

Three summer seminars aim at freshman 'success'

Three "success seminars" will be offered this summer for full-time entering freshmen at WTC. These freshmen are required to attend one of the seminars.

WTC officials extend an invitation also to the parents of entering freshmen, who are encouraged to accompany their youngster for the campus visit.

The sessions will be offered on Thursday, June 28; Thursday, July 19; and Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Seminar registration will begin at 9 a.m. all three days. During these sessions, students will take WTC placement tests and pre-register for the 1990 fall term.

There will be academic advisors available to help with the selection of classes at all seminars. Students will be given information regarding student life also.

A fee of \$15 will be charged for the day's activities, which will include lunch for the student and their parents.

Students pre-registering in June or July will be billed in August for tuition, fees and housing charges. Students who attend the seminar in August should be prepared to pay for registration and housing fees at that time.

Students planning to attend a seminar must inform the admissions office by mail or telephone regarding which seminar they will attend. These may be mailed in care of WTC, Snyder, Tx. 79549. The telephone number is (915) 573-8511.



Top 10 scholar honored

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek congratulates Dale Williamson and his wife, Cheri, at a reception in Dale's honor held April 19. The event was to recognize his being named among the Top 10 finalists for top students in

junior colleges nationwide. The honor was sponsored by USA Today. Community and civic leaders attended the campus event also. (Texan Photo)

WTC sophomore brings praise for nationwide honor

For the first time in the college's history, a WTC student was named in the spring as one of the Top 10 students in a junior college nationwide.

Dale Williamson was chosen as part of a national competition sponsored by the newspaper USA Today.

The participants were judged on "grades, academic honors, activities in organizations and 'sharing' of their academic talent to help others." Each also had to submit a 500 word essay on the challenges they faced in a two-year college.

In his essay, Williamson said that when he originally decided to attend college he was afraid he would fade into the crowd, but that he found WTC to be "geared toward a

smaller student body, giving the instructors the time to show concern for each individual student."

As a specific example, he referred to a past experience in a history class.

He said, "Before taking the final examination, I jokingly pointed out that, due to previous test scores in the course, I only needed to score 60 percent on the final examination to achieve an 'A' average for the course. My professor replied that, while I was correct in my calculations, I would not have earned an 'A' if I only scored 60 percent on the test. He encouraged me to excel rather than sanctioning mediocrity."

Williamson officially received his award at a convention honoring the Top 10 students held in Seattle, Wash.

The several applicants in the competition ranged in ages from 20 to 42 and their grade point averages ranged from 3.76 to 4.00 on a 4.00 scale.

The winner was Sonja Keen of Michigan, who received a \$2,000 award. Other applicants received a \$1,000 award.

All of the awards will be doubled if the students decide to continue on to a four-year university.

Williamson says he got the idea to enter the contest from Drs. Duane and Mary Hood and throughout the competition, the two kept him in touch with the results.

Williamson earned his associate in applied science and majored in management and was a featured speaker at the spring graduation. He plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall, majoring in mathematics.

One of Williamson's final statements in his essay summarizes what it takes to become one of the best students in the country.

"I don't seek excellence simply because I want an 'A' on my transcript, nor because I expect such grades of myself, but because I have been challenged to earn an 'A'. This applies even when no immediate application of the subject matter seen evident (studying Shakespeare, for example). I value the opportunity to learn, for the sake of learning itself; this opportunity is available through the individual attention offered at WTC.

He continued, "I consider myself fortunate for the relationships I have been encouraged to develop with the faculty of WTC. Any student who is challenged, as I have been, will be equally blessed."

WTC Student Senate plans 'Howdy' events

The 1990 fall term for Western Texas College will open with a round of activities planned by the WTC Student Senate to acquaint incoming freshmen with the campus and to establish student leaders for the coming year.

The week of Aug. 26-Sept. 1 will see both freshmen and returning sophomores invited to the traditional "Howdy Dance" on the 28th; a newly planned "banana split" bonanza the 29th; and a "Crazy Day" on the 30th.

Sophomore registration is scheduled on Monday the 27th and freshmen are due to register on the 28th during both the morning and afternoon. Fall classes begin on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

The first dance of the year is planned by the senate to say "howdy" to all WTC students. Throughout the year, dances are scheduled in the student center approximately once each month.

The year's first will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 28th, and will follow a dorm

orientation at 7 o'clock in the Fine Arts Theatre.

On the 29th, the banana split bonanza will be a new "bring your own spoon" event. Plans are to construct a banana split measured not in feet but in yards.

On the 30th, the WTC intramural field will be the site for "Crazy Days" beginning at 10:45 a.m. Games and contests are planned by student senate members.

The second week of the semester Sept. 3-7 will start with classes dismissed for the

Labor Day holiday. Other events designed to acquaint the new student with WTC begin on Tuesday, the 4th, as a welcome reception is planned in the Student Center beginning at the 10:45 a.m. activity period.

On Thursday, Sept. 6, a "Post-Labor Day" picnic is planned from 5-6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. The dorm meal that evening will be an outdoor cookout.

By mid-September, the senate begins its year's organization, seeking petitions from

students to serve as senators. The last day to submit a petition is Sept. 13.

Student cheerleaders are sought also. The 13th is the last day to declare as a candidate.

On Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 17-18, the student body will elect its new senators. Cheerleader tryouts are scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 20.

The first meeting of the newly elected student senate will be Tuesday, Sept. 25. Sponsor for all student senate activities is Mickey Baird.

Hopeful for Miss Texas to be WTC sophomore

WTC will be represented at the Miss Texas Pageant, scheduled in Fort Worth July 7-14.

Sarena Ann Wright, who plans to return to WTC as a sophomore, won the title of Miss Snyder at that competition held during the fall semester. She was to be among 67 candidates seeking the state-wide honor in July.

At the end of the spring semester, she remained in Snyder living with Bill and Judy Moss. Moss is the manager of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, the official sponsors for the Miss Snyder competition.

Sarena stated, "Bill and Judy have been fabulous

supporters and we have a special closeness. They keep me going when things get hard and I lose confidence in myself."

Her preparation plans included an extensive workout program consisting of running 3 miles a day, swimming, lifting weights, practicing her singing and a strict diet.

At the Miss Texas Pageant, Sarena will be interviewed by five judges, compete in the evening gown and swimsuit events and perform in the talent competition. She will sing K.T. Oslin's "Do You?"

Since Sarena has held the reign of Miss Snyder, she has attended numerous banquets to include events held by the



Sarena Wright

Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees.

She sang at the Texas Young Woman of the Year banquet and attended several preliminary pageants as well. Sarena also sang the National Anthem at the WTC rodeo and served as a judge for the Mr. and Miss Leprechaun pageant at a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Dublin.

Freshmen reminded of TASP requirements

Freshmen entering WTC are reminded of the state-mandated TASP requirements and how these might affect their fall class load.

All three areas of the TASP exam must be passed, reading, mathematics and writing.

In addition, WTC has its own placement testing in these areas. Enrolling students must pass these tests before they are allowed to enroll in classes identified as requiring college-level math or English skills.

WTC students who have taken the college's placement testing may enroll in up to 15 regular college credit hours during the fall if they take TASP during that semester.

Students failing any or all of the three TASP test areas

must enroll in remedial classes for the subject failed. Such classes do not count toward college credit, however, and are offered to prepare students for "college level" work.

The TASP test will be offered this fall on Sept. 22 and Nov. 17. Registration is in advance.

There is a June 30 TASP test date with late registration scheduled through June 20. The WTC placement tests are administered year-round. Entering freshmen who have passed three semester hours prior to the fall of 1989 are exempt from TASP.

Students must pass all three parts of the TASP before taking more than 60 college credit hours.

Student Life

Theatre is year-round WTC event

The WTC theatre arts department began its school year with a modern variation of the classic "Hamlet" in the fall, then moved to lighter entertainment in the spring with a children's theatre production and an adaptation of the Agatha Christie novel "Ten Little Indians."

In mid-November, the troupe staged "Hamlet ESP," written by Paul Baker, who traveled to the WTC campus to see the opening performance Nov. 10.

The WTC production ultimately went on to win 13 awards at the American College Theatre Festival at Lamar University the weekend of Nov. 17-18.

Members of the crew receiving awards were Galea Price, for set design and light design; Teresa Rambo, wife of director Jim Rambo, for costume design; Richard Lack, for sound design; and Mel Branch, Lubbock, for graphic art design.

Acting honors were given out to Jeff Hicks, Muleshoe; Brandon Neeley; and Scott Weaver, Levelland, who combined to play the character Hamlet in "Hamlet ESP;" and Richard Lack, for his portrayal as Polonius.

The director's choice for acting went to Lack and to Joy McSpadden for her version of Gertrude.

The critic's choice for acting went to Ken Kern, Dallas, who portrayed Horatio; and Lea Ann Bonner, Albany, for Ophelia.

The next project for the department was an hour-long production of "The Treasure Makers" in March.

It was performed also "on the road" as a special presentation at the Anson Opera House.

The department closed its theatre season with Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" on April 17, 19, 20 and 21.



Treasure from Trash

One man's trash is another man's treasure, as this group of WTC students found out in the production "The Treasure Makers." The musical comedy opened on campus March 1 and was also performed "on the road" at the

Anson Opera House. Cast members shown are, from left, Richard Lack, Kenny Kern, Rodney Gestes and Jerry Vizona. (Texan Photo)

PTK honor group is WTC mainstay

WTC is the home of Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the only nationally recognized honor society for community-junior colleges.

Membership is by invitation only and students must have completed 12 semester hours while maintaining a 3.2 grade point average.

WTC's Psi Zeta is one of the most active of the 70-plus chapters in Texas, receiving three awards of excellence from the national headquarters.

Last year, it was named honor chapter by the regional coordinator. Psi Zeta has been awarded five star chapter status, the highest level possible.

In addition, a chapter member has been elected state vice president for District I for both the 1989-90 and '90-'91 school year. Derrick Bruton, a sophomore from Frankston, will serve in this position.

Other members of the executive board for the coming year are Paul Davidson, Vickie Dawson, Bobbie Earnest, Naomi Gutierrez, Kenn Kern, Gigi Tarpe and Scott Weaver.

Scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service are the hall-

marks of Phi Theta Kappa. During the year, chapter members are ushers for graduation exercises and campus plays in addition to serving at the Senior Citizens Center and Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquets.

Members also sponsor concession stands at Westerner and Duster basketball games.

The honors topic for the coming year is "Civilization at Risk: a Challenge for the '90s." Meetings, programs and activities will center on this topic.

During the 1990-91 school year, members of Psi Zeta will be able to attend a leadership conference in Austin; a regional convention in Dallas; and a national convention in Chicago. Next summer, there will be an honors institute in Minnesota also.

