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Bond Election To Determine Future

Residents of Scurry County will vote on a bond issue November 23, regarding additional funds for Western Texas College. The proposed \$2.5 million bond election will be for campus completion, and to enable WTC to meet the increasing demands of education today.

Western Texas College is very proud of the people of Scurry County. Scurry County is young and vigorous with a tremendous potential for future growth. The enrollment this first year of operation far exceeded what most people believed possible. There were 649 individual students enrolled on the twelfth

class day in college-credit courses. However, at present, WTC is serving more than 750 students when students enrolled in adult basic education, genealogy classes, and high school vocational-technical courses are included.

What Is The Growth Potential For WTC?

With the opening of the 192-bed dormitory complex next August, the addition of a sophomore class, and the added interest in the college when all buildings are completed, the potential is excellent. Based on state-wide averages for new junior colleges the second year of operation, it is expected that WTC will ex-

perience a 50 per cent increase next year, with a total 973 students enrolled in college-credit courses. At least this many more individuals will be served in non-credit courses. Counting all activities on campus, including adult basic education, short courses of all types, physical education facilities (when available), concerts, drama productions, etc., literally thousands of people will go through the doors of this college during the period of one year.

Community college enrollment has been increasing statewide by approximately 10 per cent the past six years. If

WTC were to increase by this amount from 1972 through 1976, there would be 1424 students enrolled the sixth year of operation. With the growth potential of this area of the state, an enrollment of 2000 by 1980 is a good possibility.

What Has Been Accomplished In The First Phase Of The Building Program?

In projecting the facilities needed for Western Texas College in January, 1970, the board of trustees planned for an initial building program consisting of 12 buildings with a total floor space of 152,000 square feet. This projected

plant would have accommodated 1000 students. Because of the rising costs of construction, a contract was finally signed with Area Builders, Inc., for the construction of 10 buildings with a total floor space of 116,337 square feet. However, due to the need for a temporary student center, a classroom building totaling 7680 square feet was added to the construction contract. Partitions in the building were left out in order that the area could be used for temporary eating facilities and recreational areas for students.

What Is Needed To Complete The Campus As Originally Planned?

To have a complete comprehensive college which can offer a full range of programs and activities for both the resident and non-resident student, the college needs the following facilities:

