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Vandals slash car top, tires

Vandals have recently been active on the campus. Seven tires, plus a convertible top cover, were slashed, amounting to approximately \$530 in damages.

The first victim was golf coach Bob O'Day, whose back left tire of his Gremlin was punctured Sept. 12 while parked at the WTC Pro Shop. Damage was estimated at \$40.

Two days later, two cars were vandalized in the same way. Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, found the two front tires punctured and the convertible top cover slashed on his 1972 Mustang which was parked in the administrative parking lot. A WTC car parked next to the Mustang also had a front tire punctured. The Snyder police were called to investigate the occurrences, in which the damage was estimated to be \$260.

The next night, three dorm residents' vehicles, two cars and a motorcycle, were victims of the vandal's knife. Edrie Ratheal's 1975 Buick's front right tire, valued at \$100, was punctured, along with Arthur Castro's 1975 Mercury's rear right tire, valued at \$60. Troy Hartgraves' Honda motorcycle tire, valued at \$60, was also punctured. Few of the victims had insurance to cover damages. Dorm director Bob Doty called Snyder police to investigate.

All of the tires were damaged in the same manner, a puncture wound less than one inch in length, and all were done at night in a four-day span. This leads many to believe the incidents are related.

A \$200 reward, posted by WTC officials and car owners, has been offered for any information leading to the conviction of the vandals. Information may be relayed to *The Western Texan*, the Snyder police or any WTC official. All information will be kept in the strictest confidence, according to campus sources.

-Ken Grimm



Edrie Ratheal was one of the victims of recent tire vandalism on campus.

-Christy Jinkins photo

Davis accepts Odessa post

Glenn Davis, director of financial aids, is leaving his position to accept another as assistant director of financial aids at Odessa College.

Davis came to WTC five years ago. He says he has enjoyed his job here. "In my association with community colleges, WTC is one of the most progressive and student-oriented institutions I have encountered," Davis said.

Davis' wife, Dianne, is also leaving her position as part-time speech instructor. She will be replaced by Jan McCathern, who taught speech here before.

A replacement for Glenn Davis has not yet been appointed. Mrs. Davis will be seeking a position with the Odessa public school system. They will leave Sept. 30.

'The Shoppe' to perform Wednesday noon in S.C.

In the beginning, The Shoppe, a Dallas-based popular music group, appeared only on a part-time basis for conventions and meetings. The Shoppe will appear on campus Wednesday from 11:10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.

The part-time group became full-time in 1973 as they attracted a larger variety of audiences.

Since the group became

full-time they have traveled coast-to-coast, opening shows for Bob Hope, Barbara Mandrell, Dolly Parton and Roberta Flack, to name a few. They also have made an appearance on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

The Shoppe's material is creative and unique. They are an energetic group on stage. Their music has an upbeat sound blended with vocal harmony, as evidenced

by selections in their three albums. Comedy and a desire to entertain the audience is their objective.

The group is composed of five members, Mark Cathey from Dallas, Kevin Bailey from Houston, J. Clarke Wilcox from Memphis, Tenn., D. Jack Wilcox from Salamanca, N.Y. and Lou Chavez from Fort Worth.

-Lynda Cain

Pricing, hours...

Bookstore questioned

Buying of books and other needed supplies for a college education are found in the WTC bookstore, managed by Teresa Baize and Sheila Smith. Yet questions have been raised about the pricing and selling of books and hours the bookstore remains open.

Why doesn't the bookstore open at 8 a.m. before classes begin? Baize stated, "The janitors are in here cleaning, and I do not want to be in their way." Bookstore hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12

noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Gay Hickman, college business manager claimed, "Bookstore hours have been set ever since the opening of the bookstore, but if the majority of the students want the hours changed we will see about getting them changed."

Does the bookstore profit from sales of books? Baize stated, "We gain little profit off the selling of books, and if any is gained it goes into a fund for housing on campus."

Pricing of new books are marked up 20 percent over net cost. The selling of a used book is 75 percent of what a new book cost. "We will not buy back a paperback book because it isn't worth it. The students rip out pages or the publisher prints a new book for the following year," stated Baize.

The bookstore is institutionally owned and is on campus for the convenience of faculty and students.

-Tracie Gilstrap



The Shoppe, a popular country-western group from Dallas, will perform in the Student Center Wednesday.

Opinion

Crime against society deserves stiff penalty

Ten-year-old Debbie Mayes lives with the frightening memory of being raped at the age of eight. Having raped her, two women and one other girl, her assailant roams the streets once more after only two years in prison.

Wayne Stark is on trial, again. This time for raping a seven-year-old girl.

It's frustrating to accept the fact that Stark raped four innocent people and is free only two years after he was convicted for his first offense. He pleaded insanity and was placed in a prison mental institution until doctors declared him sane. Now he has struck again. A poor child will live in fear with this experience the rest of her life.

Second-time sex offenders should be put away for life. If rapists strike twice, that is evidence enough that they will most likely repeat the crime. Some first-time offenders may be able to be rehabilitated, but pleading insanity should not be grounds for release. In fact, rapists should not even be allowed to plead insanity. It might just make others think before they strike.

The psychological damage to a rape victim is severe. It makes it worse when the victim knows that the assailant is back on the streets. Some women are even afraid to report rape for fear of their attacker attacking them again upon release. Some women are even afraid that their credibility as witnesses will be damaged if they take their cases to court, not to mention their fear of testifying eye-to-eye before their assailant.

Rape laws now are better for women, but stricter laws are needed to keep offenders in line, such as laws outlining longer sentence terms and severe rehabilitation programs. Second-time offenders should definitely be put away so that victims can rest easier and live normal lives knowing their assailants are behind bars.

Rape is more than a personal crime. It's a crime against society.

-Lynda Cain

Learn now or pay later

As if the situation isn't bad enough already, U.S. District Judge Robert Hill's decision to open all Texas public schools for children of illegal aliens has sent a far reaching wave of wonder and forethought through the Texas citizens. The problem is multifaceted, as the decision processes must have been.

The two main issues seem to be; can taxpayers take the strain of putting an illegal alien's child through school, versus, could future taxpayer's afford the welfare, health care and food relief money that will go to an uneducated, inexperienced work force? It seems that the answer of the former question is far more preferable than that of the latter. It would enhance the virtues even more if the parents of these children could pay for the benefits they are receiving. Although many undocumented workers pay these taxes, many do not. It looks like someone is having their cake and eating it too.

The lure for free schooling, jobs, along with freedom's opportunity would create an even heavier flow of aliens from Mexico than ever before. The Immigration/Naturalization Services' order another race in the alien's sleeve is not enforce deportation procedures.

Now illegals do not even have to worry about being returned, if apprehended. If the immigration laws are bad, they should be changed. If not, the government needs to do the job that the public hired them to do.

This problem will spring up again. Something needs to be done quickly to keep the aliens on the up and up. After all, I pay for my education.

-J.D. Helm

Hair — only skin deep

Everyone always says that they've heard that "blondes have more fun." The only one I've ever heard say that was Miss Clairol, and that was a sales pitch. That is, Miss Clairol was the only one up until about two weeks ago. As some of you may have noticed, (and I'm talkin' to all you fellow brunettes out there), a few of the local blondies got together on the last issue of The Western Texan and took a shot at us.

But wait just a minute here. It looks to me like someone "accidentally" left some of the key words out of that article. Now I don't claim to be Paul Harvey, but here's the rest of the story:

- ★ It's true that we make the 6 o'clock news quite often, along with the 5 and 10 o'clock broadcasts — we could never turn Barbara Walter's or Howard Cosell's interviews down. (And incidentally, we all use the alias "Jane" to keep from getting mobbed on the street due to our extreme popularity.)
- ★ It's true that for

- brunettes it's all over at 29, the pre-lims, that is. Thirty and up we really start LIVING!
- ★ It's true that brunettes wear sneakers with white and green stripes, but it's also true that those "tennies" have helped us win Olympic gold medals.
- ★ It's true that brunettes always want to get married and have kids — we have to produce more brunettes because we'd hate to see the blondes take over and make a total mess of the world.
- ★ It's true that brunettes collect Impressionists — Rich Little, Steve Martin and Richard Pryor are among our latest conquests.
- ★ It's true that brunettes display pottery — after all, why be modest when we're so creative?
- ★ It's true that brunettes wear granny gowns, but only out to get the morning paper, which usually features our pictures on the front page since we're always in the news. As

- for wearing granny gowns to bed, oh no — they would clash with our satin sheets.
- ★ It's true that brunettes ski in Pennsylvania — we're too busy being entertained by royalty while in Europe to go hopping around the country.
- ★ It's true that brunettes marry football players who run corporations — that way we can consolidate theirs with our own corporations and double our POWER!

