

Writer offers a realistic viewpoint on leaving WTC

By April Martin
Texan Staffer

In two short weeks, summer will be here, and for several of us this means good-bye to WTC. After two years at Western Texas College I am leaving here with a different outlook about my future.



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If you haven't figured it out yet, this is the end of the year opinion piece. I'm supposed to say that these two years have made me a better person, definitely more mature and educated.

I think I should mention something about teachers who influenced me, friendships that will always be dear to me and let's not forget the memories that will stay with me forever.

Come on... get real.

Doesn't all this sound a little too familiar? Like, maybe, high school graduation? Now, remind me who was that girl, the one with her locker next to mine? And what was my sophomore math teacher's name?

These were things we thought we would remember forever. But, bigger and better things came along and the minor details faded away.

Hopefully, in a few more years, most of us will be graduating from a university. The next big thing will be our first job promotion. We will have a lifetime full of "big events."

Thinking back about WTC will seem like what?

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Will it seem trivial to us?

Don't get me wrong. I have enjoyed going to WTC and have learned a substantial amount about life, myself, and, of course, academic stuff. But let's not over dramatize it.

I mean, if this is the best thing that ever happens to me, then I don't have a lot to look forward to. Please tell me there's more!

In all seriousness, I am glad I made the choice to come to WTC. For me it was a midway point from little bitty high school to the state university I plan to transfer to in the fall.

The most important thing that I learned here at college

is that high school is not the "real world."

The "real world" has not grown up with you since kindergarten; nor does it know your parents and grandparents.

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Junior college is your first introduction to the real world. Instructors are understanding, and yet you are not babied like high school.

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As for friends, you have to start all over again. Your new friends know nothing about you and what they learn about you is what you show them.

Finally, you get the chance to learn about yourself... to find out how committed you are. No one forces you out of bed in the morning anymore.

In the real world you must prove yourself and junior college is a safe way to test the waters.

Not to mention that those who graduate from a junior college get an extra opportunity to receive graduation presents!

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OUR FLICK OF THE WEEK is "The Object of My Affection," a tiresome sexual rindelay in which everyone is defined by their sexual orientation in a story that is less liberating than it wants to be. A key moment that absolutely strains credibility is when social worker Jennifer Aniston, who is heterosexual, stuns her lawyer boyfriend (John Pankow), who is heterosexual and with whom she has just conceived a baby, by saying that she is going to raise their baby not with him but with her roommate, a gay man (Paul Rudd). This might work in a TV sitcom called "I Love Lucius" but here, in the more realistic setting of a contemporary urban film, the way each of the key characters handles the news is absurd.

Other developments include what happens when the gay roommate starts dating. Major dialogue revolves around such "shocking" news as the gay roommate announcing that once in high school he had sex with a young woman. Maybe 10 years ago some of this might play as provocative; indeed, this film is based on a book written in 1987.

Today, we want to tell these characters to get a life and screenwriter Wendy Wasserstein to challenge us more. R. 2 stars.

THE BIG ONE. Social activist Michael Moore ("Roger and Me") has made another documentary-style film of his efforts, during a national book tour, to expose more examples of American corporate greed that throws workers out of their jobs in the name of even greater profits. Moore's confrontational approach with security guards and public relations types at corporate headquarters is less compelling the second time around, but the sincerity of his effort to ridicule bottom-line management is nonetheless effective, and we can't help but question what is too much profit. PG-13. 3 stars.

THE BUTCHER BOY. An overwrought drama about a young Irish lad who turns violent in reaction to abuse heaped upon him and, in one instance, his family in a claustrophobic small town in the early 1960s. The story is not as mature as the previous work by writer-director Neil

Jordan ("The Crying Game," "Mona Lisa"). R. 2-1/2 stars.

MERCURY RISING. In the latest Bruce Willis thriller he plays a Chicago-based FBI agent who comes to the aid of a 9-year-old boy under threat of attack after he innocently deciphers a top-secret American security code. The child is an autistic savant. When I think of this movie, I think of Willis standing in the middle of the rapid-transit tracks dodging a couple of trains coming from opposite directions at the same time. In other words, "Mercury Rising" is standard action fare with a false overlay of social conscience. R. 2 stars.

MY GIANT. Billy Crystal plays a desperate Hollywood agent on location in Romania who stumbles across a 7-1/2-foot giant (NBA player Gheorghe Muresan) and lands him a one-scene role in an action picture there, then takes him to America to build his career. There's nothing wrong with that comic premise, but Crystal goes for false sentiment over jokes, and the result is a bore. PG. NIGHTWATCH. Nick Nolte plays a police officer tracking - what else? - a serial killer who appears to be operating in a morgue. Ewan McGregor plays a law student working part time as the night watchman there in a tasteless thriller that wildly overworks its only source of tension - that a morgue is a creepy place. R. 2 stars.

