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Top-ranked San Jacinto next national tourney foe

Westerners clip Falcons, 81-74

by John Moesch

Western Texas used a tenacious defense to slow down the Miami Dade running game to take an 81-74 victory in the first round of the 37th annual NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Larry Banks led the way in scoring with 27 points. Other high scorers were Richie Fells 18, Mel Butler 16 and Eugene Lewis, 11. "We came here to play and we sure did," Lewis said.

The Dade Falcons came into the contest ranked No. 2 in the nation with a 33-1 record. They join Three Rivers, Missouri as the second top-ranked team to be knocked out of the winner's bracket.

The Westerners came in as the underdog with few people expecting them to win. However, Dade's running-gun offense was practically nonexistent.

The men got great rebounding efforts from Lewis and Butler. Lewis played the majority of the game with four fouls.

Dade played catch-up throughout the contest as the Westerners jumped out to lead as much as 16 points in the first half. The closest the Falcons could pull toward the Westerners was three points midway through the second half.

As a team the ballers shot 59 percent from the field and 59 percent from the free throw

line.

Free throw-line tosses were a big factor towards the end of the game with Dade having to foul to get back into the game. The Westerners answered with sharp free-throw shooting to keep the game out of reach.

When Dade discovered they had to slow down their offense, they attempted to go inside on the Westerners. Davis' men held firm and several times broke out short-shots underneath by putting a hand in the shooter's face.

WTC also got the better of the Falcons on both ends of the board by out rebounding them 37-47.

The team will now advance to the second round of action to play the No. 1 seed in the tournament, San Jacinto College, which was an 89-82 winner over Erie College, Buffalo, NY.

Concerning San Jacinto, "We will play our same kind of game. That's the reason we're here. We believe in ourselves and what we can do," Banks said.

Ironically, the last time WTC played in the national tournament they played a Texas team in the second round. They played Tyler-Junior College in 1980.

Game time is tonight at 7:45.

For fans not making the trip to Hutchinson, SCAT-TV Channel 2 will be televising all future national tournament games. Exact times will be announced at a later date.

'Ritzy' music sets spring dance beat

by Cyndi Trujillo

Putting on the Ritz, a popular tune by TACO, highlights the spring formal this year. The dance is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, from 8:30 p.m. until midnight in the cafeteria. Z-93 from Amarillo will provide the music.

This will be the final dance other than homecoming. Dress attire is formal or after-five. Mr. and Miss WTC will be presented at this time.

Refreshments will be served

and "putting-on" decorations are black hats and walking canes.

The senate's dance committee is sponsoring the event. Chairman is Mark Staton and Veda Owens is adviser.

Mickey Baird, student activities director, asks that students with extra time come by her office in the Student Center and lend a hand with making decorations. "This would be very helpful and greatly appreciated," Baird said.



ONE FOR ALL—Fans and cheerleaders join the Westerners in celebrating the 56-55 win over Howard College in the Region V Tournament. —Mike Luera Photo

In our opinion...

You study...Perot

Too many times extracurricular activities have taken the blame for weakened education in Texas.

The idea that Texas educators have proposed is uncomprehensible. Decreasing extracurricular activities, longer school days and lengthening the classroom hours has the potential to cause many problems and resentment in our school systems.

This law, if enacted, would destroy the practice sessions held after school hours. Athletic programs, band, choir and other UIL competitions would practically be banned. An act such as this might cause more drop-outs in our school systems, thus, in society.

Extracurricular activities don't take away from education, but aide in the areas of honesty, leadership, responsibility and the determination to succeed. In a survey on WW II heros, 75 percent of the recipients had participated in athletic or extracurricular organizations.

Extracurricular activities and education should compliment each other. Today's education is on its way to recovery, but the answer to its illness isn't the malnutrition being escalated by Texas Educators like Ross Perot, chairman of the Select Committee on Public Education. As amazing as it may seem none of Perot's children have ever attended public schools.

The state should force public schools to put more emphasis and money into the UIL literary competition, instead of overfeeding the athletic programs. They should also make it mandatory that any student involved in extracurricular activities pass four solid courses before being able to participate in competition.



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Jana Harris

RMCPA contest unforgettable experience, Simpson ride presents unique opportunity

We attended the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association competition in Provo, Utah, last weekend. Although we didn't fare like we'd hoped in the live and canned contests, it was an unforgettable and rewarding trip.

Headliners of the banquets were professional journalists, Carole Simpson of ABC News; Carl Bernstein, investigative reporter who uncovered the Watergate scandal; Sandy Gilmour, CBS News correspondent and

Elmer Lower, past president of ABC. These distinguished speakers as well as numerous seminars, sent us home on a roll of inspiring information.

Provo is nestled some 46 miles south of Salt Lake City among magnificent snow-covered mountains. 120" base was all too tempting for those of us with ski fever. During free time Saturday afternoon, we headed to Sundance ski resort approximately 10 miles from town. (Robert Redford is the owner and lives nearby.) It was raining in the valley

when we Texans from WTC and ACU began our ascent. The roads were soon completely white and cars were sliding everywhere. Making a long story short, we tried twice to make it up but there was no way. Due to a slick steep road and a slight run-in with some area cub scouts, it just wasn't meant for us to go skiing. So close but too far, we finally sat at the entrance of the canyon snapping pictures and playing in the snow.

The blizzard had rotten timing but it was beautiful. It is

definitely a story for the grandchildren some day. We thought surely "The Sundance Kid" could have come by and offered us a lift!

All in all, it was a terrific trip. We ran every inch of the "mile long" Denver airport, didn't have time to check our luggage and practically waved the pilot to hold up for us to get on. Then we sat on the runway for half an hour.

On the way home we rode to Salt Lake with Simpson. This gave us a unique opportunity to visit with her on a personal

level. It's funny how different people are away from the non-blinking eye of a camera.

After cranking the props and scraping ice from the aircraft in Denver, we flopped our way back to Lubbock in 50 m.p.h. winds. That's part of the fun of it!

This may have been my last trip to a RMCPA convention. I sincerely hope this activity will be continued for WTC journalists in the years ahead. The knowledge is abundant for one to absorb and the experience is invaluable whether you come home with 0, 3 or 15 awards.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:
As a student of WTC I would like to say thank you to the community of Snyder and surrounding areas for going to the men's Regional Basketball Tournament in Midland and supporting our team to winning the Region V championship game.

Sincerely,
Joyce Wallace
WTC Press Club President

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Arlington confab April 5, sixteen students compete

The *Western Texan* staff will attend the Texas Inter-collegiate Press Association convention April 5-7 at the University of Texas at Arlington.

