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Not just a coach

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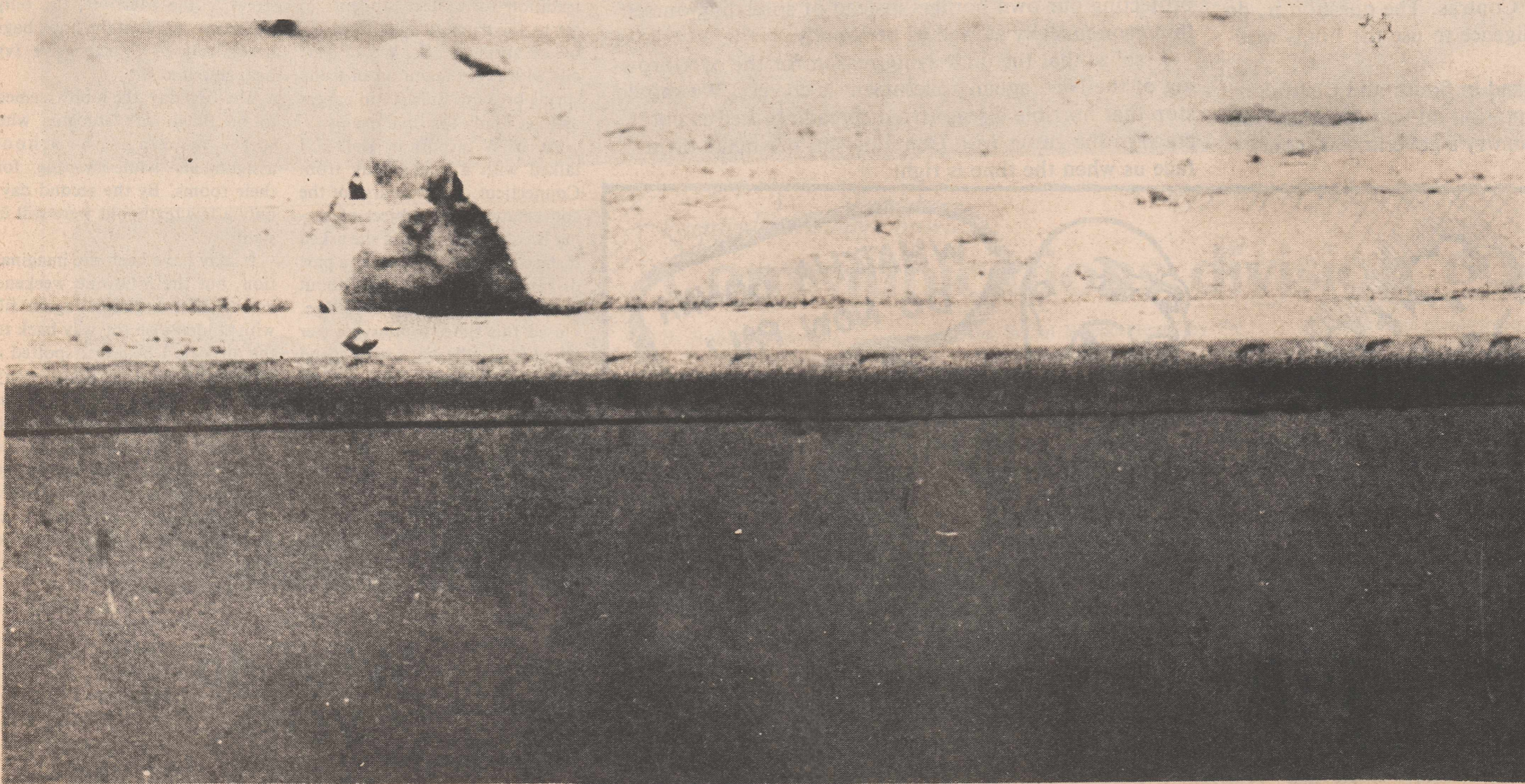
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Faculty trivia contest

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WHERE'S THE POPCORN — This campus squirrel was waiting on the steps of the LRC for Mr. Otto to come by with his daily ration of popcorn.

— Photo by Jerry Snelling

Campus Briefs

Rodeos pending

The rodeo club is working overtime, preparing for the upcoming NIRA and AJRA Rodeos. The NIRA Rodeo is set for April 17-20 and the AJRA will be April 24-26.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from rodeo team members and rodeo queen contestants.

Queen contestants include Janyne Gravell of Slaton, Roxee Holloway of Eagle Butte, SD, and Denise Merritt and Gi-Gi Robinson of Snyder.

Plant sale set

The greens industries organization will be holding a plant sale at the end of April. The exact date is not set yet.

On April 4, they attended a competition in landscaping skills in Stillwater, OK. Approximately 20 colleges from all over the United States were represented.

Schedules out

Copies of the Western Texas College summer schedule are now available. They can be picked up in the administration building or counseling offices.

Registration for summer classes will be held on May 27, with classes starting on May 28.

New exhibits

New exhibits opened Sunday at both the Scurry County Museum on campus and the Diamond M Museum located downtown.

At WTC, an exhibit of watercolor paintings featuring wildflowers is being shown. Photographs of China dating to 1910-12 are on display.

Admission to both exhibits is free and the public is invited.

Trustees elected

Incumbents Howard Sterling and Robert Hargrove won re-election Saturday in the WTC board election.

Sterling was challenged by Tom Aishman in place three and Lee Presswood ran against Hargrove in place four.

PTK auction

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its annual faculty auction today during activity period.

Faculty donations include lunch out, homecooked meals, a bedtime story and exam tutoring.

Board accepts bids for pipe repair

By Tom Long

On April 7, 1986 the board of trustees of Western Texas College met for their monthly meeting. Incumbents Howard Sterling and Robert Hargrove were sworn into office for another term.

The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel and other matters. No action was taken because of the session.

The board then elected new officers of the board and the new officers are as follows: president--R.C. Patton; vice president--Dr. Robert Hargrove and secretary--Ed Parks.

