



VACATION ALREADY?—Some enthusiastic dorm residents play a friendly game of 'touch' football north of the Student Center. The day before, Jan. 21, classes were cancelled -- only two days into the new semester.
—Robert Mendoza photo

Seven new students fill Senate vacancies

by Kevin Starnes

Seven students were recently elected to fill vacancies in the Student Senate. An equal number resigned at the end of the fall semester.

Annette Diller, freshman from Hereford, held vice-presidencies of DECA and FHA in high school and won a DECA scholarship. She is working on an associate degree in secretarial science.

Charlie Henry, freshman from Buffalo Gap, is majoring in mechanical engineering with an electronics minor. The Jim Ned High School graduate received a King scholarship to WTC. He plans to pursue his education at Texas A&I University.

James Hernandez, Roscoe sophomore, is an electronics technology major who plans to continue his studies at Texas Tech University. He was chosen Best-All-Around electronics student as a freshman, has made the Dean's list for three semesters and is co-photo editor of *The Western Texan*.

Mark Ingebrigtsen, Ft. Worth freshman, is a

graduate of Richland Hills High School. He is attending WTC on a golf scholarship. Past honors include freshman class president and Spanish Club vice-president. He was an all-district and all-regional golfer.

Billy Kelley, freshman from Roscoe, is majoring in drama and minoring in English. In high school, he held four separate club presidencies: FHA, FTA, Drama and Thespians. He recently appeared in WTC's drama production of *The Elephant Man*.

John Moesch, freshman from Roby, is vice-president of the Press Club and editor of *The Western Texan*. The mass communications major made WTC's fall Merit list and was Most Likely to Succeed in high school.

Rocky Vinson, Hawley freshman, is majoring in agriculture and minoring in history. In high school, he was president of the senior class, FFA and Student Council. He hopes to farm and become an agricultural instructor after graduating from Angelo State University.

Trailhands named Feb. 14

The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring the annual Mr. and Miss Trailhand contest. Winners will be announced Feb. 14 at halftime of the Westerner-New Mexico Junior College basketball game in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Nominees for Miss Trailhand are Tracy Warren, Becky Scott, Dale Pieper, Vanessa Haggard, Jane Ann Billingsley and Patricia Beach.

Mr. Trailhand candidates are Vic Williams, Daryl

Ward, Carl Mayfield, Weldon Hurt, Oziel Gonzalez and Tim Flynn.

"Balloting is by penny votes, but nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars will also be accepted," said Dr. Mary Hood, co-sponsor.

Jars for voting are located in the cafeteria during the day and the dorm lobby at night. Money collected goes toward an Honors Institute Scholarship for a member of PTK.

PTK is the national junior college honorary fraternity.

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Spring signup sets record

by Cheryl Wright

The final count is official — 1,414. WTC set an all-time student enrollment record this semester, surpassing the previous high of 1,267 established in the fall of 1979.

This figure was recorded after the 12th day of classes, as colleges statewide are required to report official student "headcounts." Total enrollment and the number of "contact hours" (time spent in classes and labs under the supervision of instructors) determine the amount of state funding to be received. A base year is used for two year's worth of funding.

In comparison to last spring's enrollment, WTC had a 12th day total of 1,163.

Final enrollment totals set several new milestones. They include a record 199,000 university-parallel "contact hours," a record 259,000 combined "contact hours" for university-parallel and

occupational-technical courses, a record 850 part-time and 550 full-time students, a record 11,100 total semester hours, a record 721 county residents enrolled and a record 1,334 students signed up for credit courses, not including 51 enrolled in nursing and cosmetology programs or 29 attending the mid-winter mini-semester.

Enrollment statistics also show the number of surrounding county residents. Student numbers by county include: Nolan, 153; Mitchell, 88; Kent, 66; Fisher, 53; Haskell, 42; Jones, 41; Crosby, 38 and Garza, 23.

During the morning hours the last day of regular registration (Jan. 18), signup figures had already reached 900. College officials suspected that this term might exceed last fall's.

As registration continued through the evening of Jan. 18, 1,235 students had enrolled. Dr. Duane Hood, dean

of student services, said that campus enrollment usually increases by approximately 100 late registrants.

Jan. 19, officials were optimistic that the number of students might break the 1,300 mark for the first time in the college's history. In fact, an anonymous benefactor offered to pay the state tuition for the 1300th student.

Finally, that person enrolled Jan. 26. Sophomore history major, Katrina Vinson, was awarded the \$122 refund.

After hitting an alltime record of 1,300, officials began to foresee an even larger number — 1,400.

According to Dr. Duane Hood, "The enthusiastic support of the communities in the service area and the entire college community resulted in this record-breaking enrollment. Now we have to work hard to preserve the trust conveyed to us. We are ready!"

Thespians receive seven awards

WTC drama students and director Jim Rambo captured several individual awards for their fall semester entry in the American College Theatre Festival, *The Elephant Man*.

John Udell and Jay

Blakemore each received an Irene Ryan Award performances in Lubbock, Rambo said. Amoco Awards for excellence went to Rambo, Nettie Moss, Robert Loveless, Udell and Blakemore.

The play was presented at

Texas Tech University, where it received the director's award and the critic's nomination for regional advancement. East Texas State University and Texas Women's University plays were later chosen.

'Do you copy, good buddy?'

by John Moesch

You've got to hand it to the Independent Truckers. Their timing was perfect. Two weeks after President Reagan calls for Americans to pull together and solve our economic and domestic problems in his State of the Union address, this disenfranchised lot pulls off the second major strike in the last six months, following the example of their athletic heroes in the NFL.

This dispute, which began Feb. 1, has become more violent and damaging than the players' strike. In its first week alone, more than a thousand acts of violence were reported in 37 states, including eight such incidents in the Lone Star state.

The Independent Truckers Association, the perpetrators of this trucking shutdown, represents 30,000 of the nation's 100,000 truckers who own and operate their own rigs. That figure doesn't sound very alarming when the whole country is considered, but those same truckers haul 90 per cent of the nation's perishable goods.

Issues causing the chaos are reasonable ones. These include Reagan's nickel-a-gallon gasoline tax and highway user fees. In addition, the truckers also would like to drive ten miles-per-hour faster than the 55 mph speed limit. (So would everyone else, for that matter.)

There's one similarity we can draw between the players' strike and the truckers — both efforts were led by incompetent organizers. NFL player representative Ed Garvey knew as much about labor relations as Richard Nixon knew about keeping a secret. Independent trucking head Mike Parkhurst is no different. How much can the editor of *Overdrive* magazine (a trucking publication) know about organizing a strike?

Furthermore, the truckers seem to be in for a long battle. They learned earlier that they would get no help from Reagan: "The worst thing in the world...that we could do would be to let any group of citizens say that they could change the laws of this country by committing murder."

Parkhurst claims the strike will continue until the government cooperates. But he better not hold his breath while waiting.

Another proposal recommended by Parkhurst would be for every truck in America to shut down for one hour in symbolic protest of the two fees. The latter gesture hasn't gone over well with the one organization that the Independents need, the American Trucking Association. Representing the major freight companies, the ATA has stated its position, one of limited action. The ATA has opposed the strike from the outset.

Although repercussions of the strike have not been felt much in Texas, the nation is sensing the need for a settlement. Florida's citrus business has slowed almost to a halt. Other markets selling perishable goods also are feeling the pinch.

Compromise and discussion on the part of Reagan and his legislative teammates in Washington, as well as discussion with Parkhurst and his clan, would aid in ending this ridiculous walkout. As it is, the one standing to gain from the strike is the railroad industry, or so says Parkhurst in his speech to Oregon truckers: "The railroads will get a monopoly, and you will get railroaded."

He and Garvey would make a great team!

