

NEW MEMBERS — Seventy-one students were inducted into WTC's Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Feb. 5. (photo by Jim Severs)

# Enrollment Peaks To Record High

A new record was set as WTC's spring semester enrollment peaked to 1,267, topping the previous high of 1,258.

Dr. Duane Hood, registrar, was pleased with the figure. He commented that most colleges experience highest enrollment in the fall terms. He attributed this turnabout to students returning from other colleges.

The enrollment figure has been broken down into numbers attending the main campus and each extension center. They are as follows: Snyder — 903, Sweetwater — 126, Haskell — 120, Crosbyton — 91, Ballinger — 70, Lubbock — 12 and Rotan — 12.

Students have also been classified by counties. Numbers include: Scurry — 500, Nolan — 144, Mitchell — 96, Runnels — 64, Haskell — 63, Crosby — 60, Jones — 60, Fisher — 30, Garza

- 21, Lubbock - 16, Dickins - 14, Knox - 13, Taylor - 13, and Kent - 10.

Other counties contained less than ten students.

Three students from foreign countries and 17 out-of-staters also attend WTC.

Sixty-two percent of the total enrolled are in university parallel programs and 38 percent are in various vocationaltechnical courses.

Contact hours generated on campus is 82 percent. Enrollment on campus is 71 percent.

By sex, there are 267 parttime and 302 full-time males, compared with 473 part-time and 225 full-time females.

Regarding enrollment expectations for next fall, Dr. Hood commented that it would be limited by a lack of on-campus housing for students.

#### **BEOG Program Expanded**

In response to middle-income Americans' demands for relief from the increasing costs of higher education, Congress passed the Middle Income Student Assistance Act in October, 1978. The legislation, effective with the 1979-80 academic year, greatly expands financial assistance to students through the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program, said Glenn Davis, financial aids officer

If the Act is fully funded, a student from a typical family of four with an income of \$26,000

could be eligible for a Basic Grant.

Although the effects of the legislation cannot yet be determined, WTC's financial aids office urges every student to apply for a Basic Grant. Full funding of the act by Congress will result in approximately 85 percent of WTC's student body being eligible for assistance in 1979-80, Davis said.

Applications and further information are available in the financial aids office. Students are encouraged to pick up an application as soon as possible.

#### **Area Art Workshop Set**

Artists from Western Texas College, as well as other community colleges from throughout the Permian Basin, have been invited to participate in an area-wide art workshop at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin Feb. 23-24.

Pamela Price, assistant professor of art at UTPB, noted the workshop is designed to give students an opportunity to do some studio art work with UTPB students and faculty and to see the facilities.

Several demonstration areas will be in process simultaneously — sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, print making and painting. "Demonstrations are designed so people can go from one area to another at any time," Price said.

The art workshop is free to students who will be eligible to enroll at UTPB for the fall semester. Persons not presently enrolled at a junior college should call 367-2285 and make reservations.



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## Seventy-One Members Inducted into Chapter

WTC's Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held induction ceremonies Feb. 15 in the fine arts building. Seventy-one students were inducted into the scholastic honorary fraternity for junior colleges.

Veronica Melgar, PTK president, was master of ceremonies. Other officers and guest speakers were David Galvan, vice-president; Julie Dozier, secretary-treasurer; Connie Jones, reporter, and Becky Westbrook and Valerie Wilson, co-historians.

Guest speakers were Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services and registrar, who spoke on taking the challenge of involvement. He said PTK members should serve their community and college. David Higgins and his wife, Nancy,

alumni of the Psi Zeta chapter, spoke on what Phi Theta Kappa had meant to them.

New members were welcomed by Dr. Mary Hood, local sponsor of the organization.

Inductees are as follows: Wayne Barclay, Scott Barrett, Betsy Benson, Susan Bently, Racheal Bogle, Mary Briseno, Kathy Brzozowski, Beverly Clements, Keith Clements, Rachael Coronado, Andra Crenshaw, Kelly Culp, Tim Dacus, Donnie Dunn, Kevin Ehart, Rudy England, Beckye Everett, Rebecca Franco, Tim Garland, Neal Goates, Tommy Green, Tommy Guin and Tammy Hambright.

More include Brigette Hamilton, Bobby Hanks, Jamie Harris, Susan Harrison, Penny Hatfield, Julie Hawkins, Darrell Hayes, John Hopkins, Richard Huddleston, Art Hunter, Janet Johnson, Tracey Kruger, Kenneth Levens, Britt Lindsey, Elizabeth Little, Debra Littlepage, Carrie Lozano, Danny McCown, Kim McPherson, Mike Mahan, Belva Marsh, Jamie Mathis, Renee Muirhead and Marca Parham.

Finally, Laurie Partain, David Patterson, Stanley Pavlik, Ginger Peden, Joyce Plagens, Delbra Ray, Mark Ross, Debbie Rowe, Sheila Sandbothe, Soyla Santos, Debbie Sewell, Jesse Sheffield, Dray Sikes, Nancy Soles, Uyvonda Spilseth, Jack Stack, Jr., Janell Straub, Debbie Sutton, Jerry Tollison, Patrick Toombs, Tim Watson, Lynn Wimmer and Rocky Youngblood.

#### **Board Discusses Routine Matters**

by Debra Littlepage

WTC's Board of Trustees considered several personnel and policy matters Feb. 12 in their regularly scheduled meeting.

The resignation of Duane Smith, lab instructor of diesel mechanics was approved, effective Jan. 1, 1979. Smith accepted a job offer in Houston. Jerry Smith, diesel mechanics instructor, is continuing the program.

