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## **Officer training begins**

This semester, WTC became one of five colleges in Texas to offer correctional officer training courses.

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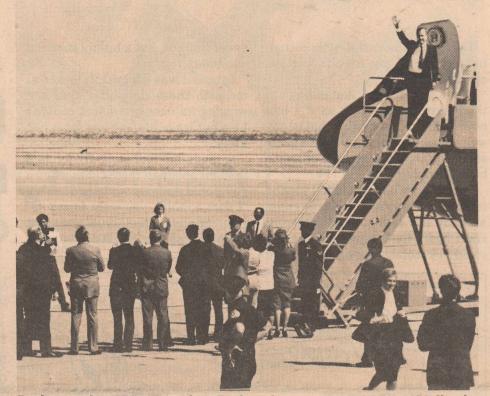
Correctional officer training classes are to begin Oct. 8. They are being offered through the Adult Educational/Extension Services.

Of the 53 original applicants, 27 were eligible for the class. Applicants must pass a height and weight check, a background check by the FBI, and a written test. Failure to pass any of the above examinations will result in the applicant being declared ineligible for the class. However, ineligible applicants may reapply for retesting in one year.

The class consists of 120 hours of instruction, eight hours of which must be spent on the firing range. The classes are being conducted by employees of the Texas Department of Corrections, ex-wardens, WTC faculty, and local law enforcement personnel. Successful completion of the course does not guarantee employment with the TDC but will make the person eligible for such employment.

This program is only one of the many classes offered by the Adult Vocational Education program at WTC. According to Mike Thornton, Director of the Adult Educational/Extension Services, "The Adult Vocational Education program provides opportunities to upgrade job skills, train for a new profession or pursue personal enrichment. Opportunities in classes are available to a wide range of persons based on need and interest."

Persons interested in any of the classes offered by the Adult Educational program should contact Mike Thornton at 573-8511, ext 390. A list of classes offered and information on each class will be published in the Snyder Daily News each Wednesday and Sunday through December.



Bush on a plane: Vice President Bush makes a campaign stop at Midland. He spoke at the Petroleum Museum in Midland before going on to Ark.



Off to see George: WTC students and instructors head to Midland to see Vice President George Bush make a campaign stop. L to R: Wendy Hearne, freshman; Bill Frye, instructor of government; Joanne Frye, wife; Pam Melton, sophomore; Julie Strunk, sophomore; Jignesh Bhakta, sophomore; Amy Wilson, sophomore; Allison Adams, freshman; Ray Robbins, instructor of criminal justice; Monica Hinojos, sophomore; Verda Hardegree, secretary to the dean of instruction; Kevin Pruitt, sophomore; Francois Pointeau, freshman; Jim Palmer, instructor of history; Gay Hickman, vice president of business and finance; Duane Hood, dean of student services; Mavis Browning, assistant to the president.

# PTK hosts conference

Members of the WTC Phi Theta Kappa Organization attended the Texas State Leadership Conference at Tarleton State University on Oct.

Members who attended the meeting were: Allison Adams, Howard Bigham, Julie Strunk, Cecelia Meek, and Amy Wilson, all of Snyder. Tonia Robinson of Sweetwater and Michelle Pena of Hamlin also attended.

The next meeting of the PTK will be Oct. 13 at ll:10 a.m. in room 110 of building 2b.

#### Visitors' center open

Western Texas College will have a new visitors' center in the future. Darla Doty, director of recruiting, plans to have the center opened by next semester.

The idea for the new visitors' center came from the Administrative Council. It will be a place for new students to learn what WTC has to offer.

The center will be located in the old nursing lab.

It will be staffed by work/study students Greta Baza and Melinda Baiza.

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## **Opinion** -Bunny on campus makes editor think Silver boots and homework

By Bridget Pallarez

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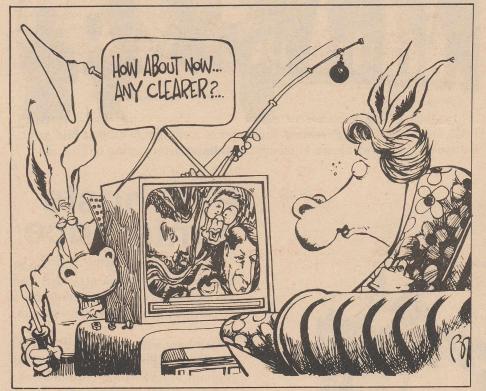
There was the cutest little cottontail sitting by my friend's car the other day.

