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Wheelchair no barrier for student

By Janice Northern
Texan Staffer

Being confined to a wheelchair has not stopped Belinda Ramirez, 18, from seeking a college education.

Paralyzed since age 11, she has only limited use of her arms. As a result, until she received her new electric wheelchair last week, she was dependent on others even to move her wheelchair from one place to another.

Belinda is enrolled in eight hours this semester at Western Texas College. She makes the 72 mile round trip from Roby three days a week with her mother, Mary Alice Ramirez.

Although the exact cause of Belinda's paralysis was never positively diagnosed, doctors told the Ramirez family that the most likely cause was Guillain-Barre syndrome. This rare condition attacks the nervous system, causing paralysis, and can sometimes be fatal.

In Belinda's case, the paralysis struck swiftly and without warning one October morning seven years ago. "It was Oct. 1. I remember that day real well," Belinda said.

She had gotten up and was getting ready for school like any other day when she began experiencing "bad pains" around her waist. By school time, the pain was so severe that her parents, who both worked, decided to let her spend the day with an aunt.

Her father, Jimmy, dropped her off at the aunt's house, but within 30 minutes, both he and his wife were summoned back.

Mrs. Ramirez said they walked in and found Belinda "lying on the floor" unable to get up. Belinda remembers "My aunt was giving me some medicine, and suddenly I couldn't hold the glass of water." Then, she says, she "couldn't stand up."

Belinda's parents rushed her to the hospital, and she was transferred to Hendrick Medical Center the next day, where she spent the next two months of her life. Doctors there commented that she was "lucky" that the paralysis did not affect her respiratory system, which could have proved fatal. Mrs. Ramirez calls it "a miracle."

Guillain-Barre syndrome leaves destroyed nerve tissue and atrophied muscles in its aftermath. The extent of recovery varies. Belinda says she had regained some use of her right arm by the time she left the hospital, shortly before Thanksgiving Day, 1982. Further progress has been slow and agonizing.

Even though the condition left her paralyzed, there was no loss of sensation, and Belinda said she was in constant pain for a long time. After her release from the hospital, she began undergoing physical therapy three times a week. Having her muscles stretched and exercised was so painful that she cried during the sessions, she said.

Belinda continued professional therapy until last summer, and still spends two to three hours a week exercising on her own. A recent addition to her routine is a series of exercises she does at home for college credit. These exercises take the place of her PE requirement for graduation.

Belinda says she can use her right hand "fairly well" now, and See HANDICAPPED, page 6.



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Belinda Ramirez, 18, is seeking a college education at WTC, despite being confined to a wheelchair since age 11. She has only limited use of her arms and recently received a new electric wheelchair to allow her more mobility around

campus. last week. Belinda is enrolled in eight hours this semester at Western Texas College. She makes the 72 mile round trip from Roby three days a week with her mother, Mary Alice Ramirez. Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan

Author for 'Hamlet ESP' accepts front row, center

By Amy Presler
Texan Staffer

Cast and crew members of WTC's production of "Hamlet ESP" will have a good excuse to be nervous on opening night this coming Friday—the play's author will be in the audience.

Paul Baker, the man who adapted the play from Shakespeare's "Hamlet," will arrive in Snyder Thursday. Jim Rambo, drama instructor, invited Baker to attend the opening performance. "I took two big breaths and just called him to tell him we were in rehearsal and then I invited him to come up and he accepted."

Baker has been retired since 1983 and lives south of San Antonio. Rambo said Baker has done some free-lance work since retiring, but it has been limited.

Rambo commented that Baker should be known as "Mr. Regional Theatre Company" because of his great contributions to the theatre.

Baker is the founding director of the Dallas Theatre Center.

In his adaptation of Hamlet ESP, he 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 Rambo. "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."

The lead actors that will portray the three Hamlets are Scott and Jeff Hicks. See PLAY, page 3



'Hamlet ESP'

Western Texas College's production of "Hamlet ESP" will feature three actors in the role of Hamlet. In this artist's conception, actors shown include, from left, Brandon Neeley, Scott Weaver and Jeff Hicks. Texan Drawing by Bonnie Ward.

Halloween

The spooky season was celebrated in traditional style at WTC with the annual dance. This scarecrow was one of two named best couple. See photo, page 3.



370 here feel 'sting' of notices listing absences

By Misty M. Stevens
Texan Staffer

As students go to check their mailboxes, they peek through the hole and notice they have a letter. They fiddle with the combination lock until finally it opens. Then, grabbing for the letter, they realize it is only an absentee notice.

Since the beginning of the semester until Oct. 27, the last day to drop classes, some 370 WTC students have received absentee letters. This number does not include those students who have received more than one notice.

This number represents approximately one-third of the student enrollment this fall.

According to Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling services, one of the reasons the number was so high is because people would decide to drop a class, stop attending it, and fail to drop it immediately. As a result, absentee letters were sent out "left and right."

College policy directs regular attendance in all classes at WTC. If a student has been absent for a period of from three to six hours of instruction, the instructor is directed to report such absences to the counseling center.

The student should then report to the counseling office See ABSENCES, page 3

Racquetball costs are cut to benefit students

By Sharon Doty
Texan Staffer

Fees for use of the pro shop racquetball courts have been reduced to 50 cents an hour in order to encourage more students to use the facilities, according to Dave Foster, WTC athletic director.

