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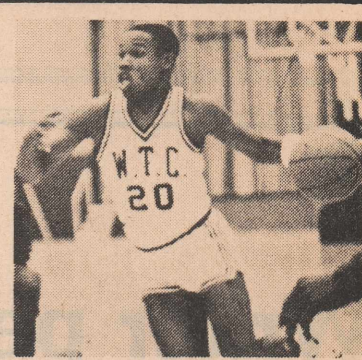
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At November meeting

Trustees review budget, liability insurance loss

By Cyndi Trujillo

Reviewing the 1983-84 budget report was one of the many issues discussed during the Western Texas College Board of Trustees' monthly meeting Nov. 8.

Members commented on the figures released. According to board member Roy Baze, the current revenue fund was reported 2.4 percent greater than had been anticipated. Tuition and fees received accounted for approximately 17 percent in revenue.

Governor Mark White had designated Nov. 11-17 as the official date of Texas Community College Week (TCCW). Trustees approved the proclamation brought forth and signed by Scurry County Judge Preston Wilson and Snyder Mayor Rod Waller, which indicated the acceptance of TCCW in Snyder and Scurry County.

Two-year colleges account for some two-thirds of students enrolled in higher educational institutions throughout the nation. More than one-half million enroll annually for academic and occupational-technical classes in Texas community colleges.

Several activities were planned for the week.

Cancellation of trustees' liability insurance was revealed. Polly, Simon and Associates of New York will not renew WTC's contract upon its expiration, Nov. 30, because the company will no longer be providing coverage for this area.

WTC had been covered with this policy for six years. According to Gay Hickman, business manager, inquiries have been made of four or five other companies in hopes of locating someone before the expiration date.

Dr. Joe Reaves, president of the faculty association, contributed to the board's discussion by presenting a telephone survey

report being conducted by WTC students concerning House Bill 72. Approximately 17 students are working at phone homes, asking 20 questions about the bill which was recently passed by the legislature.

"It's a wholesome activity for students," said Dr. Don Newbury, college president.

According to Reaves, 39 percent of about 400 calls made disagreed with the bill. Results of the survey will be compared with statewide results. All work is being done on a voluntary basis. Such a survey would normally cost about \$15,000.

Snyder Daily News was recognized for publicity it has given which has assisted the survey.

Trustees also discussed the possibility of building permanent structures by students. The suggestion was submitted by Billy Arpe, building trades instructor. Construction of student apartments was one suggestion made.

Building additional apartments was said to be more practical than addition of a new dormitory wing.

The project will be put on the agenda for December. If approved, the project would begin during the spring semester in order to follow class sequence. Completion would be expected in 1986.

According to Newbury, the project would serve as good recruitment and at the same time be worthwhile to all.

Endorsement of a student building project was made by the WTC faculty association and Scurry County Commissioners. Building trade students will construct a gazebo band stand on the courthouse lawn. Reaves assured members the project was a quality thing which everyone can be proud of. He emphasized the need for students to actually build something.

Newbury also reported on a new WTC sign located near Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He recognized the efforts of those who made it possible.

In addition, he mentioned that Jack Roberts, an engineer with Fanning, Fanning and Agnew of Lubbock had visited WTC's campus in conjunction with the Department of Energy grant to the college.

WTC trustees were assured that the change in the chiller size from a 350-ton to a 430-ton would not affect the energy grant.

"I have a sense of confidence in this from from Lubbock," Baze said.

In other college business, members were informed of the installation of pool covers. A concise report on the energy consumption and conservation due to the new covers is being prepared at the request of Baze.

New filters have also been installed which should reduce the amount of maintenance in that area.

Approval of Margie Shawn's resignation as mid-management instructor was made with regret. "She's a very charming teacher and we regret her loss," Newbury said. Shawn will depart upon completion of the fall semester.

Several bids were considered and approved by board members. Snyder Janitorial Supply of Snyder submitted the lowest bid for custodial supplies and was unanimously approved.

Two bids from Colonial Motors of Dallas was accepted for a Triplex Riding Greens mower and a Turf Top Dresser. Prices submitted were \$9,340 and \$4,800 respectively.

Associated Supply Co., of Lubbock was approved for an aerator at \$5,475.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 10.



CHARMING THE CROWD! Jeff Combs of Muleshoe puts all of it into the singing of Lionel Richie's hit song, "Truly" at a reception in the WTC Student Center held in conjunction with the Texas Community College Week activities. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Revue opens tonight for three-day showing

By Frank Casas

The Fine Arts Theatre will be the scene of the musical revue, "Tin Types," Nov. 15-17. This will be the first revue performed by the fine arts department, although various other musicals have been performed in the past.

Forty-three songs from the 1896-1920 period will make up 80 per cent of the show. These songs focus on the social, economical and political aspects of life for that time period. Jim Rambo, associate professor of drama and speech, said, "This is an upbeat, patriotic show for the whole family. We are anticipating a good audience. Those who attend will find the show very enjoyable."

Besides musicals, the department has also performed comedies, westerns, mysteries and one tragedy. Rambo said, "The reason we chose a musical revue was because this year we have enough students enrolled that can sing."

Ramona Murphy, who portrays an early feminist, said,

Smokers put down pack

The eighth annual Great American Smokeout is taking place today. Last year a record 20 million people, addicted to tobacco, joined the smokeout. According to the American Cancer Society, the figure is just under 35 percent of the nation's smokers.

The Great American Smokeout is a challenge to all those who smoke to go on a nicotine fast for 24 hours. Friends of smokers can

"The best part about doing the show is that it's patriotic during a political year."

Terry Hunter and Aaron Knight, members of the chorus, said, "The show is fun-filled and patriotic for all age groups. We believe we'll get a good audience. It is a fast-paced musical revue that stimulates the senses."

The cast of "Tin Types" and their parts are Jeff Combs of Muleshoe as Charles the Jewish immigrant; Murphy of Snyder as the early feminist; Jeff Milburn of Brownfield as President Teddy Roosevelt; Rene King of Lubbock as Susannah, a black domestic worker; Trina Lemons of Fluvanna as Anna Held, the music hall star. The chorus consists of Cherie Loveless, Connie Essery and Lisa Robbins of Snyder; Latrice King of Lubbock, Hunter of Kermit and Knight of Big Lake. Stage manager is Ollie Carroll and assistant manager is David Brim, both of Snyder.