Trustees also accepted a position change for Jerry Baird. Baird has been appointed director of public relations and recruiting, while continuing as assistant director of Adult Vocational Education. His former position as director of counseling was abolished.

On the agenda of new business, the 1980-82 calendar was approved. President Robert Clinton commented, however, that the college is considering dropping the mid-winter session from its curriculum. He noted that the session previously enrolled mostly non-WTC students, but was increasingly serving mainly WTC students. A follow-up of these students and a thorough study of the matter are definite, Dr. Clinton added.

Dr. Duane Hood, registrar, reported on enrollment. The spring semester figure of 1267 is a record-breaker for the college. He commented that the college is considering dropping long-term service at the Rotan

extension center and continuing only their summer program.

Seven scholarship funds totaling \$38,459.65 were validated for transfer to the WTC Scholarship Foundation.

Dr. Clinton discussed the possibility of building five ra-

quetball courts, shower facilities, lockers and golf cart storage area on the site of the old tennis court. These would be rented to the public. The board requested further information on the issue.

The next scheduled board meeting is March 12.



COTTON TREE? — Winter isn't over yet, as she spread her splendor on the WTC campus in early February. (photo by Debbie Sutton)

# Parking Lot Problem

Since the Scurry County Senior Center has been moved, more parking facilities have become available on the north side of the campus - but it has only caused confusion.

When the center relocated, the senior citizens' parking lot became vacant, so students began using the facilities. Students soon realized something was wrong, though, when they found parking tickets on their cars.

Dan Dever, associate registrar, had released notices the day before, informing students that the lot was being converted into a faculty parking lot.

The day notices were released, there were four student cars in the lot and none were showing signs of violation in form of

The following day was a different story. At approximately 9:30 a.m., five student vehicles were located in the parking area, each displaying pieces of paper most people call tickets.

Students must remember that the lot has already been declared a faculty parking area, so do not park there unless you would also like to collect a parking violation.

The same goes for the blue parking slots in the northwest dorm lot. Until they are repainted, they are off-limits, according to

Students have also been asked not to park along the service road, but some don't seem to care, so the administration has been forced to hire a local wrecking company to tow off cars parked in the no-parking zone along the service road.

This road is used for delivery and garbage trucks as well as other special vehicles, and should not be blocked by students.

When big trucks have to deliver to the cafeteria, for example, they are not able to get by if cars are parked there.

Even though we may think these policies are not fair, we must remember that we've never been permitted to park in either place legally, so we are not being cheated. But those students who park there are cheating others.

Remember, we have our parking areas - so don't fill up

-By Rocky-

-Editorially ——

#### Income Tax Catch

Even if you qualify as a dependent on your parent's income tax return, you may still have to file your own.

If this is your first year to file an income tax return, you may be tempted to take the IRS up on their very polite offer to figure out your taxes for you.

Beware of over-solicitous strangers!

The offer sounds straightforward enough. "If you want us to, we will figure your tax for you," they say. "You won't even have to visit an IFR office.'

They go on to promise, "We will make sure it's figured the way that will let you pay the smallest amount." Sounds as cooperative as the Girl Scout pledge!

What they don't tell you is that if they don't get around to figuring your taxes on time, you're stuck with the penalties and interest that may accumulate on any money you owe.

Penalties and interest don't sound especially dangerous, but they add up. Within a year, the problem can run into hundreds of

IRS agents enjoy figuring taxes about as much as you do. They're human and proscrastinate at times.

When you file your return, get a photocopy of everything first: W-2's, tax forms, etc. Then, if anything gets lost, you won't have to start from scratch.

- Editorially —

# Collège Is Transition

Why do high school graduates attend college? The obvious answer would be to further their education. But is this answer accurate? College is an adjustment period for high school graduates

Students are not presented with a realistic view of the world in their secondary school days. College is a transitioning factor. The routine and community of school is still apparent, but rules and conformity are more lax. Students find they must make decisions and take on responsibility.

One of the most common problems, however, is that of uncertainity. "What do I want to do with my life?" the student asks. These students value their life as too important to throw away on a snap decision. College affords them time to think and to delve into areas of interest.

No matter what a student's reason for attending college, he receives a transition to the "real" world.

- By Debra -



#### WT POLL

# Pep Rallies to Help Game Attendance?

by Sheila Sandbothe

With the basketball season well underway and with both the men's and women's basketball leading their respective conference races, the ideas of having pep rallies has been brought up. In this issue, several WTC students and faculty members stated their opinions about the

Kathy Brzozowski, Wylie freshman, said, "I think that to get more student participation would help the two teams considerably, and pep rallies are as mentally good for the fans as they are for the athletes because you then have the whole school's effort.

"Yes, I think it would be nice to have pep rallies. It would help to get us 'up' for a game. But actually what would help the most

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lois Gleason's editorial in the February 1 issue of The Western Texan, "Child Care Choices", was clear, concise, and very timely for students who have preschool-age children.

Thank you for devoting space in the paper to an age group that sometimes is forgotten in the midst of other campus activities.

> Judy Barkowsky Child Care Coordinator

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is to have more people at our games," Betsy Benson, Ewa Beach, Hawaii freshman, said.

David (Moose) Galvan, Loraine sophomore, stated, "I'm all for it because, personally, I feel that overall school spirit is a little down and we need to do all we can to bring up the spirit and support our teams - not only in basketball, but also in golf, judo, rodeo and everything.