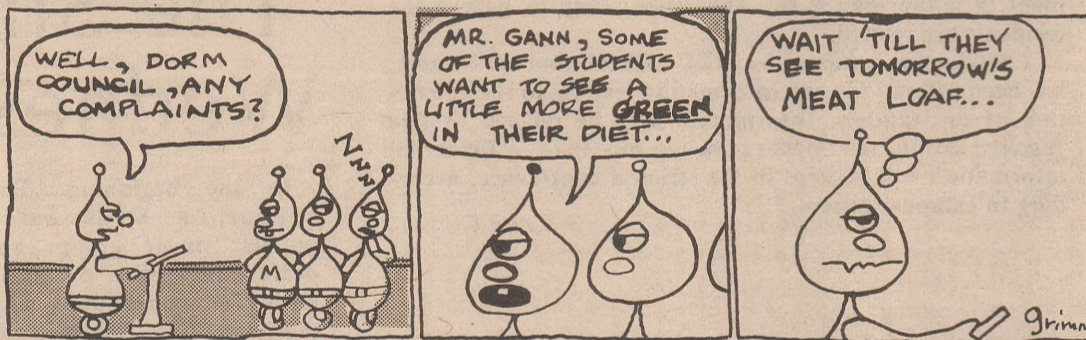
-Linda Belvin

Feedback...

Congratulations on your first issue. You did a fine job. In regards to your article *Blonde vs. Brunette*, I find it not only unoriginal, but totally ridiculous. I am glad all blondes do not think the way you do. Many of them are not living in your fantasy world. These people realize the color of a person's hair doesn't make the person. It's what is underneath that matters.

Blake Riggs

Marty Martian



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Anything goes

About campus parking. Come on, people, some of you can see better than that, can't you?

I mean, what does it take to see a yellow line. We are only entitled to one parking space, not two or three.

And where does it say that it's a race track? My God, you take your life into your own hands when you step off the sidewalk!

And, people, some of you are supposed to turn into the parking lot where the sign says East Parking Lot, not the other end. I don't like to back up just so someone can come in at the wrong end anymore than you do.

-Terry Green

Sandel's poetry expression of life

*"Today is not mine,
It hasn't arrived
Yesterday is gone
Too brief, too short lived*

*Tomorrow's not here,
It may never be,
And there is no place
For a runner like me."*

If you're looking for these lines in one of the literature books, you won't find them. Nor will you find them down at Hasting's printed across someone's latest LP jacket. You can find them, though, along with their originator, right here at WTC, for they are excerpts from "Bittersweet Autumn," a book of verse written by Betty Sandel, assistant director of Adult Vocational Education.

Betty, one of seven children, grew up loving poetry. Her father was formerly a teacher, so she spent many of her childhood hours reading and memorizing poems from his prose and poetry teaching manual. At the early age of seven she began writing down lines of poetry.

Describing herself as always having been a romanticist, Betty refers to her poetry as "emotions that happen to rhyme." About ten years ago she began writing down thoughts to sort out her feelings. This became the basis for "Bittersweet Autumn," which with the encouragement and support of friends, she published last fall.

"Bittersweet Autumn" is a collection of expressions of life and living. It is divided into five sections — Love, Joy, Dispair, Hope and Faith. The author's love of wildflowers led her to illustrate the book with her own sketches.

Betty explains the title, "Bittersweet Autumn" as an expression of her own life. She is doing now, after three children and a divorce, what she would have loved to do earlier in her life. She has combined her past experiences, both happy and unhappy, and found them bittersweet. There is a poem in the book that is also entitled "Bittersweet Autumn," which Betty refers to as somewhat of an outline of her life.

"I find it absolutely impossible to just say to myself, 'I think I'll write a poem today.'" "There has to be a catalyst to cause any creative accomplishment," she explains, adding, "a catalyst for me may be seeing a hillside covered with wildflowers, a particularly clear, crisp autumn morning, a very sad ending of a relationship or sitting and remembering Paula.

Paula was one of Betty's three children. She was killed when struck by an automobile in 1964 at the age of eleven. Betty explains that she feels no bitterness about the accident, and is thankful that she had Paula for awhile. "Bittersweet Autumn" is dedicated to her two children and the memory of her third, all who gave her "reason in an unreasonable world."

One of the most touching poems in the book is written "To Paula":

*"How can I describe
in the limited language of the tongue
what feelings the thought of you begins?"*

*I think, I feel, I breathe your name,
Paula.
And deep within me,
I hear beautiful bubbling laughter,
like water playing over stones in a brook.*

*I feel the breath leave me
as remembered childish,
sun-tanned arms encircle my waist.*

*I sense the wetness
of a popsicle-stained kiss upon my cheek.*

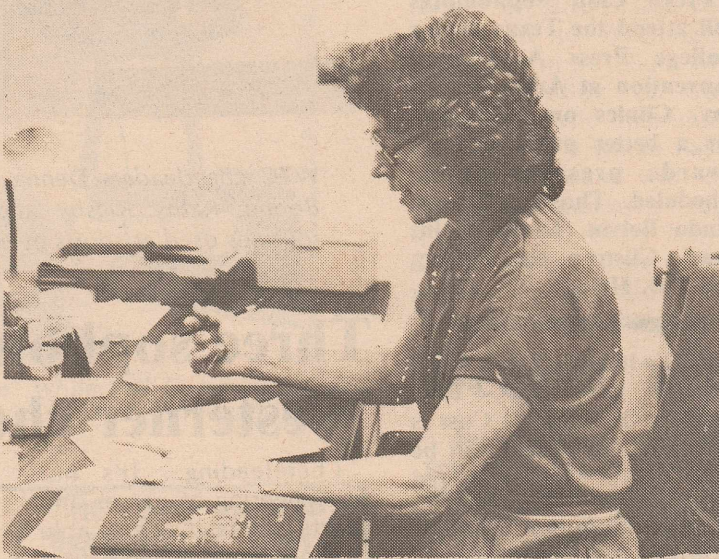
*And in my mind and being,
like a far-far away twinkling star,
there is such a quiet, contented serenity,
there are no words to describe it,*

*except love,
except Paula.*

Betty is currently working on a romantic novel that she hopes to finish in a couple of years. She is also planning to write a management textbook on Customer Relations, as well as a second book of verse.

Personally, I'd like to see more of this lady's work published. I think the world could use a lot more of the simple and honest emotion projected by Betty Sandel.

-Linda Belvin



Betty Sandel, skillful with verse and pen, has started her second book, a customer relations text. -Denny Cox photo

Sponsor hot, Cuban cold

This is the second in a series on the controversial influx of Cuban refugees on the Freedom Flotilla.

When I was in Miami, Florida this summer I was surprised to hear an old wealthy Cuban remark, "Well, when I was a refugee coming to the United States in the early 60's I had nothing in my pockets but I was willing to do anything because freedom meant everything to me. But now these Cuban refugees only want handouts!"

Just before the old man made this comment, the question of why won't any sponsors be willing to take in refugee families and help them to live the American dream, was asked.

The old Cuban man had answered the question. To the refugees, their idea of the American dream is all the free handouts and money they can collect from the government and not work. Sponsors do not want to take on refugees with these ideas.

One sponsor from Fort Lauderdale took in a refugee family of three. It was understood that they were to leave after a certain length of time when they could support themselves. It has been almost a year now and the refugee family is still there. Over half of the money the father made was sent back home to Cuba to relatives, and they spent what was left on "junk items". They have cost the sponsor family a great deal of money. They can't support themselves on their own.

Even relatives are beginning to complain about their families that they brought back. One such family living in Plantation, Fla., went to Cuba and brought back their brother and sister-in-law. He tried to get his brother a job but he didn't want to do anything connected with labor. He finally consented to overhaul an engine for a truck driver. He took the engine apart and then quit. His reasons were that he got "his hands too dirty!" While his brother had to hire another man to finish the job.

These two accounts along with others are common. The solution is far from being resolved. Refugees must first realize that their American dream is not realistic, and other Americans who work for a living are not going to foot their bill. At this moment, refugees are receiving money, food and shelter until they can get on their feet, but this will not last forever. The refugees must be made aware of the fact they have to work to get money and to survive. We will just have to wait and see. Time will only tell who is willing to work for their American dream as the old Cuban did.

-Lynda Cain

You

News briefs

Defensive driving

Western Texas College is offering a defensive driving course Oct. 7 and 9. The classes will be registered in the lobby of the LRC Building. Students will be escorted to the proper classroom. Classes will meet from 6-10 p.m.

Dr. Palmer will be instructing the course. Fees will be \$15 per person.

Students who take the full eight-hour defensive driving class will be entitled to certificates enabling them to receive discounts on different types of automobile insurance. Every student must attend both classes in order to qualify for certificates.

Persons interested in receiving a space in the class are to call the Continuing Education office at ext. 240.

Framing course offered

Community Services is offering a picture frame making course scheduled Oct. 6-8 at Western Texas College.

Dewey Farley, Industrial Arts instructor at Snyder High School, will be the instructor for the frame making course.

Persons wishing to take the class should call the Continuing Education office at ext. 240.

Board meets

A meeting of the Scurry County Junior College District Trustees was held Monday, Sept. 22. The board unanimously voted on a "statement of intent" to raise taxes to 11.3 cents per \$100 valuation.

