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"I HAVE SAVED YOUR LIFE, JASON" — Medea (Junanne Brock) speaks with Jason (Lee Kirby) in the recent drama production 'Medea.' See related photos & stories, page 5. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Board Okays Audit

Scurry County Junior College District Trustees met Nov. 17 and approved the annual audit of WTC, accepted bids on equipment, and received a report on two new programs in occupational training and technology.

Anderson and Anderson presented the annual audit, reporting that WTC's situation was financially sound and that funds had been accounted for properly.

The board accepted a bid by Media Systems Corp. in the amount of \$1,135 for nursing audio-visual equipment. Also, the bid of Redken Laboratories in the amount of \$1,622 for cosmetology was approved. Bids from three companies for audio-visual equipment were offered, but the only bids accepted were those for the nursing audio-visual and cosmetology equipment.

New programs in residential construction and teacher aide have been approved by the Texas Educational Agency, according to Dr. Gene McClurg, dean of occupational education and technology.

Dr. McClurg stated that there have been indications of interest in these fields. The construction program will be unique in that it will be offered on a clock-hour basis.

He had also been unable to find any other college with a

program similar to this one, while compiling information to develop the curriculum.

The residential construction program will offer a broad introduction to various skills required for employment in residential construction work.

Training personnel to serve as aides to public school teachers will be the intent of the teacher aide program. Graduates of the program will be able to perform a wide range of supportive duties common to educational processes, Dr. McClurg stated.

The board approved fee adjustments for LVN and cosmetology programs. Tuition and fees for cosmetology students, now \$305, will be \$320. Books for LVN's will be \$125, instead of \$85; uniforms will cost \$50; instead of \$25; scissors will be \$4, instead of \$2.50; caps will cost \$3, instead of \$2, and cost of a watch will be \$25 instead of \$15.

Flat rates for college personnel's meals on school trips were approved. The meal allowance is now \$3 for breakfast, \$4 for lunch, and \$5 for dinner, including tips. Actual receipts had before been required for reimbursement for meals.

The board voted to close the campus from Dec. 23-Jan. 3 during Christmas holidays, resulting in fuel save with no classes in progress at that time.

WTC Involved In National Study

by Diane Wright

Two representatives of the Center for the Study of Community Colleges in Los Angeles, Calif. were on campus Nov. 15-16 gathering material for a national study of the humanities in two-year colleges.

Dr. Florence Brawer and Dr. Arthur Cohen interviewed faculty and staff members, including Dr. Ben Brock, vice president, and Dr. Robert Clinton, president. "But the burden of promoting the humanities falls

on the shoulders of the people who teach them — instructors in such areas as music, art, philosophy, logic, languages and the like," she said.

Dr. Brawer stated that WTC was chosen as one of 20 colleges selected for case studies because it represents a comprehensive type of institution.

Other colleges are selected because their enrollment in humanities has either decreased or increased or because they, too, are a particular type of college. She added that the schools used in the study are located throughout the country.

They are emphasizing regional, institutional and humanity program differences in their study.

Dr. Brawer praised the WTC campus, saying, "The spaces are amazing! Very nice physically, a beautiful campus." She added that "a lot of opportunity exists for growth intellectually and there is genuine interest in what people are doing, in art, communications and the whole orientation."

The two researchers visited Scurry County Museum and the Diamond M Museum. Dr. Brawer said they were "marvelous! amazing!" She said she had never expected anything like this in Snyder.

She was also impressed with the campus art building, stating the gallery and student art exhibit were very good.

Regarding the future of the humanities, Dr. Brawer said people must be involved and work hard at promoting and continuing them. "The students need them; we need them. They're important to our very existence," she concluded.

The Center's study is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The current phase of the project is focusing on curriculum and instructional practices. Past study phases have included literature review and a survey of faculty teaching the humanities.

While visiting the campus, Dr. Cohen and Dr. Brawer interviewed Rex Hopkins, director of continuing education; Dr. Gene McClurg, dean of occupational education and technology; Dr. James Tully, dean of learning resources, and Kathleen Genuchi, assistant director of library-acquisitions.

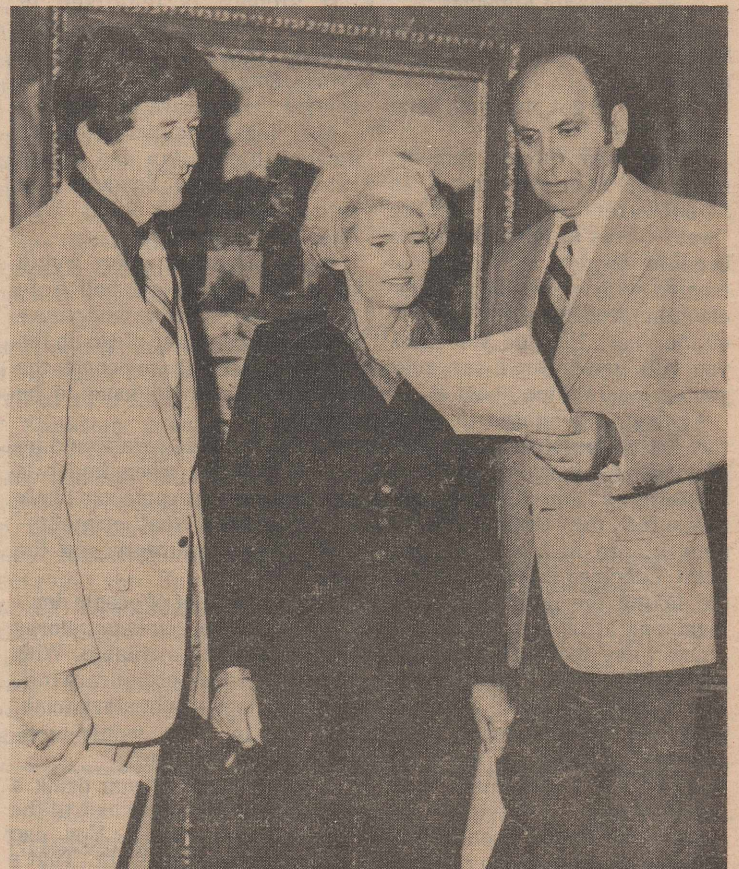
Also Dr. Edward Barkowsky, communications and letters division chairman; Gary Lowe, instructor of religion; Dr. James Palmer, social science division chairman, and Michael Thornton, fine and applied arts acting division chairman.

And, Jeanne Kobuszewski, instructor of speech and drama; Wendell Jones, associate professor of foreign language; Gloria Shaw, director of the senior citizen center and Mike McBride, associate professor of journalism.

ATTENTION

On Dec. 3, Western Texas College will host its second Homecoming since the first one two years ago.

A schedule of activities for the day are as follows: 10 a.m. - 12 noon, registration and reception, Student Center; 10 a.m., Kappa Chi Exes' Brunch, Christian Student Center; 10:30 a.m., P.T.K. Exes' Reception, faculty lounge; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bar-B-Q Dinner, cafeteria; 1 p.m., pep rally, WTC gym; 1:30 p.m. Florida Scramble, WTC golf course; 5:15 p.m., Car Caravan, meet in west parking lot; 6 p.m., women's basketball — McMurry, coliseum; 8 p.m., men's basketball, McMurry, coliseum; and 10 p.m.-2 a.m., dance with 'Peyote,' WTC Gym.



