

TASP deadline may scuttle student plans for spring college term

By Teresa McClure
Texan Staffer

Some 211 Western Texas College students have been notified that unless they register by Oct. 21 to take the TASP test, they will only be allowed to enroll in developmental classes for the spring term.

The last TASP test to be given before next semester is due

Nov. 18. The deadline for registration is Oct. 21.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, sent the student letters in late September reminding students who have to take the TASP that the final deadline is near.

Most WTC students who completed a minimum of three semester hours prior to this fall are ex-

empt from the state-mandated exam.

Those majoring in elementary education, however, will be required to take the test regardless as part of their degree program.

For affected students, those who have not at least taken the test before the start of the spring term will not be allowed to enroll in regular college courses,

under state law.

The test must be passed before a student will be allowed to enroll in more than 60 college credit hours.

The test includes three sections; reading, mathematics and writing. Each consists of 40-50 multiple-choice questions. The writing section also requires an

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Rewards follow older students' return to studies

By Janice Northern
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The "typical" college student is a recent high school graduate, single and preparing for his or her entry into the adult world—right?

Maybe not, student profiles indicate.

Almost 46 percent of those enrolled at WTC this fall are age 25 and older. Many of these students are married and have children. Often they are combining studies with raising a family as well as working full or part-time.

There are 521 students 25 and older taking courses this semester, according to Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services. This includes full and part-time students. More older students are involved in vocational courses than in an academic program, and the majority of older students are women, Dr. Hood said.

Among the non-traditional students who choose an academic course of study, elementary education is the most popular major, he added.

Older students attend college for a variety of reasons. Shirley Leatherwood, who is in her 40s, is enrolled in three classes this semester. She says she "wanted to learn to type and write business letters" since she helps her husband, Billy, with the family-owned service station.

Mrs. Leatherwood, whose three children are 21, 18, and eight, said she was discouraged from attending college. In fact, she dropped out of high school because she believed she wasn't "smart enough."

"It finally dawned on me, though, that if I was raising three kids, running a household and helping my husband with his business, maybe I wasn't so dumb after all, so I decided to give college a try," she said.

Mrs. Leatherwood added that going back to school has given purpose to her life. "Before, when my kids came home from school and asked what I had done that day, about all I had to say was 'Well, I mopped the kitchen floor.' Now I feel like I am accomplishing something. I have a reason to get out of bed in the morning."

Linda Burns, 34, is an elementary education major. Although she is only taking one course at WTC this fall, she attended full time for the past two years, earning her associate degree last spring.

Mrs. Burns, who is married and has two children, ages 11 and six, said she enrolled at WTC because she "wanted a career, rather than just a job."

"I looked around and saw some of my friends making \$10,000 more a year than I was because they had college degrees," she said.

Mrs. Burns is now commut-

ing three days a week to the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. She is also working part time, and worked while attending WTC. She said that having a local community college "had everything to do" with her decision to go after a four-year degree.

"I would not have considered it if I had been faced with commuting for four years instead of two," she said.

Even though the majority of older students are women, there are older men on campus, also. Richard Cooper, 41, of Loraine, had a long-standing dream of being a teacher, but put that dream aside because he had a wife and three kids to support.

Cooper was working as a meat cutter three years ago when he hurt his back on the job and was unable to return. As a result, he says "I am making the best of a bad situation."

Cooper, a freshman, is enrolled in 16 hours this fall, and after graduating from WTC, he plans to major in secondary education at Angelo State University. He says he would not have chosen the circumstances that placed

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Student senate gains activity committees

By Tabby Lewis
Texan Staffer

After two Western Texas College Student Senate meetings, senators were assigned to committees and chair-persons were chosen.

Each committee will meet separately once a week.

At the first meeting on Sept. 26, the student senate appointed senators to selected committees. The chaplain is David Smith of Garland, a sophomore, and the Student Welfare person is Raleigh Breeden, a sophomore from Albany.

Each activities council has an advisor. The advisors are the student body officers. The advisor's job is to make sure that the committee is running smoothly and everyone is present at committee meetings.

Senators elected to traffic appeals are Kenny Miller, freshman; Aaron Brown, a sophomore from Roscoe; Zeke Bidwell, a freshman from Lubbock; Suzann Smith, a freshman from Roscoe; and David Smith. They will serve with faculty and administration to improve traffic conditions on campus.

Senators for the dance committee are Shannon Shores, committee chair-person, a freshman



Ready for Hamlet ESP

Scott Weaver of Levelland is shown last week preparing for the upcoming production of "Hamlet ESP," which will open in the Fine Arts Theatre Nov. 10. The show is an

adaptation of the classic play by Shakespeare and utilizes three characters in the part of Hamlet. Weaver will perform in one of these roles. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

Art exhibits to be large scale display

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

Don't be alarmed if you're walking around campus next week and find yourself bumping into monumental art exhibits that you could have sworn weren't there before.

They weren't.

The sculptures will be part of the Louisiana Tech Faculty Art Exhibit that will open this Sunday and remain for approximately a

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Democrats-Republicans square off as new campus organizations form

By Sharon Doty
Texan Staffer

A small rivalry may be brewing on the campus. And because of what the two groups represent—political parties—differences of opinion are expected.

Within this first month of school, students have decided to join either the newly formed Young Democrats or the Young Republicans. The Young Democrats are headed by Phillip Rodriguez of Sweetwater and the Young Republicans by Carl Mock of Snyder.

Rodriguez formed the Young Democrats shortly after the Young Republicans started. He had attended the Republicans meeting, but decided it wasn't right for him so, "I told my teacher (Jimmie McGee) and he said, 'Start your own club.'"

The groups say they are serious about politics. During his interviews, Mock took a break to pass out a voter registration card. He said, "If your American, you should vote."

One of the goals the for groups will be to discuss political views

among themselves and to "stand up" for those views. The groups have big ideas to bring in governors, senators, representatives.

Even though U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm from Stamford is a Democrat, the Young Republicans would like to get him to speak on campus.

As either group will tell you, the clubs are in the very beginning stages. Neither has elected officers yet, although the Republicans do have a leadership committee. The Democrats are waiting to get their state constitution that affli-

ates them with other Young Democrats. The Young Republicans have received their constitution and have written their own WTC constitution that correlates with the other.

One of the biggest issues may be to get others aware of the groups.

Right now, membership is low for both. The Republicans have about 12 members and the Democrats about eight. To attract more people, the Republicans are rely-

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Keep on Biking

A new exercise bike has been installed in the gym that Western Texan staffer Todd Perry took a ride on. Page 4

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New college 'Re-entry' program helps dropout to return to studies

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

A new program has been established at Western Texas College which aims to assist high school dropouts by providing instruction toward their GED while simultaneously assisting them with job income.

