

# SACS committee arrives on campus today

Today through Wednesday, a 12-member contingent of representatives from SACS is visiting the WTC campus, conducting interviews and meeting with key personnel involved with last year's self-evaluation study of the campus.

The self-study is tied to re-accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and

Schools (SACS).

The visit will conclude Wednesday morning with an "exit report" from committee members. This will involve initial findings of the committee based upon its own research and the self-study reports prepared by 10 individual campus committees last year.

Those reports have been com-

plied into a 233-page document which comprises the WTC self-study.

The exit report is scheduled at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre and any interested individuals may attend.

It will cap also a hectic three-day schedule of activities by SACS committee members, who arrived this past weekend (see

related schedule).

The group is a mix of both faculty and administrators from six states including Virginia, Florida, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

SACS requires each school seeking re-accreditation to undergo an extensive evaluation procedure every 10 years and the visit this week begins the

final phase of this process.

Committee-work for the WTC self-study was completed last school year under the supervision of SACS Self-Study Director John Gibson. The self-study report was edited by instructor Bill McGlothing.

Members of the steering committee last year included Gibson and McGlothing plus Kapre-

Bedell, Ann Galyean, Bettie McQueen, Carolyn Osborn, Jack Price and Sara Fritz.

Two committee members, Michael Endy and Michael Squires, have since left the college.

The self-study itself was derived from 10 separate reports completed according to SACS See SACS, page 5

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# Big night on campus scheduled Nov. 20

Opening night for play, planetarium and museum exhibits

## Comedy 'Sylvia' opens

By April Martin  
Texan Staffer

The Drama Department of Western Texas College will perform the romantic comedy "Sylvia" Nov. 20-21 and 23.

The opening night performance Nov. 20 will be one of three events planned on campus that evening. These will include the opening of a new exhibit at the Scurry County Museum and a special Christmas show at the newly refurbished campus planetarium (see related stories).

"Sylvia" may be unique as a play in one regard since it features a dog in the title and starring role.

According to director Helen Cogan, comic complications arise between a man and wife when the husband begins to spend too much time with his faithful dog, Sylvia.

For the production, the canine part is played by WTC freshman Vicky Williams of Sudan.

The couple, Greg and Kate, will be played by Rick Freeman and Emily Hataway.

Both have appeared in Ritz Community Theater productions and also performed in the fall 1994 WTC production "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music."