CAMPUS VISITORS — Dr. Ben Brock, college vice-president, is shown with Dr. Florence Brawer and Dr. Arthur Cohen, representatives of the Center for the Study of Community Colleges, who visited WTC Nov. 15-16. (photo courtesy Snyder Daily News)

editorially

Patriotism Needed

Patriotism — an age-old word, huh? But it isn't used as much as it once was. Why not? Aren't we, the people, patriotic anymore? I sometimes wonder.

Once, patriotism was a vital trait of people considered respected and envied individuals. Everyone looked up to them. All the little kids wanted to grow up just like them. "Someday, I want to be just like George Washington." Not an uncommon dream of youngsters once long ago.

Today, patriotism in some places throughout the United States is an ugly word. If not ugly, then forgotten.

All that is heard in the world news today is scandals in our government, promises of politicians that aren't kept, murders, rapes, robberies and unhealthy and strained relations between countries.

If the U.S. is trying to help a deprived country, then she's in the wrong. If the U.S. is being neutral as far as getting involved with other countries' problems and affairs, then once again, she's in the wrong. It's like people are never satisfied with the way things are done anymore!

Have we forgotten what a truly great country we live in?

Have we forgotten the history of our nation — most of which we can be proud?

Every country has its bad times — it's a fact. There's no sense in being ashamed of being an American simply because we've had governmental scandals such as Watergate.

During these bad times, though the U.S. really needs the patriotism and love of country from its people. It's just like a family — when the going gets rough, you have to stand together as one and fight it out.

Have we forgotten what we have to be thankful for in our homeland? How about freedom of speech, religion and press (Thank God for that!)?

What about the right to vote, even if some don't exercise this right?

And we have the right to a fair trial, innocent until proven guilty. How many countries can you think of that give their people this privilege? Not very many, I'll bet!

How about the laws of our nation? Some may not be as effective as they should, and there are some that can probably be skirted. But there still are those that keep our land a decent place in which to live. Think of what it would be like without any laws at all!

So many things we have and so many of us don't know what patriotism is or what good it does! Have you thought far enough into the future about what this country (and world) is going to be like when your children are growing up? If the U.S. is still around, that is?

Patriotism? You better believe it!

by Diane

Wet Or Dry? Good Or Bad?

by Stephanie Stephens

"Hey, I'm fixin' to head for Sweetwater! Do you need anything?"

"Naw, I've got plenty on hand right here."

In the near future, students may not have to travel to Sweetwater or surrounding "wet" towns to get their booze because Snyder is being confronted with a packaged liquor election, probably after the first of the year. How do you think you will vote? Don't say until you seriously think about it.

At first, I hesitated to write this article because I knew the election held so much controversy. Then I seriously measured my beliefs toward alcohol, pro and con. At that point, I decided to write the article taking the position against legalizing alcohol in Snyder.

One thing that influenced me was the TV series "Family." On this particular show, a girl 15 years old was an alcoholic. Her reasons for drinking were for social acceptance and loneliness.

Soon, she couldn't control her desire to drink, and the result — alcoholism. Sure, this was just a TV show, but there are plenty of teenage alcoholics running around today.

If alcohol is legalized in Snyder, this will encourage many teenagers (underage) to drink. Some won't be able to control their desire for booze.

Also, legalizing alcohol would mean a higher tax and crime rate. Presently Snyder's tax rate is high enough. Right? Who likes to pay taxes?

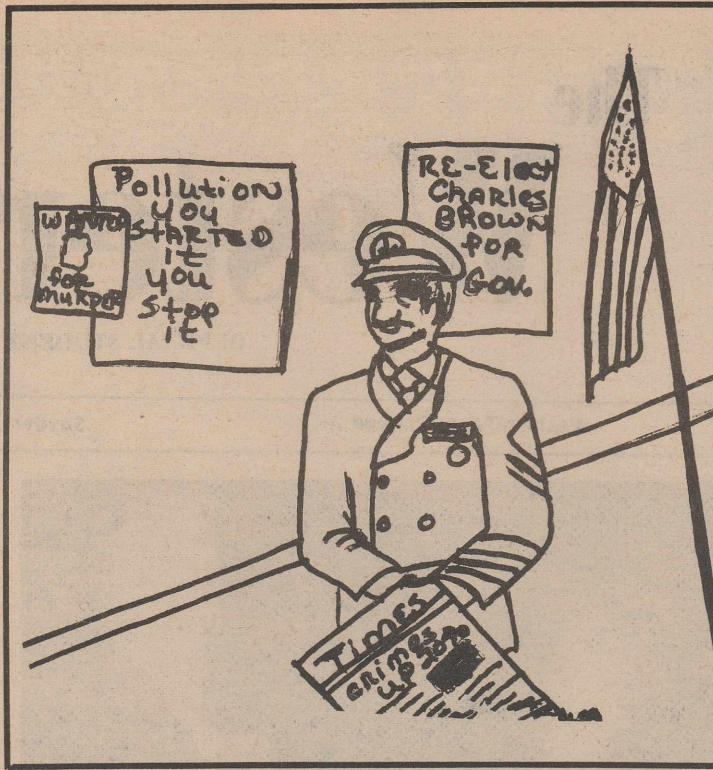
With liquor, Snyder would have to hire more police to protect the citizens and more sanitation people to clean up the streets. To pay these people, the city's taxes would have to be raised.

Snyder's crime rate would increase because when liquor is available more people are likely to get drunk. What crime? — DWI, thefts, murders and the like.

Right now a lot of people don't drink because package stores are not readily available. With off-premises consumption, though, many might start drinking. Again, this would contribute to alcoholism.

I know many of you drink a lot, but take a second look at the issue before voting. You can vote any way you want. That's your decision.

Remember, if you don't vote, don't gripe about it later.



Maturity Restrained

by Diane Wright

If anyone living in the dorm read the rule booklets (like they were supposed to) given out at the first of the semester, they probably noticed that boys aren't allowed on the girls' back stairs — and, that while visiting a member of the opposite sex, doors to the rooms are not to be completely closed.

Reactions to this? "I'm not 15 years old!" "This is worse than living at home — even my folks trust me more than that!"

Why exactly are these rules in existence? The obvious person to ask was Lisa Hillis, dorm director.

As far as the boys being on the back stairs of the girls' dorms, Mrs. Hillis stated that the school board made this ruling. She said some males would have a tendency to 'Hang on to the door.' Also, with the bathrooms/showers across from the back door, it isn't always easy for a girl to come out from having taken a shower with a male looking in at the door. There are still modest girls, even in our modern, open-minded world today.

One other objective in mind is that it's an 'easy in' for guys. Some can't resist the temptation of stealing up on the girls' floors after visitation hours.

As for the 'no closed doors' policy, Mrs. Hillis explained that there were a lot of complaints last year from people being locked out by their roommates. By having this policy, Mrs. Hillis stated that it prevents problems such as 'hankie pankie' being carried to extremes.

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Really, it's easy to see both sides of the issue. The students' side is the question, "Why can't we be treated like adults?" Here we are, in college, ranging from 17-26 years of age, and we're treated like high school kids! Huh?

There are those students who take advantage of the situation and, at the same time, give all the rest of us the bad image.

But we can't all be grouped together. It's about as fair as grouping the teachers together — that of all of them being hard and uncaring.

In my way of thinking, if we the students are treated like adults, there's a bigger chance of us being adults.