Called the WTC Re-entry Program, it provides the dropouts an opportunity to improve basic skills, study for the GED—an equivalent to a high school diploma—and participate in a job training program.

Throughout this time, the dropouts receive counseling as well.

Debbie Brunson is coordinator and counselor for the program. WTC receives funding for it through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The college has been given \$60,000 to assist 16 students. Brunson said, "Every cent of the \$60,000 is being used."

The cost per student is \$3,753. Included in that sum is the pay they receive for working 16 hours a week, staff salaries and the cost of college materials.

The program will take the students nine months to complete. The classes are basic education courses with emphasis on computers. Brunson said that the classes will have no more than 10 students at a time, allowing for more one-on-one teaching.

Applicants for the program must be high school dropouts, be between the ages of 17 and 21 and meet low income requirements.

Brunson said the program is

receiving support from Snyder High School counselors, teachers and administrators.

Staffers at the high school gave Brunson a list of student names who have quit school. Brunson sent letters to them detailing the program.

Brunson said that she also recruits drop-outs through advertisements on the local cable

television channel and radio and also through probation officers.

The staff of the re-entry program includes Mrs. Brunson, Connie Dickerson, a teacher, and Pat Blakely, vocational director.

Brunson said that she would like to see the program grow next year if more money is available through the JTPA.

Art students utilize talent for new newspaper logos

A new mast and a new mascot were designed by Western Texas College art students for the campus publication, The Western Texan.

Both students are enrolled in Advertising Art 239, a sophomore-level offering for art and mass communication majors.

The "Texan" now used in the newspaper's mast and across the top of its inside pages was designed by student Cole McKenzie.

The original drawing for the newspaper's mascot, the Green Eyeshade, was drawn by art student Chris Bond.

To create the "Texan" logo, McKenzie notes he drew "probably 50 versions" before a final one was selected.

All students enrolled in Advertising Art 239 were asked to submit "Texan" entries, and McKenzie's was selected from the class of 15 students.

The Green Eyeshade character is a composite of a 1940s comic hero called The Spirit,



originally drawn by the artist Will Eisner.

Mrs. Bond adapted the figure to create the newspaper's mascot, who uses the motto, "We Seek the Truth."

The Green Eyeshade wears the distinctive head gear favored by early newspaper editors.

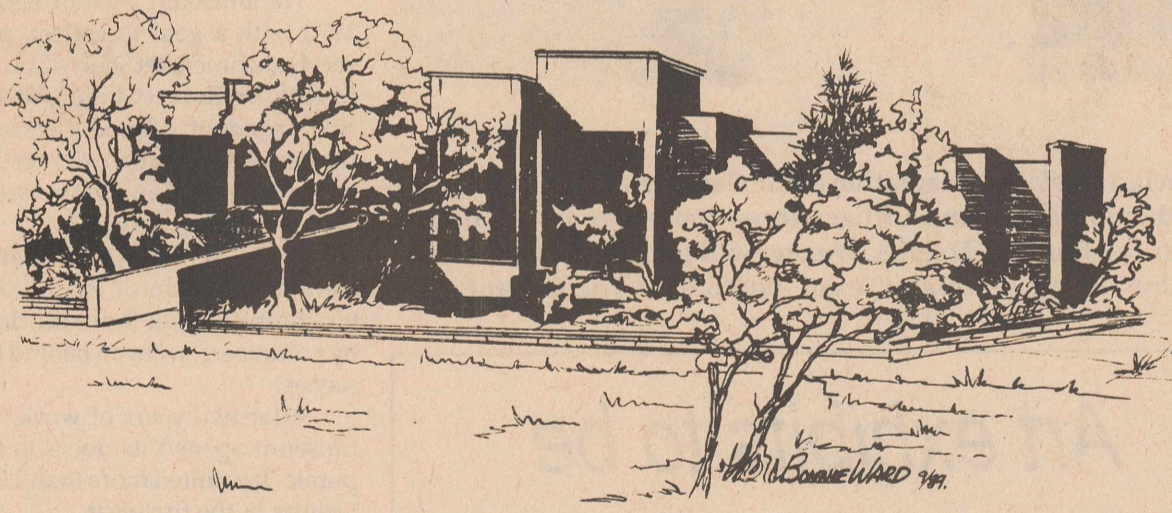
McKenzie is a native of Snyder, graduating from Snyder High School in 1987.

Mrs. Bond is a high school graduate of Oklahoma City and moved to Snyder with her husband, David, in 1986. The couple has two sons, ages 3 and 6.



Give me a C-H-E-E-R
WTC cheerleaders are (top) Carol Johnson, and Dana Pennington. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)
(middle) Cheryl Alvarez, Bonnie Herrington,
(bottom) Cathey Crowder, Beverly Sandefur

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WTC cheerleaders show varied interests, reasons for 'trying out'

By Carol Johnson
Texan Staffer

WTC's squad of cheerleader's hobbies range from horseback riding to modeling. The squad includes one Dallas County native, two from Mitchell County and three from Scurry County.

One cheerleader is returning from last year, Cathey Crowder, a sophomore from Ira.

She is a physical education major who was a Miss WTC nominee last year. In addition, she was named a campus favorite for 1989.

She is a member of the student council and is council vice president this year. She is also a member of the rodeo team.

Her hobbies include rodeo activities and water skiing.

Beverly Sandefur is a freshman from Hermleigh. Her college major is psychology. Her interests include sports.

She was a cheerleader her freshman, junior and senior year at Hermleigh High School. Beverly said she chose to try out for cheerleader because "I think cheerleading is an absolute blast. I have always enjoyed it and I think it will be a good experience."

Bonnie Herrington is a freshman from Loraine. Her major is history education. Some of Bonnie's interest are being with people, being in front of a crowd, reading, dancing and being involved in rodeos and stock shows.

She is involved in the

student senate and has received both a Dora E. Cunningham and a George Mahon Scholarship.

Bonnie says, "I would like to continue to increase the spirit and enthusiasm of the school. I would really enjoy cheering for a college."

Dana Pennington is a sophomore from Ira and her college major is accounting. Dana enjoys basketball, swimming, aerobics and meeting new people.

Dana says she wanted to become a WTC cheerleader because, "I want to support the school and the team and also represent it. I love being active and working and meeting new people."

Cheryl Alvarez is a sophomore from Loraine majoring in recreation therapy. Some of Cheryl's interest are bike riding and horseback riding.

Alcohol Awareness Week slated

October 15-21 has been proclaimed as "Alcohol Awareness Week" at Western Texas College.

Student-run activities on the local campus, supported by faculty and administration, will coincide with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW). Students nationwide are promoting alcohol education, development of student decision-making skills and positive peer influence.

Alcohol Awareness Week' at WTC initiates a year-round

Cheryl was a cheerleader at Loraine High School also. She says she wanted to become a cheerleader "to be active in school-related functions."

