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'WE DIG WTC!' — Journalism staffers (L to R) Paula Cornoyer, Jill Groff and Tracy Moore look on as maintenance crew repairs broken water lines between the LRC and Student Center.

FALL SEMESTER

Honors List Released

Twenty-three WTC students have been named to the President's List for the 1975 fall semester, 103 qualified for the Dean's List, and 66 have been named to the Merit List according to Dr. Ben Brock, vice-president.

The President's List is made up of students who carry at least 15 hours of college credit work exclusive of physical education and who have a grade point of 4.0 (A), the highest which can be attained.

Honorees are William T. Watts of Big Spring; Carl M. Guinn, Jean D. Gusta, Kenneth L. Gusta and Sid Perry of Hermleigh; Thomas G. Murphy and Robbie Sterling of Ira; Troy Millican of Robert Lee; Cruz B. Gomez, Jr., of McCamey; Thomas V. Griffith and Bobbie Owen of Roscoe.

Also Ed Balderas of Stafford; Robert C. Carpenter of Stamford; Shirley J. Stuart of Sweetwater, and Kellye Crenshaw, James G. Dolliver, Carla Sue Hicks, Bobbie J. Holladay, Jan McPherson, Steven Mackey, David Marrison, Johnny Pilgrim and Jerry Shurley, Jr., all of Snyder.

Dean's List students are enrolled for at least 12 hours of work exclusive of physical education and make a grade point average of 3.5 or more on a 4.0 grade scale.

Named were Kenneth C. LeMond of Andrews; Dale Mitchel of Coahoma; Jean Ann Gray, R.L. Mickle and Roger Sweatt of Colorado City; Mitzi L. Hunnicutt of Denver City; Sharron D. Warren of Floydada;

Danny Wood of Hamlin; Sandra A. Lynch of Hartselle, Ala.; Maggie Lue Barnes and Tommy Lee Cotton of Hermleigh; Richard Daves, Bob Spradlin and Charles R. Sterling of Ira; Sharon Prince of Jayton; Linda A. Grissom of Loraine; Tiny Ann Smart of McCaulley; Becki Ann Cranford and Rick Hagles-tein of Midland.

Also, Mona Gibson of Old Glory; Judy Heintz of Post; Hector Hinojosa and Ronald B. Green of Roby, Amy C. Bollinger, Charles L. Brazel and Virginia Ensminger of Roscoe; Marshal J. Bennett, Garvis N. Hinson and Sharlotte Thompson of Rotan; Delores Hobbs of Seagraves; Kerry L. Harston of Southlake; Deanna Michulka of Spur; Doyce W. Gillipan, Harold Ludecke, Steven Medford and Teresa M. Phillips of Stamford.

More are Joseph P. Luce, John F. Pilger, Lou Ann Pyburn, James A. Reid, Becky Lou Sledge and Celeste Williamson of Sweetwater; Marketa A. Sissom of Van Horn; Randall C. Kurtz of Winters and Dennis Bellah of Woodson.

Snyder students on the list are Harold Ballard, Ruben Beccerra, Ray Beights, Dale Bernard, Eloisa Briseno, Audrey Brown, Tim Brown, Jimmy Browning, Roy Lee Carter, Jill Chenoweth, Bob L. Clark, Sorita Clinkinbeard, Roy Alan Cole, Boyce Creswell, Jamie Derringer, Tyra Elkins, Amy Ellison, Cynthia Ferrell, Stanley Ferrell, Ronald George, Michele Graves, Kathy Howell,

Robert Huddleston, Linda James, Leland Kaser, Ronald Kelly, Robert J. Klepper, Melanie Kornegay, Carol Kozelsky and Jon Peter Kulpaca.

Finally, Raymond Lewis, Cynthia Longbotham, Donald Longorio, Karen Lunsford, Edward McDaniel, David Marlar, Joe Martin, Billie Mathis, Elizabeth Mijares, Clay Mims, Terri Lea Orburn, Cecile Pruitt, Andy Rhodes, Hershel Shipp, Mark Shurley, Raymond Smith, James Snelson, Billy Max Snider, Charles Stephens, Debra Stephens, Regina Sterling, William Stone, Jo Ann Thompson, Radford Turner, Dan Vernon, Jackie Womack, Dilla Woner, Albert Wood, Jr., and Rayford Ziegler.

Students named to the Merit List must be enrolled for at least eight but fewer than 12 hours of college credit work and must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grade scale.

Named were Wayne Claxton, Gena Coldeway, Delores Gilstrap, Deana Hardegree, William McGuire, Randy Wilkinson and Frances L. Wood of Colorado City; Rudolph H. Norwood of Dunn; Cindy Hanson of Fort Worth; Randy Weaver of Gonzales, La.; Carolyn Pippin of Haskell; Edith Fuqua of Lueders; Terry Don Thomas of Midland and Freddi K. Barner of Post.

Also, Elbert K. Foster, Santos Perez, Grace Thompson and Perry Paul Thompson of Rotan; Cynthia G. Burleson, Manuel C. Galvan, Linda Lawson, Bill Posey, Patricia Prewit, Donald Van Zandt and Clifford Vaughan of Stamford; Terry Blankenship, Margie M. Cornoyer, Delmar L. Ford, Angie Fullwood, Linda Graham, Marie Huddleston, Herbert Kiesnick, Debra Parson, Wilton Parson, Marsha Shafer, Glenda Walker and Norbert Zimmerman of Sweetwater.

Snyder students named were Patrick Alexander, Corrine Arnold, Barbara Davis, Norma J. Early, James A. Evans, David Fisher, Wilmer T. Giddens, Eugene Good, Lanny Hall, Joe Hardin, Coy Hester, Wayman Holmes, Cleo Keller, Martha McCarty and Gail Morrow.

Finally, Daniel Odum, Kenneth Patrick, Gwendolyn Patrick, Shirley Pavlik, Joe L. Rollins, Mary Shurley, Virginia Sue Smith, Cheribeth Stewart, Steven Wayne Taylor, Evelyn Thomas, Karen Traylor, Jimmy Ray Wadkins, Carol Lyn Warton and Terry Louise Webb.