New business discussed was approval of the personnel for next year and also approval of the 1986-87 catalog.

The board accepted a bid from Colonial Motors of Dallas of \$3,840 for a new campus mower. The board then revised the policy for the summer work schedule to be more energy efficient.

In other board action they approved the American Food Management System with an increase in prices. The board then heard from Rex Hopkins, Director of Maintenance, concerning the water problems in the dorm

and some possible solutions.

After discussion the board then decided to start accepting bids for the repair of the pipes in the dorms both with copper and plastic pipes. The board also wanted a report from Hopkins about the gas leaks on campus as he reported at last month's meeting.

In the president's report Dr. Harry Krennek, Acting Chief Executive officer, reported to the board that at the next meeting they would ask for new computers for the word processing and computer science classes.

WTC prepares for re-accreditation

Next year WTC will be reviewed by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Commission on Colleges is a representative body elected by the College Delegate Assembly and charged with carrying out the accreditation process.

The two representatives that were elected to carry out this process with accreditation are: Dr. Edward R. Barcowsky, Professor, English; Division Chairperson and Richard E. Lan-

caster, Associate Professor, English.

"These two men were chosen by Mr. Krennek, Chief Acting Executive," said Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services.

The Commission on Colleges supports the right of an institution to pursue its established educational purpose, the right of faculty members to teach, investigate and publish freely and the right of students to have opportunities for learning. However, the exercise of these rights must

not interfere with the overriding obligation of the institution to offer to its students a sound education leading to a recognized certificate of degree.

Every community college must be reviewed every 10 years to see if the courses and college itself will meet up to the Commission of Colleges accreditations.

Each institution seeking and recognized status with the Commission on Colleges must document its compliance with the commissions eligibilities.

At RMCPA convention...

'Texan' receives first in excellence

By Tom Long

The Western Texan received first place in general excellence in its division at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association convention March 20-23 at Scottsdale, Arizona.

The paper also won first place in typography, layout and design.

Several WTC journalists won individual awards in the canned competition. Jerry Snelling, WT photo editor, won first in feature photo and second place in news photo. Lawrence McCowan took second place in sports photo.

Other wins included Lloyd Richards--editorial writing, second; Wendy Hodge--sports feature, third; Melissa Garcia--news writing, first; Dave Stewart--sports news writing, first; Richard Bixler--humorous cartoon, first and illustration, second.

Tonya Neblett and Cyndi Trujillo won Honorable Mention in investigative/interpretive reporting.

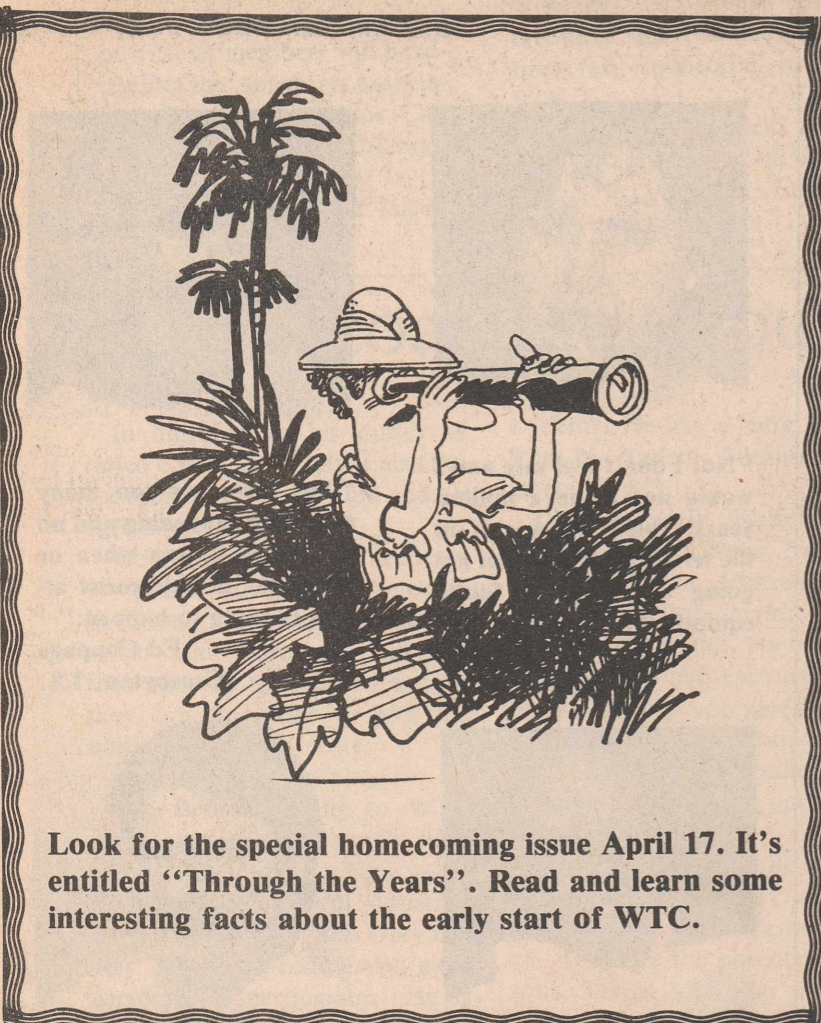
A bridal supplement to The Western Texan captured first place in the special supplement category.

About 300 students from 17 states competed in the live competition. Stewart competed for "Journalist of the Year". He placed third overall in the sports writing contest.

Snelling competed for "Photographer of the Year" in news, feature and candid shot photos division.

Frank Casas, advertising manager for The Western Texan, competed in the advertising division.

Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, accompanied the group.



Look for the special homecoming issue April 17. It's entitled "Through the Years". Read and learn some interesting facts about the early start of WTC.

Video to invite community interest

By Sandy Ross

The WTC Journalism Department is currently working on a video for SCAT (Snyder Community Antenna Television). This video will serve as a pilot for a possible regular feature on local television. It will be shown sometime during the week of April 13.