Those who act immaturely should be treated as such. But the rest of us deserve this chance!

From the administrative side, it's easy to see that they have to protect each of our rights as an individual and also protect the school name. It doesn't look good for a college to have an epidemic of unwed pregnant mothers!

Perhaps something could be worked out through the dorm council and the administration. That is, if they're both willing to give a little!

WT POLL

Thoughts Of Thanksgiving

by Dannette Mickler

With Thanksgiving being tomorrow, the following students were asked what they thought of in connection with the holiday.

Tony Dawdy, "I think it is a time to be thankful. It is a time to have your kinfolks over to eat and have a party."

Randy Riggs, "Thanksgiving is a time to get the family and relatives together for rejoicing. It's also a time to rest and relax from your everyday duties."

Denice Haught, "Getting together with relatives and eating lots of good food."

Deb Robertson, "Eating lots of good food and gaining weight. Then after it's all over going on a diet."

Lisa Dutton, "I think of turkey and dressing with cranberry sauce."

Tammi Grindstaff, "I think of food."

Becky Westbrook, "All the family meeting at my grandparent's house to eat and visit all day."


Darlene Neatherlin, "I think of no school, and lots of good turkey to eat."

Karen Cowart, "I think of a lot of people coming to the house. All my kinfolks and watch parades and help get dinner ready. Everybody eats and there's a lot of food. Then everybody watches all the football games and sleep."

Melanie Weaver, "I think of kinfolks, eating a big Thanksgiving dinner, all the members of the family trying to see who can get the biggest buck and last, but not least, to see the Texas Aggies stomp UT."

Nancy Baird, "I think of going to my aunt's house and PIGGIN' OUT on all the food, and then watch the Aggies stomp UT."

LaDonna Powell, "Stuffing myself even though I always swear I won't. But mostly getting to SLEEP for a change!"



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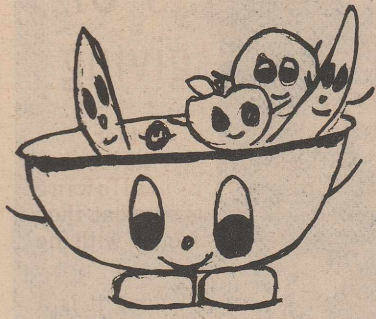
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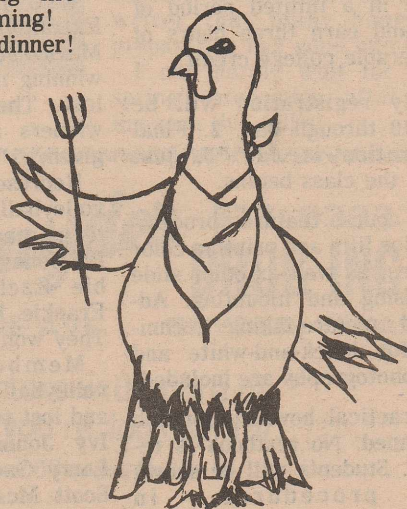
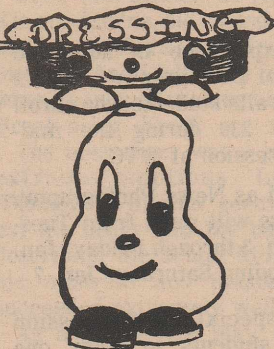
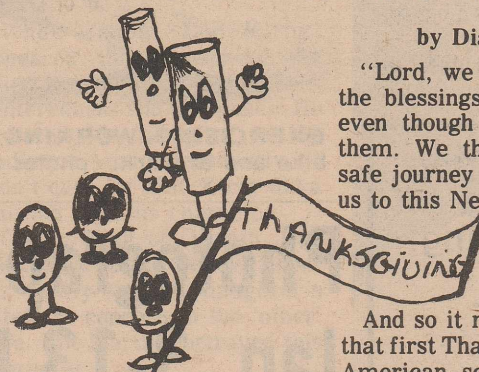
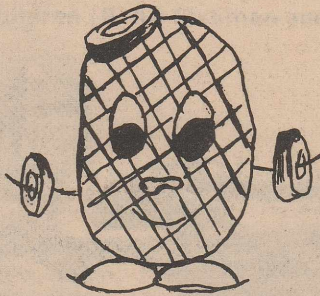
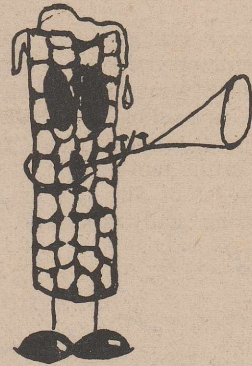
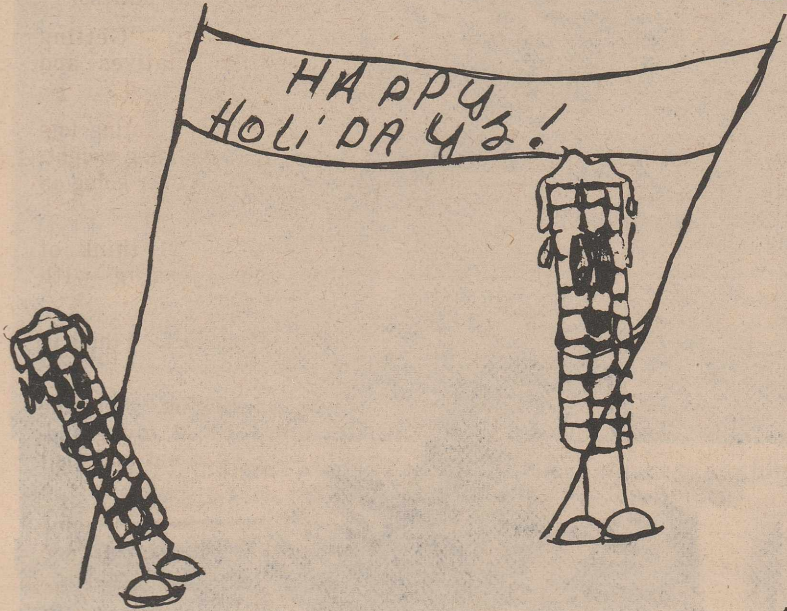
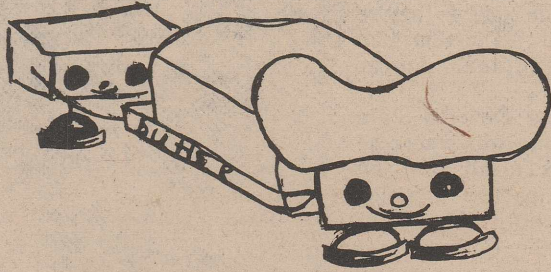
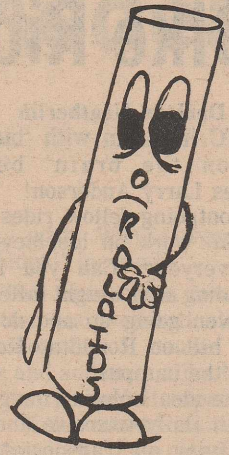
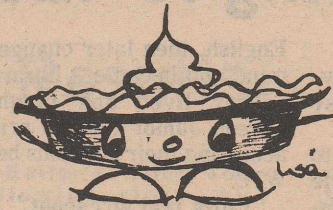
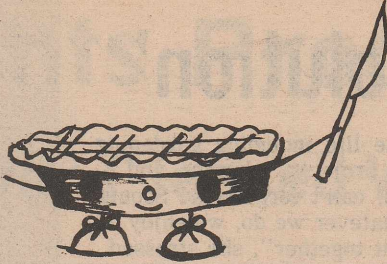
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Sigh, Only A Dream!

by Diane Wright

The last week of school before the long Thanksgiving weekend, I virtually starved myself in anticipation of the huge feast my family would have.