There were four of us standing out there just staring at it as if I had never seen one before. I bet that bunny was probably thinking, "What's going on, haven't these humans ever seen a bunny before?"

Of course we had, but to tell you the truth, I've never seen 4 people chase a bunny and look so "cool" doing it! Ha, I lied! There is just no way you could look cool chasing a bunny. You'd never think it, but a bunny sure can out-smart you.

I guess it was the eyes. It looked at me with those cute little eyes and wiggled its nose and I just couldn't help but leave it alone and let it hop away.

It made me feel so badly for it! I thought about all those times when a guy would come up to me and tell me "I shot a rabbit, you want to see it?" How can anyone be so cruel and shoot something so cute? I just don't understand.







# Race by-passes issues candidates sling insults

The presidential race continued last week with a debate between the vice presidential candidates, Republican Dan Quayle and Democrat Lloyd Bentsen.

As was expected, the mud slinging contest that has marked this presidential contest continued with Quayle saying he had as much experience as John Kennedy when he was elected president and Bentsen retorting "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Each party claims to be standing on the issues but outside of an occasional passing reference, the issues are being pushed aside in favor of personal insults.

I am sure many voters will agree when I say that I really don't care who has the best staff of professional insult- writers behind him or who is the "Real Texan."

We want to know what will be done about our troubled economy. We want to know how big a bite taxes are going to take out of our paychecks and how dedicated our country will be in taking care of our senior citizens. Also, what can be done to balance our national budget. We want a candidate who will tell us how they plan to defend our country and protect our interests abroad.

We don't want name calling, we want hard answers to hard questions and I believe most of us will vote for the first candidate who gives us the answers we want.

## Mom juggles kids, school Life in the fast lane By Kay Carrizales

If you have never put on a pair of slightly wet blue jeans in a car traveling 70 mph when you were late for class, you haven't lived.

This is just one of the strange things that happens when you have four kids, 12 hours of college classes, and 10 hours of work study. You also learn to take certain shortcuts, such as sweeping dirt under the carpet, making coffee in the microwave, and sewing velcro instead of buttons. I guess the strangest thing that ever occured was the day I was late and my babysitter had requested that I dress the children well because she had an appointment she had to take them to. I asked my four year old, Jessica, to put her two- year -old brothers shoes on. When we had raced across town to the babysitter's house I glanced down to make sure Gabriel had both shoes on. He did. One dress shoe and one tennis shoe. I pretended not to notice, took them in and got out of there.

Oh well, that's life in the fast lane.

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## **News** Elections held Sept.22-23

Student Senate elections were held Sept. 22-23. Sophmores appointed to positions were: LaTricia Allen, Roby, traffic appeals and entertainment; Jignesh Bhakta, Snyder, recreation; Anne-Marie Blagg, Colorado City, student welfare and recreation; Shannon Fletcher, Snyder, traffic appeals, instructional concerns, and special effects.

Freshmen appointed to new positions were Konnie Adams, Dallas, recreation; Jeff Baker, Borger, dance; Stan Beam, Lubbock, dance; Zane Benson, San Angelo, traffic appeals and dance; Gina Ford, Ft. Stockton, entertainment; Meredith Goodwin, Snyder, special effects; Lance Harrison, New Deal, traffic appeals and

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dance; Donnie Jones, Poolville, dance; Cody Knight, Purvis, Miss., recreation; Joy McSpadden, Snyder, special effects; Francois Ponteau, Snyder, instructional concerns and entertainment; Shad Rasco, Roby, instructional concerns and entertainment; Jeff Roemisch, Hermleigh, traffic appeals and dance; Ben Smith, Hermleigh, instructional concerns and entertainment; and Lori Tate, Hermleigh, special effects.

