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Most Spirited, Top Trailhands Named; Sharon Johns Basketball Sweetheart

Special awards were the highlights at the WTC-Howard College basketball half-time show which was held Feb. 21 in the Scurry County coliseum.

The Westerner basketball team of WTC honored Miss Sharon Johns of Snyder by naming her 1973-74 basketball sweetheart. At Snyder High School, Miss Johns was a nominee for Miss SHS, a member of the choir, and played volleyball.

As a highlight of the last home game of the season, awards were presented to those students who have helped to promote the cultivate spirit on campus.

Engraved plaques were presented to those students who projected the best attitude of school spirit and the pride throughout basketball season. The winners are chosen by the cheerleaders.

This year Danny Rose and Lisa Weaver were crowned Mr. and Miss SPIRIT.

Lisa is a sophomore pre-vet major. She was a cheerleader in high school, president of the and student council secretary. She was chosen football sweetheart and Valentine Sweetheart. She played volleyball and basketball, participated in the Regional One-Act Play Cast, and a nominee for Miss Heart of

At WTC, she was a student senator, a member of Los Vaquieros, a member of the WTC rodeo club, and a nomine for MissWTC of 1973. Currently, she is vice-president of the student body, Student Union Board, inter-club council, and intramural girls basketball

Mr. Rose is a graduate of Central High School in San Angelo. At Washington High School in Washington, Indiana, he was active in all sports, a member of student council for two years and a Certificate of Merit of Distributive Education.

During his two years at WTC, he has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa for two years and Eta Mu Theta. He also participated in intramural sports.

For the first time in WTC's history, Mr. and Miss Trailhand were announced. They were sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. Yearbook sweethearts are Sonja Davis and Kevin Ross, both from Abilene.

Miss Davis was spirit chairman of Franklin Junior High, National Junior Honor Society member, and secretary of the Red Cross at her high school. At WTC, she was elected cheerleader last year, a member of the Baptist Student Union, and a member of the WTC spirit club.

Mr. Ross is a staff member on the WTC yearbook, The Trailblazer.

Congratulations to these

Staff Meets **Book Deadline**

The final yearbook deadline was moved up, according to Mike McBride, advisor. Editor Katie Bullock and other

staffers are completing the remainder of pages to be sent to the publisher today or tommorrow.

The publication will total 144 pages and is expected to be released to the student body sometime in May, prior to final

"Only problem is that our final deadline being moved up has caused problems in planning and finalizing important pages, but our representative said that the energy crisis has caused problems that cannot be ironed out at this late date," McBride



HMM!-Yearbook editor, Katie Bullock, worries about the deadline.



CAGE FAVORITE—Sharon Johns, Snyder freshman, is the 1973-74 basketball sweetheart. She was voted by secret ballot. Danny McDaniel and Harold Ward presented the roses to her.



SPIRITED DUO-Lisa Weaver and Danny Rose were named most spirited during halftime festivities last Thursday.

AFOQT TEST

Students interested in taking the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT), slated March 11 and 12 in the Student Center, should contact Dr. Mary Hood, director of testing, at 573-8511, ext. 275.

The test qualifies student to receive financial aid as well as determines their qualifications for the Air Force ROTC Commissioning Program. Also, according to Dr. Hood, students may compete for full tuition scholarships.

No test fee is charged, and students are not obligated to the

Dates

Gradute students enrolled in extension courses from Sul Ross State University will have two opportunities to take the Gradute Record Examination if they have not done so.

RA Hood

Each test scheduled through the office of Dr. Mary Hood, director of testing, requires a minimum of 15 applicants.

Deadline for filing special requests for the test scheduled April 27, 1974, is March 13. Deadline for the test scheduled June 15, 1974, is May 1.

Registration forms must be turned in to Dr. Hood's office, room 103 in the Student Center.



TOP TRAILHANDS—Sonja Davis and Kevin Ross, freshmen from Abilene, are honored at halftime of the WTC-Howard game in the coliseum. (Photo by Pete Canales)

Photo Sale Set March 5

lobby, during the activity period, 9:30-10 a.m.

These pictures range from "Oh Dad, Poor Dad" is a

sellout! According to Charles Holland,

director, tickets for Friday's and Saturday's performances were sold out Monday and a holdover performance of WTC's first dinner theater production will be scheduled.

The Journalism Department sports shots to activity and will begin selling photographs special events shots which were over from previous publications.

Prices will be what the student is willing to pay and will depend upon the quality of the print. So name your price and bargain with the salesman or saleswoman on duty!

