



Happy Thanksgiving

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Gist receives "Outstanding Personality" award

By Tom Long and Pam Melton

Martha Gist, secretary in the counseling office, was the recipient of the third annual "Outstanding Personality Award" Tuesday at a reception sponsored by the Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa.

The event was also in conjunction with PTK's Founder's Day

Associate of Arts degree from New Mexico Junior College and worked as the athletic department secretary there before moving to Snyder.

She is married to David Gist and has two daughters, Karla of the home and Natalie Dolliver of College Station. Natalie and her husband, David, have one son, Kyle.



DIGNIFIED LOOK — Robyn Turner, PTK president, announced "Outstanding Personality" winner Martha Gist, left, on Tuesday. A reception was held in the Student Center in Gist's honor on Tuesday. — Staff Photo

"She does much more than her job requires."

celebration.

"It was a great honor to have received this award," Gist said.

"Martha was chosen for this award because she has contact with so many students and is always friendly," Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services said. "She does much more than her job requires."

Gist is beginning her sixth year at WTC. She earned her

Members of the senate and PTK voted on the outstanding personality award. Sarah Miller, PTK vice president said, "We made another excellent choice this year."

Previous winners are Dr. Franklin Pruitt, History/Government Professor and Mike Otto, Science Assistant Professor. Any faculty or staff member is eligible for the award.

WTC pass rate 80 percent

PPST scores given

The Pre-Professional Skills Test (P-PST) scores are in for the students who took the test in June. This test must be passed by all education majors before entering upper-level programs.

Only five WTC students took the test and four of the students passed all three sections (reading, math and writing). WTC's pass rate was 80 percent.

Students from 110 other colleges took the test and only 16 had a pass rate of 80 percent or more. The best pass rates were from Rice University, Austin College and Southern Methodist University.

Nearly all state colleges and universities had a lower pass rate than WTC, for example: Texas Tech University-58.2 percent; Angelo State University-63.3 per-

cent; Southwest Texas State University-54.6 percent; Sul Ross -34.1 percent and University of Texas-79.8 percent.

WTC compares more favorably with area community colleges, for example: Howard College-25 percent; Odessa College-44.4 percent; Ranger Junior College-25 percent; Cisco-33.3 percent and Midland Community College-66.7 percent.

Of church related schools, Hardin Simmons had a higher pass rate with 81.8 percent; then Abilene Christian University with 64.6 percent, McMurry-38.5 and Howard Payne with 48.1 percent.

This information was given by Dr. Harry Krenek, Dean of Instruction.

Campus Briefs

Harvest dance

The Senate's Harvest Dance will be Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 8:30 to midnight in the cafeteria. This is the only holiday dance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, so don't miss it!

All who attend are encouraged to wear Sunday dress. The DJ for the dance is Austin's Dr. Tunes.

Seminar today

Merlin Mann, Mass Communications Instructor at Abilene Christian University, is the keynote speaker for a three hour seminar today at noon in the Scurry County Museum on campus.

The seminar is designed to attract non-journalism majors to become involved with the student newspaper.

By working on *The Western Texan* students can learn skills in writing, photography, advertising and art. A buffet lunch at noon will be served.

Winner named

The final winner in the Senate-sponsored dart gun tag game was Brenda Welch. She was awarded a cash prize of \$80, raised through the game's entry fees.

SADD Contracts

Members of Phi Theta Kappa are encouraging students to sign the Students Against Drunk Driving contracts at different times throughout the remainder of the semester and at registration for the spring semester.

In signing the contract, the student pledges that if he or one of his fellow students should ever have too much to drink they will seek safe and sober transportation home.

Senior Day

Snyder High School seniors will arrive at Western Texas College for tours around the campus Nov. 26. Staff members will be directing the tours and answering questions about financial aid and how to enroll into the college of their choice.

All tours will conclude at the automotive department for a barbecue lunch. Bettie McQueen, Director of Occupational Education, and Dr. Mary Hood, Director of Counseling, are coordinating events for the day.

Cowboy tickets

The winner of Phi Theta Kappa's annual fundraising drive, "Dollars for Scholars" will be chosen Dec. 3 during activity period. The person chosen will be the recipient of two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys-New York Giants football game, Sunday, Dec. 15 in Dallas.

PTK members are accepting \$2 donations until Dec. 3. The money will be used to help fund PTK's trip to the University of Notre Dame in May.

Elevator repair, office furniture...

Board accepts bids at meeting

Accepting various bids was the main topic of discussion at the Western Texas College board of trustees Nov. 11 meeting.

A bid of \$8,800 was awarded to A. H. Machine Service of Colorado City for repairs to the elevator in the Learning Resource Center.

President Dr. Don Newbury said, "This is the first time the elevator has needed major work done to it since WTC got it."

Another bid was accepted involving office furniture for the new golfcourse/landscape technology building.

Hesters in Lubbock was the

lowest bidder with an estimate of \$3,503 for used unassembled tables, chairs, and used drafting tables.

James Eby, golf/landscaping advisor said, "The furniture is used but it looks brand new."

The next board meeting will be held Dec. 2.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Nov. 27, Last day to drop courses, withdraw 1 p.m. Classes recess for Thanksgiving 2 p.m. Dorms close
 Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. Dorms open
 Monday, Dec. 2, 8 a.m. Classes resume
 Thursday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. Dorms close
 Friday, Dec. 13 Fall semester ends

1985 Fall Final Exam Schedule Day Schedule

Class meeting time	Examination time
8:30-9:20 MWF	8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
9:25-10:15 MWF	10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
10:20-11:10 MWF	Noon, Monday, Dec. 9
11:15-12:05 MWF	10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
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8:35-9:50 TTh	Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 10
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Evening Schedule

Class meeting time	Examination time
Monday	Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.



