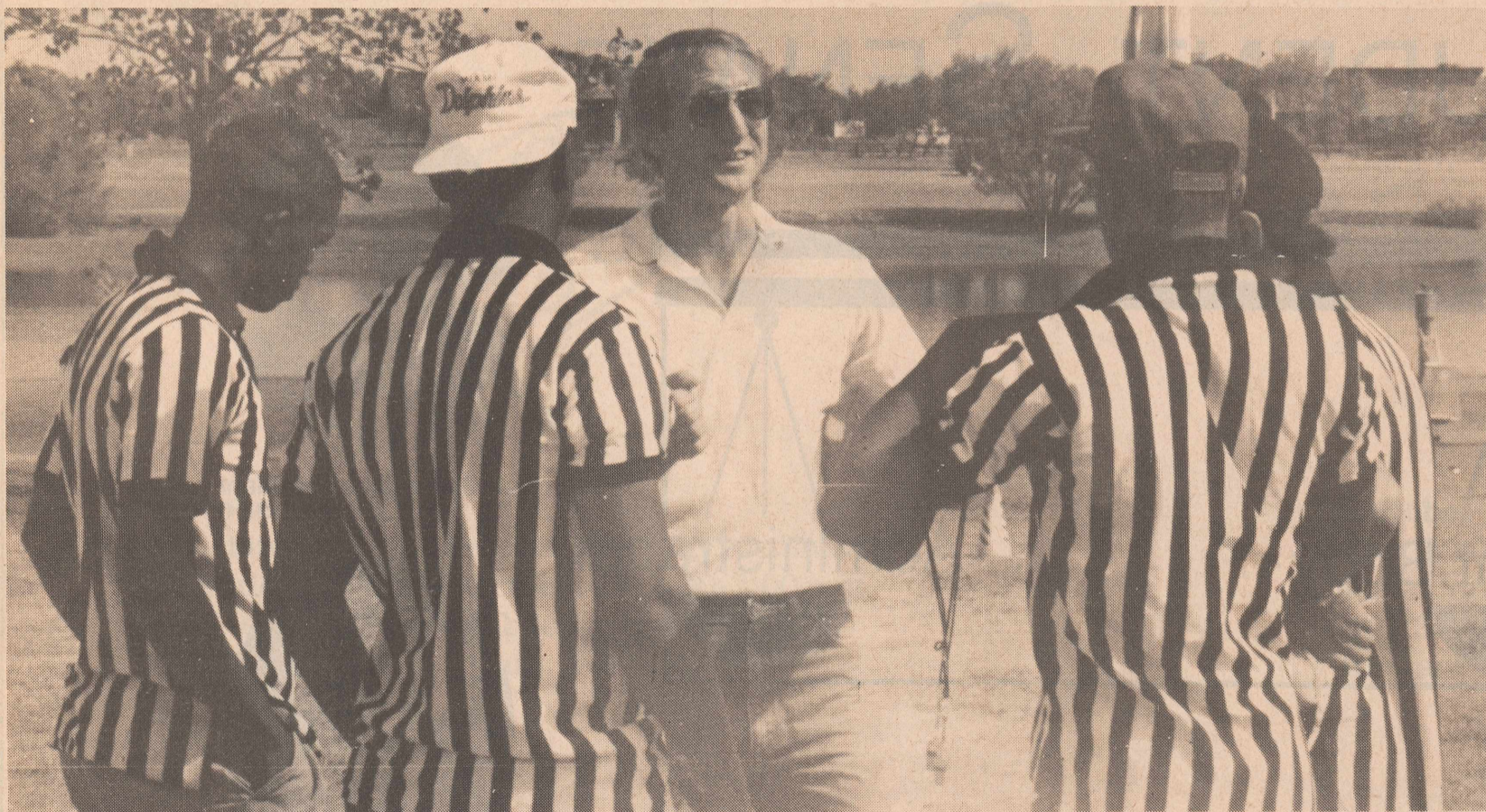
Besides the women, they

commented on several things that are different when international waters are crossed. For instance, what we call a cookie, they call a biscuit. Texans put gas in their cars while Australians fill up with petro.