Foster said that use of the courts had reduced greatly over the past several years and that he hopes the new provisions, which are effective immediately, will encourage student use. At the start of this semester, students were charged \$2 per hour to use the courts.

The court hours are as follows:

—Monday and Wednesday: 8 a.m. - noon and 1-7 p.m.

—Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

—Thursday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:15 - 7 p.m.

—Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Foster noted the latest time to start a game will be one hour before closing, which allows an hour of playing time before the pro shop closes. On Tuesday, the last court time is at noon. On other days, the last court time will be at 6 p.m.

No reservations can be made to use the court and it will be operated on a first-come, first-serve basis. The court also has no rental equipment and students must furnish their own racquets

and racquetballs.

Tennis or racquetball shoes are required and appropriate dress for racquetball and eye protection is recommended

Coeds seek Snyder title

Three Western Texas College students, two of them twin sisters, will be competing in the Miss Snyder Pageant this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

Sarena Wright, 18, from Hamilton, and Rozlyn and Charemon Peery, both 19, from Abilene, are three of six contestants entered in the pageant.

Contestants will be judged in four categories: evening gown, swimsuit, interview and talent. The interview, which comprises up to 30 percent of a contestant's score, will be held at 4 p.m. at Willow Park Inn, the day of the pageant.

The winner will be crowned the new Miss Snyder and will compete in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant in July.

Tickets are available at the chamber of commerce and will be sold at the door. They are priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

WTC drop date ends with 212 'losing' class

By Janice Northern
Texan Staffer

The Oct. 27 deadline to drop classes saw almost 19 percent of the total student enrollment at WTC drop at least one class.

Out of 1,144 students enrolled this fall, 212 dropped a total of 247 classes, according to Dan Dever, WTC registrar.

Figures for numbers of classes dropped in previous years were unavailable for comparison, but WTC officials noted that the number of classes dropped exceeded 300 in at least one semester in the past.

Students with a failing grade

who did not drop the class by the Oct. 27 deadline have now lost their option to voluntarily withdraw from class.

At the discretion of the instructor, a grade of "I" (Incomplete) or "P" (Progress) may be given to a student failing a class.

The grade of Incomplete is only given for a justifiable reason, such as an illness, and requires the student to complete the course requirements satisfactorily by 30 class days into the next semester.

With a grade of "P" for progress, the student receives no credit for the class, but avoids a failing grade on the transcript.

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Former WTC golfer dies in auto accident

Scholarship set up in memory

Funeral services were held Oct. 27 in Hamilton for Gary Wayne Schoen Jr., a 1989 graduate of Western Texas College and the first WTC athlete to be named as an NJCAA Academic All-American.

Services were at St. John's

Lutheran Church. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Schoen, 21, died in a one-vehicle automobile accident near Paint Rock. It occurred during the early morning hours of Oct. 26 and it is speculated that he fell asleep while driving.

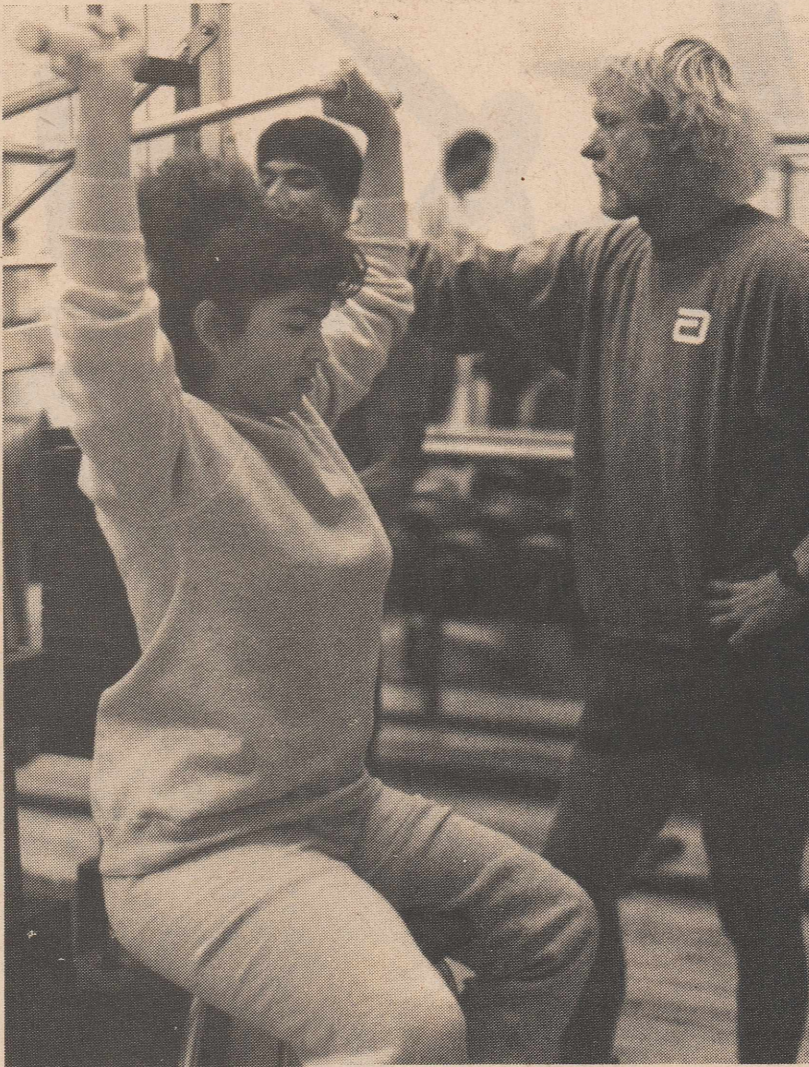
A contingent of WTC students and staff, including his former golf coach, Dave Foster, attended the funeral services. Also attending were Dr. Duane Hood, a sponsor for Phi Theta Kappa here, of which Schoen was a member, and Mickey Baird, student activities director. Most of the WTC golf team attended also along with several WTC students.