The revue will be performed at the University of El Paso Nov. 29.

sponsor someone and stand by them just in case the urge arises for a puff.

The theme for this year's smokeout is "Smokebusters," a spin-off from the movie, "Ghostbusters." Decals distributed contain the traditional slogan, "Kiss Me, I don't Smoke."

Everyone is urged to participate, either as a smokebuster or as a nicotine faster.

Campus Briefs

Blood drive slated

The Student Senate will be sponsoring a blood drive Nov. 29, from 10-2 in the Student Center. The drive will be conducted by United Blood Services of Lubbock.

Reasons to give blood, according to the services, are: "A blood donor is good for people who go through windshields and red lights, for somebody with leukemia, for hemophiliacs so they can be as normal as possible, for little kids who manage to uncup a bottle full of poison, for people who are burned pretty bad, for people having open-heart surgery. A good blood donor is just for people who are in a lot worse shape than most people you know."

"Every donor will be very much appreciated," Pam Johnson, Student Activities secretary, said.

Wildflower Day

Plans are now being made to observe Wildflower Day April 27 at WTC.

Activities are being planned that will involve both the college and community. Student and faculty representatives are needed to work on the Wildflower Day Committee.

A meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus. Anyone interested in helping should attend the meeting.

For further information, contact Britt Canada at 573-8511, ext. 294 or Joe Carter, ext. 245.

Philisteen on tap

The Philisteen, a rock group from Los Angeles, Calif., will be performing at WTC Nov. 19. The concert will be held in the Student Center lobby from 7-9 p.m.

Sponsoring the concert is the entertainment committees, chaired by Irma Sanchez. There will not be an admission charge.

Dance theme set

The dance committee will be hosting the "Mistletoe Ball" Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the cafeteria from 8:30-12 p.m. Dress code is semi-formal.

Admission will be one food item or child's toy per person.

Rodeoers to Tech

The WTC rodeo team is participating in the NIRA Rodeo today through Saturday at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



'TIN TYPES' CAST — Front row Cherie Loveless (chorus), Jeff Milburn (President Teddy Roosevelt), Jeff Combs (Charles the Jewish immigrant), and Lisa Robbins (chorus). Back row Connie Essery (chorus), Rene King (Susannah the black domestic worker), Terry Hunter (chorus), Aaron Knight (chorus), Ramona Murphy (an early feminist), Latrice King (chorus) and Trina Lemons (Anna Held, the music hall star). — Photo by Jerry Snelling

Founder's Day reception
Nov. 20, 11:15 a.m. SC

Perspectives

Writer perceives habit as unhealthy

Smoking is a decision people make on their own. If someone wants to pollute their lungs, that's their choice. But what about those around them who don't wish to do so, yet must inhale the smoke because they are in the same location? Don't they have any say so?

Sitting next to a smoker can be very annoying. The smoke penetrates one's hair and clothes causing an awful smell. Why does the non-smoker have to put up with this and just what rights does he have?

Many public places, such as restaurants, have special sections for smokers and non-smokers. These special sections can help in some ways, but sitting in the same room, at one end or the other, can still be annoying. Is there really any good that comes out of this nicotine habit?

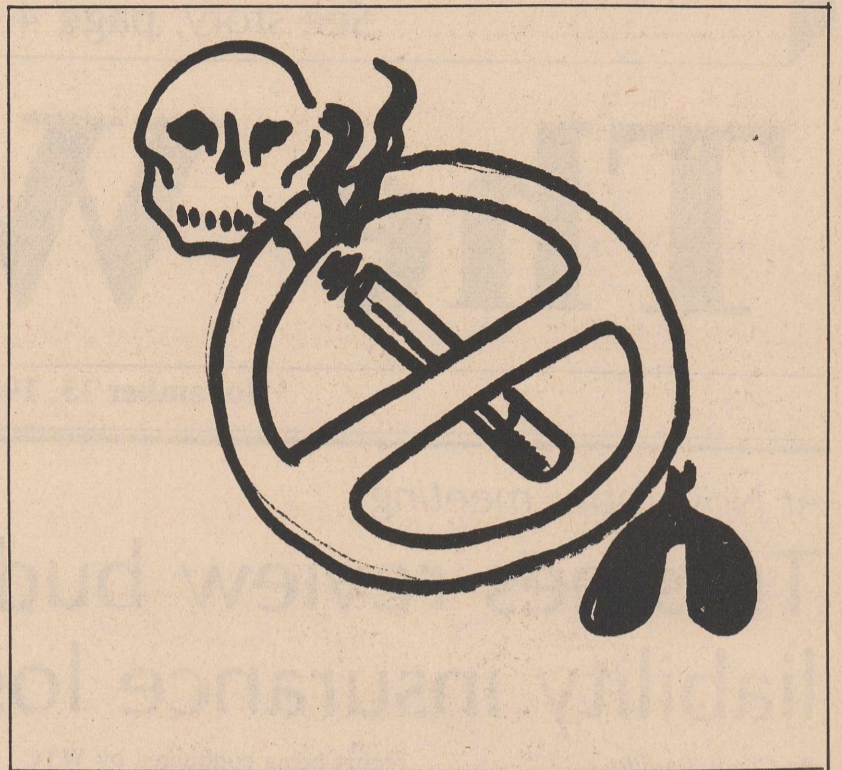
Ads depict smoking as the cool and socially acceptable thing to do. Peer pressure is also a main factor in prompting people to smoke. Consequences that arise after continuous use often failed to be mentioned. A warning from the Surgeon General which clearly

states that cigarette smoking is dangerous to one's health is clearly stated on all cigarette ads and packs. Still, it is overlooked and ignored by many.

Research hasn't revealed that any good comes out of smoking. In fact, smoking is the main cause of lung cancer and related diseases such as cancer of the gums and lips, emphysema and bronchitis.

Smoke can also kill brain cells and is a very expensive habit. A majority of smokers go through at least two packs a day. The average yearly cost per smoker is approximately \$750. The sad part about spending this much money is that one has nothing to show for it expect maybe stained fingers and teeth. The hideous habit is, in addition to being filthy, a fire hazard, it causes bad breath and dulls the smell and taste senses.