This reflects an increase of 41.25 per cent over the past year's rate.

The proposal ultimately approved will add 1.9 cents to the tax rate this year to provide funds for one extra bond payment.

A hearing on the tax rate is set for Sept. 30.

Club

update

Sometime in near future, at a date yet unset, PTK is planning to hold a "faculty auction."

For the auction, each faculty member will be asked to donate "something", which really falls into the category of "anything", such as an invitation to watch a football game at the faculty member's house, treating a student to dinner or even carrying a student's books for one day. The students will bid on the faculty member of their choice with the highest bidder winning.

For more information and the date of the auction, watch for upcoming articles.

Harold Alsop, biology instructor, spoke to PTK on the 'Values of Life' yesterday.

Judo Club members will travel to Austin for a novice tournament Sept. 27. Only white belts will compete. Brown belts will judge. Newly-elected officers are Blake Riggs, president; Angela Manly, vice president, and Ken Grimm, reporter.

The EMT Club met Wednesday to elect officers. Elected were Ed Byington of Snyder, president; Joe Hall of Snyder, vice-president; Keith Clements of Snyder, secretary-treasurer; L.T. Franklin of Sweetwater, Wesley Owens of Roscoe and James Melton of Sweetwater. John Pena of Snyder named entertainment chairman.

Members of the EMT Club

will attend an oil show in Odessa on October 15.

Press Club sophomores will attend the Texas Junior College Press Association convention at Arlington today. Clinics on techniques for a better paper and an awards presentation is scheduled. Those going are Linda Belvin, Lynda Cain, Tracie Gilstrap, Ken Grimm and J.D. Helm.

BSU's luncheon Oct. 8 will feature the film "Five Hardest Questions." Cost is 50¢. The fall retreat will be Oct. 24-25. Newly-elected officers are Bart Haley, president; Linda Wright, secretary; Chris Oliver, mission chairman; Rhonda Reynolds, social retreat; Danny Leonard, evangelism chairman, and Teresa Strickland, noon chairman.

The Student Senate will sponsor a dance Sept. 30. Everyone is invited to the informal affair. A Blood Drive will be Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in giving blood may get in touch with a senate member.

Kappa Chi will show free movies Thursday. Popcorn will be served. Their monthly luncheon will be Oct. 14. Wednesday night a Bible class in the Christian Student Center and Sunday a free meal with recreation afterward are scheduled. Rick Massey, Kappi Chi director, invites everyone.



WTC cheerleaders Denna Danford, Lynda Cain, Cindy Boone, Kathy Rigsby and Renae McBroom practice routines used at sports events.

-Christy Jinkins photo

Three sophomores new Westerner cheerleaders

Cheerleading... It's not just cheering at games and sports events, it's being able to work together with four other girls in order to succeed in cheering the teams on.

WTC's cheerleader try-outs were held Tuesday, Sept. 16 in the Fine Arts Theatre. A delay due to car trouble by the two judges from San Angelo caused try-outs to begin at 4:15 instead of 2:30 p.m. as scheduled.

The girls were judged for sharpness, appearance, rhythm and stunts. They were judged in a group and individually.

Returning this year is Lynda Cain, sophomore from Coral Springs, Fla., and Renae McBroom, Haskell sophomore. Joining them are Denna Danford, Winters sophomore; Cindy Boone, Merkel sophomore, and Kathy Rigsby, Hale Center sophomore.

The cheerleaders are directed by Mickey Baird, student activities advisor. These five girls with different ideas and interests will work together and cheer, leading the college through a successful year.

-Beth Pumphrey

-Lynda Cain

Senate committees start

Student Senate officers and members of six Senate committees have been named for the 1980-81 academic year.

Sophomore officers are Chris Welch, president; Stella Bickley, vice-president; Lynda Cain, secretary, and Susan Tolbert, treasurer.

Freshman officers were elected at the first meeting from the floor of the senate Sept. 16. Darrell Collins, president pro-tem; Kevin Wade, parliamentarian, and Doug Gilstrap, chaplain, were named.

Several students have been named to serve on six Senate committees this year.

The Committee of Standards keeps records on each senator and officer as to eligibility and excused absences. Any point of standard is ruled on by this committee. Members are Angie Thane, Tracie Gilstrap, Denna Danford, Tammy O'Day and Scott Crenwelge.

The Traffic Appeals Board meets every other Thursday in the administration

building, room 119. It rules on tickets that are appealed and works with the administration on traffic or parking problems. On this committee are Mike Cafero, Kevin Wade, Dawn Cole, Jamie Westbrook and Teena Hopper.

Four committees comprise the Activities or Program Council.

The Entertainment Committee is responsible for bringing entertainment to the campus. It is responsible for scheduling, presenting and financing lectures, concerts, speakers, programs and special entertainment. Members are Lynda Cain (committee advisor), Darrell Collins (chairman), Tracie Gilstrap, Gina Willman, Belia Perez, Angie Thane and Doug Gilstrap.

The Film Committee is responsible for setting up the entire film program for the year. Scheduling, ordering, publicity, showing, equipment maintenance and finance are responsibilities of this group. Members are Stella Bickley (committee ad-

Beetles bugging campus

If you've been around the WTC campus lately, you might have noticed hundreds of black beetles that have invaded all the halls, rooms, and dorms. According to Mr. Mike Otto, a WTC science teacher, it's a common event this time of the year.

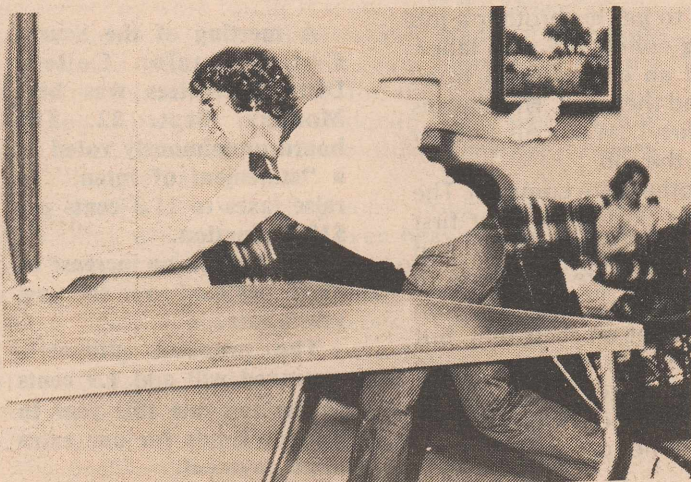
Commonly called "scare beetles" or "ground beetles", they are a member of the family Carabidae, of the Order of Coleoptera. Otto says there is a number of reasons they are on the campus. The recent rains, coupled with their natural migration with the changing seasons, could be the reason for their abundant presence.

Mr. Joe Carter, biology teacher, says they are looking for places to lay their eggs, and the buildings are good places for them to do such. As to the high number of dead ones, he says this is the end of their natural life cycle.

For all of you that are appalled by the bugs, have patience. The maintenance department has sprayed all of the buildings, plus the bug's natural life cycle is ending. Otto and Carter predict that the campus should be relatively free of the shiny, black insects in another few weeks.

-Ken Grimm

Campus



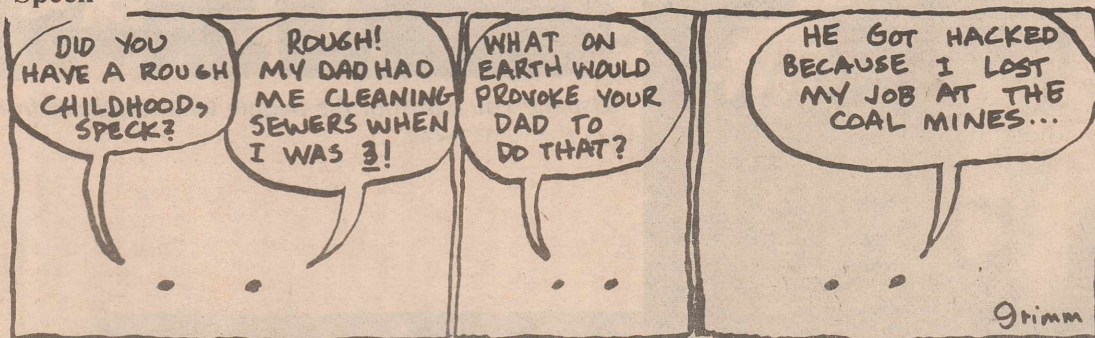
Chris Johnson swings in the BSU.

-Denny Cox photo



The Jazz Ensemble performs "You're the Biggest Part of Me" while Bill Cummings, Guy Gamble and Kevin Young sing back-up vocals. -J.D. Helm photo

Speck



Fall semester count 1,164

Overall college enrollment for Fall 1980 is 1,164, 62 of which students are enrolled in quarterly programs. This enrollment figure is down slightly from the Fall 1979 figure of 1,230, which included 1,169 college credit students and 61 quarterly program students.