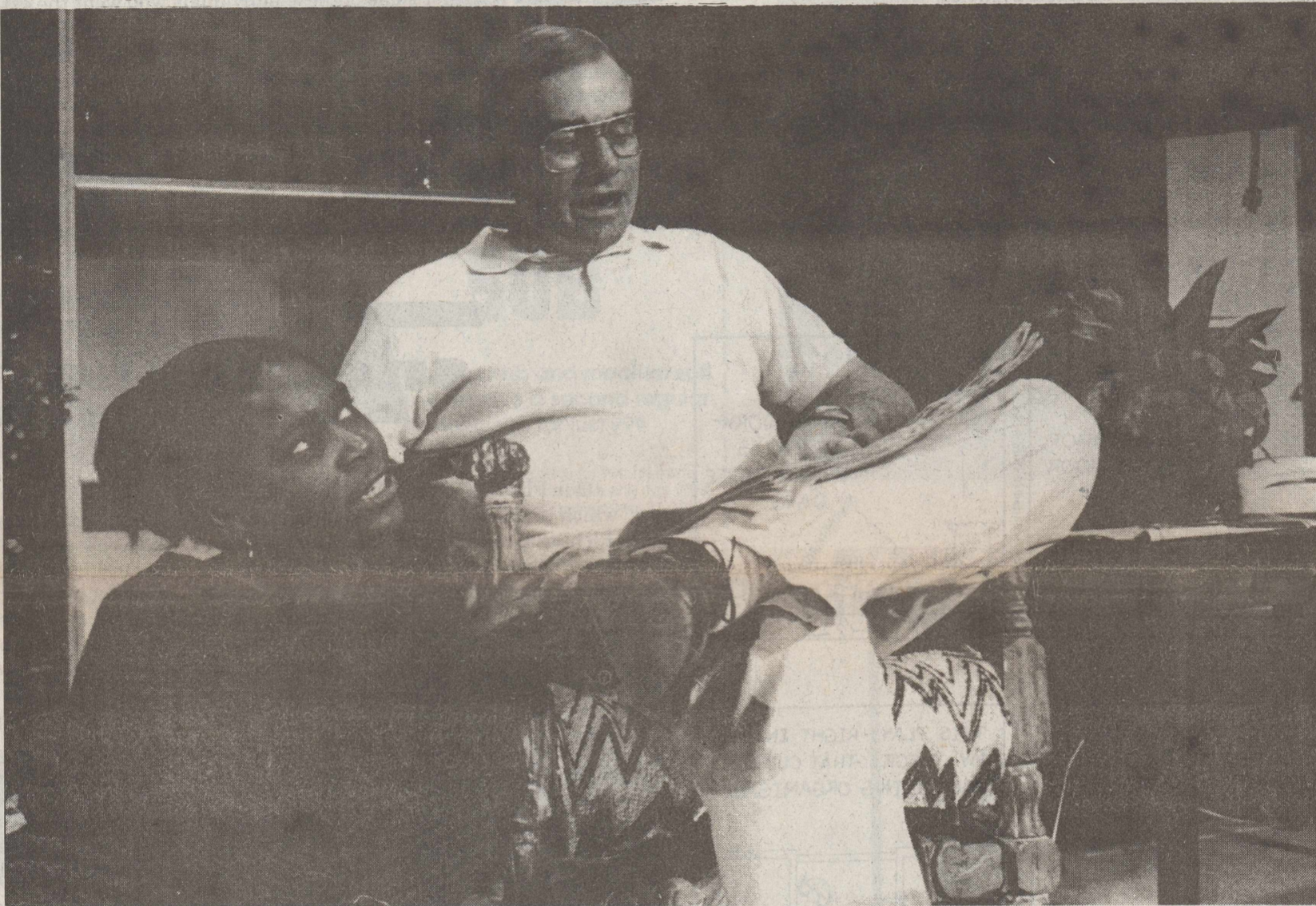
WTC students featured in the show include Dallas Martinez playing Tom. Martinez is a freshman originally from Breckenridge. Jeffery Tydlaska will double in the roles of Phyllis and as Leslie. Jeffery is a sophomore from San Angelo.

As a new feature for this play, WTC students may attend a Wednesday night dress rehearsal Nov. 19. It will begin at 8 p.m.

The regular performances for the general public on Thursday the 20th and Friday the 21st will start at 8 p.m. The Sunday performance Nov. 23 will be a 2 p.m. matinee.

Students, faculty and the community are invited to the performances, which will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The ticket price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. WTC students, faculty and staff are admitted free with their college I.D.



### Play to open

The comedy "Sylvia" is the story about a man and his dog. Complications arise, however, when he starts spending more

time with "Sylvia" than his wife. Shown are Rick Freeman and "Sylvia," played by Vicky Williams. (Texan Photo by Sagit Shlezinger)

## Planetarium to present 'A Christmas Story'

The inaugural show of the newly renovated WTC Planetarium is slated Thursday, Nov. 20—one of three events planned on campus that evening.

The program has a holiday theme, entitled "A Christmas Story," which will be shown twice, at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Also on the 20th, prints and paintings by noted Texas artist Dalhart Windberg will be displayed in the Scurry County Museum along with an exhibit of angels which are on loan by area residents.

### Fine art exhibit displays works of Eber Suarez

Next at the WTC fine arts gallery is an exhibit entitled "All Eyes on Me" by Eber Suarez, a former WTC art student now preparing to graduate from Texas Tech University.

His exhibit will open Friday and be displayed through Dec. 5. Suarez, a Snyder High School graduate, will earn his bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in December from Texas Tech.

While at WTC, he was chosen to draw the cover for two issues of the college literary magazine "Aquifer."

In addition, the Drama Department will stage its first performance of the romantic comedy "Sylvia" that night (see related stories).

Rollin Swanson, adjunct professor for science at WTC, took on the planetarium's revival as a personal project.

Swanson will personally operate the planetarium equipment for the upcoming show.

The room is constructed with a 10-meter dome ceiling (approximately 33 ft. in diameter) and will seat some 60 persons.

He said the holiday program runs approximately 45 minutes and includes more than 200 slides.

The first 20 minutes deals with the history of the holiday itself, including the story of the Three Wisemen and the mysterious star which led them to the baby Jesus.

