

FORMAL BEGINS AT 8

Mr., Miss WTC To Be Named Tonight

by Trey Sheppard

A spring formal dance will be held tonight at the National Guard Armory, highlighting the fifth annual presentation of Mr. & Miss WTC. Free to all students the dance will begin at 8 p.m. and will feature music by Rex Liberty of Austin.

Pre All-American in football, playing defensive back.

His hobbies include dancing, sports and "meeting people." He is the son of Mrs. Beulah Covington.

Miss Hanson, a theatre major from Fort Worth, is a sophomore member of Delta Psi

Miss Howle comes from Breckenridge and is a dental hygiene major in her freshman year. She served as cheerleader during the fall semester and is a member of Los Vaqueros, college spirit club.

CHEERLEADER

Miss Howle was a high school cheerleader for two years, received a volleyball award and was Senior Favorite. She was active in 4-H work and showed and rode horses. She lists riding, traveling and sports as favorite hobbies, and in high school was a member of the doubles team which advanced to regional competition.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arlen G. Howle, Jr.

Johnson, a sophomore from El Paso, is president of the WTC Student Senate and has been a member of the Westerners basketball team two years. He lists singing and playing the piano among hobbies and is a member of a gospel singing group made up mostly of WTC students. His major is sociology.

In high school, he was vice president of the senior class, Class Favorite his junior and senior years, an All-District basketball team member and ROTC commander. His parents are the Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, Sr.

King, a graduate of Roby High School, is a freshman agriculture major. He is a member of the WTC Rodeo Team and was named Basketball Beau by the Dusters this year. He was also a nominee for the Trailhand title.

SPORT HOBBIES

Hobbies include rodeo, golf, and tennis. He is an associate member of the Snyder chapter of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association, and started officiating at age 13. He participated in WTC intramural basketball and football as an official.

In high school, he was Most Likely to Succeed in 1974-75 and Class Favorite, received the FFA Leadership Award for 1973-74, earned the High School Leadership Award in 1972-73 and the Outstanding Athlete Award.

Also, he was a member of the Beta Club and was listed in Who's Who of Outstanding Teenagers of America. He tied for state medalist honors in golf and was a member of the ag mechanics team which went to state. Finally, he was listed in the Top of Texas Football Magazine for 1972-73.

King's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill King.

Miss Sledge is a freshman from Sweetwater majoring in business. She was a Homecoming Queen nominee and is a member of the Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa and Beta Mu Sigma.

ACTIVE STUDENT

She was a member of the high school Student Council and sweetheart and secretary of the FFA chapter. She participated in poultry judging in FFA. She was one of five finalists for the title of Miss Rattlesnake Charmer and New Year's Girl nominee.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sledge.

Miss Young has served as a WTC cheerleader during the spring semester and was a reserve member of the Dusters basketball team. A graduate of Haskell High School, she is a freshman physical education major and member of Phi Theta Kappa. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Young.

She was also nominated for Miss Trailhand.



MISS WTC NOMINEES — Debbie Young, Shelley Howle, Christy Holder, Becky Sledge, and Cindy Hanson.



MR. WTC PICS — 'Eagle' Covington, 'Deacon' Johnson, Dennis Bellah, Ira Harris, and Randall King.

Selected from ten nominees, names of winners will be revealed during the formal. Last year's winners were Sharon Johns of Snyder and Bob Miller of Seaford, N.Y.

Nominees this year are Dennis Bellah, Stanley Covington, Cindy Hanson, Ira Harris, Christy Holder, Shelley Howle, Harrison Johnson, Randall King, Becky Sledge, and Debbie Young.

Bellah, of Woodson, is a freshman art major and vice president of the Artisans Club. He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national honor fraternity for two-year colleges, and was nominated for Mr. Trailhand.

In high school, Bellah was Mr. WHS for 1973-74 and 1974-75 and was Class Favorite in 1972-73. He was a member of the Beta Club, was named to Who's Who in Outstanding Teenagers of America, and received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. He enjoys tennis, drawing, cars, stereo equipment, basketball and officiating as hobbies.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bellah.

BALL PLAYER

Covington, a sophomore from Washington, D. C., is majoring in recreation administration. He has been a member of the WTC varsity basketball squad for two years and toured South America with the U.S. basketball team which participated in the Governor's Cup Games last year.

"That was a great experience, and it strengthened my beliefs in the American way of life," Covington commented.

Covington is a member of the WTC Student Senate. He served as vice president of his senior class in high school and was a

Omega, honor fraternity for drama students, and Phi Theta Kappa. She received Best Supporting Actress and Best Props awards last year and was recognized as the outstanding freshman English student.

Miss Hanson was an honor graduate in high school and was named Senior Favorite. She was also active in high school speech and drama and participated in state UIL contests.

THEATRE MAJOR

Hobbies listed by Miss Hanson are theatre activities, ceramics and skiing. She is the daughter of R. H. Hanson, Jr.

Harris, a freshman from Aspermont, is majoring in business administration and serves on the WTC Student Senate.

He was All-District defensive end on the high school football team and participated in track and basketball. He served as president of the 4-H Club and was a member of the Dairy Products Judging, Farm Skills, and Meat Judging teams.

Harris was on the high school annual staff, in Future Farmers of America, Texas History Club, and was elected "Biggest Flirt." He was in the junior and senior class plays.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harris, he lists sports, woodworking and music as hobbies. He likes meeting people, so finds his weekend job at Piggly Wiggly more enjoyable.

Miss Holder, from Wichita Falls, is a freshman secondary education major and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Holder. She is a member of the WTC Rodeo Club and was a Homecoming Queen nominee.

In high school, she was a school beauty and served as cheerleader. Her hobbies include tennis and reading.