Chapter sponsors are Drs. Duane and Mary Hood, who note that Phi Theta Kappa provides an excellent addition to a resume, a chance for scholarships to four-year universities, the right to wear a gold satin honor stole at graduation and "an opportunity to make friends that will last a lifetime."

Financial assistance is available

A wide variety of financial aid is available to WTC students, notes financial aid officer Dennis Carlton, who stressed "the most important aspect of financial aid is application. You must apply for aid and the earlier you apply, the better chance you have of receiving it."

Information and application forms are available in the Financial Aid Office located in the south wing of the Learning Resource Center.

"During summer success seminars, the most frequently asked question is: 'If I receive financial aid, what happens when I'm billed for my pre-registration in August?'" Carlton said.

When the student's bill is prepared in August or during the last success seminar, he noted, it first comes to the financial aid office.

If the student's file is complete, the amount of financial aid received is credited toward their bill.

The amount of financial aid is credited first against tuition and fees and secondly against payment of campus housing, if applicable.

If there is financial aid remaining after both tuition fees and housing are paid, the student can also get a credit to the WTC bookstore to help pay for textbooks.

If the financial aid award does not cover the student's total college bill, the business office will send a statement with instructions for payment.

Carlton offered the following advice for students seeking financial aid: apply as early as possible; return any documents required as soon as possible; and return your award letter or scholarship contract as soon as possible.

For more information, he said, contact the financial aid office.

Admittance criteria told

All high school graduates may be admitted to Western Texas College, but college officials remind that certain requirements must be met before students may register for classes.

Students must provide an official transcript or GED to WTC; submit their scores from the ACT or SAT admission exam or take the college's placement test; and complete the application for admission.

Those who will be enrolled as a fulltime freshmen in the fall must attend one of the three summer success seminars planned this year.

These are slated June 28, July 19 and Aug. 14.

A \$15 fee is charged which includes a noon meal.

WTC offers also an early admission program for high school seniors.

Those who have completed their junior year may enroll in classes to earn college credit.

Application forms for both regular and early admission are available in the Student Services office located in the front of the Learning Resource Center.

Transfer students from another college must make application and present a transcript of their entire college record before they may register.

Registration for the fall term begins Aug. 27. For more information, call 573-8511.

Dormitory can house 192 students

The WTC dormitory is comprised of four wings—two to house men students and two to house women—and has a total capacity for 192 residents.

Each floor accommodates 16 students and there is a large common area between the four wings to serve as a meeting place for occupants and their guests.

These furnished living areas include a color television and a telephone for local calls.

Laundry facilities are offered plus vending machines and pay telephones.

The dorm includes an "honors floor" for students with higher GPAs.

Residents are required to purchase meal tickets which entitle them to eat the 15 meals prepared each week in the college cafeteria located in the Student Center.

The cost for room and board is \$940 if it is paid at the start of each semester. A payout plan is available also consisting of an initial payment of \$545 at registration and two installment payments of \$207.50 due Oct. 1 and Nov. 1

A \$50 deposit must be sent to the WTC Housing Department before a student can be considered for dorm residency.

Televisions, stereos and small refrigerators are allowed in the resident's rooms. There is a \$25 charge for cable per semester for a television and a

\$25 charge per semester for electricity if small refrigerators are used.

Microwaves are not allowed in the student rooms, but there is one available in the main lobby area.

A completed housing file is required before a student can move in.

This consists of the \$50 dorm deposit plus completion

of a dorm contract, medical form, proof of insurance coverage and immunization records.

Dorm officials recommend that students consider an updated immunization for measles due to outbreaks of this normally childhood disease throughout the state.

The residence hall director is Vickie Smith.

Apartments are option for qualifying students

For students who meet specific criteria, WTC offers on-campus apartments rather than the traditional dormitory housing.

The apartments are available to students enrolled in quarterly rather than per-semester programs; to foreign students; and to students living out-of-state or in-state students living a far distance from home.

If there are openings after these students have been placed, other students will be considered for apartment housing.

Meal tickets are not required for apartment residents. These may be purchased if the student wishes to eat in the school cafeteria.

These meal tickets may be purchased for an entire semester or in increments of five meals. These are sold by American Food Services.

Each apartment is fully furnished except for a television. Students provide linens and other personal items.

To rent an apartment, a deposit of \$110 is required. The cost of the apartments is \$495 per semester, which must be paid in full at registration.

An apartment file must be completed before the student may move in. This includes the deposit amount and filling out an apartment contract, medical form, proof of insurance coverage and immunization records.

The apartment director is Debra Vantine.



Beach bums

Students enjoyed a "beach bum bash" April 3 sponsored by the Student Seante. Male participants shown are Shad Rasco, Gregg Little and David Smith, and the females are Tabby Lewis and Jeanie Edgar. (Texan Photo)

Student Life

Briefly Noted

Trailhands, queen are chosen

The WTC Rodeo each spring features the naming of Mr. and Miss Trailhand, elected by popular vote of the student body, and the announcement of that year's WTC Rodeo Queen, elected by members of the college rodeo team.

Mr. and Miss Trailhand elected this past spring were Greg Parker and Cathy Crowder.

The queen of the 1990 rodeo was Nichole Overman. Other nominees for rodeo queen were Sonora Bratton, Robin Jones, Robyn Fox and Tracy Moberley.

The voting for the honor of Mr. and Miss Trailhand is sponsored through WTC's Phi Theta Kappa.

Others nominated for Mr. Trailhand were Shad Rasco, Craig McMillan and Scot Berger. Others nominated for Miss Trailhand were Shea Fenton, Lorre Moser and Marla McCoy.

Christian club invites students

Kappa Chi is a club which offers Christian fellowship with membership open to all WTC students, notes Roy Rosson, director of the Christian Student Center where the club meets. The first meeting of the club for the 1990-91 school year will be during the first week of the fall term.

Kappa Chi offers retreats, leadership and service through regularly planned devotionals and small Bible study groups. The group provides once-a-week meals for dorm and apartment residents also.

Other activities include bowling, mini-golf, volleyball, softball and dining together. At the end of the school year, a Spring Banquet is held at a local restaurant.

Officers for the 1989-90 school year were Michael Trull of Snyder, president; Mike Ezzell of Snyder, vice president; Robin George of Maryneal, secretary-treasurer; and Vicky Chavez of Haskell, treasurer. In addition to Rosson, WTC instructor Jim Judah serves as a club sponsor.

Baptist Student Center at WTC

The WTC campus includes a Baptist Student Center offering students a place to study and to enjoy fellowship.

A free meal is offered each Wednesday. Its facilities include pool, ping pong, futsal, board and card games. A television, stereo and kitchen facilities are offered also.

Meats judging wins at contests

The WTC meats judging team ended its competition year by winning eighth place overall in the intercollegiate meat judging competition at the Houston Livestock Show during the weekend of Feb. 25-26.

It attended three other competitions during the spring term after competing also during the fall.

For spring shows, the team placed sixth overall at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver held in January. This was the major national competition for meats judging.

On Feb. 14, the team competed in Fort Worth at the Southwestern Livestock Show and won fifth place overall.

The team was in Sweetwater Feb. 21 for the National Southwestern Hampshire Meat Hog Conference, winning first place in the swine-judging competition.

The team is coached by Jim Judah.

Musical events held on campus

The WTC music department sponsored a variety of musical events during the past school year to include a pops concert at the end of both the fall and spring semester.

In addition, the department is responsible for both the WTC Choir and the Collegiate Singers.

The fall Pops Concert was held Oct. 24 and the spring event, called "A Spunky, Shimmery, Sassy Show of Dynamic, Dazzling Delight," was a three-performance show April 26-28.

It included the two choirs in addition to members of the WTC drama department who offered three dance-production numbers.

This past year, the department sponsored also concerts by visiting musical groups to include Musica da Camera from Eastern New Mexico University; Dr. Eldon Beck of Angelo State University; and the Texas Tech faculty piano quartet, Quadriga. Student recitals were held throughout the year as well.

Student newspaper wins honors

The Western Texan and its staff were singled out for honors April 14 by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA)—including a first place win by sports staffer Todd Perry and third place for the newspaper itself in the overall competition.

The newspapers were competing in TIPA's Division 3, which includes more than 30 two-year and four-year schools with full-time equivalent enrollment of up to 2,999 students.

Other winning entries from the school included a second place award to writer Janice Northern in the "news story" category; and staffer Sharon Doty, who won an honorable mention for news page design.

Newspaper adviser is Donny Brown.

Class offers Chamber Theatre

A production of "Chamber Theatre" was performed by the Speech 231 Interpretive Reading Class April 4-5 in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Chamber Theatre is based on literature centering around a main theme. The theme of the April show was patriotism.

The WTC performance included a montage of lines from history books, doctrines, poetry, plays, magazines and novels. Cast of the local production was Jay Burns, Susie Hale, Stacey Hardegree, Ray Johnson, Carl Mock, Francois Pointeau, Kelly Scarberry and Christi Wilcox.

Class instructor was Jan McCathern.

Featured at spring formal...

Mr.-Miss WTC honor bestowed

The college's annual spring formal April 24 featured the naming of Greg Parker and Shea Fenton as the new Mr. and Miss WTC.

The pair were elected by popular vote of the student body. The voting was under the sponsorship of the WTC Student Senate.

Parker is a golf and landscape technology major and an executive board member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Miss Fenton is president of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the Student Senate. She plans to attend the University of Arlington next year as a finance major.

On April 11 and 12, students made their nominations for

"campus favorites."