The final portion deals with the night sky—its constellations and planets—as it actually appeared 2,000 years ago.

Included is the historical account of the conjunction of two

planets—Saturn and Jupiter—which occurred at the approximate time of Jesus' birth.

Some scientists have speculated that this conjunction—when the two planet's alignment creates the illusion of a merger—might have been the bright "star" reported in the Biblical story of the nativity.

The show also deals with speculation about a comet as the Biblical "star."

Future shows planned at the planetarium include "The Eyes of Hubbel," Swanson noted.



### Campus blood drive

A successful blood drive was held at WTC Friday, Oct. 31. Shown donating is Jason Castillo. Another student, Marvin Poe of Sweetwater, was the winner of a television given at the event. (Texan Photo by Sagit Shlezinger)

## Museum highlights Windberg

Prints and paintings by noted Texas artist Dalhart Windberg will be shown in the Scurry County Museum beginning Nov. 20 and, as a companion exhibit, the museum will feature also a display of angels on loan by area residents.

The opening of both will be one of three events planned on the WTC campus Nov. 20, a Thursday.

In addition, the Drama Department will stage its first performance of the romantic comedy "Sylvia" and a special Christmas show is planned at the newly refurbished campus planetarium (see related stories).

The exhibit opening is planned from 5 until 7:30 p.m. to allow campus visitors time to tour the museum, view one of two planetarium shows and attend the play's opening performance at 8 p.m.

Some 20 prints from Windberg will be shown in the traveling exhibit area of the museum. The works will remain through Dec. 8.

The artist has some 3,000 paintings to his credit and 177 of these have been converted to prints.

He now lives in Georgetown and was a featured artist in the Diamond M collection owned by C.T. McLaughlin. That collection is now housed at Texas Tech.

The related angel exhibit will have as a holiday theme a Christmas tree featuring angels as decorations.

Locals have loaned the museum a wide assortment of angel figures and portrayals and Director Charlene Akers notes the

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## Phi Theta Kappa hosts annual Founder's Day

The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will present its annual Founder's Day Award Nov. 20.

The award presentation, traditionally a surprise announcement, will be in the Student Center at 10:45 a.m. during activity period.

The honor is given to a member of the faculty, staff, or administration who "represents to an outstanding degree one or more of the Phi Theta Kappa ideals of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship."

Founder's Day marks the 1918

founding of Phi Theta Kappa at Stephens College in Missouri.

The award has been given at WTC since 1983. Last year's recipient was Debra Baremore, counseling secretary.

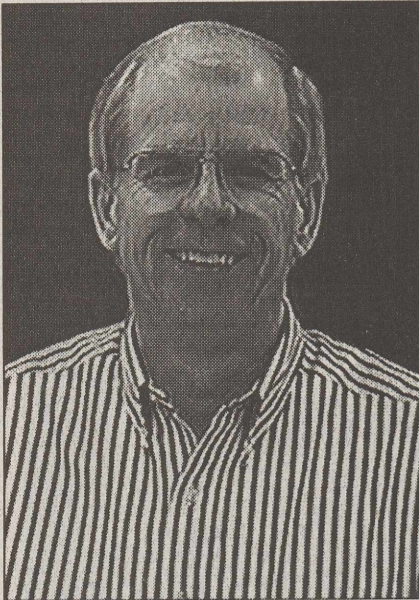
Franklin Pruitt received the first award. He instructed government and history at WTC for 14 years before retiring in 1988. Dr. Pruitt passed away in August of 1995.

Mike Otto was awarded in 1984. He resigned his associate professor of science position at the end of the fall semester See FOUNDER'S, page 5

# Sentinel Network 75 monitors new TASP legislation

By Gerald Corkran

In Texas, at least, developmental educators were compelled by a series of circumstances occurring over a two year period to become less than silent about political and policy issues which could potentially affect developmental education.



Because of his efforts with the Sentinel Network 75, WTC instructor Gerald Corkran was named Oct. 9 "Developmental Educator of the Year" by the Texas Chapter of the College Reading and Learning Association (TxCRLA).

During this period several educators felt that we needed to be better connected and in communication with each other. A proposal was made to bring together a group of volunteers who would band together as a network.

The framework for this network came to be known as the Sentinel Network 75, which had as its primary mission to monitor the 75th Texas Legislature.

