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Jerry Rhodes

## Senate providing variety of campus activity

by Rosalyne Smith

The Student Senate recently met to discuss plans for performing acts by Grand Allusion on November 24 and Tish Hinojosa on December 8. No admission fee will be charged, both acts will take place at 11 a.m. in the auditorium.

The Student Senate is

also sponsoring a Christmas party for disadvantaged youths December 17. Donations are needed to buy gifts for 55 children. Members of the Student Senate will attend the Texas Junior College Student Government Association at Tyler Junior College on Tuesday November 16.

## Students yearn for new night life

by Renee Witterstaetter

Where is everybody? What is there to do? Weekends often leave most of us yearning desperately for entertainment after a long week at college and the job. But, what is there to do in Texarkana?

Answers to this question are as varied as the individuals who answered them. "This place is dead!" exclaimed Michael Smith. "The only thing that I can find to do is go to the Texas High parking lot and blow off steam."

"The parking lot is about the only place to go," agreed Andrea Baker. "If we don't go there, we usually just go to someone's house.

There's just not much to do."

Others disagree. "For the size of Texarkana and the area traditions, the city is doing a pretty good job," said Danny Wright. "They could offer a bigger variety of night life, theatre, and concerts. But, I like to go to 'Shawnessy's' and to 'Doc Alexanders' because both have a pleasant atmosphere."

"I like to go to 'Doc Alexanders' too," agreed Charles McCorkle. "It does have a good atmosphere."

The club route, including dinner clubs like "Doc's", that offer good food and liquor at reason-

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## Through art and religion Rhodes is universal man

by Kelly Foster

The old saying "busy as a bee" may someday be heard at Texarkana Community College to say "busy as Jerry Rhodes."

Jerry Rhodes, a 45 year old art student at TCC, cannot be described as boring.

Rhodes is pastor of Few Memorial Methodist Church and also pastor of Holly Spring United Methodist Church. When he took the position at Holly Springs a year ago he only had 20 members. Now there are 75.

Rhodes is also involved in at least three revivals a month and a singing group, "The Good News Singers". The "Good News Singers", who travel all over the United States, have three albums out and one of their songs has risen to number 13 on the local gospel charts. Rhodes also loves being involved in the puppet ministry for youth. His assistant is known as Jimmy Jabber; Rhodes feels this is a great way for youth to learn about the word of God.

When Rhodes is not in school or spreading the Gospel, he may be found involved in his favorite pastime, art. "I love art and its the best way of re-

laxing for me," said Rhodes. "I wish I wouldn't have waited 22 years to start drawing and painting again because I know now art is what I want to get my degree in."

During the summer months when most students take a break from the hustle bustle of school, Rhodes attends Southern Methodist University. When asked what his congregation thought of his continuing education, he replied, "The people in my church are in complete accord and support me all the way. They don't even mind me being gone during the summer months and they even pay my way."

Rhodes is also a husband and father of four children, ranging in age from five to 14. His chil-

dren think its great he is in school and they study with him.

"TCC has really changed since I left in 1955. There is a tremendous growth because when I left there were only three buildings." Asked if he noticed a change in students he said, "The students haven't changed in excitement and problems, but I detect a great change in dress, especially in women. "I have a better opinion of young people since coming to TCC. They are not like the picture many people see them as."

A universal man is someone involved in different roles in life, and Jerry Rhodes-Student, pastor, singer, puppeteer, artist, husband, and father, should fill this definition to a "T".

## Inside the News

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Eating out

There are a variety of places for Texarkana Community College students to dine out in the Texarkana area. Above, left to right, TCC alumni Randy Kaer, Brian Plunkett and Connie Le Blanc enjoy a fast food meal at Wendy's, on State Line Avenue. See related stories by staffers Renee Witterstaetter and Kelly Foster to the left, and on page four.



"Pokers" are menace to safety

# Slow drivers major threat to volleyball grade

I sloshed on some musty cologne, chewed a bite of stale pretzel, and then reached to adjust my car's clock-radio.

The time-piece shot me a quick, chilling stare.

"Van," the instrument pleaded, "It's nearly eight a.m., and if you don't hurry your country self up, you're going to miss volleyball for the seventh

speedometer perked up, and the clock begged for more.

But my path was blocked by a slow, creeping driver, and alas, I could not pass. Finally, I did, but to my anger, another slowpoke impeded my progress.

Curses!

But, in talking with others, I found that my

Van Holcombe

editor



time."

I snapped out of my early morning trance, and peered around. Great Scott, I thought, I'm 15 miles from Texarkana College.

Fear spread over me like Pine-sol. My

peril was widespread.

Slow drivers are a menace. They are a greater danger on the road than the ones driving above the speed limit, at least in my opinion. There they sit, slumped behind the wheel, teetering down the

highway, smug in the knowledge that they are being safe, which they are not.

I'm not a very safe driver when I'm going slow. When I'm mad, or in a hurry, I drive faster, but I'm more alert to what's going on. I'm trying to get around that so-and-so who just cut me off, or the slow-poke who is forcing me to do 15 miles per hour.

The problem with driving is that you often do it in a state of agitation. I'm hardly ever relaxed when I drive because I'm mad at the guy behind me, or infuriated with the car in front of me. If I do relax, I get sleepy, and that's worse than being angry.

O.K., I confess to being a very aggressive driver. I get irritated when another driver passes me, even if he has the outright lawful right to do it. The chances are, however, that he doesn't have the right, because I'm driving at the speed limit or slightly above.

What irritates me on the interstate is when some nut won't let you maintain a reasonable distance between your car and the one in front of you. If you do leave the lawful car-lengths, someone sails along and cuts into it, and then you have to drop back to have a good distance between yourself and this nut. You're constantly losing ground.

This is probably the biggest cause of most accidents. People tailgate because they don't want people cutting in, and people in front speed up to avoid the tailgaters, and when the speeder runs into the slow driver, he brakes, and everyone crashes. Except, that is, for the slowpoke, the so-called good driver who actually caused the entire thing by driving 30 in a 55 zone.

Get out the hammer and chisel, and let's etch this message in stone. Let's place it on the hood of every slowly driven vehicle in Texas.

Repeat after me:

"Slow drivers are the biggest menace on the highways, and the cause of most major highways accidents."

I once drove 30 some odd miles behind a "poker", because the opportunity to pass never came up. Boy, was I ever irritated. I mean, it would have been so easy for him to pull over and let me pass.

Hollywood ought to make a movie about slow drivers. Turtle Wax could be the sponsor. I could see it now.

Oh, I know what everyone is saying, right. You

think I'm writing this because I don't like getting tickets, which is more than true in essence. But I think the boys in blue overdo it at times.

More than once, I have had my cruise control set on 55, but the do-gooders have seen a "young boy" in s Trans-Am headed their way and decided he was speeding anyway.

Why can't these police people concentrate, even if for one day, on the slow pokes who make so many peoples days miserable.

Last year, a slow traveling camper in this area was overtaken on the interstate by an eighteen wheeler. The result was a grisly one. The camper was crushed, and children fell out to meet their deaths beneath the truck's tires.

It could be avoided. Why not give the creeping cars tickets too.

