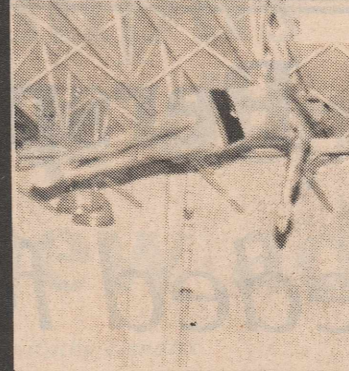


## Sack Attack

Intramural competition

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## Diving

Perfecting the form

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# The Western Texan

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## Enrollment down 300 from last year

By Melissa Garcia and Lloyd Richards

According to an article published twelve years ago in *The Western Texas*, projected enrollment for 1980 was reported as 2000. Actual enrollment for the 1985 fall semester is 1006.

The projected estimate of 2000 was unrealistic according to Don Newbury, WTC president.

"I think it was optimistic. That projection would have been extremely outposted," said Newbury.

Compared to last fall, enrollment figures for this year are more than 300 students lower. Enrollment for last fall was 1,319. However, last year there were about 100 more students in extension center programs and more than 100 additional students in aerobics and computer science.

When WTC opened its doors in the early 1970s, there were colleges being opened every week, Newbury said. There are now a total of fifty junior colleges in Texas. However, the area that WTC serves has indicated an increase in population growth. "We have a very strong enroll-

ment considering the population, the geography that makes up the area we serve," Newbury said.

The economic condition and higher tuition has affected the enrollment as well. The price a student has to pay has gone up by two dollars per semester hour.

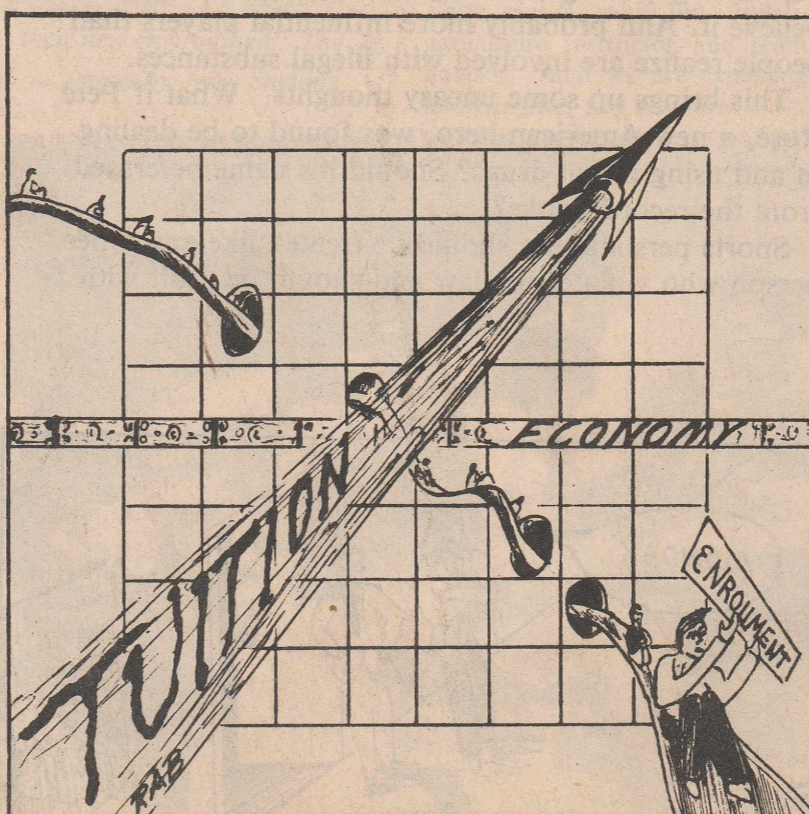
To encourage students to attend WTC, there are recruitment efforts made every year, said Newbury.

Administration contacts various high schools to visit with students starting at the freshman level. Recruiting letters are then sent to prospective students. Out of state recruitment is also active at WTC. A total of forty-five students from out of state have chosen to study at WTC.

An additional incentive in recruiting is the quarter of a million dollars in the scholarship program, said Newbury.

The enrollment decrease this fall can be attributed to less students in physical education courses. Newbury said many of these students are community people who are now taking exercise programs with private businesses or at home.

Newbury said that the decrease



ed enrollment in these classes may have been caused by higher tuition. The extension centers have also dropped about 56 percent in their enrollment from last fall.

Despite higher tuitions, Newbury said the cost of educa-

tion at WTC is still low compared with other institutions. "Our tuition has always been lower than Senior Colleges," he added, "and I think in several years it will be significantly low," concluded Newbury.

The decrease in enrollment is

not affecting the school budget, Newbury said. However, he said the school is short in tuition and fees by an estimated \$20 thousand and off in expenses by about \$30 thousand.

Commenting on the possible growth of WTC's instructional program, Newbury said he did not foresee the school expanding any of the instructional programs now being offered. Newbury said that although he did not anticipate WTC achieving senior college status, he said that WTC is a good educational bargain when compared with area four-year schools. Newbury gave tuition figures for 15 semester hours at WTC as \$340, with Abilene Christian University charging \$3,450; Angelo State University, \$750; and Texas Tech University, \$1,042.

"We are doing something right when we can offer courses at half the cost than the other universities," said Newbury. Total costs including instruction, books, food, and housing, are \$5,925 for ACU, \$3,944 for ASU, \$4,026 for Texas Tech and \$2,200 for WTC, according to information from Newbury's office.

## Campus Briefs

### Officers elected

Officers for the Press Club have been chosen. Jerry Snelling of Haskell has been named president; Dave Stewart of Roby, vice-president; Kathy Hendrix of Iraan, secretary; and Melissa Garcia of Snyder, Treasurer.

The club conducts various fund-raising activities during the year and proceeds are used to help students attend journalism workshops and seminars.

Press Club membership is open to any student interested in furthering the goals of the club.

### PTK officers

Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society, has named its officers for the 1985-86 year. Officers are Robyn Turner of Colorado City, president; Sarah Miller of Abernathy, vice-president; Kathy Rhodes of Snyder, secretary/state secretary; Terry Hunter of Garland, reporter; Deana Phillips of Snyder, historian; and Steve Okelberry of Gladewater, southern-vice president.

PTK will conduct induction ceremonies for new members later this semester.

### KC joins retreat

Kappa Chi, a christian student organization, will join Angelo State University for its annual Leaky Retreat at the HEB ranch near Austin Sept. 27-29.

Kappa Chi also sponsors a movie night every Thursday at 7 in the Christian Student Center on campus. Jimmy Ritchey, coordinator of activities, said the purpose of the organization is to provide wholesome recreation and Christian fellowship for students.

### BSU open late

The Baptist Student Union building will soon be open all night for student convenience. Lynn Prior, program coordinator, said that although the BSU is supported by local baptist churches, all students are welcome.

The BSU sponsors a weekly lunchcounter on Wednesday from 11:20 to 12 p.m. Cost of meals is only \$1. Every third Thursday is "Fun Night" with various activities and games planned.



Annette Williams



Jerry Dennis



Stan Weatherred



Lonnie Buck



William (Bill) Sutton

## New faculty bring experience; enhance programs

By Melissa Garcia

Ten instructors added to Western Texas College's faculty this fall bring a diversity of educational and industry experience to the school. Four of the ten have been previously associated with the school.