Student Center

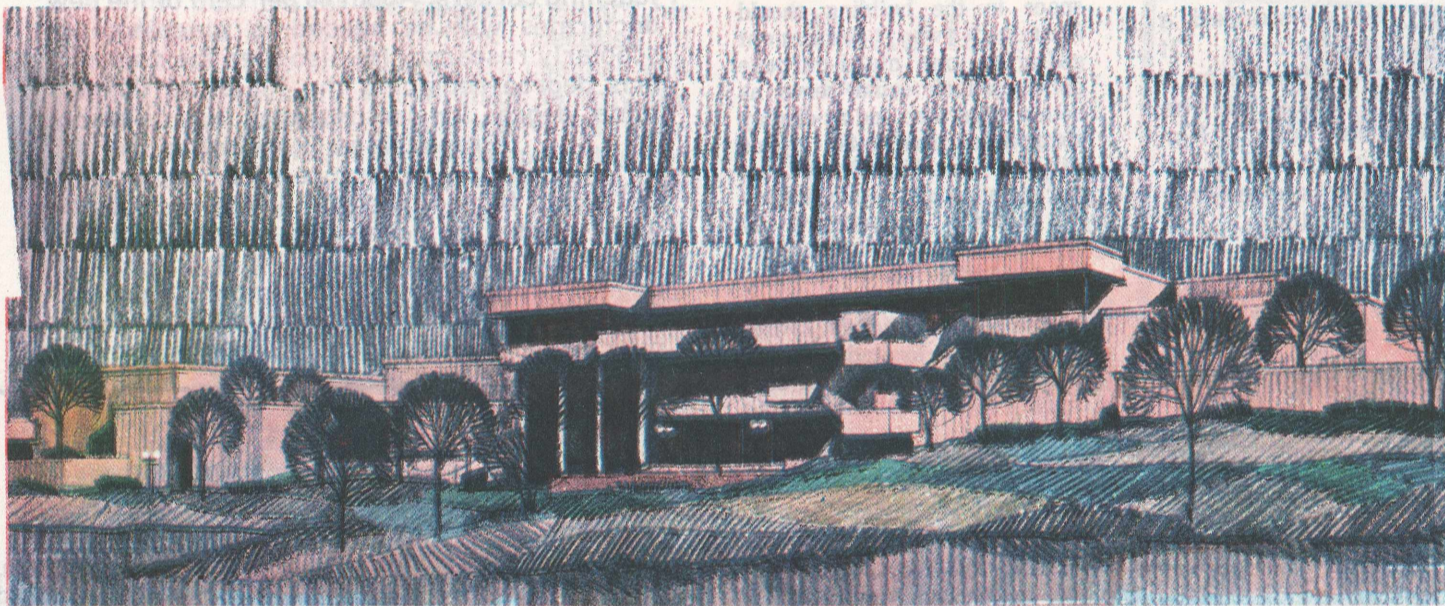
The student center complex is the "multi-purpose" center of the campus. It provides for many of the material and recreational needs of both students and faculty. It is located in the center of the campus between the dorm complex and the academic and science area. The student center will serve as a food service and dining area for all students - both resident and commuter, and on occasions as a community events center. It also houses the book store, offices of the director of student activities, the counseling and testing center, and classrooms and work area of the college newspaper and other publications.

Health And Physical Education Center

The health and physical education building is designed to serve numerous purposes. Basically, the center will meet the needs of the health and physical education instructional program, a well-developed intramural athletic program, and, in a limited way, intercollegiate athletics. It is not designed for spectator sports, since the county already has a fine facility for such purposes. The health and physical education center should attract adults of all ages, especially in the evening. Emphasis will be placed on individual sports that have a carry-over value throughout life.

