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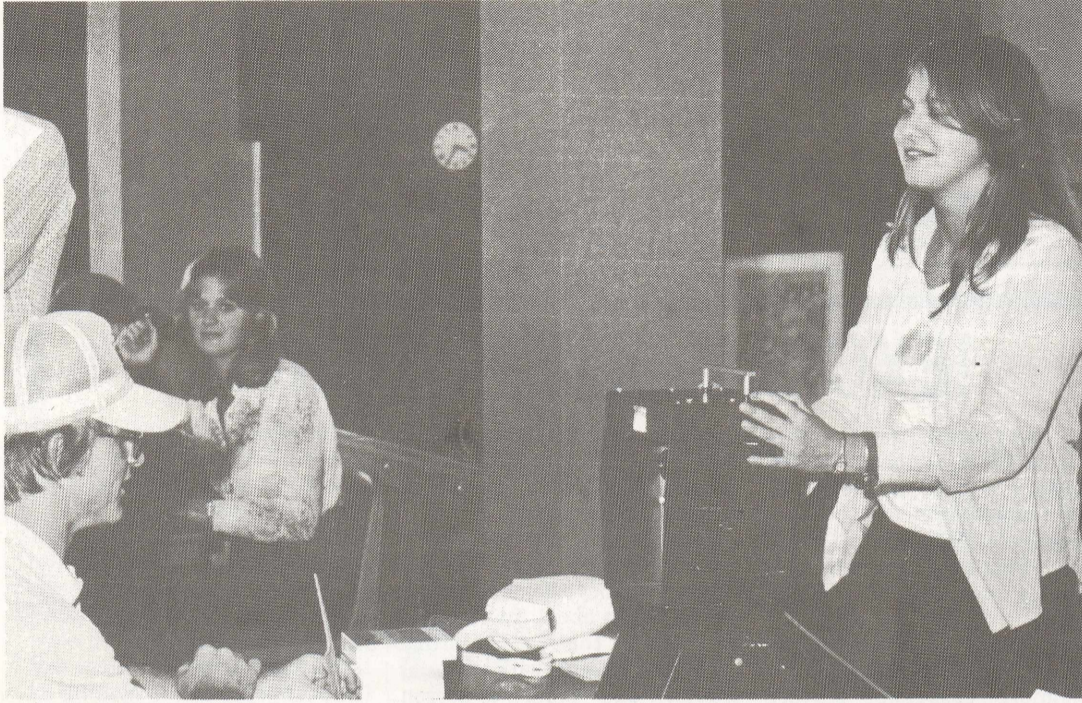
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SAY CHEESE! — Sophomore Renee Dodds takes ID photo of student during registration in the CSC two weeks ago. Approximately 1,150 had enrolled by last Friday with more expected. (photo by Neely Wright).

Nine New Instructors, Directors Join Staff

by Judi Huffman

Nine new faculty and professional staff members have begun work on campus for the 1976-77 academic year.

Paul J. Cormier of Rankin has been named instructor of secretarial science.

He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Angelo State University and earned a Master of Arts from New Mexico Highlands University with a major in business administration.

Cormier is a member of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, the National Business Honors Society and the National Fraternal Organization.

Robert W. Klemm of Mesa, Arizona joins the electromechanical technology department as instructor this fall.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in social science from William Carey College in 1974, and has done graduate work at Arizona State University.

Klemm was listed among Outstanding Young Men of America, and is a member of Pi Gamma Mu.

Melvin J. Branch, who has been named assistant professor of art, is a new addition to the fine arts staff.

Branch received the Master of Fine Arts degree from Sam Houston State University in May, 1975, and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in commercial art and painting from SHSU in 1972.

A local resident, **Charlene E. Light**, has been employed as office occupations instructor.

Mrs. Light, a Texas Tech University graduate with a major in general business, has also attended Howard College in Big Spring and Western Texas College. She has done graduate work through the Sul Ross State University extension center at WTC.

Vallene Turney is the new cosmetology course instructor.

She was employed as an instructor at the Voltai Reeves Beauty College in Big Spring for the past four and one-half years and has held an operators license since 1965.

She received technical training at the Reeves Beauty College and has taken courses at East Texas State University and Howard College at Big Spring. She is a member of the Texas Hairdressers, Cosmetology Instructors of Public Schools and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).

George (Max) Maxwell is director of Western Texas' dormitories. His wife, Becky, is assistant director.

Maxwell will teach psychology courses at the Sweetwater and Haskell extension centers this fall. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma and the Master of Education degree from West Texas State University.

Sharon Sutton, new director of the Scurry County Museum, graduated from the University of Michigan with a major in anthropology in 1973. She received the Master of Arts degree from Texas Tech University in May, 1976 with a major in museum science.

She was a research assistant and lab technician at the Tech Museum.

Jerry Row has been announced as a full-time instructor of electromechanical technology. He was a part-time instructor since January, 1975.

Row received an Associate and Applied Science degree in Mid-Management from WTC in the spring, 1976, and has served in the U. S. Air Force, attended the Air Force Community College and American River Junior College.

He was a member of Beta Mu Sigma and named to Who's Who in 1975 and the President's List in the spring, 1975.

WTC Self-Study Begins

Dr. John Wynn, assistant executive secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Georgia, discussed Friday WTC's institutional self-study to be conducted during the year.

He said the purpose of the study is to promote improvement of the college's educational effectiveness, including compliance with minimum standards established by the Association and required self-evaluation involving students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the public associated with WTC.

Outlined purposes of the self-study include: reassessment of institutional purposes, evaluation of institutional success in

fulfilling purposes of the college, improvement of institutional effectiveness (recommendations), and development of a plan for the future (projections).

After it began operation in 1971, WTC was granted accreditation after application and review by the Association. Current fifth-year self-study and self-reports to be filed with a college steering committee constitute one phase of WTC's reaffirmation of institutional accreditation.

Numerous committees have formed on campus and are preparing reports to become part of a final document representing WTC's self-analysis. At each stage, sections

of the document are reviewed and edited.

A team appointed from the Association will visit the campus following study of WTC's final report. Renewal of accreditation status will be part of a continual self-study process conducted every ten years.

WTC is one of 673 member institutions of the Southern Association, which includes colleges and schools in 11 southern states.

Senate Elections Slated Sept. 22

Student Senate elections will be held Sept. 22. Several requirements must be fulfilled for a student to be a senator.

Requirements include carrying 12 semester hours, being in good standing with the college (not on scholastic or disciplinary probation), maintaining a 2.0 grade-point average for the semester, attending all Tuesday morning meetings, and serving as chairperson or co-chairperson of a committee.

Senate candidates must have petitions signed. They are available in the Student Activities office.

Thornton, Branch Exhibit Art Work

For all art fans, Mike Thornton, ceramics, jewelry and three-dimensional design instructor, and Melvin Branch, instructor of painting, drawing and two-dimensional design, are exhibiting their work in the fine arts building this month.

Thornton is showing wine glasses, casserole dishes, bottles and covered jars. All are handmade and safe to eat and drink from. All pieces are functional and oven-proof. He also designs pottery pieces.

Branch is exhibiting oil paintings, watercolors and pencil drawings. They are hung throughout the fine arts lobby. The unique creations represent many areas of life and nature.

Drafting, Cosmetology Programs Initiated

For the brave, a course in cosmetology will be offered under the direction of Vallene Turney of Big Spring, new WTC instructor.

"The field is open to both men and women," Ms. Turney said. She has been an instructor in a commercial school of cosmetology for about four and a half years.

Courses to be offered are shampoo and related theory, hair and scalp treatment and related theory, cold waving and related theory, chemical hair relaxing and related theory, hair coloring, wigs and hairpieces, manicuring, facials, hairstyling, and hair cutting. The curriculum must be approved by the Texas Education Agency and by the Texas Cosmetology Commission.

Before becoming eligible to take a license examination, students must complete 1,500 hours of instruction, which takes about a year of preparation.

A new building to house the classes is under construction at the east end of the campus. Completion of the structure is scheduled for October.

Something for the beautiful, and something for the brave!

Two special programs of study are scheduled to begin this fall through the occupational-technical division.

For the beautiful, a new industrial drafting course will be taught by instructors Carl Barber, Clinton Morgan and Melvin Branch.

"There is a great demand and interest in the field of drafting," said Barber, manager of the American Institute of design and drafting and electromechanical technology instructor. He has served on the WTC faculty since the spring, 1975.

Morgan, an employee of Sun Oil Company, will teach electrical drafting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Branch, assistant professor of art, will teach basic technical sketching.

