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WTC basketball-baseball vote profiled

BB men's team era ends, baseball has pros, cons...

By Marci Regalado
Texan Staffer

At WTC, men's basketball is out and the implementation of a baseball program, at least for the near future, is not being considered.

Last Jan. 11, the WTC board of trustees voted 6-0 in favor of discontinuing the basketball program due to what the board characterized as an unfavorable economic situation.

These same economic conditions were

cited as the board also voted to not consider implementing a baseball program here.

The men's basketball program came under the scrutiny due to the high cost of operating it. According to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, the men's program lost \$49,294 during the 1989-90 school year.

"Sports for small colleges, just across the board, do not make money," said Dr. Krenek. "And the game receipts (profits

made from admission sales) only covered a very small percentage of those costs. . . . They did not even cover the cost of the game."

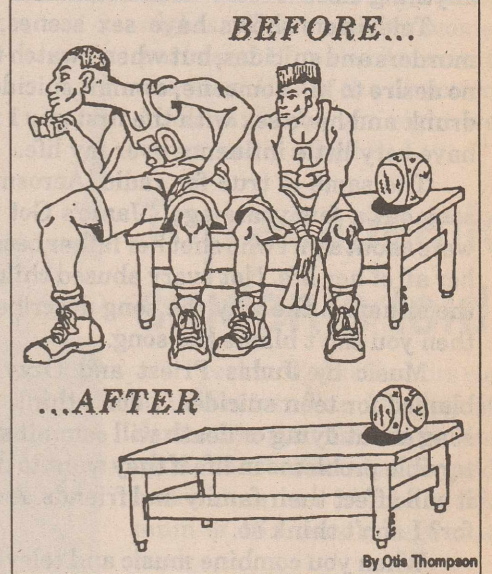
With the same motion which killed men's basketball, the board also eliminated current consideration for beginning a baseball program.

Krenek said he believes one reason is the timing. State funded colleges receive their funding based on their enrollment figures for every other year.

The enrollment for last summer, fall and this spring semester will decide how much funding WTC will receive in the 1994-95 and 1995-96 school years.

Since WTC has already received its funding for the 1993-1994 school year, he said it would be impractical to add the costs of a baseball program now when income from the additional students—estimated to be about 50—would not be realized until the fall of 1994.

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By Otis Thompson

New prison becomes new campus

Two full-time teachers employed with addition

By Rachel Pena
Texan Staffer

WTC starts instruction on a new campus effective this spring as classes begin at the French Robertson Prison Unit near Abilene.

Because of the added instruction load, WTC has employed two new full-time staffers.

These individuals are teaching vocational classes to include auto-electronics and heating-air conditioning and refrigeration.

Hired to teach auto-electronics is Charles Ivie and Marvin Bently has been employed to instruct the heating/refrigeration class.

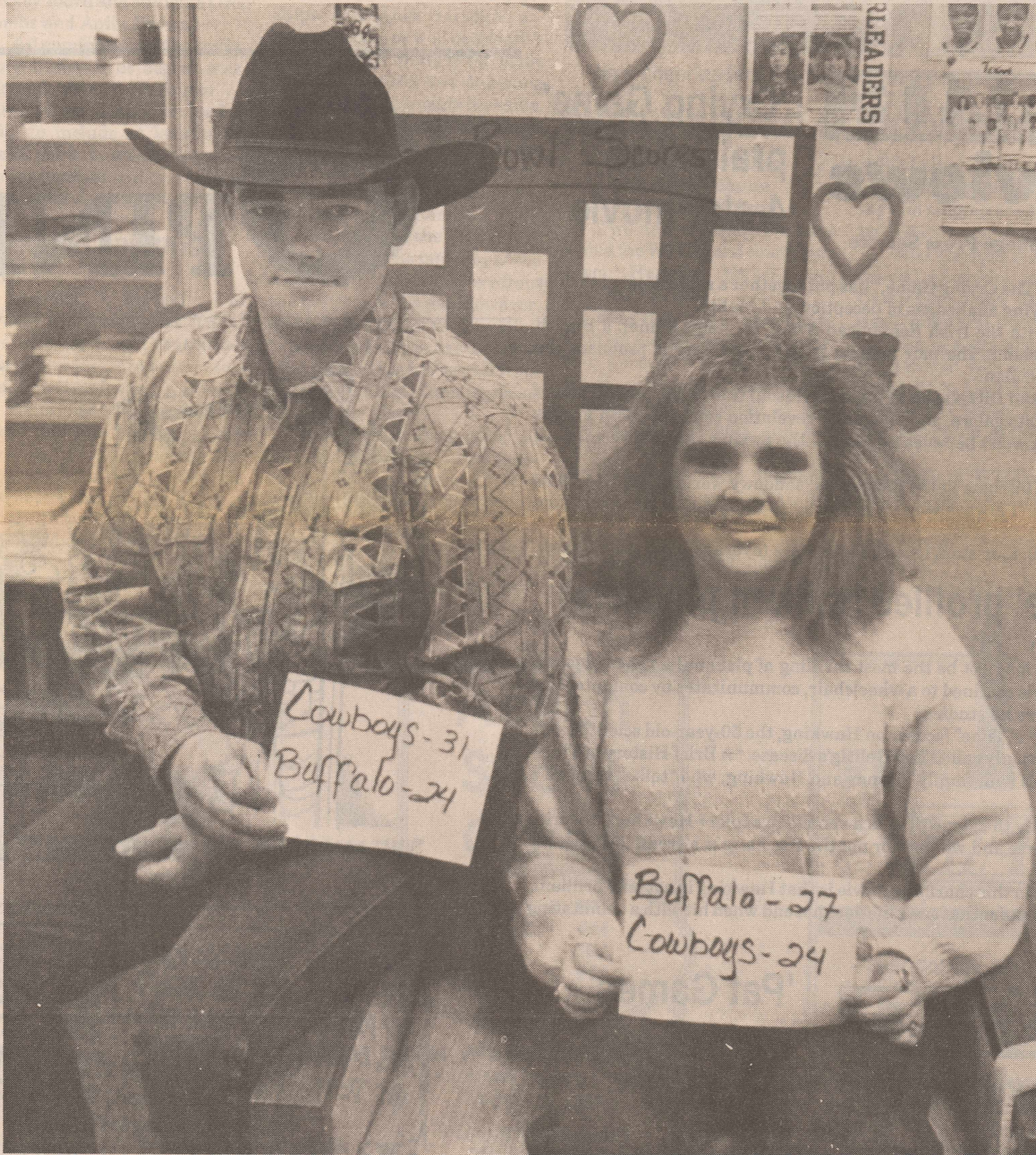
In addition, three academic classes are being offered to include a business, computer and government course. Only one full-time WTC instructor is involved in these classes, Bill Halbert, who is teaching the business course. The other two classes are being handled by part-time staffers employed out of Abilene.