I'd go to bed hungry and a vision of the tender, golden brown turkey would pop into my head. The thing about it was the turkey was dancing, as though teasing me to eat him — just take a bite of him. And that was only the beginning!

Following the dancing turkey was a huge pan of my mother's dressing — ummmm, my mouth was watering!!

Then the cranberry sauce wiggled by. I've never really cared for it but I've always been fascinated by its movements!

Naturally, the fresh, garden picked black-eyed peas and green beans are next. Oh, the torture!

I don't know if I can stand waiting until Thanksgiving dinner if this parade has much more delicious food!

I spoke too soon! Here comes the ham! Oh, goodness, I'll be climbing the walls before this is over!

Oh no, corn on the cob! And fruit salad!

Look! There's even squash, okra and hominy! Please, somebody get me the Roloids — I need them just watching this spectacular event!!

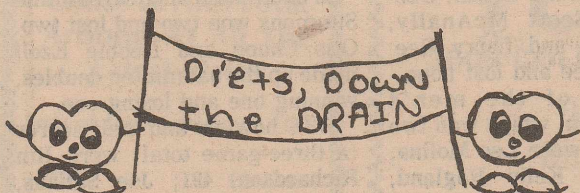
There's homemade rolls and fresh cornbread! Bring out the butter, Mom!

And marshmallows and sweet potatoes! Even mashed potatoes and fried chicken! Will this procession never end?!!

I'm done for! There goes my fast! It's pumpkin pie, pecan pie and chocolate pie!! How can they do this to me?!

"Diane! Diane! Wake Up!" No, it wasn't the turkey or cranberry sauce talking. It was my roommate shaking me awake. I was only dreaming!

Oh, for Thanksgiving dinner! Sigh!



Are You Thankful?

by Stephanie Stephens

Well, Thanksgiving is almost here.

How are you going to spend it? Many will gorge themselves with turkey and dressing and all the trimmings followed by a couple of Alka Seltzers.

Others will glue themselves in front of the TV, watching parades and football games.

A few will spend their time with the relatives.

Hey, all this sounds great but stop a minute and think — "Are you really thankful for anything?" or "Do you honestly have anything to be thankful about?"

Yeah, I sure do! I have two loving parents who provide me with all the necessities of life — including God!

I have freedom of speech and the freedom to write articles such as this.

I have everything that I possibly could need, but so many times I forget to say thanks for these possessions.

Right now, I want you to think of the things you are really thankful for. Your prayer may be similar to mine:

"Hey God,
"Thanks! I mean for everything. Everything such as my two wonderful parents. Thanks for the food that you provide for me. For my country. Hey, I know I don't always appreciate everything about my country, but I really do love living in a free country. Lastly, God, thanks for loving me. Amen!"

A Time For Thanks

by Diane Wright

"Lord, we thank Thee for all the blessings You've given us, even though we don't deserve them. We thank Thee for the safe journey You gave some of us to this New World..."

Look at what we, as Americans, have to be grateful for! Cancel all the bad — just for now, OK!?

How about the food we have on our table? It's true — we grumble (and this writer grumbles the most!) about our cafeteria food. We ought to be thankful that we at least have some food — even if it doesn't suit our personal taste buds!

Look at the countries America is feeding — all those advertisements on TV of these little kids starving! Aren't they pathetic? And look around you — you don't see many Americans starving. If you do, it's either their own fault or their parents.

Look at the opportunity offered in this land! It may be dwindling, as far as jobs being available goes in parts of the country, but we do live in 'the land of opportunity' — So take advantage of it!

Hey, the next time you gripe about not having something that you want, think of that song that goes something like "I didn't have any shoes and I thought it was bad, until I saw the man who didn't have any feet!"

Get the idea?

And so it might have gone — that first Thanksgiving when the American settlers joined with the Indians to celebrate and give thanks to their God.

So much has happened since that day in 1621 when the first day of feasting and thanksgiving was observed.

America has experienced the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the war in Vietnam. She has survived all of these, even when her situation seemed to be doubtful a few times.

America has survived such historical events as the Depression, the decision of the atomic bomb, Industrial Revolution, Watergate, the Bay of Pigs, Kennedy Assassination, Martin Luther King's assassination, busing... just look at all these 'trials' or 'tragedies' that America has come through with flying colors!

From the Western Texan, have a good Thanksgiving!

Just don't get so wrapped up in the good ole homecooking that you forget we still have three weeks of school left and don't come back!

Bye!

Neither Rain, Nor....

Bike Riding Is 'Ideal Solution'

by Darlene Neatherlin

A WTC librarian with 'bicycling on the brain' best describes Larry Anderson!

This outgoing fellow rides to and from work on his bicycle most everyday. Can you imagine riding a bike eight miles a day? Even going up and down the big hill on Roundtop Road west of the campus?

It's the ideal solution for getting your daily exercise and a great saving on transportation to boot! Anderson averages 20 minutes to and from work, however, his record is "13 minutes in a rainstorm."

Better known as 'Andy,' Anderson, WTC's director of library science, got into riding a two-wheeler about three years ago when it was "the thing to do," a fad. He had to learn all the steps as a beginner. This was the first and only bicycle he ever had, "But it's still in good shape today, despite a few scratches or so!"

Weather and schedules are the only obstacles that prevent him from riding nine months a year to work.

He's not the only one in his family who rides. His wife, Elsie, assistant professor of math at WTC, and two daughters, Jean and Margaret, also enjoy riding.

Andy met Elsie overseas while he was in the service. She was an exchange teacher originally from Rhodesia (southeast Africa) who attended college at Rhodes University, receiving B.S. and U.E.D. degrees there. The cordial Briton also holds M.Ed. and M.S.L.S. degrees from East Texas State University.

He was first interested in

English, then later changed his mind and became a librarian.

They lived and taught at Laredo Junior College prior to accepting their positions here at WTC.

"I'm a real girl scout," Andy listed as one of his main interests. I know what you're thinking! No, he's on the Scout Council Committee and "really enjoys working in the organization."

An extraordinary event in his life was his vacation in '74 when he and his family toured England, Rhodesia and South Africa for six weeks. This was the only time he has been overseas to visit his wife's relatives.

She calmly stated, "It is too confusing with passports, airports, shots etc. to make the trip too often!" However, her mother has been here in the states "three times to visit them."

Farming is also one of his pastimes. He especially enjoys working on their farm in the country "most every Saturday." Andy likes the forest and Pecan trees, laughing as he said he was a "first-rate archaeologist." He also likes to go arrowhead hunting when he has the time.

Fishing is his No. 1 sport even though he doesn't do it often enough.

Being a librarian, of course, he naturally enjoys reading. Right now he is "all tied up in reading science books," since that is one of his "weak points."

Spunky, Squeally and Floppsy, their rabbits, also play a big role in the Anderson family.