Students who successfully complete this program will earn the Associate in Applied Science degree.

Information on industrial drafting may be obtained by contacting Dr. Gene McClurg, dean of occupational technology, at 573-8511, ext. 219.



TWO-MAN SHOW — Works of Mike Thornton and Melvin Branch, art instructors, are on exhibit in the Fine Arts building lobby through September. (photo by Neely Wright).

The Editorial 'OUI'

Criticism and Faith

by CD

This semester begins the sixth year of classes and activities at Western Texas College. Despite consistent criticism which smacks of pessimism and apathy, this young college has proved to be among the finest accredited two-year institutions in the state.

Due to the incentive and positive action of Dr. Robert Clinton, WTC president, and several good, concerned citizens of Snyder, surrounding communities and beyond, what was once simply sagebrush-covered acreage now is the site of a college which is expanding and improving as time passes.

It may be considered phenomenal in this time of economic crisis and governmental confusion that such an outstanding institution could be born in this previously obscure community. Certainly, Western Texas College has put the town of Snyder, Texas "on the map"!

Nevertheless, our outstanding college is far from perfect!

Much criticism heard by students, faculty and various citizens is well-founded and constructive. Students criticize faculty and administration; administration criticizes faculty and community; faculty, if they are doing their job, criticize students, and it keeps going in a constant circle.

Criticism referred to, of course, is, for example, necessary discussion and comments made by administration to the public, making them aware of the need for their support if this young and growing college is to continue to serve people in this area of the state.

"We need the support of citizens of these surrounding communities if we are to continue to serve them" is, in so many words, repeated in a constructively critical manner by administrators and the Board of Trustees. These people are actually serving a purpose further than intimidation of our "creative freedoms", such as some might have thought they limited themselves to previously.

The public, as we observed in previous months, claims rights to have a say in the activities of Western Texas College. Obviously, they can be quite critical.

Students refuse to be left out. When the situation arises to take a stand, the student body is quickly united. Sometimes in several different positions, but united nonetheless. Again, if they are aware and care about what occurs, they use criticism, hopefully in a careful, constructive manner.

Being trained to do so, the faculty faces responsibilities of being constructively critical to help students. The tricky part is that they are the most likely to get in trouble.

Students can be corrected and disciplined, the administration is so organized that it takes months to get rid of anybody who makes a serious mistake, and the public is really never threatened...you can't fire or impeach or discipline the public.

But the instructors walk on eggshells and hope not to rock the boat. It's pretty rough on the faculty. There's always somebody waiting in line to take over their job. Just ask them, they'll tell you!

Of course, apathy, unfounded criticism and refusal to act upon helpful criticism are major degrading influences which threaten the growth and improvement of Western Texas College. As months pass, these may increase.

Apathy spreads like an epidemic as students, faculty and administration begin to suffer through monotonous routine.

What is the antidote for this disease? Could it be personal determination, ambition and a practised optimism? It's probably something a lot simpler. Probably a thing known as faith!

We have everything we need to have a fantastic year!

Our athletic teams have an exciting potential, and our fine arts departments promise many glorious performances and exhibits.

Several organizations are beginning to bubble up with activities and, of course, our faculty of outstanding, qualified and personable instructors are all working together to give students the best education to be found anywhere!

WT POLL

How's Dorm Life?

by Diane Wright

What does student life involve at WTC? Much of it is centered about residence hall activity, while the rest involves other areas of academic life.

This reporter cruised around the hall, asking students how they liked dorm life. Their responses?

LaDonna Powell, freshman, Snyder: "Not enough sleep and lousy food."

Terri Speegle, freshman, Cisco: "I don't like living in the dorm, but the people are really nice."

Mike Banks, sophomore, Channing: "It's all right, I guess. There's always something happening on our floor. It'd be a lot better if nobody'd go home on weekends."

Rode Walker, freshman, Abilene: "It's OK. I'm used to living in motels anyway, so there's not that much difference."

Vicki Frazier, sophomore, Sweetwater: "It's not the same. It was too good last year. Don't know if we'll be able to get it together like we did last year."

Jamie Branch, sophomore, Aspermont: "It's boring — not anything to do. The basketball girls are really friendly."

Marc Barrington, freshman, Lubbock: "It's not bad. If we had private bathrooms, it'd be all right. If the girls could come over, it'd be better."

Tressie Griffin, freshman, Crosbyton: "I like it. It's a lot of fun. Too early to go to bed until after 1."

Lisa McBroom, freshman, Haskell: "It's okay, but I lost six pounds last week because of the food."

Linda Gladish, sophomore, Abilene: "I like it. It's good to get away from home — learn how to be on your own."

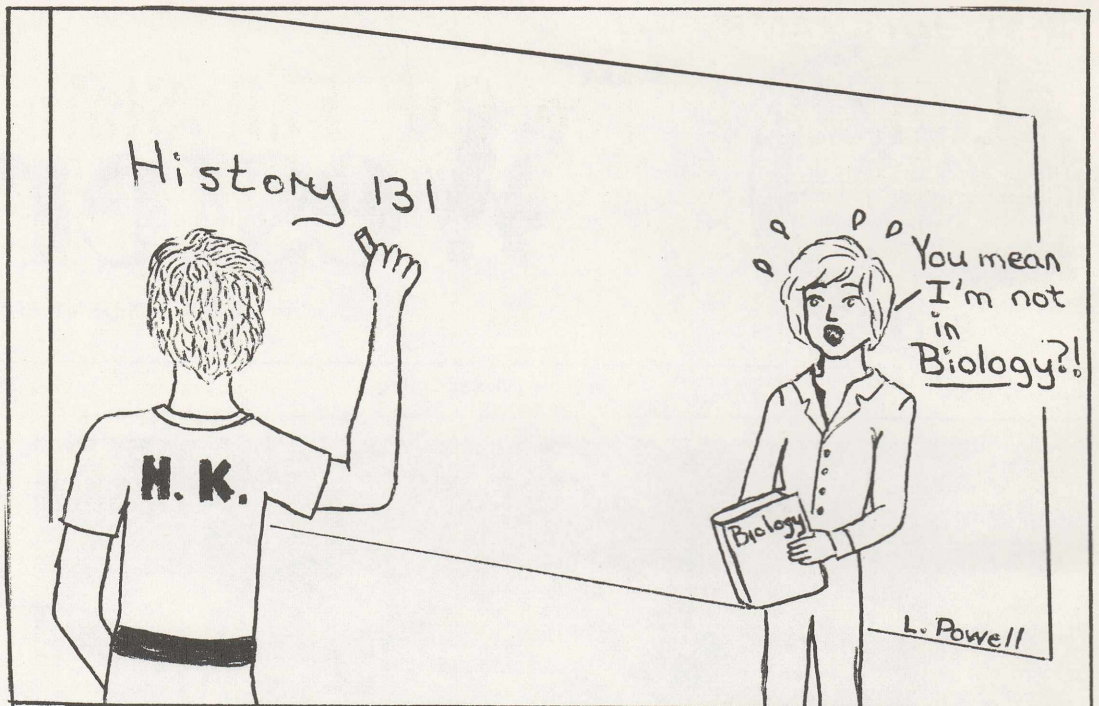
Willie Ray, sophomore, Afton: "I like it fine. It's better this year."

Karen Wright, freshman, Maryneal: "I like it. Compared to other dorms I've been in, it's better. The rooms are bigger and more space."

Terri Scott, freshman, Abilene: "Dorm life's all right, I guess. What would a college do without dorm life? Comedies are great!"

Eva Clay, freshman, Aspermont: "It's indescribable — no words for it. It's not all good, but it's not all bad."

Debbie Finch, freshman, Colorado City: "I like it 'cause there's a lot of people around."



!EXCLAMATION POINT!

by Carolyn Davis

It's difficult to follow in the footsteps and/or shadows of people who were before you. I'm facing this experience as I work on the Western Texan and as I serve in the Baptist Student Union.

One evening at dinner in the cafeteria, Walter Benjamin,* a sophomore basketball player, asked me, "Who is the editor of the paper this year?"

"I am!" I announced with a combination of suspicion and surprise.

"You've taken Jeff Box's place?"

That's an impossible question to answer! Actually, no one has taken anyone's place. My job this year will be totally unique only to me, and no one will really take my place when I'm gone. I'm not working under the same circumstances as Jill Palmer did last year, and my responsibilities are somewhat different from Jeff's.

Whatever job you have, it's your responsibility and should be treated as if no one has ever done it before and as if no one will ever do it again.

It's natural to compete with others, but the toughest competition you should ever face is yourself. To do your best should be your goal. Only in this way will you realize your individual talent and special gifts.