CITY OF ANGELS. Nicolas Cage plays an angel who falls in love with a human (Meg Ryan) and must choose to remain an angel or accept life with her as a human. Obviously this film would like to

CITY OF ANGELS



have some of the unrequited-love appeal as "Ghost," but there simply aren't enough moments of genuine passion between this couple, as opposed to Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze in "Ghost." PG-13. 2 stars. 2 stars.

WILD THINGS. Yet another film about sex and murder and double-crosses, this time with a younger, hard-body cast including Neve Campbell ("Scream") and Denis Richards, as two high-school students who accused their guidance counselor (Matt Dillon) of rape in their wealthy South Florida town. There's an investigation and a series of surprise revelations. Only a fresh cast makes this material work as well as it does. R. 3 stars.

A PRICE ABOVE RUBIES. Renee Zellweger ("Jerry Maguire," "The Whole Wide World") plays a woman who tries with some difficulty to find her own identity amid the closed community of Orthodox Jews. The portrait of Hasidic Jews could hardly be less charitable but her struggle affects us simply because her character comes across as sincere and decent. Also stars Julianna Margulies from TV's "ER." R. 3 stars. 2 stars.

PAULIE. The fanciful, underwhelming tale of a parrot that has the power of reason as well as mimicry. The bird helps a young girl with a stuttering problem, but then they are separated by her father, for years, while the bird undergoes a cross-country odyssey that includes a period of government testing and terror. It probably didn't help that by sheer coincidence I screened the classic movie "Babe" two days before I saw "Paulie." The difference is that Babe the pig is a genuine character; Paulie the parrot is more of a stunt. PG. 2 stars.

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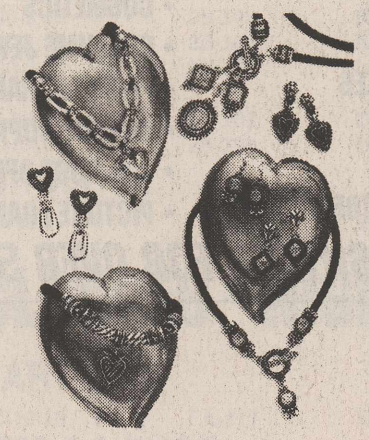
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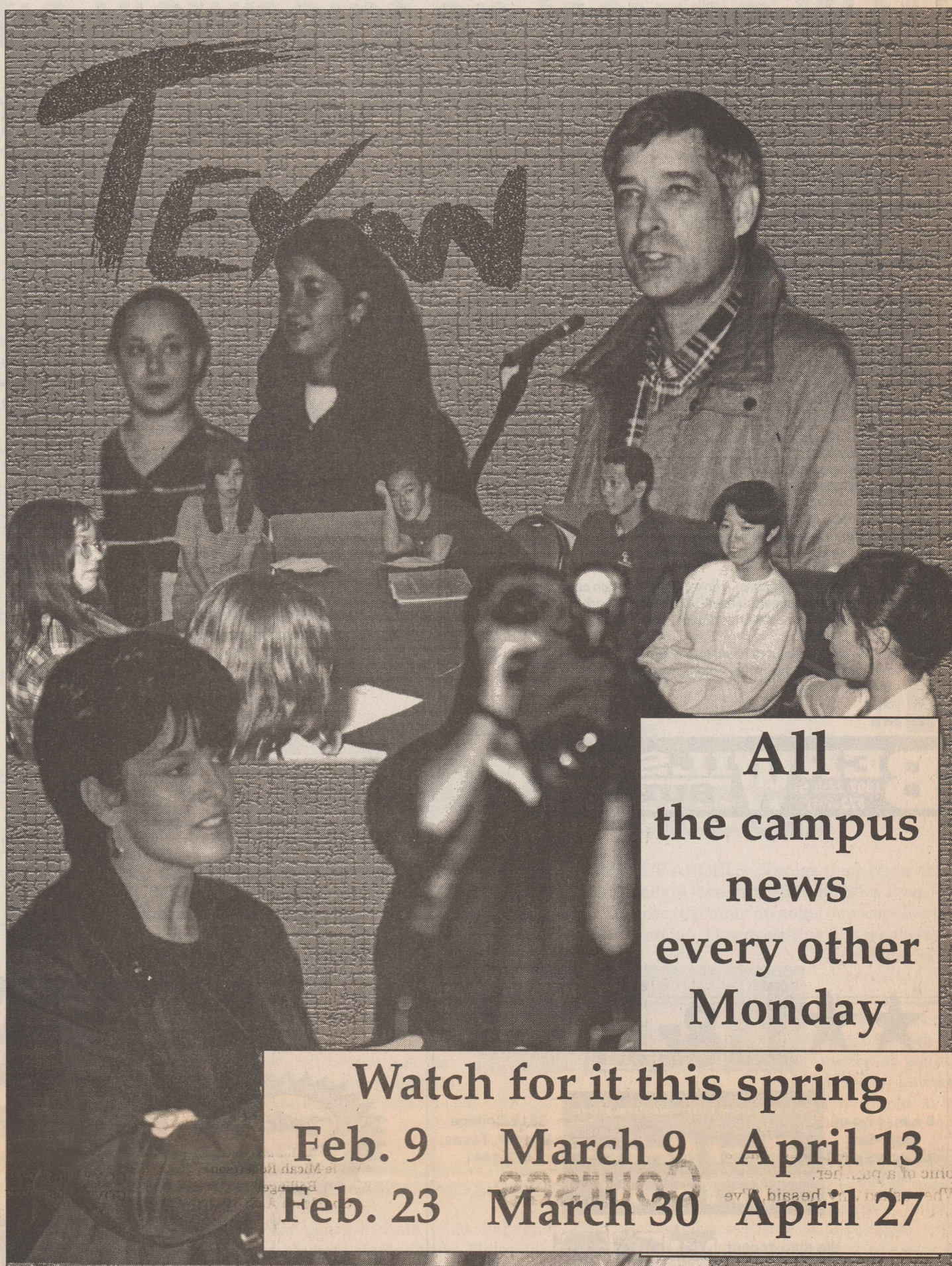
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B-ball team recruits ten