Joining the squad from Dallas is Carol Johnson, a freshman. She is majoring in mass communications. Some of her interests include going to basketball games, modeling, running track and dancing.

Carol is currently involved in several activities, to include the school newspaper and studio make-up. In the past, she was a cheerleader in junior high.

Her reason for seeking a cheerleader position is, "I think that I am very capable of cheering on our teams so that it will let the athletes know that they have strong supporters and we're behind them all the way."

emphasis on alcohol education and recognition of the individual's ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding use or non-use of alcohol. "It is in the best interest of students, faculty, administrators and the community that such decision-making be responsible and well-informed. In addition, we want to encourage a partnership to prevent campus problems associated with alcohol misuse," says Dan Osborn, Chairman of the WTC Educational Task Force on Drug Abuse.

Adapted from classic... Variation on Hamlet has cast chosen for November

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

Cast and crew members have been selected for the Fine Art Drama Department's production of the play Hamlet ESP.

The play is adapted by Paul Baker, the founding director of the Dallas Theatre Center. Baker took Shakespeare's script, reduced it from five acts to three and regrouped the whole play without adding any language.

"It's through the mind of Hamlet," said Jim Rambo, drama instructor.

Rambo said, "His (Baker's) perspective was that Hamlet was such a complex person that it takes three different actors to portray him in order to understand his feelings."

Opening night for the play will be Nov. 10 and it will run through Nov. 12. Students will be admitted free with their WTC ID.

The cast will perform the play as the college's entry in the American College Theatre Festival at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Galen Price, sophomore, will also compete in the festival for set and light design.

The lead actors that will portray the three Hamlets are: Scott Weaver, freshman, Brandon Neely, sophomore, and Jeff Hicks, freshman.

Actors in supporting roles include: Kenn Kern, freshman, portraying Horatio; Joy McSpadden, sophomore, portraying Gertrude; Jay Burns, freshman, portraying Claudius; and Richard Lack, sophomore, portraying Polonius.

Members of the cast in other roles include:

—Jerry Vizena, freshman, portraying Rosencratz.

—Clay Travis, freshman, portraying Guildenstern.

—Rodney Gestes, freshman, portraying Laertes.

—Lea Ann Bonner, freshman, portraying Ophelia.

—Trisha Phillips, sophomore, portraying Player Queen.

—Frank Pointeau, sophomore, portraying Player King.

—Lisa Sorrells, sophomore, portraying First Gravedigger.

—Steve Warner, sophomore, portraying Second Gravedigger.

—Clay Travis, portraying Doctor.

—Jerry Vizena, portraying Osric.

—Jerry Vizena, portraying Dance figure.

Company Members serving in multiple roles include freshmen Christi Wilcox and Kim Helton.

Other actors already mentioned serving in multiple roles include: Trisha Phillips, Lisa Sorrells, Jerry Vizena, Rodney Gestes, Clay Travis, Steve Warner, and Frank Pointeau.

On-stage technicians and dressers include Brian Hamrick, Ginger Miller, and Rebecca Kizer, all freshmen.

Galen Price is the set and light designer.



Hamlet ESP

The Western Texas College production of Hamlet ESP will open on campus for a three-performance run Nov. 10-12. The play

is an adaption of the classic Hamlet and casts three actors in the lead role. The play will serve as the WTC entry in this year's

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Kappa Chi activities underway

The Kappa Chi Club has 20 members active in events sponsored through the Christian Student Center (CSC).

The Kappa Chi Club meets in the CSC located due south of the dormitory. Director is Roy Rosson.

The club offers a variety of group activities to include Bible study classes every Tuesday night

at 7:30 and devotionals on Thursday mornings from 7:15-7:50.

The Kappa Chi also plans to serve a meal for two floors of the dorm every other Thursday between 10:45 and 11:30 a.m.

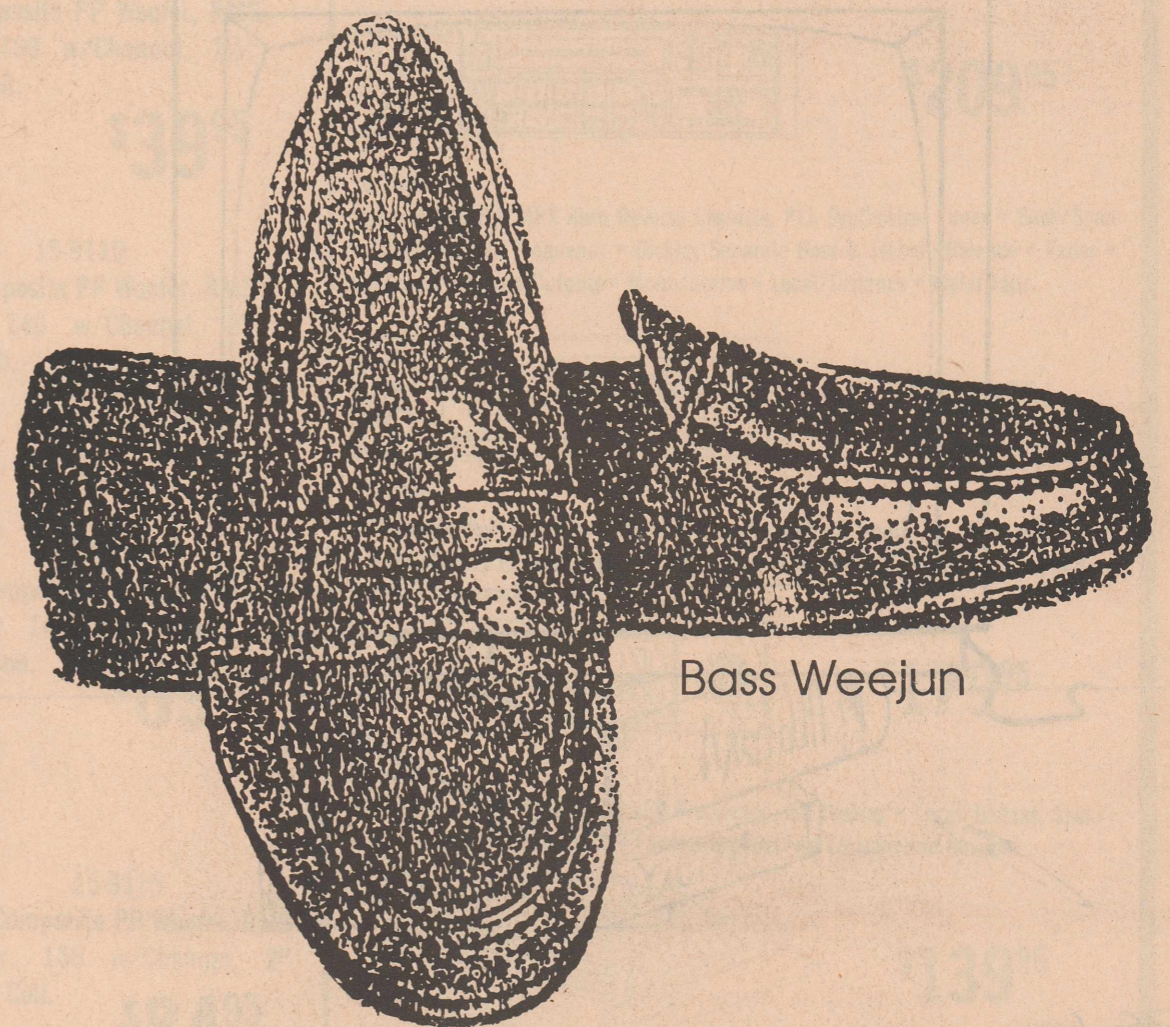
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Golfers play at 2 tourneys