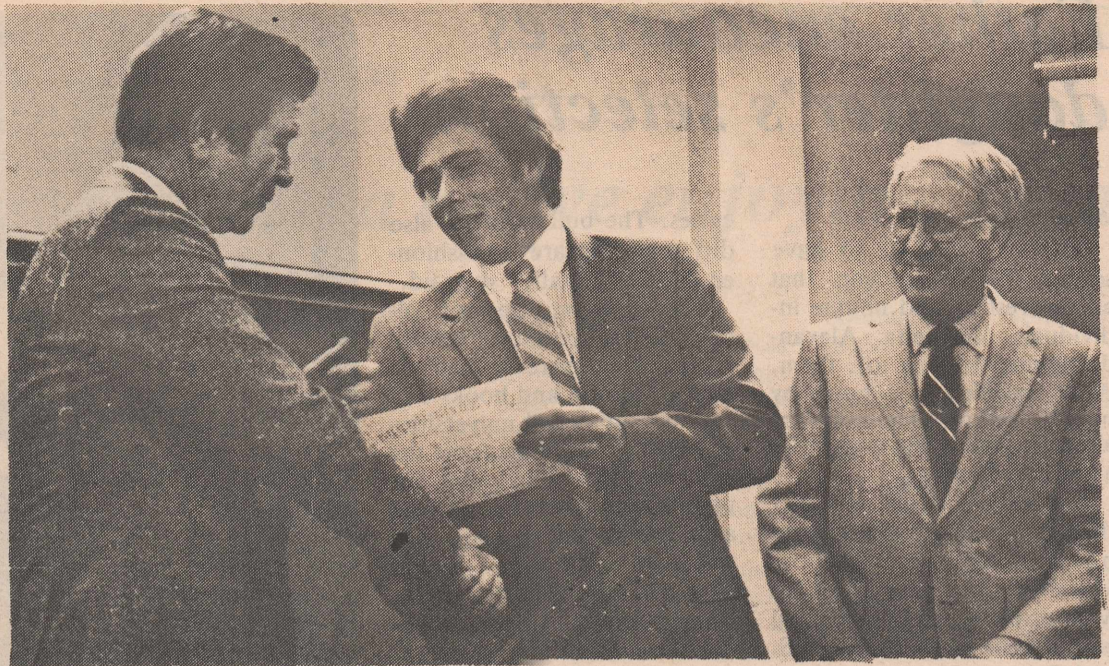
Students compete in various live competitions consisting of news, feature, editorial writing, ad layout, radio and TV broadcasting and action and feature photography. Canned competition has also been submitted for the event.

Guest speaker for the convention is Nicholas Von Hoffman. Hoffman is a columnist for *The Washington Post*. He recently wrote a book, *Make Believe Presidents: Illusions of Power From McKinley to*

Carter. He is also the Washington correspondent for the London based magazine, *The Spectator*.

Students will attend workshops/seminars on different areas of the communications field. An awards ceremony for live and canned competitions will conclude the three day event.

Journalism students to attend the convention are Jana Harris, Cyndi Trujillo, Joyce Wallace, Erika Lee, John Foster, Kevin Starnes, Mike Luera, Jeff Gibson, Jon Adams, Lynn Quiros, Johnnie Evans, John Moesch, Vicki Lopez, Candy Turnbo, Gregg Pruitt and Toby Villa.



Phi Theta Kappa president, Danny Hunter, presented honorary membership certificates to Dr. Ben Brock (left), executive vice president and Dr. Don Newbury (right), president of WTC.
-Kevin Starnes photo

Board ponders physical education expansion

by Cyndi Trujillo

Possible expansion of the physical education building and the decision to sell 451 shares of college-owned stocks dominated the WTC Board of Trustees meeting, Monday, March 12.

Expanding the P.E. facilities was brought forth by WTC President, Dr. Don Newbury due to the increase in PE and exercise classes. The expansion would help accommodate more people and provide additional space.

There are, however, two drawbacks. The olympic size pool will have to be covered and a smaller one built. The new pool, which will be approximately one-third or one-fifth the size of the present pool, will only be three to six feet deep. The smaller size will still be sufficient for all classes.

The decrease in pool size is due to the high cost of heating. Approximately \$30,000 is

presently needed to heat it yearly. A federal grant could be obtained to assess half the charges. The second drawback is the expansion location. Expansion would be made to the north because of problems with utility and plumbing lines.

A suggestion has been made by the auditor to heat the new pool will have to be covered jacuzzi and indoor track are also under consideration. The facilities would be surrounded by a skylight and metal frame. If the expansion plans are carried through, approximate cost would be \$150,000. No decisions were made on this issue. It was only brought up for discussion.

Regarding the selling of 451 shares of college-owned stocks, trustees discussed their opinions. The shares are from Houston Natural Gas Stock. In February, the stocks were worth over \$60 when Coastal Corporation of Delaware at-

tempted to gain a controlling interest over Houston Natural. Coastal, however, withdrew their offer which lowered the stocks' value. Two weeks ago, approximate cost per share was \$48.

Board members suggested administrators sell the shares if and when they reach the \$50 level. Three-fourths of the stock proceeds will go to the Scurry County Senior Center and the other one-fourth to the college nursing program.

Plans to improve dormitory appearances were also discussed. Covering the northwest corner of the dorm with asphalt for recreational activities was viewed.

WTC landscaping students will be called on to complete the project. It will be low-cost in maintainance. Recreational accessories may include a volleyball net and basketball goal.

In other college business, three purchase bids for sup-

plies and equipment were also accepted.

Office supplies from MPS of Lubbock deemed \$6,474.90 among six companies. MPS's offer included all materials required and was the lowest bid.

A micro-computer bid of \$4,000 for technology classes was issued by Teaching Systems of Dallas. This was the only offer that met the specific needs for the class.

A new all-purpose range for the cafeteria was purchased from Plan-ex Corporation of Lubbock for \$2,070.50. The bid was the lowest of two submitted.

The board policy was voted to be waived in purchasing nursing supplies this one time, without bidding.

The total cost of the supplies was \$2,200, \$200 over the purchase limit. All items over the limit should be purchased by bid. The college is now able to buy supplies at a 13 percent discount, so the decision was

considered "worth it."

Members also agreed to accept ratification of fertilizer bids over the telephone.

Construction of new apartments was discussed. This could be a cost-effective possibility to building dormitories.

Bettie McQueen, oc-tech director, presented a six-minute slide presentation. It is designed to promote recruitment of students to WTC in surrounding areas.

Drawing for places on the voting ballot for WTC board elections took place. The candidates will be listed in the following order on the ballot: Lee Presswood, Bob O'Day and Roy Baze.

Board members present were Edwin Parks, Bill Jones, R.C. Patton and Bob Hargrove. Baze presided in the absence of Howard Sterling, board president. The board's next meeting is scheduled April 9.



"If the present studying facilities aren't put to good use by students already, I feel this study hall is just a waste of the resident hall council member's time."

Cyndi Trujillo



"I don't think it'll work because students will only use it to visit instead of studying. And it invades the privacy of students that live on north-second."

Anna Rodriguez



"It's a nice idea - but that's all. Most students don't even use the library to study in. I don't think they'll use a dorm study hall either."

Lyndy French

What do YOU think?

What do you think of the dorm study hall?

by John Foster



"It's probably good for some people. If our floor gets pretty loud that would be a good place to go study during the afternoon."

Neil Rutherford



"I think it's a good idea to have a place set aside for studying but not in the dorms because you're intruding on that floor's rights during their free time."

Ronny Johnson



"I think it's a great idea to advocate this into the dorms. I feel it would serve students better if it were open after the lobby closes at 11 p.m."

Steve Ortiz

Father encourages daughter's selection

by Erika Lee

WTC is fortunate to have several foreign students that are interesting and unique individuals. Marietta Alexandropoulos is one of them. After traveling 15½ hours by herself and spending one night alone in Dallas she eventually arrived in Snyder.

Marietta is from the city that is in all world history books, Athens, Greece. However, she was born in Monterrey, Calif., in 1963 and is a citizen of both the U.S. and Greece.

Marietta comes from a family of five and her father is a Commador in the Greek navy. She has lived in many different countries and speaks four languages such as German, Italian, Greek and English.

She explained that the secretarial program brought her to WTC but not before being encouraged by her father. Marietta also wanted to learn more English and her citizenship was an extra advantage. Her future intentions are to bring her brother to the U.S. as an immigrant so he can attend school here also.

When asked about the differences between America and Greece her first reply was that there are no sales on food in Greece and the only time that clothes are on sale are in February and August.