The sale will continue through March during activity period every Tuesday and Thursday proceeds will be used to defray expenses in the journalism department.

EDITORIAL CORNER

Knock! Knock! Who's There?

M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E...

The student body should look around and notice who their student representatives are and what they are doing before a selected group sits out the year and accomplishes absolutely nothing for the good of the school.

Thus far this semester our duly-elected Student Government has shown its inadequate experience and knack for not achieving representation of the student body.

This body consists of nineteen Senators and five Officers elected by the student body. Yet, the student body has not been approached concerning important matters and our elite government has been left to run rampant on any issue of their

Policies pertaining to the entire campus are made without the knowledge or participation of the very people affected most by such "Blind" legislation.

Each Senator has the responsibility of representing fifty people on campus, and should consider the views of the majority of these voters. Personal views and ideas have no place in an organization made for the good and welfare of the people.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the student body to see that its wishes are carried out. If this is not being done, it is time for action to insure that the voice of the people is heard and that the people are duly represented.

It is time that the roll be called and a Committee of Standards be formed to separate the sheep from the goats. For a government without legislators is no government.

It is time that the legislators were familiarized with their duties and made to follow some rules of order. For an unorderly and uninformed government is no more than a joke.

It is time that the student body stepped forward and demanded action. For without a demand there will be no equal representation for anyone but Student Government members.

It is time that the student body be informed of what is happening that will affect us now and those who follow for years to come. For the people are kept in the dark and not even allowed to attend meetings because of a so-called space shortage for visitors in the meeting room

All year apathy has been blamed for the lack of activity on campus, but has this really been the case? Or has the Student Government sat by and allowed apathy to cover their own

The Student Government was elected to do a job, not as members in a popularity contest, and it is the responsibility of the student body to see that this job is carried out.

-- Barry Rinker



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

WTC faculty and students still have time to register to vote in this year's elections. Those registered as recently as 1971 are still eligible to vote.

The Democratic Primary election will be held May 4, and General Election Nov. 5. Voters must have been registered at least 30 days before election day.

Four WTC students, freshmen Tomibeth Hunt, Kevin Jones, and Jerry and Gary Brooks, have been deputized to receive voter registration applications.

Registered students from other counties who live in dorms or other residences here are eligible to vote in Scurry County elections. If they have registered in their home counties they must re-register here and note the county of original registration.

If registered voters have moved their place of residence since registering, they must report their new address to the Tax Collector as early as five days before election.

Registered voters who plan to be out of the county May 4 may vote absentee ballot at the County Clerk's office. Absentee boting begins April 15.

-Mrs. Bonnie Brooks

Dear Editor:

Last week during the Trailhand King and Queen contest, there was a pretty "sorry" incident which took place.

Everyone knew about the jars set up in the cafeteria. There was some cash missing from one of these jars.

It is getting pretty low-down when people begin taking money from a club campaign like this. What do you think?

Can we not be a little more trustworthy around here?

-Sonja Davis

Dear Miss Trailhand,

I couldn't believe this when I read your letter. People are very, very low-down whenever they lie or steal. There is no doubt in my mind that a percentage of WTC students are

I exaggerate, of course. We do

The quiet elsewhere in the

building caused me to investigate the happenings of the

There is a dead foosball

machine in the cafeteria; two

A chandelier has been shat-

The Book Store has been

There are many minor

But even my account is

marred. Those two students

wouldn't give me their names,

and I found no one that would

identify them (in fact, I found no

How can the WESTERN

students are underneath.

know some things.

last ten minutes.

moved upstairs.

modifications as well.

tered.

classified in this category. We just have to adjust that people achieve these dirty ideas. Whoever stole the cash, it will catch up with them in the future! They better believe it!!

-editor

To the Person Who Stole Riley's Dollar:

That was the lowest, the meanest, the stupidest, the dumbest, the dirtiest thing that has ever happened to Riley Waldrop. It broke his heart. If I find the personwho done it, I will tell that person he or she is a silly rascal and that was dishonest. If you needed a dollar that bad, I would have gave it to you. So please don't do anything I wouldn't do, and don't do that again. Give Riely a sporting chance.

-Sophomore Squirrel Edwards

Squirrel-

You are 101 per cent correct! Thanks for the letter.

Congratulations to Riley for being named first runner-up for Mr. Trailhand.

With so many people afoot because of the energy crisis, it should be announced when and where the street sweeper is being used.