Millions of people have already "kicked the habit" but millions more still continue. If a person chooses to smoke, that's their own decision, but they should at least have a little consideration for those around them who don't.



Turkey Talk: Thanksgiving Day brings peril, terrorizes innocent turkeys everywhere

By David Stewart

Thanksgiving is the day when we all give thanks for what we have. Since that day in the early 1600's when the Pilgrims had the first Thanksgiving, the tradition has stuck.

It is a day of feasting and being with friends and family as we remember the good things God has given us. But did you ever stop to think what Thanksgiving means to a turkey?

The turkey is a nice, little bird that never hurts anybody, but around Thanksgiving countless turkeys are doomed to certain death. Then the poor things are cooked and served on just about every table in the country.

Actually on that first Thanksgiving, the turkey was one of many different foods that were prepared. Other birds besides the turkey were served to the Pilgrims and Indians. Indians

started the whole thing by bringing wild turkeys to be prepared for the feast. The idea took hold and ever since that day the turkey has become the main food for Thanksgiving. It wasn't the poor turkey's choosing to be the main course for someone's Thanksgiving meal.

Do you realize just how many turkeys are eaten for Thanksgiving? According to Mike Boring, assistant manager at Piggly Wiggly in Sweetwater, about 200 cases containing two to four turkeys each, will be sold for Thanksgiving. He also commented that the Snyder store will probably sell over 300 cases of the birds. Mark Brown, Safeway store manager in Sweetwater, expects to sell about 600 turkeys before Thanksgiving. Compare these small town totals with larger cities and the total number is mind-boggling. Other people will buy turkeys from organizations like 4-H or FFA. Some high school classes sell turkeys, too. Still others will hunt and kill their own turkey or win one at a turkey shoot. Others may receive their bird as a gift from a boss or friend.

All of this has to cause uneasy feelings in the turkey world. Every year more turkeys must die. It is a wonder that the turkey hasn't become extinct when so many end up as the main course on Thanksgiving. Turkeys probably ask each other why the Pilgrims didn't send out for pizza for their feast!

When William Bradford and the Pilgrims had that first Thanksgiving with the Indians, little did they realize what effect it would have on the turkey. Some people even call Thanksgiving "Turkey Day."

Even though it is hard on the turkey population, isn't it worth it to taste the delicious turkey and everything that goes along with it? Of course, Thanksgiving Day turkey is great, but five or six days later when you are eating turkey sandwiches made from the leftovers, the turkey doesn't taste quite as good. That is probably the reason the turkey doesn't become extinct. After Thanksgiving, people are so sick of turkey it takes a year to get in the mood to eat turkey again. The day after Thanksgiving is a happy day for

the surviving turkeys. Some may be eaten for Christmas dinner, but most will survive until the next Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a truly inspir-

ing holiday as we all look back on our good fortune. It is the day when everybody gives thanks, except the turkey!



Speculation

Wendy Hodge

Using self-evaluation helps break habits

With the Great American Smokeout coming up, we Americans should take a good long look at ourselves and evaluate our tobacco habits. For 24 hours, smokers are asked to give it up. If we can do this, why not make every day a Great American Smokeout?

Many Americans lead the type of social life that tends to take them into nasty habits. Smoking is one of the worst habits that one can acquire. The best thing to do, according to current smokers, is never start. Don't even take a puff on the spur of the moment, because you need to add more thought to a decision that will affect the rest of your life.

Most of those who now smoke and wish they didn't have a hard time with it because they are addicted to the nicotine in the tobacco. This addiction is quite real, and is sometimes just as hard to overcome as an addiction to drugs. The withdrawal symptoms are all there. Smokers run out of things to do with their hands so they eat. If you are an observer, you have probably noticed the number of people who are trying to quit smoking are overweight. This is because they have to be doing something constantly, and eating is certainly enjoyable.

is certainly enjoyable.

Yes, it is easier to never begin smoking, but we are in such a hurry whenever we do anything that we never really stop to consider the consequences. This principle should be taught in the home, but more often than not, communication between parents and their children is minimal, especially when the parents are smokers and children think that everything their parents do is just fine. We are now past the age of influence, but we can be a great influence to others, perhaps younger brothers and sisters, and even our own children someday.

Habits are present in every human, but we should strive to always think before we act on anything whether it's smoking, drinking, or having sex. When we just relax a little rather than get down because of everything we have to do, we do our best work. Our brain functions best with a relaxed body.

The Great American Smokeout is today, and if you are a smoker, you are urged to at least put the cigarettes down for the rest of the day to see if you can live without them. Statistics show that you won't live your potential life span if you stay with them. Just try it, you may find better things to do.



Review

David Stewart

Comedy duo join forces

"All of Me" is a cute, little story about a dying, wealthy woman whose wishes are to transfer her soul into the body of a healthy person.

Lily Tomlin plays the dying woman. She hires a magic man who knows the chant that will transfer her soul into the body of a young, healthy woman. Steve Martin is the star of the movie, playing a hard-luck lawyer. He never gets the cases he wants to work on and is very frustrated with his life. He is assigned the job of preparing Lily's will. As luck would have it, something goes wrong with the plan and Tomlin's soul is transferred into Martin's body. She controls his right half, while he still has con-

trol of the left side.

What follows is fairly predictable. Typical Martin gags and man-woman jokes are used frequently. Even though it is predictable, the show is funny. The scenes in the bathroom and bedroom are Steve Martin classics. The plot is sometimes lost in the show, but it doesn't really matter that much anyway. The plot concludes with a happy ending.

It isn't one of the best movies I have ever seen, but it certainly isn't one of the worst. I didn't think it was as funny as "The Jerk," but it was one of Martin's better efforts. It is worth going to see if you need a laugh.

What do YOU think?

What will you be thankful for at Thanksgiving, and where will you be?

-LaDonna Way



"I'm thankful for my family, my friends, my health and for LaDonna. I will be in Ralls on Thanksgiving."
Gregg Boyd
Ralls, TX



"I am thankful that I am able to go to college. I will be in El Paso, at home, for Thanksgiving."
Laura Briggs
El Paso, TX



"I've got a lot to be thankful for. I am mostly thankful that I have a lot of people that care for me."
Belien Blythe
Sweetwater, TX



"I will be at home for Thanksgiving. I am thankful that I am able to spend Thanksgiving with my family. I am also thankful that I am able to go to college."
Frankie Garza
San Angelo, TX



"I will be in Clyde and Abilene with my family and girlfriend, Mindy. I'm thankful that the semester is almost over, but mostly for my girlfriend."
Steve Cullen
Clyde, TX



"I will be at home. I am thankful for a roof over my head, able to be with my family and going to college."
Cyndi Trujillo
Ozona, TX

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Mid-Winter session schedule

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Classes meet from 9-11:45 and from 1-3:30 beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1985, through Saturday, Jan. 5, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 7, 8, and 9. Final examinations are scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10.

