

CONGRATULATIONS, WTC WESTERNERS!



RABBIT TRICK, HUH? — Magician John Fabjance will appear Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$2 with activity card and \$2.50 without. Tickets can be purchased from any senate member or in the activities office.



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Magician to Perform Tricks, Comedy April 2 in WTC Gym

Come one, come all to the magic show Monday, April 2 in the WTC gym, with a special highlight featuring some "lucky" person being sawed in half by performer John Fabjance.

He entertains with comedy, magic and audience participation.

As a performer, Fabjance has appeared on national television and local shows, including Jackie Gleason and TV commercials.

An inventor of over 200 magic books, his performance includes many of the original tricks and routines he has developed.

Many instructions and magic books have been written for amateur and professional magicians by Fabjance.

A designer of trick props and scenery, Fabjance's tricks have been used in recent productions of the Ice Capades, Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus, plus other amateur and professional productions.

Fabjance is president of a magic company with all of his inventions, books and magazines.

He has performed noon-time magic, at student orientations, coffee house acts, concert

shows, as a magical master of ceremonies, an illusion show, dinner theater, party entertainment, and classroom workshops.

He will perform a nighttime teaser in the cafeteria the day of the show, with a combination of platform and close-up magic.

The concert show will be a full evening show by Fabjance, featuring magic, comedy and mystery — colorful and exciting magic.

His performance here is sponsored by the Student Senate. Tickets are \$2 for students with activity cards, and \$2.50 for all others.

Trailblazer Subscriptions to be Taken April 2-6

Orders for the 1979 Trailblazer, WTC's yearbook, will be taken April 2-6.

Students and staff members can order the yearbook for only \$5 if subscriptions are paid during this week. After April 6, the cost will go up to \$6.

In spite of the additional pages, color and hardback cover this year, the staff is offering the book at the same price as last year in hopes that students will take advantage and

purchase a book picturing the events of this year at WTC.

Orders will be taken in the Student Center at various times during the week, or students may place orders with Connie Jones, Darlene Neatherlin, Debbie Sutton, Joe Boldon, Cody Bell, Jimmie Price and Gerald Colbert.

Be assured of getting your copy in May by paying now. There will limited copies ordered.

Child Care Survey Results May Lead to Day Center

by Lois Gleason

Fifty of the 81 persons who filled out a child care questionnaire during spring registration said they would make use of a campus day-care facility if there was one. So if all goes well, WTC just might have its own child care center by next fall.

The students surveyed who desired child care had a total of 42 children four years of age or younger and 45 children over five years old.

In the past, the most common arrangements made by students have been to leave their children with family members,

friends or different types of child care homes and centers.

Some of the comments made by those surveyed included: "My wife would be in college if we had campus care," and "I hope the child care center develops because I sure could have used it in the past."

If the center becomes a reality, Child Care and Development students would be able to fulfill their lab time there instead of going to surrounding cities as they have been.

Available rooms on campus are being studied to see if any could feasibly be made over into a nursery, but plans are still officially on the drawing board.

Guitarist Farrow Entertains Students

by Lois Gleason

Mike Farrow recently entertained students here with his Gibson southern jumbo guitar and narratives like "I Seldom Stop and I Never Slow Down" and "Nasty Boy".

Farrow's start in the entertainment field began with a coffee shop he ran at Northern Colorado University. When an act there needed an extra person, sometimes he was asked to fill in.

Since then, he has worked all over the country, but mainly in San Francisco. He has staged puppet shows, done cartooning, acted in professional comedy troupes and written songs and plays.

Now he classifies himself as a songwriter-comedian. He makes his home in Los Angeles, and claims to have a girl in, well... almost every city.

Traveling isn't a big problem as he has less equipment to carry than most performers. Airplanes are an exception though. "They like to use guitars for frisbees in the cargo hold," explains Farrow. Most domestic airlines do not permit guitars to be carried on board with the passengers.

Farrow enjoys playing pinball machines in his spare time. The one he gets excited about is a new gadget called 'Space Invaders', which he says is very popular on the west coast.

Harry Chapin is one of his favorite performers. He likes

Chapin's music, likes how he lives and admires the fact that Chapin donates a large part of his earnings to a worldwide hunger program.

Farrow has been working alone for the past three years, doing performances like the one he did here. "I always like what I'm doing the best," he said.



'NEVER SLOW DOWN'? — Contrary to one of his songs, "I Seldom Stop and I Never Slow Down," songwriter-comedian Mike Farrow took a breather after arriving on campus for a musical session in the Student Center. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Editorially

Beware Spring Fever!

We just returned from spring break, and here it is time for another issue of *The Western Texan*. That means another editorial, but what can one say?

We've been away from school for a week, so we don't have anything to say to rile up controversy, or do we? I guess not — we better stick to something that will appeal to everybody or at least concerns everybody.

How about spring fever? Seems that when spring fever hits, everyone has a good excuse for being lazy. Folks don't think a thing about others walking around in a daze. They just chalk it up to spring fever.

We may joke about spring fever quite a bit, making up all kinds of excuses when spring arrives, but if we will stop and think, it could be almost as serious to us as students as maybe a heart attack would be to an older person.

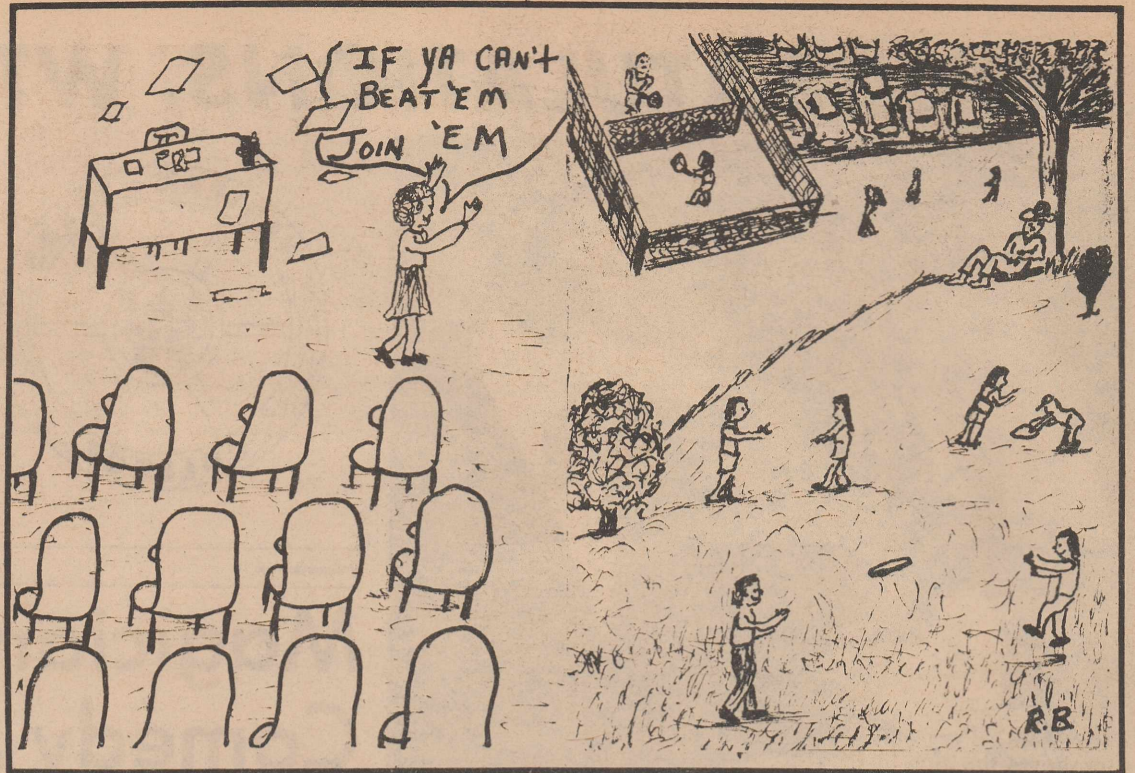
That's right, as students, we are in college to receive an education and to make something out of our lives — to lay the groundwork for our future. Our future is in our education, and spring fever could help to cut off our life support just as a heart attack.

Some may not know the symptoms of spring fever and probably no one knows them all, but common ones on college campuses are: not wanting to go to classes, always wanting to sleep late, never wanting to do homework and not wanting to go to work.

We may be straight A students and never miss a class. We may turn in all our homework and always get up early in the morning, but if just one of these good habits happened to turn to a spring fever symptom, our A work may fall as low as C or D.

As college students, we can't afford to let our grades drop and expect to make it in the game of life. We must avoid spring fever — it's our only hope this time of year.

By Rocky



Editorially

Right - - Write Us!

Apathy... everyone talks about it, whether they're referring to the federal government, school government, studies or sports. One editorial about it was in a previous issue of *The Western Texan*.

The apathy I'm speaking of, however, is the lack of interest shown editorials that support student concerns. Not one letter to the editor was sent when the editorials about dormitory fire threats, unlocking dorm rooms or replacing broken down buses came out in the paper.

We've all heard the statement that silence implies agreement, but you guys sit around and let someone else take the heat when he's written something that you agree with and is for your benefit.

Believe it or not, some heat is generated on these subjects and that's another problem... overreaction. Since editorials are not personal attacks on anyone in particular, I'll never understand why some people think they have to "go down and set that guy straight".

You probably won't convince the writer that you're right and he's wrong, so why bother? The only way anyone else will find out your side is by writing a letter to the editor so your points will be in front of everyone.

That is the purpose of the "letter to the editor" space. If you agree with an editorial, let the writer hear from you. If you don't agree, let him know about that too — but do it with a letter, not a lecture.

By Rudy

Editorially

Get Involved Now

We're always hearing the same refrain: Get involved, write your representative, take a stand!

Fine, but what are you going to take a stand on? Most of us hear about legislation being passed or discarded after the fact. How can you know about something in advance so you can do something about it?

The first step is to go ahead and write to that representative. Ours is Mike Ezzell. Ask him to send you a list of the bills that have been filed. His address is: P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769 and his phone number is: (512) 475-2617.

Once you get that, look through it and see if there's anything that interests you or concerns you. If there is, or if you're just curious about something, there's a toll-free number you can call as often as you like to get a more complete description of a bill or to find out what committee a bill is in. Ask what status the specific bill has and give its number.

After you're given the information you need, you can write back to your representative and tell him how you feel about the pending legislation and how you hope he'll vote on it. His job is to vote how you, his constituents, ask him to.

That toll-free number is: (800) 252-9693.

By Lois

WT POLL

Student Activity Concerns Aired

by Sheila Sandbothe

Before the spring break, the Concerns Committee of the Student Senate passed out questionnaires to students attending WTC. These questionnaires were to help the Senate in their future planning of activities for the student body.

As a result, it seems that WTC students would prefer picnics, frisbee throwing, kite flying, water balloon fights, potato sack races, marble shooting, one-on-one basketball, bubble gum blowing, "macho man" and weight-lifting contests among their fun and recreational activities.

Also there was a request to have a contest to see which guy has the prettiest legs!

As far as tournaments are concerned, racketball, bowling and volleyball were the most requested.

Students rated the dances as "average," but suggested a 50's dance or a sockhop.

A magic act, comedians or programs on ESP or psychic phenomena were listed as the best forms of entertainment.

It was found that all types of music are enjoyed. Suspense, western, mystery, comedy and

love stories are the most-enjoyed films.

Students tended to like science fiction and art forums, while they seemed to prefer workshops on plants, macrame, leathercraft, guitar playing and first aid or athletic training.

Other comments and suggestions offered by the students were an increase in visiting hours, keeping the dorm lobby open longer, more students staying on campus over the weekends, and more music in the cafeteria.

Cafeteria food rated "Good", but needed improvement and more variety in certain areas.

Also, many students would like to have facilities such as the gym, student center and library open on weekends. They claim that this is the main reason everyone leaves.

The committee expresses, "Thanks to all the students who took their time to fill out the 'concern' questionnaire. We appreciate your ideas, interest and constructive criticism."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To: Dr. Mike McBride and Western Texan staff

From: Ben Brock, WTC Vice President

Congratulations upon your most recent accomplishment! Winning the coveted All-American rating is an achievement of which all of us can be proud.

I appreciate the work you do as staff members of the newspaper. It is apparent that the canons of good journalism are taught and practiced in your classes and publications work.

Best wishes for continued success in your journalistic endeavors and concomitant competition.

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SIGN IN, PLEASE! — Mrs. Gail Cushing, director of Residence Halls, prepares the sign-in sheet for visitation hours. (photo by Jim Severs)

Faculty Profile

'Dorm Mom' Mother, Too

by Sheila Sandbothe

Would you like to know more about the residence mother of WTC? We all know who she is — Mrs. Gail Cushing. But what are her hobbies? Where is she from? And what has she done before she came to Snyder?

Gail Cushing, wife of Duster Coach Joe Cushing, is originally from Garden City, Texas. She graduated from Garden City High School, then went to Angelo State University to further her education. She studied business as her major and minored in physical education. While at Angelo State, she met Coach Cushing.

They were married while he was in the Navy and had one year left to serve. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Chula Vista, California — a suburb of San Diego. While there,

Coach Cushing was called to return to Viet Nam. Mrs. Cushing moved back to San Angelo and Coach later returned to the Concho City to finish his education.

They have lived in Bellville, near Houston, where he coached for four years, then they lived in Forsan for one year before coming to Snyder.

Mrs. Cushing has worked as both a legal secretary and a medical records secretary for 13 years.

"I have so much spare time on my hands now that I don't know what to do with it all," she claims. However, she has quite a few hobbies. Her number-one pastime is playing the piano. Also, she enjoys fishing, reading and recently was taught to crochet by a WTC student.

Then, too, she is a mother. Toby Joe, her son, is to turn 5-years-old April 23.

When she was asked about the effects that the older, college-

age students had on Toby, she named advantages and disadvantages. She explained that Toby's vocabulary has doubled since living here and that he understands the right usage of the larger words. However, living in the dormitory prevents Toby from having smaller kids to play with, and he has picked up "a few things" that she thought he would pick up later in life.

Toby goes to a babysitter during the day and is on campus only at night, so she feels that, on the whole, the students have accepted him.

"I'm basically a private person," explaining that for the first couple of weeks — until she set regularly-scheduled office hours and had become adjusted to the students — she felt like she was "jumping to do this or that" and it was hard to get used to. However, she likes living here and thinks Snyder is a very nice town.

REVIEW

'Never Too Late' Delightful Play

by Monette Sentell

If you missed the spring dinner theatre production of "Never Too Late," you denied yourself a delightfully entertaining experience.

Marca Parham and John Hopkins, Snyder freshmen, in the lead roles of Edith and Harry Lambert, respectively, were hilarious as the middle-aged couple who found out they were expecting a second child 24 years after the first, Kate (played by Snyderite Debbie Busciglio), was born. Ms. Busciglio was cast opposite Robby Moore, Snyder freshman, who played Charlie, her young husband.