Why? Because dogs are excited by the machine to utter fearlessness, which means that pedestrians can do one of four things:

1. Stay home, 2. Carry a gun, 3. Swing through the trees Tarzan style, or

4. Avoid neighborhoods with trees (or telephone poles).

RAMBLIN' ON

by David Dean Everbody always comes out with a list of the best songs of the year. Well, sir, this reporter has complied his list of the worst songs of 1973. These are guarenteed to make you lose your breakfast. But this is my list, everyone may not agree with it. You are more than welcome to compile your own list and send it to me. If I like it, I will publish it.

1. Till the twelth of never Donny Osmond

2. Half Breed Cher

3. Candy Man Sammy Davis Jr.

4. Redneck, White Sox and Blue Ribbon Beer Johnny Russel

5. Tie a Yellow Ribbon

6.Dead Skunk London Wainright 111

Longhaired Lover from Liverpool Jimmy Osmond

8. Ruby Red Dress Helen Reddy

9. My Dingaling Cuck Berry

10. Bang a Gong

Know Doesn't much less across campus.

by Bob Mike Burton

Don't Blame It On

The Editor has been in here

raising mischief. She is gone now, but I can still hear the clatter of breakables receding in the distance.

I believe she is rather disturbed.

She has good reason—I came up to the deadline empty-handed. It happens now and again for various reasons, but the most annoying is that we so rarely get news tips.

For example:

The Mascot recently took a magic marker and painted a moustache on the Activities Director. She was about as disturbed as the Editor is now and went out seeking blood.

After a wild chase, the Mascot was caught, stretched out on the Student Center lobby floor, and painted.

Where were the reporters? Where were the photographers? Anywhere but on the scene.

Sadly, our hangout is in the most obscure and out of the way spot on campus. We don't know what's going on down the hall (and around several corners)

TEXAN become a viable newspaper without cooperation? Not easily. So, if you know about

something that has, is, or will happen, tell us.

And if you can't find any of us, call on the Activities Directorshe's an expert at tracking people down.

Skullduggery No Real Concern

Sometimes a mystery is uncovered that no one can solve and maybe it wouldn't be worth the bother:

Monday, February 10, 1913: Workmen had cleared away Snyder's old Methodist church building and were digging the foundation for a new building when some large, flat stones were uncovered.

Underneath was the skeleton of a dwarf.

The old church had covered the bones for thirty years and no one living in the area could recall a burial on the site.

The man's name, the circumstances of his death, even the date of his death were and are unknown.

Workers and investigating authorities shook their heads and continued their normal routines.

'PLAYED AS PROS'

Green Machine Dumps Tall Hawks

by Benny Ellington

The Howard Hawks strutted into town last Thursday leading the conference with an impressive 12-2 mark and ranked 16th in the nation.

But the Westerners and a huge hometown crowd were waiting.

When the bedlam in the coliseum had subsided and the stands began to look sparse, the hawk eyes were glued to the floor. The high-flying conference leaders were stunned.

A talented Western Texas quint, which owned only an 8-6 loop ledger going into the contest, had plucked the birds naked.

The hawks staged a powerful late rally.

Being threatened, in the closing minutes to have victory swept from their grasps, the Westerners played as professionals.

Eugene Harris and Norman Barnes, two big stalwarts who have controlled the boards all year, went to the bench via the foul route midway in the second half.

This gave Howard the incentive it needed.

The BigSpring school began to run and gun. Down by 20 points the Hawks smelled fresh life.

Leroy Lumzy became a crackshot from the outside. When he did happen to miss, Howard's "Big Men," Thomas Bledsoe or Taylor Williams, were there for the follow-up.

Things were going so well for the birds that they thought an intentional foul wouldn't hurt them

This strategy proved fatal for the Big Spring school.

In the first half the Westerns had attempted 13 charity line tosses with 12 true aims. The second frame was no different.

The Hawks would take the ball down and snare their two points, then on the ball's return trip play would be stopped for a freethrow. The Hawks fouled intentionally.

Luis Blanco and Danny Mc-Daniel took turns at the line. There was never a miss-fire. The Westerner's final 9 points came here—9 of 9 at the free throw line.

With the score standing 95-94 and three seconds to play, the Birds drew another foul giving Western an insurance of victory. This foul was a technical called against the HC head coach.

McDaniel coolly made the toss, then held the inbounds pass as the last three seconds ticked away: 96-94.

Howard will remember Mc-Daniel. If he wasn't hitting a 25-foot jump shot, he was weaving in toward the basket for a rebound. McDaniel finished the night with 31 points.