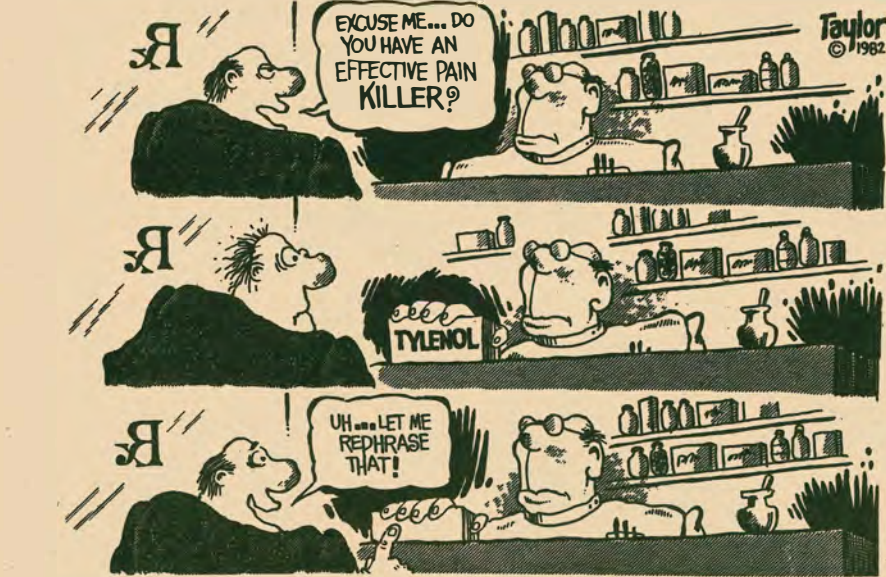
But anyway, it is irritating to follow these people anywhere. And it can ruin an entire day when the irritation sets in the morning.

Finally, I rushed into volleyball late. Nervous, irritable, and mad, I couldn't do a thing right.

I was all set up, but the ball skeetered away, banging loudly against some chairs lined on the gym floor.

"What's the matter Van," Wayne Williams, V-ball instrtutor, queried, "hit the ball like this."

It's alright coach. It was the slow-drivers fault.



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Calendar

Monday, Nov. 22	2 p.m.	5 p.m.	Movie	Movie	
Tuesday, Nov. 23	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	Blood Drive, St. Lounge Intramural Sports Movie	
Wednesday, Nov. 24	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Rodeo Club Meets Blue Jackets Young Republicans BSA Meeting Magic Show, Audit.
Thursday, Nov. 25					Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 26					Holiday
Monday, Nov. 29	2 p.m.	5 p.m.			Movie Movie
Tuesday, Nov. 30	11 a.m.	12:30 p.m.			Intramural Sports Movie
Wednesday, Dec. 1	11 a.m.	11 a.m.			Movie James Lovall, Aud.
Friday, Dec. 3					Play, Little Theater Party For Needy Children, Ballroom
Saturday, Dec. 4	7:30 p.m.				BSA Gospel Concert
Monday, Dec. 6	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.		Computer Club Movie I Movie II
Wednesday, Dec. 8	11 a.m.				Tish Hinojosa, Auditorium
Friday, Dec. 10	7 p.m.				Stage Band, Little Theater

editorial

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Guest columnist James Parsons, TCC instructor

# Chaffee: blemish or bastion of freedom?

James Parsons, a biology professor at TCC, and an Army Reserve Officer, was the officer in charge of medical services at Fort Chaffee during the time of the Cuban disturbances of 1980. Below, Parson's tells the story, firsthand, of the turmoil that unfolded in that memorable summer.

Sporadic gunfire,

The young National

James  
Parsons  
TCC instructor



strange noises, and black smoke belched up from the Cuban side of the Post. It was June 1, 1981, the day the Cuban refugees rioted at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

My day began about noon on that Sunday. Most of us on the Post Staff had been putting in 16 to 20 hour days every since the Cubans had been scheduled to come to Fort Chaffee. Lieutenant Murphy, army pharmacist from Fort Sill, had been on his feet for 72 hours trying to stock a pharmacy which could take care of the needs of 20 thousand Cubans. The dedication of almost everyone working on Post was tremendous; no organization on earth works as hard as our military when it has a real mission to perform. Many of us really believed that we were doing was taking a giant step for freedom and giving a symbol of hope to people in bondage all over the world.

I had worked long hard hours for three weeks. I was determined that I was going to sleep late this Sunday morning and later get away, even if only for a brief time and a short distance.

My wife, Jody, and I de-

Letters to the Editor

## BSA grateful

Dear Editor:

I am responding to our letter that you published in you last edition. We, the officers and members, fully acknowledge with tremendous gratitude. We thank you and would

cided to take a leisurely drive. Our apartment was in Barling, a small town outside the main gate of Fort Chaffee. We headed East on highway 22. As we passed the main gate, about a hundred young Cuban men were coming over the wall, and others were pushing their way through the guards at the gate.

As we approached the post we saw the two red-necks who had been at the cafe. They were out of their pick-up and with rifles in hand; they were intently looking off down a hedgerow. Down the road, I found a Federal Marshal. I pointed out the two red-necks and told him that they wanted to shoot a Cuban. The Marshal said he would take care of that.

We got back to our apartment, I was putting on my fatigue uniform when Randy came in and announced that he had been released from duty and sent home to get out of the riot. We turned on the radio. The newscaster said that the Cubans were burning the barracks, that all gates to Fort Chaffee were sealed and that some Cubans were out of the compound.

I thought I would have to call one of my helicopters to come off post to get me, but then I thought I would first try one of the back gates. As I stepped out of my apartment, I could see smoke belching from the post. Teenage kids in a festive mood, were brandishing guns and beer bottles out the windows of their cars as they raced up and down the streets. Men in pick-ups wore serious expressions of determination of whatever they were about to do.

When I arrived at my Clinic, I found that the Cubans had overrun and sacked our other two clinics on Post. Both were located on the street that divided the Cuban compound from the American side of the post. Fourteen wounded Cubans, gunshot wounds, stab wounds, skull fractures and the like, commended one of the ambulances and made one of the doctors, Captain Latorri, drive. They forced a nurse, in uniform, to ride to the 47th General Hospital emergency room. The fourteen were stacked on the hood, fenders, bumpers and the nurse's uniform was red with blood. She was hysterical with fear when they reached their destination. The ambulance was so bloody that it had to be taken to a car wash.

As the Cubans had plundered and pilfered two clinics of drugs and medical supplies, I assumed they would come for ours next. I was especially concerned because we had more women on

our staff, and because we had more narcotics and controlled drugs in our safe. I sent a runner over to our various sleeping quarters to gather all of our personnel with the idea that we would barricade ourselves inside the clinic for our own safety and to guard our supplies.

I called the Military Police to ask them for steel helmets, rifles and ammunition, and a couple of MP's to help us guard the clinic. They said they would if we would send someone into the Cuban compound to barracks no. 1416 to assist a Cuban girl in delivering her baby. Private First Class Gerald Allan said he would drive and Colonel Mary Strang volunteered to be the doctor.

I piled in the ambulance as a litter bearer, as I was the only one who knew where barracks #1416 was. As we approached, we could see mobs of Cubans swinging sticks and throwing things. We broke through the barricade which at that time was only some rope tied to large saw horses. The Cubans had torn most of them down anyway. I thought the Cubans would turn our ambulance over, but to my surprise they waved us on into the compound respecting our red cross.

