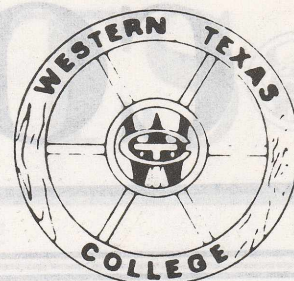


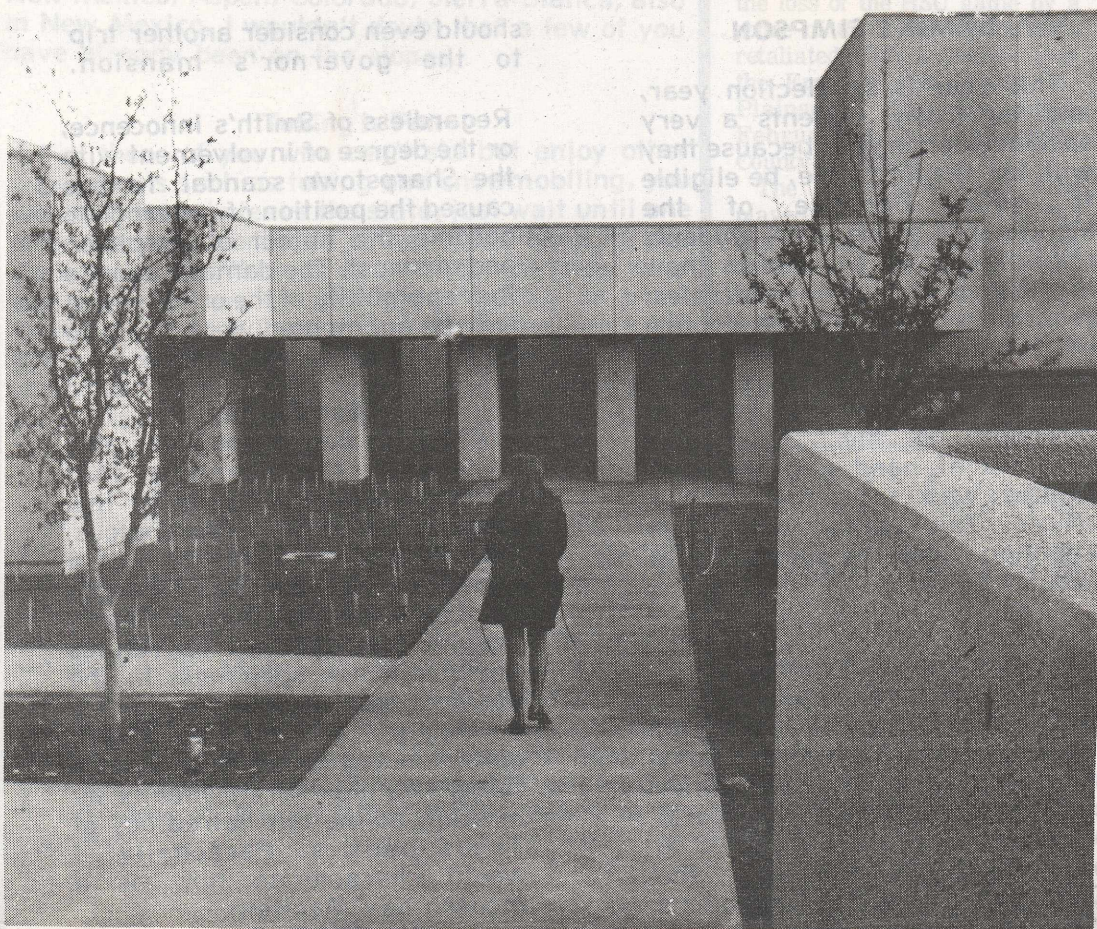
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Pictured above is the new Academic-Science Center. This complex was recently accepted by the college. The center is the location of classrooms, faculty offices, science laboratories, and a large lecture hall. The new temporary student center will also be in the new building.

Campus Opens Term With Addition Of Two Buildings

The WTC campus began the spring semester with two new buildings open. The new Fine Arts building and the Academic-Science complex (2A, B, C) have been accepted announced Dr. Ben Brock, dean.

The Fine Arts building is the location of classrooms for the music and art departments, and also has a large theatre with stage. Classes such as speech, drama, painting and crafts, and music and voice are taught in the building. The offices of the various instructors in the field of fine arts are also located there.

The theatre will be used for choral presentations, band concerts, recitals, and various theatrical productions. It will also serve as an assembly room for small groups and organizations.

