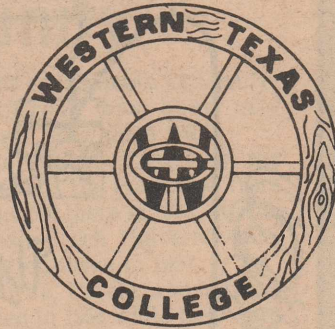


MERRY CHRISTMAS



'TIS THE SEASON — The Christmas tree in the Student Center seems different, with a smiling angel appearing to greet all Westerners with good wishes for the upcoming holiday season. (photo by Cody Bell)



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Sherri Muncrief

Work Study Student Training To Run Planetarium Programs

by Lois Gleason

Planetarium shows, now a rare event on campus, have been offered again in the last few days. The building was in use frequently in 1973-74 but has remained empty and idle most of the time since Mickey Schmidt, former Scurry Co. Museum director, resigned in 1974.

According to Dr. Robert Clinton, WTC president, the problem has been an inability to find a qualified person to run the complex, delicate machinery in the planetarium.

"Just as we would get someone trained, they would move," he said.

Sherri Muncrief, sophomore work study student, is being trained to fill Schmidt's shoes by Dr. Shelby Hillis, science and math division chairman. She should soon be able to offer more programs, at least to special interest groups like clubs or school classes, he said.

The administration wasn't too concerned about the facility being closed for so long. As Dr. Clinton explained, "There wasn't much of a turnout for the

public showings anyway." This led them to believe that the planetarium wasn't appreciated by the community.

But, says Jim Erwin, principal of North Elementary, who attended some of the public programs, "It's like anything with a special interest, there's only a certain number of people interested."

He said he always enjoyed the shows and found them very informative and interesting.

Most popular were the programs given to the public school grades, 4-6. Classes from all area schools would come out several times a year. Each class paid \$15 per session.

Of the five elementary school principals queried, all expressed regret that the planetarium was no longer available for use by the public schools. All said they would want to bring their classes back again if any programs were offered.

They also said that children were enthusiastic when they went before and "they learned a lot." The planetarium was highly praised as a valuable teaching tool by the four principals who visited it.

Joel Griffin, principal of Stanfield Elementary, stated, "I think it's a shame it isn't being used."

'Student Lawyer' Mahan Wins County Traffic Case

Mike Mahan, WTC golfer from Midland, was found innocent in county court here Nov. 28 to a charge of allegedly running a red light...but, surprisingly, he defended himself in the case.

"I felt like there was a mistake on his behalf and I just happened to be a victim of circumstances, so I decided to fight it," Mahan said.

Prosecuting was George

Killam, county attorney. Testifying for the prosecution was officer Whittenburg. The city engineer also testified that the stop light was in working condition.

Mark Cantrell, also a WTC student, testified for Mahan. He was driving in front of him when the citation was issued.

Jury was in session about 30 minutes before they agreed to pass the "not guilty" verdict.

Midwinter Session Set

Registration for WTC's 1979 Midwinter Session will be Dec. 15-22 and Jan. 2.

Classes will meet from Jan. 3-6 and Jan. 8-13 for four and one-half clock hours daily. Students will be limited to one course.

Fees will be \$36 for each course, with a \$10 lab fee also required for Color Photography, Journalism 130, taught by Mike McBride.

Other courses scheduled are English 132, Composition II,

Richard Lancaster; English 231, American Literature, Marilyn Lancaster, and English 232, British Literature, Dr. Ed Barkowsky.

More are Gov. 231, US Government, Dr. Bill Cumiford; Gov. 232, State/Local Government, Dr. Frank Pruitt; History 132, US History after 1865, Harry Krenek.

Late registration will be Jan. 3 from 8:30-9 a.m.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Class Meeting Time	Examination Time
8:30-9:20 a.m. MWF	8 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18
9:25-10:15 a.m. MWF	12 Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 20
10:20-11:10 a.m. MWF	12 Noon, Monday, Dec. 18
11:15-12:05 p.m. MWF	10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20
12:10-1 p.m. MWF	10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18
1:05-1:55 p.m. MWF	10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19
8:35-9:50 a.m. TTH	12 Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 19
9:55-11:10 a.m. TTH	8 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21
11:55-1:10 p.m. TTH	8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19
1:15-2:30 p.m. TTH	10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21

Evening examinations will be given the last meeting during the week of Dec. 18-21. Thursday night exams may be administered Thursday, Dec. 14, if the instructor prefers that date.

Christmas Choral Program Slated Dec. 12 in Courtyard

A special choral presentation by area school choirs will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. by the Christmas tree in the central courtyard. The public is also invited.

The presentation is planned as part of WTC's continuing Christmas celebration. Participating in the event will be Snyder High School's "The Swingers", the junior high school and sixth-grade choirs.

The Scurry County Museum will be open from 6-9 p.m. that

day so students and visitors may view the old-fashioned Christmas exhibit which will remain on display throughout the month.

Dec. 3 WTC's choir presented seasonal music in the museum and Santa Claus met with children. Refreshments were also served.

Free planetarium Christmas shows were scheduled three times, also Dec. 3, for visitors to the campus.