Listen to the law, not music

by Patricia Quiros

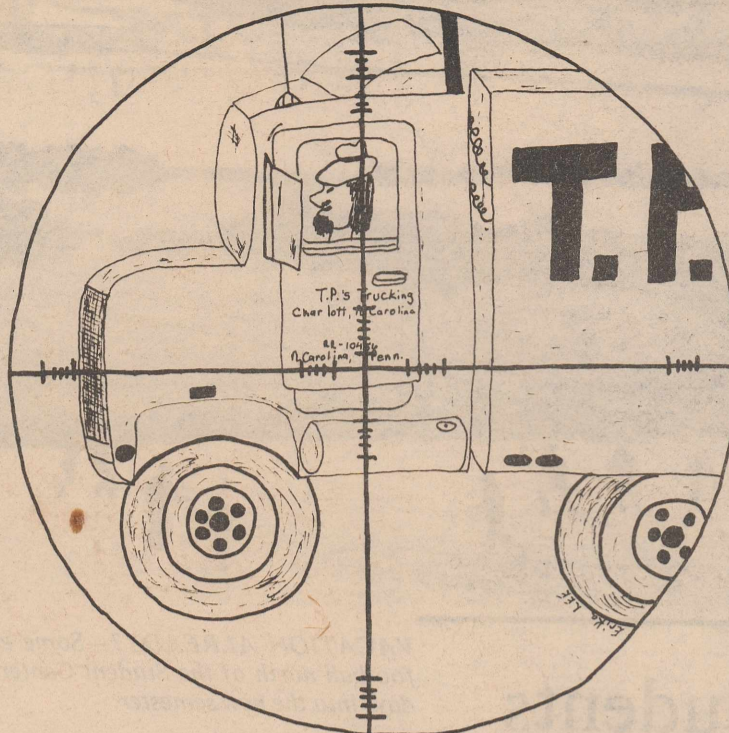
An officer usually issues a ticket or arrests a person for DWI or possession of illegal drugs, but who would think that someone could get ticketed and, if necessary, even arrested for wearing headphones? The claim is that headphones interfere with one's senses necessary to driving cautiously.

According to a Fresno, Calif. police officer, "If both ears are covered, you will receive a ticket, but if only one is covered, then it's permissible."

And in Woodbridge, N.J., a township ordinance has been passed, banning pedestrians, joggers or vehicle operators from wearing headsets. A local peace officer there said, "It doesn't matter whether you pay the fine or not — you will still be issued a summons to appear before a judge."

Today's car manufacturers are designing automobiles with hi-fi stereos that produce sounds sometimes better and deeper than our home units.

Will it get to the point that tickets will be issued to any drivers with built-in car stereos?



Get a fix on good, free fitness

by Jana Harris

The fitness craze is sweeping America, but is it sweeping you?

For the last five or so years, posh fitness centers, racquet clubs and health retreats have popped up across the nation. These are fine — but definitely not a must for personal physical fitness.

If Americans are as fit as they claim, why do so many huff and puff after three flights of stairs? More than 90 million suffer back pains. Alcohol abuse and sleeping disorders combine to affect two-thirds of the population. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, one-fifth of the public is at least 20 per cent above desirable weight.

We Americans get not only too little exercise but also consume too many cigarettes and cokes, too many calories and diets too rich in salt and saturated fats which link to high blood pressure and heart attacks.

These statistics include students. We have ample facilities to exercise and tone the body. How often are the tennis and racquetball courts empty? Almost always. The swimming pool nearly vacant? Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 9 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The universal gym idle? Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Are you too tired? Upset? Busy? Whatever the excuse, why don't you give exercise a chance? Exercising decreases the appetite, releases tension, relaxes muscles, helps blood circulation and keeps the adrenalin flowing.

"Exercising should become a day-to-day thing, just like brushing your teeth," Lee Burke, physical education chairman, says. "You don't get a second body, so take care of the one you have."

Why not take advantage of the free fitness opportunities available? Why not look and feel better about yourself?

New attendance, grade reporting policies in effect

Day classes at WTC during regular semesters meet five days per week in two groups: (1) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and (2) Tuesday and Thursday. Evening classes meet generally one night per week for a period of three hours although there are some options to this.

During the six and nine week summer sessions, classes meet Monday through Thursday.

Regular attendance is expected in all classes. If a student has been absent for a period of three hours of instruction (whether one class meeting or more class meetings), the instructor will report such absence to the Counseling Center. Students will be contacted by the Counseling Office to determine their status and the reasons for the absences. Students not responding to counselor questionnaires concerning absences may (will) be administratively dropped from their classes. For each absence, the student must establish to the instructor's satisfaction the validity of an excuse for absence, and the student must make acceptable arrangements with the instructor for making up missed work.

Academic progress of students will be reported to adult students and to parents or guardians of dependent students under two classifications. At a period of eight weeks into the semester, deficiency reports will be sent to all students earning a grade of "D" or "F" in any class at that point in the semester. Deficiency reports may also be sent to students who are not performing up to potential even if they are making passing grades.

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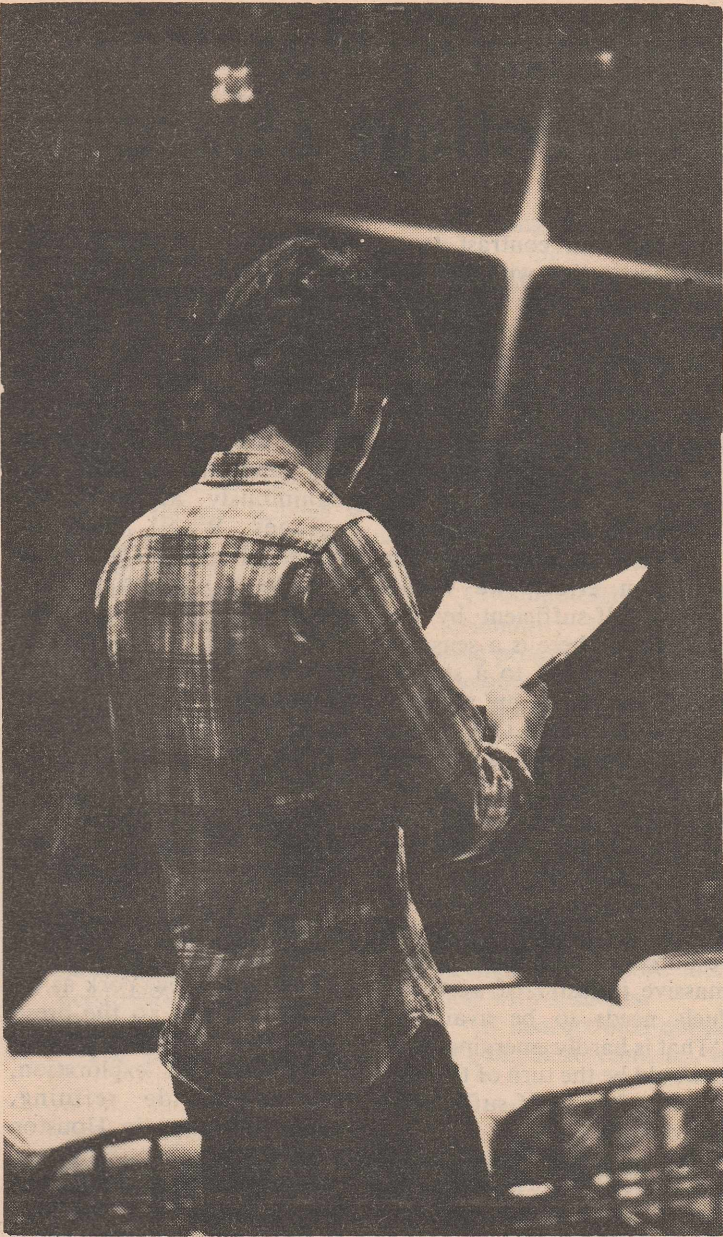
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ON STAGE—Duncan Joys, Lubbock freshman, auditions for a part in "The Boy Friend," a musical to be produced by the drama department later in the term. —Robert Mendoza photo

Dramatists cast 'Hasty Heart'

by Erika Lee

The drama department will produce a dinner show, *The Hasty Heart*, Feb. 25 and 26. It also is scheduled, without an accompanying meal, Feb. 27 and 28.

The play takes place in a clinic during World War II. Five men befriend a Scottish patient who eventually dies. *The Hasty Heart*, described as the M*A*S*H of WWII, is comical but serious.

Characters are Jimmy Ticer, Orderly; Kevin Huddleson, Yank; Jay Blakemore, Digger; Robert Loveless, Kiwi; Billy Kelley, Tommy; Teri Duvall,

Margaret; Todd Stephens, Colonel, and John Udell, Lachlen.

Stage manager is Duncan Joys, student assistant is Nettie Moss and dinner manager is Kim Lunsford.

Donna Browning, Jennifer Cole, Cheryl Jackson, Tracey Westmoreland, Martha Hargrove, Lori Grandclair and Moss are ushers for the presentation.