Registration begins on Monday, Dec. 17, and will continue until Friday, Dec. 21. The last day to register will be Wednesday, Jan. 2. Students who are interested are encouraged to register early to insure that the class they want will make. A minimum of 10 students is necessary in order for a class to be offered.

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Session results successful

"Mid-winter sessions can assist students in getting ahead a few more credit hours," said Dr. Harry Krenek, dean of instruction. A survey conducted on last year's mid-winter session to determine the success of the program proved most students used the mid-winter as a means of adding more hours to their transcript.

Students attending that session were given a questionnaire. Of the 76 responses, only 14 students enrolled in the session in order to

reduce their spring course load.

Fifty-five students felt they had learned as much in the class during the mid-winter session as they could learn during a regular semester. Students commented that they were able to learn so much in a short period of time because concentration was focused on one subject. Of the 76, two students said they would not enroll in another mid-winter session.

Forty-five of the students

enrolled had previously been students at WTC during the fall semester. Thirty-nine students attended four-year universities.

"We find the mid-winter session to be a success," Krenek said.

Registration for the 1984 mid-winter session begins Dec. 17 and will continue through Dec. 21. All students are urged to register as early as possible to determine which classes will be offered. Ten students are needed in order to offer a class that is listed.

Clubs sponsor Founder's Day events

By Lynn Quiros

Phi Theta Kappa, recognized by the American Association of Junior and Community Colleges on Nov. 19, 1929, will be celebrating Founder's Day Nov. 20.

Continuing the tradition which began last year, PTK and the Student Senate will be recognizing an outstanding personality from the WTC campus on Founder's Day.

"It doesn't have to be a faculty member. It could be a secretary, an administrator, a mid-level type administrator, a dorm director, or someone from maintenance. It could be anyone," Dr. Mary Hood, PTK sponsor, said.

The honoree is recognized for outstanding service to students, having a caring and concerned attitude about students, going out of his/her way to help students out, and being there to make college life better for them.

The outstanding personality will receive a plaque honoring him/her, as did Dr. Franklin Pruitt, the outstanding personality of last year.

PTK has been celebrating Founder's Day since WTC's opening in the fall of 1971. Psi Zeta, WTC's chapter, was founded the following year in February.

The first elected president of

Phi Theta Kappa, Margret Mosal, now Dr. Margret Mosal is the executive director of PTK. She is the only executive director that the national honor fraternity has had.

Guest speakers, Dr. Don Newbury and Danny Hunter, national president of PTK, will be present for the celebration. The event will entail a reception, honoring the outstanding personality, in the student center during activity period. Hood stated that she would like everyone to come out to help them celebrate the founding of Phi Theta Kappa. The ceremony will be open to the public.

FAT presents photo exhibition

The Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre presented a photographic exhibition by Jay Huckabee Nov. 11 with a reception. The exhibition will remain through Dec. 12.

The photographs exhibited are a by-product of a project that began over four years ago. Research was done on the life and work of Ted Kautzky. Kautzky is considered one of America's

foremost architectural renderer, delineator and master water colorist. An immigrant from Hungary, he migrated to New York where he lived for 30 years.

An attempt was made to photograph as many various locations and subjects that Kautzky rendered in pencil and paint during the 1930s and 40s.

The photos have been selected at random. "...I am not tempted

to play anyone but myself," said Huckabee. He also stated that he likes to make his own decisions.

Huckabee expressed his thanks and appreciation to John Gibson, associate professor of art, and Mike Thorton, division chairperson and professor of art, for assistance and moral support. He also recognized Dr. Don Newbury, college president, and WTC's Fine Arts Division.

Cafeteria adds warmers, menu additions made

By Cyndi Trujillo

Food committee members met Nov. 5 in their regular session. Additions to the menu cycle and purchasing of food warmers highlighted the meeting.

French fries have recently been added to the menu cycle as a result of complaints about the frequency of mashed potatoes.

Assorted chips will also be available at supper for those who do not want to eat the fries. A request for more tater tots was also submitted.

Food warmers, purchased to keep food moist and warm, have reduced the complaints of cold food after 12 p.m.

"They're helping a lot," Mike Grace, cafeteria manager, said. The warmers are presently in use and five more are expected.

Grace has set up a feedback board for students to relay reasonable complaints. Answers will be available within 24 hours, according to Grace.

Members commented on the cheddar being set out in the salad bar and the lids acquired to cover desserts.

Members present were Avelino Garcia, John Young, Jeff May and Danny Schwartzner. Presiding were Gay Hickman, director of food services and Grace.

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9:25-10:15 MWF	10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11
10:20-11:10 MWF	Noon, Monday, Dec. 10
11:15-12:05 MWF	10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12
12:10-1:00 MWF	10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10
8:35-9:50 TTH	Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 11
9:55-11:10 TTH	8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10
11:55-1:10 TTH	8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

Final Exam Evening Schedule

Class Time	Examination Time
Monday	Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.

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Pruitt's technique stimulates student learning

"A successful teacher is one who...cares about his students and wants to see them learn."

— Dr. Franklin Pruitt



CARROTS FOR TRIGGER - Simulating events in history makes learning easier for students.



ABOUT THIS BIG - Gestures and facial expressions get the message across to Pruitt's class.

"I can remember things he's said in his lectures when I'm taking a test."

KCBD cameras capture classroom

By Wendy Hodge

Who was the greatest hero of the Alamo? Rather than just standing behind a podium stating a name, history professor Dr. Franklin Pruitt jumps on his stick horse and away he goes.

Television cameras from the KCBD station in Lubbock filmed this ordinary classroom discussion on the United States Expansion. Newswoman Karla Lesli was on hand to interview a few students about the unusual liveliness of classes under Pruitt.

