



**DESPISED AND ALONE**—The elephant man (John Udell) ponders the consequences of his deformities. This scene is featured in Friday night's drama debut. —Noble Young photo

# The Western Texan

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## Thespians stage 'Elephant Man' Friday night in fine arts theatre

by Cheryl Wright

The drama department's first major production, *The Elephant Man*, begins tomorrow night and plays through Monday. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each evening except Sunday, when it opens at 8:30 p.m.

Using a real incident, Bernard Pomerance has written *The Elephant Man*, which deals with a monstrously deformed man who's rescued from the streets and taken into the London Hospital. He becomes a celebrated curiosity for British society of the 1880's, according to Mike Thornton, fine arts association director.

"Pomerance, as a playwright, believed very strongly in creating the illusion of *The Elephant Man* rather than creating it realistically," explains Jim Rambo, drama director. "And that's the difference between the theatre and the cinema."

Rambo says that the theatre itself can create through suggestion and imagination, "So what we're asking the audience to do is

to use its imagination. Television isn't based on the imagination — it's all done for you. You don't think, you don't feel, you go through a process. We're desiring the audience to use its own imagination to fill in the gap through the actors' movements and responses."

John Udell, Brownfield freshman, recreates through subtle body distortions and without makeup the role of John Merrick, the elephant man. According to Rambo, one of the reasons Pomerance did it that way was because the play revolves about the idea that we're creating illusions of life.

"We're excited about this play, expresses the drama director. "That's the vitality of the theatre — we suggest things. The movies do it for you."

Other characters in the cast are Robert Loveless (Dr. Frederick Treves), Duncan Joys (Carr Gomm and the English policeman), Jay Blakemore (Ross), Billy Kelley (Pinhead manager and Snork), Jimmy Ticer (Belgian policeman and

Bishop Walsham How), Kelly Deavers (conductor) and Teri Duvall (Nurse Sandwiche).

More characters include Kevin Huddleston (Will and Lord John), Kim Lunsford (Mrs. Madge Kendal), Lorie Grandclair (Duchess), Martha Hargrove (Countess) and Donna Browning (Princess Alexandra). Duvall, Hargrove and Grandclair also appear as the pinheads.

Nettie Moss heads the lighting crew. Tracey Westmoreland is in charge of sound. Chris Sturdevant is house manager, and Deavers is stage manager.

Co-heads for the scenery crew are Blakemore and Loveless. Huddleston is head of properties, Hargrove is in charge of costumes and Cheryl Jackson runs the make-up department.

Music will be provided by cellist Arthur Follows, professor at Texas Tech.

Reservations may be made by calling Sue Lyon, box office manager, at the Fine Arts Theatre, ext. 234. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

## Varied activities highlight Community College Week

by John Moesch

A drama production, art exhibit, basketball game and concert by the college band are upcoming activities slated for Community College Week which opened Sunday and continues through Saturday.

The observance, a relatively new one, was proclaimed by Governor Bill Clements due to the contributions and influence public state community colleges have had on the youth and economy in Texas.

Since the first junior college statute was passed in 1929, the number of these institutions has grown to 47. Junior college students comprise 40 per cent of the college student body in Texas. In addition, 291,810 students were enrolled this year in college credit courses around the state.

Locally, WTC enjoyed a record enrollment this fall of 1,266.

A junior college has two distinct advantages. One is the occupational programs offered. Over 90 per cent of

all post-secondary occupational courses in Texas are taught in community colleges, providing students with skills necessary for careers ranging from business to industry.

The other advantage is cost. Less than 10 cents from each educational dollar of state tax money is used to provide support for the colleges.

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Coinciding with the spirit of Community College Week, the education division of Scurry County's United Way exceeded its 1982-83 goal of \$6,288. It was an increase of 8.9 per cent over the previous goal.

Employees of the Snyder Public Schools and WTC, which comprise the division, capped their goal with \$3,940 and \$2,875, respectively.

When all contribution figures are in, the division hopes to have given some 10 per cent of United Way's total goal of \$70,253.

The campus effort was chaired by Dr. Ben Brock, executive vice president.

## Grass nursery being built

A grass nursery being built east of the golf course should be finished in 45 days but won't be occupied until mid-summer, said Bill Mitchell, golf and grounds maintenance superintendent.

"It was approved about budget time last summer and will cost approximately \$1,200," he said.

Mitchell said the nursery is for academic and occupational use. The golf and landscape class will test grasses

with fertilizers and insecticides.

"Construction has started and, to this point, the top soil and ground work has been done. It's been partially sprayed and irrigated. The fence has been partially completed," Mitchell said.

More than one type of grass will be in the nursery for the golf course. When a section of grass becomes damaged, it will be cut off and replaced with new grass.

## Trustees approve accountants' audit; video camera equipment bids accepted

by Jana Harris and Erika Lee

The foremost issue of the November board meeting was approval of the past college fiscal year audit by Anderson, Anderson and Vestal, a local CPA firm.

"I'd like to express my thanks to these men. They've done a real fine job," said Dr. Don Newbury, President, addressing the auditors, Larry Anderson and Jerry Vestal.

The board also accepted "with regret" the resignation of Wacil McNair, board member, place 2.

Other items on the agenda included approval of Nov. 14-20 as Texas Community College Week as designated by Governor Bill Clements.

The bid of \$1,085 from B&B Sales of Abilene, for a color video sound camera

and case was accepted for the audio visual department.

Snyder Electronics' bid of \$2,354.70 for a video cassette recorder and color video camera for the rodeo team was approved.

Two printers will be purchased from Agriplex Computer of Lubbock at a combined price of \$2,340, plus installment.

The board approved purchase of a food processor to be used at the Senior Center for \$2,068 bid from Greyhound Food.

Also discussed were parking lot lights, 19 additional golf cart storage sheds, recent sales of obsolete equipment and expansion of the cosmetology program.

In the cosmetology department, no one has dropped

and more students are expected to enroll next session. "We're trying to stay close to our needs," Dr. Newbury said.

## Nursing degree program passed by state agency

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, and the Texas Education Agency last week approved and commended the planned associate degree in nursing program.

