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THURSDAY, February 18

- 3-8 p.m. Registration. Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center,
Second level foyer.
- 4:30 p.m. National Board Meeting. Room 109, Hall of Languages.
- Dinner on your own. Check registration packets for money-saving coupons
and for map of Commerce restaurants.
- 8 p.m. Opening Session. Room 214, Hall of Languages.
Greetings: Dr. Edwin Stockton,
national president
Roll Call: Dr. E. Nelson James,
executive secretary
- KEN HARRISON MULTI-ETHNIC FILM FESTIVAL**
Films written, edited, and directed by Ken Harrison,
Dallas film maker.
- WASP Voices:** "Mr. Horse," based on a short story
written while Mr. Harrison was an undergraduate
English major at North Texas State University.
- Black Voices:** "Hannah and the Dog Ghost,"
based on Black folk tales. Winner of the short film
award at the 1981 USA Film Festival in Dallas.
- Native American Voices:** "Last of the Caddoes,"
based on a short story by William Humphrey, a
native of Clarksville, Texas.
- 10 p.m. Western Dance at the Showdown, 1204 Alamo,
downtown Commerce, across from the Police Station.
\$1.50 admission for bottomless keg, tostados,
and hot sauce.
- After the Showdown closes: Pizza Inn, across from ETSU on Highway 50,
is open for late snacks.

FRIDAY MORNING, February 19

- 8 a.m. Late Registration. Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center,
second floor foyer.
- 8-9 a.m. Continental Breakfast. Coffee, juice, sweet rolls.
Caddo Room, third level.
For all registrants.
- 9:30-10:30 General Session. American Ballroom,
third level.
- SUSAN McDOWELL WOOD, poet, author of Bazaar, creative writing
professor at Rice University.
- "THE POET'S PERSONAL VOICE"
A book signing will follow.

11 a.m. WORKSHOPS

- A. "Publishing Your Poetry or Fiction"
Rio Grande Room, third level
Susan McDowell Wood, Rice University.
Brenda Black White, Commerce, Texas.
Don Lanier, II, Sulphur Springs, Texas.
- B. "Employment Opportunities for English Majors"
Trinity, East and West; third level
Mark Berman, Touro College, New York.
Max Clay, ETSU Placement Service.
Lynn Ball, East Texas State University.
- C. "Dialects and Naming Patterns among
American Ethnic Groups"
Bluebonnet/Pecan Rooms, third level.
Florine Dean, East Texas Baptist College.
Lee Hensley, Jarvis Christian College, Texas.
Fred Tarpley, East Texas State University.

12 noon Lunch on your own.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, February 19

- 2 p.m. GENERAL SESSION. American Ballroom,
third level.
- BUSINESS MEETING.
- Presiding: Dr. Edwin Stockton, national president
Caucus of regions for election of student advisors
from the five regions as members of the national
board.
- Greetings: President Charles Austin,
East Texas State University.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, February 19

3:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

- A. "Hispanic American Literature"
Rio Grande Room, third level.
Margaret McClear, East Texas State University.
- B. "Literary Magazine Organization"
Trinity, East and West; third level.
Selected sponsors and editors.
- C. "Black American Literature"
Bluebonnet/Pecan Rooms, third level.
James Byrd, East Texas State University.
Jeanette Harris, East Texas State University.

FRIDAY EVENING, February 19

6 p.m.

AWARDS BANQUET. Texas Ballroom, third level.

Entertainment: William McMurry, East Texas State U.

Presiding: Kittye Morris, president, Upsilon Beta chapter, East Texas State University.

Invocation: Dr. Paul W. Barrus, professor emeritus, East Texas State University.

Writing Awards:

The Herbert L. Hughes Award for undergraduate short story writer. Judged by Ken Harrison.

The Frederic Fadner, First National President, Award for best critical essay on multi-ethnic literature. Judged by Joe Holley, co-editor, The Texas Observer.

The Eleanor B. North Award for undergraduate poet. Judged by Susan Wood.

The Judson Q. Owen Graduate Fellowship. Judged by Suzanne Morris.

Honor Membership: Laurence Perrine, Southern Methodist University.

GWENDOLYN BROOKS, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet.

Honor member, Sigma Tau Delta.

A book signing will follow for Ms. Brooks and Dr. Perrine.

Poetry Reading Party.

Immediately following the banquet, a poetry reading party will be held at Sand Hills Country Club. Free admission; beverage tickets may be purchased. Please form a caravan in the parking lot at the west entrance to the Memorial Student Center. The country club is reached by traveling two miles south on Highway 50, then turning left on Farm Road 1568, and then turning right after one and one-half miles.

After the Poetry Reading.....Pizza Inn, on Highway 50 across from the campus, will be open for Midnight Munchies, exclusively for Sigma Tau Delta members.

SATURDAY, February 20

8-9 a.m. Continental Breakfast. Coffee, juice, sweet rolls.
Caddo Room, third level.
For all registrants.

9-10 a.m. GENERAL SESSION. American Ballroom, third level.

"AN INFORMAL HOUR WITH GWENDOLYN BROOKS"

10:30 a.m. WORKSHOPS

- A. "Strengthening Your Sigma Tau Delta Chapter"
Rio Grande Room.
William Johnson, Northern Illinois University.
Thomas Brown, University of Mississippi.
Lorraine Renz, Central Missouri State University.
Frank Leavell, Baylor University.
Lynn Ball, East Texas State University.
- B. "Native American Literature"
Trinity, East and West; third level.
Charles Linck, East Texas State University.
Ernestine Sewell, University of Texas, Arlington.
- C. "Jewish American Literature"
Bluebonnet/Pecan Rooms, third level.
Richard Tuerk, East Texas State University,
past chair, MELUS (Multi-Ethnic Literature
in the United States).

12 noon FIESTA LUNCHEON. Texas Ballroom, third level.

Entertainment: Bob and Cheryl Santos,
East Texas State University.

SUZANNE MORRIS, novelist. Author of Galveston, Keeping
Secrets, and Skychild.

"THE VOICES OF A NOVELIST"

2:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT.

Vans will leave from the west entrance of the Memorial
Student Center for Dallas airports.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Literary East Texas: an exhibition of photographs by Nell Blakely
honoring twenty-five East Texas writers. Founders Lounge, Memorial
Student Center, second level.

Books by East Texas State University Faculty. James G. Gee Library,
second level.

Creative Writing Magazines from Sigma Tau Delta Chapters. Memorial
Student Center, second level, at convention registration table.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEES

Registration: Glenda Zumwalt, chair
Liz Buckley, Karen Pesnell, Charlene Rodgers
Steve Maclin, Don Leach, Susan Bullard

Social Activities: Robert McKinnon, chair
Joyce Hill, Burt Fowler, Jim Skelton
Richard Long, Lynn Ball, Kittye Morris
Ray Willmuth

Fund Raising: Lynn Ball, chair
All members of Upsilon Beta Chapter

Housing: Liz Buckley, chair

Speaker Hospitality: Richard Long, chair
Jim Skelton

Banquets: Mary Miller, chair
Darlene McAlister, Rosemary Jepsen
Debra Airhart, Patricia Grady, James Werchan

Transportation: Fred Tarpley and Richard Tuerk

Banquet Entertainment: William McMurry, Bob Santos, Cheryl Santos

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