Schoen attended WTC from 1987-89. He was co-captain of the 1988-89 Westerner golf team and a Who's Who selection for '88-89. In addition to his membership in PTK, national honor fraternity for students in junior colleges, he served on the student fee advisory committee here.

At the time of his death, he was a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Survivors include his parents, Gary and Wyvonne "Tootie" Schoen of Hamilton; one sister, Cynthia Janel Schoen of the home; and his grandparents, Edwin and Leona Fulton of Aleman.

A scholarship in Schoen's memory has been set up at WTC, to be awarded to a Westerner golfer. Donations to the scholarship can be made by contacting Dennis Carlton, WTC financial aid officer.



Sandra Elias is shown being coached by Lee Burke

Muscles are class goal for weight lifting bunch

By Carol Johnson
Texan Staffer

Weight training is one of the HPE classes offered at WTC to those who, in the words of one student, want to build up their muscles to look like Hulk Hogan.

Instructor for the class is Lee Burke, chairman for the Health, Physical Education Division.

Students in the class gave various reasons why they chose weight training over the other HPE classes that are also available.

Fourteen students say that they chose weight training because they wanted to get in shape, improve their strength and to build their muscles.

Two say that their girlfriends forced them to take weight training and one student wanted to be an example for others. He said that if he can do it, anyone can.

Students enrolled in the class for the '89 Fall Semester are Chiva Jenkins, Lonnie Foster, Pete Lara, Waymon Tankersley, Janice Jeter, David Carrion, Mitzie Wood, Patrick Perez, Sandra Elias, Ernest Munoz, Andre Morales, Lance Little, Freddie Bilbo, Lance Rasch, Jerry Alvarez, Carol Johnson and Tommy Miller.

Women place second...

WTC men pace rodeo's 1st half

By Todd Perry
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas College men's rodeo team completed the fall competition by placing first overall with 1,195 total points. As the fall season ended, the WTC women's team placed second.

In the men's all-around category, WTC's Troy Cattoor lead the conference with 265 points. He was followed closely by Randall Thornton of Howard College with 215. Denny McLanahan is in the running also with 160 points.

In the bareback riding, McLanahan leads with 315 points, followed by Cattoor with 285 points and Tim Ryan with 180 points. Buddy Reed leads the WTC team in bull riding with 60 points, but is behind Patrick Trujillo of Eastern New Mexico with 155 points.

In team roping, Barry Bird had 20 points for WTC. This competition was led by Kevin Bennett from Odessa with 165 points.

Steer wrestling was dominated by the WTC team with Ty Robertson, 150 points; Russell Merchant, 140 points; and Scot

Berger, 135 points. Ray Brown also had a good fall with 80 points followed by Terry Graf with 30 points.

Troy Cattoor had a good saddle bronc season with 135 points. He was followed by Shane Gulbrandsen and Shawn Tibbs, who had 20 points each.

Ray Brown was the only WTC team member in the calf roping event and he finished with 80 points.

The women's team placed a strong second with 510 points which was 215 points behind Vernon Regional Junior College.

Jackie Parker led the Women's All Around category with 295 points. Jackie's closest competition was from Howard College's Jodie Heath, who had 265 points.

In the goat tying competition, Jennifer Lee had 165 points to win the event overall. Jennifer was followed by Jackie Parker with 100 points.

Jackie was the winner in the break-away roping category with 225 points. Krista Jefferies also placed in the event with 30 points.

In the barrel racing event, Shannon Ragland had 70 points.

Westerners, Dusters both face tournaments

By Todd Perry
Texan Staffer

Both the WTC Dusters and Westerners will host respective tournaments this weekend with the Dusters opening their tourney on Thursday and the Westerners on Friday.

The Dusters will host Cisco

JC, Howard College and South Plains JC in the WTC Classic. The opening game will be the Cisco women's team versus Howard at 6 p.m. and then WTC will face South Plains at 8 p.m.

The next day will place Howard against South Plains at 4 p.m. and then WTC's Dusters will play Cisco at 8 p.m.

The final day of the WTC Classic starts with South Plains against Cisco at 4 p.m. and ends with WTC versus Howard at 8 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, the Westerners will host the McDonalds Basketball Tournament. Represented in the tourney are South Plains, Ranger, WTC and Cisco.

The first day opens up with South Plains against Ranger at 2 p.m. and then WTC plays Cisco at 6 p.m.

Saturday starts with South Plains versus Cisco at 2 p.m. and then WTC ends the tourney with a game against Ranger.

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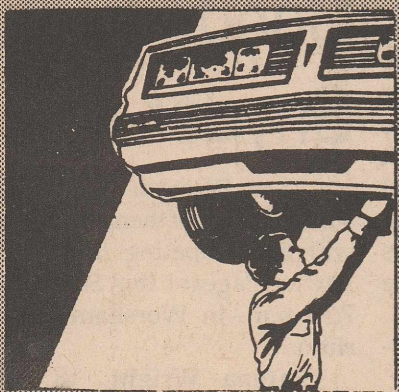
Golfers travel for Roswell, N.M. event

The Western Texas College golf team completed their second Conference golf tournament with the trip to Roswell New Mexico.