WTC Drama Recast!

by Julie Jones

We've seen it happen to Doris Day, Debbie Reynolds, Joan Crawford and all the Hollywood pixies. That ultimate moment of being discovered or replacing someone from the chorus line to the leading role.

It's happened at W.T.C. and our rising star happens to be Dennis McMenemy.

Tuesday night was an average blocking rehearsal for the cast of "A Thurber Carnival", but it ended quite differently. During the middle of the rehearsal, director Charles Holland called the cast to sit down. Thinking they were getting a free rest, the unknowing cast obliged. Holland announced that the Dinner Theatre would not be "A Thurber Carnival" due to the lack of a jazz combo that it calls for.

"Play It Again, Sam" was being tossed around when Mr. McMenemy walked in. Holland was only in question about the role of Allan Felix. He asked who they thought would be stereotyped enough to play the role well and who would be a ridiculous contrast to the Bogart character. All eyes fell upon the unsuspecting Dennis. Therefore, it has turned out that W.T.C.'s 1976 Dinner Theatre will not be "A Thurber Carnival", but "Play It Again, Sam", a Woody Allen comedy.

Tickets can be obtained by reservation only and must be bought in advance. Cost is \$7.50 per seat for candlelit dinner, and entertainment. Show dates are Thursday, February 19 through Saturday, February 21 and Thursday, February 26 through Saturday, February 28. In the words of Bogie himself, "See you there, Schweeheart."

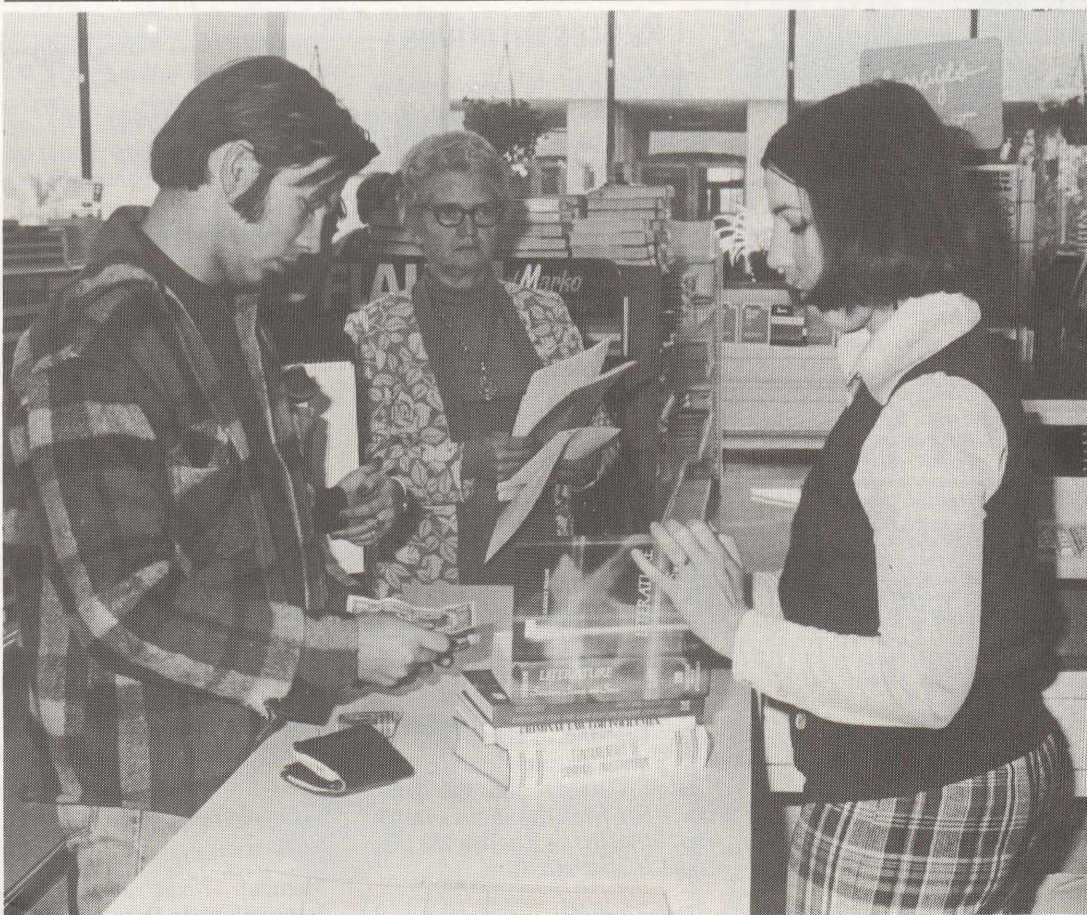
Calendar of Events

January

- 26.....Westerners vs. Odessa
- 26.....Dusters vs. ASU
- 26.....After Game Dance
- 27.....Senate
- 27.....B.S.U.
- 28....."Silent Running"
- 29.....Westerners vs. Clarendon
- 29.....High Noon Group
- 29.....Dusters vs. South Plains

February

- 2.....Rodeo Club
- 3.....Senate Executive Board
- 3.....Beta Mu Sigma
- 3.....Artisans
- 3.....Explorers
- 3.....B.S.U.
- 3....."Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"



EASY COME — Phyllis Davis, WTC bookstore clerk, checks out a law enforcement student. Textbook purchases closed a hectic day for students registering for spring semester classes.

Figures Down For Spring Semester

"Registration for the 1976 spring semester appears to be down from the fall term," according to Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services. "However," Hood continued, "it is too early to give an exact account of enrollment. It is up over the spring semester of 1975."

Enrollment of extension centers in Colorado City and Rotan are down, Post and Sweetwater enrollments are up, and Haskell enrollment is stable.

Hood stated WTC is considering offering summer school at the extension centers in Sweetwater and Haskell. For more information on summer school contact Dr. Hood at extension 213.

During the mini session held December 30, thru January 10, 59 enrolled in four classes. "There are plans for future mini sessions," Dr. Hood said.

editorially

Join Freedom's Bicentennial Bandwagon

by Jill Groff

My recollection of historical dates isn't too great, but I do know — 200 years ago we were still "officially" under Parliament's rule and lived by their laws and standards.

Here we are now — two centuries later — a FREE COUNTRY ... we are free to say, do and live pretty much as we please. To me, the description of our country, The United States of America, is aligned with that of "Utopia." The funny thing though — many of us aren't happy with what we have.