Scenery crew members are James Meadows, Moss, Ticer, Blakemore and Joys (head).

Moss is head of the lighting crew, with Hargrove, Jackson, Kelley and Loveless as members.

Lunsford is head of properties, Grandclair head of sound and Duvall in charge of make-up.

The costume crew consists of Cole and Westmoreland, with Browning acting as head.

Jim Rambo, associate professor of speech and drama, is the director.

Tickets are \$13, and dinner will be served in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. The performance will follow in the fine arts theatre.

The play also will be presented Feb. 27 at 8:30 p.m. and Feb. 28 at 8 p.m., with tickets costing \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Continuing education classes begin soon

Three continuing education classes are scheduled to begin in the next few days.

Preventive maintenance for diesel tractor engines will be studied Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the diesel lab. Carl Guinn, instructor, will emphasize service and general upkeep of fuel, air and lubrication

systems. Cost is \$10.

Guinn also plans an eight-hour course on automotive diesel engines Feb. 19 and 26.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, an aviation ground school will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jimmy Thompson, instructor, will help prepare students for FAA tests.

Students must pay \$60 fees and purchase a computer, plotter and manual for \$30.

Winnie Poyner, instructor, will offer a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) class next Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information, call the continuing education office at ext. 240.

Campus briefs...

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor a Hug-a-Thon. For just 25 cents, you can receive a hug from any PTK member.

Hugging is a PTK tradition and is the official greeting at all meetings and conventions.

"Because the members are so experienced, you'll get only the best of hugs!" assured Dr. Mary Hood, co-sponsor.

Ray Robbins, associate professor of law enforcement, has been elected president of the Faculty Association. He will serve the unexpired term of Bettie McQueen, who resigned because of an administrative promotion.

This is Robbins' second presidency since he has been a faculty member here.

A WTC professor is one of 30 educators nationwide asked to participate in a science education forum on fusion reactors Feb. 21-22 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Shell Hillis, science division chairman, will hear Dr. Melvin Oaks and Dr. Roger Bergtson, UT physics professors. Bergtson works with TOKOMAK, the university's fusion reactor.

Literature is available in the Learning Resource Center to aid persons in preparing income tax returns. Several how-to booklets and the 1040 form are included.

The LRC is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Debora Schubert's first college painting exhibition entitled "My Dad" is on display at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa through Feb. 28.

The Sweetwater sophomore art major has been painting eight years but only recently started portraits.

New classes in vocational nursing and cosmetology get underway March 1.

The 52-week nursing course prepares students for careers as licensed vocational nurses. Contact Winnie Poyner or Diane Beard for information.

The cosmetology program, which runs one year, is taught by Judy Border. She asks prospective students to make enrollment plans soon.

Dr. Shell Hillis, science division chairman, recently published a book of poems entitled *I Lingered Long as a Youth*. Written some years ago, the 32-page collection was printed by Four Winds Press of Coulee Dam, Wash.

A second volume is planned for the near future, he said.

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BUSY GUEST—New WTC trustee Roy Baze (left) chats with President Don Newbury and Jerry Baird during a reception for him in the Student Center. —Robert Mendoza photo

Former oil executive, Roy Baze, accepts seat on college board

by Margo Thibault

Stepping in as the newest member of the college Board of Trustees suits Roy Baze, a Snyder native who returned home in 1980 after retiring from the Exxon Corporation as a senior vice-president.

Though he has never served a college board, he is transferring his many years of management experience in business, a broad gamut of investment decisions, plus personal, public, employee and union relations. Thirty years should be helpful in addressing issues or any new business which may occur on the domestic front.

Though officially retired, he tries to "stay current." He hopes that diversity of viewpoints will be helpful. As he states, "No town and no school lives within its own sphere. We are part of the whole. I would hope my background would complement other members and trustees looking at various issues."

Baze has taken three courses at WTC, realizing "quality teaching and a good atmosphere. Whether a student intends to continue with a four- or five-year college program or take selected courses, a community college offers quality in a small classroom

atmosphere in contrast to a larger institution with 300-500 students in some freshman classes."

In response to the question of America's dependency upon imported oil, he cites that we are never more than six months from long gas lines.

"This has been the situation for several decades. And with maximum effort, we would not be self-sufficient by the year 2000. There is a sense of security in going to a station and saying 'fill 'er up' and getting all we want. Out of ten gallons, three to four come from foreign oil. Any cut-off would be a calamity. Like it or not, we are dependent on imports," he claims.

He goes on to say that we have our own natural resources in many forms, but a massive industry of synthetic fuels needs to be available. "That is hardly emerging now. It would be the turn of the century before self-sufficiency could be realized."

In a nutshell, "We use more oil in this country than we produce," he states.

The college reception Jan. 25 was a "delightful" experience for Baze, his wife, Geleska, and mother, Velma. He enjoyed meeting many students as well as faculty

members. He pondered, smiling, as he said, "The carnation is still in the icebox."

Baze officially accepted his seat on the board Jan. 18 at a specially called breakfast meeting. Trustee Bill Jones placed his name in nomination, and the motion was unanimously accepted. He replaces Wacil McNair, former editor of *The Snyder Daily News*, who resigned and moved from Snyder last year.

He holds a degree in petroleum engineering from Oklahoma University and served as a field artillery captain for the U.S. Army during World War II.

Baze joined Humble Oil and Refining Company in 1946, was named a division engineer in 1959 and moved into general management in 1966. In 1967, he transferred to Exxon offices in New York as executive assistant to the president. He headed worldwide production and exploration, then worldwide refining, before relocating in Houston in 1973.

The new trustee is a director for American Well Servicing Corporation and the Texas Association of Taxpayers. He also serves on boards for the National Association of Manufacturers and National Junior Achievement.

BSU Activities

- Feb. 16 Film: "You Can Surpass Yourself"
 - Feb. 18-20 Leadership Training Conference in Waco
 - Feb. 22 Total Fun Nite
 - March 18-19 Retreat with Howard College BSU: Seminar on Sex, Dating and Marriage
- Don't forget the Lunchcounter at noon Wednesdays
BSU Council meets every Sunday

CSC Upcoming Events

- Feb. 17 Valentine Party at 8 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Seminar on Communication in Lubbock
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Applications for the program, which will include two Omar Burleson Congressional Interns and two Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Interns, must be postmarked by midnight, Feb. 17, and mailed to the Abilene office.

The interns selected will receive full Congressional experience in Stenholm's Washington office this summer, with one intern from each program to serve during June or July, 1983.

Selection for the internships is made by a District-wide selection committee, chaired by former Congressman Burleson.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age when he or she is in Washington, allowing high school seniors who have enrolled in an institution of higher learning to be

eligible. Others eligible include any student or graduate student who was enrolled during the preceding academic year at any of the District colleges, universities or technical institutes, or any other school, if the person's home of record is within the 17th Congressional District. Teachers, counselors or administrators are also eligible.

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Goals: improve instruction, communication

Krenek named instruction dean

by Erika Lee

WTC's growth is coming into perspective — and, with this growth, changes are taking place. One major step on the ladder of change is the selection of Dr. Harry Krenek as Dean of Instruction.

A 10-year veteran of the college faculty, Krenek was named at the December session of the board of trustees. The professor of history and sociology was chosen from among 35 applicants.

Dr. Krenek's major responsibilities are the hiring of instructional personnel and evaluation of instruction.

Other obligations include instructional budgets, schedules, curricular revisions and supervision of division chairpersons. In effect, he heads both academic and occupational-technical areas of the campus.

The position was created

following the resignation of Dr. Gene McClurg, vocational-technical dean, early last fall. Dr. Ben Brock, executive vice president, formerly served as academic dean.

The new dean works closely with instructors in locating teaching methods and informs them of new trends and innovations in education.

Communicating with other community colleges regarding programs and recruiting students are final aspects of Dr. Krenek's job.

He taught for 19 years and feels that he can use what he's learned in his new assignment, one he views as "an ambassador between the faculty and administration."

Communication is a major point he wants to stress. Dr. Krenek wants more interaction with students.

