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May-Mester 2000

Registration, classes begin Monday, May 15

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Mr./Miss crowned last week

By Shana Parkerson
Texan Staffer

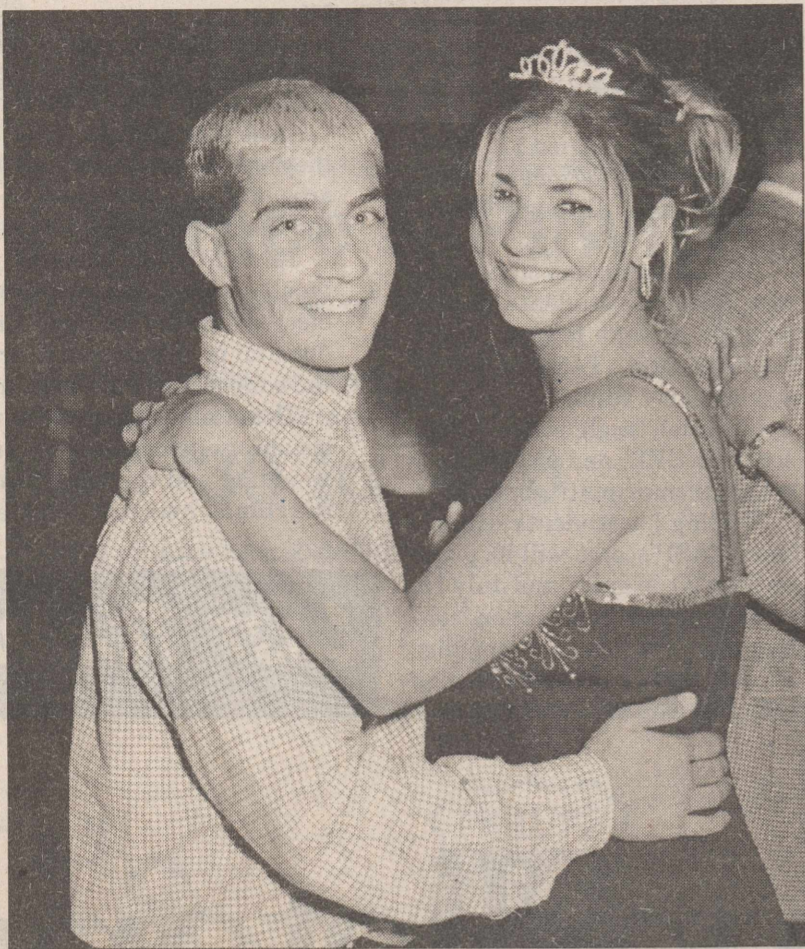
Mr. and Miss WTC were announced last Wednesday at the annual Spring Formal.

Receiving the honor were Brad Easter of Lubbock and Sequin Downey of Amarillo. It was Easter's second time to be named Mr. WTC, winning the honor the first time last spring.

He is a sophomore majoring in GLT and is a member of the WTC Student Government Association (SGA) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK).

Sequin Downey is also a sophomore and competes with the WTC rodeo team as a goat tyer.

Mr. and Miss WTC are seen in **FAVORITES**, page 6



Mr. - Miss WTC
Brad Easter and Sequin Downey

Photo by Terah Hatter

Graduation 2000 date set May 5 in courtyard

Reid Johnson
Texan Staffer

The 2000 graduating class from Western Texas College will be recognized Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the WTC Courtyard.

Speaking at the ceremony will be students Christopher Holt, Matt Pond, and Connie Irving. Rev. Craig Cuny, pastor of First United Meth-

odist Church, will offer the invocation, while Homer Anderson, pastor of 37th Street Church of Christ, will give the benediction.

Mayor Dayton Robertson will also be giving a special presentation to the WTC retirees.

Lynn Baldwin will play the carrillon.

The list of graduates released last week included:

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\$1000 scholarship offers part of new WTC program

Joshua Burney
Texan Staffer

A new scholarship, dubbed the President's Ambassadors scholarship, will be available to Western Texas College students starting in the fall semester of 2000.