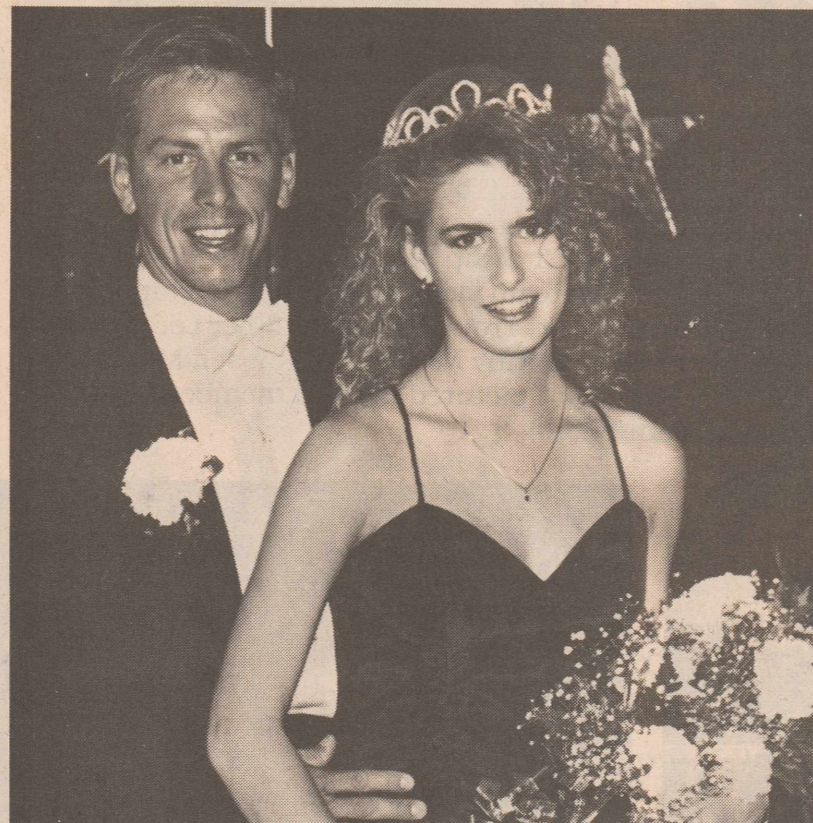
When students nominate fellow classmates, they are asked to consider poise, personality, disposition, and his/her achievements at WTC.

The top six students on each "favorite" list were placed on a ballot to be voted on again by the student body.

Voting took place in the student center on April 16-18. All nominees for Mr. and Miss WTC this year were sophomores.

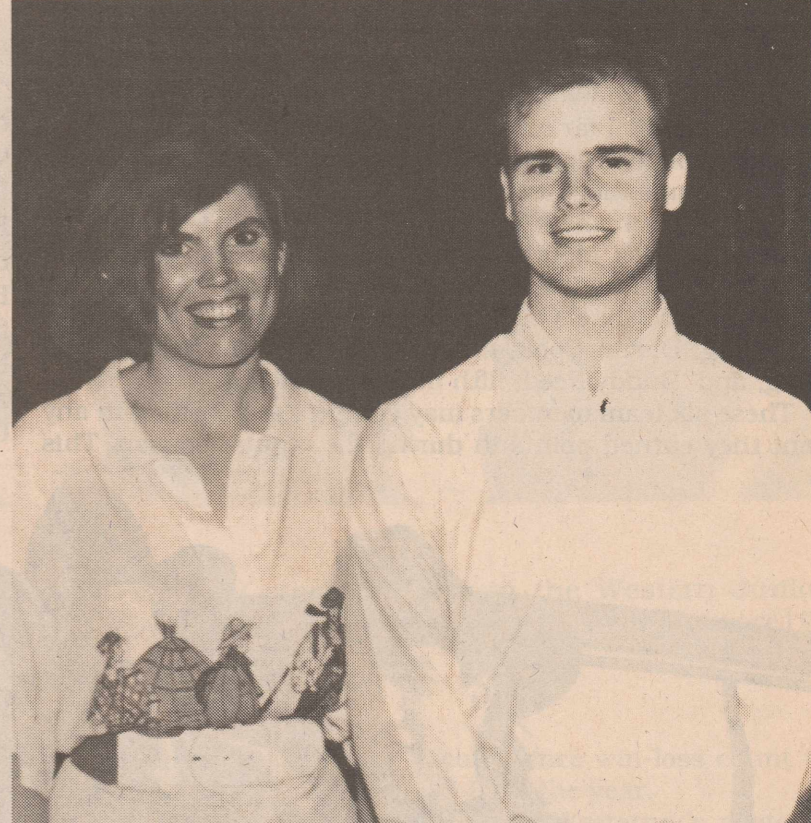
Other nominees for Mr. WTC were Raleigh Breeden, Aaron Brown, Lance Rasch, Shad Rasco and David Smith.

The other nominees for Miss WTC were Cathy Crowder, Marla McCoy, Tracy Moberley, Lorre Moser and Tami Wilson.



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Top Students

The outstanding students for the college were named at the annual spring Awards Day ceremony April 26 and this year's winners were WTC sophomores Julia Newberry and Ben Smith. For the outstanding student honor, college faculty members offered nominations with six male and five female students proposed. (Texan Photo)

Awards Day recognizes academics

Each of seven WTC divisions select top students

WTC sophomores Julia Newberry and Ben Smith were named outstanding students for the college at the annual spring Awards Day ceremony held April 26.

In addition, the outstanding athlete award was presented, given this year to rodeo team member Brian Peterson.

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Others nominated were Deborah Bentley, Shea Fenton, Linda Hearn, Lesa Moore, Paul Green, Dennis Segrist, Chester Simons, Douglas Watkins and Troy Dale Williamson.

Other WTC students were

single out from each of the campus' seven divisions. The following is a complete list of those honored:

Vocational Technical Division

—Most Dependable Auto Mechanics Student: Chester W. Simons Jr.
—Outstanding Cosmetology Student: Nelda K. Hendricks, Evette Gruben.

—Outstanding GLT Students: Sandra T. Niessen, George Tovar.

Business Administration Division

—Outstanding Business Administration Student: Deborah Bentley.
—Outstanding Computer Science Student: Stephany Drummond.

—Outstanding Students in Mathematics: Deborah Ann Bentley, Julia Lee Newberry, Troy Dale Williamson.

—Outstanding Office Career Student: Francesca Helm.

—Outstanding Management Student: Becky Winkler.

Communication and Letters Division

—Outstanding English Students: Kerri Ann Carter, Kristi Lynn Carter,

Janice Northern, Douglas Watkins, Julia Newberry, Troy Dale Williamson.

Fine and Applied Arts Division

—Outstanding Student in Acting: Joy McSpadden.

—Outstanding Technical Theatre Student: Galen Price

—Outstanding Speech Student: Christi Wilcox.

—Outstanding Choir Member (Female): Sandra Elias.

—Outstanding Choir Member (Male): John Howard.

—Outstanding Music Students: Barbara Chapman, Barbara Ashby, Shelley Gibson.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division

—Outstanding Women's Athletics Students: Tami Wilson, Bobbie Brown.

Physical Science and Agriculture Division

—Outstanding Agriculture Students: Brent Atkinson, Ben Smith.

—Outstanding Biology Student: Marla McCoy.

—Outstanding Chemistry Students: Guy Campbell, Christie Alderson.

Social Science Division

—Outstanding Honors Economics Students: Sue Tabor, Aaron Brown, Jay Burns, Becky Bynum, Warren Creed, Mary Alice Davila, Laina Hollifield, Brett Morton, Julia Newberry, Bhavesh Patel, Bobbie Steamer.

—Outstanding Geography Student: Joyce Chambers.

—Outstanding Political Science Student: Linda Hearn.

—Outstanding American History Student: Jeff Hicks

—Outstanding Students in Psychology: Eva Esquivel, Roberta Brown, David Blas.

—Outstanding Students in Sociology: Joyce Chambers, Jackie Parker, Charles Ivie.

—Outstanding Students in Ethics: Troy Dale Williamson.

—Outstanding Criminal Justice Students: Sandra Elias, Patrick Perez, Michael W. Brown.

—Outstanding Student in the Social Studies: Deborah Ann Bentley and Troy Dale Williamson.



Senate officers

Student Senate officers for the coming school year will be, left to right, Sonora Bratton of Brady, vice president; Naomi Gutierrez of Snyder, secretary; Nichole Overman of Snyder, treasurer; and Meredith Goodwin of Snyder, president. (Texan Photo)

College LRC offers more than books or periodicals

WTC's Learning Resource Center is more than just a library.

In addition to thousands of books, the facility houses also the computer lab on the first floor.

Also, the reading center and developmental study areas are on the second floor.

There is a reference room on the first floor with encyclopedias and other research material plus daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals.

The LRC contains also a microfilm area with magazine articles from past years stored and available.

A copy machine is available to students and the library staff will make copies using the facility's microfilm copier.

For both, the charge is 10 cents a copy.

The LRC also features an audio-visual department which will make copies of non-copyrighted cassette tapes for students at no cost.

The students must provide a blank tape. Cassette tape recorders are available from the circulation desk also with a three-day limit for use.

The LRC's operational schedule is:

—Monday-Thursday.....8 a.m. until 9 p.m.
—Friday.....8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
—Sunday.....2 until 5 p.m.

Sports

Trip to Bozeman tops best WTC rodeo team record

For the 10th year, a rodeo team coached by WTC Rodeo Coach Bob Doty has qualified for the national finals in Bozeman, Mont. The men's team will compete in Bozeman June 12-16.

The trip to Bozeman will top a year which saw the men win nine out of the 10 rodeos they competed in—the best win-loss record for a WTC rodeo team ever.

The points earned from these nine wins marked the highest total ever for the men's team, which had some 25 members competing during the regular season.

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Only the top two from the region can take teams to the national finals, and WTC finished first among the 12 colleges it competes against, far out-distancing the others.

Rodeo coaches may only take six members of their college team for competition at the finals. This year, Doty chose Troy Cattoor, who finished Number 1 in the men's all-around category; Russell Merchant, tied for fifth in the all-around competition; Denny McLanahan, Number 1 in the bareback competition; Michael Gaffney, finishing second for the year in bull riding; Darrin Cook, finishing third for the year in bull riding; and Buddy Reed, fifth in the bull riding.

These six team members may compete at Bozeman in any event they earned points in during the regular season. This



Headed to Bozeman

WTC will be represented at the NIRA National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont. by these members of the WTC Rodeo Team. The men's team qualified by winning nine out of the 10 rodeos it competed in. Those to compete at Bozeman either as a team member or as an individual are, from left, Darrin Cook, Troy Cattoor, Jennifer Lee, Jackie Parker, Terry Graf, Denny McClanan, Russell Merchant and Buddy Reed. Not pictured is team member Michael Gaffney. (Team Photo)

means that Cattoor is eligible to compete in saddle bronc riding, bareback riding and team roping—assisted by Terry Graf; Merchant in the steer wrestling, calf roping and team roping; McLanahan in the bareback and bull riding; Gaffney in the bull riding; Cook in the bull riding; and Reed in the bull riding.

For the year, the WTC men collected 2,290 points in a "best of seven rodeos" point total. The teams compete in four rodeos during the fall and six during the spring term.