The various situations that took place in the two-family

home after the untimely announcement led to side-splitting laughter. Grace Kimbrough, played by Seminole freshman, Janice Posey, was the nose-y, giggling neighbor and wife of Dr. James Kimbrough, played by Rick Mantooth, sophomore from Seminole.

The entire cast did a superb job with Rex Hopkins, WTC's Director of Continuing Education and Community Services, receiving many laughs as the mayor who had "ways and means" of getting the citizens of his town to adhere to his opinions.

David Galvan, Loraine sophomore, and Darrell Hayes, Caldwell freshman, cast as Juan Valdez, the carpenter in charge

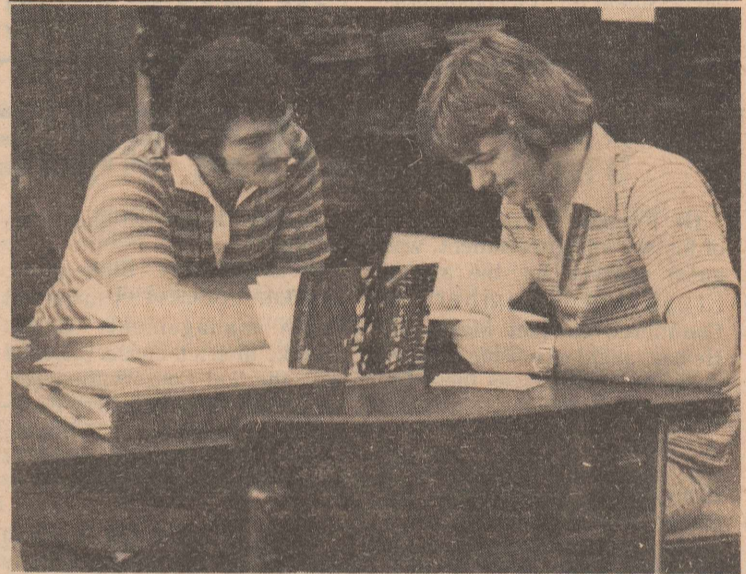
of remodeling the Lambert house, and the policeman who tried to keep the neighborhood peaceful, completed the cast.

If you've ever tried to hide a commode in the middle of the living room or have a "secret baby," you could really relate to these funny scenes.

I feel the whole idea of the play could be summed up by Harry Lambert's lines upon realizing that he would be 83 by the time the baby graduated from college... if he were smart!

Just remember his famous line that may ring in some ears for quite a while, and be careful where you aim your bow, men, or you, too, may be reciting, "I shot my arrow in the air...!"

It's Never Too Late!!!



THAT TIME OF YEAR — Mickey Baker (left) and Jerry Tollison are among numerous students working on research papers due soon. They are English students in Janet Halbert's class. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Page Three Sounds Off!

School Trips — Back to Basics!

by Rudy England

Everyone has known someone who was really religious. Maybe not to the point of being a fanatic, just to a point that everyone else kind of looked at him as though he was a little different.

Not meaning to put anyone down, of course, it's just that people like this take certain things more seriously than others. That's what the following account is about — folks who are really religious and the effect school trips have on them.

To understand this friend of mine, I'll have to take you all the way back to when I was a freshman in high school and she was in the eighth grade. We were "going together," even though we usually didn't go anywhere at the time. One night we did go to a high school play, though and it just happened that this was the first time we had been out together.

I remember how nervous I was; you know, reaching out to

grab her hand, then chickening out because my hands were sweaty. I had all kinds of excuses. Finally, I succeeded in mustering the courage and my heart was pounding! Before the end of the play, we were not only holding hands, we were holding **both** hands!

Then the next day came the disastrous news. A friend of hers told me that she wanted to break up because things had gotten too serious the night before! Can you believe it? I hadn't even tried to kiss her goodnight!!

Not too long ago, this girl called an ex-boyfriend of her's who had gotten into some trouble to reprimand him for his actions. I can hear her now. "No, no, dear," in that sweet kind voice. It probably affected him like a slap on the hand.

To get on to the school trip thing, it just so happens that she got stuck with a rather tomboyish girl when going to a convention. On the way to the

meeting, another guy had bought one of the nation's more famous not-so-nice comedy magazines. The tomboy who was sitting by our subject kept saying, "Oh, let me see! Oh, look at that!"

If that weren't enough, going to the convention and all during it, this tomboy kept having problems with her digestive system (if you know what I mean).

I guess it was probably the worldliness of the surroundings and the mass immorality of the people she was with, but this girl who once termed holding hands "too serious" finally took all she could.

In front of her sponsor and everyone on an elevator at the motel where they were staying, she had to respond after one of the tomboy's actions.

"Girl, you're just going to have to stop farting!"

The world may never be the same!!

Children's Theatre Tryouts Today For Folktale 'Greensleeves Magic'

WTC's theatre department concludes its season with an award-winning children's folktale, "Greensleeves Magic." Tryouts are slated today from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The cast includes six males and five females.

This particular children's play will take place in the garden of a castle in a land far off "once upon a time." Having won the acclaimed Berstein award, "Greensleeves Magic" hosts a theme "to sing-to laugh-to dance."

A handsome young ballad singer enters the kingdom ruled by the wicked Grand Duchess and seeks to make everyone happy. Three little princesses, their father and mother and all the local peasants and townspeople, have been forbidden to be happy. Only the daring young singer comes forward to break the magic spell cast by the vicious Duchess.

The melodic tune "Greensleeves" is sung often.

Children who attend the delightful folktale will also sing and try to break the spell that has made everyone so unhappy.

Costumes will be basically Elizabethan in style. The set will be exterior, illustrating a castle door, a gate, beautiful old gnarled trees with much foliage captured in the stylization form of children's theatre.

Sound, captivating lighting effects, and colors conducive to the unraveling of this delightful play will add fun and challenge to those who technically work with this show.

Characters to be cast include the King and Queen, three princesses, the evil Grand Duchess, Fitzneeze, a farmer, a tailor, a very bashful sailor and Greensleeves.

Running time of the play will be less than an hour.

For further information concerning tryouts, technical crews, ticket information and play dates, call 573-8511, ext. 234.

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Dare to be Your Own Person

by Monette Sentell

As Abe Lincoln once said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

This could also be said of our professors, but once you've been caught and openly accused of cheating, I seriously doubt anyone would agree that the disgrace, mistrust and embarrassment was worth the effort.

I realize the pressures most students feel to make good grades, but at whose expense? I am one of the first to admit that good grades are very important, but even more important is knowing that the work you do is yours alone — and as long as it's done to the very best of your ability at that given time, you'll never be placed in a compromising situation which could lead to a source of real embarrassment for you and others.

Last semester I was in a class

with several of our Phi Theta Kappa honor society members. During tests, the professor apparently assumed that students old enough to be in college surely had the maturity to accept the responsibility of honesty.

I'm sorry to say that one well-known young woman of this society was always one of the first to start asking around for answers. My regard for her fell from very high to the real pits. Not only was she cheating herself and the dummy who gave her the answers, but it was very disturbing to those of us who were deeply engrossed in our own papers and depending on our own knowledge to carry us through.

One of my sisters attended the University of North Carolina where each student was required to sign an honor code. This code pledged that each student was responsible not only for his own honesty, but would report any cheating by others he

observed. This seems a bit extreme, like "Big Brother is watching you," but there must be a medium between the two.

Dare to be your own person. Set and accomplish your own goals, and depend on your own knowledge to carry you through life. Once out of the classroom atmosphere, you will find that there are few "cheat sheets" in life, and the few that do exist will eventually catch up with you.

It's a bit like telling a lie. If you tell more than one person, you soon forget which lie you told to whom, so it's really to your advantage to be truthful. At least you'll have the same answer for everyone.

With finals rapidly approaching, let's keep in mind that honors and scholarships are meaningless if you have no honor or pride in yourself. Williams Blake expressed the point very well when he said, "No bird soars too high, if he soars with his own wings."



AS I SAID — Dr. Alexis S. Tan, associate professor of mass communications at Texas Tech University, spoke to journalism students and other guests March 5 in the Student Center. The lecture was sponsored by the journalism department. (photo by Debbie Sutton)

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Dr. Franklin Pruitt, professor of history and government, was guest speaker for the annual Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce banquet March 16. He has taught extension courses in the social sciences there for several semesters.

A workshop was held March 15 on campus in preparation for the implementation next fall of a gifted and talented program in the Snyder schools. Helping at the workshop were Dr. Bruce Mattson, consultant and professor of special education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and Grace LeMonds, program coordinator.

Dr. Mattson teaches a graduate-level extension course here for Texas Tech.

A one-day Soil Fertility Seminar was held March 10 on campus.

Subjects covered included soil characteristics, soil nutrients, commercial fertilizers, organic matter, soil testing and soil fertility management.

A panel discussion closed the seminar.

Speakers were Kent Mills, assistant professor of farm and ranch management; Erwin Pavlik, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service; Billy Roach, Scurry County agent and Carl Williams, former agriculture instructor at Howard College in Big Spring.

Five Office Education Association members recently won places at state-level contests in El Paso. They were Becky Rhodes, first in Legal Secretary competition; Cindy Thames, first in Medical Secretary; Janice Bradbury, third in Typing Level II; Cindy Thompson, sixth in Typing Level I, and Debbie Rowe, second in Shorthand II.

First, second and third place winners are eligible for competition at the national OEA conference in Cincinnati, Ohio May 11-14.

Dr. Gilbert Fleer, counselor and sociology instructor, addressed a meeting of activity

directors for nursing homes March 15.

He stressed psychological and sociological understanding for persons working with nursing home residents.

Activity directors are called on to plan and implement programs of physical and mental stimulation that will respond to the total needs of the persons they serve, he told the group.

Special emphasis is placed on the aging process, physical and psychological impairment, personal interaction and communications, leadership dynamics and personal and community resources, he concluded.

Dr. Joe Reaves, psychology professor, will be the featured speaker at a Career Day April 18 at Breckenridge High School.

Spring is Here, Summer is Near!

by Sheila Sandbothe

Spring is in the air!

Yes, birds are in the trees and flowers are in the breeze.

Spring fever will soon be taking its toll. Students will want to slack off with homework — throwing a frisbee on a beautiful afternoon is much more enjoyable — and they will want to attend fewer and fewer classes. It just gets harder this time of year to go to bed early and get up early. You want to sleep late and carouse all night.

Young couples are likely to fall in love again and those who don't have a mate will be wishing for one or maybe even find one — even if it's only temporary.

Spring fever was great! Why did we have to come back to

school? Because your research paper is due! That's why.

And, sophomores, you can't possibly ignore the fact that there isn't much time left to do all those things that you always said you would do.

You're really going to have to work hard now to pull up those final grades that have been lacking, for graduation is creeping up on you at a faster pace than you realize. You might as well get your stuff together and stick it out to the END!

Freshmen, just think, you've nearly completed one full year of college. And you thought the time would never come. Well, now it's nearly over and you'd better start thinking about having a good time this summer.

Yes, Spring is here and Summer is near!

Student Profile



Dorm Life 'Exciting' to Bradbury

by Debra Littlepage

"Dorm life is exciting!" said Post freshman, Janice Bradbury.

She enjoys the dorm because it affords a chance to meet many different people. An added feature is the north second 'birthday parties' thrown in the hallway.

Janice is studying to become a legal secretary. She is under a two-year plan and intends to graduate from WTC. The typist must include such courses as business law and business machines in her agenda.

Her high school government teacher interested her in law and she enjoys typing. So, a major choice of legal

secretary was a natural for her.

The brown-haired West Texas native is actively involved in WTC's Office Education Association. She recently competed in a state tournament in El Paso where she placed third in Office Clerk II. She is looking forward to a Cincinnati, Ohio trip in May for Nationals.

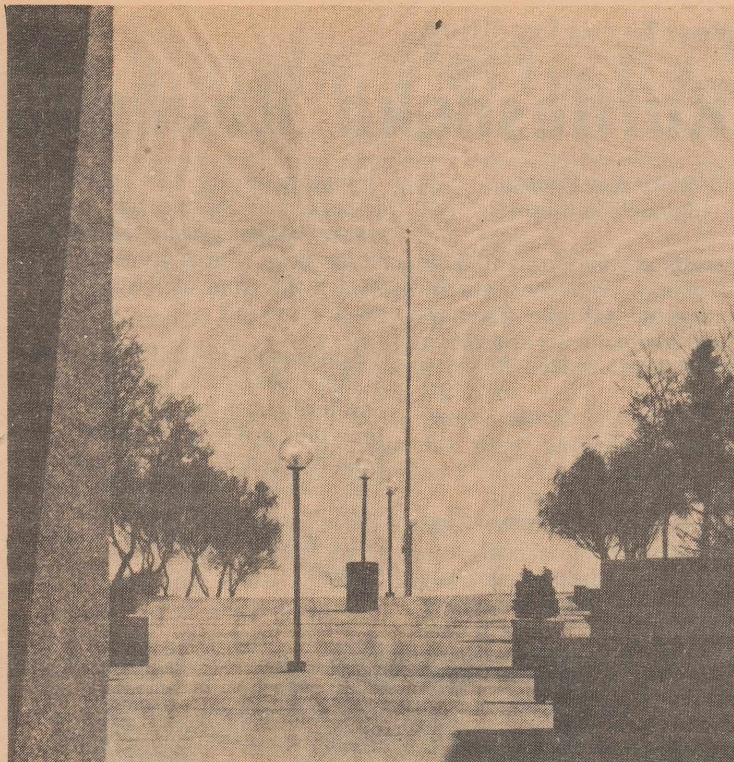
Janice would like to work in a big city after her college career.

The LRC work-study student finds college "better than high school." She defended, "You're on your own. You get to make your own decisions."

She likes WTC. In fact, she chose it because it is small. "I've always been brought up in small schools," she admitted.

Most WTC students are friendly and easy to get along with, agreed the quiet-voiced co-ed. She did, however, make a strong suggestion: "Students need to get more involved in the activities here at WTC." One example she cited was the lack of participating in the campus-wide Olympic Days.

Janice spends her spare time swimming, battling tennis balls and "harmonizing the flute!"



MARTIAN SKY? — No, not the aftereffects of a nuclear bomb in the sky over WTC. Rather the photographic result of reticulated film for a rather eerie view of the concourse leading to the museum. (photo by Jim Severs)

CLUB CORNER

The Baptist Student Union has planned a recreation night tomorrow. Activities will be from 7-10 p.m. in the gym. Included are racquetball, volleyball, swimming and basketball.

Refreshments will be served in the BSU. Everyone is invited.

The BSU began a Bible study Tuesdays at 7 p.m. March 27. Title of the study is "The Servanthood of Christ." Anyone may attend.

The club has also planned a trip to Glorieta, N.M. August 11-18. All students who are interested in going need to contact the BSU by May 1.

"This will be during Student Week at Glorieta, and approximately 3,000 college students from BSUs west of the Mississippi will be there," said Darrell Grimley, club sponsor.

