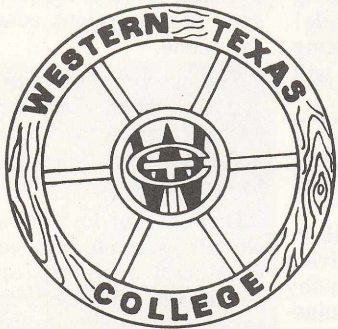




**WE'RE NO. 1!** — Larry Orton holds high the regional championship cage plaque while other team members whoop it up. The Westerners went on to place sixth in the national tournament in Hutchinson, Ks. See related stories and photos inside. (photo by Paula Cornoyer)



# The Western Texan

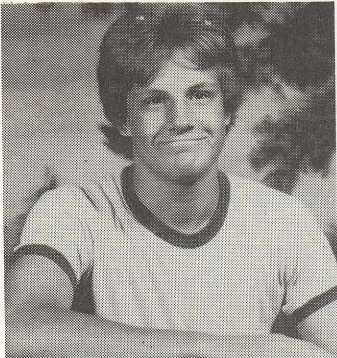
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THOMPSON



BAIRD

## Thompson, Ms. Baird Named WT Trailhands

Sam Thompson and Nancy Baird were announced Mr. and Miss Trailhand March 24 in the cafeteria. Phi Theta Kappa sponsored a dance and the contest, with winners determined by "penny" votes.

Nominees were Sam Thompson, Darryl "Iceberg" Smith, Randy Jackson, Scott Robbins and Mike Banks.

Others were Nancy Baird, Tesa Mohler, Stacy Payne, Bar-

bara Brooks and Sarah Coleman.

Thompson is from Lubbock and is a drama major, and is also on scholarship. In drama department productions, he played in "Bus Stop", "How the Other Half Loves", and "Mousetrap."

Ms. Baird is from Big Spring and is an education major. She served as circulation and exchange manager of *The Western Texan* last fall and as a typist for Phase VI.

## Vocation Students Who's Who

Five WTC students have been named to Who's Who Among Vocational and Technical Students in America for 1977, according to Dr. Gene McClurg, Dean of Occupational Education and Technology.

Selection is based on their vocational and technical ability, leadership, academic achievement, activities and future potential.

Nominees are David Branch of Hamlin, Frank E. Duke, Jr., Roscoe, Kenneth Gusta of Hermleigh, and Tyra Elkins Chaney and Stan Ferrell of Snyder.

Branch, a graduate of Anson High School, is an electronics major and has maintained a grade point average of 3.46.

Duke is an electromechanical technology major, and has

achieved a grade point average of 4.0.

Gusta, a veteran, is majoring in mid-management and has a grade point average of 3.74. He has been named to the Dean's List and the President's List, is vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, and recipient of the Jessica Carter Harrelson Memorial Scholarship at the spring PTK convention.

Ferrell is an electromechanical technology major and secretary of Eta Mu Theta, campus club for EMT majors. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa with a 3.58 grade point average, and has been named to the President's List and the Dean's List.

Mrs. Chaney, a clerical studies major, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa with a grade point average of 3.41, and has been named to the Dean's List.

## Board Okays New O-T Programs

Scurry County Junior College District trustees March 21, approved new occupational-technical programs in child care and development, real estate, shoe repair and teacher aide training at the recommendation of Dr. Gene McClurg, Dean of Occupational-Technical programs at WTC.

Developing programs in carpentry or building trades and in electricity will be considered for the college. Such courses are subject to state approval and contingent upon demand.

A request to the state coordinating board authorizing extension course offerings in Crosbyton was made during the meeting.

Extension courses at Crosbyton will be state funded.

WTC's president, Dr. Robert Clinton, explained that action in the Texas Legislature would affect Crosbyton's funding situation.

Approval of a Child Development Associate Credential Program, totally funded by the state, was granted. This program, training personnel for child day care centers, will serve Snyder, Sweetwater and Colorado City.

Concerning the soon-to-be completed WTC golf course and pro shop, all mowing equipment bids were rejected and new bids are being sought.

A bid of \$1,464 for 12 electric golf cars from West Texas Golf Cars, along with a \$2,685 bid for a range ball dispenser from

Parker Ball-O-Matic Co., was accepted by the board.

Golf balls from Moore Enterprise were purchased on approval of the board for \$2.88 per dozen. Also, enclosure of the golf cart portion of the pro shop was bid at \$3,175 by the Blackwell-Lathe and Plaster Co. and was accepted.

May 1 is the tentative opening date for the campus golf course.

Personnel actions involved the notification of upcoming retirement of J. M. Kayser, professor of social sciences, and acceptance of resignation of Mrs. Kathleen Tully, assistant professor of biology, both effective at the close of the semester.

The college district board will hold another regular meeting April 11.

## PTK Attends National Confab

Students from WTC's Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will attend the National PTK convention in Minneapolis, Minn. today through Saturday.

Attending are Deneese Pemberton, president; Amy Bollinger, treasurer; and Carlton "Sonny" Lee, new member. Dr. Mary Hood, sponsor, will accompany the group.

They flew from Dallas to Minneapolis today. Meetings begin at 2 p.m. Theme this year is Music, the Listener's Art.

Tonight they will attend a performance of "Candide" by the Minnesota Opera Company at the Guthrie Theatre. Following is a theatre party held at the Radisson Hotel.

Friday morning they will attend a concert by the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra. Candidates for national offices will be introduced and the election will be held Saturday morning.

Saturday at noon is scheduled a State-Date Luncheon. Each student will have a blind date

for lunch with another student from as far away as possible. "They will be exchanging gifts and learning about each other's state and home."

The annual awards banquet is Saturday night. Stacy Payne, sophomore, has entered the poetry contest. Last year June Harbin won the national art award. The "Golden Strings" from the Radisson Hotel will present a musical program.

PTK members will serve as ushers during the UIL events to-

day and Saturday on campus. Also, members plan to assist with the San Antonio Symphony April 14 by ushering and selling tickets.

They will help with the Chamber of Commerce banquet April 15 and will help as judges at a Superkids Contest April 23.

Saturday, March 26, PTK sponsored a car wash at 610 East Highway. Proceeds were used to help send delegates to the convention.

## Phase VI Expected Early May

"The 1976-77 Phase VI magazine-yearbook is expected to arrive in early May," stated Paula Cornoyer editor. "This is a two-part edition which includes personality and news features in one issue, and administration and staff, faculty, organizations, and student pictures in the other issue."

Each edition is enclosed in an attractive green hardback

folder with a tentative sales price of \$5.

Later this month Ms. Cornoyer will be sending a news letter to all students and faculty whose pictures appear in Phase VI.

"We have had many changes," she states, "but hope that all will benefit from the publication. I'm very proud of the work my staff put in on Phase VI — it's a good deal!"



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# Congratulations!

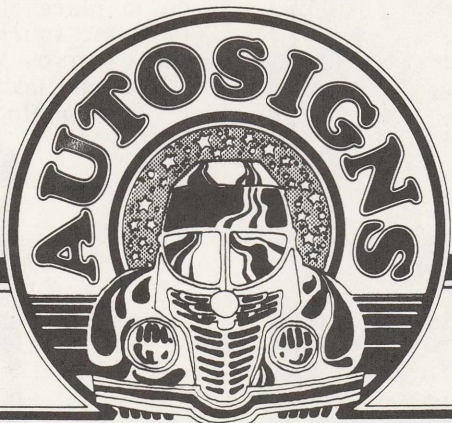
By PAULA

What is it like to experience failure, then victory? Well, the Westerners know and so do their fans.

However, everyone on the Western Texan staff is very pleased with WTC's sixth place victory in the national cage finals in Hutchinson, Kansas.

To lose your first two conference games and be able to go on and place in the NJCAA is a real honor, one the Westerners greatly deserve.

So, congratulations to all of you from all of us!



TEXAS OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

Mar. 21—Apr. 19

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19):** Emotional trouble can be compounded by heavy traffic. Let traffic thin before starting home.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20):** Time to put away childish things. Mementos hanging from your rearview mirror only serve as distractions.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21):** Can the common cold be fatal? It can if your normal alertness is dimmed by the side effects of a cough.

**CANCER (June 22 to July 21):** A bad habit can be distracting. Curtail smoking lest you drop a lighted cigarette while driving in heavy traffic.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21):** You may be tempted to roar in spite of bad driving conditions. Slow down on slick streets.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22):** Be prepared for sudden danger. Make sure your seat belt is buckled before you start rolling.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** Don't be too trusting or take anything for granted. There may be danger to you from cars running red lights.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Someone may attempt to victimize you soon. Make sure you lock your car when you go shopping.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** You like singing along with a tune, but don't let your car radio take your mind off driving.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20):** Look out for significant additions to your life routine, like a stop sign on a previously unmarked intersection.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19):** An adventurous mood may lead you down unknown byways. Be alert for new hazards.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20):** An agitated mental state may cause you to blow trifling traffic incidents up to major proportions. Keep your control.



## REVIEW

### 'Carrie' Scary, Star Sinister

by Kay Ellington

The Cinema I — Munden's parking lot was crowded on a week night last week. The ultimate in gross-out flicks had come to town. "Carrie" was showing.

The United Artists film, one of those out of the "Exorcist" mold, is not necessarily good, but is more of a relief.