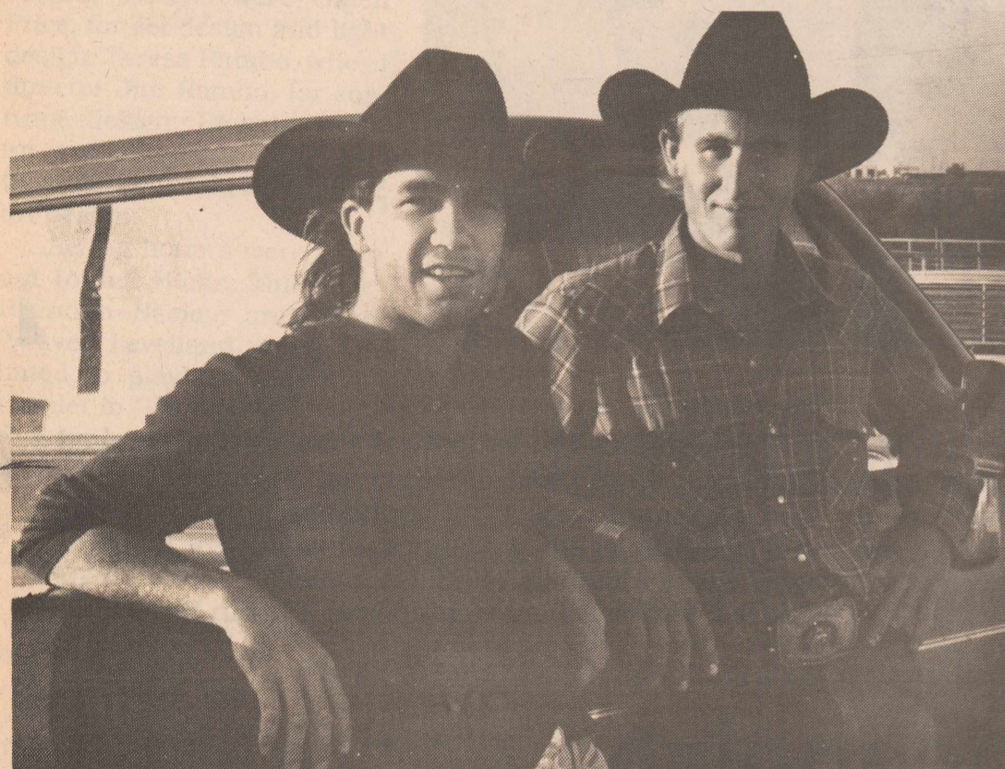
WTC men's teams were national champions at Bozeman in 1986 and finished third last year. They were runner-up champs in 1982.

Vernon Regional Junior College (VRJC) qualified also to take a team to the national finals with a point total of 1,540. The next closest men's team was Odessa College with 1,525.

For the year, the WTC men won all four of the fall rodeos, finishing first at Eastern New Mexico University, Sul Ross University, VRJC and Texas Tech University.

For the six spring events, WTC's poorest showing was at the New Mexico Junior College Rodeo, where it finished fourth. Otherwise, the men finished first in point totals at rodeos sponsored by Odessa College, Howard College, Hardin-Simmons University and Tarleton State University.

WTC men's teams were national champions at Bozeman in 1986 and finished third last year. They were runner-up champs in 1982. Doty began coaching the WTC Rodeo Team in 1979. He has advanced to the national finals every year since 1980.



G'Day mate

Darrin Cook and Shane Gulbrandsen were two native Australians who relocated to the WTC campus this past school year. They

hope to someday follow in the footsteps of WTC standout Dave Appleton, now a leading professional rodeo competitor. (Texan Photo)



Australian honored

Native Australian Brian Peterson was named as WTC's outstanding athlete during the annual spring Awards Day ceremony in April. At

Awards Day, Peterson received congratulations from WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek. (Texan Photo)

Doty is president of NIRA

This past school year, WTC rodeo coach Bob Doty served as faculty president of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association—the national organization which represents college rodeo.

As president, Doty coordinated the summer and winter NIRA board meetings, served on the NIRA executive committee and helped recruit new national sponsors.

He also attends the winter and summer board meetings, a week of meetings prior to and during the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), and goes to make presentations to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and National High School Rodeo Association.

"I'm real honored to be president because there is a lot of work that goes into a national organization of this type that I didn't realize went into it when I became a faculty board member. It also gave me a new respect for my co-workers and past workers for the work they do and have done."

He attained the position after serving as the regional faculty director for the past four years.

The NIRA has 11 regions, and each region has a faculty director which is elected by the coaches in that region.

Doty grew up on a farm and ranch at Lueders. He started to college at Abilene Christian College, joined the NIRA, and rodeoed in the Southwest Region for three years.

In the spring of 1973, he enrolled at Sam Houston State University to get his masters.

He came to WTC in the summer of 1979 as ag teacher and head of the rodeo program.



Bob Doty

These WTC college rodeoers prefer 'G'Day' to 'Ya'll'

"G'Day Mate" is getting to be a popular phrase on the WTC campus.

Three members of the 1989-90 rodeo team hail from Australia, to include Darrin Cook, an 18-year-old bull rider and roper; Shane Gulbrandsen, a 22-year-old saddlebronc rider and team roper; and Brian Peterson, a 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 rodeo programs 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.

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."

After high school graduation, Darrin 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.

Region V tournament ends golf play at home

The Western Texas College golf course was the site of the NJCAA Region V Tournament April 28. Competing to advance to Nationals were WTC, NMJC, Midland College, NMMI, and Odessa College, the ultimate winner.

Odessa and NMJC tied at 918 and OC won after a one-hole playoff. Final tourney standings were Odessa, 918; NMJC, 918; Midland, 927; NMMI, 931; Grayson, 941; WTC, 944; McClennan, 959; and Weatherford, 973.

At season's end, coach David Foster named Tony Lara and Brad Stewart freshman of

the year. Lara shot 75-83-82 (240) in the tourney and Stewart shot 79-83-82 (244).

Jimmy Howe led with 81-73-76 (230); followed by Jeff Baker, 84-77-78 (239); and Brandon Benedict, 81-78-81 (240).

3 golfers sign to play for college next year

To date, three players have signed to play for WTC's golf team next year, according to golf coach Dave Foster.

They are Snyder High School grad Jay Parker and Pampa graduates Ryan Teague and Mark Wood.

WTC's 9-hole course rated

WTC's golf course has been ranked seventh among nine-hole golf courses in Texas, according to an annual report by the Dallas Morning News.

In its April 22 edition, the News rated the state's courses, ranking WTC's par 35, 2,745-yard facility as Number 7. In a

previous edition, the course had been rated Number 12 in Texas.

The course was the only one in West Texas to be ranked. It was designed in 1978 by Jim Eagle and is maintained by staff and students enrolled in the Golf Course and Landscape Technology program.



Tourney held here

WTC golfer Brandon Benedict is shown during tournament play April 29 at the NJCAA Region V Tournament played at the WTC golf course. (Texan Photo)

Two women advance to rodeo finals

Two WTC women have qualified for the National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont. as individuals.

They will be joined by the WTC Men's Rodeo Team, which placed first in the Southwestern Region this year.

This qualifies them to take a six-man team to Bozeman.

WTC Women's Team members qualifying in individual events were Jennifer Lee and Jackie Parker, who was fifth in the women's all-around at the end of the season.

For Bozeman, Miss Lee qualified with a second place finish in the goat tying.

Her teammate, Miss Parker, qualified with a second place finish in the break away roping category.

The WTC women's team ended its rodeo season with a fourth place finish for the Southwestern Region.

The top two teams advancing to the national finals were VRJC with 1,270 points and Howard College with 1,210.

Sports

Men miss tourney bid after falling behind in final three contests

WTC's Westerners, coached by Tony Mauldin, finished the 1989-90 basketball season with a break-even 8-8 mark for play in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. For the year, the men posted a 19-11 record overall.

The conference's top four teams advanced to the Region V tournament, held in Snyder in mid-March. Teams advancing were South Plains, Howard College, New Mexico Junior College and Odessa College with OC ultimately winning the event.

During regular season play, WTC managed to defeat two of the top four teams in the closely contested WJCAC race.

As the season ended, the Westerners placed two men on the all-conference team, Dominick Byrd, who will return this fall, and sophomore Kenneth Critton.

Byrd, at 6'4", averaged 18 points a game and shot 63 percent from the line.

Critton, a 6'8" sophomore, will transfer to Washington State for his final two years.

Another player was named to the honorable mention list for all-conference, Tony Joyce. He will play for West Texas State University in Canyon

next year.

Other players winning scholarships to four-year schools include Cedric Mason, a 6'1" guard from Lamesa, who signed with Angelo State; Ray Johnson, a 5'7" guard from Muskogee, Ok., who signed with Sam Houston State University; and David Smith, a 6'4" forward from Garland, who committed to Brooklyn College in New York.

In the fall, the Westerners lost 110-99 to Midland College and won 99-83 over Clarendon College and 105-81 over Frank Phillips.

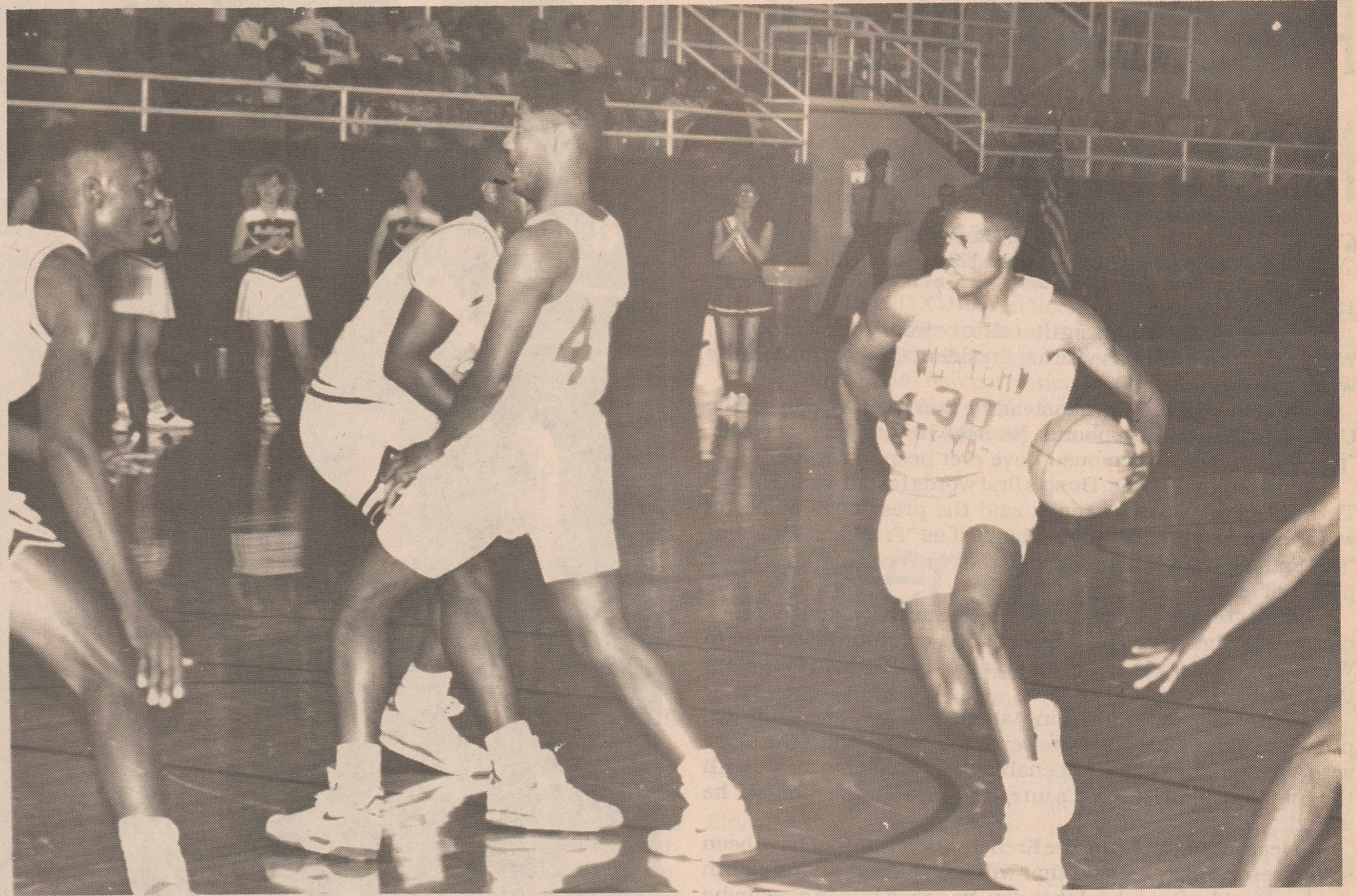
When play resumed with the spring semester, WTC was again defeated with a 92-76 loss to Odessa College.

