



Hands across Snyder



Organizations join human chain effort

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

Several Western Texas College organizations will be taking part in the "Hands Across Snyder" Feb. 14. Those clubs involved will be the Phi Theta Kappa, Senate, Rodeo Club and the Press Club.

All students are urged to come

out and join the human chain. Employees of the local Safeway store are sponsoring the fund raiser for the Easter Seal Society.

The cost is \$1 for a place in line. However, if anyone wants to donate more than \$1, they may purchase more places in the line for those who cannot pay.

The human chain will stretch from the hospital cut-off to the

intersection of College Ave. and Highway 84. At this time, people are still needed to fill gaps from the Safeway store north to Highway 84.

People will begin gathering at about 10 a.m. in the Safeway parking lot. The goal is to have the chain formed by 11 a.m. Safeway will provide balloons for the children, and the Easter Bun-

ny will make an appearance. Entertainment will be provided by the Senior Citizen's Kitchen Band.

Each year the Safeway employees sponsor fund raising events for the Easter Seal Society. On Sunday, Feb. 15, they will be sponsoring bull riding events at the old rodeo grounds. There will be \$1 admission charge.

Spring enrollment shows 'healthy' rise

Enrollment for the spring semester ended with a total of 1311 students. "There is a healthy improvement even in times of an economic slow down," said Dan Dever, registrar.

As registration ended Feb. 3, enrollment showed a 24 percent growth above last spring's total. This is the fourth highest total ever recorded. The ratio is

figured at 525 fulltime and 785 parttime students.

Overall the enrollment looks good, according to Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction.

Vocational contact hours were up by 4,000. The fine arts department showed an increase from 13,344 contact hours in Spring 1986 to 21,456 hours this semester.

Baird named director; continues adult ed post

By Tom Long
WT Editor

Jerry Baird, long time employee of Western Texas College, has assumed the directorship of the senior center after Gloria Shaw resigned. Baird had been the recruiter for WTC since it opened. He will still continue to serve with the adult continuing education program.

Baird said, "It's a new frontier, and it fits well with the conti-

nuing education program." The center was first started in 1972 when Marvin Genuchi, music department chairman, started the program. After Genuchi's death Baird worked very closely with Dr. Clinton.

Baird said that working with the elderly is much like working with college students; they have so much energy. He went on to say that he has not left the college and that he is still very much a part of the college.

By Staci Wood
WT Reporter

This year fourteen WTC students have been selected by the faculty as outstanding campus leaders and will be included in the national publication, "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Faculty members can nominate any sophomore student who is active in at least two of the following categories: academic/leadership, (student must have a 3.2 GPA); service to school and service to the community.

Besides being included in the directory, students will also receive certificates at the traditional spring awards program in April. Aline Parks, publicity director, says that this award "extends recognition beyond just academic achievement to students who qualify."

Once students have been nominated by a teacher or advisor, applications are also reviewed by a faculty/student committee composed of five faculty members and two

to previous years, (in 1985 there were 26 students named) this number is small," Hood said. "This year there was just not that many qualified nominations." Students named to the list are:

Sorrells, engineering major from Rule; Glenda Kaye Clawson, elementary education major from Snyder; Phillip Scott Carter, animal science major from Ira and Theresa Brownne, mid-management major from Colorado City.

Others include Thomas Long, journalism major from Aspermont; Tim Long, animal science major from Aspermont; Joel H. Marr, animal science/computer analysis major from Tularosa, N.M.; Bobby Mendez, theatre major from Lubbock; Emily Thornhill, business major from Haskell and Rosa Richburg, from Sweetwater.

These students join an elite group selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since 1934.

Baird assumes post...

McQueen fills recruiting duty

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

Betty McQueen, dean of instruction, has taken on additional responsibilities this semester. She will be coordinating recruitment for Western Texas College. Her

duties will, in part, fill the vacancy left when Jerry Baird resigned his post to become the director for the Scurry County Senior Center.

According to McQueen, no decision has been made on the exact method by which recruitment

will be handled. Administration is looking toward a system where each department will be directly involved in its own recruitment efforts.

According to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC President, the rest of the faculty will need to "pick

up the slack." A great deal of recruiting will probably be done through the mail.

Until the final recruiting program is worked out, McQueen stated, "We will all be working together to see which direction to take."

Cast and crew await decision...

"Terra Nova" competes at festival to advance

By Staci Wood
WT Reporter

The drama department's production of "Terra Nova" competed Jan. 22 at the American College Theater Festival in Fort Worth. This was for a chance of representing Region 6 in national competition to be held in April.

A show which had been "on the back burner" of director Jim Rambo's mind, "Terra Nova" has advanced farther in competition than previous WTC plays. "We've been nominated before, but this is the first time we've been picked to go," Rambo said.

The week-long festival was an opportunity for the drama students to participate in competitive auditions, workshops, and critiques. Of the eight plays, WTC's was the only one from a junior college.

For the cast and crew, this was a learning experience. "It was great because a lot of my friends went to big places to get into good drama departments—and we competed with grad students," cast member Jamie Cofer said.

Cast member Shauna Gibson said it was fun to watch the expressions of two New York ac-

tresses who were judging. "They asked us what college acting classes we had taken and Mr. Rambo said none. The judges told us 'we can't believe you did this kind of work as a junior college'."

Other than teaching that with good quality they can compete equally with four-year colleges, Rambo felt that the six man, one woman play would challenge the cast and crew in several other ways. Since there was only one female role, played by Shauna Gibson, the play allowed women more opportunity for technical experience.