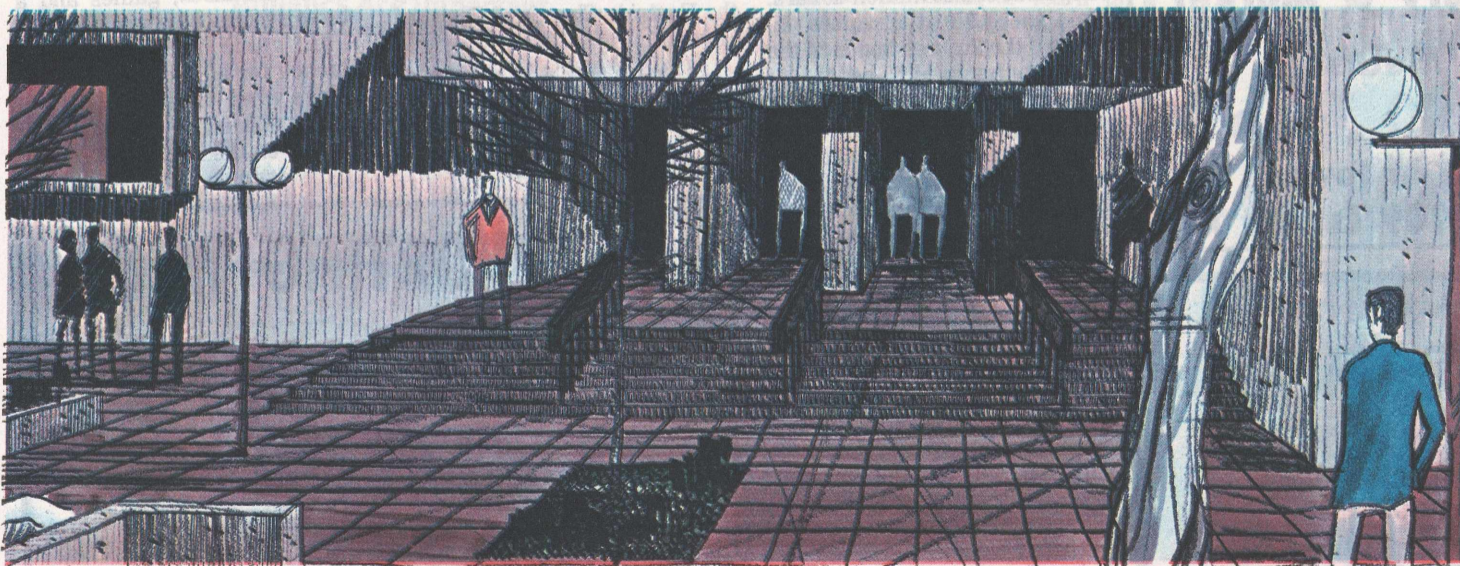
Academic and Science Center

The academic and science center will be complete with the finishing of building 2-C into its intended function of a general classroom complex. Social science, English, foreign language, mathematics, philosophy, and psychology will be served by this facility. A room for a planetarium has also been provided. It is expected that a grant from HEW will provide funds for the purchase of the needed equipment. The planetarium not only will serve as a teaching facility for classes



The above is an artists conception of the Student Center which will be located in the center of

campus. Funds for this facility are among the items to be voted on in the bond election November 23.



THE FINE ARTS Building is the next building scheduled for acceptance.

Automotive Technology Gets New Machinery

There are several new machines that have been received by the Automotive Tech Department, according to Jim McDonald, instructor of Automotive Technology. This equipment is used for various jobs in the working on a car.

Several of the new machines now being used by the department are 50 Ton Press, Engine Hoist, Sun 1120 Electronic Engine Tester, and the Generator-Alternator Tester.

The 50 Ton Press is used to press bearings and axle bearings. The Press is used also to press rear end bearings and

transmissions. The Engine Hoist is used to remove and replace automobile engines.

The Sun 1120 Electronic Engine Tester is used to test automobile engines. The meters on this advanced machine are Volt-Ohm Meter, Cylinder Leakage Tester, Tachometer, Dwell Meter, Combustion Analyzer Meter, and Vacuum Cage. The Volt-Ohm meter tests electrical volts, coils, and condensing of alternators. The Cylinder Leakage Tester tests condition of rings, valve, and head gaskets.

The tachometer is a power balance tester, reads RPMs in the engine, and compares one center against another.

The combustion analyzer meter checks fuel ratio on the combustion efficiency. The vacuum gage reads engine vacuum. Auto-Tech Department is the Generator-Alternator Tester.

The Generator Alternator Tester is used to test conditions on automobiles. The meters of this important machine are the Generator Alternator, DC Amperes, and DC Volts. The

Generator Alternator is an indicator that tells how fast it is turning. The DC Amperes meter is output. The DC Volts reads the ampage and voltage.

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Voter Turnout Reflects Students' Consciousness

by Mike Simpson

An opinion poll was recently taken among the student leaders of WTC. This survey dealt with the question, "Now that 18 year olds have the vote, what will a candidate have to promise in order to receive the student vote?"; After looking at the voting results of past elections on this campus one might find the problem to be "Will students vote at all?"

Low Voter Percentages

Only 188 of the 649 students voted in the first general election. This means that the officers of our student government represent only about 28 per cent of the WTC student body. The percentage of voters in the senatorial race was even less spectacular. The leading senator received only 97 votes, or approximately 17 per cent of the freshman class. Because of these low voter turn-outs the hope for true majority rule is almost nil.