There had been eight academic classes offered but only three were filled due to time constraints, according to Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education.

"The time frame in clearance was not available to process the qualifications of each inmate with a GED or high school diploma verified from Huntsville, placement scores of acceptable level, line status, and their eligibility from previous enrollment," he said.

Without this information, it was impossible to complete the Pell Grant application process, a federal program which many inmates depend on for financial assistance for college classes.

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Superbowl bet

Last week, WTC students were invited to guess the outcome of this past Sunday's Superbowl and the one with the closest score wins a dinner for two, courtesy of the WTC Student Senate. Taking opposing view-

points were Hud Hudson, who took the Cowboys 31-24, and Stephanie Matlock, who favored the Bills 27-24. (Texan Photo by Debra Burke)

PTK nominates member as All-American scholar

By Toni Evans
Texan Staffer

WTC sophomore Anita Brown has been nominated by WTC's Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for the Academic All-American Team.

USA Today, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society sponsor the Academic All-American Team competition.

The program is to recognize scholarly achievements of students enrolled in community, technical and junior colleges.

According to contest stipulations, "scholar" is defined as one who excels in the classroom, who has the intellectual curiosity to pursue academic, career and cultural enrichment outside the traditional classroom, who shows evidence of substantial development of talents in academic and technical educa-

tion, and who has demonstrated an ability to share this development with others.

To be eligible for nomination, Brown had to be currently enrolled in an AACCC member institution and must expect to graduate during the 1992-93 academic year.

The nominee must have completed at least 12 semester hours toward an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree prior to being nominated.

Also, a cumulative grade-point average of not less than 3.25 out of a possible 4.0 is required.

Mrs. Brown is on the PTK executive board and currently serves as vice-president of district one, which includes Texas and New Mexico. Her GPA is 3.75 and her major is social science.

She was named outstanding government student, outstanding U.S. His-



Anita Brown
Academic All-American nominee

tory student and outstanding social science student at WTC last spring.

All college presidents of First Team Members will be notified by March 15. Letters will be mailed by March 19 notifying nominees if they have been selected.

Most submissions ever noted for '93 'Aquifer'

By Michelle Romero
Texan Staffer

Editors for the WTC literary magazine "Aquifer" report the largest number of submissions ever for the upcoming spring issue—four short stories, two essays and 41 poems.

"People seem to be getting less hesitant about submitting their works and showing them to others, maybe this will make other people more enthused about submitting works to the Aquifer," said Bill McGlothing, one of the co-editors.

To submit their works, students had to be enrolled at WTC last fall or last spring semester. More than 20 individuals submitted works.

McGlothing offered a creative writing class for the first time last fall and several of the works came from this class.

This will be the third publication of the "Aquifer," which began in the fall of

1990. For the first time, the "Aquifer" will include a short biographical sketch of authors whose works are published.

The publication was moved from fall to spring to expand the submission time and to allow time for illustration of some of the works.

This art work will be done by students in the WTC art department.

The "Aquifer" will be inserted in the third issue of the Western Texan which will be released March 1, coinciding with the last issue before spring break.

The "Aquifer" will be entered next spring in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) contest.

The "Aquifer" has won several TIPA prizes for the past two volumes. "I think we can compete with bigger colleges," said McGlothing.

Other co-editors of the "Aquifer" are Janet Halbert, Richard Lancaster and Donny Brown.