Every plug for the R-rated movie spoke of gore and terror. Yet, excluding a few selected scenes, the show is less sickening than most of the ones in its league.

The star of the show, Sissy Spacek, who plays Carrie, won

an Academy Award nomination for her portrayal of the sinister teen.

Miss Spacek makes up for the synthetic script and screenplay. The stringy-haired "weirdo", before the final credits cross the screen, has theatre-goers loving her, hating her, wanting to help, being horrified by her and having a half-a-dozen other reactions.

But, before you go, be forewarned. "Carrie" is scary!

In fact, after the last scene, the ushers may have to carry you out of the theatre. But, what a way to go!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my congratulations to the Westerners for their performance up in Hutchinson, Kansas for the NJCAA tournament.

They won 3 of the 4 games they played, and performed their best playing ability on the court for the three wins. WTC faculty and students should be very proud of each and every player on the team. They represented WTC very well, on and off the court.

This is a letter wishing Coach Mitchell and the Westerners another winning season next year and a trip back to Hutchinson for the National Tournament to play for the No. 1 spot in the national junior college basketball championship.

I wish the best of luck to every player of the Westerners who won't be back next year. I hope whatever college they choose to attend that they continue to play basketball because every one of them are ball players and they should be able to prove to everyone just how well they can play college ball.

Vickie Berryman



March 22, 1977

Dear Editor,

The Cheerleaders would like to say "Thank You Westerners and Dusters" for a GREAT year.

It has been a long road since November 12th but the end rewards made it all worth while. The Dusters had a fan-

tastic season through Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, only to meet disappointment in the Regional Tournament.

Fighters is the only word to describe the Westerners. The season started out as a big plus in the winning column, then the shocker came when the first two conference games were dropped. The Westerners fought back from that point, winning conference and regional, then going on to Hutchinson, Kansas to place 6th in the nation.

We are proud of you and glad we were a part of such an outstanding group of athletes.

The Cheerleaders 1976-'77

Stacy Hoover  
Mildred Maxwell  
Teresa Sterling

## WRIGHT ON!

# Fun And Frolic — Spring Is Here!

by Diane Wright

Spring!! Yea!! Looks like it's finally getting here — wind and all!

What's the first thing that pops in your head when you think "spring"?

How about flowers, green grass and trees (trees here!?) blooming? The sun is shining more, and it's gorgeous outside! Farmers are plowing, planting and praying that this year will be a good year.

What about rain showers? Tornadoes, hail storms and the unusual, few and far in-between sand storms might even be on the scene.

The one thing you can always count on when spring comes is spring fever. A touch of laziness and procrastination might seem to hit you.

## SNOOPIN' AROUND

by Jacque Johnson  
Don't Scream!

Dr. Frederic Storaska, founder of the National Organization on the Prevention of Rape and Assault, discussed rape at West Texas State. He discovered over a 13-year period of interviewing rapists in prison that they are not mentally disturbed but have had a hard time getting along in a male-female relationship.

Storaska said if a girl who is under attack tries to talk to the rapist and make him understand, the girl has a better chance of being let go than if she screams and struggles to get free.

Inflation Hits!

Southwest Texas State will increase the cost of dorm living starting this fall. A seven-day meal plan will be \$874 on a nine-month basis for non-airconditioned rooms, and \$1,080 and \$1,260 for rooms with air.

Also, high-rise dorms will be \$1,396, so the cost of living isn't just in the home!

Who Stole the Cookie?

Well, no one really stole anything, but the home economics club at Hutchinson College in Kansas sold 700 cookies on a recent Tuesday. The bake sale, to raise money for the March of Dimes brought \$33.18 profit.

Don't forget love. Young and old alike seem to discover deep, wonderful feelings for other people and experience new sensations from caring so much about one particular person. Weddings seem to be on the increase at this time of the year.

People smile abundantly and are more relaxed and happier. But the blues and depression do strike occasionally, because no one can be happy all the time.

And — finally — when you get through all these hectic days of fun, frolic and pleasure, summer has arrived and it's not long 'til fall will be here and you start all over again!

## Tulip To Fern With Begonia??

by Violet

"Good afternoon, folks. This is Theodore Tulip with the up-to-the-minute KWTC News. We're at the scene of a plant uprising on campus. It seems that the plants are demanding more space in order to spread their roots. Let's talk to a few of the demonstrators. Yes, ma'am, what is your name?"

"LaVerne Fern. It's really humiliating to be cooped up in an office all day! How can they expect me to live in that artificial air? It's impossible!!"

"Thank you, Ms. Fern. And you, sir, what is your name?" Benjamin Begonia. Have you ever been shut up in a closet 26

hours a day, 9 days a week? Try it and then you'll understand why we're protesting!"

"Thank you, uh, Mr. Begonia. Oh, here's the leader of the uprising, folks! Spike Cactus, I believe?"

"You betcha! And say it with respect, buddy!"

"Yes, sir, Mr. Cactus. What is the purpose of this little commotion?"

"Little commotion?! This, sir, is a revolutionary rebellion against all the humans who keep us cooped up, leaf to leaf, pot to pot, in their artificially-lighted, smoke-filled, noisy offices. Humans who call themselves sympathetic to causes; humans who supposedly wouldn't hurt a thing! HA! Let me tell you, buddy! My fellow bloomers and myself are in our

dead beds in those offices. And for those of us who 'live' in the dorm! Gad! How can any self-respecting plant survive in rooms with blaring stereos or TVs; girls gossiping ALL the time about guys; guys gossiping ALL the time about girls! If we could just tell half the things we hear! And half the time, we plants get either too much sun or not enough; or we're drowned in water or have a drought!! You'd think with smart biology instructors around this space, someone would teach how to grow plants! Do you still call this a 'little commotion'?"

"Thank you, Mr. Cactus. Folks, that was the leader of all these bloomin' idiots who are revolting on campus against unpleasantly treatment. Good day."

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# NEWS BRIEFS



## Speck

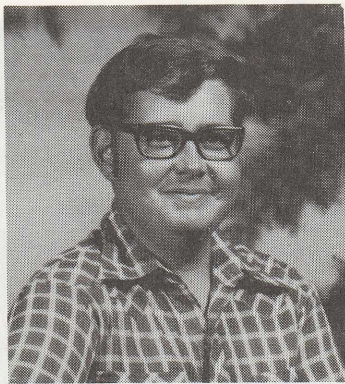
Rodney Speck of Lubbock, a WTC mid-management major, was elected chaplain at the Texas Junior Collegiate DECCA convention in Ft. Worth earlier this month.

Speck is a freshman and is employed part-time by Furr's Super Markets as part of his mid-management training.

As a state officer, he will be among the junior college DECCA members attending the national conference in Anaheim, Calif., May 4-8.

The students will participate in a variety of contests designed to test their knowledge of merchandising, salesmanship and related areas, and are scheduled to visit Disneyland and other tourist attractions in the Anaheim area.

Attending the state convention from WTC were Shirley Glasscock, George Melikian and Speck, and mid-management coordinators R.D. Lewis and Charles Henderson.



SPECK

## Veterans

On Oct. 15, 1976, Public Law 94-502 for veterans was enacted, providing for an increase in educational assistance benefits, an extension of basic eligibility for veterans and for eligible dependents, and other changes in existing programs.

Various topics covered in the law include delimiting dates, benefits payments when transferring from one institution to another, payment of benefits between terms, and retroactive refund for benefits paid.

Effective July 1, VA will not make advance payments for educational assistance. Instead, VA will make payment for courses after the monthly work is completed.

Veterans who wish to contact the WTC Veteran Outreach Coordinator Office for more information should call (915) 573-8511, extension 270.

## Museum

A two-hour workshop for volunteers interested in serving as tour guides in the Scurry County Museum was held March 22 in the museum.

Sharon Sutton, museum director, welcomed the volunteers and gave a slide presentation on the history and facilities of the museum. Mrs. Mal Donelson directed a tour of the building.

Participants in the workshop were Mrs. C.U. Bishop, Mrs. Jim R. Brown, Mrs. Drew Bullard, Mrs. Ron Coffelt, Mrs. Wade Davis, Mrs. Jess Everett, Mrs. Carroll Kellams, Roy Lashaway, Mrs. Danny Lunsford, Mrs. Harry Redwine and Mrs. R.J. Walker.

Members of the Museum Association are eligible for a 10 per cent discount on all items purchased from the museum's gift shop, according to Ms. Sutton.

The discount was made official museum policy under by-

laws adopted recently, and applies to all purchases from the shop.

Items include the Country Doings cookbook, Scurry County Bicentennial medallions, carvings, Buffalo to Oil (a history of Scurry County), windmills, county maps showing sites of historic interest, and miniature paintings.

## Scholarships

Applications are being accepted for journalism scholarships and student publication staff positions for the 1977-78 academic year, according to Mike McBride, publications adviser.

Awards vary according to the responsibility granted; however, major positions to be filled on the newspaper include editor, assistant editor, sports editor, news editor, feature editor, business manager, and chief photographer.

Additional staff scholarships are available.

Students are also needed for the editorship of both the college general magazine and literary magazine. Other awards, for photographers and staff writers, are planned.

"Some students have already applied and those wishing to do so should as soon as possible," McBride said. Announcement of scholarships will be made before the close of the spring semester.

In addition, students desiring part-time employment in the journalism department for next fall should contact McBride. Students eligible for college work-study need to apply as soon as possible.