Bond Election

If students fail to vote in elections that concern matters close at hand, then the student vote can scarcely be considered a potent force by national politicians. If however, the students would participate on a wide scale, the student vote could be the determining factor in most elections. For instance, there is a bond election scheduled for November 23 that directly affects everyone connected with Western Texas College. The bond issue is for \$2,500,000 to finance the construction of a student center and a health and physical education facility. If the student body were to vote in full force, the student vote would have a very distinct voice in the final outcome. An 80-100 per cent vote in favor of this proposal would certainly be impressive, and would definitely be a much better reflection on the student body than previous voting percentages.

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in astronomy but may be used by the public school children throughout the year. Weekend programs will be planned for interested adults:

The Center for the Preservation and Study of Our Area's Heritage

The board of trustees considered the request of the Ranch Headquarters, Scurry County Historical Committee, and the Scurry County Museum Association that a museum be added as part of the college's building program. The board voted favorably for the addition of the museum as long as it could be included as part of a total educational facility. Upon recommendations from the three associations, the college board appointed an advisory committee composed of Mrs. T. D. Cramer, Mrs. Wayne Boren, Mr. Ernest Sears, Mrs. Edith McKanna, Mr. Jay Huckabee, and Mr. G. A. Parks. The committee recommended that space in the building should include two permanent galleries, one multi-purpose gallery which could serve as both a classroom and as display space for art exhibits. Space will be provided in the work and storage area for the preparation of displays, repository of collections, and as a classroom for students in history and anthropology to use as a laboratory for study and research. The center will be located adjacent to the parking lot and the concourse on the south side of the campus.

Included in the bond issue is money for the completion of site work, parking lots, sidewalks, and tennis courts.

What Will The Proposed Project Cost The Average Tax Payer?

In November, 1969, the voters of Scurry County authorized a bond issue of 3.25 million dollars.

In June, 1970, the voters increased the limit on bonds to the state maximum of 50 cents. At present the tax rate for the retirement of the present bond issue is 19.6 cents. The college has received an interest subsidy grant from HEW which will amount to \$407,290 for the life of the bonds which is 15 years, or \$36,235 per year. This will lower our present tax rate approximately two cents. If the voters approve the authorization of an additional 2½ million dollars, the increase in our tax rate would be approximately 12 cents, based on the present valuation. Some examples of what it would cost a tax payer are listed below:

- A home valued at \$10,000 would increase taxes \$1.28 per year.
- A home valued at \$20,000 would increase taxes \$2.57 per year.
- 640 acres of land valued at \$960 would increase taxes \$1.10 per year.

With approval of the bond issue, the college will again apply to HEW for an interest subsidy grant, and, if approved, the tax increase could be less. To date the college has received \$1,936,750 in grants for buildings, equipment, and interest subsidies, denoting the interest of the federal and state government in community college programs.

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University Of Connecticut Studies New Doctoral Degree

Storrs, Conn. -(I.P.) — The University of Connecticut has embarked on an exploratory study of a new kind of doctoral degree, tailored for teachers, which is fast winning adherents on campuses across the nation.

A special committee has been established to investigate the possibility of introducing the "doctor of arts" degree here.

Granted by Seven Institutions

According to Dr. Milton R. Stern, an English professor and chairman of the Doctor of Arts Committee in the Graduate School, "The D.A. degree is now granted by seven U.S. institutions, with 35 more scheduled to introduce it and another 25 planning to establish D.A. programs in the fall of 1972."

Dr. Stern quoted figures supplied by the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States which show some 85 per cent of all people who today acquire the Ph.D. plan teaching careers. About 80 per cent of the new doctorates will be needed in teaching, not scholarly research. He also sees the doctor of arts degree replacing the Ph.D. as the terminal degree for persons who plan to teach.

Emphasis on Teaching

"The principal difference (D.A. versus Ph.D.) would be that the emphasis would be on work related to developing teaching ability rather than research skills. The Doctor of Arts degree may well be the most important graduate education development of the past quarter century," concludes Dr. Stern.