"I think we should have pep rallies," Kathy Hunter, Godley freshman, said, "because it would get more people involved in basketball and excited about the sport.

Coach Joe Cushing said, "No, I don't think we should have them. I think that when you get on the college level, the players are here because they want to be and you don't really have to get a player up for the ballgame. The maturity level is different than it was in high school. I could understand a pep rally for special ballgames in order to interest the students and townspeople.

"Yes, it would give the boys and girls more spirit, and it would also help to draw more crowds at the games. Also, I think it would show the teams that we really are behind them!" Laura Fohn, Anson freshman, exclaimed.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania freshman Bill Patterson said,

"No, because it's too late in the year to start something like that."

Greg Stewart, Bronx, New York freshman, agreed with Gail, saying, "Yes, because it would give the students something to do for a change!"

'No, because it's too late and it really doesn't get us fired up. You can only fire yourself up, said Franklin Bennett, freshman from Richmond, Virginia.

Kenneth Levens, Anson freshman, said, "Yea, I think we should have pep rallies to get the teams fired up as well as the fans. It would help to get the students involved with the teams - that way when they win nationals we can say we helped!

Mark Rutherford, from Passaic, New Jersey, said, "No, I don't think we should have pep rallies because it's too late in the year to start something like that

Odessa freshman Donna Proctor said, "Yes, so people would get more enthused about sports and so people would have more spirit when they go to the games.

And Brady sophomore Melanie Weaver? "Yes, so there will be equal support for both the boys' and the girls' teams, and so there would be bigger crowds at the games.'



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# **'Little Band from Boston'** Is 'More Than a Feeling!'

by Sheila Sandbothe

At 9 p.m. Boston came on stage singing "We're just a little band from Boston.

This statement may well have been true in May of 1976, but since the overnight success of their first album, simply titled "Boston" in October of that same year, "We're just a little band from Boston" has become a vast understatement.

Billed as the biggest rock show for Lubbock this year by its promoters, Stone City Attractions and FM 94, the concert proved to live up to expectations. A sell-out crowd of over 10,500 packed into Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum Feb. 8 to be awed by the band, primarily led by Tom Scholtz, lead guitarist.

**About 15 minutes after Boston** came on stage, they had the fans ecstatic as they rolled into the title cut off their second album, "Don't Look Back." They then mellowed-out and drifted into "More Than a Feeling" with Scholtz and lead singer Brad Delp taking turns at the

The high point of the concert came when all the lights dimmed and the musicians seemed to disappear behind a cloud of smoke that started rising from the front of the stage. The lights then reappeared, focused on Scholtz, who had seated himself at his pipe organ. The chords rang in the audience's ears, reminding all of a scary movie or a funeral.

Then the crowd saw the awesome huge pipes that were rising from the stage back. They stretched completely across the stage, and perhaps 20 feet into the air. The lighting added special effects with the change of each chord.

Scholtz played solo for a good five minutes before he left his seat at the organ and the other group members rejoined him.

The other members — bassist Fran Sheehan, drummer Sib Hashian and guitarist Barry Goudreau - served to round out the technical and melodic impetus provided by Scholtz and

Before the night was finished, Boston had played cuts from both of their multi-million selling albums as well as several new singles and had reappeared for four encores. That's right,

Sammy Hagar, the backup act which appeared before Boston, is not to go without com-

A Californian, whose four albums have helped him build a strong following in areas other than his native state, including Texas, Hager had a fine performance. His opening number, "Turn Up the Music," crowd ready for a night of rock-

Hagar was teamed up with Ronnie Montrose, a former Edgar Winter guitarist for a couple of years. They had recorded two albums together before he went solo again.

To those that have never been to a concert, \$7.50 may seem like an outragious sum of money to pay for three or four hours, but the Boston concert was well worth the 'investment.'

**ACS to Present Program** 

An American Chemical Society program open to the public is planned Saturday on campus. A luncheon is scheduled at

noon in the Student Center cafeteria, with tours of the college science facilities and the planetarium starting about 11

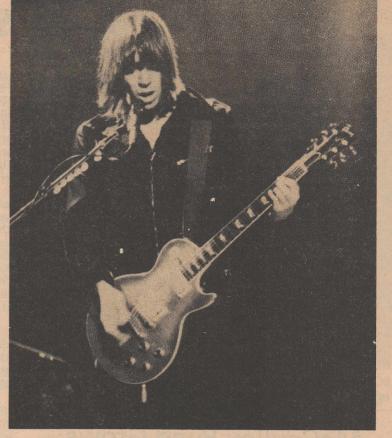
Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Will Nabors, a consumer communications specialist with Lone Star Gas

Nabors has been in Lone Star's speakers' bureau for the past two and a half years and will be presenting a program titled, "Kiss a Frog and Make it Happen."

He joined Lone Star in 1971. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, he was selected to participate in Lone Star's Management Training Program.

Upon completion of this training, he opened the Rockwall office. He was promoted to District Manager in Athens where he was responsible for the distribution operations in 14

Details about the program may be obtained from Dr. Shelby Hillis, science professor, at 573-8511, ext. 288.



GET DOWN! — Boston's lead guitarist Tom Scholtz belts out a number during the group's concert Feb. 8 in Lubbock. (photo by Cody Bell)

#### **Faculty Profile**

#### Baize a World Traveler

by Sheila Sandbothe

Have you been in the bookstore to pick up some books, a few supplies, or maybe just some stamps? If so, then you have probably met Teresa Baize, the bookstore manager.