The network is composed of educators and administrators in the fields of reading, writing, math, and learning assistance. Volunteers (approximately 65) were to be ready to monitor and react to policy issues which might come before the higher education governing board and the Texas Legislature.

The effectiveness of the Sentinel Network was predicated on the assumption that, if called upon and if provided appropriate resource material, those volunteers would be helpful in developing, contacting, and nurturing relationships with key Texas representatives and senators, higher education board members, members of the media, and other interested parties.

Several issues emerged and converged during the year that could have substantially altered, amended, or even eliminated programs of developmental education in Texas. As a result of these issues, it became absolutely necessary for the Sentinel Network to clarify, explain, and justify the need for programs like the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) and developmental education in general.

Among these issues was data released by the staff of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board suggesting that remediation efforts were dismal for students tracked over a six year period who,

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plished the following:

- attended House and Senate higher education committee hearings.
- visited on and off campus with aides, senators and representatives about issues affecting developmental education.
- prepared their own college-specific informational packets for their own legislators or board members.
- helped with the creation of a brochure entitled "Fast Facts About TASP" and a video on "Texas Academic Skills Program Success Stories."
- arranged to have a distinguished group of panelists discuss the role of developmental education, higher academic standards, and TASP at the annual CASP conference.
- prepared two different sets of resource material on developmental education and TASP which were delivered prior to and during the legislative session to each state senator and representative.
- sent out for review policy changes to TASP which were the result of legislative bills passed by Texas Legislature.

Did the Sentinel Network 75 make a difference? In the eyes of many it did. This past year one observer noted that the Network may not be changing their minds, but it is helping to wear them down. It goes without saying that one or two individuals — many connected to the network — can have a significant effect, and were it not for some of these individuals who went the extra mile, things might have been worse.

Many felt the network provided facts and information which would not have been available otherwise. In addition, when it was provided, the information helped administrators, policy-makers, and lawmakers get beneficial and useful information with which to make sound policy decisions. The Texas Academic Skills Program, while not in its original form, is still a strong instrument and remains an integral part of the assessment of college skills and the maintenance of accountability standards in Texas.

It can only be hoped that with its new provisions, TASP might even quell some of the dissatisfaction expressed by those who wanted it significantly modified or eliminated.

### DILBERT ® by Scott Adams

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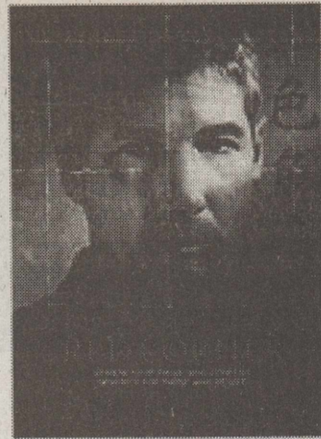
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### WTC sneak previews By Gene Siskel

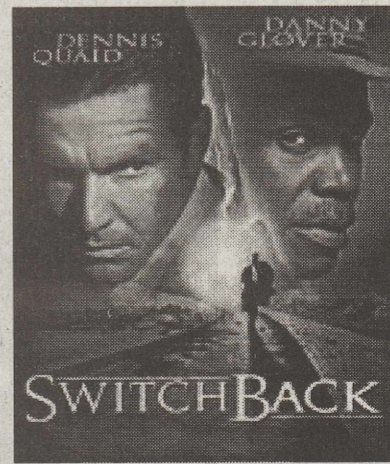
Our FLICK OF THE WEEK is "Red Corner," which is noteworthy only as a political act by actor Richard Gere and certainly not as a film. A simple-minded, obvious attack on what passes for the Chinese criminal justice system, "Red Corner" stars Gere as an American attorney in Beijing on business who is accused of raping and murdering a Chinese model.



Much to his horror, he finds himself in a trick bag in which even his own defense attorney seems to be out to nail him. This results in stentorian speeches by Gere in which he exclaims the likes of, "The defense attorney is supposed to represent the accused, not the state!" Or, "Assuming the role means listening to the facts." The passion may be real, but the words are arch movie dialogue.

The Chinese government, which has complained about Hollywood's current portrayal of Chinese matters, has little to fear from "Red Corner." A better film on the same subject should be its concern. R. 1-1/2 stars.