Christian Center Open For Students

The completion of the new Christian Student Center was announced this week by Dean Morgan, director of the center.

Funds for the construction of the facility were furnished by the Eastside Church of Christ of Snyder.

The center has a split-level design with a classroom, library, and office on the upper level. Downstairs the center is

equipped with snack machines, a kitchen, and a furnished lounge and study area.

Recreation includes ping pong, cards, dominoes, games and a stereo system with headphones. After game fellowships are planned for all home basketball games when the season begins.

The Christian Center is located on the southwest corner of the campus.

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Sports Western Style



by Mike Simpson

The rising cost of athletics in junior colleges, particularly football, has caused athletic budgets to soar. Recently the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) has made a move to remedy the situation.

A proposal to set a national limit on the number of athletic scholarships awarded by schools is currently under consideration. The present limits under study are for 33 scholarships in football, 12 in basketball, six in track, four in golf, and four in tennis. Another aspect of the plan is that all scholarships have to be of equal status.

Flaws in Proposal

The concept of national limitations is basically good, but the present proposal has some flaws which make it unrealistic. First of all the plan allows for three teams in football to be covered by scholarships, while other sports are allotted a lower percentage of grants. Problems also arise in sports which, unlike football, remain in competition for both semesters. If an athlete enters school in the fall on a basketball scholarship, but for some reason cannot return for the spring semester, it is not possible for the college to award his scholarship to another athlete. Because all awards must be of equal status, coaches will begin to award full scholarships to only the "blue chip" athletes. This would eliminate many athletes who might show potential for development, but are not quite the caliber of player as the blue chipper.

Reasonable Compromise

Region V, the region in which WTC competes, has gone on record against the current proposal. The majority of the schools favor unlimited scholarships, but have agreed that if limits are imposed, then at least the limits should be more feasible. Sid Simpson, WTC athletic director, has submitted a proposal to the members of Region V, and it has been approved as a reasonable compromise. Schools should determine the cost of one scholarship and then be limited to a total scholarship expense, rather than limiting the number of scholarships. This would eliminate the major problems created by the equal status proposal.

Athletics Are Important

Unless some type of limits are imposed, the cost of maintaining an athletic program will eventually tax the economic status of our colleges, and as a result, our entire educational system will suffer. Since however, athletics play such a vital role in the total educational picture, I hope the NJCAA does not restrict scholarships in such a way as to penalize schools who are running realistic programs.

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Westerners Open Season With Hopes Of Victory

The WTC cage team hopes to make history by winning the first basketball game in the history of the young school when New Mexico Military Institute invades Scurry County Coliseum 7:30 P.M. Saturday night, November 20.

The Westerners will face a big and strong Bronco team which is expected to play a 6'8" and three 6'6" men. Coach Sid Simpson's crew hopes to counteract this height by playing pressure defense, and disciplined team ball. "If all fifteen players pull together as a team and give their best effort, I believe we can overcome New Mexico's height advantage and win the game," said Simpson.

Many of the pre-season injuries have healed and the Westerners are expected to be at full force for the season opener. Simpson expressed pleasure with the team's attitude and progress since the early season scrimmages. "I think the ball club has been improving since the scrimmage with Cisco. I am particularly pleased with the team play and general attitude of the squad."

Walter Hanibal has been named floor captain for Saturday night's game. Simpson stated that a captain will be appointed for each game, and an honorary captain will be elected at the end of the season.

Enthusiasm is mounting in

anticipation for the game, and spirits on the team are high. The game represents the first game in WTC cage history and will serve as a precedent for future competition at the college. "If we can continue to hustle, I think we will win our share of the games. We particularly want to win the first game that Western Texas ever plays. We'll have this opportunity only once, so I'm expecting a great effort Saturday night," said Simpson.

Game time is 7:30 P.M. and all students holding a WTC student activity card will be admitted free. Admission for the general public is \$1.50 and persons with these tickets may sit anywhere except in sections C and D.