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Journalists Win TIPA Honors In East Texas

Several WTC journalists won 19 individual awards and the college general magazine, Phase V, tied for third place in Division II in Texas Intercollegiate Press Association contests Saturday in Nacogdoches.

Awards were announced during a noon banquet highlighting the annual TIPA convention hosted by Stephen F. Austin University. Entries in newspaper, yearbook, general and literary magazine, and radio-television competition were judged by professionals in four states.

In newspaper categories, Division II, WTC winners included Amy Ellison, first, news feature; Jeff Box, second, news feature; Jill Groff, third, editorial, second, single page makeup; and Barbara Gilbert, first and third, ad campaign, and second, single ad. Also, Paul Williams a staffer last year, was third in general column.

Angelo State University easily won the newspaper division with 135 points. Amarillo, Tarrant County Northeast, and WTC were second, third, and fourth with 44, 38½, and 31 points respectively.

In yearbook categories, Division II, WTC winners from last year's Trailblazer included Paul Gilbert, first, special effects photo, and second, color feature photo; Box, first, sports copy; and Katie Bullock, first, organizations copy, second, student, life copy, and third, academics copy.

Howard Payne University won the yearbook division with 39 points, followed by Sul Ross State University, Texas Wesleyan College, and WTC with 35, 34, 26, respectively.

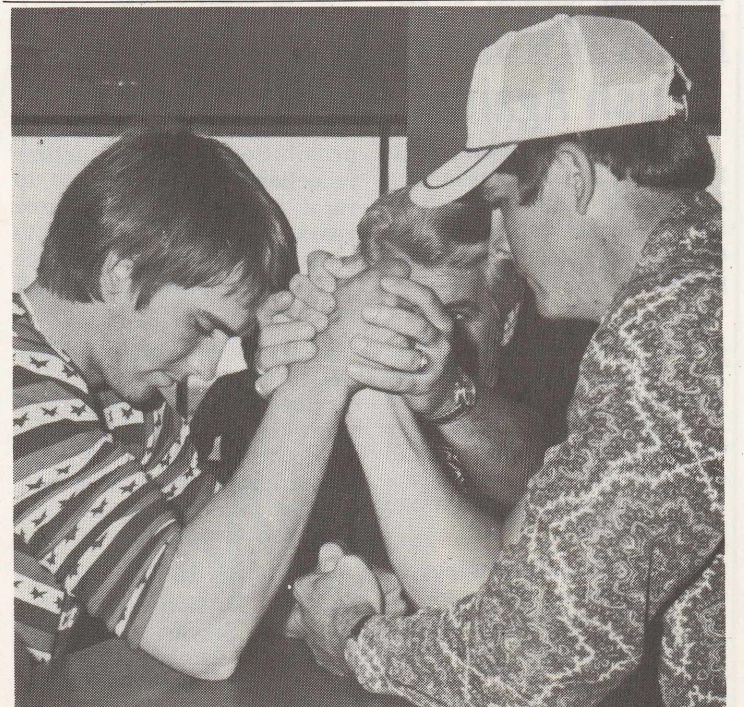
In Magazine categories, Division II, WTC winners for the fall issue included Paul Gilbert, first, color feature photo, second, sports photo, and second, feature photo; and Paula Cornoyer, second, cartoons.

Odessa College won the magazine division with 57 points. Others scoring high were Amarillo College, Bee County College, and WTC with 48, 28, and 24½, respectively.

In the open radio-television competition, WTC's Danny Chastain placed second in radio spot commercial.

Twenty junior colleges, colleges and universities competed in Division II, including Angelo State, Angelina, Amarillo, Bee County, Houston Baptist, Howard Payne, Lee, McMurry, Midland, Odessa, Southwestern, Southwest Texas, Sul Ross, Tarleton, Tarrant County Northeast, Texas Wesleyan, University of Texas at the Permian Basin, Wayland Baptist, and WTC.

Division I competitors were Lamar, Midwestern, Pan American, Sam Houston, Southwest Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, Tarrant County South, Texas A & I, UT-Arlington, UT El Paso, and West Texas State.



SURVIVAL OF FITTEST — 'Bruisers' get ready in the First Annual Arm Wrestling Tournament. Recent winners were (by division): Feather Weight, Joel Carter; Light Weight, Hector de Hoyos; Middle Weight, Ralph Lewis; and Heavy Weight, Randy Jackson.

editorially

The Big 'A'...

by Jill Groff

A is for apple.
M is for mom,
E is for egg, that we all come from.
R is for rain to make us grow,
I is for me, the one I long to know.
C is for can, and we should try,
A is for always, for her — do or die.

America, our country,
So old yet still new.
America, our country,
How beautiful we find you.

I awoke to hear the wind blowing free and the rain plummeting down. Oh, how refreshing, this clean and wonderful sound.

The liberty we have to like or not; the freedoms we use, for which others have fought.

The "taken-for-granted" we ignore and abuse; the comics we read but the Constitution-not even peruse!

Sincere and indignant, we muster our rifle; and fight for a wrong for so short a while.

We jump up and down, scream and we frown; someone has hurt us so down with the scrounge.

Tomorrow, alas, will come what may; so forget your hurt...it will be a NEW DAY!

A new day...so bright and so new...old bitches forgotten but another picked up (just out of the blue!)

The curse of man to whine and complain; why not find something old to re-create again?

The solutions to problems, we have not, for these solutions our forefathers have fought.

Liberty and justice, our nation's creed, given to us on a bloody deed.

The men who fought for what they wanted, still remain to me, undaunted.

They left their homes, family and land, across the seas to set-up shop on "freedom's sand."

Democracy — old but not true; they fought and died to bring anew.

Still not true in America today, we all must realize...we've got the best way.

America the beautiful, America the brave — America, your freedoms I'll fight to save.