SWITCHBACK. Yet another serial-killer movie; we continue to suffer from the success of "The Silence of the Lambs." Here, Dennis Quaid plays an FBI agent who's received correspondence from a man "credited" with 18 murders. Serial-killer movies need a gimmick to separate them from the crowd, and the best this script can muster is a chase in the snow-covered West. Danny Glover co-stars, and I can't imagine what attracted him to this lame story. R. 1 star.



GATTACA. This is a particularly brainy and thoughtful science-fiction picture, and what a rarity that is. "Gattaca" is set in a frightening future to be sure — genetic engineering of "perfect" babies has resulted in a culture that punishes imperfection — but that premise is more than a launching pad for action sequences. It's the very subject of the film, leading us to issues we as a society undoubtedly will encounter someday soon. "Gattaca" is also great to look at, funny and unpre-

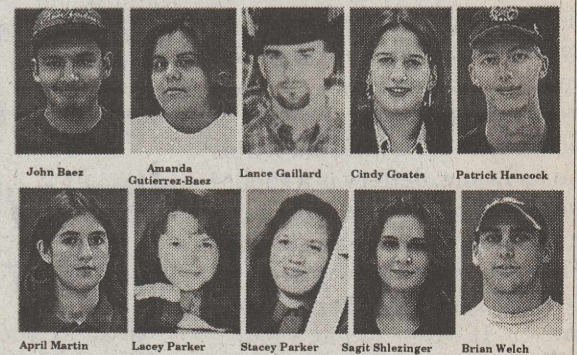
dictable. The story is complicated. Basically, a young computer whiz (Ethan Hawke) dreams of exploring space but is prevented because he was a natural birth with flaws. So he rents the genetic identity of a "perfect" young man, who was disabled in an accident, hoping to qualify for a space mission. The problem is, he must fool the security system at the outer space-oriented Gattaca Corp. There he meets a beautiful co-worker (Uma Thurman) and obviously makes a connection. PG-13. 3-1/2 stars.

A LIFE LESS ORDINARY. A complete comedic failure with a hackneyed plot about a couple of angels threatened with the loss of their wings if they can't get two people on Earth to fall in love and remain together. Apparently "the big guy" is upset about the exploding divorce rate. But rather than write smart characters and place them in contemporary situations, the writers of this mess cobble-



together a story about kidnapping and ransom and have the angels (Delroy Lindo and Holly Hunter) try to make the kidnapper (Ewan McGregor) and the kidnappee (Cameron Diaz) fall in love. This is pure hokum that would have been better written in Hollywood in the '30s. R. 1 star.

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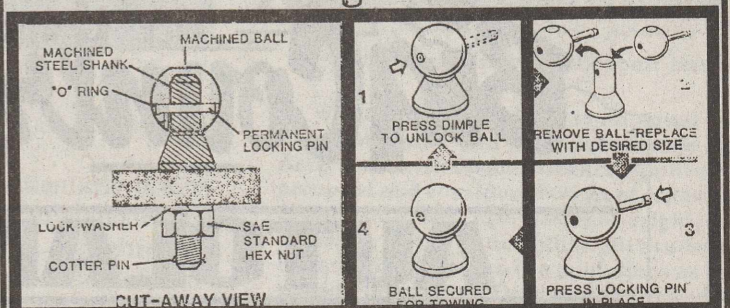
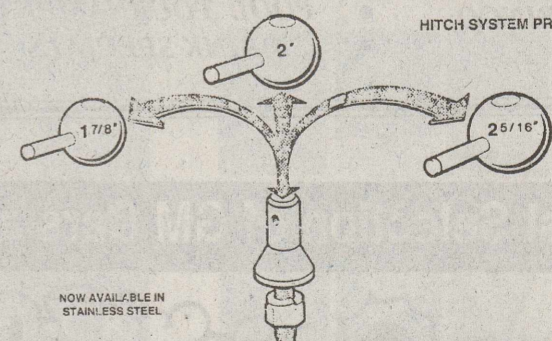
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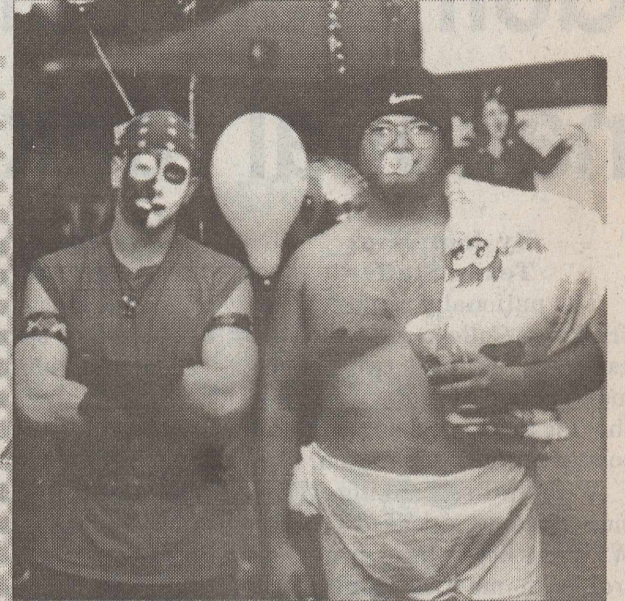