"The girls dress very informal here," Marietta said. She explained that girls in America wear jeans more than the girls in Greece. She also noted that the people here are more liberal than her fellow countrymen.

"The cars are smaller in Greece and instead of kids driving a car to school, like here, they all have motor-

cycles. The buildings are also different, they are old fashioned and not as tall," she said.

There are two types of colleges in her country, private institutions where individuals pay for tuition and books and country supported universities in which the country foots the bill. Marietta noted that the private schools are not as good as the other and that one may not have a job after graduation. On the other hand, the country supported universities are more important but acceptance is by examinations. Overall college admissions is more difficult in Greece, therefore many people don't go.

Marietta said that she started corresponding with 15-20 schools in the U.S. that offered secretarial programs.

"I chose Snyder because I didn't want to go to a big city alone and Snyder is the perfect starting place for me. I like it," she said.

Marietta also said that by being able to go to school here will benefit her in many ways in the future.

"I have become more independent. Instead of my father going to the bank for me, I have to go by myself and I have also traveled by myself."

In spite of being alone she has had the help of many people and wished to express her thanks to her instructors and especially to Jo Ann Noble and Dr. Duane Hood.

Marietta is a little homesick and misses her family but in May she will be on her way home.

"I received a letter from my dad and he said that in May when I get off the plane, he wants to see me in a hat and cowboy boots."



TEXAS WELCOME—Adding a foreign flavor to the WTC campus are several students from abroad. Marietta Alexandropoulos displays a token of West Texas hospitality. -WTC staff photo

Psi Zeta secretarial bid succeeds

by Erika Lee

The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was victorious over San Jacinto College in their bid for office at the state convention held in Austin during spring break.

Cathy Caddell, freshman from Levelland, will represent the local chapter as state secretary for 1984-1985. Danny Hunter, Roscoe sophomore, delivered campaign speeches for the group.

Psi Zeta was awarded the Travel Award for bringing the most people the greatest distance. A plaque was presented to them in appreciation for organizing convention registration.

PTK members entered the Honors Topic skit and scrapbook competition.

Hunter was a nominee for Outstanding Chapter President. Ray Fuentes, Hermleigh sophomore, was nominated for the Distinguished Service Award.

Speakers for the programs included Sharon Tennison who recently returned from Russia. Her topic was "The Other Side of the Enemy." Caleb Pirtle, author of *Texas* also spoke.

Students attending were Robbie Turnley and Jana Harris of Ozona, Erika Lee of Kermit, Billy Kelley of Roscoe, Brent Simpson of

Abilene, Tammie Eckols of Post, Lorena Mendoza of Seminole, Caddell and Hunter.

Snyderites Kristi Masters and Rosario Poralez also attended along with Fuentes.

Local members left Wednesday morning enroute to Washington, D.C. for the national convention. Hunter is running for the national presidential office. Others attending are Daren Benbenek, Kevin Starnes, Mendoza, Fuentes, Caddell, Jeffery Schwartz, John Pavlik, Harris, Terry Seidel and Mark Staton. Drs. Duane and Mary Hood are attending as co-sponsors.

Ag department sponsors preliminary stock judging

by Lynn Quiros

Several area high schools participated in a livestock judging contest Wednesday afternoon. The competition was held in the Scurry County Ag Complex. Participating schools included Snyder, Shallowater, Post, Brownwood, Sweetwater and Roby.

"I'm glad we're able to sponsor this event for area schools," assistant ag professor Bob Doty said. Doty hopes this will become an annual event, even though he

received only a fair response for the first year.

The purpose of this event was to provide FFA students with an opportunity to practice judging before their own district and area contests. WTC's agriculture department sponsored the livestock judging. The land contest was co-hosted by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Trophies were given to high individuals and teams. Results will be announced in the next issue.

SHSU imitates presidential poll; student delegates pick favorites

Students from 115 Texas colleges and universities have been invited to select their own presidential and vice-presidential candidates in two mock political conventions scheduled for Saturday, April 7.

The conventions will be held on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Major political figures from both parties have been invited to participate and Senator William Proxmire has accepted as keynote speaker for the Democrats.

The conventions will begin at 9 a.m. on April 7 and will end that evening. Each convention will adopt a party platform and nominate presidential and vice-presidential can-

didates.

A committee of four political science professors will coordinate the activities. The idea for the event grew from the Sam Houston State University theme year, "1984 and Beyond," a campus-wide study of the events depicted in George Orwell's novel, "1984".

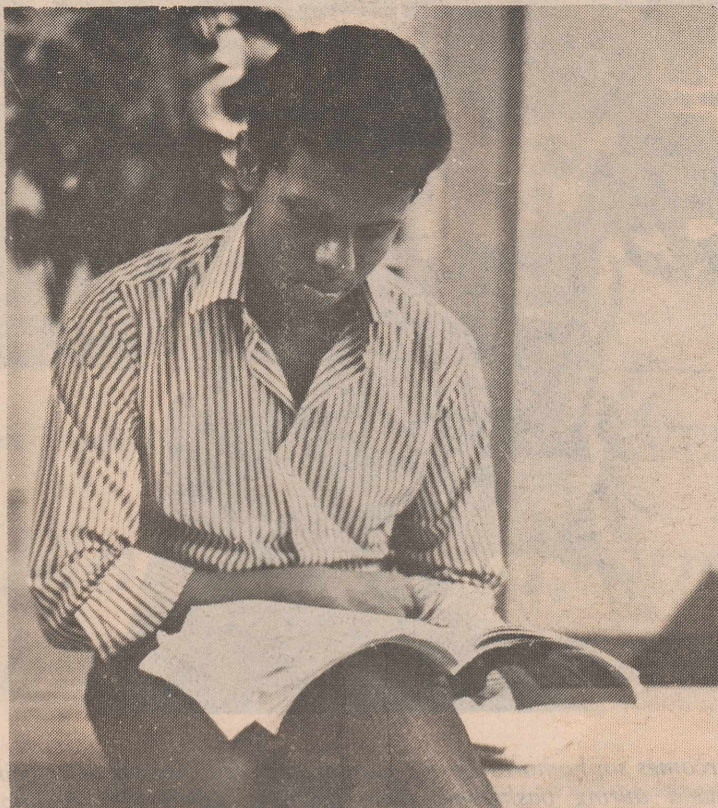
The mock conventions are appropriate for comparing the totalitarian government described in the novel with our democracy, said Dr. E. Larry Dickens, one of the convention coordinators.

Dickens said there will be twice as many students selected to participate as Democratic delegates than as Republicans. The Democrati

convention is usually larger than the Republican, he said, and this year the Democratic convention is likely to be more interesting and educational because of the number of potential nominees.

Delegates from the 115 schools will be apportioned according to their 1983 enrollment. Selection of delegates will be handled by the student government association at each college or university.

Convention organizers have also devised a system by which a school can vote its full apportionment on a proxy ratio of 1:4. A school with 20 delegates, for instance, would receive full representation if only five delegates are able to attend.



SAME OLD STORY—It's the same anywhere you go. Suren-dran Thiagarajah finds studying essential here as it is in his homeland of Sri Lanka. —Johnnie Evans photo

Mamma sends spices

Sri Lanka native enjoying Texas

by Cyndi Trujillo

Fried chicken, moderately warm climate and friendly people are several reasons Thiagarajah Surendran likes Texas.

Suren, for short, is a freshman business major from Sri Lanka. His native home is a small island located in the Indian Ocean.

"I really miss big city excitement - buses, taxis and honking horns," Suren said. "The streets in Sri Lanka are always crowded and here everyone rides in cars."