By Todd Perry
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas College golf team traveled to Odessa Sept. 30-Oct. 2 for the Mission Country Club Intercollegiate Invitational Tournament. The tourney was a tough one but was, "a good tournament to get experience in," said Coach David Foster.

The team placed ninth overall with Brandon Benidict winning honors for the team. Coach Foster said, "Brandon had a good tournament," shooting 227, nine strokes better than Tony Lana and Jeff Baker who tied with a 236.

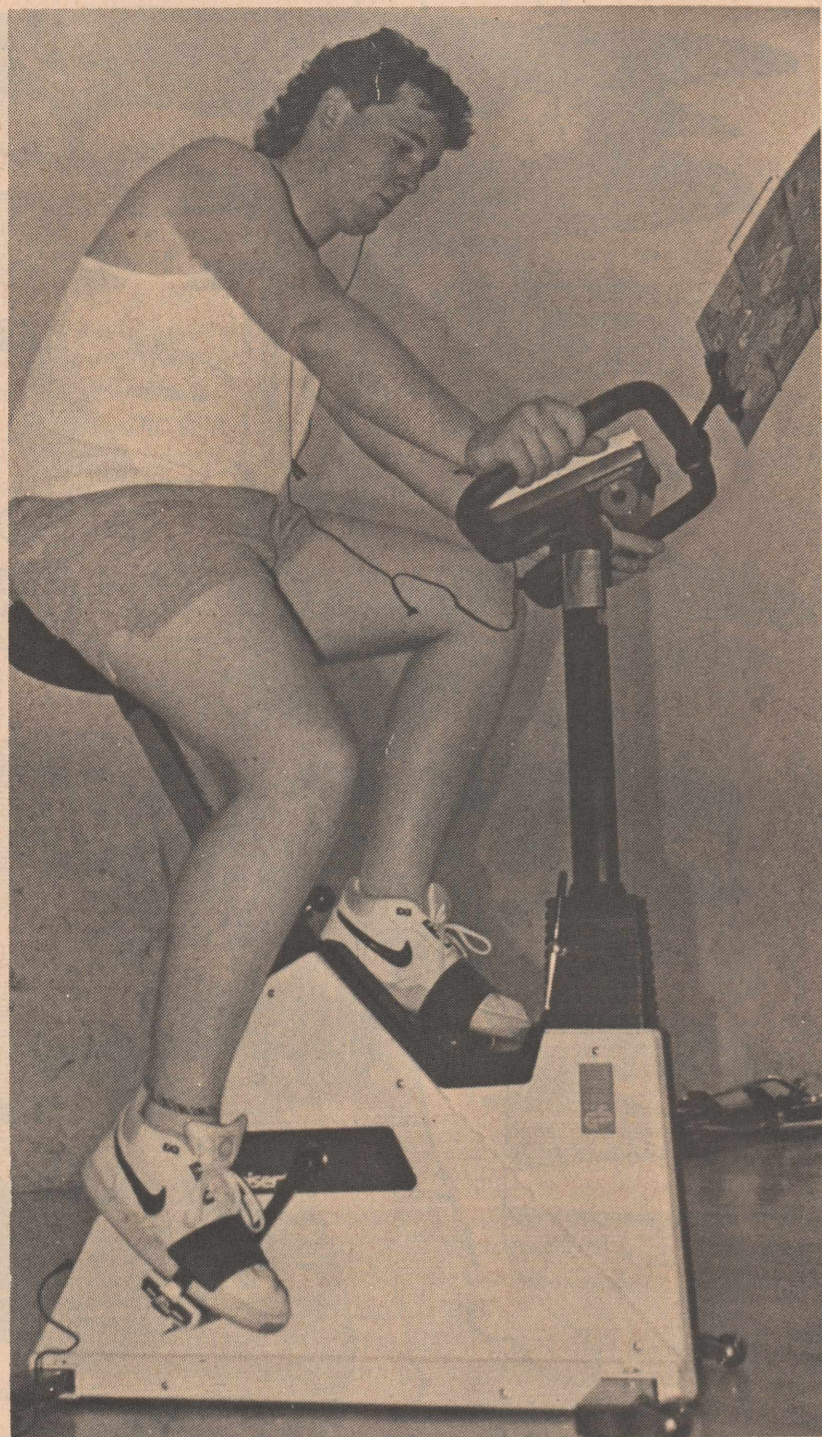
The group will try to regroup this week and prepare for the next conference tourney in Roswell, N.M. on Oct. 19-20.

Second tournament action for the WTC team was the Fort Worth Recreational Golf Tournament played Sept. 21-22.

Both the Blue and the Green teams shot an overall 918, good enough to place fourth.

For the Green squad, David Turroutine led the group with rounds of 73, 75 and 79 and a three round total of 227. Following him was Jerry Whitten with a 229, Brandon Benidict and Jeff Baker tied with a 235 and Tony Lana closed with a 241.

The Blue team held the low score of the two squads with a total of 225 shot by Brad Stewert. Stewert was followed by Chris Mathis, 231, Jimmy Howe 233, Mike Montgomery, 247, and Zeke Birdwell, 153. Birdwel missed the second round due to an injury.



Riding for "Life"

Texan sports writer Todd Perry takes a spin on a new exercise bicycle at Western Texas College which combines the latest in technology with the fitness craze. The bike assesses the rider's physical condition based on age and weight. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

Exercise bicycle offers ride aimed at saving life

18-year-old staffer finds himself 'fair'

(Editor's Note: The Texan assigned staffer Todd Perry to try out WTC's new exercise bicycle. His orders were to come back with his shield or on it.)

By Todd Perry
Texan Staffer

In the health-crazy world of today, people are looking for an exercise to get them into the shape they were 10 years ago.

Some will settle for any shape, as long as it's not the one they're in today.

We have gone from old fashioned sit-ups and push-ups to water aerobics and rowing machines.

New this fall, Western Texas College has added a stationary exercise bike called "The Ergociser" which updates the old workout of bike riding to the space-age technology of the 90's.

