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## Politicians ban together

Two clubs, Young Democrats and Young Republicans, have been formed at WTC on a temporary basis. The clubs will allow students to support their political preferences. Also, it will give those who are undecided about who to vote for an opportunity to become aware of political issues and encourage them to get involved.

Mr. John Forshee, government instructor is the advisor for YD. Tim Metzger is the student organizer.

According to Metzger, the club was organized to help the Mondale campaign by distributing campaign materials such as posters, bumper stickers and buttons. Providing information concerning Mondale's policies is another service provided by YD. Under consideration is door to door campaigning in Snyder.

"A lot of people are still uncommitted about whom they will vote for," said Metzger. "I think that this will aid in persuading people to sway towards Mondale."

Another issue being worked on is obtaining a speaker to talk to students about certain political issues.

Advisor for YR is Dr. Franklin Pruitt, history professor. Student organizers are Richard and Patti Green. The Greens became involved in YR because they were especially concerned with the presidential election. They became deputized to conduct voter registrations which were

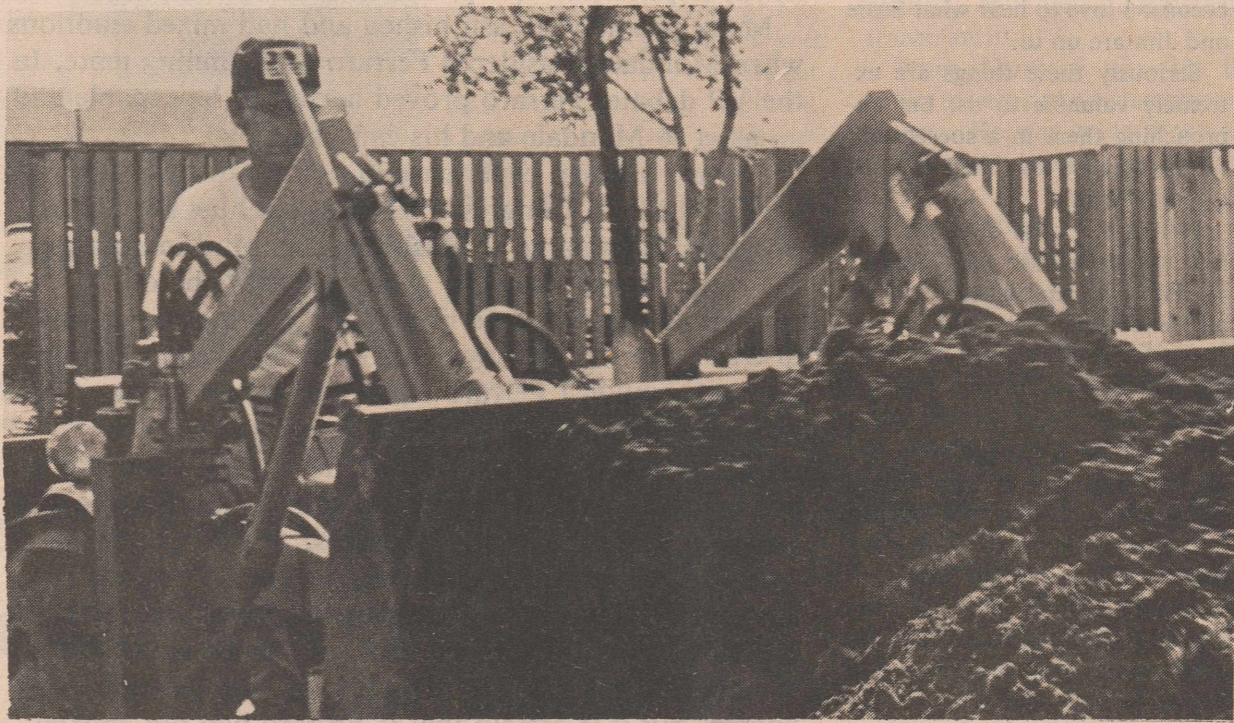
taken a few days prior to registration deadline in the Student Center. Sixty-one students registered to vote. The figure is one-third of the number that registered in the same period of time in Scurry County.

"Our main concern is to get young people involved in our government," Green said. "A wasted vote does not do anything for anybody."

YR is presently conducting a membership drive for those who are interested in joining. The only requirement is that students be presently enrolled in at least six semester hours. A table will be set up in the Student Center during activity periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As the election approaches, the table will be set up more often. They will be supplying materials containing information about Reagan, bumper stickers and buttons. Emphasis on voting will also be stressed by phone banks. The activity will take place the night before and the day of the election.

YR throughout the state are presently involved in a statewide function called Victory 84 Truth Squad. It is a secret mission being sponsored by national and state organizations. It will not be revealed until the night of Nov. 5.

If enough interest is shown in the clubs, club charters will be presented before the Student Senate for a vote. Upon approval of the charters, the organizations could become permanent on campus.



**PUSHING FOR PROGRESS** - Edwin Galyean of Galyean Concrete Work bulldozes the dirt away in preparation for the new basketball and volleyball courts. -Jerry Snelling photo

## Volleyball, basketball

# New courts under construction

Volleyball and basketball courts are under construction on the southeastern side of the dorms. The 40 x 50 foot lot will be large enough to accommodate a half court for basketball, as well as for volleyball, games.

The addition of the courts is the result of a golf landscaping project done three years ago. Landscaping students made a number of suggestions. A suggestion from a Montana student, Fim Flynn, proved to be best.

Flynn's project consisted of having a playing field as a major feature. Changes involved the vacant lot on the northwest side of the dorms.

Money to complete the project had to be budgeted for two years; therefore, the project was unable to begin earlier. As soon as funds became available, it was discovered the sloping of the lot was excessive.

After strong requests, the project was relocated to the present

site, the only other space available.

Upon completion of the project, lights will eventually be added to the courts. Various equipment will be stored in the dormitory for students to check out.

Contractor for the project is Edwin Galyean.

Plans for landscaping the northwest lot are still being considered. Additions of shrubs and sidewalks will be made as utilization of personnel allows.

## Campus Briefs

### Halloween lurks

It's that time again! Halloween is right around the corner and students need to start considering what costume they will wear to the masquerade dance.

The dance will be held in the cafeteria Oct. 31 from 8:30-12 p.m. Dr. Toons will provide the entertainment. Available will be new beta "hi-fi", wide screen video and computerized graphics. Special effects and lighting along with a powerful sound system will set the dance beat.

The best Top 40 Country and Western, rock and new wave music will be played.

A costume contest will also be held. Everyone is invited to enter. Prizes will be awarded in four categories which are best male, best female, best couple and judges favorite. Best male, female and judges favorite will receive \$10 each and the best couple \$15.

Sponsoring the Halloween dance is the dance committee of the Student Senate. Members are Cyndi Trujillo, chairman, Darren Greenway, Vickie Lopez, Regina Rogers and Rene King, historian.