Good News

by Jeff Box

Ever try to put on a shoe two sizes too small? Doesn't work out too well, does it?

Even if you get your foot into the shoe, pretty soon the toes begin to ache and the foot really hurts. The fact of the matter is — a size ten foot belongs in a ten shoe.

All too often, people attempt to put God into a mold that is too small. They try to 'cramp His style.' The Lord has His way of doing things, and being smarter than we, His way is generally the best.

Within the past few years, people have proclaimed the second coming of Christ. Predictions, prophesies, whatever you want to call them have been as far as to even pinpoint the day of His return.

The Bible says, "No man shall know the hour..." But that doesn't stop people from knowing the minute!

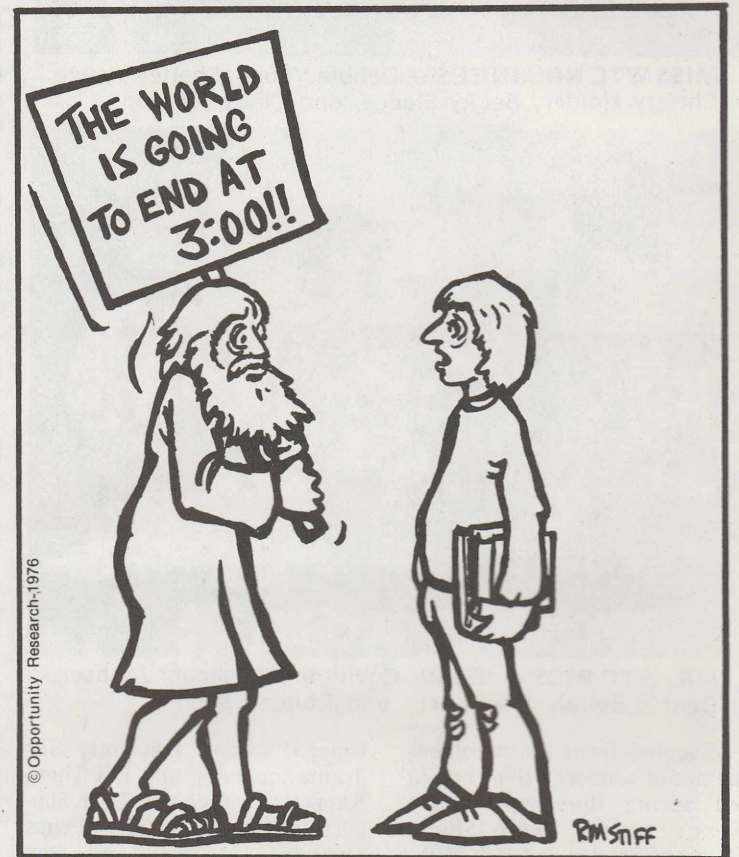
Christ wasn't going to be pushed into doing something He didn't want to do. His return isn't going to be rushed by us. It'll all happen in good time.

Ever had a thousand-piece jigsaw puzzle? It gets hard at times to get some of the pieces to fit, so we take a knife and 'fix' it so they do fit.

There's no knife sharp enough to 'fix' God. He set the rules and that's how it's going to be. All the technology and scientific data of this modern era will not compromise or change the will, way or character of God.

If He says He's going to do something, He will. If He decides not to, He won't. He'll

return when He's ready. Just be sure YOU'RE ready! PRAISE THE LORD!



COULD YOU MAKE THAT 1:30?! I HAVE AN ANTHROPOLOGY EXAM AT 2:00!

Open Letter

Mr. Harrison B. Johnson
Student Body President
Western Texas College
Snyder, TX 79549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges the resolution and petition presented by the students at the last meeting of the Board regarding the drama production, "Play It Again, Sam."

Student opinion has always been very important to the Board of Trustees and administration at Western Texas College and will continue to be a primary concern of WTC trustees and administration. It should be pointed out again, however, that the decision to cancel the play

was not made by the Board of Trustees. Request to cancel the Dinner Theatre production was made by Mr. Charles Holland, director, as he indicated at the meeting of the Board when the resolution and petition were presented. Although not in official action, the Board concurred with the request and ultimate decision.

The interest and concern of the students in decision making are genuinely appreciated. It is hoped that students will continue to be active and involved in campus activities.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. (Bill) Jones, President
Board of Trustees of
Western Texas College

BENTSEN SPEAKS

Push Against Postal Closings

Senator Lloyd Bentsen recently said any legislation providing Federal aid to the U. S. Postal Service should bar post office closings for a two or three-year period.

Bentsen wrote Senator Gale McGee, Chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, after Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar testified before the Committee that more postal cutbacks will be necessary unless Congress acts within two to four months.

"I do not think Congress should approve additional aid for the U. S. Postal Service without requiring postal officials to drop their plans to close rural post offices," Bentsen said in his letter to McGee.

"I urge that any legislation authorizing such aid include a

prohibition against further reductions in mail service to rural areas for two or three years, giving Congress time to investigate the Postal Service and pass remedial legislation if necessary."

Senator Bentsen pointed out to McGee that reductions in mail service would be especially harmful to Texas. Proposed shutdowns of 3rd and 4th class post offices threaten more than 600 post offices in rural areas and small towns in Texas.

Bentsen has already introduced legislation requiring the Postal Service to take into account the number of families served by a post office, its nearness to other post offices and the amount of travel required to reach the alternate facilities before it could close a post office.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Miss Groff:

One afternoon last fall I called the Journalism Department to see if it were possible to obtain a copy of a specific issue and you delivered it. I understood there was no way, at that time, to subscribe. However, since that time you have been mailing copies of *The Western Texan* to me.

I do appreciate getting these issues and although there is no system set up for mailing copies, I'd like to contribute a small amount to defray costs of the mailings.