Over 500 attended the special programs.



DAMAGE DONE — Campus security officer John McMaster and another official inspect damage after a 1975 Mercury driven by Kent Self, WTC student, collided with the chain link fence next to the college golf course. The accident was reported to city police Nov. 22. Damage to the fence was set at \$150. (staff photo)

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Editorially

New Bus Needed

Transportation is a major service at WTC for groups who travel around the state and country, representing the college.

The largest vehicle available is the diesel bus used mostly by the Westerners and Dusters to travel to basketball games.

It is a comfortable bus to travel in, except that half the time it won't run.

Recently, the Westerners used the bus to go to Kansas for the Independence Basketball Classic, but when they returned they were in rented cars. The bus remained broken down in Kansas.

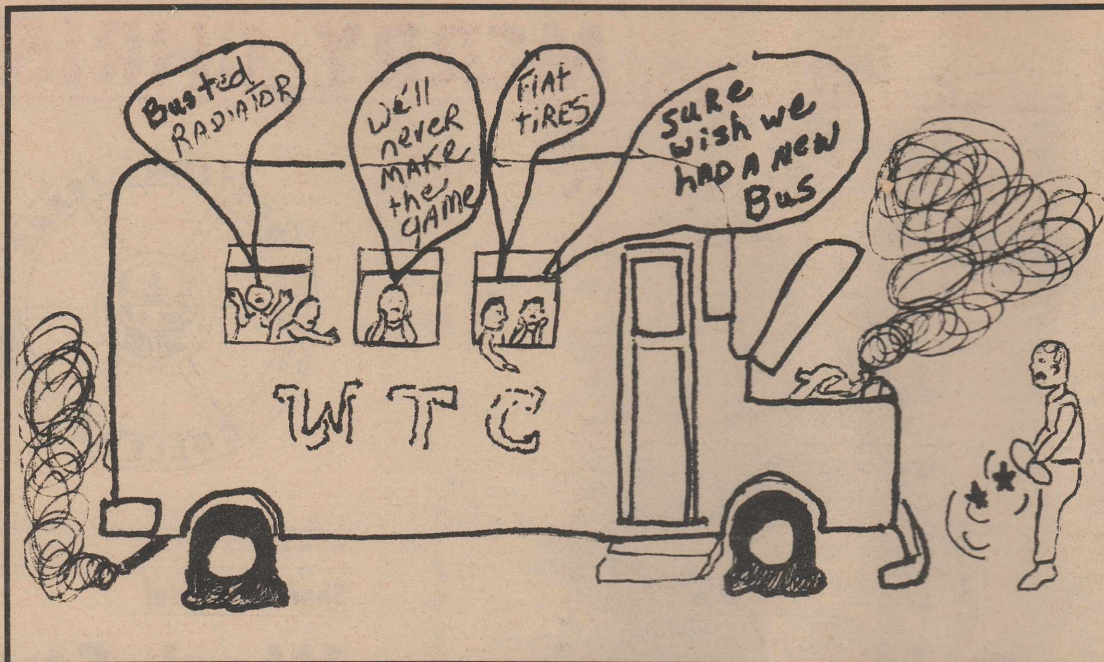
Last year, the Dusters used the bus to go to the regional playoffs in Abilene, but between Snyder and Sweetwater it broke down twice. They managed to get it to Sweetwater where the five starters were sent on it cars while the remainder of the team had to wait until vans could be delivered so they could continue their journey.

The bus has proved unfaithful more times than it has run, and the repairs that need to be done must keep the diesel mechanics class busy. The college needs to purchase a new bus for its students.

When the basketball teams use the bus, they need to be where they are going on time — and now they don't know if they will even get there or not.

A new bus is badly needed. It would not only give better transportation, but people wouldn't have to see it sitting on the side of the road and say, "There's WTC's old broken down bus!"

By Rocky



WT POLL

Students Suggest College Changes

by Debra Littlepage

Is WTC perfect or could the college stand a few changes? The question put to students this week was, "If you could change anything about WTC, what would you change?"

"The women," retorted Snyder freshman Mark Mueller.

Snyder frosh Anita Anderson admitted, "It would be nice if they'd built the school around the parking lot."

Julie Dozier thinks it would be nice if there were no classes before nine in the morning. She is a sophomore from Vincent.

"It's fine to me. I think everything's fine and dandy. Besides, I'm going to be leaving soon," commented Keith Ward.

Sweetwater native Susan Phillips would like to see more students at WTC.

Jan McCathern, speech instructor, would change the drop policy. "I don't think students should be allowed to drop classes so late."

"I'd change the coffee to Folger's," quipped Snyder sophomore Tony Whittenburg.

Susie Jones of Fluvanna commented, "The parking."

"Nothing," decided Snyder frosh Earl McCann.

"I'd change all of of these interviews in this paper," clucked sophomore Ron Hester.

Susan Bentley of Winters tires of the colors of the buildings. "I'd like to see something different for a change."

Jayton sophomore Otis Chunn would like to see the cafeteria and gymnasium left open on weekends.

"Parking situation," answered Melissa Shankles, Albany freshman.