The number of academic contact hours generated this semester are 156,144 for in-district students and 16,064 for out-district for a total of 172,208. This figure is up 9,552 from Fall 1979, which included 150,736 in-district and 11,920 out-district hours. This indicates a progressive increase in overall academic contact over last year. This semester's total is well above the 159,632 total for Fall, 1978.

Occupational contact hours of 251,640 were down from the 270,720 Fall 1979 figure. This was primarily due to a decrease in out-district occupational contact hour enrollment. Figures show this term's contact hours were 4,800, compared to 15,840 for Fall 1979. In-district occupational contact hours total 74,640, also down from the Fall 1979 figure of 92,224.

Fall 1980 enrollment for extension centers totals 215, up by one from the 1979

figure but down from the 1977 figure of 235.

Haskell enrollment of 70 is down by 15 from 1979 but up from the 1977 figure of 59.

Colorado City reestablished their extension facility this year and have enrolled 17. This is a big decrease from 1977 enrollment of 51.

The Sweetwater extension center enrollment for Fall 1980 is up with a total of 94, which stopped a gradual decrease in the enrollment there. Sweetwater's 1975 enrollment figure was 130, 118 in 1977 and 65 in 1979.

Crosbyton enrollment of 34 is down from 41 last year and 38 in 1977.

Some students included in these extension center figures are also enrolled at Snyder. Extension centers not active are Rotan, Post and Ballinger.

In terms of overall growth, this semester the FTE (full-time equivalent) is 973.6, based on 12 semester hours. This represents a 7 per cent decrease from Fall 1979's 1049.4 FTE.

Of the 1,164 currently enrolled, 630 are females and 534 are males. Also, 594 are full-time and 570 are part-time.

According to enrollment by county, 524 students come from Scurry and 125 from

Nolan. Other leading counties are Mitchell 92, Haskell 45, Crosby 42, Jones 36, Fisher 30, Taylor 25, Knox 19, Garza 17, Dickens 17, Lubbock 12 and Howard 10.

Finally, there are 33 out-of-state students and one out-of-country student enrolled.

-Lucy Herrera

Tutors hired for students

HELP! This is the common expression most folks have when encountered with a math or a foreign language. Fear not folks, help is here!

The WTC counseling department hires tutors to help with such subjects. These tutors are WTC students and have time to help you with that hard subject. The tutors are hired on a need basis, so if you and some classmates want tutoring in a subject, just tell the counselors and they will find one for you.

Presently, there are tutors in math and Spanish. To find out the hours, call the counselors or ask your professor. Appointments will be set up. The tutors are more than anxious to help YOU!

Jazz band organizes

Walking in the Fine Arts Building around 1:30 p.m. can prove to be an extraordinary experience, especially if one goes to hear the WTC Jazz Ensemble.

The band is believed to be hurting with the loss of Land Richards, premier performer on drums last year who went to Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. But, according to Guy-Gamble, music instructor, the band as a whole has a more solid sound with the addition of guitarists Doug Richburg and Barry Mayo, drummer Mike Cafero, and vocalist Darrel Collins.

Rounding out the group's

rhythm section is bassist Bill Cummings, percussion/vocalist Cathy Valdez and on keyboard and sax is Mark Ham.

Horns are by saxist Noble Young, Kevin Young on trumpet and Gamble on sax.

Gamble said, "We should be ready in a few more weeks, hopefully, to play a concert at WTC. We need to work up about 30 more minutes of music."

Sample selections the ensemble is practicing are "Girl from Ipanema," "I Should Have Loved You," "Ladie's Night" and "Biggest Part of Me."

Rehearsals are open Wednesday and Thursday.

'Becket' recently cast

Becket, a story concerning changing relationships between two close friends, is the play to be presented by WTC's drama department Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 17. The play was recently cast in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Rehearsals start Oct. 6 and will continue through a Nov. 19 public performance at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls for the American College Theatre Festival.

The cast is:

- Becket
- Henry II
- 1st Baron
- 2nd Baron
- Queen Mother
- Young Queen
- Gwendolyn
- Saxon Peasant-King Louis
- Saxon Daughter
- Bishop of Oxford
- Young French Girl
- Young Monk
- Young Sons

- Choir Boy
- Folliot

- Robin Clark
- Mark White
- John Hopkins
- Tod Fritz
- Donna Browning
- Doni Douglas
- LaQuita Reaves
- Bill Martin
- Laurie Allen
- Jesse McFarland
- Debbie Lindsey
- Aaron Fishman
- Benji Fishman
- Brad Vincent
- Charlie McCormick
- Fred McFarland

Becket is a violently emotional drama that probes the changing relationships between two young men, two close friends bound by similar pride of flesh and spirit who become deadly enemies as they pursue their separate destinies...those of king and saint.

Konis show, workshop

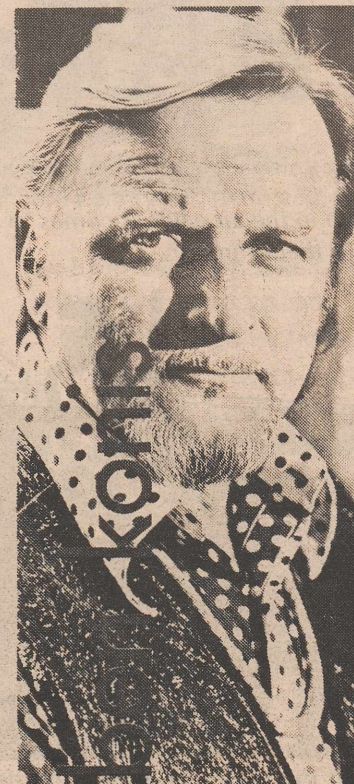
Ben Konis, prominent-Southwest artist, will open a show Sunday and a workshop Monday in the Scurry County Museum on campus.

Konis has been conducting seminars in the Southwest since 1969.

The show will feature various works in pastels and oils, most of which are landscapes. The workshop will last through Wednesday and runs from 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

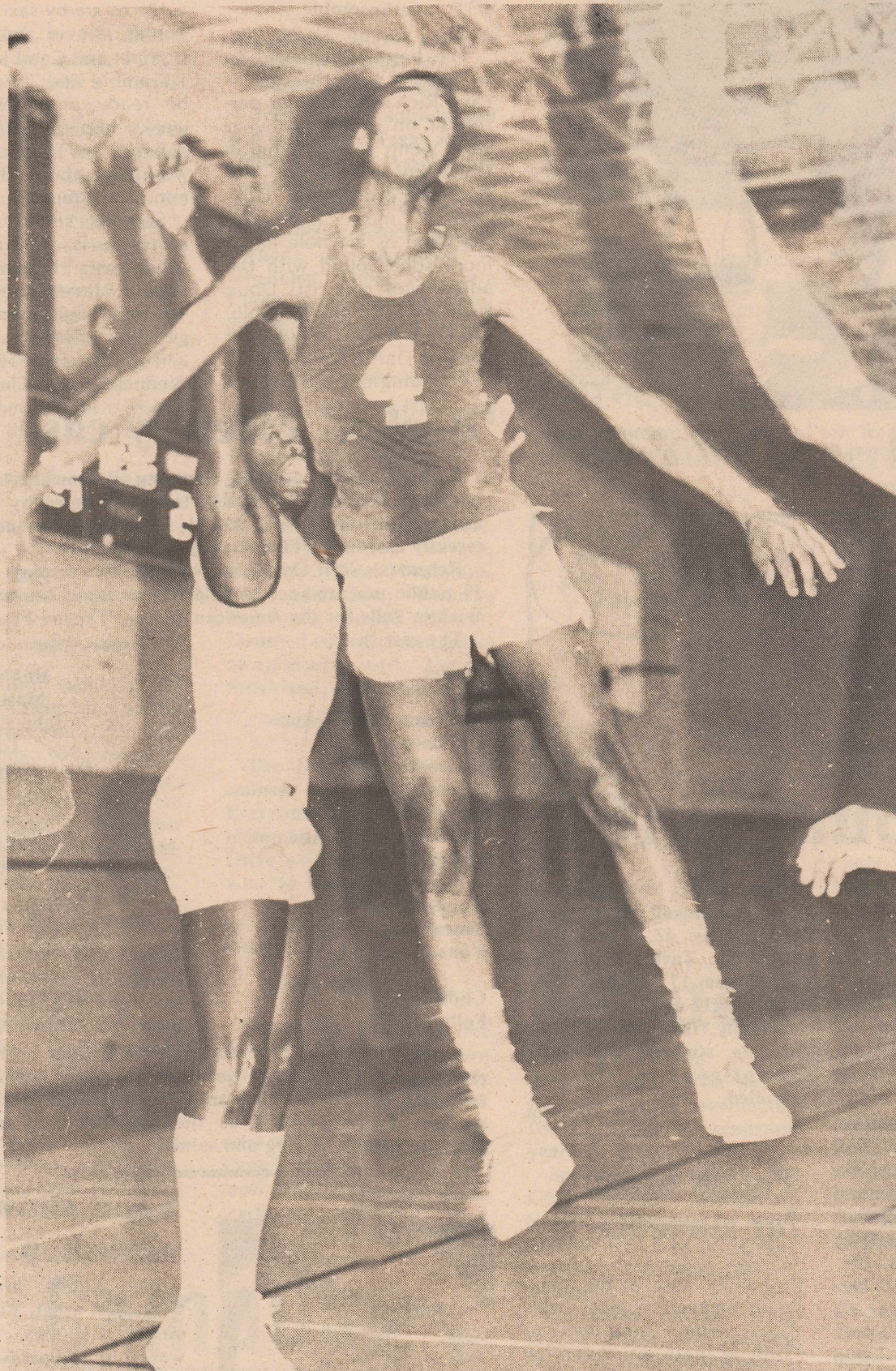
Konis uses bold strokes and bright, vivid colors to display his works.