I am not proud of the national and world problems your generation has inherited from our generation, but if the attitudes and ideals indicated by *The Western Texan* can penetrate most colleges, I see great hope for all of us. I congratulate you and your staff!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ray Peveler
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MANY BIRTH DEFECTS

Mother Responsible For Unborn Child

by Carolyn Davis

It may be the result of the most beautiful night of your life. It can be the product of love and a blessed relationship. It could be the highlight of your life — the ultimate experience of womanhood.

It may be the result of a horrible, nightmarish crime. It can be the product of an irresponsible, immature lack of control. It could be the most frightening, most difficult experience of your life.

No matter what the circumstances were, the fact is you have the life of a human individual inside of you, and it's your responsibility to decide whether it lives or dies. It's your responsibility, should you care enough, to give the person inside of you the best help available to be born normal and healthy.

According to Dr. Virginia Apgar and Mrs. Joan Beck, authors of *Is My Baby All Right?*, "It is estimated that an infant with a significant birth defect is born every two minutes in the United States. That means 250,000 children with birth defects are born annually in this country — one out of every 16 babies."

A "birth defect" can be as minor as a birthmark or as fatal as the incurable Tay-Sachs disease. Tay-Sachs is a Jewish genetic disorder that slowly deteriorates the infant's brain, and is usually fatal before the child's third birthday.

COUNSELING

Prevention of birth defects can begin with genetic counseling for marriage partners.

Genetic diseases, such as Tay-Sachs, muscular dystrophy, sickle-cell anemia and cystic fibrosis are now basically incurable, but with genetic counseling, couples can be prepared for the possibility of these defects.

Needless to say, the greatest burden of the unborn child's welfare belongs to the mother. Even before a woman conceives a child, she can prepare by caring for her own health. Any sickness of the mother can possibly affect the infant she is carrying.

Certainly, the abuse and overuse of drugs should be strictly avoided. Even mild tranquilizers may cause the unborn child to suffer some birth defect, especially if the drug is taken during the first three months of pregnancy.

CHILD SAFETY

Cigarette smoking, and exposure to chemical fumes, even as ordinary as household insecticides, can detract from the safety of the unborn child.

Doctors and scientists and concerned citizens have begun to suspect that air pollution may also be a serious threat to unborn children.

Many viruses, such as measles, chicken pox, influenza and congenital syphilis cause serious birth defects if the mother contracts the virus during pregnancy. The results range from death of the infant to serious handicaps such as heart defects, blindness, deafness, mental retardation or physical malformation.

Something interesting to note

on the issue of legalizing abortion is that, in the case of a genetic disorder such as Tay-Sachs for example, the disease can be detected in an unborn infant by about the 14th week of pregnancy, and if the child is found to have such a serious disorder, the pregnancy can be terminated. (For carriers of Tay-Sachs and cystic fibrosis, the chances are one in four of the child being a victim of the disease.)

An expectant mother's attitude doesn't always make a decisive difference in the baby's development, but a good attitude on the part of the mother and father, as well as family and friends, often influence the outcome of the experience.

The exemplification of a negative influence would be any woman who does not have the emotional support of loved ones. She will face serious depression and possibly fail to take proper care of herself and her infant. This could be disastrous. The child has a strong chance of developing a birth defect which would demand professional attention and responsible action on the part of the mother.

HORMONE RISE

Every woman during pregnancy experiences a rapid rise in hormone levels during the first three months. This causes emotional changes which require sympathy and patience on the part of husband, doctor, family and friends, because only an extraordinary woman can control her feelings and fears.

Regular visits to a competent obstetrician are essential. On

the first visits to the doctor when a woman discovers she is pregnant, most will spend time not only answering questions but also giving personal instructions which should be heeded. Every woman's pregnancy is unique, therefore, every woman will have some different advice to follow.

It is wise to find an obstetrician who will spend time with his patient and give her the answers and assurance she seeks. If a woman cannot trust her doctor, it is highly advisable to find another one immediately, before the pregnancy advances very far.

PRE-NATAL CARE

A growing number of hospitals are providing prenatal care classes for expectant parents. The fellowship with other expectant mothers can be comforting and rewarding. These courses give instruction on helpful exercises for the mother to help reduce the pain of muscle cramps and also give general instruction for the care of infants. For the fathers, there are talks and discussions on the care of the expectant mothers.

Only in the last two decades have research scientists been able to link birth defects with abnormal chromosomes. In 1959, it was discovered that children with mongolism have an extra chromosome. Since that discovery, several other previously unexplained disorders caused by missing or extra or abnormal chromosomes have been identified.

Research continues, making progress toward the reduction of the percentage of children born defective.

In the past, even though women produced more children (in pioneer days and up to the time of World War I, it was not unusual to have at least five children and sometimes up to ten and more), it was dangerous to both mother and child. The in-

cidence of infant mortality as well as death of the mother during childbirth have been substantially decreased during this century through continuing medical research.

Nevertheless, many women continue to go uneducated and ignorant of their responsibilities. A majority of women in this country from every ethnic background and every financial station will not receive the best care available during pregnancy because they will not seek it.

BETTER CHANCE

If one of every 16 babies born in this country each year is born with a serious handicap, how many would have had a better chance if their parents had cared enough to seek help and prepare for their unborn child's development?

How many handicapped children would have been born healthy if their mothers had taken care of themselves and sought the instructions of a competent doctor?

How many children will be born in the future suffering the results of their parents' ignorance and apathy?