On Jan. 15, they defeated New Mexico Military Institute 111-96, then scored a surprise upset over South Plains on Jan. 18, winning 74-72.

The third in the string of victories was a 121-119 win over New Mexico Junior College.

On Jan. 25, the men traveled to Big Spring for a shoot-out with Howard College's Hawks. The Westerners tied the game at 75-all early in the third quarter, but fell behind to ultimately lose 123-96.

A loss to Midland College,



Returning starter

WTC Westerner Dominick Byrd drives for the basket during regular season play last spring. Byrd, named all-conference as a freshman, will return to WTC this fall as a sophomore. The WTC men finished their season with a

88-79, followed on Feb. 1.

The Westerners posted their second win of the season against Frank Phillips on Feb. 8, winning 100-91.

The Westerners would lose to Odessa College 87-85 in a game marred by a controver-

sial call. A referee ruled traveling against WTC, giving Odessa the final and winning shots of the game.

WTC would bounce back Feb. 15 for their final victory of the year, beating NMMI 106-74.

break-even 8-8 mark for play in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. For the year, they were 19-11. (Texan Photo)

The season ended, however, with three straight losses, to South Plains, 93-62; to NMJC, 19-105; and to Howard, 128-114.

A makeup game with Clarendon College was forfeited by the Bulldogs, upping WTC's

conference win-loss count to 8-8 for the year.

The Westerner's posted a winning season overall at 19-11.

Assisting Head Coach Tony Mauldin for the men's team is Assistant Coach Don Clay.

Men's team recruiting numbers six as of May

As the WTC spring term ended in early May, men's basketball coach Tony Mauldin reported he had six players committed with at least two more still to be signed.

The six will join five returning players: Dominick Byrd, Doug Brown, Jacoby Garmon, Jeff Shelley and Allen Smith.

Those signed include two transfers from Panola Junior College, Michael Richardson, a 6'4" off-guard from Lafayette La.; and Stanley Cunningham, a 6'7" forward from Ringgold La.

Others were Paul Johnson, a 5'8" point guard from Baton Rouge La. who signed from Delgado Junior College; and Bryan Barnes, a 6'6" forward from Eula H.S. who transferred from the University of Houston.

Two high school graduates were signed also by late May, Dewayne Williams, a 6'6" player from Boley, Okla.; and Chad Landrum, a 5'7" guard from Wichita Falls.

Intramural athletics provide competition

Intramural athletics are a part of campus life at WTC, to include touch football in the fall, "three-man" basketball and softball in the spring.

During the just completed term, eight teams comprised of more than 100 participants competed in slow pitch softball. In all, 25 games were played.

In addition, the 7th annual WTC Racquetball Tournament was held this past spring for both men and women competitors.

20 students took part in the intermediate women's division, the intermediate men's division, the advanced men's division and the beginning mixed division. Director for intramural activities on campus is Mike Harrison.

Duster coach reports seven players signed

WTC Duster Coach Kelly Chadwick had signed seven new recruits to join his 1990-91 women's basketball team by the end of May.

These seven will join three returning players and a fourth transfer student who was unable to play last spring because of her college move.

Returning players will be Tracy Edmunds, Jill Forrest and Kelsey Koester. Added to this list will be former Odessa College player Monica Ramirez, who transferred to WTC last spring.

The seven who had signed as of May, with recruiting still underway, included Merry Brown, 5'9", of Del Rio; Becky Hinojos, 5'6", of Lorenzo; and Sherry Hoffpauir, 5'9", Richmond.

Others were Carla Marek, 5'8", Corpus Christi; Lisha Sternadel, 5'7", Ira; Cassie McNees, 5'5", Canadian; and Melissa Sutton, 5'8", San Angelo.

Injuries slow Dusters to 3-8 in conference

The 1989-90 women's basketball season for WTC was one marked with injuries and ended with Coach Kelly Chadwick missing post-season play for the first time in his 17-year coaching career.

The Lady Dusters for WTC finished 3-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play and 16-11 for the year. The Dusters' season was boosted by a strong fall, with WTC going into conference action back in November with 11 wins and only one loss.

The conference winner during regular season play was Frank Phillips JC with an 11-1 record. It was one of four women's teams from the WJCAC advancing to the Region V tournament held in Snyder. Others were Odessa College, Howard College and South Plains College, the ultimate winner of the tournament.

With their season over, the Lady Dusters placed two sophomores to the All-WJCAC squad, Tami Wilson and Bobbie Brown.

Wilson, a native of Seagraves, is a 5'11" post who dominated both the offensive

and defensive ends of the court. She scored 18.4 points a game while collecting 13 rebounds a game. She also led the conference in blocks with 4.3 a contest and led the Dusters in field goal percentage with a 57 percent mark.

She will be playing for Texas Tech during her final two years of college basketball.

Brown is a 5'11" outside shooter from Jayton. She averaged 13.8 points a game and shot 52 percent from the 3-point range, leading the conference in that category.

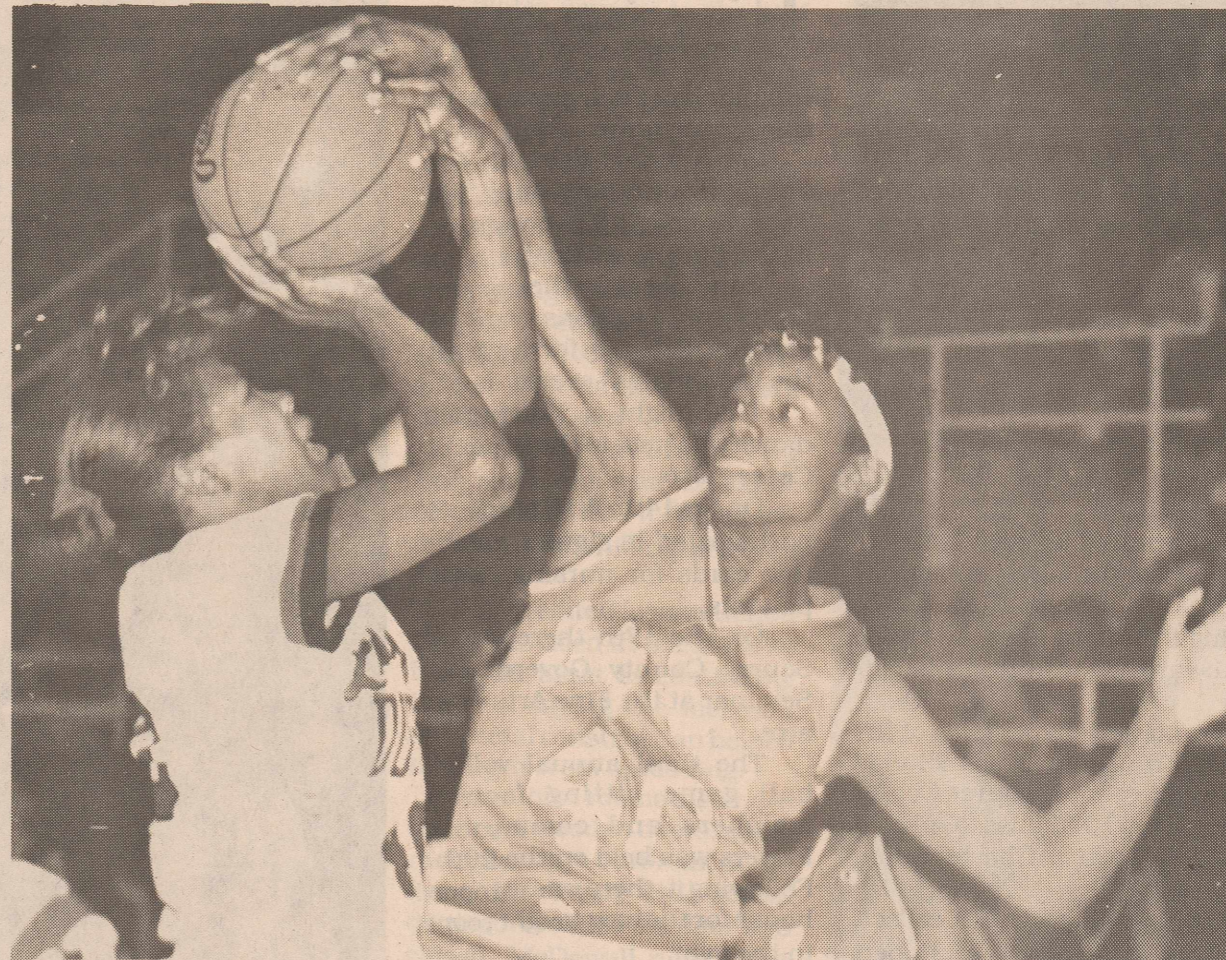
She has accepted a scholarship to play for Pan American University during her final two years of college eligibility.