The concept of the 30-minute program is to show the community what type of activities are occurring at WTC, with the hope that the community will become more involved with the college.

The introduction is being made by Dr. Harry Krennek, Interim Executive Officer at WTC. Dr. Franklin Pruitt, history and government professor, will do a segment on San Jacinto Day, which is April 21. This is in con-

junction with the Texas ses-

quicentennial. Also included is a segment on Wildflower Day, which is April 19. The museum will have an exhibit of wildflower paintings and uses of wildflowers, both current and historical. Homecoming, the NIRA rodeo and the new word processing degree program are also included.

The video is being produced by Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, and Britt Canada, chairman of the Image Committee. The cameraman is Jerry Snelling, photographer for The Western Texan. Interviews are being conducted by journalism students. The Audio-Visual Department is assisting with equipment and technical backup.

Perspectives

Editorial

United States may be spreading itself too thin

In recent weeks there has been much discussion about whether or not the House of Representatives and the Senate should approve a \$100 million bill in military aid to the Contras fighting against the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. This has become a very hot issue for President Reagan and our country.

TIME magazine has quoted President Reagan in saying that we have the right to help. Reagan also feels that there is a cancer (communism) growing in South and Central America and it needs to be removed.

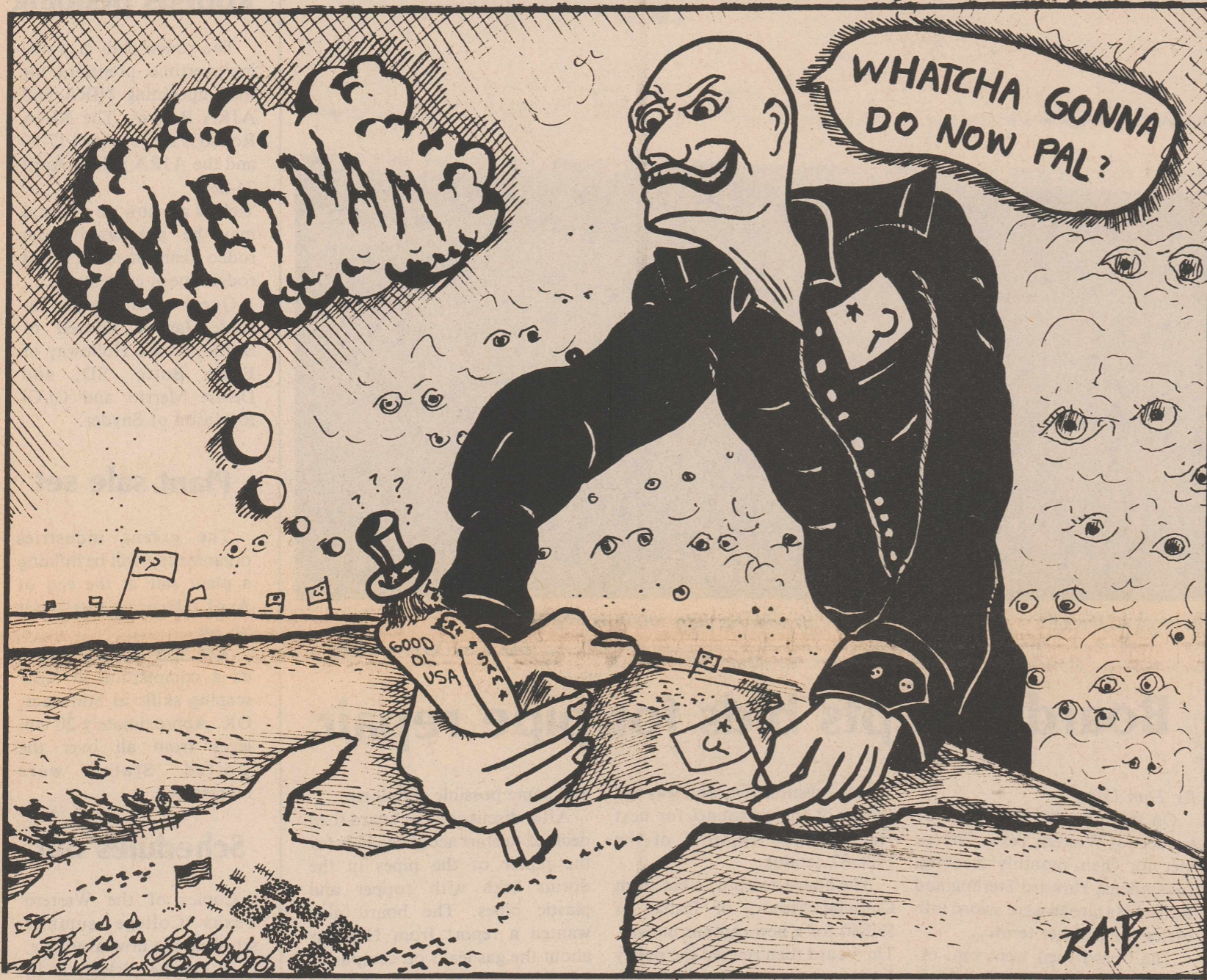
On the other hand, House leaders such as Tip O'Neil say it could turn into another Vietnam. The U.S. has already sent millions to the Contras. The question is, do they have the military intelligence to use the funds wisely?

Americans are not well liked in South and Central America. What kind of reputation do you get when you try to overthrow another country's government, communist or not?

Daniel Ortega, President of Nicaragua, says that the U.S. threat to Nicaragua is still present though U.S. troops in Honduras and a warship 60 miles off the Puerto Corinto. Ortega says that the U.S. is indeed at war with Nicaragua by giving funds to the Contras.

I understand our concern about the threat of communism in this country. Why should the U.S. stoop to the level of overthrowing a government and maybe going to war with Nicaragua. First, it's money, then military material and next possibly U.S. troops. In past months, I saw the U.S. getting spread out in South or Central America and Libya. We should worry about protecting our own borders instead of spreading ourself thin economically as well as personally.