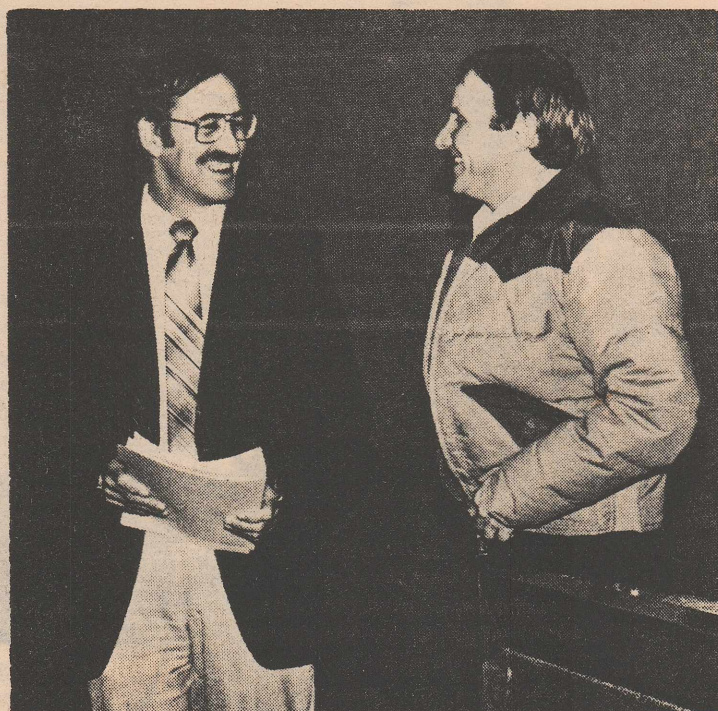
"If instructional questions or complaints come up, voice

them and don't let a problem stay a problem. There are satisfactory solutions, if we are aware problems exist," he said.

His goals are "improving instruction for students and living up to the philosophy of WTC for the college to become one of the finest in the nation."

Dr. Krenek twice served as president of the Faculty Association. He is treasurer and past president of Historic Scurry County, Inc., a non-profit organization working to preserve historic buildings in the county.

He holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Howard Payne University, Southwest Texas State University and Texas Tech University, respectively. Other higher education teaching duties were at Sul Ross State University and Texas Tech.



NEW ADMINISTRATOR—Dr. Harry Krenek (left) was recently named Dean of Instruction. He visits with Bob Doty, assistant professor of agriculture. —James Hernandez photo

Business educator chairs newly-created division

by Renee Plummer

An original member of the college faculty, Bill Halbert, associate professor of business administration, was recently named chairman of the newly-created business and mathematics division.

This position includes overseeing the business and math-related departments (including math, computer science and engineering-technology), budgeting divisional expenses, evaluating eight instructors in the division and teaching four accounting and business courses.

He was nominated for this position by the faculty. The

final decision was made by the administration.

Halbert said the new position "is hectic and carries more responsibility," but he is enjoying it.

His division combines some academic and occupational-technical areas under a general institutional realignment program that included law enforcement moving to the social science division and nursing to the science division.

Halbert received B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Texas Tech University. He has completed two years of graduate study beyond the master's degree.

McQueen, Hood take new assignments

by Kevin Starnes

Bettie McQueen, formerly vocational counselor, and Dr. Mary Hood, director of testing, have been appointed to new positions since the semester break.

The new director of occupational-technical education, McQueen is division chairperson for vocational programs and courses, including cosmetology, welding, diesel mechanics, auto mechanics, construction technology, golf and landscape technology, and agriculture.

The former Seminole High School teacher says, "It's all brand new to me." McQueen explains that she still works at times as counselor with vocational students. "It's been very different and interesting, and there have been no serious problems to this point."

The new dean of instruction, Dr. Harry Krenek, asked McQueen if she would consider the new administrative post, and she accepted. She will work closely with him and with other division chairpersons on developing, evaluating and revising curricula in her area.

Will she try anything to bring her seven departments even closer together? "I will rely on each instructor's expertise in his or her subject," she says.

New technology and teaching methods are changing rapidly. To counter this, McQueen claims she is looking at new programs and, in the next few years, hopes to attain more modernized equipment for her departments. This, plus a new recruiting push, will hopefully boost declining enrollment in some vocational-technical

areas.


She is a mediator between the Texas Education Agency and the college. The TEA sets requirements statewide for vocational programs.

Dr. Hood has been named director of counseling services. Although her day-to-day responsibilities will not change, she can be more flexible in developing new dimensions to assist students through counseling.

McQueen joined the staff in 1977 as secretary for counseling services. She holds B.B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from Texas Tech University and Sul Ross State University, respectively.

Dr. Hood, professor of psychology, received bachelor and master of science degrees, plus the doctor of education degree, from East Texas State University.

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SONG IN HER HEART—Anne Conard recently cut a record on the Pure Love label. The singer, a freshman, hopes to make an album some day. —Robert Mendoza photo

C-City freshman Anne Conard

Young singer records first disc

by Joyce Wallace

"I never thought I would write a song" — that's the opening line of *Hurt of Honesty*, the first mark in a recording career for young singer Anne Conard, a Colorado City freshman.

"I started singing in the seventh grade choir. My teacher, Mr. Holder, kept getting me to do solos, and that's where it all began," she says.

Conard has been singing for about nine years. She admits that her favorite recording artists are the late Minnie Ripperton and Stanley Clark.

The attractive blonde recently recorded two singles, religious tunes, *Through a Child You Will Know* and *Hurt of Honesty*. Produced by Fred Crawford on the Pure Love Records label and recorded at Don Caldwell Studios in Lubbock, the disc sells for \$2 in the college bookstore.

She would like to record a slow melody or pop song, maybe even make an album some day.

Anne's record deal came about in the most unusual way. She had stopped into her dad's restaurant to get a

Tab when one of her friends was telling a man about how well she (Anne) sang. He went to her home, heard her perform...and she was on her way.

"Fred and Eloise Crawford of Colorado City wrote my songs," she confides. "As long as I can keep recording, I will, if this does good or if it doesn't."

More lyrics from *Hurt of Honesty*: "I heard the music from a thousand golden harps. Thank you, Lord, my hurt is all gone."

"I enjoy singing to people. No! I haven't forgotten any of my old friends, but cutting a record really has changed my life a lot," Anne claims. She adds that she was pleased about her single doing well this soon after release.

"I like to go horseback riding, walk in green meadows and watch soap operas, and I study anatomy, chemistry and microbiology in my spare time. But I always wished I would be a singer or a famous actress some day."

Anne's advice for anyone wanting to break into the music business is — "You have to keep trying and never give up, because things may

get hard. But if you really want something out of life, you have to work for it to get it."

She says, "Singing takes up a lot of your time, but it's time well taken, and I like singing. My friends and family inspired me to keep singing."

The best thing about the business for her is being able to sing all the time, seeing the good results and making people happy. "The only worst thing about it is that it's very demanding," she admits.

Anne says that her sister-in-law usually plays the music or uses instrumental tapes. "I've never played an instrument, but if I hear the song over and over again, I can sing it." And she does her back-up singing.

"I want to be a registered nurse, but if it was meant for me to become famous and be happy, I'll do that, too. But I want to live my life as if I only had three days to live. That way, I'll appreciate my life more," she confides.

A line from *Through a Child You Will Know*: "Some people judge others by what they may see. Now is this the way it really should be?"

ODDS AND ENDS: 'Ten years

Editor's note: John Dunnam graduated from college 10 years ago and has since followed a number of occupations, including three years as a daily newspaperman. Completing the circle, he is again a fulltime student, now in residential construction at WTC, and has agreed to write a general interest column for *The Western Texan* this semester.

"The more things change, the more they stay the same" — it has been written. How true. A decade ago, I received my coveted piece of paper from a four-year university. That was after five years of

working holidays and summers and humoring professors the other nine months. "Enough is enough," I told myself. "If I ain't learned nothing by now, I won't never."

So I pointed my car toward the bright lights of the Gulf Coast and went on to other things, like making money. However, I noticed a tendency to always want a little more than I could afford. So I switched to another policy: Do what I enjoy, and, as long as there's gas in the car and the rent gets paid, hang the money.

College was fun, mostly,

and I've always suspected there were a few things I didn't get learned the first time.

Life on campus hasn't changed that much. Rock 'n Roll still thunders out of dorm rooms and car stereos. Only this time, it's "Men at Work" or "Toto," rather than the Beatles or my old favorite, "The Rolling Stones."