President of the 1988-1989 Student Senate is Kevin Pruitt, Snyder; Vice-President Shondra Robinson, Snyder; Secretary Stacie Hart, Snyder; Treasurer Cathey Crowder, Ira; Historian Mary Lee Hicks, Roby. Senate Sponsor is Mickey Baird.

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New squad

## Cheerleaders chosen

Cheerleader tryouts were held September 21, 1988. The only returning cheerleader from last year is Kaila Barbee of Ira.

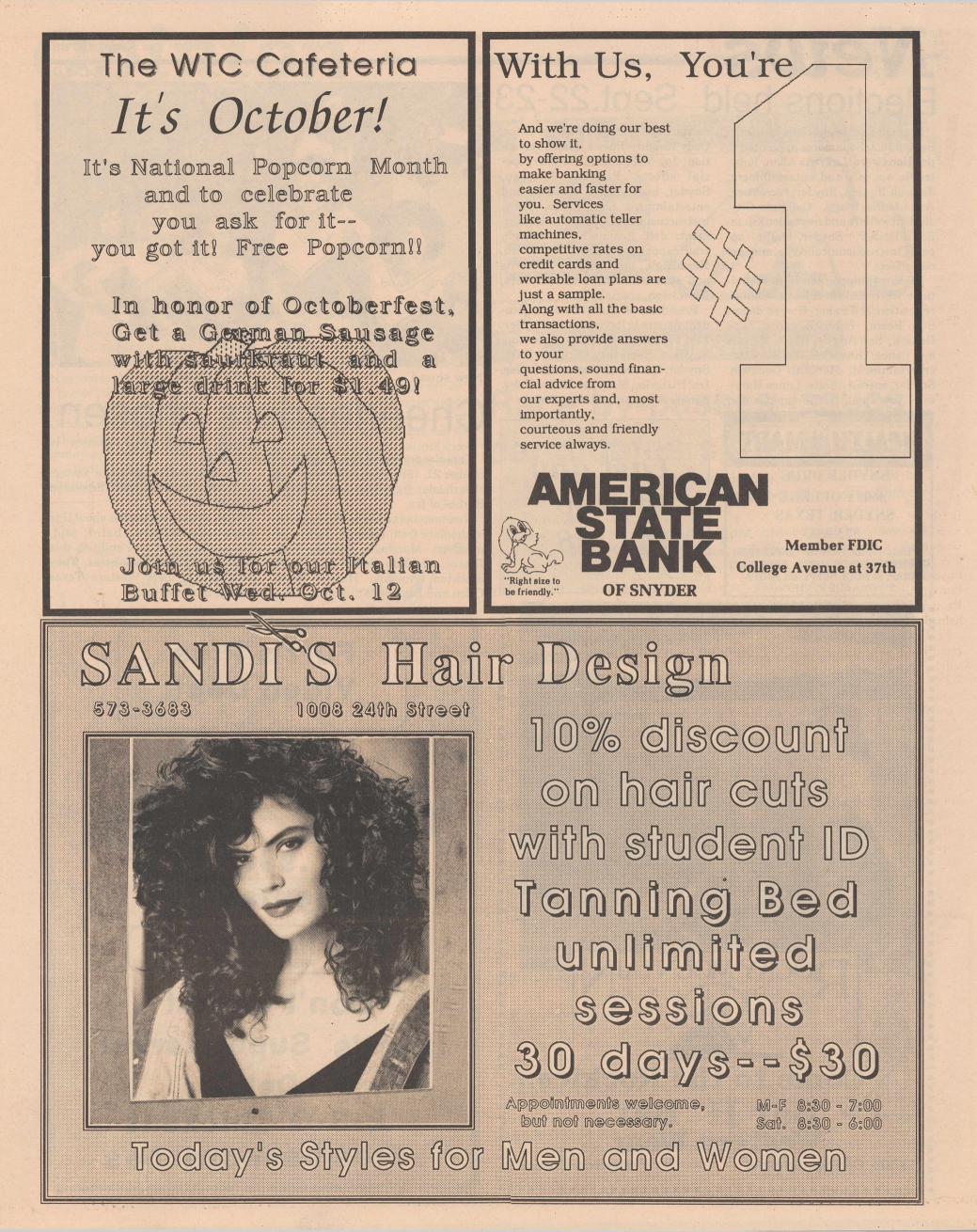
New members include: Shelle Pena, sophomore from Hamlin; freshmen members Marchelle Forgay, from Roscoe; Melinda Baiza, from Fort Stockton; Amanda Havlak, from Olfen and Beverly Williamson, from Merkel. Cheerleader sponsor is Mickey Baird.