This machine is not only an

exercise bike but also a fitness recorder. It actually keeps a record of your heart rate and speeds up or down according to the heart rate.

To start out on the bike, I put in my age and weight and then waited for the command to start. The beep sounded and I was off.

The tension started off easy and then got tougher as the test went on. A small clip was placed on my earlobe to register my heart rate. As the pressure got harder, so did my heart beat.

Every 30 seconds a printout registered my speed, watts—amount of work done—and heart rate. Simultaneously, this rate is being graphed to allow you to see how your heart is doing.

The tension, controlled by magnets, gets stronger and increases every three minutes until the end of the test. After the test is

complete, the printout is taken from

the machine and your heart condition is ready to be analyzed.

Your heart rate is measured on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best. Only seven people had been on the bike when I took the test, including WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek.

Dr. Krenek was reported to have scored excellent on the test. I scored fair. Maybe there was a malfunction with the machine when I took the test.

The machine is open to all students and faculty on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. You can set up an appointment by contacting Lee Burke, who said he hopes the machine will start an interest in physical awareness on campus.

The test is not a difficult one but, as Lee says, it could prove to be a lifesaver.

As Hans and Frans say, "Start Pumping Up."



Rodeo Team Girls

Rodeo Coach Bob Doty introduced these members of his girl's rodeo team Sept. 26 at the annual "meet the athletes" night at WTC. Team members are (from left) Cathey Crowder,

Jennifer Lee, Lisa Melvy, Jackie Parker, Krista Jeffries, Ronda Caraway and Lorre Moser. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

Fellowship meets weekly

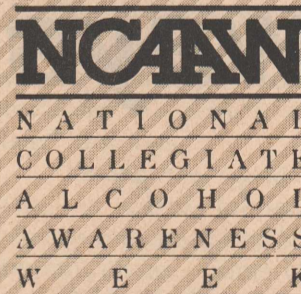
The WTC chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has selected new officers for the 1989 school year.

They are sophomore David Smith as president; sophomore Cedric Mason as vice president; freshman Thomas Davis as secretary; and freshman Alfredo Porter as treasurer. The FCA meetings will be held on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. at the Christian Student Center.

The meetings will consist of a business meeting and speakers who have spiritual messages to give to the members. After the business meeting is over, recreational activities for the members are planned.

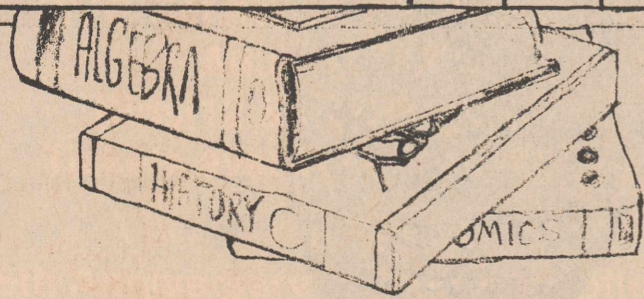
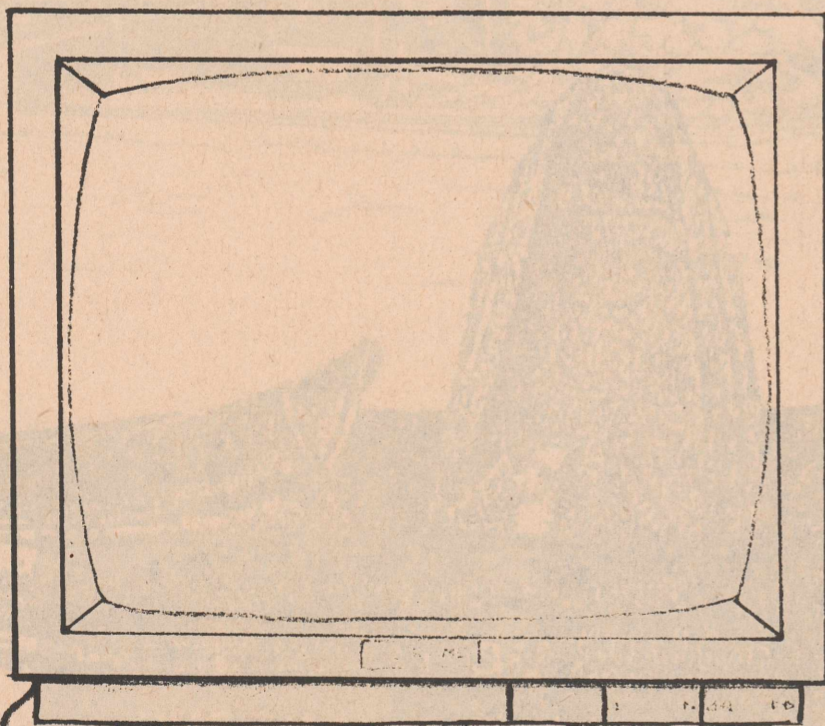
The FCA is a national chapter that was organized so that athletes could get together to share spiritual beliefs.

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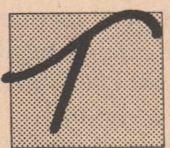


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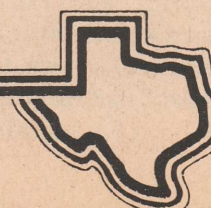