Because there are only seven or eight universities located on the island, admission is tough. He decided to seek education in America.

Suren came to WTC because it was less expensive than most schools and he received their applications

first. He had also applied to three other colleges.

In Sri Lanka, high schools are called colleges and colleges are called universities. Suren graduated from St. Thomas College. He participated in drama and rugby, a sport similar to American football.

Suren also took courses, such as physics, zoology and a combination of algebra, geometry and trigonometry, in hope to pursue a medical career.

Suren changed his major to his second choice, business, because of the language translation. He has studied English for ten years. Tammil is the language of Sri Lanka.

His country's food habits differ greatly from ours. Their main dish is rice. Suren often cooks his own meals which include a lot of rice. His mother

sends him native spices to simulate her home-cooked meals.

Suren's family includes his parents, two brothers and a sister. He enjoys collecting American postcards and sending them to his sister.

"I find most of the staff very friendly," Suren said. "The students are fun to be around with too."

Suren wants to travel to another country where he is able to work before returning to his hometown. Upon returning, Suren would like to join a firm and work as a manager.

Suren enjoys playing tennis with Osamu Miyagawa, who students refer to as "Sam". Sam is a foreign student from Japan.

Suren also likes to swim. He is a member of WTC's PTK Honor Society.

Campus briefs

by Cyndi Trujillo

Superstar event

The fourth annual "Superstars" competition takes place April 2-5. Events are divided into male and female categories.

Ten events offered include basketball, 50-yard dash, softball, darts, cross-country, swimming, golf, tennis, ping-pong and racquetball.

More information may be obtained by contacting Mickey Baird or Pam Johnson in the student activities office.

Cosmetologist

Callana Wright of Snyder recently graduated from the cosmetology program.

Wright plans to move to Jayton for employment.

Airbrush artist

Debora Schubert, a former WTC graduate now attending East Texas State University, will demonstrate the use of an airbrush in painting. The demonstration will take place today at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Schubert graduated cum laude from WTC with an associate of arts degree. She was named Who's Who Among Students in American Junior/Community Colleges and was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Faculty meeting

A meeting of the Faculty Association is being held today at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Candidates running for the open positions on the WTC Board of Trustees are Lee Presswood, Roy Baze, Bob O'Day and Bill Wilson.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to give a brief statement of his philosophy and goal in seeking a board position.

This part of the meeting is open to all faculty members.

Shogun exhibit

The Scurry County Museum is offering a tour in Dallas of the Shogun exhibit from Japan, April 27-29.

Tour cost is \$175 per person for transportation, lodging, two brunches and lecture. Tickets to the exhibit and carrying cost for one piece of luggage is included.

Reservations must be made by April 1. Early cancellation charges will be \$4 and cancellation during tour week will be \$10.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Scurry County Museum at 573-6107 or ext. 210.

Harris, Doty attend meet

by Joyce Wallace

Jana Harris, editor of *The Western Texan* and journalism advisor, Darla Doty attended the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association March 15-18 in Provo, Utah.

Harris competed in live writing competition composed of editorial, news and feature writing for Journalist of the Year.

"I think Jana did good just lasting all day, even though she was not a named winner,"

Doty said.

The journalists also submitted entries for the canned competition. The students competed in Division 2B which is the category for two-year colleges.

Three awards were won in the canned competition. Mike Boles received a first place for best sports column, second place went to Cheryl Wright for Personality Profile and John Dunnam collected a third place for his

General/Specialized column.

The agenda consisted of workshops and seminars discussing different areas of journalism. Keynote speakers were Carl Bernstein of the Watergate investigative reporting team and Carole Simpson, ABC News correspondent in Washington, D.C.

"The convention was well organized. The speakers and seminars were excellent and I gained a lot of knowledge from it," Doty said.

Backstage with Bill

'Terms taps heart, script 'excellent'

Terms of Endearment could easily be renamed the "Terms of Entertainment". This movie could possibly be the most enjoyable flick of the year.

Terms is a gripping film with a nice twist of humor and irony. There are very few, if any, shallow parts in the show. The picture explodes with charisma from the actors. It's often a breathtaking performance when this much talent is assembled into one picture at one time. *Terms* is no exception.

Shirley McClain, Debra Winger, Jack Nicholson — seasoned professionals that know how to wrench your insides and cause that emotional lump to rise in your throat. They do just that. Each character grasps the audience member and coaxes him into their separate worlds. You sympathize, you follow each of the characters' lives. You begin to feel that you are a part of the film. You want good things to happen to them. When they don't happen you find yourself trying to

resolve the setbacks that have befallen them. Fantastic performances. Not one flaw in the interpretations of the actors.

The continuity of the script is top-notch. The scene progression is a little slow at first but they are very relevant in establishing the mother/daughter relationship.

Terms is for that part of you that is afraid to cry, that part of you that is rarely stimulated through film and believe me, *Terms of Endearment* will do it. **Rating: 4**



RATING SYSTEM:
4 Excellent
3 Good
2 Fair
1 Poor

Billy Kelley

Brock oversees UIL visit

WTC is host for the 1984 University Interscholastic League District 2-AAAA Literary Events tomorrow.

The contests begin at 9 a.m. and conclude noon Saturday with an awards ceremony.

Area high schools participating are Andrews, Fort Stockton, San Angelo Lakeview, Midland freshman, Midland Lee, Monahans, Pecos, Sweetwater and Snyder.

Students will compete in journalism, speech/debate, spelling/plain writing, calculator applications, number sense and shorthand.

McMurry and WTC faculty members will serve as judges and graders. Bill Hood, Snyder Independent School District superintendent, serves as general director. Dr. Ben Brock, executive vice president of WTC, is campus coordinator.

Panel surveys grade policy utilizing group response

The curriculum committee has been asked to review some questions concerning academic policies with the student body and faculty.

"The type of survey that we want to develop will be much better if we get input from other people," Dr. Wendell Jones, chairman of curriculum committee, said.

In a recent committee meeting, Jones decided to develop a questionnaire composed by the faculty and students. "If the questionnaire is developed, the outcome will be a group response, — the opinion of the student and faculty."

Some of the questions for consideration by the committee include:

(a) Should 'D' grades be accepted for degree credit? Should 'D' grades be transfer-

red for degree credit?

(b) Can students declare "academic bankruptcy"? (Academic bankruptcy meaning a student could start over, grade-wise, dropping all previous grades. This would give the student an opportunity to improve his/her grades). Under what conditions? Penalties? (time limit, only certain institutions, etc.)

(c) Should grades at previous colleges be included when computing cumulative GPA's at Western Texas College?

(d) If a student retakes a course that he has already taken, which grade or grades (both, highest, most recent) should be considered in the GPA?

The survey is scheduled to take place in the latter part of the semester.



TRAILHANDS—Surprise overcomes sophomores Danny Hunter and Veda Owens after being named Mr. and Miss Trailhand during basketball game halftime.—Kevin Starnes photo

Rodeo highlights Homecoming; April 14 festivities taking shape

Homecoming 1984, being held in conjunction with the WTC Rodeo, begins April 14.

A reception and registration for all college exes is being held in the Student Center at 8:30 a.m. Ex-students of campus organizations and various faculty members will be recognized.

A barbecue luncheon will be served in the cafeteria. Ad-

vance reservations are requested. Each plate is \$4.25.

The rodeo begins with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Other activities offered for entertainment beginning at 2 p.m. are golf and racquetball.

The night performance of the rodeo begins at 8 p.m., with a dance to follow at 10 p.m. in the coliseum annex.

"Ten-thousand invitations

are being sent to ex-students and ex-faculty members encouraging them to come and enjoy the homecoming," said Pam Johnson, assistant student activities director.