His defensive heroics were also evident. McDaniel collected numerous steals and guarded his opponent like a "hawk." The bench was also instrumental in the victory. Players like Kevin Jones, Greg Hill, and Luis Blanco had to play as starters when the foul epidemic hit the Westerner team.

These second-stringers had seen very little action. They rose to the occasion and played like the best in the conference.

With probably the largest home crowd of the season and surely the most vocal, the Westerners produced a supreme effort.

They had the crowd and gave the effort.

Supporters help win ball games. Ask Howard College.

The regional tournament is a week away (March 7-9). If Western Texas can get everything together in Brownwood, then it can bring home the championship trophy.

With a regional crown, the Westerners would have a shot at the national title.



JUMP FOR JOY!—WTC's Brian Minor (44) shows how sweet victory is, especially after the 96-94 win over Howard's Hawks last Thursday. (Photo by Pete Canales)

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WTC To Region Mar. 7-9

It's official!

Western Texas College's talented basketball squad is going to the regional tournament March 7-9 in Brownwood.

Seeded No. 7, the Westerners will face the No. 2 team, Hill County Junior College, March 7 at 4 p.m. Earlier that same day at 2, the Number 3 and 6 clubs, Amarillo and Odessa, will square off.

In the evening at 7 p.m., the No. 1 seeded Howard Hawks will tangle with the No. 8 school, Weatherford Junior College. Follwing that affray will be a meeting between McLennan College of Waco and Clarendon

at 9, the Number 4 and 5 quints. The following day at 7 p.m., winners of the Hill County-WTC tussle and Amarillo-Odessa encounter will clash. Victors of the Howard-Weatherford game and McLennan-Clarendon contest will square off at 9.

The championship will be played at 9 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 9, with the winner advancing to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Selection of the schools was made Sunday, Feb. 24. The committee consisted of three coaches from the Western Junior Athletic Conference, two of the Eastern, and one Independent.

Howard has the best overall record, standing 32-5. Other teams' records are Hill 21-10, AC 19-5, McLennan 22-9, Clarendon 20-10, OC 17-7, WTC 21-8, and Weatherford 16-11.

McMurry's JV Popped, 84-64

Controlling the boards, the WTC basketball squad dumped McMurry's junior varsity, 84-64, Feb. 16 in a non-conference tilt in Abilene.

The Westerns snared 48 rebounds from the Indians.

Dominating the contest, the Westerners were out to as much as a 19-point margin in the first stanza, holding a 45-32 advantage at the half, and a 28-point lead in the last frame.

Western Texas employed a 2-1-2 zone throughout the game, while the Indians used the same part of the time and also a manto-man press.

WTC hit 37 of 79 from the field for 48 per cent. At the line, they put in 10 of 18 for 55 per cent. McMurry connected on 6 of 9 at the line.

Danny McDaniel and Harold Ward paced the Westerners with 25 and 24 points, respectively. Brian Minor added 10.

Minor lead in the rebounding department, grabbing 13 caroms. McDaniel snatched 10 and Ward nine.

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volleyball. Rosters for this competition

will be accepted through March 10. These must include at least eight members and no more than 14.



GIMME! GIMME!—Judy Simmons, Lisa Weaver, and Cynthia Klepper rush for the ball in recent girls' intramural play. (Photo by Barry Rinker)

WTC Linksters Begin Season

by Benny Ellington

The Western Texas College golf squad is competing in its initial meet of the spring today at the 23rd Annual Border Olympics in Laredo. The tourney is scheduled to run through Saturday.

Being one of the major collegiate meets in the United States, WTC will be expected to challenge many major four-year schools and other outstanding junior colleges.

The spring edition of the '74 golf team consists of four sophomores and five freshmen. Two of the sophs are this year's co-captains, Danny Walters of Abilene Cooper and Mark Mc-Craney from Big Spring.
Other second-year linksters

are Ricky Hooper of Sweetwater and Larry Hall from Iraan. Marty Pate, Robert McFaul, Mark Hargrove, Fred Liner, all of Snyder, and Kyle Howard of Odessa Permian are the frosh.

SECOND PLACE The Westerners now stand in second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race, trailing Odessa

College by a mere point, 22-21. But, other teams in the league also have outstanding personnel. "I expect a strong field in conference again this spring. Actually, six teams are capable of winning any conference tourney," stated WTC golf coach, Bob O'Day.

The six teams are the squads which hold the first six places in the standings now: OC, WTC, Howard College, New Mexico College, Junior Amarillo College, and South Plains

Initial loop play will start March 8-9 when Western Texas and Howard host the HC and WTC Golf Tournament.