Teresa has worked in WTC's bookstore for approximately four years. She began there some while ago, but her husband's job took them overseas to Aberdeen, Scotland. Her husband, Stanley, worked on off-shore rigs. "It was a vacation as far as I'm concerned!"

She is a mother to two boys, Bo and Justin.

Teresa is also a graduate of Snyder High School She moved to Snyder her senior year from

"No place really ever felt like home, because I had moved

about 13 times before I was 18 years old," Teresa explained.

Her hobbies include reading, going to movies and traveling.

In the summer of '77, she and her sister traveled to Indonesia to visit her parents who lived there at the time. They also visited Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taipei, Taiwan and Hawaii in the four weeks that they stayed there.

Her other travels include a trip to England. Her parents were living in London then, and she extensively traveled throughout Scotland during the two years that she lived there.

She also has hopes of visiting Spain, Portugal, Germany, South America and New Zealand, but exclaimed, "I'll go anywhere that somebody gives me a ticket to go!"

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Page Three Sounds Off!—

# Trapped on Runway!

by Rudy England

After being threatened with a lawsuit after my last column, I decided to "Play it safe(?)" this time. I remembered an essay a friend of mine had written in freshman English and asked him if he'd mind my using it in "Page Three Sounds Off!'

He consented, so we then asked Dr. Ed Barkowsky, his instructor, to get it from his files. With the essay now in hand, I'll allow my first guest columnist (who will remain anonymous for soonto-be obvious reasons) to proceed with his story.

Incidentally, all names were omitted to protect the innocent (and the guilty)! \*\*\*

Then there was the time I went parking on the airport runway.

After the football game was over, all of the beloved blue and white band members (including me) went back to the band hall to get out of the uniforms. It had been an uncommonly warm night for the middle of fall and, as usual, the boys' dressing room had the rank odor of two hours' perspiration.

Although everything else proceeded as normal, I knew something was wrong when my girlfriend's younger sister told me that her parents were going to let me take Mary out. They didn't even set a time for her to be home, something very unusual since they didn't ordinarily let us

Looking back, I can see why they didn't let us go out together, since we took a direct course to the parking spot that was shown me by Dan, a fellow band member. After going down the highway to the road leading to the community airport, I switched off my lights and turned toward the control tower. Though there was probably only one person there, I sure didn't want to get caught.

Hardly being able to make out the curb, much less the road leading to the runway, I turned toward the flashing blue and white beacon. After making it through the gate, I went straight to the beacon, then made another turn down the runway, checking for airplanes in the sky and making sure I didn't step on the brake. If slowing down was necessary, I had to use the emergency brake so my tail lights wouldn't shine.

Upon reaching the end of the lighted runway, I made a sharp right turn onto an unlighted one. Following the center stripe, I carefully made it to the end, at which point I stopped the car and proceeded with the business at hand. On this night, the mosquitos were particularly bad, and it got quite hot with the windows

After due process (which happened to make it a rather ungodly hour), I again made my way through the maze, only to come to a closed gate with a chain and lock wrapped around it. Needless to say, panic set in and search as we would, there was no other other way of escape. Finally, a brainstorm, and I got out to find that the chain wasn't locked after all.

From what Mary said to her parents, I gathered that the Christian assembly we went to that night lasted late, and was most enjoyable! Whew!!!!



COFFEE BREAK? — Teresa Baize, bookstore manager, pauses from early semester busy work. (photo by Joe Boldon)



BOARD TRUSTEE — Edwin Parks believes education is the key to the future. (photo by Rocky Alexander)

#### McCaulley Fund Grows

The Student Senate collected \$276 in December for the McCaulley Community Fund. The money was taken to Snyder Savings and Loan Association and added to the local fund.

The collection was taken to aid families of the victims of the McCaulley School bus-truck crash. The accident occurred Dec. 8 west of Roby.

Mickey Baird, student activities director, explained, "Whenever something like that happens, they try to get involved. They undertook this as a sort of community service project.'

The fund was started by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Hamlin Dec. 11, and Snyder contributions were launched soon afterward. Contributions of almost \$7,000 locally helped swell the total fund to over \$51,000, as of Jan.

Four were killed in the mishap and 21 injured. One of the injured died later. The students were on their way to a basketball game.



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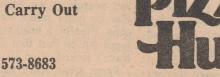
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#### **Board Member Edwin Parks** Strong Believer in Education

by Darlene Neatherlin

Edwin Parks felt that the establishing of a community college in Scurry County was going to be a beneficial enterprise. He was excited about it, and wanted to be a part of it, then he was elected in the fall of 1969 to fill a place on the college board of trustees.

This board member believes education is one of the basic essentials of life. "God created the world and he planted a garden in Eden. He placed man in the garden and placed on him four responsibilities: he was to subdue the earth, have dominion over it, to dress it and keep

He added the phrase -"History will bear out the fact, the better educated men are, the more able they are to fulfill these responsibilities and enjoy the good life.'

Due to education, man lives in the most exciting time of history. He said he is not overly concerned about the world being over-populated. "Educated men will become more efficient and more productive. The production of food, fiber and energy will be a challenge to man at his very best — and education is the answer.

He pointed out that the

People's Republic of China closed the doors on its places of higher learning a few years back. The administration and educators were sent to farms, harassed, degraded and humiliated. The new leaders of that nation now recognizes the stupidity of the act. Educational institutions are opening again, according to radio and television reports.

Parks feels in a few years Red China will be another Japan or Germany. The proper kind of education will do the job.