By Patrick Hancock
Texan Staffer

The Lady Westerners are re-loading after their first season under Coach Valery Jackson and, along with the new faces, there will be a name change.

The team will revert to the Lady Dusters, which they were called four years ago.

WTC has signed 10 new players to letters of intent. They are:

—Sheneika Harrison of Dayton. She is 6'3" and was named All Region her senior year. "Sheneika is very athletic," Coach Jackson said, "We are expecting a lot from her."

—Carrie Fincher of Spur. Carrie was named District MVP, 1st Team All Regional, and she is a member of the Texas Basketball Magazine All State team. "Carrie is the only point guard that WTC has signed. She is ready to move up to another

level," said Coach Jackson.

—April Walker of Spur. She is a 5'3" player that was 1st Team All District, All Region selection, and 2nd Team All State. "April had the best times in quickness and in jumping," Coach Jackson stated.

—Charsalynn Mitchell of Galveston. She played her high school ball at Galveston Ball High School. "Charsalynn is a very smart and strong athlete," Coach Jackson said.

—Stacy Mack of Fort Worth Crowley. She is 6'0" and was a District MVP. "Stacy will play forward. She was a steal," Jackson said.

—Heather Moon of Reagan County. She is a 5'10" guard. Heather was All West Texas Super Team and All Permian Basin. "Heather had the opportunity to go to Division 1 level, but she chose WTC instead," Coach

Jackson said.

—Crystal Williams of Corpus Christi. "We are expecting big things from Crystal," Coach Jackson said. "She is very talented."

—Danielle Brown from Leander. She is 5'8."Danielle brings experience and she understands the game," said Coach Jackson.

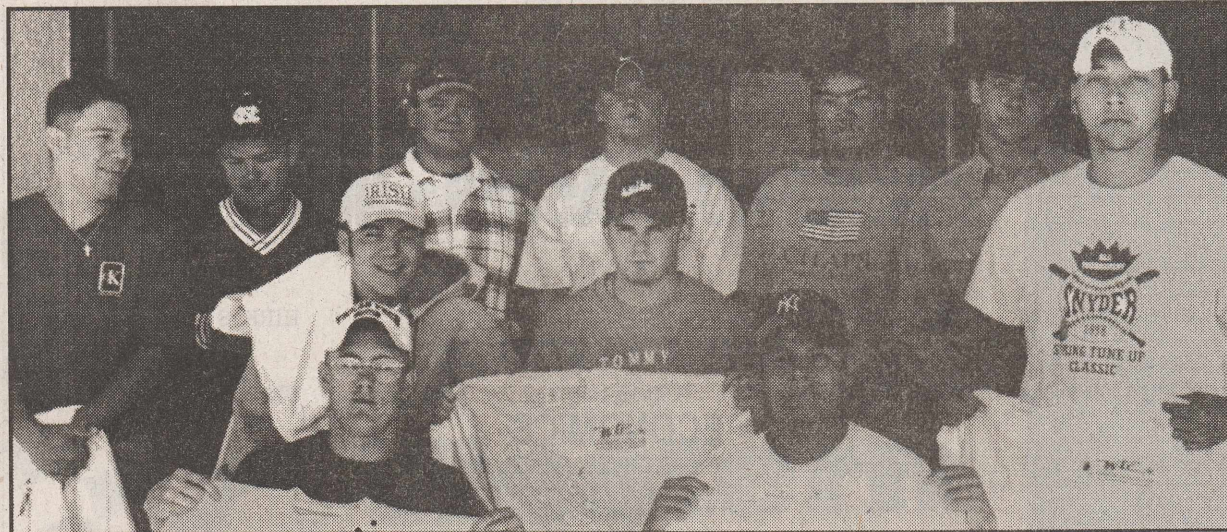
—Kathy Tran of Santee, Calif. The 5'10" guard played ball at Santana High School. Kathy was MVP of her league and she led the team in scoring. "Kathy plays hard and she will add another dimension to the team," Coach Jackson said.