Cecile Kerley, Pruitt's daughter, has taken every class he offers, not because he's her father, but because his class is different and interesting. "I can remember things he's said in his lectures when I'm taking a test," she said. She also mentioned that

she has learned things in his classes about her family that she didn't know.

Pruitt's classes get a lot of positive publicity among the students. "I have always heard that his classes were great, but I thought I would see for myself, and they are great," Terri Dever said. She admits that she used to dread history classes, but now she looks forward to seeing an energetic Pruitt give his all in an effort to help her learn.

Dever feels that she learns more in Pruitt's class than in any others she has had before. "I've never liked history very much because there are too many dates to remember, but he makes it interesting," she said.

Kerley is very proud of her father. "I'm lucky for my dad to be such a popular teacher who is

so well liked," she said. Pruitt is certainly deemed a successful teacher by his students, and he has his own philosophy on teaching and learning. Part of this philosophy is that "A successful teacher is one who is enthusiastic, loves his subject, knows his subject, and is enthusiastic about his subject. He is one who cares about his students and wants to see them learn." He said that when a teacher utilizes more than just the one sense of hearing, when students see something as well as they hear it, they will become more apt to learn.

The greatest hero at the battle of the Alamo was James Butler Bonham, and, according to the star on campus, Pruitt, Bonham's scared, tired, wounded horse came in a close second.



WHOA BOY! - The KCBD TV crew catches Pruitt in action.



DEEP CONCENTRATION - Pruitt's teaching is not all fun and lectures. Students take a quiz and give Pruitt the feedback with which every teacher measures the success of his teaching techniques.

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and

Jerry Snelling

News

Students journeying abroad to discover

Pittsburgh, PA — Twice each year, fall and spring semesters, a group of 500 students from colleges and universities across the United States set out on a journey of learning and discovery. They are the participants of Semester at Sea, a study-abroad program based on the floating campus, S.S. Universe. Academic credit is earned from the University of Pittsburgh and transferred to home campuses. There are over 60 voyage-related courses to choose from.

Semester at Sea visits Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, India, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Spain on each 100-day voyage. The S.S. Universe is an 18,000-ton ocean liner complete with classrooms, a 12,000 volume library,

bookstore, student union, theater, dining room, hospital and sports facilities.

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According to the program's executive director, Dr. John Tymitz, applications are still being accepted for the spring '85 semester. Details are available by calling (800) 854-0195 toll-free, or writing Semester at Sea, University of Pittsburgh, 2E Forbes Quadrangle, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

Superstars judge talent

LAS CRUCES, NM — A super star and a super songwriter will judge new segments for the American Collegiate Talent Showcase.

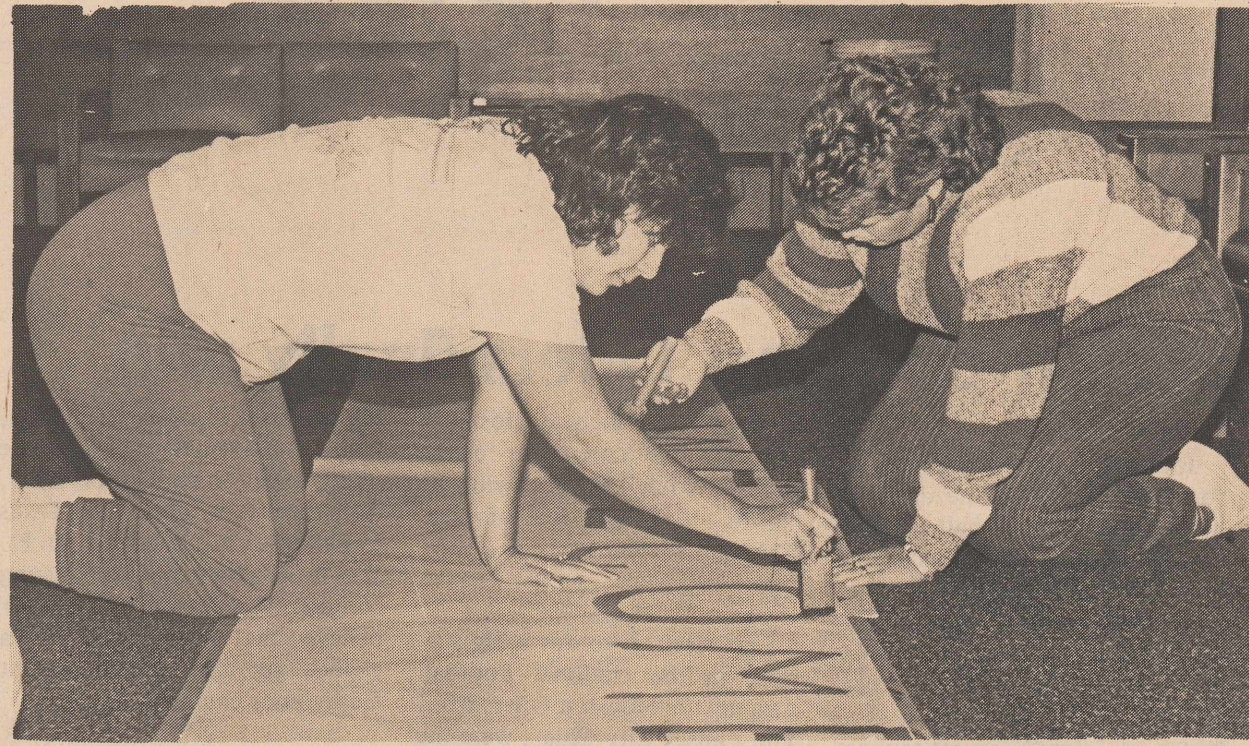
Legendary comedian Bob Hope will assemble a group of comedy writers and producers to form a judging team for the newly added comedy writing category in the Fourth Annual American Collegiate Talent Showcase (ACTS). Writers may submit comedy one-liners and situation comedy scripts as part of the ACTS competition.

Joining Hope in judging another new category, songwriting, will be songwriter Mike Reid, who is best known for writing "There's A Stranger In My House" sung by Ronnie Milsap.

An award for best Video Production has also been added to the extensive list of performing categories that include all areas of contemporary and classical music, dance, drama and variety.

Students who participate in ACTS have the opportunity to receive cash awards and scholarships, overseas tours, showcases, personal appearances and auditions by major talent agencies, record companies, dance companies and other entertainment organizations.