To get an idea of how crazy the whole thing was, picture this: Cubans were running, yelling, and throwing things; buildings were burning. All around was total chaos. Yet, when we drove across a parade ground, we found ourselves in the middle of a

Cuban softball game! I guess it was one of two things; either it was a group of satisfied refugees who wanted to show clearly that they wanted nothing to do with the riot, or it was just a good example of the old axiom that nothing stops a good softball game.

We arrived at barracks #1416. I told Allen to turn the ambulance around and meet us inside. Colonel Strang and I started into the barracks and the Cubans started frantically pointing across an open area to another building about fifty yards away. Very few of the Cubans could speak English; I think Castro had put a lid on that some way or

another. We could tell by their gestures that somehow they were trying to tell us that our patient was in the building across the way. When we got to the open area I thought, here we are, right in the center of an open area, exposed, isolated, and right in the middle of 20,000 rioting Cubans. Many of them psychotic, murderers, rapists, pimps, drug users, and above all, madder than hell.

We didn't know it then, but about a block away where the four barracks were burning, a group of non-rioting Cubans caught what proved later to be one of Castro's agents setting fire to one of the buildings. They clubbed him to what they thought was death and stuffed him under some barrack steps. The C.I.D. found him and got him to the hospital in time to save his life, but he had multiple concussions of

the skull and many other broken bones.

In the meantime, Allen, instead of turning around in place, went down the street out of sight, therefore leaving us out from underneath the safety umbrella of our red cross on the side of the ambulance. Now we were only two American soldiers walking among a mob of Cubans that I thought would surely have our hides. They didn't harm us and when we took the expectant mother back to the clinic, I kept telling the mother in my Razor-back Spanish that her bambino was going to be all right. Later, when I got to my apartment, I told Jody the story and asked, "Why did the mother look right through me and not understand bambino?" She replied, "Because, you dumbo, bambino is Italian, not Spanish."

Shawnessy's



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**Tournament finalists**

News photo by Mike Mauldin

These three couples were the finalists in the mixed doubles eight-ball tournament held recently in the Texarkana College Student Center. First place winners, left, are Madinline

Aumiller and Michael Spear. The middle couple, Nolan Barton and Kelly Barber, placed second. Right, show couple is Bianca Baird and Travis Phillips.

## Eating out is favorite pastime

by Kelly Foster

Most students agree they like to eat out. But due to rising costs, eating out does not always mean restaurant favorites.

40 students interviewed chose Doc Alexander's as the number one

restaurant in Texarkana while the Hushpuppy and Oliver Twist followed closely behind. Students like Doc's because it provides a different atmosphere and serves such delicacies as fried cheese that can't be bought any-

where else in town. Fish eaters prefer the Hushpuppy while steak lovers travel down Arkansas Boulevard to Oliver Twist.

These restaurants may be the favorites, but because of prices, TCC stu-

dents choose more often to indulge in lower priced foods.

Ronald McDonald should be happy to know McDonald's is visited most by TCC students, while Burger King is in second and Luby's third.

## Weekends offer relaxing change

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able prices, and "Shawnessy's", with its more subdued setting, are among the favorites, but there are others to choose from.

"Pizazz" is the best club you can go to, but it's on the Arkansas side, and you have to be 21 to get in," commented Kirsten Latham. "At the 'Hayloft', the age is 19, if you like honky-tonks."

This club age barrier causes many people to search for activities elsewhere. The main place is Shreveport where the age limit is 18. "One reason people go to Shreveport is because of the age limit," confirmed Chris Cox. "But, Shreveport has more to offer, and is closer than Dallas or Little Rock. I think that people are looking for something new. Disco and preppie are out. English punk will be the next fad."

"Here you see the same people. In Shreveport, there's different faces and more to do," added Angela Cavitt, giving

another reason for Louisiana migration. "Cowboys" is the best club there. It's an urban cowboy type, but has disco music, too."

It seems that people are constantly searching for entertainment, whether in Texarkana or Shreveport, a variety of clubs, pinball establishments and restaurants are available. Money is also a factor. "Because of the economic situation, we need entertainment that isn't costly," said Joe Coleman.

But, who says that you have to spend 'mega bucks'? There is something in Texarkana to fit every budget. "Football games, movies, (like Rocky Horror), and video places like Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Time Theatre are always good places to go when you don't have much money to spend," said Jin Oh.

So, another weekend is coming up. What is there to do? Plan ahead- there's more than you think.

## Hemophilia drive is chance to help needy

by Mike Mauldin

This would be a better place to live if everyone was interested in helping needy people. Area children need your help to stay alive and live less painful lives.

The children suffer from hemophilia, a genetic blood disorder, and you can help them by donating blood in the TCC Hemophilia Blood Drive Tuesday and Wednesday November 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the student lounge at the south entrance to the Hideaway in the student center.

Hemophilia affects between 5,000 and 10,000 males. The sufferers lack the proteins in their blood that form blood clots. Until recently, hemophilia was treatable only with massive transfusions, but now scientists have perfected a process called cryoprecipitation, which separates the clotting protein from the other ingredients in whole blood. Now doctors or parents can administer cryoprecipitate, also called Factor VIII, when

bleeding starts.

Cryoprecipitation is a lengthy process involving freezing the donated blood in a flash freezer, then thawing the blood to a specific temperature and removing the plasma while leaving the Factor VIII and other components to be refrozen and

thawed again and again until only Factor VIII, a yellow liquid, is all that remains. Out of one unit of whole blood, one teaspoon of Factor VIII is all that can be derived.

Cryoprecipitation does have its disadvantages. The blood that is used must be fresh. The blood

must be processed no longer than four hours after it leaves the donor. Workers at the Four States Blood Service will be transporting and processing blood continuously during this drive.

There are two families in the Texarkana area with two hemophiliacs

each. These boys will receive two units of Factor VIII for every unit of whole blood donated in the TCC Blood Drive. The other blood components, plasma and blood cells, will be used by other patients.

It takes very little time to donate blood. All donors at the TCC

Hemophilia Blood Drive will receive a free T-shirt as a token of appreciation from the hemophilia families and the Four States Blood Service. The

pain of the needle is nothing compared to the pain that your Factor VIII will alleviate.

## Mail Call brightens servicemens Christmas

The 1982 Christmas Mail Call is now underway, with various agencies preparing to distribute the mail to young servicemen and women stationed throughout the world.

The 1981 Christmas Mail Call has been described as the most successful ever, according to the staff of Armed Forces Mail Call.

The 1982 project, they say, is "an ideal project for individuals as well as college groups and organizations."

Mail, whether individual pieces or by the box-full, is welcomed

from everyone, and is in turn sent to more than 100 locations across the United States and the world, where it is made available to the service volunteers.

Distributing agencies have reported that the letters have been met with great appreciation.

For further information on how you or your group can have a part in this unique, morale-boosting program, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Armed Forces Mail Call, 6520 Selma Avenue, Box 315, Hollywood, California 90028.

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# Blood and guts fight for place in textbooks

by Renee Witterstaetter

A goal to kill for the cause prevails. Whether that cause be to take freedom or to preserve it is not always remembered, but the results are. Devastated towns, mangled bodies, and a destruction inside the survivors that often cannot be repaired live on as reminders of war.