DANCE ON — Madonna, Melissa Garcia, left, and Freddie Villa, right, dance on to win Puttin on the Lips. (Not pictured is Terry Hunter third member) — (Photo by Jerry Snelling)

Perspectives

AIDS education needed in schools

As the AIDS epidemic flows across America, many citizens now fear that four letter word like the Jews feared Adolf Hitler. The big problem is the lack of education about this disease.

We educate our citizens against drug and alcohol abuse, sex and other diseases like cancer or diabetes. The lack of education for AIDS creates the fear that lingers through the American society. It seems to be much easier to fear something we know nothing about

AIDS received its most publicity when movie legend Rock Hudson was diagnosed with this horrible disease. Now by social norms if you are a male and diagnosed as having AIDS, you are classified as gay. If you are a female who has AIDS you are just considered another victim.

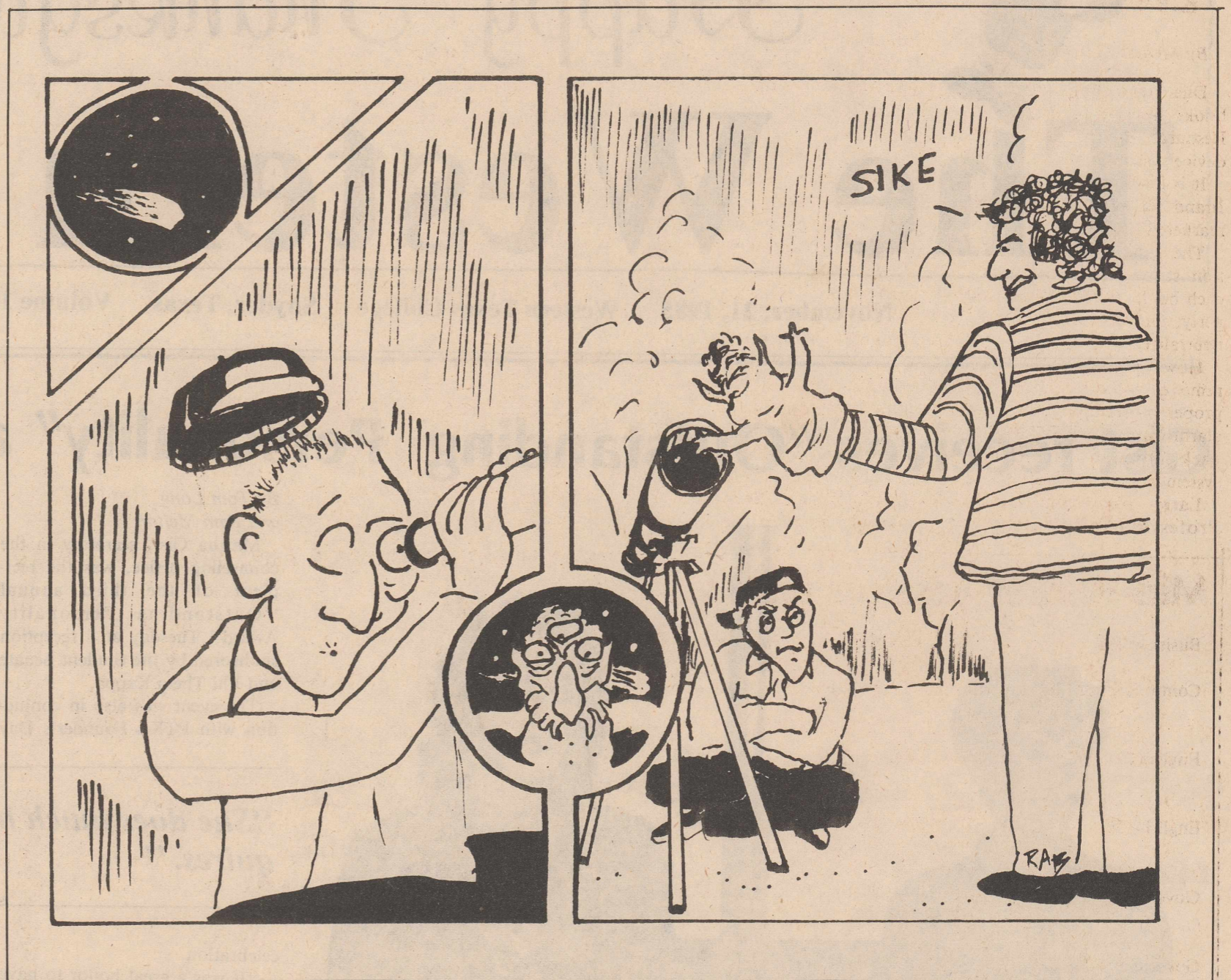
What many people do not know is that you cannot contract AIDS by just sitting by someone who has it. We have seen in the news that children have been banned from schools because they had somehow contracted AIDS. Many people fear going to the hospital because a person can get AIDS from a simple blood transfusion

There was a case on the Phil Donahue Show of a set of twins. One child was born normal and the other was born with AIDS. Certainly society won't mark this child as gay.

Surveys show that California, New York and Texas because of population, has the most AIDS victims.

What clearly needs to be done is education about AIDS should be state mandated in the public school systems in all states.

This will not cure the disease but it will help generations to come not to grow up ignorant about the disease and to know the difference in allowing society to taboo the out of ordinary.