Application forms are available from McBride in SC-105, or call (915) 573-8511, extension 273.

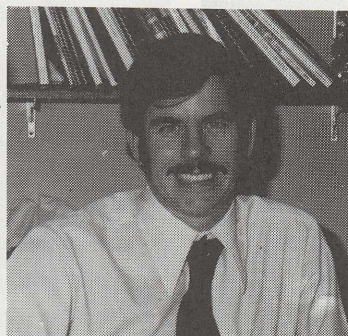
## Corkran

Gerald Corkran, director of WTC's Developmental Reading Center, was named president-elect of the Texas Junior and Community College Reading Council at the spring meeting in Austin.

As president-elect, Corkran will be in charge of programs for the convention in Dallas in November.

The Texas Junior and Community College Reading Council is a special interest group within the Texas State Council of the International Reading Association.

Its purposes are to exchange ideas and techniques regarding community and junior college reading programs, to encourage innovations and research in two-year college reading programs, and to sponsor conference meetings, work-shops and study groups planned to implement the purposes of the group.



CORKRAN

## RMCPA

Four journalism staffers will attend and compete in the Rocky Mt. Collegiate Press Association to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 6-8. Mike

McBride, associate professor, will accompany the group.

Attending are Paula Cornoyer, Western Texan editor; Stacy Payne, Unity editor and newspaper feature editor; Linda Grissom, photographer and sports writer; and Debbie Sutton, staff writer and photographer.

Cornoyer and Payne are entered in live Journalist of the Year contests to be held in the Sahara Hotel during the convention. The events include editorial writing, feature writing and newswriting.

WTC students are entered in 15 individual contests in newspaper and eight contests in magazine. Also, the Western Texan, Phase Six, and Unity are entered in the junior college general excellence divisions.

Awards will be presented during a luncheon Friday, April 8. Seminars are planned in areas of newspapers, radio-TV, magazine, photography, and mass media.

Junior colleges and universities entered represent the following states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Last year, WTC collected more awards than any other two-year college in RMCPA and won a place in the Journalist of the Year headline writing contest in Tucson, Arizona.

## Symphony

The San Antonio Symphony, one of the outstanding major musical organizations in the Southwest, will perform in the Snyder High School Auditorium Thursday, April 14 at 8 p.m.

Highly-acclaimed talents of Julius Schulman, concert master and violin soloist, along with Roger Melone, associate conductor, offer cultural entertainment for Snyder and the surrounding vicinity.

Tickets may be purchased in the WTC fine arts division office.

The symphony orchestra developed in 1939 from a small group of regional musicians. The organization, expanding its activities each year, records for Mercury Records, has made several U.S. tours and was telecast by the CBS network in a performance of "The Missions of San Antonio."

A symphony of international stature — the San Antonio Symphony!

## Cullar

"Warm Memories" is the theme of April's show in the Scurry County Museum featuring work of C. Warren Cullar, Southwestern watercolorist and former WTC art instructor.

Cullar will personally present a full-color print entitled "Warm Memories" to each family attending the show opening April 2, from 7-9 p.m.

The original watercolor was commissioned by the University of Texas School of Law for its October 1976 Taxation Conference Bulletin. The subject is an old barn painted on location near the artist's home in Bertram.

Viewers will see many of Cullar's favorite subjects; wagons, stagecoaches, houses, barns, gnarled trees, and ghost towns. The common factor is character, or as the artist calls it, "time-in."

Many paintings are vignettes,

scenes that shade off gradually into surrounding ground or white of the paper. This technique, a specialty of Cullar's, enhances color and detail of the subject.

One of Cullar's vignettes, "Determination," an old Mexican woman, was recently selected for the Texas Watercolor Society Annual Touring Show. An active member of the Southwest Watercolor Society and Texas Watercolor Society, the artist exhibits, lectures and conducts watercolor workshops throughout the Southwest.

After receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Abilene Christian College, Cullar began his career as a commercial artist and advertising manager. Following a year and two summers in Mexico studying for his Master of Fine Arts degree at the Instituto Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, Cullar taught college art for eight years, five at WTC.

Cullar and his wife, Donna, also his business manager, love their Hill Country home, especially the oak trees and traveling of a full-time art business. However, they have "warm memories" of the people of Snyder and are sharing them through this show.



CULLAR  
Clinton

Ronald Clinton, pianist, presented a concert Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The concert was sponsored by the Musical Coterie and the WTC fine arts department. A reception followed.

A recent graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, Clinton has performed with the Austin Symphony, the University of Houston Symphony and the Texas Tech Symphony Orchestra.

Winner of the Austin Young Artist Competition in 1969, Clinton in 1970 and 1976, was a finalist in the National Young Artist Competition in Midland and was a winner of the Minnie Sneed Wilcox Scholarship Competition in Austin.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton of Snyder. Dr. Clinton is the president of WTC.

## McBride

Mike McBride, associate professor of journalism, is the new state chairman for the National Council of College Publications Advisors.

He has served NCCPA as district newsletter chairman for two years. The district includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

The new post involves recruiting of and communication with advisers throughout Texas on matters important to them and NCCPA, according to Dr. Bill Dean, Texas Tech University professor of journalism and student publications adviser. Dean is District VII director of NCCPA.

## OEA

Four students attended the

OEA State Leadership Conference in San Antonio March 24-25. They were Debbie Clements, Tressie Griffin, Jackie Haney and Dotsy Wright.

Charlene Light, sponsor, accompanied the group.

## UIL

Students representing high schools in District 3-AAA will convene on campus Saturday for the University Interscholastic League literary meet.

A variety of speech, journalism, science, math, secretarial science, and composition contests will be held.

Winners will advance to regional competition, and awards will be presented following each event.

Welcome, students and advisers!

## RSVP

Scurry County Commissioners recently approved an allocation of \$3,500 for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Because of the approval, the county will continue to support the program, whose offices are located at WTC. Also providing funds for RSVP are WTC (\$4,357) and the City of Snyder (\$2,500).

The RSVP program budget this year is \$30,872. A federal grant takes care of 70 percent of the budget, or \$20,575. Local agencies provide the remaining 30 percent.

## AGPA

Dr. Mary Hood, counselor and associate professor of psychology, Dr. Gilbert Flerer, counselor and associate professor of sociology, and Jerry Baird, director of guidance and counseling, attended the American Guidance Personnel Association convention in Dallas, March 7-9.

## TIPA

Nine WTC journalists will attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference in San Angelo, April 14-16, accompanied by Mike McBride, publications adviser.

Attending are Paula Cornoyer, Kay Ellington, Linda Grissom, Stacy Payne, LaDonna Powell, Kathy Spencer, Stephanie Stephens, Diane Wright and Neely Wright.

Most of the students are entered in live competition in print and broadcast contest categories to be held at the Holiday Inn. Print media competition includes newswriting, editorial writing, feature writing and headline writing. Radio-TV competition includes radio newswriting, commercial copywriting, radio announcing and TV announcing.

WTC student publications are also entered in sweepstakes contests as well as individual entries in newspaper, general magazine and literary magazine divisions.

Thirty-four Texas community colleges and universities are members of TIPA.

Students and faculty advisers will also attend sessions led by Al Anderson, UT-Austin; Ed Hunter, Houston Post; John Criswell, WFAA-TV, Dallas; Mike Cochran, AP-Ft. Worth; Scott Carpenter, Harte-Hanks, Austin; Norris Davis, UT-Austin, and Jerry Hodge, CompuGraphic.

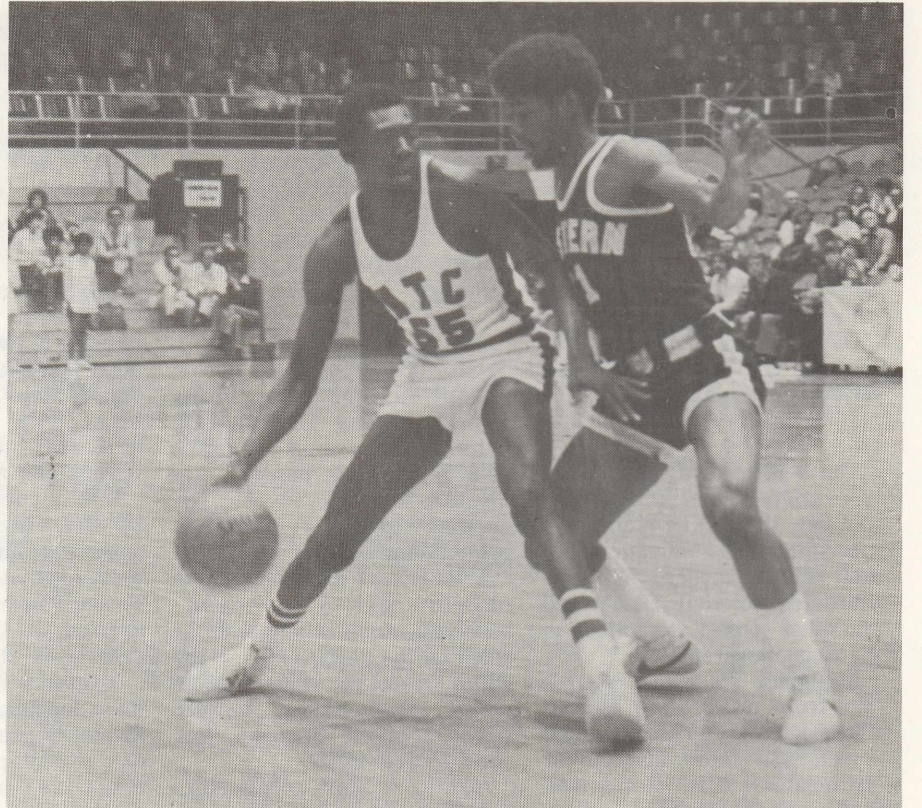
An awards brunch will highlight the conference Saturday morning.