We have "identity" problems that seem trivial compared to those our nation's founders suffered from. After all, these problems were one of the main reasons the U.S. came about.

Our forefathers had trouble with their religious pursuits (they couldn't "identify" with England's rituals), governmental rulings (colonists didn't want to live by laws and regulations set up by lawmakers who had never seen the "new world") and many more conflicts which spurred our first "Americans" to fight for us now.

Let's face it ... THEY HAD PROBLEMS ... We complain about so-in-so's out-of-date hair style, our uncool clothes and how we need more that 'fit-in' and all sorts of trivia.

I'd hate to be a politician in this day and age ... just think of all the things they have to give up in order to 'identify' with their constituents. Sure, some of them don't, but I'm sure some have to change most of their accustomed life styles just to please 'the voters.'

Two hundred years ago, people who were printing newspapers had not only deadlines to meet but also feared punishment and often death from government officials for expressing personal views about "current events."

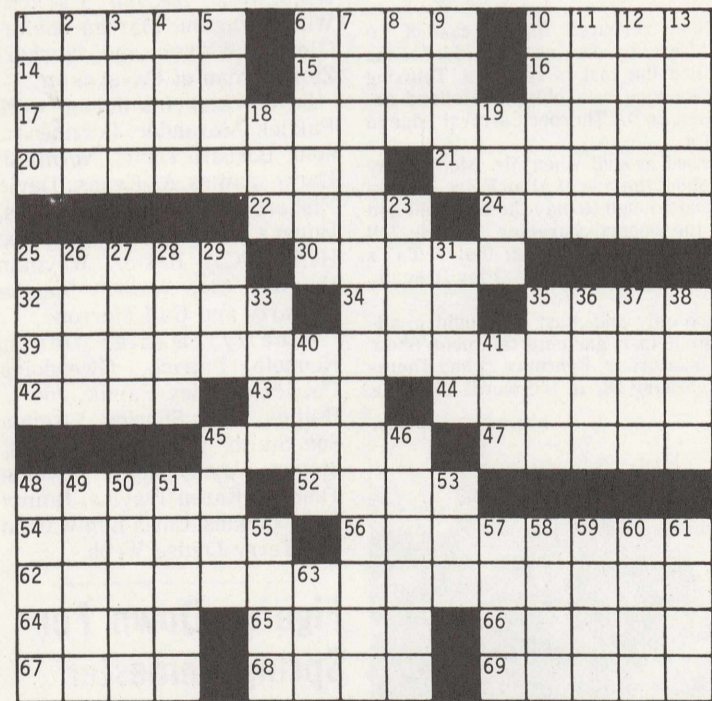
Because of the fortitude of these long dead, but not forgotten people, we can truly say we have a free country to live in.

Let's get with it and join the Bicentennial celebrations that are really starting to blossom. What better way can we show our gratitude to these 'fearless' people than to honor them by making our country more peaceful and a better place in which to live.

QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT LITTLE THINGS ... Be yourself and leave the identity problems to the countries that don't have our freedoms!

Another thing to think about ... America is only 200 years old ... WTC is just five years ... both of us are mere children considering the ages of other countries and colleges ... Let's keep them growing and aging gracefully!

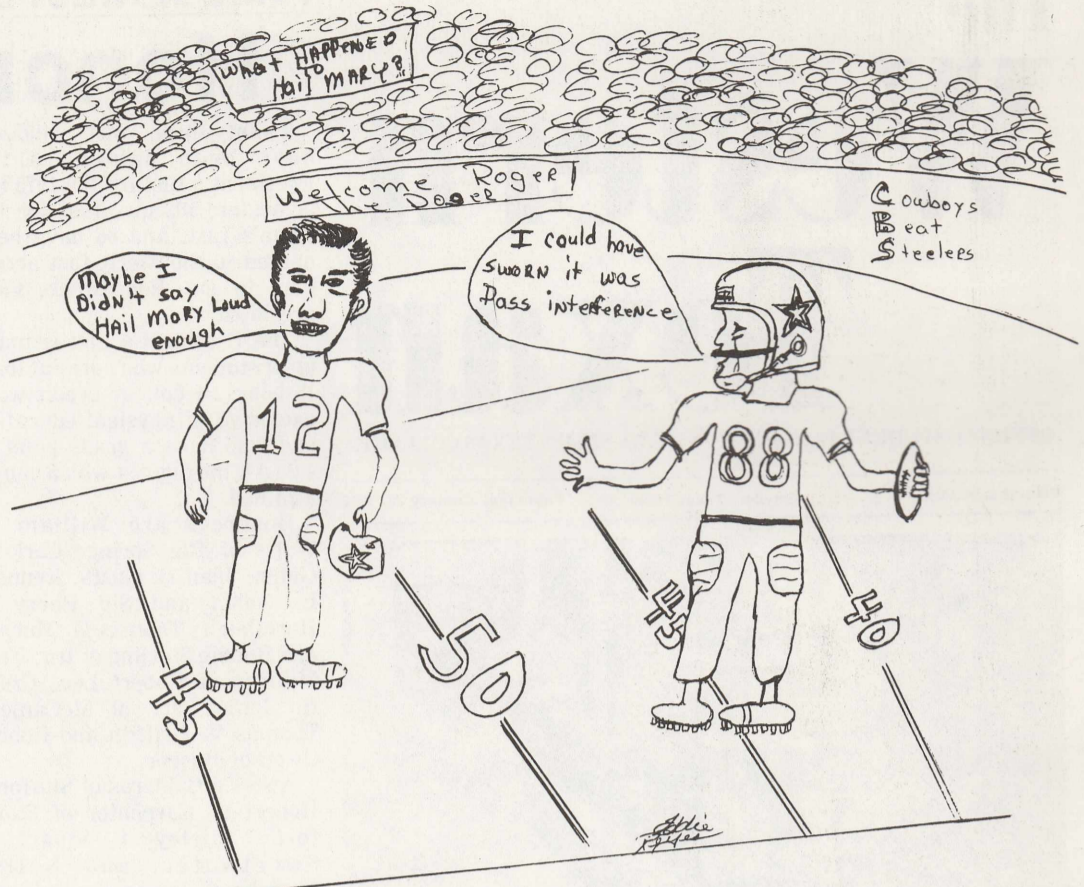
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| 1 Grinding tooth | 56 Written agreements | 25 Gratify |
| 6 Outer layer | 62 Meanwhile (4 wds.) | 26 High school subject (abbr.) |
| 10 Chair | 64 Being: Lat. | 27 — Mater |
| 14 What's in —? | 65 Famous magazine | 28 Donna or Rex |
| 15 Within: comb. form | 66 Novelist George — | 29 Goal |
| 16 Fix a street | 67 Prophet | 31 Expensive food |
| 17 Thomas Wolfe's "Of —" | 68 "The Bad —" | 33 Actor Jannings |
| | 69 Trotsky, et al. | 35 "— M for Murder" |
| 20 Miles — | | 36 African fox |
| 21 Those who grade | DOWN | 37 Treasury agents |
| 22 Look narrowly | 1 Wrestling surfaces | 38 Como — used? |
| 24 Actor — White | 2 "I wouldn't bet —" | 40 Miss Fitzgerald |
| 25 Gaze intently | | 41 Born |
| 30 Soul | 3 Himalayan holy man | 45 Esau's wife |
| 32 Miss Francis | 4 Prayer part | 46 Cultivated |
| 34 Cool commodity | 5 Peruse | 48 Bank items |
| 35 Social engagement | 6 Body of water (2 wds.) | 49 Got up |
| 39 Some safes and bombs (2 wds.) | 7 Opportunely (5 wds.) | 50 Poetry |
| 42 My goodness! | 8 To the — degree | 51 Come in |
| 43 Kind | 9 Active person | 53 Sandpiper |
| 44 Table service (2 wds.) | 10 Malice | 55 Tennis games |
| 45 "— Me" (Sinatra hit) | 11 Roof edges | 57 Cain's brother |
| 47 Miss Verdugo | 12 Affirms | 58 Prefix: far |
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| | 19 Hindu prince | 61 N.C.O.s |
| | | 63 Cravat |