Members of the production crew include scenery crew: Jeff Milburn of Brownfield, head; Bobby Mendez and Jim Miller of Lubbock, Bret Dillon of Seagraves, Dalila Carrasco of Big Lake, Nellie Helms of Snyder, Theresa Rodriguez of Lubbock, Shauna Gibson of Vernon, Jamie Cofer of Snyder, Jim Rainbolt of Post and Moises Molina of Colorado City.

Members of the properties crew are Miller, head; Dillon, Carrasco, Cofer, Rodriguez, Andrea Smith of Sweetwater, Gibson and Helms.

The lighting crew consisted of

Tod Fritz, head; Mendez, Miller, and Dillon.

Teresa Rambo of Snyder and Cathy York of Gail headed the costume committee. Gibson, Smith and Carrasco also were on this committee.

Sound crew members are Smith, head; Rodriguez, Milburn and Gibson.

Another challenge was dealing with acting out the cold in Antarctica, where the play was set, while the actors themselves were wearing thick costumes under hot stage lights.

"You had to concentrate on being cold while sweat was rolling off your face," Cofer said. "It always had to be in the back of your mind."

Other members of the cast were Milburn, Rainbolt, Dillon, Miller, and Mendez.

To advance to the national contest in Washington, the regional plays will be judged by the national screening committee.

The winning decisions will not be released until March, and the contest is in April. Only six plays will compete at this level.

The region contest was sponsored by NBC, the Kennedy Center, Ryder System, and the U. S. Department of Education.



Out in the cold

Cast members Jim Miller of Lubbock, Bret Dillon, Seagraves; Jamie Cofer, Snyder; Jeff Milburn, Brownfield and Shauna Gibson, Vernon portray explorers in the cold of Antarctica.

—Staff photo

Editorial

Vandalism by few causes dorm fines

How many dormitory fines were assessed to you last semester? If you were like everybody else who lives in the dorm, then you were probably fined about three times. For what?— a cigarette burn in the carpet or a scratch in the wall. Dorm students paid for these infractions although some may not smoke and do not scratch walls.

The major problem with dorm fines is seeking out the culprit to prevent innocent people on his/her floor from sharing the fine. But, isn't that the reason the dorms hire RA's? Is it the responsibility of the RA to find what goes on, and if there is any damage, find out who did it. It is not fair for an entire floor to pay for one person's mistake.

Where does all the collected money go? Dorm Director Vickie Harrison said, "The money that we take in for fines, goes into one of two accounts. One account

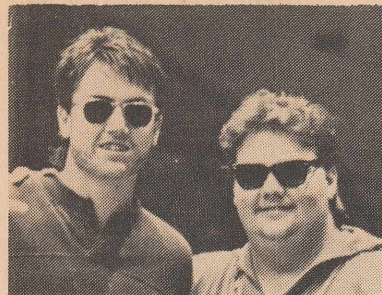
directly pays for replacing things that need to be replaced, while the other money is for student use."

"I believe that probably dorm fines paid for the television in our lobby," Harrison said.

When asked about the number of fines issued last semester, Harrison said, "As far as I can tell it was about average. There is a lot of fines, but there always are."

We can't do away with dorm fines. Things have to get paid for. But justice must be served. Those who must pay for someone else's mischief should ban together and tell them they are tired of paying for their stupid actions.

Dorm students, you must realize that you are not "snitching" on a student who is hurting your pocket-book. Stand up and tell those people to 'fess up or face the entire floor.



Our Turn

By Clay Jacobs and Mark Rauterkus

Snyder transforms to aquatic wonderland

It never fails...you're sitting on your favorite balcony catching some rays, listening to your favorite rock group.

When you see them rolling in out of the West. Those terrible, ugly rain clouds that ruin your afternoon.

Now don't get us wrong! We're not saying rain is bad! It's just that there is absolutely nothing to do in the wonderful metropolis of Snyder, Texas and rain does nothing to help the

situation.

We would like to suggest some measures that could be taken to make rain in Snyder a little more exciting. Other than covering that town with a bubble to stop the rain completely (which will never happen), we should start new activities for the rainy season. Some examples...waterskiing down College Avenue (not exceeding the speed limit, however and stopping at all red lights, which is challenging for both the boat

driver and skier).

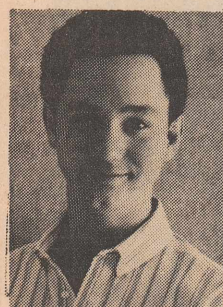
A huge water slide could be built on the square. This would bring in enough traffic to keep the Snyder police department busy. We could put floatation devices on the white buffalo charging \$1 to ride and turn the square into the ultimate amusement park.

Once a year, city residents could put on swim fins and the city could sponsor a "Howard the Duck" look-alike contest.

Safeway could sponsor "Innertubes Across Snyder" where they get a line of innertubes from the college to Highway 84.

One other example could be scuba-diving in Towle Park Lake! I'm sure a person could find many treasures there (Yuk!).

We're sure the city could come up with some alternate plans for the rainy season. These suggestions may not come up at the next city council meeting, but at least they are out in the open!!



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Public trust vital for freedom of press

Last month was a very important month for the college newspaper. It is a month designated for the awareness of freedom of the press on college campuses across the nation.

In today's society there are many factors hurting and helping the journalism profession. Even though the month is designated for the print journalism, most of the problems affect all of the areas of mass communication.

The first thing I see as a problem hurting the newspaper profession is the distrust from the public. At this point I see the fault lying with the news reporters and the news makers. Government officials often blame

the media for over exposing a certain news event. President Reagan and other top White House officials said that because of the media's over exposure of the Iranian arms deal, the plan to release American hostages was flawed.

Another item which officials blame the media is over exploiting issues. In other words, making something out of nothing.