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Smoke-out creates jittery nerves

If you are walking down the hall and you bump into a friend that seems to be on edge or just screams profanity at you for looking at him wrong, keep this in mind: if he smokes, forgive him because today is the Great American Smokeout and he is trying to quit smoking, no matter how bad he needs a cigarette.

The day is set aside for smokers to realize that smoking

can cause cancer but so can everything these days. If the cigarette doesn't get you, inhaling the smoke will.

I think this could be a very useful organization for people who smoke. Many feel that they need that cigarette to make it through the day. In today's society we're lucky they are just smoking.

For every one that quits smoking it seems there are three who

start. The American Lung Association thought they could scare smokers by putting labels on cigarette packages saying "cigarettes may be hazardous to your health". We've seen how well this has done to decrease the numbers of smokers.

Raising the price of cigarettes was another ploy to discourage smoking. Smokers simply paid outrageous prices or rolled their own before quitting.

I'm not saying that I don't like what they are doing to prevent smoking but they should put more emphasis on educating children to the dangers of smoking rather than the adults that know the dangers but just can't quit. A lot of times the smoking habit is something that's passed down through the generations.

This is a free country and I guess smoking is a freedom.



Off Beat

Kathy Hendrix

College life builds true friendship

The hardest thing to me about going to college is your friends. When you go through school and life with people that you are so close to and then go off to college and swear that you won't drift apart, but you do.

I have a best friend that I love more than anything but I am not very close to him anymore. I spent all my most important times of my senior year with David. To me that is the worst thing, just not having someone

here when I need them.

I am just glad that I did not have a steady boyfriend. These people that have a distant relationship I feel sorry for. They have to sit in their dorm room and do nothing, (if they are faithful)

There are four girls on my floor that have boyfriends away and it just depresses me to see them sit there.

The best thing about coming to college is all of the friends that

you make. I have so many more close friends. (I guess this is why you forget your old friends). So many people have made so many new friends it is not even funny! And there are a few lucky ones that have just fallen in love.

My roommate, Steph, came here with a "steady eddie" that she had gone with for four years. At college she didn't last one month with him.

Now she is dating Ken and everything is great. It just shows

that one out of 100 distant relationships works out.

A great place to pick up guys or girls is Jiggers. And if you and your friends just want to get together that's a good place also.

Snyder really doesn't have much recreation for college students, but usually we all keep ourselves preoccupied.

College is very hard for some people, but you must get your life together and worry about what is here.

Close Ties...



Production applauded; Drama cast, crew excel

By Tom Long

The WTC drama department gave its final performance of *Close Ties* Monday night in the Fine Arts Theater. The theater was almost full as the audience watched an excellent play.

Close Ties is a very real play because it deals with grandma as she goes senile. I felt the love and sadness the performers exhibited towards supporting Josephine (Trina Lemons).

I particularly liked the point where Bess said, "Honor thy father and mother not yourself." This is a quote we all can identify with in our lives.

Josephine became a very real and strong character to me through her constant conversation with her late husband, Charles.

As I sat in the audience I felt the constant battle between the sisters (Josephine's granddaughter) to help their other sister, Evelyn, (Tempa Wofford)

overcome her "meanness".

I also was left sitting on the edge of my chair wondering what had happened to Josephine. The best part came at the end when she needed to go to the nursing home and she really showed how strong she was when she picked up her basket and gloves and said, "Just in case they have a garden."

On the stage the performers acted like pros but let us not forget the people behind the scene. I applaud those who worked the lighting, sound and helped on the set. The set was fantastic and added a very unique and realistic touch to the play.

The performers did three things that are very important to me in having a good performance.

They made me laugh, cry and scared me to death. If all the plays are like *Close Ties*, it's going to be a great year for the drama department.

WTC Drama Department's Coming Attractions!!

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752 books lost... LRC detection device to be installed

By Melissa Garcia

Due to a large number of books missing in the Learning Resource Center, a detection device system is being installed.

It is known as the Tattle-Tape Brand Book Detection system marketed by 3M.

The system consists of detection strips which are placed in each book. When a book is properly checked out, the strip is neutralized.

However, when a book is removed without undergoing the proper procedures, an audible alarm warns the individual to go back through the checkout system.

Larry Anderson, Associate Professor and Director of

Library and Media Services, said, "An average reduction in book losses of 85 to 90 percent can be expected using the detection system."

A total of 752 books have been lost during the past six years. The books most being used are the ones which are stolen. Half of these books are out of print, therefore, they are unable to be replaced.

"This is not a high loss when compared with other libraries with unprotected exits," Anderson said. "It does, however, amount to a high dollar loss and a serious reduction of service to students and faculty."

The average price of a hard-cover book purchased by academic libraries is in excess of

\$30. According to Anderson, it is a long standing policy for the LRC to use locally reinforced paperbacks whenever possible. This would reduce the cost per book to about \$15 per volume.

"Even at this reduced price, the cost of books lost over the last six years is in excess of \$11,000," Anderson said. "It will not take a detection device, costing \$8,200, long to pay for itself at that rate," Anderson said.

The system will be protecting the materials which students and faculty need the most.

It is being budgeted by part of the LRC's furniture and equipment budget. Supplies which will amount to ten cents a book will

be part of the LRC's supply budget.

The excessive price of the detective system included enough detection strips for the present collection.

"Protecting the book collection will be beneficial to everyone who uses the library," Anderson said. "It will insure that books which are purchased with student money will be available for student use."

He added, "It will mean that money that was formerly used to replace lost books can be used for the purchase of new materials."