See Solution In Next Issue



Good News

By Jeff Box

Committed. What do you think of when you hear that word besides the Big Spring Hospital?

Getting something done is one reply. Dedication or devotion to someone or something. Sincerity toward a certain task or person or thing.

A few weeks ago, as the New Year was born, thousands of New Year's resolutions were made. Quit drinking, quit smoking, quit chasing girls (start catching them!), start studying,

quit lying, be more honest ... are but a sample of what many 'promise' to do.

How committed are you to a New Year's resolution? Does fulfilling a tradition and breaking it mean nothing?

Today's generation, tomorrow's leaders are said to be a truth-seeking, committed bunch of people. That's great, if it's true. Young, old, middle-aged, over-aged, or under-aged, whatever, it doesn't matter. We are all equally committed or uncommitted.

The Bible makes a lot of promises. It promises peace, joy, strength, power, and happiness. "Eternal life is within your reach," the Bible says.

Many have tried to unlock the secrets of Moses's power, the strength of Paul or the glory of Christ. Many have succeeded, yet many have failed.

What made the difference? Commitment ... a sincere commitment to study and to obey God. This is the key. If we make a commitment, a sincere and meaningful one, doors will be opened to us.

Imagine the Twelve Disciples sitting around talking:

"Hey, Nathaniel."

"Yeah, John?"

"What do you think about going out and doing some witnessing today?"

"Gee, John! I ah, ah, sure would like to, but there's this brand new episode of 'Star Trek' and I've got to see it!"

Sure am glad those twelve men had more commitment to their task than I do at times. But this word covers more than just religion. It's something for every aspect of life.

One of the hard things about being a college student is studying. If we were to start a club made up of students who say they are going to study but don't, I'd be a charter member.

If we aren't willing to work in school, what would we be committed to?

Had a friend who said he was committed to only one thing, being uncommitted. Everything went cool until he met this girl. Can't win 'em all!

No one ever made a formula for successful devotion. It's a matter of will power and desire. How badly do you want to do something the best way possible?

It seems the more committed, devoted, dedicated we are, the higher rate of success. Few complain about success. It's the getting there that raises protests.

In the coming year remember that if success is desired, commitment is required.

News Briefs

PTK

Initiation for incoming Phi Theta Kappa members will be held in the Science Lecture Hall January 28 at 7 p.m. It will be a semi-formal affair.

Slides of the PTK State Convention will be shown after ceremonies. All members are urged to attend.

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Representatives

From 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, representatives from Sul Ross State University will be in the Student Center to visit with prospective SRSU students.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jackie McAlpin from Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing in Amarillo will also be visiting any prospective students in the Student Center.

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Movies

"Silent Running," a science-fiction classic movie, will be shown at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 28 in the Student Center. Cost will be 75¢ and WTC ID card is required for admission.

On Tuesday, February 3 at 8:45 p.m., featured movie will "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" for the same admission. Students in English 233 are urged to see this film.

These movies are sponsored by the Student Senate programs committee.

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'Wonder Woman' Baird Energetic, Enthusiastic

By Tracy Moore

Science and physical education teacher, belly dancer, tennis coach, volleyball and basketball mentor ... the list goes on and on. Sounds like the resume of no one less than Wonder Woman. In her own way, Mickey Baird, WTC Student Activities Director, is a wonder woman.

Mickey began her teaching and coaching careers at Alpine High School. From there she went to Wall, Texas where she was also coach-teacher.

After leaving Wall, she taught elementary education in Iraan. And before arriving at WTC, she was employed as tennis coach at McCallum High School in Austin.

When the college began in 1970, Mickey was hired as women's P.E. instructor and varsity tennis coach. She tells about the first athletic dorms being the Beacon Lodge and all P.E. classes being held at what is now the Child Day Care Center.

She says, "Coaches were all jampacked in one big room and each had his own 'office' in one corner of the room."

FIRST FACULTY

She and her husband, Jerry, WTC counselor, are members of the original college faculty. She comments, "I am extremely proud to be an original faculty member mainly because of the idea WTC tries to carry out to each individual." She continues, "Our overall objectives and overall ideas are to see that each student is given the best education in the best way suited to the individual."

