



TEN FEET TALL — Joe Bowen is walking across the country on stilts. (photo by Traci Gilstrap)

Students Find Ancient Fossils

by Tim Watson

On a recent Historical Geology field trip, Mr. Otto's class came upon an unusual discovery.

Mr. Otto, science instructor, took Steve Hildebrand, David Peralez, Mark Cross, Bart Haley, Jay Boyd, Jimmy Arnold, Arthur Castro, Noel Nease, Rick Waldrof, Tim Watson, Paiga Lou Eiland and Nicky Chapman to Fluvanna on a fossil collecting trip.

The first discovery was brought on when Nicky Chapman found a tooth among the leaves. Chapman thought it was a shark's tooth at first. He gave the tooth to Otto and after a careful look, Otto said the tooth probably belonged to an amphibian.

With the finding of the tooth other people started finding remains of the fossil, Nease found a couple of jaws with teeth still in them. Some of the pieces found included several teeth, ribs, bones and even vertebrae (backbone).

The discovery sparked a flame under most of the students who went so Otto said the class could spend the rest of the lab classes out at the site. One student said it was fantastic to find a piece of the past and bring it back.

The next day Otto discussed the fossil finds and said after

looking at the vertebrae and teeth, he was not too sure whether it was an amphibian or, more likely, a reptile.

This reptile probably lived during the Permian Period which was around 250 million years ago. The type of dinosaur it might be is called a SPHENACODON. A more common name for it is a sail-back dinosaur.

According to Otto it was about twelve to fifteen feet long and weighed about one thousand to two thousand pounds. Mr. Otto said that the parts found were important, but not as important as the skull. He said that finding the skull would help make a definite identification as to what it is.

On another field trip, Mark Cross was chipping at a rock and found a part of the skull, and soon after that, a few pieces of skull were found in the same rock. Otto's class started looking for the rest of the skull and as of yet it remains undiscovered.

Since finding the skull, other people have discovered other parts of the fossils. Becky Hancock, Pam Milner, and Kenneth Levens, found other parts of skulls at a different area a little way away.

Due to the lack of time it looks like the remains will be left for another class at another time in the future of Historical Geology.

Joe Bowen: Man on Stilts

by Lynda Cain

Joe Bowen: an ordinary man with an extraordinary purpose.

He walks down the long, winding highways on stilts, carrying a pole with an American flag attached to it. The pole has states and towns carved into it.

He started his journey from Los Angeles and is expecting to make it to Bowen, Kentucky. He is walking for those who can't walk.

His Muscular Dystrophy (MD) project is being sponsored by the United States Jaycees. He is hoping to raise 100 thousand dollars by the end of his trip. He has already raised 30 thousand dollars.

I talked to him between Roby

and Anson. He plans to be in Dallas by the 28th of April, then it is on to Tulsa where he will break the record for walking so many miles on a pair of stilts.

Joe's stilts resemble a pair of crutches that MD patients walk with. They are strapped to his legs.

"I trained a long time before I started the walk. People have been friendly and helpful along the way."

His old army sergeant has been following behind him in a motor home. There have been quite a few others following him.

Bowen has three girls and "understanding wife" who supports him all the way.

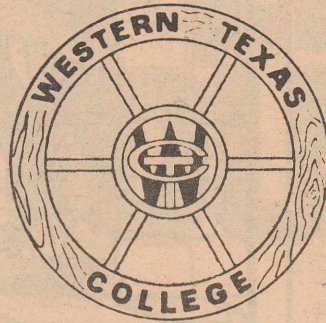
His four-year-old daughter's boyfriend is six and is dying of MD.

Bowen serves on the board of directors for the MDA in Kentucky. He has worked for MDA for quite a few years.

His purpose is to help children and adults who suffer from MDA. Muscular Dystrophy is hereditary and is passed on by the mother, but it is primarily males who contract the disease.

"For every disease a cure is discovered for, they come closer to finding the cure for other diseases," said Bowen.

If you happen to see a man on stilts walking along the highway on his way to Dallas and Kentucky, it is Joe Bowen.



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Two More Nights

WTC Sponsoring Rodeo at Arena

by Linda Belvin

Western Texas College, along with Cisco Junior College, is sponsoring the 1980 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo which began yesterday and will continue through April 26 at the Scurry County Rodeo Arena.

The gate opens at 8:00 p.m. each evening. Tickets are being sold by Rodeo Queen contestants and rodeo team members at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. There is no charge for children under the age of 12.

Schools competing in the rodeo are Sul Ross State University, Eastern New Mexico State, New Mexico State, New Mexico Junior College, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene Christian,

Howard College, Ranger College, Tarleton State, Frank Phillips, Texas Tech, Lubbock Christian, Weatherford College, Angelo State, Clarendon College and West Texas State University.

Members of the Western Texas College rodeo team scheduled to compete in the rodeo are Ricky Walker, bareback riding; Billy Grady, bareback riding; Chris De Sautell, bareback and saddlebronc riding; Ray Goodwin, bareback riding; Terry Goodwin, bareback riding; Britt Cox, bareback and saddlebronc; Mark Mueller, bareback riding; Scott Davis, bareback riding, bull riding; Chris Welch, bareback riding; Jay Cochrane, bareback riding

and Brent Terry, bareback riding.

Also Nicky Chapman, bareback riding; Jimmy Nail, bareback riding; Steve Hildebrand, bareback riding; Tommy Guin, calf roping; Gary

Hickox, calf roping and steer wrestling; James Zant, calf roping and steer wrestling; Jay Boyd, team roping; Bobby Mullens, team roping; Johnny Reed, team roping; Jan Holley,

barrel racing, break-a-way roping and goat tying; Nannette Fine, barrel racing, break-a-way roping and goat tying; Mandy Tubb, barrel racing and break-a-way roping and Donna Proctor, barrel racing.



FOSSILS — Samples found by geology class. (photo by Tim Watson)

Editorially

Inflated Census

When the United States census form arrived at my house, I dutifully filled it in and mailed it out. Since then I've had second thoughts.

The first thing that began to bother me was the news reports that the Census Bureau was being pressured to inflate figures to make up for people that are suspected to exist but who have not mailed their forms back.

Why have a head count at all if you plan on exaggerating the results? That doesn't seem to be any different than continuing to estimate the population of any given area.

The public is being urged to return their census forms so their communities will be able to receive their "proper share" of federal funds and government representation. But the more people send their forms in, the more danger there is of over-inflated census counts instead of equal or under-inflation. (They figure a certain percentage of people will not return their forms.) That may be good for a community but not for the federal budget.

Who's to decide how much to inflate a figure? The Census Director, Vincent Barabba, suggested producing both raw and adjusted figures and letting Congress decide which to use.

Being human, census officials and Congressmen are no more psychic than you or I. How can they tell any better than we how many people are in this nation?

A better way to get an accurate count would be to keep track of birth and death certificates and people who have entered this country legally. Those records are available to the government anyway and it seems it would be cheaper and easier in the long run than going through the enormous hassle and cost of census counts every ten years.

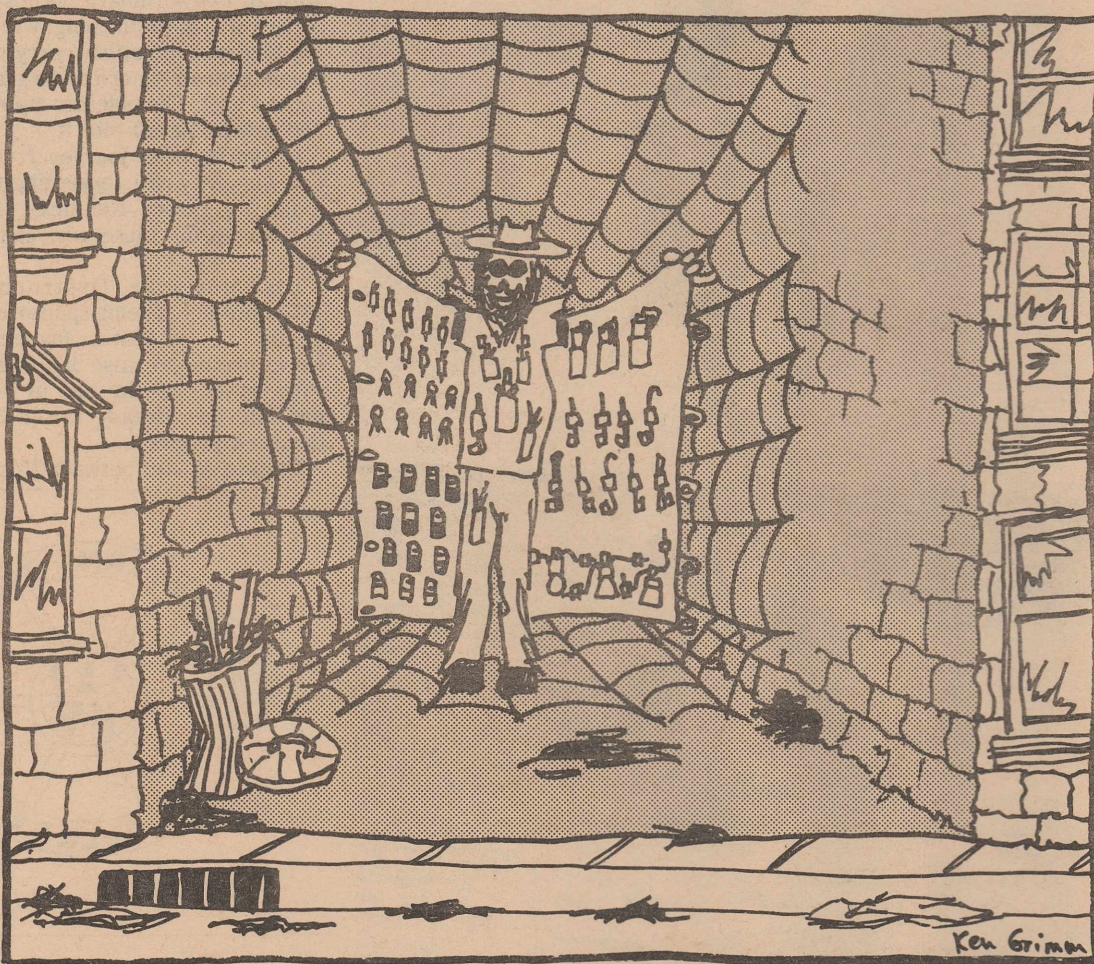
That method wouldn't tell where anyone moves to, but estimates of population density would probably be more reliable than trying to count heads you can't see.