The tournament was won by Midland and followed up by Odessa who are tied for first in the conference with a total of 9 points. New Mexico Military Institute placed third followed by New Mexico Jr. College who are both tied for second with 5 points. WTC placed last and also round out the conference with 2 points.

For the WTC squad, Tony Lara was the low shooter with a 75 and a 35 for a total 110. Tony was followed closely by Brandon Benedict who shot a 111. Freshman Jimmy Howe and Sophomore Jeff Baker both had a 114 followed by Jerry Whitten and Wade Hatter who had a 120 and 121 respectively.

Next action for the WTC golf team will be Nov. 10 at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland.



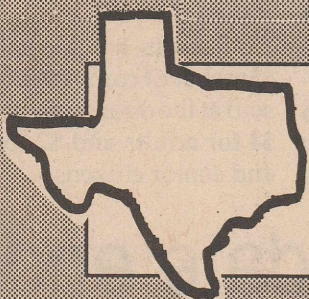
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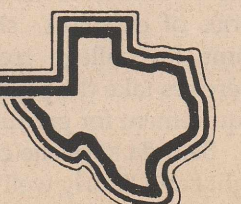
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Play set to open on Friday

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Weaver, freshman; Brandon Neely, sophomore; and Jeff Hicks, freshman.

After its Friday opening, the play will run through Sunday, beginning at 8 p.m. nightly. 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.

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.

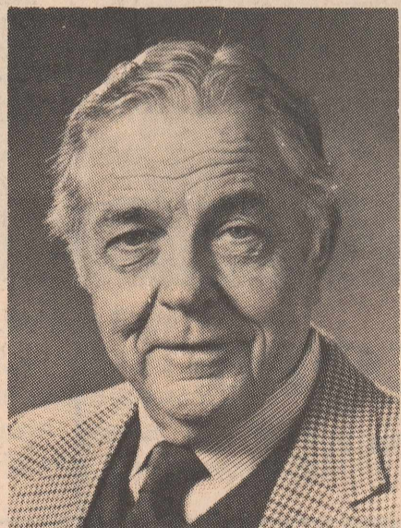
—Jerry Vizena, portraying Dance figure.

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

Other actors already mentioned serving in multiple roles include: Tricia 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.



PAUL BAKER
...to attend production...

Absences prompt letters to students

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regarding the reasons for the absences. For each absence, the student must present a valid excuse to the instructor and discuss the time at which missed work may be made up. If absences are not dealt with properly and responsibly, students can be dropped from the class.

The reason for being at school is to attend class and obtain an education, Dr. Hood noted. Missing classes complicates that task. "Excuses for missing class are as varied as there are students," she said. She noted instructors understand that students sometimes are sick, but that class attendance is still extremely important.

Now, since the drop date has expired, if students do not attend class they may be "stuck" with a failing grade.



Scare Me...

Amy Wilson and Denny McLanahan won best couple for their costumes as scarecrows at the WTC Halloween Dance Oct. 31. Other winners were Cathy Crowder as the most

original, Holly Paige as the best female, Bill Blackley as the best male and Chuck Barbee as the "spookiest." Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan



Cool Bunnies

This trio of "bunnies" were among WTC students attending the Halloween dance held in the Student Center Oct. 31. Shown are twins

Charemon and Rozlyn Peery and (center) Portia Poitier. Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan

Professor shortage said future trend for colleges

(CPS)—Campuses will suffer a shortage of at least 6,000 professors by the end of the century unless they start luring more students into grad schools now, a new Princeton University Press report predicts.

Half the nation's campuses already don't have enough teachers to lead courses this fall, the American Council on Education estimated in August.

Princeton says the new report, by William G. Bowen and Julie Ann Sosa, is the first statistical confirmation of the trend.

Bowen and Sosa see the worst shortages in humanities and social sciences courses, rather than in the science classes previous studies

have highlighted. "We need to increase overall production of new Ph.D.s by two-thirds," Bowen said. "In the humanities and social sciences, we need to double the current numbers."

College professors, of course, must have doctorates, which they earn in grad school. During the past decade, however, the number of students opting to go on to grad school instead of into the job market has dwindled.

Bowen and Sosa projected that, through 1992, there will be 1.6 people competing for each open college teaching position. By 1997-2002, there will be only .83 candidates for each job.

Ranger contest to open season for Westerners

By Todd Perry
Texan Staffer

The Western Texas College Westerners open up the season tomorrow with their first home game against Ranger.

The WTC squad got a good look at the competitive Ranger team early in the year when the two scrimmaged each other in Abilene.

"Ranger has a lot of talent but the talent is young," said Coach Tony Mauldin. Ranger went to the regional finals last year with the help of the outside shot and the quickness of their guards. Coach Mauldin said the team was bigger on the inside but the players were young.

The key to stopping the Ranger attack is to, "Contest every outside shot and keep the big men

off the boards," Mauldin added.

The WTC Westerners will also be hosting the McDonald's Tournament this weekend. South Plains, considered to be the premier team in the conference according to pre-season polls, will be led by heavily recruited 6'9 Jeff Stern.