An illustration, if you please.

In years past, our men's basketball team really won some hard games and deserved their honors. With this in mind, does a member of this year's team concentrate only on breaking the record for stealing the ball set by a teammate last

year? Or does he realize that his best talent is in shooting for extra points, and work to improve himself in this area?

Perhaps a new professor comes to the campus and teaches history. Some students may tell him about the fun they had when the last history professor taught with unusual oratory and person-to-person discussion during class. Maybe the new professor's strong point is in using multi-media (and he has a lousy oratorical style).

It would be a pity if he tried to live up to the previous professor's particular style.

Especially in a two-year college, every year it is difficult to adjust to the absence of last year's sophomores and the onslaught of new, insecure, awkward and totally confused freshmen. To be quite honest, many sophomores are even

more awkward, insecure and confused at first. As time passes, we shall adjust and get ourselves together.

On to other things!

Two reminders! Don't forget to write the folks at home once in a while. Stamps can be purchased in the bookstore. Also, the election between the President and the peanut farmer is coming up soon, so please go down to the courthouse and register to vote if you haven't already.

All of a sudden it's cold outside! I do believe summertime is over!

I counted a half-dozen, half-frozen, blue-tinted, teeth-chattering young ladies on West Third this morning! Apparently, the heating system hasn't been turned on yet.

Next trip home, people, remember to bring back coats and electric blankets!

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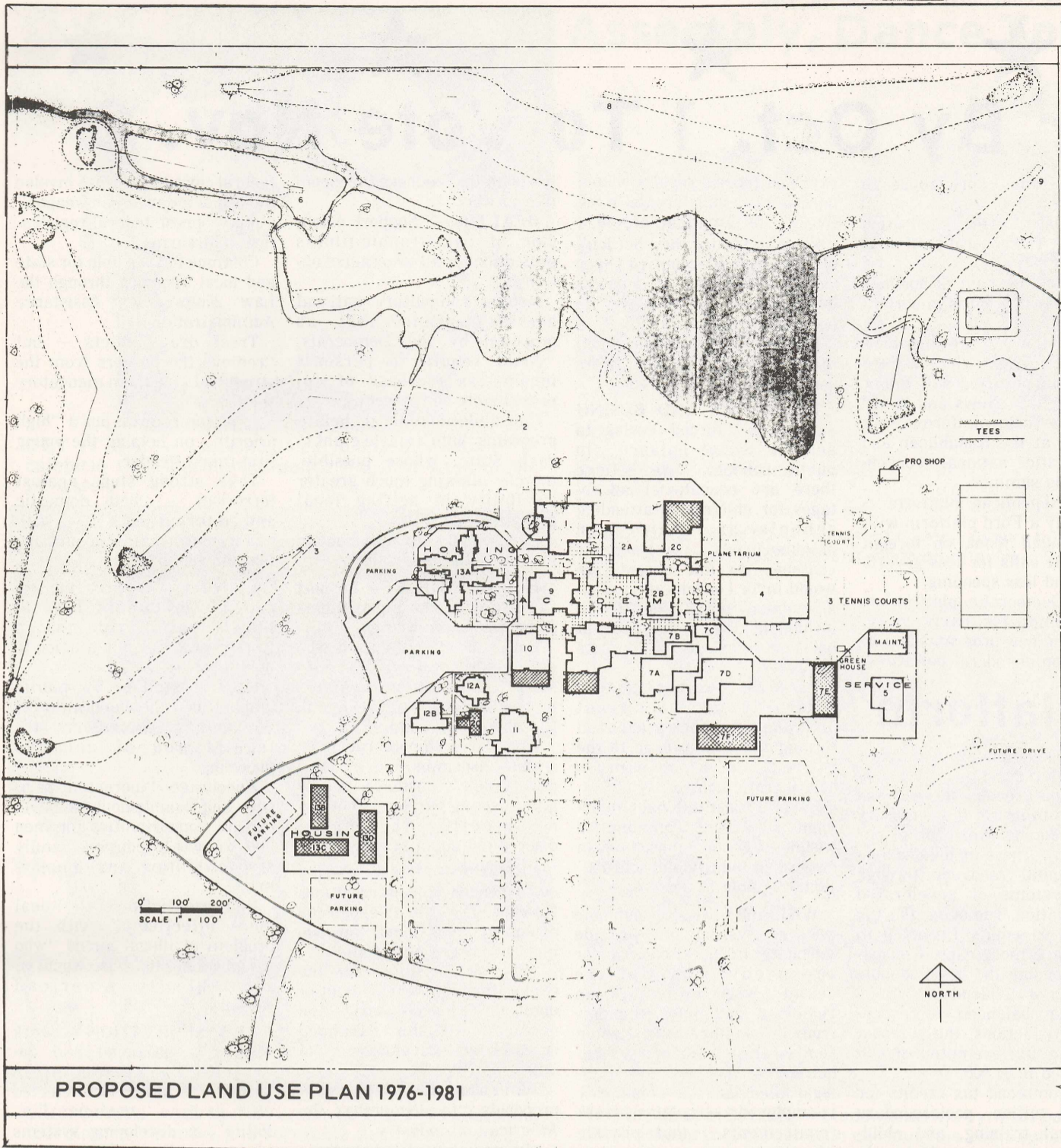
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Campus Golf Course Near Completion

by Jill Palmer

FORE!!! Or is it five, two...maybe eight or ten? No one knows for sure, but it is generally thought by local authorities that WTC's golf course will be open sometime this spring.

According to Clinton Deeds, superintendent of golf course maintenance, the course is nearly ready for play. All greens, (except number nine) and fairways (except number four) have been planted. The fairway on the fourth hole should be planted by the end of the week, weather permitting, and the green for the ninth hole will be ready for reseeding in about two weeks.

Common bermuda grass has been planted in the fairways because it has a fast recovery growth. "It's a hardy grass and repairs itself as well as divots and other damage to the grass quickly — plus it grows very well in this part of the country," Deeds said.

"We are using pennecross creeping bent grass for the greens. It's also common to this area and is used on most courses in West Texas because it is what we call a cool season grass." In other words, the grass will stay green longer and grow even in cooler weather.

Bridges and cart paths have not been installed but are being constructed. "We may not have the cart paths ready when the course is opened, but they will follow shortly and will probably be asphalt or caliche," Deeds added.

Sand traps are planned but designers have not decided which holes will have them.

Sealed bids for a course pro shop will be accepted by the

college board of trustees until 2 p.m. tomorrow. Proposed site of the shop will be east of the old tennis courts on the northeast corner of the campus.

Space for merchandise display, concession stands and restrooms will be provided in the shop building. WTC's golf coach, Bob O'Day, will be in charge of the shop, driving range and putting greens.

Plans include having 10-15 golf carts for rent from the shop.

The original course layout was designed by Carter-Burgess of Fort Worth.

When Tom Jones, instructor of golf and grounds operations, arrived on campus last year, he was faced with working out existing bugs in the unfinished course.

"The drainage and irrigation systems were inoperable," Jones added that each green has an individual drain which was not functioning as they should to keep greens from collecting water. The irrigation system had electrical problems and would not turn on or off properly.

About 20 college summer work students and members of the golf and grounds classes have done most of the work on the course. L. D. Walden, director of building maintenance and transportation, and Bill Mapes, assistant director of maintenance, assisted in installation of 6300 feet of electrical cable for the irrigation system.

Jones said, "That system is now functional and people should be reminded that the watering system is controlled by time clocks which activate automatically. The water used is chlorinated sewage effluent,

but it still smells and 'strollers on the course' are urged to stay off when the course is closed."

Jones discussed problems with cars driving on the unfinished course and leaving damage that put one more kink in the already late schedule. One car rolled down Round Top Road, crashed through the fence and stopped in the middle of the fourth fairway. "A man was chasing the car, caught it when it stopped, jumped in and drove off!" Jones said.

Another incident involved some men "trying to take a boat over the course (probably to the WTC lake) and were convinced that wasn't a good idea at all."

Several years ago people from the community were allowed to fish in the pond but that was stopped. As development on the course slowed, people started fishing again.

"That was all right but they started leaving cans, trash and bait buckets lying around and we were spending needed time cleaning up the mess," Jones said. "We have, however, never had trouble with the college kids going on the course."

Par for the nine-hole layout is 35. Holes one and six are par — three, holes two through five and eight and nine are all par — four. Hole seven is a par — five.

Although the course is owned and operated by WTC, it will be open to the public.