Perhaps the distrust is due to inaccurate reporting. As in many cases, it only takes a few reporters to make the whole journalism profession look bad.

Now, I have to come to the defense of the journalism profes-

sion. We are trained like any other profession to report the news to the public, good or bad, in the fairest way possible.

Our readers read things into a story that are simply not there and think the purpose of the news reporter is to misquote and harass them.

Trust is the most important thing to a newspaper. First of all, the interviewee must trust the reporter to know that they will not misquote them in the story.

Secondly, and most important, the readers must trust the newspaper to know they are reading the truth and not just a reporter's view point.

I have tried to bring that trust

to *The Western Texan*. Our staff is trying to learn "hands on experience" and we will make honest mistakes.

The reader must also realize that we are a newspaper to serve and report the news to the student in the best way possible, whether the events be good or bad.

In the words of George P. Evans, Professor of Journalism, "That's because the facts of journalism and community life have demonstrated clearly that without freedom to express, only silence will prevail. No good press, as no good community or university, lives when voices are silenced."

Letters to the Editor are welcome!



In Memory

Ann Chester, known for her early morning smile and kind words to everyone who ate in the WTC cafeteria, died of cancer Jan. 23, 1987. She had been employed by the campus food service for many years.

Ann was like a "grandmother" to all the students and will not soon be forgotten. Her family and friends can find comfort in knowing how much she meant to us.



Coffee Break

By Sandy Ross

Campus atmosphere destructs automobiles

There seems to be an addendum to Murphy's Law that states: "If you enroll in an institution of higher learning, your motor vehicle will die." Apparently there is something in the atmosphere surrounding college campuses that causes cars to decompose.

During the time between semesters, I had some minor work done on my car. There was nothing seriously wrong, I just had a tune-up and that type of thing. Just before the semester started I took a drive to Colorado City and as I drove by WTC, my car coughed a few times and sagged to the pavement. In order to get it running again I had to invest a small fortune. I now have the most valuable 10-year-old car in the state.

I know it's hard to believe that being near the campus had

anything to do with it. However, have you taken a good look at the dorm parking lot lately? It looks like an auto graveyard, where old cars go to die. I think my car was trying to reach the parking lot, but didn't quite make it.

The college could, by using old fashioned common sense, turn this phenomenon into an advantage. Perhaps the administration would consider putting in a used auto parts store. There is a fortune to be made in auto parts. In some cases the school might do better to offer an auto burial ground.

There is however, a silver lining to this cloud. I expect that the incentive to graduate for at least 50 percent of students is to someday be able to replace the "pile of junk". The only way to do that would be to complete their education and get a decent job.

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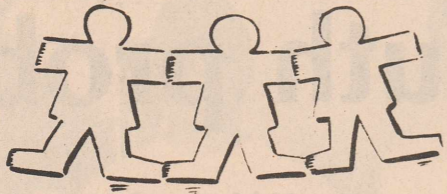
Classes dismiss

Classes will be dismissed at noon Feb. 19 and there will be no classes Feb. 20 due to the teacher's convention in Houston. However, Thursday night classes will be held as usual.

Grads measure

Measuring for caps and gowns takes place Feb. 17-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the student activities office. All prospective graduates are urged to come in on these dates.

The last date for graduates to file for graduation is March 27.



'Hands' chain

"Hands Across Snyder", a fund raising activity for the Easter Seal Society, begins Saturday at 10 a.m. All students are needed to participate in this effort. See related story on page 5 for more information.

Drop date

March 27 is the last day to drop a class. Students should go the counseling center if they need to drop a class.

Deficiency slips will be sent out Feb. 27.

Senators apply

Any student wanting to be a member of the student senate can pick up the necessary forms in the Student Activities Office. The deadline for applying is noon today.