W. C. Sutton, instructor in the electronics technology program, has thirty-five years experience in electronic engineering.

Sutton was avionics shop foreman for Young Aviation in St. Louis, Mo where he installed, repaired and modified aircraft electronics equipment.

Sutton has devised an "open lab" curriculum for electronics students which allows them more

flexibility and opportunity to work on their projects.

Stan Weatherred has been hired to teach the three students presently enrolled in Construction Technology, a program that is being phased out by the college after completion of requirements by those presently enrolled.

Weatherred previously built and installed cabinets for a Garland firm and was involved in construction and remodeling work in Alpine.

Management program instructor, Annette Williams, has taught computer science courses part-time since 1984. Williams is working on a Master of Business

Administration at Angelo State University.

Lonnie Buck of San Angelo has owned and managed an auto parts business in San Angelo for the past two years. Buck, automobile mechanics instructor, is applying his experience in teaching students the business as well as the technical aspect of mechanics.

Donovan Buckland, a former WTC student and assistant supervisor of grounds maintenance has been hired as instructor for the golf course and landscape technology program. Buckland has taught golf landscape courses part-time in the past.

Kelly Chadwick, Dusters' basketball coach, was looking for a position about the time girls' basketball coach Joe Cushing resigned to accept another position. Chadwick was hired by WTC when his position was terminated at Amarillo College because the school discontinued their basketball program.

Office occupations instructor Cathy Chavez has taught office careers courses on a part-time basis while holding a secretarial position with WTC.

Another returning employee is Jerry Dennis, diesel mechanics instructor. Dennis taught diesel mechanics for WTC in 1975. He

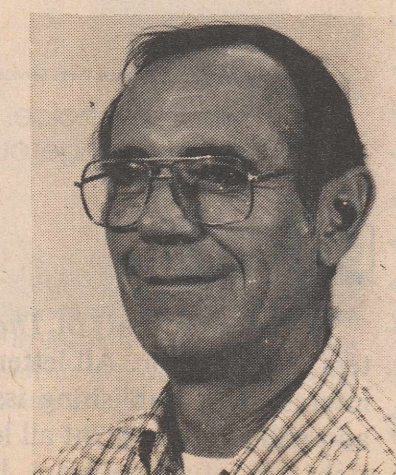
has since been in private business.

Michael Harrison, new member of the physical education faculty, will also assist in coordinating the college's intramural program. Harrison will complete requirements for his master's degree from West Texas State University in July.

Dan Osborn, WTC counselor, will also work with student personnel affairs. Osborn previously worked with high school seniors in exploring vocational and educational opportunities and as a counselor with Texas Children's Home. Osborn said his goal was to establish, understand and clarify goals for WTC students.



Dan Osborn



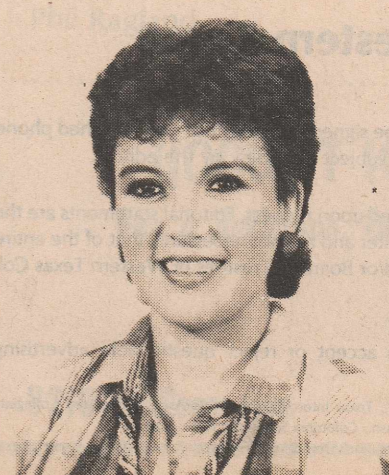
Donovan (Buck) Buckland



Kelly Chadwick



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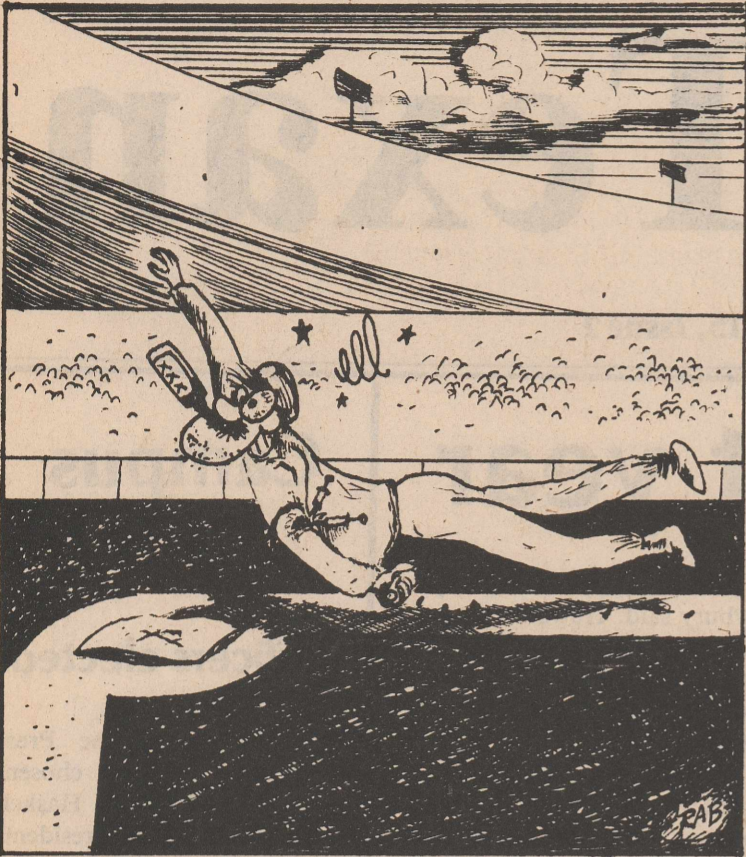


Cathy Chavez

# Perspectives

Editorial

## Punishment needed for drug users in sports



In today's professional sports, the competition level is at an all time high. With the lighter and stronger protective football equipment, the taller and more aggressive players, the threat of being traded or cut from a team and the growth of the public's enthusiasm for baseball, the competitor strives to accomplish the utmost in perfection. With this pressure to perform, some players turn to illegal stimulants as a way to feed the dedication.

Dale Berra, of the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates, has openly testified that Willie Stargell passed out amphetamines to players during the world series.

Willie Stargell? The all-star first baseman and Most Valuable Player in the world series with an all-around Mr. Nice guy image, dealing in drugs? You had better believe it. And probably more influential players than people realize are involved with illegal substances.

This brings up some uneasy thoughts. What if Pete Rose, a new American hero, was found to be dealing in and using illegal drugs? Should his name be erased from the record books?