Hector Gonzalez of Dallas contemplated, "Here at WTC we have many, many great things happening, yet, if I were to change something, it would be trivial but important. I would like to change some of our negative attitudes concerning life, our education, our professors and peers — and replace these with open minds and positive attitudes."

Now, doesn't THAT make sense?

Editorially

Mass Suicide Costly

When the government is purportedly busy cutting expenditures, it's strange that over 900 people who denounced the United States, made their home in another country, murdered a congressman and several other people, then committed suicide should be flown back to the U.S., identified, embalmed and buried, mostly at governmental...taxpayer...expense.

For what? Not many people are even bothering to claim any of the bodies!

Most of the people in the Jonestown mass suicide took the trouble to tag themselves with their names and next of kin before downing the spiked Kool-Aid.

Nevertheless, in true government fashion, authorities want to do everything "properly". The bodies are fingerprinted, x-rays are being taken, and medical and dental records are being checked.

All this will probably cost much more than the projected \$9 million.

Whether the members of the People's Temple were crazy or just easily influenced doesn't much matter — Jonestown was chosen as a place to live and a place to die.

It should logically follow that Jonestown would be their place to be buried, also. But, then, America's reputation has never been one of logic.

By Lois

Editorially

Combat Campus Apathy

Apathy. The word sounds harsh and cold. Experts throw it around, terming it a major social danger of our society. This word, however, carries much relevance on our own campus. A prime example is the cancellation of the Student Senate-sponsored Wong Show and Volkswagen Push two weeks ago.

Why were the activities cancelled? Lack of participation. "I don't know why there was no participation," commented Mickey Baird, Student Senate sponsor. "We're looking into the situation and trying to find an answer."

The Wong Show was instituted last year. And, yes, there was ample participation. "That's why we decided to have it again this year," stated Baird.

"The kids seemed interested," she further declared. Publicity abounded. Information was published in the newspaper, posters were placed around campus, and the news was spread by word of mouth. Applications were picked up, but never returned.

The only answer? Apathy.

One student commented, "The kids gripe because of nothing to do, but when activities are planned, they don't participate."

Students definitely are interested in activities, but perhaps the wrong activities are planned. If this is the problem, the only answer rests with the Student Senate. They plan our activities and are the voice of our student body.

Let's generate some enthusiasm and find some worthwhile activities that we are truly interested in participating in. Then, let's relay our ideas to the Student Senate.

Let's add some 'life' to our 'good old college days.'

By Debra

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Rocky,

I would like to take this time to thank you for the very nice review of the play, "The Little Foxes," in your last publication. However, as I read through the article and was pleased at the comments on "professional acting," I was disappointed that nothing was said about the very professional backstage teamwork and technique.

WTC is certainly blessed by having people who are literal geniuses in the areas of lighting, set design, set construction, and making a performance "click." Therefore, I think that these people need a "standing ovation": Darrell Hayes, David "Moose" Galvan, David Fleming, Janice Posey, Steve Floyd,

and especially our director, Ms. Jeanne Kobuszewski, one of the finest directors I have ever worked under (and I'm sure the cast and crew would agree).

We could not have done it without them!

Sincerely,
An Actor

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Trustee Patterson Serves Board As Public Service to Community

by Darlene Neatherlin

Another man who plays a leading role on WTC's board of trustees is George Patterson, Snyder city manager.

He was on the original steering committee when the college was begun and was elected to serve on the board since the opening of the school.

Patterson has served the trustees as secretary-treasurer for four years, but currently is serving as just a well-qualified member.

"I look at the work of the board as a public service. The college is so important to the community and people, that we're willing to serve and give our time in order for the college to be properly governed, also taking care of the needs of the college and making sure that everything is properly financed," he said.

He continued that most of the men on the board are willing to contribute their time as a public service, and really expect nothing in return except the gratification of saying "I knew well I was a part of the college."

Patterson stated, "Watching the college develop from

nothing, regarding the physical plan, starting out seeing the buildings built, then seeing the development of the faculty and administration are fond memories."

"I can remember when we hired the first employee, Mavis Brumbelow, administrative assistant to the president, and then the second, Dr. Robert Clinton, (president)," Patterson claimed.

He said the college actually started before any present buildings were constructed. "We had classes around town, in church buildings and the like."

The major problems that WTC has had — and has accomplished — Patterson feels were starting with nothing and building an outstanding community college, and deciding on the philosophy of the institution.

It was decided in the beginning, he admitted, to emphasize equally both the academic and vocational-occupational areas.

Regarding WTC's future, Patterson would like to see the campus grow. Since the college opened, he has wanted to see 1500 students and ample housing facilities, despite the decline of

student enrollments nationally.

Patterson has been city manager here since 1962.

Petersburg, Texas is his hometown. He graduated from high school there in 1953, attended Texas Tech University and graduated there in 1957.

His wife, Carole, and he were married in 1954 while they were attending college. She is still commuting to Lubbock, working on her masters' degree in advanced psychology.