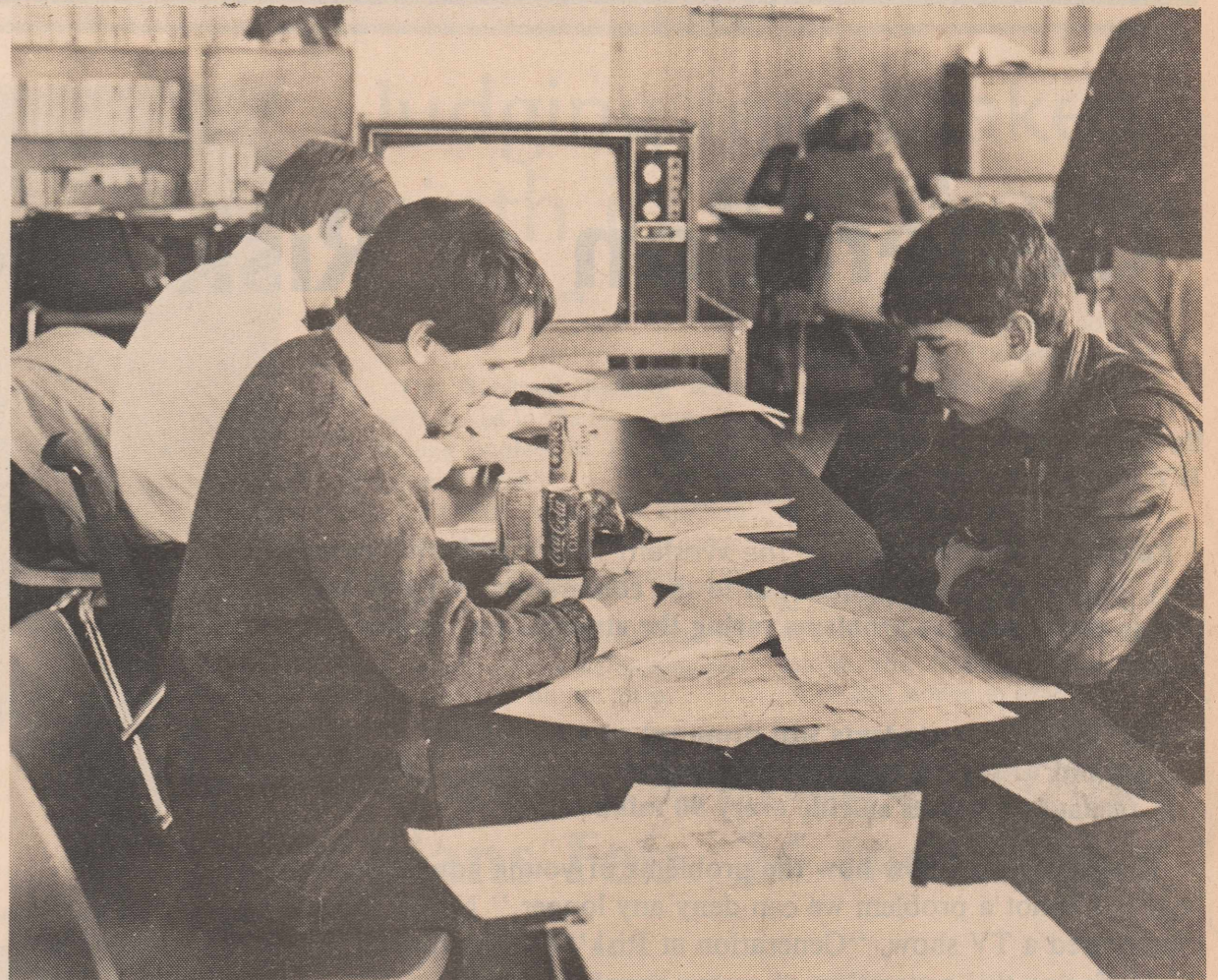
Free tutoring

The counseling office is offering free tutoring to all students. Anyone interested should go to the office located in the student center or call ext. 313.

Rodeo tonight

Students are invited to an intramural rodeo today at the arena located on Gary Brewer Road.

Team roping competition starts at 5 p.m.



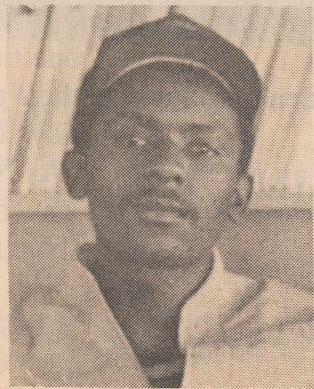
Fine Arts sign up

John Gibson, associate professor of art, registers a student for the Fine Arts department during spring registration. Enrollment for the department reached record proportions this semester.

—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Your Turn

By Staci Wood and Mark Rauterkus



"I don't think I could hold anything against the people of the county. This is a free country. I don't think they should keep or could keep blacks out. I wouldn't be afraid to go there, but I don't know what would happen if I did."

Greg Pruitt
Snyder, Tx



"There are a lot of parallels between now and the 60's, but then there was more violence. I'm afraid it will come to that again since we can't seem to learn from our past mistakes."

Janet Halbert
Associate Professor of
English
Snyder, Tx

February is Black Awareness Month. As we reflect on the progress our country has made since the civil rights movement of the 1960s, it is unfortunate that recently a racial clash occurred in Forsyth County in Georgia. We asked our readers to comment on the incident.



"I think we should all be as one and live together, but I wouldn't want to be the first to live there."

Marline Thompson
WTC Custodian
Snyder, Tx



"I think when they do march it is because they need some attention. I think they wouldn't have that much prejudice if it weren't for the older people."

Luther Maye Brown
WTC Custodian
Snyder, Tx

Lobby hours, probation floor added

By Tom Long
WT Editor

The new semester has brought about two major changes in the dormitory. The dorm lobby will now be closed and there is a probation floor for those who are on academic, financial or dorm probation.

"The dorm lobby will now close at midnight Sunday through Thursday, but will remain open Friday and Saturday. It will remain open all night for students coming in but students will not be

able to congregate in the dorm lobby after midnight," said Vicki Harrison, dormitory director. This act is to encourage to students to study," Harrison said. She also commented that it only takes a few to spoil it for everyone. She went on to say that the rules are made to be followed and when the student breaks them she must deal with them in the best way possible. Harrison is working towards putting televisions on all the floors except probation floor.

Another change is the proba-

tion floor in the dormitory. According to Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Students, a large number of students are not doing well. He also commented that it is common in larger universities.

The rules for the probation floor are as follows: Curfew is at 12 a.m. Sunday-Thursday, with no lobby activity after 12 a.m. Visitation is limited to 6 p.m. to 10 pm, with no visitation on other floors.

There will be room checks as often as necessary, with at least one unscheduled check per week.

All stereos must be turned down or headphones used at 11 p.m.

Student reaction to the changes in the dorm has been mixed. Margie Ornelas of Abilene said, "People 18, 19, and 20 don't need a babysitter. With the lobby closed, we can't study on our floors because they are too noisy."

Timmy Chunn of Jayton said, "There should not be probation for grades, but for something else, yes. If they're not making noise they ought to get to stay up."

Community college month honored

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

Western Texas College is planning several activities during February in honor of National Community College Month. During the month, visitors are invited to visit the campus and take part

in these activities.

Scurry County Museum is opening a new exhibit featuring the Texas Rangers Feb. 15.

The Westerners and Lady Dusters take on Odessa College Feb. 16, and at that game high school students and faculty from Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh are in-

ited to be the school's special guests.