That method would also not include illegal aliens in any count. But since when are illegal aliens entitled to government representation or federal funds? (Unless it's foreign aid.)

So why do they want to know?

Lois Gleason

"The New 7-11"



What's Down Memory Lane?

by Linda Belvin

If the walls of WTC could talk, I'll bet they could tell a year-long saga of complaining students trudging off to class. Echoes of "Research papers-yuck!" or "You mean lab's gonna be that long?" that have rung through the corridors throughout the year.

But now that it's almost over, sit back and think for a minute. Get out the old crystal ball and take a quick peek into the future. When you look back on this year at WTC, is it the research paper you'll remember? The long classroom hours you somehow managed to endure? Or is there something else lying just below the surface that will stand out in your memory?

I caught a few students wandering around the Student Center and asked them just what they thought they'd remember the most about this year. And this is what they said:

"I'll remember all the new people I've met," said Snyder freshman Carrie Taylor.

Chuck Canon, freshman from Gail, said he would remember "my friends and being on my own."

"Wednesday nights at Wild Country!" was what Snyder freshman John Smylie said he'd remember most.

"I'll remember all the things I learned about government while sitting in the Student Center during government class", said Dobie Williams, freshman from Colorado City.

Matt Givens, Snyder freshman, said, "Meeting people, and hopefully, the education."

Aspermont sophomore Julie Hawkins said, "I'll remember Mr. Doty not telling us when class will meet!"

"Going to all the basketball games and losing my voice, all the new friends I've made and all the new people I've met," is what Snyder freshman Lance McMillan will remember.

So, if you really stop and think about it, what's a research paper or a seven-page test compared to some good friends and a lot of good laughs? WTC has the greatest basketball team, the greatest faculty and the greatest people, and I don't know about you, but what I'll remember is being a part of it all.

Editorially

Possible Drug Law

In Colorado, as of July 1, a new law will be put into effect banning the sale of drug paraphernalia in public stores. A similar bill is being sponsored in the Texas Legislature. If such a bill is passed, no convenience store, head shop or any other retailer will be able to sell the items in question.

This measure seems designed to slow down the use of marijuana and border drugs by pre-adults. In reality it will have the opposite effect. Drug dealers, who never pay much attention to the age of their buyers anyway, will be able to sell paraphernalia through the black market, bringing themselves a much larger profit. Since dealers are, in their own sense, salespersons, they will push these items hard to allow themselves the comfort of having a wide circle of prospective connections.

Alternatively, the decriminalization or legalization of marijuana would have both positive and negative effects.

Positively, federal and state governments would be able to collect taxes from sales of the drug and would, therefore, be able to control the growth and distribution of the herb.

In fact, presidential candidate Edward Kennedy introduced Senate Bill 1722 in the last session of Congress. Section 1813 of this bill calls for the decriminalization of possessing one ounce or less of marijuana.

If passed, the negative effects of legalization would most probably come to pass.

Adolescents and pre-adults could purchase pot from an adult, much as alcohol gets into young hands today.

Tests by major research centers show clinical proof that chronic smoking can lower memory, reduce sperm and ovum count and build fat deposits of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) in the brain. Chronic smoking causes a geometric build-up of THC in the body, far faster than a human body can dispose of it through natural means. That is to say, if the chemicals that cause problems in humans stay in the body long enough (in chronic smokers) these physiological crises could develop.

One seems to be in a quandary when it comes down to choosing legislation for or against marijuana use. If, again, one does nothing, how will the problem be solved? Persons involved in the situation should inform themselves and vote for the candidates whose platforms they support.

J.D. Helm

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WT Wins Honors

The Western Texan, WTC student newspaper, won third place in general excellence and second in sweepstakes in the Texas Junior College Press Association, Division I, for 1979-80.

Individual WTC winners included Cody Bell, first, picture pages or panels; Ken Grimm, first, cartoon; Lois Gleason, second, sports photography; Rocky Alexander, second, editorial writing; Rudy England, third, editorial writing; and Britt Fuqua and Gleason, honorable mention, headline writing.

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IN WASHINGTON — Left to right (standing), Teresa Stephens, Lynn Wimmer, Dr. Duane Hood, Dr. Mary Hood, Congressman Charles Stenholm (he was made an honorary member of Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and presented with a membership certificate), Debe Longbotham, Jan Holley, Traci Watson, Neva Reaves. Left to right (sitting), Bill Bass, Rocky Youngblood, Sonny Lee (alumnus of Psi Zeta), Kenneth Levens and Tim Watson.

PTK Students and Sponsors Attend National Convention

Ten students and two sponsors from the Psi Zeta Chapter attended the national convention of Phi Theta Kappa at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., March 19-23.

Attending were Lynn Wimmer, Rocky Youngblood, Traci Watson, Tim Watson, Neva Reaves, Kenneth Levens, Debe Longbotham, Teresa Stephens, Bill Bass, Jan Holley, and sponsors, Drs. Duane and Mary Hood.

The national honors topic, "A Time For Truth: America's Need for Governmental Renaissance," was the theme for the convention. Speakers for the meetings included Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Kansas; Senator Mark Hatfield, Oregon; General William Westmoreland; Hodding Carter, U.S. State Department spokesman; and Dr. Edmund G. Gleazer, Jr., president of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Activities during the convention included a dance for the students to have a chance to get

acquainted; campaigning for and election of national officers (Holley served as Psi Zeta's voting delegate), a program by the U.S. Navy Band, a scholar jogger two-mile run (with Youngblood entered), a musical presentation by the Wesley College Jazz Ensemble and Dr. Jack Crocker of the national office, and a riding tour of Washington, which included Arlington National Cemetery and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A U.S. Presidential straw-vote was also held which President Jimmy Carter won with 48 per cent of the votes.

Sonny Lee, an alumnus of Psi Zeta, volunteered his services as tour guide for the WTC students during their free time. Lee is currently a student at the American University in Washington and he works in Congressman Charles Stenholm's office.

He arranged for several activities, including a tour of the White House and lunch with

Stenholm in the House of Representatives dining room in the Capitol. At that time Stenholm was made an honorary member of the Psi Zeta Chapter and was presented with a membership certificate.

Psi Zeta members also visited the National Air and Space Museum, National Aquarium, National Archives, Botanic Garden, Capitol, Georgetown, Museum of History and Technology, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Library of Congress, Lincoln Memorial, National Gallery of Art, Museum of Natural History and Washington Monument.

On Saturday night, there was an Awards Banquet. The national officers for 1980-81 were installed.

Because of his work in helping to obtain speakers for the national convention and other assistance that he offered to the national office of Phi Theta Kappa, Lee was placed in the Alumni Hall of Honor. He was recognized and presented with a medal.

Mr. and Miss WTC to be Chosen April 29

by Tracie Gilstrap

WTC Campus Favorites of the 1979-80 year were elected by the student body. Campus favorites are placed as nominees for Mr. and Miss WTC.

Campus Favorites elected were freshman Lynda Cain from Coral Springs, Florida. She is a cheerleader, co-editor of 1979-80 Trailblazer, staff assistant on The Western Texan and a member of the Press Club. Cain's hobbies are skiing, tennis, swimming, racquetball and photography.

Cindy Caskey, sophomore, from Abilene. Caskey was Miss Trailhand of 1979-80, member of the Senate and OEA.

Sophomore Chris DeSautell from Slaton. He is involved in

Rodeo Club and President Pro Tem in Senate. He also was a nominee for Mr. Trailhand.

Freshman Billy Grady from Brownwood. He is in the Rodeo Club, and was a nominee for Mr. Trailhand.

Also, sophomore, Julie Hawkins is a PTK member, and chairman of Traffic Appeals and Strictly-For-Fun committee in the Senate.

Sophomore Kenneth Levens from Anson, Texas. He is in the judo club, is a PTK member, and president of the student body.

Belva Marsh, sophomore from Ralls, Texas. Belva is a WTC cheerleader and is a member of PTK. Her hobbies include all sports.

Sophomore Renae McBroom from Haskell. Renae is a cheerleader, and a member of PTK.

Sheila Sandbothe, Sophomore from Anson. Sheila is president of PTK and senate treasurer.

Sophomore J.D. Sheffield, from Loraine. He is in PTK and is senate vice-president. J.D.'s hobbies are reading, listening to music and sports.

Freshman Chris Welch from Midland. Chris is the vice-president of the rodeo club and enjoys rodeoing and snow skiing.

Mr. and Miss WTC will be coronated Tuesday, April 29, at the Spring Formal.

Anything Goes

by Terry Green

Well here it is, almost the end of the year. I just want to say that I have enjoyed writing for you, and yes, including the letters. Sometimes a journalist has to write something hot to see who's reading his or her articles and I thank you for letting me know that you read mine.

It's hard to think that we have come to the end of another year. As I write my last column for this year, all the things I did go through my mind. It's hard to think that all the fun I had is about to come to an end. It's also hard to think that all these memories will not come again.

But I'll tell you what we are going to do about it. We are going to hang on them. But just think of all the fun we will have next year with all our new friends. And I'll tell you, you can never have too many friends. I know it will be hard to leave WTC. Because it's the same feeling you had when you left high school.

But you will make new friends. I, too, will leave next year and I feel the pain already. I, too, have friends that will leave this year and I hate to see them go. I can only hope that we will meet again.

It seems that with friends we say good-bye more than hello. Some of you I have known for a long time and some of you I haven't. That doesn't mean we can't get to know each other. But I guess we will have to wait till next year.

Good luck to the graduates.



OEA Students in Competition

Six office occupations students placed in the state Office Education Association (OEA) competition held on the Tarrant County Junior College Northwest campus in Fort Worth recently.

Winning first places were Gina Willman and Mary Pruitt. Tonya Porter received a second place. Stephanie Johnson won fourth. Terri McClain won fifth and Linda Alvarez won sixth.

Other OEA members competing were Donna Layne and

Alessandra Quiros. The first three places in each category qualify for national competition in Minneapolis, April 24-28.