Other than bike rides, the Andersons, enjoy an active

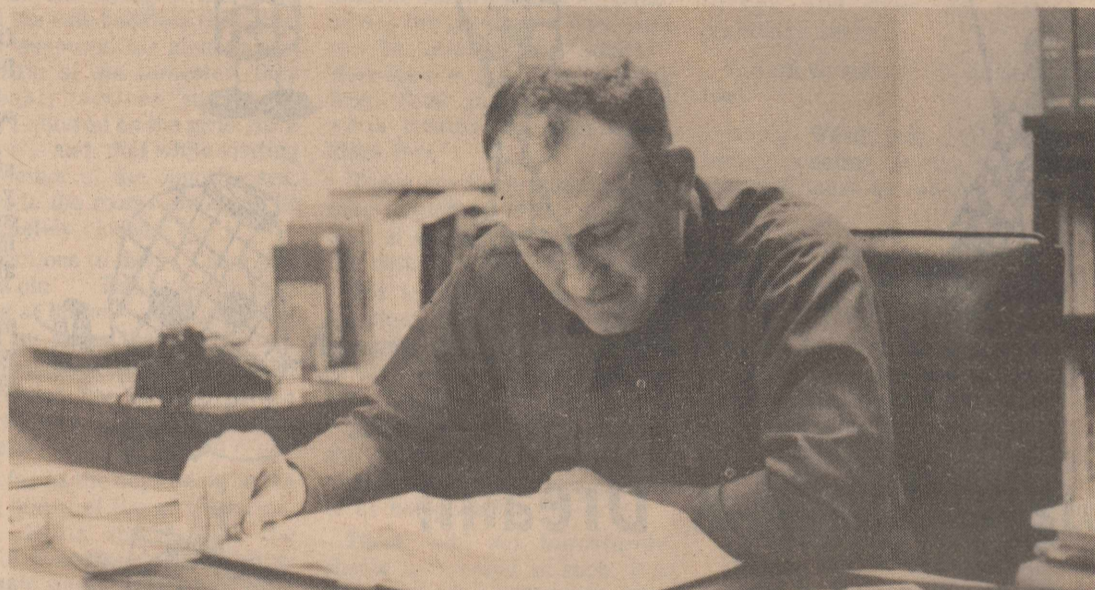
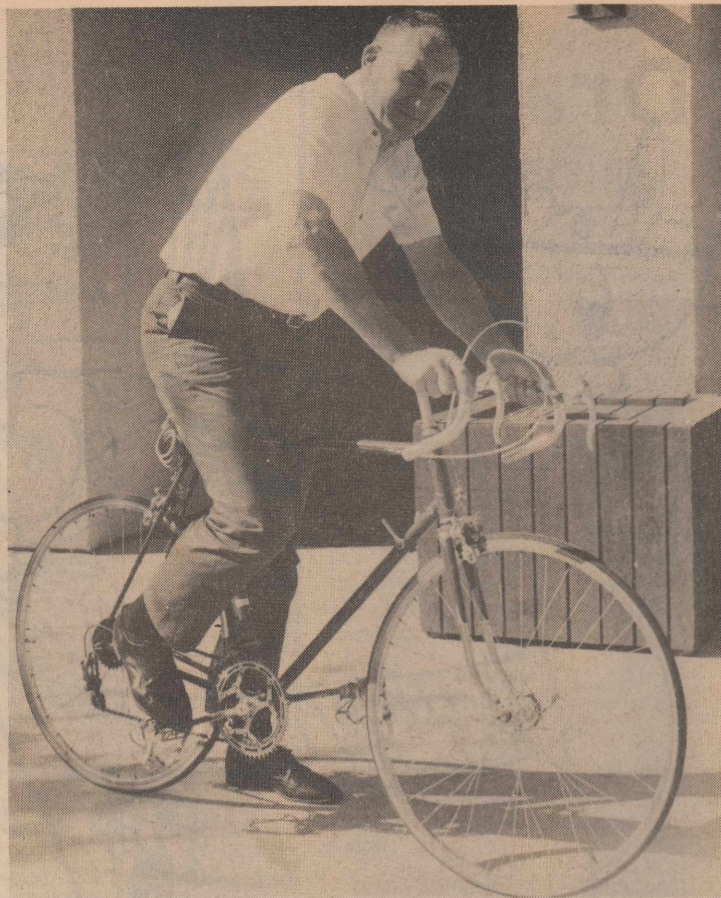
home life including gardening, 4-H projects, church, and — oops, can't forget Girl Scouts! "Whatever we do, we enjoy doing it together", she stressed.

Of his work, he said, "You can't beat the people here, the faculty, student body — they're all just great! WTC is just an all-around fabulous junior college."

Andy went to Tarleton State College, and that was where he made up his mind that he wanted to be part of a junior college. He holds the B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin and the M.S.L.S. also from East Texas State.

However you get your exercise, remember if you see some WTC faculty member riding a bicycle, he's riding for exercise, transportation, and to "get awake in the morning."

But most of all, he's riding because he really enjoys it!



EXERCISING, WORKING — Larry Anderson, Library Science Director, is shown on his bike and at work. (photos by Joe Boldon)

While you're gone for Thanksgiving, be giving serious thoughts to ordering a mum for Homecoming.

Your time's running out —
Homecoming is Dec. 3!
DO IT TODAY!



JAZZING IT UP — Dr. Gene McClurg, dean of occupational training and technology, left, and Guy Gamble, jazz ensemble instructor, right, rehearse. The jazz ensemble, one of WTC's new curricular additions, will be performing during the Homecoming game Dec. 3. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Photography Course Scheduled Jan. 3-13 In Midwinter Session

An experience in advanced and color photography — that's what awaits students who enroll in JOU 230 during the mid-winter session at WTC.

Listed as News Photography, the class will meet from Tuesday, Jan. 3 through Friday, Jan. 13, including Saturday, Jan. 7.

The special 10-day session allows students to study one course in a limited period of time and earn three hours of transferable college credit.

Early registration will be Dec. 10 through Jan. 2. Final registration is Jan. 3, just before the class begins.

The course features processing color film and printing color pictures, as well as color slide processing and mounting. Advanced picture-taking techniques for black-and-white and color photography are included.

A practical how-to approach is planned. No textbook is required. Students will be shown all procedures in

demonstrations, then have the opportunity to do them themselves.

A \$5 lab fee is charged for use of college darkroom facilities and camera and equipment checkout. Also, chemicals are provided.

Students will purchase film and paper, but may keep all pictures and slides processed.

The class is limited to 15 and will meet in Student Center-105.

For more information, contact Mike McBride, associate professor, at 573-8511, ext. 273.

Students Compete At NMJC

WTC recently competed in Extramural Days held at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, winning more events than they lost. There were no overall winners and no awards were given.

Representing WTC in mixed volleyball competition was the team made up of Leo Molina, Ivy Johnson, Della Brazil, Debbie Ezell, Scott McAnally, Frankie Ellis and Larry Gee. They won three and lost none.

Members of the men's volleyball team, which won two and lost two, were Leo Molina, Ivy Johnson, Kelly Ragland, Larry Gee, Rick Huelster and Scott McAnally. The women's

team winning one and losing three was made up of Della Brazil, Frankie Ellis, Debbie Ezell, Georgeann Smith, Darlene Neatherlin and Dora Arreguay.

Jimmy Jones and Richard Garcia won all their matches in foosball. Ricky Moreno won two and lost one in pool.