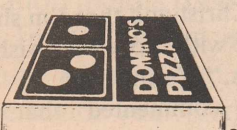
Phi Theta Kappa, the campus honor fraternity, will introduce Mr. and Miss Trailhand at the Odessa game.

PTK will induct new members Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater.

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'Generation at Risk' probes youth problems

By Tom Long
WT Editor

Editor's Note: The staff of The Western Texan feels this issue is not only important to the student but to the community. We will take a further in depth look at problems facing the students on campus in future issues.

**One out of four students will drop out of high school.
Four out of ten teenage girls will become pregnant.
A teenager commits suicide every 90 minutes.**

These statistics show how the problems of young adults are increasing. "It is not a problem we can deny any longer," Nancy Reagan said. She hosted a TV show, "Generation at Risk" that points out the problems facing this generation of young people.

The most common problems facing young adults are drugs/alcohol, suicide, teenage pregnancy and school drop outs.

In schools across America, they are teaching students to say "No" to drugs. A "teen court" has been established in Odessa, Texas. This is a program where a student caught with drugs faces his peers in the teen court instead of juvenile court.

Most often the punishment is some sort of community service. Out of 2,000 cases there has never been a repeat offender.

The drop out rate in America is rising to an alarming rate. Ten million students have dropped out of high school since 1975. In Dalton, Georgia the community got directly involved with this problem. They emphasized how important a high school diploma was by insisting that in order to be employed, a high school diploma was required.

In Albuquerque, N.M. they began a program called "New Future" dealing with teenage pregnancy. Statistics show that half of the welfare budget goes to teenage women with children. This program is designed to allow the mothers to attain a high school diploma so that they can better support their children.

Another problem on the increase is suicide. Statistics show that 500,000 will attempt suicide; 5,000 will succeed. Parents of victims say the hardest thing is wondering what was so horrible in their child's life that would cause them to take their own life. The most important factor is keeping the communication lines open with friends and family.

According to Gil Fler, professor of psychology and sociology and counselor, there are two reasons why this problem has grown. First, our society does not give young people a feeling of legitimacy to make mistakes and second, there are not enough supportive role models.

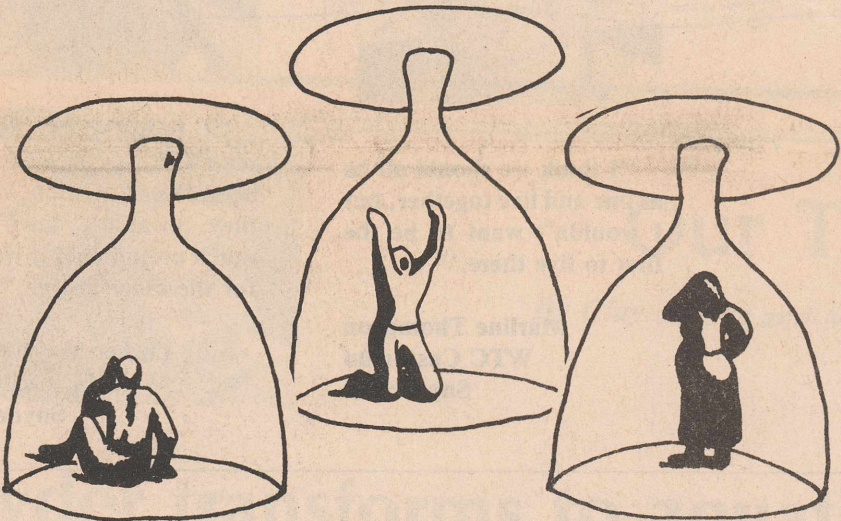
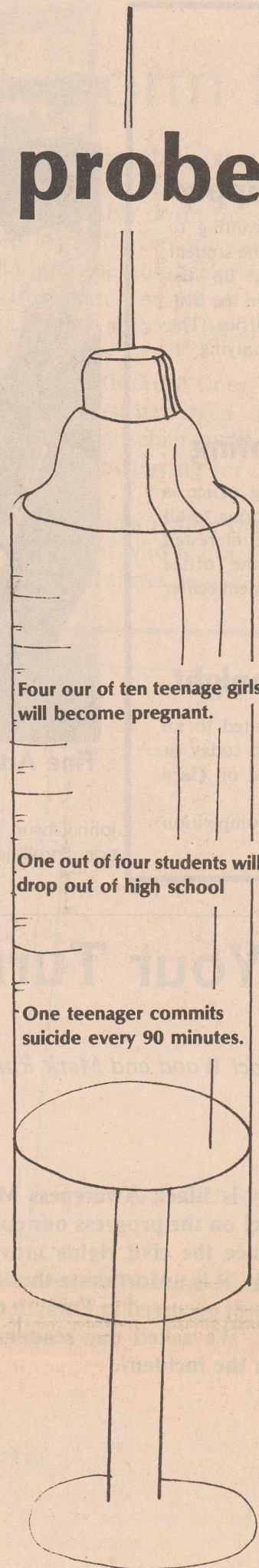
Fler added that adults are not close enough to the children. "Communication and open doors are very important. Whether they come in or not, they need to know the door is always open."

He went further on to say that students must be taught an idea of responsibility to go with privilege. In the lifestyle kids live today, they are handed so much, that "no" is a foreign word. In solving this problem, Fler suggested replacing negative thoughts with positive ones.

Dr. Mary Hood, professor of psychology and director of counseling services, feels there is a lack of information and the need for more education. Hood said, "Students think it won't happen to me if I try it one time."

Both Hood and Fler want to let the students know that their doors are always open.

This is a problem not affecting one but an entire nation. As Nancy Reagan said, "If we as a nation get involved we can save this generation from destruction".