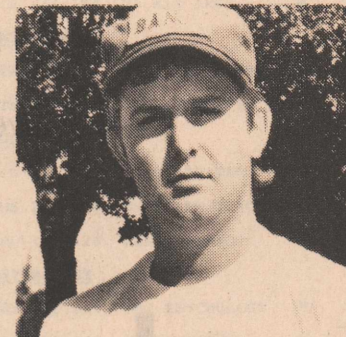
The detection system is scheduled to be installed during the Christmas holidays and should be ready for service at the beginning of the spring semester.

What Do YOU Think?

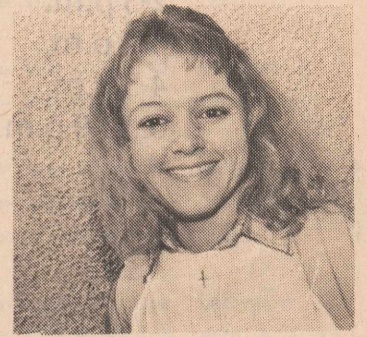
— By Pam Melton

Pelle Lindbergh, 26 year old goalie for the Philadelphia Flyers had irreversible damage to his brain stem and spinal cord in an auto accident while driving drunk and was pronounced brain dead at 5:40 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

Lindbergh's body was kept alive by a life support system until his parents' decision to remove the system the following Monday morning. Doctors pronounced him clinically dead at 9:15 a.m. Do you think people should be kept alive by life support?



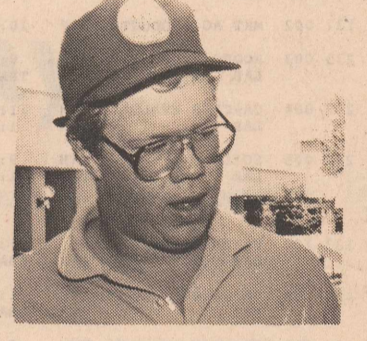
"I don't think it's right because if their brain is dead they are dead. No one has the right to keep them alive. There's nothing wrong with driving if you've had a few drinks as long as you don't over do it."
Steve Hawkins
Aspermont, TX



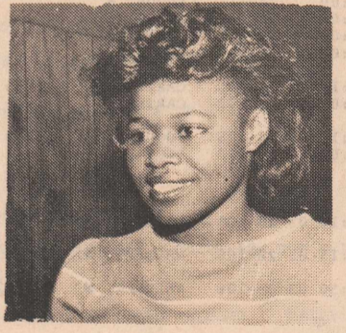
"I don't think anyone should be kept alive by life support systems if there's no hope for them. If it was me I would want them to take it off."
Stephanie Payne
Hamlin, TX



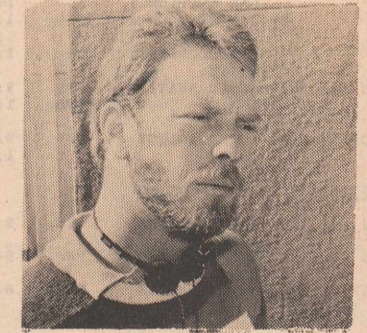
"I think everyone has the right to live even if with the help of a machine. They should be absolutely sure that there is no chance he would ever recover before they remove the life support."
Lydia DeLeon
Spur, TX



"A body won't work without a brain so there's no use in keeping the body alive. It just puts the family through a lot of pain and cost them a lot of money."
Virgil Feinsod
Snyder, TX



"If there's any chance that the person could lead a normal life they should leave him life support. But if he's been on it for a couple of months with no change I would go ahead and take it off. People shouldn't drink and drive in the first place."
Andrea Owens
Sweetwater, TX



"I don't think it's fair for the family to have to pay all those hospital expenses if there's no hope of them ever recovering anyway. If there's a chance they'd be okay it would be worth it."
Mike Dixon
Plainview, TX

Mid-Winter session schedule

Business 232	Business Law	Halbert, W.
Comp. Science 130	Intro. to Comp. Science	Canada, B.
English 231	American Literature	Lancaster, M.
English 232	English Literature	Barkowsky, E.
Government 231	Am/St/Loc. Gov.	Forshee, John
Government 232	Am/St/Loc. Gov.	Adams, Robert
History 132	U.S. His. 1865—	Pruitt, F.
Mathematics 134	College Trig.	Williams, F.

Classes meet from 9-11:45 and 1-3:00 daily, Jan. 2-14, 1986. (Except Jan. 4, 5, 11 and 12) Final examinations are scheduled from 8-10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Registration begins on Monday, Dec. 17, and will continue through Friday, Dec. 20, 1985. Late registration will be allowed only between 8-9 a.m. on January 2, 1986. A minimum of 10 students is necessary for a class to be offered.

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Poinsettia sale



The Greens Industry Organization(GIO) is starting their annual poinsettia sale November 25. Orders will be taken by calling Western Texas College, ext. 226 or 230. All GIO members will also be selling the Christmas flowers.

Arrangements for sale include:

- single plant \$6.00
- multiple plant \$12.50
- hanging basket \$25.00

Smith praises Africa

"South Africa is nothing like what they show on the news," said N. C. Smith, former student of WTC and school teacher in South Africa. "I feel safer there than I do in the U.S."

Nov. 6 the PTK Club sponsored an interview with Smith so that the students, teachers, and staff could get a better idea of what South Africa is like.

In the news recently it has been shown that blacks are being beaten and killed. Smith said, "I feel the events are staged, because the news media knows about when these things happen before the police even know."

According to Smith there are 250,000 people (blacks) who flee to South Africa every year. In view of all the riots and beatings Smith believes that South Africa is not all that bad. "Would people flee to hell?"

"South Africans don't all live in straw huts," said Smith. South

Africa is as modern as the U.S. according to some studies.