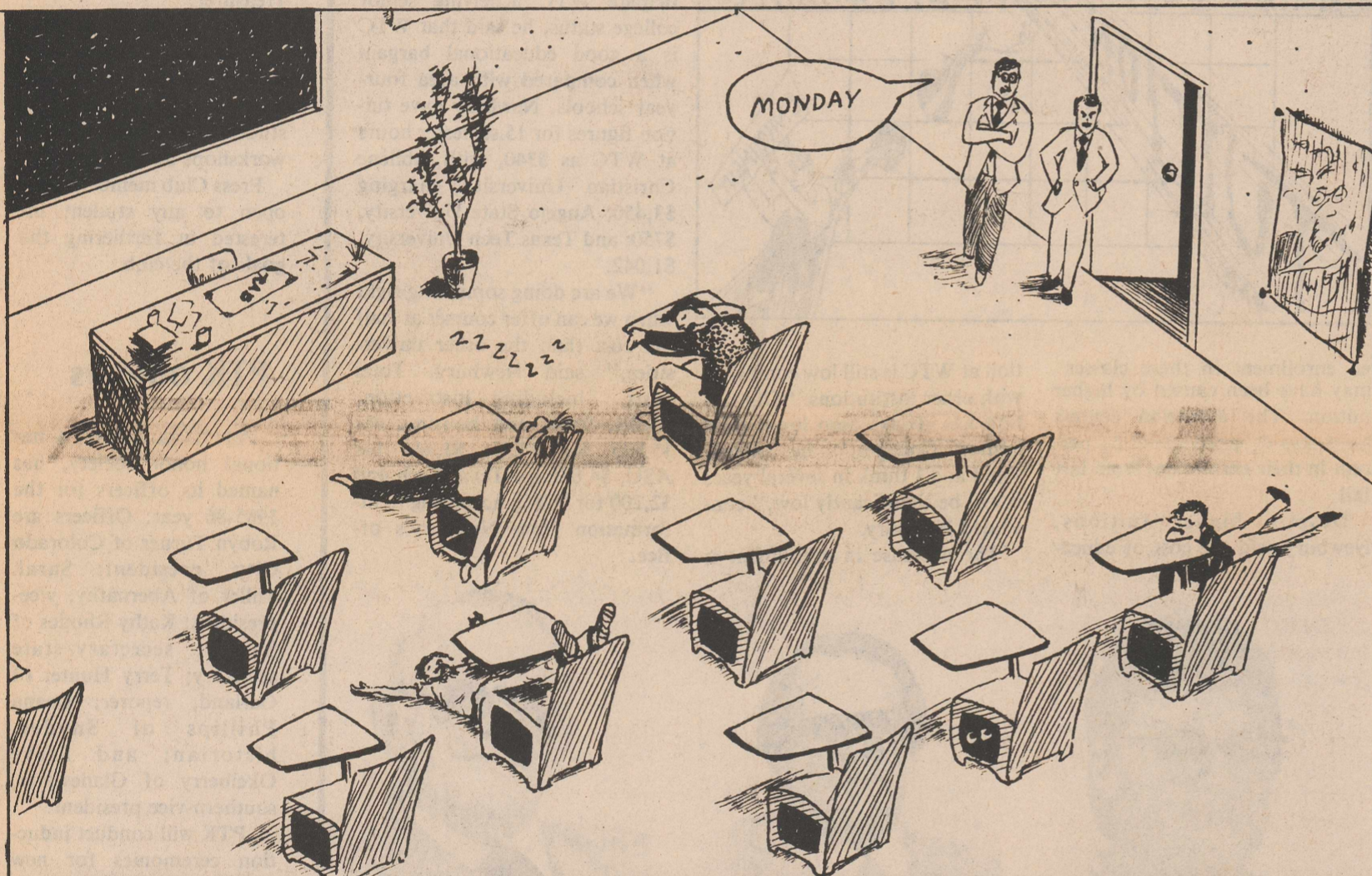
Sports personalities should be treated like any other person who violates the law and should be dealt with

by the proper authorities.

The world of baseball has its eye on the names that Dale Berra has given. Bill Madlock, Willie Stargell and Dave Parker were all revealed to have used drugs.

Should they be able to keep their world series rings, cash, and should the Pirates keep their winning title earned in the unethical way in which they were able to perform? Perhaps depriving the whole team of their title because of what a few did would be unfair. But the guilty parties should be stripped of all extra's earned during the period of time they were involved with drugs. Sure, these people are famous and some are even considered heroes, but they are also citizens like everyone else. Those sports personalities involved with drugs usually get a fine and rehabilitation, while other citizens who steer away from the law must put in jail time. If a player is busted with illegal drugs, he should be banned from baseball and charged with the use of an illegal substance as the public is, with no special considerations.

It doesn't matter what professional sport is in question, the law should apply to everyone. If you are found with illegal drugs, YOU'RE OUT!



### Off Beat

Kathy Hendrix

## Dorm life lacks privacy; creates noisy setting

Bang, ring, drip, scream, crash—could these be sounds from a scary movie? Just a normal night's noises in the dorms.

Most people who have never lived in the dorms don't understand what I am talking about, but those of you that have can empathize with me. For instance you can never go to sleep before 12 a.m. because of all the "night activity" from various rooms. Also, in order to take a shower you must fight for your spot in line, or just do like some of the students do and opt not to take a shower for a few days so everyone will be more than glad to let you cut in front.

Another thing about dorms is that you always have to keep one eye open. If you are one of these people that trusts everyone then you will probably end up with toothpaste in your ear or some other equally horrifying catastrophe.

Now, let us talk about private life in the dorms. You can have a

social life, but it is everything but private: After one week everyone on your floor knows who you are, who your boyfriend is, where he is from, when he comes to see you, and who that guy is that your going out with behind his back.

And how about a hand for those R.A.'s. Aren't they just great! They make sure that no one is loud after quiet hours and that no one brings pets on the floor. But the main thing that they do is to make sure that no one has alcoholic beverages on the floor or in the rooms. They help out so much, it's like having parents away from home.

Well, I suppose it's really not that bad living in the dorms, because there is always someone to talk to. And it is kind of an adventure ducking cups of water that are set on the bathroom doors. Just think where you would be now if you were not at college...in some warm bed with a bathroom all to yourself.



### This n' That

By Melissa Garcia

## State laws, Coke formula create controversy

While the summer breezed by everyone so fast, three issues that received much public attention were Classic Coke, Seat Belts, and the Blue Law.

As an eye catcher, The Coca-Cola company came up with a new flag along with a new formula. But, the question remains were they trying simply to advertise and use this as a gimmick to increase sales?

To tell the honest to goodness truth, the Coca-Cola company was using its head in bringing back the original formula. The company is probably making

more money with the additional formula.

Coca-Cola will prosper even more because of the fact that they are pleasing not only the individuals who like Classic Coke but at the same time those who like New Coke.

Another recurring theme is "Let's buckle up!" As you are driving down the road, you see these types of advertisements. Or if you are listening to the radio, disc jockeys are constantly reminding you to "Buckle Up", "Strive to Stay Alive, Drive 55." Most people don't remember

to put on their seat belt until they see a policeman.

While driving down the road, a majority of the people are not wearing their seat belts.

I am glad to see that such a law was finally passed. It is a shame to see that a law protecting lives took so long to be passed. Just think of all the people who suffered a loss as a result of someone not buckling up.