The Academic-Science complex consists of four buildings - 2A, 2B, and 2C. Building 2A is the location of the new laboratories in biology, chemistry, and physics. Also located in this building are the classrooms for these sciences and the offices of the science instructors. Building 2B will be the new temporary site of the bookstore. The major portion of the building is used as office space, with the exception of two

large classrooms. Building 2C is where the student center will be moved temporarily. A snack-bar is also planned for the temporary center.

Also located in the complex is a large lecture room that will be used for instructional purposes, assemblies and movies.

Dr. Brock also stated that the Learning Resource Center-Library should be completed by March 15, and the construction of the dormitories is expected to be finished by August.

Plans for two tennis courts and a nine hole golf course were also revealed.

Enrollment For Spring Term Remains Stable

Enrollment for the spring semester resulted in 582 students enrolling in college credit courses and approximately 100 additional students enrolling for various other courses, according to Dr. Duane Hood, Registrar.

These figures indicate that WTC was able to retain a good percentage of its fall semester students. Hood stated that most colleges experience a decrease in enrollment of 10 to 20 percent

between the fall and spring semesters. The actual head count showed an increase of 649 in the fall to 685 for the spring, but many of the additional students are enrolled in some of the community service classes and do not count on the official rolls.

The enrollment in academic areas and the various vocational programs remain fairly stable and there are still a few days remaining for late registration.

Student Senate Plans Semester Of Activity

The Student Senate has resumed with new vigor its efforts to find a mascot said Mrs. Mickey Baird, sponsor.

Terry Canon and Jimmy Hill are co-chairmen for the committee that must select a representation of a Westerner. A comical figure is needed as well as a serious character. Entries are needed desperately, and should be sent to either Mrs. Baird or Dr. Duane Hood. The winner of the contest will receive an engraved plaque as an award for his masterpiece. The character, or caricature, will be used as the official mascot and will be printed on stationery, sweatshirts, and various other things.

Another project of the senate of the senate which met with success was the registration of

student voters. The senate had a booth at the registration for classes, and was able to register 152 newly eligible voters. Sworn in by the county as official Deputy-Voter-Registrars were Mrs. Mickey Baird, Henry Garland, Linda Tippens, Joe Dan Jones, and Mitzy Gray.

In the last meeting the senate also began planning for a spring formal, but as yet no date has been decided for the event.

Students Need To Establish Degrees

Students need to come by the counseling offices and arrange for setting up their degree plans for themselves, according to Mr. Jerry Baird. The office hours of the Counseling Offices are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dormitory Applications For Fall Are Available

Applications for room reservations in the new dormitory complex that will be opened next fall are now being accepted by Dr. Duane Hood, Registrar and Director of Student Services.

The complex will consist of four pods, or buildings, each having three floors. Each floor will accommodate sixteen students - two to a room - and will have a large living room and

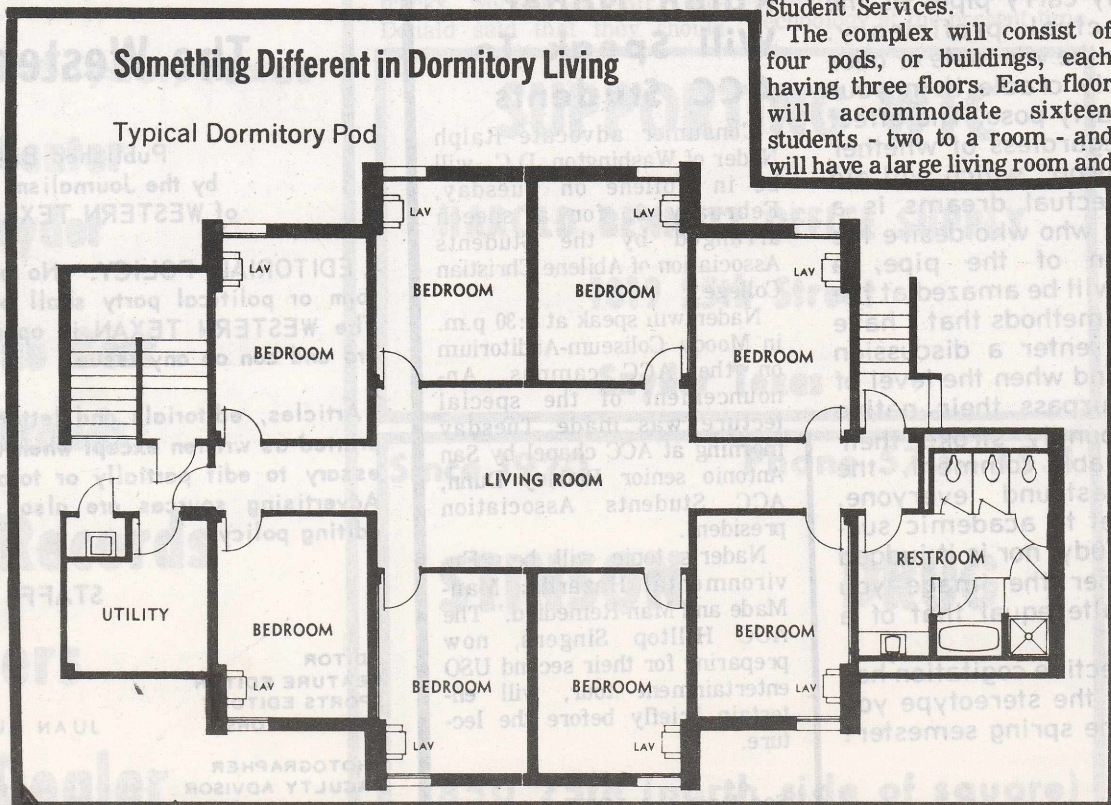
a modern central bath, shower and restroom area.