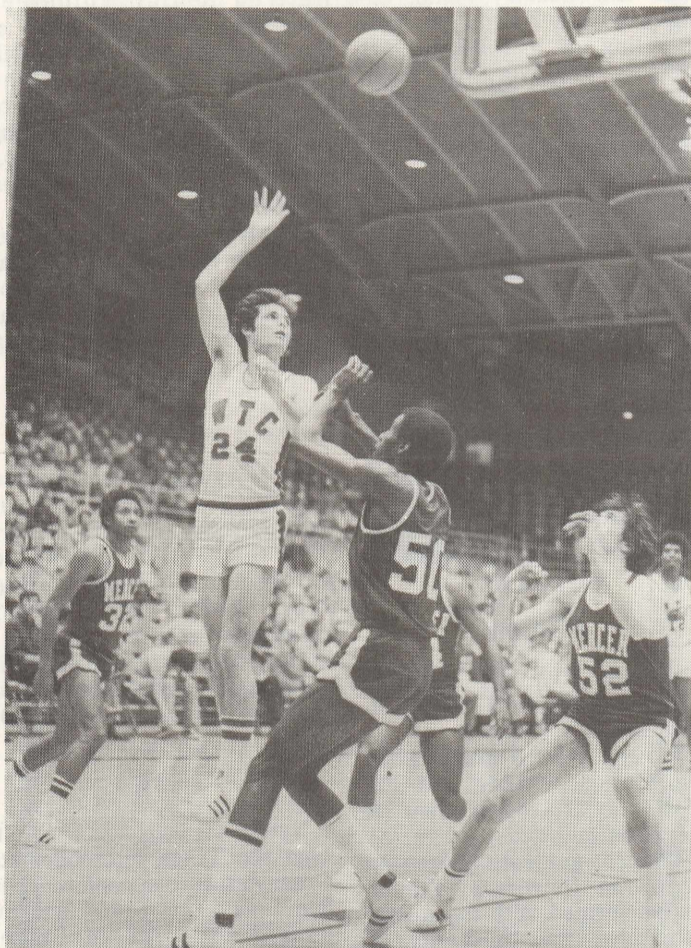
WTC IN NATIONALS

# The South Rises Once Again!

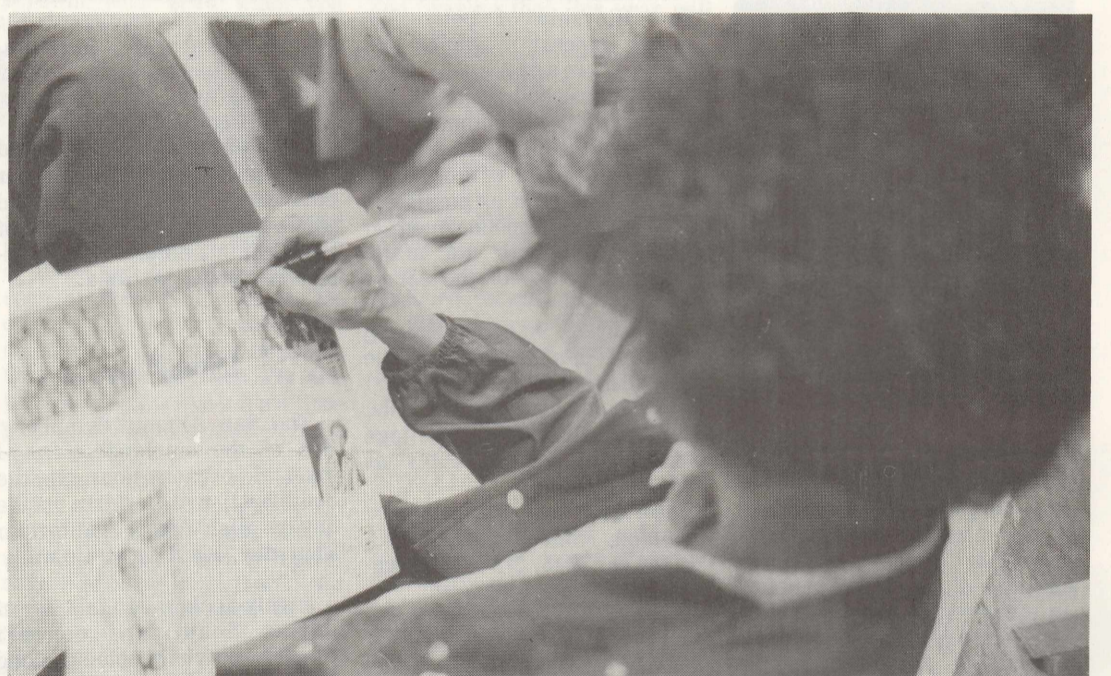
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Westerners happy with 6th place trophy while Benjamin (55) 'dribbles' on



Corder (24) hooks for two



Autographs are a different kind of fun



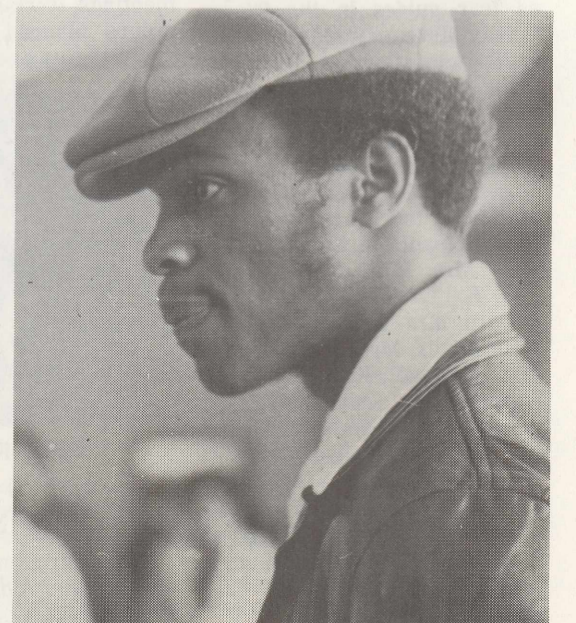
Sideline conference helps boost morale



Jamison (10) lays up the ball with Nichols (34)