In badminton singles, Sammie Simmons won two and lost two. Otis Chunn and Debbie Ezell made up the badminton doubles, winning one and losing one.

WTC bowlers and their scores (a three-game total) were Jim Richardson, 491; Joe Salinas, 336; James Posey, 524; and Brad Etheridge, 421.

Drama Presents Production, 'Medea'

Instructor Pleased With Results



"How can I kill them? Medea (Junanne Brock) wonders as children (Benji Fishman and Brad Vincent) watch their mother. (photos by Joe Boldon)

Review

Characters Make Successful Play

by Diane Wright

On Friday night, Nov. 18, it was the writer's pleasure to attend WTC's drama production, "Medea," and witness a truly fine exhibition of talent by the cast.

Caught up in the emotions of the characters on the stage, it was quite easy to imagine

oneself living at the time of this Greek tragedy.

The nurse (Sarah Coleman) was a type of foreshadowing. Her soliloquy provided an ominous, mysterious quality to the play. And her make-up job was fantastic!

I could feel Medea's (Junanne Brock) torment and jealousy

when her husband, Jason, took a new bride. I could feel her hatred for him and his new bride.

When Jason (Lee Kirby) appeared, the atmosphere was filled with egotism, pride, self-centeredness and arrogance. He radiated his thoughts to the audience and, personally, I didn't care for him. Kirby did a fine job with his character.

Creon, King of Corinth, was the typical father worried about his newly-wedded daughter's safety in concern to the 'other' wife. Bill Martin portrayed this character.

Fred McFarland, as Aegeus, King of Athens, did a good job as Medea's friend. He was likeable. And I felt sorry for him when he tripped making his exit. Break a leg, Fred?

The messenger was a part of extreme emotions. Luther 'Punchy' Williams seemed to put his heart into the part. In describing the brutal killing of his mistress and master, he succeeded extremely well.

As a whole, the play was a success. It was apparent to this writer that many hours of preparation had gone into it.

I can hardly wait for next spring's production, after having seen this fall's!

(Editor's note: The following story, by Junanne Brock, staff writer and lead actress, offers one person's opinion of the drama production for Fall '77.)

by Junanne Brock

Western Texas College's drama department concluded its fall season with a successful four-night run of Frederick Prokosch's "Medea" Nov. 16-19.

With enthusiastic audiences, the production was well received by faculty, students, other local theatre patrons, and several out-of-town individuals and groups.

Jeanne Kobuszewski, director, was pleased with results of the long, tedious hours spent in rehearsal and felt it was a challenge well met by those involved. "Several newcomers to the stage have now had a marvelous opportunity to experience theatre and all its demands and applause," she commented.

The dramatic experience was heightened by numerous technical effects which resulted from hundreds of hours work accomplished by members of the cast and students enrolled in the theatre activities course. Especially noteworthy, the live music which accompanied the performance was arranged by Jane Womack, music instruc-

tor, with WTC's version of "Medea" in mind.

"The music was beautifully written and well-articulated instrumentally. It caused the actors and audience alike to share in the powerful experience," Ms. Kobuszewski said. "Our musicians worked well together."

A newcomer to WTC's faculty, the drama instructor stressed that she appreciated the fine support of all students and faculty who attended the performances.

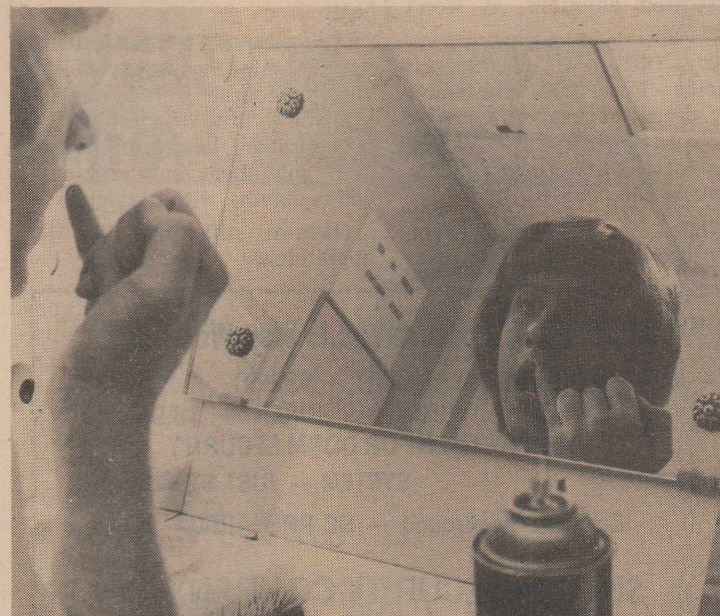
With the stage now bare and cleaned and costumes stored, cast and crew members begin "catching up" on studies and sleep. But there may be a slight "emptiness" experienced by some, as they have time in their daily schedules which, for six weeks, were filled with long hours of work and rehearsals.

The spring semester will bring other opportunities for interested theatre goers. Arrangements for a dinner theatre are being developed. The comedy to be performed will be selected by Ms. Kobuszewski in the near future.

Included in the theatre department's spring schedule are plans for a travelling road show combining theatre and pantomime.



Jeanne Kobuszewski, director, before one of the play performances.



Lee Kirby prepares make-up for his role as Jason.

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Karen Williams

Locked Toe Proves No Handicap; Freshman Elected Team Captain

by Rocky Alexander

What happens to most people who get up tight? Usually just that, but for Karen Williams? Her toe locks!

"I have an unusual toe that locks when I get excited, scared, or nervous," the Post freshman noted. "My right big toe!"

Does she have a key that unlocks it when this happens?

"It will unlock when I finally relax."

Williams was recently elected captain of the 1977-78 WTC Duster basketball team. In fact, she is the first freshman named since the squad was organized in 1974. All the players that year were freshmen.

Being a freshman means she automatically will be captain next year, too. The enthusiastic cager said she was very shocked at being chosen by her teammates.

The duties of a basketball captain during the season?

"A captain is supposed to encourage hustle and hard work, plus keep the team together," Williams answered.

She also pointed out that, as captain, another duty was learning to play all the positions — forward, guard, you name it.

Cheerleading, skiing, camping and "being with friends" are Karen's favorite pastimes other than basketball.

The ex-Post High School cheerleader recalled a moment which could have been disastrous while still in high school.

"I was getting ready to go into a pep rally, and right before I went in I realized I forgot to put my tights on under my cheerleading suit!"

Williams also said once while camping she was "frog-dipping" and standing in the water with a tee-shirt and her underwear on. Then her feet got stuck in the mud. Trying to get out only made matters worse — she scared all the frogs away!

The Duster captain has no major in college but would like to be a special education teacher.

Active in high school sports, she was named all-district in basketball one year and received honorable mention two years. In track, she won state one year and regional four years as a member of the sprint relay team.

The outstanding sportster had other accomplishments at Post.

She was class favorite her freshman, junior and senior years, basketball sweetheart, Miss PHS and homecoming queen her senior year.

You always know Karen by the smile on her face and her friendly hellos, but remember — don't get her excited or scared or nervous.

We don't want to see her big toe lock!



INVOLVEMENT OR PAIN? — Is Karen Williams involved in practice or has her toe locked down again, causing her to look like she's in pain? (photo by Joe Bol-don).

Westerners Win At Classic

Boosting their season record to 5-1, Nolan Richardson's Westerners captured two cage wins against no losses at the Ranger Classic, Nov. 14-15, in Ranger.