A total of 192 students may reside in the complex. Dr. Hood also stated that students presently attending WTC will receive priority in room selections until March 1, and then selection will be based upon first-come-first serve. Each dormitory resident is required to pay for both room and meal charges. A package plan involving only one payment of \$400 per semester is available. If, however, the student so desires, he may pay the charges through an installment plan.

A \$25 room deposit is required as a reservation fee and a residence hall property deposit to cover any damage inflicted upon the room by the resident.

This new concept of dormitory living is an attempt to up-date and modernize the present dormitory systems found on so many campuses. By creating a more comfortable atmosphere, dormitory life will be made much more appealing to the student.

Applications may be secured by sending a request to the business office of Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas 79549.



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The Old

College Try:

Success In F-

By MIKE SIMPSON

At the beginning of each new year, the editors and other members of the press feel what is perhaps to them a moral obligation to review the old year, and philosophize upon the new. Feeling no less duty-bound, I, too, will look retrospectively upon the fall semester and attempt to draw from it some profound conclusions that will enable each of us to attain ultimate satisfaction the spring semester.

Social Life

Perhaps many students were somewhat disillusioned with the college atmosphere the first semester. Perhaps you entered college with illusions of a continual night life furnished by a vast number of fraternities that would constantly tempt you to the immoral life. Maybe you envisioned yourself as the fraternity man with a chick on each arm. If the lack of fraternity hoopla was one of your major disappointments, try to understand that such organizations do require time, and that WTC is actually making fair progress in establishing student organizations of this nature. But in the meantime I can offer a partial solution. Buy yourself a pair of saddle oxfords, dress impeccably at all times, and have your favorite sweater or jacket embroidered with your choice of Greek letters - by all means try to avoid the selection of Kappa Kappa Kappa. If you will try to project the physical appearance that suggests a continual hangover, you will enhance your image immensely, and perhaps earn the title of the campus "frat rat".

Academic Realm

If however, your problems lie more in the academic side of college rather than the social realm, there are two practices that have proven successful in raising the I.Q. of students on almost every campus across the country. A student who desires to raise his image from the depths of ignorance to the heights of intellectual superiority should seriously consider taking up the habit of pipe smoking. Surely you have noticed that the vast majority of Ph.D.'s constantly carry pipes as the hallmark of their intellectual proficiency. However, if you cannot endure the vile taste or odor of the instrument, then simply cradle it in your palm while assuming a scholarly pose. The effect will be virtually the same regardless of whether you smoke or not. Another "prop" which will aid you in achieving your intellectual dreams is a moustache. For those of you who desire the ultimate, try a combination of the pipe, a moustache, and a beard. You will be amazed at the results. So effective are these methods that I have not seen men who could not enter a discussion without lighting their pipes - and when the level of the conversation began to surpass their native capacities, they would profoundly stroke their whiskers and add a multi-syllable comment, the inanity of which would astound everyone. Remember, friends, the secret to academic success is not through laborious study, nor is it judged by what you know; but rather the image you project, and no image can quite equal that of a pseudo-intellect.

I sincerely hope that my reflective cogitation has served you well, regardless of the stereotype you aspire to be. Good luck with the spring semester!

Smith, Barnes, Briscoe Vie For Governor Nomination

by MIKE SIMPSON

This year is an election year, and for many students a very special election year because they will, for the first time, be eligible to vote. Because of the significance of the year, students should make the attempt to know the issues and the candidates, regardless of whether the election be local, state, or national. Beginning with this issue, there will be a series of editorial comment on the particular elections at hand and the candidates who seek the various offices. This edition will focus attention upon the gubernatorial race in Texas.