The only remaining approval needed is from the Board of Nurse Examiners, who have indicated they will make an on-site visit here in the spring.

## Sidestep domino effect

by Jana Harris

We're all ready for the holidays. Pressures are building. It seems we have one test after another. It's a domino reaction--all the tests fall at once. At times we'd give anything if we could simply see an opening where there's nothing to do. We can sit cooped up in the dorm or library just so long with those blank papers staring us in the face or those government books awaiting our attention. How can we break the tension? Get outdoors and do something fun! Step outside and shuffle through the leaves. Go swing on the swings in the park or sit on the steps and watch the sunset. Leave the pressures of studying and tests behind for awhile. Clear our minds. Studying, tests and term projects are inevitable, but we shouldn't let them control our lives. Each project needs to be taken one step at a time. This will make for an easier climb.

## School prayer tough issue

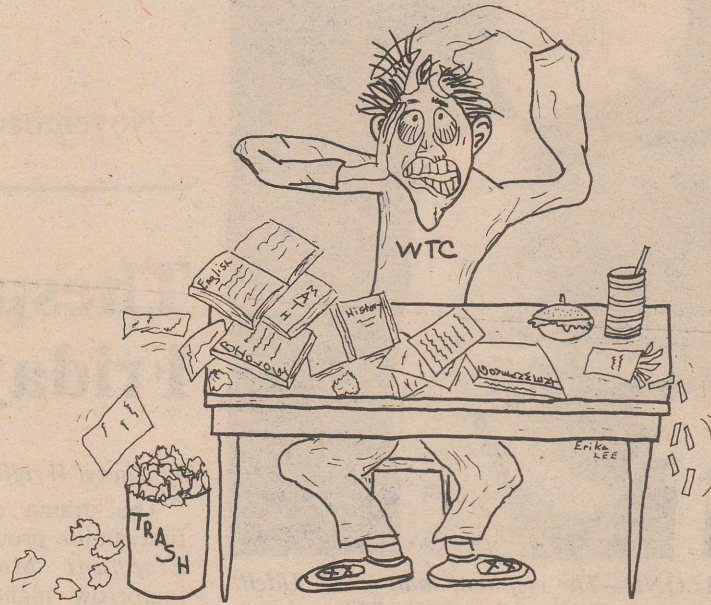
by John Moesch

The Supreme Court says no. Several polls of American citizens say yes. What role should prayer play in our public school system? Recent Court decisions indicate that prayer has no place in our schools; however, according to North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, the American people want prayer in their children's learning environment. Both parties, pro and con, have viable arguments to uphold their positions. Proponents of prayer cite that, because prayer is a "fundamental part of our heritage," it belongs in the schools. They also argue that it would encourage morality and discipline. Anti-prayer forces counter with claims that our children shouldn't be pressured into praying and that mandating prayer would devalue the real meaning of it. I would have to agree with the Supreme Court and opponents of prayer — but only in a general sense. True, prayer shouldn't be mandated, where children are told to pray at a certain time of day. I strongly advocate the idea of silent "meditation" periods by a group. With this, you don't run into this situation, "Now, class, it's 10:30, and for the next 15 minutes you're going to pray." It's left up to the individual. Along those same lines, this proposal should also be left up to local parental groups in our communities. The Federal courts are in no position to rule on situations in localized areas they are totally unfamiliar with. There is a place for it, but determining to what extent will be an extremely difficult task.

## Be thankful for every day

by Patricia Quiros

As an American, I anticipate the Thanksgiving holiday each year. Because it's traditionally known as a time of togetherness and family unity, the whole purpose for gathering is to give special and sincere thanks. Some people say, "Thanks for what?" Why not start with the obvious? For instance, you who read this now can read. There are many who can't, not by choice but because of genetic or accidental problems. Close your eyes, and it's total darkness — nothing but a black screen. Imagine going through life like that. How about food? "Well, what about it? I see it and eat it everyday." Probably the best way to sum up the attitude of the typical American without the faintest idea of what hunger really is. There are some who haven't seen food in days — or maybe weeks! Another thing to keep in mind this Thanksgiving? Family and friends. We who see ours practically everyday are used to the idea of having someone to lean on in times of strife or need. It isn't until we're away that we realize how much they mean. We're fortunate because there are those who don't know the feeling of being embraced or kissed. These are just a few things to be thankful for, not only on Thanksgiving but everyday we're able to wake up to a new day.



## Feedback from readers

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express a few comments concerning the excellent leadership, attitude, and seriousness of purpose exhibited by the student body during this Fall Semester.

Every student group appears to be functioning in a highly efficient manner, making constructive criticisms which reflect considerable thought and participating in activities at a higher level than we have previously experienced at WTC. Even the library reports a significant increase in traffic.

Let me also encourage each student to dedicate the same seriousness of purpose to the learning process for the remainder of your stay with us. Maybe it's purely imagination, but I believe the entire staff has become more effective with your enthusiasm. Thanks to you, it's working!

Duane Hood  
Dean of Student Services

Editor:

It has recently come to our attention that there is a lack of space to play on the new gym floor. Each Sunday, there are students in the dorms and at the apartments who find it impossible to go home. These same students will not go to the gym because they are "bumped out" of playing any games.

Who bumps these students out? Ask any students, and they'll be glad to tell you. As the rules were supposed to state, the only people allowed to use the gym facilities were: (1) WTC students, (2) WTC Booster Club members and their families, and (3) WTC faculty, staff and their families.

But who uses it? None of the above. Instead, it's people who are in high school or junior high, and they come to the gym and tell us students that they have more rights than we do.

One student was told by a 16 or 17-year-old child that he (the student) didn't have

any right to play because he didn't live in town. This child was not supposed to be allowed in if his parents didn't sign the liability waiver. Thirteen minors were counted in there playing basketball without the waiver being signed.

Shouldn't the students who pay to come to this school be allowed FIRST choice on playing basketball or using the gym facilities?