Regarding WTC, Parks noted some of the nicest things that have happened to the college the gift of land for the college site by Johnnie Sue Stiff, the garden in front of the museum from Edith McKanna, the Sentell Memorial stage in the central courtyard, the Dora E. Cunningham Trust Fund, Nancy Caton gifts, the Sears memorial carillon and the Heinzelmann memorial gift.

'The wisest decision made by the board was acquiring the expertise of Robert Clinton," Parks commented. He continued, "The greatest challenge before the board will be to maintain a dual system of academic and technical training in order to serve the whole community.

"One of the things that I appreciate most of all is the large number of people in the community who continually support the athletic programs of the college financially," Parks add-

'The rancher was born in Scurry County and has lived here all but one year of his life. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1946.

During his teens, he spent considerable time roping calves, playing baseball in the summer and trapping in the winter. He 'skinned so many skunks'' that the scent didn't bother him, except when he would get on the school bus and all the kids would move to the other side!

He married Vernella Beaver, a Fluvanna graduate in a class of five girls. "Nell is an excellent cook. She sets a table fit for a king!" her husband complimented.

They are members of the East Side Church of Christ and are parents of two children. A son, Garry, lives at Fluvanna and a daughter, Luann Walker, lives five miles south of Snyder. They have three grandsons and are 'expecting a granddaughter' in

### Partial Solar Eclipse

The moon will pass between the earth and the sun Monday, Feb. 26, blocking out two-thirds of the sun's light. The solar eclipse will begin about 9:10 a.m. and will end around 11:45

The sun totally eclipsed will only be seen from parts of the Northwestern U.S. and Canada.

Not until the year 2017 will another total eclipse be visible from the continental U.S., although in 1991 one will be visible from Mexico and Hawaii.

Looking at the eclipse without adequate protection can result in severe and permanent damage to the eyes.

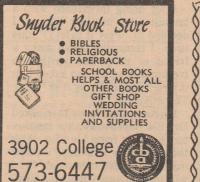
Keith Johnson, astronomy professor at Odessa College and author of a weekly astronomy column, advises using number 14 arc welders glasses to view the eclipse. Also, persons can tape two pieces of welders glass together using two numbers that add up to 14. Johnson said he used numbers nine and five glasses during the last partial

Odessa College will have telescopes with sun filters set up in front of their LRC for public viewing. Johnson will also have adapters fitted to a few telescopes for those with single lens reflex cameras who would like to take pictures.

On Sept. 6, there will be a total lunar eclipse. An eclipse of the moon occurs when the earth passes between the sun and the moon, and the earth casts its shadow on the moon.

#### ATTENTION

The campus telephone system will be shut down for reprogramming Thursday, Feb. 22, from 5-6:30 p.m. There will be no incoming calls, nor can you make an outgoing call.



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## On Exercise and Braces

by Monette Sentell

It's that time again... a new year and many of us have fallen into the age-old habit of making new year's resolutions to better our lives in various ways.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at approximately 12 Noon, there is an exodus toward the WTC gym and Lee Burke's 12:10-12:40 p.m. "Body Conditioning" class. According to Burke, assistant professor of physical education, this is the largest number of participants he has had to date.

Somehow the extra pounds and inches have a way of creeping up... or down... and spilling over during the cooler months, especially during the holdiay season!

During this time, most of us tend to ignore those tight waistline buttons and suddenly every dryer we use seems to start shrinking various articles of clothing. By the time we begin to feel like a Polish Sausage link and our faces turn blue from lack of oxygen, along comes the new year and the ideal time to resolve to get the old "bod" back into shape.

Warm weather is just around the corner, and unless you are actually pregnant, you can just fool other people so long, girls! Sorry, guys, "love handles" have a nice ring to them, but enough is enough!

Please don't misunderstand me. All the participants in Burke's classes are not candidates for Mr. or Ms. "Tons of

There are numerous students, faculty and staff members who are out on the gym floor bending, stretching, reaching, pulling and pushing just to keep the muscle tone they have... through strict discipline... attained and desire to keep. (Also, some of us need the PE credit to graduate!)

Speaking from experience, the first few days of class tend to make one most aware of muscles long forgotten, or completely unknown. Instead of exercising to music, there is

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Burke vocally counting out each exercise to the accompaniment of huffs, puffs, grunts, groans and heavy breathing by the participants in class.

After approximately 30 minutes of such exertion, class is dismissed. The survivors head for the locker rooms, full of vigor and illuminated by a healthy glow. The victims of the creeping poundage and inches move more slowly, once they've been coaxed off the gym floor.

The final insult would be to remain on the floor until the Dusters or Westerners come in for afternoon basketball practice!

In spite of the sore muscles and a final period of selfconfession by the ones of us who had blamed our tight jeans on the stupid old dryer, the next class period finds everyone back for another session of "Body Conditioning" and a time of secret dreaming of spring, warm breezes, bright flowers and a lithesome body ready to meet the world!

Then there are several of us who are really gluttons for punishment... our next class is racquetball!

While I'm on this health kick, how many of you have ever wondered if you were too old for orthodontic treatment?

Adult orthodontics has been kept in the closet too long. Being over thirty, and... to my knowledge.. the oldest student, faculty, or staff member at WTC with braces on my teeth, I intend to enlighten as many of you who are interested, or perhaps have the need for treatment.

What used to be only a childhood or early teenage correction has now branched out until approximately 20-25 percent of all orthodontic patients are older teenagers and adults. Many older patients are at first reluctant to wear braces, but if you really have a need for them, take it from an old pro of almost a year - they can become great "conversation pieces" and

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aren't nearly as much trouble as you might imagine.