Friday the league members will play 18 holes in Big Spring, then the next morning the same

at the Snyder Country Club. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams, the low ball squad, and individuals-medalist, runnerup medalist, and third place. Each day counts as a separate league tournament.

April 25-26 two more loop meets will be held at Borger in conjunction with the Great Plains Tournament, so trophies will again be give. Borger is hosting two meets since one of the tourneys at South Plains was rained out last semester.

The final conference meet will be staged at Roswell, N.M. May 3. The 18 holes played will count as the first 18 of the 54 to be played for the regional championship.

Every team from the WJCAC is entitled to participate in the regional meet. Other schools competing will be Schreiner Institute, McLennan, Hill County, Grayson County Junior College, and Vernon JC. These teams are in the geographical

TOP TO FLORIDA

The top two teams will journey to Ft. Myers, Florida for the nationals. Also, the individual who cards the lowest score and is not a member of either of the squads may go.

Over the past eleven years, a squad from this region has captured the national title five times, and has never finished any lower than ninth place.

One of the main reasons for competing in a meet like the Border Olympics is to let fouryear college coaches view these Juco linksters.

Three of last year's sophomores are now playing for four-year schools. Max Tenorio, only individual from WTC to have competed in nationals, is No. 2 at West Texas State.

Blake Arnwine is No. 3 at Stephen F. Austin, and Tim Suerzenberger is No. 5 at Hardin-Simmons University.

So far this spring, Walters holds the lowest qualifying average at the Snyder Country Club with a 71.1. Hargrove is not far behind with a 72.9.

Other linksters and their averages are McCraney 75; Howard 75.6; Hopper 75.9; Pate 77.1; McFaul 77.4; Liner 78.4; and Hall 81.3.

Poor weather conditions the past three weeks have been the main reason for no better averages. "It has been cold, or the wind has been blowing," remarked O'Day.

Three of the sophomore golfers had excellent averages this past fall. Walters had a 70.8, and McCraney and Hopper each had a 73.9. Freshman Hargrove also played well with an average of 74.3.

These four linksters and two others who Coach O'Day was uncertain about at press time are playing today at Laredo.

"Our spring depends on the way our sophomores play. The most important thing for us is to qualify for the nationals," O'Day concluded.





Cagers Catch NMMI Off Guard

Western Texas extended its winning streak to seven Monday, Feb. 18 with a 97-96 trouncing of New Mexico Military Institute in a conference tussle at Roswell.

The Westerners established their dominance early, and went on to build up a 20-point advantage, 46-26, at intermission.

With WTC's reserves playing the majority of the second period, the Westerns and NMMI fought on almost equal terms.

Western Texas connected on 37 of 75 from the field for 46 per cent. At the line, they netted 27 of 34 for 78 per cent. The Roswell school hit 12 of 13 at the line for 99 per cent.

Danny McDaniel was highpoint man for the Westerners as he notched 26. Eugene Harris and Harold Ward each added 17, and Kenny Fowler meshed 11.

The Westerns grabbed 49 rebounds.Harris and McDaniel paced the team with 10 and 17, respectively.

New Mexico claimed the game's leading scorer as Robert Blue ripped the cords for 32 points.

The win left WTC with a 20-8 season record and an 8-6 conference mark, and NMMI 0-15 in loop play and 4-18 for the year.

WTC Clips South Plains

The Western Texas Westerners clipped South Plains College, 74-66, Feb. 14 in a loop affray at the Scurry CCounty Coliseum.

After falling prey to an early Texan margin, the Westerns took control of the contest and led by seven to eight points throughout the initial half, holding a 39-32 margin at intermission.

WTC continued its domination in the second period, holding a 14-point advantage at one point. Reserves saw action in the latter stages of the tussle, enabling SPC to cut away on the lead.

The Westerners hit only 27 to 77 shots from the floor for 35 per cent. At the line, they put in 20 of 38 for 52 per cent. South Plains notched 10 of 14 at the charity

Danny McDaniel and Harold Ward shared scoring honors for the Westerns with 22 points each. After the game Mc-Daniel'a scoring totaled 577 for the year, breaking Walter Hannibal's single season scoring record of 567.

Braian Minor was also in twin figures with 17 points.

The Westerns snared 49 rebounds. Eugene Harris grabbed 13 and Ward snatched

South Plains employed a zonne defense, while Western Texas countered with a man-toman press throughout the meeting.

Leading the Texan scoring was Val Stephens of Lamesa with 18 points.



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