I realize that the underlying reason for the overthrowing of the Nicaraguan government is correct. We should stop that horrible disease from spreading. Let us not crawl in the gutter with Communism, but make them face us when the time is right.



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Believe it or not ; your vote counts

In weeks to come, many of you will be making your decisions on the candidates of your choice. I hear people say they don't like a certain candidate but when you ask them who they voted for and they reply, "I didn't vote." They have no right to gripe then.

Many people believe that their vote doesn't mean anything. Your vote does count. Your vote helps elect county and state officials. They also have a reflection on the Presidential election as the popular vote.

According to Beverly Ainsworth, Scurry County Clerk, college students may still declare their hometown and vote in county and state elections if registered. An absentee ballot can be mailed to students so they can vote and return the ballot by the absentee voting deadline.

The most important thing is to be registered to vote. You must register 30 days before an election to be a valid voter. Then go to the place of voting and vote.

Voting is your expression of

who you want in office. After all, our elected officials are supposed to represent the people's wishes. If you don't vote, they don't know how you feel.

It doesn't stop at the ballot box. Once you vote, let your officials know by letters or calls that you may or may not like something in Austin or Washington, D.C. You would be surprised what your letters and calls can do.

1986 will be a very important year for voting. The guber-

natorial election will take place this November and various county and schoolboard elections are due.

Now there should be no excuse for not voting. But if you still feel that your vote does not count, read Franklin D. Roosevelt's Radio address for October 5, 1944, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves...and the only way they could do that is by not voting."



Coffeebreak

By Sandy Ross

Homework out; spring break in

It has become an American tradition for college students to get as far from campus as possible on spring break. We all start out with every intention of using spring break to finish term papers and get ready for final exams.

At DFW airport in Dallas, I talked with a young lady from Connecticut. In the course of the conversation, the subject of spring break came up, and she asked if she could interview me as a part of her research assignment about older women returning to college. I used this time to interview her about how college students spend their spring breaks. We both left the airport feeling very proud of how we were making use of our time.

Both DFW and Kennedy Airport in New York were filled with students, all of whom seemed to have a textbook in their hands. At the Paramount Hotel in New York City, cabs dropped off a

continual stream of students, all carrying book bags. Across the street at the Marriott, the only difference was that the book bags bore the logo of expensive Ivy League schools.

The first day, the lobby seemed to be filled with students who were working on school assignments while waiting for their rooms. By the second day, only a few textbooks were still in sight.

It may have been my imagination, but the following weekend as the cabs began to again fill with students on the way back to the airport, I believe I spotted a thin film of dust on almost every book bag. Of course, there was no dust on my book bag. I mailed my books back about the middle of the week and used the bag to carry souvenirs. Oh well, there is still a few weeks left until finals and I'm sure if I work really hard I can finish my research projects this weekend.

What do YOU think?

Would you feel safe to fly on commercial airplanes?

—By Kathy Hendrix and Jerry Snelling



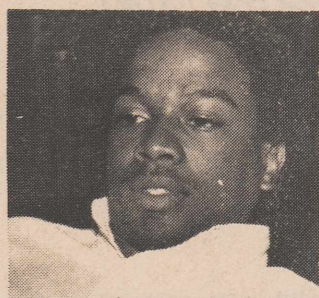
"No, I don't feel safe and I would not fly in a million years! This is because of all the terrorist attacks that are going on, plus the faulty equipment."

Kelly McGuire
Weinart, TX.



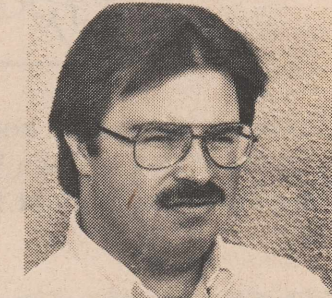
"No, there are too many accidents happening and no one really knows when or where the next terrorist attack is going to happen."

Ed Coppage
Crosbyton, TX.



"No, there are too many accidents occurring and it's making flying unsafe. People are starting to lose interest in flying since it's such a controversial matter."

Derrick Bethany
Abilene, TX.



"Yes, I feel safe. I don't fly overseas and I really don't think we have to worry about terrorists in the U.S."

Andrew Purcella
Loraine, TX.



"I don't feel that flying is safe with all of the terrorist activities. You don't know what to expect anymore. I used to feel safe, but not any more."

Mary Bernal
Sweetwater, TX.



"Not me! I have never flown before all of this terrorist stuff started and now there is no way."

Shirley Mitchell
Aspermont, TX.

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On Campus



TRIVIA TORTURE — Business and social science division instructors who competed in the Faculty Knowledge Bowl question the judges on who gets to answer first.

—Photo by Jerry Snelling

Faculty knowledge bowl...

Communications division consumes win

By Robin Huntsman

The Communications and Letters division won the first annual Faculty Knowledge Bowl last week in the Student Center. The Business and Mathematics division came in second place and the Social Science division captured third.

In the first round of competition the Business team defeated

the Social Science team by 7-6. The Communications team then eliminated the Business team, 7-6.

Communications team member, Janet Halbert, who teaches a films class, said that the questions concerning films were not a break for her team because they were concerning television and not movies.

Winning team members included Halbert, Marilyn Lancaster, Lucy Herrera, Ed Barkowsky, and Richard Lancaster.

Elsie Anderson, Annette Williams, Frank Williams, Cathy Chavez and Britt Canada comprised the Business division team.

Frank Pruitt, John Forshee, Robert Adams and Ray Robbins participated for the Social

Science division.

Dan Osborn, counselor, was the emcee and read the questions. Belinda Clayton, sophomore from Muleshoe and Andrea Owens, sophomore from Sweetwater, were the contest officials.

The Press Club sponsored the event and held a party for the winning team in the Faculty Lounge.