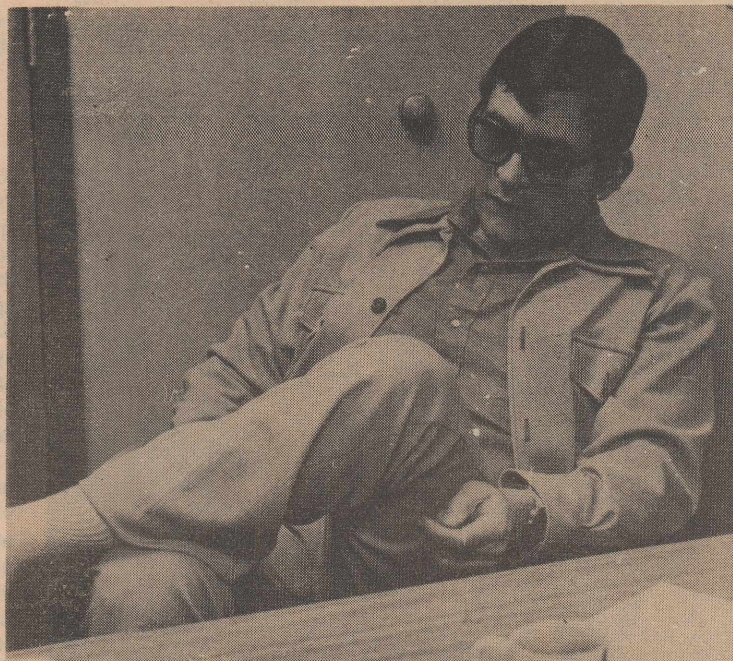
They have three sons. Greg, the oldest, is serving on the police force in Monahans.

Kerry, the middle son, is a senior at Snyder High. The youngest is Roger, a junior at Snyder High. Both participate in the band.

The Pattersons like to travel and enjoy art shows and crafts.

"I'm a basketball fan!" he said. He loves to follow the Dusters and Westerners and has attended the national tournament in Kansas each year that the Westerners competed.

They are members of the First Baptist Church. Also, he has been active in the Lions Club since moving to Snyder 16 years ago.



IDI.E TIME? — Biology instructor Mike Otto seems to be "contemplating" in his office, but according to many of his students he's "quite a character." (photo by Jim Severs)

Faculty Profile

Mike Otto — Quite a Character!

by Sheila Sandbothe

Mike Otto — "quite a character!" as described by many of the students who know him — actually claims to lead a very ordinary, relaxed life.

"I'm kind of a homebody, I guess," said WTC's new full-time biology and chemistry instructor.

Otto lives on a ranch east of Dermott, about 10 miles from Snyder. Ranching and farming became his part-time occupation when he married into a family that had always ranched.

He has been married to Brenda for nine and a half years. They have one son, Freddie Burt, who is a second-grade student at West Elementary. Brenda is a senior English teacher at Snyder High School.

Otto was born and reared in Pecos, Texas where he graduated from high school. He

received his college education from Howard College, Sul Ross State University and West Texas State University.

He previously taught one and a half years at Sul Ross and eight years as a high school teacher at Fluvanna and Ira before he came to WTC. Although this is the first semester that he has taught on a full-time basis at WTC, he has taught part-time for several years and instructed a night class last spring.

"I originally didn't think of being a teacher. I wanted to be a research chemist or a research biologist," Otto said.

He has resided in the Snyder area for the past nine years and is a member of the First Methodist Church where he is on the Social Awareness Committee.

★★★ NEWS BRIEFS ★★★

The annual Faculty-Student Christmas supper is scheduled Dec. 13 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Faculty should arrive early in order to be ready to serve students, announced Mickey Baird, student activities director.

George Gann, cafeteria manager, is in charge of the affair.

Indoor plants and their culture will be the subject for Monday night's horticulture class lecture on campus.

Non-students who would like to sit in on the class should call

the community services office at 573-8511, ext. 240. They will pay a fee of \$3.

The class meets in ApS-105 from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

R.C. Eoff of Snyder Nursery is the instructor.

Phi Theta Kappa's executive committee met Dec. 5 at the home of Dr. Mary Hood, club sponsor. The group made plans for the induction of new members this spring.

Students who have completed 12 hours and have a 3.2 grade

point average will receive letters of invitation.

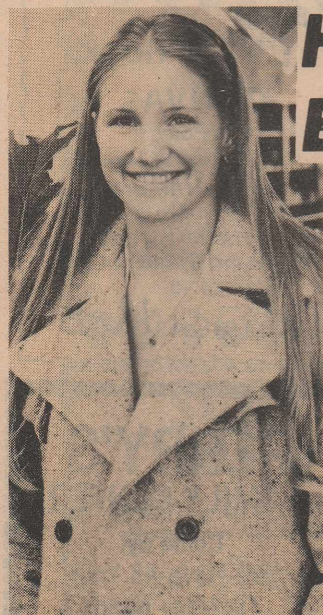
"Once invited to the club, students who turn down the invitation will not be invited again," she said.

The annual Christmas Formal, sponsored by the Student Senate, was held Tuesday night in the Student Center cafeteria.

Gunpoint, from Austin, provided music.

The annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Decoration Party was held Sunday to decorate the Student Center.