BSU defines mission as student service

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

When students first hear of the Baptist Student Union, they immediately think it is for Baptists only.

According to the BSU's director, Mike Young, students of any denomination are welcomed.

positive outlook on life and Christ," Blassingame said. "They bring the students closer to himself," he added.

Classrooms are provided just for those who want a quiet place to study.

"During dead week we may stay out here and keep the coffee brewing for study sessions,"

"It's a place with a friendly atmosphere. There's always someone there to talk to."

"No one will force religion on the students," said Young.

The BSU's mission is to provide a place for students to get away from poor, rowdy behavior, said Young.

"It's a great place to escape," said Heath Blassingame, from Colorado City. "It's a place with a friendly atmosphere. There's always someone there to talk to," he added.

Young and the BSU staff are willing to help students with their problems ranging from school, personal relationships, and misconceptions of God.

The BSU teachers have a

Young said.

Activities are planned to help students get involved. "Each Thursday we do something with a casual interest in Christ, such as guest singers from local churches. This is known as 'The Thursday Thing,'" Young said.

Other planned activities are a lunch provided once a week for \$1. A prayer breakfast is offered for staff and faculty at 7 a.m. one day a week.

"All of these activities keep the morale positive," Blassingame said. "If it wasn't for the BSU, I would not be involved at WTC," he added.



Reaching out

Mike Young, BSU Director (Center), chats with a group of students during a regular BSU meeting.

—Photo by Clay Jacobs

Young experiences call to help students

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

Crowded around a pool table, students watch to see who will win. One man stands out from the crowd. His name is Mike Young and how he got to Snyder makes an interesting story.

He came from California to help his mother move to

Oklahoma. Economics was a major factor in his staying in Oklahoma. He didn't have enough money, so he stayed.

He then moved to Abilene to live with his father. In Abilene, he had a number of jobs. He worked as a truck-driver and in a feedmill. When he applied for a part-time job in Loraine as minister of music and got the job,

he heard of the opening to Western Texas College as the director of the Baptist Student Union.

Young wanted the job as the BSU director to share his life with people close to his own age and to help students know Christ better. "I'm far from perfect, but what I do know, I want to share," Young said.

"I hope that everyone that I meet will somehow see in me my love for Christ and that I'm sharing Christ with those who wish to know him," Young said.

Young commented that he wanted to be there for the students. "I want to share my life experiences and what I learned in the scriptures and prayer," he added.



Trailhand nominees

Nine students were nominated by their peers for 1987 Mr. and Miss Trailhand. They include Ellen Walker, Roby; Brenda Welch, Jennings,

La.; Carie Housden, Snyder; Emily Thornhill, Haskell and Dalila Carrasco, Big Lake. (Back) Virgil Feinsod, Snyder; Clay Cass, Clint; Tim Long, Aspermont and Kevin Boyd, Snyder. Alvin Lee is not pictured.

—Staff photo

Illegal aliens gain temporary status

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

"Future generations will be thankful for our efforts to humanely regain control of our borders," said President Reagan when he signed into effect the new immigration reform act.

Under the new law, illegal aliens who have been living in the United States since 1982 will be able to obtain temporary legal residency, and will be eligible for permanent status in 18 months.

The law also contains provisions for sanctions against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens. It is this provision that concerns a great many employers in Texas. Un-

documented workers are hired in large numbers in the construction industry, food services, and agriculture.

In an article in the "Abilene Reporter-News", Dell Talley, director of Associated General Contractors, was quoted, "Right now, we haven't seen a copy of the law and we are not aware of what legal obligations we have. We're sitting in limbo until we get additional information."

One of the problems aliens face due to the new law is the problem of employment. Many employers, due to fear of the law, are letting go long time employees. As a result, these employees will be unable to file for amnesty, since they must prove that they are employed. In an

article in the Jan. 25 issue of "The Dallas Morning News", Mario Ortiz, regional spokesman for the INS stated, "I don't know whether we've addressed that."

An article in the "Abilene Reporter-News" quoted Barbara Hines, an immigration lawyer in Austin, "Anyone hired before enactment of the law can be kept on indefinitely. The employer is not liable."

Richie Jackson, executive vice president of the Texas Restaurant Association, has said that the new law catches employers in a bind between the new immigration law and discrimination laws. In order to ascertain whether or not a potential employee has residency status, it may be necessary to violate his or her

rights under the laws dealing with discrimination in the hiring of persons on the basis of race or national origin.

According to an article in the December issue of "Texas Monthly", "There is a widespread fear in business and political circles that the new immigration law will have a devastating effect on the state's already crippled economy."

However, it is possible that the law will be laxly enforced in Texas. According to a federal prosecutor in the western district of Texas, it would be a waste of time and money to bring charges against employers in Texas. "You couldn't get a conviction in the state if you could hand pick the jury."

Judging team takes ninth in Fort Worth

By Christy Bullock
WT Reporter

The livestock judging team participated in the intercollegiate judging contest in Fort Worth this past week.

As a team they placed ninth in both sheep and swine judging, tenth in horse judging and twelfth overall.

Tim Long placed tenth high individual in the swine judging and was top man on the team.

The team also went to the National Western livestock contest in Denver, Co. The team placed ninth in swine judging and twelfth in sheep judging.

Individual placings were Barry Ezra, fourth, Tim Long fifteenth in swine judging and Kyle Cain placed eleventh in horse judging.

The team plans to judge swine at Sweetwater at the end of the month. They conclude their judging at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in March.