He is the recipient of many top awards in both pastels and oils. In 1978, *Southwestern Art* magazine featured a color layout of Konis' work.



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Ya'know, school sure ain't what it used to be



Some people are still up in the air when it comes to school. Darren Lee and Clarence Cephus hope athletics can help them through. -Jesse Sanchez photo



Mandy Tubb chomps at the bit to get ahead in rodeo. -J.D. Helm photo

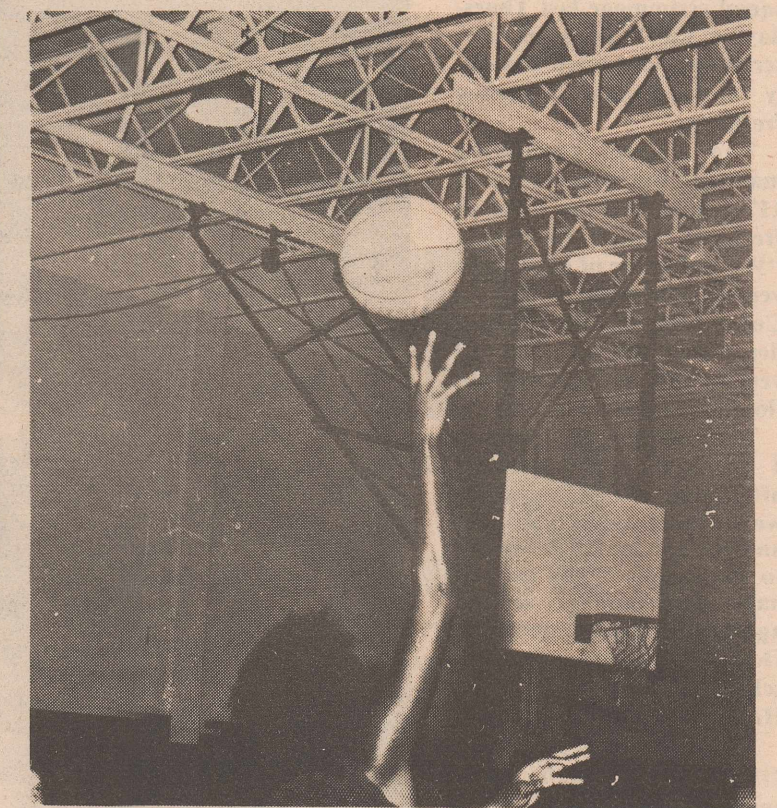


Usually you can spot the people who stand out from the crowd.

-Staff photo



Many working at artistic excellence turn to art instructor Mike Thornton for help. -Staff photo

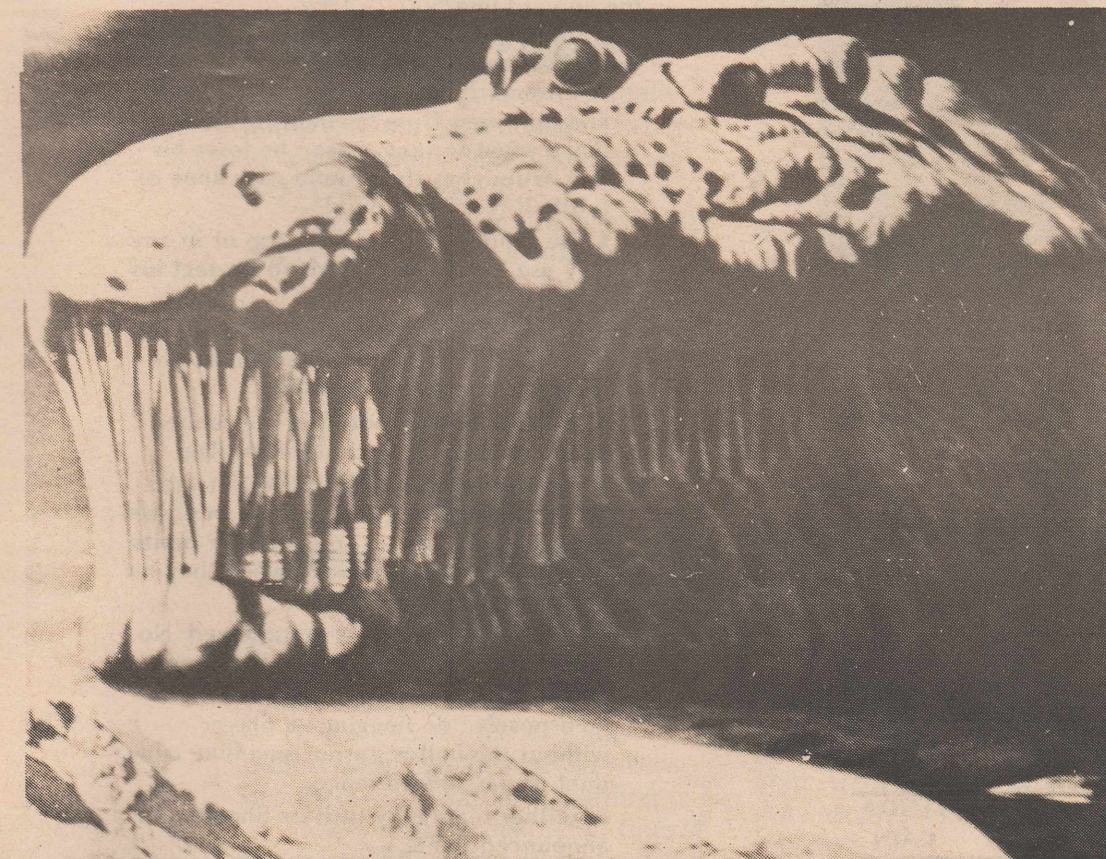


This is the time when most people strive to reach their goals. -Billy Fowler photo



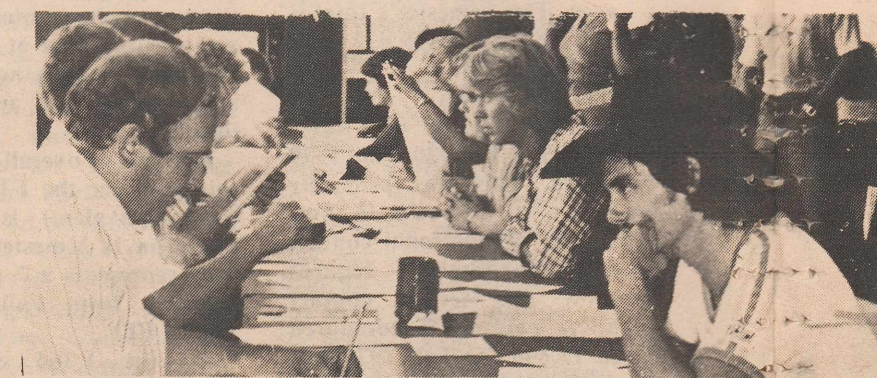
...While some can take a swing at almost everything.

-Staff photo



The "monster school" does not look as scary as it once did.

-J.D. Helm photo



Students experience hassles of sophomore registration. -Tracie Gilstrap photo

It would seem to one who remembers his childhood days that the omni-evil "school" is somehow not the same. Classes, teachers, other kids seem not to bare such forboding manner. Let us now return to when everything was scary, yet somehow secure.

Remember the time when you always wanted to be a fireman, cowboy, nurse, etc. Little did you know then what type of hard work you needed to do to achieve your goals. First, there is elementary school where the first thing you learn to do is meet people.

Recall when you were scared to stand in front of all those people to say your name. Then on to junior high where you were scared to do all the things you now enjoy: discussing, standing up for things you believe in, partying, taking responsibility, talking

to members of the opposite sex, and so on. Now in high school, everything starts to come to fruition. When you figure out the grades are for real and that you couldn't be young eternally, you start to forget your immature ways. Seriousness is creeping up on you; it's later than you think. Go to school or go to

work. That's a helluva decision to make when you're only a high school senior! My God, where did all my time go? I should have worked harder when I was younger! The choice is made. It is time to go off into the unknown. As shown before you now, some people enjoy the choices they made. -J.D. Helm

Dusters first scrimmage held in WTC gym

Coach Joe Cushing's Dusters held their first inter-squad scrimmage last Thursday in the WTC gym. The scrimmage consisted basically of sophomores against freshmen.