Jerol W. Morrow

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Your letter is greatly appreciated. You introduced a problem that I, for one, was unaware of. The minors you mentioned were most likely members of the local Boys' Club. In an effort to place WTC students first where the gym facilities are concerned, beginning in December, members of the Boys' Club will no longer be allowed to utilize the gym. Maybe this will solve some of the problems you have cited.

Sincerely,  
John L. Moesch

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**SIZING IT UP**—Sweetwater freshman Daniel Way finished fourth in the Nov. 10 pool tournament. Riley Kitchens, Snyder freshman won the event. —Robert Mendoza photo

## Dorm return forms due Dec. 1

Although the fall semester isn't over, it's time to make plans for the spring term. Forms were distributed to all dorm residents asking if they were returning for the spring. They must be completed and

returned to David Harr, director, by Dec. 1. Students contracted for Residence and Dining Services for the academic year 1982-83. The last day to cancel dorm reservations is Dec. 7 by 4 p.m.



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# Campus briefs...

Under the direction of Guy Gamble, director, the WTC Band will perform today from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Center.

The public is invited. No admission will be charged.

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Eight art students took a field trip to Santa Fe and Taos, N.M. Nov. 11-14.

They were Amy Babb, Robin Banks, Albert DeLoera, Debra Dolliver, Brenda Fritz, Victor Sawyers, Debra Schubert and Chris Walior.

## Thornton art opens Dec. 5

Mike Thornton, fine arts division chairman, will present a series on Texas history at the annual faculty art show Dec. 5-17.

Thornton was a recent exhibitor at the Museum of the Southwest in Midland. His rendition of "Lone Star Sunset" is described as a "new treatment of the western mystique." The billboard painting "covered

A five-hour babysitting seminar Saturday on campus will provide potential sitters to local churches, civic organizations and the chamber of commerce.

Sponsored by the Snyder Jayceettes, the seminar begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

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President Don Newbury will be the guest speaker for the 16th annual West Central Texas Council of Governments meeting Saturday at McMurry College in Abilene.

the map of Texas with a two-gun hombre and sported glittery sequins in streamers like the skirts at a San Antonio fiesta."

"Lone Star Sunset" was selected for the cover of *Towns West* magazine earlier this year.

Thornton's painting, "Sasser", will be featured with paintings by John Gibson, art instructor.

## Douglass resigns BSU post

by Kevin Starnes

J.C. Douglass, Aspermont sophomore, resigned last week as president of the BSU Executive Council. Douglass said Jerry Summers, BSU director, recommended he resign because of personal problems. Summers said the resignation doesn't indicate Douglass' inability to perform his duties.

"When problems become too big, a person must have time to work them out," Summers said. He said he recommended the resignation so Douglass could have that time.

## Pageant deadline nears

SAN ANTONIO--The Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant will be held March 9-13 at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio. At that time, Miss Rodeo Texas and Miss Rodeo Texas Teen will be chosen.

The deadline for submitting entry blanks is Jan. 25, 1983. The pageant contestants will be judged on horsemanship, personality and western attire. Five places will be awarded in each age division.

Contestants must not have been married, be between 13

The council was shocked by the move. With full-time participation in BSU activities declining, no one has been elected president. Steps are being taken to invite more people to the BSU.

The BSU is hosting a Thanksgiving "potluck" dinner Nov. 23. Students and faculty are encouraged to bring dishes and participate in this special "Lunchcounter."

Every BSU member is invited to The Shack, a local restaurant, for a casual supper Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Cost will be about \$5.

and 24 years old and be legal residents of Texas. Each must be a top-notch horsewoman.

Besides scholarships, western attire, saddles and buckles, both winners will have the use of new two-horse trailers to pull during their reign. Miss Rodeo Texas will get a new Dodge pickup truck.

Contestants must have won a local pageant title.

For information and entry blanks, write Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant, P.O. Box 906, Stephenville, TX 76401.

"Christmas Out of the Past: Christmas on the Ranch" is the Scurry County Museum's theme for the seventh annual Dec. 5 holiday program.

A tasting tea with a holiday theme is slated Dec. 7. It will be jointly sponsored by the campus facility and the Diamond M Museum.

## Tube basketball offered in spring

The intramural program will offer "tube basketball" for the first time next semester. Games will be played during activity period, 11:15-11:55 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Teams must have at least seven players. There will be a 20-minute time limit with the clock running continuously.

So, what's "tube basketball"? A player sitting in an innertube trying to shoot the ball into the basket.

Check in the Student Center before Christmas for entry sheets and further details.

Intramural softball and tennis are also planned for the spring.

## Tabor paintings show in gallery

Bold colors and uncluttered canvas space are trademarks of one artist's series of paintings on display in the fine arts gallery through Wednesday.

Jeff Tabor, assistant professor of art at Abilene Christian University, is showing the sweep of the West Texas plains in 13 pieces.

He has received 15 awards, including Best of Show in the New York/Paris Competition 1982 and second place in the Abilene Fine Arts Museum National 1982 Exhibition.

His one-man shows have been featured in Pilot Point, Abilene, Wichita Falls and Artesia, N.M.

### — NOTICE —

The last day to drop classes or withdraw is Friday, Dec. 3 by 4 p.m.

Classes recess Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holiday. Dorms will close at 2 p.m. and reopen Sunday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



'THE SACRED APRON'—Social studies professor Robert Adams has a culinary reputation. —Margo Thibault photo

## Adams: your average 'G-man'

by Margo Thibault

With last week's death of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, the average American contemplates foreign relations more than ever. It seems timely to question an average citizen. And, in the process, the profile of Robert Adams comes to light.

How will Brezhnev's death affect American relations with the Soviet Union? "We're held in suspense. We can react to his death, but not to the future. The same would apply to Russians, say, if the American administration changed suddenly," iterates the assistant professor of government and history.

On Texas' recent general election, Adams smiles, "Well, I apparently voted wrong." He's surprised at the gubernatorial race, dismayed that all six amendments passed. Most surprising is Mark White's sound defeat of incumbent Bill Clements.

The low-profiled Adams votes for the person and doesn't sway students on political issues. But he encourages interest and taking a stand.