Sponsors attending were Linda Wright and Charlene Light.

Dictated materials and instructions included average-length letters and memos and office-style dictation which measure the ability to follow special instructions. Contestants were also required to make priority decisions.



CANDIDATES — Top, left to right, Kenneth Levens, J.D. Sheffield, Chris Welch, Chris De Sautell. Bottom, Billy Grady, Lynda Cain, Julie Hawkins, Sheila Sandbothe, Cindy Caskey and Renae McBroom. Not pictured are Belva Marsh and Mike Mahan.

143 Students to be Graduated In Ceremonies Set For May 15

A total of 143 students will pick up diplomas during WTC graduation ceremonies May 15. Associate in Arts degrees will go to 77 students, 48 will pick up Associate in Applied Science degrees and 18 will receive Certificates of Technology.

Dr. Larry Cavazos, president of Texas Tech, is scheduled to speak at the ceremony.

Those graduating with Associate in Arts degrees include: Janie Amaya, Mark A. Anderle, Lisa Kaye Anderson, Micky Kent Baker, Harold Scott Barrett, William Clyde Bass, Brenda Joyce Belvin, Elizabeth Benson, Nancy Elizabeth Bowern, Jo Ann Marie Broker, Leon C. Callaway and Jan Marie Kisselburg.

Other graduates include: Sheila Tate Collier, Kelly Mechelle Culp, Chris Lowell De Sautell, Jeana von Roeder Duke, Billy Doran Durham, Jr., Paiga Lou Eiland, David Lee English, Katie M. Fisher, Steven Allen Fisher, Kem Moffet Fogleman, Laura M. Fohn and Beverly Eugenia Fuller.

More are Brice Britt Fuqua, Timothy Paul Garland, Elizabeth Godina, Richard H. Gonzalez, Victor Ruben Gonzalez, Brigitte Hamilton, Jan Havens, Julie Remell Hawkins, Alicia Henderson, Jan Elizabeth Holley, Elizabeth Hopper, Louise Johnson, Bill G. Jordon and Meta Anna Kupatt.

Others graduating are: Lisa Dennis Lee, Kenneth Wayne Levens, Retha Lindsey, James Michael Mahan, Belva Wideman Marsh, Mary Grace Martinez, Joan McCallister, Enrique G. Montez, Laurie Yvonne Partain, Betty Jane Patton, Ginger Ann Peden, David Cantu Peralez, Norma F. Pina and Ronald Portee.

More include: Stuart Norton Price, Shirley Joann Pylant, Delbra Lynn Ray, Don Richardson, John Richardson, Mark Rutherford, Wanda P. Saffel, Fred G. Salinas, Joann Salinas, Donny H. Scott, Monette Lewallen Sentell, Darla Smith, Vanessa L. Smith, Teresa Ann Stephens and Patrick Byron Toombs.

Others are: Mike Vallejo, Randy Vann, Ann Rhodes Walton, Tim Watson, Dora M. White, Charles Robert Whitfill, Tracey Kruger Williamson, Rachel Lynn Wimmer, Cariota D. Wood and Rocky Elbert Youngblood.

Candidates for the Associate in Applied Science Degree include: Linda Alvarez, Darrell Lee Ashley, Roxanne Mae Bachus, Edward D. Bailey, Wayne Louis Barclay, Darrel James Boedecker, Gary Mark Brewer, David Dudley Brown, Sharon E. Byers, Cindy R. Caskey, Roann Clay and Andra Crenshaw.

More are: Rickey Doyle

Criswell, Ronald Scott Davis, Mary Martha Devorce, Ronnie Alan Diese, Rebecca Soto Franco, George A. Fuentez, Rene G. Garza, Jay D. Greenway, Ann Gregory, Bobby D. Hanks, Penny Hatfield, James Leslie Hodges, Tommy Lynn Horsley and James E. McAnaw.

Also, Douglas Gene McGee, James Barron Merritt, Carla Sue Moyers, David H. Ornelas, Isidro Palacios, Tony Perez, John Peter Petterson, Jackie Lee Pior, Jerrel D. Pylant, Billy Wayne Ransberger, Raul Martin Rodriguez, Mark Joseph Ross, Terry C. Rumpff, Soyla R. Santos, Charlotte Lisa Sconyers, Janell Orlena Straub and Mark Allen Thomas.

Other candidates for the AA degrees are: Jerry W. Tollison, William M. Vest, Linda Wallace, Janet Lynn Wilhelm and Mark Samuel Zimmerman.

Candidates for a certificate of Technology are: Brenda Kay Brantly, Donovan L. Buckland, Marivel Quiroz De Hoyos, Lois Marie Eicke, Ruth Ann Fancher, Debbie Shoemaker, Lana Joy Hall, Teresa Kay Lain and Vera Annette Leach.

Other candidates are Debra Ann McCoy, Tony Alan Montgomery, Judy Ritchey, Margaret J. Sharp, Nancy Ann Simpson, Terry Nell Smith, Melanie Anne Weaver, Mary Webster and Peggy Jean Wilson.

Journalism Students go to TIPA

Several members of the journalism department attended a Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention held in Beaumont, April 10-12 on the campus of Lamar University.

Highlight of the convention was the awards banquet, held Saturday April 12, on the Lamar Campus.

The WTC yearbook, *Trailblazer*, won third place in general excellence, Division II

and also third in sweepstakes competition. Individual winners for WTC were former students, Connie Jones, second, organizations section copy; Joe Boldon, second, sports photo, and Cody Bell, second, picture story. These students were attending WTC when they completed these works.

Other WTC journalism students who attended but did not compete were Gerald Colbert and Mark Rutherford.

Coach of Year

Duster Coach Joe Cushing has been named Western Junior College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in women's basketball for 1979-80.

Cushing, who will be entering his third year as coach of the Dusters this fall, led his team to a 26-10 finish this season, setting a school record of most wins.

Interview Concluded With Woman Who Experienced Teenage Pregnancy

by Lisa Anderson

This interview with a woman who went through the experience of being a pregnant teenager is continued from the last issue of *The Western Texan*. This is the final installment of a three-part series on teenage pregnancy.

What were your parents' reaction when you told them you were pregnant?

My mother was hurt and disappointed. My father was kind of excited and ready to go along with it.

And your boyfriend?

My boyfriend was ready for it and was ready to get married.

What was your reaction about pregnancy?

Kind of excited, scared, unsure, not what I had planned at that time. I had planned to get married, and have it and that's all there would be to it, but as more people became involved,

my decision was changed.

Did you want someone to make a decision for you?

Very desperately I wanted someone to make a decision for me, because I felt young, I didn't know, I was young myself. I needed some help to make the decision. That's why I feel like I need to carry the guilt now, because I tried to push the decision on other people. If I had to have made the decision alone I wouldn't have made it.

How do you feel about the decision?

I feel bad about it. It wasn't what I wanted to do. Several years before then I knew I was against abortion and that's how I'd always felt. I finally went along with it. I felt like it would make my mother happy and I really felt unsure about my boyfriend's love, because I was young. So I finally realized that and I wasn't through with school. I thought getting married would

mess up my whole life, but deep down I was convinced that's what would happen.

Did you have second thoughts concerning the abortion?

There were lots of second thoughts. The time we finally made the decision about the abortion, my mother and I stayed up one night and we cried and we argued and we fought and finally that's what was decided. I couldn't go on like this anymore. I was sick all the time. I was missing school and I had to quit my job. I really didn't have anyone. My mother stopped me from seeing my boyfriend.

What was your boyfriend's role when you became pregnant?

We were very much involved at the time. I had told everyone we were just friends because of the age difference, which made him nervous. At first he was willing to go along with the termination, but later sought legal advice to prevent it.

This lady and her present husband (past boyfriend) miscarried with their second child. She felt that her second pregnancy would relieve the guilt from the previous pregnancy. They felt this child would be healthy and they would be saved from what happened before.

The miscarriage had nothing to do with the first child's termination.

The woman did this interview in the hope that whether a married or single person becomes pregnant, they will weigh their options before having an abortion.

Her reason for this is that "Life is too precious to give up, whether it's wanted or not wanted."

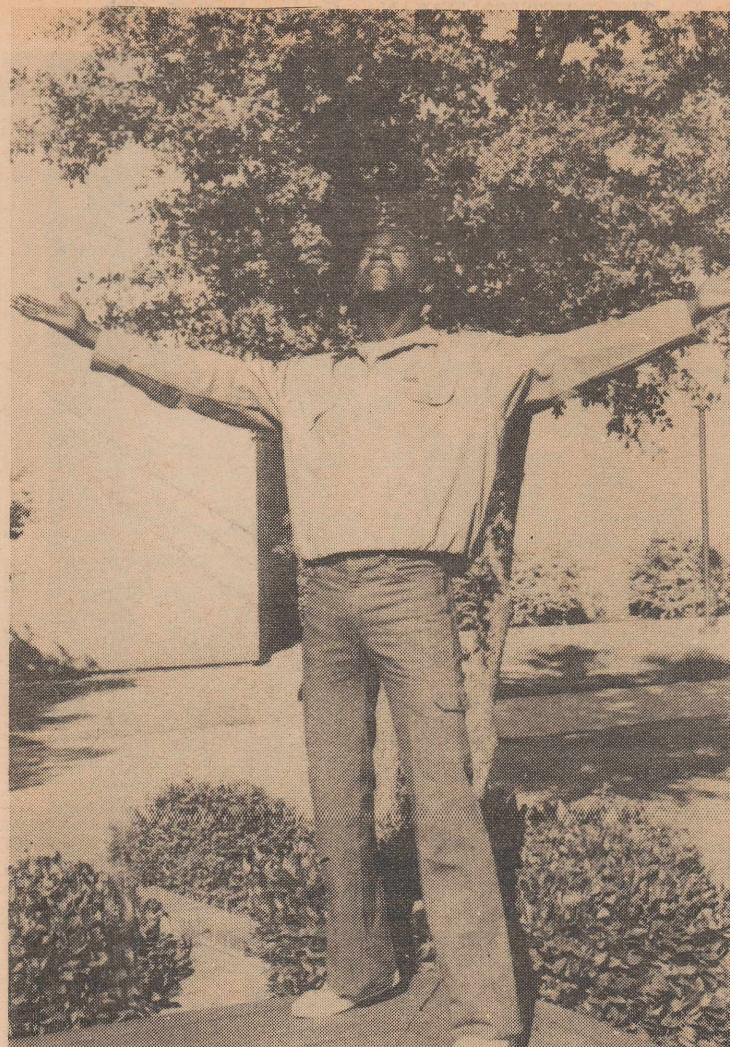
Morals

The main causes of this country's alarmingly high rate of teenage pregnancies are increased sexual activity and failure to

use birth control measures. Keep in mind that half of today's teenagers are actively engaged in sexual relations before the age of 19. Many teenagers become sexually active because of peer pressure, poor self images, emotional confusion, parental deprivation, a decline in morals or just plain curiosity.