This is the first homecoming held at WTC since 1977.

Johnson added that if anyone knows the current addresses of exes please call 573-8511, ext. 325.

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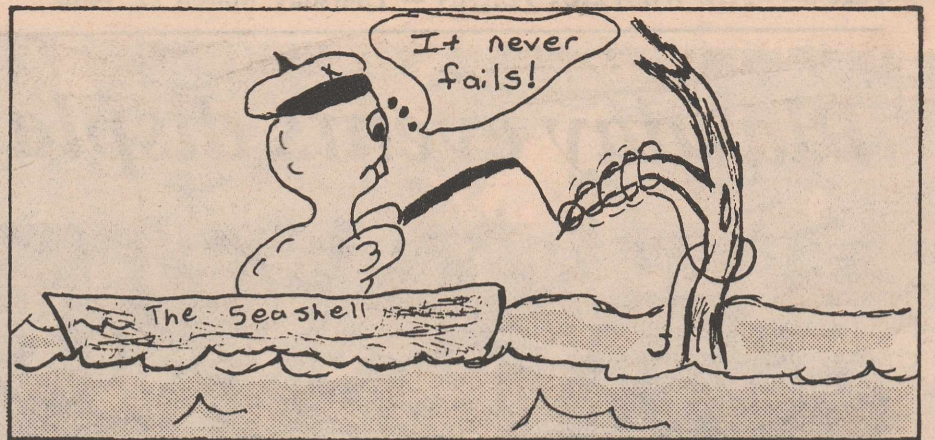
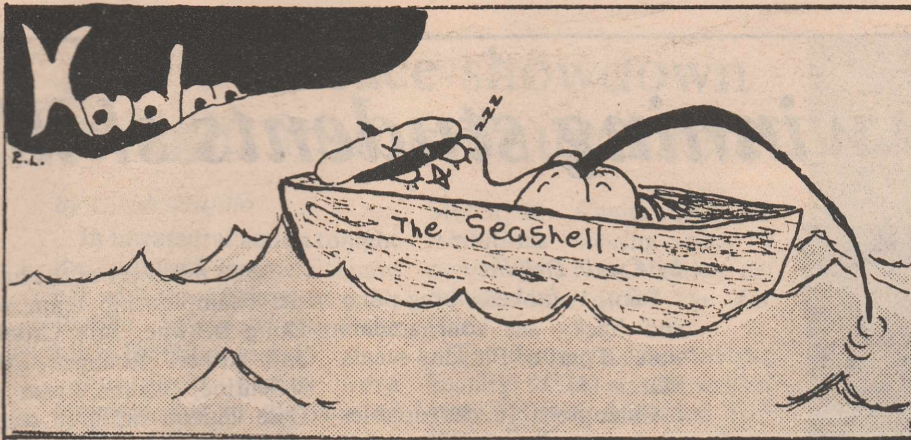
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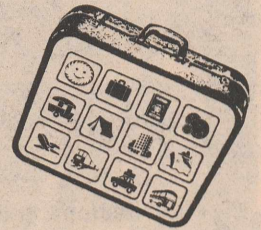
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Blowing sand, spring fever awaken bicyclist's urge to hit the highway



When the wind is blowing and the earth goes airborne, it makes me wish I were somewhere else. Anywhere else. When a warm, balmy day happens, it gives me the urge to travel, not to write about it. But wishful thinking is a symptom of spring fever, and since that's not allowed until summer, here goes...

I'm talking traveling here, not getting there - going there - which means the means is of the essence. You can have your cars and planes and boats and things, I'm a two-wheeler myself. No not motorcycles, man, bicycles. Yeah that's right, bicycles, real bicycles, not those clumsy, contraptions sold to pre-teens with a death-wish and middle-agers who thought they wanted one but didn't.

I'm referring to \$500 machines so sleek and fine they look like they are moving when they're standing still.

Such a miracle of space-age engineering took me, a sleeping bag and forty pounds of sundry items up and over the Rocky Mountains and back again.

When I try to tell people about the joys of coasting down a mountain pass and sucking in that crispy mountain, sand-free air, and the majestic colors of Colorado in the fall, they interrupt with some irrelevant question like: "Where did you sleep, fool, in trees?"

I realize you people are sophisticated, adventure-oriented, college bums and would never interrupt, but just in case, I'm meshing the story

with certain queries anyone who even thinks of touring the country on a bicycle hears over and over and over...

"Why?"

If you don't know, I can't tell you. Despite my considerable eloquence on this subject, I've never satisfied anyone. I did it because I wanted to. How's that?

"How far did you go?"

I left my hometown of Fluvanna on a warm September morning and turned around in Cheyenne, Wyo. in early October when I remembered that I left my heavy coat on the dresser by the door.

"Why did I wait until winter to go north?"

I went in the fall in order to miss the summer heat and crowds. Also, autumn days

are ideal for touring with the warm days and cool nights, and the spectacular colors of the landscape.

"How come I went by myself?"

If you wanted to go you should have asked. By the time most people are old enough to do this sort of thing, they're old enough to know better. I wanted to take my dog. That would've been perfect.

"How far could I go in a day?"

Somewhere between 0 and 94 miles, depending on the weather and terrain and my disposition. I wasn't trying to set any records and sure enough I didn't. The most miles ridden on a bicycle in a 24 hour period is something over 400. Generally speaking, 60 or 70 was plenty enough for

me. "Was I in shape for the trip?"

I thought I was, I wasn't. I was when I got back.

"Didn't I worry about the crazies and wild animals and the law and other weird things that go bump in the night?"

As far as crazy people are concerned, I think cross country cyclists are included in that group and we never bother our own. A fear of being hassled did creep into my mind a time or two before I left. Once on the road, I took one day at a time and it never happened.

The closest thing to wild animals I encountered, besides those girls in Denver, were the deer that I discovered one dawn, watering at the stream in front of my tent.

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ALL FEET—Hacky sac contestant, Doug Browne, strives to keep the bean bag from touching the ground. He and teammates Bob Crockett (left) and Robert Roebuck captured the championship. —Kevin Starnes photo

by Cyndi Trujillo

Pool, snooker, ping-pong and hacky sac tournaments were all part of Playday events March 15.

Champions in the doubles pool event were Jeff Reynolds and Donnie Yorks. Riley Kitchens and Quint Gilbert took second.

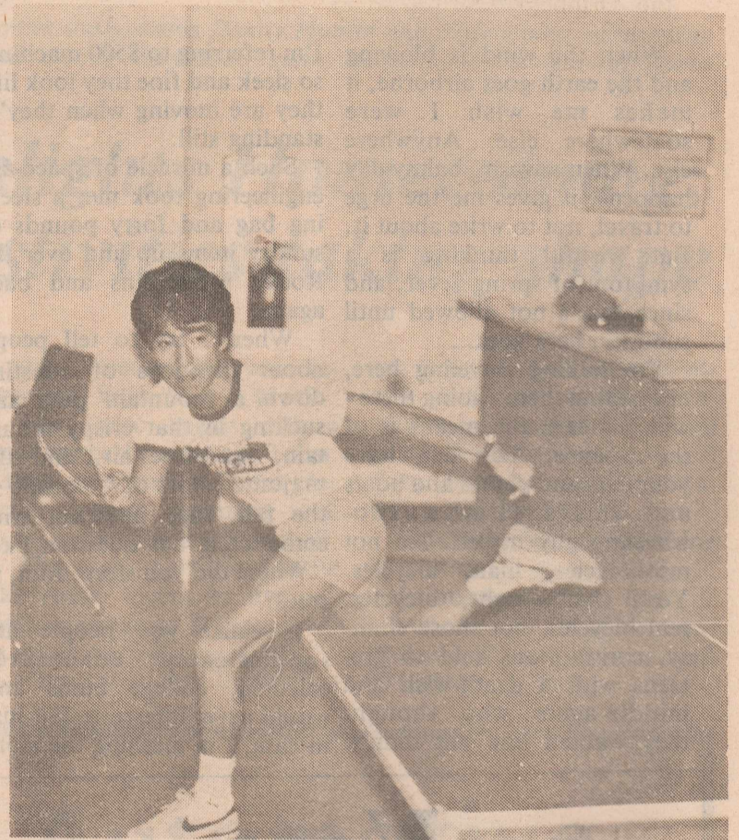
Mixed doubles winners were Chris Carpenter and Cathy Caddell. Dow Mathis and Roxanne Greer placed second.