Moorehead (51) gets a rebound



and Butler meditates

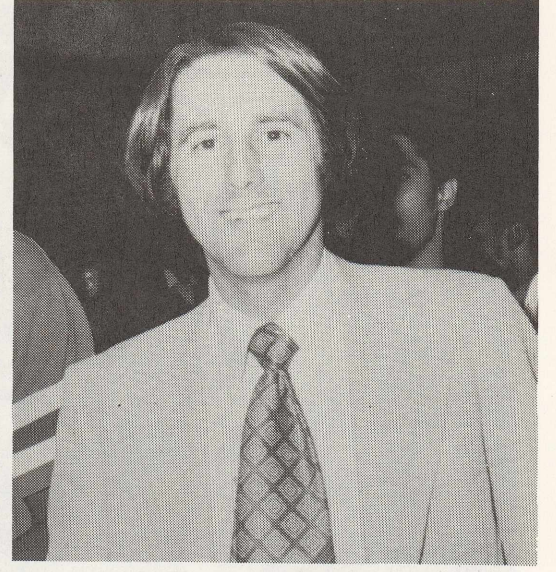




Butler (23) buckets a field goal



Scoreboard shows WTC won to Mitchell's pleasure



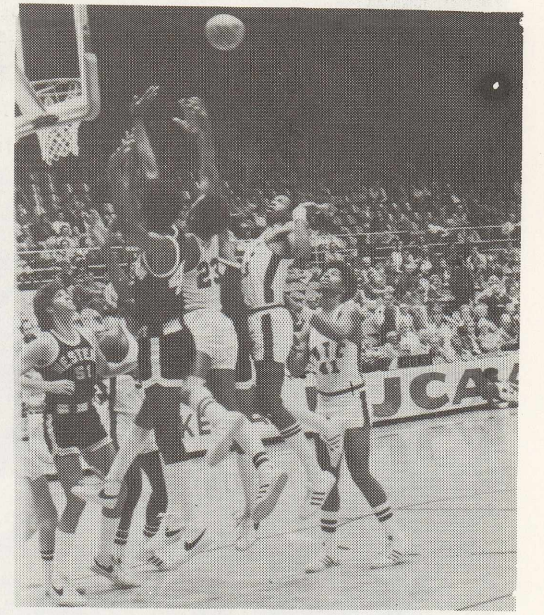
Smith (43) invents a new dribble



Corder (24) rescues the ball



Orton (35) catches and WTC rebounds



Orton (35) and Person (12) do a jig



Butler (23) is called to court for introduction

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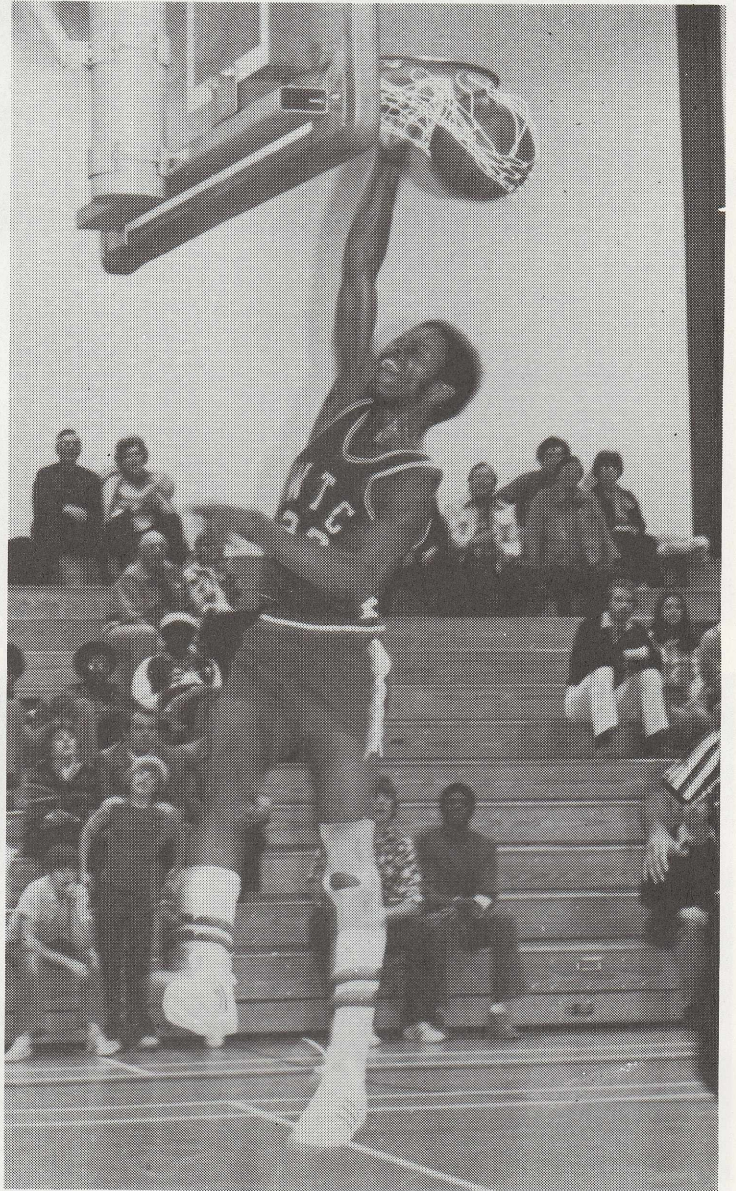
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# Western Gets The Green In!

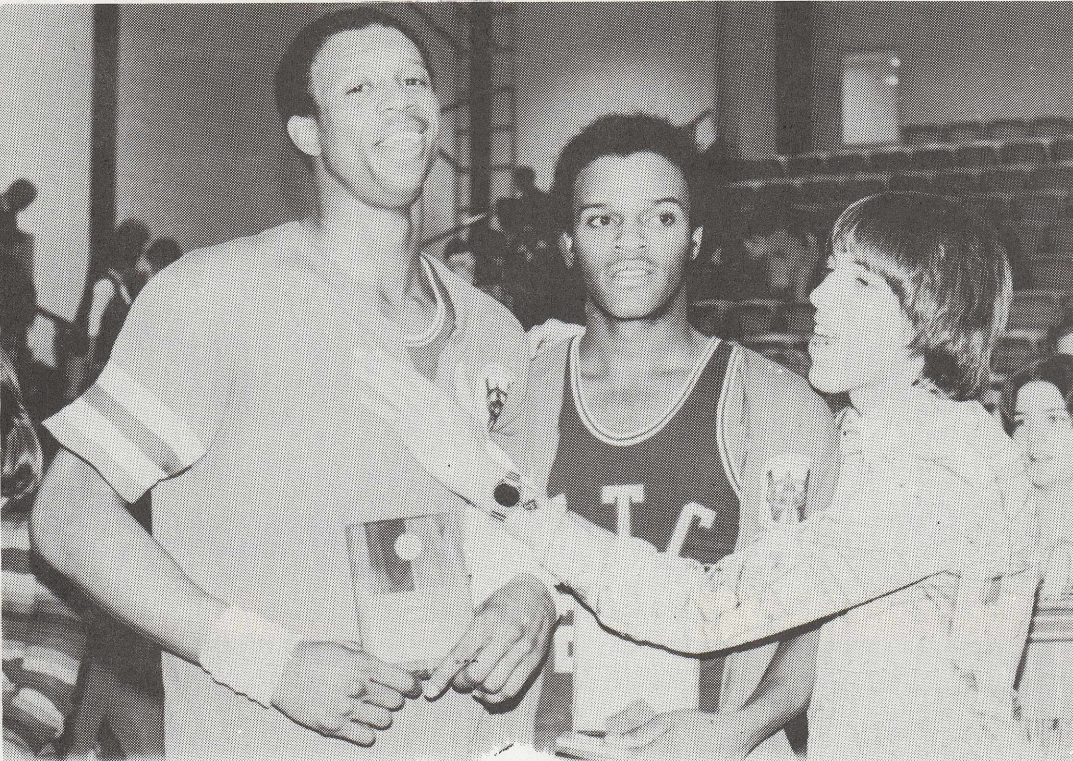
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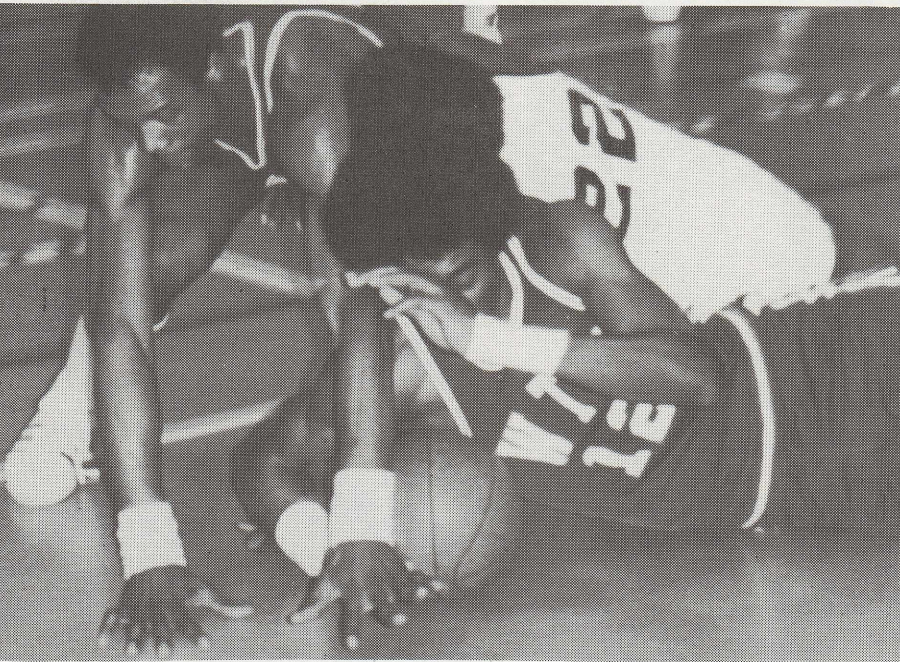
Westerners display regional plaque



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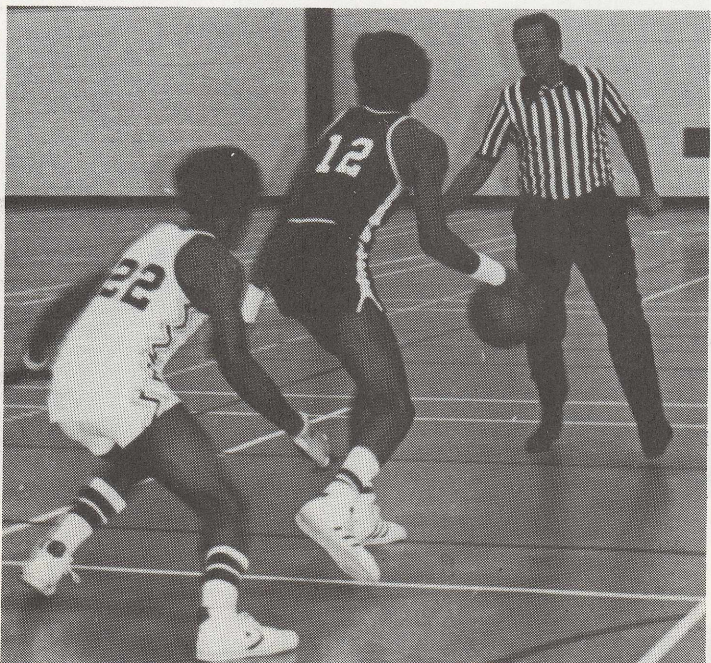
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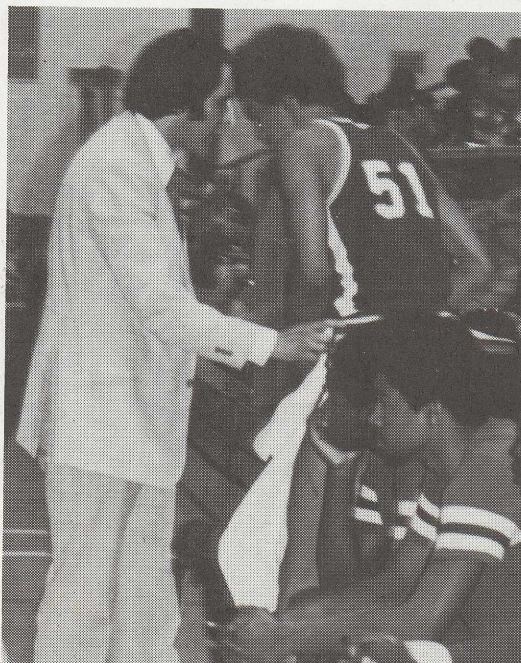
Smith (23) and Person (12) scramble for the ball