Student Profile



A WINNER — Kathy Brzozowski is a key player on this year's Duster team. (photo by Cody Bell)

High-Scoring Duster Enjoys Photography

by Debbie Sutton

Kathy Brzozowski, 19-year old freshman from Abilene, is one of this year's high-scoring Duster basketball players.

She played ball for Wylie High School near Abilene for four years, three of which were on the varsity team and went to State in track her sophomore year.

Other honors accumulated in high school include Miss WHS and Most-Spirited Athlete, both in her senior year.

Kathy's main hobby is photography, and she is considering taking a photography course in the future. She has always en-

joyed taking pictures and would like to have her own darkroom someday.

About WTC, Kathy says, "I didn't really know much about the school, and what I did know I heard about from other people in my high school. There is not much information out about WTC. What really made me decide to come to this school was the newer facilities, but the teachers here seem to be a lot more concerned than I ever thought they would be."

She finds Snyder a little boring because "there is not much to do and there are not very many good places to eat."

Cosmetology Students Take Exams

Five students who completed the cosmetology course went to Austin yesterday for state board examinations, according to Judy Border, instructor.

They are Kelly Travis and Gloria Dennis of Snyder, and Helen Bolin, Betty Fuller and Laura Garcia of Colorado City.

Fuller will operate The Style Shack in Colorado City and Bolin and Garcia will be employed there.

The new class which is starting this month is already filled,

Border said, and she is accepting applications from students who would like to enter the program in March.

She is also interested in talking with a student instructor or part-time instructor and may be contacted in the cosmetology lab on weekdays.

Advanced cosmetology students offer a full line of beauty services. Appointments may be made by calling the lab at 573-8511, ext. 267.

Faculty Art Show Opens

The annual faculty art show opened Sunday in the fine arts gallery on campus and will continue through Dec. 15.

It is the third joint exhibition by art professors Mike Thornton and Melvin Branch. The show may be seen without admission charge during regular gallery hours each weekday.

Thornton, chairman of the fine arts division, is exhibiting ceramics, while Branch is showing landscape paintings and photographs.

His ceramics include large

floor pieces, plus unusual wall hangings which combine mixed media to present visual and tactile texture response.

Branch's oil paintings range in size from 18 x 24 inches to 6 x 6 feet. Some of the landscapes were painted from local views and others from the Big Bend and the Davis Mountains.

The photographs are mostly flower pictures and are attempts to record with camera the colors and shapes that Branch enjoys when he views natural creations.



HALLELUJAH! — The Dusters ruffled the top-rated Howard College Hawk Queens 64-61 in Big Spring last Thursday in their first conference game. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Spirit of Christmas is the Air

by Debbie Sutton
 Christmas is just around the corner — and already the atmosphere is beginning to pick up that familiar brisk quality. It happens every year, just about the time decorations start to go up around the town square.

It is time again to get the tree up and rummage around the dark corners of closets in search of the lost collection of ornaments.

Some may be a little worse for wear after being stored for a year, but who can bear to throw away something that has adorned the family tree year after year? A few new ones may be added, but after a while, they, too become a part of the family Christmas tradition.

Some people may take on Scrooge-like attitudes before Christmas, with so much to be done, but if you watch closely, you'll see that as the holidays grow near, their moods become happier and their manners more gentle.

Strolling through any city or town, one sees children standing open-mouthed, eyeing new toy displays in the windows. The smaller children gather 'round Santa Claus and anxiously await their turn to climb upon his lap and tell him what they want him to bring them for Christmas.

They may notice that his beard looks a little like cotton and his of dark hair stick out from beneath his red cap, but children don't question the authenticity of such an important person as Santa Claus. Instead, they question him about his home at the North Pole, his elves, his reindeer and his magical flying sleigh.

Somehow, tired grandmothers seem to magically turn out an endless quantity of cookies, pies, cakes and candy. Nothing can quite compare with coming in from the cold into a warm kitchen filled with the spicy aroma of Christmas baking.

Families will begin to gather soon to share the joy of Christmas. Fellowship and friendliness will somehow manage to take the place of hatred and violence. This is perhaps the only time of the year when this happens — and at least for a little while there is "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Merry Christmas!

CAMPUS RESPONSE

by Louise Johnson

In this final fall issue of *The Western Texan*, several students were asked, "Should marijuana be legalized?" Considering the continuing debate over the legality of certain drugs, pot in particular, here are the results.

Age	Race	Sex	Yes	No	Undecided
18	White	Female		X	
18	White	Female		X	
18	White	Female	X		
20	Black	Female		X	
19	White	Female	X		
20	White	Male		X	
19	Spanish	Male	X		
20	Black	Female		X	
22	White	Male	X		
19	Black	Female			X
19	White	Male	X		
19	Black	Male	X		
24	Spanish	Male		X	
23	Black	Male	X		
17	Black	Male	X		
19	Black	Female	X		
17	Black	Female	X		
20	White	Male	X		
21	White	Male	X		
18	Black	Male	X		
19	Spanish	Female	X		
19	Spanish	Male		X	

Corkran Elected Council Prexy

Gerald Corkran, director of the reading center, was recently elected president of the Texas Junior and Community College Reading Council.