According to Dean of Student Services George Cormack, the program, which was devised at the end of last month by WTC President Harry Krenek and Vice-President Bettie McQueen, will avail four students, who will

serve as "ambassadors" for WTC and WTC's president.

The program and scholarships will be funded by the now defunct cheerleading program, which ended conversely with the cancellation of women's basketball and men's golf.

Scholarship awards of \$1,000 per school year will be made available to each of the four selected individuals for the program.

Requirements for the schol-

arship include having a 2.5 GPA, being a full-time student, and the completion of 25 hours of course work.

Students interested in the program will be chosen through a competitive selection process. In addition to individual applications, faculty and staff will be able to make nominations.

Students for the program will be selected from a special committee consisting of the college See **SCHOLARSHIPS**, page 2

Patton saw WTC from start

Last seated member from original board

(Editor's Note: Joyce May has served double duty this past semester as both a fulltime reporter for the Snyder Daily News and as a college student and staff writer for the Western Texan. This feature article appears in both publications)

By Joyce May
Texan Staffer

It has been said that actions speak louder than words and the kind of man that R.C. Patton is was spoken clearly when he and his wife, Amy, arrived at the Snyder Daily News office.

Patton got out of his car, and proceeded to open his wife's door, take her hand and help her out of the vehicle.

A comment to Mrs. Patton about him being a gentleman received the simple response, "he's been doing that for 62 years."

Patton has spent the majority of his life in service, having spent more than 30 years on the Western Texas College board. In addition, he has served 33 years on the West Texas State Bank board of directors and more than 30 years on the Boys Club board.

He has also been chairman of the Salvation Army Service Unit See **PATTON**, page 6



Patton to retire

R.C. Patton, the last seated member of the original WTC board, will retire following the spring election. He is shown with WTC President Harry Krenek. Patton served as the board of trustees president the year Krenek was hired as president. (Texan Photo by Ben Brown)

1-act 'Rain' set to open for 3 shows

By Lisa Moore
Texan Staffer

The opening performance of the one-act play "Rain" is slated tonight, Monday, April 24, beginning at 7 p.m.; and there will be daytime performances during both student activity periods this week, beginning at 10:45 and ending at 11:30 a.m. both Tuesday and Thursday.

The work is student-directed, a job taken on by Angel Castelan, a sophomore student from Ira who enrolled at WTC this past fall.

All performances in the Fine Arts Theatre last about 45 minutes and there is no charge for admission.

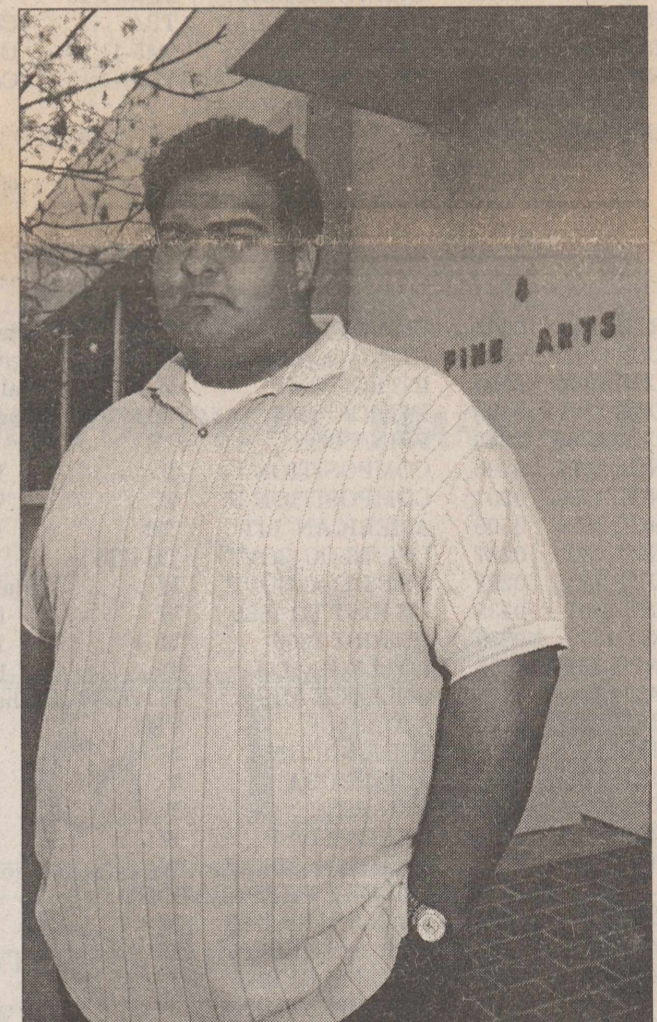
In the past, Castelan has been involved in 15 plays and has directed three.