HERE'S YOUR TICKET — PTK President Robyn Turner and PTK members present Dr. Harry Krenek with a breakfast ticket to the annual American Association of Community Colleges in Orlando, Florida.

—Photo courtesy of PTK

Krenek attends meeting

By Tom Long

Dr. Harry Krenek, Chief Acting Executive, and four Western Texas College board of trustees members will be attending the American Association Community Junior College convention in Orlando, Florida.

Items to be discussed will be

the crisis in the oil drop and how it will affect funding. The WTC PTK members have presented Dr. Krenek with a breakfast ticket to the annual breakfast sponsored by the PTK.

The board members attending the convention will be Bill Jones, R.C. Patton, Edward Parks and Roy Baize.

Rodeo coach stays busy

By Sandy Ross

In addition to his duties as rodeo coach, Bob Doty is also the sponsor of the rodeo club and an agriculture instructor.

Doty tries to teach his students to "take advantage of every situation." His hope is that his rodeo team members will use their time in college to learn all they can, in order to use this knowledge in the future.

He has been teaching for 11 years. Before coming to WTC seven years ago, he taught high school agriculture for four years.

According to Dorm Assistant Barbara Preston, "Bob Doty is a very concerned coach with each person that participates. He is reliable and conscientious of the

students. He has a better output from his students because of his personality."

Doty is well liked by his students. Mistri Davis, freshman from Truth or Consequences, NM said, "Bob is not only a coach, but a friend. He is always there to help and encourage you no matter how you perform."

He also enjoys snow-skiing, but due to his busy schedule at the college, finds little opportunity to participate.

His wife, Darla, is the typesetting supervisor at WTC and is a co-adviser for *The Western Texan*. They are the parents of two sons, Jay, a four year old, and three year old Sterling.



JUST A SWINGIN' — Bob Doty, rodeo coach, twirls his rope to demonstrate a roping technique. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

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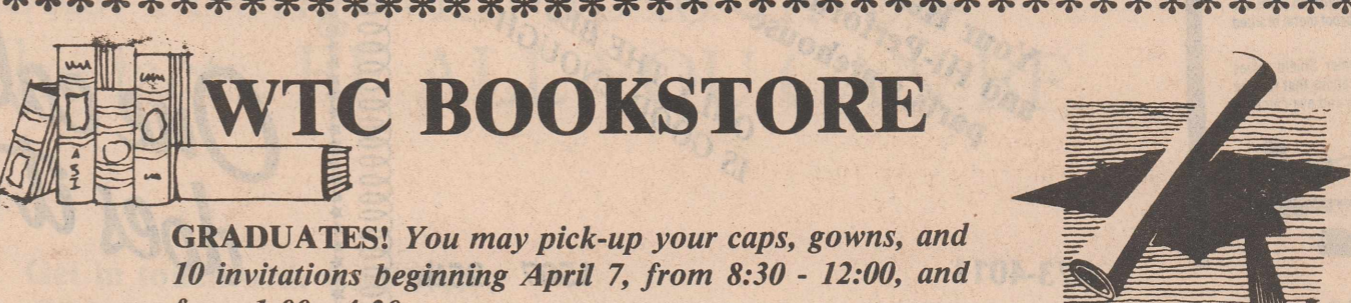


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Counselor's Corner

Dan Osborn

Medical careers, salaries examined

Medical careers are expected to provide a good supply of job openings and better than average salaries through the next decade. Excellent opportunities await technicians in radiology, biomedical equipment, nuclear medicine, medical records, as well as nurses both LVN's and RN's.

Advanced medical careers often overlooked are dentistry, optometry, speech pathology and occupational therapy.

For the first time in many years, dental schools are actively recruiting junior college students. A significant drop in enrollment has allowed students with 60 hours of college credit to enter dental school (a bachelor's degree has traditionally been a minimum criteria). Four years of study are then required at the dental

school. Average starting salary: \$30,000.

Optometrists also need 4 years of training after completing 60 semester hours. The University of Houston houses Texas' only school of optometry. Average starting salary: \$35,000.

Due to the public law mandates for handicapped children, more opportunities are opening for speech pathologists occupational therapists. Speech pathologists treat such disorders as stuttering, aphasia, delayed language development and stoke related voice problems. Average starting salary: \$20,000.

Schools of physical therapy are finding an oversupply of applicants. On the other hand, occupational therapists, programs are recruiting qualified applicants, became their programs

are less well known, and demand for graduates is increasing. Occupational therapists combine imagination and ingenuity to help handicapped persons function in daily life. They may figure out ways for a paraplegic to get into a car and use hand controls; a stroke victim to utilize a paralyzed arm to cook, and take care of himself; or help a brain damaged child to overcome a learning disability, average starting salary: \$19,000.

Science and research are learning so much, so fast, that health careers are multiplying faster than our schools can train new workers. This growing imbalance between jobs available and the people to fill them has caused a manpower shortage in the health care field predicted to last into the next century.

Study released...

Collegians accept violence in music

CANYON, TX (CPS) — Music videos can desensitize college students to violence, a survey of 700 midwestern collegians has found.

The study, released last week by asst. Prof. Sharaf Rehman of West Texas State, found that after viewing music videos for a while, students became less capable of perceiving increasing levels of violence in the videos.

Rehman also found students tend to excuse violence in videos done by performers they like, and that students in his study tended to view themselves as victims of violence.

They're not the only ones disturbed. A growing body of scholarly research seems to be supporting contentions that music videos often are unduly violent or sexual.

"I think the coupling of violence and sexual imagery is troubling," University of Georgia media researcher Joseph Dominick maintains.

Dominick and colleague Barry Sherman recently studied 165 "concept" music videos shown on MTV and two other stations that feature music videos, WNBC and WTBS, and found about 55 percent of videos featured at least one violent episode.

The musical carnage ranks second only to prime-time network

television, during which 60 percent of the shows feature at least one incident of violence.