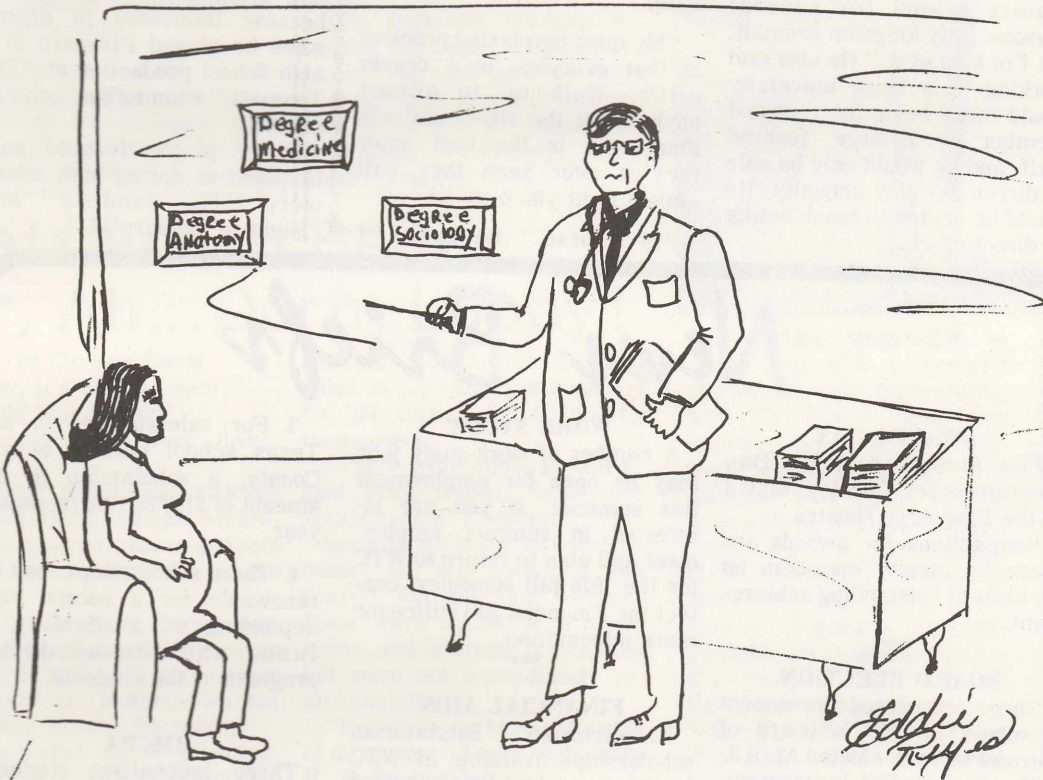
EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second installment of a three-part series dealing with child abuse, pre-natal care and the children themselves. Next issue will deal with the children and their ideas.

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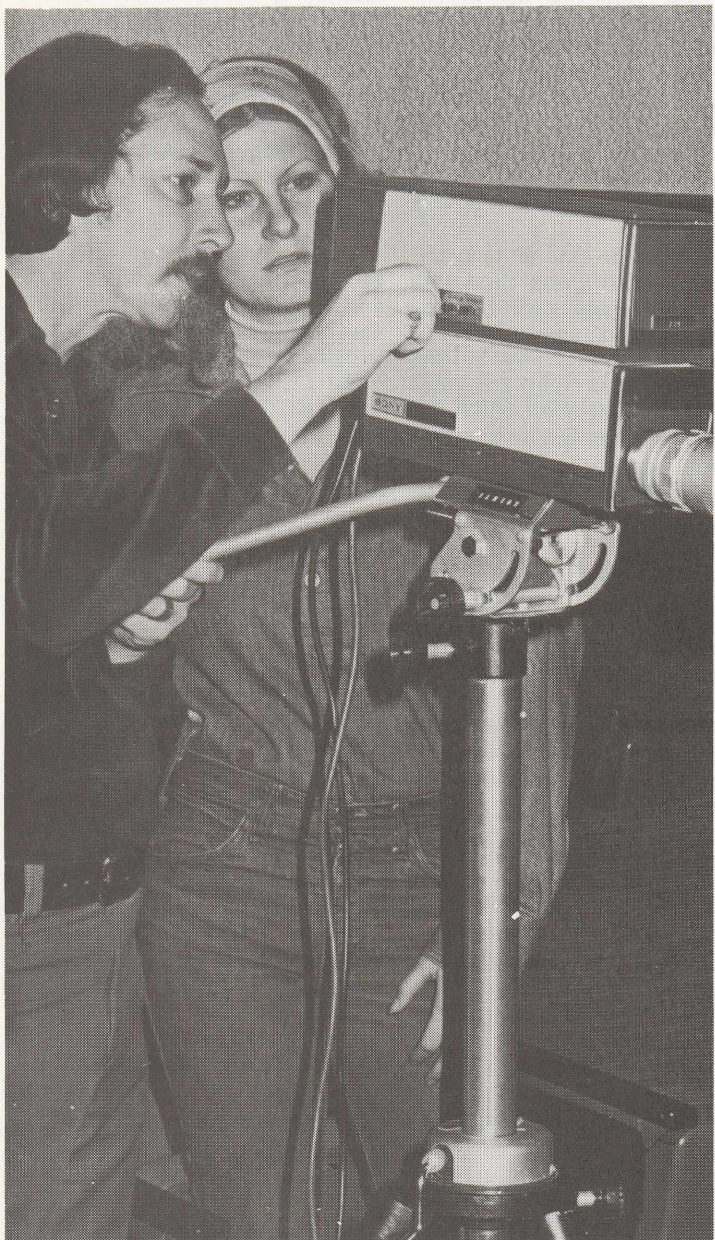
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WT's Drama Director: King of 'FAT'



HELPING HAND — Holland shows Julie Jones how to operate the video tape recorder in drama class.

by Stacy Payne

Trying to keep a creative spirit hot and vital in a mind constantly crowded by mortgage payments, community pressures, budget reports, and jillions of other things is what goes into the regular day of a drama director. And WTC's own Charles Holland "King of the FAT (fine arts theatre)", knows this well.