"We will attend Bible study classes, small group conferences, recreational activities and the afternoons will be free. Cost will be approximately \$80 per person," Grimley said.

The BSU is still having their Wednesday luncheon. Cost is 50¢ "For a good hot meal!"

The Christian Student Center hosted a musical group from Lubbock, March 16, called "Sunny Days," specializing in songs with a spiritual basis. The octet believes that Jesus is the Messiah and shares this belief in song, said Gary Lowe, CSC director.

The hour-long concert was held at the 37th St. Church of Christ building in Snyder.

Kappa Chi is developing a group tentatively called "Sons of the Prophets" who will dramatize vignettes which emphasize spiritual truths. The group took advantage of the Spring Break to develop materials and hold practice sessions. In fact, six WTC students camped out in the CSC Friday night, March 23, to listen to the Westerners' basketball game and practice the presentations.

The first performance will probably be in Abilene April 29.

The Kappa Chi banquet will be held March 30 at the CSC. Dennis Young, Snyder resident presently attending Texas Tech University, will speak on the concept, "We Walk by Faith." The theme is taken from II Corinthians 5:7.

WTC's Press Club will sponsor a 'Sock Hop' Tuesday, April 3 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Students and faculty are asked to dress in the 1950 styles and come prepared to boogie.

Admission to the sock hop is \$1 if dressed in 50's clothing and \$1.50 if not.

"We hope the faculty will join in the fun also," stated Rocky Alexander, Press Club president. "After all, it should remind them of when they were young(er)."

The Press Club also held the "Great Give-Away" Thursday during activity period. More details and results will be published in the April 12 issue of *The Western Texan*.

Phi Theta Kappa members discussed several items during their last meeting March 8, including the state convention in Corpus Christi.

Fourteen members and one sponsor attended including Veronica Melgar, Valerie Wilson, Julier Dozier, Becky Westbrook, Janet Johnson, Sheila Sandbothe, Andra Crenshaw, Tim Watson, Art Hunter, John Day, Mike O'Day, Mark Ross, Patrick Coombs, Rocky Youngblood and Dr. Mary Hood.

Also discussed was a toga dance which will be held Wednesday night, April 18. Admission will be \$1 with a toga and \$2 if one is not worn. There will also be a bake sale April 17 and 19 during activity period in the Student Center.

PTK members will soon attend the National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Cultural Corner

Several April Fine Arts Events Slated

by Monette Sentell

The fine arts division will have a variety of events taking place in April.

First, Ronald Clinton, son of WTC President, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton, will be presented in concert April 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the fine arts theatre. Clinton is continuing his education in music at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

The lobby exhibit for the month of April will present batik works by Rebecca Munro of Austin. She received her B.A. in art at the University of Texas and has participated in workshops with Noel Bennett in Navajo weaving and Dick Saver in Ikat dyeing.

Munro's teaching experiences include the University of Texas Union, LaGuna Gloria Art Museum, Weavers Coop of Austin and The Weaver's Place. She has presented several one-woman shows, including shows at the Shop of Nice Things and Kerbey Lane Galleries, both in Austin. Other shows have included the Texas Designer

Craftsman in San Antonio and the Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair.

Jeanne Kobuszewski, drama instructor, is looking ahead to this semester's final theatre production which will be a Children's Theatre to be presented May 3-5.

"Miss K" is in the process of deciding upon the production and has in consideration "The Pied Piper," "Johnny Moonbeam and the Silver Arrow," "Rikki, Tikki, Tavi" and "The Dinosaur Egg."

She emphasized that a Children's Theatre is presented for and not by children, and that studies have found that, by introducing children to the theatre at an early age, they are encouraged to use individual creativity and imagination. They also learn how to participate as an observer, all being important learning processes for children.

The dramatist stated that with WTC being a community college, it is vital to present a show for the children of the community to truly round out a

successful and enriching year of theatre.

Her doctoral study is in the field of Children's Theatre. While teaching in West Virginia, she directed "Jack and the Beanstalk," "The Wizard of Oz," "Winnie the Pooh," "Dragon of Nitt" and "The Great Cross-Country Race. Her production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" was presented to a total of 13,000 children in Charleston, W. Va. and was broadcast on educational TV as a prime children's program throughout four states.

"Miss K" emphasized that one of the most important factors involved in producing a Children's Theatre is the stylization or type of setting used. A cartoon-type setting with lots of color and action and a story with a message and moral are imperative to a good show, as is talking to... and not down to... the children.

After the success of "Little Foxes" and "Never Too Late," the Children's Theatre is anticipated to be something new and most educational

Sterling Appointed to WTC Trustee Board

Howard Sterling, former Ira School Board president and member, was appointed to the college board of trustees during the monthly meeting March 12.

Sterling will fill place three left vacant by the death of Bentley Baize last Sept. 4. He will be sworn in at next month's meeting April 9.

Trustees also considered revision of the campus parking

policy on their new business agenda. Action was tabled in lieu of passing a city ordinance that would change the loading zone to a fire lane. Violations of this zone would then be handled through city court.

Dr. Duane Hood, registrar, reported on the projected state funding for WTC's 1979-80 school year. The figure totaled \$1,412,-324.

President Robert Clinton reported on legislative action in Austin concerning the Legislative Budget Board proposals. If these pass, WTC could receive close to a quarter of a million dollars more per year, based on current enrollment statistics.

The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, but no action was taken.

UNITY Rated Second Class Nationally

WTC's literary magazine, UNITY, has received a Second Class rating for last spring from the Associated Collegiate Press, national critique service at the University of Minnesota, School of Journalism.

UNITY received 1,355 points in several categories, including magazine character, editorial

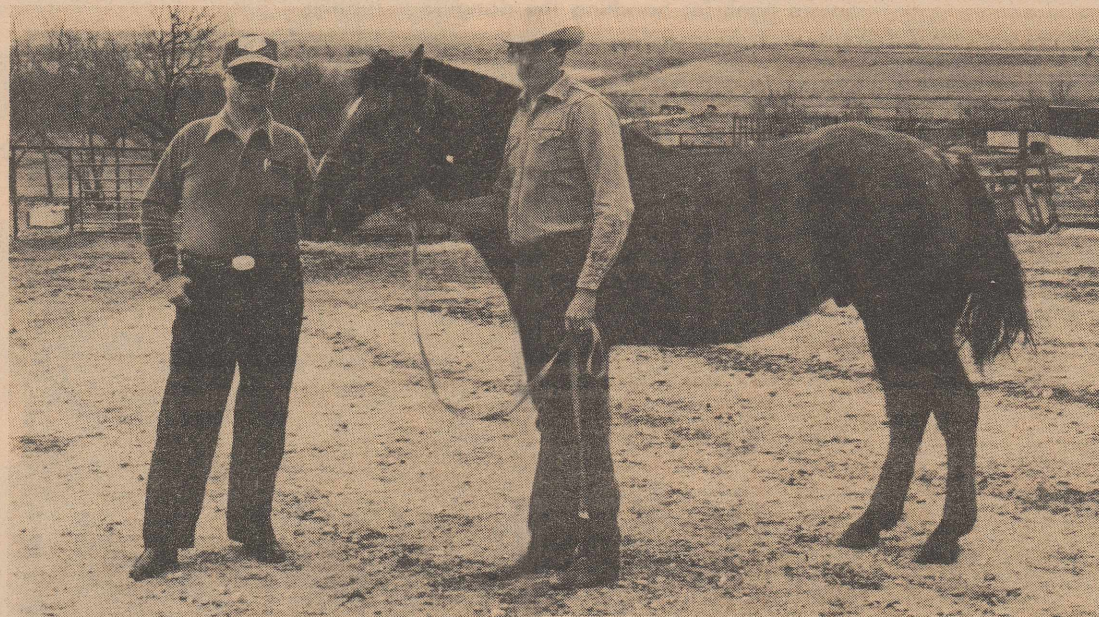
content, illustration, editing and display, and production.

Five "very good" and nine "good" ratings were awarded in such areas as editorial standards, content balance, fiction, poetry, essays, general art work, photography, cover, editing, makeup and layout and typography.

Judges Dan Krotz and Jeanne

Buckeye wrote, "Your magazine has a strong foundation of creativity in writing and photography. Congratulations on a fine effort."

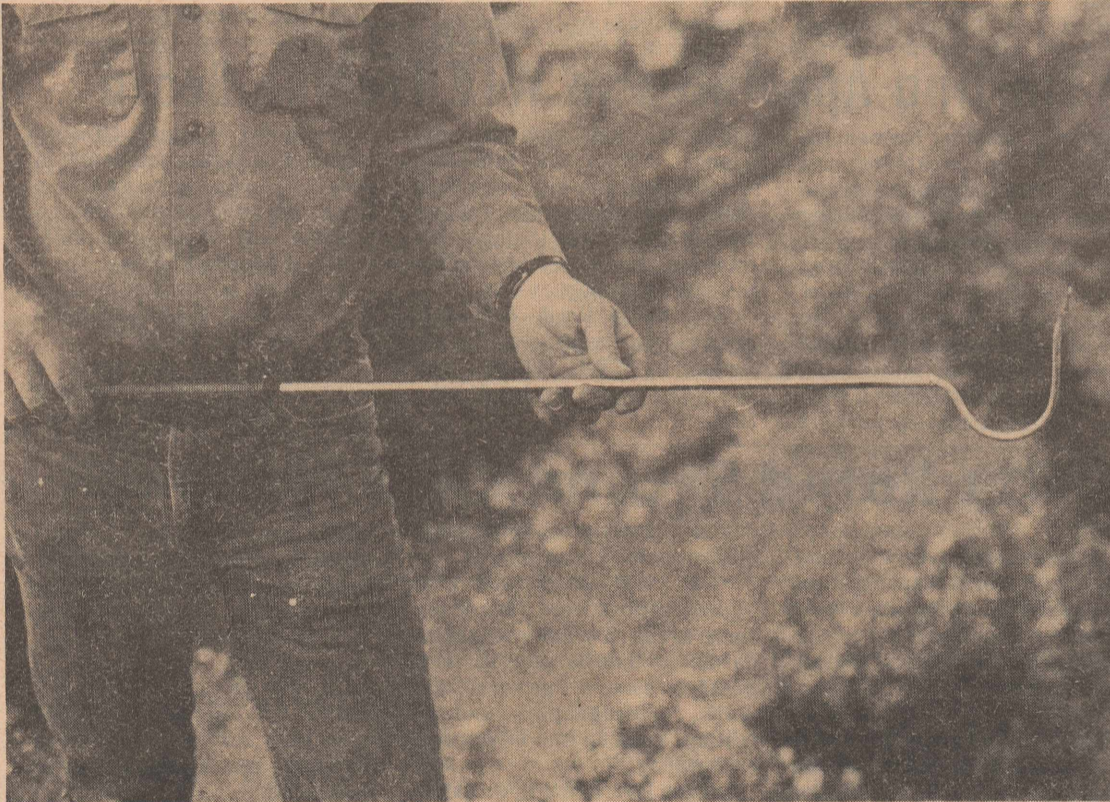
Editor was Reva Lovett, former WTC Pro Shop assistant manager. Adviser was Mike McBride, associate professor of journalism.



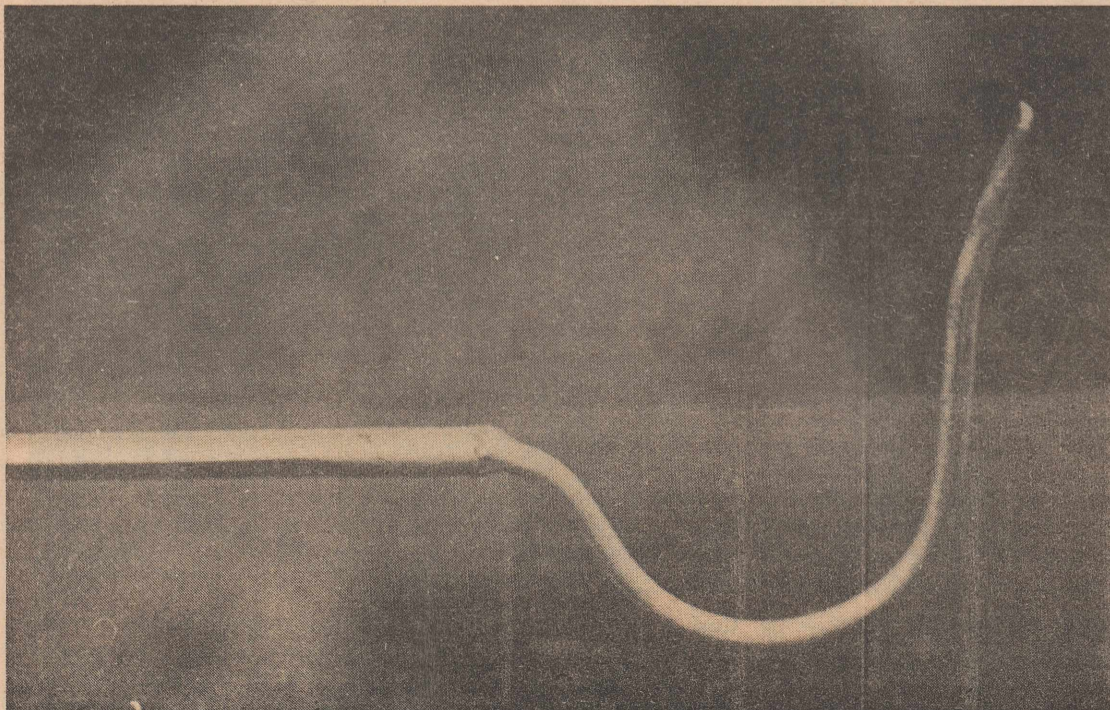
FARM PROGRAM GIFT — Dr. Carl A. Dillaha (left), local physician and long-time Snyder resident, recently gave the Farm and Ranch Management program a horse in lieu of an annual scholarship donation. "Buzzard" and Kent Mills, instructor, are also pictured. The horse will be used in student day-work on Dr. Dillaha's farm east of the campus as part of the Farm and Ranch lab. (photo by Debbie Sutton)



Sonny Word hunts rattlers with snake tongs



Snake hook for handling the dangerous reptiles



Close-up of the snake hook, made from a golf club

A West Texas Tradition

Rattlesnake Roundup

Story and Photos
by Debbie Sutton

Crowds of folks from all over the country flocked to nearby Sweetwater for the Twenty-First Annual Sweetwater Jaycee Rattlesnake Roundup March 9-11. They watched handlers in the Nolan County Coliseum working with the deadly reptiles.

A year ago, *The Western Texan* published a story centering on activities in the coliseum, but this year we're doing something a little different. We're taking you behind the scenes to show you what goes into the "round-up" part of the event.

Rattlesnakes generally 'den up' in rocky ledges facing the north. Holes in the ledges go deep into the bank itself, and this is where the snakes make their winter home. Although they are cold-blooded, they do require a warm place to survive the cold months.