While Dominick has no scientific measure of how popular music videos are among college students, he believes they are "big on campus from my casual analysis."

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"You may be teaching a young, impressionable audience that the two things (sex and violence) go together," he says.

The Georgia and West Texas studies confirmed other observers' discomfort. "My tolerance level lasts 10 to 15 minutes because of the way they

portray violence and women as sex objects," says Judy Byrd of the Sisters of Justice in Canton, Ohio, about videos.

Dominick and Sherman contend "in many cases, women were presented as upper-class sex objects for lower-class males with visions of upward mobility."

They determined social status from clothes, jewelry and cars in the shows.

"We are making inferences, but I think they are valid inferences," Dominick says, noting Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl" with Christie Brinkley and Bruce Springsteen's "I'm on Fire" as examples of upward aspiring males seducing rich females.

"I think there is some validity to the survey's point," contends Bill Chapman, director of creative services for WTBS in Atlanta.

Chapman says WTBS doesn't show videos featuring "excessive" violence or degrading sex.

"I would never run a picture of someone shooting someone else," he says, adding his channel, unlike cable operations, must meet Federal Communications Commission regulations.

MTV officials did not respond to calls on the subject of how violent or sexual videos may be, or how they might affect viewers.



HARD WORK REWARDED — PTK sponsor Mary Hood and PTK members display awards won at the national convention in Philadelphia. From left, Hood, Robyn Turner, Mike McCravey and Kathy Rhodes. As state officer, Rhodes was awarded a pair of custom-made boots at the PTK El Paso convention last February. The boots were delivered to the Philadelphia convention.

—Photo courtesy PTK

Phi Theta Kappa chapter wins national "excellence" honors

By Sandy Ross

The Phi Theta Chapter of PTK attended the national convention in Philadelphia, April 3-5. They brought home a blue ribbon, the award of excellence, for the chapter scrapbook. They also won a plaque as an award of excellence as a chapter.

On Friday, April 4, a panel discussion was held with Fred Friendly, former president of CBS News, Harrison Salisbury, former editor of the New York Times, John Stacks of Time Magazine, Terry Gross, host of

"Fresh Air" a program on National Public Radio, and Marlene Sanders of CBS News. They discussed this year's Phi Theta Kappa theme, "Ethics and Today's Media: An Endangered Alliance?"

Also on Friday, a program was held honoring Margaret Mosal for fifty years of leadership in Phi Theta Kappa. During her fifty years service, Mosal has served as Chapter President, National President, National Secretary, Executive Director and finally as Distinguished Alumni.

On Saturday, April 5, a tour of Philadelphia was conducted.

Among the points visited were: Independence Hall, Betsy Ross' home, Ben Franklin's grave, Christ Church and the Philadelphia Mint. Those attending were given an opportunity to touch the Liberty Bell.

Robyn Turner of Colorado City, Kathy Rhodes and Mike McCravey of Snyder attended the convention. Dr. Mary Hood, club sponsor and WTC counselor, accompanied the group.

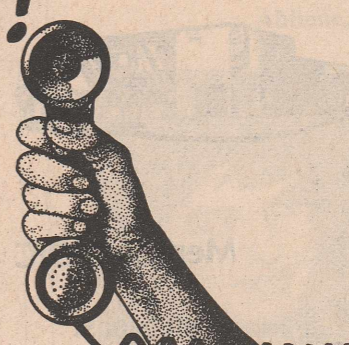
Texas Trivia

In conjunction with the Texas Sesquicentennial, April 21, San Jacinto Day, has been declared a state holiday. Government offices and schools, including Western Texas College, will close on that day.

San Jacinto Day is observed as the day when General Sam Houston captured General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's troops and Texas was declared independent.



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BASEBALL BLUES — This little girl did not seem as enthused as her father, but proved a likely subject for Jerry Snelling's camera at the San Francisco-Seattle baseball game in Arizona. The photo was a candid shot submitted by Snelling along with a baseball action photo in the photojournalism competition. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Workshop planned

Elementary education majors invited

A workshop for elementary education majors will be held Wednesday, April 16, by the Counseling Department. The meeting is at 11:15 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. Freshmen and sophomores are urged to attend, as well as anyone seriously considering an elementary education major.

Important information for the students transferring to a four-year college or university will be presented. There are several major decisions an education major must make before his or her junior year, including what type of certification to choose, teaching specialties and others. The best courses to take at

WTC for transfer into the differing university programs will also be discussed. This is a "must" for any elementary education major according to Counselor Dan Osborn. Contact Osborn in the Counseling Center if you are unable to attend but would like to discuss this information.



Shaping Up

Lee Burke

AIDS virus tests prove inaccurate

Screening tests for HTLV-III, the virus of AIDS, are being very widely used for a variety of purposes. The story of a rural Alabama woman who donated blood last May is a reminder that these tests are far from perfect.

The usual screening test, a so-called Elisa, was performed on her blood at the time of donation. The report came back that antibodies to HTLV-III had been found. This result was "confirmed" by three more Elisa's and then by a Western Blot.

The Western Blot test is more expensive than the Elisa, so it is not used for screening; but

because it is regarded as being highly accurate, the test is used for confirmation of positive Elisa's.

The Alabama woman's Western Blot was also strongly positive, but her history of 14 years in a monogamous marriage with no exposure to intravenous drugs or blood products made her a highly unlikely candidate for AIDS or HTLV-III.

Indeed, more elaborate analysis established that her blood contains a normal substance capable of thoroughly confusing both antibody tests, and that she does not have any real sign of exposure to the virus.

There are several morals to draw on from this case: 1. Neither the AIDS screening test (Elisa) nor the confirming (Western Blot) test is infallible; 2. The less likely it is that someone has been exposed to HTLV-III, the more likely it is that positive tests are in error; 3. Any kind of screening entails a cost, and it can sometimes be very high, as measured not only by the expense of follow-up, but also by the suffering of people who are erroneously labeled as affected by a disease.