His schedule has been to meet with each member of the five person cast individually between Monday through Thursday to go over their lines or scenes and work through any problems they may be having concerning the play.

Some rehearsals involved two or three members and, as the opening drew near, the entire cast met once a week to go through the play.

There are five characters. Kristopher Hollis of Sweetwater plays the father, Staff; and Lindsey Josey of Snyder plays Mary, the mother.

They have two children, Tyler and Lyndy, played by Wes Hardin of Snyder and Aimee Beam of Sweetwater. Also, Lina Alvarez of Snyder plays Tammy, a friend of the family.



Angel Castelan

one-act debuts this week

The play details how one family has to deal with tragedy when the father becomes disabled and can no longer work their farm.

Castelan admitted that "Rain" was not his first choice. Originally, he considered a more light-hearted play called "Scrambled Eggs."

"We realized we wanted to do a play that had substance, not something that would make you laugh for forty-five minutes, then as soon as you left the theater you'd forget it."

See **ONE-ACT**, Page 5

Three seeking Place 6 to speak . . .

Board candidates agree to forum

The three candidates seeking the Place 6 seat on the WTC Board of Trustees will meet this Tuesday for a candidate forum.

The event, sponsored by the WTC Faculty Association, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall and the public is invited.

Following the format of the program, each candidate will be given the opportunity to comment regarding their seeking office, then questions will be accepted from the audience.

Candidates, following the way names will appear on the ballot,

are John Zalman III, Dr. James Hanks and Scott Richburg.

Zalman is the owner/operator of Z-TV in Snyder, a cable access video news operation; Hanks is a chiropractor practicing in Snyder; and Richburg is the owner of Black Watch Systems, an engineering firm which specializes in security-type systems.

The contested race for Place 6 developed following the announcement that R.C. Patton, the final seated member of the original WTC board, would not seek re-election (see related story).

Absentee voting is now underway and will continue through May 2. Election day is May 6. Absentee ballots may be cast on campus at the Administration Bldg.

The ballot includes also two unopposed incumbents seeking re-election, Lee Presswood for Place 5 and Eddie Peterson for Place 7.


Both were first elected in May of 1994 and are completing their first six-year term. Presswood is an elementary school principal in Snyder and Peterson owns a local pharmacy.




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Patton's retirement ends historical link

Continued From Page One since the early 1960s and is a Goldcoater.

Patton has also been a deacon at First Baptist Church since 1941 and has been a member of the Rotary Club since 1956.

Many share the opinion that Patton is a gentleman, including Dr. Robert Hargrove, who served with him on the original WTC board when it was created in 1969.

"He is a fine Christian gentleman," Dr. Hargrove said of Patton. "He was very faithful to the board, faithful to the college and gave it a lot of time and attention. You could always depend on R.C. Patton. I don't know that he ever missed a meeting."

The original board, which included Patton, Hargrove, M.L. Broman, Edwin Parks, Bill Jones, George Patterson and Bill Wilson Jr., were elected long before the college was planned or built and faced the monumental task of building a community college from the ground up.

"He contributed a lot to the decisions made by the board during the first years when we were building buildings, making improvements, purchasing equipment and deciding the different programs of the school," Dr. Hargrove said. "He was just an important member of the board. I appreciate R.C. and what he's contributed to the board and even what he's contributed to the community."

