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Vocational Education Recognized

by Pam Block

What is Vocational Education Week?

"It is merely training, re-training, and upgrading job training for any student regardless of age. This way he can be qualified to enter a profession on a certain level," explained Rex Hopkins, director of Occupational Education and Technology.

Mayor Bill Seale has joined Governor Dolph Briscoe in proclaiming this Vocational Education Week in Snyder and throughout the state.

This special week, Snyder and area residents are invited to visit their local schools to become better familiar with vocational programs being offered.

Visitors on campus may tour all Occupational-Technical classrooms, labs, and shops, request information about specific programs, and visit Gene Robertson, dean of Occupational Education and Technology, in the Applied Science building.

"WTC has 18 different occupation and technology programs for the 1974-75 school year. Our school has been designated as a Vocational Education center," Hopkins said.

"The state puts 40 per cent of its money into such things as shops and labs. High school students in Snyder, Post, Colorado City, Hermleigh, Fluvanna, and Borden County High Schools are currently enrolled in classes such as auto mechanics, diesel mechanics, welding, and Vocational Office Education, which are hoped to be expanded," Hopkins concluded.

"Vocational Education Is For Everybody" is this year's Vocational Education Week theme. The week is observed nationwide.

Art Show Set

Snyder Palette Club and WTC are sponsoring the Texas Fine Arts Association's traveling exhibition of paintings from Feb. 13 through March 6 in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building.

No admission will be charged, and the public is invited to see the 17 paintings to be displayed.

A grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities supports the exhibition.



TO ZOOM OR NOT? - Cameraman Danny Chastain and Mike McBride, assistant professor, study a shot for an upcoming TV program. (Photo by Barry Rinker.)

'Oh Dad' Set Mar. 1-2

Those of you who bemoan the lack of weekend activities at WTC, take heart. Entertainment is coming your way!

Charles Holland, assistant professor of drama, has announced March 1 and 2 as the dates for the drama department's first spring production and a departure from any previous style of play.

"Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You In the Closet and I'm Feelin' So Sad" may suggest something a bit unusual—and it is. "Oh Dad, Poor Dad" will be done as dinner theatre, which means that for \$5, a student can enjoy both a meal by candlelight and a show. Preshow music by Dr. Robert Blocker, chairman of the Fine Arts division, will add to the atmosphere.

The Student Center will serve as both dining area and theatre. Dinner, featuring a choice of roast beef or ham, will be served at 7:30 p.m.

"Oh Dad, Poor Dad" is WTC's first attempt at dinner theatre.

It is an opportunity that WTC students can appreciate, for the price of tickets is no more than a ticket to a good rock concert or a giant pizza plus the gas involved in getting to the nearest Pizza Hut.

The \$5 student ticket includes

an appetizing meal and then the offbeat comedy.

Tickets are now on sale at Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, WTC's Business Office, and Mrs. Mickey Baird's office. Tickets must be purchased before production date.

For more information call extension 233 or go by the Drama Department.

"Oh Dad, Poor Dad" will be a unique experience, so make plans to attend WTC's first dinner theatre production.

Bruce Leslie Spring Intern

Bruce H. Leslie, a graduate student at the University of Texas in Austin, is currently working as an administrative intern for the spring semester.

Leslie expects to receive the Ph.D. from the University in the summer of 1975, and plans a career in community college administration.

Previously, he joined the staff of Sam Houston as a history instructor from 1972-73, and was also a social science researcher from U.T. assigned to the Post Secondary Division of the Texas Education Agency.

Westerners to Host South Plains Tonight

by Benny Ellington

Tonight the Western Texas Westerners will play host to the South Plains College Texans at the Scurry County Coliseum in a 7:30 p.m. encounter.

The last meeting between the two schools earlier in the season turned out to be a barn-burner. The two squads fought for 40 minutes, and the score stood 68-68. In overtime, the Westerners picked up a 78-74 victory.

South Plains stands only 9-19 on the year and 4-9 in conference. But their record is not reminiscent of the type of ball club they possess.

"They are the most improved team in the league," remarked WTC coach Mike Mitchell.

Recently at home, SPS downed Odessa by 20 points, beat New Mexico Junior College, and lost to Howard

College—the conference leader—by only seven points.