One medical journal states that many reasons why girls become pregnant are: 1. To affirm a shaky feminine identity. 2. Punish self or others. 3. Compete with the mother. 4. Gain instant adulthood. 5. Escape from an untenable school or home situation. 6. Entrap an evasive partner. 7. Have someone to love and be loved by compensation for feelings of loneliness and isolation.

As a personal message, I wish to thank the lady who shared her experiences with me and trusted me enough to share her story with WT readers.



AT LAST — Robert Ferguson expresses his feelings regarding semester's end.

Intramurals Held in Arlington

by Britt Fuqua

Coach Lee Burk led 19 students to Arlington April 12 to compete in the first Coors Intramural Sports Festival.

WTC was one of 44 colleges and universities invited to participate. Approximately 650 students from across the state attended.

The festival was co-sponsored by Coors and Sportscraft, a sporting goods company in California.

The meet stressed friendly competition, no trophies or awards were given. But Sportscraft provided \$750 worth of sporting goods equipment for

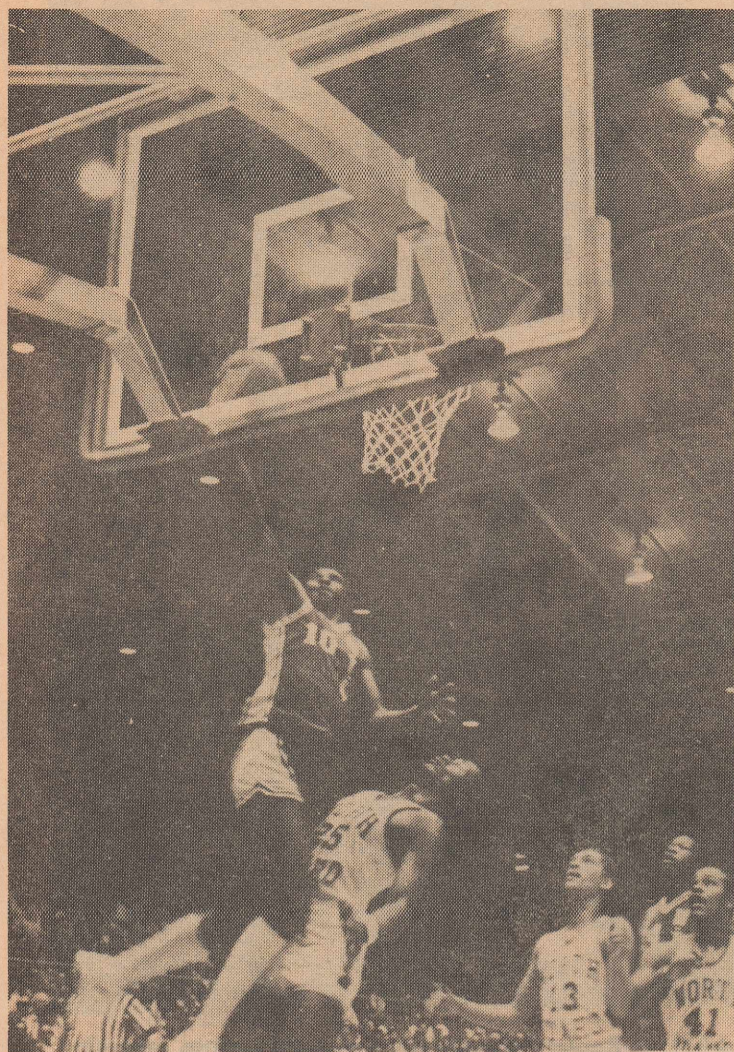
the intramural departments of each participating school. The sponsors also paid the entire cost of the trip, including transportation and meals.

WTC sent coed volleyball and softball teams which performed in round robin tournaments.

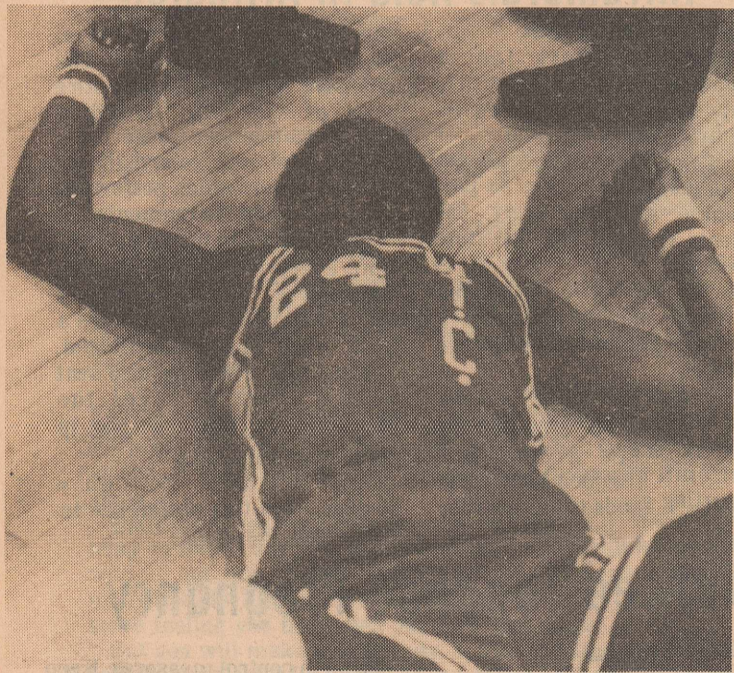
Despite having to leave at 4:00 a.m. everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. "I didn't hear of any student who did not have a good time," Burke commented.

The Coors company also sent a film crew to cover the festival, possibly for use in future commercials.

WTC was the only college from this conference to attend the festival.



(photo by Mark Rutherford)



Nolan and Rose



Banquet Fetes Richardsons

by Lynda Cain

The All-Sports Banquet was held April 15 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Many awards and honors were distributed throughout the evening.

"This will probably be the greatest year of my life," commented Coach Nolan Richardson to a crowd of fans and friends who came to show their appreciation for a successful year. Richardson will be leaving to go to Tulsa to coach at Tulsa University next fall. His long-awaited dream finally materialized this year after a winning season of 37-0 and a National Championship title.

Gifts of appreciation such as a set of golf clubs were given to the coach by Guy Sullivan, chairman of the executive committee of the Booster Club. Judge Wayland Holt, former president of the Booster Club, awarded Rose Richardson a diamond necklace. Coach Bob O'Day and Coach Joe Cushing presented the coach with a plaque.

Several special gifts were awarded by the coach, his team and wife to athletic secretary, Glenya Tobin and the No. 1 sports fan, Virginia Whitson.

The basketball team, golf team, judo team, rodeo team and cheerleaders were recognized.

In men's basketball, Paul Pressey was named The Year's Most Valuable Player; David Brown was Most Improved; Ronald Portee received an award for Leadership; Bill Patterson was named, "Mr. Clutch;" Franklin Bennett, for who "Took Charge;" Phil Spradling for Sportsmanship; and Greg Stewart for "Chairman of the Boards." Other basketball members include: Oscar Alvarado, Freddie Davis, Keith Denis, James Hutcherson, Jim Price, Joey Rosales, Dwain Vantress and Donald Warren. The trainers are Ronnie Oliver and Jerry Tumlinson.

For women's basketball, Katie Fisher was named Most Valuable Player and was Best Defensive Player along with Joyce Plagens. Plagens was named Most Improved, Shari Teal was awarded Most Talented and Linda Holubec won the "Duster Heart Award." All of the sophomores were given plaques.

Other team members are: Jenni Anderson, Stella Bickley, Bonnie Bludworth, Cindy Boone, Jennifer Gregg, Liz Hooper, Tonya Ivie, Ginger Peden, Delbra Ray, Kathy Rigsby. Statisticians are: Betsy Benson, Paiga Lou Eiland and Pam Holland.

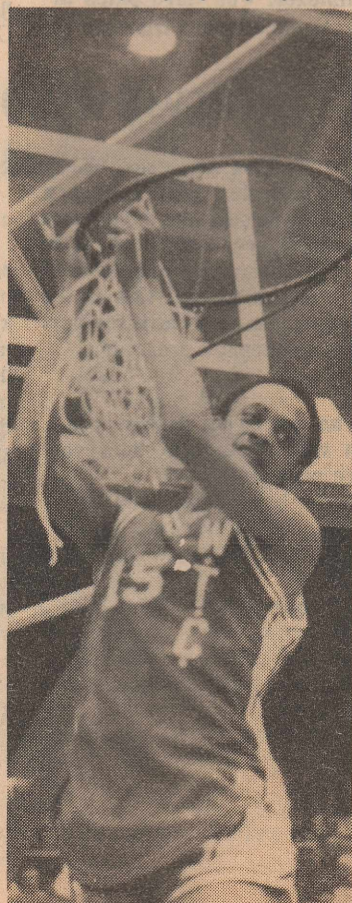
Plaques were presented to sophomores of the golf team. They were: Scott Barrett, Mike Cotter, Phil Kuss, Ken Lawrence and Mike Mahan. Remaining are: Johnny Curbo, Chris Johnson, Bill Leonard, Lance McMillan, Frank Monfrey, Randy Moore, Charlie Stodghill, Victor Villarreal, Jeff Wagner and Richard White.

Dr. Hillis recognized his judo team members. They are: John Alvarez, Robbie Cole, Ken Grimm, Kenneth Levens, Claire MacGarrigle, Nora Pina, Alessandra Quiros, Mark Thomas, Carolyn Weems and assistant coach, Alton Sutter.