"Green fees will be \$3 for 18 holes for the public on weekdays and \$4 on weekends and holidays," Jones said. Students with activity cards, college employees and board members will pay \$2 for weekdays and \$3 for weekends and holidays.

Annual fees will be \$180 per year for one person and an ad-

ditional \$60 per year for each family dependent.

This fee may be paid semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1 each year at a rate of \$90 for a single member and \$30 for a family member.

Rules for operation of the course have been established by a committee consisting of board and staff members.

Rules are:

1. All play, except when modified by local rules, will be governed by U.S.G.A. rules.
2. All players must register in the pro shop.
3. No more than five players are allowed in one group at any time, unless permission is granted from the pro shop.
4. Each player must have a golf bag and clubs. Sharing of golf clubs is prohibited.
5. All play must start on No. 1 tee, unless permission is granted otherwise from the pro shop.
6. Allow next group to hit from tee boxes on No. 1 and No. 6 (par 3 holes) after all players are on the putting surface.
7. Slow and inexperienced players must allow faster threesomes, foursomes or fivesomes to play through. Singles or twosomes have no priority over these groups.
8. Players looking for lost balls must signal following players to pass and not resume play until they are out of range.
9. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the golf course.
10. Repair ball marks on greens, rake sand traps, and replace divots on fairways and tee boxes.
11. All players must wear a shirt.
12. No pets are allowed on the golf course.

13. Children below junior high age must be accompanied by an adult.

14. No groups less than four players are permitted on weekend or holiday afternoon when course is crowded, unless permission is granted from pro shop.

15. No mulligans or practicing on greens or fairways.

16. Group completing hole No. 9 has right-of-way between groups one and two waiting on No. 1 tee box.

17. Do not play from tee until players are out of range, nor up to the green until they have holed out and moved away.

18. Place all litter in containers provided.

19. Junior high age students are not allowed to drive golf carts unless accompanied by an adult.

20. No shoes are allowed on golf course which will cause damage to course and greens (spiked heels, soccer shoes, etc.).

21. All players must know and apply the rules and etiquette of golf. Players who fail to observe course regulations, proper golf etiquette, or rules of golf will be denied the privilege of playing the golf course.

Golfers will have the lake to their right side for three holes. On two, players will cross water. Number five green is on an island in the lake.

"I think it's going to be a very challenging golf course, especially for West Texas. There is water on six of the nine holes, all with especially large, contoured greens. They are sloped and the golfer will really have to be able to read the greens!" O'Day said.

Register By Oct. 1 To Vote Nov. 2

By Paula Cornoyer

Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their party. WELL?? It may be too late to aid any particular party, BUT it isn't too late to do something about it. And that's to become a registered voter.

Being registered to vote is simple. All you have to do is meet these qualifications:

- I. Be a U.S. citizen.
- II. Be 18 years old.
- III. Be a resident of the state and county for at least 30 days.
- IV. Be a resident of the election precinct on election day.
- V. Be registered 30 days prior to election day.

In Snyder, after complying with these qualifications, go to the County Tax Assessor-Collector's office in the base-

ment of the court house to register.

Last day of voter registration is Oct. 1. The general election is Nov. 2.

What's important is not how one votes but what is important is voting!

The following are the platforms President Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter will follow (Source: U.S. News and World Report). These platforms were adopted at the Republican and Democratic national conventions this summer.

The Republican platform is primarily a Ford platform with one Reagan plank on foreign policy. It calls for less government and less spending.

The Democratic platform is an attempt for party unity, proposing new programs and an expansion of federal power.

Republican Platform

INFLATION — "Protect the integrity of our money" by "putting an end to deficit spending" by the Government that "erodes the purchasing power of the dollar."

Oppose wage and price controls that "create only shortages, black markets and higher prices."

Help businesses to expand "to provide more jobs."

Oppose "massive, federally-funded public - employment programs, such as the Humphrey - Hawkins bill" backed by the Democrats that "will cost billions."

"Americans must not be fooled into accepting Government as the employer of last resort."

TAXES AND SPENDING — Advocate "a legislative policy to obtain a balanced federal budget and reduced tax rates."

Reform and simplify the tax laws that "have become a night-

mare of complexity and unfair tax preferences."

"Support economic and tax policies to insure the necessary job-producing expansion of our economy. These include hastening capital recovery through new systems of accelerated depreciation, removing the tax burden on equity financing to encourage more capital investment, ending the unfair double taxation of dividends."

"When balanced by expenditure reductions, the personal (income tax) exemption should be raised to \$1,000."

"Recommend tax credits for college tuition, postsecondary technical training, and child-care expenses incurred by working parents."

Continue revenue sharing "without unwarranted federal strictures and regulations."

BUREAUCRATIC OVER-REGULATION — Reduce "the

extent of federal regulation and bureaucratic interference in the lives of the American people."

Work to reduce the "burden" of "Government-required paper work" by which "the average businessman and employer is being overwhelmed."

Require federal programs "to meet strict tests of their usefulness and effectiveness."

EDUCATION AND BUSING — Oppose "forced busing to achieve racial balance" in public schools. "We believe there are educational advantages for children in attending schools in their own neighborhoods... If Congress continues to fail to act, we would favor consideration of an amendment to the Constitution forbidding the assignment of children to schools on the basis of race."

Propose "consolidating federal categorical-grant programs into block grants and turning the money over to the States...with minimum bureaucratic controls."

Favor a constitutional amendment so "local communities wishing to conduct nonsectarian prayers in their public schools" would be able to do so.

WELFARE — Reform the welfare system to "provide adequate living standards for the needy, end welfare fraud...with emphasis on removing ineligible recipients from the welfare rolls, tighten food-stamp eligibility requirements and end aid to illegal aliens and the voluntarily unemployed, strengthen work requirements... and provide educational and vocational incentive to allow recipients to become self-supporting."

Oppose federalizing the welfare system.

Oppose "the guaranteed-annual-income concept or any

program that reduces the incentive to work."

HEALTH — "Support extension of catastrophic-illness protection for all who cannot obtain it."

Oppose compulsory national health insurance that, as proposed by the Democrats, "could require a personal income-tax increase of approximately 20 per cent."

Consolidate federal health programs "into a single grant to each State, where possible, thereby allowing much greater flexibility in setting local priorities."

Expose and eliminate fraud in medicare and medicaid.

EQUAL RIGHTS — Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment for women.

Back "the efforts of those who seek enactment of a constitutional amendment to restore protection of the right to life for unborn children."

Work to eradicate racial or sexual discrimination in jobs, pay, credit, mortgage access and housing — but "not by resurrecting the much-discredited quota system."

ENERGY — "Reduce sharply our dependence on other nations for energy" by "both expansion of energy supply and improvement of energy efficiency."

"Provide incentives for the exploration and development of domestic gas, oil, coal, and uranium, and for expanded research and development" of other sources.

"Vigorously oppose" proposals "to dismember the American oil industry."

"Immediately eliminate price controls on oil and newly-discovered natural gas."

CRIME — Provide "automatic and mandatory minimum sentences for persons committing offenses under

federal jurisdiction that involve the use of a dangerous weapon" — but "oppose federal registration of firearms."

Continue federal help for state and local agencies through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Treat drug addicts — but "remove the pushers from the street and give them mandatory sentences."

In prison reform, put a "high priority" on helping the young first-time offender.

Take strong steps against terrorism — "both domestic and international" — with "sanctions against countries that aid terrorists."

LABOR — Support the so-called right-to-work laws of States that provide that a worker need not join a union to hold a job.

Oppose strikes by public employees, "the unionization of our military forces, and the legalization of common picketing."

Encourage "increased part-time and flexible-hour work" to expand "opportunities for men and women to combine family responsibilities and employment."

Increased efforts to "deal more effectively" with the problem of illegal aliens "who fill jobs that otherwise would be available to American workers."

TRANSPORTATION — Work toward a balanced and coordinated transportation network "in which local elected officials have "maximum flexibility" in developing systems "best suited" to the needs of each locality.

Support "the system under which State and local governments can divert funds" from nonessential interstate (See GOP, Page 5)

Democratic Platform

JOBS — "Make every responsible effort to reduce adult unemployment to three per cent within four years." To do this, "set annual targets for employment, production and price stability," with "special importance" placed on "the need for national economic-planning capability."

"Every effort should be made to create jobs in the private sector," but the "Government has the responsibility to insure that all Americans able, willing and seeking work are provided opportunities for useful jobs."

INFLATION — "Increase production and employment without rekindling inflation." To insure price stability, "direct Government involvement in wage and price decisions may be required," but "we do not believe that such involvement requires a comprehensive system of mandatory controls at this time."