Texan Coach Buddy Travis will probably start 6-10 John Joseph of Albuquerque, N.M. at post, 6-4 Terry Hodges and 6-6 Dick Rogers of Abernathy at the forward positions, and 6-1 Robert Herrera and 6-3 Marcus Johnson of Levelland at the guard spots.

Herrera paced the Texans in their first meeting with WTC with 23 points.

In order to keep their hopes alive of getting into the regional tournament, Western Texas College must win tonight.

Howard College, Amarillo, and Clarendon have picked up the first three spots, and the fourth remains up for grabs between WTC, Odessa, and New Mexico.

Fund Drive Progresses

Southern Baptist Churches of the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association raised \$65,000 in Phase I of their fund drive to finance construction of a Baptist Student Union Building on WTC's campus.

Phase II began Feb. 1, and is scheduled to be completed May 31, with \$125,000 as the over-all goal.

Spokesmen for the association

say they hope construction will begin this summer. Plans for the building include a class room, recreation and lounge areas, offices for the director and secretary, and a prayer room.

Members of churches in the association will have the opportunity in Phase II to contribute to the fund drive.



ALL, YES! - Cast members of "Oh Dad, Poor Dad" rehearse for the upcoming dinner theater offering, March 1-2. (Photo by Danny Chastain.)

'Players,' 'Texas'

by Carolyn Woolsey

"Same song, second verse, could be better but it's gonna be worse."

For the second year in a row, His Players were greeted with great gobs of apathy by WTC's students.

WHY?

As a Christian theater group, His Players attempt to spread the gospel through the media of the stage. Somewhat in the manner of the Ace Trucking Company or the Association, they present skits, poems, readings, songs, and puppetry, mixing gentle moral prodding with between-the-eyes impact exposing human frailties.

Lots of it was funny. The story of Abraham and Lazarus, from Luke 16, was told through puppets. Poor Lazarus was really a mess, and Abraham was a very mod black man, complete with glasses.

Biggest Laugh

The biggest laugh came at the end of a bunch of brags—several members of the church told why he or she was the most important—the youth director stammered and stuttered, then ran off screaming! Shell shock?

People who attended the program seemed to enjoy it, but there weren't many. Audience participation on the song, "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord" was enthusiastic, in spite of the small number. The program moved smoothly from subject to subject, without awkward pauses.

A real plea for love came through "Dear Folks," a letter from a girl who ran away from home. She seemed to be saying, "Please LISTEN to me, please LOVE me, please don't try to BUY my love."

His Players were good, enjoyable, and thought-provoking.

So where was everybody?

'T For Texas'

Just two days later, John Paul Batiste of Dallas and Richard Rodriguez of San Antonio staged an informal preview of the program, "T for Texas," in the cafeteria. There were more people there, some even watching from the stairs or the ground level.

These two entertainers were very well received. They presented music from the program, which was held that evening in the Fine Arts Theater, which included historian and lecturer, Bill Jamison.

Richard Rodriguez is a fine guitarist, whether playing country, rock, blues, or what he called "progressive country rock."

When Jimmy Rodgers wrote and recorded "T for Texas" in 1931, he couldn't have imagined the sensuously swinging arrangement Rodriguez and Batiste would use as title song for a Texas Heritage program in 1974. It was Great!

History Lesson?

Songs from many cultures and areas of Texas were used to tell what makes Texans what they are.

But the program didn't seem like a history lesson—the easygoing manner and musical ability of Rodriguez and Batiste was fun to hear and watch. They had no trouble switching from blues to rock and back to country—it was all silky smooth. (The blues were best, especially Freddie King's "Troublin' Mind.")

Rodriguez and Batiste were received enthusiastically, by a good crowd.

So what happened when His Players came to town?

RAMBLIN' ON --- AND ON, AND ON!

Buddy Holly, Big Bopper, Otis Redding, Jimi Hendrix, Brian Jones, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Duane Allman, Jim Croce—what do these names have in common?

They're rock musicians who died at the peak of their careers. Many didn't reach stardom until after they were gone.

Jimi and Janis died within a week of each other. The impact of the music of these two will probably never be fully realized until we are all dead also.

Jimi Hendrix, with his electric hair and upside-down guitar, will probably be remembered forever as the king of Psychedelic Rock.

Janis Joplin, with her whisky-rough voice and her ballsy attitude, will also be remembered as the queen of the Frisco sound, even though she was a Texas girl.