### Open house set

The Diamond M Museum will hold an open house on Tuesday Oct. 23, from 7-9 p.m. All of the museum's newest acquisitions will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

The museum offers special tours for church, school and civic groups. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Anyone wishing to arrange a tour may contact Marcy Mattson, museum director, or Beth Titus at 573-6311.

### Volunteers wanted

Persons interested in working as volunteers in the Scurry County Museum are invited to call the museum office at 573-6107.

Volunteers who would like to contribute a couple of days a month would help give group tours of the museum and also help with the care of the collection.

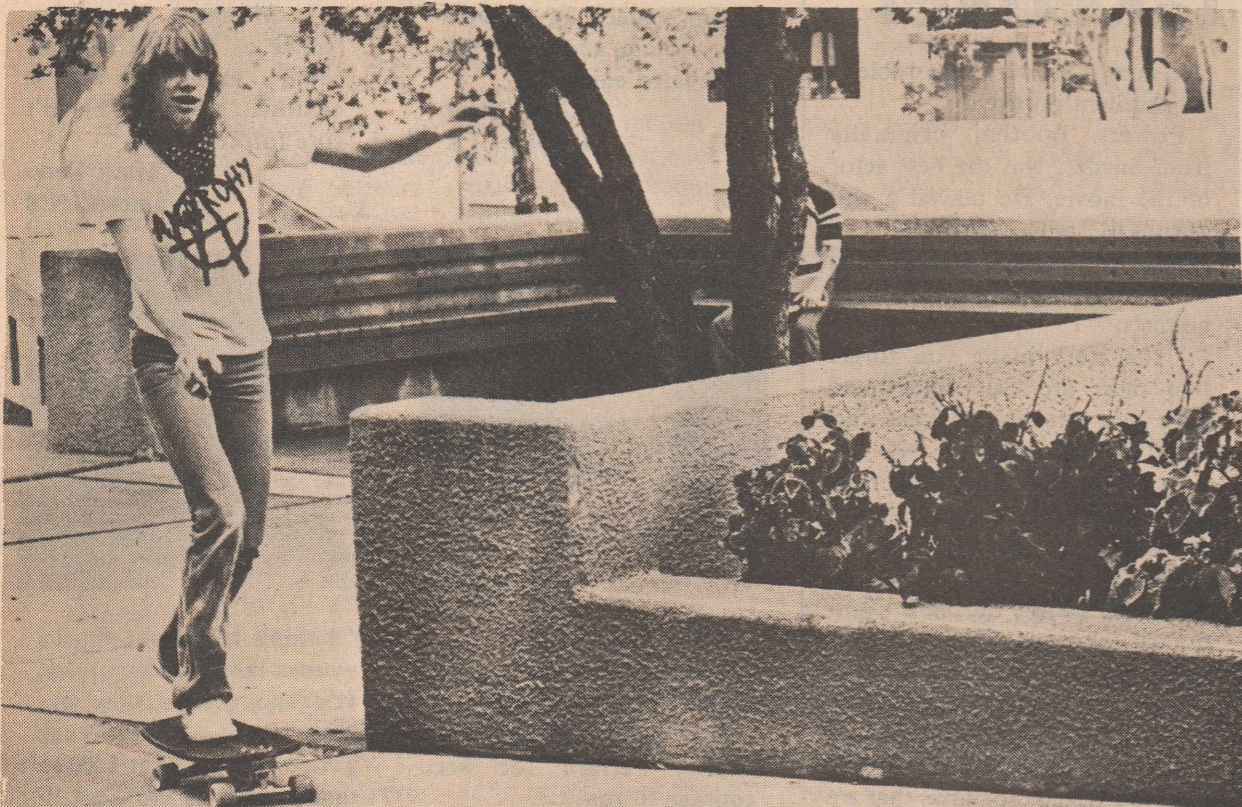
Training programs for volunteers will start Oct. 22. Attendance will be expected at sessions two times a week for three weeks. For additional information, contact Shirley Leftwich, extension 210.

### Spookhouse opens

Kappa Chi is sponsoring a spookhouse to celebrate Halloween. It will be held October 26 and 27. Times will be announced at a later date. Admission for adults is \$1.50, and those interested in attending will meet in the Christian Student Center.

The club will have a meeting today at 4:15, and all members are urged to attend.

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**SKATEBOARDING STYLE** - Tony Nobles of Colorado City demonstrates his skateboard techniques while making the rounds of the WTC campus. -Jerry Snelling photo

## Students for America group visits WTC campus in hopes of forming new club

By Cyndi Trujillo

If you like to take an active part in the political process, Students For America is for you. SFA is the fastest growing youth political movement in America. Its purpose is to help students become aware of political issues, to understand issue consequences and to determine their position.

SFA is concerned more with quality, than quantity.

"SFA gives students a chance to be a part of a club," said Laura Warren, SFA's regional

director and Hardin-Simmons junior. Warren and SFA's State Director J. Wray Warren were on campus Oct. 11 to see about forming an SFA club at WTC.

SFA's Texas membership is up to 3,000 and is located on 15 campuses. Nationally, over 250 clubs have been formed with the figure increasing rapidly.

Campus, local and state issues are stressed. "We want to focus on year-round issues, not only national ones," J. Wray Warren said. "Students seem to be pretty

good workers."

SFA is sponsoring demonstrations in support of President Reagan's policies, picketing liberal campus forums and writing letters to editors of publications to spread the message of activism.

Recruiting of local chapter leaders and staff members is underway. Anyone at WTC interested in forming an SFA club can contact Laura Warren at (915) 675-6066 for more information.

## Committee discusses service improvements

By Cyndi Trujillo

Results of questionnaires, new meal pattern adjustments and personnel attitude problems were the main topics discussed during the food committee's regular meeting Oct. 15.

Questionnaires concerning weekend meals were distributed among dormitory students last week. Many students showed an interest in having weekend meals.

"There was a lot more interest than I thought there would be," Mike Grace, cafeteria manager, said.

Requests for Sunday evening meals were greatest due to students returning from weekend trips.

Results of the questionnaire will be presented to higher authorities who will decide whether or not weekend meals will be allowed.

Also brought forth by Grace were new meal pattern adjustments. Guidelines were implemented due to the excessive take-out of foods from the

cafeteria. Grace said that some students are eating a full meal, then walking out with their pockets stuffed with more. The cost of the food is not being covered by anyone; therefore, students next year would have to pay higher prices in order to cover the costs. To avoid price increases, Grace set several guidelines concerning taking out foods.

Prices for items taken out during non-mealtime hours have also been set.

Exceptions to the guidelines can be made.

Attitude problems among personnel have also been noted. Students commented some servers were not being very polite. Grace is taking immediate action on this problem. According to Grace, he will solve the problem or find himself a set of new workers.

In other business, complaints of cold food were noted. Hot plates, which will be heated by moisture, have been ordered. The plates should keep the food warm and aid in preventing moisture loss. In the meantime, present warmers are being examined.

Other complaints made were having too many mashed potatoes, opposition to serving macaroni as a main entree and not serving enough bacon on BLT's. Action has been taken on all three complaints.