These are just a few war horrors—the blood and guts side of military conflicts that many believe textbooks try to ignore.

In a recent issue of "U.S.A. Today", it was

reported that two researchers—Sergiu Herscovici of the City University of New York, and Sharon Wigtoff, an authority on sex and racism in children's books, have taken a survey on how history books deal with the subject of war. Their results were published in a book — Militarism in Textbooks. The survey found that none of the texts "raised philosophical questions about the acceptability of war, and presents it as an inevitable and reasonable way of solving conflicts." They feel that these books gloss

over the horrors of battle.

Many students agreed with these statements. "Textbooks don't tell everybody about war," said Sue Crawford. "They should, because we have to face the reality sometime."

"They do need to write more about it," agreed Donna Dupree. "People who didn't live in war years don't really know what it is like."

"Concerning events like Hiroshima, they should tell all the effects. We need to know how the people suffered, lost their homes, and how long it took to rebuild their cities," stated Jin Oh. "They just don't give all the reasons for conflicts and the aftermath."

But, history teacher Elden Spencer disagrees. "Most recent revisionist texts since WW II don't try to gloss over the horrors of war. They try to paint a clear picture on the long term impacts on people, the problems, and the changes in the nations foreign policy."

"The textbooks I've read to not neglect to relate the horrors of war, or the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," added another history teacher, A. G. Smith. "But, as for raising philosophical questions, it is not the job of a historian to decide whether war is acceptable or not. He should present the facts and describe it accurately."



News photo by Mike Mauldin

## Blue Jackets

### officers

The largest club on the TCC campus, the Blue Jackets, recently elected officers to serve in the future. Left to right, the officers include president Terri Mayes, vice-president Shannon Strode, secretary Laura Anderson, corespondence-secretary Charlotte Belonie, treasurer Ina Dunn, historian Julie Hagan and reporter Kelly Foster. See page eight for details of their latest meeting.

**TCC Dean of Students Bill R. Hughes says it is no problem here**

# Drinking increases at American universities

by Michael Mauldin

At the University of Vermont, five students were injured recently in a series of unrelated falls, most involving students at fraternity house parties falling out of windows.

An increasing number of student injuries has caused university administrators to initiate alcohol use and alcohol education programs.

In a survey conducted for "The Chronicle of Higher Education" by John Minter Associates, the dean of student affairs at 181 colleges and universities reported that 16.1% of their students drink excessively, that 52.1% drink socially, that 26.3% drink experimentally and that 24.7% don't drink at all, according to USA today.

35.9% of the campuses reported an increase in excessive drinking by faculty and staff.

Bill Hughes, dean of students at TCC, believes that TCC does not have a drinking problem.

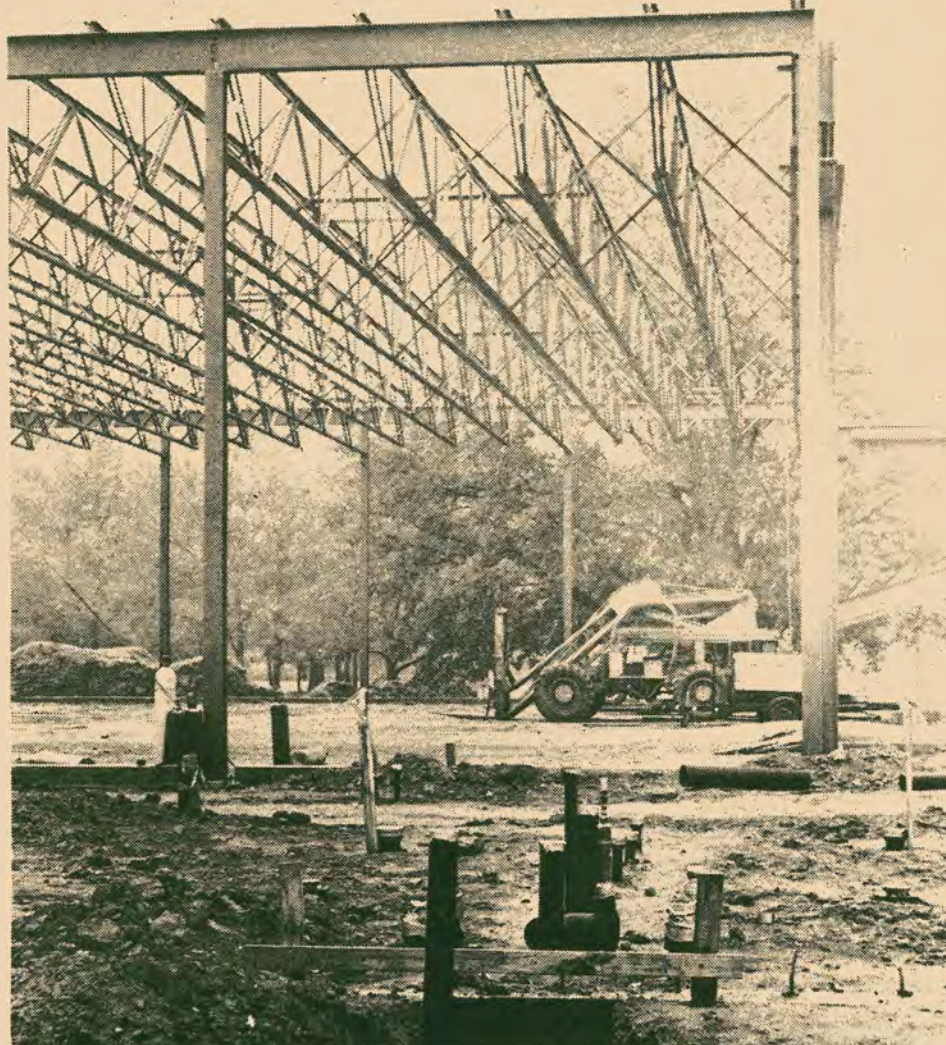
Hughes said that drinking on campus or at any official school function, even off campus, was against board policy.

Joel Cash, director of theatre, has a theory as to why students don't ap-

pear to have a drinking problem. Cash thinks many students may have kicked up their heels too much when they went away to university and had to come back to live with ma and pa.

Hughes said that next semester Ryne Duren, a major league pitcher whose career was cut short by alcoholism, will be visiting the campus as a guest speaker.

Hughes said that anyone that can admit he has a drinking problem is well on his way to recovery. Hughes suggested that any who has a problem should talk to a counselor, contact Alcoholics Anonymous, or local Mental Health Center.



News photo by Van Holcombe

## Work progressing

Work on the Claude O. Pinkerton Health and Recreation Center continues to progress, despite a barrage of cold weather and drizzling rains that swept through the area last week. Workmen are currently assembling the metal structure that will serve as the skeleton for the building. Work is expected to continue well into next year.

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## "Love is Contagious"

# Fall production provides entertainment for entire family

by Renee Witterstaetter

Drinking in the applause and sensing the support of the audience seems to be the life blood of the actor. But, behind the surface glories, behind the face make-up, the brilliant lights, and the bigger-than-life characters, there are actors and actresses willing to work, to learn, and make the people laugh. This is the main idea behind the drama department's next play-- "Love is Contagious."

The play is set in Greenwich Village, in an artist's studio. Because the artist's models live in with him, it leads to some interesting problems with his girlfriend, creating an enchanting farce.