The tragic plane crash that killed Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, and Otis Redding is one of the darkest moments in rock music. These three were taken from us at the peak of their careers.

Everyone from West Texas will always hold special places

in their hearts for Buddy Holly, a Lubbock product.

Brian Jones was one of the original Rolling Stones. An early innovator in progressive rock, he is one responsible for bringing us from "yeah, yeah, yeah" to "Ruby Tuesday" or "Let's Spend the Night Together."

Jim Morrison's last hit was "Riders on the Storm" and that song perfectly portrays his life. He was totally involved in his music.

When I learned of his death, my mind turned to a line from one of his songs: "When the music is over, turn out the lights."

One of the greatest guitarists of all times would have to be Duane Allman. Whoever has heard "Eat a Peach" knows what I mean.

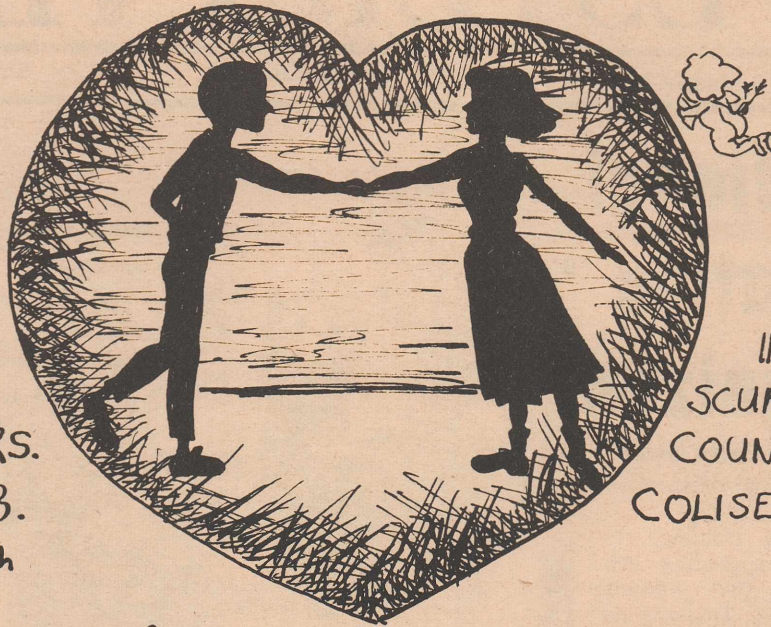
His smooth, easy style and his haunting blues guitar riffs cause cold chills to run up the spine. His life was snuffed out when his motorcycle collided with a truck.

We all miss Duane Allman.

Finally, Jim Croce, whose rise to fame was nothing short of phenomenal.

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'LARIAT LINGO'

Spring semester enrollment at WTC reached a new high of 1,074, according to Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services.

College credit students number 883, or a gain of 20 per cent over enrollment in the spring of 1973.

There are also 16 vocational nursing students, 49 high school vocational students, 86 community service enrollees, and 40 adults working toward the equivalent of high school diplomas.

Sul Ross's rodeo is being held at Fort Stockton, and WTC's team will be participating Feb. 21-23.

Rex Hopkins is in charge of WTC's new placement service.

Objectives of the service are to provide career counseling for all interested students, maintain a career-knowledge library, assist students and alumni in gaining information about jobs, help future employers by arranging interviews with prospective employees, and keep follow-up records.

Half time at the basketball game with Howard College at the Coliseum promises to be very busy. The basketball sweetheart will be announced, Mr. and Miss Spirit awards will be presented, and Mr. and Miss Trailhand, annual favorites, will be announced.

Three ceremonies at once—WOW!

Committees have been formed to help plan student activities.

The film committee, chaired by Bill Jersey, announces a double feature scheduled for Feb. 19—"Sex and the Single Girl" and "Which Way to the Front?"

Suzanne Birdsall is in charge of the coffeehouse, for which no opening date has been set.

Debi Jersey is chairman of the informal classes.

Other committees have not yet become active, according to Mickey Baird, director of student activities.

Remember, WTC students who have activity cards get in free to the North Texas State University Lab Band concert to be held in the high school auditorium Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.