"The schools have very strict discipline. Uniforms must be worn at many schools. It is very old fashioned and boys still can get slapped on the back with rulers," said Smith.

Johannesburg is the most richest deposit of gold. Most of everyone in South Africa work either mining gold or working in diamond mines.

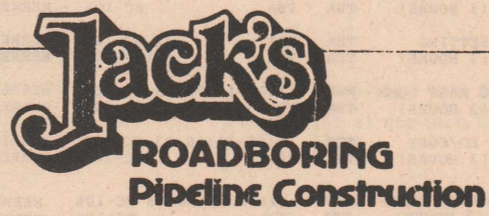
Ninety percent of all the world's diamonds come from South Africa. "It is very hot working in the mines, but it is a high paying job," Smith said.

South Africa has no natural oil. They must make all of their oil from coal. They have enough coal to last them for about 200 years according to Smith. Smith went to South Africa as a tourist and while there got a job as a teacher. He has been there for four years now.

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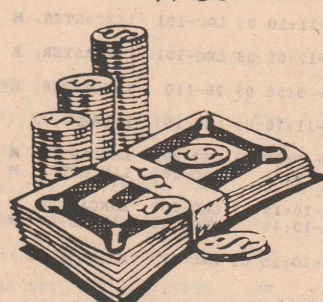
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Story by Tom Long



Thanksgiving History Traced

Thanksgiving is a legal holiday observed in the U.S., as well as, U.S. territories along with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It is custom that the President of the United States give a proclamation of Thanksgiving Day.

Even though Thanksgiving is a very popular holiday for this country it did not originate in this country. For example, the Greeks honored Demeter, their goddess of agriculture with a nine day celebration.

The Romans had a very similar day as they too honored their goddess of agriculture, Ceres. After the harvest the Anglo-Saxon gave thanks for a bountiful harvest called Harvest Day.

Over in Scotland their harvest celebration was known as kirk, which included special church services and dinners. In Biblical times the Jews gave thanks for their harvest in an eight day festival, the Feast of Tabernacles, which still occurs Oct. 15.

Since each person who settled in America had their own way of saying thanks, who would have thought that they would set aside a special day. Greek American, English, Scottish, German or whatever American can have their own day of thanks.

The first Thanksgiving Day in what would be the U.S. was held on August 9, 1607, by colonists in route to the Popham Colony (Phippsburg, Maine). The first Pilgrim thanksgiving probably occurred in the middle of October in 1621. The pilgrims gathered together and invited the Indians to share in a meal to give thanks to God Almighty for his blessings.

During the War of Independence the thirteen colonies joined together for the first time to have Thanksgiving Day simultaneously throughout the colonies. The occasion for the celebration was the patriot victory over the British at Saratoga in October 1777.

The Civil War divided the North and South. President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863, setting the last Thursday in November 1863 as a national Thanksgiving Day. In his proclamation Lincoln expressed his gratitude to God and hoped that war would end soon so that prosperity and freedom could be spread in the divided country.

Ever since 1863, Thanksgiving has been observed annually for three quarters of a century. There were only two exceptions

in the last Thursday of November date. In 1869, President Andrew Johnson designated the first Thursday in December as Thanksgiving Day. President Grant selected the third Thursday in November for the observance in 1869.

The real controversy came in 1939 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation setting Nov. 23 rather than Nov. 30, which was the last Thursday in November.

Roosevelt's action was not favorable among people. Roosevelt realized he erred in the spring of 1941. So congress and Roosevelt formalized a decision placing the holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

Thanksgiving has become one of the most loved holidays celebrated in the United States. Each year citizens across the land stop to give thanks. Even during times of war, when large numbers of armed forces have been overseas, Americans have observed Thanksgiving Day in foreign lands.

One of the most impressive of many foreign Thanksgiving services took place in 1942 at Westminster Abby in London. More than 3,500 American troops who were stationed in

England during World War II jammed into the historic church and participated in services which included singing "America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangle Banner."

The special service was the first service other than a Church of England ritual to be held at the Abbey's altar in nine centuries.

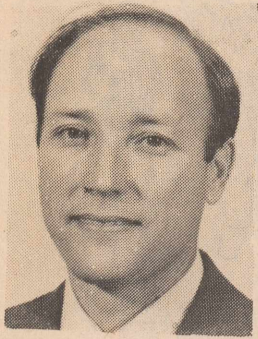
It has been tradition that on Thanksgiving Day the family comes together around a table of turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, squash, and cranberries. For dessert mincemeat or pumpkin pies. After the meal, family members sit around the television watching college or pro football games.

Along with traditional Thanksgiving celebrations there is a two-day fund raising held at Pilgrim Place, a home for retired Christians workers in California. For this celebration residents in the home dress up in the traditional Indian and Pilgrims outfits.

So as we join our family members during the Thanksgiving holidays, let us not forget the true meaning of the holiday: Thanking the Lord for all of his blessings. If the world would take time to be thankful it would make it a better place to live in.



Art by Richard Bixler



Counselor's Corner

Dan Osborne

Jobs emerge from market reports

Several interesting career patterns seem to be emerging from recent labor market reports.

Some liberal arts majors are finding it difficult to obtain jobs in their fields. With a bachelor's degree, liberal arts majors in political science, sociology, history, art and psychology are facing a highly competitive job market.

There are many more graduates than available job openings. At the masters or doc-

torate levels, the job prospects look a little better.

Education majors, on the other hand, can expect to find good employment opportunities in the 1990's. Elementary teachers, especially will be in demand.

For business majors, we find that specializing makes the big difference. General business degrees nationwide are not faring as well as degrees in accounting, computer science, health care administration and secretarial science.