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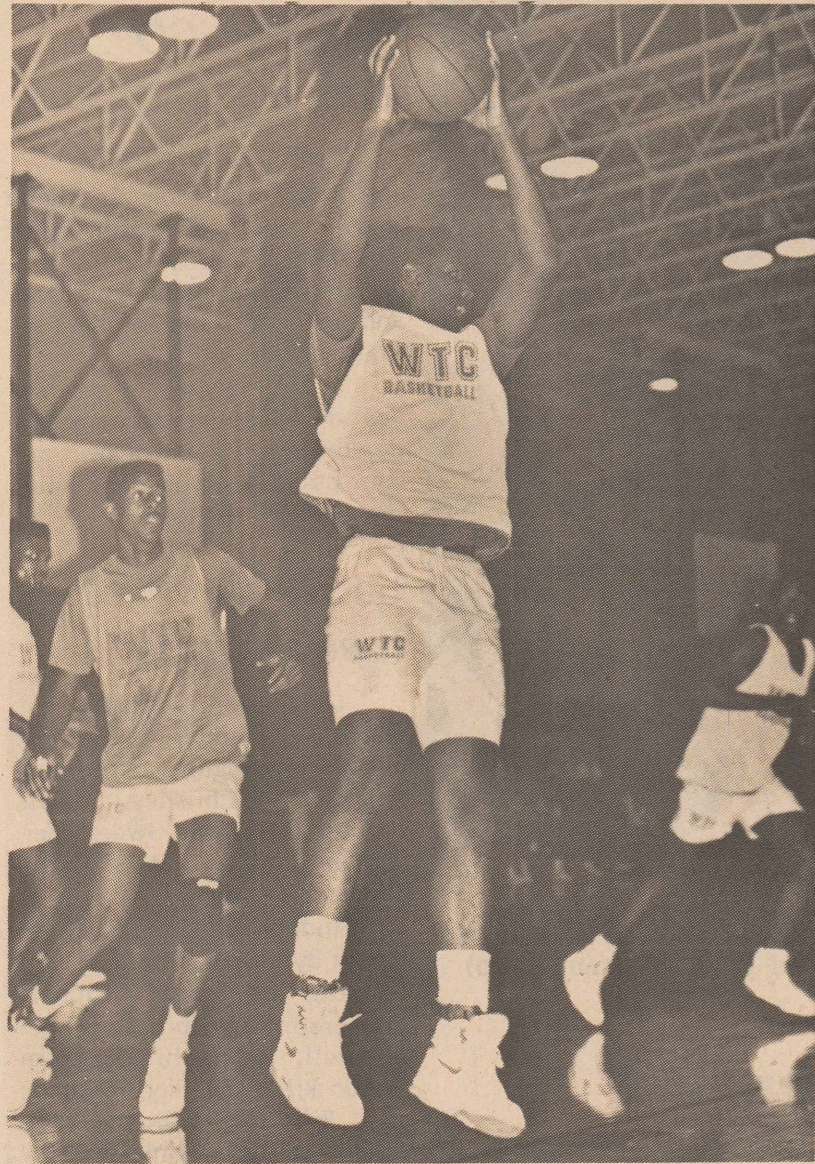
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Rebounding
Doug Brown rebounds the ball during the scrimmage on Oct. 26. Also pictured are Brian Murray and Jacoby Garmon. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

Good physical fitness requires diet, exercise

By Lee Burke
HPE Division Chairman
Much of the information in this and future articles will be reports and results of studies dealing with health, fitness, stress, business, and family life. "Vitality Digest," a section from Vitality magazine, will be the source of this edition's article.

Start eating breakfast. With each meal we eat, we increase the rate at which we burn calories. It is called the "thermic effect of food." In one study, people who skipped breakfast every day had metabolic rates four to five percent below normal.

Don't let kids skip breakfast. In a recent study, a group of low-income children participated in a school breakfast program. Their performance on standardized achievement tests improved significantly after they started eating the morning meal. Also, absenteeism and tardiness declines.

The average school lunch gets 39 percent of its calories from fat and contains 1.224 mg. of sodium. That's nine percent more fat than kids need, and twice the recommended mealtime amounts of sodium.

Even Plato recognized the need of exercise. Anyone engaged in mathematics or any other strenuous intellectual pursuit should also take part in physical training to alleviate the mental stress.

Exercise and success go hand in hand. Of 1,139 chief executives

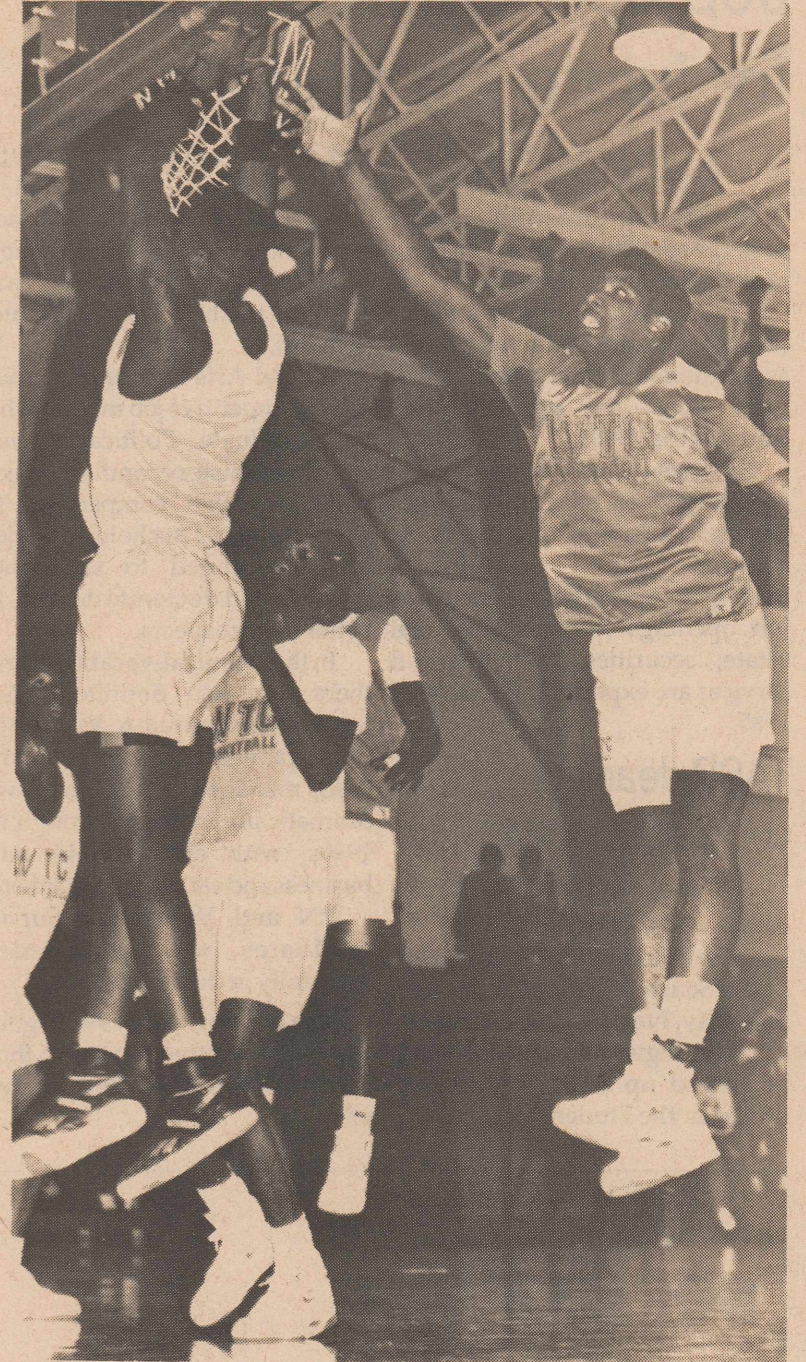
who participated in a recent study, 64 percent of them exercise regularly. What's more, 90 percent of them are careful about diet and only 10 percent smoke.

Good news and bad news: The average 18-year-old male is four inches taller than 100 years ago. But derrieres are getting bigger. The seats in movie theaters now measure 20 to 22 inches wide, which is up to five inches wider than 50 years ago.