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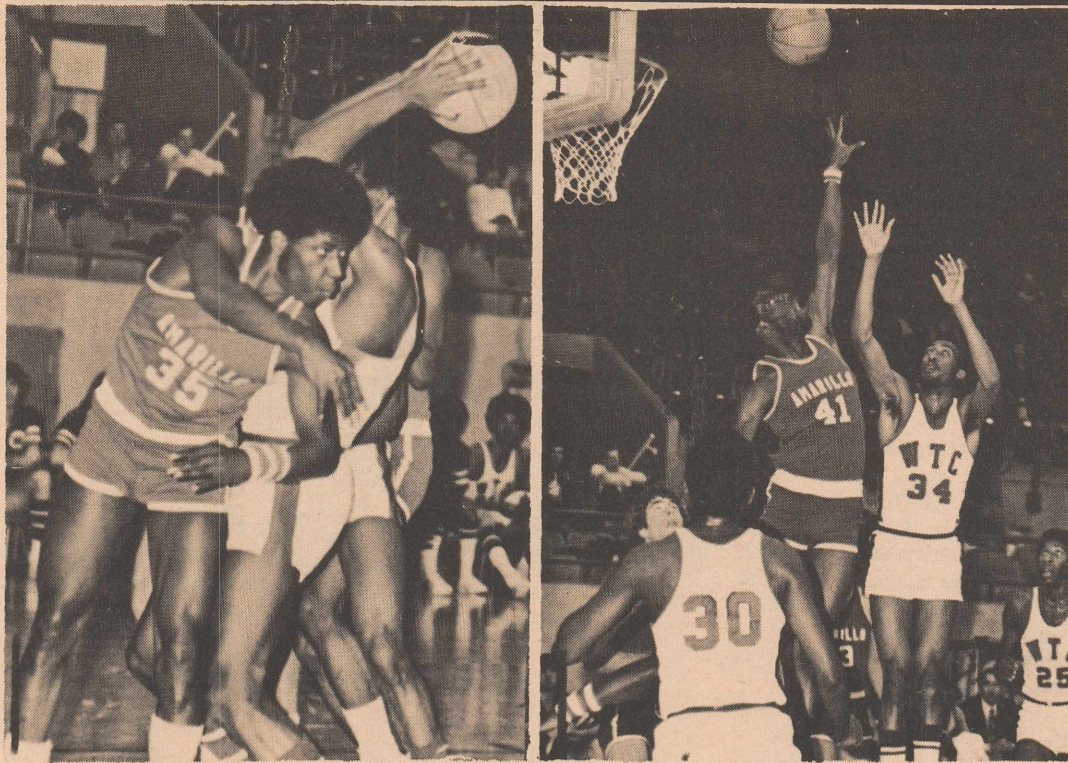
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David Dean



UP, UP AND AWAY - Norman Barnes flips to Harold Ward (left), who lifts the sphere over an outstretched Amarillo player (right). (Photo by Pete Canales.)

TV Show To Be Aired

A group of mass communications students has prepared a television program entitled "WTC Today" to be aired over the local SCAT station in the near future.

Students involved in the program are Dennis Huffaker, interviewer; Carolyn Woolsey, Student Center commentator; David Dean, news commentator; Bill Baldwin, production director; Danny Chastain, technical director; Barry Rinker and Pete Canales, cameramen; Pam Block, Katie Bullock, Benny Ellington, and David Dean, technical assistants in charge of programming; and Mike McBride, assistant professor, program advisor.

Special guests for the interviews are Mrs. Janet Halbert

and Mr. Richard Lancaster; Mrs. Mickey Baird, Mr. Jerry Baird, and Dr. Mary Hood, connected with the Student Center.

Listen to KSNY radio and read the SNYDER DAILY NEWS for more information on the upcoming event.