Concerning the potatoes, additions of french fries and hash browns on a regular basis were made. Substituting chips was also suggested. Macaroni will be served as a side dish. It had been served as a main entree because of the high protein value, according to Grace. Students and advisers compromised on the BLT issue, with a set amount of bacon agreed upon.

Positive feedback was received on serving catfish and pork steak. The foods will be added to the menu cycle. Several compliments were also made concerning the salad and ice cream bar.

Other actions taken include posting menus on a regular basis and having a variety of foods. In addition, the deli bar is now being served at both lunch and supper.

# Perspectives

Editorial

## Ferraro breaks through political tradition



### Speculation

Wendy Hodge

## Choosing value Task presents major challenge

Sitting in a speech class listening to others speak of something they value, one might begin to think of what he values, mainly because he will have to get up and speak at the next class meeting.

What a task! Of all the things we value, we have to pick one to give a speech over. Here go the ideas, rushing through the brain like blood through the heart. Which one should we pick?

There are many alternatives. The one that pops into every girl's mind first is her boyfriend. After thinking about it, she decides that it is a much too personal aspect of her life.

Maybe we could talk about mom and dad. Wrong. Often we feel awkward speaking about our relationships with our parents because it is something with which we are not comfortable. By all means, we must talk about something with which we can be at ease.

Telephones, televisions and microwave ovens are valued by everyone, but how should one approach this? "I value the microwave because I hate to wait for food to cook."

How about his one: "The telephone is valuable to me

because I love to hear what Susie and Jim are up to."

Seriously these things are extremely valuable to us, but approaching them in a speech and telling why we love them may be quite difficult.

Here's a goody: our jobs. We love them because they provide us with financial security. They also enable us to get out of the house for a while, meet new people and become involved in the community. Most of the time, our job is good to talk about, but we have this fear of what others think. "What if they think all I'm interested in is money?" we ask ourselves. Scratch that idea.

Finally, we've got it, the perfect idea. Discuss valuable philosophies or qualities we see in ourselves and others. These are the things which we really value, yet they are not too personal. They are easy to relate to other students and they aren't material things.

Values. We all think we know exactly what we value, but when it comes to choosing only one, we're presented with a challenge. God is the reason we have what we have, feel what we feel and do what we do; therefore, He is our most valuable asset.

Whoever stated that a woman's place is in the home better think again. Geraldine Ferraro, vice presidential candidate for the Democratic party, has shown great courage and strength by accepting the position offered to her by Walter Mondale, presidential candidate. This could be another breakthrough for women. At first, women received the right to vote and now they are able to run for a national office. Women have certainly come a long way.

Ferraro showed evidence of her commitment and determination during a recent debate against George Bush, Republican vice president.

Many people were astonished and had mixed emotions when Mondale considered Ferraro as a running mate. In the VP debate, Ferraro proved herself to be capable and an asset to Mondale and his campaign.

Ferraro has had experience in politics through her six-year position in Congress. When asked how her limited experience compared to Bush's background in politics, she said, "I was not born at the age of 43 before I entered Congress," referring to her previous career as district attorney. If only past experience were taken into account, couldn't Ferraro's previous career in law compare favorably to Reagan's previous career in acting? However, qualifications are not the issue and are not being considered by most. The fact that Ferraro is a female is affecting voting decisions.

In the debate, Bush responded to one of Ferraro's answers by offering to "help her out" with the facts. Offended, Ferraro accused Bush of "patronizing" her. Whether or not this was his intention may never be known, but it is certain that if Ferraro had not spoken up, many Americans would have interpreted the implication as an inability on Ferraro's part to comprehend the issues—a critical point in the male-female confrontation.

It is sad indeed that in our society, such strides have been accomplished in the areas of civil rights and equality, yet a large portion of our society remains unwilling to give women a fair shake. Some say a woman cannot handle the stress of a national office. Others say she will not be accepted by foreign officials as a leader. Still others claim a woman was never

created to accomplish what her male counterpart can undertake. The arguments are unbased and simply a direct reflection of our upbringing and beliefs. These statements will never be proven, true or untrue, until a woman has the opportunity to demonstrate her capabilities.

The vice presidential debate has changed more minds than the presidential debate. Mondale said, "I'd rather lose a campaign about decency than to win a campaign about self-interest," and charged Reagan's administration of trying to cut medicare, social security benefits and disability payments while creating tax shelters for the wealthy. And what about the deficit? Reagan charges Mondale with wanting to come in and raise taxes unnecessarily and create an even larger deficit.

Voters need to remember the election is between political parties and about issues, not between the male and female sexes trying to outdo each other. This is an election that will go down in history. It should be remembered for the precedent that has now been established for women. It will raise such questions as, will our society proceed forward in its regard for its female members, or are we to regress to the days when indian squaws were shot when their husbands died because women were of no value without their men?

Regardless of the outcome of this election, may the best "person" win, but not on the basis of sex!

## What do YOU think?

How do you feel about having a woman as a vice presidential candidate?

-LaDonna Way



"I just don't think that's a woman's place. In my opinion, woman and man were not created equal."

Greg Oliver  
Loraine, TX



"I think it doesn't make any difference if she's a female as long as she has enough experience and is qualified. However, I won't vote for her."

Mark Cano  
Tucumcari, NM



"Women should have the opportunity to reveal their capabilities instead of always being cut down. I admire Ferraro for her courage to run."

Rosa Alaniz  
Sweetwater, TX



"I think it's about time a woman moved into politics. It's about time they got recognized. Ferraro has gotten this far, but I think that's as far as she'll get."

Irma Sanchez  
Coleman, TX



"I feel it doesn't matter if the vice president is male or female, just as long as they are qualified for the job. In my opinion, Geraldine Ferraro is more qualified and she's got my vote!"

Wendi Curry  
Tahoka, TX



"I think that if Mondale was elected president and was assassinated or something, having Ferraro as president would be like having a bunch of chickens running around with their heads cut off."

Toby Villa  
Haskell, TX



### Review

David Stewart

*'The makers of the film succeeded in showing the terror of the American people during a Communist takeover.'*

## 'Red Dawn' portrays reality of takeover

What would happen if there was a Communist takeover in the United States?

"Red Dawn" deals with this very serious question. The setting of the movie is just like any small

town in the U.S. The high school football team, the Wolverines, had lost a tough game the Friday before and the players were back in class the following Monday.

The scariest part early in the

movie is during the classroom scene when hundreds of paratroopers landed outside the window. They then proceeded to blow away everything in sight. A small group of students managed to escape.

Patrick Swayze was excellent in his part as the leader of these young rebels.

While the foreign armies continued their takeover, the escapees survived by hiding in the mountains.

U.S. citizens were either killed or locked up in concentration camps. The camps were outdoor theaters that used anti-American films to brainwash the American people.

The escaped teenagers came to be known as the Wolverines. They were forced to fight for their lives as they attempted to battle through the enemy lines on their way to free America. The Wolverines left their mark everywhere they went as they were chased by the Communist armies.