The girls started practice yesterday in order to be ready for the season openers.

When asked how she felt about this year's cheerleaders, Baird said, "Given the talent and abilities this cheerleading squad possesses. They could be the best Western Texas College has ever had."







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# Features -Viva la USA

"I feel pretty bad. We have been in this country seven years now, paying taxes and being just as good of citizens as we could and now they want to take it all away."

These words express the feelings of Francois Pointeau of Snyder, about his families problems with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

WTC Freshman Francois "Frank" Pointeau, his parents and sisters have been notified their application for an extentsion of their visas was denied. They were given notice Sept. 15 that they had to leave by Sept. 30.

Pointeau's family owns 50% of the Travel Lodge in Snyder and have lived in the United States for the past seven years. When their visa expired they

were faced with defamily moved here France.

Efforts have been help the family. have included petias many registered be contacted Pointeau talked to Stenholm at his Stamford. Contact with the offices of Gramm and A petition was



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made locally to These efforts tions signed by voters as could quickly. "Jack" Rep. Charles home in was also made S e n a t o r s Bentsen. circulated in

Snyder to be sent to Congress to help obtain permission for the family to remain here . Pointeau said 1,837 signatures were obtained in one week. Pointeau also said "I would like to thank everyone that signed petitions and helped us in any way they could."

Representative Stenholm notified INS of his intention to submit a bill to grant the Pointeau's "permanent visa status." In the meantime Rep. Stenholm requested the reopening of their case and granting them an extention. They have recived a temporary permit to remain in this country, but their ultimate destination is in the hands of Congress. Stenholm will introduce a bill to Congress in January to try to get a "green card" for the Pointeau family to remain here and continue working. After the family recives a "green card" they will qualify for citizenship in five years.

Frank could get a student visa for the remainder of this semester but he would have to pay tuition and fees that are nearly ten times "in district"fees. To recive a student visa, Pointeau would have to prove he had the money on hand to pay for his tuition for next semester.

"We have applied for a permanent visa which would allow us to stay, work and go to school at least" said Frank Pointeau. "We have tried applying for citizenship but never got through all the red tape."

#### WTC freshman Frank Pointeau and

his family are originally from Paris, France. They have lived in Snyder for the past seven years. Now they face possible deportation back to France.



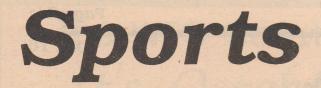
An Alternative to Monday Night Football...

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## Westerners scrimmage in Abilene

The sound of the buzzer signals the will play. start of the season for the Westernas the team lines up for the tip off. proved to be a very difficult team.

union Arena. Game time is 4:30. Fol- Jim Brown, at 573-4074. lowing the WTC game, the Dallas

Mavericks and Philadelphia 76ers the team would have, Coach Mauldin

ers. "Go Westerners Go", can be heard provided on a special charter bus, by Snyder Travel. Students will be re-The Westerners first scrimmage sponsible for the cost of tickets and was at Hardin-Simmons University motel room. Room cost may be split in Abilene. Their opponents were among four students. Ticket prices Ranger, Dodge City, and Cisco which are \$5 and \$10, this will get you in to see both the WTC and Dallas-Phila-The Westerners will be scrimmag- delphia games. If you are interested ing Hill County Oct. 22 at Dallas Re- in going on the bus, contact Janet or

When asked what kind of season team."

commented, "We will be a pretty Transportation to the game will be competitive team, along with having a shot of being pretty good. It will be hard to tell, because of injuries and how well the team plays together. WTC is also in one of the toughest conferences in the nation and Midland is going to be good again as well as South Plains, Odessa, and Howard, so it is going to be a real tough conference. Mexico J.C. is always good, but we will have a competitive

## **Dusters season** to begin soon against Waco

The Lady Dusters first scrimmage took place in Big Spring at Howard Junior College against Odessa, Howard, and South Plains.