The 1989-90 season looks to be an interesting one with two Top 10 teams in the conference. South Plains is ranked fourth in the nation and Midland College is ranked 10th.

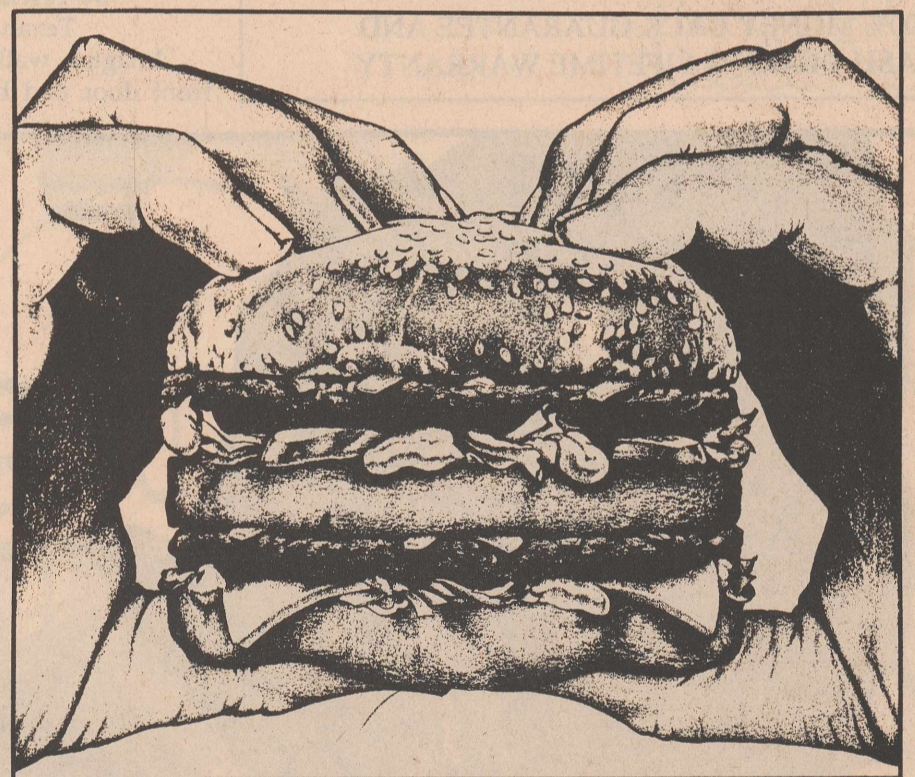
Coach Mauldin expects Midland to challenge South Plains for the conference title but says to not count the Westerners out. WTC plays both these teams very hard and with the talent the Westerners have, he hopes to contend for the title this year also.



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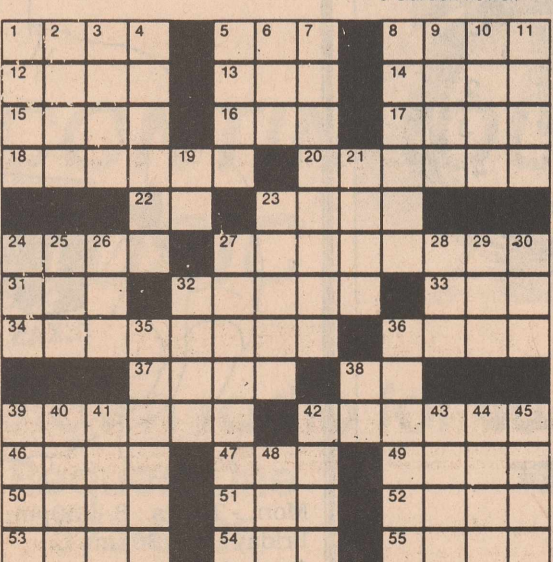


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Computer program helps students plan for career, colleges

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

Are you seeking information on the type of career suited for you or the college that's best for you? If so, the Discover program in the WTC counselor's office can help you.

Discover is the name of a program that the counselor's office leases from American College Testing (ACT) for students who need help finding a major. Included also is current information on colleges located anywhere in the U.S.

The program is set up to help students decide on a major or

college that suits them. It has a guide which consists of questions on the students values, abilities, experience and their interests.

The program has a list of information items available to the student. These include "The Career Journey," learning about the world of work, learning about yourself, finding jobs, learning about jobs, making decisions about education, planning your next steps, planning your career and making transitions.

The program contains questions on any of the items. These are answered by the student and, based on these responses, the computer provides a list of occupations, colleges or any information that is wanted.

Because the program contains so much information that the students can find helpful, Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling services, recommends it to anyone who needs help in their choice of colleges or careers and in developing job hunting skills. She said he also believes the program helps students to learn more about themselves.

She said many have told her that the program helped them decide what their major would be or helped them decide which college to attend.

The program was first leased to WTC in September of 1984 and is the only one available in Snyder. Because of this, the counselors make the computer available to anyone, in school and out.



RELATED TO PRISON

Hugh D. Shine, 53rd district state representative, visited the campus October 19, by invitation from WTC. He reviewed entities serving the local prison, to include the college and Cogdell Memorial Hospital's prison wing, and visited the Price Daniel Unit. Shine, second from

right, is pictured with State Rep. David Counts (to his left) and, from left, Bill Hibbs of Snyder and his son, Bill Hibbs Jr., an attorney who accompanied Shine. Texan Photo

Choir students represent WTC

The Western Texas College Choir Department sent five students to the Texas Junior College Choir Festival in Amarillo Oct. 18-20.