WTC gains academy go-ahead

Police training to start with 1993 fall semester

By Lynn Moseley
Texan Staffer

Efforts to establish a "police academy" training program on the WTC campus proved successful in December. However, classes will not begin until next fall.

The academy, to be part of the Continuing Education Division headed by John Gibson, received its license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) following an on-site inspection Nov. 10.

Potential classes offered through the academy will include both training for newly employed police officers and in-service training for veterans.

Gibson says the program for new officers could entail a minimum of 400 hours of study, making it similar in scope to WTC's correctional officer training program.

In-service classes offered will include education in such areas as child abuse and search and seizure. The number of hours involved with such in-service classes has not been established as yet.

The classes will be in the correctional facility on campus and taught in conjunction with the correctional officers' program. The exact requirements of the police academy and its training will not be available for several months.

Gibson said once classes start, part-time instructors will be needed who are certified as law enforcement officers. The individuals would be licensed by the state as instructors.

Gibson said an advisory board of officers and citizens will review area needs and the quality of the education.

Blaming TV for faults may be pointing finger in wrong direction...

By Toni Evans
Texan Staffer

Do you ever blame the television or radio for something you do? For example, if you are on a diet and the station you're watching shows a Pizza Hut commercial, you order a pizza, eat half of it and then feel guilty about it so you blame it on the TV.

I think television and radio put ideas into our heads but we make our own decisions. Each person is responsible for their own actions and you can't blame anything else.

Television shows have sex scenes, obscenity, fights, murders and suicides, but when I watch these shows, I have no desire to kill someone, commit suicide or just go out, get drunk and have sex with the first guy I meet. These shows have very little influence over my life.

The same is true for radio. Aerosmith had a popular song out a few years ago, "Janie's Got a Gun." The lyrics were about a girl who shot her father because he had abused her all of her life. Not every abused child is going to handle the situation the way the song describes. If someone does then you can't blame the song.

Music by Judas Priest and Ozzy Osborne is being blamed for teen suicides. I don't think a person hearing a song about dying or death will commit suicide just because the song said to do it. A person has to have terrible problems in life if they want to die. He or she is being selfish because they don't care about how it will affect their family and friends. A suicidal person can get help. Is there ANYTHING worth dying for? I don't think so.

When you combine music and television you get MTV or CMTV. I think canceling MTV was a bad move for Snyder. MTV has positive sides to it. MTV has advertisements called Rock Against Drugs, with

major rock stars telling people not to do drugs. Kids were fascinated by it. At least they were home watching it and not out getting high or drunk. But, when a video came out and someone thought it wasn't in good taste, the producers banned it.

The same goes for CMT. They banned Garth Brook's video, "The Thunder Rolls," because it was about a wife shooting her husband after he cheated on her. There is also a positive side to CMT. There's a new CMT video out where a woman begs her husband to quit drinking after his doctor tells him to. The husband pushes the wife down and, on their way home from the doctor's office, they have a wreck. The wife dies. The message I get from this is: don't drink and if you do, certainly don't drive.

Sex is another example of people blaming TV and radio, when I think it's mostly parents looking for a place to put the blame. So many teenagers are sexually active and aren't stopping to think about what's really going on. Pregnancy and AIDS are a part of life now. You see it all around, but you have no one to blame for these things because each person is responsible for himself.

I am taking a full load here at WTC and I work two jobs. I have time to watch TV on the weekends and sometimes during the week and it does not have any influence over my life.

I think my parents do have a lot of influence because I look up to them and I want them to be proud of me. I look at how they live and I am proud of them. If I'm having difficulty making a decision, I ask for their advice.

I think my church leaders have influence over my life, teaching me the way I need to live. My grandparents have influence over my life, making me want to be like them when I reach their age.

My decisions don't come from television or radio. I know the difference between right and wrong because I have been taught by the people that should influence my life.

I think television and radio put ideas into our heads but we make our own decisions. Each person is responsible for their own actions and you can't blame anything else.



MOVIE reviews

'Crying Game' praised as 4-star movie

By College Press Service

"The Crying Game" (Four Stars)

Neil Jordan, the writer and director of "The Crying Game," has put together a sophisticated thriller that confronts the viewer with the underlying challenges of deception and reality.

Fergus (Stephen Rae) is a terrorist with the Irish Republican Army. He helps kidnap a British soldier (Forest Whitaker) in Northern Ireland. The pair become friends, and Fergus promises the doomed soldier to take care of a lover in London.

It is the relationship between Fergus and Dil (played by Jaye Davidson) that is the central plot of this complicated movie. There are plot twists galore, and one major revelation confronts both Fergus and viewer in the most visceral of ways. It won't be revealed here — the producers and directors ask film reviewers not to divulge the secret.

Jordan weaves a masterful plot full of intrigue in the dangerous, shadowy world of the IRA. "The Crying Game" also reveals that things aren't always what they appear to be, and how we react is the difference between love and hate.