"A strong Democratic Council on Price and Wage Stability should be established, with particular attention to restraining price increases in those sectors of our economy where prices are 'administered' and where price competition does not exist."

TAXES — Make "a complete overhaul of the present tax system" to insure that all "special" tax provisions "are equitably and distributed equitably."

"Reduce the use of unjustified tax shelters in such areas as oil

and gas, tax-loss farming, real estate and movies."

"End abuses in the tax treatment of income from foreign sources," and "overhaul federal estate and gift taxes."

"Eliminate tax inequities" that are based on "sex or marital status."

"Curb expense-account deductions."

Raise the wage base subject to Social Security taxes.

HEALTH CARE — Seek "a comprehensive national-health-insurance system with universal and mandatory coverage" and "financed by a combination of employer-employee shared payroll taxes and general tax revenues."

Provide "strong, built-in cost and quality controls" in such a health-insurance system, with rates for institutional care and physicians' services "set in advance."

WELFARE — Move toward "a simplified system of income maintenance, substantially financed" by the Government.

"Provide an income floor both for the working poor and the poor not in the labor market."

"Lift the burden of welfare costs" from local governments and make a "phased reduction in the States' share."

LABOR — "Insure that the minimum wage rate at least keeps pace with the increase in the cost of living."

"Support the right of public employees and agricultural workers to organize and bargain collectively," and "the full right

of construction workers to picket a job site peacefully."

"Seek repeal of section 14(b) of the Taft Hartley Act, which allows States to legislate the anti-union open shop."

"Support the principle of equal pay for comparable work."

ENERGY — Move "to develop renewable sources of energy."

"Help the nation embark on a massive domestic-energy program focusing on conservation, coal conversion, exploration and development of new technologies."

Oppose deregulation of natural-gas prices but permit higher price ceilings "that maximize production and investment."

Keep dependence on nuclear power "to the minimum necessary," and "apply stronger safety standards" to its use.

Seek to prohibit "corporate ownership of competing types of energy, such as oil and coal," and restrict "the right of major companies to own all phases of the oil industry."

Require "full disclosure of date on reserves, supplies and costs of production" of energy.

CIVIL RIGHTS — Carry out "vigorous federal programs and policies with compensatory opportunity to remedy for many Americans the generations of injustice and deprivation."

"Seek ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment" and insure "elimination of discrimination against women in all federal programs."

"Protect citizens' privacy from bureaucratic and technological intrusions, such as wiretapping and bugging without judicial scrutiny and supervision."

Grant "full and complete pardon for those who are in legal or financial jeopardy because of their peaceful opposition to the Vietnam War, with deserters to be considered on a case-by-case basis."

Oppose any constitutional amendment "to overturn the Supreme Court decision" on abortion.

CRIME — Make control of crime "an urgent national priority."

"Restore confidence in the criminal-justice system by insuring that detection, conviction and punishment of lawbreakers is swift and sure; that the criminal-justice system is just and efficient; that jobs, decent housing and educational opportunities provide a real alternative to crime to those who suffer enforced poverty and injustice."

"Support mandatory minimum sentencing for individuals convicted of committing a felony with a gun," and seek ways "to curtail the availability" of handguns.

EDUCATION AND BUSING — Accept busing of students as "a judicial tool of last resort for the purpose of achieving school desegregation."

But "encourage a variety of other measures" to "enhance the quality as well as the integration" of education.

"Strengthen federal support of existing programs that stress improvement on reading and math skills."

"Propose federally-financed, family-centered developmental and educational child-care programs."

GOVERNMENT REFORM — Adopt "reforms such as zero-based budgeting, mandatory reorganization timetables" and periodic reviews to eliminate or merge existing agencies and programs. Also tighten congressional oversight and program evaluation.

Modify the Hatch Act to permit some political activity by federal employees.

Urge legislation to require "full public disclosure" of financial interests of major public officials.

Support "practical public financing on a matching basis of the congressional elections" — as well as presidential.

Establish an independent Office of Citizen Advocacy to deal with complaints against the Government.

STATES, CITIES AND COUNTIES — Increase general-revenue sharing "to compensate for the erosion of inflation."

Support "emergency anti-recession aid to States and cities particularly hard hit by recession."

Give States and cities more discretion "in the use of federal transportation money" and make more Highway Trust Fund money available to improve public transport.

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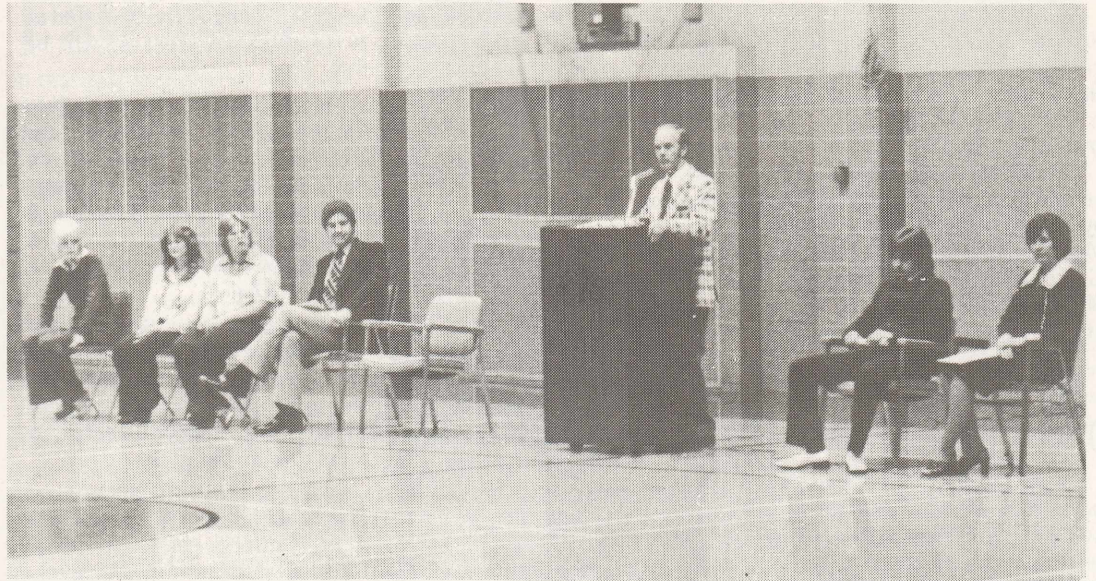
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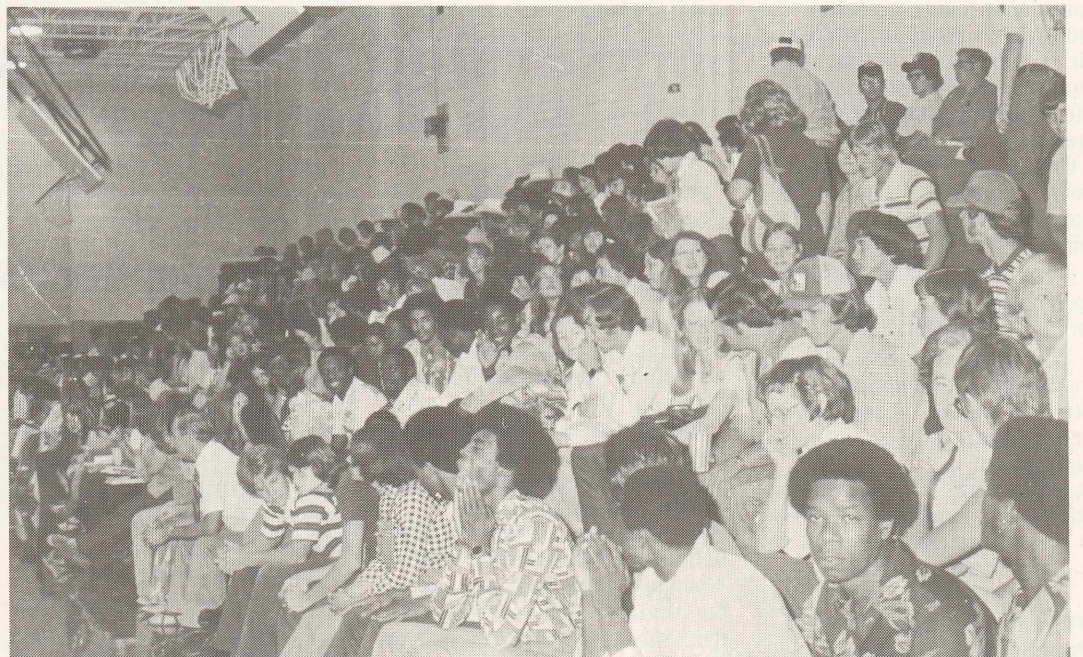
GET IT ON! — Students flock to the Student Center cafeteria floor during the dance the first week of the semester.