Bob Doty introduced his rodeo team members as follows: Jay Boyd, Nicky Chapman, Jay Cochrane, Britt Cox, Scott Davis, Chris DeSautell, Nannette Fine, Ray Goodwin, Terry Goodwin, Billy Grady, Tommy Guin, Kelly Gawkins, Gary Hickox, Steve Hildebrand, Jan Holley, Mark Mueller, Bobby Mullen, Steve Nail, Donna Proctor, Johnny Reed, Brent Terry, Mandy Tubb, Ricky Walker, Chris Welch and James Zant.

Mickey Baird introduced the cheerleaders as follows: Lynda Cain, Belva Marsh, Renae McBroom, Tonya Porter and Gina Willman.

Larry Genuchi was Master of Ceremonies for the banquet. The invocation and benediction were given by Kenneth Levens and Paiga Lou Eiland.



Fire Hazards Found at Local Clubs

by J.D. Helm

The Beverly Hills Supper Club, an establishment catering to Kentucky and Ohio affluents, was the scene of disaster May 28, 1978. Over 200 people were killed that night, most of them through panic. A similar catastrophe occurred at the famous Coconut Grove Night Club in Boston in 1942. There are a few potential areas in Snyder where WTC students could lose their lives. The "killer" referred to is fire.

The fire at the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Ky., is a recent example of how people can be killed by ignoring safety rules. Of the 220 dead, over half died of smoke inhalation, the main cause of death in multiple death fires. The others were either killed by burns, fall-

ing debris, or trampling by those trying to escape.

In reviewing the potential for death by fire to WTC students, two places in Snyder frequently occupied by students were examined. These were the Wild Country Club and the Club 250. The criteria for examination was the Southern Fire Prevention Code, which the Snyder Fire Dept. subscribes to.

Some may say that a fire in any of these places could be controlled before a death occurred, but most times, this is simply not the case. The fire in Southgate was reported to have started by a short circuit in a water fountain that caught the adjacent wall on fire. In 30 minutes, the fire there was out of control.

Supposing a fire doubles in size every five seconds (an equation often used in estimating origin of fires). In the 10 minutes it would take for the fire department to respond to a blaze, a fire that started as a lit match would be ten square feet in area.

The clubs were examined on the nights when most WTC peo-

ple were in attendance, "College Nights."

Several statutes in the fire prevention code were found not to be in order. First, there is only one fire extinguisher in the entire building and it is out of sight of the general public. Second, exit signs were not lit and were not powered by a separate power source, which is academic since they were not illuminated. The code states these as requirements for any building having over 100 people occupying it at any time.

Statutes also ignored were directional signs leading to exits and aisles not having the required "36 inches in clear width to provide ready access to exit doorways."

The Club 250 fared better in providing protection against hazards. All exits were illuminated, aisles were clear and the management estimated that they maintained "three or four" fire extinguishers. The club that night was comparatively empty, housing approximately 50 persons.

Westerners Net Honors

Several members of the National Championship Westerner cage squad have received recent honors in the sport.

Heading the list is Paul Pressey, 6-5 sophomore from Richmond Va., who is First Team All-American. He became WTC's twelfth All-American in the college's nine-year athletic history.

Pressey, who averaged 14.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game this season, was best known for assists, blocked shots and steals.

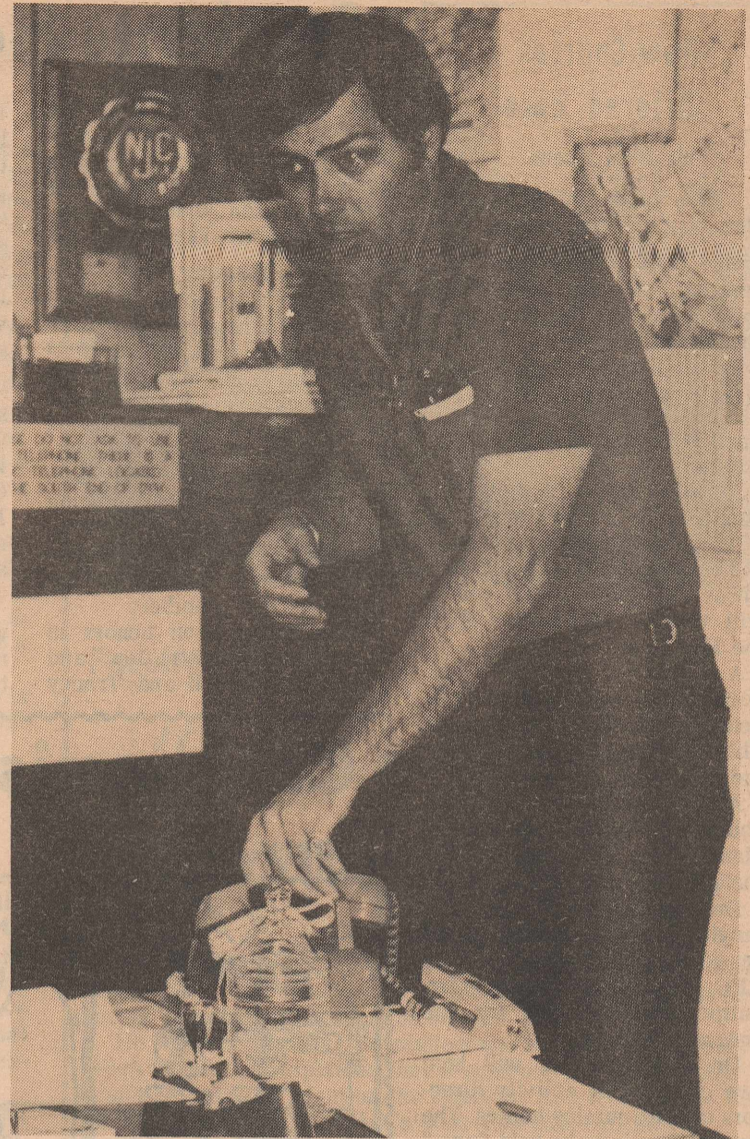
David Brown, 6-7 sophomore from El Paso, was selected for the 1980 NJCAA East-West Men's All-Star game set April 12 in Hutchinson, Ks. He averaged 12.1 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

The same day in Waco, Pressey and Greg Stewart represented Region 14 in the annual Texas Basketball Coaches Assn. All-Star game.

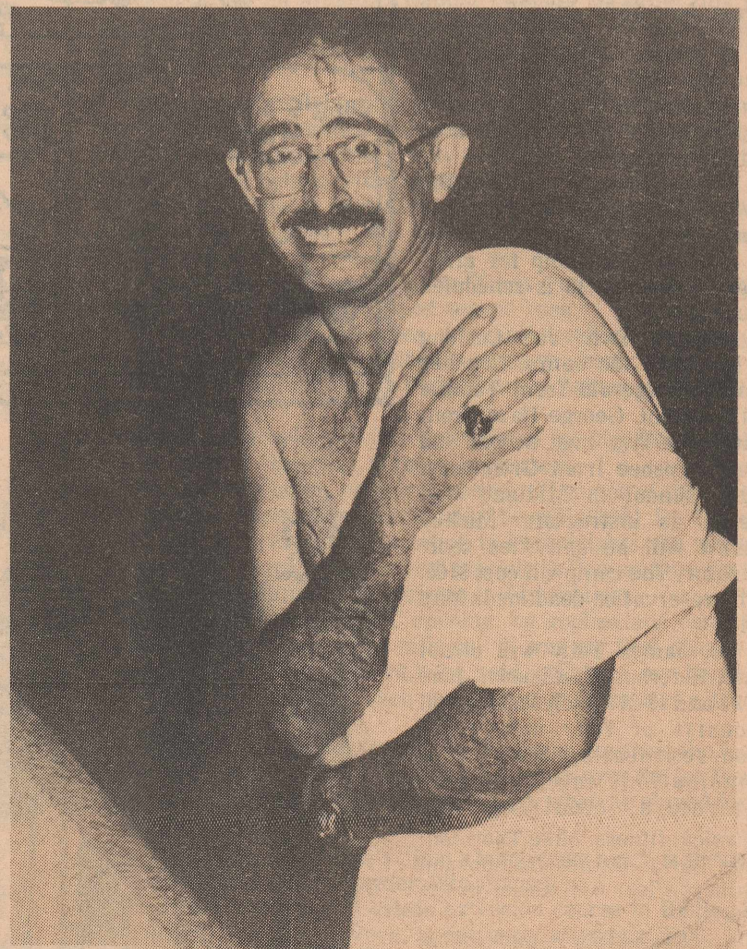
Also, Pressey, Brown, Stewart, Bill Patterson, Phil Spradling and Ron Portee competed in the first annual WJCAC All-Star game in Amarillo April 5.



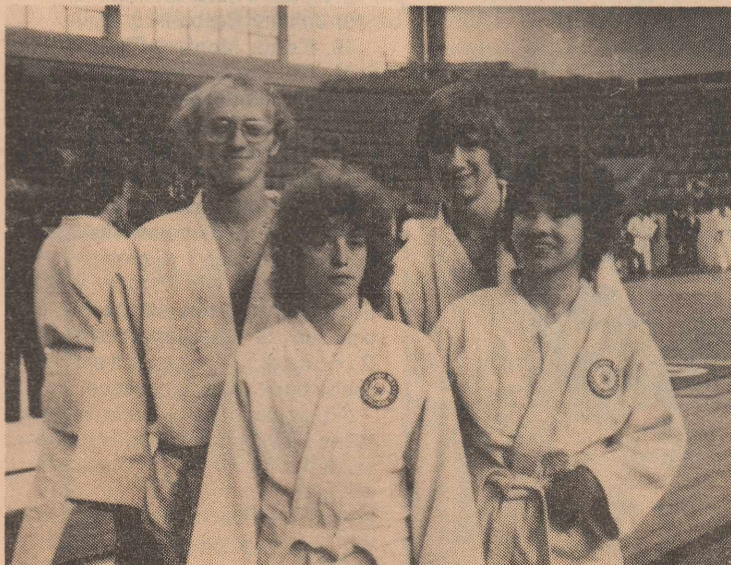
CHEESE — Togo Revelers Sophomore Ken Lawrence and Freshman Chris Johnson pose for a shot at the Toga Party in the Student Center.