"Hopefully it will be a light comedy," commented Joel Cash, advisor. "The whole family can enjoy it."

Cast members include as Sally Winters - Lisa McCloskey; Sam Harway - Bill Steenborg; Robbie Winters - Mike Cooper; Diane Roberts - Teri Gardner; Mrs. Kayser - Mary Atkins; Miss Lerner - Jo Wilson; Guy Ketchum - Buck Eisner; Harry Turner - Michael Merle Mauldin; Mimi Lamarr - Lisa Crutchfield; Georgia Rutherford - Diane Coats, and Kitty Gauge - Madelyn Aumiller.

Rehearsing three hours a day, five days a week, these performers strive to perfect their skills, with the guidance of Cash, who puts himself in the audience position to see the play the way the viewers will see it.

"One of the main things they are practicing is movement. The beginning actor often doesn't know how to move," said Cash. "For an actor to learn, they must be able to think of movements of their own. Real movement of the character comes from within the person."

So, to achieve this natural effect, the dramatists are going through a four step system. The first phase is blocking, which is giving movement to the character and working on the vocal. Step two is line memorization. The object of step three is to continue action without stopping. Step four is the addition of technical theatre, which is the make-up, lights, and costume. Reaching this final stage should take ap-

proximately six weeks.

But, this hard work pays off. "I've learned to be more open and talk to people," said Teri Gardner. "We learn about ourselves by being able to portray others."

"It's a lot of work, but very educational," commented Lisa McCloskey. "We learn everything

from acting to carpentry to sweeping the floor and cleaning the dressing room."

Something new is being tried for this play--having actors take on technical roles. Ginger Smith, as the assistant director, is in charge of publicity and putting the program together. Stage manager

Cindy Coon is in charge of supervising set building and getting materials. J. R. Lindsey is the construction manager, and has had experience in building sets for "Picnic", "Sleeping Beauty", and "Sandbox" to name a few. "Details must be right," explained Lindsey. "We must know what the

lights will do. In other words, to get to know the play, it's good to go through the techniques to get the set built."

All of this preparation should culminate to make "Love is Contagious" a success. Three performances will be given the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in December.

Admission is \$2.00, and all proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

So, through rehearsal and hard hours, the actors will eventually reach their night on stage, with all the expected glories present. "Everything is coming together," related Cash. "There's no profanity, but a lot of fun."

## Columnist fearful of television mania

# TVM stalks unwary students

by Plunkett

Judging by the size of the crowds ever present at the student center television, it is obvious that quite a lot of TCC students have caught that often-desirable disease which I'll term "Television Mania", or TVM. This affliction is nothing new to the 1980's, yet the number of victims continues to increase. This may be partially due to technological advances along with improved production and varied programming.

Those who have TVM are fine-tuned to television mannerisms and know the daily lineup of shows well. TVM victims can be identified even away from a set. They often create conversations on their favorite programs. Characters they refer to resemble family members because the victim often uses the first name of the people.

Some victims have added terms like "syndicate," "sit-com," "telecast," and "residuals" to their vocabulary.

There are as many types of TVM as there are programs. One type of TVM victim is the very selective viewer, who may sell himself out to only one or two shows. He may even despise most other television programs, yet he could still name the cast of last year's top 10 in the Nielson Ratings with little difficulty. This type of person can be cured, should the show(s) be cancelled or the victim lose interest. TVM specialization is common with daytime viewers.

A less mild type of TVM finds the viewer liking most all series of a particular type. This victim is hooked on one of seven

types of programming: comedies, drama, soaps, news shows, game shows, or commercials. This average type of affliction may have the victim searching the dial for a fix.

Not to the outdone, the severe cases of TVM like all programming. They would rather watch an Emergency Broadcast System test pattern than nothing at all. Commercials are a delightful intermission! Show themes lurk in their minds at all hours of the day. Their lives are virtually planned around their TV schedule. The severe victim may go into a state of depression because someone on "Guiding Light" committed

suicide.

What causes TVM? The theory is that a number of factors contribute to a

general interest of the victim, causing him to abnormally follow a show, a number of shows, or ev-

erything that airs. Some factors may include an interest in acting and drama, an interest in hero-worship (otherwise known as being starstruck), an interest in character developments, and an interest in broadcasting and television itself.

Everyone has probably had TVM at sometime in his life. Young people seem to be the most affected group, though game-show grannies rank high. It's quite evident that TCC has a number of TVM victims-look around. You'll also find cases of MPM ("Motion Picture Mania"), but that's a future story.



An apology is due to the Student Senate for not mentioning in our last issue that they sponsored the Octoberfest activities.



BSA officers

News photo by Mike Mauldin

Vincent Johnson addresses the members of the Black Student Association recently as fellow officers look on. Left to right is

Johnson, Darrell Hampton, James Ausborn, Rosalyn Smith and Raymond Kendrick. See page eight for BSA club news.



# Harvest holiday time for thanks, family feasting

by Rosalyne Smith

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday set aside for giving thanks to one's Supreme Being. On this day people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they may have received during the year.

The first thanksgiving days were harvest festivals. The holiday still takes place late in the fall, after the crops have been gathered. For thousands of years, people in many lands have held such harvest festivals, the American Thanksgiving Day probably grew out of the harvest-home celebrations of England.

The first New England Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half of the members of the colony. But new hope came in the summer of 1621. The corn harvest brought rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decreed that a three-day feast be held. A Thanksgiving Day for the purpose of prayer as well as celebration was decreed by Governor Bradford for July 30, 1623.

Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. The very mention of Thanksgiving often calls up memories of kitchen and pantries crowded with good things to eat. Thanksgiving is also a time of religious contemplation, church services, and prayer.

In Canada, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in much the same way. It was formerly celebrated on the last Monday in October. But, in 1957, the Canadian government proclaimed the second Monday in October for the holiday.

Today, a typical Thanksgiving Day is filled with loved ones, delicious food, (and often gluttony), and football. This Thanksgiving Day, many Americans will surround themselves with tasty goodies such as turkey or duck, corn bread stuffing (recipe given), fresh fruit and vegetables, candied yams with brandy, sweet potato pie and pumpkin pie (recipe given). The football game of the day will be Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Thanksgiving is also a time of sharing, if not material gains then the gift of thankfulness for life.

Dean Bill R. Hughes bags a turkey for his holiday pleasure

## Traditional favorites easily made

### Corn Bread Stuffing

Sift together: 2 c. cornmeal, 2 t. salt, 2 t. baking powder and 1 t. baking soda. Add 2 eggs and 2 c. sour milk or buttermilk. Mix well; pour in 3 tbs. melted shortening, stir and place in a hot greased baking pan. Bake at 425° for 25 min. Allow corn bread to cool; then break into pieces.

Saute 1/2 cup chopped celery and 2 minced onions in oil. Add to bread along with 1 t. paprika, 1/2 c. chopped parsley, 1 t. poultry seasoning, 1/2 t. sage and salt and pepper to taste. Moisten with turkey stock to desired consistency. Fill turkey.