—Roselind Lawrence of Cleburne. A 5'9" guard, she was MVP of district and 1st Team All Region. "Roselind is the type of player that can take over a game," Coach Jackson said. "She is fundamentally sound and we are lucky to have her."



Golf Team

WTC golf team members include, (top row) Cory Tiel, Jake McCullough, Aaron Prince, Andreas Ljunggren, Bryan Word and Ole Fuglsang. (Texan photo)



Intramural winners

Members of the South Side Bounty Hunters won the campus intramural softball competition this spring. Team members were Rusty Goodwin, C.W. Robertson, Mikeal Harrison, Ray Yanez, Jason Stewart, Luke Jeffrey, Randy Dudley, Adam Peak, Russell Price, Billy Smith, Jody Sutherland, Jay Carrion, Billy Luna and Michael Carrion. (Texan Photo)

Player loss ends golf year

Despite having one of its best tournament record years ever—being ranked 2nd in the nation at one time—the WTC Golf Team's competition year is effectively over.

The end comes before the official end of the season due to the departure of a majority of the team's foreign golf players, who are returning to their home countries to pursue professional golf careers.

The team played April 12-14 at the State JUCO Championship Tournament—finishing in 4th place and besting all other teams from WTC's home

conference.

That event was played minus the player Coach Milton Ham described as one of his best, Fredrik Widmark of Tyninge, Sweden.

Widmark left the campus a few days prior to the State JUCO event to accept corporate sponsorship and a berth on the professional golf tour in Sweden, Ham said.

The scores from the State JUCO event were to be counted with this past weekend's 54-hole Regional Tournament to determine qualifying teams for the National Tournament in May.

As of Thursday, however, Coach Milton Ham said he would not have a five-member team to compete at the Regional event.

The WTC team had up to eight foreign golfers—all from either Denmark or Sweden—during the regular season.

Of these eight, four have already left the campus and four more are planning to leave soon.

"The pro season (in Denmark and Sweden) is beginning right now," Ham said, adding "something I didn't know at the time," a reference to his accepting the foreign golfers as players.

Ham said in the future he would sign all foreign golfers to agreements indicating they would remain to compete until the end of the regular season.

With the departures, however,

he had compliments for the playing ability of the team members. "Let's face it," he said, "We've rarely had players of the quality of these guys before on this campus."

As the season began last fall, returning golfers included Fredrik Widmark, Ole Fuglsang, and Andreas Ljunggren of Sweden; and Soren Muller of Denmark.

Those joining the team were Tomas Korberg, Jonas Wahlstedt and Peter Gustavsson of Sweden; and Michael Stenger of Denmark.

After the departure of Widmark, Gustavsson left April 19; Stenger left last Wednesday, April 22; Muller was to have left last Friday, April 24; Fuglsang and Ljunggren were to leave this Monday; and Wahlstedt and Korberg are expected to leave this Wednesday.

Ljunggren received individual honors at the State JUCO Championship Tournament, being named to the All-State golf team.

The team played three rounds of golf and had rounds of 364-373-386 for a total of 1,123.

Their individual scores were: Ljunggren, 67-74-73 (214); Wahlstedt, 70-74-75 (219); Korberg, 75-69-77 (221); Stenger, 75-76-81 (225); and Jake McCullough, 77-80-80 (237).

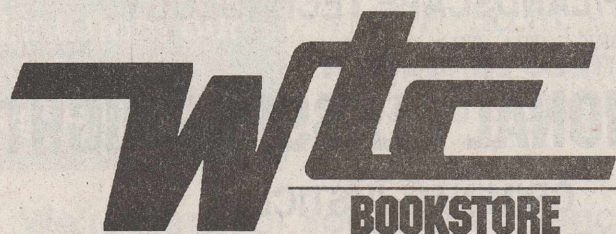
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Final Exam - Day Schedule

Class Meeting Time	MWF Classes	Examination Time
8-8:50 MWF		8 a.m., Wednesday, May 6
9-9:50 MWF		10 a.m., Tuesday, May 5
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	Final Exam - Evening Schedule	
Monday evening		May 4, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday evening		May 5, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening		April 29, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday evening		April 30, 6:30 p.m.