He teaches because he likes to teach. Adams taught part-time for the college while

employed in the local public school system. There, he taught a variety of courses, like Cultures of the American Southwest, Westward Expansion, American History, Roles of Religion ("tough to teach") and History of the Plains Indians ("very popular with my students").

With a strong background in history, Adams comments, "You can't separate government from history."

Approached by social science division chairman Dr. Jim Palmer and history professor Dr. Franklin Pruitt three years ago, he became a full-time college instructor.

A product of the old school, Adams shares his educational philosophy. He's strong on lecture, attendance and participation. Not closed to considering other teaching techniques, he admits that computers can be used in the school "as a supplement to classroom teaching. Variety changes the format of the expected and breaks the reputation of could-be boring subjects, such as government and history."

Recently, he took an interest in student Dennis Hudson's research of a bond (or bond copy) dating back to the 1840's when Texas was a Republic. A trip to the

Austin archives would be necessary to verify the bill's authenticity. Could be interesting.

Akin to variety, Monterrey Tech, Mexico provided a sound education in the language, culture, government and history of that nation's people. It has provided a foundation for Spanish courses he has taught and tutored. While awaiting this interview, notice was taken of a college student hoping to catch Adams for aid with her Spanish studies.

He was born in San Angelo but grew up in McCamey, Texas. Accustomed to ranching and oil lifestyles, Adams has worked in both fields and construction.

Time was allowed, too, for the pursuit of higher education. Adams holds degrees from McMurry and Sam Houston State University.

Tradition, independence and love of one's heritage were parallels drawn of Boston and Texas. He enjoys traveling as much as time permits.

An avid outdoorsman, Adams loves to hunt, fish and experiment with his game catch. Reputation speaks for his culinary interest in barbequeing and grilling — with a major in smoking.

## Linksters fifth at Boerne meet

Finishing fifth in a field of eight, the WTC golfers shot a two-day total 622 in the Tapatio Springs Inter-collegiate match Nov. 10-12 at Boerne, Texas.

The Westerners hit 311 each day to come out 29 strokes off the McLennan Community College's 593-pace.

Paris Junior College finished second at 28-over par (604), followed by New

Mexico Junior College with 619 for 36 holes.

The host team, Odessa College, hit 305-315.

Austin freshman Bobby Rucker hit an 80-73-153 to lead the Westerners. Three strokes off the pace after the first day, sophomore Ronnie Fletcher shot an 81 in the second round to total 154.

Coach Dave Foster's forces return to action next semester.

## IMPRESSIONS

### Versatile topcoats for winter wear

by Chris Sturdevant

Winter's here! Once more, it's time to break out your cold weather wear.

Although, locally, down-filled nylon jackets seem to be the preferred choice, traditional topcoats are gaining popularity. Many of the new designs are versatile as well as functional. Some are sporty and best suited to casual and recreational wear, while others are dual purpose and can be worn for dressier occasions. Some are designed for dress wear only.

If you want to dress up with a classical look or play it

down with something casual, there's probably a topcoat designed for you.

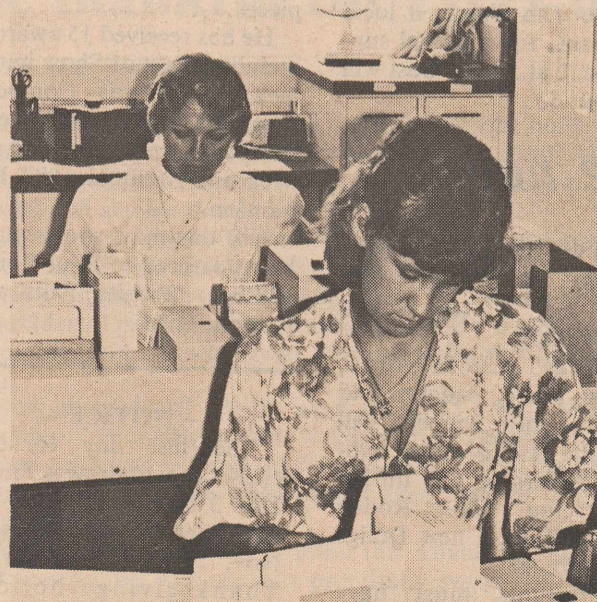
In the past, most topcoats and overcoats have come in solid colors and natural fabrics like wool, leather or cotton poplin, but some of the more innovative new designs are constructed with traditional tailoring in patterns such as windowpane, herring-bone and harris tweed.

Some of the new high-tech, military-influenced outerwear is fabricated with materials like mylar, acetate and poly-nylon blends.

Choosing a topcoat can be the most difficult part of buying one. To decide which style is right for you, keep in mind that the function is just as important as the look. Since buying an overcoat can be an investment (most start about \$100-\$150), it's a good idea to be practical when you choose.

Try to pick one that's versatile and can be worn for dress or play. When trying one for size, remember that most of the time you'll be wearing a suit coat or sport jacket under it — so pick your size accordingly.

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# PTK to host coffee tomorrow, inducts 13 into Psi Zeta chapter

In recognition of the founding of WTC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and because this is Texas Community College Week, Psi Zeta members and the Student Senate are sponsoring a coffee tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the main lobby of the Student Center.

All students, faculty, administrators and staff members are invited for coffee, punch, cake and cookies.

PTK was born in 1918 at a meeting of Missouri junior college presidents who sought to form an organization recognizing superior students.

Eight Missouri women's junior colleges comprised the PTK membership when it was chartered that year.

It continued to grow and

expand. Then, Nov. 19, 1929, it was formally recognized by the American Association of Junior Colleges.

Today, there are more than 700 chapters nationwide.

The local chapter was chartered Feb. 11, 1972.

Thirteen new members have recently been inducted into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

They are Doug Beebe, Junction sophomore; Dale Bernard, Colorado City sophomore; Pat Blakely, Milwaukee, Wis. freshman; Jo Ann Broker, Barron, Wis. sophomore; Clessa Davidson, Sweetwater freshman, and Tommie Dorman, Roscoe sophomore.