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Who Will Attend WTC?

Based on what is happening throughout the nation, practically everyone will be in school at least part time during most of his adult life. Western Texas College students' average age today is 28.7 years. At WTC, the youngest student is 16 the oldest 77. Twenty-five percent of the student body is more than 40 years of age. Practically all community colleges are experiencing this type of enrollment.

Who will use the college? You will. You may want to start an academic education you never had a chance to complete; you may upgrade yourself in your present job; or you may want to take an art class, or learn to weld, just for your own enjoyment or need. You may wish to work in the museum to help collect and record history of the area in order that it may be preserved for posterity.

Whatever your reason, this college is built for the citizens of Scurry County and the surrounding area, in order that the lives of people can be made just a bit better. It is hoped you take these things into consideration when you vote November 23, in order that your campus might be completed.

The BSU will hold a big Spaghetti Supper and Road Rally at 6:00 P.M. Friday, at the Towle Park Barn.



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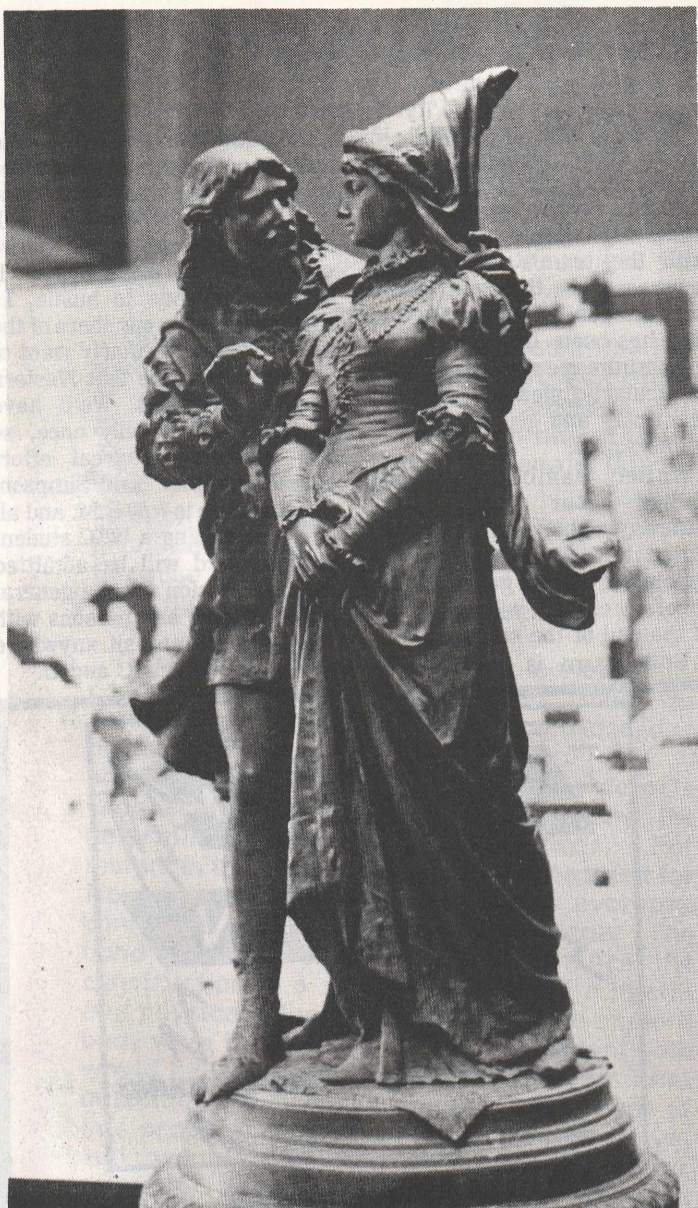
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ENTERTAINMENT



College Will Accept Statue At Open House Ceremony

As part of the open house activities scheduled for Nov. 21, on the Western Texas College campus, The WTC board of trustees will formally accept a statue of Romeo and Juliet which has been donated to the college by Mr. and Mrs. C.T. McLaughlin.