RATING GUIDE: five stars (excellent); four stars (good); three stars (average); two stars (poor)

'Brief History of Time' profiles brilliant physicist

"A Brief History of Time" (Four Stars)

A movie about a theoretical physicist may not be the most thrilling of plots unless the subject is Stephen Hawking, a British scientist who is confined to a wheelchair, communicates by computer and whose mind is as expansive as the universe he studies.

The documentary film "A Brief History of Time" focuses on Hawking, the 50-year-old scientist who suffers amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly called Lou Gehrig's disease. "A Brief History of Time" explores Hawking's life through interviews with family, friends and Hawking, who "talks" through a computer.

The movie, based on Hawking's book by the same title, is a vehicle to explore Hawking's theories on time, black holes, the expanding universe and whether or not the Big Bang is a credible theory for the beginning of the universe.

But theory aside, what comes through in this charming movie is that Hawking is not only brilliant, but a source of good humor and a gentle reminder that one's life does not end when hit with a debilitating disease.

OPINION



VIDEO reviews

'Pat Games' worth a look on video

By College Press Service

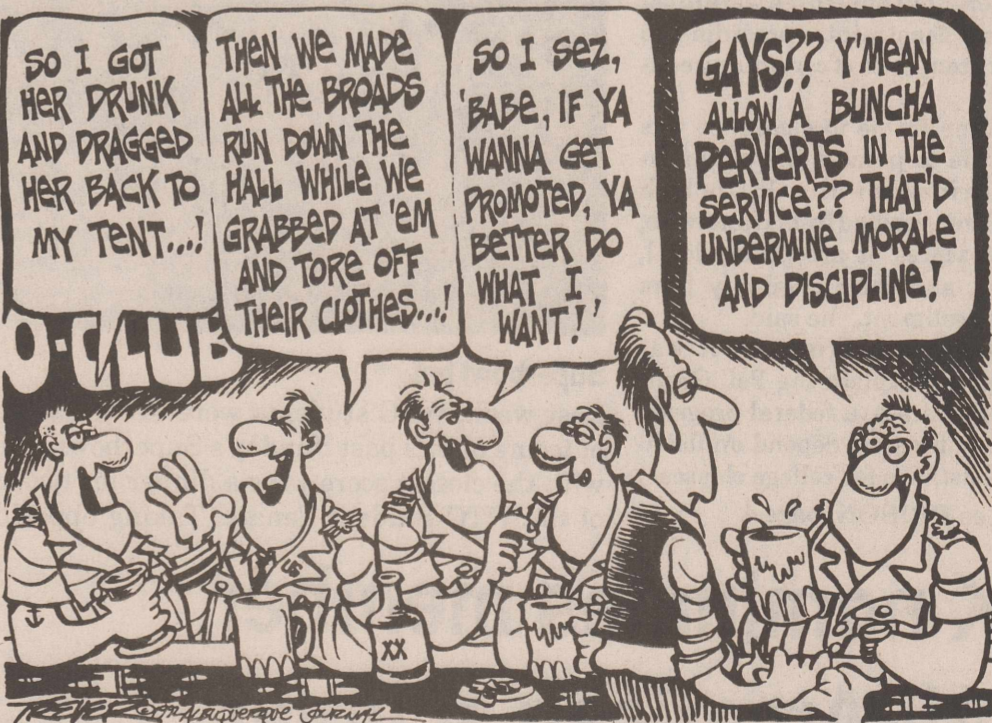
"Patriot Games" (Four Stars)

The plot of "Patriot Games" may be a little farfetched, but that's the stuff of thrillers, and this new video release has plenty of fast-paced action for aficionados of international intrigue.

Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford), a former analyst who gave up his rootin'-tootin' days with the CIA for a safer teaching post at the Naval Academy, just can't stay out of trouble.

While vacationing in London, he gets in the middle of a gunfight between a radical faction of Irish terrorists and British high muckety-mucks. Ryan kills the brother of one of the terrorists, who go to some extraordinary lengths to exact revenge against him, his wife and young daughter. (Now you've done it; Jack's mad.)

"Patriot Games" may be somewhat predictable in the emotions it stirs, but the action moves along at a breathless clip that will leave you on the edge of your seat.