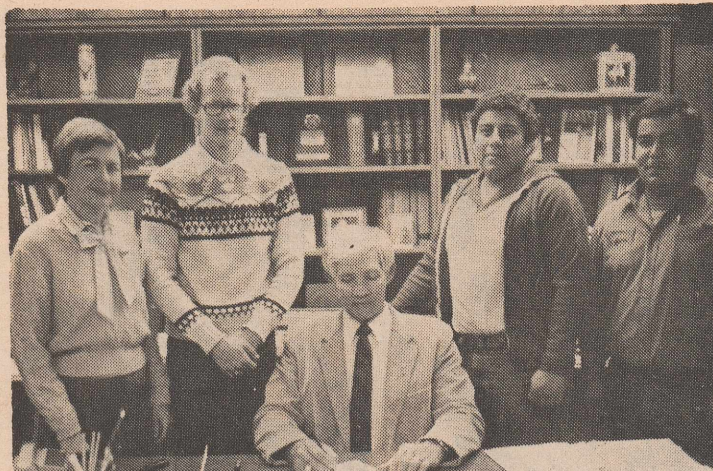
More include Tim Flynn, Dillon, Mont. freshman;

Norma Frazier, Merkel sophomore; Becky Scott, Sweetwater sophomore; Jan Stelzer, Post freshman; Margo Thibault, Brunswick, Me. freshman; Katrina Walker, Sweetwater freshman, and Tracy Warren, Hermleigh sophomore.

In charge of induction ceremonies were Chris Sturdevant, president, and Oziel Gonzalez, vice-president. Sponsors Drs. Duane and Mary Hood welcomed them into membership.

Students must complete twelve semester hours and have an overall grade-point average of at least 3.2. Membership is by invitation only.

PTK is studying the honors topic, "Signed by the Masters."



IT'S OFFICIAL—Mayor Rod Waller proclaims Friday PTK Founder's Day. Looking on are Dr. Mary Hood, Randy Huddleston, Oziel Gonzalez and James Hernandez. -WTC photo

## 'Mural rodeo set Tuesday

by Brenda Johnson

For that little bit of cowboy in everybody, WTC is hosting an all-campus intramural rodeo Tuesday beginning at 2 p.m.

Entries opened Tuesday in the Student Activities office and will close tomorrow at noon.

All entries must include a cash fee with no refunds available. A \$3 office charge is required.

Money prizes will be awarded, paying 60 per cent to first and 40 per cent to second in events with seven or more entrants and first place only to those with six or less. No reruns or rerides will be given.

Novice calf tying and bullriding (non rodeo members only) are limited to 10 entrants at \$8 apiece. Any

number of students can participate in women's breakaway roping, barrel racing and calf roping (\$13 each).

Chute doggin', women's and men's goat tying, and saddle bronc riding also cost \$13.

For the more fun-minded student, calf dressing is available. There's no entry limit, so everyone can sign up, pay \$10 and, on foot, rope a calf, put pants on it and bring it across the finish line.

The girl's steer riding fee is \$8, with an eight-woman limit.

The \$13 per man team roping is the only event with a qualifying round Monday at 4 p.m. The top eight ropers will compete Tuesday for prize money.

## Ineligible player forces 'Masters forfeits

Last week's intramural basketball action featured some surprisingly widespread point margins, like the Bushmasters' solid 79-32 decision over the Elephant Guys. However, later in the week when the Bushmasters won over the Hooters, 70-39, it was discovered that the 'Masters had played with an ineligible player. The conclusion? The Hooters and Elephant Guys received forfeits.

The Hooters won over the Cowboys, 62-28, with balanced scoring from Wes Fincher, John Godfrey and Buck Massey with 15, 14 and 14 points, respectively. Mark Mauldin chipped in 18 in a losing cause for the Cowboys.

In the first all-female game of the year, the Rebels beat Animal House II, 67-41. The Rebels were led in scoring by Dana Kight with 19 points. Cathy Langis and Linda Parker were not far behind their teammate with 18 and

17 points. Animal House II was led in scoring by Teri Duvall with 19 and Jerri Baumann with 12.

The Spurs II and Doobies produced the only thriller of the week with the Spurs II winning at the buzzer, 38-36. Gilbert Valdez was high point for the victors with 12 points, and Reggie Parks threw in 18 for the Doobies.

The BFD's couldn't contain Kight as she canned 20 points to lead her team, the Rebels, to a 46-37 decision. Crystal Keith and Mary Hawkins hit for 17 and 16 points, respectively, for the

BFD's, and Parker scored 10 to aid the Rebel cause.

To close out week number two, the Rockers II blew out the Barbarian Hetherns, 77-15.

Looking to lead the league in total fouls, the Hetherns had more personals than points—getting whistled for 18 violations. The Rockers II had a balanced scoring attack led by Ray Brandon and David Jackson with 22 apiece. Byron Timms cashed in 20 and Bubba Selmon had 10. The defensive-minded Hetherns were led by Johnnie Hise's 6 points.

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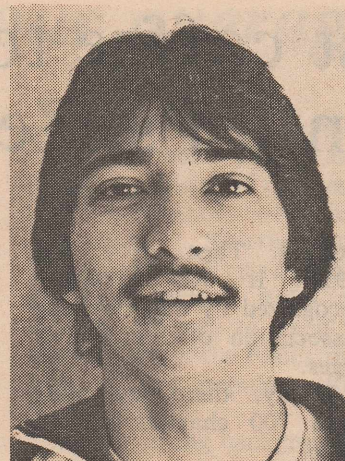
Danny Massey, Idalou sophomore: "Teachers are more one-to-one."



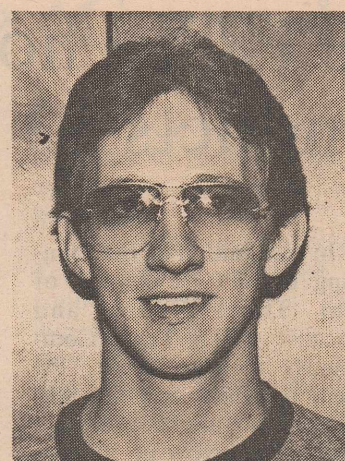
Robert Allen, Roby music major: "A junior college is a great place to start."