MUSIC MAN — Greg Patterson of C & P Productions coordinates his mike and turntable during the dance.



WELCOME TO WTC — President Clinton speaks to a first-week crowd in the gym. Other administrative, faculty and student dignitaries on campus were introduced during the assembly.



SARDINE SANDWICH — Students fill the gym to hear introductions of athletic teams and other scholarship students on campus this year. (photos by Neely Wright and James Hill)

(GOP, from page 4)

highways to "more-pressing community needs, such as urban mass transit."

GOVERNMENT REFORMS

— Repeal legislation "which permits automatic increases in the salaries of members of Congress, congressional staffs, and official expense allowances."

Require "full public disclosure of financial interests by members (of Congress) and divestiture of those interests which present conflicts of interest."

Make "a complete audit" of all congressional allowances and take "appropriate disciplinary measures for those who have violated the public trusts."

THE ELDERLY — Protect the actuarial soundness of the Social Security system without raising contributions by employers "to the point where they will be unable to afford contributions to employees' private pension programs." Also "work for an increase in the earned-income ceiling or its elimination" to remove "the present penalty on work."

"Favor the abolition of arbitrary age levels for mandatory retirement."

Improve the medicare program "to help control inflation in health-care costs triggered by present regulations."

HOUSING AND CITY PROBLEMS — "Pursue the primary goal of expanding housing opportunities" while also pursuing "the companion goal of reducing the degree of direct federal involvement in housing."

Seek "a continuous, stable and adequate flow of funds" for real-estate mortgages "at realistic interest rates."

"Urge continued incentives to support the development of low

and moderate-income housing," with high priority on rehabilitation of existing housing.

Develop "a co-ordinated national urban policy...based on the principle that the levels of government closest to the cities' problems are best able to respond."

ENVIRONMENT — "Support appropriate measures" to protect the environment and recreational and scenic areas — but recognize "that the emphasis on environmental concerns must be brought into balance with the needs for industrial and economic growth."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS — Maintain "friendly relations" with mainland China but "continue to support the freedom and independence of our friend and ally," Nationalist China (Taiwan).

"Explore with the Soviet Union new ways to reduce tensions and to arrive at mutually beneficial and self-enforcing agreements." But "we will oppose the deployment of Soviet power for unilateral advantages or political and territorial expansion; we will never tolerate a shift against us in the strategic balance."

Support "the process of self-determination in Africa."

Continue "decisive support for the security and integrity of Israel" while seeking a "negotiated peace" among all nations of the Middle East.

View any attempt to reimpose an oil embargo "as an essentially hostile act."

Continue military and economic aids to South Korea.

(A Reagan plank entitled "Morality in Foreign Policy" — accepted by Ford forces on the Convention floor) "Ours will be a foreign policy which recognizes that in international negotiations we must make no undue concessions; that in pursuing detente we must not grant unilateral favors... Agreements

that are negotiated, such as the one signed in Helsinki, must not take from those who do not have freedom the hope of one day gaining it. Finally, we are firmly committed to a foreign policy in which secret agreements... will have no part."

NATIONAL DEFENSE — Maintain "a superior national defense" as "the fundamental condition for a secure America and for peace and freedom for the world."

"Our national-defense effort will include the continuation of the major modernization program for our strategic-missile and bomber forces, the development of a new intercontinental ballistic missile, a new missile-launching submarine force, and a modern bomber — the B-1."

"We will increase our Army to 16 divisions, reinforce our program of producing new tanks and other armored vehicles and support the development of new, highly-accurate precision weapons."

Maintain "a major ship-building program, with an adequate balance between nuclear and nonnuclear ships."

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HOUSING — "Support direct federal subsidies and low-interest loans to encourage the construction of low and moderate-income housing," and expand the "successful programs of direct federal subsidies to provide housing" for the aged.

Increase emphasis on "the rehabilitation of existing housing to rebuild our neighborhoods."

Promote "a steady flow of mortgage funds during periods when housing starts falling below acceptable levels."

DEFENSE — Attempt to "reduce present defense spending by about five to seven billion dollars a year.

Keep strategic nuclear forces strong enough to provide "a strong and credible deterrent to nuclear attack and nuclear blackmail" and conventional forces "strong enough to deter aggression in areas where security is vital."

"Seek those disarmament and arms-control agreements which will contribute to mutual reductions in both nuclear and conventional arms."

Maintain a Navy which is "foremost" in the world.

Delay a decision in production of the B-1 bomber "to provide for a comprehensive review... and evaluation."

DETENTE WITH RUSSIA — Seek "continued reduction of tension with the U.S.S.R." but only "by fidelity to our principles and interests and through businesslike negotiations about specific issues."

Regard any attempt by Russia to extend its military dominance in Europe as "a grave threat to peace."

"Work toward: limitations on the international spread of fissionable materials and nuclear weapons; specific strategic - arms - limitation agreements; a comprehensive ban on nuclear test (and) mutual and balanced force reductions in Europe. However, in the area of strategic-arms limitations, the U.S. should accept only such agreements that would not, overall, limit the U.S. to levels of intercontinental strategic forces inferior to the limits provided for the Soviet Union."

RELATIONS WITH CHINA — "Recognize that the general character of our foreign policies will not and must not be set by our direct relationship with the Soviet Union. Our allies and friends must come first. Nor can the pursuit of our interests elsewhere in the world be dominated by concern for Soviet views."

"American policy toward China should continue to be based on a desire for a steady improvement and broadening of relations, whatever the tenor and direction of Chinese-Soviet relations."

ASIA — Keep the U. S. "a Pacific power with important stakes and objectives in the region," but avoid repeating the Vietnam "folly of becoming militarily involved where our vital interests were not at stake."

Maintain "friendship and cooperation with Japan" as the "cornerstone of our Asian interests and policy."

"Reaffirm our commitment to the security of the Republic of Korea," but "redeploy and gradually phase out" U. S. ground forces and withdraw nuclear weapons now there.

EUROPE AND NATO — Recognize the military security of Europe as "fundamental to our own," and maintain a "vital commitment" to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"Retain in Europe a U. S. contribution to NATO forces so they are sufficient to deter or defeat attack, without premature resort to nuclear weapons." But "encourage our European allies to increase their share of the contributions to NATO defense."

MIDDLE EAST — "Continue to seek a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," with "a firm commitment to the independence and security of the state of Israel."

"Continue our consistent support of Israel, including sufficient military and economic assistance to maintain Israel's deterrent strength in the region, and the maintenance of U. S. military forces in the Mediterranean adequate to deter military intervention by the Soviet Union."

Intramurals Program Underway

by Randy Parrott

It's time to start pepping up for the school activities taking place on campus, including one that hasn't been publicized much in past years — intramural sports!

The intramural program this year is planned and coordinated by Student Activities Director Mickey Baird and Physical Education Coach Lee Burke. Main objectives are to bring about more spirit from the

student body and more participation in the various activities to be held.

In prior years, meetings for the different sports have only involved captains of the intramural teams. This year, however, all students participating in intramurals must attend meetings on the designated dates. Anyone not attending will not be allowed to participate in that particular sport.

Friday, September 10 was the deadline for entries in the racket-ball and tennis singles tournament. No doubles competition will be held. Tuesday a general meeting was held in the gym for participants of both activities.

Teams for intramural football were formed by yesterday's deadline, and a meeting in the gym is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. today for participants. First day

of football will be Tuesday, Sept. 21 during activity period at 10:30 a.m. Last session will be Oct. 28.

Friday, Oct. 29 is the deadline for entries in basketball. On November 2 a mandatory meeting is set for all participants in the gym. Intramural basketball begins Nov. 4, and a free throw contest is planned in the gym Dec. 2.

Intramural activities are for men and women. Anyone seeking information on any intramural sport should contact Randy King, student director, in room 103 in the gym.

Schedules of all intramural events will be posted in the Student Center, outside Mrs. Baird's office, and in the gym.

Also, requests for sports not already on the intramural list should be given to King, Coach Burke, or Mrs. Baird.



HANDS OFF! — Westerner Robert Brown grabs a rebound as Larry Orton goes down. Charles Gibson moves in on the practice action.



UP AND OVER — Doug Worthington attempts a shot, but "Iceberg" Smith and Larry Orton have other plans. (photos by Linda Grissom)

Council Committees Develop Activities

New ideas are always welcome in the Student Activities office, located in the Student Center. The staff is ready to serve you. A list of varied programs awaits you, so go get acquainted!