### Candied Yams with Brandy

Cut 6 medium sweet potatoes lengthwise and cool until tender. Mix 1 c. brown or white sugar, 3 tbs. butter, 1/4 c. water, 1/4 c. lemon juice, 1 tsp. cinnamon and 1 tsp. nutmeg. Place potatoes in a baking dish; sprinkle with salt. Pour sugar mixture over potatoes and add 1/4 c. brandy. Cover and cook at 350° for 30 min. Cover with mixture marshmallows; brown 15 min. before serving.

### Sweet Potato Pie

Beat 3 eggs and 1/2 c. white sugar. Add 1/4 c. melted butter, 1/2

t. mace, 1 t. nutmeg, 1/2 t. salt, 1 t. vanilla, and 1 t. cinnamon. Blend with 1 1/2 c. mashed sweet potatoes, 2 tbs. lemon juice and 1/3 c. milk. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake at 425° for 10 minutes and then at 350° for 40 minutes. Serve plain or with whipped topping. For a special treat, add 1/2 c. white wine or 1/3 c. brandy or rum to pie filling before baking.

### Pumpkin Pie

Beat egg yolks of 2 eggs until thick and lemon colored. Gradually add 1/2 c. firmly packed dark brown sugar, beating until thick. Add 1 1/4

c. cooked, mashed pumpkin, 3/4 c. evaporated milk, 1/2 t. salt, 1/2 t. ground ginger, stirring well. Pour pumpkin mixture into top or double broiler bring 1/4 c. cold water to a boil. Cook over water until mixture is thickened. Soften 1 envelope unflavored gelatin in cold water; add to pumpkin stirring

well. Set mixture aside to cool. Beat 2 egg whites at room temp. until foamy. Gradually add 1/2 c. sugar, 1 t. at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla. Fold egg whites into pumpkin mixture. Pour filling into pastry shell. Chill.



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## TCC's Glasglow has the idea that may do it

# Policemen strive for new reverse image

by Kelly Foster

Keith Glasglow, a Texarkana Community College Faculty member, has an idea that may give

the usually dreaded policemen a new image.

Glasglow introduced a program for safe and courteous driving to the

New Boston Kiwanis Club.

When Glasglow lived in Pennsylvania, he once waited for an elderly

woman to parallel park. Only after she succeeded did he pass her. The next thing Glasglow knew, an officer pulled him over.

"I immediately asked what I had done wrong," said Glasglow. Surprisingly, the officer thanked him for being courteous to his fellow drivers, and presented him with a certificate for an Arrow shirt. Glasglow still has both the shirt and the pleasant memory.

When Glasglow told the club about this experience, they decided to try it in New Boston.

This program will run for one year and gifts will be awarded to any courteous driver seen in the

New Boston area, not just residents of New Boston.

Glasglow said, "When word gets out about all the prizes, it will be surprising to see what safe drivers people will become."

So now if you happen to be passing through the city of New Boston and look into your rear view mirror only to see flashing red lights, don't jump to the conclusion you have done something wrong. You may be pulled over and awarded a prize for being a courteous driver.



News photo by Van Holcombe

The Phi Theta Kappa Club on the Texarkana College campus held their annual initiation ceremony last Wednesday with 20 new members gaining admission into the academic organization. Left to right, vice-president Carolyn George, treasurer Paula Jordan, president Authur Houff and secretary Nancy Pasley assemble at the beginning of the ceremony, held in the college's chemistry building.

Installation ceremony

## French Club enjoys native cuisine

By Renee Witterstaetter

Good food, good wine, and good friends all combined to make some good fun at the last French Club party.

Party fare included fifteen types of wine, California and French types. And of course, what would a French party be without cheese? Romano, Lindburger, cheddar, Cambert and Brie were abundant.

Special guests were also present—six French natives who moved to Texarkana to work on

their own farm. When the father came to the U.S.A., his sons Phillip and Jean Francois Huiban followed. Later, their future wives—Marie Ange and Christine arrived. Their cousin, Norbert, also decided to give America a chance.

Since the French were not that fluent in English, and the TCC students were not that fluent in French, it turned into a learning experience for all, with problems in communication.

# Club news.....

## BSA makes plans.....

by Shuriel Hardy

Black Student Association is making plans for the upcoming months. The organization officers are (President-Darrell Hampton)(Vice-President-Vincent Johnson)(Secretary-Rosalyn Smith)(Treasurer-Ramone Kendrick)(Reporter-Shuriel

D. Hardy)(Sgt. at Arms-Steve Austin).

BSA plans include a Musicfest December 4th, in the auditorium sponsored by the BSA chorus.

The organization is also working hard towards the Education Program. Contact members of BSA for more information.

## TCC Players are active.....

by Michael Mauldin

The TCC Players is probably the most active club on campus, meeting each afternoon for set construction and rehearsal. They will meet evenings from 7 until 10 for rehearsals, as the opening date draws near.

Joel Cash, director of theatre, said that most of the members of the TCC Players are on scholarship. Cash said that scholarships were available for the spring semester ranging in amounts from \$150 to \$200. Persons wishing more information about

scholarships should see Cash.

The TCC Players are not planning any social activities until after the

closing performance of "Love is Contagious" and then the plans for the cast party will be announced.

## Computer Club strives to get

organized, according to sponsor.....

By Stefan Alford

"We're just trying to get organized right now," said Gail Haddock, co-sponsor of the Computer Club.

The organizing includes trying to set up tours of various businesses in the city, including a computer installation at a paper mill, and a bank.

"During our first meeting we set different committees and meeting dates," commented club treasurer, Brad Wall.

"We're also trying to get speakers and a program exchange," said Haddock. "Another idea is to have a competition between other clubs, playing video games."

The Computer Club, which numbers about 50 "and those are just the ones who've paid their dues," according to Haddock, meets the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. Meeting places are posted.

## Psychology Club selects leaders.....

By Stefan Alford

"We want to provide activities other than book learning," said Dr. Bob Benson, co-sponsor of the Psychology Club, "and we'll do this through speakers, field trips, parties, and films."

The Psych Club held its first meeting recently with a presentation by Paul Foran, psychology instructor at ETSU, and the election of club offi-

cers. Elected were Richard Reynolds, president; Charlotte Angel, vice-president; Karen Manning, secretary; and Ginger Culp, treasurer. Sponsors are Benson and Bob Bell.

Benson was pleased with the meeting "I feel we had a very good representation, about 18 people," and has set Dec. 1 as the date for the next club get together.

## Blue Jackets will help BWS.....

by Kelly Foster

Blue Jackets has voted to lend a helping hand to the Battered Woman's Shelter as their Christmas project.

A Christmas party was also planned for December 8 in the home of club sponsor Elisabeth Shaw.

Officers elected are Terri Mayes, president; Shanon Shrodes, vice-president; Laura Ander-

son, recording secretary; Charlotte Beloine, corresponding secretary; Ina

Dunn, treasure; Julie Hagen, historian; and Kelly Foster, reporter.



## At Texarkana Community College

# Number of veterans on steady decline

By Stefan Alford

Who's been kicked around more times than the family pet, been looked down upon more than a new \$200 pair of boots, and been abused more than your neighborhood grocery stores' Pac-Man video game?

If you want the answer just ask any military veteran attending TCC, but do so quickly while there are still some left.

The number of veterans attending TCC has been on a steady decline since 1975 when more than 1200 were enrolled. This semester there are 550, still a fair amount, but consider this—TCC is under the supervision of a regional office in Little Rock, which serves all of Arkansas' colleges and universities, and this fall, according to Frank Coleman, director of admissions and veteran's services, TCC has more veterans enrolled than any other school in its region, including the University of Arkansas.