C. Thomas Howell, one of the

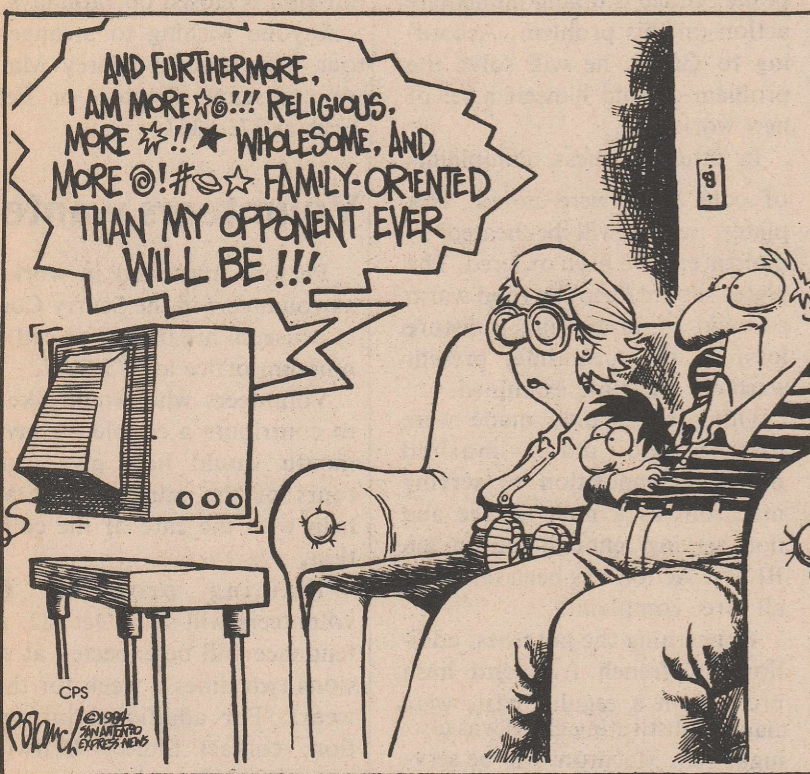
teen guerrillas, was memorable in his excellent portrayal.

Powers Boothe, originally from Snyder, was the best actor of the movie. He played a war veteran who joined the Wolverines and helped them plan their strategy against the Communists.

The story made you forget that these are only actors and gave you the feeling that this could happen to you.

Watching this movie is depressing, but it is very interesting. The makers of the film succeeded in showing the terror of the American people during a Communist takeover. The portrayals were realistic. One part shows compassion even in the enemy, as a foreign soldier allows a young American to pass by him carrying his dead friend. It shows that we are all people and nobody really wants war.

The movie is especially unnerving because a takeover of this sort is definitely a very real possibility. It will leave you talking about it hours after you have seen it.



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# On Campus

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## 'Total Fun Night'

The Baptist Student Union is planning another 'Total Fun Night.' It is scheduled for Oct. 25, 8 p.m., at the Snyder Bowling Lanes.

Other plans underway at the BSU include their fall retreat. The WTC group will be joined by students from Angelo State University, Temple University and possibly Texas State Technical Institute from Sweetwater. The Snyder group will leave the BSU at 1 p.m. Nov. 2 and return Nov. 4. The cost is \$15 and reservations need to be made by Oct. 22.

The BSU has undertaken a project called "Love Loaf Offering." This offering will go to World Vision to aid them in their three million dollar World Hunger Relief. Contributions are being accepted by the BSU for this offering.

## Services offered

The WTC automotive department is offering services for students and faculty.

The services include brake jobs for \$25; oil change, \$10; grease job, \$10; minor tune-up, \$10 and a free car wash.

When the vehicle is serviced, everything is inspected thoroughly (belts, clamps, filters, etc.).

The owner of the vehicle has to furnish the parts needed. Service work is done Monday through Friday. Students and faculty should contact Andy Daniel, ext. 224 for an appointment.

The car washing is held primarily on Fridays in order for everyone to have shiny-looking cars for the weekend.

The money for the services is donated to the automotive scholarship fund.

## Workshop attended

Members of the golf landscaping class are attending a two-day workshop, Oct. 17-18, at the Southwest Turf conference in Las Cruces, N.M. Fourteen students attended the conference.

Purpose of the workshop is for students to get acquainted with potential employers and receive training, according to James Eby, golf landscaping instructor.

Six students from the diesel mechanics program will be involved in a workshop today in Odessa. Students attending are Bradley Wright, Paul Schwertner, Gary Autry, Mike Graves, Donny Ferguson and Ronny Thomas. The students will look at shop operations and make contact with potential employers in the Midland-Odessa area.

## 'HandWork' exhibits at Scurry County Museum

A major exhibit will be displayed Nov. 1-Dec. 21 in the Scurry County Museum.

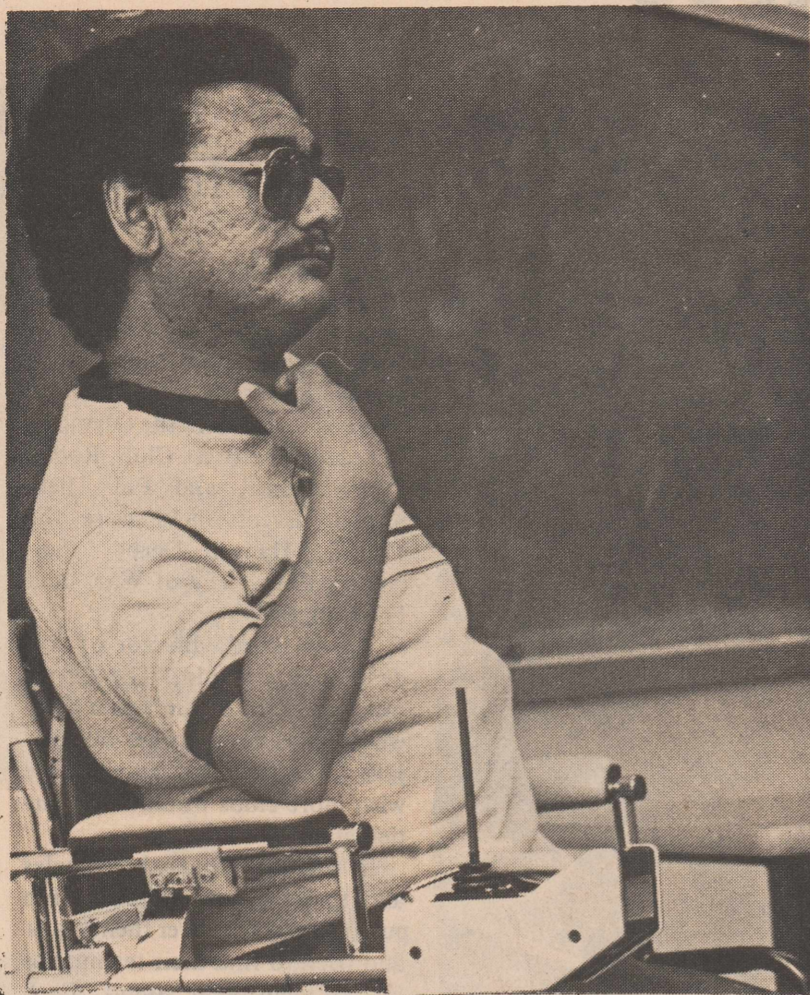
The traveling exhibit from Austin will be featuring folk art needle work by women in Texas.