Program Council works many hours to provide activities for students on campus. The Council is comprised of interested students the Student Senate and the student body, and more members are needed.

Committees of the Program Council include films, recreation, entertainment, hospitality, and strictly for fun.

Main objective of the films committee is to provide films for the student body.

The hospitality committee is in charge of receptions in the Student Center. They provide refreshments for visiting dignitaries.

Strictly for fun committee utilizes local and area resources in order to provide informal and non-credit short courses.

The recreation committee provides game tournaments in the Student Center and other fun-type activities.

Enrichment and enjoyment outside the classroom are keys the entertainment committee use for programming.

Don't be bored. Get busy and be involved!

Scholarship Dramatists Cast For First Play

by Reva Ferguson

"I feel like a football coach with a real young team — with all freshmen starters!" said Charles Holland, theatre director and assistant professor of speech and drama.

Holland's scholarship and workstudy students include Sara Coleman, Tesa Mohler, Teresa Johnson, Jackie Byrne, Pete Tercero, Lee Kirby, Scott Purkeypile, Sam Thompson, Joy Evans, and Brian Nobles.

Ms. Coleman of Snyder High School's production "Blood Wedding" won best actress in the regional one-act play contest. She was also a member of the all-star cast at the state meet in Austin.

Ms. Mohler from San Angelo won best actress of the year at the San Angelo Civic Center for her portrayal of Maggie in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Her ex-

perience includes professional touring with a repertory theatre from Red River, N.M.

Ms. Johnson from Rankin has won high school and UIL contests.

Ms. Byrne from Sweetwater was a member of the Sweetwater High School cast attending the state UIL contest in Austin.

Tercero is in charge of scenery artwork, and poster and program designs for advertising. He portrayed the Wizard in the WTC summer production of "Wizard of Oz."

From Lubbock's Monterey High School are Kirby, who portrayed the tin man in "Wizard of Oz," Purkeypile, and Thompson.

From Dunbar High School in Lubbock are Evans and Nobles. Evans is WTC's first Black theatre major. Nobles is returning to WTC and is remembered for his role in "The Matchmaker," "Play It Again, Sam," and "Rainmaker".

First production this fall is "Bus Stop," Oct. 5-9. Holland calls it "a comedy with a serious message."

Cheerleader Tryouts Planned Sept. 22

Cheerleader tryouts will be held Sept. 22. Petitions are still available from the Student Activities office.

Women named cheerleaders are required to provide their own tights, socks, megaphones,

cheerleading shoes, traveling uniforms and extra game uniforms. Though costs may seem high, cheerleaders do not have to pay them at one time.

Cheerleader practice is Tuesday from 2 - 4 p.m.

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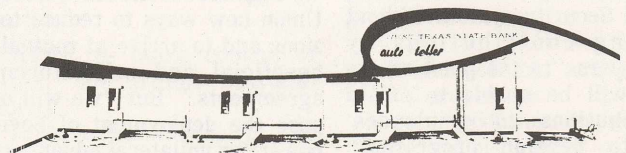
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WESTERN CHAMPS

Linksters 'Tee Off' Fall Slate

Things are looking up as the Western Conference Champion WTC golf team begins their sixth season today, coming off a fifth place spot in the National Tournament held at the Galveston County Country Club this summer. The Blue and Green are in Hobbs for a 54-hole affair, and the squad opens league play Friday, Sept. 24 in Borger.

Coach Bob O'Day summarized WTC's first trip to the national contest: "Even though we didn't play consistently in the last two rounds, I'm pretty pleased to finish fifth, considering all the competition."

Returning lettermen for the linksters include All-Regional Donnie Loerwald of Amarillo, co-captain, Dave Foster of Dallas, also a co-captain, and Brown McCrory of Gainesville. Other sophomores include Scott Robbings of Salem, Illinois, and Carter Wiggins of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Freshmen dominate the team as Coach O'Day signed seven new members, including Larry Barber of Monahans. Barber

lettered in golf two years and was named to the All-District team his junior and senior years.

Chris Brown of Midland, a three-year letterman at Midland Lee, made the District 5-AAAA golf team his junior and senior years. He won the Junior PGA Tournament last summer at the Sunset Country Club in Odessa, and placed second in five other Junior PGA tournaments during the summer.

Kim Coulter of Lubbock, a three-year letterman at Monterey High School, received second team All-District 4-AAAA and All-Regional team honors his junior and senior years.

Terry Kendrick of Perryton was named Outstanding Golfer at Perryton High School his junior and senior years. A three-year golf letterman, Kendrick was medalist in the Perryton High School Invitational Tournament.

Ronald Koerth, a three-year letterman at Ozona High School, was runner-up class AA state medalist this spring and runner-

up regional medalist in the tournament at Andrews Country Club, qualifying him for the state tourney.

Miller Scott of Clyde, a four-year letterman at Clyde High School, received medalist honors in AA State, Regional and District competition. Scott is credited with 11 Junior PGA tournament wins during the past three summers.

Tommy Taylor is a three-year linkster letterman from King High School in Corpus Christi. He set a new District 27-AAAA and King High records in winning medalist honors in more tournaments than other district players. He was district, medalist and named to the All-District and All Regional AAAA teams his senior year.

Glancing ahead, Coach O'Day and his returning lettermen and power-house freshmen should be in contention for more honors as the golf teams tee off at the New Mexico Junior College Intercollegiate Tournament in Hobbs, N.M. today and tomorrow.



YA HOO! — It's rodeo time once again and the WTC Rodeo Team will begin action soon. Several rodeos are planned during the year. (photo by Kenny LeMond)

Rodeo Club Announces Officers For 1976-77

The Rodeo Club elected officers at its first meeting of the year Sept. 7. New officers are Randy

Jackson, president; Larry Turner, vice-president; Kerry Harston, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth LeMond, reporter; and Jeff Matsler, representative.

Upcoming college rodeos were discussed (exact dates will be announced in the next issue). Also, future club meetings will be held each Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Returning rodeo team sophomores recognized were Jackson, Turner, D.J. Chapman, Matsler, Britt Bishop, Keith Rowan, Randy King, LeMond, Joel Carter, JoAnn Whitehead, and Ms. Harston.

Anyone who has not joined a club is invited to Rodeo Club meetings. The organization is for anyone interested in having fun and promoting the goodwill of rodeo athletics.

New Magazine Planned

Another first! The journalism department has a place for all those stories, poems, drawings, essays and who-knows-what-else you have created. In the last fall and spring issues of the *Western Texan*, a literary magazine supplement will be published.

According to Stacy Payne, editor and Stanton sophomore, "Everyone has strong feelings about certain things they would like to express. There have been poems written, but because of shyness they have been put away. There are artists out there dying to show their work, but haven't had the chance so far to do so."

"All kinds of creative people

with work stashed away somewhere now have the chance to share some of it, and this supplement is just the thing" she said.

"Let's get together and share our creations. Let a part of you know you've got your chance. Let's make it work."

All students, faculty, staff and administrators are urged to contribute original work to the publication.

Ms. Payne may be contacted at extension 254 or materials and messages may be left in her mailbox in the journalism department.

"Don't be shy!" Ms. Payne added, "Let's share and make our new literary magazine a smashing success!"

FALL GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sept. 16-17	New Mexico Junior College Intercollegiate Tournament (54 holes)	9 a.m.	Hobbs, N.M.
*Sept. 24	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Borger
*Sept. 25	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Clarendon
Sept. 30	Midland College (Dual Match-18 holes)	2 p.m.	Snyder
Oct. 2-3	Schreiner College (Dual Match-36 holes)	8 a.m.	Kerrville
*Oct. 15	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Roswell, N.M.
Oct. 19	Midland College (Dual Match-18 holes)	2 p.m.	Midland
*Oct. 28	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Midland
*Oct. 29	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Odessa
Nov. 4-6	Jimmy Demaret Intercollegiate Tournament	8 a.m.	Brownsville

*Conference Tournaments — 18 holes — each college enters five players and four low medal scores count toward team scores.

Several Organizations Available

Eleven active organizations on campus are available to students interested in joining them.

Artisans is composed of those interested in or enrolled in the visual arts. Members strive to increase individual and group talent through exhibits, sales, demonstrations, and lectures. Contact Mike Thornton at ext. 232 for membership information.

Baptist Student Union provides students with an opportunity for Christian fellowship and service. Membership is open to all WTC students regardless of church affiliation. Contact Mickey Porter at 573-0661 for membership.