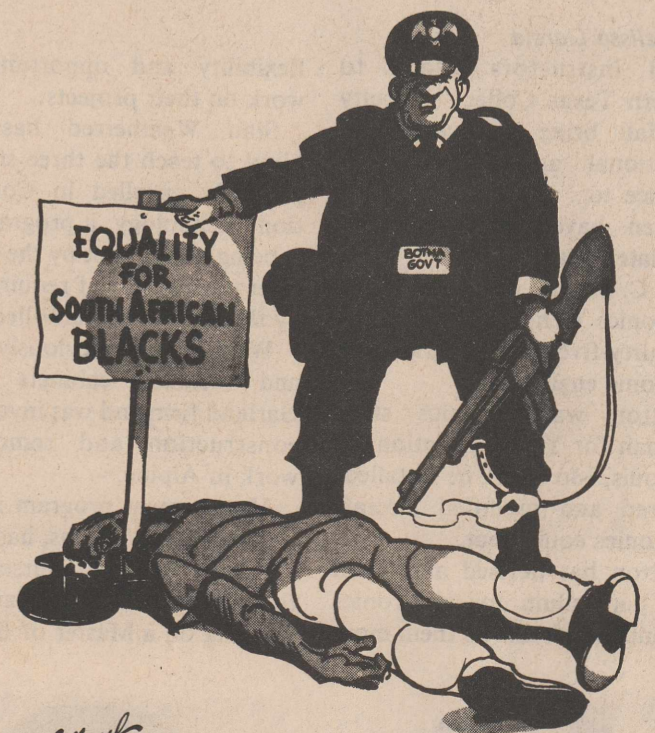
The repeal of the Blue Law brought another change that perhaps most consumers welcomed. But what about those people that were affected adversely by

the repeal?

A majority of the chain stores are now open. I feel sorry for those who have to work on Sunday now. When will they have leisure time? Are they getting paid overtime?

Financial burden as a result of the repeal varies among many companies. Added expense to the company, such as electricity costs, could cut salaries and wages or even jobs.

Changes that occur from day to day may not improve our lives, but no one said we lived in a perfect world.



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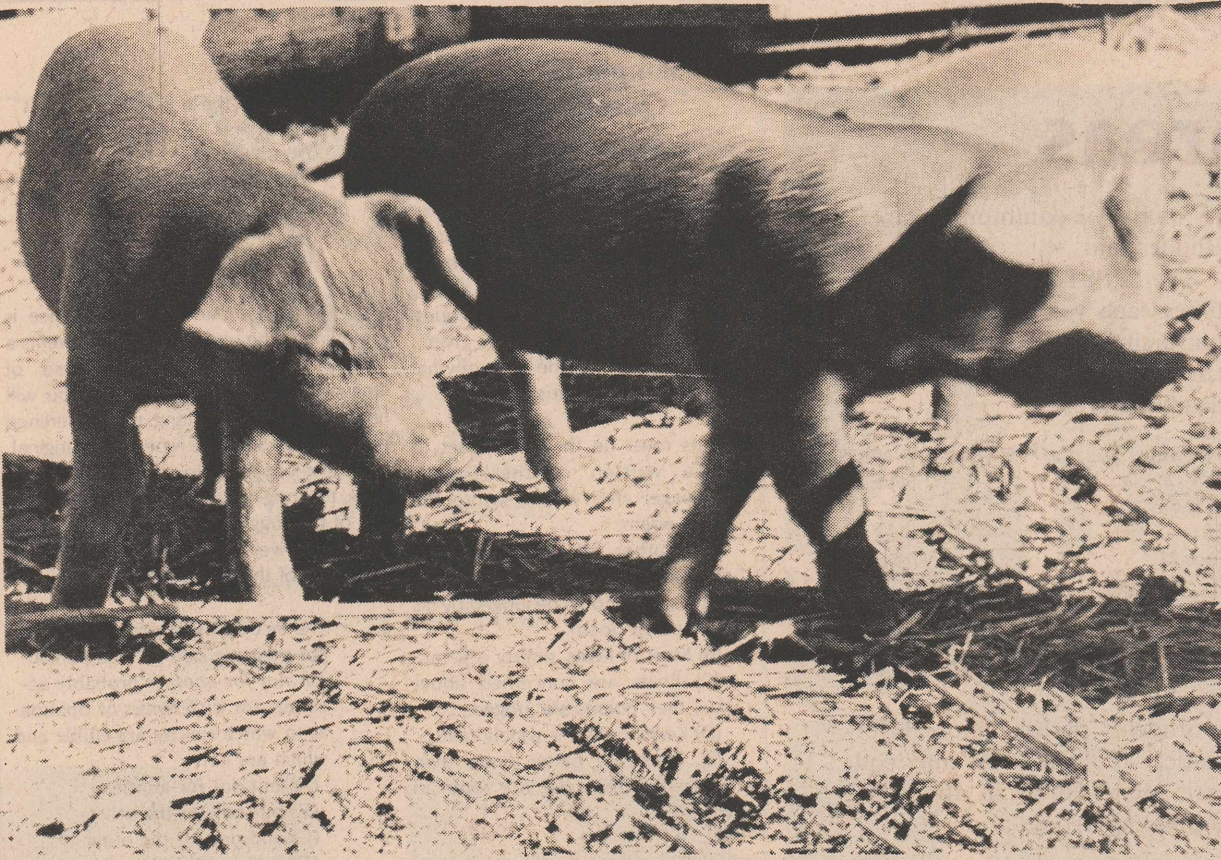
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OINK! OINK! — Three of the Ag farm's new arrivals root around their new environment. The Ag farm has also added 20 head of sheep for their new breeding operation. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

# Ag department gets new addition to family

By Kathy Hendrix

Western Texas College's agriculture department began a sheep and hog breeding operation this fall.

The two types of sheep they will be breeding are Suffolk and Hampshire. The department has begun the operation with 20 head, but their goal is to reach 25 to 30. The two types of hogs are Duroc and Yorkshire.

The college purchased the herd of Suffolk sheep last spring and bought the Duroc and Yorkshire breeding gilts this summer.

"Last week one of the Yorkshire hogs had a litter of eight pigs," said Jim Judah, agriculture instructor and team advisor, "and we are expecting another litter any day now."

Their animals will be used for teaching purposes and livestock exhibition. Livestock will be sold to area 4-H and FFA members to be used as projects. The animals are also used in the college's judging contest.

Most of the breeding sheep were bought in Mullen, TX and in Kansas. All of the breeding hogs are purchased in Stanton, TX. "We get our money to purchase these animals from budget," said Judah.

"We are looking forward to the incoming freshmen. We feel they will be an asset to our teams," said Judah.

WTC has two kinds of judging teams meat and livestock judging. The livestock team competes only against two year colleges and the meat team against four

year schools and universities.

In March, WTC will hold an annual judging contest for FFA students. The animals will be used for this.

WTC operates on 80 acres. Approximately 20 acres are used for cultivating and the remaining is for pasture.

Judah said that he doubted that they would be breeding any other types of animals in the future, because they do not have the facilities or the money.

The animals are used as a year-round operation. "We must do the feeding and maintenance ourselves, because all the ag students go home for the summer," said Judah, "But we are hoping to be able to hire someone for next summer just to strictly feed the animals."

## Divers study technique

By Dave Stewart

Learning and developing proper diving techniques while also having fun are the objectives of the new springboard diving class offered at Western Texas College.

Instructor Mike Harrison wants each student to learn and improve five required dives and two optionals, but the main requirement is participation. Students appear enthusiastic about the class and all give their best effort, Harrison said. Jerry Snelling of Haskell said he enjoyed the class, but had trouble initially on executing flips on the trampoline. "My back still hurts," commented Snelling.

The students begin learning the proper approach step in preparation for a dive on a trampoline.

After developing the approach step, the next objective is to learn the five required dives. These are the front dive, back dive, reverse dive, inward dive, and half twist dive. Harrison also said that he would help the students learn any number of optional dives. Learning the positions for the different types of dives —lay-out (straight), pike, tuck, or free is another objective for the course.