They raise the bonnet of their cars to check the oil contrasting to us raising the hood. Finally, if ever in Australia and someone offers you a vegemite sandwich (pronounce veggie-

mite), do not be alarmed because it is similar to peanut butter.

Although some of our words and customs may seem strange to these Australians, the meaning of rodeo is the same in both countries. With the experience that Darren, Shane, and Brian are receiving here at Western Texas College, they feel that someday they will be pro rodeo champions in the mold of former WTC stand-out Dave Appleton.



### Ref School

Mike Harrison talks with his student referees during intramural football action last week. The games are now being played during the activity period on Tuesdays and Thursdays on Campus. (Texan Photo)

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—Senator Edward Kennedy

## Report points to athletes as dropouts

(CPS) — Fewer than one in five football and basketball players at many colleges ever graduate, a congressional report said Sept. 9.

The report, written by the General Accounting Office (GAO), promises to play a major role in the current debate about a proposed law to force schools to reveal their players' graduation

rates.

"There is no justification for any athlete to be abused by a college sports program and then left without an education," Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) said in releasing the report.

In it, the GAO examined National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) statistics portray-

ing how basketball players on 97 "major" campus teams did in class. Thirty-five of the 97 teams graduated from zero to 20 percent of their players.

Only eight of the programs graduated as many as 80 percent of their players.

Of 103 "major" college football programs, the GAO found 14

graduated from zero to 20 percent of their players.

NCAA executive Richard Schultz has said he opposes the law that would require colleges to publish athletes' academic progress, asserting it violates their rights to privacy and that such business should remain an internal NCAA matter.

## SPORTS ACTION

### Hopeful basketball players listed

By Carol Johnson  
Texan Staffer

Western Texas College's men's basketball coach Tony Mauldin had fielded a team of 15 players this year with hopes of going all the way to the national finals.

This year's team consists of four sophomores. They include:

- Ken Critton, 6'8" Soph-Dallas.
- Lester White, 6'6" Soph-Odessa.
- Cedric Mason, 6'1" Soph-Lamesa.
- David Smith, 6'4" Soph-Garland.

Eleven members are freshmen. They include:

- Alfredo Porter, 6'4" Fr-Dallas.
- Brian Murray, 6'8" Fr-Oakland, Calif.
- Jacob Garmon, 6'7" Fr-Huntsville.
- Jeffrey Shelley, 6'4" Fr-Dallas.
- Allen Smith, 5'10" Fr-Baton Rouge, La.
- Ray Johnson, 5'9" Fr-Muskogee, Okla.
- Anthony Wesley, 6'1" Fr-Snyder.
- Thomas Davis, 6'8" Fr-San Antonio.
- Doug Brown, 6'7" Fr-San Antonio.
- Domonique Byrd, 6'4" Fr-Fort Worth.
- Daymon Clay, 6'1" Fr-Dallas.

### Golfers place third, fifth at tourney

By Wylie Dakan  
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas golf team completed their first action this past Friday with a tournament in Belton. Conditions were almost perfect for Brandon Benedict, freshman, who scored 147 over two days.

Benedict was third place medalist in the tournament, stroking a 73 and a 74. Overall, the Blue Team placed third and the White Team placed fifth.

The Blue Team consists of Benedict, David Turrintine, sophomore; Jerry Whitten, sophomore; Tony Lana, freshman; and Chris Mathis, freshman.

The White Team consists of Jeff Baker, sophomore; Zeke Birdwell, freshman; Brad Stewart, freshman; Mike Montgomery, sophomore; and Chad Walsworth, freshman. Next action for the team is slated for Thursday and Friday of this week in Fort Worth.

The rest of the fall golf schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 30-Oct. 2, National Intercollegiate Tourney, Odessa.
- Oct. 21, conference, Roswell, N.M.
- Oct. 26-27, Texarkana Fall Intercollegiate, Texarkana.
- Nov. 10, conference, Midland.
- Nov. 17-19, West Florida Intercollegiate, Pensacola, Fla.