If you're just taking up the fitness quest, be patient and don't give up—even if your workout does seem hard at first. It takes the body 21 days to adapt to any kind of new behavior.

In the fight against fat, we're eating less beef and eggs, 73 percent less butter, 59 percent less whole milk and practically no lard. But we're cancelling out those gains by eating more ice cream and cheese.

Eating eight ounces of potato chips is like pouring 12 to 20 teaspoons of vegetable oil and a teaspoon of salt into a baked potato. Peace and good health.



Ganging Up
Doug Brown and Jacoby Garmon try for a rebound during the scrimmage on Sept. 26. Also pictured are Dominick Byrd, Jeffrey Shelly and Alfredo Porter. (Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan)

Intramural volleyball set to start at WTC

The 1989-90 Intramural Volleyball League starts tomorrow in the basketball gym. The teams are co-ed and must have three men and three women on the court at all times with a 12 player limit. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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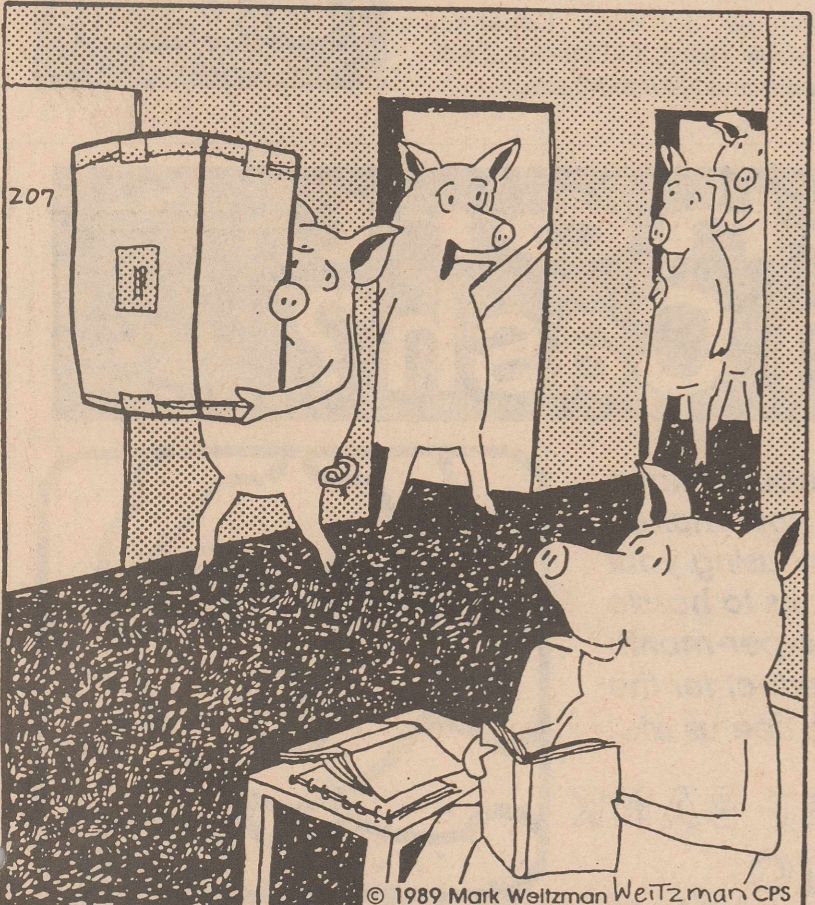
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Job opportunities noted for future job markets

By Dan Osborn
WTC Counselor's Office
Several interesting career patterns seem to be emerging from recent labor market research.

Engineering, computer science, and other professional fields such as mathematics and nursing will have good job opportunities through the 1990s.

Business majors are being encouraged to steer away from General Business programs to options in accounting, management, marketing, and sales. Job openings in insurance, real estate, securities, and financial services are expected to double by 1995.

TASP deadline could affect many

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essay—300-400 words.

The examination will be given at the Scurry County Coliseum, Saturday, Nov. 18. The fee is \$24.

Test registration packets can be picked up at the counseling offices in the Student Center.

Education majors can expect to find good employment opportunities in the next decade, especially elementary teachers. Math, science, reading and bilingual teachers will be in greatest demand.

Liberal Arts majors may find a more competitive job market when they graduate. Political Science, sociology, history, and art majors will face keen competition for employment. Psychology majors are encouraged to seek their master's and doctorate degrees for better job prospects.

In the technical-vocational area, there are also definite trends. Secretaries continue to lead the list of employees most in demand. Also, management positions will dramatically increase through the 1990s, with emphasis in retail business and eating establishments.

RN and Vocational Nursing graduates will be needed, especially in the larger cities.

The job market in 1990 is going to be competitive, even for those careers with the greatest supply of jobs.



Phi Theta Kappa

PTK officers are (front row) Aaron Brown, Greg Parker, (back row) Vickie Chavez, Lori Tate, Shea Fenton, Marla McCoy, Tami Castillo, Lisa Sorrells and Gigi Tharpe. Not pictured is David Beard. (Texan Photo)

Democrats-GOP forming on campus

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ing on the reputations they hope to build, word of mouth, flyers and other publicity. The Democrats have many of the same ideas and would also like to plan fundraisers and parties.

The Democrats may seem to have the odds against them with a Republican president of the country, but, as Rodriguez said, "Somebody's got to be."

Senate committees have assignments

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Rasco, a sophomore from Roby; Bonnie Herrington, a freshman from Loraine; Christie Alderman, a freshman from Sweetwater; Aaron Brown and Shannon Warren, freshmen.

Student Life senators are Becky Bynum, committee chairperson, freshman; Michele Anderson, freshman; Zeke Bidwell, a freshman from Lubbock; Kenny Miller, freshman; and Billy Joe Gannaway, a freshman from Hermleigh.

Recreation senators are Meredith Goodwin, committee chairperson, sophomore; Teri Sue Henry, sophomore; Tabitha Lewis, freshman; Roddy Oaks, a freshman from Ackerly; Nichole Overman, freshman; and Anna Alvarez, sophomore.

The next student senate meeting will be Oct. 10 in the board room.

Older students note rewards

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him in this position, but he is excited over the prospect of realizing his dream.

There are some common advantages and disadvantages when it comes to attending school later, rather than sooner, most say.

All of the women interviewed agreed one of the biggest problems is trying to juggle schoolwork with family responsibilities and housework. But they added that family members were generally helpful.

Another problem mentioned was the financial strain placed on the family, especially when there

are older children who may be in college as well.

A fear of not "fitting in" and not being able to keep up academically with younger students was shared by everyone interviewed. Cooper said he was afraid "he would feel like a dummy," and was very apprehensive at first. But all commented that after the first few classes, they felt accepted.

There is a positive side to being an older student, too. Mrs. Burns said when she was 18 she didn't "have any clue" what she wanted to do. "If I had gone to college then, I would have been more interested in having a good time than in learning. Now I am going to school to get an education, not to socialize," she said. Those sentiments were echoed by other older students as well.