Mickey says she hopes WTC students will get more involved this spring. "I wish everyone would take advantage of what's being offered to them and do what they want to do."

She speaks of how many students didn't realize they could serve on senate committees headed by the senate members. "All they have to do is contact me," she states.

Mickey now fills the capacities of activities director, student senate advisor, and cheerleader sponsor. She also is social chairman for the Faculty Association.

LOVES JOB

"I love my job, and hope I can continue this different type of learning process." She speaks of her learning process as an education out of the classrooms. "An important part of the student's life is to get a well-rounded education and a future, and I want to help as best I can."

Commenting on the Student Senate, she laughed as she said, "They're a hard-working bunch, although I've had to put a burr under their blankets! But they've had to do the same to me!"

Mickey has served as the two-year college program coordinator for Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. "I had to visit as many campuses as possible and deal with the problems and concerns of Region 12 of the Associated College Union International."

One of her greatest thrills at WTC was the winning of the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball championship last year. "I loved being a part of it and yelling my head off. It really was terrific!"

She speaks of the big footsteps this year's Westerners have to fill. "They've got it rough, but part of it is that they lack the respect for one another that was very evident on the national team."

She thinks the Dusters have done very well and "do have team finesse. They have learned to have patience."

Mickey has served as a cheerleader sponsor in different high schools during her career and is extremely proud of her girls this year, although they aren't "as versatile as past cheerleaders" she has had.

She seemed disappointed the cheerleaders haven't gotten the credit they deserve for making signs, yelling at games and traveling as many miles as they do. "They beat their brains out."

Besides being a sports spectator, sponsor and coach, Mickey has been actively involved in athletics. She enjoys

playing tennis and other physical activities. She took and taught dancing continuously between the ages of three and 22 and only recently received a certificate of achievement in a WTC belly dancing class.

She serves as a Beta Sigma Phi member and was recently selected as a member of "Personalities of the South" and will serve in the Bicentennial Edition this spring. The personalities are chosen for "academic and community excellence."

Modestly, Mickey says, "All the credit of myself and any success now and in the past goes to my mother and father and my husband."

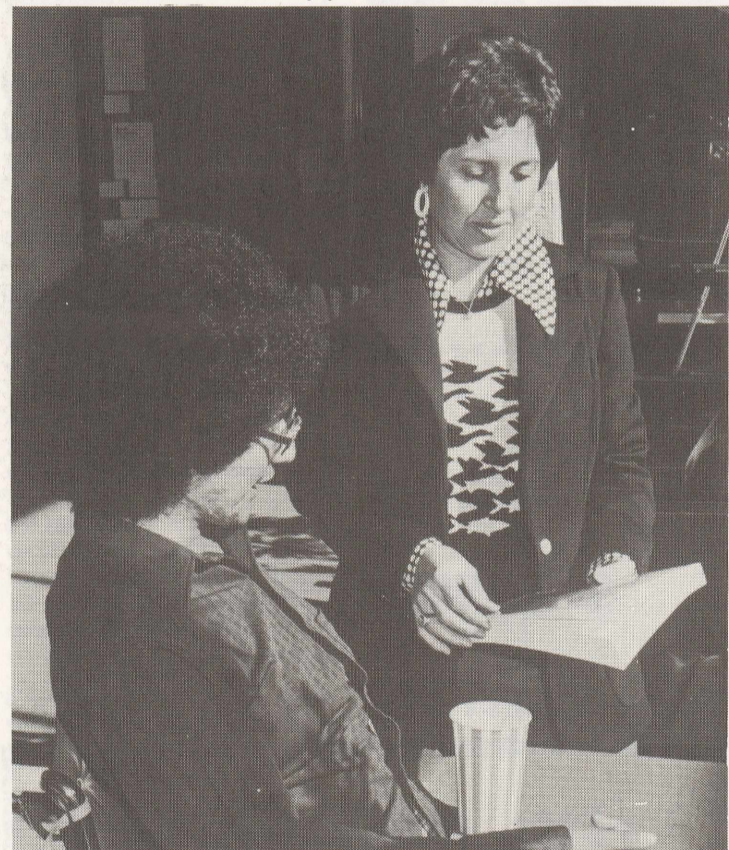
The WTC Wonder Woman works in a whirl at one thing and another all the time.

Coincidentally, Mickey's middle name is LOVE. Very appropriate for the young woman so actively involved.

Her love for WTC and its students are matched only by the love others carry for her. Hopefully she'll remain at WTC until its time to hang up her "WW" suit and relax. And that should most certainly be quite a while!



SUPER CHICK — Mickey Baird, WTC's director of student activities takes some time off from her hectic schedule for a little "horse-play" by sliding down a banister in the Student Center.



STUDENT'S FRIEND—Mickey talks with Ralph Carrasco about a course he's taking.

Seminar Registration Continues

Seventeen students have enrolled in the WTC Traveling Seminar to date, according to Richard Lancaster, assistant professor of English.

Several more students are anticipated to enroll for the 21-day tour of the American West. The program will take students into seven states in the southwestern and western regions of the United States.

Philosophy of the seminar is to take students out of the fixed environment of the classroom and travel to major locations of historical, cultural, and archeological significance.

"Not only do we think that traveling is one of the best ways to learn but we are trying to give the student a chance to en-

joy himself while he learns," Lancaster says.

Required fee for the trip is \$665, but the \$165 estimated for meals is left to the management of the student. A deposit is required to hold reservations.

Registration began December 12 and will continue through May 26. Class size is limited and will be on a first-come basis.

1977 seniors may go on early admission status and earn six hours of credit before they enter college. WTC also welcomes adults who want to travel for their own personal enrichment.


Special sites will include Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Denver and Colorado Springs.

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I DO THEE WED—WTC's Darryl (Iceberg) Smith (43) and Frank Phillips' Joe Holmes (55) slam on the brakes during an event-filled conference match December 11 in the Coliseum. Despite a valiant comeback, the battle ended in a Westerner defeat, 86-71. The game marked final cage action before the Christmas holidays. Coach Mike Mitchell and the "Green Machine" will meet the Plainsmen in Borger February 9.

Box Score

by Jeff Box

Well, the new semester is here! Dallas nearly won the Super Bowl and the Steelers are still eating the words they used to describe how badly the Cowboys were going to get creamed. Our basketball teams are getting it together and the golfers are about to get their schedule happening.