In ping-pong action, Osamu Miyagawa won first place with Greer following close behind.

Team members of the hacky sac championship team were Doug Browne, Bob Crockett and Robert Roebuck. Mike Valentine, Ronnie Rosas and Dale Gideon captured second place.

Roebuck announced that hacky sac tournaments are planned for upcoming weekends. Anyone interested in participating should contact him at ext. 260.

Playday events were sponsored by the recreational committee of the senate. Weldon Hurt serves as chairman.



FAST PACED—Japanese freshman, Osamu Miyagawa, swings a mean paddle during his gameroom exhibition of ping-pong skills. —Kevin Starnes photo

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Jammers face showdown tonight in intramural fete

by Cyndi Trujillo

In intramural action tonight the Junkyard Jammers square off with the Outlaws at 6:00. Blonde Ambition plays the Little Dribblers at 6:45.

Tuesday's games were forfeited due to the lack of players.

"People being gone on school functions has really hurt us," Lee Burke, associate professor of physical education, said. "Hopefully we will be able to reschedule these games. Overall, the turn out has been fantastic, it's really been great."

The Dribblers bounced past the Rowdy Bunch 37-23, March 15. Bryan Carter led the Dribblers scoring attack with 17 points. Bunch's high scorer was Jack Fallin with 7 points.

In second game action, the High School Has Beens were shot down by the A Team 29-45. Roderic Batiste led the Team with 21 points. Has Beens high scorer was Stacy Tarter with 9 points.

Ambition spurred the Cowboy Tar Heels 29-26,

March 13. Canita Cass led Ambitions scoring with 9 points while Max McGuire excelled with 16 for the Tar Heels.

The Jammers schooled the Faculty 41-36 in the second game. Rickey Housden and Chris Williams popped in 8 each for the Jammers. Faculty's Phil Spradling scored 25.

Statistics for games on March 1 were unavailable.

A Team was gunned down by the Outlaws 46-37, Feb. 28. Leading the Outlaws was Les Hines with 14. Batiste scored 16 for the Team.

The Bunch rode to a victory over the Heels 35-22. Barry Boyett scored 12 for the Bunch and James Wallace had 8 for the Heels.

The Cats purred past Ambition 36-22 Feb. 23. Robert Allen managed to scratch up 13 points for the cats. Cass lead Ambition with 8.

The Jammers blasted the Has Beens 57-30 in second game action. Williams sank 12 for the Jammers and Jeff Merket managed 11 for the Has Beens.



TIE 'EM TIGHT—In preparation for the upcoming Howard-Midland College rodeo April 5-7, freshman Jeff Reynolds perfects his tying method. Reynolds teaches trick roping in his spare time. —Kevin Starnes photo

Queen contest highlights rodeo; eighteen colleges participating

by John Foster

The crowning of the rodeo queen will be one of the main highlights of the annual WTC national intercollegiate rodeo to be held April 12-15 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The queen's race is open to all WTC girls interested in earning this prestigious title. Contestants may sign up in the student activities office. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m., March 27.

In past years the title has gone to the candidate who sells the largest amount of tickets. This year the manner in which the queen is chosen has been changed. The candidates will be required to sell a minimum of \$250 worth of tickets but these sales will not decide the winner. The rodeo team members will elect the title winner from those who accomplish the ticket task.

"This new format for selecting the queen will make winning the contest an even greater honor," rodeo coach Bob Doty said. "I have been real proud of all the queens in the past. Before, Snyder girls had an advantage over the non-residents. This new way will

tend to make it more of a people's choice."

The queen will be crowned during the first performance of the rodeo. She will receive a belt buckle, the same as those awarded to the winners of various other events.

Queen contestants will be able to pick up their tickets March 27 in the student activities office. Tickets will go on sale March 28.

Performances are set to get underway at 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, with a matinee performance Saturday and the short round Sunday starting at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

The Thursday performance will be Snyder student's night. All Snyder school district students will get in free-of-charge. On Saturday afternoon, children from area schools will get in free. Senior citizens will get in for student prices during all shows.

Stock producer for the rodeo is Harry Vold of Fowler, Colo. Vold produces Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association rodeos such as the Cheyenne Frontier Days Celebration, El Paso and

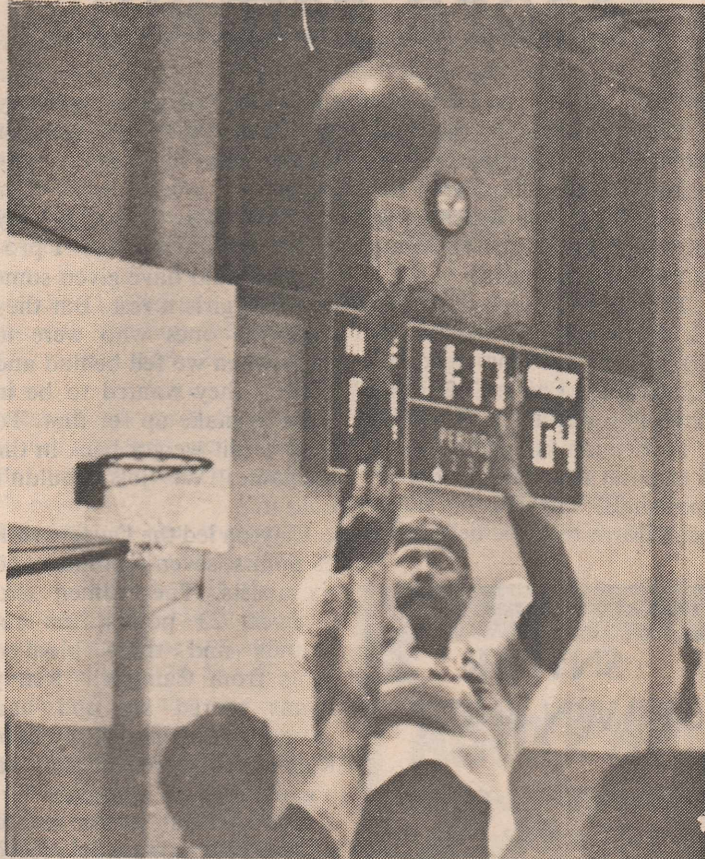
Odessa. He is the owner of Rusty and Angel Sings, the two Bucking Horses of the Year in 1980-81 and the renowned bucking bull, 777.

Jerry Baird will return for his fifth year to announce the rodeo and Stacey Wilson of Bowie will return for his fourth season as bull fighter.

Eighteen colleges from the Southwest Region will be represented throughout the NIRA fete. The WTC men's team is currently holding fifth place in the region, with five rodeos left. They will have to fight their way up to second before seasons end if they want to send their team to the National Finals for a third consecutive year.