That determination and maturity is common in older students, according to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president. Dr. Krenek said he felt it was an advantage to have older students on campus. "They are here because they want to be, and that usually makes them more serious students."

Another faculty member who is complimentary of older students and can identify with them is Joann

Snider, office careers instructor.

Ten years ago, Mrs. Snider found herself divorced with four kids to support and no job skills. After working at a minimum wage job, she said she sat the kids down and asked, "Do you want to continue living like this, or are you willing to sacrifice a little more so that we can have something better?" They all agreed they wanted "something better," and so, at age 40, Mrs. Snider enrolled at WTC.

She set goals for herself to attain a bachelor's degree by age 45, a master's degree by age 50, and to eventually return to WTC as an instructor rather than a student. Today, she has fulfilled all three of those goals. "If I can do it, anyone can," she said.

Mrs. Snider and the students interviewed all emphasized that attending college was a very positive experience for them. Mrs. Snider said she felt it was important to have goals and to be making progress. "If you're not going forward, you're usually going backward," she said.

As Mrs. Leatherwood put it, "I may not be making all 'A's,' but I know more than I did this time last year, and that's what counts."

Exhibit to open at WTC

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month. The Fine Arts gallery will be open Sunday from 1-3 p.m. for the premiere of the display.

Ty Brunson, art instructor, said the exhibit will include paintings, drawings, photographs and two or three large scale sculptures. The sculptures will either be located south of the Fine Arts building or in the courtyard.

The faculty artists from Louisiana Tech, located in Ruston, La., are all Brunson's former professors. They are bringing their artwork here on Brunson's request.

The artists include: Joe Strother, Bob Berguson, Dean Dablow, Jonathon Donahue, Debbie Tharp, Ed Pinkston, Peter Jones and Novem Mason.

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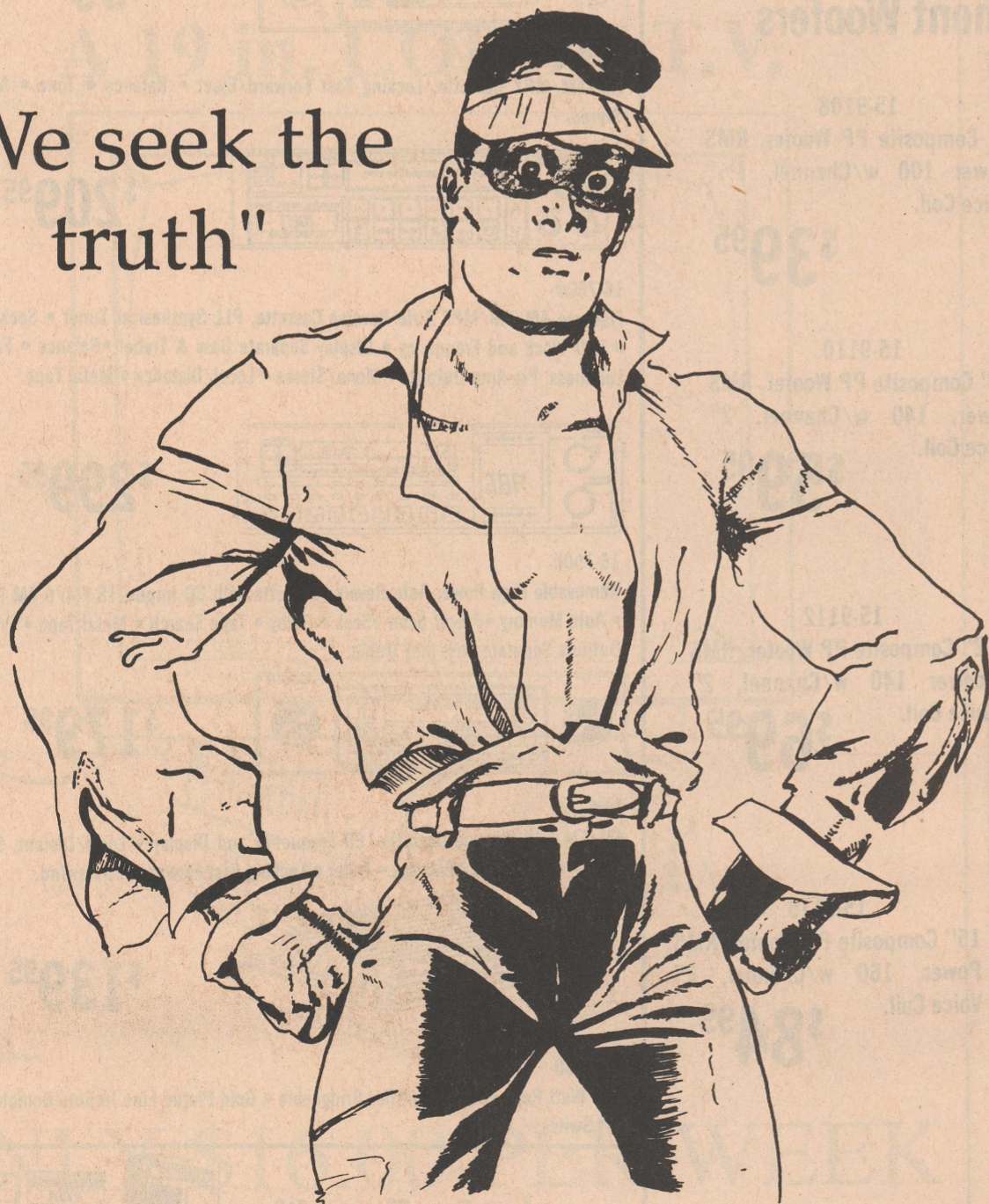
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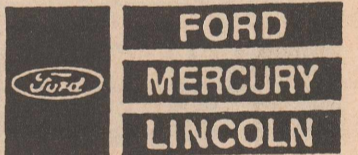
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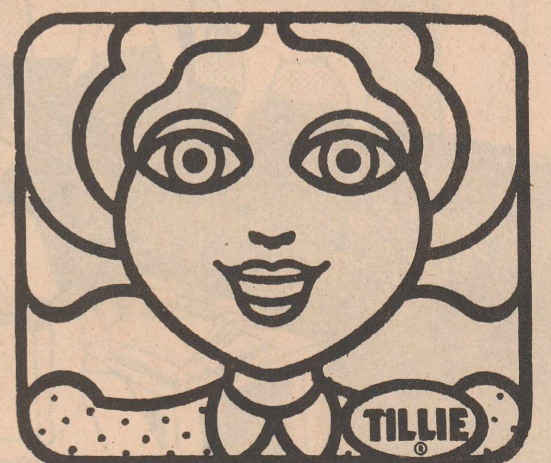


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