Entries are being accepted for the talent showcase through April 15. For more information and an official entry form, write or call The American Collegiate Talent Showcase, Box 3ACT, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003, (505) 646-4413.



SWISH - Irma Sanchez from Coleman and Laura Preston from Sonora paint signs for Texas Community College Week.

— Photo by Jerry Snelling

Fantasy game ends in tragedy

(CPS) — James Dallas Egbert III was a distraught, confused, highly intelligent 16-year-old advanced student at Michigan State University when, one day in 1979, he gathered a blanket, some cheese, crackers and a handful of Quaaludes and literally dropped out of sight.

Where he really dropped was into a tiny room off the steam tunnels running under the huge MSU campus.

What followed was a media circus as a detective unearthed clues Egbert had left behind, and the world speculated that the troubled student was playing some fatal version of Dungeons and Dragons, then a full-blown national campus fad.

And though there were many alarmed calls to ban the game from campuses, a new book reveals the truth was nowhere near as spectacular as a real-life D&D game. It was, however, a sad example of what can happen when an underaged, smart kid is left on a college campus to make — or not make — his own way.

In *Dungeon Master*, William Dear, the detective Egbert's parents hired to find their son, reveals previously-unknown details about the case.

But most of the book, released the last week of October, could be subtitled "Sam Spade on Campus," as Dear describes how he left a trail of crumpled lapels all over East Lansing, pressuring people to tell all they knew.

In fact, Egbert just was laying low in friends' houses, recovering from the effects of Quaaludes before contacting Dear himself.

"We just knew he was dead or something bad," Dear recalled in an interview. "I'd exhausted every lead. I think if I hadn't put out the threats, we never would have found him alive. He would have committed suicide."

Egbert ultimately did commit suicide a year after his "rescue."

While Egbert's story — complicated by his intelligence, difficulty in relating to his older classmates and sexual preferences that undoubtedly made social adjustment even harder — probably was similar to others in the current national teenage suicide epidemic, Dear emphasizes Dungeons and Dragons' role.

"He was very involved in Dungeons and Dragons," Dear

said. "Many of the kids who play this game don't realize it's a fantasy; they become so involved. I've heard since this case from two other women who say their children, who were involved with the game, committed suicide."

"I'm not saying the game is inherently dangerous," he added, but kids "with emotional problems" shouldn't play it.

"It's still highly popular on campus, but college sales aren't as high as they once were," reports Dieter Sturm of TSR, Inc., the Lake Geneva, Wis., firm that manufactures Dungeons and Dragons.

"We've lived with the rumor (that Dungeons and Dragons contributed to Egbert's death) for five years here," Sturm said. "Certainly it's a tragic story. But the truth is the game had nothing to do with his death. He wasn't playing it the whole time he was missing."

"This is a game that has death as a constant factor," Dear said. "I think parents should keep an eye on children who are involved in it to make sure they don't lose touch with reality."

Dear also has harsh words for Michigan State. He quoted one of his detectives saying he wouldn't send a child to MSU if

"Wouldn't you think a university put in charge of a treasure like (Egbert) would take care of him?" Dear asked. "He'd been invited to attend several universities, so the college knew what they had."

"His parents told us it was okay for (Egbert) to be in the residence halls," said Ed Zabrusky, MSU's media projects director who was with the school's new bureau in 1979.

"The whole thing was very tragic," said Ferman Badgely, who as a member of MSU's security force directed the school's investigation of the Egbert case. "I looked at this whole thing as a missing persons case. I think it got blown way out of proportion."

Dear's feelings for MSU, moreover, are reciprocated.

Dear, Zabrusky recalled, was "coming on like James Bond. He's very flamboyant, and I'm not sure he's shedding any light on this case."

Badgely, now MSU's police commander, remembers Dear as a "TV-type private investigator with a very high opinion of himself. I think he's good, but I don't think he's as good as he thinks he is."

Reagan may open financial doors

(CPS) — Students locked out of 1984 federal financial aid programs could find some opened doors next year if President Ronald Reagan signs the fiscal 1985 education funding bill.

Experts predict Reagan will sign H.R. 6028, which contains the federal education budget for the Oct. 1, 1984 to Sept. 30, 1985 fiscal year, and was passed Oct. 11 by both houses of Congress.

Student financial aid funds comprise nearly \$8 billion of the total \$17.9 billion education package, with \$3.6 billion earmarked for Pell grants and three billion dollars for Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL).

"We think the increases will loosen up financial aid substantially," Lou Dietrich, Department of Education spokeswoman reported. "The budget exceeds our request for 1985 and provides a great deal of aid."

Nevertheless, some aid directors around the country fear the increases may be too little, too late to help current students, and that they're not big enough to help students new to the aid programs.

Still, Congress's aid budget is \$1.7 billion more than last year's, and nearly \$1.5 billion more than the president wanted in the 1985 budget.

In his budget request, delivered to Congress last February, Reagan wanted to fund the Pell program at its 1984 level, eliminate Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) and State Student Incentive Grants, drastically cut National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and increase Work/Study and GSL allocations.

In addition, the Office of Management and Budget earlier this year proposed letting inflation eat away more aid programs by keeping budgets the same through the next four years.

Congress instead has increased the total education budget by 14

percent and sent it to the White House for Reagan's signature.

"There are increases in just about every program for 1985," Dietrich noted. "It certainly provides students with more aid options."

The SEOG program would get \$40 million more, NDSL \$35 million more and College Work/Study \$37.5 million more than 1984 levels if Reagan signs the bill into law.

College financial aid directors around the country, battered by four years of aid cuts, seem relieved but unsated.

"We've always had a problem here with lack of funds," Alan Shipley of Northern Arizona University explained. "Any increase will make it easier for students to apply for and receive the dollars they need."

"The increases are good," Jeff Baker of San Francisco State agreed. "But I'd like to see more of them and more changes."

"We have a critical problem here," Montana State Financial Aid Director Jim Craig said, hoping the increases won't come too late. "Lots of students apply and we have no funds for them."

"The budget for financial aid has not grown with the cost of living," he added.

But while education experts are happy about the increases, they note the funding is not as substantial as it looks.

"The budget restores the erosion of the last four years," Dallas Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators said. "Funding still doesn't equal the real purchasing power of fiscal 1980."