He directed many plays while attending North Texas State in Denton including "Thurber Carnival," "The Leader," "The Little Foxes," "Pecos Bill and The Indians," and "Bury the Dead."

Charles came to WTC when it first opened. He had established his own theatre in Madrid, New Mexico, comprised of close friends and twelve students and auditioners.

While in production of "The Rivals," WTC President Dr. Robert Clinton saw him and offered him the job as WTC's drama director.

The department has grown both in number of students and number of productions since it began. Audiences have grown "from a curious few to a full house."

In his first two and a half years, he was technical director and set carpenter, hung lights, and painted everything. "Now the department is large enough to delegate jobs, easing my work load and making on-the-job training available for students," Holland said.

When asked what he expected from his majors, he replied, "Everything but life itself, and sometimes that is in question!"

He likes being in a small community school for several reasons. "My kingdom is small, but I'm king of it." He also said working in a large university would mean being the youngest member of a large, tenured staff, and he would only be able to direct one play annually. He would be unable to teach acting or directing class.

With advantages come disadvantages, such as the smallness of numbers from which to pick cast members. (He cast for "Harvey" and no men showed up!)

Holland is always having to rely on people with little or no experience to play leads. It's rough recruiting because very few high schools have drama programs. "Recruiting is a constant hassle," says Holland.

When student problems arise, he handles each in a very different way, depending on his perception of background, environment, experiences and goals.

He says, "Usual student problems come from lack of creative background, emotional shallowness, and laziness. Only problems he has had with students that haven't been solved are those who took their problems with them and went to other departments or schools."

"My major goal each and every year is to create a statewide reputable program whereby I must audition people to be admitted into the program. I want to offer more experience and opportunity than any other college or university," Holland replied.

Former students are now attending Texas Christian University, Southwestern University and Southwest Texas State University where they are furthering their knowledge of drama.

Plans for the coming year? "To allow the furor and tragedy of 'Play It Again, Sam' to die and be buried, and recreate again."

"My most perplexing problem is that everyone is a drama critic. Walk up to almost anybody on the street and ask them who is the best actor they've ever seen they will almost fight you over it!"

"Of course," he said, "I

realize what they really mean is their favorite entertainer is such and such. An actor is someone who portrays effectively and convincingly someone else. Otherwise, he is exhibiting his own personality on stage."

Holland added, "Do we tell doctors how to doctor, do we as a general public, tell bankers how to run their business? Then why directors? Art is to be enjoyed, not judged."

Holland opined, "Art must always teach as well as entertain. Didacticism and learning is so offensive to some escapists who dwell on Cinderella, Walt Disney and John Wayne type entertainment!"

If you do not know Charles Holland, come to his WTC productions. An exciting and dynamic show, much like the director himself, is to be found.

Incidentally, Charles is a newlywed. He recently married Kay Pitner who is secretary to Jerry Baird, director of guidance and counseling.

Holland has directed many WTC plays, including "The Fantastiks," "Butterflies are Free," "Charley's Aunt," "Look Back in Anger," "Road Show I," "Road Show II," "Rumpelstiltskin," "The Rivals," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "Red Hot Lovers," "Children's Hour," "The Odd Couple," "The Matchmaker," "Play It Again, Sam," "Glass Menagerie" and "Oh Dad, Poor Dad." Favorites are "The Glass Menagerie" and "Look Back in Anger."

Holland graduated with honors from North Texas State with a masters degree in drama and minor in English. He became interested in drama when he played Prospero in a high school production of "The Tempest," winning best actor at district.

Other plays Holland participated in during high school were "The Sandbox" and "Night of January 16."

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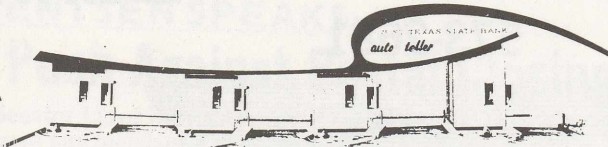
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News Briefs

AWARDS DAY

The annual Awards Day program is set Tuesday, May 4 in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Nominations for awards are made by faculty members on the basis of outstanding achievement.

BOARD ELECTION

Three unopposed incumbent members of WTC's board of trustees were re-elected April 3.

They include Bill Jones, president, Place 7; Edwin Parks, Place 5; and R. C. Patton, Place 6.

J-SCHOLARSHIPS

Any students interested in applying for scholarships, staff positions, or work study for next fall in the journalism department are urged to do so as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Mike McBride, assistant professor, in the Student Center.

WORK STUDY

A number of work-study jobs may be open for employment this summer. If you are interested in summer employment and plan to return to WTC for the 1976 fall semester, contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

FINANCIAL AIDS

Valedictorian / Salutatorian scholarships available at WTC have been revised for the period beginning with the 1976 fall semester, according to Glenn Davis, financial aids officer.

Revisions are as follows:

1. For all valedictorians of Texas schools, a \$200 scholarship plus the statutory tuition exemption for the freshman year.

2. For all salutatorians of Scurry County schools, a scholarship in the amount of \$200 for the freshman year.

3. For salutatorians in any Texas school outside Scurry County, a scholarship in the amount of \$100 for the freshman year.

4. These scholarships may be renewable for a second year depending on availability of funds and the academic progress of the students.

RMCPA

Three journalism students will attend the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association convention in Tucson, Arizona April 20-24.

Attending are Paula Cornoyer, Paul Gilbert, and Jill Groff. Miss Groff will compete for "Journalist of the Year" honors in on-the-spot news, editorial, feature, and headline writing contests.

Mike McBride, publications adviser, will accompany the group.