Intramural Basketball Standings

Shanks	4-0
Booster Club	3-0
Tigers	3-0
Fake 'N' Break	2-2
Irish	1-1
Beta Mu Sigma	1-2
Kappa Chi	1-2
Eta Mu Theta	1-3
Bulls	1-3
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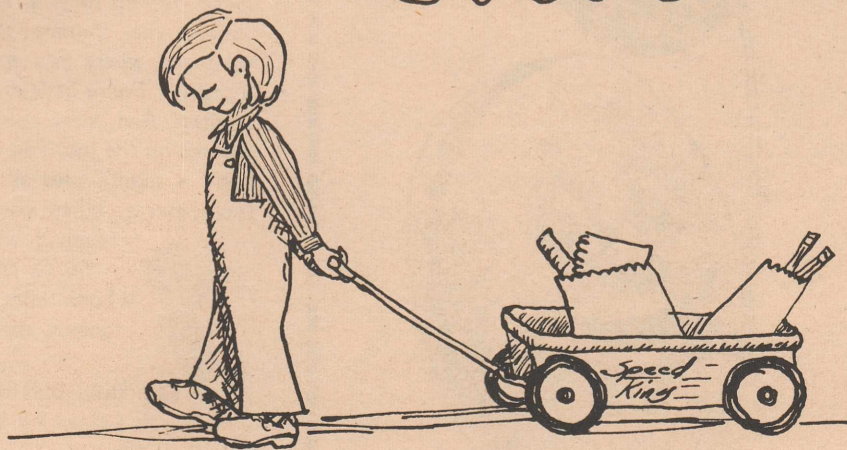
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1974 SPRING GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Feb. 28	23rd Border Olympics	Laredo
Mar. 1	Tournament—72 holes	
Mar. 2	(36 holes-Thur., 18 Fri., 18 Sat.)	
Mar. 8	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	Big Spring
Mar. 8	Howard College and Western Texas College will co-sponsor the H.C. and WTC Tournament in conjunction with the Conference Tournaments at Big Spring and Snyder. Scores count both days.	
Mar. 9		
Mar. 14	New Mexico State University	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Mar. 15	Tournament—54 holes	
Mar. 16	(18 holes each day)	
Mar. 16 through Mar. 24	Spring Vacation	
Mar. 29	Schreiner Junior College	Kerrville
Mar. 30	(2 Dual Matches—18 holes ea. day)	
Apr. 1	Angelo State University	San Angelo
Apr. 9	Abilene Christian College (Dual—18 holes)	Abilene
Apr. 17	Angelo State University (Dual—18 holes)	Snyder
Apr. 25-26	Conference Tournaments (18 holes)	Borger
Apr. 25	The Great Plains Tournament will be in conjunction with the Conference Tournaments in Borger. Scores count both days.	
Apr. 26		
May 3	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	Roswell, New Mexico
May 3	Regional Tournament	Roswell, New Mexico
May 4	(54) holes	

The Conference Tournament in Roswell will be in conjunction with the first 18 holes of the Regional Tournament.

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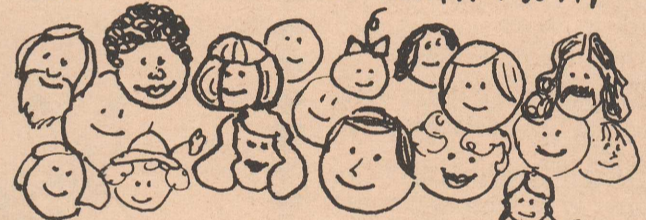


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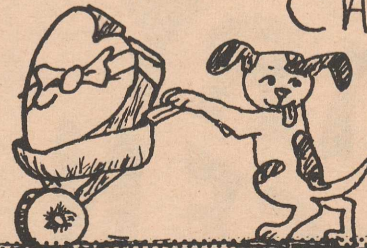
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Westerners Take Tilt Trio

Led by 6-6 sophomore forward Harold Ward of Passaic, N.J., the Western Texas Westerners downed Amarillo College 88-78, Monday, Feb. 4, in a conference clash at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Ward burned the nets for 38 points, which tied the club record for Most-Points-in-a-Single-Game set last season by Fred Allen against Odessa College.

The Westerns took the lead two and a half minutes deep in the contest and never relinquished it. Late in the affray, the Badgers pulled within four points, but WTC once again grabbed a comfortable margin.

"We got them off balance early," stated Western Texas basketball coach, Mike Mitchell.

Harold Rhodes of Florence, Ala., who is leading the loop in scoring and is, as Coach Mitchell stated, "the top All-American candidate from the conference," paced AC with 29 points, 15 coming at the charity line.

The Westerners had a great night on the boards, snatching off 55 caroms.

Frank Phillips Clipped

With outstanding rebounding, WTC's talented cagers clipped Frank Phillips College 76-69, Thursday, Feb. 7, in a league tussle at Borger.

The Westerners out-rebounded Phillips 53-19, with Ward and Eugene Harris doing most of the damage, each snaring 17.