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English prof Marilyn Lancaster nominated for statewide award

by Margo Thibault

This year's Minnie Stevens Piper Award for effective and dedicated teaching will be presented to one instructor in the state. Appointed nominees are required to submit a statement detailing why they teach. For Marilyn Lancaster, honored WTC nominee and assistant professor of English and developmental studies, that question was taken thoughtfully.

Her major priority is to develop and enhance skills of basic writers, preparing students for senior-level work. "To teach people to have confidence in themselves and their ability to write, to get them over the hurdle toward self-reliance" is essential, she said.

"I see what you mean. I can do it," are rewarding responses for this firm, yet caring, instructor to hear. Though she's there to help her students, they still have to do the work. She feels confident that classroom demands pay off when students are prepared to advance to higher levels of education.

Though honored, she was astonished and expressed her respect for "superior faculty

members with superior messages. This recognition by my colleagues, all of whom know the value of experience, is an unexpected and reassuring honor."

Intensely motivated, she commented on the support and sharing gained from her husband, Dick, also an English professor, and Communications Division Chairman Ed Barkowsky.

Her continued desire for learning and sharing is expressed in her writing and presentation of papers. "I have recently completed a second paper. I am particularly proud of this one because it demonstrates who I am as a teacher and what I have learned from my basic writers."

These papers are submitted to several English conferences and to a professional journal for publication. They deal with the subject matter of "Developing Skills in Basic Writers." Prior to this last paper was one based on summer studies and learning experiences while attending an awarded National Endowment of the Humanities fellowship at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Three separate conferences received her paper: The Southeastern Writing Center Conference at the University of Alabama, the Conference of College Teachers of English in Houston and the Southwest Regional Conference on English in Amarillo.

Believing her students have to know that she cares what they do and that what they do matters to her, teaching often goes beyond the classroom.

"Ultimately, teaching means accepting responsibility for change within the community. Such change and growth can take place only when people change and grow. When basic writers become people with a sense of positive direction and self-worth, then the community ultimately benefits," she said.

Lancaster became a full-time faculty member two years ago and had been a part-time instructor for seven years before that. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University.

She is chairperson of the English section for the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.



'IVORY TOWERS'—The largest snowstorm of the season dumped a foot on the campus three weeks ago. Lubbock, to the north, had a record 17 inches. —Robert Mendoza photo

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same. You brace yourself for tuition and fees, and they're not so hard to swallow. What causes the lump in your throat to turn into a pain where your wallet rests are the "other costs."

Even the cost of such basic supplies as paper and pencils puts an alarming dent in money budgeted for weekends. In the outside world, most of these things are provided — and you can mooch the rest. In college, everybody is trying to mooch, so you run the risk of being without at a critical moment.

I'm amazed at how easily I

slipped back into the college mode. At the bank, someone asked to borrow my ballpoint. "Good grief," I said. "Why don't you buy your own? Do I look like Santa Claus?"

Socially, it's still much too quiet at night. Everyone complains, but as soon as class is over, or Friday arrives, it's a race to the parking lot. You've got to start things yourselves, kids. High school is over. And when you get something groovy going, call me. Groovy is still a word, isn't it?

Academically, it's too early to tell what the score is. I

hope none of ya'll end up like a guy we used to call "Fast Eddie." He was the first "Fast Eddie" I ever knew, and the "fast" seemed to refer to horses and women, because Eddie was a bit slow in school work. In fact, his first semester he got four "F's" and a "D." The dean called him in for a conference.

"Four F's and a D. I know you're smarter than that, young man. What happened?"

"I thought it was obvious," replied Eddie. "I spent too much time on one subject."

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STARK CONTRAST—This is one of several photographs included in Brent Ratliff's exhibit in the fine arts gallery. The showing ends Feb. 25. —WTC photo

Ratliff exhibits in fine arts gallery

The fine arts gallery is featuring drawings and prints by Brent A. Ratliff of Lubbock.

A graduate of Texas Tech University, Ratliff holds a bachelor of fine arts degree. He majored in photography and also studied print making.

He has held one-man

shows at the art department at Texas Tech and the Chamizal National Memorial Museum in El Paso.

Ratliff has shown in group exhibits at Drury College in Springfield, Mo. and competitively at the PSA convention in El Paso and the Museum of the Southwest in Midland.

Fourteen hold 'A' average

Fall semester honor lists cite 120

One-hundred twenty students have been named to three honor lists for the fall semester. The President's, Dean's and Merit's rolls number 14, 75 and 31, respectively.

The President's list is made up of students with a 4.0 grade-point average. They must have maintained this "A" average while carrying at least 15 semester hours, excluding physical education.

Members are Rene Arsenio Alvarez, Patricia Elene Beach, Jimmy Randall Curtis, Curtis Wayne Day Jr., Kendall Zane Denton, Yolanda Escamilla and Lori Dale Fuqua.

Other students include Jana Lynn Harris, Dennis Dale Hudson, Susan Kay Moore, Larry Don Motley, Rebecca Ann Musick, Grace Elaine Whitfill and Troy Dale Williamson.

The Dean's list is composed of students signed up for at least 12 semester hours, not including physical education, who earned a grade-point mean of at least 3.5.

Honorees are Gregory Kent Allen, Jerry Gonzales Anguiano, Elizabeth Ann Auston, Richard G. Balderama, Mary Elizabeth Bankhead, Charles Byron Beal, Dale West Bernard, Billy Joe Boatenhamer, Todd G. Bollinger and Camilla Lynn Crawford.

And, John Franklin Davis, Laura Ruth Denton, Melinda Sue Drum, Donna Deneen Dunn, Ruby Ann Dusek, Teresa Ann Duvall, Danny Charles Eckert, Jimmy Alton Elam, Ricky Lee Elliott and Michael Lee Epley.

More include Kimberly Ann Feaster, Timothy James Flynn, Ellis Don Fox, Raymundo Fuentes, Oziel E. Gonzalez, Lorie Ann Grandclair, Borden Glen Gray, Cassandra Louise Gray, Randall Marion Gray and Carlene C. Greene.

Other honorees are Martha Ellen Hargrove, William C. Harrison, James Lujano Hernandez, John David Horsley, Kevin Leon Huddleston, Daniel Joseph Hunter, Samuel Akpan Inyang, Ramona Marie Irlbeck and Judy Lynne Irwin.

Also, Brenda Kay Johnson, William Paul Kelley, Sheila A. Kellner, Sheree Nanette Knox, Martin Dean Mackey, Jeffrey Tolbert Martin, Kristi Ann Masters, Johnny Mata and Shawn Blair McCowen.

In addition, Stanley Davila Mireles, Alice Marjann Morrow, Jerol Wayne Morrow, Nettie Ann Moss, Patricia Munoz, Charles Quinton Purcell, Steve Regalado, Allen Wayne Robertson and Debora Diann Schubert.

Plus, Lorianne Sealy, Alvin Lee Selmon, Jerry Ray Siewert, Lilith Esther Smith,

Vera Jane Smith, Tanya Beth Sorrells, Kevin Dewain Starnes, Chris Dale Sturdevant and Margo S. Thibault.

Finally, Anastacia Warren, Tracy Lee Warren, David Keith White, Kenneth Greg Williams, Jeff Ray Witt, Tracy Lee Womack, Mary G. Wooddell, Cheryl Lynn Wright and Teresa Anne Young.

The Merit list honors students enrolled for at least eight but fewer than 12 semester hours.

Named are Helen J. Cooper Althof, James Clyde Baldwin III, Douglas Wayne Beebe, Sheryl Beth Boiles, Kerry W. Bredemeyer, Archie Lee Burrough, Elizabeth Burton, Jennifer Anne Floyd, Delmira Garza and Lorraine D. Gilliland.

Others are John Joseph Golliday, Blake Alan Hardegree, James Lynn Hargrove, Ronnie Nelson Howington, Danny Glenn Keiner, Tina Kingston, Jackie Gayle Maddox, Johnny L. Moesch, Johnny Molina and Milton Gwin Neatherlin.

Finally, Brenda Karen Radcliff, Earnest Lee Rash, Frank Loyd Sands, Sammy J. Simmons, Tejay Moore Simpson, Kimberly Sue Terry, Gregory Lane Underwood, Katrina Ann Walker, Deana Beth Waller, Jack Warren and Tracey L. Westmoreland.

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Freshman cage talent speaks for itself; improving Westerners can 'Banks' on it

by Mike Boles

Talk about someone letting his talent on the floor speak for itself, and you'll hear the name "Larry Banks" pop up more than once.