WTC's first opponent, Weatherford, was bombed, 107-76, mainly on the shooting power of Adam Beadle. He scored 22 points to lead all Westerners.

The "Green Machine" out-scored Weatherford in both halves for the victory.

Other double-figure pointers for the Snyder team were Jon Moorehead, 16; Robert Brown,

13 and Mike Smith and Julio Gallardo, 11 each.

Pean was top scorer for Weatherford with 34 tallies.

Richardson commented, "I am proud we won, but we could have done better on our executions."

The following day, Nov. 15, WTC slipped by Ranger Junior College, 78-63.

Top scorer for the Westerners was Beadle with 18 points. Gallardo followed with 16 and Doug Worthington sank 12.

Leading Ranger was Green with 18 points.

Bad Grade Solutions

by Stephanie Stephens

With finals just around the corner, many students are finding themselves in grade trouble. Scholars have offered several solutions to the serious problem.

One might bribe the instructor with a juicy, red apple. A precaution to this method is just make sure the so-called 'enticing' apple doesn't have a little, slimy worm in the middle!

Or study 24 hours a day. One disadvantage would be when you have an 'F' average and you demand an 'A' for the course!

If these two don't appeal to you, hire a tutor.

A sure-fire one is cry three times. The disadvantage? Although it may make you feel better by releasing your frustrated emotions, it won't pass you.

Try this one — commit suicide. True, you won't have any more grade problems, but that's an expensive way of getting out of taking your final or flunking the course!

Nope, I'm not through yet. Try praying for your instructor

to have a cardiac arrest. OK, you may pass, but what if others discovered you were the culprit who jinxed the prof?

Abby always has the answer. The downfall is if she doesn't write back in time or can't find an answer (shock of the ages) to your problem!

Another method is steal the instructor's gradebook. The disadvantage is that the teacher may have a spare gradebook on hand.

Try forging someone else's name on the test. Whoops! What if you get arrested for forgery?

The best method, though, is simply drop the course. Face up to the fact that there's no way you can possibly pass.

Of the ten possible solutions, the last one is definitely the best.

Seriously, talk to your instructor if you're having problems with the course. He/she can advise you to drop or not. Most instructors are happy to counsel with you about any problems you're having with classes.

(H-m-m, still kinda' like the apple idea!)

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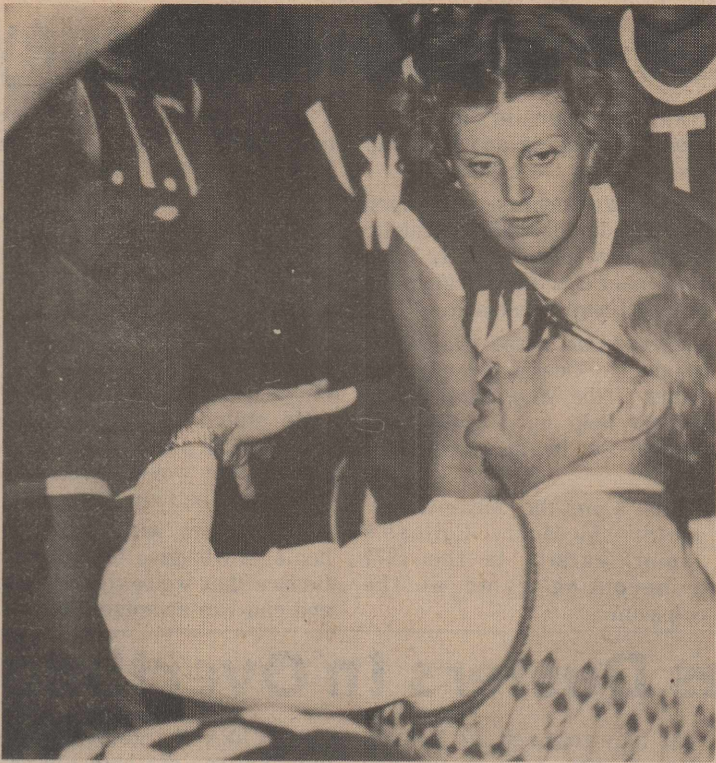
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NOW HEAR THIS — Duster Debbie McDonald listens as Coach Sid Simpson gives instructions at the Tech game. Dusters lost 76-47. (photo by Rocky Alexander)

Dusters Defeated In Opener, Luttrull Leads WTC Scorers

WTC's Duster basketball team went down to defeat at the hands of the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Slaton, Nov. 12, 76-47.

Cindy Luttrull led WTC scoring with 16 points, followed by Pam Tatum who managed 14. Leading the Tech attack was D'Lynn Brown with 15 points.

The Dusters seemed to have trouble getting things together with their first score of the game coming after 8:58 had expired from the clock.

With 11:02 left in the half, Jo Beth Mitchell was fouled by a Tech player and sank the shot, bringing the score to a disappointing 19-1.

During the last 10 minutes of the half, WTC's offense began hitting an occasional basket but it seemed like the Tech fens couldn't miss. At the end of the first half the score stood, WTC-21, Texas Tech-49.

Second half scoring went much the same with the Dusters sinking only seven points during the first 10 minutes of play.

With 7:03 left in the game, a spark suddenly hit the Snyder team as they came up with 17 points in the last few minutes, but as the clock ticked down the final seconds of the contest, WTC found the low end of the 76-47 score.

ROCKY ROAD

All About Athletes, Hitchhiking

by Rocky Alexander

ATHLETE — that word means different things to almost every person around, but what is the real meaning of the word?

Webster defines 'athlete' as a person trained in exercises, games, or contests requiring physical strength, skill, stamina, speed, and so on.

I'll go along with that definition to a certain extent, but what is a true athlete?

In my opinion, a true athlete is a person who is as Webster described, plus a loyal team member, a hard worker, a determined competitor, and someone with pride and spirit in his or her team and school. I could list numerous other qualities of a true athlete, but I'll stop with these few.

How could a person be considered a true athlete without the above qualities? With no determination, pride or spirit, what good will being trained for athletics do for the individual except give him or her the title of 'athlete'?

When an 'athlete' enters the professional ranks, does being trained at that sport get him on a team? Of course not.

Everyone knows that in professional athletics a team member who shows no dedication and puts forth no effort will more than likely sit on the bench or, worse, be cut from the roster.

A person trained as a fireman, but who puts no effort into fighting fires, is better off staying home — and the same applies to 'athletes'.

A person can be trained a

great deal in his or her sports field, but if that is the only characteristic can we really say this person is a true athlete?

If you were driving down HWY-84 toward Snyder, Nov. 14, those things you saw walking down the road at 11 p.m. were not the Three Stooges; in fact, they were Western Texan photographers, Joe Boldon and Cody Bell.

The other person? It's not that important. (Oh yeah, it was none other than yours truly!)

We had traveled to Abilene to cover the Duster-ACU game and, on the way back, the water-pump went out on my car.

Lucky for us, this unfortunate occurrence took place next to the Inadale cotton gin.

We knew there was nothing we could do, so we pushed the car up by the gin and a man told us it would be alright sitting there.

"See if you can get someone on the CB," Joe and Cody pleaded.

I tried for five minutes and the only person who would talk

to me was a truck driver headed the opposite direction.

After a few minutes, I said, "If we're going to get anywhere, we better take off."