Lisa Cole, Midland freshman: "It gets you ready for a four-year college."



Johnny Mata, San Angelo auto major: "People get to know more people."



Jimmy Ticer, Post freshman: "I think WTC has a more personal relationship."

STUDENT VIEWS: Campus improvements suggested

# Advantages cited to attending a community college

by John Moesch

How advantageous is attending a community junior college before attempting a four-year university? That would probably depend upon the individual. Though it's difficult to say which is the wisest choice, a two-year school can be quite beneficial to someone who's still undecided about his future.

"Student Views" asked several students their opinions on the subject. These included Lisa Cole, Midland business major; Jimmy Ticer, drama major from Post; Johnny Mata, San Angelo auto mechanics major; Robert Allen, music major from Roby, and Danny Massey, Idalou petroleum engineering major.

What advantages do you think a community-junior

college such as WTC has?

Lisa: "I think a junior college helps you get ready for a four-year college, and it also helps you to decide if you really want to go on to a larger university. You're also a person."

Johnny: "People in a junior college get to know and meet more people personally."

Danny: "More individualized. The teachers are on a more one-to-one basis than at a bigger university. Major college students are unaware of their fellow classmates."

Robert: "I think the major advantage is the easy-going environment and the size of the student body. These two advantages make it very easy to adjust to the pressures of college life."

Jimmy: "I think WTC, or a junior college like WTC, has

a more personal relationship on the student-teacher basis. Students at a large university feel inhibited to pursue such things as extracurricular activities because the competition's so strong."

Would you advise a high school senior to attend a community-junior college first, before considering a four-year university?

Robert: "I'd answer yes to this question, but it really depends on the person. In my opinion, a junior college is a great place to start toward a degree in a particular field because, by the time you get to a four-year college, you have the basics out of the way. So I'd say yes."

Danny: "Yes and no. If you advise them (seniors) to go to a major university, they'll get used to the pressures of a larger university, whereas you can get them used to the pressures by going to a junior college."

Lisa: "Yes, I would because a junior college could really change your views on a university, whether it be good or bad."

Jimmy: "No. Because a large college is what a student has in mind in the first place, and if that's his preference I think he should seek it before looking into a smaller col-

lege."

Johnny: "If a person likes college to be a little like high school, a junior college would be the best bet."

What do you feel about WTC not having a football or track program?

Jimmy: "I think it's great! Of course, you lose the interest of students who are considering a junior college for athletics, but still the majority of the students choose a small college because of their educational offerings rather than athletic activities."

Robert: "I think it has its advantages and disadvantages. One distinct advantage is that there are more funds for the individual student and much money is saved. On the other hand, WTC's probably losing a lot of probable students because of limited athletics."

Lisa: "To me, it's okay because we can concentrate on our great basketball players!"

Johnny: "I feel WTC is still a new college and, maybe, later on will have a football team."

Danny: "It would attract more people if we had other athletic programs. You wouldn't run against major college All-Americans. More

people would be competitive on the junior college level."

If you could see one change take place at the college, what would it be?

Johnny: "A change in WTC that would be nice would be to have activities that will involve the whole student body."

Robert: "I think I'd have to say more athletics to provide a larger variety of activity. But I'd like to see more community support for its college. Fan support plays a major role in athletics."

Lisa: "I'd like to see improvements made on the dorms. Slowly but surely, they could become a really fun place to live."

Danny: "This community has support of its high school teams, but why can't they (local people) come out and support their community college team? If we had the support, got behind the teams and filled up the coliseum, the teams would perform better."

Jimmy: "I want to see the college built within the city. I think it was very nice of Mr. and Mrs. Cogdell to donate the land for the college, but on weekends dorm residents without cars are stuck here because of the location of the school."

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*Davis not disappointed*

## Westerners 2-3 after road trip

by Brenda Johnson

Showing a little inexperience but a solid team effort, the Westerner basketball team holds a 2-3 record going into this weekend's home conference encounter with Angelo State University.

First-year coach Barry Davis, a Texas A&M University ex, has charge over a freshman-dominated squad. "I'm not disappointed in the way we've done. Out of those five games, four were on the road. It's tough out there."

The men took a hard fall over the weekend, losing 101-73 to host Cisco Junior College in the Cisco Classic.

Freshman Eddie Jones and Kilgore native Vic Williams chalked up 12 points apiece for the team.

In the second of three games in as many days, WTC clipped Odessa College,

81-75.

Odessa led at halftime, 43-41, but WTC came through in the last minutes to take the victory.

Sophomore transfer Michael Speight set the men's pace with a 20-point performance, followed by Pete Thomas, netting 16 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Darrell Joiner came out with eight rebounds and three steals to lead defensively.

Losing in the Cisco first round, Davis' squad kept it close into the final minute of the game before falling to Lufkin-based Angelina College, 87-79. Davis credited their lost chances at winning to some costly turnovers.

Speight led the Westerner scoring, chipping in 18, as five team members made double figures. Thomas hit for 14.