Hunters use palm-size mirrors to reflect the sun's rays into a hole. This light is much brighter than a flashlight — and, with a little practice, one learns to maneuver the mirror to shine exactly where he or she wants it to go.

Once a hunter has spotted a snake back in a den, he may shoot gasoline into it to drive the snake out. Some dens go so far back into the rocks that there may be several snakes completely hidden in its depths.

Ordinary garden sprayers are used as gassers. Ten to 15 feet of copper tubing is attached to the nozzle, enabling the hunter to get the gas far enough into the hole to reach the snakes. The end of the tubing is crimped closed to prevent dirt from building up inside and clogging.

Small holes are then punched in both sides of the tubing to assure that gas reaches all parts of the hole. The reptiles move toward the front of the hole to reach fresh air.

Although snake hunting can be a dangerous sport, hunters are careful to keep an eye open any time they are in brush or rocks, even if it is nowhere near a den. The snakes are sluggish in cool weather, but when it begins to get warmer they become much quicker.

A snake hook is not usually used for capturing the snake, but is very useful in handling them. This is what one sees the venom milkers using in the pits at the roundups. The snakes cannot be controlled as easily with the hook, and extreme caution should be exercised when using one.

The hook is made from a golf club with the head of the club removed and replaced by a steel hook welded in place. The tool is lightweight and provides the hunter with a convenient means of moving or handling the snake.

Snake tongs are manufactured especially for catching snakes and provide a maximum amount of safety to the hunter.

The pistol-style handgrip is pulled inward to activate a spring which closes the jaw-like ends around the snake. It is opened by releasing the grip, thus releasing the hold.

The hunter has sufficient control over the snake when using the tongs to protect himself as well as others who may be near him. Care is taken not to squeeze hard enough to injure the snake, and the vulnerable neck region is avoided as much as possible.

Leggings, or heavy boots with high tops, should always be



Snake-hunting equipment

No Simple, Perfectly Safe Task

worn when hunting. Leggings are made to be worn when hiking or approaching an area where snakes of any kind are likely to be found.

They are made of heavy canvas over wire mesh. A loop is located on the lower end to slip under the instep of the foot. They are then fastened around the calf with three buckled straps. Boots should be worn along with the leggings to protect the exposed toe region of the foot.

Though most people shy away from snake hunting, the sport is becoming more popular every year.

It is a competitive sport because the price paid for the snakes is highest for the first 5,000 pounds brought in every year.

Top price this year was \$3 a pound. There is also a prize for the most pounds brought in, the largest snake and the smallest. Longest this year was 66½ inches.

Many hunters hunt year-round and keep the snakes in pits which are heated by light bulbs in the winter. Since they only eat once a year, feeding is no problem. This way, in March when the roundup is held they have quite a few pounds to sell.

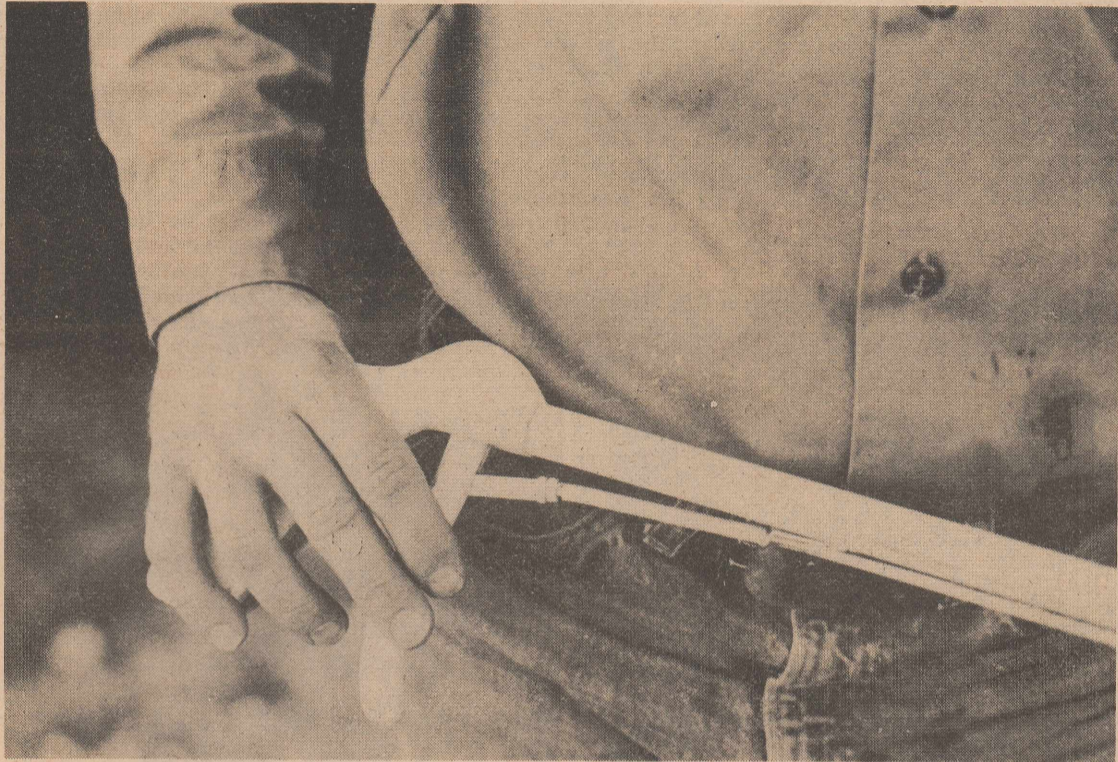
Rattlesnake hunting also makes the area safer by decreasing the snake population. This was a good year for West Texas hunters because the hard winter kept the snakes in their dens longer, making them easier to find.

Rattlesnake venom is very important in cancer research. It is freeze-dried and shipped all over the country to be used in research which is daily getting closer to finding a cure for a disease which kills so many each year.

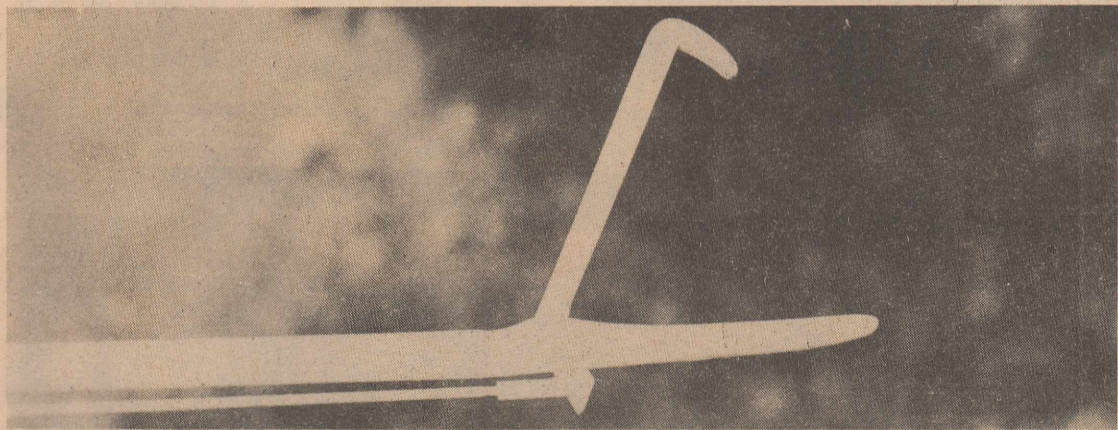
And so goes a rattlesnake roundup, a West Texas tradition.



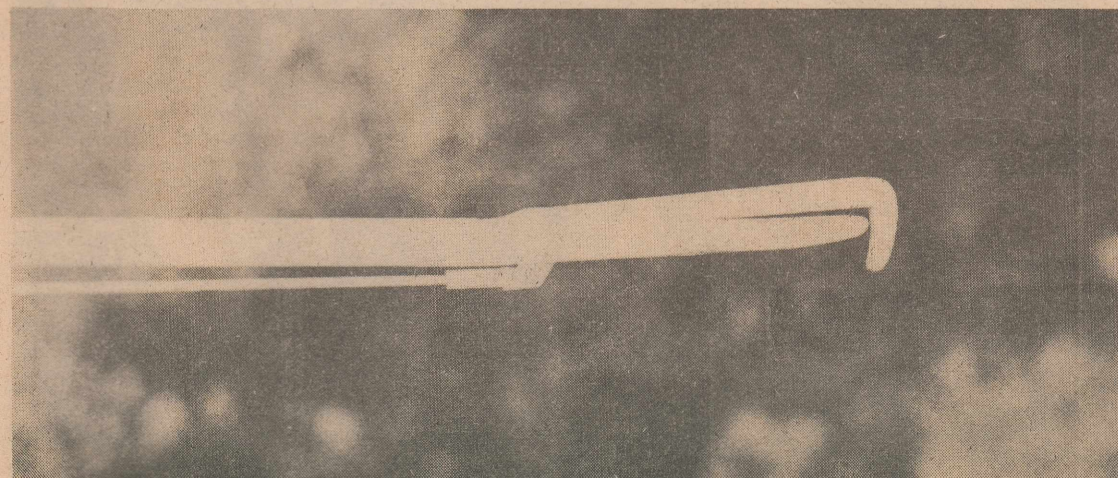
Leggings are Always Worn When Hunting



Pistol-style handgrip pulled inward on snake tong



Snake tong opened by releasing grip on handle



Then jaw-like ends of tong closed around the reptile



Leggings Must be Adjusted Tightly

Nip Panola for State 'Title'

Westerners Win Regional,

Traveling to the National Junior College basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas each year is getting to be a habit for the Westerners.

WTC qualified to go for the fourth year out of the last five, March 14, by defeating Panola Junior College, 68-66, in Waco.

The Westerners were tight during the first half and the tough defense of the Ponies didn't help the "Green" either as WTC trailed at halftime, 34-26.

Coach Nolan Richardson's Green Machine, noted for their second half comebacks, got things together in the final stanza and fought their way back.

With 13:08 left in the game, Panola held a 46-38 lead, but successive baskets by Bill Patterson, Paul Pressey and Ronald Portee pulled the Westerners within two of the Ponies.

Moments later, as a result of a technical foul on Panola coach, Andy Russo, Greg Stewart hit two free throws to tie the game, 46-46.

A few minutes later WTC was supporting a 61-50 lead on baskets by Dwight Williams and Pressey.

In the final few minutes, things began to fall apart for WTC as Pressey and Stewart both fouled out. Soon the Westerners' lead was cut to three, 65-62, with 1:18 left.

The Ponies soon pulled within one, 65-64, with less than a minute to go, but the WTC defense never let up. With about 19 seconds to play and the Green Machine holding a 67-66 lead, David Brown was fouled by Panola.

Brown went to the line for two. The first bounced off the rim, but the last shot was good, assuring WTC of at least an overtime.

Richardson's forces were too strong, and a last-second Panola shot rebounded from the rim giving the Westerners a 68-66 victory and another trip to Kansas.

It wasn't just the Panola game that got WTC to Kansas. The Westerners won the

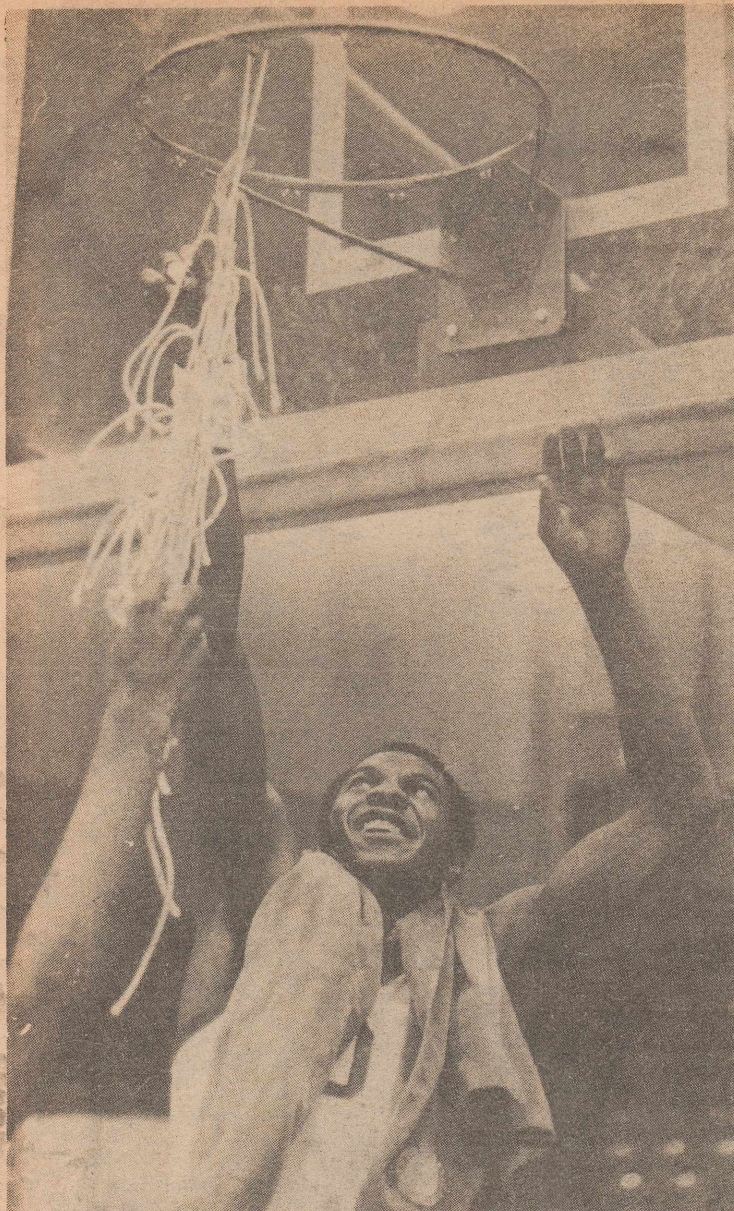
Western Athletic Conference, then advanced to the Region V tournament in Big Spring which started their big drive toward Kansas.

Many thought the Green Machine would not make it past the first round of regionals when with just seconds remaining the Westerners trailed New Mexico Junior College, 59-60.