"The guys need three outstanding 250-300 point rodeos," Doty said. "It's easy to catch up toward the end when you just count your best five rodeos and we have some that can be easily marked off. We just need to get everyone healthy and keep them healthy."

The teams will be on the road to Big Spring April 5-7 for the Howard College and Midland College NIRA rodeo.



HIGH BALL—Intramural basketball competition is in full swing. Lee Burke, associate professor of physical education, plays for the faculty team.—Mike Luera photo

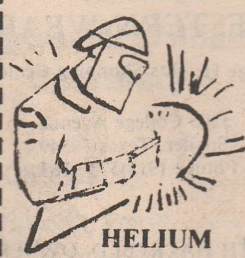
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Woodcreek good test...

MCC paces tournament

by John Foster

McLennan Community College set a winning pace in the junior college division of the Southwest Texas State University Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, March 7-9 in San Marcos.

The standings remained the same through both rounds of play. McLennan shot a 308 in the first round, one stroke ahead of second place Temple Junior College, while WTC shot a 315 to finish third.

In second round action, McLennan pulled away from the rest of the field with a tournament low 300 and a total of 608. Temple shot 318 to hold second with a 627, while WTC shot 320 for a 635 total, to capture third.

Medalist in the juco division was McLennan's John Derrik with a 148. The Westerners' Mike Standly finished fourth in the medalist race with 151.

Others competing for the

Westerners were Clark Dennis shooting 75-83-158, Mark Ingebrigtsen and Eric McGraw 83-81-164 and Jim Batjer 84-81-165.

"Woodcreek is a good test," Westerner Coach Dave Foster said. "There is a lot of out-of-bounds, water and trees. We played the front side very well but after the turn, the wheels fell off. If we could have finished well Friday we could have had a chance."

New Mexico Military Institute ended first round action with a 310, one stroke ahead of WTC blue team, in the annual T.W. Holder Intercollegiate held here Feb. 25-26.

As a result of bad weather, the second round of play was cancelled, leaving NMMI in top position. Texas Tech University finished one stroke behind the Westerners with a 312, while Southwestern Oklahoma shot 313 to grab

fourth.

Randal Strickland of Texas Tech finished first in the medalist race with a 74. Mike Scanlon of NMJC and Odessa College's Bill Bell finished second and third respectively with 75. Scanlon won second on a scorecard play off.

WTC had two teams and three individuals entered. Playing on the second place blue team were Standley and Dennis shooting 76 each, McGraw 78, Ingebrigtsen 81 and Robert Roebuck with 83.

The green team, finishing eighteenth with a 344, consisted of Neil Rutherford with 84, Criss Johnston and Joe Don Davis shot 86 and Jack Fallin and Batjer shot 88.

Individuals entered were Clay Everheart 89, Barry Boyett 88 and Mark Bailey with an 85.

The golfers are in action at Stillwaters Resort in Dadeville, Ala., this week.



STIRRING UP DUST—Hurst sophomore, Mark Ingebrigtsen, practices for the Alabama course play this weekend. —Mike Luera photo

Champion dream ends; 27-8 record remains

by Toby Villa

What started out like a dream come true for coach Joe Cushing and his Dusters ended with great disappointment.

The Dusters' dream of becoming the first women's team in the school's history to go to nationals came to a halt

in the Regional Tournament.

They started the tournament with a 62-55 victory over Cisco. WTC's biggest lead of the game was 18 points but the Dusters had their problems.

Mary Nell Clayton hit only one of 12 shots from the floor in the first half. The Dusters

had to rely on 6-2 freshman Clara Campbell's 20 points to get past Cisco.

"Offensively we weren't shooting real well," Cushing said. "We certainly didn't play as well as we could have."

WTC was 26 of 71 from the field and 10 of 18 from the line.

A tough press proved to be the weapon on hand for McLennan as they jumped out front with a sizeable lead. They went on to defeat WTC

83-76.

Midway through the half the lady hoopsters led by five. Using its quickness and the press, McLennan caused seven turnovers and scored 11 points to take over the lead.

The Dusters were down 43-26 toward the end of the first half but managed to outscore the Lassies 7-2 in the final minutes to trail 45-33.

McLennan jumped out with a 16 point lead early in the second half. The Dusters cut it back down to three before the

Lassies pulled away again by 11. WTC managed to get within five but never any closer.

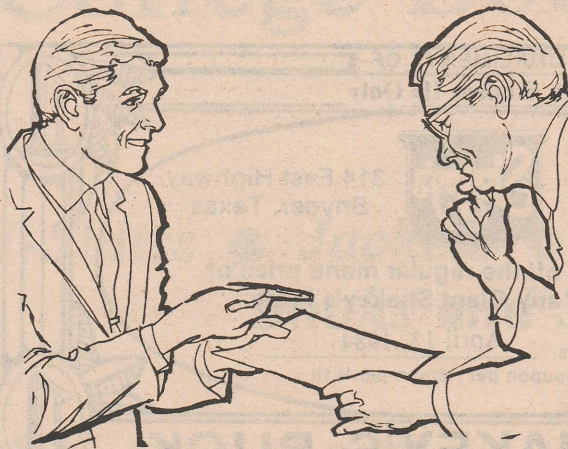
"That was probably my fault," Cushing said. "I probably should have given some of those girls a rest. But they were the ones who were in there when we fell behind and I knew they wanted to be in there to make up for that. To their credit we got back in the ballgame. We just couldn't hold it."

Clayton led the Dusters with 25 points, seven rebounds and six assists. The women also received 23 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots from Campbell. Renvy Evans scored six and had seven rebounds, while Kuykendall scored 12 and had a game high 13 rebounds.

The Dusters' season record of 27-8 set a new school record for most victories in women's basketball.

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HEY, FELLA—Coach Barry Davis tries his hand at explaining the situation to distraught referee during Region V tourney.
-Kevin Starnes photo

Westerners prove worthy

Underdogs win regionals; eyeing third national title

The Westerners headed for Hutchinson, Kansas this week to try to capture the third national junior college title for WTC. The college has qualified for nationals six times in its 13-year history.

A 56-55 victory over Howard College claimed the Region V Championship for the men. WTC came into the regional tournament fourth in conference standings.

Coach Barry Davis was in shock after the dramatic battle.

"It really hasn't taken effect yet," Davis said. "All I can think about right now is going to Hutchinson and representing ourselves, Western Texas and our community."

The championship game was hard fought. After seven lead changes and four ties in the first half, the Westerners led by two points, 31-29.

WTC got the first two baskets of the second half but Howard retaliated with eight fast shots to take a 37-35 lead. The teams traded off until Richie Fells scored a single free throw with 14:06 left. The Westerners never trailed again.

Melroy Butler led the cagers with 14 points and five rebounds.

Larry Banks, a Navasota sophomore, was named first team All-Region V for the second straight season. Teammate, Fred Johnson, 6-7 Buffalo, NY sophomore, also an All-Conference player this year was selected third team All-Region V.

Fells, Eugene Lewis and Billy Chambers were named to

the All-Region.

The Westerners played in one of their best games of the regional tournament against Texas State Technical Institute of Waco. The ballers were looking for revenge after being beaten by this team in Nov.

The men shot 37 percent from the field in the first half to take a 21-18 lead to the locker room.

"I thought that TSTI was going to come out running but instead they stalled," point guard, Chambers said.

In the second half the Westerners continued to play a good and aggressive man-to-man defense. Fells' jump shots kept them on track. Lewis and Banks combined for six straight points and Chambers had nine assists.

The ballers shot 54 percent in the second half to give the cagers the 72-66 win.