Representing WTC in the 207 member choir were Sandra Elias, Alto 1; Todd Perry, Tenor 2; John Howard, David Stewart and Robert Lane, Bass 1.

The music which was performed ranged from Johannes Brahms to Mozart to traditional American folk songs and was under the instruction of Dr. Douglas McEwen. Douglas McEwen is a world-known conductor of choirs and has also instructed the Texas State Choir five times.

Campus political parties included...

Criminal justice leader visits WTC

By Sharon Doty
Texan Staffer

State representative of the 53rd district, Hugh D. Shine, visited the campus October 19, by invitation from WTC. He reviewed entities serving the local prison, to include the college and Cogdell Memorial Hospital's prison wing, and visited the Price Daniel Unit.

Possible problems, the educational level of the inmates and the cooperation of the Windham School District were discussed.

According to President Dr. Harry Krenek, Shine was here primarily to ask questions and to become aware of "what's going on" with the local prison facilities.

In this way, he can convey this information to the Texas Criminal Justice Department, of which he is a committee member, and perhaps have an effect on

future legislation.

Krenek noted that about the only other way to affect the laws and make possible changes would be to be invited to Austin to testify before the committee. He called the visit "an unusual opportunity to sit down and talk with a committee member."

During the meeting, Bettie McQueen and Joann Snider made presentations. Mrs. McQueen, dean of instruction, spoke about the correctional officer classes the

college offers and the counseling services available to the inmates. Snider, a WTC office careers instructor, discussed being a teacher at the prison.

Local Snyderites and some of the members of the Young Democrats and Young Republicans also attended the meeting. Krenek said he felt that this visit was beneficial because it might affect future prison legislation and also because it exposed WTC students to their elected officials.

Snyder's state representative, David Counts (D-Knox City), attended the meeting also.

Family adapts to life as dorm supervisors

By Teresa McClure
Texan Staffer

Imagine walking out your front door and being at work.

WTC dorm supervisor Vickie Smith does it every day.

"It's quite different from any job I've had," Vickie said, "there's plenty to do" and "it doesn't get boring." She worked previously as a police dispatcher in Hamlin.

As dorm supervisor, Vickie is in charge of any discipline problems in the dorm, the upkeep of the building and to gain input from the students by holding residence hall council meetings.

Vickie and her family first lived in the WTC campus apartments, after moving from Cisco when her husband, Dale Smith, got the job as campus security supervisor.

A year and a half ago, after

Alcohol is involved in approximately 50% of all highway fatalities.

Vickie was named dorm supervisor, the Smiths moved into the three bedroom dorm apartment.

Living in a dormitory has some restrictions for the couple's son and daughter, Joe Dale, 10, and Jody, 9, but "they seem to enjoy it," Vickie said. They can't ride their bicycles but they bring their friends over, go to the game room and swim in the WTC pool.

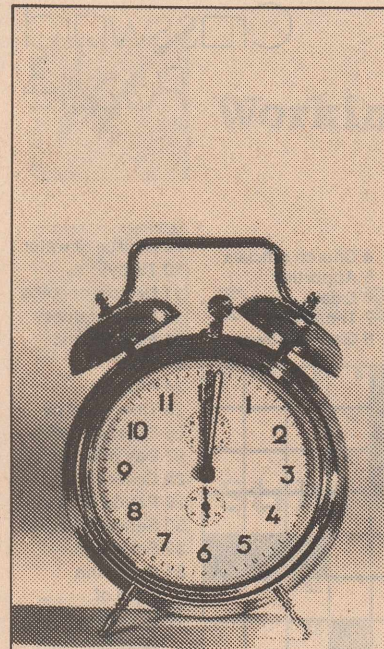
When at home, Vickie can tell "by the noise, if the person behind the desk is having problems." However, she said she has had no major problems with the students, in fact, she said she enjoys them.

Although the apartments may have "felt more like a home," the Smiths have adjusted to their life in the dorm. Vickie said she likes her job and hopes to "stay for a while."

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Picture display honors donors

By Naomi J. Gutierrez
Texan Staffer

A display case has been set up in the Student Center honoring those individuals who have either donated money to the WTC Scholarship Foundation or have had memorials established in their name.

The WTC Scholarship Foundation consists of 39 accounts. The display case contains 20 photographs of individuals or couples. Six more are expected to be added.

The pictures on display honor scholarships established in the name of Roy and Geleska Baze; Henry and Dollie Brice; Dr. Ben Brock; Hubert and Mary Cargile; Joe and Nancy Caton; Mort Ewing; Jerry Ford; Marvin Genuchi; Judge Wayland G. Holt; Patsy Jones Fee; Wallace H. and Celia Jones; Sam Joyce; George and Helen Mahon; Roger Mize; Katherine Northcott; the Parks Family; Jeff Polk; Dr. Franklin Pruitt; Dorothy Teague; and Lee and Rosa Tully.

The six pictures which are expected soon will also be displayed in the case.

They will be in honor of the Davidson Family; the King Foundation; Edith McKanna; Evelyn C. McLaughlin; Yvonne Richardson; and Virginia Whitson.

The other scholarships are primarily from organizations and, as a result, there will not be a picture displayed. These are the American Business Women Association (ABWA—Scurry Co. Chapter); AMITIE; American Petroleum Institute—Society of Professional Engineers (API/SPE); Banking and Finance; Booster Club; Cheerleader Scholarship; Gold Coaters; Heinzelmann; Livestock Judging; McDonalds of Snyder; Snyder Palette Club; Vietnam Veterans; and the WTC Memorial.