A diving contest is being planned for the end of the semester,

Harrison said. Class members will judge each other during the contest using the proper rules of scoring dives. The divers will perform the required dives in each position and also any optionals. Five judges will score each dive from 1-10 points. To get the final score, the highest and lowest score will be dropped and the remaining scores will be multiplied by the degree of difficulty for a final score. The degree of difficulty is based on how difficult the dive is to perform, ranging from 1.2 to 3.0.

Students will get plenty of practice for the contest, as class time for the course is spent with students attempting various dives under Harrison's supervision. The dives are not always perfect, but the effort is what counts. Frank Casas of Roby said, "It's a great class. I hope to at least learn how to flip before the end of the semester." Fred Fleming of Snyder said the class is different from the regular swimming classes and he enjoys watching the other students attempt their dives as he waits his turn in line.

The enthusiasm of the students and teacher may make the new springboard diving course at WTC a popular course with students.



DEADLINE DILEMMA — Western Texas staffers work hard to get the first issue to press. From left, Pam Melton of Westbrook, Kathy Hendrix of Iraan, Richard Bixler of Sweetwater, Melissa Garcia of

Snyder, Frank Casas of Roby, Dave Stewart of Roby, Tom Long of Aspermont, Lloyd Richards of Colorado City, Eddy Lopez of Abernathy and Ed Coppage of Crosbyton. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Western Texas staffers strive for success

By Tom Long

Eight rookies, seven freshmen and one sophomore, and three returning sophomores comprise *The Western Texan* staff for the fall semester. Staff members bring with them a variety of journalistic experience.

Melissa Garcia of Snyder will serve as editor this fall. Garcia is a graduate of Snyder High School. She was co-editor of *The Tiger's Tale* her senior year and previously served as features editor on the *Tale*. Garcia's goals for the paper include winning as many awards as possible in collegiate competition and making the paper more readable.

Kathy Hendrix of Iraan, associate editor this semester, was a staff member on her high school paper. Hendrix will also write a regular column.

Jerry Snelling of Haskell will again serve as photo editor. Snelling's goals include producing award-winning photographs for in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association and the Texas Community College Journalism Association competition.

Frank Casas of Roby, advertising and business manager served as page editor last year. Casas' goals are to produce appealing ads and raise advertising revenue. Dave Stewart, another return-

ing sophomore from Roby, will again be the page editor and sports columnist. Stewart said he will strive to write sports column material with more reader interest than that found in other college newspapers.

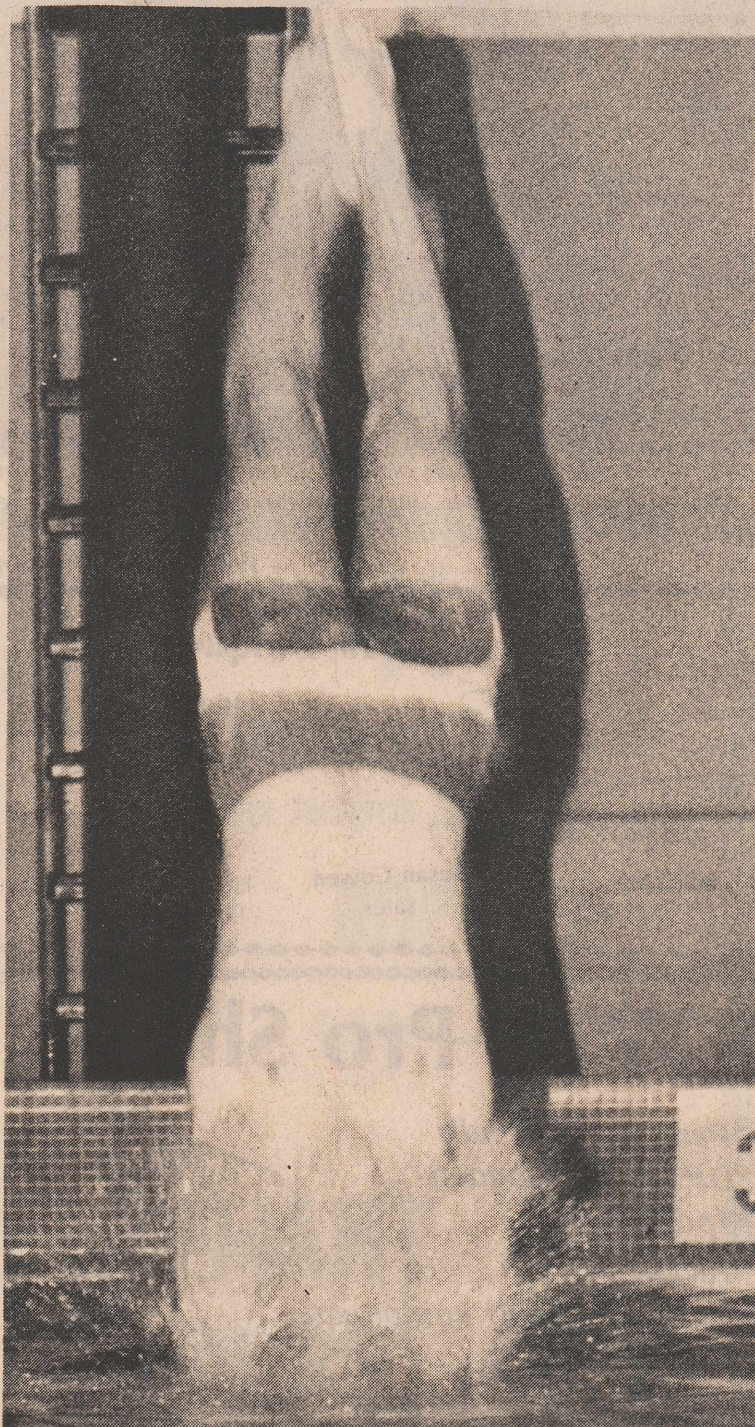
Tom Long of "the Free State of Stonewall" in Aspermont has been named page editor. Long served as page editor for his high school yearbook.

Other members are Eddy Lopez of Abernathy, sports reporter; Richard Bixler of Sweetwater, cartoonist/artist; Lloyd Richards of Colorado City, photographer/reporter; and Ed Coppage of Crosbyton and

Pam Melton of Westbrook, reporters.

Lucy Herrera, newspaper adviser, said she hoped to have the rookie staff operating the newspaper with minimum supervision by the end of the semester. She added that she hoped newspaper content will be a reflection of the varied reader interests of the college community.

The *Western Texan* staff will have the opportunity to attend a Texas Community College Press Association Convention in Dallas in the fall and will compete in Houston in the spring at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention.



GOOD FORM — Jerry Don Foster of Buffalo Gap dives for a big splash during diving class. Eight students practice various diving techniques during the Tuesday-Thursday class. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

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# News

## PPST dates set Majors should pinpoint weak areas

By Tom Long

Education majors planning to transfer from Western Texas College to a four-year institution and enter a teaching certification program should plan to take the state-required Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) early before transferring, suggests Dr. Mary Hood, WTC counselor.

Hood said early planning to take the three-part test would allow students to pinpoint any weak areas in mathematics, reading or writing and allow students to reschedule coursework before retaking the test.