Good ol' Dave McDaniel has left WTC for Sul Ross and all you sports fans are stuck with 'Box Score' once again.

★★★

The Westerners have added two new men to their depleted roster, Charles Hicks and Earner Mays. Both are senior college transfers and are originally from Gary, Indiana.

Hicks, standing at 6-5, plays the guard spot and came from Tennessee State. From Murray State in Kentucky, Mays reaches to 6-8 while holding down the post position. Both men have been red-shirted until next year.

Harrison Johnson, still on the injured list, seems to be recovering from his knee surgery. Walter Benjamin is working out daily with the rest of the squad and his knee appears to be in fine shape.

★★★

The Dusters are really looking good. Boasting a 10-2 record, they're beating some excellent squads. Their losses weren't by much - - and then the winners were excellent teams.

Co-captain Marilyn Payton feels optimistic about the remainder of the season. "We shouldn't lose another game!" Not one? Not even against Wayland or Weatherford? "We can even beat them!"

Confidence in your teammates is great, but what makes her believe the Dusters are so good?

We've got at least 10 players who are capable of starting. Against Navarro, the regular starters scored four points in six minutes. The second squad won the game."

★★★

Both men's and women's teams are not totally unlike the

Dallas Cowboys. During the exhibition season, the Pokes received numerous put downs.

Sure, Pittsburgh won it all, but not without a fight! "Too many rookies" was the main complaint against the Big 'D' team. Similar comments were aimed at both WTC cage units.

Returning only three players, the Westerners and Dusters were coming off extremely successful years. This season was expected to be a .500 one at best, for either squad. Now, nearing the midway point, the gals have only two losses and the guys three (two by New Mexico Military Institute).

Within the next two months, the Regional tournament will be played. The teams don't have to win their conference to go to the meet (though it would be nice). After all, Dallas was the wild card pick.

★★★

There's no magic formula for victory. There are, though, certain things one can do to help bring about a win. Keeping you cool, or poise, is one.

The Westerners didn't lose the NMMI game - - they blew it! For the second time this year they were beaten by this squad. In two weeks they face this same team in New Mexico.

Coaches can only give advice, yell, scream and get technicals. It's the players who determine the outcome.

It seems obvious to this reporter that the Westerners can beat the Institute. If they don't crack up and fall to pieces in the end. But if it happens that we are defeated for the third time, there's always the Regional Tournament, provided we get to go.

The gals may have the same trouble with Weatherford. A toughie squad, they have beaten the Dusters once this year. Within two weeks the two foes will meet in Weatherford. Then hopefully again at Regionals. The Dusters may drop two of three games, but it's that third game that's important.

Dallas lost and lost again. They barely got second in their conference and the wildcard spot.

★★★

They never said die against Minnesota or Pittsburgh. In the final game, the breaks just didn't go their way! Nothing can be done about that, except, don't give the others any breaks or turnovers.

It's not over yet! It's along, tough road with a lot of bumps. Keep cool. And if all else fails, try one of Roger Staubach's 'Hail Mary' passes!




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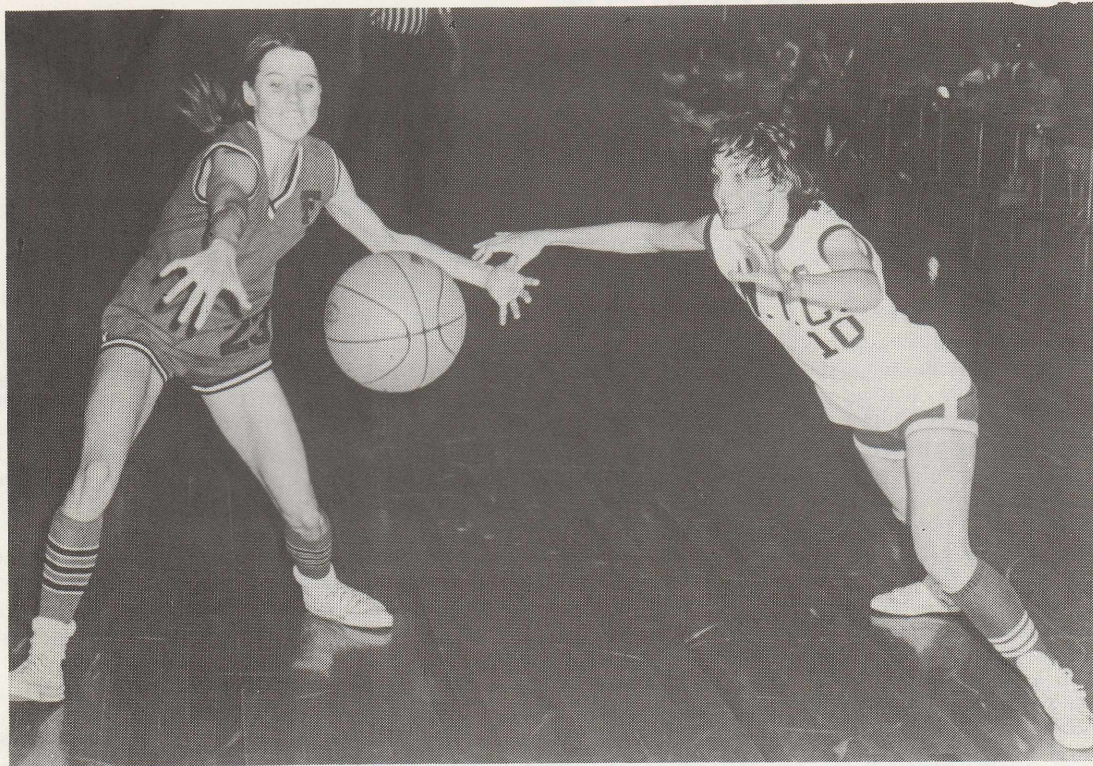
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HUNGRY LOOK—Duster Dale Mitchel (10) moves in for the loose ball against Texas Tech's Teri Dixon (23). The WTC fems rambled over the Raiders, 86-57.