An open exhibit will provide demonstrations on quilting and weaving by several people in the Scurry County area.

This exhibition of folk art needlework focuses on the varied ethnic traditions of Texas with pieces selected specifically for the Scurry County engagement from the Snyder area. Items displayed include quilting, tatting, cutwork, deshulado, crochet, and filet crochet. The artists involved are people, mostly women, who learned their craft from a member of their family or community.

"HandWork" was originally organized and curated by anthropologist Connie Higdon for Women & Their Work in 1982 and was exhibited in the Central Texas communities.

Fieldwork for the Snyder ex-



**INTERPRETATION CYCLE - Ralph Carrasco runs a student's question through his mind and answers in boxing terms in Dr. Gil Fleer's Values and Me class.**  
-Jerry Snelling photo

## WTC offers course in fitness evaluation

By Frank Casas

Statistics show that professionals in higher education rate among the highest number of people in poor physical condition, according to Patrice McKinney, physical education instructor. At WTC, something is being done about the situation.

A fitness evaluation program began this fall to involve faculty in physical conditioning. McKinney is the program coordinator.

The beginning conditioning aerobic exercise program is for people who have not been involved in a regular exercise program. Its purpose is to improve the efficiency of the cardiovascular system. It is a progressive program that lets participants have their choice of what type of aerobic exercise they would like to begin with, such as running, walking, jogging or strength programs for muscle improvement. All program participants maintain some type of daily exercise.

The heart and lungs are not the only part of the body that suffer from lack of exercise. Studies show that 50 million Americans suffer from lower back pains as a result of jobs requiring many hours of lifting or sitting, McKinney said. In order to strengthen back muscles and other less-used muscles, the program includes abdominal exercises and flex exercises for upper torso, shoulders

and lower back, which help relieve spasms and migraine headaches. These muscle toning exercises also help in muscle strengthening.

Four fitness assessments are required for participants in the evaluation program. The first is muscle strength, the second is muscle flexibility, the third is body composition (the percentage ratio of lean muscle to fat), and finally, the cardiovascular system. After eight weeks in the program, participants will run one and a half miles at their fastest pace. Assessment results will show when they are physically fit for the stress, McKinney said.

To determine what level of fitness the participants are in, a fitness chart is used. The chart ratings are very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent and superior. McKinney said the average person exercising only for health and fitness should rate "good" on the assessment chart.

McKinney said, "Although exercise per se may not add years to your life, it certainly makes for more healthier, happier employees." She added that she wanted to acknowledge the teachers and administrators who are taking time out from their busy schedules to work hard and better themselves.

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## Sneaking up on the difficult Carrasco illustrates technique

By Wendy Hodge

Sitting in a wheel chair, "just biding my time," Ralph Carrasco, a quadriplegic attending WTC, shared in an illustration what Dr. Gil Fleer calls "sneaking up on the difficult" in Fleer's Values and Me class Oct. 10.

Fleer and Carrasco have worked with this technique before. The idea is to talk about a personal problem using figurative language. In this session, Carrasco began by speaking of boxing. The class responded with questions about the trainer, cutman, manager and opponent. Carrasco ran the questions through his mind in an interpretation cycle and applied them to his actual problem, but he communicated with the class only in boxing terms.

Carrasco discussed his cutman first. "He patches me up as best he can."

The boxer, he said, pays attention to the trainer only about half the time. He said that it is too hard to give up what the trainer tells him to give up, especially in terms of what he drinks, in order to be a better boxer.

In reality, Carrasco's problem is that he needs a kidney transplant. He is the boxer, his father is the manager, the doctor

is the trainer and the surgeon is the cutman. Carrasco's opponent is time and he says he has fought time several times and "come out okay." He listens to his doctor, but like everyone else, it is hard for him to give up such drinks as cola, tea and coffee. The transplant is not an immediate necessity, though. Carrasco does not expect a transplant soon, but he does only have one functioning kidney, so when his left one goes out, he'll need an immediate transplant.

When Carrasco was 13, he broke his neck in a swimming accident. He was going down an eight foot slide on his knees when a five-year-old girl grabbed hold of the bottom of the slide. In order to avoid hitting her, his legs acted as springs, and he landed in the middle of the pool at a 45 degree angle on his neck. He spent four months in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. From there, he went to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation Rehab Hospital and stayed for 11 months.

Thirty-year-old Carrasco went for a kidney check-up two years ago and was told he'd eventually have to have his legs amputated. Four months later it became reality. But he feels that the body

can only take so many changes. He sometimes would rather have one year of life to enjoy than two years where he has to watch what he eats and drinks closely. "I have to do as much as possible with the time I have," he said.

Life works on an equal basis and Carrasco believes that you get out of life what you put into it, "and sometimes more!" He tries to set and achieve as many goals as possible, but as in the life of everyone else, some goals are just unattainable.

"Do conditions push people to look at things differently?" Fleer asked.

"Yes and no," Carrasco said. He commented that he probably values time more than everyone else. "I just like to enjoy life as it is," he said.

The class portrayal of "sneaking up on the difficult," apparently helped Carrasco to discuss his problem, and it allowed the students a chance to experience something completely new to them.

Fleer summarized the technique: "Sometimes people are dealing with things so threatening that they can't even talk about them." He added that this technique adds a new dimension to the art of counseling.

## PTK begins fund raising project

Members of Phi Theta Kappa have begun a drive to collect funds for the Honors Institute Scholarships. The drive, Dollars for Scholars, is one of several projects that PTK is sponsoring this fall.

PTK members have been collecting donations since Sept. 21. Donations are \$2. The money collected goes to the Honors Institute Scholarships so that some of the PTK members will be able to attend the Honors Institute in Fort Louis College in Durango, Colo., May 18-25.

To show their appreciation for the donations that are collected, PTK will select someone Nov. 1 to receive two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys/New York Giants football game Sunday, Nov. 4. Transportation will also be provided to the game. PTK members who collect the most donations will be able to attend the game. All donations are tax deductible.

As part of another service project, members of PTK are helping gather items for SCOOP (Scurry County Opportunity and Options for People). Since Sept. 27,

members have been collecting small items such as clocks, trash cans and towels to help furnish the home for abused and neglected teenage girls. Since June 1983, 40 children have been placed by the foster home worker at the local department of Human Resources. These children were taken into the custody of the state due to abuse, neglect or inadequate care at home.

PTK members have set aside Oct. 31 to give the donation to SCOOP.

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# Features

## Monotony breaker: Olympic Days provide fun for students



**FLOUR PICK** - Cyndi Trujillo, Chris Carpenter, David Stewart, Rinette Vincent, Judy Cox and Mike Carrillo.

Olympic Days were held on Thursday and Friday of last week, and on Tuesday of this week. Four clubs participated in the five events.