The reason for this decline is that prior to January 1, 1977, those who were active military for more than 180 days were

entitled to receive educational benefits in the form of monthly allowances, and upon their discharge from the military, veterans had ten years before they lost their bene-

fits.

A new law went into effect after that date, stating benefits were to be awarded in a "match amount". "For each dollar the veteran put in to-

wards his education, the military put in two, but the response has not been very good."

"They are failing to encourage educational train-

ing," Coleman pointed out. "At the end of their service, veterans also have a choice of drawing their money out in one lump sum."

There are "compara-

tively few" veterans now attending TCC on the

basis of their benefits prior to 1977, noted Coleman.

## Dues Band embracing esoteric music

by Stephan Alford

"We are embracing music a little more esoteric and experimental than mainstream music, using some avant-garde devices...thus the title *Turn To The Left*," relates band director, Mike McGowan.

*Turn To The Left* is the theme for this year's musical presentation by the TCC stage band, to be held in the Stilwell Little Theater, December 10.

The music will comprise all original compositions "or our own arrangements," said McGowan.

A small combo will be appearing with the stage band, as well as several musicians from the local community as guest vocalists. Also included in this year's program will

be a dancing scene choreographed by Ann Nicholas, and three poems of Alan Ginsberg recited by Rick Rhodes. Nicholas and Rhodes are TCC faculty members.

Members of the Dues Band are Rene Bartlett,

Mary Beth Hundt, Robert Woodmansee, Steven Doyle, Kevin Rice, Arthur Houff, Mary Rasco, Clayton Taylor, and Claudette Sinclair.

Also Vickie Galloway, Tieri Collins, Janell Deborde, Keith Rogers, Bryan Foreman, De-

wayne Nelson, Tim Heintschell, and Bryan Baker.

McGowan commented he was pleased with the band's performance so far, "as they are doing a lot more experimental material than in the past." The event also doubles as

the band's final examination.

The show is open to the public and tickets will be sold at the door. The price has not been set, but according to McGowan, it will probably be two dollars.

## Spring scheduling to begin soon at TCC

by Shuriel Hardy

Spring semester scheduling will begin Tuesday, Nov 30. Registration for day and night classes will be in the Admissions Office from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Students will be permitted to register on the basis of semester hours

earned to date. Each student must present a trial schedule revealing all individual course information entered and signed by a counselor, division chairman, or designated representative. If you are enrolling for twelve hours or more, this requirement must be met. Every student is responsible for

checking course prerequisites in the general catalog.

The last day to pay tuition, and fees without penalty will be on Jan. 13, 1983. Any student who does not meet the standards of the deadline will have his enrollment cancelled and may register during the late period.

Late Registration begins January 17, and fees are \$10. Jan. 21 is the last day to register, change a class, or pay tuition.

Day and evening classes will begin Jan. 17, 1983. For more information on the spring semester schedules, obtain spring catalog in the counseling center.

## Mini Amp to be for students

by Tommy Geer

Looking for a nice place to sit and talk with friends? Have you tried the mini-amphitheatre?

The new structure is located between the math and science buildings, and was built for student lounging. It is also used as an outdoor classroom.

Biology teacher James Parsons, uses, the mini-amphitheatre for conducting various experiments and also as a facility for reviewing students before a test.

The mini-amphitheatre is just part of a new landscaping project underway at TCC. Sev-

eral new sidewalks have been constructed and shrubbery is being planted around buildings.

The architect doing the construction suggested that an area be built for student lounging and it was approved that the mini-amphitheatre be built. The structure was completed last month.

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**Texas High School returns with full honors from Pittsburg**

# TCC 'farm system' shines at contest

by Van Holcombe

It's no small wonder why Texarkana Community College is of such a

high quality.

TCC has an excellent music farm system.

That farm system, the

local high schools, proved their strength once again Wednesday, November 10, as they performed in the annual University Interscholastic League (UIL) marching contest in Pittsburg, Texas.

The largest supplier of TCC musicians, Texas High, captured the first division rating Wednesday afternoon, hours after bands from DeKalb, New Boston and Atlanta

had turned the same trick.

The Hooks High School band received a respectable second division rating.

The Dues band includes seven members who call Texas High their high school alma mater, two members from DeKalb and Ashdown, and one from Atlanta, Arkansas, Kilgore, Kileen and Austin Reagin.



New photo by Van Holcombe

## TCC hopeful

Stacia Owens, right, a junior at New Boston High School, was one of the participants at the University Interscholastic League's marching contest that indicated they would like to attend Texarkana College in the future and be a part of the TCC Dues Band. Standing beside Miss Owens as the Lion Band prepared to march is sophomore Leanne Looney.

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# Foreign students plentiful on campus

by Barry Plunkett

An interesting fact about Texarkana Community College is its number of foreign students on campus. Though the foreign element is considerably small, compared to other colleges and universities, TCC has a nice sample of countries represented. Among those are Colombia, Venezuela, Nigeria, Korea, India, Canada, and Spain.

Maria Hernandez hails from the city of Barcelona in Venezuela. Maria is a freshmen and has plans for a major in architecture. She enjoys volleyball, swimming, skating movies, and picnics.

Maria has lived in the United States one year. Originally an exchange student, Maria decided to stay in the U.S. when her host family welcomed her to stay after her official exchange program expired.

Pastimes in the United States are somewhat different than in Venezuela, according to Maria. "In Venezuela, there are no hayrides and no weenie roasts." She lives near the beach in Barcelona, however, so she shouldn't get too bored when she returns home.

Marisol and Maribel

Ontiveros are both freshmen and are sisters from Bogota, Colombia. Both have lived in the U.S. one year.

Marisol is majoring in business administration. She is 19 and may complete her education at ETSU-T. Her hobbies include ping pong, bowling, music, television (she likes "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"), and archery. She enjoys American food, but she still misses Colombian cooking.

Maribel is 18 and would like to complete her education at the University of Houston where she would study optometry. Her leisure time is spent jogging, skating, playing tennis, singing, and writing letters. She likes ballet and was in an opera company in Botota.

Colombia has several American restaurants, according to Maribel, including Burger King. On television, there are many American programs, such as "Little House on the Prairie" and "Barnaby Jones". However, Colombia has "no football games, and (thus) no playing band," Maribel says.

Driving in U.S.A. is not as hard as driving in Colombia, Maribel relates.

(She quotes her dad who says, "If you can drive in Bogota, you can drive anywhere.") Still, Maribel prefers not to drive in America.

Jose "Pepe" Malina is from Cordoba, Spain, an inland city of 100,000. Pepe is a freshmen and is majoring in engineering. He has been in the U.S. about one year, and he graduated from Arkansas High School. He is employed and lives with his host family who were a part of his exchange program.

Devendra Singh is a native of Varanasi, India. He is a second year student and is studying in the field of computer science. He speaks English and Hindustani.

Of Varanasi, Devendra says that it has many universities and transportation is excellent. "However, there are too many people in Varanasi." A typical diet in India is vegetarian food.

Devendra's future plans are to finish his education and find employment in the United States.

Several other students represent other countries but were unavailable for interview.