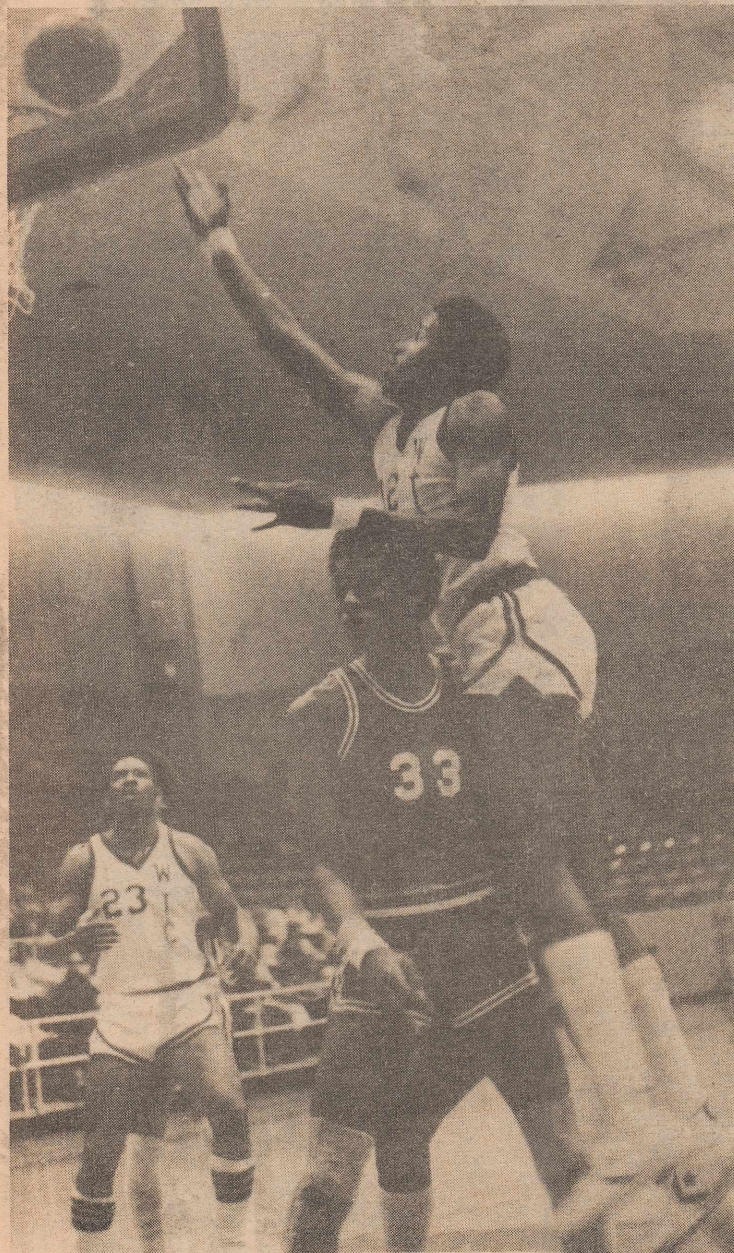
The fans might have had a right to believe that, but most people will believe what the 'little bird' told.

That 'little bird' just happened to be Dwight (Bird) Williams who rebounded his own missed shot and sank the winning basket at the buzzer to give the Westerners a 61-60 win over NMJC.

The Green Machine went on to win their third consecutive regional tourney by defeating Midland College, 105-80, in the semi-finals and Cooke County College, 88-73, in the finals to advance them to the first round of the National Junior College basketball tournament against Panola — then on to Kansas.



"News" Davis cuts down Regional victory net



WT center Greg Stewart 'ups' over Cooke Co. defender



Regional MVP, Paul Pressey



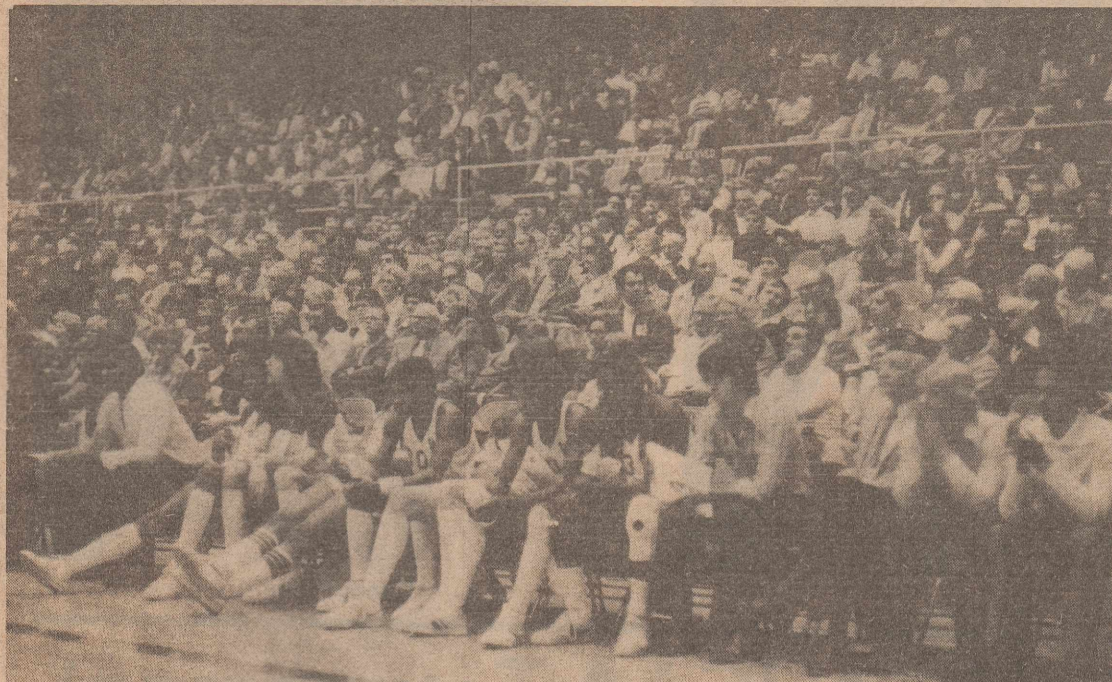
Westerner victory celebration



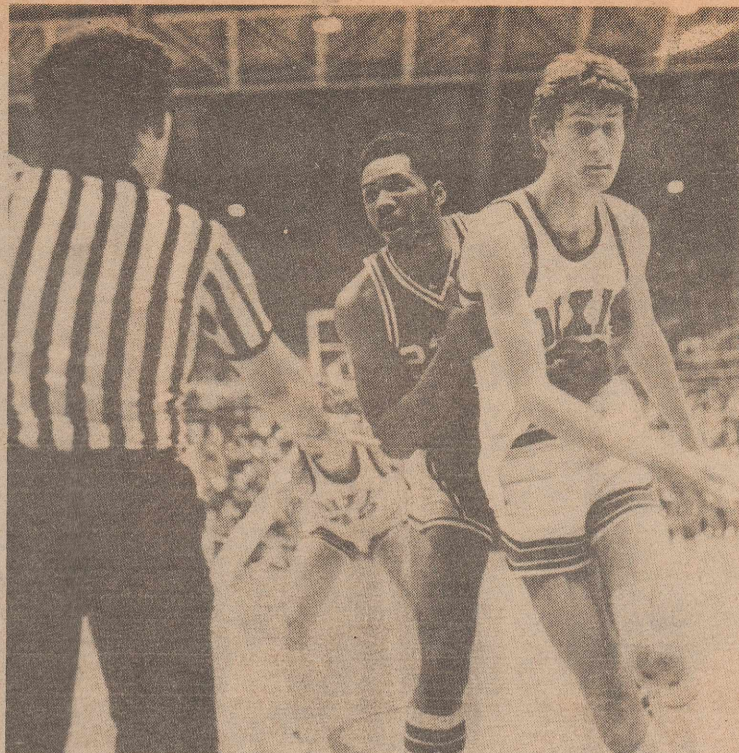
Coach Richardson and the Regional Champion Westerners

Then Return to Kansas!

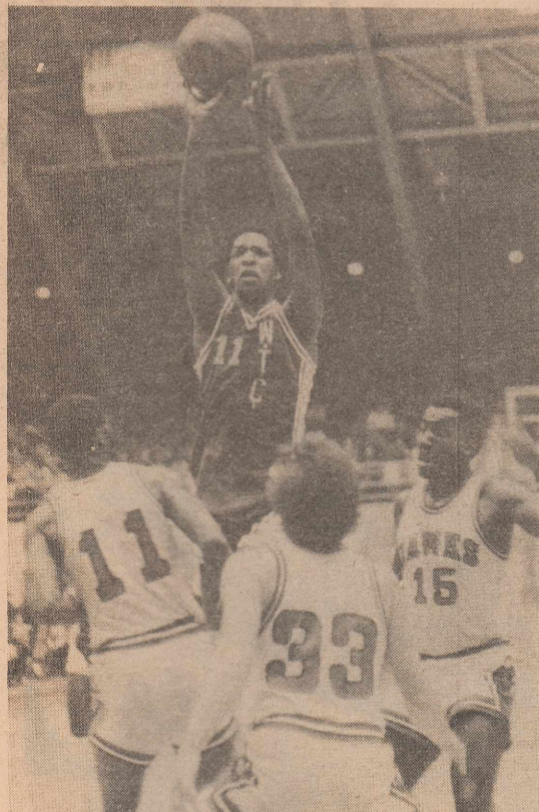
(photo spread by Joe Boldon)



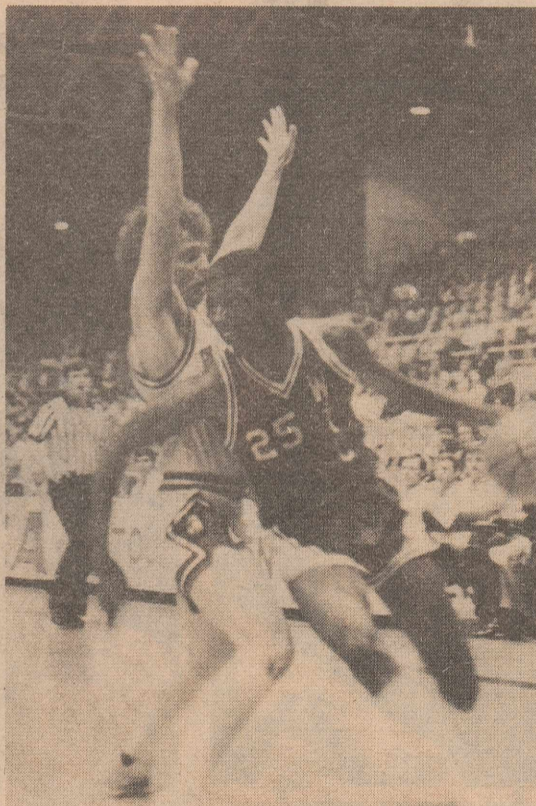
WTC's bench and part of the Kansas Sports Arena crowd



The ref whistles Michael Smith for a foul



Bill Patterson and Burlington, Iowa



Paul Pressey 'rounds' a Hawk



An anxious Coach Richardson observes his team

Green Machine Starts to Click, Defeats Brevard, Fla., 87-72

by Rocky Alexander

After opening the NJCAA basketball tournament with a last-second victory over Burlington, Iowa, the WTC Westerners settled down and came up with an 84-72 victory over Brevard Community College of Cocoa, Fla. to advance to the semi-finals.

The Titans controlled most of the first half, building up an eight-point lead, 22-14, with 9:01 left in the first stanza, but after a WTC time-out, the Westerners began to come back. A basket by Bill Patterson with :35 left gave

the Green Machine a 34-32 half-time lead.

At the beginning of the second period, Brevard tied the game, but then 12 unanswered points by WTC gave them a 12-point, 48-36, advantage.

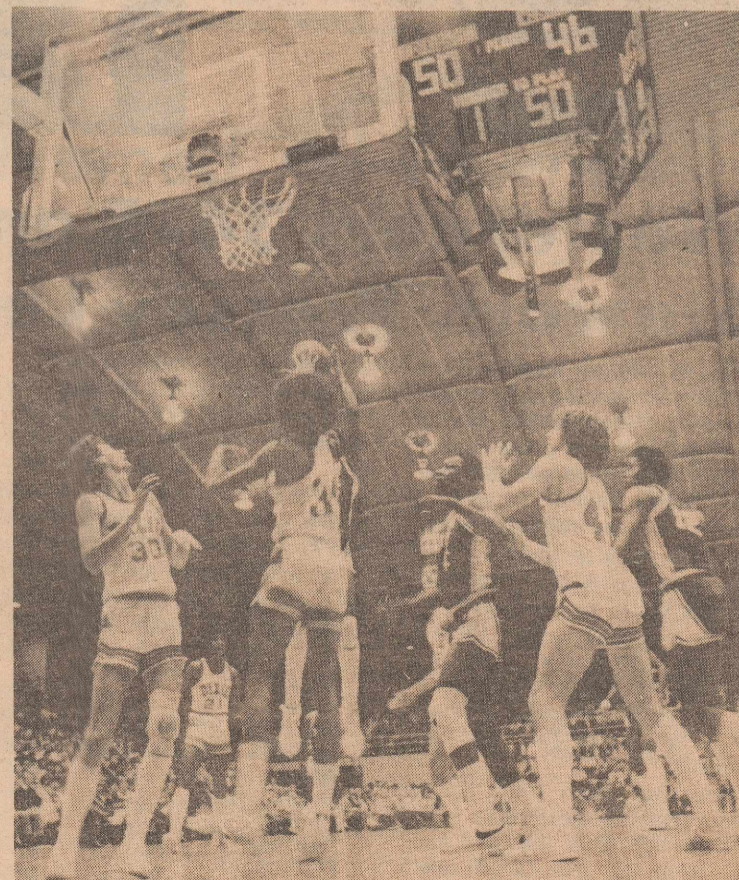
The Titans never gave up though and answered back with 12 points to the game at 48-48 with 10:18 left.

The game remained close for the next four minutes, but after Brevard missed five of five free throws they found themselves down by 14, 69-55, with 5:42 remaining.

Brevard outscored the Green Machine throughout the remainder of the contest, but the margin was not enough to do damage to the Westerners' lead as they went on to win, 84-72.

Four Westerners scored in double figures with Paul Pressey taking high-point honors at 18. Michael Smith scored 17, while Greg Stewart and Patterson hit for 15 and 12, respectively.

Bobby Ford lead Brevard scorers with a 26-point effort, while Ruben Cotton had 16 and Steve Swank 12.



Westerners in heated Hutchinson ball game



Renee Muirhead: Hopeful...



Anxious...



Disappointed

Faces in the Crowd at the NJCAA Tournament

(photos by Joe Boldon)



Leader Reba Knight at tense moment



WTC fan awaits return to action



Even the youngest folks have a ball in the arena

Westerners 34-5 on Year; Stewart, Pressey Lead Stats

Coach Nolan Richardson's Westerner basketball squad closed out their 1978-79 season by finishing fourth in the nation.

The Westerners end the year with a 34-5 record, including a conference and regional championship along with the fourth place spot out of 570 junior college teams in the country.

Statistically, the Green Machine out-scored their opponents 3424 to 2979, giving WTC an 87.8 points-per-game average to a 76.4 mean for their opponents.

Breaking down total points show that the Westerners have scored 2902 from the field and 522 from the free throw line. They have an average of 37 field goals per game and have hit 65 per cent from the charity line.

In the foul category, WTC

committed 907 fouls for a 39-game average of 23.3 per game.

Greg Stewart led the Westerners at the free throw line, hitting 113 of 148 for a 76 per cent average. He was followed by Joe Mendoza who had 75 out of 100 for 75 per cent.