Two other Dusters earned scholarships to a four-year school, Vickey Jones and Tracy Rome.

Both Miss Jones, originally from Killeen; and Rome, from La Grange, Ga. will play for Oregon State University next fall.

The WTC women played two games before the Christmas break, winning at Clarendon in their opener 62-43; then losing to Frank Phillips 69-48.

As the spring term began,



Tough play

Women's basketball action shown here has WTC's Lady Dusters going against South Plains. The WTC player at left is

Tracey Rome, who will transfer to Oregon State University in the fall. The Dusters finished 16-11 for the year. (Texan Photo)

WTC lost three of four games played during January.

They won only the New Mexico Junior College matchup by a score of 121-119.

Losses were recorded against Odessa College, South Plains College and Howard

College—a squeaker that WTC dropped 58-55.

Five February games were marred with injuries to players, sidelining several starters. WTC lost to Frank Phillips, 72-46; Odessa, 70-52; South Plains, 70-68; and Howard College, 70-43. The

only win for the month was against New Mexico Junior College, which WTC defeated 61-51.

A sixth game scheduled in February with Clarendon College had to be postponed and the rematch was canceled at the end of the season.

Athletic facilities numerous

WTC students have available to them a variety of athletic facilities to include the WTC Golf Course, indoor swimming pool, racquetball courts and weight rooms.

By showing their student ID, students may play the nine-hole course, currently rated as the seventh best of its kind in Texas, for \$5 during the week and \$7.50 on weekends and holidays.

Swimming in the indoor pool is free. Swimming is offered during the early morning hours, at noon and from 7 until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The pool is closed on weekends.

For the racquetball facilities, located in the building adjacent to the golf course, students are charged 50 cents per hour. The racquetball courts are open to students both weekdays and weekends. Racquetball equipment is available also.

The campus has a professional-level weight room facility also located in the athletic complex which is available free of charge to students.

Year's Events

Presidential call is surprise event

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 early in the fall term on 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.

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 words, rather than identifying himself as "President Bush" or "the President", immediately put the conversation on a more personal level.

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.

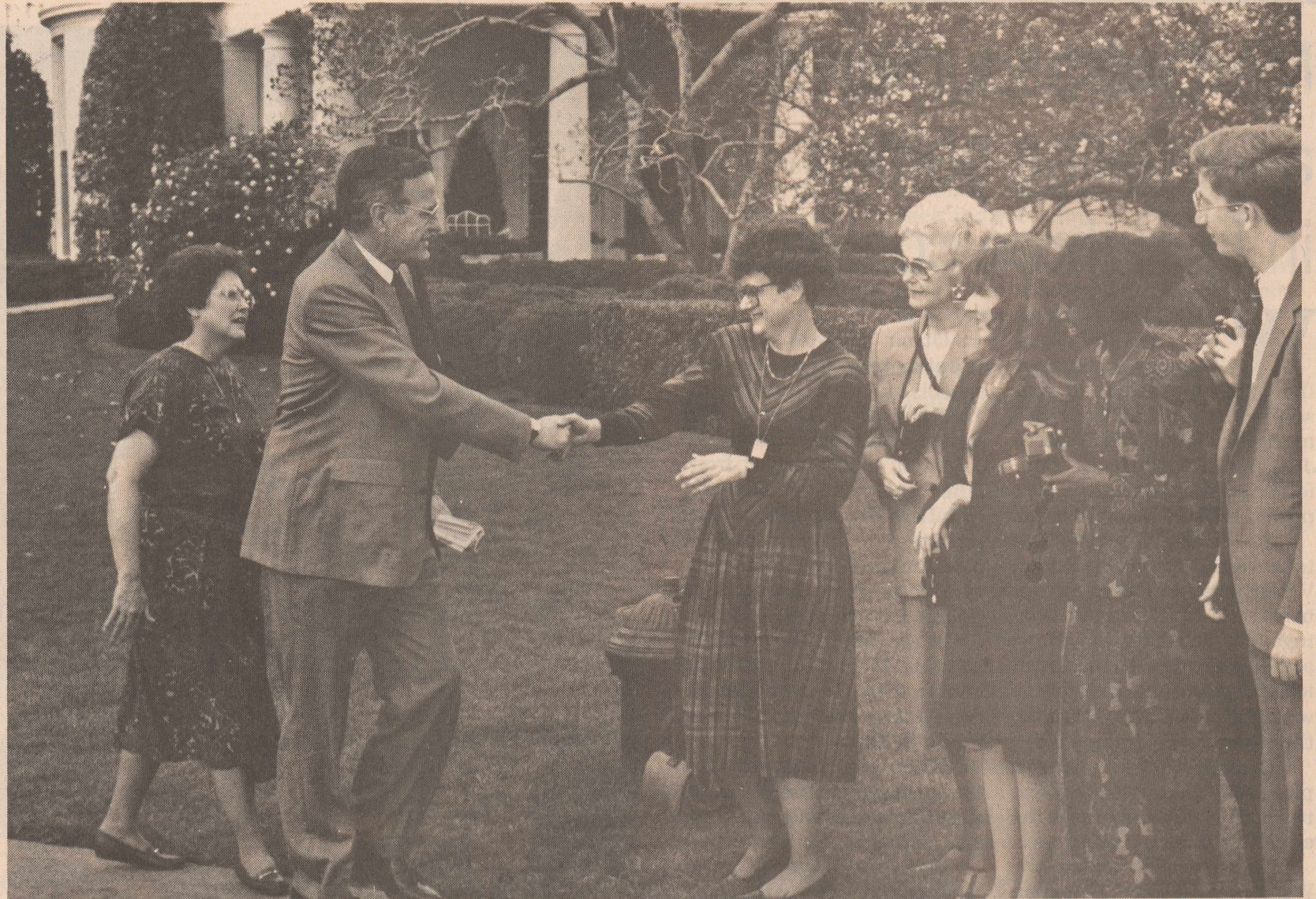
"I think it says something about the way the man approaches his job. He has transcended the barriers of the office with a personal warmth that enables him to communicate with the common man. I know it's an experience I'll never forget," he added.

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?"



Hello Mr. President

After greeting longtime friend of the Bush family, WTC secretary Verta Hardegree (left), President George Bush meets and briefly talks with WTC students visting Washington D.C. during spring break. Others shown are

Deana Hardegree, Clara and Lori Tate, Tabby Lewis and Jon Wallace. The trip was arranged by history instructor Jimmie McGee. (White House Photo)



Writing expert

Consultant Bill Coles addresses the WTC faculty during an in-service program Friday, Jan. 26 His program centered on "10-minute Writing Assignments." (Texan Photo)

15th year observed by campus museum

The Scurry County Museum celebrated its 15th anniversary in its permanent home during the fall term. The observance was held Oct. 15.

On display were exhibits paying tribute to the individuals who gave their time and money toward the museum's beginning.

The exhibit consisted of photos and newspaper clips of the early volunteers and programs in the museum. This included when the museum was set up at the Learning Resource Center in 1972. It moved to its current location in 1974. Also displayed was a special art exhibition by West Texas artists Charles Boren and Charles Pruitt.

The museum was formed in 1970 with a goal to collect, preserve, and interpret Scurry County history. Dr. Robert Clinton, WTC's first president, offered a room in the Learning Resource Center as a temporary location. The museum was soon being set up.

Much of the visible results were in the form of the exhibitions, but the majority of the work, done by volunteers, went on behind the scenes.

After two years of work, the museum opened its doors to the public. It counted more than 2,700 visitors in the first year.

In 1974, the museum received its non-profit status. In August of the same year, the current building was completed and in September the staff moved in. In 1978, the museum was accredited by the American Association of Museums.

The Museum's first director was Catherine Cramer and she was followed by Mickey Schmidt, Sharon Sutton, Eunice Irwin and current director Shirley Leftwich.

'Writing skills' stressed to benefit instruction

Bill Coles, noted reading and writing consultant, spoke to the WTC faculty Jan 26 on "10 Minute Writing Assignments." The purpose of the two-hour seminar was to demonstrate how to use brief writing assignments to encourage conceptual thinking as opposed to rote learning.

Coles, a professor of English at the University of Pittsburg, explained that the assignment poses a question to be answered by the student in two or three sentences, such as "What was the main point of the lecture today?"

This is a technique which can be used by instructors in any course to help the student "relate what is going on in the classroom to what is going on in the world or in their lives," Coles said.

Coles said he felt it was important to "make students participate in what the design of the class is" by posing such questions as "What should we study next?" or "What is the most important question raised in today's lecture?" Coles added that "part of learning is creating questions," which may be a new idea to students.

Coles has taught for 37 years and is a frequent speaker at workshops and seminars. He conducted a regional seminar at WTC in 1983. He is the former Director of Composition at the University of Pittsburg and designed the composition program now in use there.

In addition, Coles has authored several books on writing and teaching.

College observes 'month'

February was Community College Month in Texas and WTC had a

full month of activities slated this spring term.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, the spring inductions into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) were staged at the Fine Arts Theatre.

Candidates for the upcoming county elections were on campus Feb. 13 for a "Meet the Candidates" event.

That night a Valentines dance was held in the Student Center also.

On the 14th, WTC students participated in signing valentine cards for nursing home patients.