Beta Mu Sigma is the campus name for the Junior College Distributive Education Clubs of America for mid-management students. Purpose of this organization is to aid members in developing a respect for education in management, marketing and distribution which will contribute to occupational competence.

Any student majoring in mid-

management and enrolled in a minimum of three hours of college semester mid-management courses is eligible to join. Call Roy Lewis at ext. 215 for details.

Eta Mu Theta was organized to create more outside interest in the electromechanical field. Members must be full-time EMT students.

The club sponsors various social and recreational events, and creates an awareness of the opportunities awaiting the graduate in the ever-growing electronic world. Call Robert Klemm at ext. 227 or Carl Barber at ext. 221 for details.

Purpose of the **Kappa Chi** organization is to provide wholesome recreation and Christian fellowship at the Christian Student Center on campus.

Membership is open to all students. Contact Dean Morgan at 573-8242 or go by the Christian Student Center for more information.

Los Vaqueros is a club designed to promote school spirit at all WTC sports events. Additional-

ly, social activities are held throughout the school year. Any student in good standing is eligible for membership. For information contact the Student Activities office or ext. 276.

As the only nationally-recognized honor society for junior college students, **Phi Theta Kappa** provides recognition and encouragement of high scholarship.

Qualification for membership is based on the student's overall grade point average and is by invitation only. More information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Mary Hood at ext. 275 or Dr. Ed Barkowsky at ext. 236.

Rodeo Club has been organized to provide interested students with rodeo-related activities. Anyone interested should contact Van Rigby at ext. 216.

Purpose of the **Texas Student Education Association** is to interest students in teaching as a career by providing opportunities for developing personal growth and professional competence.

CAFETERIA HOURS

MON.-FRI.
Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner 5-6:30 p.m.
Closed Weekends

SNACK BAR HOURS

MON.-FRI. 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
SAT. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
(depends on demand)

Membership is open to any student interested in the field of education. For more information contact Dr. Mary Hood at ext. 275.

Caballeros Club is made up of students interested in agriculture. Anyone interested should contact Kent Mills at ext. 226, or come by ApS D-111.

Explorer High Adventure Post is a coed organization under direction of the Boy Scouts of America. Any student enrolled is eligible for membership.

Typical outings include backpacking, canoe and float trips, snow skiing, water skiing, and hiking. Interested students are encouraged to contact Dr. Sue Coffman at ext. 294.

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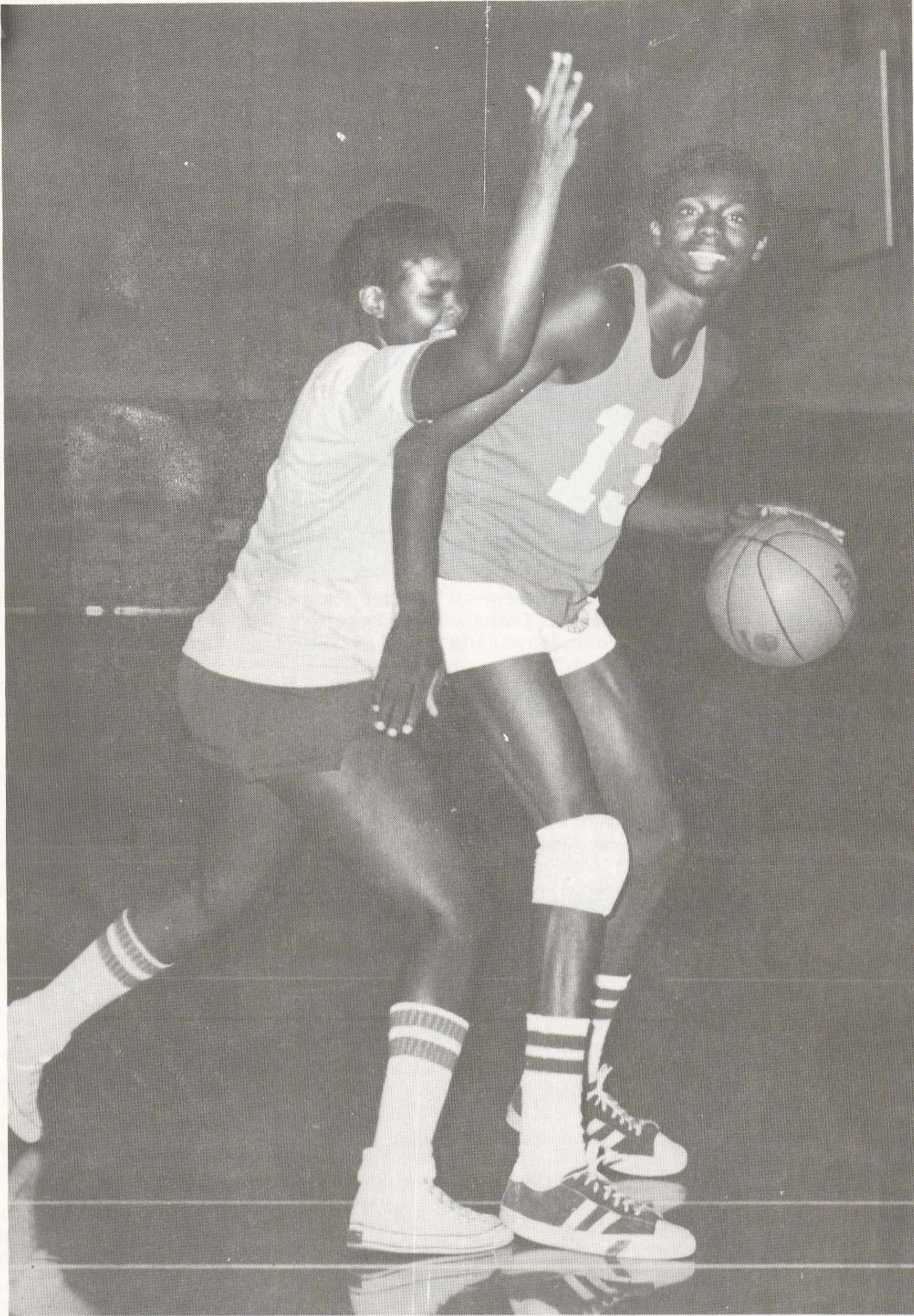


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BATTLE OF SEXES — Annie Tillman and Walter (Pepper) Benjamin, members of WTC's respective conference champion Dusters and Westerners, mix it up on the court. Just practice though...no foul play! (photo by Linda Grissom)

Parrott Talk

Little Bit of Everything

by Randy Parrott

As the 1976-77 academic year gets under way, members of the student body get acquainted and find out what other people are like. As sports editor for this year's *Western Texan*, I would like to get to know something about everyone, if this is possible.

Whenever I was given this position, I was pleased with the opportunity to meet most, if not all, of the people on campus.

I know that sports editing deals mainly with the athletes, but I would also like to know the feelings and reactions of those who do not participate in sports. Sports activities are great, but you can't have a good team unless you've got support and spirit — and that's what it's all about.

As activities form at WTC, I will try to bring you complete coverage of the games, events, and people involved.

If anyone has complaints about a particular story I've printed, please feel free to let me know what you disagree with and I'll see what I can do about it. Letters or notes may be left in my mailbox in the J-department in the Student Center.

I have heard that participation in the different sports activities of the intramural program has decreased in past years.

Mickey Baird, Student Activities Director, and Coach Lee Burke last week said they're expecting intramurals to be a great success this year. They also mentioned the possibility of having intramural contests with different colleges, where student body participation comes in handy.

WTC may not be the largest junior college, but it could be the one with the greatest amount of school support and spirit.

Only other thing I have to say is that WTC in prior years has had outstanding men's and women's basketball squads, a superb golf team, and a tremendous rodeo club. There is no reason that this year should be any different — except that these athletes need the backing of the student body, and they'll show you they appreciate your support by bringing home the victory.

Working together and winning is better than working separately and falling apart.

Registration Count Incomplete

Registration for the fall term shows a possible decline from enrollment last year, according to Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, but final figures are not available since students were enrolling and dropping through Sept. 12.

Official records are being compiled and exact figures should be available in the next issue.

Dr. Hood said enrollment in WTC's extension centers is good, enrollment for day classes

is steady, and the dormitories are filled.

"Registration is down at a number of colleges, particularly those with a high concentration of veterans enrolled," he said, noting that decreased enrollment is not unique to Western Texas College.

In the fall of 1975, 1,257 students were registered. As of Sept. 10, 1,150 persons had enrolled, including part of figures for extension, occupational technology, community service, and night courses.

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