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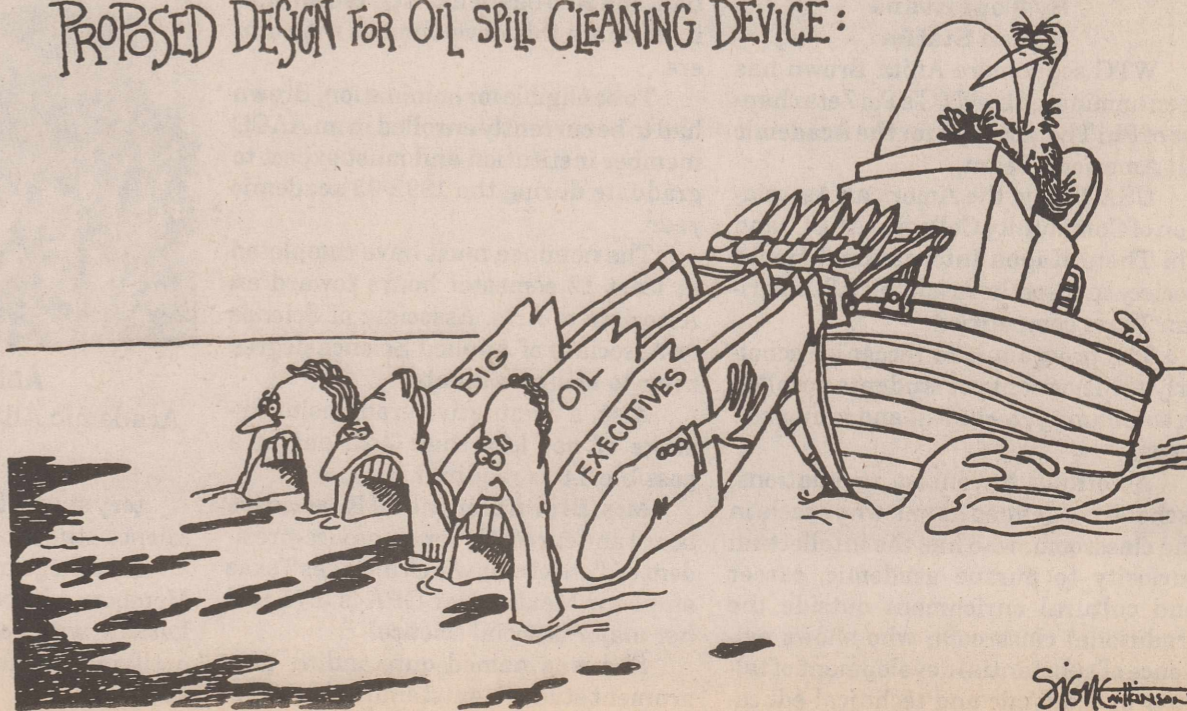
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Sport decision chills baseball

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Regarding the economic situation, the Scurry County tax base dropped \$1.1 billion from \$2 billion in 1985 to \$900 million in 1992 due to falling oil prices. Since local taxes partially fund WTC, the declining tax base meant higher taxes just to stay at current budget levels.

"This economic situation caused us to establish priorities on campus," said Krenek.

Last summer's resignation of the men's basketball coach, Kelly Green, created "the immediate circumstances that caused the program to be dropped (this past season)," said Krenek.

He added, however, "The major considerations were the economic factors involved."

Other factors pointed to were

discipline problems involving the men's team and poor attendance at games and a neutrality on the part of academic students pertaining to the program.

The WTC Faculty Association also recommended discontinuing the program.

The association's president, Donny Brown, read a resolution at the board meeting which stated, "Because as a faculty, we have seen improvement in both the classroom environment and campus life with the removal of men's basketball, we recommend the board consider not reinstating it." Regarding the implementation of baseball, the faculty indicated it neither supported nor opposed it, but suggested the board postpone its decision.

"The association supports all

new programs—sports or academic—which will bring more students to our campus and produce greater retention of existing students," the faculty resolution read.

A study by administrators last year found the net loss for the cost of a new baseball program would not be as great as for basketball. "Also, we are hearing from other schools that have baseball that they are attracting a more serious student. Another factor is that there is a good deal of interest from the people in Snyder," said Dr. Krenek.

Krenek said he thinks there is some neutrality on the part of students concerning baseball which he said is also a reason the board is not seriously considering it in the near future. "The economics were more of a factor than anything for not introducing baseball."

He added that many of the negative aspects of basketball would still be present in baseball.

There would still be scholarships and other personal expenses to pay, as well as a coach's salary to pay. Many of the game operational costs and traveling expenses would remain the same.

Another economic drawback would be the renovation of the men's athletic facilities to accommodate a team larger than the men's basketball team.

He noted also the high cost of recruitment. The majority of the men's basketball team were from the north or Midwest. However, Krenek says that if WTC wanted to be competitive in baseball, the school would have to recruit from out of the United States in places like Puerto Rico.

"If the (baseball) question had been put before the board separately from basketball," said Krenek. "I believe there may have been more of a split. It may have been 5-1 or 4-2 instead of 6-0."



New cheerleaders Heather Carlson and Heather Harris

Cheer squad outlook changes

By Valeri Miller & Amy Teague
Texan Staffers

Two new cheerleaders have joined the WTC squad this spring term, Heather Harris and Heather Carlson.

Miss Harris is a telecommunication major from Sweetwater. Her parents are Mrs. Trudy Wortham and Mr. Scott Harris.

She has competed in several beauty pageants and has represented her area twice in the Miss Texas U.S.A. pageant.

Miss Harris was Yucca Coronation Duchess and a New Year Girl nominee in Sweetwater. She received All-District honors in

volleyball.

Modeling, pageantry, dancing and singing are Miss Harris' hobbies.

Miss Carlson is a freshman special education major from Camp San Saba. Her parents are Timmy and Dottie Carlson.

She is a graduate of Brady High School. She was also nominated Best Looking, served as head of her school's rifle squad and was editor of the school annual.

Three of WTC's cheerleaders from the fall did not return. The two remaining cheerleaders are Deborah Routon and Kim Duncan.