In field goals, Paul Pressey held a slight lead over Stewart with 254 field goals for 508

points. Stewart sank 250 baskets for a 500-point total.

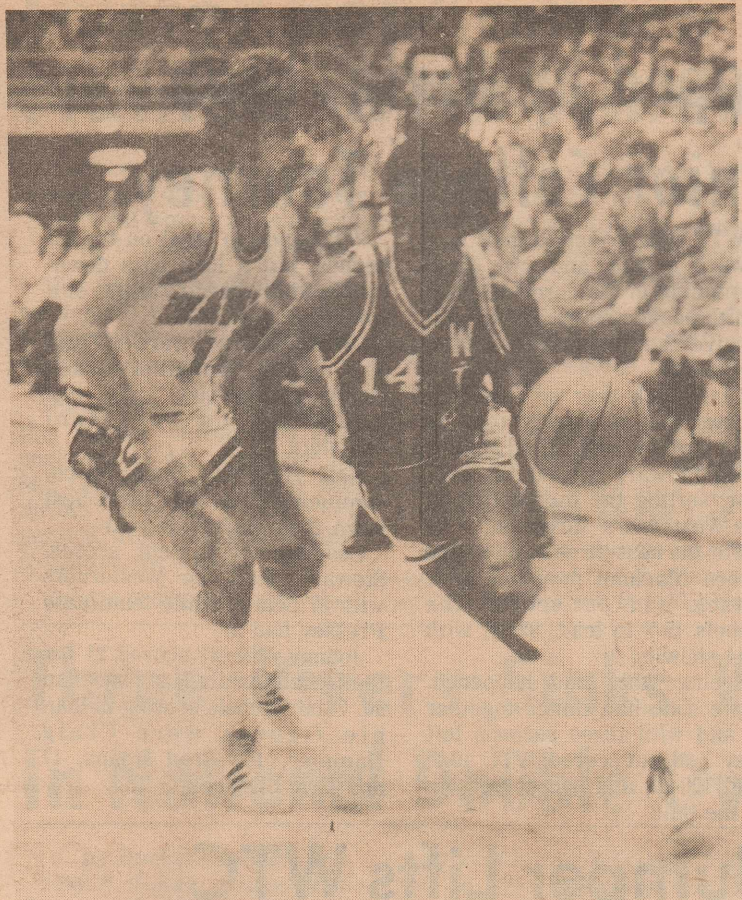
Stewart was the top scorer for the Westerners this year with a total of 613 points — 120 of them accumulated at the national basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas as he was the tournament's top scorer.

Following Stewart in total points is Pressey with 573.

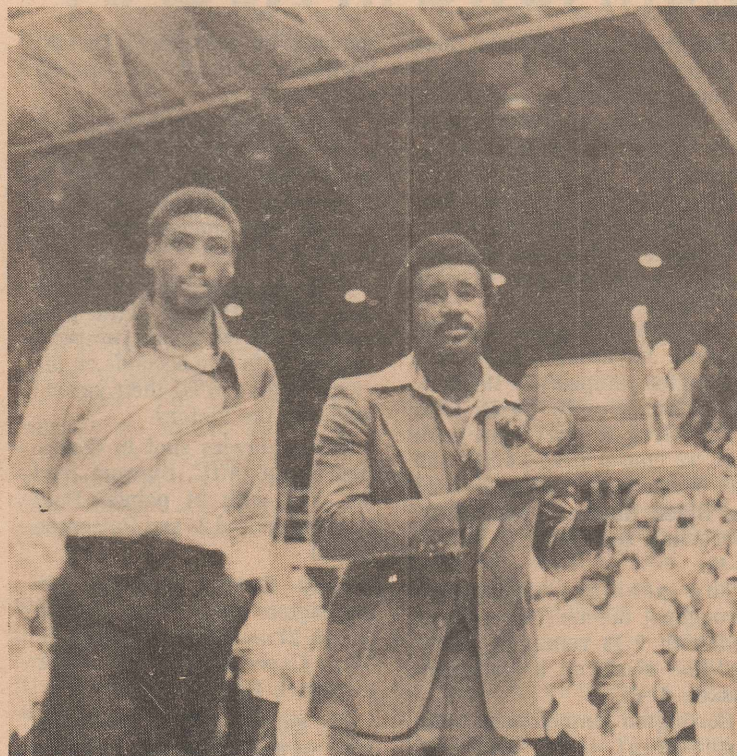
	FG	FTA	FTM	TP
Stewart	250	148	113	613
Pressey	254	102	65	573
Patterson	168	55	27	363
Mendoza	143	100	75	361
Davis	141	69	43	325
Smith	89	52	37	215
Portee	83	42	31	197
Patrige	77	57	30	184
Williams	84	23	14	182
Brown	56	73	43	155
Bennett	49	28	18	116
Gifford	24	26	13	61
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Price	11	13	8	30



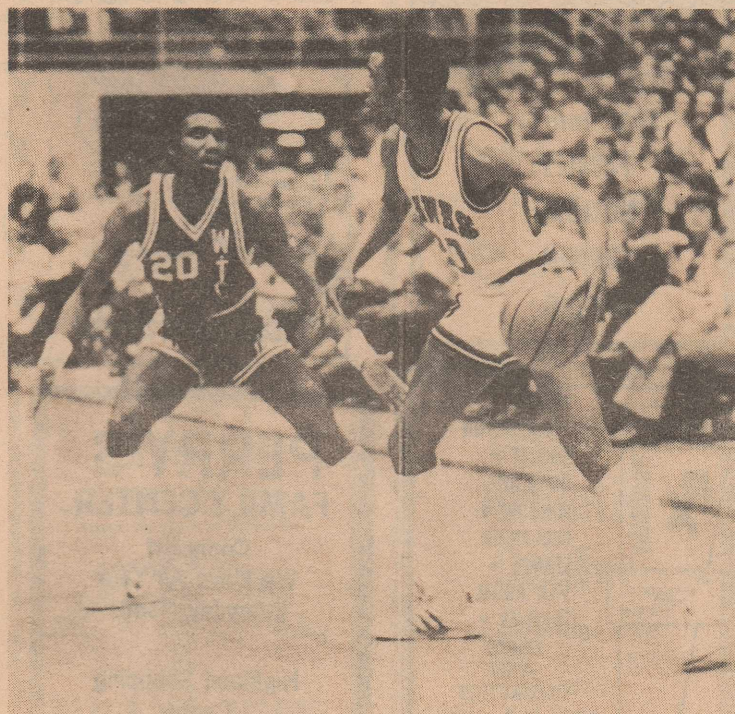
Mercer, N.J. Coach Arch Freeman reacts after missed free shot cost his team national title



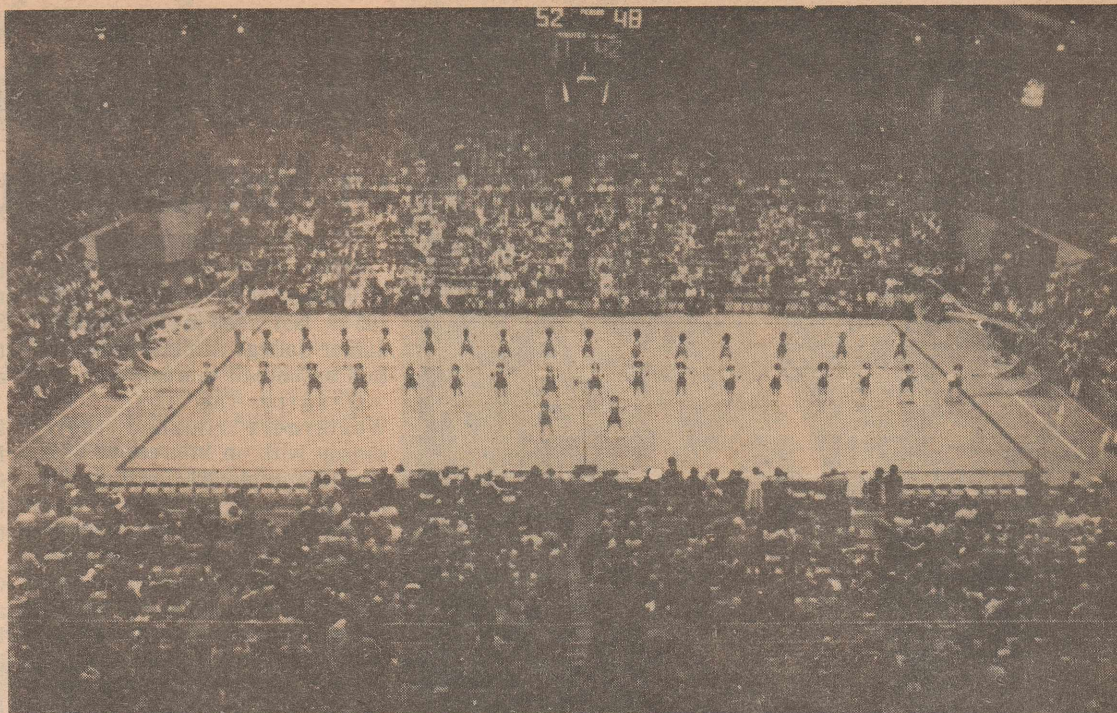
Dwight Williams dribbles past Hawk defender



Coach Nolan Richarson and Paul Pressey display trophy



Ronald Portee (20) cuts off Burlington player



Junior High Drill team entertains during halftime in the Sports Arena



ALL-TOURNAMENT team members include: top row, l-r — Ron Ence, Dixie, Utah; Greg Stewart, WTC; Andre Allen, Mercer, N.J. and Percy Brown, Burlington, Iowa. Back Row, l-r — Thurlon Weaver, Three Rivers, Mo.; Steve Swank, Brevard, Fla.; Barry Wright, Niagara, N.Y.; Marvin McCrary, Three Rivers, Mo.; and Daryl Devero, Mercer, N.J. (Not Pictured — Craig Tucker, Coffeyville, Kansas)

Fourth Westerner Ever

Stewart Named All-Tournament

by Rocky Alexander

Westerner center, Greg Stewart, was named to the All-Tournament team at the National Junior College basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas last week.

Stewart is the fourth Westerner to ever make the squad. He is preceded by Bob Miller and Eugene Harris, 1975 and Lawrence Butler in 1976. Miller was also named Most Valuable Player in the 1975 tournament in which WTC won first place under Mike Mitchell, now coaching at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Stewart had the highest single game in scoring this year with 44 points in a double overtime loss to Three Rivers, Mo. who won the national title. He was also the tournament's leading scorer with 120 points in four games for a 30 points-per-game average.

In four games, Stewart managed to hit 48 of 78 field goals for 62 per cent, while he

hit 24 of 30 free throws for 80 per cent.

Joining Stewart on this year's All-Tournament is Andre Allen and Daryl Devero, both from Mercer Community College of Trenton, N.J.; Percy Brown from Southeastern Community College of Burlington, Iowa, and Ron Ence from Dixie College of St. George, Utah.

Others on the squad were Marvin McCrary and MVP Thurlon Weaver from this year's National Champions, Three Rivers Community College of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Steve Swank from Brevard Community College of Cocoa, Fla.

Finishing out the all-tournament picks are Craig Tucker from Coffeyville Junior College of Coffeyville, Kansas, and Barry Wright from Niagara County College of Sanborn, N.Y.

The 1979 Coach of the Tournament award went to Gene Bess of Three Rivers.

Chosen as this year's Most Valuable Player was Weaver of

Three Rivers. The Bud Oboe Outstanding Small Player Award was given to Swank of Brevard, Fla., and the Sportsmanship Award went to Brian Horton of Brevard, N.C.

Twenty-two teams competed in the tournament, with some first-round games played in the teams' own state — thus eliminating six teams and having a 16-team tournament in Hutchinson.

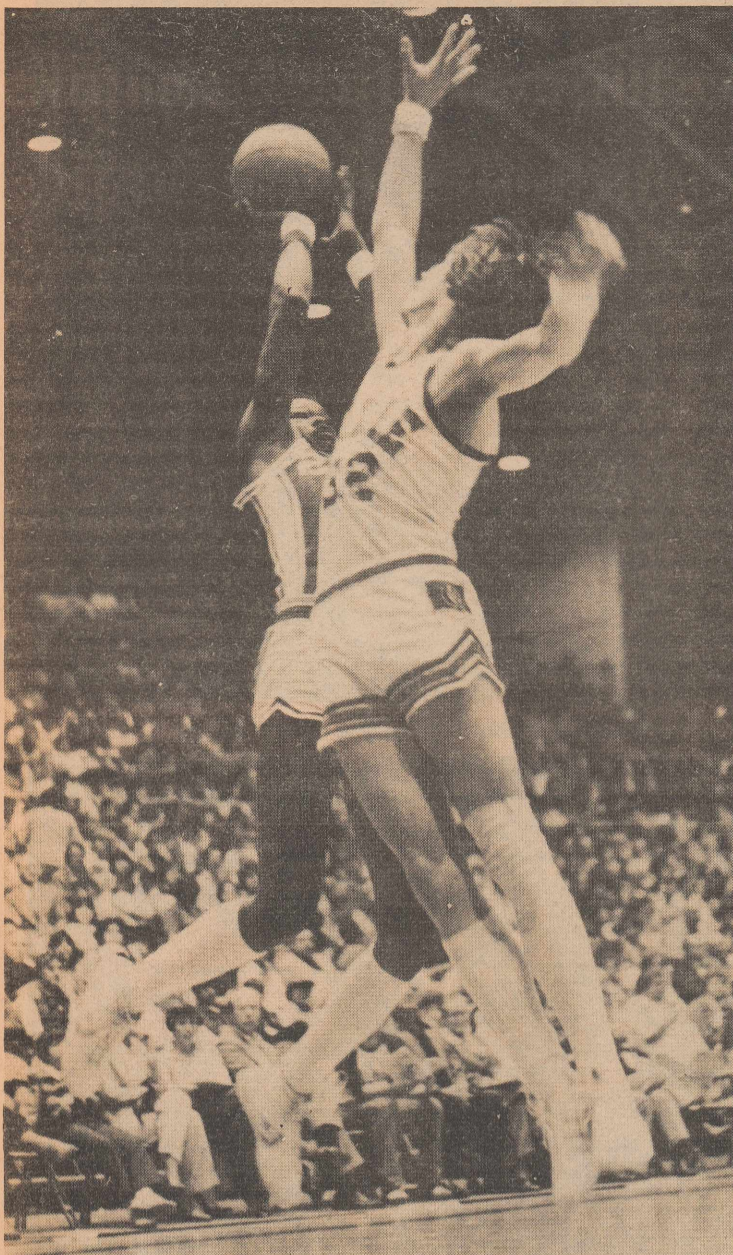
Eight places were awarded at the tournament with the other eight teams receiving a participating plaque.

First place and the national title went to Three Rivers, while Mercer placed second, losing to Three Rivers, 60-59, in overtime.

Third place was won by Dixie College, and fourth went to WTC.

Fifth place went to Brevard, Fla., and sixth to Brevard, N.C.