The quiet leader of the Western Texas basketball squad, and 6-5 Navasota freshman, will be the main cog in building next year's ballclub. Banks is one of the most consistent players to don WTC "blue and green." He plays every game at 100 per cent and strives to better himself each time out on the floor.

Banks began playing competitive basketball in his home town in the seventh grade. And, believe it or not, he was on the second team!

Things started looking up for him, though, in the

eighth grade. He was a starter and made all-tournament in two meets.

During the ninth grade, his first year in high school, Banks was taken from the freshman team and placed on the junior varsity. During the summer, his hard work paid off — he started on the varsity.

Banks was named all-tourney three times and averaged 14 points per game and seven rebounds. He made the all-district team.

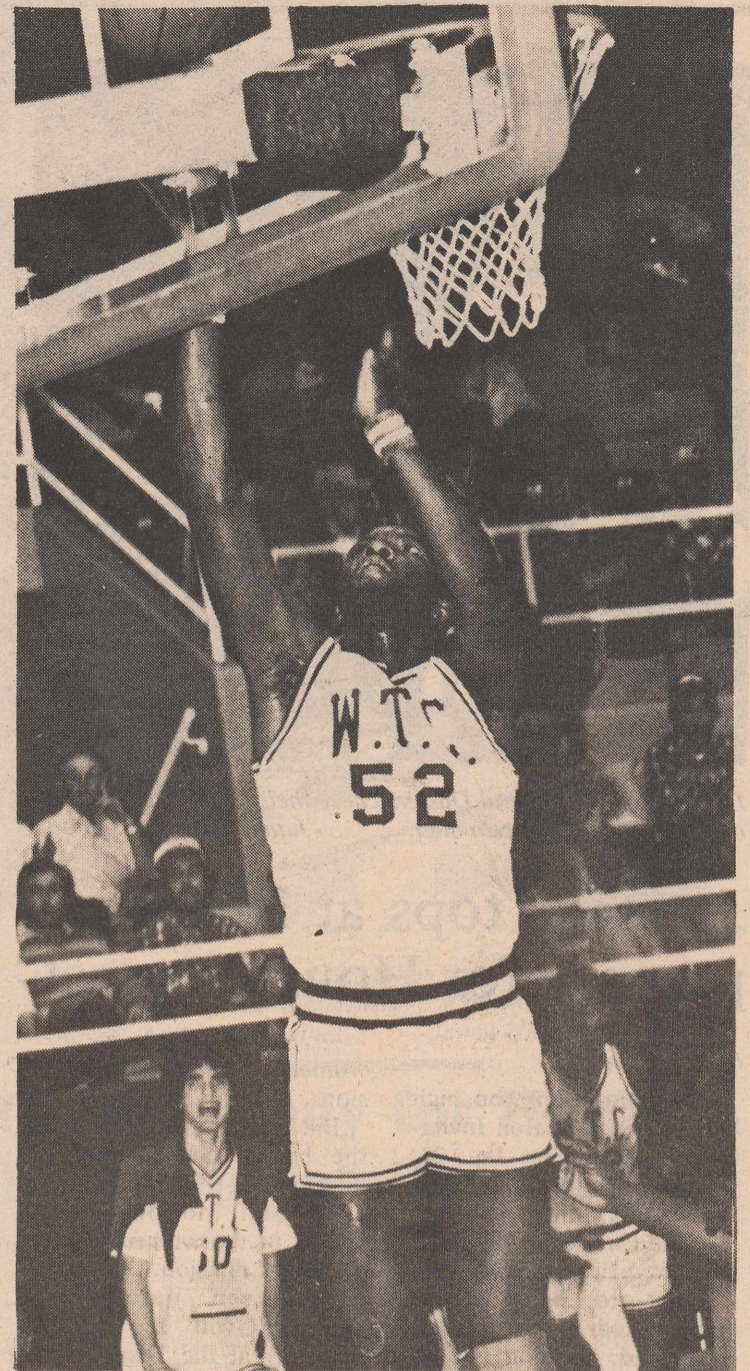
Each year from his sophomore season on, he was unanimously chosen all-district.

During his junior year, Banks averaged 17 per outing and 10 rebounds. He made three all-tourney teams and was the only junior to make second team all-region.

In his senior season, he was selected most valuable player of district 10-4A. Again, he made three all-tourney units — and was selected first team all-region and second team all-state. He was nominated to play in the North-South All-Star game.

His 21-point average (plus pulling down 14 rebounds a game) attracted several colleges who wanted his name on a letter of intent. He chose Western Texas over several bigger schools and feels that he made the right decision.

Banks followed Coach Barry Davis when he was the Texas A&M University assistant and discovered that Davis was headed to West Texas. So Banks packed his bags — and the rest is history.



HIGH SCORER—Larry Banks, Navasota freshman, has been a stalwart for WTC. Here, he lays up against the Howard Hawks who fell, 83-71. —James Hernandez photo

Doty's rodeo team leads Western league

by John Foster

Coach Bob Doty's men's rodeo team sits at the top of its class as the spring semester gets underway. With 825.7 points, WTC leads all junior colleges in the Western Conference and trails only Sul Ross State University in the Southwest Region.

The women's squad is in fifth place in the region with 325 points. They follow Sul Ross, Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Junior College and West Texas State University.

In individual standings, Todd Whatley is second in

the regional calf roping standings with 177 points. C.J. Urbanek is holding third and Tim Gradous fourth in saddle bronc riding, with 259 and 249 points, respectively. Rowdy Rasberry is seventh in bull riding with 121.5.

Gayla Newton currently is sixth in the women's all-around standings with 105 points. She is tied for eighth in barrel racing and is 11th in breakaway roping. Sheila Fifer is currently seventh in goat tying.

Other events, local competitors and points are: team roping, Russ Smith, Mark Mauldin and David Nor-

thcott, 43.5, 36 and 36, respectively; steer wrestling, Gary Rowe, 15; calf roping, Travis Rinehart and Randy McPhaul, 49.5 each; bareback, Shane Smith, 28.2; goat tying, Newton, 45, and breakaway, Fifer and Ruby Dusek, 42 and 27, respectively.

Second semester rodeo action begins next weekend when the student athletes go to a Sul Ross sponsored affair in Ft. Stockton. Other meets include Tarleton State at Stephenville, Howard College at Big Spring, Hardin-Simmons at Abilene and NMJC at Hobbs, N.M.

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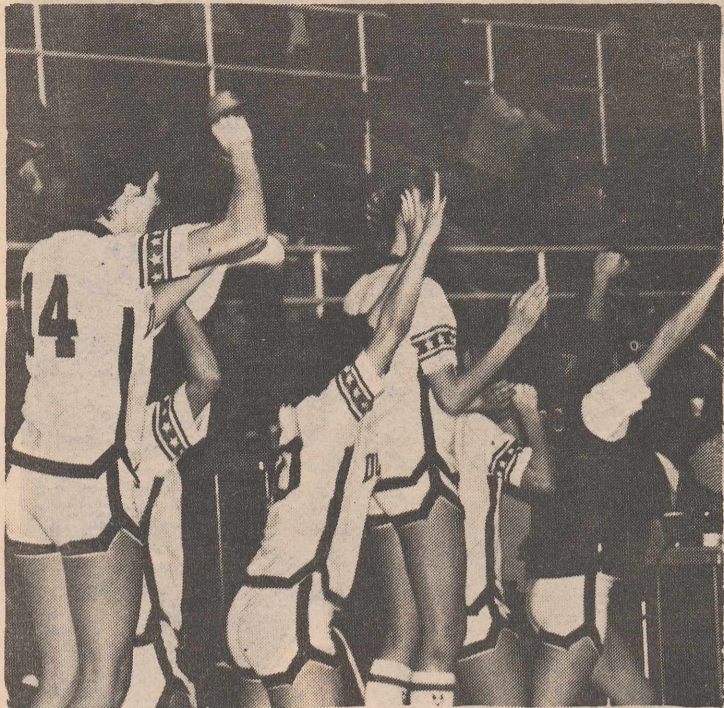
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IN THE ACT—Several Dusters cheer their teammates on during a recent conference match. —James Hernandez photo

Judoists tops at Denton, prepare for Houston meet

by John Foster

The judo team won high honors at the Denton Invitational Tournament Jan. 22, with Coach Shell Hillis' forces claiming five individual championships.