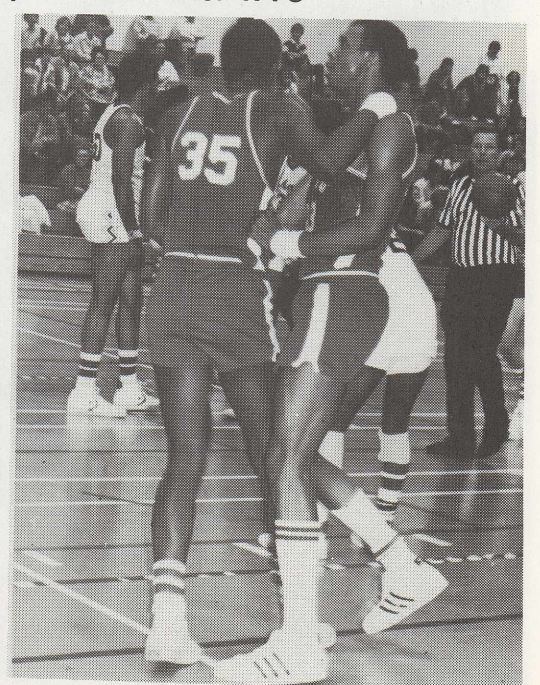
Vickie Berryman cheers for WTC



Person (12) makes his get-away



Mitchell coaches Moorehead (51)



Orton (35) and Smith (23) confer



**SWEETWATER 'FANG-DANGLE'**

# Rattler Roundup A Slithery Success!

story and photos by Debbie Sutton

This is no fish story, believe me!

A crowd of 18,000 visited the Nolan County Coliseum March 11-13, for the 18th Annual Sweetwater Jaycee Rattlesnake Round-Up.

This year proved to be a good one for the snake hunters. Bruce Flint and Mike Gossiot of San Angelo took first place with a whopping 986 pounds.

Don Wilson of Merkel brought in the longest snake, measuring a slinky 64½ inches, bought at auction by the Dairy Queen for \$80.

Preston Alston and P. R. Rasco of Sweetwater had the smallest at only 12 inches.

Bill and Jerry Ransenberger, professional handlers, were on hand to demonstrate their techniques with the reptiles. The creatures were handled carefully and never tortured.

Rattlesnake hunting is a very dangerous sport, and should be treated so. The varmints do not strike merely at the sight of a human, but will if provoked.

If you come upon a snake, stand completely still. Sudden movements could startle it into striking.

Rattlesnakes have extra fangs beneath the obvious ones. If an outside fang is dulled or broken because of a bite, a new one replaces it, not leaving the snake defenseless for any length of time.

When the rattlers were brought to the coliseum, they were processed into saleable skins and meat, with rattlers, fangs, and heads used as souvenirs.

Rattlesnake skins are made into anything from keychains and hatbands to wallets and handbags. Large skins are even used as wall hangings.

The meat is processed and cooked in a variety of ways. Among the delicacies to be sampled this year were the traditional fried snake meat, as well as chili and a new "rattlesnake pizza!"

The yearly hunts are not making rattlesnakes extinct. Despite the annual roundup, the population seems to be growing. The roundup simply keeps the population under control.

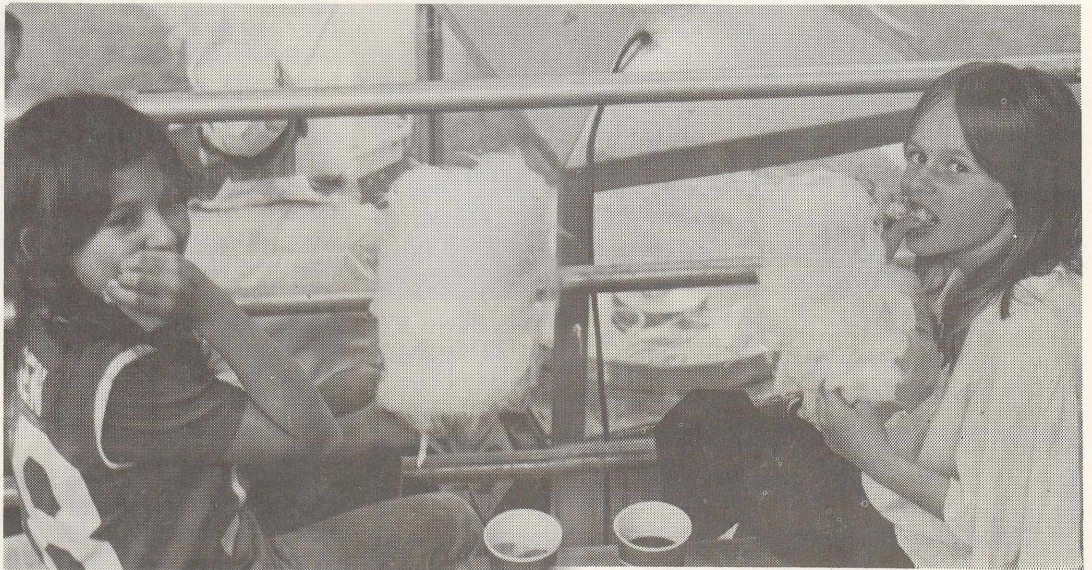
Indeed — one chapter in the "hiss-story" of the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup!



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# Westerners Win Sixth In NJCAA Kansas Tournament

by Linda Grissom

A Victory! No doubt about it! Coach Mike Mitchell's 'Mean Green' basketball team struck again in the north country — bringing home a national sixth-place finish from the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. March 19.

It was a rough court to dribble down this year for the Westerners as they lost their

two opening conference games to Clarendon and New Mexico Junior College early in the fall by a total of only four points. But it all paid off in the end as they traveled to Abilene March 3-5 for the Region 5 tournament, and returned home with the title.

In the tourney, sophomore Lawrence Butler was chosen Most Valuable Player and team-

mate Darryl Smith was named to the first-string team. With these honors, the Westerners were national-bound.

Just a short two weeks later, Mitchell gathered his crew and headed back to Hutchinson, where last term they had brought home the title in the Blue Dragon Classic and where, two years ago, they had claimed the U.S. JUCO title in their first appearance ever.

The team departed Sunday, March 11 and hoped to stop for a workout on the way. With Butch Person suffering a fractured hand from the regional round-up, Mitchell said he would start Jon Moorehead if the injury did not progress.

WTC arrived as did 20 other teams from across America. They drew a first-round bye for Monday and did not anticipate the tragedy to befall them the following day.

It struck Tuesday afternoon as the Westerners contested Ellsworth Community College of Iowa Falls, Iowa. The team met a painful defeat as they fought a losing battle, the door to the NJCAA title closed and locked for the 1977 season.

The 65-62 upset was not the only bad thing that took place. ECC shot 29 of 58 from the field for 50 percent to WTC's 24 of 62 for only 39 percent.

WTC had jumped to an 11-2 lead early, but Ellsworth tied it at 18-18 finally going on for a 30-26 halftime edge. Then the Westerners came back only to blow a 10-point advantage in the final 10 minutes.

There were a few good parts, though, with Larry Orton swiping 17 rebounds and Lawrence Butler on top in scoring with 21 points (but that represented 8 of 22 from the floor, well below his average).

The only hope stemming from the nightmare was a sixth place consolation position, and the struggle for that started Wednesday as the cagers took on Arizona Western College of Yuma, Az. and indeed did severe damage.

Although Allen Corder took the opening tipoff, the game stayed somewhat in doubt until later in the first half.

With 11:26 showing, The AW Matadors called their first time out. After that, WTC did their about-face from the day before, not even looking back as they rallied to a 93-59 victory.

Butler, who capped game scoring honors with 33 points, held the hot hand for WTC. Several successive corner shots and jumpers from the top of the key put the Westerners ahead by 16 points, a lead they held at halftime with the score standing 43-27.

Arizona grabbed the second half tip-off, but that's where the similarity ended. WTC continued to pull away, with important points by Butler, Orton and Smith.

The greatest lead of the game came with 6:13 left, and the "Green" rampaged with a 38-point edge. Mitchell let most of his players see action as the bench began to see new faces in its midst — the starters!

In this performance, Butler tallied 15 of 25 field goals and 3 of 4 from the line.

Other Westerners in double figures were Smith with 17 and Orton with 12. Overall, WTC hit 37 of 72 for 51.4 percent from the floor, compared to AWC's 27 of 74 for 36.5 percent.

WTC also beat their opponents in free throw attempts, sinking 19 of 26 for 73.1 percent compared to Arizona's 5 of 8 for 62.5 percent. The Matadors led in the turnover and foul departments, however, with 16-11 and 25-13, respectively.