The increases will cover inflation's effect on college costs, he predicted, and "maybe a little more."

Some aid directors maintain the increases, particularly for Pell Grants and GSLs, won't help new aid applicants much.

"The increase in Pell funds will

go mostly to students already in the program," Pat Smith of the American Council on Education (ACE) stressed. "Maximum grants will be raised from \$1900 to \$2100, and there are nearly three million students in the program."

"It's pretty much arithmetic," San Francisco's Baker conceded. "I hope the Pell increase isn't eaten up by the additional maximum grants. I hope it means more students will receive Pell grants."

The GSL increases, he added, primarily will cover defaults and differences between the nine percent student interest rate and the actual GSL interest rate.

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Hawks' promotion popular; Oilers finally win

The Atlanta Hawks should be given an award for the most unusual promotion in sports.

It was described as the "ultimate commitment to the Hawks" offering free Mohawk haircuts at the Hawks home opener against the Philadelphia 76'ers on Oct. 27. Three barbers were on the court at halftime and 14 fans volunteered to have their heads shaved in the Mohawk style. Each fan received a season ticket to Hawks' games for volunteering.

In addition to this, the Hawks offered two tickets for the price of one to any fan who outweighed Charles Barkley, the 270-pound forward for the Sixers. The Hawks lost the game, but the evening was a success. The attendance was the largest opening night crowd ever for the Hawks.

John McEnroe was suspended for three weeks. All he did was hit a spectator with a ball, call the umpire "a jerk," and smash a bottle with his racket! This happened in Stockholm, Sweden during Davis Cup finals. Oh, by the way, he also called the International Tennis Federation "a bunch of idiots" for scheduling the tournament so late in the year.

It didn't take the Texas Rangers long to continue their off-season tradition. The first bad trade has been made. Dave Hostetler, a former star for the Rangers, has been traded to the Montreal Expos for lefty reliever Chris Welsh. Hostetler, who had a bad season last year, is still a very talented ballplayer. Let's all

sit back and watch as Hostetler blossoms into a great star for the Expos, while Welsh will be another in a long line of poor Ranger pitchers.

Last week there was a big surprise in the National Football League: the Houston Oilers won! The Kansas City Chiefs were the unfortunate victims in a 17-16 game. The Dallas Cowboys also came up with a win over the St. Louis Cardinals by a score of 24 to 17. The Miami Dolphins needed some luck and got it in a blocked extra point to defeat Philadelphia 24-23 and kept their record perfect at 11-0. The Denver Broncos and San Francisco 49'ers each have 10-1 marks, while Buffalo remains the league's only winless team.

College football has another

big surprise. The Texas Christian University Horned Frogs may be on their way to the Cotton Bowl. A showdown with the Texas Longhorns this Saturday in Ft. Worth will be a very interesting contest. Who would have ever believed that TCU would have a chance to win the Southwest Conference championship?

Both the Dusters and Westerners are off to a good start in the 1984-85 season. More people need to come out and support WTC basketball this year. Coach Phil Spradling's Westerners resemble a pro team with their fast break style of play, and Coach Joe Cushing has the Dusters playing exceptional basketball. It looks like another great season ahead for WTC hoopsters.

Dusters, backed by 7-1 record, prepare for Amarillo

By Frank Casas

The Dusters, currently with a 7-1 record, will be facing a tough Henderson County team in the Amarillo Tournament, Nov. 15-17.

Duster Coach Joe Cushing said the Henderson County game "should be a good ball game because they're a good team." He added, "So far Tyler has been our toughest competition."

Last Saturday night the lady hoopsters defeated Western Oklahoma by the score of 88-48 in the final round of the South Plains Tournament.

Clara "Speed" Campbell, team center, said, "This was a great game because everyone on the team got a chance to play and score. We're improving a lot as a team offensively and defensively."

Patti Hayes led the scoring with 14, Campbell followed with 12 and Rhonda Chisum had 10. Leslie Rose brought down nine rebounds to lead the rebounding category. The Dusters shot 59 percent from the field and 48 percent from the free throw line.

Renvy Evans was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the South Plains Tourney.

New Mexico Junior College also suffered an 88-74 loss to WTC at this tourney Nov. 9.

NMJC had a 40-36 score at halftime. The Dusters made a second half comeback with Lyndy French leading the team with 21 points, four steals, four assists and three rebounds.

Other scoring contributors were Patti Hayes, 20, Renee Ramaekers, 12, and Evans, 11. Campbell controlled the re-

bouncing category by pulling down 12 of WTC's 40 rebounds.

It was a Duster sweep when they defeated Lubbock Christian College 100-34 in the opening round of the South Plains Tournament Nov. 8.

According to Cushing, this was the first game that all 13 team members were able to play in.

Chisum led the team with 20 points, six steals and four rebounds. Others in double figures were Evans with 14 and Campbell and Diana Quincy both with 12 each. The team rebounding was controlled by WTC as they pulled down 39 to LCC's 17.

A strong defense was the key to the Dusters 81-56 victory over Ranger Junior College Nov. 6, 1984.

Cushing told *The Snyder Daily News*, "We played excellent defense. We had no outstanding

individuals, just a good solid team effort."

Other scorers were French and Evans both with 12, Hayes added 11; Rhonda Hoelting, eight and Raemaekers, Quincy, Judy Wiseman, Chisum all contributed four each.

The lady hoopsters defeated the Cisco Lady Wranglers 69-62 Nov. 5, after coming off from a slow start.

Cushing said, "The team went through a new offense tonight. I feel this offense will be very beneficial once the team becomes accustomed to it." He added, "Cisco has a good ball club. They played tough and never gave up."