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WTC, NMJC APRIL 22

Texas, New Mexico 'AAG' Slated

by Paula Cornoyer

WTC has challenged New Mexico Junior College at Hobbs to an "Almost Anything Goes" competition to be held on the WTC campus Thursday April 22.

Originally five area junior colleges were invited to attend the competition. However, New Mexico was the only one to accept.

Two teams of six each from WTC and New Mexico will com-

pete, each team consisting of three men and three women.

Each college will have three different events, making a total of six.

WTC's events will be High Stepper; Jump, Pop, and Go; and Ladder Ladle. Events begin at 2 p.m. at the WTC gym.

Local coach is Lee Burke. WTC's team is being selected.

To highlight the day of activities will be a dance from 8:30-12:00 p.m. in the Student Center featuring C & P Produc-

tions of Snyder. A trophy will be awarded to the winners at the dance. New Mexico will be special guest.

Look for publicity on who the WTC team is, times and descriptions of events.

Make plans to attend the first WTC "Anything Goes" contest. Fun and excitement!

Western Texan Gets ACP First Class

The Western Texan, WTC newspaper, has received its third consecutive First Class rating from the Associated Collegiate Press, national critical service in Minneapolis, Minn.

The publication was honored for the fall semester, 1975, and rated against biweekly junior colleges across the nation, according to Mike McBride, publications adviser.

Categories of judging and point totals include: coverage and content, 770; writing and editing, 860; editorial leadership, 200; physical appearance, 1070; and photography, 300.

Critic judge was Paul O'Connor, contribution editor to Scholastic Editor magazine.



LISTEN TO ME! — Lizzie (Stacy Payne) is told by Starbuck (Brian Nobles) to close her eyes and simply believe that she is beautiful, in the WTC student production of "The Rainmaker." The show will be presented with "Next" and "Electra" April 28-29 in the central courtyard at 8 p.m.

'Dine-n-Dance' Set April 27

George Gann, cafeteria manager, announced plans this week for an appreciation dinner and dance to be billed as "Dine 'n Dance with George" April 27.

The usual 5 p.m. dinner hour will give way to a buffet dinner to be served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Music by C & P Productions will begin at 7 for a patio dance and last until 11 p.m.

All dorm students will be admitted free upon presentation of meal cards. Cost for others will be \$2.50.

Gann wants to show his appreciation for a successful year and thinks this will be an evening everyone will enjoy.

Faculty Challenged To 'Bed Race' Soon

Attention students and faculty! WTC's first annual "Bed Race" is being planned for April 29.

Two teams compete against each other in a bed on wheels down an obstacle course. Each team consists of six members, three pushing, two riding and one steering the bed.

At different points along the course, special stops will be made. Anyone interested in further details should contact Mickey Baird, Grant "Hippo" Knipe or Dennis McMenemy.

Note! Students are issuing a special challenge to the faculty!

Peterson Art Being Exhibited

Paintings, drawings and prints by Dorothy Peterson of Midland are featured in the April exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery.

The show includes 30 pieces and is open to the public without charge during regular campus hours each week day.

Mrs. Peterson paints in oil, mixed media and watercolor. Most drawings are done in a wash and line technique, and the prints include serigraphs and some lithographs.

"I consider myself an expressionist," Mrs. Peterson said, "and my imagery runs from representational to non-objective, depending on the

treatment I feel each individual piece requires."

A native of central New Mexico, Mrs. Peterson has studied art at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Roswell Museum, Odessa College, Midland College and the University of New Mexico.

Formerly on the art faculty of Midland College, she is devoting time to completing work on a master's degree at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Mrs. Peterson has been exhibiting her work competitively since 1960 and has received regional and national recognition in shows in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.



NATIONAL WINNER — June Harbin (center) shows Dr. Ed Barkowsky and Dr. Mary Hood her winning painting and plaque received at the national Phi Theta Kappa convention in Biloxi, Miss., Tues., April 6. Other local PTK members attending were Kenneth Gusta, Jean Gusta, Marketa Sissom, Teresa Williams, Jami Derringer, Charlotte Cargile, Amy Bollinger, Rickey Price, Tom Murphy, and Deneese Pemberton.

Bats Are In Belfry... Er, Ah...Dorm Lobby!

by Carolyn Davis

"Hey, it's dark up here!"
"Hold that ladder!"
"There's one! Over there! Get it!"

Another plague has stricken Western Texas College. Following the crickets, skunks and rabbits, now "bats are in the belfry."

Early one recent Friday morning, Rosa Sanchez opened up the dorm lobby and was greeted by a vicious little brown bat swooping around the room.

Later that same morning, Mike Baker and Joe Woolsey

assisted Joe Sanchez and Bill Giles as the ceiling was opened to discover the nasty trespassers.

"There were about 25 killed" said John Gelski, sophomore residence hall assistant.

Several students watched as numerous bats swooped and soared outside the window. Some were soaked with insecticide and seemed intoxicated but were not immediately exterminated.

"Hopefully we have gotten rid of all of them!" said sophomore R. A. Bonnie Bedgood.

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LOOPLEADERS — Five WTC golfers sporting awards for recent tourney action are Ross Wortham, Grant Collyns, Bryan Hargrove, Danny Loerwald, and Arnold Madril.

Westerns Win Two Tournaments

WTC's golf team remained in front in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race with a victory in the 8th league tourney of the season April 1 at Huber Country Club in Borger by firing a 293 five-over par.

Scores of other teams were Midland 303, Odessa and New Mexico 309 each, Howard 310, Clarendon 315, South Plains 318, NMMI 321, Frank Phillips 325, and Amarillo 326.

After eight conference tournaments, the Westerners are leading with 69½ points. Midland is runnerup with 68, and Odessa third with 65½. Howard and NMJC are tied for fourth with 50½ points.

Individual WTC scores were Ross Wortham 72, Bryan Hargrove 73, Arnold Madril and Grant Collyns 74 each, and Danny Loerwald 84.