NEW COACH — Larry Dunaway, coach at San Marcos High School, has been named head coach of the WTC Westerners. Dunaway will fill the post vacated by Nolan Richardson, who has been named head basketball coach at the University of Tulsa. Dunaway led the San Marcos Rattlers to a district championship this year and was named Central Texas Coach of the Year. He amassed a 27-5 record at the school. He served for a time as assistant coach at the University of Oklahoma and has coached at Amarillo, Longview and Carrollton and was twice named Coach of the Year.



'DON'T LOOK, ETHEL!' — Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, tries to keep a low profile at the Toga Party. (photo by Tim Watson)



JUDO NATIONALS — Ken Grimm, Mark Thomas, Carolyn Weems and Claire MacGarrigle attended Nationals in Washington, D.C.

Judo Team In D.C.

Several members of the WTC Judo Team attended the National Collegiate Judo Championship tournament in Washington D.C. The tournament was held at Howard University April 4th and 5th.

Students who attended were Kenneth Levens, Mark Thomas, Claire MacGarrigle, Ken Grimm, and Carolyn Weems. Angela Manly served as trainer and recorder for the team.

Dr. Shelby Hillis is coach of the team.

The final tournament of the semester for the team will be May 10 on the campus of Texas A & M University at College Station.

WTC will be the only college in Texas to offer judo scholarships next year.

New Courses Offered Here

by Britt Fuqua

A number of community service courses and camps have been scheduled for the Summer months, offering everything from furniture refinishing to cheerleading.

A stimulation symposium for members of the American Petroleum Institute is slated for April 28, 29 and May 5, 6 at the museum.

A course in life saving will be taught for two weeks beginning April 28 at the WTC pool. Lee Burke will serve as instructor. Those completing the course will receive certificates from the Red Cross.

A review course for cosmetology students will be held each Monday night in June. There will be a \$25 charge for the course.

An energy conservation course has been tentatively planned for Tuesdays, June 3 through July 1.

Defensive driving will be taught in two Monday night sessions, June 2 and 9 in the LRC. The instructor will be Dr. James Palmer. Fee for the course is \$15.

Dr. Gilbert Fleer will hold two courses for activity directors of area nursing homes. The first course is to be held June 3 while the second will be an 80 hour course beginning June 10 and running to mid July.

A landscape improvement course is scheduled for Monday nights beginning June 9. James Eby is slated as instructor.

Kent Mills will hold an equine management clinic daily from June 9 to the 13. The will be a \$300 fee for the clinic.

Penny Bane will teach a course on furniture refinishing from June 26 to July 17.

A seminar on developing job hunting skills is being planned for the near future. Wendell Jones and Dr. Fleer will host the seminar.

Several Summer camps on the WTC campus are in the works as well.

A basketball camp for girls, ages 9 through 13 is scheduled June 2-6.

Duster coach, Joe Cushing will direct the camp. Coaches Janie Fitzgerald from Temple high school, George Hazel from Kerrville-Tivy high school and Dean Foshee from Greenwood high school in Midland will serve as instructors. Mickey Baird will be activities coordinator. The camp will cost \$100. The reservation deadline is May 24.

Dr. James Tully will direct two Elderhostel sessions, June 8-14 and 15-21. Each session will consist of four non-credit courses dealing with communication, interpreting literature, creativity and physical fitness. Mike Thornton, Lee Burke, James Rambo and Gilbert Fleer will assist in the courses.

A cheerleading camp held in association with the All Star Cheerleader Conference is scheduled for June 23-27. Tuition for the camp is \$89.

Students Honored With Awards

by Britt Fuqua

Kenneth Levens of Anson and Renae McBroom of Haskell were honored as outstanding male and female students for 1979-80 at the annual Awards Day ceremony Tuesday in the Fine Arts Theater.

In the occupational-technical department, honors went to Lois Eicke for cosmetology, James Melton for engineering technology, Wayne Barclay for mid-management and Cheryl Jackson for office occupations.

David Brown and Penny Hatfield were named outstanding male and female law enforcement students, while Stephanie Johnson was honored as the outstanding OEA member.

Dilla Munro won honors in business administration, and Rebecca Hancock and Tracey

Williamson in economics. Luis Rios and Wesley Kruger captured awards in U.S. and state government, respectively. Outstanding American history student was Linda Key, while top honors in geography went to David English. J.D. Sheffield was named outstanding social science student.

Outstanding sociology students were Carolyn Weems, Carla Fuller, Shirley Anderle, Phyllis Vickers, Debra Burney, Cynthia Chapman and Stan Pavlik. Barbara Neves was named outstanding psychology student.

Tim Garland and Fred Salinas were announced as outstanding male health and physical education students, while Sabra

Murray won in the female division.

Britt Fuqua and Joan McCallister were named outstanding sophomore English students, and Cheryl Jackson won honors in business communications.

Awards for journalism went to Britt Fuqua, for yearbook service to Lisa Anderson, for newspaper service to Lois Gleason, and for departmental service to Lynda Cain.

Outstanding drama student was David Fleming, while Sheryl Burk was named outstanding vocal music student.

Outstanding freshman mathematics student was Brent Cleveland.

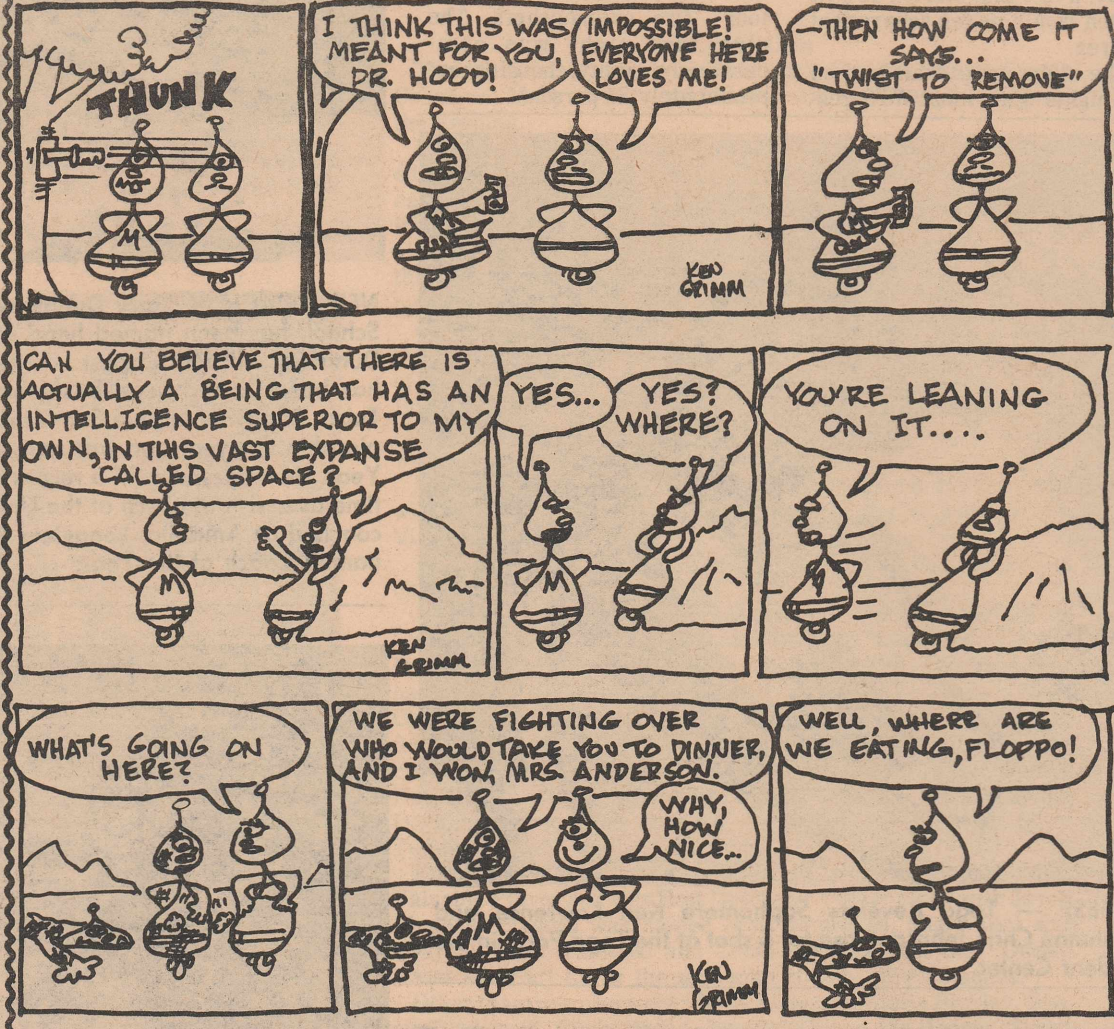
James Rambo served as master of ceremonies.



HERE'S HOW — Scott Barrett shows the proper golf stance.

Cartoonist Views His World

Marty Martian



O'Day Rates Golfing Year

by Gerald Colbert

Six members of the Westerner golf team will make a trip to Hobbs, N.M. to compete in the Region 5 tournament. It has not been decided yet which six will go.

The golf team here sets a high standard of quality in the grade of golfers recruited according to coach Bob O'Day.

O'Day has coached six All-Americans, and 22 All-Conference players. Of some of his team members this year, the coach commented, "I wouldn't trade Wagner, Johnson, or White for any freshmen in the country."

Of all his golfers, Johnson has improved the most. O'Day insists that the key to his team's success is hard work. "If we lose, it won't be because of lack of work." O'Day's philosophy is based on a team concept, and not an individual one.