The group consisting mainly of sophomores scored 117 points and the team of freshmen scored 85 points. "We had a case of experience versus inexperience," said Coach Cushing. He also said depth-wise the team looked very strong, and their conditioning is improving.

The Dusters practice from 1 to 3:30 every weekday afternoon. "Fundamentally we are more sound than ever, and we are looking forward to the season." The Dusters have a scrimmage set up against Hardin-Simmons Oct. 21. Game time is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Hardin-Simmons gym.

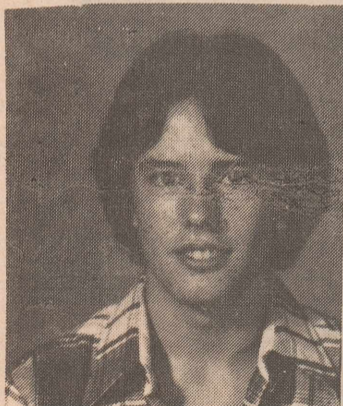
"It's going to be a very exciting ball club; our sophomore leadership has been excellent," said Coach Cushing. On Oct. 27 the Dusters will scrimmage Hardin-Simmons in Snyder at the WTC gym. He also said the team might have a couple of scrimmages early in October against Wayland Baptist or West Texas State.

The Dusters open their season Nov. 3 against Cisco Junior College in the Snyder High School Gym.

Sports



Sophomore Shari Teal takes the ball to the hole during Duster scrimmages. -Billy Fowler photo



Gary Atwood

FOOTBALL FORECAST

Last weeks' football predictors did fairly well. Newspaper editor J.D. Helm and Dr. Jim Palmer tied for first with seven out of 10 predictions right. I came in

second with six out of 10 correct guesses. Dr. Mike McBride and Tracie Gilstrap came out on the bottom with five out of 10 picks right for 50 per cent.

	GARY ATWOOD	J.D. HELM	DR. McBRIDE	DR. PRUITT	LYNDA CAIN
Dallas at Green Bay	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Houston at Cincinnati	Houston	Cinn.	Houston	Houston	Houston
Oregon St. at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Tulsa at Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
TCU at Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
North Texas State at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
LSU at Rice	LSU	LSU	Rice	LSU	Rice
Baylor at Texas Tech	Tech	Tech	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
UTA at SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU
McMurry at LCC	McMurry	McMurry	McMurry	McMurry	McMurry

Flag FB rules

- I. Eligibility:
 - (1) A player may not transfer to another team, after entering one contest with a given team, in that sport.
 - (2) A student is ineligible to participate in a play-off unless he has participated during regular league play.
 - (3) Play-offs will be scheduled at the discretion of the IM director.
 - (4) A team shall forfeit any contest in which they use an ineligible player.
 - (5) The Intramural Department is not responsible for injuries incurred in Intramural sports.
 - (6) Players must be enrolled as a student at WTC.
- II. Postponements:
 - (1) The IM director shall be the judge of postponements.
 - (2) Arrangements for postponements must be made 24 hours before game time.
 - (3) No postponements will be made because of the absence of team members.
- III. Forfeits:
 - (1) Forfeited contests will not be rescheduled.
 - (2) Teams must be ready to play by 11:20 or forfeit the game.
 - (3) Illegal use of players or switching team players will constitute a forfeit.
- Rule 1 Teams will consist of 8 players. All scrimmage plays must begin with at least 5 men on the line of scrimmage.
- Rule 2 Linemen as well as backs are eligible for passes. Everyone is eligible to catch a pass.
- Rule 3 The field dimensions are 80 yards between goal-lines, 40 yards wide, and kickoffs from the 30 yard line.
- Rule 4 The normal football rules shall apply with the following exceptions:
 1. A runner is tackled by grasping his flag and pulling it from his belt. A runner is down when for any reason he loses his flag or touches the ground with knee or football touches ground.
 2. The runner may not stiff arm or in any way use his hands or arms to protect his flag.
 3. The runner must attempt to dodge all blockers and tacklers. Failure to do so results in roughness penalty.
 4. The tackler may not hold the runner while attempting to capture his flag.
 5. Fumbles are dead when they hit the ground and belong to the team in possession. All balls except free kicks or punts not in possession are dead when they hit the ground.
 6. No cross body blocks are allowed. No player may leave his feet to block or tackle.
 7. Purposely "de flagging" a player without the ball is unsportsmanlike conduct or pass interference.
 8. Neither team may rush its lineman on announced punts.

Flag FB schedule

Rounders vs. Cowboys	Sept. 30 (T)
Desperados vs. Bunkhouse Gang	Oct. 2 (Th)
Mavericks vs. Rounders	Oct. 7 (T)
Cowboys vs. Bunkhouse Gang	Oct. 9 (Th)
Desperados vs. Mavericks	Oct. 16 (T)
Rounders vs. Bunkhouse Gang	Oct. 21 (T)
Cowboys vs. Mavericks	Oct. 23 (Th)

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WTC 1980-81 Judo Team is: from back row left to right: Doyle Summers, Pete Giankas, Brian Osborne, Eric Johnson, Robby Trevey, Dr. Shell Hillis. Second row: Alesandra Quiros, Russell Johnson, Ken Grimm. Front row: Leon Smith, Angela Manley, Alton Sutter, Blake Riggs.

Four new courts approved

This summer WTC approved the building of four new racquetball courts. The courts will be used primarily for the community and instructional PE classes.

"We have had a real heavy demand to build these courts," said Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services. The contract for the courts was approved this summer, and the total cost of the facilities is \$235,000. Wadleigh Construction Co. of Snyder is constructing the building, and they are subcontracting the court construction to an unknown contractor.

The courts should be completed by the spring semester.

The exterior of the building, plumbing and interior framing are almost completed. The courts will be paneled with 4'8 sheets of fiberboard with a formica surface. Floors will be made of hardwood maple, and courts will be air-conditioned.

A men's and women's dressing room will be provided, along with a lounge area. The new facility will be connected to the WTC Pro Shop, where individuals will be able to purchase racquetball equipment.

The racquetball courts will be charged out per hour to non-members. People wishing to be members must pay either \$200 per year in advance or \$20 per month. Dependents of members wishing to use the facilities must pay \$100 per year in advance or \$10 per month.

Members will be able to call ahead of time and make reservations, but non-members will have to take whatever time the courts are available.

JUDO TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Sept. 27	YMCA Open	Austin
Oct. 18	Texas A & I	Kingsville
Nov. 15	Bee County College	Beeville
Dec. 6	Texas Open	Ft. Worth
Jan. 17	Denton Jr. Optomist	Denton
Feb. 7	TJBBA Championships	Houston
Feb. 28	State Collegiates	Snyder
March	National Collegiate	
April	National AAU	Little Rock, Ark.
June 20	Texas Judo, Inc.	College Station

Judo Jive

How many people do you know who always throw their weight around? Now, how many do you know that can throw someone else's weight around? I'm going to show you how, but first let me introduce Blake Riggs, a new face to WTC and the Judo Team.

Blake is a man of towering stature, but I don't mean physically. Don't make the mistake of letting his full 5'5", 135 pound body fool you. Men weighing twice as much as him flying through the air at his mercy.

Born in Odessa, Blake started playing judo at the age of seven, working with the Odessa Judo Club. Then he moved to Houston for three years, working with the Houston Judo Club. (Original names, aren't they?) After Houston, he moved to California and trained under the eye of Sego Murakami, an 8th degree black belt and the highest ranked man in the United States. Blake now resides in Midland, working with the Odessa Judo Club again.

A man with such experience should have something to show for it, and Blake Riggs does. Here is a small list of the many he has won: Two YMCA Nationals-1st place, One Junior Nationals-1st place. In the past year: Arkansas Nationals-Young Men's Division-1st place, USJA Nationals-Men's Division-3rd place. In his junior years: Five consecutive firsts in state competition.

Does he sound like a killer? Relax, girls. He's a geology major with a possible minor in Oil Field Technology. He has his intimate side, also. He enjoys music, judo, reading, drawing, water skiing and surfing (which he doesn't get to do around here very much). An all-around great guy with a great personality.

Now we get to the part about throwing someone. Blake is demonstrating the throw "uchi-mata", or "inner thigh". In picture 1, he has readied himself by placing his body in front of the dummy, or "uke", facing the same way as the uke, unbalancing him and making body contact. (Notice the right foot beginning to raise for the throw.) In picture 2, the right foot has extended, sweeping the uke in a spiral, up and down, torqueing to the left. The uke now flies high in the air. In picture 3, the throw has been completed and the uke overcome. Please don't try this unless you can fall safely, which will be covered in the next issue. If you can't wait that long, come by the gym at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday or Thursday and the Judo Team will show you how.

-Ken Grimm

First judo tourney slated

The Judo Team will attend the Austin Novice Judo Tournament tomorrow. This will be the first tournament of the year and will give novice players experience before facing higher-skilled competitors.