Seventh place went to Niagara, N.Y., and eighth went to Southeastern, Iowa.



TRYING HARD — WTC's David Brown (24) attempts to fire over Dixie, Utah's Kim Garrett (32). Western Texas fell, 100-99, to the Rebels in a game prior to the national title bout Saturday in Hutchinson, Kansas. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Finish Fourth In U.S.

Westerners Nipped by Dixie, Utah in National Junior College Tourney

by Rocky Alexander

WTC's Westerners fell to Dixie College of St. George, Utah, 100-99, last week in the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball tournament.

Despite the loss, the Westerners finished their season with an impressive 34-5 record and placed fourth in the nation.

The first half was evenly matched with the widest lead held by either team four points. WTC led, 39-35, with 4:23 left in the half while Dixie was able to pull out in front by four several times. Their last four-point lead was 52-48 at halftime.

The Rebels came out the second period and hurriedly increased their lead to eight within the first three minutes.

WTC slowly worked their way toward a lead, and with 11:10 remaining in the game Michael Smith connected on a field goal to give the Westerners a 74-73 advantage.

Dixie took over on four free throws, but a charity toss by Paul Pressey and a field goal by Greg Stewart evened the contest, setting the momentum in the Westerners' direction.

For the next three minutes the Green Machine mounted their attack and out-scored the Rebels 15-7 to lead, 92-84, with 5:14 showing.

Seeing what had happened, Dixie soon had things together — and with three seconds left they had out-scored WTC 16-7, lead 100-99, and had possession of the ball.

WTC tried to steal on the inbounds, but a long pass down-court diminished any hopes of a comeback.

"I felt like we were off and on," stated Westerner Coach Nolan Richardson. "We just never hit on the right cylinders."

Neil Roberts, Dixie coach, commented that WTC is the best team they played all year.

Leading tournament scorer, Stewart, lead the Westerners with 37 points, while teammate Pressey had 27.

Johnny Gilbert scored 21 for the Rebels, while Ron Ence had 20. Other Rebels scoring in double figures were Craig Hammer, 18; Brad Heaps, 17 and Eric Slaymaker, 12.

Patterson's Jumper Lifts WTC Over Burlington, Iowa in NJCAA

by Rocky Alexander

A jumpshot by Bill Patterson with two seconds remaining in the game gave WTC a thrilling 81-79 victory over Southeastern Community College of Burlington, Iowa in second-round action of the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball tournament, March 20, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The two-pointer by Patterson gave WTC the lead for only the second time in the entire contest, but it came at the right time as far as the Westerners were concerned.

The victory advanced the Green Machine to the quarter-finals against Brevard, Fla.

WTC lost the opening tip as they did in almost every game of the tourney — and, within the first six minutes, the Westerners had fallen behind the Black Hawks, 14-6.

Coach Nolan Richardson's squad then regrouped, began fighting back, and with 5:59 left

in the first WTC had their first lead, 27-25.

The Black Hawks came back and out-scored the Westerners, 17-4, to end the half at 42-31, Burlington.

"We played a typical first half," commented Richardson. "We made a lot of mistakes and had 19 turnovers to only four for Burlington."

The Green Machine lost the second half tip, too, and Burlington jumped to a 13-point, 44-31, bulge with 19:51 left. WTC's Greg Stewart came back with 12 consecutive points and the Westerners' defense held the Black Hawks to six points, narrowing the score to seven, 50-43.

The scoring alternated throughout the next six minutes and with 9:18 remaining WTC tied the score on a Patterson basket, 61-61.

Burlington jumped back to an eight-point lead, but the Westerners kept pounding away trying to catch up. With 2:44

showing on the clock, Dwight Williams evened the match again, 75-75.

From there the score bounced back and forth, but WTC was never able to gain the lead. A Westerner timeout with 12 seconds left showed the score knotted at 79-all.

WTC inbounded the ball and a pass to Patterson with four seconds left set up his two-point jumper with two seconds on the clock to give WTC their second lead and the victory.

Three players shot in double figures for WTC. Stewart lead the way with 24 points. Paul Pressey scored 22 and Patterson had 21.

Tony Gower had 24 for Burlington while Percy Brown put in 21 and Frank Smith 16. Mark Lance also scored 10 for the Black Hawks.

The game's leading rebounder was Stewart with 14, followed by Brown of Burlington who had eight.

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Duster Sophomore Vaughn Named to All-American Team

Duster co-captain Nodia Vaughn has been named to the 1978-79 All-American team, according to Coach Joe Cushing.

This Paducah sophomore will participate in the first annual All-Star game in Hutchinson, Kansas Saturday.

She participated in 34 games this season, hitting 208 field goals out of 409 attempted for 50.8 percent. She made 89 free throws out of 131 tries for 67.9 percent. Her total points came to 505 for the season.

Vaughn broke three individual

WTC records and tied one in her career — and all this season. She took the most points single season to break last year's mark by Cindy Luttrull of 476 points.

She accumulated the most rebounds of a season, getting 280. Marilyn Payton had the record of 234 in 1975-76.

She also set the record of most field goals made in a season with 208, five more than Luttrull's record 203, set last year.

Her 12 free throws made against Wayland tied the record of Theresa Beal set in 1976, also

against Wayland, for most free throws made in a game.

The All-American said she was very excited about being selected, and feels that she made one of the greatest accomplishments that a player can make. But she said she could not have done it without the confidence of Duster coach Cushing.

"It's amazing what you can do when you have someone behind you all the way. I will say I'm very proud of myself and the Dusters for helping me go all the way," Vaughn said.

Three Rivers Sinks WTC In National Double Overtime

by Rocky Alexander

Coach Nolan Richardson's Westerners fell seven points short of making the national finals last week in Hutchinson, Kansas by losing to Three Rivers Community College of Poplar Bluff, Mo. 109-103 in double overtime.

WTC trailed the entire game until Dwight Williams, who scored a game-saving basket in regional competition, hit a 15-foot jumpshot at the buzzer to tie the game 84-84 at the end of regulation play.

The Green Machine took over the controls in the first overtime period on a Greg Stewart basket to give WTC their first lead, 86-84. For the next two minutes the scoring alternated between teams, and with 2:42 remaining Milton Woodley of Three Rivers scored two free throws to again tie the game at 90-90.

One and a half minutes later a WTC foul sent Three Rivers to the line for a one-and-one. Sylvester James, of Three Rivers, sank the first and missed on the second, giving the Raiders a 91-90 lead with 1:20 remaining.

Stewart hit for WTC with 1:18 left to give the Westerners a one-point, 92-91, lead.

A Three Rivers foul with :36 left sent Joe Mendoza to the line for two with a chance to put the game out of reach. Mendoza's first shot was off, but the second was good to give WTC a 93-91 lead.

Three Rivers then worked the ball down court, and with three seconds left a basket by Thurlon Weaver tied the game, 93-93.

Stewart was able to get a shot off from the corner at the buzzer, but the ball bounced off the rim, sending the game into a second overtime period.

Three Rivers opened the scoring in the second overtime on two free throws, but WTC answered back with two of their own. The scoring alternated throughout most of the period, but with 1:24 remaining Three Rivers took a 105-103 lead.

Michael Smith went to the line for the Westerners with 13 seconds left on a one-and-one with a chance to tie the game, but when the first shot missed Three Rivers brought down the rebound and with five seconds left, took a 107-103 lead.

An intentional foul also gave the Raiders two free throws which they connected on giving them the 109-103 victory.

The Raiders controlled the game during regulation time, building up their biggest lead, 21-10, within the first ten minutes of play.

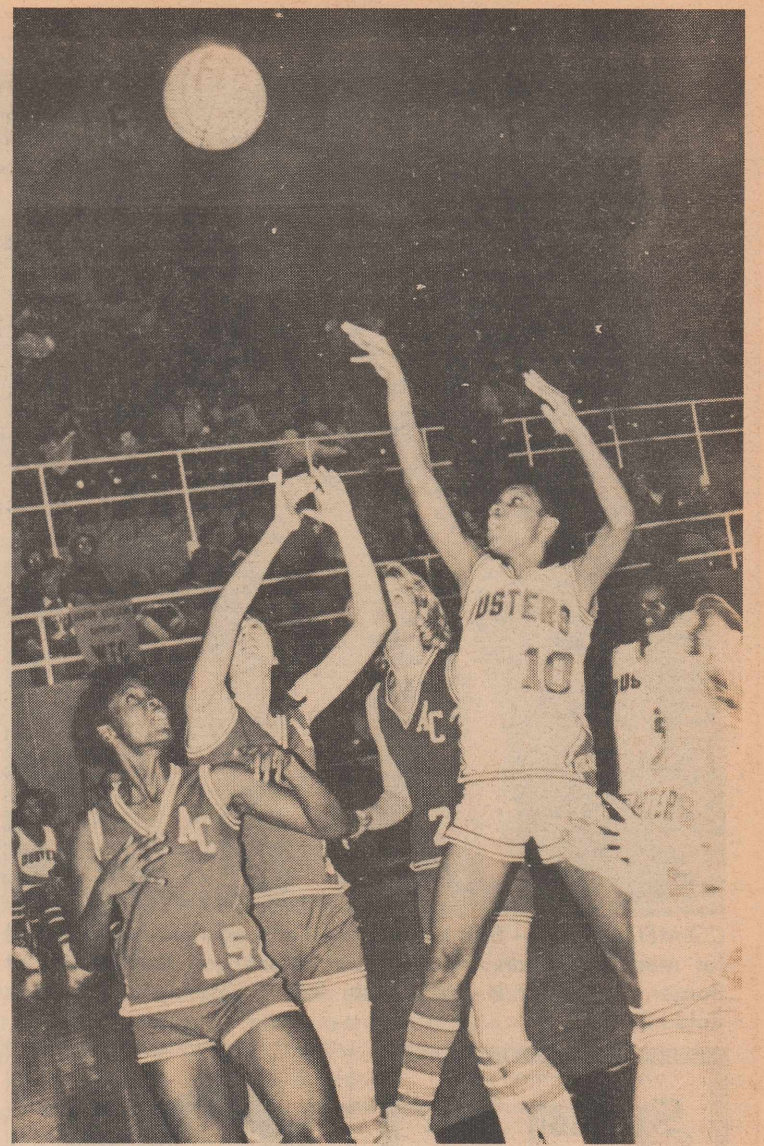
WTC made their comeback in the second half, pulling within two points of the lead 11 times but were never able to catch the Raiders until Williams' last-second shot.

Stewart led WTC with 44 points to set the tournament high for a single game this year. Also scoring for the Westerners were Freddie Davis with 19 points and Mendoza with 13.

Weaver was the top scorer for Three Rivers with 34 points, followed by Marvin McCrary with 22.

Robert Kirby and Pat Niemczyk scored 14 each, while James had 12 and Woodley connected for 11 to help the Raiders' cause.

Leading rebounder for the Green Machine was Stewart with 13. McCrary led Three Rivers with 11.



WT's ALL AMERICAN — Nodia Vaughn (10) leaps for two points in early spring loop action against Amarillo. The Paducah sophomore will play in the first women's All-Star game Saturday in Hutchinson, Kansas. (photo by Joe Boldon)

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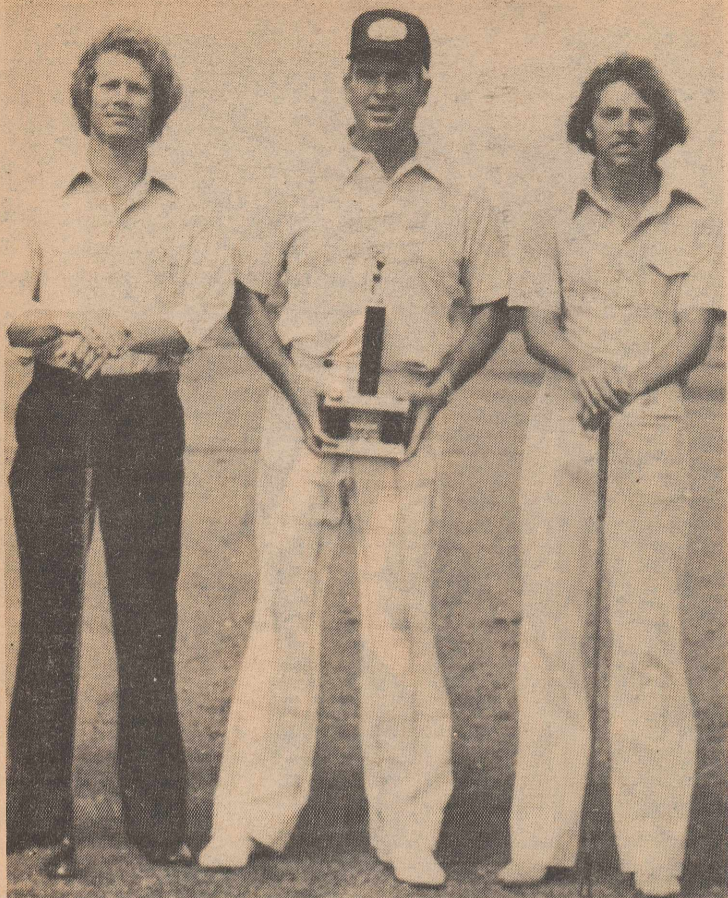
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CO-MEDALISTS — Britt Lindsey (left) and Billy Sitton (right) tied for medalist honors in the Great Plains golf tournament at Borger. At center is golf coach, Bob O'Day. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Also Takes Loop Victory

Golf Team Captures Great Plains Tournament Third Time in Row

by Darlene Neatherlin
WTC's golfers had their best performances of the season in winning the Great Plains Tournament in Borger for their third consecutive time last weekend plus the non-collegiate rounds and conference round.

The green team played 27 holes Friday and 18 Saturday for a total of 45 holes.

On Friday, they shot a 305 the first 18 holes, 6 strokes ahead of Midland College who finished with a 311.

Western Texas led by 10 strokes after 27 holes on Friday, shooting a 149 the last 9 holes.

The Snyder-based team won the tournament by 10 strokes, with 290 on the final 18 holes, which was the conference round. They finished with 744 to bring home the top honors.

Odessa College was second with 754, New Mexico Junior

College brought in third with 757, fourth place went to Midland College with 771, Frank Phillips College shot an 821 and New Mexico Military Institute ended with an 853.

Individuals scoring were Britt Lindsey 76-40-69 — 185, Billy Sitton 75-37-73 — 185, Mike Waller 77-37-75 — 189, Lee Baird 77-40-74 — 191 and Greg Reynolds 82-35-74 — 191.

In individual play, Brent Jacobs shot 96-40-76 for 212.

Lindsey and Sitton tied for medalist honors in the Great Plains tournament with a total of 185 each on 45 holes.

Coach O'Day stated that he was pleased with the Westerners' performance in the Great Plains tournament and with the Western Conference tournament.

"We had some good rounds shot, even though it was very

cold and windy both days. It was a fine team effort with consistent play from all players."