Women's 'Image' group plans Feb. 24 meeting

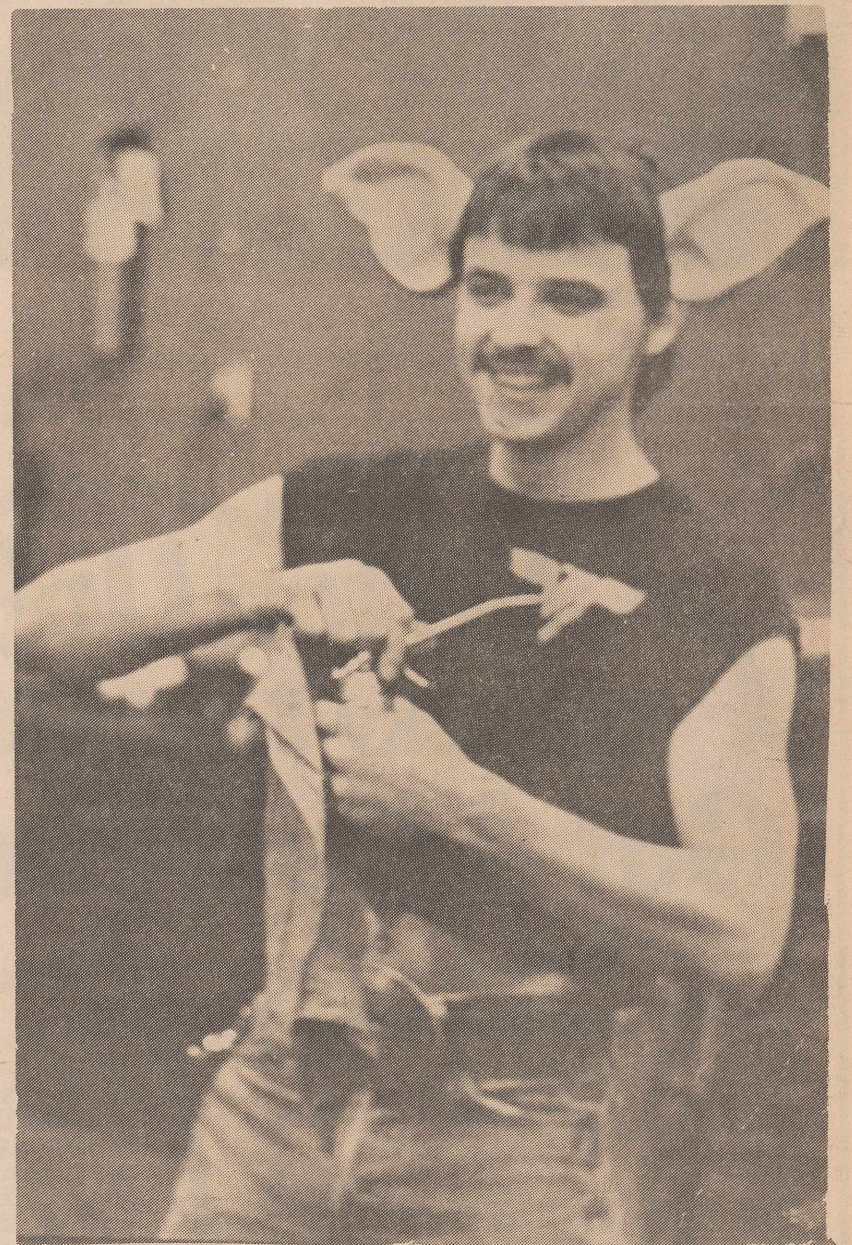
The first meeting for the women's support group, Image, will be held Feb. 24. The meetings are the last Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon.

Image is for women who are returning to school and going through the adjustment of rejoining the work force and adapting

to college.

Family communication was the topic of discussion when Associate Minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ Bill Looney spoke to the group in December.

JoAnn Bishop serves as president; Mary Gill, vice-president; and Janice Fletcher, secretary.



Gremlin II

A diesel mechanics student proves that gremlins are back.

—Photo by Howard Bigham



Counselor's Corner

By Dan Osborne

Inverted degree offers opportunities

The "inverted degree" offers students with a degree from a vocational program, the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor's degree and utilize their vocational courses. This includes coursework in auto/diesel, golf/landscape, office careers, nursing, management, welding and others.

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apply up to 66 hours of your associate's degree towards the four year bachelor's degree. This may help you advance into supervisory or management positions. Or, if you are injured and unable to continue physical work, a four year degree will qualify you for other occupations in your field.

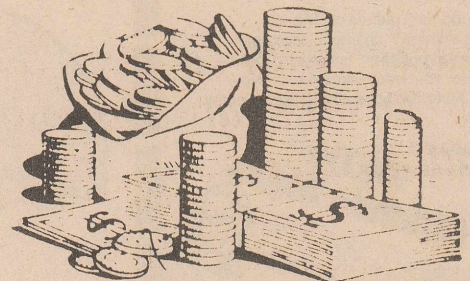
John W. was an auto mechanic who injured his back. No longer

able to crawl under cars or lean over the engines, he had to find another means of making a living. Using his mechanics courses from Cisco Jr. College, he enrolled at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. There, in two years, he completed his bachelors degree in General Business. His company rehired him into a management position.

Your vocational coursework can therefore count toward a degree in business, public administration, health administration, personnel management, and many others.

Vocational courses can also be used toward a teaching certificate for high school and junior high programs. For more information see the Counseling Center.

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PPST Workshops

The counseling department will offer workshops for education majors preparing for the PPST (Pre-Professional Skills Test). The test is required for anyone planning to teach in Texas public schools and should be taken prior to the junior year. Workshops will be given Feb. 23, 24, 25 and March 2, 3, and 4. Check with the counseling center for exact times and locations.