Kevin Burns won the 15-year-old heavyweight division and the brown belt 140-pound division, while Jerol Morrow won the brown belt 200-pound division.

Christian Morgan won the lightweight black belt division and took second in Grand Champion competition. Chuck Wood took first in the middleweight black belt division.

Dean Mackey and Tania Mackey placed second in the middleweight black belt and

women's lightweight divisions, respectively.

Bill Starling placed third in the brown belt 200-pound division.

Marjann Morrow placed fourth in the women's middleweight division.

Seventeen judo team members will see action Saturday at the Texas State Judo Championships in Clear Lake City, near Houston. They will compete at the Texas State Collegiate Judo Championship March 5 at Bee County College.

Other upcoming meets are scheduled in Michigan (the National Collegiate Judo Championships) and California (the U.S. Senior National Judo Championships).

Loop leaders face Clarendon tonight

Dusters defeat Odessa, Howard

by Brenda Johnson

With three league games left in the season, WTC's Dusters stand at the top of the conference with a 7-1 record.

Odessa College was tied with the women at 6-1 until Monday night's matchup between the two teams. WTC took a decisive 82-70 win after trailing by five at the end of the first half.

Norma Frazier and Vicki Teal paced the Dusters with 17-point performances. Ramona Irlbeck added 14, while Dale Pieper hit for 10. Patricia Beach's 12 points came in the second half on 6 of 7 buckets.

The women face Clarendon College in a conference match tonight at 6 p.m. in Clarendon. They have two more league games: Amarillo Feb. 17 and Frank Phillips Feb. 21.

On the surface, the game appeared to be a battle of rebounds, but to Howard College, it was a battle to stay in the running for a regional tournament spot.

The Queens' 5-2 conference record fell to 3-4 when two of their league games were declared forfeits after they used an ineligible player.

The game, in the Scurry County Coliseum Feb. 3, matched WTC against Howard and the NJCAA's third-leading scorer, Nell Haskins. Cushing's Dusters came through again and took their 5-1 loop record one step further with a 65-63 victory.

Throughout the game, it seemed whichever team was pulling down the rebounds was in the lead and trying to stretch the margin. At the mid-game break, the score was 39-35 in Howard's favor. Irlbeck and Teal already had five buckets apiece.

In the second half, Roby freshman Mary Nell Clayton came through in a few tight spots amid controversial fouls. She stole the ball four times and made five buckets for WTC. Howard, however,

couldn't capitalize on their charity shots or Duster turnovers, allowing the hosts to tie up the game, 53-53, at just under the 10-minute mark.

With five minutes left, Irlbeck drew a foul from Howard's 6-6 sophomore Susan Cordell and put her out of the game on her fifth.

Irlbeck put in two free shots as WTC took the lead, 61-59. Frazier and Clayton each put in their two points worth before HC made a final attempt. Merkel sophomore Frazier set the Duster pace with 21 points and 12 rebounds, Teal brought down 13 boards and 15 points while Irlbeck netted 14 and seven assists.

Facing four former Dusters, the women encountered the Midwestern State University Lady Indians, Jan. 29, in Wichita Falls. Frazier set the pace at 20, followed by Irlbeck and Clayton, netting 19 and 18, respectively. Teal was also in double figures with 14.

Several former Dusters starred for MSU, including Dorcas Perkins who led all scorers.

WTC shot 78 per cent from the line, showing off its six of the top 10 free-throw shooters in the conference.

It looked like a close one, but when Cushing put in a 1-3-1 trapping defense, WTC blew its 27-26 halftime lead to a 10-point margin against South Plains College Jan. 27. Clayton scored 19 of her 27 total points in the second half as WTC took a 78-68 victory.

Pulling in 16 rebounds and bagging 18 points, 6-1 sophomore Teal was second in the double-figure line-up, followed by Luann Kennedy with 10.

The college roundballers had a long, snowy break when both Henderson and Frank Phillips Colleges cancelled within one week. The vacation may have done some good, coming off a 75-77 loss to Amarillo College Jan. 17.

The Panhandle fems were

ranked number four in the nation at one time this year and had the leading defense in the conference. The game was a thriller with the score tied at 75-all only five seconds to the buzzer. One Lady Badger's 17-footer was enough to give them the victory.

Teal boasted 25 points to lead all scorers, while Frazier and Irlbeck fired home 18 and 16, respectively.

Unbeaten in the conference until they met the Dusters Jan. 10, Clarendon College was defeated by a man-to-man defense. WTC's Cushing decided to switch to man when the Bulldogs began to tire. That was enough to do the trick as WTC took a decisive 85-64 victory.

Clayton finished with 16 points, as Teal was in double digits with 14. Terri Shaffer wound up with 13.

Coming off the Christmas break, WTC finished seventh in the Northern Oklahoma Tournament Jan. 6-8. They went into round one with a nine-game winning streak and a 14th place ranking in the nation, but did not have enough to overcome Oklahoma Christian College which took the 80-75 victory.

Frazier and Teal tallied 18 apiece, followed by Clayton with 11 and Irlbeck at 10.

In second-day action, WTC fell, 61-59, to No. 9 ranked Crowder College of Missouri. They outshot the University of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma, 76-56, for the seventh place finish.

On Dec. 9, the fems got past Odessa's Lady Wranglers, 77-72. Five Dusters finished in double figures as Irlbeck led with a 16-point performance.

Frazier set the pace in rebounds with 11 as well as scoring, canning 15 points. Teal and Pieper connected with 14 apiece, as Pieper assisted on nine. Beach, 5-7 sophomore, added 10 markers to the winning cause.

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Westerners win three-in-a-row, anticipate region tourney berth

by Brenda Johnson

Taking three wins in a row for the first time this season, the Westerner basketball team capped off the streak with a 79-58 victory over Odessa College Monday night.

The game was running close in the first half when WTC couldn't put a shot through the hoop, however, when time ran out WTC led, 34-21.

Their record moves to 5-8 in loop play and 8-17 on the year. The team still has a chance to take a regional tournament berth before the season runs out.

The men can't qualify for one of the two automatic spots in the tourney, but by winning two playoff games, they can work their way into the final two places.

WTC has been shooting .451 from the floor and .608 from the stripe. After their 79-58 win, the Westerners are averaging 70.7 points while allowing 73.4, a 2.7 margin.

Michael Speight led in scoring with 22 points. Shawn Gaskin hit for 14, while Larry Banks added 12.

Clarendon College hosts the Westerners tonight at 8 p.m. in loop action. WTC has four Western Conference games remaining before the regular season ends.

Isn't the coach always right? Barry Davis said all his Westerners needed to win was a better field goal percentage and fewer turnovers. The team finally decided to try it out and pulled together against Howard College Feb. 3. They shot over 57 per cent from the floor and took an 83-71 victory.

The men led early and kept a 10-point margin most of the first half. Then, one of those missed shots, coupled with a lost ball by way of an offensive foul, narrowed the lead to 28-22 with four minutes left in the half.

When the buzzer rang,

WTC's men were seven ahead at 38-31. The Westerners were up by as much as 31 points at one time before taking the win.

Second semester freshman Banks, from Navasota, hit 10 of 14 for a 24-point effort. Austin sophomore Speight rammed home 14, followed by freshmen Richie Fells and Fred Johnson with 12 and 10, respectively. Fells pulled down 12 rebounds and Gaskin assisted eight baskets.

To take their third conference win, WTC took out the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos, 66-63, in overtime Jan. 31. San Antonio sophomore Daryl Ward tied it up at 59-all at the end of regulation play on the front end of a one-and-one.

Ward put WTC back on top in the extra minutes with two shots from the stripe before stealing the ball and going to the line again on a Bronco foul. He bagged both shots and victory for WTC. Buffalo, New York's Johnson paced the Westerners with 18 points, followed by Speight and Gaskin with 13 and 10, respectively.

South Plains College took a close 66-65 victory Jan. 27 from WTC. The game was 36-33 at the half in the Westerners' favor, but with nine minutes left in the game SPC gained the lead and never gave it up. Fells finished with a 14-point performance as Johnson and Banks tallied 12 apiece. Speight added 10.

Against the defending National Champs, Midland College, WTC held their own. The Chaparrals, ranked No. 7 in the nation at the time, led 33-25 at the half before rounding out their 57-66 victory Jan. 24.