MEET HAWKS TONIGHT

Dusters Drop Raiders, 86-57

Upsets are not an unusual occurrence, and last night, as the WTC Dusters collided with the Big Red of Texas Tech, University, it looked as though one was in the making. But things changed and the WT quint walloped the visitors 86-57 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The initial 17 minutes of play saw a determined Tech squad take the battle to the hosts. Brenda Juracek roped the first WT score with a quick jump shot after nabbing a rebound. Twenty seconds later, Tech retaliated and the war was on.

For the next quarter of an hour, elbows flew and tempers exploded. Even usually mild-mannered Duster Coach Sid Simpson expressed his opinion and quickly drew a technical.

Maintaining a minimum two-point spread, the Dusters appeared to have the game in hand as the crowd awaited a scoring burst to put the Green Tide rolling ahead and the game out of reach.

As the clock showed 11:30 remaining in the half, the WT fems led 20-16. Then a burst came from Tech! In the next six minutes of action, the local unit was held to a mere three points while the Red Raiders chalked up 11 and a 27-23 lead. Closing the score to a 26-27 gap on a field goal and charity shot by Juracek, the Dusters tried to stop the high-stepping Raiders.

Dale Mitchel gave the home team the lead once again, 28-27, with a shot from the corner. Fate seemed to abandon the luckless red squad, as the

dusters continued to pull away for another victory.

At intermission, the score read 42-30 and the end seemed inevitable.

Theresa Beal kept the Green fire glowing as she sank a jump shot to start the final half. A renewed spirit seemed to possess the WTC squad as they quickly started to roll up a tally. The first three minutes of action saw the Green muster eight points to the Red's three.

Annie Tillman started the game's most successful scoring streak as she sank a 10-footer with 16:42 remaining and the boards reading 52-33. Twelve points and four minutes later, the out-of-towners stood 64-36 in the hole.

The remaining minutes saw WTC hit for 22 while Tech hit for 21. An unusually stout Green defense was continuously being penetrated by the challengers.

"We played maybe eight minutes of the type of defense we are capable of playing," said Simpson.

The Tech contest marked the

gal's fourth game in five days. "I don't feel that had much to do with it. It was our mental attitude," said Simpson. "Except for Panola and Weatherford, we've had things pretty lazy. The girls were looking for a 'laughter' game. So they didn't play as well as could be expected."

Usually hot-handed Marilyn Payton fell below par as she hit only three of six field goals. Beal sank five of seven as she led the scoring department with 14 points.

The double figures saw four other Dusters. Among them were Juracek, scoring 13, Temi Baker, 11, and Tillman and Payton, 10 each.

For the second game in a row, the Green warriors were in foul trouble as they committed 27. Tech was called for 31. Juracek fouled out late in the battle. Beal and Tillman had four infractions each as the final buzzer sounded.

Tech fouled out three players and had four others with four

Rodeo Team First In Region; Next Contest February 12-14

Halfway through the season's eight rodeos, the WTC men's team is in first place with 725 points in the Southwestern Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) competition, followed by Texas Tech University with 704.5 points.

Van Rigby, rodeo coach, said championships will be determined from the five best rodeos of the 1975-76 season. Two top teams and individuals from each of the 11 NIRA regions will compete in the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Montana the third week in June.

Behind WTC and Tech are Sul Ross with 600 points; Howard College, 557; Tarleton, 541; Eastern New Mexico, 484.5; and New Mexico State University, 475.

WTC will resume rodeo activities February 12-14 in Fort

Stockton at a Sul Ross State University sponsored affair.

Seven WTC students are rated in top ten individual competition, including Rick Bradley, first, steer wrestling; Keith Rowan, eight, calf roping; Brady Crumpler, second, saddle bronc; John Crain, fourth, saddle bronc; Larry Turner, third, bull riding; Craig Danner, seventh, bull riding; and Crumpler, first, men's all-around cowboy.

In women's competition, WTC is sixth with 122 points. WNMU is first with 969.5 points, followed by NMSU with 540.5, Howard College 433.5, Texas Tech 404, and Tarleton 169.5.

Individually, JoAnne Whitehead is fifth in barrel racing.

At the November rodeo sponsored by Sul Ross, WTC men's team leaped from fourth to first with 352 points.

All participating students were planning to return for spring term, Rigby said.

Tentative spring schedule includes;

February 12-14	Sul Ross
March 17-19	Angelo State
March 25-27	NMJC
April 1-3	NMSU
April 8-10	WTSU
April 15-17	Clarendon
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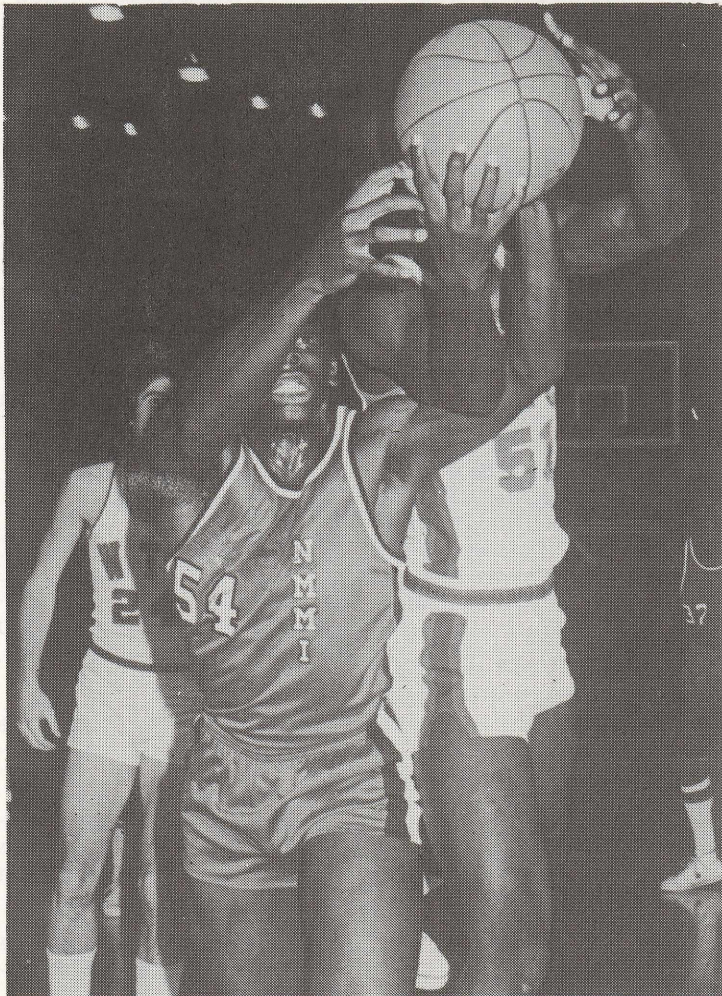
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GO AWAY! — WTC's Larry Orton (51) fights off NMMI's Reggie Franklin (54) for the ball. The Institute nipped the Green 63-59.