When O'Day averaged up their scores, he came up with these results:

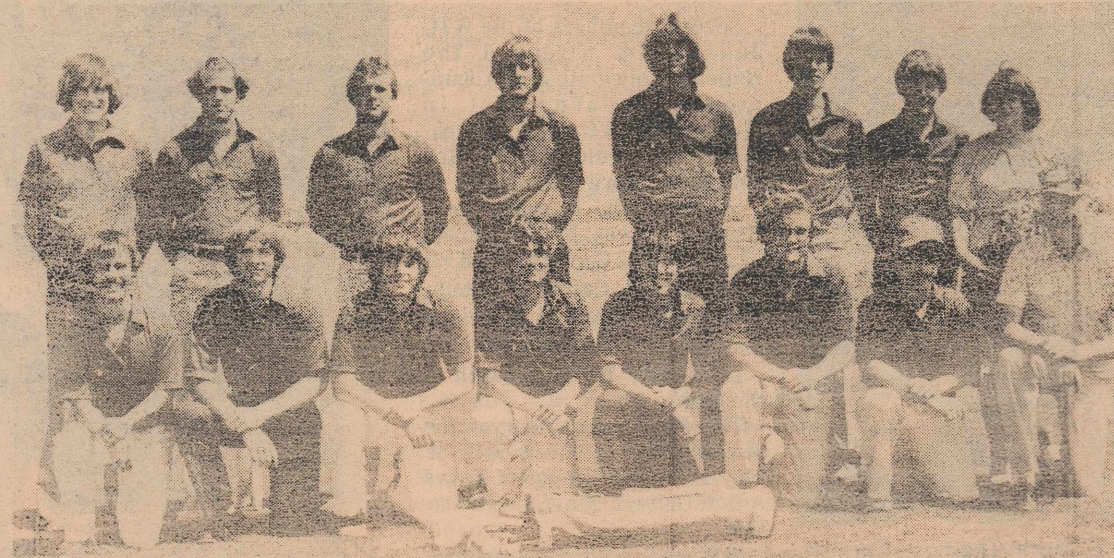
1. Jeff Wagner-74.3
2. Chris Johnson-74.4
3. Ken Lawrence-74.9
4. Mike Cotter-75.8
5. Richard White-76.3
6. Mike Mahan-76.3
7. Scott Barrett-76.8
8. Victor Villarreal-76.8
9. Johnny Corbo-76.8
10. Frank Monfrey-77
11. Bill Leonard-77
12. Phil Kuss-77.4
13. Lance McMillan-77.6
14. Charlie Stodghill-81.3

Freshman Jeff Wagner has turned in some outstanding performances, and is now the conference number 1 player.

Two other golfers for WTC are in the top ten. In the No. 5 position is another freshman Richard White, and a sophomore, Ken Lawrence.

O'Day is pleased, and says, "Ken Lawrence has really come on in the Spring. If we could get all our sophomores to play better, this team could compare with any of those in the past her at WTC."

"Right now our attitude is really good, and we're starting to jell."



GOLF TEAM

WT Reviews

Movies

Kramer vs. Kramer

The movie *Kramer vs. Kramer*, captured 5 Academy Awards April the 14th. Best picture, best actor, best supporting actress, best screenplay and best adaptation. The movie lives up to these honors.

Dustin Hoffman's starring role in the picture captures the audiences attention and sympathy.

Justin Henry wins the audience by his extraordinary acting ability for such a young actor.

Merl Streep doesn't exactly win audience sympathy but her acting skill is clearly visible.

The movie, a familiar story to some families, really hits home and catches the attention of others. Streep leaves Hoffman (the father) and Henry (the child) to fend for themselves.

The road is rocky at first but Hoffman and Henry learn to manage and they become close.

Over a year later, Streep decides that she wants Henry back. Hoffman fights to keep Henry.

It is an entertaining movie and has a good strong plot and hard working actors. The cast did a tremendous acting job. Direction of the film was great.

In all, *Kramer vs. Kramer* is an excellent movie. It is worth your time to go see it.

Black Stallion

Director Carroll Ballard has turned a familiar "boy and his horse" story into an exciting drama.

The story concerns a small boy and a magnificent Arabian stallion who become friends

after they are shipwrecked on a deserted island off the African coast. In the second half of the film, the two are rescued. The boy then secretly tries to turn the half-wild animal into a race horse.

What makes all this memorable is the lush photography throughout the film, from the fiery shipwreck to the climactic race at the end. The pace never slows despite a 30 minute stretch where not a word is spoken.

Mickey Rooney won a well deserved Academy Award nomination for his role as a washed up trainer who sees in the horse a chance to make a comeback.

In short, *The Black Stallion* is one of the most enjoyable family films in years.

Sound

Pat Travers Band — Crash and Burn Polydor 1-6262

Travers could have made two different albums with the cuts on either sides. Side One shows the known Travers playing his familiar syncopated guitar leads, while the flip slows to mellow the guitars and let keyboard come through.

The vocals sound similar to his other works, his raspy, yet melodic voice is sometimes hard to understand. No lyrics are given with the album so this is sometimes a problem for the word-minded listener.

Side Two and its prevailing keyboard leads, and progressions show a part so far unexplored by Travers' fans. The result is pleasant, yet monotonous. He might have been better off to mix the soft tunes with the hard music to keep one's attention throughout the album. As it stands, one is either tight-muscled from the fast tunes or nearly asleep from the mellow ones.

The center hole of the album was slightly off, making the record spin in a eclipse. This could affect the bass tones as to distort the bottom notes.

Little Feat-Down on the Farm — Warner — 0898

This being the Feat's last album before lead singer Lowell George's death in 1979 shows the slack intellectualism of the band perfectly.

The backlashing, a highly southern sound, comes to a head during "Perfect Imperfection" on Side One. This disc, fit for a honky-tonk or rock-n-roll club, is definitely recommended for

listening to for any that would ever think about relaxing with some good music.

"Down on the Farm:" is reminiscent of their early "Time Loves a Hero" in that the vocals are clear, soft, love songs. The group certainly has grown in popularity, though no one seems to name them among their favorites. Although, the more one listens to "Down on the Farm," the more likely the group will become a favorite.

Utopia — Adventures On — Bearville 6991

Todd Reins! This effort shows Rundgren at his modern peak. Music and lyrics are balanced with the help of Roger Powell, Kesim Sulton and John Wilcox. The album contains "Set Us Free," the single currently climbing the charts. Many non-Todd fans complaining of his lack of hardness will be pleasantly surprised at the strong beats and chord structure.

Probably his best album since *Something, Anything*, Rundgren and Co., came together for a slick, polished and rehearsed album by superb rock musicians Rundgren, Floyd, Genesis, U.K., and other English Progressionist, fans will most certainly agree that this is a supreme effort.

Rudgren, most likely the most thinking lyricist since Dylan, comes through again on adventures in Utopia. In "Shot In The Dark", "someone just tossed a bomb through the kitchen window and in the middle of a shoofly pie. Mama took

off like a bat out of hell. She took off like a shot in the dark."

Master Producer Rundgren could quit recording and make an excellent living producing other groups, but it would leave a void in music today that nobody would want to experience.

Guitars and minor key song come through on this album, making it sound powerfully mean.

Not for light-hearted listeners.

Pat Methany Group — American Garage — ECM-1-1155

A firm guitar-piano relationship is established from the outset.

The cuts are edited very clearly, so the motion from one song can be carried to the next cut.

This jazz-rock group may not be destined for stardom, but most bands tend to be better musicians if they don't have to fight the pressure of promotion.

Ronnie Laws Every Generation

Though I hadn't experienced Mr. Law's music before, I certainly will now. His surprising smoothness with phrases and rhythms makes for enjoyable listening. Saxophones and drums stand out as the more fluent players. (Not to say that any of the group are slouches.)

These albums were donated for review by Hastings Books and Records in the Varsity Square Shopping Center.



Dr. Reaves

Faculty Profile

"Just a Home Town Boy"

by Lois Gleason

Dr. Joe Reaves, psychology professor, has an approach to psychology that is a combination of things other psychologists have come up with — plus some of his own ideas.

He believes the body, the intellect and the spirit are all part of each person and explained that if someone has a sick body, he can't be cured by treating the intellect. And treating the body won't cure the spirit if that's where the problem lies.

"Some psychiatrists tell their patients, 'The only thing wrong with you is you're too religious.' Most of the people I counsel are orthodox Christians, they know me and they know I won't say that."

One of his main beliefs is that people have tremendous potential but they limit themselves. He added that his primary interest is in seeing people, particularly WTC students, realize more of their "incredible, largely untapped potential within every human being."

According to Dr. Reaves, "One of the great tragedies of our social system is early stereotyping of intellectual, artistic and creative abilities which often become self fulfilling prophecies, limiting individual accomplishments."

Besides teaching here, Dr. Reaves also does personal counseling. As an ordained Baptist minister he often fills the pulpit for area pastors when they can't be there. And he is finishing a doctoral program in family counseling at Texas Tech University.

The son of an oil field worker, he was born in Ft. Hood, Texas. The family moved around a lot and when he was in junior high, they moved to Snyder. His family eventually moved on, but Dr. Reaves stayed behind with friends.

He attended Snyder High School (at the time, Dr. Clinton, now president of the college, was teaching there) and was All-State Football in 1957.

After graduation, he went on to Texas Tech University on a baseball scholarship and played second base.

Dr. Reaves holds degrees in mathematics, psychology, pastoral counseling and Bible languages from colleges, universities and seminaries in Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Louisiana and California.

He found psychology held a fascination for him because the field is always changing, nothing is constant.

After deciding on his primary interest ("I'm one of those people who found their niche later in life," he explained), Dr. Reaves took a job at a research foundation in Philadelphia. He worked there for four years, travelling extensively as Project Director in charge of an estimated 40 projects in 14 countries.

When he heard about WTC opening, he applied and came to work the second year of the college. "It was my first chance to come back to Snyder to live," he said. "This is my home." Reaves served as track coach the only year there was a track team.

Not long after returning to Snyder, he began covering the football broadcast for Snyder High School. He took over the job from the same man who covered the broadcasts when he played football there.

Dr. Reaves, who says, he's "just a home town boy," is serving his second term on the Snyder City Council.

His wife teaches a real estate extension course in Ballinger. One of their daughters, Neva, is currently attending WTC. The other, Laquita, is a senior at Snyder High School.

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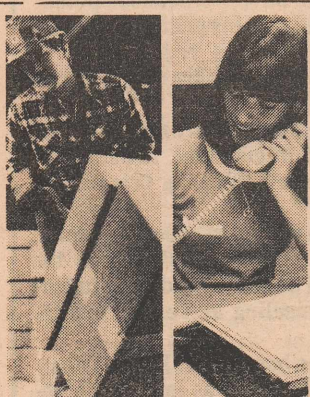
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NEWSBRIEFS



The ancient art of mime was brought to campus last week by nine members of McLennan College drama department.