Initially, students were required to pass the PPST before

taking more than six hours of education courses, but a federal district court ordered an injunction against the requirement on Aug. 27. Students are now allowed to take education courses even if they fail the test. However, students must pass the test before they receive certification from the state.

Some four-year institutions have reported a significant percentage of PPST failing scores, with high failure percentages among minorities. The civil suit that resulted in the injunction against the six-hour requirement was brought by two minority groups, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People and the League of United Latin-American Citizens, who claimed the test discriminates against minorities.

A Fort Worth State Telegram story reported that the five test given to date in Texas have shown possible discrimination problems with 73 percent of white students passing and only 34 percent Hispanics and 22 percent blacks passing the tests.

Kathy Rhodes of Snyder, a former WTC student, took the PPST recently and passed all three parts of the test. Rhodes said she was needlessly apprehensive about the test before taking it, but that the test was not as difficult as she had anticipated. "It

is mainly common sense," Rhodes said.

The PPST is offered three times each year at all four-year universities. Scheduled dates for the test and registration deadlines are:

Test Date	Registration Deadline
Nov. 2	Sept. 20
March	1
Jan.	24
June 21	May 9

Fees for the three parts of the PPST are \$33 for all three tests, \$28 for two tests and \$23 for one test.

Students desiring more information about the test may contact Mary Hood in the WTC counseling office.

### Sample PPST Questions

Excerpted from *The North Texas Daily*

Directions: The statement in the first part of the test is followed by a question based on its content. After reading the statement, choose the best answer from among the five choices given. Answer the question from among the five choices given. Answer the question on the basis of what is stated or implied in that statement.

- Keats must be the finest poet to have written in the English language; after all, he wrote the finest poem.  
The author of the statement assumes which of the following?  
(A) A poet should be judged by his or her best poem.  
(B) Most of Keats' poetry is great.  
(C) Poets are concerned about how their poems are judged.  
(D) Keats' poetry is widely read.  
(E) There are better poets than Keats, but they did not write in English.

Directions: The question below is followed by five suggested answers. Select the one that is best.

- Which of these is NOT a correct way to find 75 percent of 40?  
(A)  $0.75 \times 40$   
(B)  $(75 \times 40) \div 100$   
(C)  $75 \div 100 \times 40$   
(D)  $75.0 \times 40$   
(E)  $3/4 \times 40$

Directions: One part of this sentence is underlined. The underlined part presents a problem in the appropriate use of language. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of writing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original, but the other four are all different. If you think the original sentence is better than any of the suggested changes, you should choose answer A; otherwise you should mark one of the other choices.

- The fact that some mushrooms are perfectly safe for one person but not for another probably accounts for differences of opinion as to which species are edible and which are not.  
(A) but not for another  
(B) but not for the other  
(C) and not for the other  
(D) and unsafe for some other  
(E) and some are unsafe for others



ABRACADABRA! — Michael Harrison (left) of Pecos and Ken Livingston of Seminole are on center stage when magician John Fabjance (center) performed his magical feats in the cafeteria. Fabjance was sponsored by the student activities office.

— Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Senate committees elected

Officers and student senators met Tuesday during activity period to form the committees that will be in charge of student activities this year.

Instructional concerns committee members are Danny Schwertner of Lubbock, Tom Long of Aspermont, Denise Merritt of Snyder, Latrice King of Lubbock and Mitzi Hallmark of Loraine.

Committee of Standards members of Melissa Garcia of Snyder, Terri Dever of Snyder, Lisa Kocurek of Spur, Terry Hunter of Garland, and Kevin Boyd of Snyder.

Members of traffic appeals committee are Ollie Carroll of Snyder, Ed Teal of Lubbock, Freddie Villa of Haskell, Darren Jackson of Snyder, Melissa Morgan of Aspermont.

Members of the dance committee are Danny Schwertner of Lubbock, Melissa Garcia of Snyder, Mitzi Hallmark of Loraine, Darren Fletcher of Snyder, Freddie Villa of Haskell, Terry Hunter of Garland, Ed Teal of Lubbock.

Members of the entertainment committee are Andrea Owens of Sweetwater, Tom Long of Aspermont, Theresa Rodriguez of Lubbock, Lisa Kocurek of Spur, Denise Merritt of Snyder, Virginia Martinez of Sweetwater, Melissa Morgan of Aspermont.

The committee for special effects are Ollie Carroll of Snyder, Lydia DeLeon of Spur, Latrice King of Lubbock, Jacqi Jackson of Sweetwater, Barbara Daniel of Rotan, Georgette Ramirez of Rotan, Melissa Mitchell of

Snyder, Kevin Boyd of Snyder.

The committee for recreation are Darren Fletcher of Snyder, Robyn Turner of Colorado City, Jerry Don Foster of Buffalo Gap, La Raye Bolden of Hamlin, Leticia Martinez of Sweetwater, Terri Dever of Snyder, Juanita

Bustamante of Stamford.

Election was held and parliamentarian for this year will be Terry Hunter of Garland, chaplain will be Denise Merritt of Snyder and student welfare committee person will be Darren Fletcher of Snyder.

The 1985-1986 officers for the Senate will be Danny Schwertner of Lubbock, Darren Fletcher of Snyder, Ollie Carroll of Snyder, Lydia DeLeon of Spur, and Andrea Owens of Sweetwater.

## Spirit leaders ready for action

Seven competitors fought their way to the five opening spots for cheerleader Sept. 23.

Returning to the squad is Sophomore Andrea Owens of Sweetwater.

Elected members were sophomore Latrice King, Lubbock; freshmen LaRaye Bolden, Hamlin; Charlotte Garrett, Santa Anna; Jacqi Johnson, Sweetwater; and Melissa Garcia, Snyder.

Shawn Hildebrand, Paducah and Ellen Walker, Roby also

took part in the competition.

WTC cheerleaders have high expectations for the coming year.

"I think this year will be a great year because the girls are very active and are enthusiastic about working up to being the best," said Owens.

King said she feels that this will be the best year. "As for me, I feel everyone's fired up and ready, including the girls and boys basketball team," said King.

"I think the school (student body) and other colleges are in

for a big shock. No one's going to forget the year of 85-86 because we're going to be the best with the Lord's help," said Bolden.

Garrett said that she feels the cheerleading team is going to be a killer because they are determined to make it work for both themselves and the school.

Johnson said, "We're all so full of spirit and excitement that we are about to explode! So, everyone better get ready, because we're gonna knock 'em off their feet!"



LOOKING GOOD! — The new cheerleading squad chosen at tryouts on Sept. 23 are from left Latrice King of Lubbock, LaRaye Bolden of Hamlin, Melissa Garcia of Snyder, Jacqi Johnson of Sweetwater, Andrea Owens of Sweetwater and Charlotte Garrett of Santa Anna.

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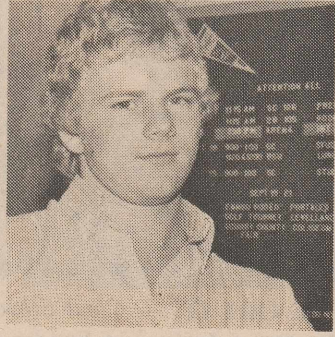
Elizabeth Balsley, a high school student from New Jersey, has been granted permission to play football with the boy's football team. What do you think about women being allowed to participate in men's contact sports?