Drama slates new auditions

Open auditions are set tonight and Tuesday night for the WTC Drama Department's production of "Measure for Measure" by William Shakespeare.

These will be in the Fine Arts Theatre at 7 p.m. both nights. There are five women's parts and 17 male characters in the play. Under the direction of Michael Endy, an eight-week rehearsal is scheduled.

Top academic students told

President's List honors went to 18 Western Texas College students this past fall term—indicating the students had no grades lower than an "A" for a minimum of 15 hours college credit work.

Fourteen of those honored are from Snyder. These students were Anita Kay Brown, Bennie Clamon, Cynthia Jane Clamon, Glenn Ian Denney, Malli Gallo-way, Shae Marie Gowin, Curry Lee Koenig, Bret Wayne Lamkin, Wayne Loper, Kristi Mize, Fred Sawtelle, Leonard Earl Scott, Jody Lance Tavarez and Nathan Drew Travis.

Others from WTC earning the perfect 4.0 grade average were Michael Lee Anderson of Shelby, Mont; Borja Azpilicueta of Madrid, Spain; Eugene Marion of Denver City; and Edward J. Smerdon of Pentland, Queensland, Australia.

Initial count at 1,167

Figures are not yet final, but the preliminary count for students enrolled at WTC this spring is 1,167. Last year, 1,001 students were noted at this time.

Who's Who process underway

The WTC Who's Who Committee is now considering nominees submitted from the faculty for inclusion in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Sixty-nine WTC students meet the academic requirements. WTC may submit a maximum of 37 to the nationwide organization by Feb. 15.

Those comprising the committee are Jim Judah, serving as

chairman, and instructors Robert Adams, Mary Hood and Mickey Baird and students Greg Combs and Anita Brown.

All nominees must be sophomore students, be degree-seeking and meet three major requirements: academic leadership, to include at least a 3.2 grade point average, extracurricular involvement and citizenship and civic participation.

Prison becomes new extension campus

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In all, there are 80 French Robertson inmates enrolled in classes at the unit this spring.

One of WTC's newly employed full-time staffers for the prison is a returning instructor.

Charles Ivie was previously employed at WTC between 1988 and 1991 as an instructor in auto mechanics. He previously taught at the Price Daniel Unit and is a graduate of Western Texas Col-

lege.

Marvin Bently of Sweetwater attended TSTC where he completed continuing education courses in automotive areas, electronics and welding.

He is also a licensed peace officer and was employed with the Nolan County Sheriff's Department from 1988 to 1992. He completed the WTC's Correctional Officer Training program in November of this year.

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WTC Dusters fall to No. 1 Howard

Team plays here tonight...

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

The Lady Dusters lost to the Number 1 team in the nation, Howard College, last Thursday in Big Spring. Final score was 96-45.

The loss makes the Dusters 1-5 in conference play as they go against Frank Phillips College here tonight in the Scurry County Coliseum. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Dusters have had to adjust this spring season due to injuries and a reduced number of players. What began as 15 members on the team ended with only 10 currently. After the holidays, freshman starter Jenny Crowell and freshman reserve Jennifer Bullard did not return.

Ayesha Howard, who averages almost 14 points a game for WTC, said "all we can do is play

5-on-5 starts again

The deadline to sign up for intramural five-on-five basketball is Wednesday and games will begin next week.

As of Friday, two teams had already signed up.

Teams can be comprised of both men and women players.

There is a limit of 10 players per team and girl's shots count 3 points.

Games will include 20-minute halves. During the season, all teams will play each other in a round robin schedule.

Mike Harrison heads the intramural program.

hard, from having 15 to 10 players, its been a big adjustment for everyone." The Lady Dusters have an overall 13-10 season following the loss Thursday to Howard.

Allison Garcia, sophomore guard for WTC, led the scoring in that game with 14, including two 3 pointers. The Lady Dusters made nine of 18 free throw attempts.

Angel Spinks led for the Lady Hawks with 28 followed by teammate Regina Huff with 18. Howard College led in both halves.

The Dusters were host to South Plains last Monday, Jan. 25, losing that conference game 75-52. South Plains College led WTC in both halves.

Two Lady Dusters had double figure scores for the South Plains game. Paulita Murrell pitched in 15 and Ayesha Howard scored 10. The Lady Texans were led by Boky Vidic and Saresa Butler, who each had 16 points.

The Lady Dusters gained their first Western Conference victory in their first game after the semester break against New Mexico Junior College Jan. 18. The Dusters hosted NMJC and defeated them 65-55.

Ayesha Howard led the scoring with 17 points, followed by Mary Ann Isom with 12, and Peggy Huseman and Andrea Kearney who each pitched in 10 points.

The Dusters suffered their two other conference losses Jan. 11 and 14. The Dusters lost to



Home court action

Duster Karyn Gabriel sees action against South Plains Jan. 25 in the Scurry County Coliseum. WTC opened the second

half of conference play Thursday night versus Howard. (Texan Photo by Debra Burke)

Frank Phillips 83-65 and to Odessa College 79-59. Allison Garcia led the Dusters in both games with 21 points versus Frank Phillips and 13 points against Odessa.