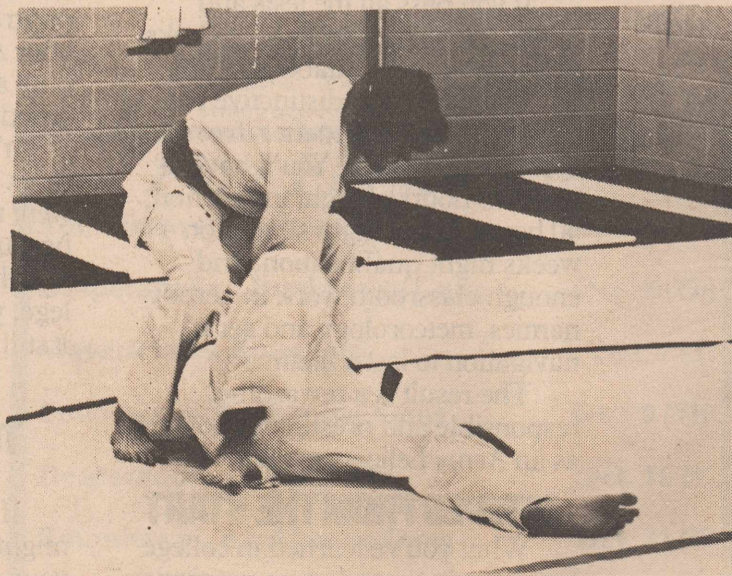
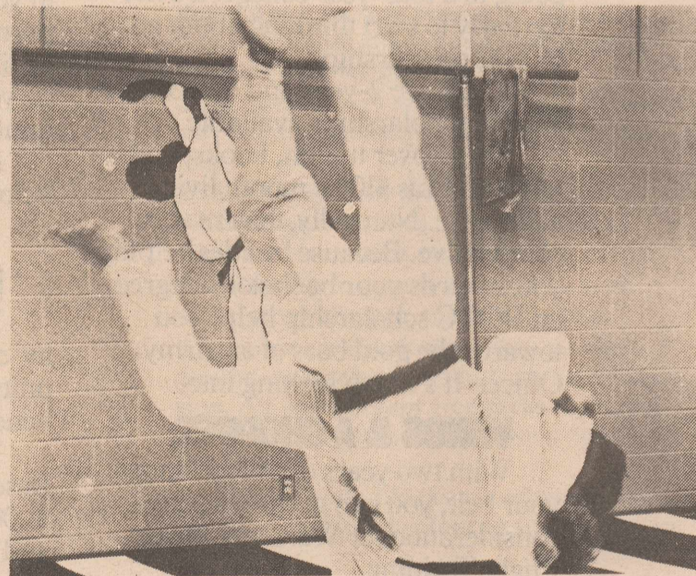
Members of the team are Leon Smith, Angela Manley, assistant coach Alton Sutter, Blake Riggs, Alesandra Quiros, Russell Johnson, Ken Grimm, Doyle Sanders, Peter Gianakas, Bryan Osborne, Eric Johnson, Robby Trevey and coach Shell Hillis.

The national governing

body for judo in America is now United States Judo, Inc.

This replaces the AAU as judo's representative to the U.S. Olympic Committee. This, in turn, is organized at the state level and is called Texas Judo, Inc. Each member of the WTC judo team has to be a member of this organization, which certifies the amateur status of each individual to play in judo tournaments.

Dr. Hillis is serving as one of the board directors in the building of this body and is registration chairman until officers are elected.



-Robby Trevey photos

'Cowboys' open football season

WTC's intramural sports program got underway last Thursday with flag football kicking off the season as the Cowboys defeated the Desperados 14 to 6. Late-played games were Tuesday (Desperados vs. Rounders) and Thursday (Bunkhouse Gang vs. Mavericks).

Flag football games are played Tuesday and Thursday during the activity period. The field is located directly north of the student center. Five intramural teams playing are the Mavericks, Bunkhouse-Gang (the legend that lives on), Rounders, Desperados and Cowboys. Each team will play four games.

Members of the Mavericks are Kevin Wade (captain), Danny Turner, Steve Ortiz, Burt Ortiz, Burt Arguello, Ricky Sanchez, Doug Richburg, Jesse Sanchez, Fernando Romo, Mike McCoy, John Alvidrez, Devery Kidd, Grant Thompson and Mike Brown.

Bunkhouse Gang team members are Mike Puente, J.D. Helm, Billy Cummings, Richard Johnson, Kervin Young, Randy Wolf, Brian Jones, Seth Cox, Russell Gafford, Denny Cox, Shelly Thompson, Bart Haley and G.A. Reynolds.

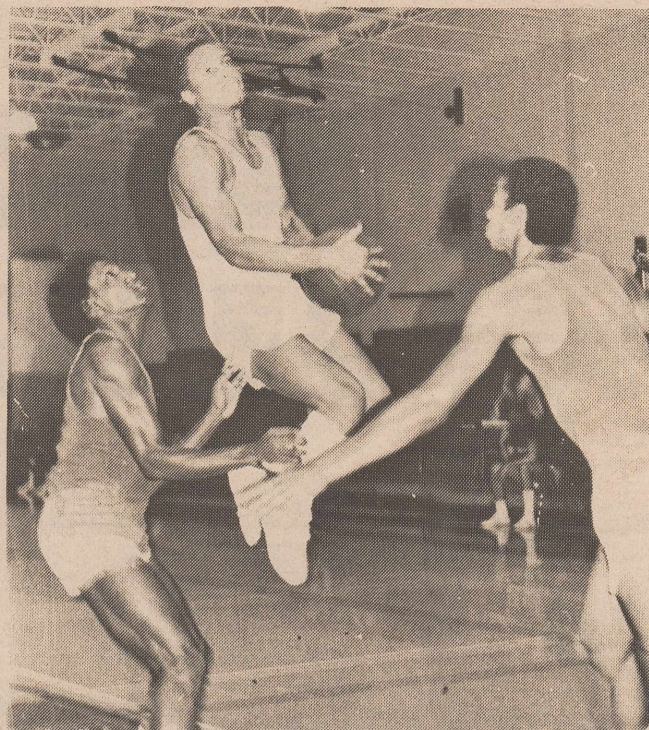
Members of the Rounders are Tommy Potter, Shawn Ragland, Toby Neves, Gary Atwood, John Erwin, Eddie Thompson, Tod Fritz, Cam Forbes, Kip Wadleigh, Steve Tate and Troy Hartgruer.

Desperados are Robert Rodriguez (captain), Gilbert Salinas, Chuck Wheeler, Arthur Castro, Steve Parrish, Pat Shadden, Joe Hall, Mark Hamersly, Jr. Garcia, Trussell Thane, Bruce Odom, Chuck Bane and Arthur Loyd.

Cowboy members are Nicky Chapman (captain), Steve Hildebrand, Jay Cochrane, Chris Welch, Gary Don McCain, Brent Terry, Rob Hanerick, Jimmy Poyner, Charles Bethel, Mike Cafero, Jay Boyd, Steve Nail, Mark Mueller, Shane Smith, Mark Shelby, James Zant, Gary Hickox, Robert Hodge, Tim Golanus, Troy Killer, Bucky Hurter, Tommy Donahoo, Dave Appleton, James Garlick, Larry Williams, Tommy Browne, Buddy Winkler, Willy Everide, Vernon Presswood, Ray McKnight, Troy Reynolds and Britt Cox.

In the event of a tie for first place, a round-robin tournament will decide the champion. League winners will have their choice of individual trophies or t-shirts.

Coach Lee Burke commented on teams griping about officiating. "The officiating is about as professional as the teams and players are professional." He also said in about two or three weeks, another effort to start intramural racquetball and tennis will be attempted. "There was not enough interest in these sports during the first sign-up period to start an intramural program," Burke said.



Troy Stevenson goes up for a lay-up against Dwayne Dickey and Darren Lee in a recent inter-squad scrimmage.

-Jesse Sanchez photo

Rodeo teams win places in ENMU meet

WTC's men's rodeo team won second place in the Eastern New Mexico State University NIRA Rodeo last weekend in Portales, N.M. The women's rodeo team placed fourth overall in the competition.

Calf roping was dominated by the WTC men's team. Freshman Troy Reynolds from Hudson Falls, N.Y. captured first place in the competition. Sophomore Gary Hickox from Lawton, Okla. was third in the calf roping event, and freshman David Stewart from Salisbury, N.C. came in sixth.

In saddlebronc riding, freshman Tim Gradous from Hephzibah, Ga. took third place with a total score of 69 points. James Garlick, freshman transfer student from Van Horn, Texas, won the bareback riding competition with a total of 75 points.

In the women's events, Mandy Tubb, sophomore from Snyder, ran a time of 18.06 to take third place in barrel racing, while Nannette Fine from Monahans ran 18.99 to split fifth and sixth place.

"We had a real good outing, but our bullriders did not draw very well, and neither did our bareback riders," commented rodeo advisor Bob Doty. He also said he was convinced WTC could beat Sul Ross, the rodeo team that took first place in the overall competition, even though most of their team members are seniors.