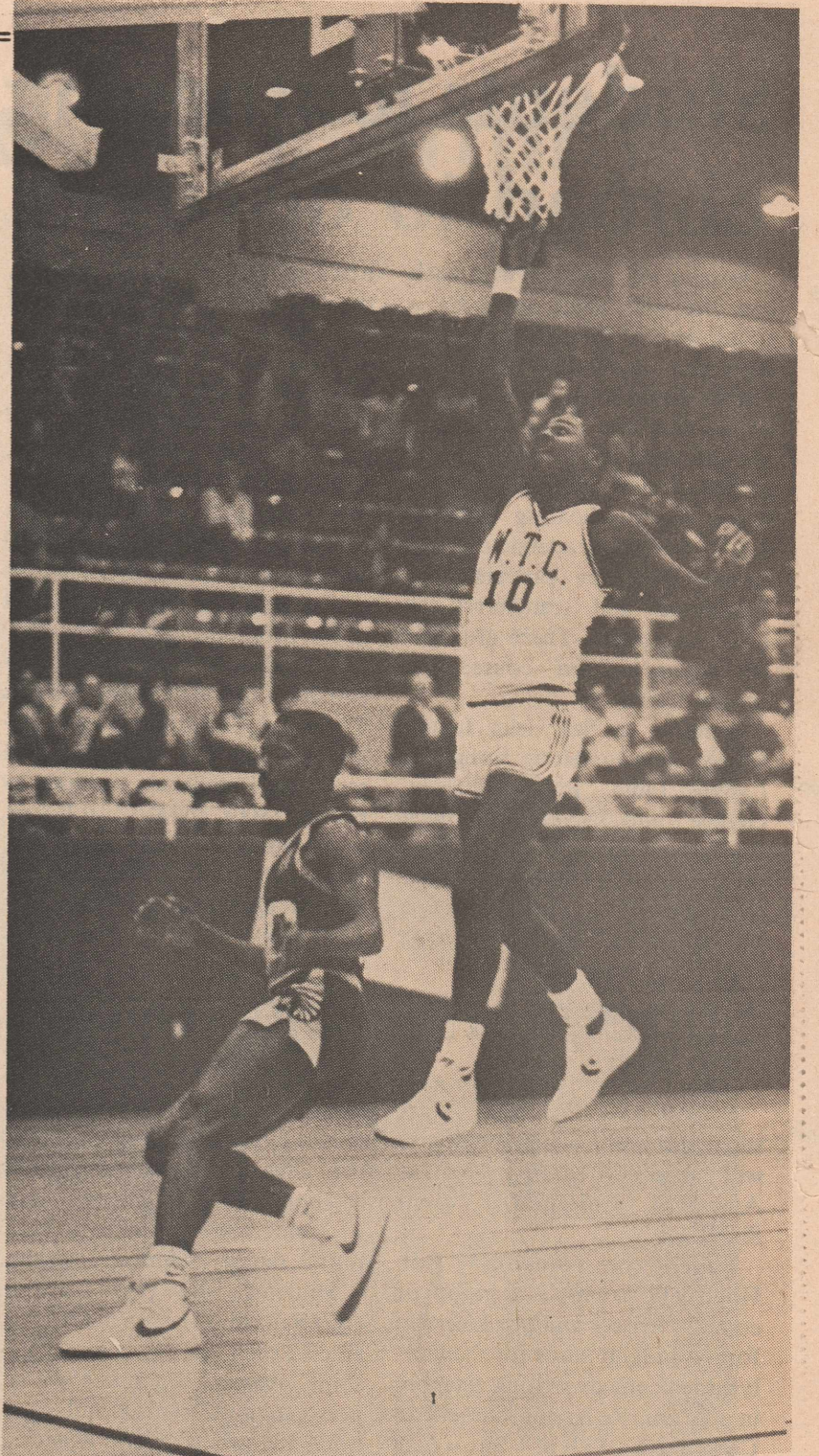
Campbell swished in 28 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. Hayes scored 11 and Chisum added six. Hayes said, "We're beginning to work better together as a team. Cisco wasn't as tough inside as other teams we've played."

The only loss the Dusters have is the 65-69 Tyler defeat.

Chisum said, "We played great defense being able to hold a team like Tyler to 65 points." Hayes led the team with 14 points and seven rebounds. Evans boosted in 12 points and 10 rebounds. French and Chisum both scored 10 each.

The Dusters beat Angelina Nov. 2 by the score of 91-68.

Campbell and Hayes both shot in 17 points followed by Wiseman's 10.



ON THE MARK - WTC's Alvin Hicks burns a McMurry defender with a fast break lay-up. The Westerners defeated McMurry 90-76 in their season opener. The cagers will be taking on Ranger Junior College and Tyler in the Westerner Classic which starts tomorrow.

— Photo by Jerry Snelling

Intramural semi-finals played

By Gregg Pruitt

In intramural semi-final football action, the Automotive Squad defeated the City Drunks 12-0.

Norman Malone scored twice on 20-yard pass plays to lead the automotive team to the finals. Malone said, "The team blocked well all through the game and we could not have won if we had not played team football. It was a hot day at 11:10 but we still went 100 percent."

In the second game, the BAMFS beat the North Dorm Storms 8-0.

Shannon Mitchell scored the only touchdown for the BAMFS, gained through a 40-yard run to give the BAMFS the early lead. Later in the game Eddie Bolden scored a safety to clinch the victory. Bolden said, "We knew we were going to have a close game so we went full force all through

the game." The games were played at Tuesday at the intramural field.

In racquetball action in the A singles division for men, Nicki Neves beat Frank Anguiano by the score of 21-19. In the men's A doubles division, Fred Flemming and Neves defeated Anguiano and David Pruitt 21-18.

In the women's division C singles, Kristal Keith bombed Jan Williams 15-7, and in C doubles, Williams and Tina Gordon destroyed Keith and Barbara Watson 15-3.

To start off the B doubles for men, Toby Villa and Auguano wiped out Jamie Lee and Suren Thiagarajah 15-1. In the C doubles for the men, John Murphy and David Ehlers crushed Gregg Ehlers and Mark Wiresch by the score of 11-0. In C singles Thiagarajah defeated David Ehlers 11-5.

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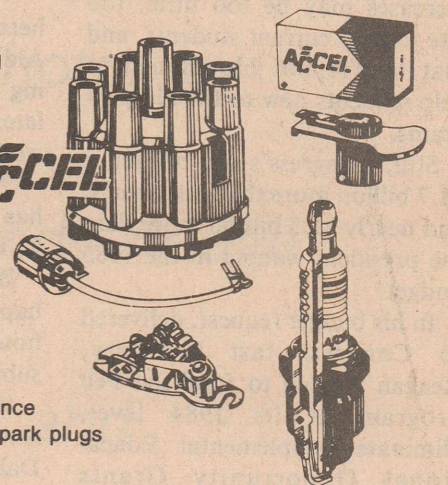
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