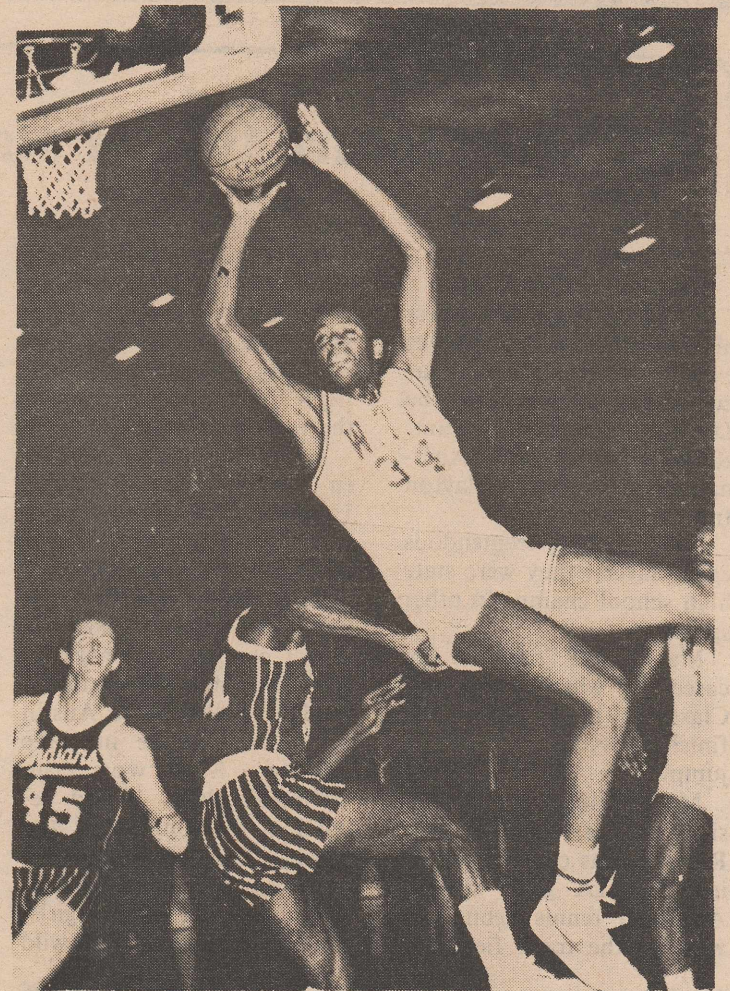
Taking their first win of

the season Nov. 6, the men downed Ranger Junior College, 73-65.

Speight, averaging 15.4 a game, was high with 20 points and 14 rebounds. Bringing down 10, the 6-8 Thomas hit six of seven goals from the field for 13 points. Ward bagged 12, while freshman Richie Fells dropped in 10.

In their season opener Nov. 4, WTC was outshot, 61-57, by McMurry College's junior varsity. The lead changed hands several times in the game, the Westerners behind by 14 at one point.

The Westerners host Angelo State and Ranger in the Scurry County Coliseum Saturday and Monday, respectively. They then travel to Tyler for the Tyler Classic Nov. 26 and 27 before opening the conference season against South Plains College in Levelland Nov. 30.



**TWO THE HARD WAY**—Sophomore Pete Thomas stretches his 6-8 frame for a basket against McMurry in the season opener Nov. 4. WTC lost, 61-57. —James Hernanzed photo

*Fems in Howard tourney tonight*

## Impressive Dusters 5-2 away from home

by Brenda Johnson

Less than two weeks before their first loop game against South Plains College in Levelland, Joe Cushing's Dusters own an impressive 5-2 preconference record. In a season-opening, ten-game road series, the women are averaging 82.5 points per match.

Up by two, his team slipped past defending Region V champion Henderson County College, 68-66, in their final game of the Cisco College Classic over the weekend in Cisco.

Sophomore transfer Ramona Irlbeck boosted her average to 15 points per game and led all WTC scorers with a 19-point performance. Vickie Teal, averaging 14.5, added 14 to the winning cause.

In the Classic opener, the Dusters bested Western Oklahoma College, 82-68. Paced by Irlbeck, who fired in 22 points, the team led

throughout the first half but fell behind by four at the start of the second.

Teal, All-Region post from New Deal, netted 17 points.

Irlbeck led in scoring with 20 points, Teal hit for 17, while Frazier added 16.

Nov. 6, the fems visited Ranger Junior College and came back with an 88-57 decision.

Teal ran the show, dropping in nine of nine from the field and two of two from the charity stripe to total 20 points and pace all scorers.

Freshman Karen Kuykendall from Lubbock Monterey came down with 12 rebounds as WTC bested Oklahoma 45-28 off the boards.

Classic host Cisco pulled off a 79-76 win over the local women in the second round.

The Dusters opened the Henderson College Tournament in Athens with a last-minute 77-71 loss to Henderson County College Nov. 4.

Clayton led the Duster scoring with 23, while Irlbeck and Teal netted 12 and 10, respectively.

In their second game of the tourney, WTC came out on top, 87-38, over Hill County College.

Kuykendall bagged 12 of 12 goals from the line and four of eight from the field to total 20 and lead all scorers.

In their season opener Nov. 2, the Dusters came out smoking, chalking up a decisive 100-60 victory over Weatherford College there.

High scorer was Frazier with 21, followed by Teal's 18 and Clayton's 12.

The women travel to Big Spring for the Howard Tournament tonight. This gives WTC its first taste of loop archrival Howard College in regular season play.

In their first home game Monday, the Dusters will entertain Ranger. The WTC Classic is next, Nov. 26-27.

## Judoists win TCU tournament

WTC's judo team won the team championship in a tournament at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth

Tarrant County Junior College took second, while Midwestern State University and Baylor University tied for third.

Members earning points were: Christian Morgan, first in middleweight division; Dean Mackey, third, middle-weight, and Jerol Morrow, third, heavyweight.

Eric Stevens, Bill Starling and Kevin Burns also played but didn't place in the top three positions

The team will play in the Judo for America National Invitational at Bossier City, La. Saturday. "We have a strong team this year and have an excellent chance of winning the team trophy," said Dr. Shell Hillis, coach.

On Dec. 4, WTC will play the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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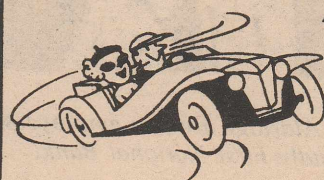


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## Dusters feature two of state's finest

by Mike Boles

Let's talk multi-talented. WTC has two of the finest all-around female athletes ever to come out of Texas currently playing for the Duster basketball team, Ramona Irlbeck from Abernathy and Mary Nell Clayton from Roby.

Besides being tremendous cage players, they were state high school champs in other sports.

Mary Nell opened her career by winning the state Class B long jump and finishing second in the triple jump.

Meanwhile, at the University of Texas tennis courts, Ramona was capturing third in Class 2A girls' singles. After her tennis debut, she went to the track field and

placed third in the mile run. Mary Nell competed in three events her sophomore year. She placed second in the long jump, third in the triple jump and seventh in the 100-meter dash.