The Lady Dusters are busily preparing for their first game of the season on Oct. 26. They open with a game in McLennan College of Waco. The team that they will be playing in the tournament, has yet to be announced

In the meantime, the Lady Dusters will scrimmage Howard on Oct. 7, at 4:00 p.m. in the WTC gym.

When asked how the season for the Lady Dusters would be, Coach Chadwick commented, "We will have a pretty good team, and we should have a good season. The girls have been working hard to achieve their goal."

We asked Elayne Maddox, a freshman for the Lady Dusters, if she thought that they would have any problems with grades, Maddox replied, "I don't think that we will have any problems this year. We are having study hall each night."

When asked how tough the conference was, Maddox commented, "A few teams might cause problems, but since I'm a freshman, I wouldn't know how tough the conference is."

Practice makes perfect, as the Lady Dusters spend 10-15 minutes stretching then 2-3 hours practicing. Things are going pretty well in practice for the Lady Dusters.

When asked to comment on how the teams season would be, Elayne replied, "The way practice is going, I think that we will have a good season, because we are all working hard as a team, and we have a winning attitude.'

Players: Kevin Frizzell and Chuck Deckard, both of Sweetwater, are busy watching the intramural football competition, anticipating personal entry into the heated contest.

Intramurals Devastation, On Tap win

Intramural flag football kicked off Sept. 29 with Devestation beating the M.A.I.D.S. 42 to 12 and On Tap



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## over the Rebels 16 to 14.

Commenting on the teams, Mike Harrison, intramurals director, said,

"We have four teams and I am hoping for some good competition. Right now most of the teams seem pretty equal. This is the first season we have played games from 4 to 6 o'clock in the evening. So far we have had a good turnout. Lee Buke and Mark Burgen are our officials and hopefully they won't have any problems." Burke is head of the P.E. department and Burgen is a student from Andrews.

In other intramural news, the deadline to sign up for co-ed volleyball was Oct. 5. but has been extended through next Wed. Games will be played at the most convenient time for the team to play. Co-ed volleyball rules set a limit of 12 players per team and state that each team must have at least 3 women on the field at all times with a minimum of six players overall.

## Team wins trip to Denver, Colo.

The competition at Tulsa, Oklahoma was tough, but the WTC livestock team came home with eleventh place out of thirty eight teams.

Janna Bradford, freshman from Lovington, N.M., was high individual on the team in judging sheep, swine and reasons. Jeff Roemish, freshman from Hermleigh, was high individual on the team in beef and Carl Daughtery, sophomore from Snyder, was high individual on the team in placing.

The livestock team placed one slot too low to win a trip to the National Western Contest to be held in Denver, Colorado in Jan. The WTC meats team will be going to the National Western Contest in Denver. They qualified for the meet during the 1988 spring semester.

Other livestock team members are Shane Gann, sophomore from Snyder; Shondra Robinson, sophomore from Snyder; Tiffany O'Brian, sophomore from Morton and Shad Cox, freshman from Hobbs, N.M.

Working hard for the next contest, the Livestock team is preparing for the Oct. 21 contest to be held in Shreveport, La. Following the trip to Louisiana, they will travel to Canyon, to compete Dec. 1. After a days rest, the team will pack up and head for their contest to take place Dec. 3 in Austin.

The meats team will have a month to prepare for their next contest in Garden City, Kansas on Nov. 4.

Livestock team members are: Gann, Robinson, Roemish, O'Brian



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## Volleyball co-eds need more teams

Teams for intramural volleybail may be entered through Wed. at 5p.m.Mike Harrison extended the deadline on Friday.

All volleyball teams will be co-eductional with three men and three women competing simultaneously. Each team is eligible to have 12 members. Competition times will be determined by team vote and will last for a month beginning Oct.17.