FACE HOWARD TONIGHT

Westerners 'Lose Poise' Fall To NMMI 63-59

By Jeff Box
 "We lost our poise" was the only reason WTC basketball Coach Mike Mitchell gave for his squad's disheartening 63-59 loss Monday night to New Mexico Military Institute in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The game went right down the wire and could've gone either way until the final six seconds. Butler started the scoring a minute and a half into the game with a lay-up, putting the hosts ahead 2-0. Then again, 60 seconds later, he roped in two more. But it wasn't enough as Dave McConico put the Institute in the lead, 6-4, with 15:45 showing.

BUTLER HOT

Gradually the gap broadened and soon the hosts trailed 13-6. With the clock reading 11:26, Butler started his scoring spree, ripping the nets for six points in the remaining 20 seconds, pulling WTC within one, 13-12.

The Cadets, not to be outdone, stretched the lead to 17-14. Larry Orton sank two charitys and one jumper as Butler added a corner toss to knot the game at 19-all with 5:57 showing.

Tyrone Clopton added a 15-footer and a lay-up to give the hosts the reins, 23-19. The Institute was determined, but so was WTC as they increased their score to 33-25 at intermission.

Butler's hands were red hot, scoring 20 in the first half.

"It's a man's game out there!" exclaimed Mitchell. "You can see the intensity of both teams."

As the second half began, the Institute came out for blood. Scoring 10 points in eight minutes, they shut down the Green attack and held a 35-33 lead. Orton and Butler put together a few shots and gave the edge back to the Westerners, 38-37, with 10:29 remaining. In the next 120 seconds the reins changed hands four times.

It was Clopton who put WT out front with a jump shot in the lane. Teaming with Butler they put in six more points to give WTC a 49-41 lead at 6:02.

The visitors expressed their determination, pulling within five, 53-48, with 3:43 remaining. The stage was set. With their defense faltering and their offense weakening, WTC began to slip.

Butler increased the lead with two free throws, 55-48, with 3:28 showing. Reggy Franklin countered for the New Mexicans, making it 55-50 with 3:18 on the clock. Joe Blueford sank a jump shot and NMMI was within three, 55-52, with the clock reading 2:56.

TIGHT GAME

Once again Franklin rose to the occasion, pulling his squad within one, 55-54, at 2:26. The Westerners' offense was causing turnovers right and left. "We were playing as if we were behind instead of ahead," said Mitchell. "We took careless shots, missed passes. We just lost our poise. The defense wasn't recovering quick enough and we simply gave them baskets."

McConico put New Mexico ahead 56-55 with a 15-footer as the clock ticked down. WT's Orton leaped up from under the net, sinking the ball for two, giving the handle back to WTC, 57-56, with 1:31 remaining.

Again McConico added two, this time with a lay-up giving the visitors a 58-57 edge with 52 seconds left. The Institute's Marty Zeller went for a lay-up. Darryl Smith was called for blocking. The shot counted and so did the charity toss. New

Mexico 61, WTC 57 and 20 ticks remaining!

Orton is fouled and makes the two free throws bringing the tally to 61-59 with nine seconds left. NM throws the ball in long. Butler is called for pushing Reggy Franklin. He breezes in the two 'gimme' shots and with six seconds left, the scoreboard reads: visitors 63, hosts 59.

And that's how it ended! Butler was shut down in the second half, with only 10 points. "They shut him down. There were some fouls I thought that should have been called, but they weren't," said Mitchell.

TOP SCORER

Butler led all scoring with 30 points. Clopton hit for 12 and Orton 10 to round out the Westerners in duo digits. WTC committed 20 turnovers, five each by Orton and Butler. Orton and Clopton each caused three turnovers by the NMMI quint with steals.

Leaping high, Orton nabbed 12 rebounds for the Green while Smith grabbed seven.

For the visitors, McConico was top gun with 21 points. Franklin hit for 15 and McLelland added 10. McLelland was the game's only player to foul out.

I'm not trying to take anything away from the Institute, but we gave them the game. Those last baskets were due more to our lack of defense than their good playing. We've been erratic all year. Our inexperience killed us," said the Westerner mentor.

DOWN TO WIRE

"I think this game proves that it's going to go all the way down the wire," commented the Institute's chief. "It's going to be tough and close!"

With 11 games to play, Mitchell feels it's unreal. "It's hard to believe the season isn't half over yet. There are six or seven teams talented enough to take it all."

What will trim the teams down to the one? "Morale. The team that keeps up an emotional level will win it all!"

Commenting on the final three minutes, Mitchell described the Westerners' playing, "We played ignorant!"

Depending on what the other conference teams did Monday night, the division race is in at least a three-way tie, between NMMI, Frank Phillips, and WTC with identical 5-2 loop tallies. Frank Phillips bopped Howard 108-99.

All the way down the wire is what the man said, the he's probably right.

Next action for the Green Tide is Howard College tonight in Big Spring. "It's going to be a toughie," said Mitchell. "Their record doesn't show it, but they're good. It's going to be one of those games where we can play well and still lose."

Let's hope the Westerners play well and win. After all, the sweet taste of victory is preferred over the sour grapes of defeat by fan and athlete alike.

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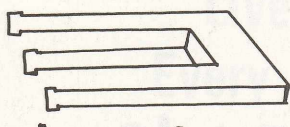
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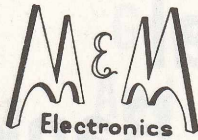
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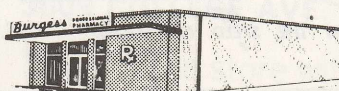
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