— By Pam Melton



"I think it's wonderful. If she has the ability she has the right to use that ability. I think it's great."

Latrice King  
Lubbock, Texas



"As long as they'll shower with the guys!"

Daran Epley  
Old Glory, Texas



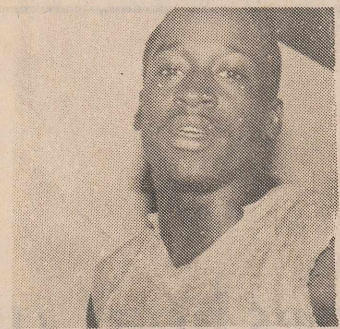
"If they can take all the punishment, I guess they should be allowed to compete with men. Women deserve the same opportunity as men."

Tarrel Harris  
Baird, Texas



"If they can take it, I think it's great, but women should be treated equally and not shown any special favors."

Kelly Mosely  
Seagraves, Texas



"If they can handle it I think they should be allowed to play, but if I was playing against a girl I would think I'd probably go easy on her and wouldn't be as rough on her as the other guys. I respect women in sports. My sister is great on the track team."

Eddie Bolden  
Hamlin, Texas



"Girls should have an equal opportunity to go out for any sport. But if they go out for the team they should be treated just like the boys and not given any special treatment."

Brenda Welch  
Odessa, Texas



IN THE HOT SEAT — Students from three colleges interviewed President Reagan concerning educational issues and world affairs. — Photo courtesy of Office of Media Relations

### Students interview President

## Generation subject to more information

President Ronald Reagan was interviewed by three student media representatives from the North American Radio Network on Sept. 9. Student interviewers were Nellie Fernandez, University of Miami; Stephen Sanders, Indiana University; and Jean Whalen, John Carroll University.

The President told the students that today's generation is subject to more information than any generation in history, being able to receive it through the air waves while jogging and in literature of all kinds.

Reagan cautioned young people not to accept every piece of information they received as fact.

"Don't take it for granted because you read it someplace or because someone stood up in a lecture course and told you from a lecture platform. Check it out. Don't be the sucker generation," Reagan said.

"You are the brightest and the best and make sure that you are hearing the facts, not just somebody's opinions. And that goes for me too. Check me out," he said.

Questions asked by the student interviewers represented those issues they said concern college students today. These questions included U. S. relations with the Soviet Union, the image of the U. S. among industrial and third world countries, and the state of educational opportunities in the U. S.

Concerning the possibility of the U. S. becoming involved in a war outside our borders, Reagan said there were no plans whatsoever for ever landing military forces in

Latin America. Governmental bodies in Latin America have indicated that they don't want our forces there to help them, although they want our help in training, and in providing the weapons they need and do not have at the present for themselves, Reagan said. Although a Soviet or Cuban threat in Latin American is unlikely at this point, Reagan said such an action could change our policy.

In answer to the question of whether a liberal arts education is less valuable in today's high-tech society, Reagan said he deprecates the tendency in some institutions

***'You are the brightest and the best, and make sure that you are hearing the facts, not just somebody's opinion.'***

to go directly toward training for a trade or profession, ignoring the liberal arts. A liberal arts education, he said, is the foundation of education.

"Many employers will tell you that they believe they can do the training in their particular line of work or company themselves that needs to be done. But they would like to have a well-rounded, educated individual," he said. Reagan pointed out that he majored in economics and sociology, which he did not use in his career until he became Governor of California.

In response to U.S.-Soviet relations, Reagan said that because

Soviet government policy was expansionism, other world countries perceive them with fear. He said if he had an opportunity, he would appeal to the Soviets to make an earnest effort to preserve world peace. However, he said that it would be unrealistic to expect Soviet and U.S. policy to reach unconditional agreement because both countries differ so in their philosophy.

Reagan also answered a question concerning the image of the U. S. among world countries as that of "a bully preoccupied with profits and self-protection and military power." Reagan said

that if America was a bully then after World War II, when the U.S. was the only major nation in the world whose industry had not been destroyed, and with the power of having the only ultimate weapon, it would have dominated the world. Instead, the U. S. developed a Marshall Plan to help rebuild U.S. allies and reinstate them and U.S. enemies as well, he added.

"We're still playing catch-up with the Soviet Union. All the talk about nuclear weapons—they still top us by great percentages. Fifty percent more nuclear missile submarines, and about 35 percent more land-based missiles. We are not trying to become

superior to them. We want a deterrent," he added.

On domestic programs, Reagan said the administration has aided a program to help the blue-collar workers who have lost their jobs because of high-tech industrial advancements. Provisions have been made to relocate these people to areas where the new jobs that they are being trained for are available.

Reagan said as his goals for the three years he has left in office include assuring that authority and autonomy that has been over the years seized by the federal government be returned to the states and local communities, including the tax sources that have been preempted by the federal government. He also said he would like to see a start being made in the elimination of the deficit, a balanced budget, then an amendment calling for a ceasing of deficit spending, and seeing the U.S. embark on a program to start paying off the national debt.

The President was asked what changes he felt could be made so that the teaching profession can compete with private enterprise for the best students. He commented that such programs for better employment incentives in education should be and are being implemented on state levels.

In reference to equal educational opportunities for all students, Reagan said there have been many social programs implemented in public schools to take care of this area. He cited the breakfast and school lunch aid as examples.

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# Sports

## Golf team prepares for fall schedule

By Kathy Hendrix and Dave Stewart

Making the adjustment from high school golf to college golf has not been very difficult so far, says Michael Harrison of Pecos, one of four freshmen on the golf team this fall.

"The competition in college is much harder and the practices are longer, but to make the team you must be ready and give your best everyday," Harrison said.

Harrison was a starter for the golf team at Pecos for three years and he also participated on the swim team where he placed in all district in three events.

When asked what made the tournaments at Western Texas College different from those at Pecos, he responded, "They (WTC tournaments) get rained out!"

Rain forced postponement of the first Conference Golf Tournament that was scheduled Sept. 19-20 in Levelland. The tournament has been rescheduled for today.

There will be six teams com-

peting in the tourney. South Plains College will host Western Texas College along with four other schools. Joining the competition will be Odessa Junior College, New Mexico Junior College, New Mexico Military Institute, and Midland College.

Golf coach Dave Foster said he has confidence in his team and hopes to finish in the top two.

The WTC team will consist of sophomores Bo Kay of Amarillo and Pat Fitzpatrick of Austin. The four freshmen competing are Adolf Garza of Staton,, Matt Smith of Austin and Frank Schuster of El Paso and Harrison.

The golf team will compete Oct. 3-4 in Midland and on Oct. 9-12 in Las Cruces, N.M. for the Annual Coca Cola New Mexico State Golf Classic. WTC will host a conference tournament on Oct. 18-19 followed by competition in Huntsville on Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Rounding out the fall schedule is the Bahamas Am Intercollegiate competition on Nov. 7-10.



I'VE GOT IT! — Cleat Stevens of Marfa reaches for the ball while Raymond Jeffrey of Snyder referees during intramural football action.