Clubs involved in the Olympics included: The Press Club, Rodeo Club, Senate, and Phi Theta Kappa. Events held were the Tricycle Danger Derby, Pantyhose Polo, Tug-of-War, and Flour Pick.

Mickie Baird, director of student activities said, "The Olympics were a lot of fun and a good way for students to get out and join in on a group activity. We wish more clubs would have participated."

In the sack find, three males and three females of each club put grocery sacks over their heads and tried to find their teammates by an identifying sound. Each team made animal noises. The Senate took first place with the Press Club, Rodeo Club, and PTK coming in second, third, and fourth.

The flour pick pitted one male and one female of each club

against a tank of flour. The club finding the most poker chips was the Rodeo club. Second place went to PTK, and the Press Club and Senate rounded out the last half.

In pantyhose polo, two members of each gender tried to hit a lemon with their weighted-down pair of pantyhose. Rodeo won first, Press Club took second, and PTK and Senate took third and fourth respectively.

One person rode the tricycle while blindfolded, and his partner told him where to go. Rodeo club won again with Senate coming in second, and Press club taking third.

Tug-of-War was another event, and four males and two females or 900 pounds per team could be entered. Rodeo came in first followed by PTK, Senate, and Press Club in that order.

Overall, the Rodeo Club captured first place with 45 points. Senate came in second with 28 points, Press Club was third with 27 points, and PTK finished last with 22 points.



**PANTYHOSE POLO** - Greg Rhodes.



**Danger Derby** - Bliss Mahan, Judy Cox, Rinette Vincent and Gena Whitaker.



**SACK FIND** - Wendy Hodge, David Stewart, Frank Casas and Barry Fletcher.



**TUG-OF-WAR** - Brent Simpson, Russell Smith, Margie Alvarez and Chris Vasquez.

Photos by Jerry Snelling

# News

## 'White Buffalo Days' WTC joins annual festival

By Wendy Hodge

Snyder, Texas, where the lone white buffalo roamed until J. Wright Moorar came to town one October. Moorar shot the famous white buffalo on the banks on Deep Creek. White buffalos were quite scarce, and their hides brought in approximately \$2,000 each.

Now, this is celebrated in Scurry County with White Buffalo Days. The fourth annual White Buffalo Days celebration was held Saturday and two college clubs participated.

Phi Theta Kappa had clowns walking around the coliseum grounds and entertaining children of all ages. PTK members assumed their clown identities in order to register

children entering the little clowns' contest. Members participating were Rosario Peralez, Brent Simpson, Aaron Knight and Loretta Morris.

Kappa Chi sponsored a horse ride for the event.

While people from Snyder and the surrounding area were out enjoying the celebration, Mother Nature decided to provide some showers. Rain began to pour, and people were faced with the decision of whether to seek shelter or try to drive home. Those who decided to drive home had their work cut out for them. Pleasant showers suddenly turned into a raging storm.

Though dampened for a while, the celebration continued. There were turtle races going on in the agriculture annex, and you could

hear children "hollerin" for a mile. Another activity for children was the Buffalo Kids Stick Horse Rodeo. Children could participate in stick horse barrel racing, flag racing, and goat ribbon grabbing.

Another event pitted Mayor Rod Waller against County Judge Preston Wilson in the Mayor's Cup race. The two men carried cups of water on their heads with the one spilling the least amount of water winning the contest. A barbecue dinner catered by George Gann and Jerry Baird was also held.

Immediately following the barbecue, White Buffalo Days activities were officially ended with an auction of items and services. Tommy Marricle was the auctioneer.



### LOVE THEM CLOWNS

(Above) Big clowns Loretta Morris of Colorado City and Brent Simpson of Snyder keep the little clowns in line during the White Buffalo Days celebration Saturday. (Right) Loretta Morris helps one of the little clowns finish out the parade.

-Jerry Snelling photos



### Universities 'in trouble'

## Qualified personnel decline job

(CPS) - "The American college and university presidency is in trouble," a new study reports.

Things are so bad, the study says, that qualified applicants don't want to become college presidents, and, in some cases, incumbent presidents want to get out of their jobs.

The study, conducted by the Commission on Strengthening Presidential Leadership, warns the president's job has become too difficult, stressful and constrained at many institutions.

Colleges have "unnecessarily and unwisely" diminished the power of their presidents in the past 20 years through increased government controls, and meddling by faculty and governing boards, the study says.

The study adds the problems are driving away the top academic officials most qualified for the job.

"Institutions must ask 'how can we make the presidency attractive to qualified applicants,'" suggested Nancy Axelrod, spokeswoman for the commission's sponsor, the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities (AGB).

"Presidential search committees cannot simply sit back and wait for applications," she adds. "They must carefully seek out candidates who qualify for the position."

But only about half of the nation's best-qualified academic officers want to become a college president, the study claims.

And while finding presidential applicants is frustrating, retaining qualified presidents is often harder.

Increased faculty influence in hiring teachers and governing board intervention in daily decision-making also discourages presidents.

"The power of a governing board and how it relates to the president in many cases reduces the power of the president," maintains Larisa Wanserski, an AGB spokeswoman.

Governing board actions can "isolate (a president) from the public, making it hard for him or her to make decisions," Wanserski said.

The beleaguered presidents often react by resigning.

During any two-year period,

the study reveals, about 30 percent of the nation's college presidents are leaving or thinking of leaving their positions. A fourth of them are dissatisfied with their jobs.

The average president stays at a college seven years, Wanserski says, not enough time to implement long-term plans for an institution.

"Colleges need to look at the position and make it as attractive and desirable as it once was," she asserts.

Boards should scrutinize presidential qualifications as well as the office itself, suggested Debra McCarthy of Higher Education Administrative Referral Service, which helps track down presidential candidates for colleges.

"There's a time for everything," she contends. "What was needed in a president 15 or 20 years ago was in fact for that time. Now, it's time for something else."

McCarthy said most colleges are looking for presidents with administrative experience rather than academic background only.

## Staffers attend Houston meet

Members of The Western Texan will be attending a Texas Community College Journalism convention in Houston Oct. 18-20. The convention involves a variety of workshops and seminars for students to expand their knowledge in mass communications.

Staff members attending include Frank Casas, David Stewart, Cyndi Trujillo, Jerry

Snelling, Steve Cullen and Lynn Quiros. Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor will accompany the students.

In the spring, the group will also attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association competition where The Western Texan will be rated against other college newspapers.

Officers of the Press Club, a club primarily comprised of jour-

nalism majors, were elected in a meeting held Oct. 5. Elected were Steve Cullen, president; David Stewart, vice-president, and LaDonna Way, secretary-treasurer.

Club members have several fundraising activities planned throughout the year to finance journalism-related trips. They are involved in campus-sponsored activities also.

## RH council works with dorm aides

The Resident Hall Council (RH) is made up of 12 elected dorm residents. Each floor elects one member.