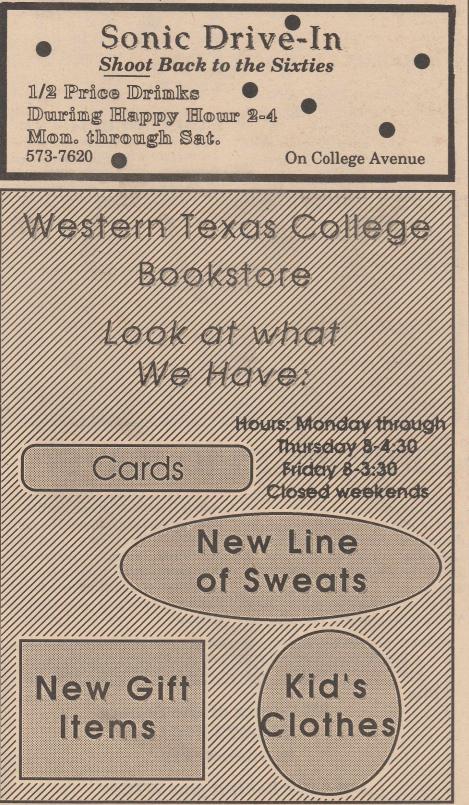
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# Sports



Wendy Hearne, freshman from Seagraves, watches Tyler Thames, freshman from San Antonio, practice on the rodeo grounds. (PHOTO BY Shelli Yocom)



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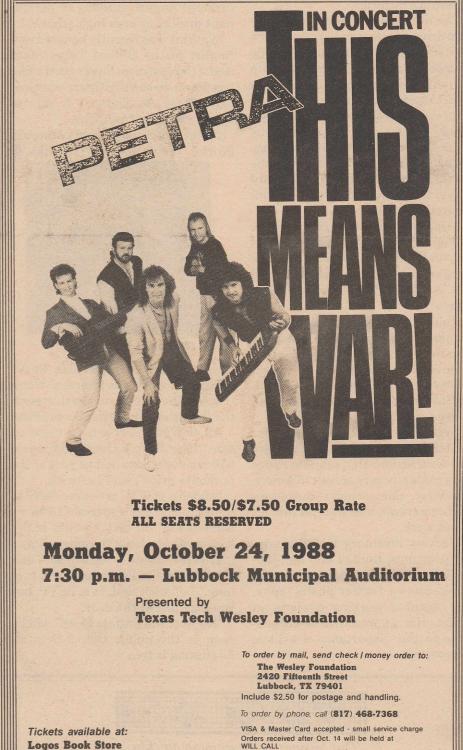
#### Rodeo team enters daze

The WTC rodeo team traveled to Portales, New Mexico on September 22-25 for the College Daze Rodeo hosted by Eastern New Mexico University. WTC had nine contestants present.

Contestants attending from WTC included: Denny McLanahan, Canadian, bareback riding; Ray Brown, North Platte, Nebraska, calf roping; Tana Mahoney, Vernon, break away roping; Kenny Taton, Marcus, South Dakota, Jim Bob Custer, Wickenburg, Arizona and Steve Roberts, Quinlan, saddle bronc riding; Custer and Tyler Thames, San Antonio, steer wrestling; and the team of Clyde Himes, Beula, Colorado and Russell Merchant, Madisonville, team roping. In the final team standings, the WTC mens team was listed at fourth place and the womens team came in eighth.

When asked to comment on this semesters rodeo team, Coach Bob Doty said "We will be real competitive. There are five real strong mens teams and six or seven real strong womens teams. It is just a matter of who gets the breaks."

The rodeo team will be competing at Sul Ross University on Oct. 6-9.



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# **Campus** -Museum to feature

Watkins exhibit Oct. 7

By Lorena Turnbow Reporter

Prominent artist Pamela Gilbreth Watkins is slated to feature a special exhibit in the Scurry County Museum, Oct.7 at 6:30 p.m...The event is open to members.

The opening will include a special preview of the new exhibit, "Night of the Buffalo Moon", and a tour of the museum's facilities.