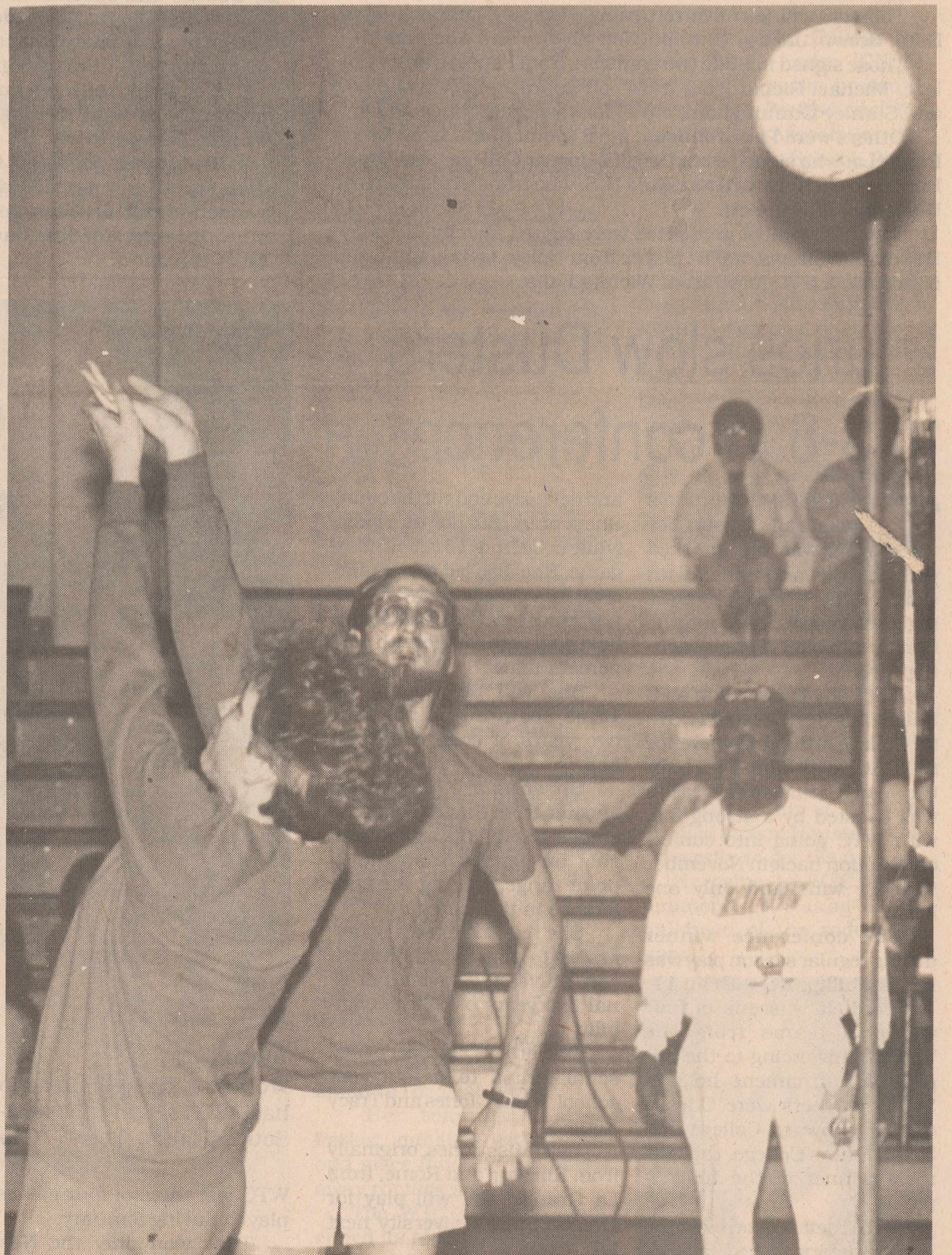
On the 17th there was a Scurry County Government Seminar at the Fine Arts Theatre.

The third annual volleyball game pitting faculty members and community leaders was held on the 20th. Following it, there was an open house for the new weight room in the gym.

On Feb. 22, LVN graduation was held at Trinity Methodist Church.

A Fine Arts Day was held on the 24th, a Saturday, on campus. It allowed area high school students to audition or interview for band, drama, choir and art scholarships.

The college's men's and women's basketball teams played three game during the month and Mr. and Miss Trail-hand were announced at the 25th game.



Annual game

The Community College week observance in Snyder each February includes a volleyball matchup between "town" civic leaders and WTC staffers. Shown here are

Vickie Harrison, director of housing, and her husband, Mike, swimming instructor and the head of WTC's intramural program. (Texan Photo)

Year's Events

WTC implements new TDCJ guard training program

Western Texas College implemented a "first" for community colleges in the region during the spring semester, a year-round training academy for Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers.

The first class began in May with 17 students enrolled. The academy will offer three weeks of training every other month on a year-round basis. On alternate months, the application process for a new class will be completed.

The new program prompted the employment of a new full-time faculty member for the college, J.D. Barham, who was employed as a criminal justice instructor effective March 1.

Planners say a minimum of 200 new students and perhaps as many as 400 can be served annually through the adult vocational education program here.

The increase in students is expected to produce a "dramatic" increase in state funding to the college, according to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president. Hours offered through adult vocational education receive state funding for student "contact hours" in the same way as traditional college courses.

The newly implemented TDCJ academy will be in addition to the correctional officer training program now offered which allows students to complete guard-training course work over a 10-week period.

The training curriculum for both will be the same, but the new plan will allow students to attend strictly day classes and to earn certification within the condensed three-week period.

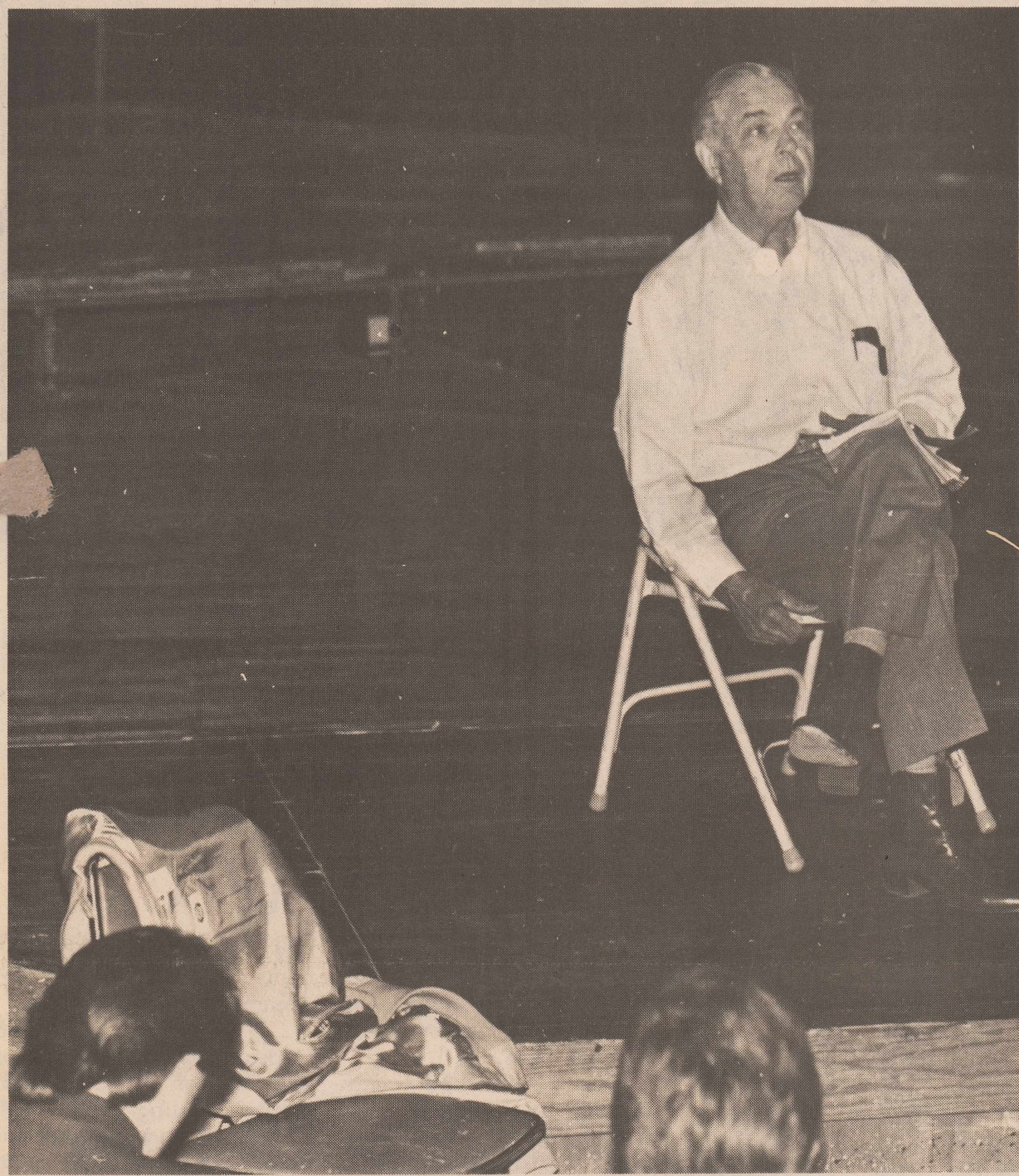
The alternate 10-week program is offered to individuals with other employment and who wish to complete their training at night and on weekends.

It is being continued to accommodate individuals who now live within easy driving distance of WTC.

The new academy is expected to attract potential TDCJ employees from throughout the West Texas region.

The existing TDCJ correctional officer program has now graduated five classes and boasts a total of 138 graduates now eligible for employment as guards with TDCJ state-wide.

A heavy need for new correctional officers is expected as the state completes its new prison facilities. By early summer, the 2,550-inmate unit in Amarillo was scheduled to be complete.



Theatre master

Paul Baker, known in theatre circles as "Mr. Regional Theatre," is shown during his sessions Nov. 10 with WTC drama students. Baker met with classes as part of his local visit for the opening production

of "Hamlet ESP." Baker had praise for the local department's innovative approach toward the play, which he adapted from Shakespeare's classic. (Texan Photo)

Author of 'Hamlet ESP'...

Theatre pioneer pays visit

"I've been a guerilla fighter for the arts all my life," said playwright Paul Baker, at a luncheon given in his honor at WTC Nov. 10.

Baker and his wife, Kitty, spent Nov. 9 and 10 on the WTC campus working with the drama department and attended the opening performance of WTC's production of "Hamlet ESP," an adaptation by Baker.

At the luncheon, Baker continued his informal address by saying that "the latter part of this century and the beginning of the next will belong to creative art." Our real wealth is not in oil wells or land, he said, but in imagination and creativity.

During lunch, Baker also discussed how he came up with the idea for "Hamlet ESP." He said he visited Paris in 1952 and spent hours studying paintings in the Louvre.

He noted that Picasso "tipped the table" in a still life and Rouault used distorted faces and angles, and that both came up with brand new perspectives. Using those ideas, he decided to "tip the stage" and use three actors to make "one big Hamlet's face."

Baker compared the space he knew as a child in West Texas to the theatre, saying "You start out with an empty space and fill it with your own ideas or use worn ones from someone else." He commended

Jim Rambo and the WTC Drama Department in their production of his play, saying "You have used fresh ideas, and I congratulate you on that."

Baker's career has included a long tenure as Chair-

He has received many awards for his work in the theatre, but said the accolades paid to him are due partly to the fact that "I've been at it long, and I'm still here. A lot of people leave earlier," the 78-year-old added with a smile.

"If you can stick it out long enough, reward will come," Baker said, and noted that while the reward might not be in the form of international acclaim, there would always be growth, and "growth is what we're after."

In a brief interview after the luncheon, Baker again complimented WTC's drama department.

He said he felt Jim Rambo was "excellent" and that both he and his students were producing "new and imaginative ideas."