In conference play at Borger, the Westerners tied Odessa, with 290, for first place. This moved the Snyder team from fourth place to a second place tie in the conference with New Mexico Junior College. Only two points separate four teams with two conference tournaments remaining.

Odessa and Midland are tied for first, WTC and NMJC are tied for second, followed by NMMI, fifth, and Frank Phillips, sixth.

Lindsey was medalist in the 4th Western Conference tournament with 69, 3-under-par.

There are two conference tournaments remaining, at Hobbs, N.M. April 13 and here at WTC April 20.

Linksters Third in Sam Houston Tourney Fourth at Texas' Bevo Intercollegiate

by Darlene Neatherlin
Coach Bob O'Day's linksters placed third in the Sam Houston Intercollegiate Golf Tournament March 5 and 6.

The 36-hole tournament was held at Elkins Lake Country Club, with weather conditions warm and slightly windy both days, according to O'Day.

Eleven teams entered with Odessa College taking first by firing 612, followed by McLennan College with 616, WTC 631 and Weatherford College 636.

Other colleges and scores were San Jacinto 641, Wharton 644, Paris 648, Grayson 660, Jacksonville 673, Tyler 684 and Lon Morris 704.

Billy Sitton was the Westerner's lead scorer with 80-77-157, followed by Greg Reynolds' 80-78-158, Don Cofer's 80-79-159, Britt Lindsey's 77-82-159, Scotty Barrett's 78-83-161 and Mike Waller's 80-82-162.

Coach O'Day stated that the Westerners did not play well on a difficult golf course at Huntsville. "We did not have a single player in the tourney play to his capability. We had too many three-putts and penalty shots."

On March 12 and 13, the Westerners entered the Bevo Intercollegiate Golf Tournament hosted by the University of Texas at Austin but finished in fourth place.

They played 36 holes on the Live Oak Golf Course at Lakeway and took the low scores of four out of five players.

WTC was in fifth place at the end of the first 18 holes with a score of 316, then the green team shot the third best team score of 310 on the final day and finished with a total of 626.

Lindsey and Sitton led WTC with scores of 153 each and both

tied for seventh place out of 40 golfers.

"We did not play consistent golf. We had too many high rounds the first 18 holes and played better the final round," O'Day added.

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Williams Wins Bout In Local Boxing Meet

The Snyder Boys' Club was the scene of fast-paced boxing Saturday as the Snyder Boxing Tournament got underway.

The tourney featured 100 fighters from Snyder, Early, Coleman, Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene, Eastland, Colorado City and Sweetwater. Boxers ranged in age from five-year-old Randal Byrd of Eastland to 21-year-old Mike Deanda of San Angelo.

In the finals of the competition, Lubbock native Luther "Punchy" Williams defeated Homar Gonzales of Abilene in a tough three-round bout. Williams organized WTC's boxing club last year.

Proceeds went to benefit the local Boys' Club.

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Dusters Close Season at 23-11, Drop Regional Tilt to Weatherford

by Darlene Neatherlin

Coach Joe Cushing's Dusters wrapped up their 1978-79 season in the Region V Tournament against Weatherford Junior College March 1 in Abilene.

The Dusters were stopped short, 81-76, in overtime action by the Coyettes, a team that WTC had soundly thrashed but that the Dusters also had fallen, 64-63, in the second game this season.

"All five starters fouled out, the defense was poor and they had 28 turnovers and too many mental mistakes," Cushing stated. This was their fifth consecutive appearance in the regional affair and the fifth time they lost in either the first or second round.

"We had a great year and will be back there next year, though," he added.

The Dusters, led by Nodia Vaughn's 23 points, scored on only 12 charity shots compared to Weatherford's 23 of 37 — but held a 32-29 edge from the field. WTC trailed by one point at intermission but fought to tie the tilt, 68-68, at the end of regulation play.

The loss left WTC at 23-11 on the year and 10-2 in loop play.

On the other hand, the Dusters were co-champions in the conference, broke four WTC records and tied two more.

The Snyder-based team attempted 2210 field goals, and made 892 of them for 40.3 per cent. They managed 411 free throws out of 672 attempted for a 61.2 percentage.

The Green team recorded 1174 rebounds for a 34.5 average per game and had 463 steals for a 13.6 mean.

The Dusters broke the record for most points a season with 2195, compared to 1975-76's 1933 points. They tied the record of most victories a season with 23.

Vaughn, sophomore from Paducah, led the Dusters with 505 points, breaking three individual WTC records and tying one in the process.

She played in all 34 games, made 208 field goals and 89 free throws for 505 points and a 14.8 average. Vaughn also accounted for 280 rebounds, 46 more than WTC's All-American, Marilyn Payton, three years ago, 50 assists and 78 steals.

Freshman Betsy Benson

played in 11 games, attempted six field goals, made two points and had one assist.

Starter Liz Hooper played in every game, made 56 field goals and scored 29 free throws for a total of 141 points and a 4.1 average. She grabbed 41 rebounds, 43 assists, 32 steals and two blocked shots.

Belva Marsh also played in all the ball games, scored 90 field goals and 29 free throws for 209 points for a 6.1 average. She had 81 rebounds, 65 assists, 53 steals and 14 blocked shots.

Kathy Hunter saw action in 30 games, shot 28 field goals and 29 free throws to make 85 points and a 2.8 average. She rebounded 37 times, had 15 assists, 7 steals and 2 blocked shots.

Kathy Brzozowski played in all 34 outings, made 47 field goals and 18 free throws for 112 points and a 3.2 average. She had 67 rebounds, 25 assists and 29 steals.

Delbra Ray also played in all the games. She shot 35 field goals and 15 free throws for 85 points with a 2.3 average. Her rebound count was 52, with 27 assists and 32 steals.

Katie Fisher played in 33 games, with 150 field goals and 36 free throws for 336 points and a 10.7 average. She took 113

rebounds, 77 assists, 90 steals and 2 blocked shots.

Twenty field goals and 15 free throws was accounted by Ginger Peden, for 55 points and a 1.9 average for 28 games. She managed 44 rebounds, 1 assist, 9 steals and 1 blocked shot.

Joyce Plagens saw action in every game. She put 139 shots in and 66 free throws for 344 points, a 10.1 average. She received 279 rebounds, which also broke the record of 234 set in 1975-76. Plagens had 78 assists, and 80 steals.

Melodie SoRelle played in 11 of the games, shot 1 field goal and 4 free throws for 6 points. She had 13 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals and 1 blocked shot.

Pennie Page played 21 games, had 14 field goals and 12 free throws for 40 points. She got 29 rebounds, 5 assists, 10 steals and 1 blocked shot.

Finally, Brigette Hamilton played in 33 of the games, scored 103 field goals and 69 free throws for 275 points and an 8.3 average. She sought 138 rebounds, 23 assists, 38 steals and 20 blocked shots.

Top field goal percentages were turned in by Peden (54.1) and Vaughn (50.8) while top free throw percentages were recorded by Hamilton (76.6) and Hunter (76.3).

Eight Competing at National Judo Contests in California

Eight WTC students participated in the National Collegiate Judo Championships at California State University in Long Beach last weekend, but none won first round or second round places.

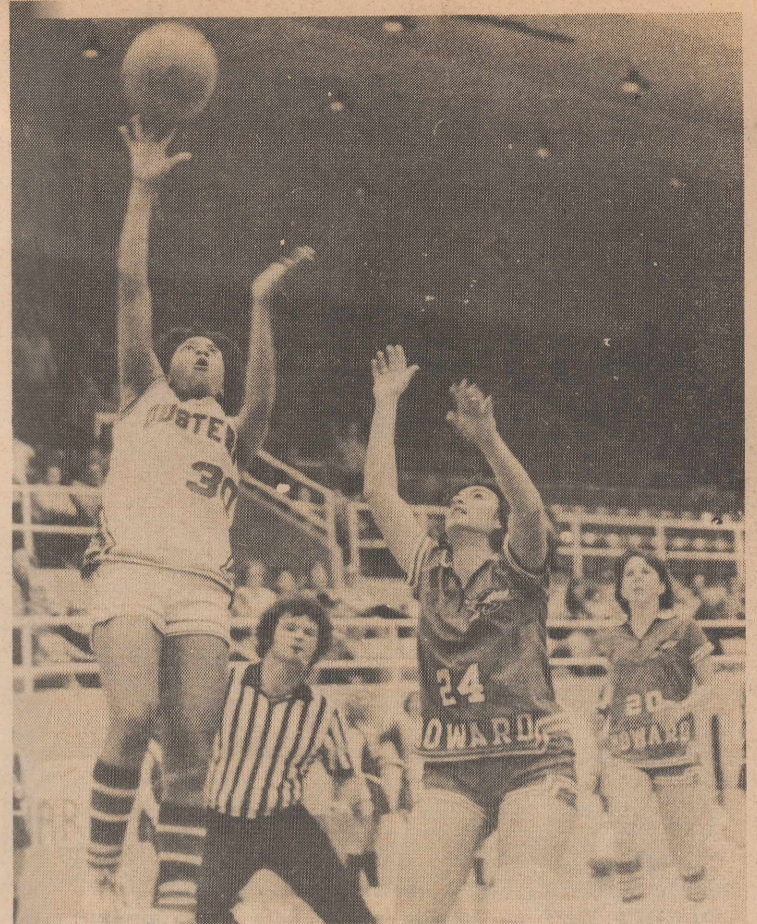
Qualifying were Soyla Santos of O'Donnell, Kathleen Utsman of Colorado City, Danny Ramoz of San Angelo, Joe Dunn of Loraine, Mark Thomas of Alaska, and Debbie Sewell, David Peralez and Tony Whittenburg of Snyder.

Dr. Shelby Hillis, team coach,

accompanied the group and served as coach for Texas students representing the Texas Judo Black Belt Association. He has recently been named coordinator-chairman of collegiate judo in Texas.

The WTC judo players also participated in an open tournament in Odessa before starting their trip to Long Beach.

Dr. Hillis plans to attend the national high school competition in Rogers, Ark., May 4-5 and will serve as a referee.



ON HER WAY — Duster Katie Fisher (30) lays the ball up and in against Howard College in late-season conference action. WTC finished the season as co-loop champions at 10-2, and went 23-11 for the year. (photo by Joe Boldon)

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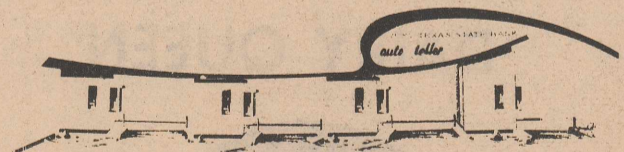
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PRACTICE TIME — Varsity golfer Billy Sitton prepares for another daily round on the WTC course before an upcoming tournament. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Holds Course Record

Golfer Sitton Takes Game Seriously

by Rudy England

"Talent is abundant on this year's WTC golf team." So says sophomore team member Billy Sitton. "But we just can't seem to get it together at the same time."

The Midland Lee High School graduate noted that they can still win the conference title this year by winning two of the final three tournaments, the last of which will be played on the WTC home course.

"It'll be a real advantage for us," Sitton said. He's probably right and he probably ought to know. The middle child in a family of three children set a new record on the WTC course last semester, firing a 7-under-par 63. That shaved two strokes

off the old course mark held by former Westerner linksters Miller Scott and Scott Robbins.

Sitton placed on the All-District team all three years that he played on the Midland Lee varsity squad. During his senior year, the team won district and placed third at the regional tournament.

It was at the district match his senior year that WTC golf coach Bob O'Day contacted him. He received several other scholarship offers but stated that he "didn't hesitate to come here because of the WTC golf team's reputation."

The business management major began golfing at age 14, after beginning work at a Midland pro shop a year earlier.

The local pro sold him some clubs at a good price and gave him the lessons that helped him get to where he is now.

After leaving WTC, which he has "really enjoyed this year," he would like to go to Baylor or TCU. "I really haven't decided," Sitton reminded, "but I would like to go to law school eventually."

In high school, Sitton graduated as a part of a "small" 600-member senior class. That's about half as many people as the total enrollment here. He's really used to more people, but golf seems to stay on his mind more.

"I just wish there were more hours in the day to practice."

SPORTIN' ALONG

'Giant Killer' Williams: 'Not Over Yet!'

by Luis Rios

It is obviously evident that basketball is a tall man's game.

University coaches won't look at a player unless he is 6'4" and handles himself extremely well. And to be a post man, 6'8" won't cut it anymore, no matter how good one is. If Dr. Naismith was here, he would be having fits!

However, of all the "giants" who play for the Westerners, none has proved himself truly worthy of being called a hero, until a young man of small stature (5'10") became, himself, a "giant killer."

It was beside the point that Dwight Williams recovered his own shot after having missed, then put in the winning two points to keep his team's hopes alive in the Regional Tournament earlier this month.

But more important is what he said in the huddle just before returning onto the court for the final seconds of the game. "We've still got a chance — it's not over yet."

That statement alone proved that he was a champion. It would be foolish to say that Dwight made the shot on sheer heart alone; we all know him to be rather talented on the court.

but everyone will agree that it played an important part.

Our Divine Being could not have picked a more worthy prospect than Dwight at the time. Not that I don't believe anyone else on the team couldn't have made it, but the determination flowing through him at that particular moment could have made it possible for him to have sunk the bucket from 35 feet or more out.

What Dwight exemplified that night on the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum court showed just what true champions are made of.

This particular situation brings to mind a certain individual who I admired immensely both as a player as well as a person.

The name is not important, but what is, is what this individual did and characterized. The guy was no taller than 5'8" and tipped the scales at about

160 lbs. — not by any standards a giant.

During the off-season periods and the summer vacations, he would work endlessly. And by the time he was a senior, he could bench press close to 350 lbs. and leg press Lord knows how much!

All-District guard-linebacker and All-Area guard were the only honors he received. The young man was outstanding at both positions and could have easily been All-State. But he was too small to be that good, other coaches stated — and, besides, he did not play for a championship team.

To make it short, both this fellow and Dwight were considered small for tasks they could perform extremely well. However, one got the opportunity to prove himself — and, brother, was the victory great. Congratulations, Dwight!

Rodeo Teams to Compete In New Mexico State Meet

WTC's rodeo teams will head for Las Cruces, N.M. to compete at the New Mexico State Rodeo. The rodeo will be held March 29-April 1, according to advisor Van Rigby.

Currently, the men's team holds fourth place in the Southwest Region with 701 points, a scant 50 points away from second place.

The women's team remains in fifth place, 150 points away from second.

Freshman Lane Foltyn leads in the All-Around cowboy and bull-riding competition. Tammy Mathews holds the lead in

barrel racing and is fourth in breakaway roping.

The top two teams and individuals in the region will qualify for the national finals held at Lake Charles, La. in June.

The team is preparing for the spring rodeo to be held April 26-28 at the old rodeo grounds on West 30th St. in Snyder. The rodeo will feature clown Rick Chatman and announcer Jerry Baird, both of Snyder.

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