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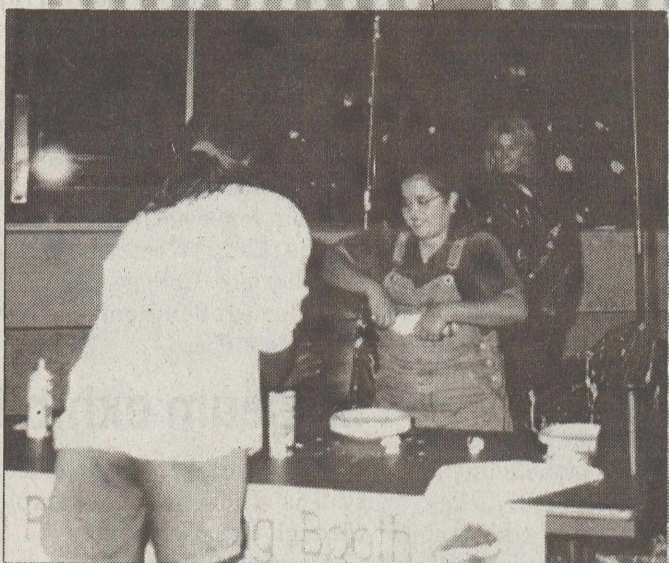


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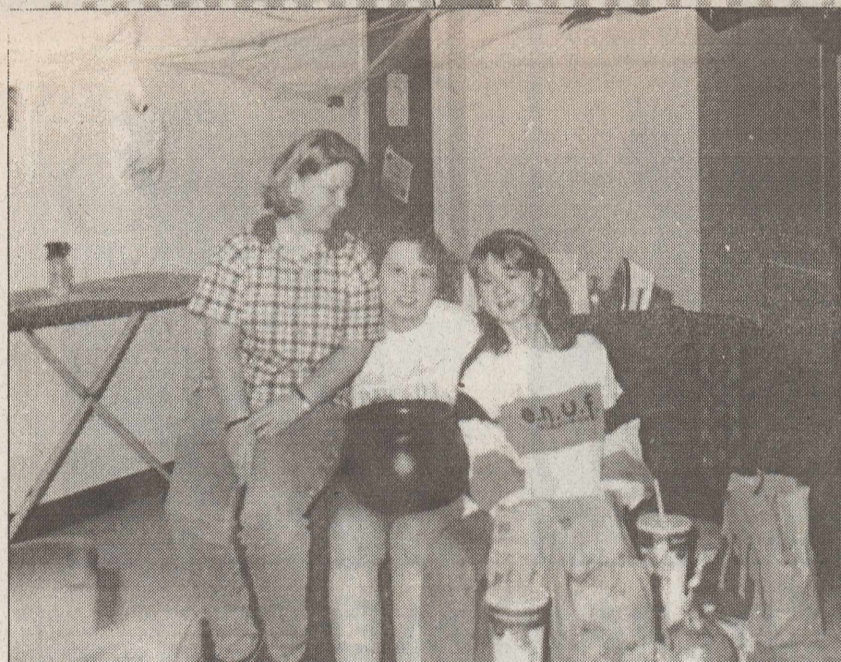
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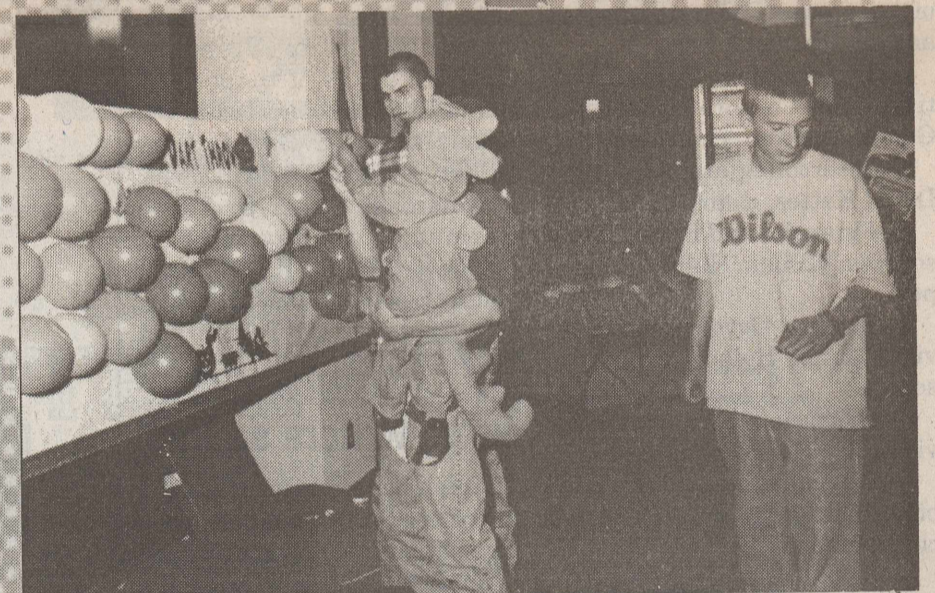