— Photos by Lloyd Richards

In national finals

## Rodeoers rank 14th

Western Texas College's rodeo team ranked 14th overall and fourth among junior colleges in the College National Finals Rodeo this summer. Six WTC participants competed against 22 men's teams from 11 regions in Bozeman, Mont. the week of June 16-21. The top two teams in each region were selected. A national television audience viewed many of the performances, including the bull riding performance by WTC's Van Hale, a sophomore student at WTC last year.

WTC team members participating were Hale, Gary Rowe of Colorado City, Glenn Jordan of Clinton, N.C., Bliss Mayhan of Kim, Colo., Donnie Yorks of Mount Morris, N.Y., and Tony Hecksher of Ipswich, Australia.

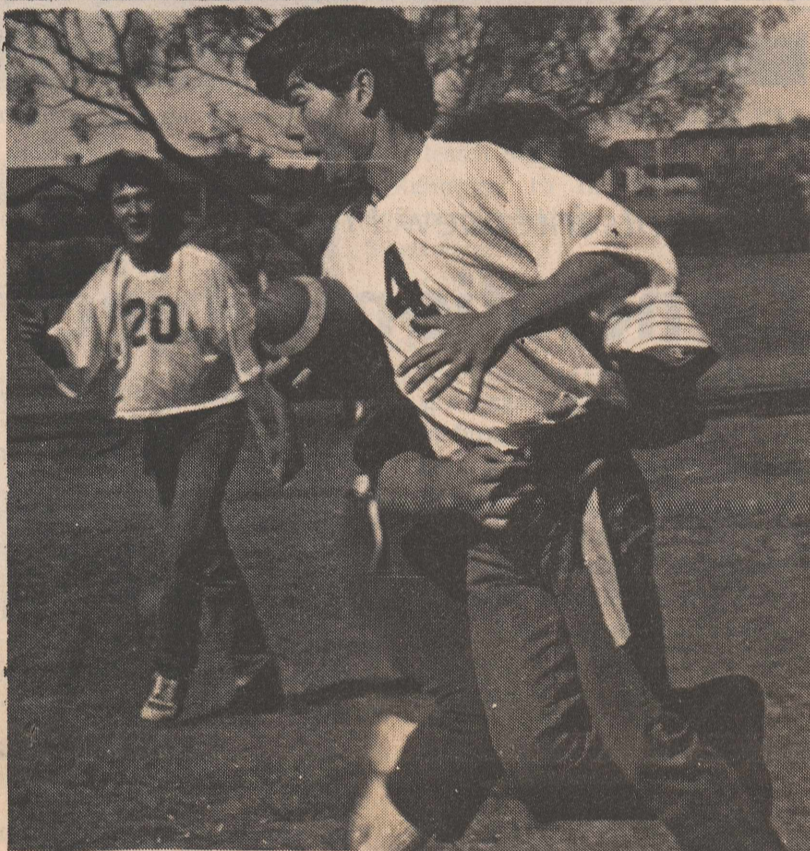
Hale scored a 72 in the first round bull riding, placing third in that category. His 69 in the second round gave him a 141 to qualify for the short round. In

the short round, Hale was bucked off. Mayhan posted scores of 70-67-70 in the bareback. In saddle bronc, Mayhan's 73 tied for third in the first round, but a 58 in the second round kept him from qualifying. Hecksher scored 69 and 62 in the bareback, but did not make it back to the short round.

"We had some good times and good rides, but just couldn't put it all together," Bob Doty, rodeo coach, said. He added that if Mayhan and Hale could have done better in the short round, WTC could have moved up, but he was proud that the two did qualify for the short round.

"A lot has to do with the stock draw," Doty said. He said the team made an accomplishment by placing fourth.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University won the men's division, while Sul Ross University captured first place in the women's division.



LOOK OUT! — Joel Marr of Tularosa, N.M. struggles for another yard as Chuck Smith of Townsend, Del. tries to tackle. Mike Carillo of Kingsville looks on.



## Gridiron battles continue

The Western Texas College 1985 Intramural Football League began with eight teams in the hunt for the championship. The action began Sept. 18 with the Silver Bullets defeating GLT. In the second game for the evening, the City Drunks beat the 69'ers. On Sept. 19, the Hershey Football team knocked off the Ropers & Putters. In two evening games, LAGNAF beat the Wool Pullers and in the loser's bracket, the 69'ers eliminated GLT.

Sept. 23 saw the Ropers & Putters keep their championship hopes alive with a victory over the Wool Pullers, eliminating them. Also, in the winner's bracket, the Silver Bullets advanced with a victory over the City Drunks. The loss sent the City

Drunks to the loser's bracket.

On, Sept. 24, Hershey defeated LAGNAF to set up a big contest between Hershey and the Silver Bullets. Also, LAGNAF eliminated the 69'ers and the City Drunks ousted the Ropers & Putters.

Now there are only four teams vying for the intramural championship. In a battle of unbeaten teams the Silver Bullets facing the Hershey. No scores were available at presstime. Today's action will feature games between the LAGNAF's and City Drunks with the winner playing the Silver Bullets-Hershey loser.

The finals will be played Monday, Sept. 30. The winner of the Silver Bullets-Hershey contest is automatically in the finals.

## Sports Spotlight

Dave Stewart

## Non-Cowboy fans suffer; pennant races heat up

With the NFL season back in full swing, it's a tough time for us non-Cowboy fans. Believe it or not there are some of us who are not diehard Dallas Cowboy fans.

When you live in Texas and don't really like the Cowboys, it's like committing a mortal sin! It's not that I hate the Cowboys, I know they are a good team and a class organization. Maybe I don't like the Cowboys because I root for the underdog. When you have won as often as the Cowboys you are never the underdog.

The Dallas Cowboys have been called 'America's team'. Tom

Landry is everybody's favorite coach, and the players are put on a pedestal by fans everywhere. The Cowboys know they're good and that attitude makes other NFL teams try a little harder when playing the Cowboys.

To beat the Cowboys is a real accomplishment and when somebody does beat them, I finally get to laugh at all the depressed Cowboy fans. One thing's for sure—a team has to be good when it is considered an off year to miss the superbowl.

In baseball, there are some exciting division races. In the

American League West, Kansas City and California are in a real battle. What about the Rangers? I think they were mathematically eliminated during spring training! The AL East looks like it will go to Toronto. I picked the Blue Jays to win the championship at the start of the season. Maybe I'll get one right! In the National League the Dodgers should take the West unless Cincinnati puts on a late charge. The Mets and Cardinals are in a dogfight in the East and it could go either way. The Astros have been playing great but they won't be able to

catch the Dodgers. Too bad they didn't play this well all season.

This has been a great season for baseball even though it was almost ruined by a strike. Pete Rose passed Ty Cobb; Rod Carew and Tom Seaver reached milestones in their careers. Wasn't it nice to see some attention focused on the field, instead of off the field about the strike, drugs, contract hassles, etc.?

Here are a few predictions. I'll go with the Blue Jays in the World Series, Dolphins in the Super Bowl, and Arkansas in Southwest Conference football.

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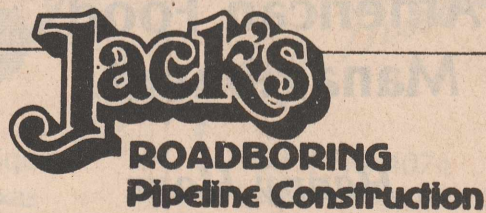
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