Patton has chosen not to serve another term on the WTC board. The 89-year-old doesn't regret a moment of his years serving.

"Enjoyed it and it was a place of service that I could handle

fairly well," he said. "It is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."

Bill Wilson Jr., who himself served 27 years on the WTC board, also had praise for Patton.

"He was always very attentive. He had lots of enthusiasm for the college and brought great ideas to the board meetings," Wilson said. "Early on, the state had schools for board members and he went to several of those. He was very diligent and very much for the college."

Patton's service to the West Texas State Bank board has not gone unnoticed either.

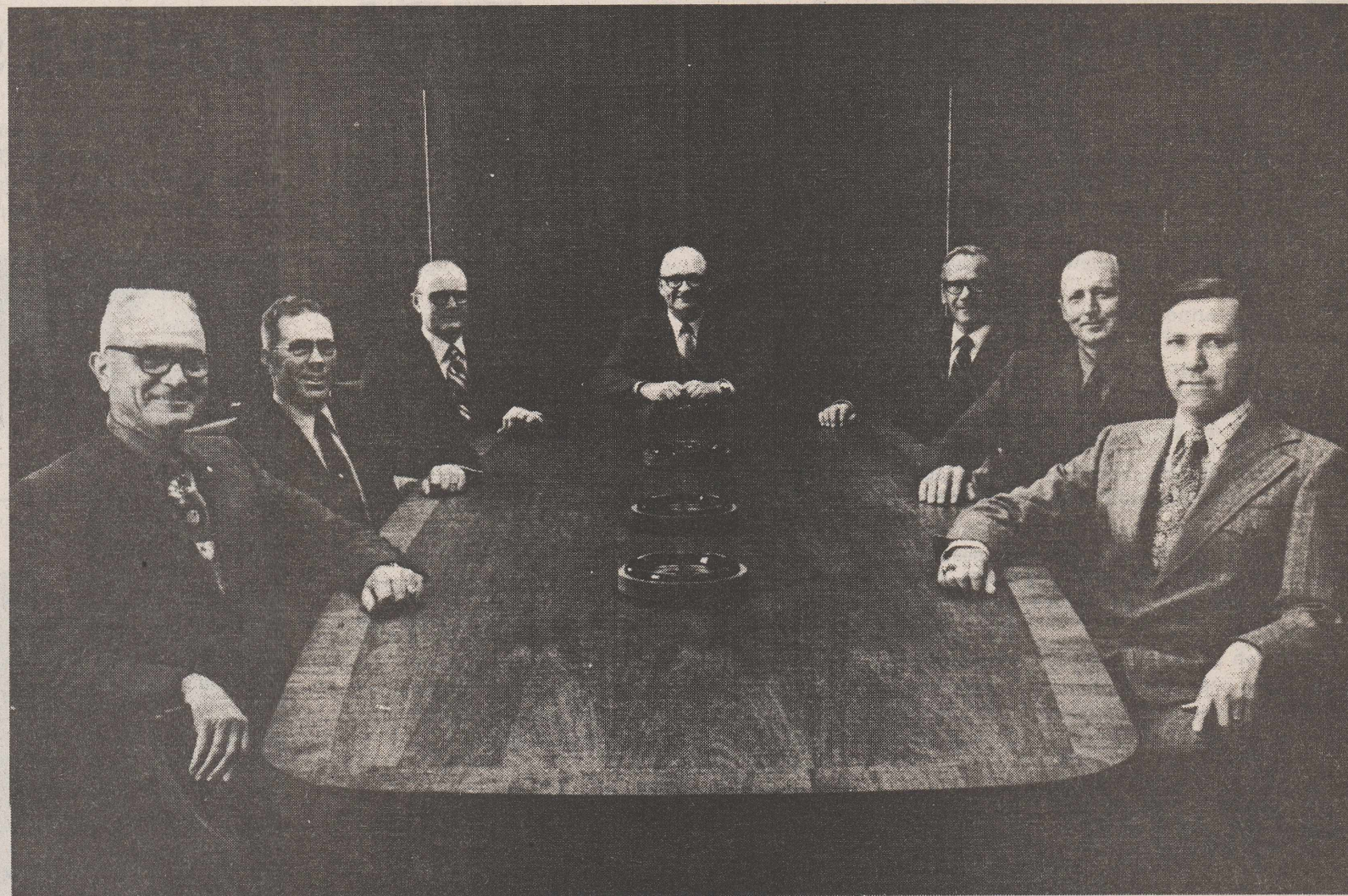
"He has been an outstanding contributor as a member of our board of directors," Bill Parker, president of West Texas State Bank, said. "He is very even-tempered and has a very level head. He brings us a sense of sanity at times when we need it."