Banks fired home 22 points, followed by 6-8 Oak Park, Mich. sophomore Pete Thomas with 12. The men

shot a disappointing 20 of 56 for .357 from the floor.

With seconds left in the game, WTC's only hope of winning over Frank Phillips College was gone with a Westerner missed shot. The score was tied at 62-all with one minute to go until an FPC shot at 14 seconds was good, putting them up, 64-62.

Banks notched 19 points, while Speight wound up with 17. Fells added 10. The game was played in the Scurry County Coliseum Jan. 20.

Amarillo just didn't have it at the charity stripe Jan. 17, and as a result dropped its record to 4-1 on a 50-48 upset. The Westerners took the lead with 34 seconds left. When time ran down to zero, an Amarillo Badger missed two free shots as WTC put another victory under its belt. Banks netted 13 to lead the squad, followed by Fells and Speight with 10 each.

Jan. 13, in a basket-for-basket, overtime game, Davis' forces took an 81-85 loss to New Mexico Junior College. The Thunderbirds out-rebounded WTC 48 to 24 but Banks still managed to bring down 17 boards and fire in 29 points. Speight and Jeff Reese knocked out 10 and 12, respectively.

WTC fell to Clarendon Jan. 10, 64-60, despite an end-of-game rally. Banks was high with 17 points. Fells scored 16 and Johnson 12.

Jan. 8, WTC fell in the consolation finals of the ABC Classic in Big Spring. Tyler Junior College came out on top, 73-68. The men also lost to Howard, 78-66, in the first round the day before. Speight was high scorer at both games, netting 18 against Tyler and 20 in the Howard game.

In the last fall semester game Dec. 9, Odessa ran past WTC, 74-79. Speight wound up with 17, followed by Ward at 14, Reese 12 and Johnson 10.



FAN SUPPORT—Lance McMillan, pro shop assistant manager, is part of the Westerners' "sixth man." WTC has won the last three league games. —James Hernandez photo

Golfers ready for Holder Intercollegiate Feb. 19-20

by Brenda Johnson

Locked in a three-way tie for the loop title, the defending conference champion Westerner golfers are preparing for their first spring match-up.

The T.W. Holder Intercollegiate Tournament will be held Feb. 19-20 on the college course. Last year, the Westerners swept the tourney title. Eighteen teams are expected this year, as well as eight former WTC players.

In league competition last fall, the men won their own golf tourney, placed third at Midland and tied for third at Levelland. They are deadlocked for the lead with New Mexico Junior College

and Odessa College.

All 10 members of the team will compete. They will be divided into "blue" and "green" units, although Coach Dave Foster hasn't yet determined who will play on which team.

"This is our first tourney since the fall (Nov. 10-12)," said Foster. "I hope we do well. We should."

The individual scoring record for the meet stands at 573 strokes for the 36 holes, set by medalist Larry Seligman of Texas Tech University.

The Westerners travel to Paris, Texas after this meet for the Paris Intercollegiate March 11-12.

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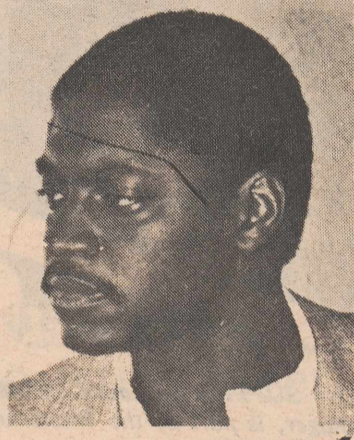
by Mike Boles

HELP! HELP! Coach Barry Davis could use just a little bit of help to put the Westerners back into the thick of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and national limelight. How much better would the basketball program be if Davis had a full-time assistant — or even a student assistant?

In modern athletics, no head coach can possibly spread himself thin enough to cover every detail. For instance, when Davis takes a player out to correct a mistake that has been made on the court, how can he concentrate on helping that player and, at the same time, keep his eye and his mind on what's happening on the court?

An assistant would be invaluable to him in scouting other teams. Efficient scouting is essential to game preparation and can save

precious game time that might be spent in hunting the opposition's weaknesses during the early part of the tilt. By providing the players with specific information about the opposing team, good scouting benefits morale.



Davis is a fine mentor whose knowledge is superior, but he cannot work miracles

in being two places at the same time. At one time the Westerners had the reputation of being the 'cream of the crop' in junior college circles — not only in Texas but also in the nation — but that has changed in the last two seasons.

It's harder to get the great player to come here and, without someone out there to recruit and push WTC, I think the school has seen its last national championship team (1980).

Davis is involved with his ballclub during the season and needs that assistant to go out and recruit fine, young ballplayers.

As I checked all the rosters of the teams in the WJCAC, Western Texas is the only school without some form of an assistant coach.

The Westerners have lost several games by only a few points. Would a little assistance have swung those few points their way?

'Sidelined' Sanders returns to leading

by Julie Crow

Tonnie Sanders, Midland law enforcement major, finally fulfilled a dream.

Last semester, she was chosen alternate cheerleader for WTC. This semester, Sanders is a cheerleader. She replaced Johnna Richey, who transferred to Odessa College.

"I had never been a cheerleader before, so it was like a dream come true," she said.

In spite of this advancement, she recently encountered a bit of bad luck. She discovered she had traumatic phlebitis, a blood

clot in her left leg caused by over-exertion of the muscles causing a blood vein to break.

Though not as dramatic as it sounds, Sanders did have to "hop around" on crutches. "But I was only on them for five days." Last Friday, she was able to put them away and return to cheerleading. She performed at Monday's game with Odessa College.

She was happy to get back into her routine, but she said only one thing was still holding her back. "I won't be able to do the splits for another four to six weeks!"

Intramural basketball resumes

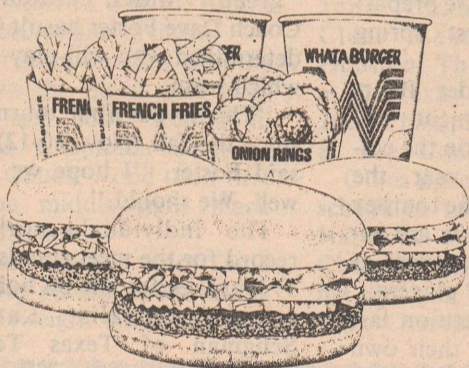
Intramural activity got back into full swing this semester with the start of "three-on-three" basketball. Teams involved are the Crystals, Bill Does, Ropers, Awesome 3, Knippa Purple Rockcrushers, Wheaties, Idiots, Backseaters, Maynards, Help and The Good, Bad and Ugly.

Games are played weeknights at 8:30 in the gym.

Later in the term, softball and tennis championships will be scheduled. Sign-up sheets are located in the front of the Student Center.

For more information, contact Mike Boles in the gym between 6 and 9 p.m.

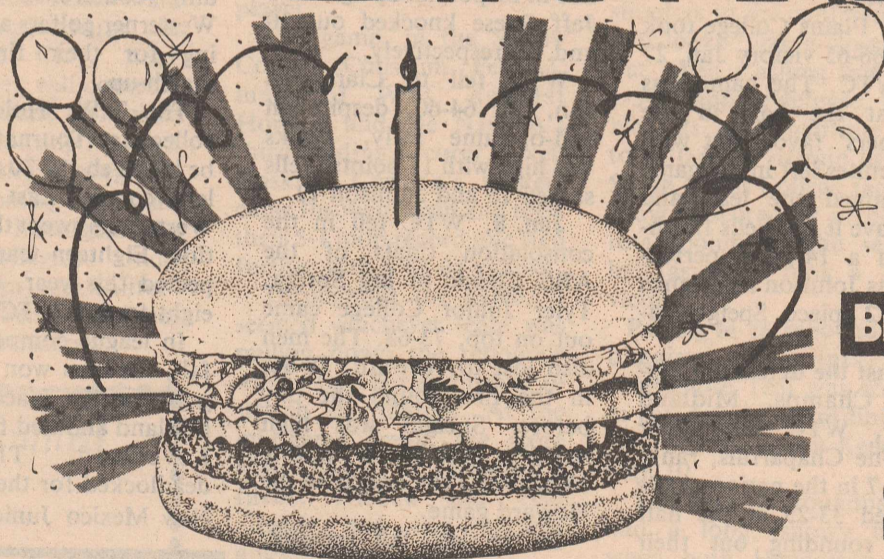
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