Leading in scoring was Fells with 18, Lewis 15 and Banks, 12.

It may have been a shaky night at the charity line, but a solid defense and team confidence helped the Westerners edge past McLennan Community College in the first round of the regional tournament.

It was another close one for the team, but the difference was the free-throws and man-to-man defense that made the hoopsters victorious over MCC. The game proved to be a close one with the score 21-20 at the half.

It was a tight game until the

6:48 mark. The Westerners added a field goal and two free-throws from Victor Spencer. Fells, Banks and Jeff Gibson each threw in two freeshots. Lewis added a single point to make the 47-38 difference with 1:07 to play.

A last minute rally by MCC brought them within one but it ended 48-47 with WTC on top.

Leading the Westerners in scoring were Banks and Fells with 16 and 12.

In round one of the WJCAC conference playoffs the Westerners went up against Frank Phillips College. FPC kept the game close during the first half with a 26-26 score.

Fifteen turnovers by the Plainsmen in the second half, combined with Fells' 19 points and Banks and Lewis' 14 each, helped the hoopsters stay ahead for a victory over FPC.

The next playoff game for WTC found them facing South Plains College. With a 10 point first half effort from Lewis, the Westerners never gave up the lead. The score was WTC 37, SPC 31 at intermission.

The second half started like fireworks. Banks hit 16 points to put the Westerners up by 23. With six minutes left on the clock SPC closed the lead to four, but the cagers were already in the one-and-one.

Banks sacked two free-throws to clinch the 71-66 win.

Banks and Lewis tossed in 23 and 18 respectively to aid in the marginal win.

Judoists host nationals; UTPB furnishes facilities

As defending state and national champions, WTC will host the National Judo Championship this weekend in Odessa at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

The Texas Collegiate Judo Championships were held in Odessa, Feb. 25. WTC won the 1984 collegiate team trophy with 33 points followed by UT Austin with 26 while Odessa College and Midwestern University tied for third with 10 points each. Nine teams participated in this year's event.

Medalists in the women's competition included Margaret Anderson with a silver medal in the 114 lb. division and Jean Anderson, gold medalist in the 134 lb. division. Judy Irwin also received a gold medal in the heavy weight division and a silver in the open.

In the men's division, Eric Stevens took a silver medal in the 132 lb. weight class and in the 142 lb. division. Don

Boone placed third bringing home a bronze medal.

Dean Mackey won a gold medal in the 156 lb. and Kurt Johnson placed first in the 209 lb. division. Johnson also placed second in the men's overall grand champion losing only to Jim Cottingham, a former WTC participant now competing with OC.

The Texas State High School Judo Championships were held in conjunction with the State Collegiate Championships. Kevin Burns of Snyder High School took the gold in the boys' 150 lb. division.

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Notes from the bench



John Moesch

John Foster agreed to be guest columnist this week. We appreciate his support and opinions.

I want to begin this column with a big CONGRATULATIONS to Coach Barry Davis and his Westerners. They put their act together and won a trip to Hutchinson, Kansas, for the National Junior College Tournament.

With a 7-5 record after first semester play it looked like a repeat of last year's 10-21 season. It surprised a lot of people, including myself, when they won 17 of their last 22 games. The men took a 22-10 record to Hutchinson.

I want to point out the fact that this is the first time, since the 1980 title team, that WTC has gone to nationals. This is also the best record since that time.

Davis and his men have come a long way over a rough road.

Cagers 'act' wins trip; Cowgirls sittin' pretty

This seems to be the year for changes around WTC. The men and women's rodeo teams seem to have taken a complete turn around. The men are usually sitting in one of the top three holes in the region this time of the year, and the women hold a mediocre spot.

This year the women are holding the number one spot while the men are having to fight for the fifth place they now hold.

The girls have an excellent shot at being the first WTC women's team to qualify for the national finals.

As far as the men are concerned, it's almost expected for them to qualify for nationals as they have in the past two years.

It would be nice to see both teams make the trip together this summer.

The Phoenix Colts? The Indianapolis Saints? These aren't exactly well known NFL teams YET! It seems the L.A. (Oakland) Raiders may have started a trend when they made their big move.

The two unknown teams I

named are actually the Baltimore Colts and the New Orleans Saints.

The Saints are in the final year of a 10-year contract with the Louisiana Superdome, and the negotiations over a new contract have been broken off. The team has been contacted by people who want them in Indianapolis, Ind.

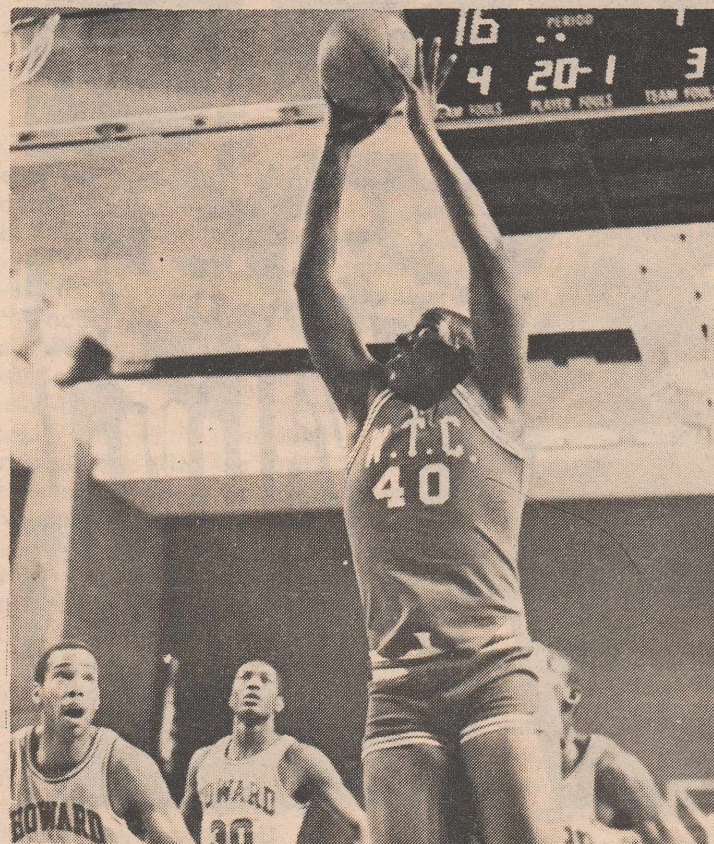
In the previous agreement with the dome, the Saints paid 10 percent of the gross ticket sales as rental plus game day expenses.

The Saints are upset with the fact that the New Orleans Breakers of the USFL paid only 7 percent of gross ticket sales, one percent of all television revenues and game day expenses.

The Colts, on the other hand, seem to be leaning toward a move to Phoenix because of its growing economy and the wonderful atmosphere.

A move took the Raiders to a Super Bowl title, so maybe it works.

I for one hope both teams stay where they are. It might take a while for these names to grow on me. Besides, the "Bum" seems to feel right at home in New Orleans!



SHOOT'EM—WTC's win over Howard College clinched a national tournament spot. Melroy Butler led in scoring with 14 points. —Mike Luera photo

Panel offers grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced a unique grants program for individuals under 21 to spend a summer carrying out their own non-credit humanities research projects. The Younger Scholars Program will award up to 100 grants nationally for outstanding research and writing projects in such fields as history, philosophy and the study of

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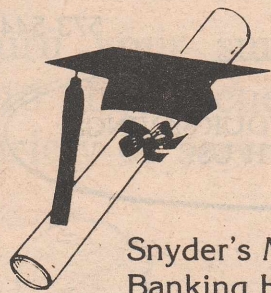
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