(Harvard Medical School Health Letter, March 1986, Volume 11, Number 5)

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Lap Club beats Ropers 12-9 to open season

By Eddy Lopez

The intramural softball season started Tuesday with the Lap Club winning the season opener, 12-9, against the Ropers.

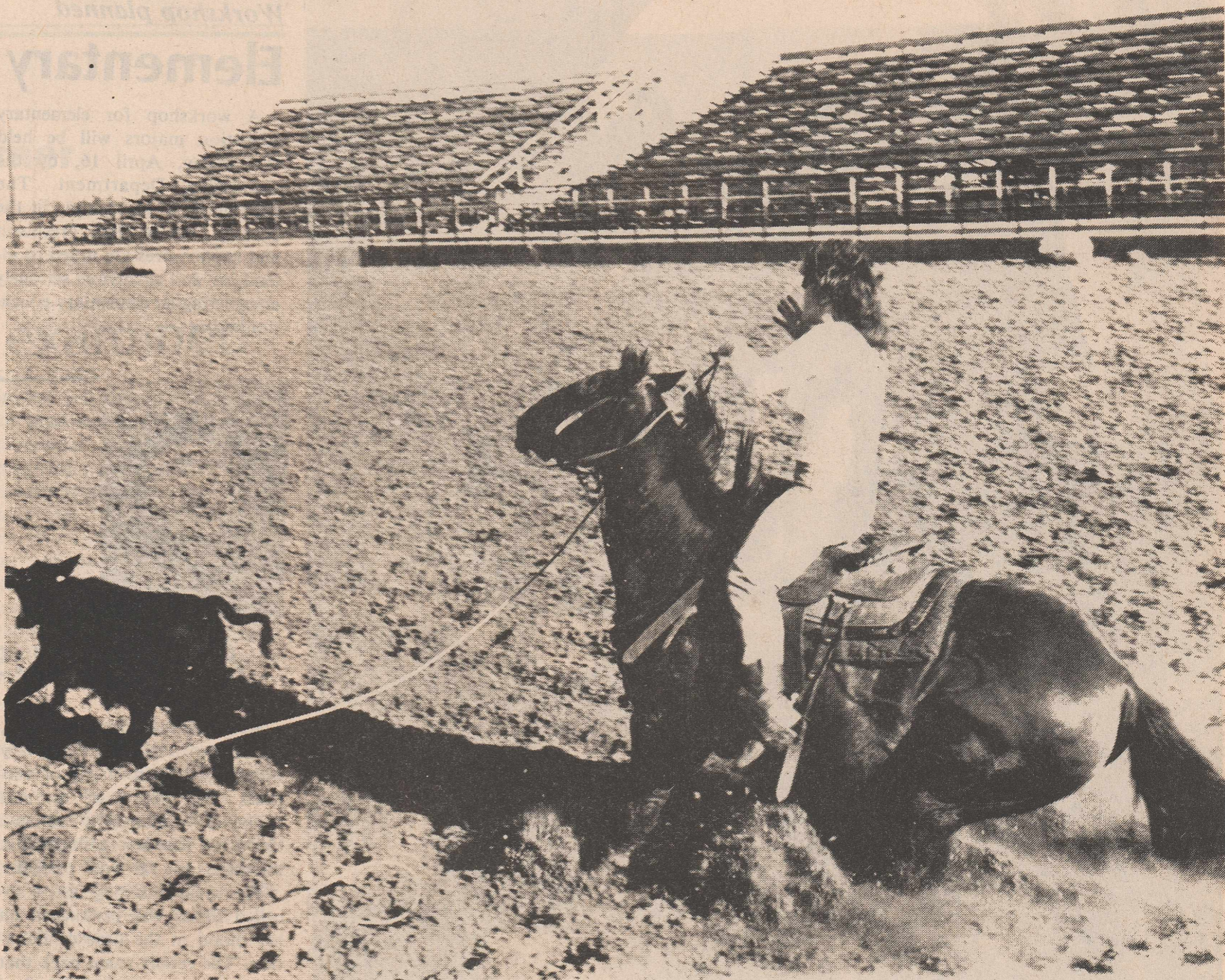
The second match-up pitted the Ropers against the Mixed-Up Bunch. The Bunch fell victims to a 21-18 Roper victory.

Rules for the game are as follows: (1)the pitch must have at least a six foot arc, but not higher than 12 feet. (2)No bunting or chopped swings allowed. (3)Third strike foul is an out. (4)No metal or plastic cleats allowed. (5)Teams will consists of

15 players. Only 10 people on the field at any one time, but all 15 batters may bat. Players must remain in the same batting order throughout the game.(6)There must be at least eight players to begin play.

The game is scheduled at a 30 minute time-limit. Ties will continue until one team pulls ahead at the end of an inning.

Other teams in the competition are: Silver Bullets, Hersheys, Phi Tapa Kega, and the G.I.O. Teams must be on the field on time. A forfeit will result after a five minute waiting period.



TRY AGAIN! — Misti Davis of New Mexico prepares in the practice arena for the upcoming NIRA rodeo.

—Photo by Jeanne Richards

Intramural softball schedule

MONDAY	APRIL	14	WEDNESDAY	APRIL	23
3p.m.	G.I.O. -vs- Ropers		3p.m.	Lap Club -vs- Phi Tapa Kega	
4p.m.	Phi Tapa Kega -vs- G.I.O.		4p.m.	Silver Bullets -vs- Hersheys	
5p.m.	Mixed-up Bunch -vs- Silver Bullets		5p.m.	Mixed-up Bunch -vs- G.I.O.	
TUESDAY	APRIL	15	MONDAY	APRIL	28
3p.m.	Ropers -vs- Phi Tapa Kega		3p.m.	G.I.O. -vs- Silver Bullets	
4p.m.	Silver Bullets -vs- Lap Club		4p.m.	G.I.O. -vs- Hersheys	
			5p.m.	Mixed-up Bunch -vs- Lap Club	
TUESDAY	APRIL	22	TUESDAY	APRIL	29
3p.m.	Hersheys -vs- Ropers		3p.m.	Lap Club -vs- Hersheys	
4p.m.	Silver Bullets -vs- Phi Tapa Kega		4p.m.	Ropers -vs- Silver Bullets	
			5p.m.	Bunch -vs- Phi Tapa Kega	

Sports Spotlight

Dave Stewart

NBA needs shorter schedule

The NBA season really needs to be shortened to 60 games. The injuries that pile up over an 82 game schedule not only hurts the teams, but cheats the fans. If the number of games were cut down the players would be rested and play at an even higher level.