The Council held its annual meeting in Ft. Worth Nov. 1-3 in conjunction with the Texas State Council of the International Reading Assn.

Program presentations at the council meeting were given by personnel from Paris, Tarrant County and Cedar Valley Colleges.

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Top-Ranked Hawk Queens 'Defeathered' by Dusters

by Sheila Sandbothe
Upset Special Number One!

Coach Joe Cushing's fifth-ranked conference Dusters upended top-rated Howard College 64-61 in the opening loop match Nov. 30 in Big Spring.

The Dusters trailed most of the game, but with a little over two minutes remaining Joyce Plagens hit two free throws to put WTC ahead by 5 points. Howard basketed a quick 4 points, but couldn't regain the lead.

"There is only one thing I can say about the Howard game — it was totally fantastic!" Coach Cushing exclaimed. "I would

have to be out of my mind if I weren't pleased with their performance."

He predicts that every conference team will be sky-high when they play the Dusters, "as we were against Howard."

The Dusters made adjustments offensively and defensively at halftime, trailing 35-31, to pull out the victory. Martin netted 12 points against the Dusters in the first half, but was held scoreless in the second stanza. Teammate Meyer earned high honors for Howard with 13 points, and Jones also scored in double digits with 11.

"We are definitely a second-

half ball club and have been all year," Cushing said.

WTC's Nodia Vaughn led game scoring with 19 points. Brigette Hamilton added 11 points, 7 rebounds, 4 blocked shots and 1 steal, while Plagens grabbed 10 rebounds and shot for 6 points.

Delbra Ray scored 8 points, Katie Fisher and Karen Williams both added 6, Ginger Peden scored 4, and Belva Marsh and Liz Hooper both tallied 2 points.

A rematch against Ranger College Dec. 11 was scheduled for the Scurry County Coliseum, but has been changed to the WTC gym. Tipoff is 6 p.m.



UP FOR TWO — Karen Williams (22) fires a jump shot against Howard College, while teammate Kathy Brzozowski (21) tenses for a rebound. (photo by Joe Boldon)

Vaughn Leads Dusters Over Tarleton

by Sheila Sandbothe
Nodia Vaughn scored 20 points to help the Dusters pull out their third victory of the season against Tarleton State University Nov. 21.

Karen Williams and Kathy Brzozowski shot for 14 points each and Joyce Plagens accounted for 12.

Plagens noted 12 rebounds, 2 assists and 4 steals, Williams grabbed 9 rebounds, 2 assists and 5 steals, while Vaughn also added 11 rebounds and 3 steals to her high-point lead.

The Dusters were down by as much as 16 points early in the first half but pulled up to a 44-42 lead at halftime, and led for the remainder of the game to win, 89-79.

"We had a lot of people that played well — we had a lot of girls grade out high against Tarleton. It's the kind of ball game you like to see," Coach Joe Cushing said.

"I don't really feel we played that bad against Ranger College," Cushing commented, "but circumstances, and looking ahead to the Howard College game, had a bearing on the Dusters' playing, I'm sure."

Annoying circumstances included no 30-second clock (a stop watch was used), some problems with the official scorekeeper, and an eight-minute delay during a Duster lead which caused a loss of momentum. The Dusters were

nipped, 70-67, by Ranger in Ranger, Nov. 27.

Plagens scored 18 points for the Dusters, followed by Williams with 17 and Vaughn with 10. Plagens grabbed 9 rebounds, while Williams and Vaughn both had 7 rebounds each.

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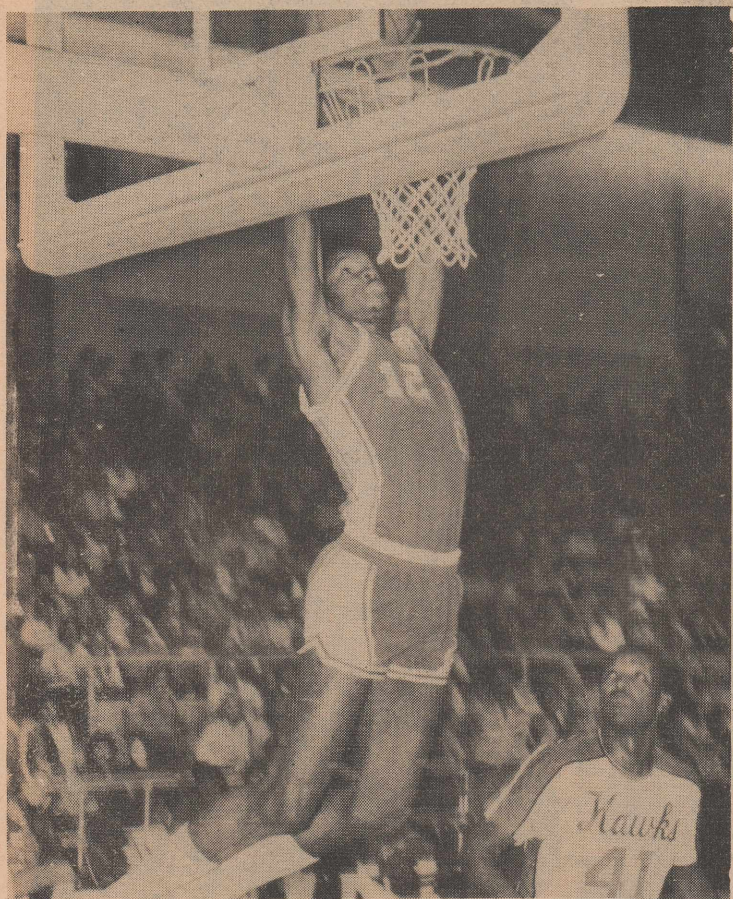
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HANGIN' HIGH! — Westerner Greg Stewart (12) dunks for two against Howard College in Big Spring. Pre-season pick WTC beat the second-ranked Hawks in the loop opener for both. (photo by Joe Boldon)