Orton and Smith grabbed 9 rebounds each to take honors, but overall Arizona Western hauled down 50 to WTC's 42.

A day of rest followed the stampede as the home kings watched and waited to see who their next prey would be in a battle between Mercer County College of Trenton, N.J. and Shelby State Community College of Memphis, Tenn.

Mercer was brought into the bracket as WTC took them on in a Friday morning scramble, only to come out on top, 58-52.

The Sports Arena assumed the appearance of a playground seesaw as the score was passed back and forth. At intermission, it stood 24-22 favoring the Texans. At eight different stages of the first stanza, the score was tied, the last at 22-22 with 4:01 showing.

Mitchell's strategy to hold a narrow lead and stall the ball worked. WTC used these tactics near the end of the first frame and again at the close of the contest, forcing Mercer to commit fouls. In fact, Mercer fouled 21 times to WTC's 7! Mercer also led the Westerners in the turnover segment, 14-7.

The second half saw WTC gradually pull away to a 12-point lead they held four times midway through the period. Mercer cut their lead to 5 with 30 seconds left, but after a time out, free throws by Butler and Corder sealed the win.

Butler hit 11 of 19 from the floor and 3 of 4 at the line to lead the Westerners with 25 points. Smith contributed 10 points. Pacing Mercer were Andre Logan and Lonnie Leggette with 16 and 12, respectively.

Orton hauled down 10 of the team's 24 rebounds, while Logan and Leggette led Mercer with 8 apiece.

Overall, Western Texas hit 22 of 41 field goals for 54 percent, while Mercer had 25 of 49 for 51 percent.

"They didn't quit when they found there was no chance for the big title," informed Mitchell. "They stayed in there and played a good game even though they realized sixth was as high as we could go."

As Saturday dawned on the Western Texans, they were preparing to meet the Statesmen from Lincoln Trail College of Robinson, Ill.

The 92-87 clincher pushed WTC into a 3-1 tournament standing and an impressive 34-4 season close out, while LTC fell to 30-8 and was sent home in ninth place.

It looked like a runaway at first for the red-hot Statesmen as they pounced into an 8-0 lead before WT's Person converted two free throws with 16:47 on the scoreboard.

The Westerners took their first lead at 19-18 as the fire began to glow in the furnace for Butler and Moorehead.

Lincoln Trail and the home team traded shots quite a few times with Moorehead, Butler and Smith leading the Lone Star pack.

The score was knotted four times in the opening frame, the last time at 30-30 with 3:30 remaining before LTC pulled to a 36-32 intermission edge.

As the second half took off, the Statesmen's sharp-shooter, Michael Gray, put the Westerners back in red with a 40-30 run for the consolation title. All was not lost, though, as WT's Orton and Corder came to the rescue with a rally of outside and inside baskets.

With 14 minutes left, WTC witnessed a familiar sight — the score was tied again, 48 all! Butler added his two points worth on a goal-tending call

against LTC's 6-11 center, Richard Johnson.

Plus, Moorehead sank a couple of shots at the line and gradually stretched the lead to 11 points, the largest they had during the entire game at 71-60 with 6:14 showing.

The edge swayed during the final few minutes and at one time got cut to 5. Corder and Smith then pulled it back to 11, but Lincoln Trail narrowed it to the 5-point margin once more with only 30 seconds remaining on the clock.

Corder and Smith hit again to make it 92-83 as Lincoln made another attempt for the much-wanted crown.

It was almost anticlimatic that the towering Statesman center, Johnson, canned one just before the buzzer to leave the WTC winning margin at 92-87.

Top netter for the Westerners was again Butler with 24, with Smith and Orton carting off 18 and 16 each. Corder, Moorehead, and Person went into double figures with 12, 11 and 10 respectively.

WTC hit 37 of 70 field goals for 53 percent to LTC's 41 of 73 for 56 percent. The Westerners hooped 18 of 26 free throws for 69 percent which ran away from the Statesmen's 5 of only 6 for 83 percent.

There were 25 fouls for LTC and only 16 for the Green. WTC hauled down 41 rebounds to Lincoln's 33. Moorehead grabbed 8 and Orton and Smith gathered 7 each. In turnovers, the Statesmen led 16-13.

In other Saturday action, Independence, Kan. defeated San Jacinto, Texas 75-72 in a real barn-burner for the national JUCO title. WTC had soundly beaten the SJC Ravens earlier in the season in an invitational cage tourney in Hutchinson.

Ellsworth, Iowa edged Lawson State, Ala. 82-76 for third place. The Panthers were the only team in the tourney to hand the Westerners a loss.

Butler was one of 10 players named to the prestigious All-Tournament team.

For the four-game tourney series, WTC scored 120 field goals out of 245 attempts for 49 percent, with Butler taking 46 of 91 for his share.

In the rebound area, the Westerners totaled 125, as Orton alone claimed 43. Concerning free throws, there were 96 attempts and 65 completions for 68 percent. Corder took honors in that segment hooping 20 of 25.

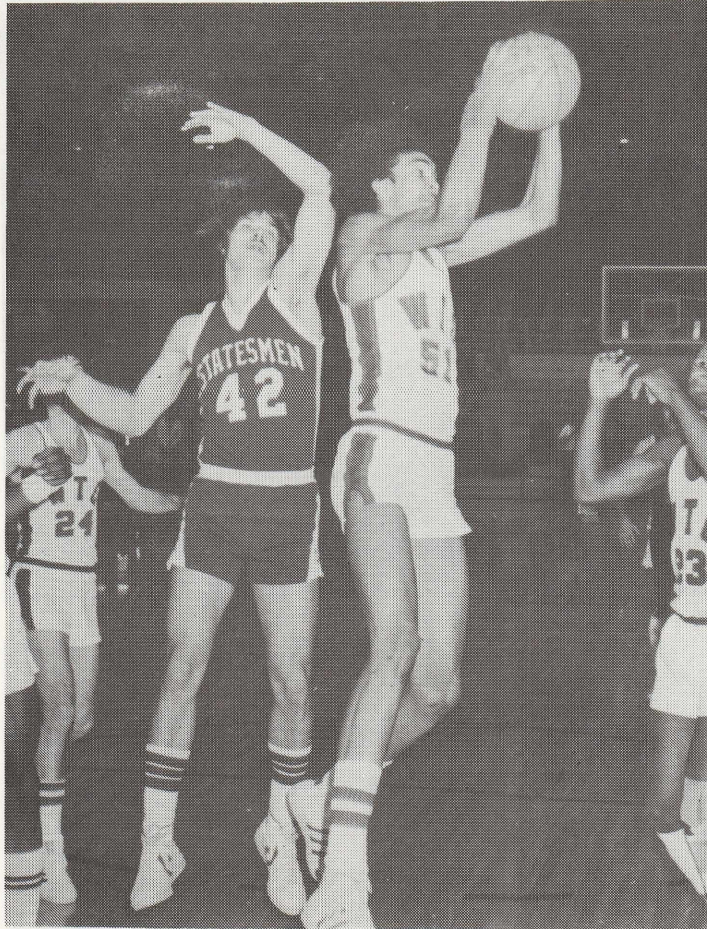
WTC committed only 46 turnovers for the entire tournament. Their foes turned it over 60 times. The team also garnered 305 total points to the opposition's 263.

A victory in every sense of the word and everyone at home as proud of the Westerners as if they had come home with another national title.

## James, McAnally Win in Foosball

Ike James and Scott McAnally took top honors in the foosball tournament held Monday, February 28. Tony Dowdy and Leon Torshe were runners-up.

Other entrants were Mike Banks, Leck Browning, Judo Johnson, Scott Armstrong, Tim Pringle, Rocky Holmes, Gary Johnson, Terry Kendricks, Jay Mohler, Jimmy Jones, Richard Huddleston and Joel McCommon.



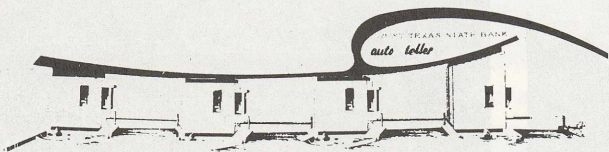
UMMPH! — WT's Jon Moorehead (51) hauls down a rebound against Lincoln Trail's Greg Millster (42) in the NJCAA sixth place game. Western won, 92-87. (photo by Linda Grissom)

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**MITCHELL SECOND-ROUND STAR**

**WT Wins Regional Championship**



**GET IT!** — Duster Pam Tatum (44) reaches for the ball in a regional match against Clarendon. WTC was defeated by South Plains in the second round. (photo by Paula Cornoyer)

by Kay Ellington

The Westerners ... yawn ... swept the Regional Tournament.

As everyone expected, they dominated the tourney, yet it was far from being a dull event.

Mr. Miracle for the Green, Lawrence Butler, was selected Most Valuable Player and Darryl Smith, who worked a few miracles of his own was named All-Tourney. Allen Corder was an honorable mention selection.

Three wins, including the championship, spiced up the tourney a little, too. The cagers won the event by blasting Midland College, 87-79, rallying over Hill County College in overtime, 93-86, and downing Ranger in the opener, 75-65.

But, the icing on the cake has to be Coach Mike Mitchell's performance in the second-round thriller with Hill County.