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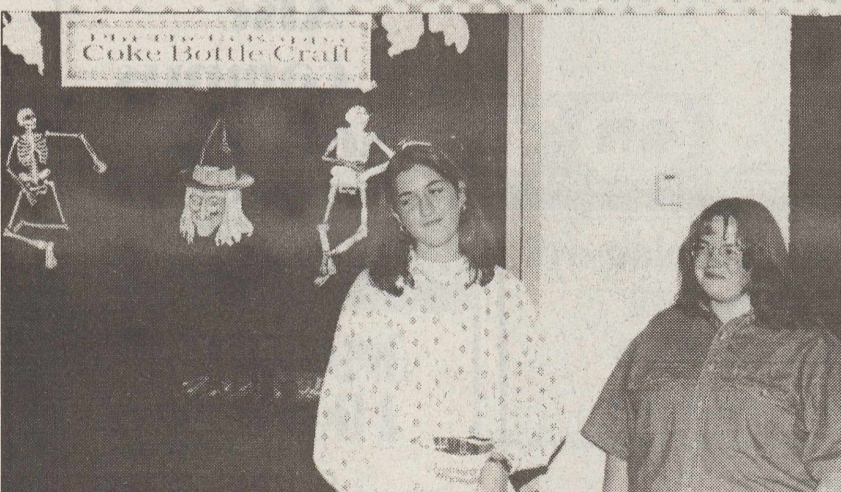


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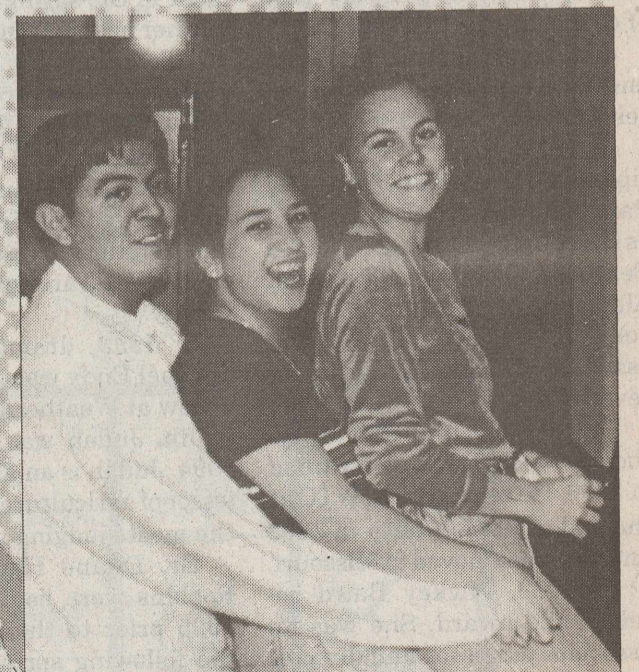
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