The group, led by James Henderson, presented several comedy sketches and a dramatic version of the Good Samaritan story.

Henderson, head of the drama department, studied for a year in Paris under internationally known mime teacher Etienne Decroux. He performed a skit in the style of Charlie Chaplin.

Modern-day mime involves using the human body to suggest material objects or actions.

The McLennan group was here to conduct a day-long workshop on the technique of mime.

Plans are underway for the First Annual Student Art Exhibit to be held May 4-9 on campus.

Any WTC student is eligible to enter the show, Mike Thornton, Fine Arts Division chairman, said. Entries may include paintings, drawings, sketches, photographs, weavings, ceramics or any other medium.

"We welcome entries from any WTC students, whether they are majoring in art or other areas," Thornton stressed.

Entries are to be received between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. May 1 in room 117 of the Fine Arts Building. Cash and merit awards will be given.

Six area writers received honors in a contest held in conjunction with a writer's workshop here March 29.

Snyder resident Drew Bullard won first place in the nonfiction category. Janelle Burk and Loraine Drew took second and third, respectively.

In the fiction category, Clay Taylor placed first while Billie McMullan finished second and Robbie Trevey third.

First place winners received a \$15 prize. The contest was judged by Etta Lynch, a professional author from Lubbock.

WTC will be offering summer classes at extension centers in Haskell, Rotan, Crosbyton and

Sweetwater, Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services and registration, has announced.

Classes at all centers will begin May 29. Registration at Crosbyton and Sweetwater will be held May 27, with registration at Haskell and Rotan May 29, preceding the first class meetings.

Schedules of classes at the extension centers are available from the student services office in the administration building and from the coordinator of each center.

Bob O'Day, golf coach, has been named to succeed Nolan Richardson as athletic director.

O'Day was one of the original faculty members at Western Texas and manages the college golf course in addition to coaching the men's golf team.

He received bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Sul Ross State University where he lettered three years in both basketball and baseball.

He was a coach and teacher in the Snyder Public School system before accepting his present position.

Richardson, who was also men's basketball coach, has resigned to become head basketball coach at the University of Tulsa.

Pre-registration for the fall semester will be May 5-9. Registration will take place in the counselors' office. Billing will be official Aug. 11.

Yearbook Wins At RMCPA

WTC's yearbook, Trailblazer 1979, swept general excellence honors at the 56th Annual Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Assn., Conference April 16-18 in Denver, Colo.

The publication was judged best in Division C, including all member junior colleges of the ten-state RMCPA.

It also earned seven individual awards, including first places for theme and black/white photo, seconds for layout and picture story, and thirds for copy, use of color and sports photo.

Editor was Connie Jones, Colorado City graduate.

The Western Texan, campus newspaper, received third place in Division E general excellence, but entries in 25 individual categories had not been judged by conference time. Results are expected to be mailed within a week.

Editor last year was Rocky Alexander, San Angelo graduate. Editors this fall were

Sheila Sandbothe, Anson sophomore and Monette Sentell, Snyder sophomore. Editor this spring is Lois Gleason, Snyder sophomore.

Representing WTC at the convention were Gleason (newspaper), Gerald Colbert (Press Club), and Dr. Mike McBride, publications adviser.

Keynote luncheon speakers were Martin Kasindorf, Newsweek Los Angeles Bureau Chief and Bill Hornby, editor of The Denver Post.

Convention co-hosts were Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo., and Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyo. Next year's conference will be at Cheyenne.

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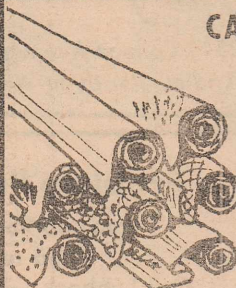
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Bon Voyage Fashion Show

by Lynda Cain

There will be a fashion show entitled, "Bon Voyage Fashion Cruise '80", May 1st at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center.

The models for the cruise will be: Katie Fisher, Gina Willman, Judy Medrano, Shari Teal, Denna Danford, Leslie Harris, Cindy Koonsman, Reba Knight, Stephanie Johnson and alter-nate, Jan Holley.

The models will be traveling to San Francisco, Puerto Vallar-to, Acapulco, Panama, Miami, St. Croux, the Bahama's and New York. These ladies will be modeling a variety of fashions.

The stores that are participating in the fashion show are: Anthony's, Gray's, Margaret's, Ann Lee, Mildred's, N.J.'s, Bea Owens, Fenton's and Special Moments.

The cruise director is Sheila Sandbothe. She will introduce each model and take the audience to each stop. David Fleming will be in charge of lighting and Darrell Hayes will provide the music. The show is under the direction of Mickey Baird and Renae McBroom.

Mrs. Gay Idom will handle the modeling, make-up and clothes selection.

Tickets will be available in Mickey Baird's office April 23rd. Tickets are \$1.50. Contact Mickey Baird for reservations. Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the show.



Models for the upcoming fashion show strut their stuff.

Actions Taken At Recent Meeting Of Trustees Include Price Increases, 7-Day Meal Plan

by Louise Johnson

In a recent board of trustees meeting, a canvas of Saturday's election returns were given. Those re-elected were Dr. Robert Hargrove, Wacil McNair and Howard Sterling.

The board then reorganized for the new year and elected officers. The new officers are: Edwin Parks, president; Bill Wilson, Jr., vice-president; and Howard Sterling, secretary.

Board members discussed a nine per cent increase in food

services on campus. The increase for the college meal plan which consists of a five-day 15 meal plan will be increased to \$3.90 to \$4.24. Gay Hickman, WTC business manager, estimated the cost to be "about a \$15-\$20 increase to the students."

The board also discussed a possibility for a seven-day meal plan. This plan would enable athletes and other students who stay on campus on the weekends to eat in the cafeteria.

A decision to begin taking bids on the construction of four racquetball courts was agreed on. Dr. Duane Hood and Bob O'Day briefed the board on cost and procedure of building the courts. The estimated cost of the four courts, two locker rooms, a foyer and a viewing area is between \$175,000 and \$200,000. The project will be financed by membership fees.

Jerry Baird, director of continuing education, and Randy Mosley, assistant professor of engineering technology, presented the board with a plan

concerning an oil education center at the college.

Snyder Heating and Air Conditioning's bid of \$3,400 was accepted for air conditioning two apartments now under construction on campus. There was another bid from Head Heating of \$3,782.73 but the board decided to take the lower bid. A date was not set for work to begin.

The next meeting will be May 12, in the administration building. Students are invited to attend any meetings.

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First in Contest

The Western Texan, student newspaper at Western Texas College, earned First Place in the 56th annual Columbia Scholastic Press Assn., contest for last fall semester. This was the first year WTC competed in the association.

Co-edited by Sheila Sandbothe, Anson sophomore and Monette Sentell, Snyder sophomore, the publication received 851 of a possible 1,000 points in three major categories. First Place is the highest given. Four places are awarded.

The paper earned 191 of 225 points in Content/Coverage, 352 of 425 in Writing/Editing, and 268 of 300 in Design/Display. Additionally, 40 points were given for Special Credit.

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Year In Review

by Lynda Cain

Another year has come and gone at WTC. Now what remains are a few last weeks to be with friends and final effort for "good" grades in classes.

Many activities took place over the year that gave all a chance to get to know one another and be on the winning side of sports.

Students became a part of WTC this year. Whether just going to classes, cheering on the athletes or going to activities, each student was an important factor to the college.

Some say that going to a small college is not important or that one can't get very far, but this year that theory was proven wrong. Six office occupations students went to nationals in Minnesota. Other clubs journeyed to conventions to represent the college and compete in contests.

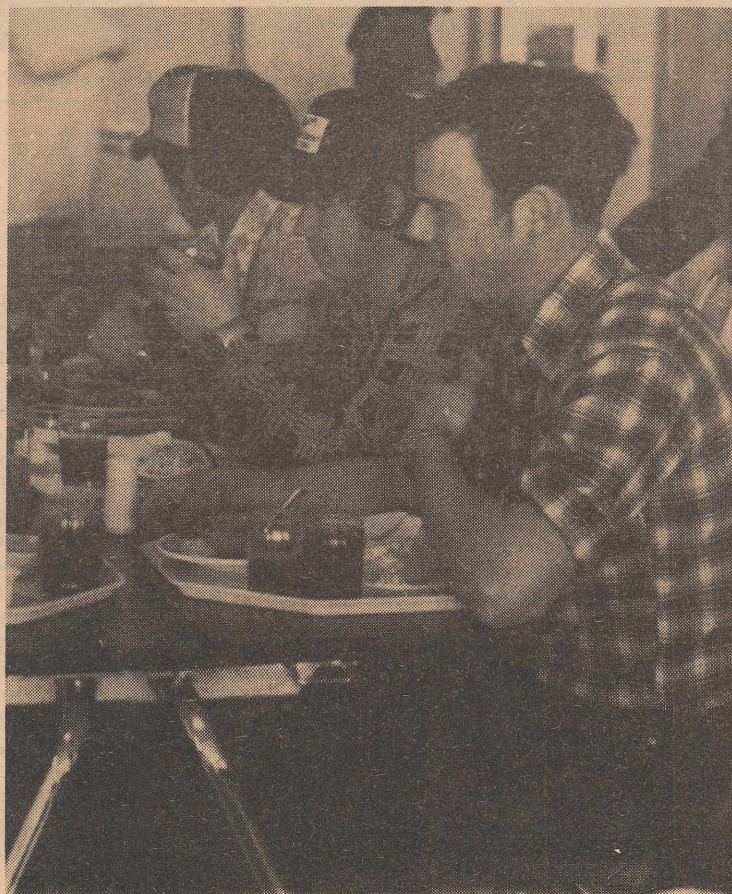
No. 1 best describes the sports at WTC. The year was topped off with a national basketball title and a 37-0 season. All of the other sports did a good job and certainly rank a No. 1 rating.

There isn't one student who can say that he or she hasn't gotten one thing out of college at WTC this year. Whether involved in sports, activities and classes or involved as fans or bystanders, everyone has gained something.

The smiles, pain, frustration and victory have touched us all this year. Now we go on.



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