The WTC cagers led the entire contest by as much as 10 points at one time. With three and a half minutes to go, the Borger

school put on a rally, similar to what AC had done.

But Danny McDaniel, 6-2 sophomore guard of Little Rock, Ark., put Western Texas out to an eight-point margin with a couple of quick buckets.

McDaniel roped 31 points to take the game's scoring honors.

Terry Scott paced Frank Phillips with 20 points.

"It was a good effort by the team," said Coach Mitchell.

Ward added 15 points, and Harris and Norman Barnes each netted 12.

"They'll probably upset some top teams on their court," added Mitchell.

Non-Conference Tilt

The Westerners captured a 79-65 victory from Angelo State's JV last Saturday night in a non-conference affray at San Angelo.

The young Rams were fired up and pulled out to a seven-point margin before WTC could

establish its game. The Western Texas squad got going late in the period and held an 11-point lead, 44-33, at the half.

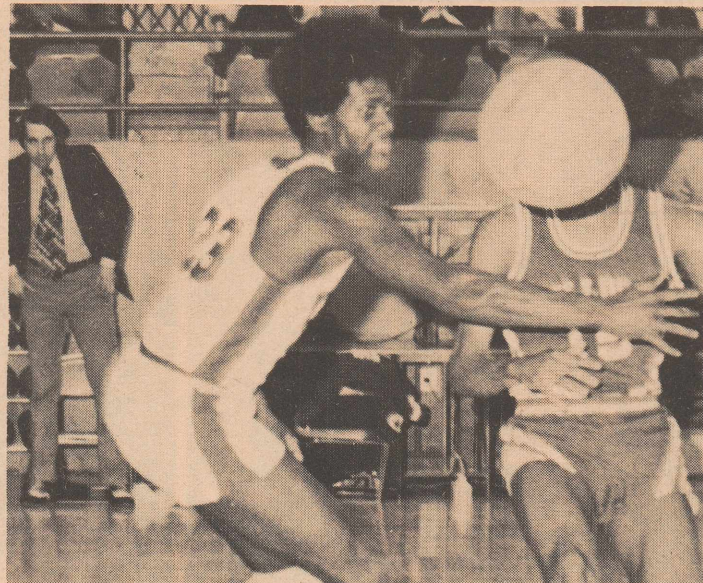
In the second stanza, the Westerners were again forced to hold off a rally, and were successful as in the previous two contests.

"It's hard for us to get up for a non-conference tilt like this," remarked Coach Mitchell, "but I was proud of the way we came back when we were down."

McDaniel, who has been outstanding all season, scored 29 points in the encounter and was high-point man of the game. Ward and Harris were also in double figures with 16 and 14 points respectively.

Jim Leach was leading scorer for the Rams with 25 points.

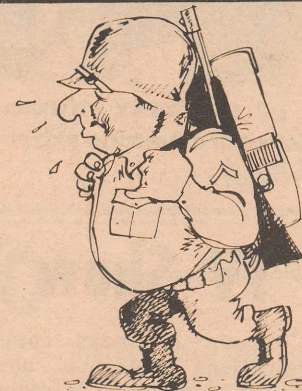
Western Texas now stands 17-8 on the year and 6-6 in league play.



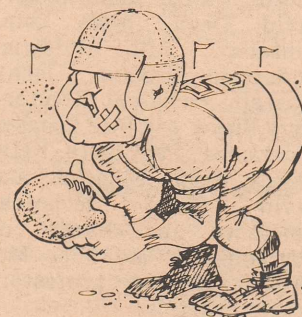
WOOOPS! - Danny McDaniel (23) pops the ball up against a Clarendon defender, bringing Coach Mitchell off the bench.

(Photo by Pete Canales.)

That missing brick in front of the Student Center was replaced Tuesday, February 12, 1974 at 1:35 p.m.



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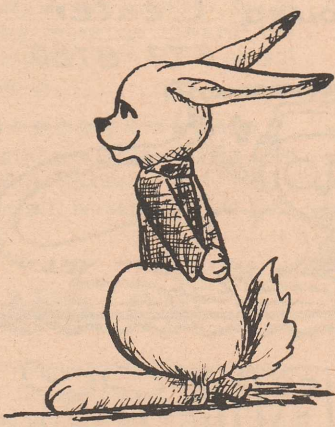
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