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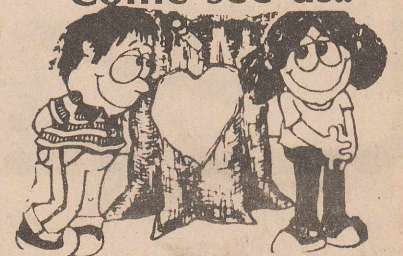
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Teamwork is key to success

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Reporter

The Lady Dusters are having a fabulous season with a 22-3 season record and a 7-1 conference record.

When asked what the main reason for their success is, they all agreed that one element of their success is the hard workouts they go through.

According to Barbara Straley, freshman from Lampasas, "Our success is due to Coach Chadwick because he pushes us to be the best we can be, and the support of the Western Texas College student body just adds to that success."

The team agrees that Chadwick's coaching ability is a major part of their success. Another plus is their will to win. "We have a tremendous desire to play and we give 110 percent," said freshman Rocky Rodriguez from Donna.

GiGi Robinson, sophomore from Snyder, said "We believe if we are going to the National Tournament, we will have to bust our tails to get there."

The closeness and togetherness of the team is another thing that aids the success of the WTC Lady Dusters.

"It was really amazing how well we got along from the beginning. There is no jealousy, only

competitiveness, among the members," said freshman Bonnie Detrixhe from Higgins.

According to Karen Smith, freshman from Wolforth, we give each other a lot of encouragement and try not to get down on each other no matter what the situation.

This closeness of the team is not only noticeable on the court, but it shows up off the court too.

According to Brenda Welch of Jennings, La., "We are a family. Whatever happens to one, happens to all. Coach Chadwick is the leader, but together we are the team. The national finals competition is what we are striving for!"



Total Teamwork

Members of the Lady Dusters and trainer Matt Cross strike a casual pose for our photographer
—Photo by Clay Jacobs



Watch my style

Brenda Welch, Duster star, shows confidence on and off the court as she approaches a new record in conference play.

—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Welch attracts crowd

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Editor

Brenda Welch, known to her friends as "Air Welch" or the "Louisiana Flash", has become a favorite attraction for Duster fans.

Welch says she came to WTC because Snyder is a good basketball community, and because she knew having a good coach like Kelly Chadwick would help her basketball career.

"I have no regrets in playing for WTC," Welch said. I have enjoyed all the support given to me and the team. I will always have very fond memories of WTC."

Welch feels there are advantages to attending a junior college. She is gaining personal experience of how college basketball is played, as well as finishing her basic college courses before transferring somewhere else to complete her education.

After graduating from here in May, she plans to attend a division one college and major in physical education and commercial art. Welch plans to continue her basketball career.

Welch describes herself as "a goal seeker as well as a dreamer". "I don't just set goals for basketball, I also set them in everyday life," she said.

"My ambitions are to live life to the fullest and be the best that I can be," Welch added.



Basketball talk

Alvin Lee (left), leading scorer for the WTC Westerners, chats with an unidentified spectator during a recent game.

—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Lee lives up to goals

By Eddy Lopez
WT Sports Editor

Since his arrival on the campus of Western Texas College a year ago, Alvin Lee had to live up to great expectations.

After capping a stellar first year at WTC, Lee has become one of the most sought after junior college players. His college choices include Oklahoma, Alabama, and Virginia Commonwealth, where excellence in men's basketball is the norm.

Alvin Lee was expected to be the Westerners' next dominant player, helping carve out another

string of lofty accomplishments along the way. He's living up to the advance billing. Barring injury, he should become WTC's seventh All-American.

Even more importantly, though Lee has become WTC's leading score and boasting a 34 point average per game which leads the nation. He holds a record for scoring 48 points in one game.

Along the way, Lee has passed such WTC legends such as Paul Pressey, Barry Davis, James Dawn and Alvin Hicks.

An All-Conference, honorable mention, All-Region player last

season, Lee will try to lead the Westerners to four more victories. The Westerners need to win four out of their next five games to qualify for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Post-Season Tournament.

The Westerners lost to Howard College on Monday night and will meet New Mexico Junior College tonight.

"I try to do my part and be a leader, but it's a team effort," said Lee. Everybody contributes that's what counts." We will need to be a team, if WTC hopes to upset NMJC, who ranked 5th in the nation.

Cowboys rope intramural win

By Eddy Lopez
WT Sports Editor

When you hear the name Keith Hudson you think about the national calf-roping champion, but in this case Hudson made the final two points for the Cowboys to defeat the No-Names 39 to 37 in five-on-five competition. The two teams went into triple overtime on the first night of competition.

The 1987 spring intramural season got under way last week with basketball competition. There are nine teams competing for the prestigious intramural T-shirt. The teams competing in-

clude the Depauls, the Rejects, the Surfers, Bohicums, B.U.D., the No-Names, the Super-Hoops, the Cowboys, and the Faculty Plus.

In other games last week the No-Names won over the Rejects by a score of 40 to 39. The Bohicums beat the Faculty Plus 58 to 33. The Cowboys rode up the score against the Depauls 54 to 27. The B.U.D. defeated the Super-Hoops 45 to 35. And the Rejects demolished the Surfers 55 to 32.

Earlier this week the Depauls went up against B.U.D., the Super-Hoops played Faculty Plus, and the Bohicums played

against the Surfers.

In last night's game the No-Names went up against Bohicums, Faculty Plus played the Rejects, and the B.U.D. played the Surfers. Scores were not available at press time.

In tonight's game the Depauls go up against the Rejects. The Cowboys will play B.U.D. and the No-Names will play the Super-Hoops in the late game.

According to Coach Harrison the intramural coach the season looks promising, "This is a good nine team format. " We had a couple of technicals called but nothing very serious." added Harrison.

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