The foundation plans to award \$49,700 this year to over 100 students. Also, the Dora E. Cunningham scholarship which is not part of the WTC Foundation plans to award over \$15,000 this year. The scholarship has been awarded to 40 students to date.

Sing a song

The fall Pops Concert held on October 24 featured the WTC Choir, a flute ensemble, the ladies ensemble, various groups and soloists and the debuting collegiate singers. Pictured in the photo is the WTC choir. The members are (back row) Roddy Oaks, Francois Pointeau, David Stewart, John Howard, Robert

Lane, Lance Rasch, Joe Gloria, (middle row), Charemon Peery, Lesa Miller, Barbara Ashby, Blaine Irons, Todd Perry, Sandra Elias, Konnie Adams, (first row) Rozlyn Peery, Shanna Byrd, Gena Grammer, Barbara Chapman, Shelly Gibson, and Brent Hardegree directing. Texan Photo by Wylie Dakan

Donation will expand weight room

By Tabitha Lewis
Texan Staffer

New gym equipment has been donated to Western Texas College and the expanded weight room in the Physical Education Building was to be open to students by last Friday.

The north side wall of the existing weight room was to be eliminated to extend it into the old racquetball court in the PE Building.

The variety of weights include 23 sets of hand dumb-

bells ranging from 10 lbs. to 120 lbs; four sets of Olympic free weights; and nine sets of barbells ranging from 50 lbs. to 130 lbs.

Also included are three types of bench press equipment, hamstring and quadracep machines, tricep standards, inverted squat rack and a multi-station universal type machine.

Next semester, more weight lifting classes are to be offered, according to department officials.

WTC expands visitor facilities

By Tabitha Lewis
Texan Staffer

WTC has established a new visitors center located in the Learning Resource Center across from the Student Services Office.

Darla Doty, director of recruitment, oversees the activities of visitors on campus. She noted they normally stop at the Scurry County Museum before coming to the visitor center. Its new location makes it easier to provide directions from the museum.

Further renovations of paintings and furnitures will complete the center, she said.

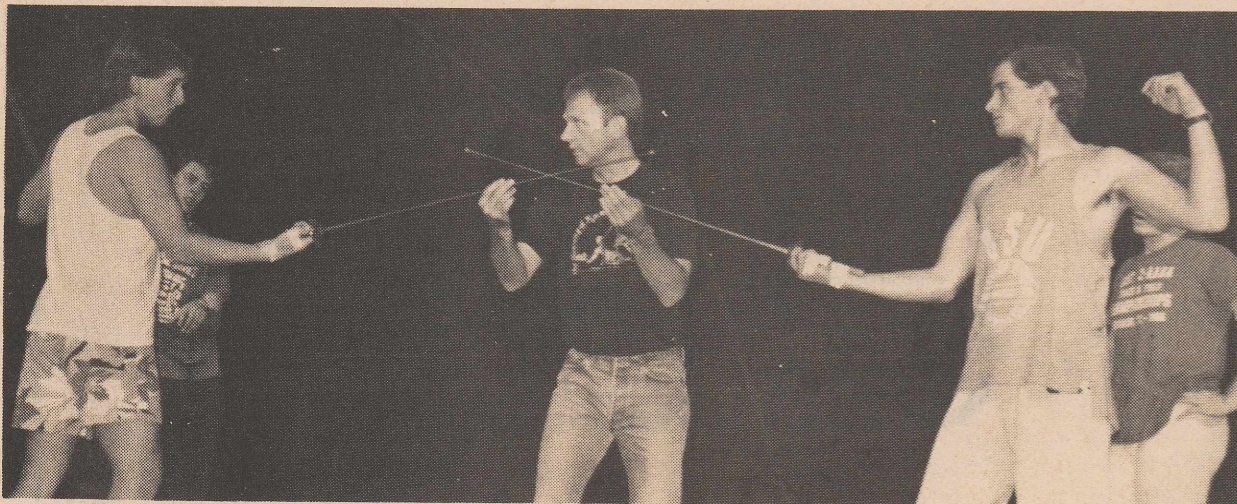
The hours of the visiting center are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday.

The Morton High School vocational students were here Thursday to tour the campus.

A prospective student calls and sets an appointment with Mrs. Doty to visit WTC. She then finds out what they are interested in.

A tour normally involves a walk around the campus, a talk to

someone in financial aid, admissions or housing. If there is time left over, the visitors may sit in on a class and meet the division chairperson in their expected area of study.