Again, Ramona competed in tennis and track. However, she garnered her first of three state singles titles, then, emotionally drained, placed fourth in the mile. Her junior year, she didn't compete in track but took the tennis singles title.

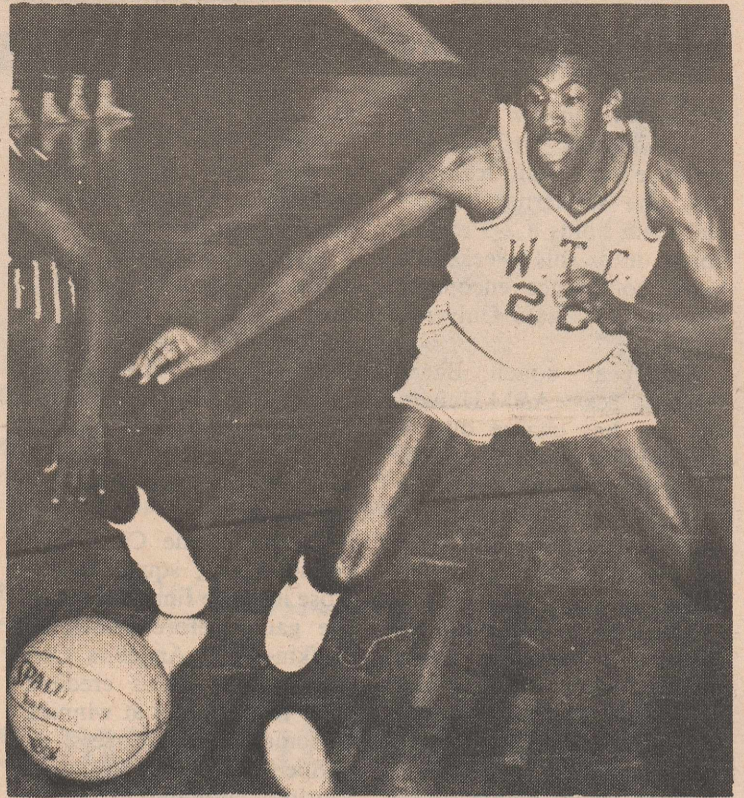
Mary Nell went to Austin again to compete in three events. She won the 400-meter dash, placed second in the long jump and third in the triple jump. She also was a regional qualifier in tennis, competing in girls' doubles. Mary Nell went wild

her senior year, capturing state championships in the 400-meter, long jump and triple jump, besides being a regional tennis qualifier.

Ramona moved up to Class 3A her senior year, but that didn't keep her from winning another state tennis crown. She then trotted over to the track after a year's absence and placed third in the mile.

What all these stats boil down to is: I'll definitely volunteer to be track and tennis coach for WTC for free. Hey, thanks, girls, for playing basketball for the Dusters and giving up careers in the other two sports.

Don't worry, though. You both will be remembered in the Texas Girls' High School record books!



**COURT ANXIETY**—Besides his basketball versatility, Westerner captain Daryl Ward is an academic achiever preparing for a career in pediatrics. —James Hernandez photo

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## Ward eases Westerner pressures

by Margaret Langis

Captaining the Westerners has given Daryl Ward an opportunity to contribute his leadership to a young basketball team, under pressure to turn around the last two seasons' dismal records. He credits first-year coach Barry Davis for much of the change in attitude about and on the squad: "We have a young team with enough talent to get games going."

Despite the past two years, Daryl believes everyone is working toward a common goal — nationals. "No one has told us we couldn't go, so until they do...."

This year's group is optimistic. Everyone is working hard and improving. "We've had some problems, but they've been ironed out," Daryl said. "Coach Davis helps us because, once a problem is dealt with, it's forgotten."

Fans are a boost to players, as Daryl testifies, "Last year, they (fans) gave us a little chance at first, then gave up on us. Coach Davis has pressure as we do to show fans we're a good team. They'll just have to give us a chance."

Has it been hard for the 6-1 sophomore guard to keep sight of his goals? "Last year, yes. This year, no, because Coach has put education in its proper perspective. He pushes hard on the court and in the

classroom."

Asked to describe Davis seemed hard for Daryl. Groping for the right words, he finally said, "To me, Coach Davis cares a lot." He added that the team trusts Davis because "everything we have depends on him. There isn't anything he wouldn't do for us." One thing Davis keeps telling his team is, "When you leave here, you can go where you want."

Besides his versatility on the court, Daryl has many interests outside basketball. He's a pre-med major who maintains a near 3.5 grade-point average.

Where does he find time to study? "After we get out of practice, there's always time. Between classes, just whenever possible." Since he knows he can't play ball forever, "I want to go on to bigger and better things."

Daryl has gained several friends at WTC ...and maturity. "Because I'm from a big city (San Antonio), I had a period of readjustment when I arrived at Snyder. That takes maturity."

As a former student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Daryl knows the adjustment from a four-year school to a junior college. "At Tech, you could very easily get lost in the crowd--if you wanted to." He said Tech professors tended to look at him as a Social

Security number, while here instructors know most of their students personally. "No one wants to be forgotten. They (students) want to be remembered for something," he quoted.

Daryl's outgoing personality is apparent to anyone who knows him. He believes "there is a personality to fit every occasion." Has he always been outgoing? "Yes. I've never been afraid to talk to anyone. If you'll talk to people, they won't forget you."

Daryl's future plans include pursuing a career in pediatrics, following in the footsteps of his father, "who's a kidney man."

Other than classroom activities and basketball, Daryl's hobbies include reading and watching funny movies. He's also on the Student Senate, serving as chairman of standards and special effects.

Oh, if you ever want to get on his good side, just bake him a pineapple upside down cake, "my absolute favorite food!"

Daryl's personal comment sums up his feelings of the year. "I'm enjoying myself more now because there's a better group overall on campus and in the dorms."

And don't forget. He wants people to remember the team's motto: "We won't say how good we are. Action will speak for us."

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