In Independence, Kansas

'Mean Green' Wins Classic, Downs National Champions

by Darlene Neatherlin

Coach Nolan Richardson's Westerners clinched the championship trophy at the Thanksgiving Classic in Independence, Kas. Nov. 23-25 by defeating the defending national champions. The 68-63 win, coupled with a win over Southern Baptist, Ark. and a loss to third-ranked Northeastern Oklahoma, left WTC with a 9-1 season mark.

The victory over Independence's Pirates snapped a 54-game win streak on their home court, and provided Westerner star Paul Pressey with Most Valuable Player honors.

Their only loss came in the first game against Northeastern Oklahoma, when they fell short 82-78, first of the season for WTC.

Three Westerners scored in double figures, Bill Patterson with 19, Freddie Davis 15 and Pressey 12.

Others contributing were Joe Mendoza and Michael Smith with 8 apiece, and Greg Stewart, Dwight Williams, David Brown and Melvin Patridge with 4 each.

"This was probably the poorest game we've played this year, as far as playing with intensity and playing with desire to win. The traveling probably had a lot to do with it, but we can't blame that totally. We didn't play defense at all," Richardson stressed.

The trip to Kansas took 17 hours. The team arrived at 3 a.m., then played this game with no workouts, thanks to mechanical problems with the team bus.

"The last five minutes was probably the best the Westerners played in the whole game. They tried to win a basketball game but ran out of steam and time," Richardson added.

Northeastern Oklahoma was paced by C. Hillard's 30 points.

In second round action, the Westerners outscored the Oak Ridge, Ark. school, 97-80.

Pressey was high pointer with 19 points, while Stewart scored 13 and David and Patterson each managed 10.

More scorers were Williams, Benne't, Brown and Mendoza, all with 8 apiece, and Patridge 5, Russell 4, and Smith and Portee 2 each.

The "Green Machine" was down by 40-37, at halftime, then Pressey dunked three baskets in a row to fire up the team. They scored 60 points in the second half to Southern Baptist's 40.

"This second team was not real big or really good. We played that last 15 minutes of the ball game as well as we played all year. Everybody who played scored," Richardson noted.

At one time WTC led by 25 points, but players were brought off the bench for valuable tournament playing experience.

Jones and Sisk tallied 29 and 17 points, respectively, to lead the Arkansas squad.

The championship game came Saturday night against Independence, a rematch of what Snyderites witnessed the week before in the first WTC Classic here.

The "Green Machine" took the game and the tournament by toppling the Pirates, 68-63, in what Richardson termed "an almost impossible game to win."

Never was the difference more than 5 points. The score was knotted 36-36 at the half.

Mendoza was WTC's top scorer with 15 points, followed by Pressey's 14, Stewart and Smith 8 each, Patridge and Patterson 7 each, Brown 5, Davis and Williams 2 apiece.

Boxers Win In Lubbock

Four members of the Boxing Club placed in a Golden Gloves tournament in Lubbock last weekend. They were Joe Salinas, first; Fred Salinas, second; Mark Cozart, second, and Cliff Holley, second.

"Punchy" Luther Williams, club president and organizer, placed first and was named most valuable player.

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Westerners Stop Hawks In First Conference Tilt

by Darlene Neatherlin
The top-ranked Western Junior Conference Westerners didn't let the prognosticators down, as they defeated rival Howard College in the loop opener for both teams last Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. WTC outscored the Hawks, 83-67, bringing their season record to 10-1.

Four players scored in double figures, led by Paul Pressey with 20 points, Joe Mendoza and Greg Stewart each with 14, and Bill Patterson with 10.

Melvin Patridge managed 9, Michael Smith 6, Ronald Portee 4, and David Brown, Dwight Williams and Freddie Davis 2 apiece to round out Westerner scoring.

"I wasn't really as pleased with the first half as I was the second half. We lost the ball too much in the first — we got careless, we were sloppy, we didn't execute well, and in some cases we were selfish," Coach Nolan Richardson expressed.

He stressed that, in the second half, WTC was patient enough to get what they wanted. "We executed our breaks better — we lost the ball only four times in the second half, compared to 13 in the first."

WTC lead Howard by 40-35 at halftime, then gradually pulled away in the last 20 minutes.