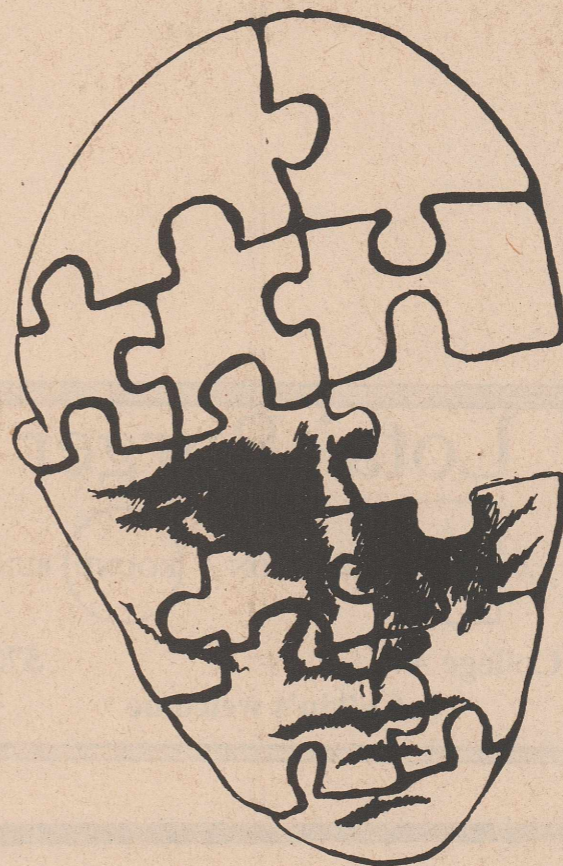
Learn to Fight

Ron Hubbard (middle) from Tyler demonstrates to actors Rodney Gestes (left) who portrays Laertes and Brandon Neeley (right), Hamlet, how to sword fight for the upcoming

college production of "Hamlet". Hubbard is a freelance fight specialist and a member of the Society of Fight Directors. Texan Photo by Tabitha Lewis

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Handicapped girl overcomes hardship

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has some use of her left hand. A few years ago, she was fitted with leg braces, and uses them some with the aid of a walker.

How far she might progress in the future is uncertain, Belinda says. She recently saw a neurosurgeon in Dallas to discuss the feasibility of a tendon transplant for her right hand. This procedure, if successful, would increase her ability to use that hand.

Commenting on how her life is different now, Belinda said "Going from an 11-year-old who could run and play to being in a wheelchair was tough. At first I was mad. It took a while, but I adjusted."

After a long pause, she added quietly, "Sometimes it gets to me, though."

Most of all, Belinda misses being able to "hang out" with friends. She says she no longer has the freedom to "jump up and go," just because she feels like going somewhere.

On a positive note, Belinda feels she has become a more serious student. "Before this happened, I made mostly 'C's' and 'B's,'" she said, "but in high school, I ended up making all 'A's' and 'B's.' I have plenty of time to study now," she added wistfully.

Belinda said that she was not able to return to school for quite some time after her illness struck. She was tutored at home for more than a year, and then began attending classes gradually, starting out with an hour or two a day. She did not begin attending full time again until her freshman year, but still managed to graduate on schedule.

Belinda says she has learned to deal with each problem she faces as a handicapped person as it comes up. For instance, her original college plans were to attend WTC full time this semester and live on campus.

She had already registered and had a dorm room waiting for her. In anticipation of her arrival, WTC personnel installed an additional ramp in the women's dorm near the emergency exit.

Belinda had applied for an electric wheelchair and a live-in aide from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, but learned just a week before classes were to begin that the wheelchair was not yet available. Without this needed help, Belinda was unable to live in the dorm.

An electric wheelchair for Belinda arrived last week, and she is now hopeful that she may be able to live on campus and attend classes full time as soon as next semester. She is nervous, though, about how she will manage.

WTC is "handicapped accessible," meaning that ramps, handrails and elevators are provided, but Belinda commented that many areas are "very bumpy," making for hazardous wheelchair travel. The brick pavement in the central courtyard is one of the worst places, she noted, adding that there are "a lot of low spots and uneven joints which are difficult to cross."

Belinda says she is excited about "getting out on her own," even though there may be problems.

She adds she doesn't know at this point what she wants to major in, but she does know that she wants to get a college education. "I am physically handicapped, but I don't want to be handicapped in any other way," she said. "I don't want to be dependent on my parents forever. I want to lead my own life."

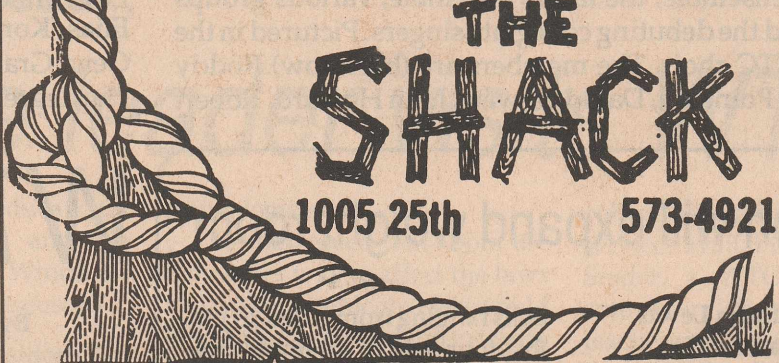
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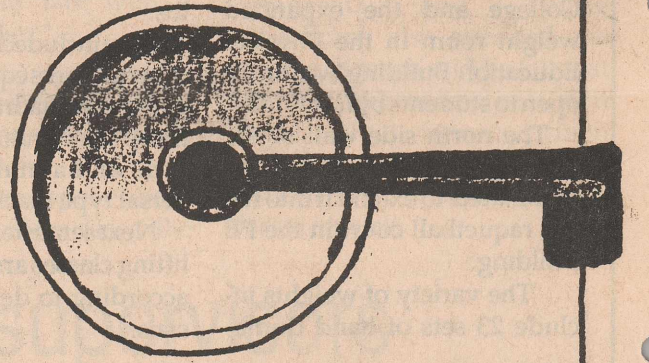
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