Patton went to work for Higginbotham-Bartlett in Floydada in August of 1937 and he and Amy were married in that town Jan. 1, 1938.

The couple moved to Snyder in 1941 when the company transferred Patton. He served as bookkeeper from Dec. 1, 1941 to Aug. 23, 1942 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. "That was before there was an Air Force," Patton said.

He was stationed in Lubbock during World War II at what was first called Lubbock Army Flying School and then Lubbock Army Air Field. It would later become Reese Air Force Base.

Patton returned to Snyder after WWII and again assumed the role of bookkeeper at Higginbotham-Bartlett in Janu-



Original board of trustees

R.C. Patton, shown at left in 1972, will step down from his WTC trustee post in May. In doing so, WTC loses the final original board member from the group originally formed in 1969—two years before the college opened its doors for classes

in the fall of 1971. In the above photo, Patton is joined by fellow board members, from left, Bill Jones, Bentley Baize (who had replaced M.L. Broman), Dr. Robert Hargrove, Bill Wilson Jr., Edwin Parks and L.A. (George) Patterson.

ary of 1946.

In March of that year, he moved to Slaton where he managed the Higginbotham-Bartlett yard for four years.

He returned to Snyder in 1953, taking over duties as local manager.

Patton was named district manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett in 1986 and helped to oversee 18 yards. He retired from the company Jan. 1, 1989 after more than 50 years of employment.

In a 1989 article in the Snyder Daily News covering his retirement, Patton reflected on his college board experience and the reasons he agreed to serve when asked.

"I have always wanted to carry my weight in the community, so I said 'yes,'" he said. "I felt that it was something I wanted to do and I have always thought it was an honor to be asked to serve. I hope my years of service have been worth something to the college."

His feelings have not changed.

"I want to thank the people for letting me serve and making the job as easy and as pleasant as it is. It is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done."

Patton has been recognized over the years for his service. In 1980, he received the Vestal Award for community development and has also been named Goldcoater of the Year by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

He is one of the few men to serve as president of the chamber twice, in 1958 and 1963.

In 1964, the chamber presented him with the outstanding citizen's award.

Patton was born in Rochester in Haskell County and his fam-

ily later moved to Floyd County.

He graduated high school at Lamesa and went to work in his father's dairy where he remembers delivering milk early in the morning to customers along his assigned route.

After leaving the dairy and before going to work for Higginbotham-Bartlett, Patton worked at a service station for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton have a son and a daughter, John Mac Patton of San Diego, Calif., and Sherry Hammons of Fort Smith, Ark.; four grandchildren, Alex Patton, Jordyn Patton, Charles Haile and Keri Coffey; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica Coffey and Miranda Coffey.

Favorites named Mr./Miss WTC

Continued From Page One lected from a slate of 12 campus favorites voted on by the student body. Favorites receiving the most votes were crowned Mr. and Miss WTC.

Other male students nominated as this year's campus favorites were Kory Williams of Stanton; Michael Hanson of Den-

mark; Trevor Thompson of Snyder; Ryan Brewer of Seagraves; and Daniel Martinez of Roscoe.

The girls included Angela Riggs of Colorado City; Ashley Herrera of Snyder; Aimee Beam of Sweetwater; Brandee Brock of Springtown; and Bradi Johnson of Snyder.

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