The Lady Dusters were to play Clarendon College in a non-conference matchup in Clarendon Jan. 16, but a last minute schedule change switched the game to Feb. 8.

SPORTS



The winners

Winner of the fall round of five-on-five intramural basketball was this team comprised of, from left, Brian Wiginton, Stacey Warner, Ken Hoover and John Parra. Team members

not shown were Lenny Edward, Jim Etheredge, Eddie Onofre and Scott Johnson. A new round of five-on-five games begins soon. (Texan Photo)

Spring golf season set to open with WTC competition in Florida

By Amy Teague
Texan Staffer

The WTC golf team's spring schedule begins Friday in Melbourne, Fla. with the Brevard Community College Tournament.

The team consists of 11 members: Cory Adams, Derek Allen, Rhett Brewster, Andrew Burt, Mike Delos Santos, Jimmy Flores III, Chris Rogers, Brent Tignor, Mike Torres, Shane Weatherbee and Daryl Weldon.

The team, coached by Athletic Director Milton Ham, will play in five regular tournaments this spring, leading up to two qualifying tournaments. These will be the state junior college championship tourney April 18-20 in Midland and, if winners

there, the national regional qualifying contest in Weatherford April 25-27.

The national junior college tournament is then played in the summer. The WTC golfers finished 11th at the national finals last year.

The spring schedule is as follows:

—Feb. 5-9, Suntree Country Club, Brevard Community College Tournament, Melbourne, Fla.

—Feb. 25-27, New Mexico Military Institute Course, Bronco Invitational Tournament, Roswell, N.M.

—March 14-16, Galveston Country Club, Gulf Coast Invitational Tournament, Galveston.

—March 28-30, Wildflower

Country Club, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor Tournament, Temple.

—April 4-5, Ocatello Country Club, New Mexico Jr. College Tournament, Hobbs, N.M.

—April 18-20, Green Tree Country Club, State Jr. College Championship, Midland.

—April 25-27, Sugar Tree Country Club, Regional Tournament, Weatherford.

Women invited to sessions profiling alternative job skills; how to succeed in workplace

By Amy Teague
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Beginning Thursday, six seminars will be given during activity period (10:45-11:30 a.m.) profiling "Alternative Careers for Women." These will be in Bldg. 2 C Rm. 101.

The topics for discussions are career choices, interviewing skills and sexual harassment on the job.

Special Populations Coordinator Carolyn Osborn will be leading these seminars. A video will be shown Thursday, followed by a discussion of it at the next meeting.

"The seminars are to encourage women to

consider other choices that would give them more salary," said Ms. Osborn.

The seminars will continue through April 15.

Seminar topics are:

—"Choosing A Non-traditional Career"

Video,

Feb. 4.

Discussion,

Feb. 18.

—"Job

Interviewing Skills"

Video,

March 4.

March 4.

Discussion, April 1.

—"On The Job-Sexual Harassment and Working With Men"

Video, April 3.

Discussion, April 15.

According to studies, many women have stayed with such traditional jobs as a child care giver, kindergarten teacher or sales clerk. These women on an average earn 67 cents to every \$1 made by a male. For example, a child care worker would make \$4.70 per hour unlike a carpenter making \$9.70 per hour.

The reasons for women choosing traditional jobs are a lack of women role models at non-traditional jobs and a lack of mechanical skills which would be needed in some non-traditional jobs, according to Ms. Osborn.

Ms. Osborn also suggested that women have depended on men to provide for their living expenses, but because of the changing times women are now having to support themselves. The videos and other facts which will be used are from the Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development and Training.

Some statistics given from it by Ms. Osborn are:

—50 percent of the labor force is women.

—Women spend 36 years of their lives working outside of the home.

—43 percent of single mothers live in poverty.

For more information, individuals should contact Ms. Osborn at 573-8511, ext. 218.

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Speech students plan competition at state tourney

Five students from WTC's Speech Department will compete at the Texas Junior College Speech and Theater Association's State Forensics Tournament at Collin County Community College in North Dallas Feb. 11-13.

There will be 17 events at this tournament, which will mark the first tournament the speech department has competed in involving only junior colleges.

Department director Jan McCathern said, "We are looking forward to this competition, because we will be competing with the same level of junior colleges. Unlike in the past we have competed with junior colleges as well as major universities."

In addition this spring, the department will host three tournaments on campus with students serving as judges and directors.

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West African 'comes to America'

Student relocates from Mali to WTC-Snyder

By Neally Hernandez
Texan Staffer

Jeanne N'Diaye's favorite movie is "Coming To America." Jeanne knows about this first hand because she "has come" to America and WTC from Bamako, Mali located in West Africa.

Her country has a population of more than 1 million. The national language is French and the second language is Bambara.

Jeanne is 21 years old and has two brothers and two sisters. Jeanne is the only one in her family to come to America to

further her educational goal of earning a degree here in the United States.

Jeanne attended Askia Mohamed High School in Bamako, Mali. She graduated at

the age of 19 and then went to Wichita, Kan. to the Intensive English Center at Wichita State University. In Wichita, Jeanne studied English for six months to help her communication skills.