Overall, WTC lost 17 turnovers, but the Hawks gave it back 27 times. Twelve of the Westerner's losses came in the first period.

"I'm happy when we win a ball game and sad when we win it in a fashion like we did Thursday night, however, everyone thinks we could have just blown Howard County off the court. That's impossible because when the Hawks and Westerners meet

up with each other anything could happen due to the great rivalry between the two teams. The guys don't care about any kind of records or anything — they're just going to play their best," Richardson said.

Michael Wallace fired in 18 points, followed by Robby Randolph's 12, for the host Hawks. On Tuesday, Nov. 28, the

"Green Machine" travelled to San Angelo to take on Angelo State University junior varsity.

They romped over the young Rams, 96-80.

Scoring for the Westerners were Mendoza 15, Pressey 12, Patterson 11 and Portee 10.

Stillman, paced ASU with 25 points.

Judo Team Members Place in Austin Meet

The Judo team attended the Austin Novice Tournament Saturday. Members there were Mark Thomas, Kenneth Levens, Soyla Santos, David Peralez, Gary Smith, Nora Pina and Deanna Fuqua.

Two other members, Danny Ramos and Kathleen Utsman also attended but are brown belts and could not compete. Instead, they judged and refereed competition.

The tournament began with a junior division. After it was over, the senior division began.

In the senior girls' division, competing for WTC were Fuqua, Santos and Pina. Fuqua won first place, Santos won second and Pina notched a third place.

Their comments? "I'm so happy that I've won first place. Judo is really beginning to be so special to me, along with all the rest of the members. When we compete, we compete together as a team," said Fuqua.

"Wow, this is my first medal. I'm so proud of it, but most of all I'm glad I won it in the sport of Judo. If everyone would at least try Judo, I'm sure they would enjoy it as much as I," said Santos.

"At first I really didn't want

to go out on the mat and compete because I just started Judo, but now I'm glad I did. I never thought I'd win a medal, even if it is third. Judo has really given me something to look forward to," Pina admitted.

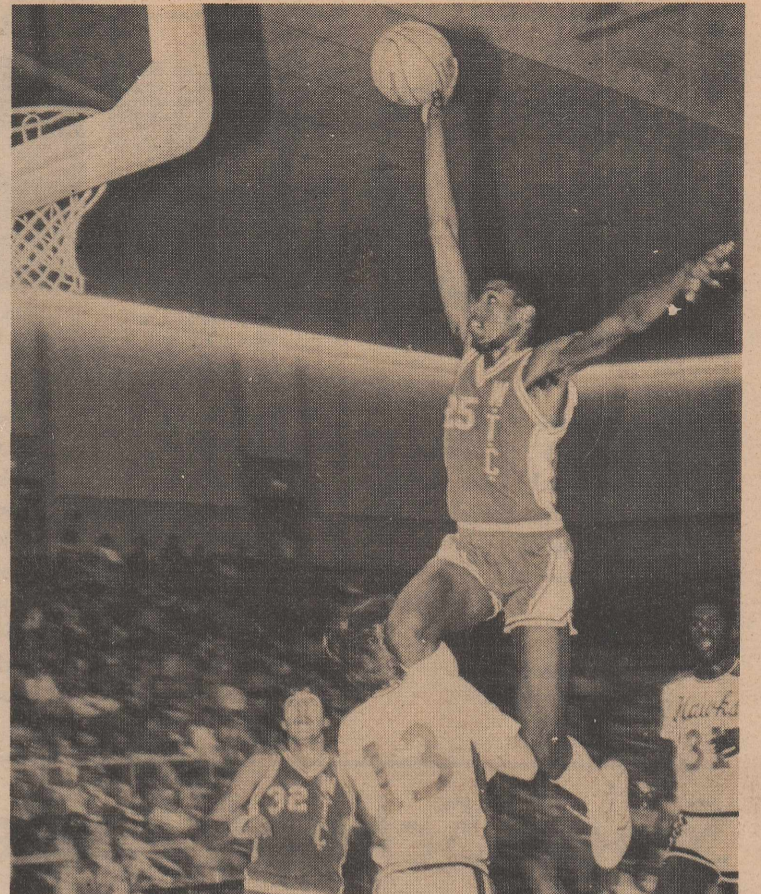
In the senior men division, Levens won first place in the heavy weight division. Smith came in second in the same category.

Thomas won first place in the middle weight division and Peralez came in third in the light weight division.

How did they feel? Levens said, "When I was in high school, I never dreamed I'd be on a Judo team here in college, but I'm glad I am because it's a lot of fun."

Thomas remarked, "I remember that after I had won, I walked real slow to Deanna and said in shock, 'I won, I really won' — I was really surprised that I had actually won. When they gave me my first place medal I was so proud. Judo takes a lot of hard work, but at the end it sure is worth it!"

And Peralez? "Being my first tournament, I wasn't sure what to expect. Winning third place was still a great victory for me since I've only been in Judo for a few weeks."



STEPLADDER — Paul Pressey (25) climbs Howard College's Robby Randolph (13) toward two points for the Westerners against the Hawks. WTC won the game, 83-67. (photo by Joe Boldon)

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