Yes, it usually takes a little longer treatment time, the older the patient, but the offsetting factor is the enthusiasm for treatment shown by older adults. Not only are braces advised simply for cosmetic reasons, but also, if a person's bite (the way your teeth fit together) is not correct, you may be facing an early loss of your teeth due to gum recession or disease.

I must admit, during the past months I've been in braces, I've received several really strange looks, many double-takes, and questions from the very young to the elderly.

They've ranged from, "What's that on your teeth?" (As if anyone would have a mouth of wire for no reason!) to "I didn't know old people could wear braces!"

Once, after lunching out, I was in the restroom brushing my teeth and noticed a lady watching me very carefully for several minutes. After the two of us were left alone, she quickly pulled out an upper plate of false teeth to clean and admitted to being hesitant to relieve her distress until she saw me correcting my problem!

Each individual's particular problems dictate the type of appliances needed to correct that problem and will be mapped out by the orthodonist of your choice. The cost varies,

If I had to do it over again, and a choice, I would have had braces as a teenager, but I seem to have a way of doing things in reverse order. First, I married and had my children and now, some 10-plus years later, I'm a college sophomore and wearing braces to correct my teeth.

And you know what? If I live a woman's average life span, I'll have straight teeth and a college degree or two over half of my life! Think about that ... and if the braces fit, wear them!

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#### Stivison Drawings Shown

Pencil and watercolor drawings by Ellen Stivison of Houston are being shown in the fine arts gallery this month.

The theme is an integration of the two mediums to create a landscape environment.

The drawings are sensitive and create a deep space through which forms appear, mingle and fade, according to Melvin Branch, assistant professor of

Stivison received the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree

from Sam Houston State University in 1970 and the Master of Fine Arts there in 1975, majoring in printmaking and drawing

She exhibited at the Dimension Show of the Houston Art League and at Baytown last year. Her works are currently exhibited in the John Fitzsimmons Gallery in Houston.

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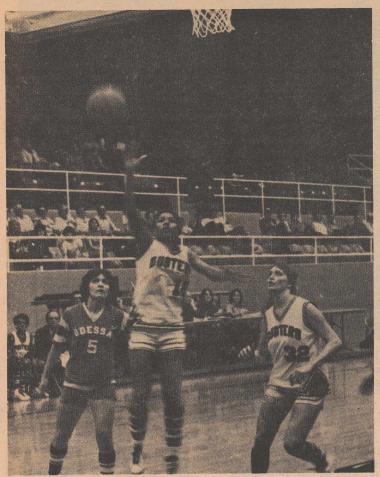
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VICTORY — Duster Liz Hooper puts one up as teammate Joyce Plagens looks on. WTC defeated Odessa College, 75-60, Feb. 5. (photo by Joe Boldon)





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# Dusters Meet Tough Amarillo College Tonight

by Darlene Neatherlin

As conference leaders, the Dusters go into the count-down in the next five outings with a 6-1 record — but a big test comes up tonight. They will meet Amarillo College in AC's Badger gym at 6 p.m.

The Badgers have only lost one game ever on their home court, and that was in double overtime against former loop leader Odessa this year.

This is a must game for Amarillo. They stand fourth in conference with a 44 record and need to win this game to hope for a regional playoff spot.

The Dusters only beat them by one point here Jan. 15.

Saturday, Feb. 17, the Dusters will host South Plains at 6 p.m. in the WTC gym. They will meet again Feb. 26 in Levelland.
"South Plains is a time

"South Plains is a time bomber and is just waiting to explode. They have more talent than anybody in this league or any team that the Dusters have played," Coach Joe Cushing commented.

The Tex-Anns have a 2-5 record and stand fifth in conference play. Four or five girls

on their team have made All-State as high school players, he

Howard College is on the agenda for Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the collseum. The Big Springbased team stands in third place with a 4-3 record.

Cushing feels that this is going to be another tough game because the Hawks are also in a must-win situation.

Frank Phillips College will host WTC Feb. 19 in Borger. The Prairie Dolls have an 0-7 conference mark.

Ice and snow didn't stop the Dusters from gaining the number one spot in conference play when they defeated the lady Wranglers of Odessa College here Feb. 5.

Coach Cushing's team paced a 75-60 victory over the visiting lady Wranglers, who had outscored the green team earlier in the season giving them their only conference loss.

Katie Fisher was the high pointer with 18, Nodia Vaughn scored 14, Joyce Plagens managed 13, and Liz Hooper and Bridgette Hamilton each made More points were added as Belva Marsh sank 6, Kathy Brzozowski and Delbra Ray 2 each.

"The Dusters are a real tribute to WTC, and I'm extremely proud of the way they played. I'm proud for them because they have overcome so many things this year in order to get in the top spot position," Cushing added.

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On Feb. 2, the Snyder team traveled to Plainview to take on the Wayland Baptist College "Flying Queens" Junior Varsity.

The Dusters rallied a 73-71 win in the last seven seconds of the game to defeat the Queen Bees. This was the last nonconference game and a prelude to the big Odessa game.

Vaughn notched 20 points, Plagens 16, Hamilton 17, Hooper and Fisher 8 each and Marsh and Ray 2 apiece.

Coach Cushing's Dusters have roared past Clarendon College twice in conference action. As a host team, the Dusters

As a host team, the Dusters walked past the Bulldogs 71-51 Jan. 31. It was a defensive struggle in the early period. With three minutes left in the half, Clarendon led 22-18, but suddenly the momentum shifted and the Dusters got their fast break going to score 18 points and take a 40-24 half-time lead.