In the technical-vocational area, there are also definite trends. Secretaries continue to lead the list of employees most in demand. Also, management positions will dramatically increase through the 1990's, with emphasis in retail business and eating establishments.

Nursing graduates will be needed, especially in the larger cities which have major medical centers.

The job market in 1990 is going to be competitive, even for those

careers with greatest supply of jobs. There will likely be several applicants for each opening.

The best jobs will go to graduates who can offer:

work experience (summer jobs, part-time, or volunteer work in your major field)

knowledge of a foreign language (Spanish, especially if you seek employment in Texas)

computer literacy
good communication skills (writing and speaking abilities are a must!)

Holiday in Snyder...

PTK Day observed

By Pam Melton

Mayor Rod Waller proclaimed Tuesday, Nov. 19 as Phi Theta Kappa Day in Snyder to observe the PTK Founder's Day celebration.

PTK was actually founded in 1918 at Stevens College in Missouri where the first group began. It became a national organization Nov. 19, 1929 when it was recognized by the American Association of Community and Jr. Colleges (ACJC).

The Phi Zeta chapter at Western Texas College was organized in 1972. There are now 700 chapters nationwide and 50,000 active members. Last year's National President Danny Hunter was a student at WTC and this year's Southern Vice President Steve Okelberry is presently a student at WTC.

WTC sophomore Kathy Rhodes, who serves as the PTK state secretary, accompanied Dr. Duane Hood, secretary for the state sponsor's advisory committee, and Dr. Mary Hood, local PTK sponsor, to El Paso for a two day meeting last weekend to plan the Feb. 20-23 state convention.

PTK members served as ushers for the drama department production, *Close Ties* on the evenings of Nov. 14, 15 and 18.

WTC journalism instructor Lucy Herrera was the speaker at the group's Nov. 14 meeting. She spoke on the subject of this year's honor topic "Ethics and Today's Media—an Endangered Alliance?"

Herrera stated that today's media had a lack of credibility. Objectivity was non-existent and the media can only hope to show fair balance on the various points of view. Herrera said that the editor must define what is news. She defined news as anything that disrupts the status quo.

On Nov. 9 PTK members participated in the American Heart Association Turkey Walk. They raised about \$250 in the 10 mile walk for the Heart Association.

N.C. Smith, a former WTC student and member of PTK, who now lives and teaches in South Africa was the speaker for an open PTK meeting in the Fine Arts Theater Nov. 7. Smith spoke about media coverage in South Africa.



Shaping Up

Lee Burke

What it takes to be a hero today

WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER HERO? Not true for me. I can always use another hero.

My list goes back to the 40's right up to the 80's; such names as Lash Larue, the Durango Kid, Randolph Scott, Shell Scott, John Wayne, Buford Pusser, Billy Jack, Audie Murphy, Rocky, Billy Joel, Roger Staubach and others of less stature but still important in my life.

Some real, some fictitious, but all heroes to me. My current hero (for eighteen years) is a man that gave my life direction, as well as millions of others.

Here is a man who has devoted his life to research and the helping of others. A man who has fought one of the biggest businesses in the United States and won.

A man, who as a result of his work and dedication to an idea, has saved thousands of lives and enriched millions of others. He is the man who coined the term "aerobics"; he is the father of preventive medicine. I call him a hero. Ken Cooper, M.D. of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Cooper is not a fictitious man. This is a true scientist dedicated to an idea that for

almost thirty years has been shown through all kinds of studies that it works.

There have been all kinds of programs and people jumping on the aerobic bandwagon: Jazzercise, aerobicise, sexerobics, gospelrobics, aquarobics, and countless others, some good and some terrible.

Dr. Cooper's research shows that a program of aerobic exercise 3 to 4 times per week for a duration of 20 to 30 minutes reduces the risk of cardiovascular accidents, the nation's biggest killer. This description is brief to say the least.

Dr. Cooper could franchise his aerobics' institutes all over the country like Burger King, but has endorsed only one; a recent opening, 1985, of the Aerobics Institute in Japan. Money is important, but certainly not the driving force.

Dr. Cooper is a dedicated family man and also a dedicated christian. His purpose in life is to help others help themselves by better understanding their bodies and what they do to and for them.

Here is a man who has touched the entire world with his ideas. A living legend. A hero.



CONGRATULATIONS! — Dr. Jim Tully, left, receives a plaque awarded by the Texas Association for Educational Technology officials in recognition of 30 years of service.

Merry Christmas

The Western Texan staff will put out a special Christmas issue December 5. The issue will carry an advertising supplement containing discount coupons from local merchants.

It's our way of saying Merry Christmas!

Check degree plans

The next couple of weeks would be a good time to check your degree plans with the Counseling Office. Sixty two semester hours are required for the Associate of Arts degree and must include specified hours in English, Math, Science, Government, History, P.E., and Human Development. (HD 111 or RE 111)

If you plan to transfer to a university you should consult the catalogue of that institution to determine which courses will be needed for your particular program. This would give you a better idea of electives you could then take in the spring. The Counseling Center has catalogues

of most Texas Universities available.

Students in occupational or technical programs such as welding, golf and landscape technology can check with your advisors or Bettie McQueen, Director of Occupational Education, to make sure you will meet all the requirements.

During registration there is little time to carefully plan your final semester. If you have questions about your graduation status or need assistance in selecting courses for the Spring semester, contact the Counseling Office. Dr. Mary Hood or Mr. Dan Osborne will be happy to help you with your program.