Wortham was medalist, and Hargrove was runnerup medalist. Winds were gusting to 30 miles per hour, according to Coach Bob O'Day.

Also, the squad won the Great Plains Golf Tournament at Huber April 1 and 2. The Westerners carded a 293-295 or 588 total, 12-over par for the 36 holes to win the meet.

Scores of other teams were Odessa 309-291, 600; New Mexico 309-295, 604; Midland 303-303, 606; Howard 310-296, 606; Clarendon 315-309, 624; Amarillo 326-302, 628; South Plains 318-310, 628; New Mexico Military 321-307, 628; and Frank Phillips 325-306, 631.

Each college played five players and counted the four low scores each day. Strong winds were up to 30 miles per hour Thursday but slowed to 15 Friday, according to O'Day.

Individual WTC scores were Wortham 72-74, 144; Hargrove 73-71, 144; Collyns 74-75, 149; and Madril 74-77, 151. Loerwald fired an 84 the first day, then withdrew due to illness.

Wortham and Hargrove tied for medalist honors, shooting even par golf. Collyns was fifth with five over for the 36 holes.

The Westerners played with only four players the second day and could not drop a score. It was the first time for WTC to win the Great Plains Tournament. The Westerners tied Odessa for first place in 1973, placed third in 1974, and finished second in 1975.

Individual averages in competition through April 2 follow:

	Averages	Total Strokes	Rounds Played
1. (Soph) Bryan Hargrove	74.4 (+2.8)	1,191	16
2. (Soph) Arnold Madril	74.9 (+3.3)	1,198	16
3. (Soph) Terry Bruner	74.3 (+3.3)	223	3
4. (Soph) Ross Wortham	75.3 (+3.6)	1,129	15
5. (Fresh) Sammy Smith	75 (+4.0)	225	3
6. (Fresh) Dave Foster	75.8 (+4.2)	455	6
7. (Fresh) Donnie Loerwald	76.3 (+4.7)	1,145	15
7. (Soph) Jeff Richardson	76.3 (+4.7)	1,068	14
7. (Soph) Grant Collyns	76.6 (+4.7)	689	8
10. (Fresh) Brown McCrory	76 (+5.0)	228	3
10. (Fresh) Frank Hurt	76 (+5.0)	151	2
12. (Fresh) Scott Robbins	78 (+7.0)	78	1
13. (Fresh) Richard Taylor	81 (+10)	81	1

WTC Third In Rodeo

WTC's men's rodeo team took third in the New Mexico Junior College meet in Hobbs recently and trails Texas Tech University by seven points for first place in the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Tarleton state won the rodeo with 216 points, while Tech finished second with 215. WTC had 171 for third, and Eastern New Mexico was fourth with 157.

Rick Bradley, steer wrestler, won second place with a time of five seconds and has garnered a position in the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Montana this summer. He totals 359 points for the season, best in the nation, and has a 123-point lead over the nearest contender in the Southwest Region.

WTC entries in other events

included Brady Crumpler, third in bull riding with 68 points and fourth in saddle bronc riding with 55. He is the leading saddle bronc rider in the Southwest Region. John Crain, who finished sixth in this event at Hobbs, is in third place in the region.

Larry Turner, who holds second place in regional bull riding, marked 62 points on his bull. Keith Rowan, holding second place in calf roping for the region, tied his calf in 12.5 seconds. Joel Carter roped his calf in 15 flat.

JoAnn Whitehead placed fourth in the women's barrel race in 17.1 seconds and holds third place in the region.

New Mexico State University sponsored a NIRA rodeo April 1-4 in Las Cruces, and WTC will sponsor a NIRA meet April 29-30 and May 1 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

April Intramural BB Schedule

Event	Day	Time
Hot Dogs vs. BSU 1	15	Thursday 10:30
BSU 1 vs. BSU 2	19	Monday 6:30
Brown Berets vs. Rodeo Club	19	Monday 7:30
Hot Dogs vs. BSU 2	20	Tuesday 10:30
Wrecking Crew vs. Bulldogs	20	Tuesday 6:30
Brown Berets vs. BSU 1	20	Tuesday 7:30
Rodeo Club vs. BSU 1	21	Wednesday 6:30
Brown Berets vs. Bulldogs	21	Wednesday 7:30
Bulldogs vs. BSU 2	26	Monday 6:30
Wrecking Crew vs. BSU 1	26	Monday 7:30
Brown Berets vs. Hotdogs	27	Tuesday 10:30
Rodeo Club vs. BSU 2	27	Tuesday 6:30
Wrecking Crew vs. Rodeo Club	27	Tuesday 7:30
Bulldogs vs. Hotdogs	28	Wednesday 6:30
Wrecking Crew vs. BSU 2	28	Wednesday 7:30

April 30 Is Last Day To Drop Classes

Linksters Defeat Schreiner College

Coach Bob O'Day's forces defeated Schreiner Junior College in 36-hole dual match at Snyder Country Club April 9 and 10.

WTC fired a 25-over 585, while Schreiner shot a 31-over 591. Westerner Grant Collyns was medalist with a five-over 145, while teammate Arnold Madril was runnerup with 146.

Other local scores included Ross Wortham 148, Donnie Loerwald 150, Terry Bruner 151, and Bryan Hargrove 156.

Next action for the locals will be a conference tournament at Hobbs, N.M. April 23.

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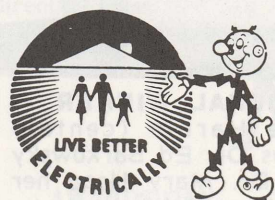
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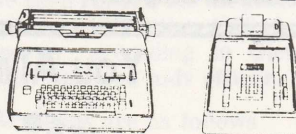
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