Vaughn led the scoring with 23 points. Marsh, Plagens and Fisher made 8 each, Hunter 7, Brzozowski 3 and Ray and Hooper 2 apiece.

Hooper 2 apiece.
Last Thursday night, the
Dusters edged the Bulldogs 6159 to mar Clarendon's
homecoming.

#### **Judo Captures Three Firsts**

The WTC judo team recently competed at the Texas Judo Blackbelt Association State Championship held on the Texas Christian University campus in Ft. Worth.

The team captured three first place titles in the tournament.

In the young men's division, 132 lbs. and under, Mike Waller won first while Johnny Sutter took third.

David Peralez placed third in the 143 and under class, while Mark Thomas placed second in the 172 and under weight class and Kenneth Levens won the 189 and under division.

In the 209 and under class, Tony Wittenburg came away with first place.

In the women's competition,

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Kathleen Utsman finished second and Nora Pina third in the 120 lbs. and under division.

Feb. 17 will find the team in Odessa for the Odessa Open. From there, the team will head to Long Beach, Calif. to compete in the National Collegiate Finals on the California State University campus.

#### **Boxers Compete at Regional**

WTC's boxing team competed in the Regional AAU meet last Saturday at Lubbock. Participating were Mark Cozart, Fred Salinas, Rod Whitfill and Log Salinas

Whitfill won the team's only first-place title in the super

heavyweight division. Fred Salinas defaulted in the semifinals to Alvin High and Joe Salinas lost to Matt Adams in a split decision.

The team's next match will be the Colorado City Invitational Saturday at the C-City High School. The meet will begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for students

This tournament will be the closest one to Snyder that the team will play this year, so all local fans are urged to attend.



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# **WTC Faces Four Loop Foes**

by Luis Rios Amarillo, Frank Phillips, Midland and South Plains stand in the path of the Westerners these next two weeks. But of the four teams, only Midland has been fortunate enough to score a victory over WTC.

According to Coach Nolan Richardson, Amarillo (6-5) has a new guard who was ineligible the first part of the season. With a decisive 104-89 victory from their last encounter, WTC will try to put 'the hurt' to this now tougher Jim Calvin-coached team tonight in Amarillo.

"Playing at Frank Phillips is like playing in the Astrodome,' quoted Richardson. "They have the most inadequate facilities in the conference.

WTC dogged the Plainsmen by a whopping 104-68 the last time around. Monday night's encounter should be an interesting match-up, though, since Frank Phillips beat Midland at home.

And Midland's Chaparrels vs the Westerners next Thursday? WTC by 15 points. Why not? They play in the Scurry County Coliseum and the Westerners feel they awarded the game to Midland during their last meeting in the Tall City after some costly mental errors late in the contest.

"They beat us by two, and we came back to beat them by 40 last year," explained Richardson of South Plains. "They are very tough in their own

The Westerners will square off against the Levelland-based squad Feb. 26.

High scorer Paul Pressey is still out with an ankle injury but is expected to see limited action Monday night.

"It was the saddest game we played all year," Richardson said as Lloyd and Co. (NMMI) set back the Westerners, 80-69 in Roswell, N.M. Feb. 5.

One key figure WTC won't forget (or want to remember) was 6-6 Louis Lloyd who hit half of New Mexico Military Institute's points.

To the surprise of many, highscoring Pressey and Joe Mendoza hit for six combined points. The Westerners, however, will get a rematch March 1 in the coliseum for their final conference game of the year.

Western Texas made it their 20th victory Feb. 1 by bouncing Howard College, 97-66.

With the score 40-33, the Westerners came out running. Pressey and Dwight Williams hit for eight straight unanswered points. After that sudden surge, Howard's Hawks were never in the game again.

Pressey garnered 26 points, and teammate Franklin Bennett hit 16, his seasonal best.

Greg Stewart did everything Feb. 5 against Odessa College except take up the tickets as WTC overcame a tough and wiry bunch by 97-86.

# WTC to Host Golf Tourney

WTC will host a 36-hole golf tournament Feb. 24-25, the first annual T.W. Holder Intercollegiate and the first intercollegiate tournament played on the college golf course.

Last year the conference tournament and T.W. Holder affair were cancelled because of snow.

Eight teams will participate. They include: Odessa College, New Mexico Junior College, Cisco Junior College, Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, Midland College and WTC (two teams).

First round of the T.W. Holder will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 24 with

Feb. 25 will be the final round of the tournament with tee-off time at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the final 18 holes

There will be three team trophies and three medalists named. Team scores will be the low scores of five players each round. In case of tie in either team or medalist scores, sudden death play will be held.

Students, faculty and the general public are welcome to watch the tournament free of charge, according to Bob O'Day, WTC golf coach.

only loss came at the hands of

season, beating the Golfers 72-59

The Golfers were 1-2 until last

night. Their sole win was

against the Mean Machine (60-

39). Their two losses were to

The Mean Machine is 0-3 going

into tonight's final game. Their

losses were to the Blue Devils,

WLTG and the Bullets.

and losing to the Blue Devils.

the Blue Devils.



UP FOR TWO — Westerner Joe Mendoza (32) leaps over an Odessa player for a field goal. WTC defeated the Wranglers in the coliseum to keep the "Green Machine" on top in conference. (photo by Joe Boldon)

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#### Mean Machine vs. Bullets in Intramural Action

by Rudy England

A round-robin schedule of intramural basketball games will come to a close tonight with a struggle between the Mean Machine and the Bullets.