'...the latter part of this century and the beginning of the next will belong to creative art.'

man of the Drama Departments of both Baylor and Trinity Universities, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Dallas Theatre Center in 1959. Baker said this was one of the first professional theatres in Texas.

90 receive diplomas at May 11 exercises

Graduation certificates were presented to 90 WTC sophomores May 11—54 earning academic degrees; 33 receiving applied science degrees; and three receiving certificates of technology.

Honor graduates Greg Parker, Shea Fenton and Dale Williamson addressed their fellow students. Also speaking was English instructor Marilyn Lancaster, a Piper Professorship recipient this year.

At the May 11 ceremony, outgoing WTC board member Roy Baze offered the welcome and WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek offered special recognitions. Dean of Instruction Bettie McQueen awarded the degrees and certificates.

Repairs near end for fire-damaged dorm wing

Repairs are expected to be completed this summer for the eight fire-damaged rooms on the third floor of the west wing of the WTC dormitory.

As school ended in early May, Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, indicated all electrical, cable television and

phone wires had been replaced, and all walls in the wing had been re-sheetrocked.

All WTC students received an unexpectedly long break for Thanksgiving due to the Nov. 17 dorm fire. It erupted around noon on Friday the 17th and, as a result, classes were dismissed for the follow-

ing week.

While students were sent home, there was still plenty of activity on campus.

Maintenance personnel and as many as 15 faculty members spent much of the Monday following the fire cleaning up the damaged wing and hauling away debris.

Water damage to the roof of the first and second floor of the dorm was repaired in time for students on those floors to move back into their rooms when classes resumed after the Thanksgiving holidays.

The fire-damaged wing stood vacant during spring. Damage from the fire was largely confined to a wing on the third floor of the dorm, which housed the women's basketball team.

Snyder Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell said the cause of the blaze was a frayed extension cord which ignited bed clothes.

He credited construction materials used in the dorm as being an asset in controlling the fire, saying the masonry and metal construction helped to keep it from spreading.

The dorm rooms also have solid core wooden doors, and a room near the outbreak of the fire suffered very little actual damage because the door was closed. McDowell noted that the ceiling insulation also helped in containing the fire, which was doused in approximately 25-30 minutes.

As the spring term ended, additional work to be done included building new closets, placing new vanities and furniture in the rooms, re-tilling the floors, replacing the heating and cooling units and exterior work.

Repairs to the dorm were originally estimated to cost \$40,000.



Faculty helps cleanup

WTC students received an unexpectedly long break for Thanksgiving due to a Nov. 17 dorm fire. The following Monday, some

15 faculty members spent much of the day helping to clean up the damaged wing. (Texan Photo)



Fire fighters

Snyder fire units spent approximately 25-30 minutes last Nov. 17 containing a fire in the WTC dormitory. The blaze damaged one wing on the third floor, affecting some eight dorm rooms. Repairs to the area are to be completed over summer and the wing reopened by fall. (Texan Photo)

Faculty

Lancaster earns statewide honors

A WTC faculty member was doubly rewarded with statewide honors during the 1989-90 school year.

Marilyn Lancaster, associate professor of English-developmental studies, became WTC's second recipient of a Piper Professorship, an honor presented annually by the Piper Foundation based in San Antonio to only 10 educators in the state.



Marilyn Lancaster

In addition, she was elected vice president of the Texas Junior College Teacher's Association (TJCTA), an association created to promote professionalism in education and to improve instruction in Texas' junior colleges.

The Piper Professor award is designed to recognize outstanding achievement in the field of teaching in Texas colleges and universities.

As a Piper Professor, she will receive an honorarium of \$2,500, a gold pin and a certificate.

The award was announced May 1 and presented formally to Mrs. Lancaster at WTC's May 11 commencement ceremony. She was a featured speaker at that program.

Mrs. Lancaster is the second WTC instructor to be honored by the Piper Foundation. Ray Robbins, criminal justice professor, received the award in 1986.

"This is the highest honor for a community college teacher," said WTC president, Dr. Harry Krenek.

In February, Mrs. Lancaster was elected vice president of TJCTA at the association's annual convention in San Antonio.

Some of her duties of office will be to participate in policy making and overseeing the work of standing committees.

Mrs. Lancaster has been an active member in the association, serving this past year as its secretary for the executive committee. In 1983-84, she was elected as a section chairperson of the English program. She has also served on the professional development committee.

Mrs. Lancaster began teaching at WTC in 1980. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in education, and received her master's degree in education from Tech in 1977.

She has also completed graduate studies at the University of Texas and the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1981 she was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study classical rhetoric at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Lancaster's husband, Richard, is an English professor at WTC. They have two daughters, Amy, a teacher, and Jennifer, who attended WTC last fall.

PTK honor recognizes WTC staff

Mickey Baird, student activities director for WTC since the college's beginnings, was honored Nov. 16 at the annual PTK Founder's Day Award reception.

The honor is given every fall by the campus group and the WTC Student Senate to a deserving faculty or staff member. It is decided by a vote of the memberships of these two campus organizations.

The surprise announcement was made during activity period on the 16th.

In addition, Mrs. Baird and her husband, Jerry, were among two couples honored April 19 by the WTC Rodeo Team. Jerry, who is also an original WTC faculty member and currently the director for the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center, traditionally volunteers to announce the WTC Rodeo.

Both the Bairds and Max and Barbara Preston were given National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association appreciation plaques from the team.

The honors were given in recognition for their work in connection with the annual WTC Rodeo.



Faculty Association

The WTC Faculty Association for next school year will be headed by new president Joann Snider (seated, right) and vice president Jan McCathern (left). Other officers will be Rockford Burris, who will be in charge of awards day; Jimmie McGee, handling nominations and elections;

Richard Lancaster, heading the faculty welfare committee; Jim Durham, academic affairs committee head; Donny Brown, secretary; and Robert Adams and Gil Flee, social events committee chairmen. (Texan Photo)



Baird honored

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Criminal justice post added to WTC faculty

Western Texas College's implementation in May of a year-round training academy for Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers prompted the employment of a new full-time faculty member for the college.

Employed effective March 1 as a criminal justice instructor was J.D. Barham.

His duties include serving as an instructor in the college's existing criminal justice program, which offers course work for prospective law enforcement officers.

WTC's newest faculty member is a WTC alumnus and had served as an inmate advocate for the TDJC since July, 1987. Barham earned his associate degree in applied science from WTC.

He is a certified correctional officer with the TDCJ and holds advanced peace officer certification. He was a part-time instructor for the West Central Texas Council of Government's Police Academy in Abilene from 1984-86.

The new instructor was a detective with the Sweetwater Police Dept. from 1983-86 and was a deputy sheriff in Nolan County from 1980-83. He served as a patrolman with the Amarillo Police Dept. from 1978-80.

Barham holds a master of arts degree in police administration from Sam Houston State University and a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Southwest Texas State University. He is a graduate of Sweetwater High School.

Original instructors remain with WTC

As WTC marks its 20th year of operation, 12 members of its original faculty are still employed with the institution.

The original 36 began teaching in the fall of 1971 after the formation and construction of the college in 1969-70.

Of these 36, four are now deceased, three have since retired and at least 12 have relocated to other parts of the country.

Original staffers who still remain, listed alphabetically, are:

Larry Anderson, associate professor and the director of library and media services; Jerry Baird, director of the senior citizens center; Mickey Baird, associate professor and the director of student activities; and Dr. Edward Barkow-

sky, English professor and chairman for the Letters and Communications Division.

Others include Gerald Corkran, associate professor and director of the developmental reading center; Bill Halbert, business administration professor and chairman of the Business and Mathematics Division; and Janet Halbert, associate professor of English.

Also still at WTC are Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services; Dr. Mary Hood, psychology professor and director of counseling services and testing; and Dr. James Palmer, professor of history and geography and chairman of the Social Science Division.

Others are Ray Robbins, professor of criminal justice; and Sam Walker, associate professor of welding.

Aerobics instructor is new at WTC

Cathy Reed, a Snyder native, began as a new aerobics instructor for WTC this spring, replacing Lorraine Hall, who made a career move to the Corpus Christi area.

Mrs. Reed has been involved in aerobics for 8 1/2 years and teaching it for five. She originally taught at WTC during 1984-86, quitting during her first pregnancy and subsequent birth of two sons.

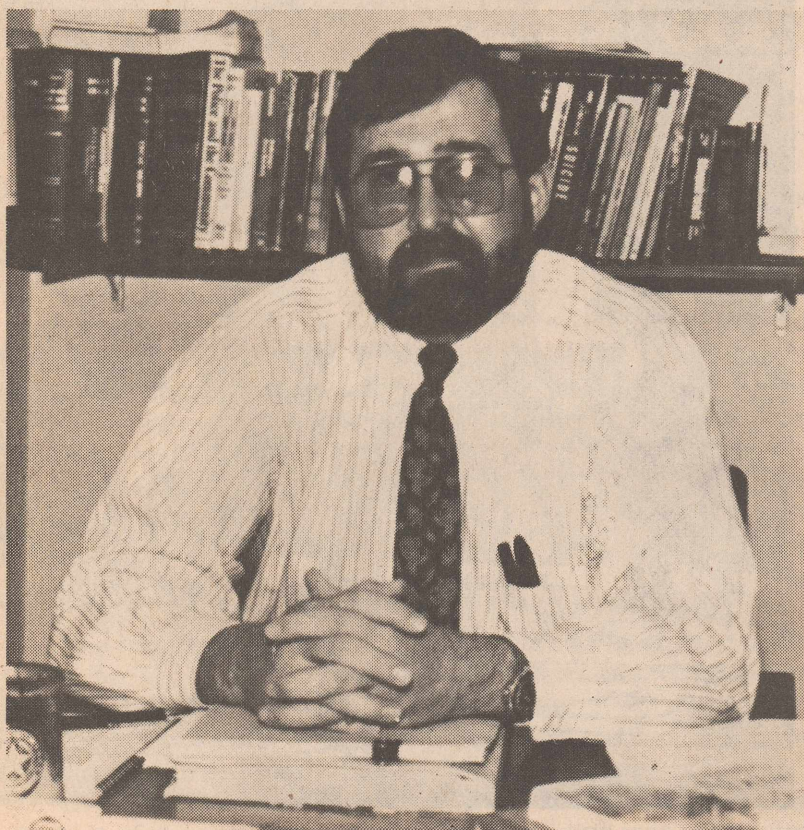
Last semester, she taught aerobics on campus two days a week.

Mrs. Reed said, "I really like teaching. I love to dance and this is right up my alley, not to mention it makes you look better."

Mrs. Reed attended WTC on a basketball scholarship and played with the Dusters her two years here. She was also on Snyder's first girl's basketball team. She received her associate of arts from WTC.



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