Long Line of Democrats

Texas has traditionally been a Democratic state, in fact, until recently it has been a one-party state. Regardless of a candidate's political convictions, be he liberal or conservative, if he wanted to be elected, he ran on the Democratic ticket. Indications are that Texas' long line of Democratic governors will remain unbroken this year. The Republicans have yet to come forth with a candidate, and it is doubtful that the GOP will generate enough interest to merit a primary. As a result, the office of the governor will boil down to whoever secures the pole position in the race of the jackasses. Presently there are three contenders for the Demo nomination: incumbent Preston Smith, Lt. Governor Ben Barnes, and Dolph Briscoe.

Preston Smith

In view of the recent scandals so widely publicized throughout the state and nation, it is a bit surprising that the veteran Smith

should even consider another trip to the governor's mansion.

Regardless of Smith's innocence, or the degree of involvement with the Sharpstown scandal, he has caused the position of governor to become the object of suspicion and mistrust. The damage done to the reputability of the office would only be augmented were Smith to be re-elected as governor.

Ben Barnes

Although Ben Barnes was able to escape the scandals that damaged Smith, he has nevertheless proven to be unscrupulous. Barnes entered Texas politics a virtual pauper, and has emerged as quite a wealthy businessman - despite the fact that he refutes any particular adroitness in the business world. The dashing Lt. Governor is an excellent politician and an extremely slick talker. He is pictured, mainly by himself, as the fair-haired boy of Texas politics. Personally, I would characterize him as a modern day MacBeth.

Dolph Briscoe

The only candidate remaining is the rancher from Uvalde, Dolph Briscoe. Briscoe made an unsuccessful bid for the governorship the last go-around. Unlike Smith and Barnes, there is no mystery behind Briscoe's wealth. His ranch is one of the most successful in the state. Briscoe served in the state legislature prior to his last gubernatorial bid, and has shown himself to be competent enough to handle the job. He certainly could not prove any less competent than his predecessor.

By the simple process of elimination, Dolph Briscoe would appear the most deserving candidate.

Ralph Nader Will Speak To ACC Students

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader of Washington, D.C., will be in Abilene on Tuesday, February 8, for a speech arranged by the Students Association of Abilene Christian College.

Nader will speak at 8:30 p.m. in Moody Coliseum-Auditorium on the ACC campus. Announcement of the special lecture was made Tuesday morning at ACC chapel by San Antonio senior Rodney Dunn, ACC Students Association president.

Nader's topic will be "Environmental Hazards: Man-Made and Man-Remedied." The ACC Hilltop Singers, now preparing for their second USO entertainment tour, will entertain briefly before the lecture.

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Skiing Is Popular Sport

For those of you who are interested in the sport of snow skiing, I would like to announce that all is well. After hearing the ski reports from Ruidoso, New Mexico, Aspen, Colorado, Sierra Blanca, also in New Mexico, I wouldn't doubt that a few of you have already been on the slopes.

Tubing is Fun

For those of you who can't ski but enjoy other snow sports such as tubing and snowmobiling, you wouldn't have to leave the state, just wait until one of our famous Norther's come in and head for the Panhandle. For those of you who do not know what tubing is, it is where you get a tractor or truck inertube and fill it up with air and find you a hill and you're set for some fun and enjoyment. Also I might add, some bumps and bruises, to which I can sorely testify.

Neighbors Provide Ideal Slopes

Winter is the time of year when people who like to snow ski, strap the chains on the car and head for the mountains. Skiing is a very popular sport in the United States and other countries as well. Here in Texas however, there are not too many places an avid skier might go. However our neighbor, New Mexico provides some great skiing. To the Northwest lies Colorado. A vast and beautiful state with year round snow on a lot of its vast and glorious mountain tops. Skiers travel from all over to ski some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.

Safety First

Remember that in snow skiing one should always think "SAFETY" first. If you do not know how to ski, there are plenty of instructors who will be more than glad to assist you. When skiing in unknown territory, it is wise to ask a ski-patrol what the area is like. Also, ski with a buddy, you never can tell when you're going to have trouble and can't make it up after that last fall, as once again, I can sorely testify. So until we meet again I hope all of you find some love and happiness; and for those of you who don't? There's always better days ahead.