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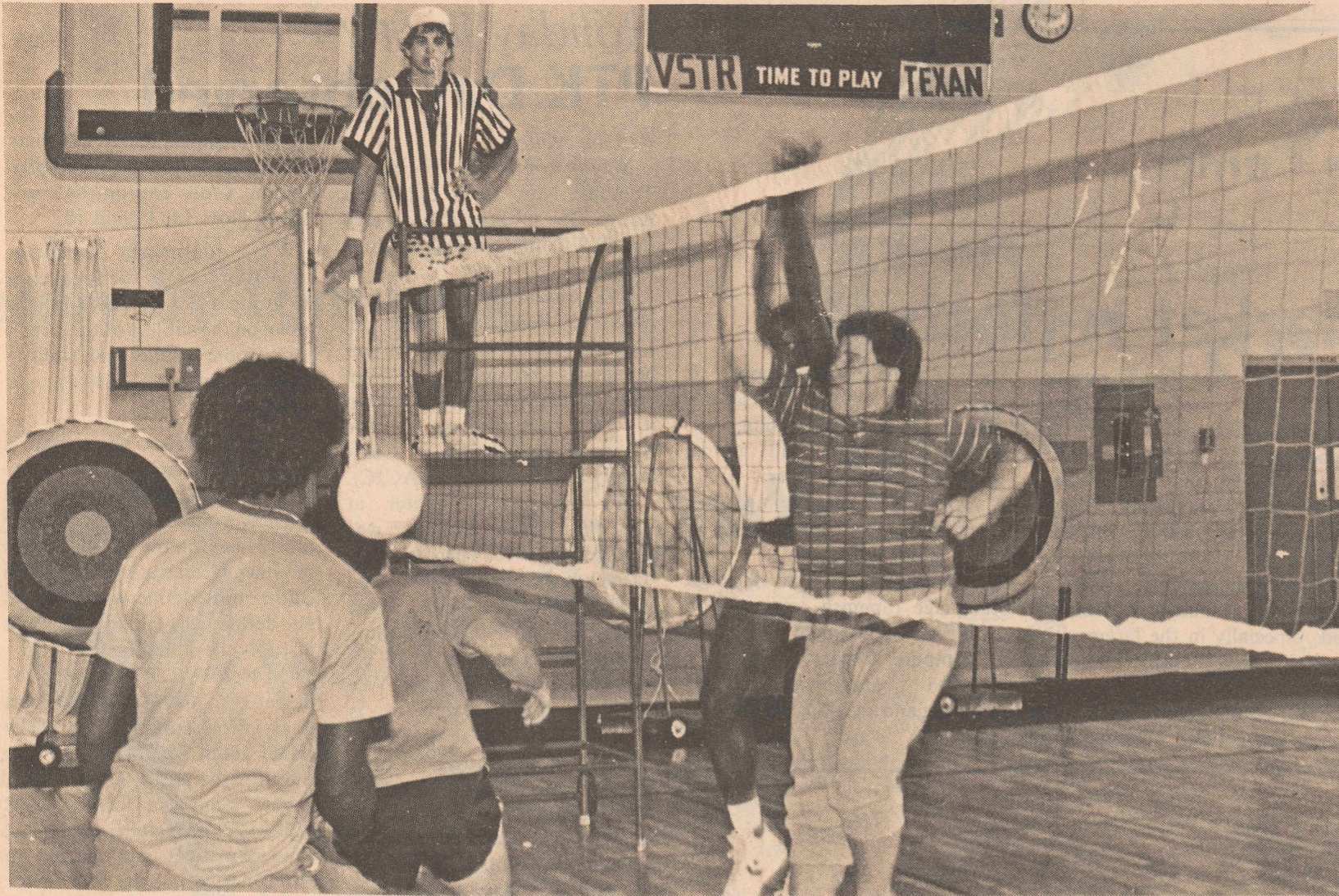
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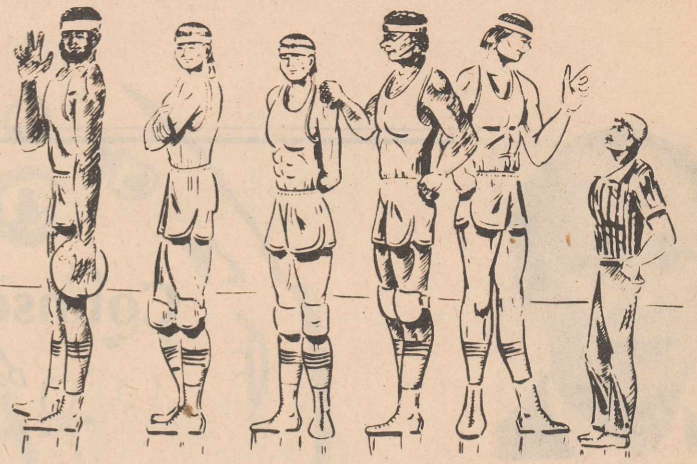
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Sports



SPIKIN' IT — Volleyball was just one of the many activities that highlighted extramural day at South Plains College. Four colleges participated in the event. —Photo by Jerry Snelling



"Ice" faces "Hershey III" in championship game

By Ed Coppage

Intramural basketball regular season ended last Tuesday. The single elimination tournament began last Thursday with four games being played.

Tuesday "Hershey III" defeated the "Black Panthers" and "Ice" won against the "Silver Bullets." These victories allows "Hershey III" and "Ice" to match up for the championship game today.

The team members for "Ice" are: Fred Fleming, Tommy Trammel, Clayton Sorrells, Kevin Meier, and Tim Long. Team members for "Hershey III" consist of: Eddie Bolden, Derrick Bethany, Glover Miller, Marcus McGlouthin, Ed Coppage, and Dennis Lee.