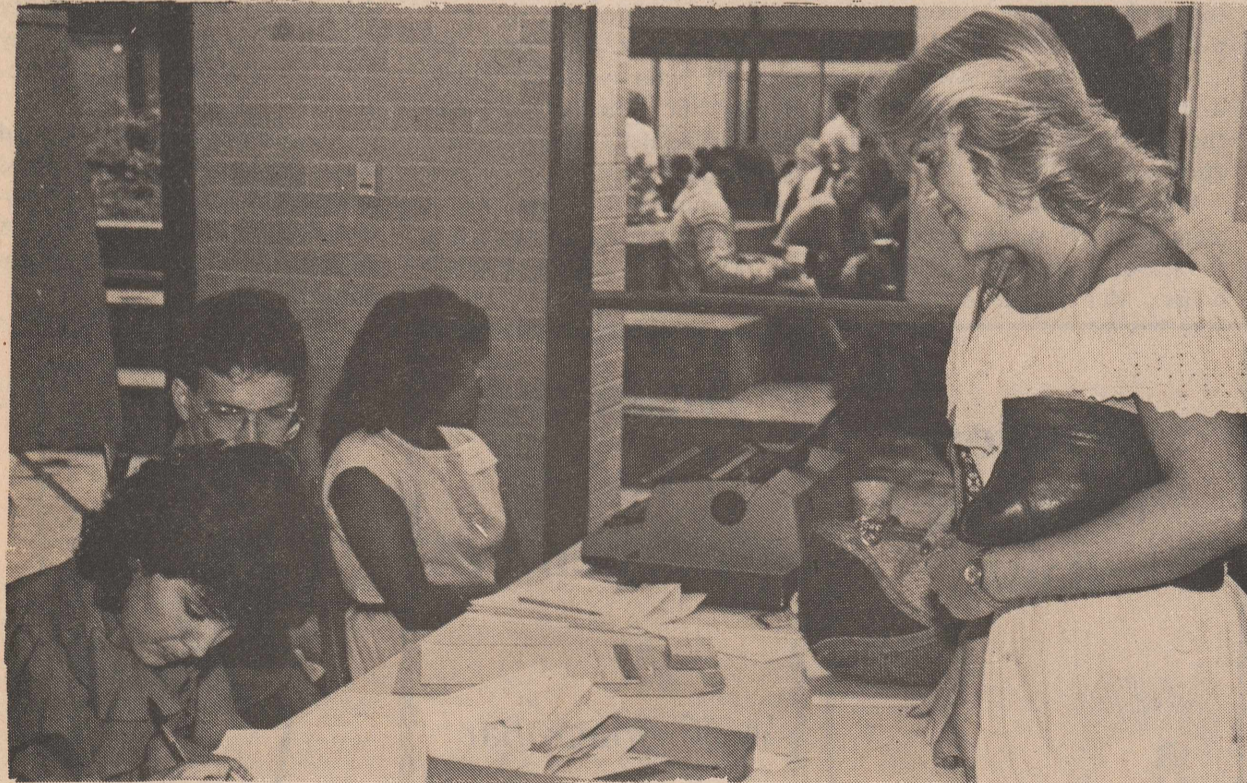
The RH council is kept fairly busy through the year. They work with the Resident Assistants (RA) in helping the dorms operate smoothly. They make suggestions on the movies that

are rented each week. They deal with complaints about food, or maintenance problems. The RH council can be described as a group that gets things done.

There are nine RAs employed by the school. They are paid to deal with problems on their floor. They assist the RH council in getting things done. The RA tries to keep everything running

smoothly on his/her floor by working out problems with the residents. They also do some office work on weekends and evenings.

Plans are being made for a special weekend during the spring semester. The special events will involve various areas of the campus. The fun will also involve students and various committees.



REGISTRATION - Lorena Mendoza, Seminole sophomore, assists Monica Evans, Wharton County Junior College sophomore, at the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Conference at Southwest Texas State University Sept. 28-29.

## Absence guidelines set up by new committee

A committee of faculty members has formed to provide guidelines and suggestions for students who, due to a school-related activity, must miss classes. Dr. Mary Hood is adviser.

Any time a student misses a class, whether because of illness, work or a college-sponsored trip, it is the student's responsibility to check with his teacher(s) for make-up work. It is also the student's responsibility to do the make-up work abiding by the teacher's instructions.

An absence, for whatever reason, is still considered an

absence. Students on school-sponsored trips will be given the opportunity to make up work that was missed. No exceptions will be made for the sole reason of being a school-sponsored trip.

If a student knows he will be gone, he should contact his teacher(s) before he departs and after he returns. This would benefit the students in case any alterations had been made.


It is the instructor's prerogative as to when, where and how the work is to be done, not at the student's convenience.

Due to tardiness, a teacher may not see a student enter the class. Students should report after class

and may request that the teacher note this on his records. According to circumstances, it is at the teacher's discretion to change the absence to a tardy or to leave it as an absence.

Students who abide by these guidelines will avoid the negative impacts that could result.

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# Sports

## Controversy mars Midland tournament

The golf team played a tournament in Acapulco, Mexico this weekend. Results of that game were unavailable at press time and will be released in the next issue.

The Midland tournament played Oct. 4-5 resulted in a controversy because one of the players broke a rule. The National Junior College Athletics Association rules state that when a player is finished with his round he is legally finished and should not return to the golf course. Midland College's David Pritchett broke this rule when he went back on the golf course to give advice to one of his teammates.

David Foster, WTC golf coach, said, "At this time, a ruling has to be made before the final standings can be released. The ruling has to come from the

NJCAA office in Kansas." He added that the ruling will affect Midland and Odessa Colleges, and New Mexico Military Institute. "This will affect the conference standing greatly," he said.

The Midland tournament was played at Greentree Country Club under cool weather conditions. Tournament results, which may be affected by the NJCAA's final decision, were Odessa, 289; NMMI, 290; New Mexico Junior College, 297; South Plains College, 298; and Western Texas College, 302. No score has been recorded for Midland at this time.

The ruling from the NJCAA office will also affect the medalist recipient. The two best scores in the tournament were Midland's David Pritchett with a 68 and NMJC's Mike Yrene with a 69.



**FAST BREAK** - WTC's Floyd Singleton glides past James Richardson of McMurry in recent scrimmage action. -Jerry Snelling photo

## Hoopsters await season

By Jeff Gibson

Scrimmages for both the Dusters and Westerners were held last week, as the Westerners took on Lubbock Christian College and the Dusters contended with two opponents, South Plains College and Howard College.

In their scrimmage, the Westerners took on a dazzling outside shooting team.

The hoopsters started off working on their man to man defense and as the scrimmage progressed, jumped into their 1-3-1 half, then full court press.

"We didn't play good defense on their outside shooters and that hurt us," said Anthony Smith, point guard.

The ballers shot 45 percent from the field against LCC, hitting 38 out of 84, but from the free throw line, the Westerners hit a fair 11 out of 16, ending up with 68 percent. They grabbed 35 rebounds and scored 87 points to end the scrimmage.