Also, it's time to go back to the old playoff system. Cleveland and Chicago, for example, are battling for the final playoff spot and neither team has a winning record. Some of the weaker teams may be better off missing the playoffs and entering the draft lottery.

Baseball is underway. That's one sport where only the winners make the playoffs. Maybe basketball and hockey should

take a look. For the first time in a while the Texas Rangers have more young talent than they have had recently. Manager Bobby Valentine has added a few veterans for stability and the youth movement is underway.

The Rangers have a shot at being a .500 team, not great, but certainly a step in the direction.

James "Bonecrusher" Smith knocked out Mike Weaver last weekend in a heavyweight boxing match. Smith looked impressive but the best punch of the week belonged to Philadelphia 76ers guard Sedale Threatt, who knocked Boston's Danny Ainge to the ground with a right cross. Threatt was ejected and before it was all over Boston had scored

five quick points.

The incident may have fueled the Sixers, Julius Erving took control in the final period to bring Philly back. Larry Bird missed two foul shots that could have iced the game. Then with time running out, Erving took a tip off a jump ball and fired in a three-point goal to give the Sixers a 95-94 win. The "Doc" can still do it.

Has the USFL folded yet? I'm not sure if anybody remembers the league anyway. If the league folds, the NFL will be bombarded with talent. That could really generate a lot of fan interest. The Cowboys may have been smarter than anyone when they drafted Herschel Walker.

Rodeo teams first in region

By Dave Stewart

Western Texas College men and women both took over first place in the region following outstanding performances last weekend at the Howard College Rodeo.

WTC women captured first in their division with a total of 185 points. They were led by Niki Moist who earned all-around honors with 90 points. Western now has 575 points for the season, while second place Eastern New Mexico has 400.

In the men's division, the Westerners scored 270 points to take second place at the rodeo. Sul Ross won with 315. The men's second place finish was impressive because Bliss Mahan, all-

around leader in the region, was out of the lineup after suffering a dislocated knee. WTC now has 1338.3 points on the season to Tarleton's 1235.83.

Individually, Moist took second in the goat tying with a 21.7 total. Her 10.2 in Sunday's short-go was the best score of the rodeo. She also finished third in the long-go of the breakaway roping with a 4.5. Shelly Eldridge placed third overall in the goat tying with a 21.9. She was second in the short-go with a 10.8 and in the long-go with 11.1. Mistri Davis' time of 34.72 placed her fourth overall in the barrels.

Tony Hecksher's combined score of 145 won the bareback event. Paul Yorks led the men by

taking third in the all-around with 70 points. His 21.3 placed him third overall in the calf roping and he also teamed with Chuck Smith to take third in the team roping with a 20.1. Mike Carrillo was second in the bareback with a 141. Adam Brewster was second overall in the bull riding with a 145.

Jim Smith, who was not on the designated team, was runnerup all-around cowboy at the rodeo. He was second in the calf roping and third in the long-go of the steer wrestling. Also, Tobin Tate was second in bull riding and Todd Danley took first in the long-go of the calf roping. Neither Tate nor Danley were on the designated team.

Hicks, Dawn perform in all-star game

By Eddy Lopez

Although the season ended for the Western Texas College Westerners, they were still represented in the Texas-USA All-Star game held in Midland, April 5.

Sophomores Alvin Hicks of Richmond, Va. and James Dawn of Amarillo, TX. represented

WTC in this contest. Dawn scored 13 points for the Texas team and Hicks added 11.

The game pits players from Texas junior colleges against other junior colleges throughout the United States.

Pam Cox, a sophomore from San Antonio was named to the

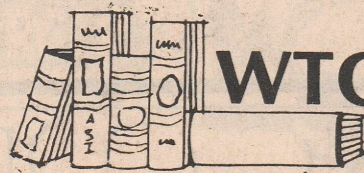
All-American second team. Cox declared, "I was happy to make the All-American team. I give a lot of credit to Coach Chadwick and the rest of the team."

Cox and teammate Angela Jeans of Hurst, TX will represent the Dusters in the Waco All-Star game this weekend.

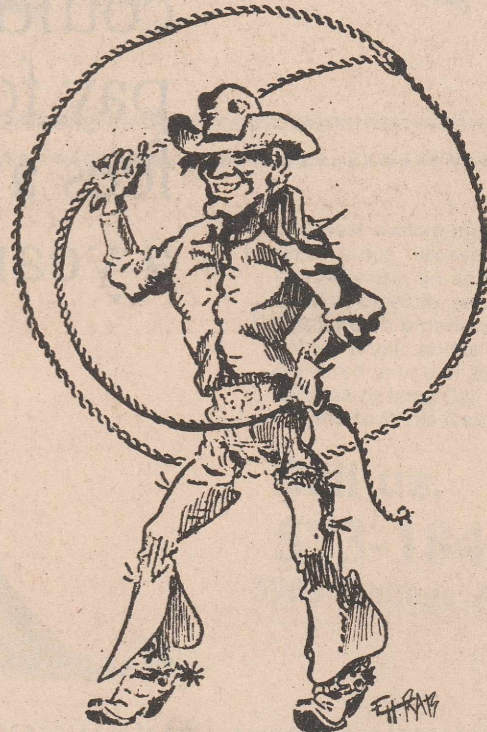
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