Intramural Director, Coach Mike Harrison said, "It has been a good league with real good competition. The final game should tell the true winners."

The winners in the championship game will compete at the University of Texas at Arlington next semester. They will have the opportunity to compete against teams from this region. The teams will come from Senior and Junior colleges all around this area such as Texas Tech University and San Angelo University.

The winners at UTA will earn a chance to play at Reunion Arena in the heart of Dallas. The game will be played at halftime of a scheduled Dallas Mavericks game.

Extramural day provides fun, competition

By Kathy Hendrix

Recently Western Texas College traveled to South Plains College for an extramural day Nov. 13. They competed against other colleges in swimming, tennis, ping-pong and other sports.

"We didn't really keep records, so I can't tell you exactly who won what," said Mike Harrison, physical education teacher.

"I think that these extramural

days help the colleges, because you get to meet new people and compare colleges," said Frank Casas of Roby. "To me the best part of the whole trip was the fun we had driving up there with the people that went and the people we met up there." Casas also said that he didn't really feel like it was competing it was more for fun.

"I was the only girl in the swimming competition and the

guys were real competitive. I won my races, but I still had fun," said Terry Harbin from Monahans. "I was tired when I got back, but I enjoyed myself."

The other students that went were Joe Boudreau of Snyder, Eddie Wayne Bolden of Hamlin, Roby Glover and Eric Hargrove both of Sweetwater, Steve Hawkins, Darin Epby, Glover Miller of Aspermont, and Dennis Lee of Post.

Others included Ed Coppage of Crosbyton, Derrick Bethany of Abilene, Jerry Snelling of Haskell, Greg Smith of Stanton, Terry McKenzie of Seagraves, Cass Simmons of Paducah, Lance Elder of Sweetwater, Charlette Garret of Santa Anna, Tommy Hunter and Gina Vaughn both of Snyder.

Physical education instructors Mike Harrison and Lee Burke accompanied the students to SPC.

Dusters defeat Ranger; improve record to 8-3

By Eddy Lopez

In WTC basketball action Tuesday night, the Dusters were victorious against the Ranger Junior College Range Anns.

The Duster's 77-66 victory against Ranger advances their record to 8-3 going into action against Cisco next Monday.

Brenda Welch, a freshman

from Odessa, led all scorers with an impressive 28 points and hoisted down eight rebounds. Angela Jeans, a sophomore from Hurst, had the hot hand swishing in 8 of 10 field goals for 16 points.

Pam Cox brought in some sophomore experience the second half by adding 8 of 12 shots, giving her a respected 21 points for

the night.

Others scorers were: Gigi Robinson, 5; Wendy Milner, 3; Diana Quincy and Leslie Gravel scored 2 points each.

Last weekend the Dusters traveled to Big Spring for the Howard Classic. In the first game Cox led all scorers with 20 points as they defeated Wharton 63-46. In the second game the Dusters

closely defeated the Howard College Queens 69-63. Welch led all WTC scorers with 28 points.

Odessa College won the championship game as they defeated WTC 43-61

After winning the first two tourney games at the South Plains College Classic Nov. 8-10 the Dusters lost to the host team for the championship, 65-59.

WTC sports 6-1 record

This weekend the Western Texas Westerners are traveling to Waco for the McLennan Tournament after receiving their first defeat of the season against Panola Junior College Nov. 16. Now Western has a 6-1 record for the season.

Panola beat the men, 96-85 in overtime at the Panola Classic. Alvin Lee, freshman from Richmond, Va., paced the Westerners with 31 points. James Dawn, sophomore from Amarillo had 18 and Cliff Langford, freshman

from Baton Rouge, La., threw in 12 points.

In the first game of the tourney, the roundballers defeated Navarro, 86-70.

At the Laredo Tournament Nov. 8-10 Western pounded the University of Americanos, 132-79. In the second tourney game they outscored South West College, 85-79.

For the tourney championship the Westerners out lasted the host team Laredo in triple overtime 121-118 to win the title.

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- A Spud Webb slam dunk over Manute Bol.
- A tape measure home run by Buddy Biancalana.
- George Gervin back in a Spurs uniform.
- A football game played on real grass in bad weather.
- Joaquin Andujar become a professional boxer.
- Alex English get some deserved national recognition.
- Another Joe Namath in the NFL.
- A game between the USFL champion and the NFL champion, just to see if the USFL deserves to be called pro football.
- Hulk Hogan lose the title to Brutus Beefcake.
- A hole in one on national television.
- Don Merideth back on Monday night football.
- A Kareem Abdul-Jabbar sky hook from three point range.
- A pro bowler roll a gutter ball.
- The Rice Owls in a bowl game.
- Another Muhammed Ali comeback fight
- The Texas Rangers in a pennant race.
- More wrestling fans that root for the "bad guy".
- A bout between heavyweight champ Michael Spinks and his brother Leon.
- A movement to abolish the "wave".
- William "Refrigerator" Perry play quarterback.
- William "Refrigerator" Perry play wide receiver.
- William "Refrigerator" Perry play punter.
- New announcers for the NBA on CBS.
- Jimmy the Greek slug Brent Musberger again.
- Bjorn Borg make a comeback.
- Yannick Noah win a match with his between the legs shot.
- Kiki Vandeweghe get an offensive rebound.
- Playoffs to determine a college football national champion.
- Some competition for Martina and Chrissie.
- The designated hitter put into the National League.
- Ivan Lendl let his hair grow.
- More exotic sports on ESPN.
- An explanation of roller derby scoring rules.
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