Six-seven post Vince Turner said, "Our defense didn't prevail and that hurt us, but in our next scrimmage, you'll see better

defense." The Dusters played a very good South Plains team for the first of their two scrimmage games.

The lady hoopsters shot 37 percent from the floor and played a very good defensive game. Although the Dusters played in their backyard, the offense seemed a little sluggish. "We looked good in the South Plains game for it to be our first scrimmage and our freshman players really shined this game," said Clara Campbell, 6'1" post.

For the Dusters, Howard College was a very good test. Coach Joe Cushing said, "Our offense looked sharper and defensively we were a little shy."

Campbell added, "It wasn't a game in which we were totally consistant the entire game, but there were times we let down on defense and rebounds, but all in all, we played a pretty good game."

Cushing said, "The post and perimeter play was very good." The Dusters scored 108 points against Howard College.

## Rodeoers compete at Alpine, Vernon

The Western Texas College rodeo team competed in the Sul Ross State University NIRA Rodeo in Alpine and the Vernon Regional Junior College NIRA Intercollegiate Rodeo in Vernon the past two weekends.

In Alpine, the men's team totaled 220 points to take second place. Sul Ross State won the men's division with 330 points. Tarleton State University took third with 160, next was Eastern New Mexico with 70, Odessa with 55, and New Mexico Junior College with 20, and Howard College with 15.

The Westerners got solid performances from Van Hale, Tony Hecksher, Bliss Mayhan and Donnie Yorks. Glen Jordan won the average in steer wrestling and an 11.2. Jordan was not on the designated six member team, so he could not contribute point-wise. Hale placed second in the

saddle bronc riding. Hecksher took second in the average in bareback riding. Mayhan won the bareback long go and finished fourth in the average. Yorks tied for third in the calf roping.

Western Texas College women did not place in their division. Tarleton won with 220 points, Sul Ross finished second with 120. Tana Whatley was the only WTC representative to reach the women's short go, but she not-timed in the finals.

In Vernon, the WTC men's team placed sixth and the women took third. Eastern New Mexico won the men's division with 248.5 points. Tarleton State University was second with 242, next was Sul Ross State with 227, Vernon RJC with 151.5, Texas Tech with 123, and WTC with 106.

Sul Ross won the women's division with 201 points. Howard scored 129, WTC was next with

121.5, followed by Angelo State with 94.5, Tarleton 87, Eastern and Texas Tech tied with 72, Vernon had 42, and New Mexico Junior College scored 27.

Jeff Reynolds placed second in the calf roping. Yorks tied for fourth, Jordan tied for first place in the steer wrestling, while Yorks was fifth in the event. In the bull riding, Hale tied for fourth. Mayhan tied for fifth in the saddle bronc riding and Hecksher placed sixth in the event for the WTC men.

Niki Moist led the WTC women's team. She was second in breakaway roping and fourth in the barrels. She was runner-up in the all-around behind Sul Ross' Tami Noble. WTC's Judy Cox tied for fifth in the breakaway.

The next competition for the WTC rodeo teams will be Oct. 18 in the Midwestern State University Rodeo at Wichita Falls.

### Presidency

## IRS ruling worries directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A recent Internal Revenue Service ruling has college athletic directors huddling with lawyers and tax accountants to determine whether contributions to their programs are tax deductible for the donors.

The ruling, moreover, could wreck many college sports programs' fundraising efforts.

Until recently, a contributor could deduct the cost of his "donation" to a college sports department from his income taxes.

Many college sports programs, of course, used the tax deduction as a lure for contributions.

But now the IRS may have spoiled the tactic. It recently refused to grant a deduction to an unnamed man who gave \$300 to a campus sports department. The \$300 gave the donor the chance to buy season football tickets for another \$125.

"The IRS held that the only way the donor could get this privilege (of getting season tickets for \$125) was by paying \$300," explained Ernest Acosta, an IRS spokesman. "He paid \$300 for the right to buy tickets not available to anyone else."

While Acosta admits the case is a special situation, the IRS says the fundraising ploy is widespread.

Without the ploy, of course, alumni would simply pay \$450 for season tickets, but get no tax break. Many athletic directors

worry their donors will spend the money elsewhere without it.

"It would be devastating to our program if our donors were not allowed a deduction," said Wade Walker, University of Oklahoma athletic director. "Major institutions in our situation depend on contributions."

University officials are examining the ruling to determine its effect on OU's contributors, Walker said.

*'There may be some individuals who withdraw their support'*

University of Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney declined to comment, but said the university lawyers are studying the ruling.

And Syracuse University officials in New York also hope the ruling won't discourage donors.

"There may be some individuals who withdraw their support, but I hope not completely," said Athletic Director John Croughamel.

He assumed the ruling won't apply to Syracuse contributors, but "that doesn't mean we won't be affected."

Acosta of the IRS insisted the ruling isn't intended to affect the athletic programs, only to make contributors aware of the law.

"If you make a charitable contribution to anything, you must subtract from your donation the value of anything you get in exchange," he said.

And, in the case of non-tangible benefits such as special privileges, donors must evaluate or appraise the value.

"Otherwise, it's assumed what you donated is the value of what you get in return," he added.

The officials questioned agreed the ruling is fairly narrow, and it may be difficult to determine which contributions are tax deductible.

Moreover, different colleges treat contributions differently.

Contributors to Ohio State University become members of a President's Club, which includes donors to all areas of the university, explained Richard Bay, OSU athletic director.

"Not all contributors have or exercise a ticket priority," he said. "If a donor wishes to purchase season tickets on a priority basis, it's up to them. But they don't have to exercise that option."

Croughamel of Syracuse said that "if your situation is as described in the ruling, it will apply. But ours is not like that. A different set of circumstances applies."

## Basketball champions claim prizes

By Gregg Pruitt

Monday's intramural football game was canceled because of insufficient players, according to Coach Lee Burke. The game had been moved to Monday because of the Olympic Days activities scheduled for Tuesday.

In intramural football action Thursday, Oct. 4, The North Dorm Storms defeated the Hour of Power by the score of 8-0. Ed Wendlick scored the winning touchdown and ran in the extra point to clinch the victory.

In intramural 3 on 3 basketball action in the men's division the number one team defeated the

number two squad by the score of 15 to 13 to take the intramural championship. The championship team consisted of Nijel Williams, Macus McGlouthin, and John Murphy. The tough runner-ups were the team of Tommy Collum, David Pruitt, and Tommy Trammel.

In the women's division, the number two team beat the number one team by the score of 15 to 12. Liz Grant, Cathy Caddell and Canita Cass were the women's champs. The runner-ups were Beth Elloit, Terri Pruitt, and Charlotte Carter. The two winning teams received 3 on

3 T-shirts from Coach Kent Williams, assistant basketball coach for the Westerners. Williams commented that "all the teams show good sportsmanship and they all played hard throughout the competition."

The racketball tourney starts Oct. 22 and continues through Oct. 29. Doubles and singles will be presented, all matches will be played during activity period on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The number of entries for players is limited, so those interested should contact Coach Williams at Ext. 317 or 283 or at his office in the gym.

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