The museum will have a membership drive. Single membership (which will admit two) is \$15, and a family membership is \$25. The membership fee will cover all cost including a buffet reception. Entertainment will be provided by the Singing Cowboys. There will be a small sculpture by Watkins given in a special drawing.

The exhibit is a chronicle of the Buffalo (American Bison). The story is told through art mediums and interpretive labels.

Also featured in the exhibit will be lithographs, engravings, and an unusual black stone pipe made by the Cheyenne Indians, all on loan from the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth.

Nine sculptures and several photographs by Watkins will be on display. They will be on sale along with other limited edition prints from well known western artists including Frank McCarthy, James Baba, and Frank Reese.

Watkins of Buffalo Gap is noted for her striking combinations of realism and abstraction. Her subjects range from contemporary scenes to American West. She includes European, Mediterranean, and Biblical themes in her work.

Watkins inventory includes orginal paintings, limited and non-limited bronzes, and mixed-media sculptures. Known for her photography, she captures working cowboys in action. Her approach is to concentrate on the importance of artistic composition. Watkins, once a student at WTC, was given outstanding awards for sophomore English student and art student. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Watkins gratuated from Clyde High School as valedictorian. She was given the Distingushed Student Award at Tarleton State University and has received many honors and scholarships.

Two of Watkins larger works are a lifesized Royal Bengal Tiger, and a lifesized English Bulldog on permanent display at area high schools.

Watkins was recently honored as a finalist in the Official Texas State Artist Competition. She created a lifesized bronze cowboy figure entitled, "The Stars At Night..." It salutes Texas ranching traditions.

Director of Scurry County Museum Shirley Leftwich said, "We like to



**Pam Gilbreth Watkins** 

show the work of area artists. Pam's (Watkin's) work was impressive and much of her work revolved around the theme of our particular exhibit.

All of Watkins bronzes will be on sale. "The Scurry County Museum will recieve a donation as part of the purchase price", said Leftwich.

Students of WTC are encouraged to come out and pay a special \$10 membership fee." In fact I would really encourage students to come out and maybe they could bring a friend and for \$10 they could have a nice evening," Leftwich said. It is RSVP, but you may pay at the door.

"Night of the Buffalo Moon" will be open to the public Oct. 9-Oct. 30. Admission is free.

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### Traffic appeals

The Traffic Appeals Committee will be meeting on the dates below. If you have a ticket to appeal, see them by one of these dates. You have only 3 days, after you receive the ticket, to appeal it. Students should consult their handbooks for appealing.

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### Reporters needed

The Western Texan, WTC student newspaper, is looking for a few good reporters.

If you have any Journalism experience or wish to learn about news reporting, come and join in on this fantastic student activity. Be at the center of what's going on at WTC.

See Missy Trull or Bridget Pallarez in room 106 of the Student Center.

### Drop date

Last day to drop classes is Friday, Oct. 28.

#### Alcohol aware

October 16-22 is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. There are a number of campus activities scheduled during that week. We urge the students to get involved. The Cam-

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pus theme for that week is: "Consider The Costs."

#### Play at Howard

"Twelve Angry Jurors" a play adapted from the television show "Twelve Angry Men" will be presented Oct. 6-8 by the Howard College Department of Theatre. For more information call: 915-267-6311.

### Represented

Brent Hardegree will be presenting his students from choir in the "Pops Concert" on Monday at 7:30 pm in the Fine Arts Theatre.

### Sul ross rodeo

The Rodeo at Sul Ross University in Alpine continues this weekend. Competition began yesterday.

## Journalism to travel

WTC Journalism students will attend a Texas Community College Journalism Association meeting in Galveston on October 20,21,and 22. This is the annual fall meeting for the association.

Those planning to attend are: Shelli Yocom of Seagraves; Howard Bigham of Snyder; Missy Trull of Snyder; Wendy Hearne, of Seagraves; Bridget Pallarez, Merkel; Amanda Havlak, of Olfen; Elaine Tate and Bill Murchison. Tate is the typesetter for the journalism department and Murchison is faculty advisor for *The Western Texan* and journalism instructor.