As the final buzzer sounded in the contest, the score was knotted at 77-77. WTC had rebounded a missed shot, and the mentor wanted a foul called. The officials didn't call any.

Frustrated, Mitchell leaped out of his chair and slapped the floor. Then, the refs finally called a foul — a technical on Mitchell and ejected him from the game.

Playing "reserve" coach and "relieving" Mitchell on the bench was golf coach Bob O'Day! He had earlier joined

Mitchell for the game. Then when his colleague was given the thumb, he took the helm.

The extra period opened with Hill's Tyrone Emerson sinking a free throw and chum Steve Gibbs grabbing a field goal, to give HC an 80-77 margin.

But, with Mitchell grabbing a glimpse whenever he could, Corder, a dark horse hero for the Westerners, chalked up seven points in OT to offset any Hill effort. Led by different individuals on the court and on the bench, the Westerners pulled off the come-from-behind victory.

The other two tourney tilts were typical WTC ball games. A strong offense dominated the opponent with Butler leading the way.

Never scoring less than 30 in any of the tilts, the Missouri native grabbed 40 in the title contest with Midland.

Another offensive workhorse, Smith pulled down 28 points against the MC Chaps.

From most standpoints, the opening contest was the most lackluster. WTC simply outplayed an inferior Ranger squad.

Although the Westerners won all the honors and got most of the glory at the Region V junior college basketball tournament held in Abilene at McMurry's Hunt P. E. Center, it still served

mainly as a stepping stone to the National Tournament held March 15-19 in Hutchinson, Kan.

WTC was this region's representative to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national event.

With the three victories in the Region V tourney, the cagers took a 31-3 record to Hutchinson and a number 3 national ranking.

In the meantime, in addition to regional tournament honors, the Westerners put two players on the all-conference and all-region teams, Butler and Smith.

Finally, the home town fellows brought home sixth place from the Nationals.

**S-Plains Ends Duster Season**

by Kay Ellington

The Dusters' season ended much like a Hemingway novel: not turning out exactly as anticipated, but certainly above satisfactory.

Coach Sid Simpson's cage queens made it to the regional tourney, but slipped to a powerhouse South Plains squad, 72-55, in the second round, Mar. 1.

In the opening clash, the ladies bounced Clarendon, 62-56. And, when the dust had settled at the Region V National Junior College Athletic Association playoff tournament in Abilene, and all the games had been played, Cindy Luttrell and Janice Verden were tabbed as All-Tournament players.

As for the loss to SPC's Texanettes, it came from one small difference. The Levellanders put the ball through the hoop more.

South Plains hit 31 of 57 attempts for 54 percent, while

Western Texas could manage only a 38 percentile.

The same rang true at the charity line, too. The Snyderites sunk a mere 9 out of 18; yet, their opponents dropped in 10 out of 13.

Rosemary Scott paced the WT crew with 14 points while Luttrell and Verden also picked up double digits with 11 and 10, respectively.

Falling to South Plains ended the Dusters' season, but the Texanettes went to Nationals and came home with a fourth place trophy from the "big one."

For the season, however, WTC finished with an 18-10 tally. Offensively, Temi Baker led the girls with 319 points for a 11.81

per game average, while on defense Scott had 60 steals.

Other leaders include Verden with 181 rebounds and Pam Tatum with 88 free throw points.

Also holding double-digit averages are Luttrell with 295 for a 10.93 mark and Verden with 280 for a 10-point mean.

Currently, Duster coach Simpson is actively recruiting for next year.

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## Golfers Sixth In New Mexico State Tourney

WTC golfers finished sixth in a field of 11 teams in the 12th annual New Mexico State University golf tournament completed March 12 at Las Cruces.

The Westerners finished with 805 strokes, which put them behind New Mexico University, New Mexico Junior College, Midland College, and the host NMSU Aggies.

Following WTC were United States University International, Tulsa, West Texas State, New Mexico Military, and North Dakota.

Winds up to 70 miles per hour raked the course the second day of the tournament. Play concluded Saturday in good weather, however.

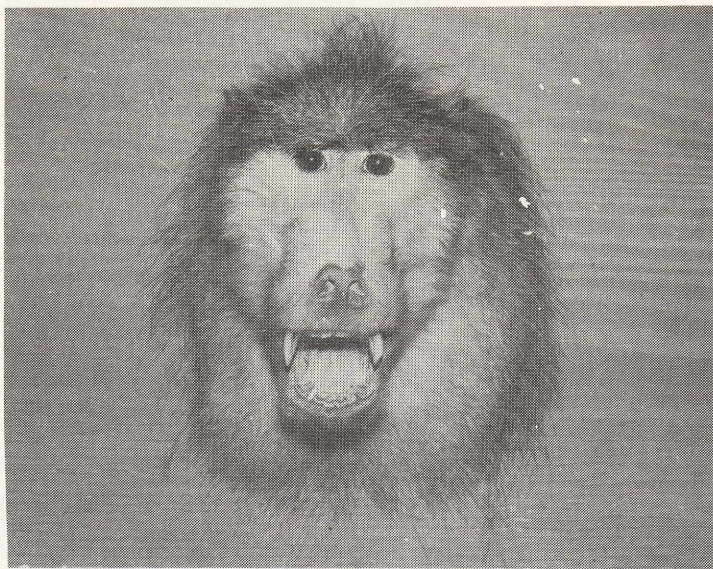
WTC individual scores included Brown McCrory 42-78-79 — 199; Ronald Koerth 43-76-81 — 200; Donnie Loerwald 40-83-78 — 201; Chris Brown 46-79-80 — 205; Dave Foster 46-76-86 — 208; and Terry Kendrick 46-82-81 — 209.

Coach Bob O'Day said it was the worst golf the WTC team has played in a tournament in five years. "I'm glad it wasn't a conference tournament."

"We had too many three-putts and penalty strokes, and our play was very inconsistent. Two teams from our conference played well — New Mexico Junior and Midland."

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'I WANT YOUR NECK!' — Maybe so, but really it's only one of several animals recently displayed in an African Safari museum show. (photo by Debbie Sutton)

## UNITY To Be Published Soon

UNITY, the literary magazine published by the journalism department, will soon be for sale. The magazine consists of articles, short stories, poems, photographs and artwork by WTC students and faculty.

According to Stacy Payne,

editor, "This semester's issue will be a step ahead of our last issue. We've had more time and more cooperation from everyone, and it looks as though we'll have one heck of a magazine. I just want to thank everyone for sharing their inner feelings with us."

## Mitchell Elected V-P; Butler, Smith Honored

Westerner Coach Mike Mitchell was elected vice president of the 450-member National Junior College Coaches Association at a business meeting held during the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament this month in Hutchinson, Kan.

Mitchell will succeed to the presidency in 1979.

Two of Mitchell's Westerners, Lawrence Butler and Darryl Smith, were selected for the National Junior College

East-West All Star Game to be played in the San Antonio Convention Center April 1.

These teams are composed of players representing the eastern and western sections of the United States, with players chosen by the Basketball Committee of the American Junior College Athletic Association. WTC is the only school to be represented by two players.

Butler was also named to the All-Star Team at the NJCAA tournament.

## TERRI SCOTT

# Lone 'Mural Female Cager Sweats, Enjoys!

by Diane Wright

"I'm a person of few words. It's basketball — you get out there, sweat a little bit and have a little fun and that's it — intramural ball," says Terri Scott, only girl who played intramural basketball this season.

Hailing from Hawley, Terri said (when asked about being the only girl playing with the guys), "It don't matter to me. It's just basketball. I just like to play. You get banged around a lot more!" she added with that special chuckle.

She said most of the men she played with were tough competition — most much taller!

A physical education major, and biology minor, Terri enjoys other things besides basketball, including water skiing, playing tennis, refereeing and dancing — which means "getting out there and boogie-ing instead of just shuffling my feet!"

Terri played for the James Gang, who won second place in intramurals. With six to eight years of basketball experience, she played point guard on the

team. "I like defense better than offense. I like the challenge: they know where they're going, but you don't — and if you can beat them there, you're a little bit smarter!"

Terri said the fellows were nice to her. "Someone sneaked up behind me and clobbered me, and Mike (Banks) gave me a free throw. If I make a point, they think it's grand, you know?"

With plans to attend Angelo State University with a coaching career in mind, Terri didn't have a whole lot to say. But get her talking about her niece, Kelly, who is two and a half years old — and she's off!

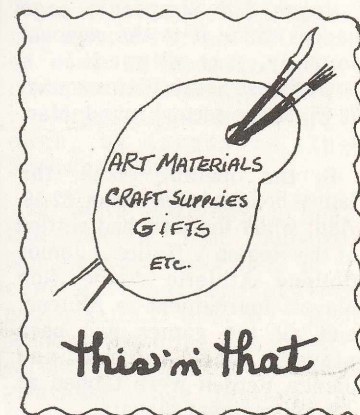
"She's meaner than me, smarter than I am, and can talk plainer than I can!"

A prime example of Kelly's "smart", according to one of Terri's stories: "An aunt was taking her shopping and she said, 'Kelly, let me have your hand.' Kelly took hold of her finger and said, 'No, I can hold my own hand' and took off." Just one of her stories about her niece.

Terri is one of a kind. She said she liked this saying, "Love makes the world go round, but money greases the axle." In a package, Terri Scott is an A-1 gal — ask Kelly!



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