Jeanne noted several cultural differences between Mali and the United States. These include women fashions, traditions, food and the weather.

The difference in fashion can be seen in the African style clothing Jeanne wears. Her clothes feature bright colors and have symbols of animals and other graphics. The common style of dress for African women is dresses or skirts, she said.

Traditions in West Africa are also different. Jeanne thinks that Americans "drive too fast" and notes that in her country the people don't consider themselves individuals, but one "big family."

Marriage arrangements are different also. In some instances, the father determines the daughter's husband. Jeanne added this did not occur in her family and said she is very happy it did not.

Regarding American food, she said it is not spicy enough and, as for the weather, she said the cold climate bothers her because her country is constantly hot.

Jeanne has traveled extensively, visiting cities both in the United States and over seas. She has visited such world cities as New York, Rome and Paris as well as traveling to the Ivory Coast and other cities in Africa.

She found WTC through a book of college listings which international students are given. Jeanne said she considered the location, the "cost", and the fact that WTC offers a degree in computer science/ business.

She said she has found WTC

Jeanne calls WTC "a really good place to study" and the campus "friendly."



Jeanne N'Diaye is a student here from Mali, West Africa.

"a really good place to study."

The only thing that interferes with her studies is her constant homesickness, she said, adding the "friendly people" at WTC have helped her overcome

some of her communication barrier.

Her hobbies include reading, dancing, watching television and watching her favorite movie, "Coming To America."



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Dean's List recognizes 26 for academic work

Twenty-six students attending Western Texas College this fall received Dean's List honors from the school.

The designation indicates they earned a grade point average of at least 3.5. This would equal an 85 average for a minimum of 15 college credit hours.

Those from Snyder on the list were Jeff Corkran, Richard Davis, Wade Freeman, Hope Heaton, Mathias Nicholas Lies, Ryan David Newbern and Connie Williams.

Other Scurry County students making the list were David Michael Holmes of Ira, Donna Roemisch and David Zalman of Hermleigh, and Mark Alan

Stansell of Fluvanna.

In addition, Tommy Gale Jones of Colorado City and Amy Teague, Lisa Merket and James Rainey of Sweetwater were honored, as were Emelia Medellin and Laren Michael Shaw of Roscoe.

Others from various Texas cities were Wade James Bagley of Canyon, Jennifer Lyn Crowell of Houston, Jason Heath Donaldson of Sonora, Lynn Ann Moseley of Mertzson, Curtis Trae Richburg of Lubbock and Jon Curtis Tidmore of Crane.

Out-of-state students honored were Kenneth Hoover Jr. of Sierra Vista, Ariz. and Brent Allen Mitrisin of Phoenix.

Merit List acknowledges 61 here

Western Texas College's Merit List for the fall term honors 61 students.

Inclusion on the list indicates the student earned a grade point average of at least 3.5—an 85 average—while taking between 8 and 14 hours of college credit.

Snyder students accounted for 23 of those named to the Merit List. These include Barbara Jane Ashby, Tom Barnett, Richard Scott Bullock, Christy Lan Christenson and Katy Ann Doty.

Others from Snyder are Laketa Fields, April Nicole Findley, Jennifer Lee Fisher, Donna Sue Gift, Nicholas Wade Gift, Joe Wayne Gordy, Lasonda Due Hammack and Christy Ann James.

In addition, Snyder students honored are Linda Dianne Jarnigan, Patricia Joyce Jones, Kathy Lynn Kirby, Angela McCall, Trevlyn Pitner and Mary Alice Purswell.

Also honored are Lisa Kay Smith, Bobbie Ruth Stearmer, Linda Diane Vernon, Tonya Yvonne Warren and Kelly Lisa Williams.

Other Scurry County residents named to the Merit List are Dana Lee Cauley, Joyné Winona Goswick, Carla Yvonne Sanchez and Patsy Nadine Ster-

ling of Ira, and Tina Louise Stansell of Fluvanna.

Six students on the list are from Colorado City. They are Jodi Anne Dunn, Toni Sue Everett, David Scott Galey, Janis Sue Inman, Becky R. Manning and Brenda Grace Smith.

Area students honored are Eddie Onofre, Vanloria Ruth Scott and Cheryl Denise Veal of Sweetwater, Nikki Jane Broyles of Big Spring, Kenneth Wesley Hardin of Roby and Elizabeth Ann Martin of Post.

Other Texas residents named to the list are Brandye Rae Bitters of Mineral Wells, Katherine Elaine Hobbs of Utopia, Patricia Hokanson of Stamford, Mary Helen Morales of Anson, Virgil Wayne Snell of Muleshoe and Michelle Trammell of Aspermont.

One out-of-state resident is named, Fletcher James Tigner of San Antonio, N.M.

Twelve students named to the Merit List are inmates at the Snyder Price Daniel Unit. These are Joe Alcozer, John Grimsley, Franklin Hatten, Robert Jones, Randolph McClellan, Kevin Michael, James Paul Nix, Michael Parker, Donald Parmer, David Thomas, Michael Peyton Winstead and Gilbert Ybanez.

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