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Westerners Gain Momentum In Season's Home Stretch

The WTC Roundballers now carry a 9-11 tally for their current basketball season. With the loss of the HSU game by a score of 85-72, the Westerner's retaliated with a victory over the Frank Phillips team, the Plainsmen, Tuesday night, February 8, at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The HSU game, which was played on February 4, at the Scurry County Coliseum, was a close contest of speed and ability between the two teams. At halftime, WTC led by two points. During the second half HSU moved confidently down the court with the WTC team in close pursuit.

The Westerner's tried to take more rebounds away from the HSU team but were stymied by their own mistakes and the HSU offense. HSU made very few mistakes and had many more opportunities than the WTC team.

During the last ten minutes of the game both teams were anxiously trying to make more points. With only one minute left in the game WTC was frantically attempting to make more points but were once again caught up in the HSU defense. The WTC, HSU, game ended with a score of 85-72 in favor of HSU.

Starters for the first half of the game were, Mike Simpson,

Steve Sparks, Walter Hanibal, Joel Dyess, and Ralph Jackson.

WTC kept the ball in motion throughout the first and second halves and were determined to come out on top. The Plainsmen were utilizing every mistake that the Westerner's made and played WTC a hard and exciting game. The first half of the game saw the Plainsmen playing real well. Their offensive game was a little slower than WTC's, but their defense did an outstanding job. At halftime the Westerner's led by a score of 45-42.

In the second half of the game WTC marched down the court time and time again, racking up vitally needed points. The Plainsmen set up a good defense but were unable to stop the Westerner's stampede. WTC had some difficulty in keeping the ball, but when they had it they took full advantage of it. Some outstanding playing in this game prevailed by the superb ability of players such as Joel Dyess, Steve Sparks, Johnny Neff, and Ralph Jackson.

With the clock ticking away approaching the final minutes of the ball game, one could tell that the Plainsmen were tiring rapidly. Frank Phillips tried to rally their stamina, but were too late in doing so, the WTC Westerner's took the game with a score of 110-87.

Nader

Dunn said Nader's Abilene talk will be the first on a lecture tour in this part of the country. The following day he is scheduled to speak at the University of Texas at Austin.

All junior high, high school and college students will be admitted for \$1. Young people under 12 will be admitted free and adult tickets will be \$2. All ACC students and members of the college's faculty and staff will be admitted free.

Dunn said tickets will be placed on sale Thursday at the ticket counter in ACC McGlothlin Campus Center. They will also be on sale at the box office the night of the speech.

The 37-year-old Nader is the leader of the well-known "Nader's Raiders, a staff of young lawyers, students and others keeping a watchful eye on consumer products, private industry and governmental agencies. He first gained national attention in 1965 with a book about automobiles entitled "Unsafe at Any Speed," which led to the passage of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966.

Nader is a graduate of Princeton and Harvard Law School.

WTC Cowgirl Takes Fort Worth Honors

SNYDER SPECIAL — Glenda Froman of Archer City, Texas, has won top honors in the Invitational Ranch Girls Barrel Race at the Southwestern Exposition and Rodeo in Fort Worth.

Miss Froman set the fastest time of 75 barrel racers with a time of 18.32 seconds in her first run. In her second run she made a time of 18.59 for 5th place. In Miss Froman's third run she made a time of 18.78, and in her fourth run, a time of 18.50. Her total average was 18.52. In 1970 Miss Froman was also the final winner of the 1971 barrel race after the four go-arounds and average had been completed.

She is presently enrolled at Western Texas College as a freshman and is member of the WTC Rodeo Team. The WTC cowgirl is in the final standings after the fall semester in the NIRA Competition of the Southwest Region. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C.O. Froman, Jr. The horse Miss Froman was riding is "Ida's Sissy" owned by Mr. & Mrs. K. Hamby of Oklahoma City. The mare was trained by Miss Froman's sister, Mrs. Judy Yoakum of Mineral Wells, Texas.

Also for first place she won a horse trailer presented to her in December, in Snyder at a WTBRA Point Race.

Auto-Tech Gets New Machines

Since the first semester, there are some new machines that have been received and will be put into use, according to Jim McDonald, Instructor of Automotive Technology.

One machine that will be put into everyday use is the Lift Oil Drain. This is used when the car is placed on the car lift and drains the excess oil. The ignition Simulator is used to take place of the ignition system on an automobile.

If students need their cars or trucks worked on, Mr. McDonald said that they should

come by and talk to him about it. Any parts that are needed for your car, you have to pay for. They install the parts on the trucks and cars themselves. If the cost of the parts is over \$10.00, the payment should be made in advance. According to Mr. McDonald, they do not work on cars or trucks that are ten years old or older. At the present time work is not being done on auto transmissions.

Mr. Jim McDonald has 18 students in Automotive Technology at the present time.

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