The four foot high bronze statue is currently on display in the main foyer of the Administration Building. It rests on a pedestal with fluted columns and a turnstyle that rotates 360 degrees.

C. Warren Cullar, assistant professor of art at WTC, indicated that the statue was

made within the last 100 years, probably between 1850 and 1900. He said that it is Neo-Classical in style and very delicately done.

The technique used in casting the piece was of the highest order, and the foundry work was excellent. The statue will be permanently placed in the Fine

Arts Building after the formal acceptance ceremonies during the Sunday, Nov. 21, open house.

Cullar stated that the statue represents the unification of the arts. With Romeo and Juliet as the subject matter, one may see the bringing together of drama, music and artistic expression.

Voting Restrictions Are Defined For Students

In response to the many questions asked about whether the faculty and students of Western Texas College may vote in the approaching bond election, Dr. Robert Clinton, president of the college, has received a report from authorities in Austin.

Dr. Clinton states that the report specifies two guidelines to help a person determine his

eligibility to vote on November 23. The first requirement is that a person must have been a resident of Scurry County for six months preceding the election.

The second requirement states that if a person registered in another county for the year 1971, prior to moving to Scurry County, and has lived in Scurry County for six months, he may vote on Nov. 23, if he transfers his registration to this county anytime within five days of the election.

An item of information particularly of importance to individuals between 18 and 21 years of age is the fact that those between 18 and 21 who meet the six month residency requirement and who have registered 30 days prior to Nov. 23 will be eligible to vote in the bond election.

Change In Student Tutoring Services

The Student Tutoring Service is being continued, but the rooms and the time to be held have been changed, according to Jerry Baird, Counselor and Director of Guidance. On Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 7A-118, the Service will continue. Also, help can be obtained from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 7A-113. All students needing help should come by and see us.

TSEA Sponsors After Game Dance

The newly organized chapter of the Texas Student Education Association will sponsor an after-game dance and fellowship Saturday night, November 20 in Scurry County Coliseum, announced Carl Evans, president of the organization.

The dance will begin immediately after the WTC-NMMI clash and will continue until midnight. Admission will be 75 cents for non-students and 25 cents for WTC students holding an activity card. Refreshments will be served at no added expense. Members of TSEA are asked to contact either Carl Evans or Sara Fincher for details concerning refreshments and work shifts.

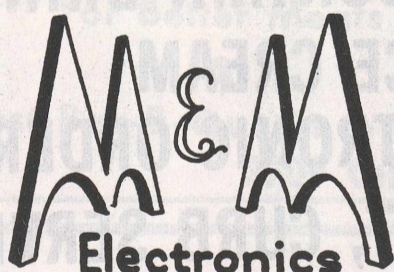
WTC Schedules First Pep Rally

The WTC cheerleaders are going to present the first pep rally 1:30 P.M., Friday, November 19 on the campus according to Sharon Moore, head cheerleader.

The pep rally will begin with yells. Coach Simpson will introduce the basketball players. The spirit club, the Vaqueros, will give a skit. Then Dr. Marvin Genuchi, WTC music director, will introduce the WTC fight song.

The pep rally will be a preliminary activity to the first home game Saturday night against New Mexico Military Institute, and will serve to kick-off a spirited season. Everyone is expected to attend the festivities between the new administration building and the fine arts building.

MR. AND MRS. C.T. MCLAUGHLIN have donated this Neo-Classical statue to the college. The statue is on display in the hallway of the new Administration Building. The Scurry County Junior College District Board of trustees will accept the statue during open house ceremonies on campus, Sunday, November 21st.



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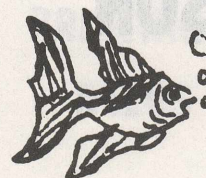
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