Next outing for the WTC cowboys and cowgirls will be Oct. 2-4 in Pampa, where South Plains College and Clarendon Junior College will co-sponsor the rodeo.

Men set inter-squad cage scrimmage Oct. 2

The Westerners will hold an inter-squad scrimmage, Oct. 2, at 4:30 p.m. in the WTC gym. The public is invited to come out and watch.

Coach Larry Dunaway currently has a 13-man roster. Members of the 1980-81 Westerners are:

NO	NAME	HT	CL	HOMETOWN
10	Dwayne Dickey	5-10	Fr	Artesia, N.M.
11	Rodney Williams	6-2	Fr	Dallas
12	Darren Lee	6-4	Fr	Natl. City, Cal.
14	Joey Rosales	5-9	So	El Paso
15	Keith Denis	6-5	So	Gardena, Cal.
20	Charles Gholson	6-1	Fr	Tulsa, Okla.
21	Troy Stevenson	5-11	Fr	Trenton, N.J.
22	Clarence Cephas	6-0	Fr	San Marcos
24	Caesar Scott	6-4	Fr	San Diego, Cal.
25	Charles North	6-5	So	W. Covina, Cal.
30	Donald Warren	6-6	So	Oneonta, Ala.
32	Brett Smith	6-5	Fr	Borger
34	Bryan Baker	6-6	So	W. Covina, Cal.

Freshman walk-on Bo Williams injured his knee earlier in the year and will be out for awhile. Sophomore Charles North is having some temporary back problems.

Two players from Atlanta were brought in to play for the Westerners, but were unable to change their ways. "They wouldn't go to class and they wouldn't stay out of the girls' dorms. They just wanted to party and play basketball," commented Coach Dunaway. So he sent them back to Atlanta. Dunaway plans to pick up two new players by the end of the semester.

A major college coach told Coach Dunaway that Frank Phillips College in Borger will have the best player in the conference. He is 6ft. 10in. tall and will transfer to Frank Phillips at the end of the semester. Frank Phillips has their whole ball team back from last year.

He also told Coach Dunaway that talent-wise Frank Phillips, Midland, Howard County, Amarillo and South Plains have the best players in the league.

Coach Dunaway estimated after hearing this information WTC would probably be picked sixth in the preseason poll. "It's going to be a real dog-fight," said Dunaway. The major college coach also said WTC was the smallest team in the league. "Height is important but medium-size people that can play can beat taller teams," stated Coach Dunaway.

"Rebounding is a major concern of the Westerners since other conference teams are so big. Our little guys must play good defense and execute the fast break," claimed Dunaway.

-Gary Atwood



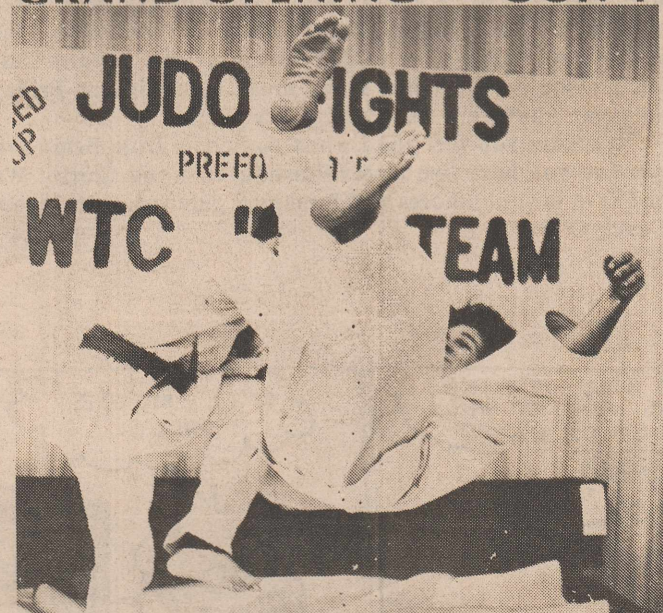
Calf roping popular rodeo event for WTC rodeo team.

-J.D. Helm photo

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A recent competitor in WTC's first conference tournament drives his ball into the horizon in search of the green.
-Denny Cox photo

'Swingers' take third in home-course meet

Coach Bob O'Day's golf team played their first conference tournament last Friday on the WTC golf course, but placed third in the field with a team score of 299, 19-over par, and picked up three conference points.

Team scores are determined by taking the four low scores of six golfers playing 18 holes for each team. Team par for the course was 280. New Mexico Junior College won the tournament with a score of 296, 16-over par, followed by Odessa College with a team total of 298, 18-over. WTC was third, Midland College was fourth with 304 strokes, 24-over, and New Mexico Military Institute came in fifth in 303 strokes for 37-over par.

Individually for WTC on 18 holes, sophomore Gary Hodge shot an even par 70. Sophomore Chris Johnson scored a 75, five strokes over par. Sophomore Jeff Wagner shot a 77, seven strokes over par, and freshman Phillip Jones also shot a 77. Sophomore Richard White shot 78, eight strokes over par, and freshman Jeff Seger shot an 80 for 10 strokes over.

Hodge and Angus Baker from New Mexico Junior College tied for medalist honors with an even par score of 70, but Hodge won the trophy in a sudden-death playoff on the first hole with a par, defeating Baker who double-bogeyed. Hodge has been a medalist in both tournaments the golfers have competed in.

Coach O'Day said the Westerners played inconsistently and poorly on their home course. "The team has been shooting around 280 to 285 the last couple of weeks. We must have got the tournament jitters," he said. O'Day plans to work his team a little harder before the next conference meet at Midland in two weeks.

"We might have some new faces in the lineup," commented O'Day.

He also stressed the team could bounce back with two more conference tournaments in the fall and two in the spring. "We did it before. It always hurts to lose on your home course, but even Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus can have a bad day." It was the worst finish for WTC on their home course in nine years.

-Gary Atwood



Phillip Jones, a freshman, tees-off at hole two during practice for WTC tournament.
-Denny Cox photo

Bud Wise R.



WT golfers win NMJC contest

The WTC Westerner golf team won the seventh annual NMJC Intercollegiate golf tournament held in Hobbs, N.M. Sept. 11-12.

Fourteen teams competed in the tourney. WTC entered three teams in the meet. The WTC Blue team finished in first place, the WTC Green finished in fourth place, and the WTC White team took tenth place.

All the teams in the Westerners' conference were in the tournament. Team scores were taken from the four low scores of five players on a team. Each team played 27 holes on Thursday, Sept. 11 and 27 holes again on Friday, Sept. 12. The Blue team had a score of 874 strokes for the total 54 holes. They were ten shots over par. The Green team had 892 strokes and were 28 shots over par. The White team shot a total of 928 for 64 strokes over par.

The WTC Blue and the NMJC Red team were tied at the end of 54 holes with 874 strokes for ten over par. After the first day of play the Blue team was behind 16 strokes. On Friday the Blue gained ten strokes back on the first nine holes to trail N.M. Red 588 to 582. The Blue tied for the lead with the N.M. Red on the final 18 holes by gaining 6 strokes on the NMJC Red.

They won the tournament in a sudden death playoff on the first hole. The five Blue team members shot an even par on the playoff hole, and the NMJC Red shot 2 over par. Individual scores on the playoff hole were sophomore Richard White, even par; sophomore Jeff Wagner, even par; freshman Gary Ray, even par; sophomore Gary Hodge, a bogey, and sophomore Chris Johnson, a birdie.

Western Texas has won the tournament four times and has placed second three times in seven years. "It was the first time for WTC to come from that far behind (16 strokes with 27 holes remaining) to win a tournament in the ten years I have coached golf here," said Coach Bob O'Day.

Individual scores of the Blue team for the total 54 holes were Gary Hodge, 210, six strokes under par; Gary Ray, 219, three shots over par; Richard White, 221, five strokes over par; Jeff Wagner, 224, eight strokes over par and Chris Johnson, 228, 13 strokes over par.

Scores for the Green team were Philip Jones, 219, three strokes over par; Jeff Seger, 222, six strokes over par; Matt Vincent, 223, seven strokes over par; Frank Monfrey, 228, 12 strokes over par and James Cotton, 233, 17 strokes above par.

Individual scores for the White team were George Gonzales, 225, nine strokes over par; Johnny Curbo, 232, 16 strokes over par; Steve Covert, 232, 16 over par and Tony Freeman, 239, 23 shots over par.

Gary Hodge was a medalist with three rounds of 70 each for six under par. He won the tournament by 4 strokes over Mike York from Odessa. "Gary's total of 210 was outstanding play considering the golf course was set up tough and winds were high both days," said Coach O'Day.

Freshman golfers Gary Ray and Phillip Jones tied for sixth place out of 78 golfers with a score of 219 each, three over par for the 54 holes. Freshman George Gonzales led the White team with a score of 225, nine over par. Johnny Curbo, playing on the White team, made a hole-in-one Friday on a par 3 180-yard hole with a five iron.

"It makes you feel good when you come from behind to win and you have two teams finishing first and fourth. We had several sophomores and freshmen play very well," said Coach O'Day.

-Gary Atwood