We gathered up our things and took off on our 20-mile-plus hiking trip.

The night air was cool, and as we trudged along the edge of the superslab, we sang, laughed, shouted — anything to keep warm and not think about the long trail ahead.

We continued to walk as cars and trucks whizzed by.

Hoping the Dusters would soon be by, we began watching each set of headlights as they approached but then immediately passed us.

At approximately 11:40, a car driven by Jeff Campbell of Snyder pulled to the side of the road. He offered us a ride. In the car was his wife, Debbie, and their baby, Jason. We all joked and laughed at the incident as we journeyed home.

As we pulled up to WTC, I looked at my watch and noticed we were four hours ahead of schedule!

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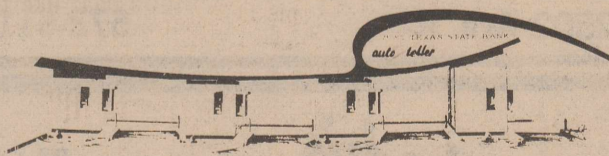
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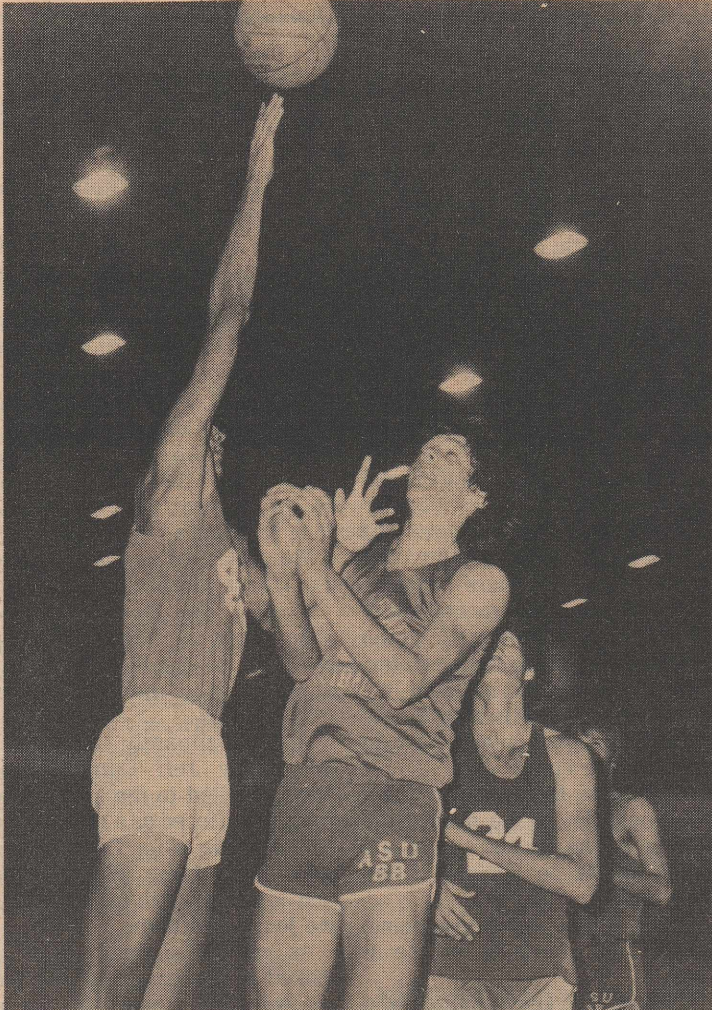
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PRAYIN' FOR MERCY — Westerner Julio Gallardo stretches for two points in the WTC scrimmage against Angelo State. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Cagers Vie in Wool Bowl Tourney

by Rocky Alexander
 Tomorrow, WTC's Westerner cagers will be in Roswell, N.M. to begin play in the annual Wool Bowl Tournament.

WTC will open against Oklahoma City Junior College in the first round of competition at 11 a.m.

Other teams included in the contests are Odessa College, Midland College, New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico Junior College, and Wayland Baptist College Junior Varsity.

"If we execute well and play a good, strong defense, we should be able to win," commented Westerner Coach Nolan Richardson.

Favored teams in the tournament are Odessa and Midland, according to the coach.

The Westerners will open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Dec. 1, when they meet Odessa College in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Richardson noted that WTC should play Odessa in the second round of the Wool Bowl which "would help us a great deal before we begin conference play."

Dec. 3 pits the 'Mean Green' against McMurry College's Junior Varsity in the 1977 homecoming game at the coliseum.

Junior varsities are not ranked, pointed out Richardson, but he said that they have a "pretty good team."

In their second loop clash Dec. 5, WTC will battle with one of the top-ranked teams in the nation Clarendon College.

"This will be a 'barn burner', being our first conference game on the road," said Richardson.

He stated that if the team could win 60 percent of the road games, they would have a good chance at the loop title.

"If we can win away from home, it will give the kids confidence that we're a road team and can win at home also."

ACU Nudges Dusters In Overtime

by Rocky Alexander
 With the score hopping back and forth during the entire game, Abilene Christian University squeaked by Western Texas College, 70-68, in women's basketball action, Nov. 14.

Leading the scoring for the WTC squad was Karen Williams with 15 points. Cindy Luttrull sank 12. Melissa Gibson scored 21 points to top ACU netters.

During the initial seven minutes and 17 seconds, the score bounced around with no one team in charge. The widest lead held by either team in the first 10 minutes was three, held by ACU.

ACU took over the lead with 12:38 left in the first half and maintained that edge through the remainder of play, with the halftime score being a close 39-38 in favor of the Wildcats.

WTC started the second half scoring as Jackie Rose sank two free throws with 28 seconds elapsed from play, giving the Dusters a 40-39 lead.

As play resumed the Dusters worked their way in for two points and a 60-60 tie with 2:03 to play. Both teams began to show the desire to win with ACU scoring two baskets in 26 seconds.

Down by four and with less than one minute to play, the Dusters began their march. With :47 showing on the clock, Penny Sexton brought the 'Green' within two points of a tie.

The Wildcats then took possession of the ball with only seconds remaining in the game, but an ACU foul set up a chance for WTC to tie the contest at 64-64.

Nodia Vaughn stepped up to the foul line with only 32 seconds on the clock. Both benches were quiet as the ball flew to the backboard and through the basket, bringing the score to 64-63 with one shot to go for Vaughn. She set, shot, and in it went — tying the game at 64-64.

ACU took charge of the ball, but time ran out before a shot could be made, sending the contest into overtime.

The Wildcats jumped out with three quick baskets in the five-minute overtime period, but WTC began to fight back scoring four points with the second basket coming with 38 seconds left.

The Dusters fought back and drove with the ball when time ran out, leaving the score ACU-70, WTC-68.

The fem cagers open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play against Clarendon College, Nov. 28 in the WTC gym.

Other up-coming games include Odessa College, Dec. 1, University of Texas at El Paso, Dec. 2, and McMurry College, Dec. 3, all at home. Dec. 5, the Dusters will travel to Clarendon for their second meeting with Clarendon College.

Scoring alternated from team to team for the majority of the final 20 minutes, but with 4:29 left ACU began to pull away and worked up a seven-point lead with 3:33 showing.

The Dusters didn't seem to care for that too much and suddenly mounted their own drive, scoring six quick points to bring them within two points of a tie. 2:12 showed on the clock and WTC used their last time out to slow down and regroup.

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