News photo by Mike Mauldin

## Mime performs

Mime Tim Settini entertained a crowd recently in the Texarkana College Auditorium with a combination of music, mime and acting in his three performances held November 10 and 11. The above photograph was taken on November 10 at the auditorium as he performed during the activity period.

## Phillip Morris Incorporation sponsoring competition

# Marketing projects welcomed

Philip Morris Incorporated has announced its Fourteenth Annual Marketing/Communications Competition for Students. The competition provides an opportunity for students, nationwide, to sharpen their marketing and communications skills.

A first place award of \$2,000, a second place award of \$1,000, and a third place award of \$500 will be presented to the winning teams in both the graduate and undergraduate categories. In addition, student representatives and faculty advisors will be invited to Philip Morris World Headquarters in New York City to discuss their projects with Philip Morris executives.

Students are invited to develop marketing/communications projects related to Philip Morris Incorporated or any of its non-tobacco products and operations. A committee of distinguished marketing/communications experts will judge selected entries. They are: Dr. Donald C. Carroll, Dean, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Louis T. Hagopian, Chairman, N W Ayer ABH International; Mary Wells Lawrence, Chairman, Wells, Rich, Greene; William Ruder, President, William Ruder Inc.; James C. Bowling, Senior Vice President and Director of Corporate Affairs, Philip Morris Incorporated; John T. Landry, Senior Vice President and

Director of Marketing, Philip Morris Incorporated; John A. Murphy, Group Executive Vice President, Philip Morris Incorporated and Chairman and Chief Executive Office, Miller Brewing Company.

The competition is divided into graduate and undergraduate categories, and is open to students currently enrolled in any accredited college or university. Undergraduate students must work in groups of three or more, and graduate students in group of two or more, both under the counsel of a faculty member or a recognized campus professional. The deadline is January 14, 1983.

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Football strike settled last Tuesday, but.....

# Sports fans facing strike three with threat looming in NBA

by Bill Webb

Like one, like all—in professional sports anyway.

With the 37th National Basketball season here, the threat of yet another strike looms ever so near. First it was baseball; then it was football. And now it may very well be basketball.

year setting the stage for a wild scramble in the professional basketball free agent market. The Malone deal sent shock waves through the NBA ranks as well as all those associated with the game.

It's all part of the quick-fix philosophy instigated long ago in pro sports.

Many owners and man-

discourage that theory are the Atlanta Braves of baseball and the Dallas Mavericks of basketball.

Ted Turner, the successful all-around everything who owns the Atlanta Braves, has said for years that some day the Braves would win the pennant without any earth-shattering changes. No one believed him. That is until this year. With basically the same people he's had for the past five years plus a new manager, Turner watched his Braves win their division before being knocked out of the appearance in the World Series by the St. Louis Cardinals, the eventual world champion.

In basketball, it is Norm Sonju and the three-year-old Dallas Mavericks. Sonju is a firm believer in the non-quick fix way of thinking in professional athletics. And it is working. The Mavericks have come a long way in their days and are expected to do even better this year.

One thing that has hurt basketball has been paying so much for the free agents and then those

same free agents not coming through. This has been a big pain in the side for NBA owners.

The Los Angeles Lakers have been known for a long time as the highest paying team in the NBA but that is changing in a hurry with Philadelphia and a couple of other franchises making their own waves. The high salaries are like a sickness. The more people that get it, the worse things seem to get.

Many people said football would learn from baseball and not strike—but they didn't and they did. And now people are saying the NBA players will learn from other people's mistakes and not walk out. That is rational thinking and that is not something pro athletes and their agents always do too well.

One thing hurting pro basketball is the cost of air travel. With a lot of games in a short period of time,

the NBA clubs are faced with high costs for air travel and nothing that can be done about it.

But the view from here is that the NBA owners can stop the battle before the war begins. By putting an end to the high salaries before they ever get started, the NBA owners can prevent something from happening that has happened in other pro sports—near self destruction.

Bill Webb

sports editor



This is a very critical year for professional basketball. Last year no more than seven of the 23 NBA teams showed a profit and that is not likely to improve any this season. And there are not very many teams or franchises that can make it another year like the last one. Like other professional sports, the price of players' contracts is skyrocketing. This can be nothing but bad if you're a fan of the NBA, an owner, and even the players for that manner.

The National Basketball Association has traditionally been free of the year-end, year-out financial troubles usually associated with professional athletics. Then enters the free agents and Moses Malone.

Malone, the ever-present muscleman of the Houston Rockets since time began, signed with the Philadelphia 76ers this summer for an estimated 13 million dollar contract over a period of a

agers feel if they can come up with one or two superstars and get them on the team then the gate receipts will increase, the win-loss percentage will improve and everyone will be happy. But it doesn't always work that way. As a matter of fact, it usually doesn't.

Two professional teams who have done the most to

## Young swimmers gain recognition

by Bill Webb

Just like anything else, it takes time. But it's finally starting to pay off.

Age group swimming came to Texarkana and Texarkana Community College last October under the coaching and guidance of Bruce Eubanks, Texas High swim coach, and after only a year the local tankers are making a name for themselves.

Taught as a non-credit course through the continuing education department of Texarkana Community College, age group swimming has some 35 swimmers involved who swim in an average of one meet per month. Those meets are usually held in Arkansas but Eubanks says the local club is getting enough respect and recognition now that it is being invited to some meets in Texas and Louisiana.

"We were in a meet in Longview a few weeks ago," Eubanks said. "It's all just a matter of getting some recognition so people will invite you to the meets. It takes time

but we're getting there."

The local club is a member of the United States Swimming Association, formerly AAU.

One of the leading swimmers for the local group is 12 year old Amy Rothell. She has captured almost every top award in her age group in Arkansas and Eubanks says Amy has a bright future in the world of swimming.

"I think experience is one of the biggest things it takes to become a good swimmer," he said. "And Amy is only 12 years old and already has a lot of that experience. She'll be a good one."

The group consists of swimmers from seven years old through high school age.

Eubanks says for swimmers to be eligible they must come by the pool and be able to swim the freestyle and backstroke satisfactorily and have at least some idea of the breaststroke and butterfly.

For further information contact Eubanks at the swimming pool from 8:30 to 9:30 in the morning or after 2:30.

## Brothers Johnson and Company dominate intramurals

By Jody Baker

Brothers Johnson and Company has totally dominated competition in this year's intramural basketball season.

At the midway point, they had not lost a single game to the other three teams: Last chance, currently in second; Supreme Court in third, and the

Baseball Team rounding out the field. Coach Wayne Williams reminds everyone that there are only two games left.

## Texarkana College golfers place third in Invitational tournament

by Fred Goad

TCC golfers competed in the Texarkana Invitational Classic, October 29th, at Northridge Country Club. TCC home team, placed third out of six teams from as far away as Little Rock, and as close as Texas High School.

The medalist of the competition was Carter Baumert, Paris Jr. College, who shot a 74. Runner-up Don Bloodworth of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, also shot a 74, but lost the playoff round.

The bestball tournament was won by RCC's

Mark McMellon and Bob Bruggeman with a 69, according to coach Henry Duke.

Here are the final results: Winner-University of Arkansas-302; 2nd-Paris Jr. College-311; 3rd-TCC-315; 5th-Westark Community College-not available; 6th-Texas High School-not available.

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