Scores of the two games held last night between the Bullets and WLTG and between the Blue Devils and the Golfers, were unavailable due to press

The Blue Devils were assured of at least a share of this semester's intramural championship, and could clench that title with a win over the Golfers last night.

Their season record, before last night's action, was 3-0, with wins over the Bullets (61-60),



the Mean Machine (82-57) and WLTG (64-61).

Only WLTG and the Bullets have a chance for a share of the championship. To claim it, one of the two teams would have to win the rest of their games and count on a Golfers' upset over the first-place Blue Devils.

Until last night's games, WLTG was in second place with a 2-1 record. Their wins were 86-36 over the Mean Machine, and 104-53 over the Golfers. Their

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SMILE — Nodia Vaughn takes time out before a game to pose for the photographer. (photo by Jim Severs)

#### Rodeo Team Opens Season; First Stop: Ft. Stockton

WTC's rodeo team began competition in this spring's rodeos today. The Sul Ross State University rodeo at Ft. Stockton will continue through Sunday. Of a possible 19 rodeos on the

Of a possible 19 rodeos on the team's schedule, only four others have dates already set. They include the New Mexico State Rodeo at Las Cruces March 29-April 1, the Hardin-Simmons Rodeo in Abilene April 19-21, the WTC Rodeo April 26-28, and the Tarleton State Rodeo May 4-7.

Other scheduled rodeos are Howard Couny at Big Spring, University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, Angelo State at San Angelo, and Weatherford Junior College.

Advisor Van Rigby noted that more rodeos and dates would be available Saturday. WTC will field about the same team this semester with a few transfer students to be added as soon as their eligibility requirements are met

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#### Duster Captain Nodia Vaughn Just Wants 'to be Different'

by Rudy England

This winter's freezing weather may have taken a toll on the average WTC student, but it only served to make at least one Duster roundballer feel at home. One thing's for sure, it hasn't seemed to cause a cold streak in the shooting of team captain and Paducah native Nodia Vaughn.

Nodia's basketball career began in the seventh grade at Paducah, and she's been playing ever since. While there, she managed to pull down a spot on the all-district team her senior

With eight sisters and three

brothers, it wasn't easy to be an individual. She's the only one to stick with sports, however, and only one of her brothers attempted basketball. "I'm really the only one in sports," she noted. "I just wanted to be different."

Nodia credits her high school coach with getting her an athletic scholarship to WTC. He called Sid Simpson (then athletic director and Duster coach), who in turn got in touch with her.

When Simpson left last year, several Dusters went on to other colleges. Nodia decided to stay, however, and it's rather ap-

parent she's happy with her decision. "Coach Cushing is the best coach I ever had!" she exclaimed.

One of this year's leading scorers, Nodia is a child care development major with hopes of getting a job as a teacher's aide after this year. She'd like to teach five- and six-year olds because she 'just likes children.'

She did concede that she might be willing to go on to a university if she gets a scholarship offer — and, if her past performances are any indication, chances are that she just might manage it!

# Apologies and Applause

by Luis Rios

My last column sure brought the dogs out, so e-x-c-u-s-e me for the obscene and vulgar language used!

I forgot that some of us were just born yesterday, and our virgin ears aren't accustomed to such profanity. But of course "fools walk where angels fear to tread." Naturally, that doesn't include me... I know exactly what I am doing, writing to please myself and hopefully to amuse others (or what do YOU think?)

Pope once stated, "Of all the arts in which the wise excel, nature's chief masterpiece is writing well." And that, dear readers, is my objective.

It was last Thursday, I believe, that the Westerners tangled with the boys from Howard College. This game was billed a sure-fire knockout game. A game that would be decided at the free-throw line or by spectacular play on the part of one individual.

Luis Rios might not be an expert on the game of basketball, but 31 points, my friends, isn't close by any means. WTC literally laughed the Howard Hawks off the floor and all the way back to Big Spring!

A rivalry as it was called by many has developed between these two schools. Ha! Ha! Ha!

That is a contradictory statement. The Westerners have defeated Howard College by 10, 18 and 31 points this year. Nobody is fooling anybody by saying that Howard plays WTC tough or that 'WTC vs Howard is a classic.' No soap.

Furthermore who knows what

number "Emotion" wears on the Howard College team? I don't believe he scored a point last Thursday night.

Sure, Howard has a good basketball team, but folks, WTC is destined for greatness. Yes sir, WTC will "dog your butt". (oops!) The driving force of the forwards cannot be matched—and very few guards in the Western Conference can connect with five baskets consecutively.

Indeed, a high-powered scoring machine is right here on campus. Coach Nolan Richardson's Westerners offer the best entertainment around the area. Yet, it's a shame they don't get better support. A truly great team needs a crowd to show their stuff to.

The guys know they play outstanding basketball. They aren't stupid. So go out and watch a

great quintet in action. You bet, watch Paul Pressey, Joe Mendoza, Dwight Williams and the rest of the crew collect floor burns by doing what they know how to do best, kick people's tails!

You wanted the best, you got the best! And, that, friends, is elementary.

#### Floor Painted

Have you noticed the new attraction added to the Scurry County Coliseum over the Christmas holiday?

'WTC WESTERNERS' is printed in bright green letters on one end of the coliseum floor, while 'SNYDER TIGERS' flanks the opposite side of the court in black and gold.

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